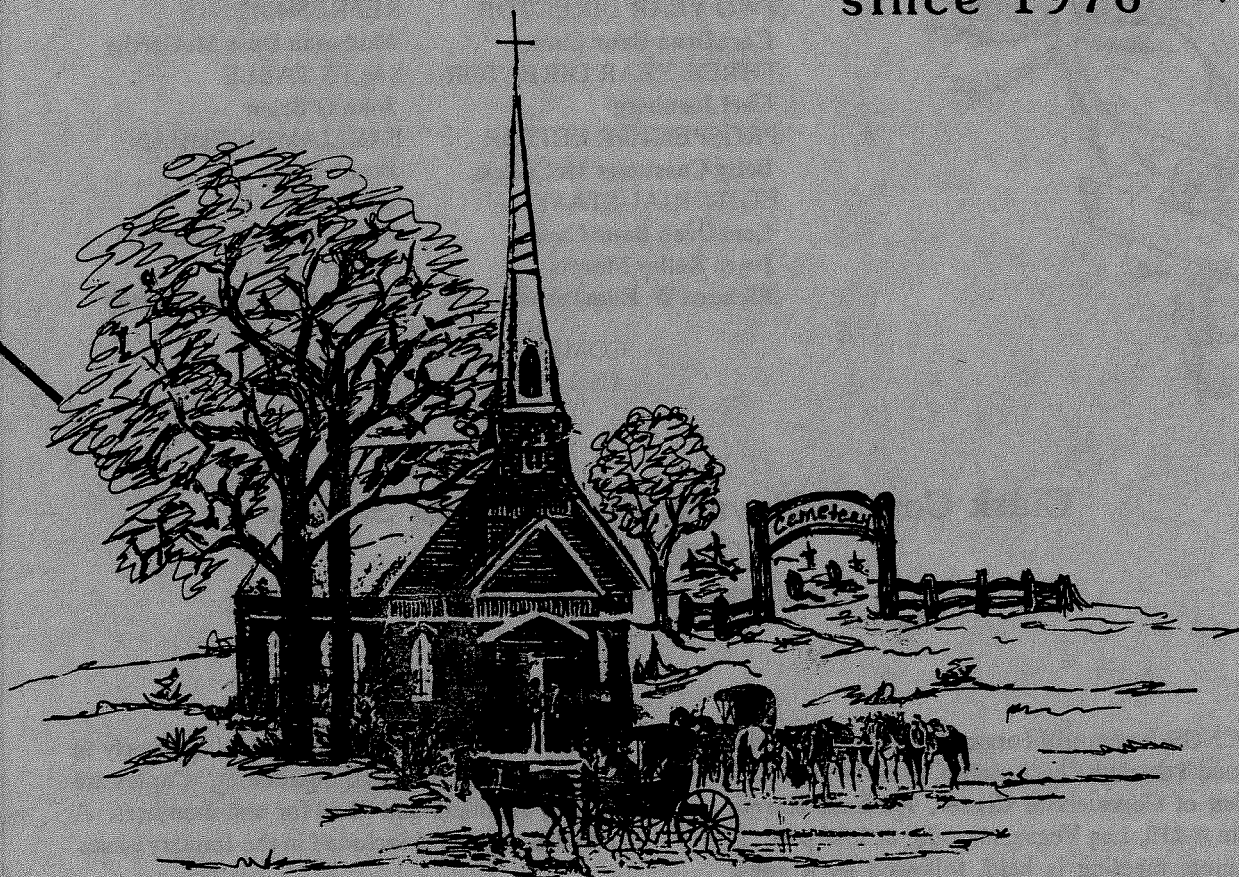


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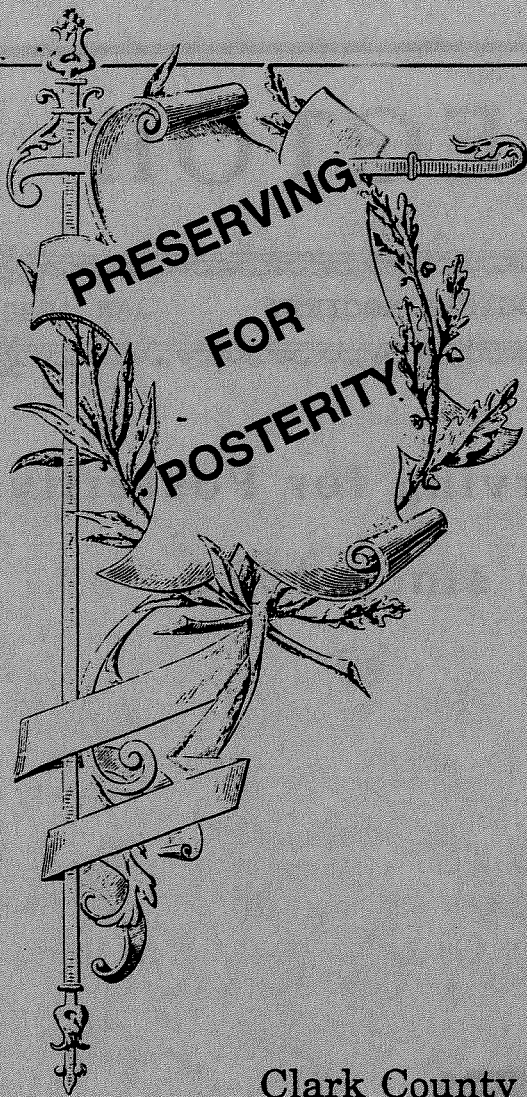
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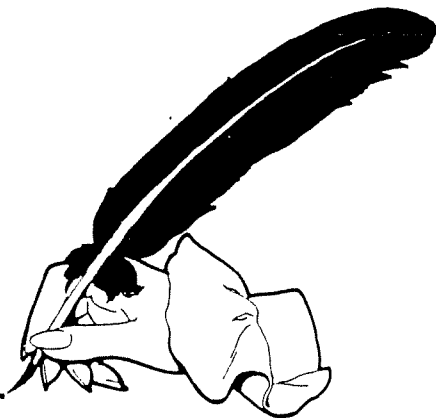
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

During this last quarter, we made a valiant attempt to obtain the old Elks Lodge Property from the City of Las Vegas for, not only our organization to use, but for the many historical and cultural organizations in Las Vegas to use as well for our monthly meetings, seminars, fund raising activities, our libraries and display areas. To create one common historical and cultural center.

