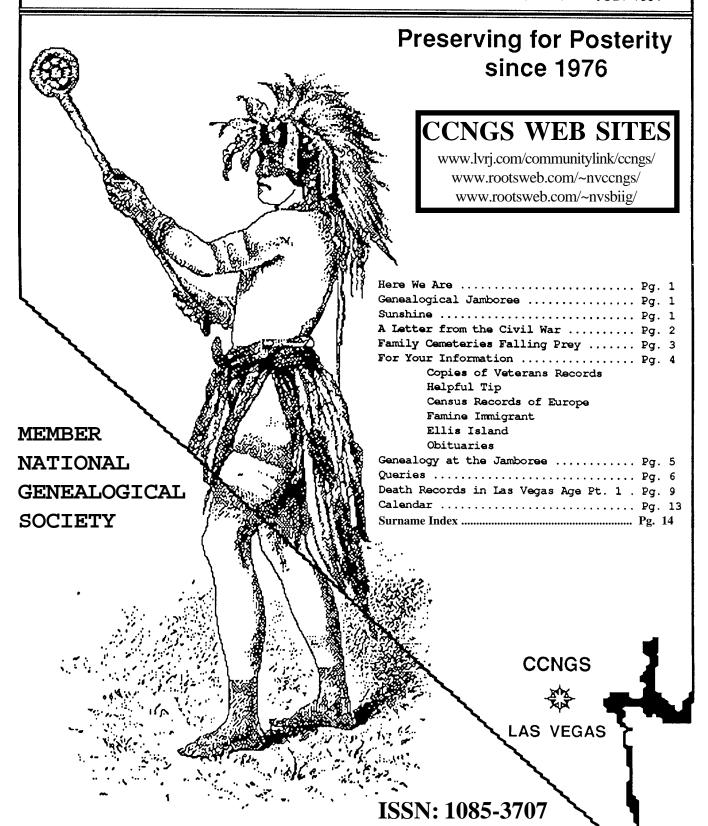
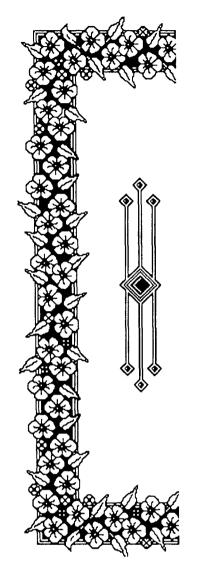
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PROSPECTOR NEWS

HERE WE ARE - WHERE ARE YOU?

Hi! Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society is wondering where you are. And you're probably wondering "where we are" and "when we are." Yes, we have moved. We moved our meeting place and we moved our meeting date. We were forced to make these changes due to circumstances beyond our control. BUT, do not fret. We have a new home at:

KATHERINE CENTER in REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

on the southwest corner of East St. Louis and Sixth Street.

We meet on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month at 7 p.m..

GENEALOGICAL JAMBOREE

The Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society wishes to thank the Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc. for their invitation to attend their Genealogical Jamboree held April 28, 1991. Several members took advantage of this invitation to attend the various seminars and exhibits. Our President Carl Jarnberg provided a presentation on his software program DROP LINE. Again our thanks to the S.C.G.S. for the invitation.

SUNSHINE

By: Catherine Marshall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ruth Sorofman Kathleen Lang Dolores Dimitt Harry Burt Margaret Louis	July July July July July	16 20 25	Pam Graven Bob Guthrie Joyce Morris Helen Smith Mac Pursel	Aug Aug Aug Aug Aug	04 18 18 21
•			Bruno C. Sysdek	Aug	23
			Phyllis Sysdek	Aug	26
Dick Edmonson	Sept	02			
Shelley Kennard	Sept	14	Kathy Edmonson	Oct	15

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Bob and Shelley Kennard Frank and Kathleen Lang Bill and Silvia Meyer	July July July	04
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Bruno and Phyllis Syzdek	Sept	23
Bob and Liz Kelly	Oct	23

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A LETTER FROM THE CIVIL WAR

By Sheryl Busterno

This letter was written by my great, great grandfather, Simon S. Wilcox, a Private, and later a Hospital Steward, with Co. K of the 123rd Illinois Infantry Regiment.

He was born in England on 16 Nov. 1825, emigrated to the U.S. about 1840, married twice and had 9 children. He died at the Old Soldiers Home in Danville, Ill. on 27 Nov. 1912. The 123rd Illinois Infantry Regiment was from Coles and Clark Counties, Ill. Edmond R. Connely was a neighbor of Simon's in Coles Co., Ill.

This is a verbatim copy of the letter except for the items in parenthesis which are mine.

Camp: At Mooresville State of: Alabama February 24th, 1864

Mr E R Connely Dear Friend

Your kind and welcome letter of the 16th is at hand and I was glad to hear that you and your Family were in good health, the greatest earthly blessing we can enjoy. The Health of the Redgment was never better and the Boys are in fine spirits. My own health is good and I weigh heavier than I ever did before. Camp life agrees with me very well.

The weather is warm and fine and the people are ploughing and making gardens. This is a fine Country but thinly settled by Whites. But plenty of Blacks. The plantations are large, comprising many hundred acres. And on each Farm a town of Blacks with only one white man in the overseer and his family. But Slavery is doomed and the slave holders themselves own it — now all or nearly all the able bodied men are in our lines leaving the Crippled and the old helpless men and women behind for their masters to take care of and they are a heavy expense to them and I think it is good enough for them. But enough of this.

I am glad to hear that Amanda (Amanda Wilcox, 1847-1870, Simon's daughter) is doing well and at a good place. I feel thankful to you for your kindness toward her. Charles Biggs arrived this last night and brought the sad news of Riley's death (Sgt William R. Connelly of Company K who died of wounds on 12 Feb. 1864). Poor Riley he suffered a long time and the news of his death cast a gloom over our Company. It is a heavy stroke for his friends and more particularly his Father. May God give his grace for the bear this severe bereavement and to adopt the words of one of old: the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Edmond, you seem to think we ought to write first. Perhaps we had as we are soldiers and don't have much to do, and then we have such comfortable houses and good desks and so many of the comforts of life. And then we get so many pleasure rides after the Rebs to say nothing of picket duty or dress parade and a thousand and one other things we have to do, and then you have so mutch (sic) on your mind. And as uncle Sam don't furnish you any paterns (sic) of clothing and then you have your children to nurse and take care of to say nothing of smoky chimneys and scolding wives. I sometimes get thinking of the hardships that our poor friends at home have to undergo. But then I think it is good enough. They out to have been more lucky and been soldiers as we are.

But enough of this nonsence. Write as often as you can as your letters are always welcome. Joel (Cpl. Joel Weaver of Co. K) joins me in sending his love to your sweet family.

Yours as ever, S.S. Wilcox

Write soon.

FAMILY CEMETERIES FALLING PREY TO CHANGING TIMES, PRIORITIES

BY: Amy Westfeldt, A.P.

Ivydale, West Virginia.

The Boggs family has buried its dead on the same hilltop in Clay Country for more than 100 years. Relatives used to hoist a casket on their shoulders and carry it up a steep, winding dirt road to the family cemetery. Then they rolled up their sleeves and knelt to dig the grave.

Family owned cemeteries once were the only available burial ground in rural areas, officials in the funeral industry say, and thousands still exist nationwide. But many of the graveyards have been abandoned or are overgrown because the families either don't have the money to maintain the grounds or aren't interested anymore.

"Death used to be very much a family thing," says John McDowell, a cemetery-law expert in the state Attorney General's Office. "But people are more afraid of death now. We're asking someone else to do these things for us instead of doing them ourselves." Cemetery-industry officials also say that younger Americans in particular are less interested in tending relatives' graves, preferring to leave the chore to professionals. "They want convenience," says David Brownworth, president of the Central States Cemetery Association. "They don't want the hassle of mowing the grass." Brownworth, who owns a cemetery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, says members of the younger generation also don't visit graveyards as much. "It's unfortunate we're losing some of the values that we had," Brownworth says.

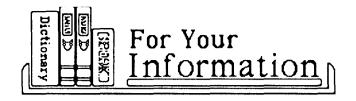
Big Otter, an unincorporated town about 50 miles east of Charleston, is full of family cemeteries, A century ago, it was full of Boggses, too. James Martin Boggs came here with his wife and 13 children in the 1860s and bought a two-acre grassy clearing on a hilltop overlooking his house. It became the family cemetery. Jean Boggs, a 68-year-old retired schoolteacher who lives a half-mile from the graveyard, recalls a time when funerals were important in her family. "Funerals used to be a social event," Boggs said. "My mother thought it was terrible if you didn't show respect and go to the funeral of everyone in the community. It was a feeling of family. We used to say, "The Boggses surely enjoy their funerals" because we liked to get together."

The Boggs cemetery is easy to miss from the main road. It sits surrounded by trees and a wire fence to keep out the cattle. Dozens of gray tombstones bearing the same name are partially hidden by high grass. There are no walkways or benches. Jean Boggs has been left with the task of tending her relatives' graves since her father died eight years ago. Buried in the cemetery are her parents, grandparents, 11 great-aunts and uncles, and numerous cousins and in-laws. About 20 Boggses remain in Big Otter, the youngest of them in their 60s. Most of Jean Boggs' younger relatives have moved away and probably won't return to be buried here.

"People don't visit like they used to," she said. "People also don't pay as much attention to their property. Little has been spent to mow the grass or keep flowers on graves," she said. Boggs sold plates with photographs of her church to family members and held bake sales to raise a few thousand dollars for the cemetery. That money is in trust. As she walks between the tombstones, Boggs sets upright a broken white box with pink flowers that has fallen on her aunt's grave. Boggs plans to be buried here. "We all wonder who will take over," she said. "But it's been there for 100 years and there's always somebody."

Hugh Keatley, a former president of the American Cemetery Association who owns graveyards in Bluefield and Princeton, said, "the residents who cared most about tending graves are no longer able. The sad situation is many of the people who were responsible for maintaining the cemeteries and keeping them looking nice are now buried in them. Years ago, it became kind of a custom that family members would go to the cemetery on Memorial Day and clean it up. But these days, cleaning the cemetery is not the average family's idea of recreation."