On October 31, 1989 an article came out in a local newspaper stating that a private business was seeking approval to lease from the City of Las Vegas, for \$1 a year, the old Elks Lodge building and this had been in negotiations for ten months.

Since we were already ten months behind, we had a lot of work to do to let the City Council know that there were other groups in town who may be interested in this \$1 a year lease as well. We called a special meeting of historical and cultural groups in Las Vegas that we knew about and formed a coalition, wrote a proposal and submitted it to the City Council.

After several council meetings, the lease was granted to the private business and needless to say we were all disappointed. But we made an excellent effort, we meet people from other local historical and cultural groups and with this being our first attempt to acquire a building we have learned alot.

We want to meet again with all of our groups to keep in touch as we all share such a common interest and know we can do alot of good for each other as well as our community.

Now that it is known we are interested in a common site for our organizations, we may someday be able to accomplish this goal.

This is only the beginning. I keep telling myself, "Rome wasn't built in a day". It will take more hard work and perseverance on all of our parts, but someday we will secede.

My thanks to those who helped on this first attempt, especially Edie Kraemer and Frank Lang and my right hand, left hand and often both feet, Betty McCreless. Without her, I would not know where to have started!

Joyce Kelley Morris

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Amlong, Noretta
Conner, Martha
Drake, Arthur & Janet
Haynes, Richard & Marrison
Hoover, Mable
Kennard, Robert Jr.
Recker, Charles
Swanwick, George & Mary



A LAS VEGAS CEMETERY.....

Although one of the headstones reads, "GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN", it seems as though this is exactly what has happen to the small cemetery located between Las Vegas Blvd. North and Main Street off Foremaster Lane.

From the original owners, this cemetery has been sold, resold, taken for taxes and sold again. At one time it was called the Southern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery and there are many veterans buried there along with Mary A. Roberts, the wife of a United States calvaryman who was killed with General George Custer at Little Big Horn.

Headstones show this cemetery was used between 1967 and 1970. There was a local newspaper article written about this cemetery in February 1982 and the CCNGS catalogued it in October 1984 . It still remains abandoned and unkept, even those graves of babies and a set of infant twins buried there.

If you drive down Foremaster Lane you would not even know it was there by all the rubbish, weeds and debris.. There are two large funeral homes on each side of this lot, several businesses and yet it seems no one will take the time to see that our past generations of loved ones cared for by taking just a little time to clean this lot.

However, we do care! The CCNGS plans a cleanup of this cemetery as soon as the weather permits and we can get permission from the present owner.

We have reprinted the names for you here:

A LAS VEGAS CEMETERY

INFORMATION ON PLAQUE/STONE	COMMENTS	CATALOG #
ALLEN, Thomas R.	1967	33
ALWARD, Janet B.	1968-1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel 40
ALWARD, Marjorie S.	1968-1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel 39
ARAGON, Mary	1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel (Right of big Tree) 63
BAKAN, Esther Patty	1927-1968	Gone But Not Forgotten 23
BEATTIE, Lyla Augusta	1913-1967	12
BERG, Samuel O.	1919-1967	(X ref to Berg, Samuel Oliver) 44*
BERG, Samuel Oliver	S SGT 503 Air Wing 6P AF World War II Dec 30, 1919 - Dec 9, 1967	45
BLAIR, John	Nevada CPL US ARMY World War II October 18, 1911 - Dec 9, 1968	18
BOCK, Dennis	1968	Sunset Funreal Chapel 55
CLEVELAND, Cathleen A.	1968-1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel 34
COLVIN, Emma	1901-1968	09
COX, William Sherman	1914-1968	49
CRAVEN, William H.	1888-1958	42
CREECH, William A.	Nov 3 - Dec 13 1967	35
DeDOYARD, Kenneth	1917-1969	(X ref to Doyard) 47*
DOYARD, Kenneth De	1917-1969	(X ref to DeDoyard) 47*
DRISCOLL, Scott Allen O	Mar 4 - June 19, 1968	(X ref to O Driscoll) 43*
FIELDS, Marion A.	1968-1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel 41
FLORES, Carlos, Jr.	1970-1970	31
FREELAND, Bernice "Parker"	1919-1968	(X ref to Parker) 07*
GAINES, O'Neal	1914-1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel 20
GLASSCOCK, Vertis W.	Oklahoma Private US ARMY World War II Dec 18, 1918 - Dec 18, 1967	19
GOODWIN, Cecile L.	1894-1967	32
GRIMES, Carl William	1913-1968	30
HARDISON, Otto, Sr.	1909-1967	(East part of cemetery) 15
HARRIS, Dixie Lee	1906-1967	26
HESS, Mary E.	1898-1968	05
HUHLE, Albert M.	Nevada Bugler 115 Guard Co. ASC World War I Nov 24, 1895 - Dec 24, 1967	(East part of cemetery) 16
JACKSON, Tracy Dennett	Nov 14, 1967- Apr 2, 1968	(Right of big tree) 62