From: Las Vegas Review-Journal/Sun, Sunday, 17 Feb. 1991.



COPIES OF VETERANS RECORDS

The Military Service Branch (NNMS), National Archives and Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Aves., N.W., Washington, DC 20408 has sent this notice with recent correspondence:

"Effective March 1, 1991, the cost of furnishing reproductions from the military, passenger arrival, and Eastern Cherokee application records in response to mail inquiries was increased to \$10 for each record ordered. The fee for copies of census records was increased to \$6. This is the first fee increase since September 1981. New forms and leaflets reflecting these changes are now in the process of being printed and will be available in the near future. Existing copies of NATF Forms 80, 81, 82 and 83 received by us after April 15, 1991, will be returned, with copies of the new forms, for resubmission."

Copies of the new forms and leaflets are available from: Reference Services Branch (NNIR), National Archives and Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Aves., N.W., Washington, DC 20408.

HELPFUL TIP

Bill Dollarhide says, "If you have trouble getting family group sheets back from the living relatives, make one out as completely as possible, but make the wife 10 years older than you think she is. This almost always works!!" From: Trails West G.S. 2:19 via Yorba Linda G.S. Newsletter, April 1991.

CENSUS RECORDS OF EUROPE

They began in:	Austria	1815	Prussia	1810
	Bavaria	1818	Russia	1897
	France	1801	Saxony	1815
	Great Britian	1851	Spain	1798
	Greece	1836	Sweden	1749
	Norway	1815	Switzerland	1360 From: Der Blumenbaum

Sacramento German G.S. Nov/Dec 1988 via Yorba Linda Genealogical Society Newsletter, April 1991.

FAMINE IMMIGRANT

A famine immigrant in your background? If you know the name of the ship your ancestor took from Liverpool, you may be able to obtain information from Mayseyside Maritime Museum, Pier Head, Liverpool, England L310W. It is believed that about 70 percent of the Irish famine immigrants changed ship at Liverpool. The museum has passenger lists that may show the city of their origin.

From: Yakima Valley, WA G.S. Dec. 1989, via North Central Iowa E.S. Newsletter, V 17, #2 Spring, 1991.

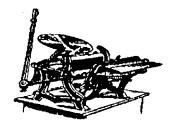
ELLIS ISLAND

Deep gashes and graffiti have spoiled the once shining Wall of Honor on Ellis Island that was unveiled six months ago in memory of the thousands of immigrants who passed through the gateway to the U.S. The 951 foot copper wall, engraved with the names of 200,000 immigrants, will probably be repaired and cleaned this summer, the National Park Service, which maintains and administers the island, said Saturday. It had not yet been determined if the engraved panels, which are on top of a waist-high wall that runs along the edge of the island, would be closed to the public or would be removed for repairs, spokesman Manny Strumpf said. Careless tourists and sea gulls are as much responsible for the damage to the wall as vandals, he said. He added the foundation has been testing a new and stronger sealer on three panels of the wall. If it proves effective in protecting the copper surface, all several hundred panels will be coated with it.

From: LA Times, 31 Mar 91 via Yorba Linda G.S. Newsletter April 1991.

OBITUARIES

An index of Obituaries in the <u>Las Vegas Review-Journal</u> and the <u>Las Vegas Sun</u> from Jan 1, 1990 to Dec. 31, 1990 is for sale from CCNGS for \$10.00 plus postage. Send request to C.C.N.G.S., P.O. Box 1929, Las Vegas, Nevada 89125.



GENEALOGY AT THE JAMBOREE

By: Helen L. Smith

The Southern California Genealogical Society's Jamboree is a place to learn about genealogy, buy books and supplies, and visit with people to learn what you can. But would you think you could continue your research there? Hardly not. But that is exactly what happened.

In browsing through the various exhibits I stumbled across a table labeled "Cornwall." AH, I'm researching in Cornwall so I should check out this table. Two lovely people, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, were seated at the table which had several books and some folders on it. As I chatted with the Rosses and surveyed the material on the table, I noticed the top folder with the name CADDY on it. I became somewhat excited since this was my first encounter with the Caddy name having two "d"s. They asked if this was one of the names I have been searching and I replied affirmatively. They invited me to look through their information which was the extraction of information from the 1871 census from Cornwall.

I opened the folder to look on the first page where low and behold was the Tom CADDY I had been looking for. Not only did I find him, age 15, but also his brothers and sisters, his mother and his father and all of their ages. It also included their occupations, where they were living and where each had been born.

This information enabled me to find the reference to the birth record of Tom CADDY when I recently traveled to England and visited the General Register Office, also known as St. Catherine's House, in London.

THANKS AGAIN TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND TO MR. AND MRS. ROSS. IT'S GREAT TO FIND A TREASURE WHEN YOU AREN'T EXPECTING ONE!