JOHNSON, David W.	Nevada S SGT 8230 Engr Cbt Bn World War II July 25, 1910 - Dec 24, 1968		03
JONES, John H.	1900-1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel	13
KAWA, Alexander	1921-1968		25
KELLER, Karl	1904-1967		11
KELLIHER, Nora Josephine	1883-1967		54
LEACH, Joseph Hansel	California S1 USN Feb 11, 1938- Dec 23, 1968		01
LEE, John William	1925-1967	(East part of cemetery)	17
LINCOLN, David Arthur	Sept 7 1967		52
LOUD, Inf. Twins	1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel	59
METCALF, Roy Jefferson	1901-1967		24
MOORE, Mildred E.	1904-1967		14
MORAN, Andrew Frank	1923-1968		10
MOYA, Baby Boy	1967-	(Behind big tree)	61
O DRISCOLL, Scott Allen	Mar 4 - June 19 1968	(X ref to Driscoll)	43*
OGDEN, Bertha Lee	1967		50
O'HAGAN, Janan D.	-1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel	38
PARENT, Ernest J.	Washington SC1 USNR World War II April 13, 1898- Dec 14, 1967		27
"PARKER", Bernice		Freeland (see Freeland)	
PERTSMEYER, Bernard H.	-1969	Sunset Funeral Chapel	36
PETERSON, Edward J.	Nevada PFC 175 Inf 29 Inf Div Oct 12, 1910 - Dec 3, 1968		29
PHILLIPS, Bert	1898-1975	Woodlawn	28
RICHARDSON, Melba	1930-1967		53
RONTGES, John	1903-1968		04
RUSSELL, Candace Patrice	12-16-68 to 3-7-69		60
SNODGRASS, Thomas B.	Nevada PFC 772 Tank Bn World War II Sept 2, 1907 - Dec 17, 1968		08
SUMEREL, Edith A.	1905-1967		56
TINSMAN, Antoinette Fay	1895-1967		46
WATTS, Richard T.	Pennsylvania PVT US Army World War I Dec 13, 1893 - Sept 11, 1967		57
WHITLEY, Billy J.	Nevada M SGT Army Air Forces World War II Sept 8, 1919 - Jan 20, 1968		06
WILLIAMS, James LaMar	1968-1968		58
WILSON, Ira G.	1903-1968		02
WIMBERLY, Tysh M.	-1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel	37
WUNSCH, Tomeko	1929-1968		22

Two other plaques - destroyed and/or illegible - information as follows:

Robert E.	S 1968	Sunset Funeral Chapel	48
	1967	Sunset Funeral Chapel	21



LOOK WHAT I FOUND.....



SO CAN YOU !!

by Joyce Kelley Morris



The person we are featuring in this issue for the LOOK WHAT I FOUND page is Donna Gill Harvey. Donna has been doing some traveling this year and has a great story to tell us all.

This article should probably be titled, "How to See a Cemetery From a New Perspective".

Last September I went to Mason City, Iowa to visit my parents, Alvin and Mabel GILL. My sister, brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews also live in that area. They all know my penchant for family history. My sister would have a day off work on Wednesday, the 13th of September. That would be our big day to learn all we could about the WEHREBERG family. That is my mother's paternal line.

Very early on that clear, cool day we were on our way. Our goal was the Greenfield Cemetery in Wabasha County, Minnesota. First Stop was the "Old Windmill" restaurant near Dexter, MN. (Even genealogists have to eat breakfast). Then on to Winona, MN.

We picked up good friend Shirley MESKA. A brief stop was made at Woodland Cemetery in Winona to visit the grave of Shirley's recently deceased husband, Dave. Our grandmother, Anna FLUEGEL GILL and her infant son, Clark Carl are also buried there.

Our next stop was the toy factory in Kellogg, MN. (Our hometown). Ask me about the toys I couldn't resist buying! Across the highway lives our cousin, Beatrice WEHREBERG DeCARO. A knock on her door brought no response. Up the bluff we went into Cook's Valley, the location of Greenfield Cemetery. By my prejudiced viewpoint, it should be called "Wehrenberg Valley". Great grandfather Johann Heinrich WEHREBERG first settled there in 1856. Henry and Mary as they were later known, had the first wedding in the valley. They subsequently had 13 children.

According to the deed for Greenfield Cemetery dated 14 December 1870, the land was provided by G. Henry FREY and Henry and Mary FREY GRANER (another daughter-in-law). A large portion of Cook's Valley is still owned by descendants of the FREYE, WEHREBERG and GRANER families.

Why the different perspective on the cemetery? I had spent many hours there as a child and young adult. Remember how important "Decoration Day" used to be? Then I wasn't thinking in terms of genealogy. I was thinking about the parade, patriotism, taps being sounded, a picnic and the first day I was allowed to go barefooted in the spring! Now I was looking for names and dates. Who were the two of thirteen children which I had not yet identified?

I had gone well supplied with powdered charcoal, two soft brushes, a 35mm camera, a notebook and pencil plus a spare camera, just in case.

We knew where to start looking, fortunately. I powdered the first old tombstone and the wind took care of powdering me black as well - from face to new running shoes! My companions found this pretty funny. We soon worked out a plan. Shirley stood upwind and powdered the stones, Elaine took notes and I did the photography. In an hour's time we had garnered a wealth of information.

The oldest stone in the family plot, and perhaps in the whole cemetery, was carved with old German script. On it I found the two missing children, August F. and Louisa S., who had died at the ages of 7 and 2. Also, on the opposite side of the stone were Wilhelm H. and Anna C. who died at ages 5 and 1 year, 9 months.

I guess the moral is -- renew your knowledge of those childhood memories and places.

It was now just past noon. The story of this day goes on and on, but that's another chapter.

The epitaph on this old tombstone is a rhyme in German. It's rough translation is:

DEAREST PARENTS,, WE WISH YOU DON'T CRY AT OUR GRAVE.
THINK IT HAD TO HAPPEN. KNOW THERE IS A MEETING AGAIN.



CEMETERY CHASER

by CoraDean Carter



Isn't it great how genealogy brings people of all walks of life together, not knowing or caring of their everyday occupation, be it attorney, dishwasher, baker or floor scrubber...doctor, mayor or CEMETERY CHASER! CEMETERY CHASER? Yes, "There's nothing like it in the world...chasing cemeteries is obsessive...worse than dope! Every time I hear of a new one, I get a mad desire to close the shop and dash out to see it!" This is the true feelings of the lovely Verda Gerwick, founder and President of the Genealogical & Historical Society of Lexington, Illinois...and CEMETERY CHASER!

Many newspaper articles have been done on Mrs. Gerwick, one of which I received from my mother. I wrote Mrs. Gerwick and was quite delighted to get a quick answer. Since I was planning a trip to Illinois, Verda answered my letter first, one of the 500 she had received! Not only was I invited to meet with her, she offered her services day or evening, whenever I could get to Lexington.

After arriving in Illinois and with great anticipation, I managed to borrow a "stick" shift mini pick up and my dear friend Louise and I headed for Lexington.

Everyone in Lexington knows of Verda Gerwick. After being given directions we pulled up out front of the Genealogical Society just as Verda had finished painting the front door on her day off! With open arms we were welcomed inside and a wealth of information began to flow lovingly from Verda. After asking permission, my recorder was turned on for fear I'd miss important details. Louise was left to take the pictures!

The building was filled with shelves...full of volumes of the cemeteries this young lady of 70 had recorded for over 26 years. She has photographed and recorded every tombstone in Lexington County cemeteries and is working on surrounding counties.

Verda offered these suggestions for our own cemetery "Bag"...like the one she keeps packed and ready to go. Heavy boots sprinkled with sulfur power, Jeans & long sleeve shirt, Bug spray, A probing stick, Coffee Cup, Gloves, Camera & extra film, Bon-Ami, Notebook with extra pens & pencils, Scrub brush, Dry rag, Grass clippers for weeds, Short spade, Shaving cream and windshield wiper if you don't have the Bon Ami, and a list of the cemeteries she is searching, plus maps of the entire county.

Everything Verda carries in her bag was understandable to me except the Bon Ami...so I asked! She showed me a marker that had been brought to her. It was hard to read and she gently rubbed the stone with the cake Bon Ami, using it dry. Each letter could then be easily read! Some letters were sunken, so the Bon Ami made the stone around them white, and the dark letter showed clearly. The name was in raised letters, so they were now white on the darker

background. Cake Bon Ami is a must in every Cemetery "Bag"!

The probe is another very important tool, used to locate the marker. Wish I'd have known about this when I visited my Great Grandfather's grave! Most tombstones fall forward, sink and become covered with weeds, preserving them from the elements. The rod is gently probed into the ground to locate the stone. Clean away the ground, bring it up and carefully clean it with your brush. Do not wet the-brush or stone! If possible, tilt the stone for a better picture, and remember to check the back of the stone for writing.

Sometimes older stones are found broken. Verda has found a fantastic way to put them back together without cement, tar or glue. PVC PIPE works great! Yes, the same pipe used for water and sewer lines!

You measure the thickness and height of your stone to be repaired. Buy the pipe the correct size to fit the width of the stone, the length of the stone plus two feet. Cut a piece out of the pipe, the width of the stone and ONLY as long as the stone, leaving the two feet below the stone to bury in the ground. When replacing all the broken pieces, the PVC pipe on each side of the stone will have the correct amount of pressure to keep the stone together. No fillers are necessary. Many stones have been returned to their proper place because of Verda's husband's handy work at repairing them.

When asked about her most unusual tombstone Verda thinks of the molded figurine of a little girl laying on her side. There is no inscription or graves close by. As there is no foundation under the marker, the figurine has sunken three times and Verda bring it back up each time. Verda wants to know..."Who is she?"

Verda also has an unusual and unexplainable inscription. It was taken from a marker that showed a man bent forward with a butt of a gun on the ground, and the barrel under his chin. The inscription says;

BENEATH THIS STONE THE ASHES LAY OF HIM THAT
WAS MY DARLING BOY. ALAS HIS RACE IS RUN,
CAUSED BY A DOUBLE BARRELLED GUN. BEREAVEMENTS
SURE, MY HEART WILL BREAK. SHOW PITY LORD
FOR MERCIES SAKE. O' LET ME TO THY WELL RESIGN,
THOSE TWO UNFORTUNATE BOYS OF MINE.



SON OF JAMES ED & CHAROLETTE MORRIS DIED AUG 9, 1867 AGED 19YS 3MO

I was scouring the desert one day with my husband and came across a most unusual cemetery. After reading the newspaper article about Verda, I decided to try my hand at "Cemetery Cashing". I made two copies of my photos, giving one copy to Verda for her first Nevada Cemetery. I then told her of another not far from Las Vegas that we could do together. Verda has been given an open invitation to stay with me, attend one of our Genealogy meetings...and we'll invite members of the CCNGS to go CEMETERY CHASING with Verda!