QUERIES

LUEBL, RAGER, TROEPPEL

Seeking information on ancestors of Michael RAGER, born 17 Nov 1870, GER, and his wife Thekla TROEPPL, born 1 Sep 1880, Zwiesel, GER. Michael RAGER's parents were Max RAGER and Therese LUEBL. Thekla TROEPPL's parents were Joseph TROEPPL and Katherine -Helen Smith, 26 Quail Hollow Dr., Henderson, NV 89014.

CADDY, COAD, EYERS/EYRES, MELLOW, PHILLIPS, RICKARD, STRONGMAN, TRE-THEWEY, WHETTER Seeking information on these families from (St. Stephens) Cornwall, ENG. Thomas CADDY was married 16 May 1875 to Ellen Thomas and Ellen CADDY moved 1880 to MI, then 1900 to MN. Helen Smith, 26 Quail Hollow Dr., Henderson, NV 89014.

SULLIVAN, O'SULLIVAN

Seeking any information on Jeromia/Jeremiah ("Jerry Yank") SULL-IVAN, born about 1850, County Cork, IRE. His wife is buried in Ashland, WI. They had sons Patrick SULLIVAN, born 1 Mar 1869, and Daniel SULLI-VAN, born 15 Dec 1873, Northern MI. Helen Smith, 26 Quail Hollow Dr., Henderson, NV 89014.

PHIFFER, RITZENTHALER

Seeking information on Jacob PHIFFER, both born Alsace-Lorraine, FRA/GER. Jacob and Madeline RITZENTHALER, born 29 Nov 1872, Reedsburg, WI. Helen Smith, 26 Quail Hollow Dr., Henderson, NV 89014.

COOK, MOULTON

Are my mother's ancestors Mary COOK and Robert MOULTON, of Salem, MA, in 1670, related to the COOK family of Leominster (pronounced Lemster), ENG? Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd., Sun City, CA 92381.

DURKEE, FILLINGER, STRIBLE John STRIBLE, of Baltimore, MD, born 1826, died 1909, was married in 1858, at Otterbein Methodist Church, to Adeline O. DURKEE. George STRIBLE, who ran a dry goods store on Orleans Street in Baltimore, born 1785, died 1871, wedded 13 May 1821, Mary FILLIN-GER. Were these STRIBLEs related to either the Ulrich STRIBEL and his wife Magdalena _____, members of Round Top Lutheran Church in Dutchess County, NY, in 1787, or to Wilhelm STRIEBEL, ship passenger who arrived at Philadelphia 1786? Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd., Sun City, CA 92381.

DREW, DURKEE, ESENDER, HANKEY,

STRIBLE, WARFIELD

Seeking information about the Virginia ancestors of 1) John STRIBLE, of Baltimore, MD, born 1826, died 1909, married 1858, Otterbein Methodist Church, to Adeline O. DURKEE; 2) Thomas ESENDER, owner of Joppa Plantation, Baltimore, MD, born 1760, will probated 1818, who had a daughter, Mary ESENDER, born 1788, died 1852; 3) Nehemiah DREW, who was married 4 Dec 1804, at St. Peters Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD, to Mary ESENDER; 4) Grenville HANKEY, who married Elizabeth BEESON, and had a RITZENTHALER and his wife, Madeline daughter Mary Elizabeth HANKEY, born 1774, died Feb 1809; 5) Pearl DUR-KEE, Captain of the "Chasseur," born RITZENTHALER had a daughter, Bertha May 1769, died Nov 1825, who lived on George St., in Old Town, owned slaves Walter and Henrietta, and was married 15 Mar 1797, St. Pauls, Baltimore, MD, to Mary Elizabeth HANKEY; and 6) Capt. Henry DURKEE, policeman, who was married in Baltimore to Julia WARFIELD.

> Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd., Sun City, CA 92381.

COLEMAN, MULLIS

Seeking descendants of William L. COLEMAN, born 10 Apr 1875, Cambridge City, Wayne County, IN. His parents, Mentor Monroe COLEMAN and Ellen Jane MULLIS had eleven children, including William's twin, Lillian, but only six lived to adulthood. William L. COLEMAN was married on 10 Dec 1896, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, IL, to Ann Melissa GOLDMAN; they had three daughters. He was a mechanic at the Mt. Vernon, IL, Railway Car plant and was a member of Local #171, International Brotherhood of Stationary Fireman. About Dec 1906 he left Illinois to seek work in Texas or Oklahoma, but he never returned. There were rumors that he was in Bakersfield, Kern County, CA, in the 1930's, but no proof. I am trying to determine what happened to him; where he relocated; whether he remarried and had another family; where and when he died.

Sheryl Busterno, 2854 Nikki Place, Henderson, NV 89014.