ANCIENT BOOK SAVED

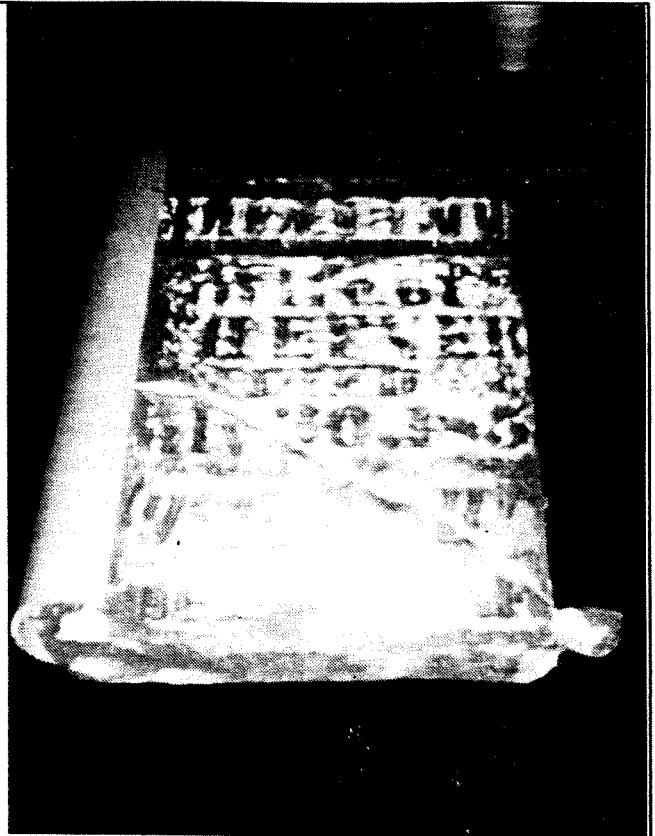
A 1,600 year old book of Psalms written on parchment and bound in leather, has been saved thanks to two years' work by conservators working at the Egyptian Antiquities Organization.

A recent article in the *Daily News-Sun of Arizona* related the story of the book, which was found in 1984, under the head of the body of a 12 year old girl, by antiquity inspectors during an excavation of a cemetery 85 miles south of Cairo.

The book was in bad condition, with some of the pages stuck together with salt accumulated from readers' fingertips. By trial and error in raising and lowering humidity and using tissue and wax paper between sheets, the pages were separated. Other pages were pried apart with non-metallic utensils such as levers made of ivory or lemon wood.

Nasry Iskander, Chief Conservator working on the project, says that the book is the world's oldest complete book of Psalms, and is in remarkable condition for a relic of its age.

From Arizona Paper & Photograph Conservation Group - Thank you!



REPAIRING A TOMBSTONE WITH PVC PIPE

CORADEAN CARTER shares this information on page 6 with special THANKS to VERDA GERWICK!



Chasing Tombstones

CORADEAN CARTER joins Tombstone Chaser.... VERDA GERWICK and enjoys going over records researched by Verda.

(Lexington County) Illinois
Livingston, Woodford, McLean

TOMBSTONE TID BITS

GRAVESTONE STUDIES

from OGS Newsletter, Dec 1988
via Yorba Linda Gen. Society

Perhaps you would be interested in joining the Association for **Gravestone Studies**, 46 Plymouth Road, Needham, MA 02192. Membership in the association provides a newsletter and reduced costs on such publications as their "**Journal of the Association for Gravestone Studies-Markers**", pamphlets and information on their yearly conference. Besides care and preservation, the association delves into the art and history of gravestones.

ACID RAIN LAYS CLAIMS TO GRAVESTONES

from Kendall Co. Gen. Soc., Aug. 89
via Gas Lites

This is a portion of an article that appeared in the Evansville Indiana Courier. It stated that we think of our tombstones that are placed today as being there from now on...that they will not deteriorate as the old ones have done. Well, think again! It seems that it has been found acid rain has laid claim to marble gravestones. In Little Falls, NY acid rain claimed the 109 year old marble gravestone of Revolutionary War hero General Nicholas Herkimer. It had to be replaced by an acid-resistant polyester marker by State Officials. "Marble is very susceptible to damage from acid and the Bureau is convinced that acid rain is also damaging to public monuments, despite denials by some federal officials." stated Heidie Miksch, decorative arts conservator for the state's Bureau of Historic Sites, and Richard Harberlen, a regional historic preservation supervisor for the state agency.



CENOTAPH

from News From the Northwest, May-Jun 1989
via Northern Ariz Gen. Soc.

"Cenotaph", if engraved on a tombstone, indicates an empty grave. The stone was erected in memory or in honor of a person buried elsewhere, such as at sea.

UP TO 48,000 PEOPLE BURIED IN USED GRAVES

from Las Vegas RJ Nov.28, 1989 page 6 A

LOUISVILLE, KY. - Up to 48,000 people were buried in graves that were occupied at two cemeteries in a practice dating to the 1920s, according to investigators for the state attorney general's office.

Three former officials of Louisville Crematories and Cemetery Co., the city's oldest cemetery company, are to stand trial in February on charges resulting from the investigation of Eastern and Greenwood cemeteries.

Some graves containing the remains of as many as six people, and graves containing the remains of three or four are common, said DiBlasi, whose team examined about 100 graves at the two cemeteries in eastern Louisville.

Remains from previous burials were found so often in a section of Eastern Cemetery called Babyland that about 70 infants' bodies were buried only 10 to 18 inches deep, employees have told investigators.

Jim Caldwell, an investigator for the state attorney general's office reported finding human bones throughout Eastern Cemetery: in a truck's glove compartment, a tool box, a storage shed, dirt piles and even a fast-food hamburger bag.

Several buried headstones were also uncovered. Although there are some unmarked graves at the cemetery, thousands have headstones.



OBITS...LAS VEGAS FIRST NEWSPAPER

LAS VEGAS AGE

NOVEMBER 20, 1909

Beast Tear Off Man's Head
GRASS VALLEY, Cal. Nov. 16

The headless body found on the DICKERSON Ranch, near here, was identified today as that of P.S. HALL, an aged farm laborer. He was ill when last seen, and it is supposed that he crawled into the bushes for rest and died. The head was found some distance from the body which evidently had been mangled by dogs or coyotes.

Died Suddenly On Trail

FRESNO, Cal. Nov. 16 Henry BOPP, whose ticket reads from Los Angeles to Sacramento, was taken off Southern Pacific train No. 7 as it arrived in Fresno at 10:10 this morning. The man appeared to be in good health during the night, but early this morning he suddenly took sick and was assisted to a rear compartment by the newsboy. The man was found dead a short time later by the train brakeman. An autopsy showed pulmonary tuberculosis to have been the cause of death.

APRIL 16, 1910



DIED

BURNS.-In this city, Tuesday morning, April 12, 1910, Henry C. BURNS, aged 42 years.

The funeral services were held at Christ Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Harry G. GRAY officiating.

The deceased leaves a widow and six children to mourn his loss. The remains were prepared for shipment and forwarded to the old home near Evansville, Wisconsin, Wednesday evening, accompanied by the widow and children.

Mr. BURNS has been a resident of Las Vegas for about three years, having taken up his residence here in hopes of securing relief from the dread white plague. His fight against disease was a heroic one, but for some weeks past the end was

seen to be near. In spite of all that could be done death called the sufferer early Tuesday morning.

Mrs. BURNS and the children will remain in Wisconsin during the summer, but will probably return to this city in the fall.

OBITUARY (vol.VI)



GREENING.-Died of heart failure, at Cima, Cal., Earle G. GREENING, beloved husband of Kellam SPEEL GREENING and father of Walter, Paul, Sue and Helen GREENING. Funeral services were held at chapel of Bresee Bros., 855 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Thursday, at 2:30 p.m. Interment, Evergreen cemetery.

In the death of Mr. GREENING Southern California loses one of its foremost business men. Long identified with the livestock business, he was known to practically every citizen of this section and was held in the highest esteem by all. Genial and kindly, a true friend and a just man, his loss will be keenly felt by all with whom he came in contact.

MAY 7, 1910



DIED

PINAULT.-In this city, Saturday, May 7, 1910, John E. PINAULT, aged 35 years.

The last friendly offices which men may pay to a brother were performed recently by Las Vegas Aerie 1213, F.O.E., in the case of Brother "Jack" PINAULT. In the early days of Vegas Jack was a familiar figure, having been employed by several of the leading business houses. He left here two years ago and went to Searchlight and Hart. From there he traveled through California to Portland, Oregon, and thence to The Dalles. At the latter place he became ill several months ago and the dread white plague quickly laid him helpless. His brother Eagles of Las Vegas Aerie, hearing of his plight, brought him here the latter part of April and to the time of his death cared for him tenderly. After his death, his remains were taken in charge by the L.D. SMITH undertaking house under the direction of the lodge.

The funeral was held at the opera house Sunday afternoon, the uniformed drill corps of the lodge acting as escort and pall bearers. The beautiful funeral ceremonies of the Eagles were carried out



by the officers of the lodge in the presence of a large number of the old friends of the deceased. Many floral pieces were in evidence. Fitting music was furnished by the choir and at the close of the services the body was returned to the undertaking parlors to await instructions as to burial.

Word was later received from the only relative, a sister, Mrs Dr. G.E. CASSI, residing in Lowell, Mass., asking that the body be buried here, and interment was made by Undertaker SMITH Monday afternoon.

MAY 21, 1910



Man denies He's Dead

HACKENSACK, N.J., May 17,-Although the dead body of a man found hanging from a tree in Weehawken last July was identified at the time as that of James DILLON of Hoboken, DILLON today is at home, alive and well.

He made his appearance, to the astonishment and delight of Mrs. DILLON and her eight children, as they were sitting down to dinner.

DILLON is uncommunicative as to why he went away last summer.

Amassed Riches; Dies Poor

DENVER, May 17,-August RISCHE, 76 years old, who discovered the Little Pittsburg mine that started the Leadville boom and laid the foundation of the fortunes of a score of millionaires, died of pneumonia at his home here today.

RISCHE accumulated \$500,000 in his mining ventures, but ran through his fortune, and for several years prior to his death had been employed as a watchman at the state capitol building.

Babe Drowns in Tub

FALL RIVER MILLS, Cal., May 18,-Freddie, the 2 _ear-old son of D. KNOCH, was drowned last evening in a bathtub containing ten inches of water. The child clambered into the tub while the mother was temporarily out of the room.

Aims at Snake; Kills Brother

GILA, Ariz., May 18,-George MYERS, aged 12 years, while attempting to shoot a rattlesnake, accidentally discharged his weapon, the bullet piercing the back and instantly killing his brother Carl, aged 8. Frank MYERS, the father, is a mining man who came here recently from Boston.



DONNA GILL HARVEY photographed this tombstone in Mason City, Iowa. The inscription is in German, but translates:

DEAREST PARENTS
 WE WISH YOU DON'T CRY AT
 OUR GRAVE
 THINK IT HAD TO HAPPEN.
 KNOW THERE IS A MEETING
 AGAIN



MORE TID BIDS

DATING PHOTOGRAPHS

from NCIGS Qurty, Jan-Mar 1989
via Yorba Linda Gen. Soc.



A checklist for dating photographs by clothing characteristics is found in "Technical Leaflet #102", available from the American Association for State and Local History, 1400 8th Ave., South Nashville, TN 37203. Price is \$1.00.