BARTON, DIDDAMORE, GOLDMAN, SCOTT, SEVEDGE, SUDDARTH, TADLOCK, VAN WINKLE, WILLIAMS, WRAY, WRIGHT Trying to identify the parents of Catherine Lodica ("Dicy") SEVEDGE, born about 1780, VA, died 1859/1860, Crawford County, IN. Catherine married first, about 1795, in (where?), OH, Greenberry WRIGHT, died about 1812/1813, in the War of Greenberry and Catherine WRIGHT had six children: 1) Peter WRIGHT, born 1796, OH, 2) Candice WRIGHT, born 1800, OH, 3) John WRIGHT, born 1801, OH, married Mary WRAY, 4) Nancy WRIGHT, born 1803, Crawford County, IN, married Ben SUDDARTH, 5) Sarah WRIGHT, born 1805, Crawford County, IN, married Ben DIDDAMORE, and 6) Aniel WRIGHT, born 1807, Crawford County, IN, married M. VAN WINKLE. Catherine married second John GOLDMAN, Sr. John and Catherine GOLDMAN also had six children: 1) Andrew GOLDMAN, born 1817, Crawford County, IN, married Malinda TADLOCK, 2) Jackson GOLDMAN, born 1818, Crawford County,

IN, married Millie BARTON, 3)
Martin GOLDMAN, born 1818,
Crawford County, IN, married
1843, Crawford County, IN, Sally
SCOTT, 4) George GOLDMAN, born
1820/1821, Crawford County, IN,
5) Lucinda GOLDMAN, born 1821,
Crawford County, IN, married
Sylvester SCOTT, 6) Catherine
GOLDMAN, born Crawford County,
IN, mar. 1838, Milford WILLIAMS
Crawford County, IN.
I'd like to hear from anyone regarding the name SEVEDGE.
Sheryl Busterno, 2854 Nikki Place,
Henderson, NV 89014.

BARTON, DYER, GOLDMAN (GOLEMAN), HOLDBROOK, WILCOX Seeking descendants of Lafayette GOLDMAN (GOLEMAN), born 1844, Crawford County, IN; one of the eleven children of Jackson GOLD-MAN, born 1818, Crawford County, IN, and Amelia (Millie) BARTON. Lafayette was a farmer, carpenter, and occasional preacher. Besides Crawford County, IN, and Coles County, IL, he lived in Jefferson County, IL, Mississippi County, MO, Jackson County, AR, and Poinsett County, AR. He died in or near Trumann, Poinsett County, AR, in the late 1920's or early 1930's, exact date unknown. Lafayette GOLDMAN (GOLEMAN) married first 5 Nov 1879, Coles County, IL, Mary Elizabeth WILCOX, died 1884. Lafayette and Mary Elizabeth GOLDMAN had three children: 1) Oscar O. GOLDMAN, born 6 Aug 1877, 2) Ann Melissa GOLDMAN, born 2 Feb 1879, 3) Mildred Emalina GOLDMAN, born 12 Sep 1880. Lafayette GOLDMAN (GOLEMAN) married second 25 Mar 1886, Crawford County, IN, Sarepta Goad HOLDBROOK. Lafayette and Sarepta GOLDMAN (GOLEMAN) had two daughters: 1) Meada A. GOLDMAN (GOLEMAN), born May 1890, IN, married _____ DYER, 2) Lila B. GOLD-MAN (GOLEMAN), born Aug 1887, IL. Sheryl Busterno, 2854 Nikki Place, Henderson, NV 89014.

CAMPBELL, MULLIS, PARK (or SPARKS), SMITH

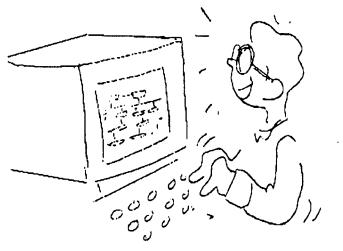
Seeking date and place of death for Richard W. MULLIS, son of Ambrose MULLIS, Sr., and Nancy CAMPBELL. Richard W. MULLIS was born about 1810, TN or NC, and was married first 13 Oct 1836, Fayette County, IN, to Nancy PARK (or SPARKS), who died 1840-1842. They had a daughter, Ellen Jane MULLIS. Richard married second 13 Dec 1842, Hancock County, IN, Ellen (Ellenor) SMITH. Richard and Ellen MULLIS had four children: 1) Harriet E. MULLIS, born 1844, IN, 2) Lewis Cass MULLIS, born 1845, IN, 3) Angeline MULLIS, born 1846, IN, 4) Joel MULLIS, born 1857, IN. In 1860 Richard and Ellen MULLIS were living in Fayette County, IN. But I cannot find him or any of his and Ellen's children after that I am looking for this family's location after 1860 and information about the children born to the second marriage and their descendants. I have information only about Ellen Jane MULLIS, who is my great-grandmother. Sheryl Busterno, 2854 Nikki Place, Henderson, NV 89014.

ENSOR, PYLES, SERROT

What is the ancestry of Catherine SERROT, born 20 Mar 1827, died after 1880, probably Bracken County, KY? She married first James Smith PYLES (PYLE, PILES), 1840/1850, probably Cincinnati, Hamilton County, OH, and second Thomas ENSOR (ENSER, ENZEN, ENZER), 5 Jun 1864, Bracken County, KY. Her place of birth is listed variously as France (2nd marriage bond), KY (1880 census), PA (1900 census), VA (1910 census), and Scotland (son's death certificate). Did she indeed immigrate from France after 1827 or is she descended from the Peter SERROT who was a founder of Gallipolis ("French City"), OH, in 1794, or the James SERROT, a descendant of Peter, who was in "The French Grant," in Scioto County, OH, in

in early 1800's? Richard W. Edmonson, 1004 Oak Tree Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89108

> VIOW - THE - CHART-SHOWS I'M RELATED-TO-TOM CRUISE!