HOT TIP

from AlaBenton Gen. Quarterly



Trying to find that cousin you haven't heard from in years, and she's moved and no one knows where and she's the only one in the family who has the information you need? Try this. Ask Social Security to forward your letter, using the address in their payroll files. Their "Letter Forwarding Service" will render this assistance for humanitarian purposes, such as contacting estranged members of the family, locating lost heirs or the like, but not for such things as collection of debts or alimony. They can't tell you the person's address, and the recipient has no obligation to respond to your letter.

This is a service not many people know about, but it might be of help in some circumstances. Just bear in mind that they are strictly bound to protect the privacy of the individual and cannot reveal anyone's whereabouts. All they can do is forward the letter.

MORE HELP FROM SOCIAL SECURITY

JUST IN FROM "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER", Timothy D. Roberson. (I had three searches made)



FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS (other than earning records)

Schedule For Search & Reproduction of Records

Microprint of form SS-5 or numident printout, or search for date and place of death, Social Security number provided...\$7.00

Microprint of form SS5 or numident printout, or search for date and place of death, **NO Social Security number or incorrect number provided...\$16.50**

Search for claim file...\$14.00

Photocopies (per page)...\$10

Certification...\$10.00



SEND all the information you have on the person, i.e. full name, birth date, place of birth, parents names, etc. When you do not have the SSN, they use this information to located the right person.

PROOF OF DEATH IS NECESSARY! And, you must pay, even if they do not locate the record.

NO form is necessary - write: Freedom of Information Officer, Social Security Administration, Attention Timothy D. Roberson, 4-H-8 Annex, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Md 21235.

Start your request with: Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request a photo copy of the Social Security application of _____! They have been very helpful to me.

Good Hunting...

Betty

MUSTY BOOK

from Trees From the Grove, Feb 1988
via Gas Lites



Do you have a musty old book? Put it into a brown paper bag, along with some "Kitty Litter", tie up the end of the bag and store for about a week. "Kitty Litter" will absorb the odor!



DIGGING UP THE FACTS...

SAGA OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS -
DECEMBER 1984



DEATH RECORDS

Death records are one of the important sources of genealogical information...also a source for amazement, if one reads the "cause of death" section! The most popular cause was consumption, but almost as many died of chronic. Unlike other contagious diseases that struck an area and after a while moved on, consumption and chronic remained for years. Billious took its toll as did a variety of fevers, i.e., lung, glandular, nervous, brain and new moany.

Children fell victim to hives, croup and summer complaint. Some of the doctors added descriptive phrases to the death certificates. These tell a story of their own, such as the death of a three month old infant: "The mother being a corpulent woman laid on it and killed it." Or, the seven month old whose "mother gave it a dose of morphine prepared for herself, by mistake, thinking it was pepsin."

A young man died from an "overflow of brains," another died "with a fit." In one accidental death the doctor gave for the cause "His clothes caught fire and burned him." On the line for complications he wrote "He was an idict."

HANDY HINTS FOR RECORDING CEMETERY INSCRIPTION

A fun and satisfying project is to record cemetery inscriptions. It is helpful to take the following items with you to the cemetery.

A small shovel to uncover stones that have fallen and been covered with plants and soil can be very helpful. It also tends to scare off any reptiles or other small wildlife who may be lurking about.



A rod, sharpened on the end is good for jabbing into the ground to help locate buried stones. It is then often possible to return them to their upright position.

Some stones may have settled into the ground so that the inscriptions are unreadable. With a little patience you may rock the stone back and forth and then when the soil is loosened, lift it out. This another time your shovel will come in handy. You may fill in the area around the stone after returning it to its rightful position.

There are several ways to help with those difficult to read inscriptions. Powdering the stone with baby power using a cotton ball works well. Chalk dust will also work and neither will hurt the stone. Using butcher paper over the stone and gently rubbing with the broad side of a black crayon will help bring out the lettering.

Rubbing with steel wool or wire brushes is very harmful and aids in deterioration. Don't use putty knives or the like to remove old moss for the same reason. PLASTIC brushes are better.

When photographing a headstone, it is helpful to power the stone and then stand to one side instead of directly in front. The lighting is then from the side and shadows the lettering, making it more readable. A clearer photograph will result.

Scissors and a paint brush for cutting and clearing away grass that has overgrown ground-level markers is a good idea.

Be sure to look on all sides of the stone. Oftentimes there is information on the other sides. A clipboard and pen (not a pencil, it will fade) attached for easy handling is a must. An extra pen is advisable.

by Joy Burkholder in 2 Genealogists' Exchange



BITS & PIECES

LAS VEGAS AND CLARK COUNTY NEWSPAPER INDEXES

contributed by Richard W. Edmonson

Newspaper records of Las Vegas and Clark County which may provide answers to genealogists and family historians cover more than a century. There are, fortunately, indexes to these newspapers which cover these publications for the periods listed.

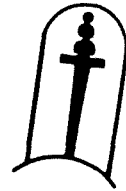
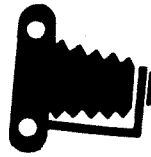
The **PIOCHE WEEKLY RECORD**, 1872-1904, has been indexed and covers the years before Clark County was organized from Lincoln County in 1909 and before the town of Las Vegas was laid out earlier in the same decade. The index is at the Nevada Historical Society in Lorenzi Park.

THE LAS VEGAS AGE, 1905-1939/40, is indexed and covers the years from the first sale of lots in Las Vegas to just before World War II. This index is also at the Nevada Historical Society in Lorenzi Park.

An index to the **LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL** has been prepared by the Nevada Historical Society for the years 1930-1952. Indexing of years after 1952 is still in progress. This index is also at the Historical Society in Lorenzi Park.

THE LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL and **THE LAS VEGAS SUN** have been indexed since 1972 by the Las Vegas Library, 201 Las Vegas Blvd., South, Las Vegas, NV 89101. This index is current and is maintained by this branch of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

Although no index is currently available for the years 1953-1971, these years may be indexed in not too many years. In the meantime the existing indexes may simplify research.