NOTE: ALL QUERIES FOR THE OCTOBER
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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89125

Deaths Reported in the <u>Las Vegas Age</u> Las Vegas, Nevada April 7, 1905 to June 30, 1909

This begins a series of indexes from a pioneer Las Vegas newspaper. If you are accustomed to reviewing vital records in areas of the country where records have been kept for three centuries or more, you may find it strange that all Las Vegas records are twentieth century records.

Las Vegas (Spanish for "The Meadows") was named for its flowing springs and surrounding meadows. Native Americans lived near this green area in the desert for many centuries before the first Europeans appeared.

The first efforts by people of European origin to establish a permanent settlement in Las Vegas were from 1855 to 1858 when one party of Mormons was sent to establish a mission and soon afterwards another Mormon group was sent to develop the areas mineral resources. Neither effort was successful and both groups returned to Utah Territory.

From 1858 until the beginning of the twentieth century, the area was a ranch owned first by O. D. Gass and later by Archibald Stewart.

Construction of the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City resulted in the beginning of Las Vegas. In 1902 Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, developer of the railroad, purchased the Stewart Ranch and in 1904 made it a railroad Division Point. The first train arrived in January 1905, and on May 15, 1905, the railroad auctioned to the public about 1,200 lots. Las Vegas was born.

Although the growth of Las Vegas in the second half of this century has been truly spectacular, the early growth of the town amazed no one. Gaming was made illegal a few years after the auction and, despite its becoming the county seat of newly-organized Clark County in 1909, the population in 1930 was barely more than 5,000. Construction of Boulder (Hoover) Dam beginning in 1929 and re-legalization of gambling in 1931 signalled the beginning of development.

The first issue of a new newspaper, the <u>Las Vegas Age</u>, was published on April 7, 1905, which preceded the date the Stewart Ranch became Las Vegas by a month. The newspaper was published from that time until 1947. In the early years it was a weekly but the frequency of publication increased gradually and the <u>Age</u> had become a daily at the time publication ceased. Genealogists are fortunate to have available a single source for these vital records during the pioneer period in Las Vegas.

The Nevada State Historical Society indexed the entire <u>Las Vegas Age</u> newspaper and prepared a separate index of deaths reported from the inaugural edition in 1905 through the end of 1933. These were the years when Las Vegas was little more than a village.

With this issue of <u>The Prospector</u>, we begin publication of these records from the very earliest days of Las Vegas.

Dick Edmonson

ABBREVIATIONS

United States

AK	Alaska	MT	Montana
AL	Alabama	NC	North Carolina
AR	Arkansas	ND	North Dakota
ΑZ	Arizona	NE	Nebraska
CA	California	NH	New Hampshire
CO	Colorado	NJ	New Jersey
CT	Connecticut	NM	New Mexico
DE	Delaware	NV	Nevada
DC	District of Columbia	NY	New York
\mathtt{FL}	Florida	OH	Ohio
GA	Georgia	OK	Oklahoma
ΗI	Hawaii	OR	Oregon
IA	Iowa	PA	Pennsylvania
ID	Idaho	RI	Rhode Island
IL	Illinois	SC	South Carolina
IN	Indiana	SD	South Dakota
KS	Kansas	TN	Tennessee
ΚY	Kentucky	\mathtt{TX}	Texas
LA	Louisiana	UT	Utah
MA	Massachusetts	VA	Virginia
MD	Maryland	VT	Vermont
ME	Maine	WA	Washington
MI	Michigan	WI	Wisconsin
MN	Minnesota	VW	West Virginia
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DEATHS REPORTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AGE APRIL 7, 1905 to JUNE 30, 1909

SURNAME, OTHER NAMES	ISSUE	PG:COL	DIED	OTHER INFORMATION
SCHUMACHER, J.M., Mrs.	04/28/1905	4:3	04/20/1905	Died 20th instant
WHITE, Cyrus A.	04/28/1905	4:4	04/23/1905	Died Sunday last
BLANCHARD, C. A., Dr.	05/13/1905	1:1	05/12/1905	In Supplement, page 1, column 1
SHAFER, Fred S.	05/27/1905	4:3	05/19/1905	Died age 23
STOFIEL, Walter	05/27/1905	1:2	05/13/1905	
CULLEN, Ray	06/24/1905	4:2	06/18/1905	
GANNON, Chris	07/01/1905	4:3	06/26/1905	Age 50 or 60, alcohol
FAIRBANKS, Keith	07/22/1905	4:2	07/20/1905	Died of typhoid fever
GARDNER, Dave	09/02/1905	1:3	08/28/1905	Killed by train, 08/28 or 08/29, inquest
DALE, Farmer	10/28/1905	4:2	10/25/1905	Died early Wednesday morning, due to alcohol
BOVER, Lulu, Mrs.	02/03/1906	4:2	//1906	Died Caliente, NV, after a long illness
MICHALIS, Ollie D.	02/03/1905	1:1	01/31/1906	Died Wednesday morning, age 10, accidental shooting
BERRY, J. J.	02/24/1906	4:2	02/17/1906	Died on Salt Lake City train, last Saturday
SANDERS, Benjamin	03/10/1906	1:3	03/09/1906	Died Los Angeles, CA
ROBERTS, Chas.	03/31/1906	4:6	//1906	Died Overton, NV, recently, blew up tunnel
HOLT, Horace, Maj.	05/05/1906	4:5	04/24/1906	Born Salem, MA, died Logan, NV, La Grippe
SIEBERT, Miss	05/05/1906	1:6	04/18/1906	Died in San Francisco, CA, earthquake, daughter of Al SIEBERT
SIMMONS, Robert	05/05/1906	4:1	04/28/1906	Died age 3, ptomaine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert SIMMONS
WILSON, James B.	05/12/1906	1:2	05/04/1906	Died age 78
LINDSEY, C.W.	06/02/1906	4:1	06/01/1906	Died Friday morning, age 45
COOK, Frank	06/09/1906	4:1	06/07/1906	Died Thursday afternoon, overdose of morphine
KILKER, Infant Child	06/09/1906	4:4	06/02/1906	Died last Saturday, infant child of Mrs. Tom KILKER
KIRLEY, Pat	07/07/1906	Sup 1:1	07/05/1906	Died Thursday night, stricture of the esophagas
KRAMER, Infant Boy	07/07/1906	4:4	07/01/1906	Born 06/28/1906, died of heat prostration, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. KRAMER
GOMEZ, Frank	09/01/1906	1:4	08/27/1906	Died Monday from gun shot wounds.
RUCKER, Infant Girls	09/01/1906	4:4	08//1906	Born and died Los Angeles, CA, twin daughters of Dr. and Mrs. L.A. RUCKER
WEAVER, Archie	09/29/1906	4:3	09/19/1906	Died Watertown, SD, about 09/19
BEIRS, Child	10/06/1906	4:5	10//1906	Died last week, a child of Mr. & Mrs. S. L. BIERS
McCLOUD, George	10/06/1906	4:5	09/29/1906	Died of consumption
JOHNSON, Hiram, Mrs.	10/20/1906	1:3	10/13/1906	Died Eureka, NV, mother of Mrs. Walter R. BRACKEN
JUNZ	10/20/1906	4:1	09/25/1906	Died Caliente, NV, killed by S.K. Park
CROSBY, Minnie B., Mrs.	10/27/1906	1:2	10/19/1906	Died last Friday, age 62
O'DONNELL, C.J.	11/17/1906	1:5	11/11/1906	Died last Sunday, pneumonia
SHACKLEFORD, M.L., Mrs.	11/17/1906	6:4	11/09/1906	Died last Friday (11/09 or 11/16?)
TANENY, W.T.	11/17/1906	1:5	11/09/1906	Died last Friday, pneumonia (11/09 or 11/16)
HICKEY, L.P.	11/24/1906	1:4	10/19/1906	Died Caliente, NV, killed
BANKS, J. L.	12/08/1906	6:2	//1906	Died Seattle, WA, recently
TOWNE, Richard, Col.	12/08/1906	6:3	12/04/1906	Died Greenwater, NV,
PARRIOTT	12/15/1906	6:4	Bef12/1906	Father of F.M. PARRIOTT
YOUNT, Joseph	01/12/1907	1:2	01/04/1907	Born 03/02/1818
McKNIGHT, James	03/09/1907	1:3	03/04/1907	Died of consumption, member of firm of McKNIGHT & FARRELL
DONALDSON, Thomas T.	03/30/1907	1:1/2	03/25/1907	Died in crane accident on SL railroad
GEBHARDT, Henry	04/06/1907	6:4	04/01/1907	Born 1885, suffocated in oil tank