PHOTOGRAPHING HEADSTONES

contributed by Frank Lang

Going out to the cemetery to photograph those headstones? Before you leave, there are a few supplies that will help you get better pic's.

First you need a **camera and film**. The camera can be fixed focused, automatic or a manual adjustable. If you use a manual camera, I suggest setting the f stop at f8 and speed at 100 or 125. Don't forget to set the ASA for the film you are using.

The film I use is **T-Max 100 black & white**. The reason is, on old headstones the writing is hard to read. With black & white you can get an enlargement made at a reasonable price, plus good contrast.

A **reflector** also helps. If you are taking a pic on the shady side of the stone, just set the reflector so as to bounce the sunshine off the reflector onto the stone. The **reflector can be made** from a wadded up piece of foil, then straightened and taped to a piece of cardboard, about 12"X12".

Other supplies: **GLOVES** to protect the hands. **STIFF BRUSH** to clean the headstone. **CLIPPERS** to cut away tall grass and weeds. **SHAVE CREAM** to spray on stone, wipe off, cleans and brings out the lettering. **STYROFOAM**, rub stone to bring out lettering. **CHARCOAL**, apply to stone with a brush. Does a great job but very dirty to use.

DON'T FORGET! If you move flowers, put them back! Be careful using a flash on a shiny stone or brass Vets plaque. You will get a flash back into your lens. So either cover the flash with a handkerchief or white cloth. You can get great pics on a cloudy day! Clouds give you a diffused lite and no shodows.

**HAVE FUN...AND DON'T FORGET THE
CHURCH...AND OLD SCHOOLS!**



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I have enclosed \$ _____ for my dues for one year.

LOOK WHAT I FOUND, TOO.



At a recent garage sale, I walked over to a box of books (always looking for anything in the line of history) and I saw a book entitled, HISTORY OF CANTERBURY, N.H., 1727-1912, Vol. 1.

As my eyes grew larger I see a second volume! S-l-o-w-l-y, picking up this up and trying not to show "to much" enthusiasm, the lady who was having the sale said, "I've been trying to find someone who might like those, they are very old history books". (Oh dear, I can feel the price going up!)

As I briefly told her of our Society and how useful they would be in our researches, she said I could have them for twenty five each. No, my friends, not twenty five dollars, twenty five cents!!! (Have you ever tried to hide an ear to ear smile of greed? Believe me, it's not easy!)

I thanked the lady for the books, went to my car, went around to corner and screamed with joy! And this book had nothing to do with my own genealogy, just think if it did!

I have checked with the Family History Center in Salt Lake City and they have this set and it is on microfilm as well.

If anyone is unable to get this from Salt Lake City I will search my copy for surnames for you. There are too many to list here as the index, just for the genealogies, is 78 pages. The first volume is the history and volume 2 is the genealogies.

WHAT A FIND!

by Joyce Kelley Morris



QUERIES

EDITED BY: CoraDean Baur Carter, 6904 W. Conifer Ln.
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PHELPS, WARFIELD: Seeking info on par of Edward J. PHELPS b 8 Jun 1826 d 28 Apr 1878, m Sarah WARFIELD 8 Jan 1850 in Laurel, Maryland. Reply to James Frederick Shaffer III, 4329 Malaga Drive, Las Vegas Nevada 89121-6518

PURDIE, BRASHEARS: Need info on par of Sarah Elizabeth PURDIE b 1822 d 31 Jul 1885, m William BRASHEARS 17 Oct 1842. Reply to James Frederick Shaffer III, 4329 Malaga Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121-6518

SHAW, RICE: Need info on par of Foster SHAW b 16 Jan 1793 d ? m 3 May 1826 Elsey RICE b 22 Jan 1803 d 29 Mar 1865. Reply to James Frederick Shaffer III, 4329 Malaga Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121-6518

CONNER, BURNES, ADAMS, STEPHENSON, MASON, GROVES, MC GINNIS: Need help..Records were lost..Court house was burnt down twice in Preston Co., West Virginia. Need info on Michael CONNER d c 1814, Preston, Co. but before 1844. Eliza Emeline BURNES, b c 1835 Randolph Co. Va. Alvina ADAMS b 1835 d ? Barbour Co., W. Va. Robert STEPHENSON b c 1821 d ? Preston Co., W. Va. Anna MASON b c 1826 d ? Preston Co., W. Va. Cath GROVES b c 1800 d ? Monongalina Co, Va. Mathew Mc GINNIS, d c 1850 Preston Co. W. Va. Jane Mc GINNIS b c 1795 d ? Preston Co., W. Va. Reply to Mrs Martha M. Connor, 7754 Pacemont Ct. Las Vegas, Nevada 89117



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AVAILABLE NOW !!!

Las Vegas Genealogists! You now have NO excuse for not having your family history on computer!

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District has just opened their Microcomputer center at the Flamingo Branch Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd. They have many, many programs for public use. One of the genealogy programs they have installed is the the LDS Personal Ancestry File. You may bring in your own disk for use with this program or they have them for sale for a small fee.

They have several programs for each of these catagories, Investments/Money Management, Programing, Spreadsheets, Wordprocessors, Database Managers, Desktop Publishing, and Educational. On their CDROMS they have public domain programs which they will copy for you onto your own disk. All you need to do is fill out a request form, leave them your disk and they will copy it for you.

You will need to be a registered borrower and have a reservation to use the computers. They are most helpful to beginners and the staff has more than enough knowledge to help even the very advanced.

There is no charge for reasonable use of paper supplied by the library, but I would suggest you bring your own as this will help keep cost down to the center and this will mean they can buy more programs!

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