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VAUGHN, Ruby	04/20/1907	3:5	04//1907	Daughter of Assemblyman VAUGHN
FEAUTO, Marco	04/27/1907	3:2	04/14/1907	Riot victim
WARD, John R.	05/04/1907	5:2	04/25/1907	Miner
CABALLERO, Abel	05/18/1907	3:1	05/15/1907	Died Searchlight, NV, pioneer
McNALLEN, Thomas	06/22/1907	3:2	06/18/1907	Foreman, Salt Lake railroad
LYTLE, Genevieve	07/06/1907	3:2	06/25/1907	Born 1905, first born in Clark's LV, died age 2, daughter of John LYTLE
JOHNSON, B.F.	08/31/1907	3:4	08/30/1907	Conductor killed at railroad yard
MITCHELL, George	09/07/1907	1:4	09//1907	Died Nelson, NV
THOMAS, Cora	10/05/1907	3:2	09/27/1907	Born 01/24/1892, died Logan, NV
POWERS, Leonard	10/12/1907	3:4	10/05/1907	Born 1898, died in accident
BARCLAY, L. M.	11/02/1907	1:4	10/30/1907	Born 1887, murdered near Kyle Ranch, NV
DUGAN, Tom	12/14/1907	6:3	12//1907	Died Caliente, NV, powder explosion
KEITH, Boy	12/14/1907	6:3	12/04/1907	Born 1902, died Caliente, NV, age 5, gasoline accident, son of E. Keith
TOBIN, D.	12/14/1907	6:3	12//1907	Died Caliente, NV, powder explosion
CATLIN, A. D.	01/11/1908	3:2	01/09/1908	Died Searchlight, NV
HOWARD, Joe	01/11/1908	3:2	01/05/1908	
CHEEK, Spurgeon, Dr.	01/18/1908	3:4	01/10/1908	Died Searchlight, NV, construction surgeon, LV & T Railroad
McGREGOR, John	01/18/1908	6:3	01/11/1908	Died age 64
BUTTERFIELD, Clair A.	01/25/1908	3:4	01/20/1908	Age 2
KESLER, Joseph	01/25/1908	3:4	01/18/1908	Born 01/11/1845
CARDEN, C. R.	02/01/1908	6:4	01/22/1908	Caliente pioneer
SMITH, John	02/08/1908	6:2	01/28/1908	
BOWMAN, W. C. Mrs.	03/07/1908	6:1	03/06/1908	
CARD, Osman	03/07/1908	1:3	03/05/1908	Railroad engineer
CAHILL, W. H.	04/25/1908	1:4	04/20/1908	Railroad conductor
WYATT, Alta	07/11/1908	1:1/2	07/05/1908	Born 04/07/1908, died in fire
McCLANAHAN, J.C.	07/25/1908	1:5/6	07/20/1908	Died Sandy, NV
GRANDE, Robert	08/08/1908	6:4	08/03/1908	
SHALSARIUM, T.	08/08/1908	6:4	08/06/1908	
BEDELL, William	08/29/1908	3:4	08/22/1908	
BIANCHI, Augustine	09/12/1908	1:3	09/05/1908	Died Arden, NV
FERRIS, Elizabeth	09/19/1908	6:3	09/17/1908	Died age 7 months
HUNTSMAN, D.O.	11/28/1908	6:3	/ /1908*	Died Las Vegas, NV
BOSWELL, V. W.	12/12/1908	1:3	12/05/1908	Died Arden, NV, accident at plaster mill
CULVERWELL, Charles, Sr	.12/12/1908	3:3	12/07/1908	Died Caliente, NV
BEALL, W. B.	01/09/1909	1:5/6		Pioneer of Las Vegas, NV
MAY, John	01/16/1909	7:3		-
THOMPSON, C.D.	01/23/1909	1:3	01/20/1909	
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GABRIEL, Charles Emil	02/27/1909	1:5	02/24/1909	Born SWE, 08/08/1866, died Las Vegas, NV
HARRIS, Norman B.	02/27/1909	6:4	02/23/1909	Died Reno, NV
SULLIVAN, P.D.	02/27/1909	1:4/5	02/13/1909	Died Chicago, IL
BUOL, Baby Girl	03/06/1909	1:1	02/27/1909	Born 02/25/1909, daughter of Frank BUOL
ALEXANDER, Shorty	04/17/1909	6:1		Age about 35, buried at county expense
LEE, Charles F.	04/19/1909	6:1		Died age 28, buried Los Angeles, CA
ORR, Frank	04/24/1909	1:6	04/17/1909	Died near Newberry, NV, murdered
GILLETTE, A. H., Mrs.	06/26/1909	5:2	06/21/1909	Died Los Angeles, CA

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July

- 1 Dominion Day (Camda)
- 4 Independence Day
- 18 7:00 PM CLÁRK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

August

15 7:00 PM CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

September

- 2 Labor Day
- 9 Rosh Hashanah
- 18 Yorn Kippur
- 19 7:00 PM CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING 7:00 PM Birthday Party
- 23 Autumn bogins

October

- 14 Columbus Day (Observed)
- 17 7:00 PM CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING
- 27 Daylight Savings-set back 1 hour
- 31 Halloween

November

- 5 Election Day
- 11 Votorans Day
- 21 7:00 PM CLARK COUNTY NEVADA
 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING
- 28 Thankagiving

December

- 2 Hanukah
- 19 7:00 PM CLARK COUNTY NEVADA
 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING
- 22 Winter begins
- 25 Christmas

January

- 1 Now Yoar's Day
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr.

February

- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 President's Day
- 22 Washington's Birthday

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- 4 Ash Wednesday
- 17 St. Patrick's
- 20 Spring begins

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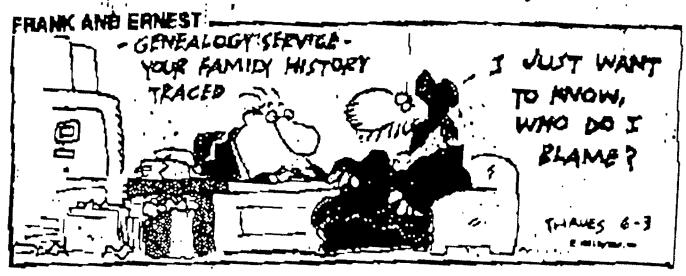
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