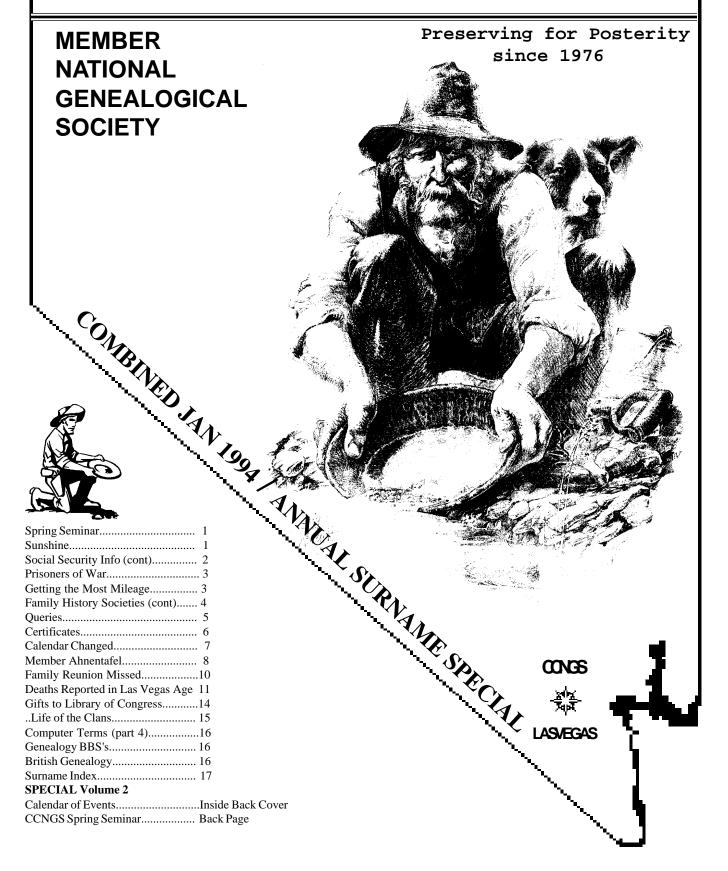
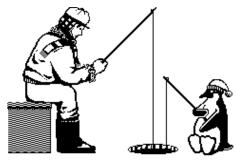
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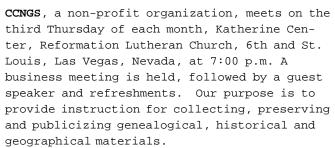
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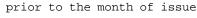
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# SPRING SEMINAR SET

**CCNGS** announces its **SPRING SEMINAR** on March 19th, 1994. The speakers will be Dr. Ralph Crandall and Jerome Anderson of the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, Massachusetts.



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 □ Dr. Crandal will be speak on Tracing to Colonial Ancestors and their Relatives in London Records and Deciphering American Handwriting Styles.

The seminar will be held at University United Methodist, Fellowship Hall, 4412 S Maryland Parkway in Las Vegas. Cost will be \$30 pre-registration for individuals, \$50 pre-registration for couples, and \$35 at the door for the whole day. This will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Also half day session fees \$12.50 pre-registration (no lunch) and \$15 at the door.

Pre-registration deadline is March 14, 1994. For more information or to get a registration form call **CCNGS's VOICE MAIL at (702) 225-5838**.

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Presidents' Day



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### Barbara Bennett Social Security Information

#### The Social Security Number

SSA has continually emphasized the fact that the SSN identifies a particular record only and the Social Security Card indicates the person whose record is identified by that number. In no way can the Social Security Card identify the bearer. From 1946 to 1972 the legend "Not for Identification" was printed on the face of the card. However, many people ignored the message and the legend was eventually dropped. The social security number is the most widely used and carefully controlled number in the country, which makes it an attractive identifier.

With the exception of the restrictions imposed on Federal and some State and local organizations by the Privacy Act of 1974, organizations requiring a unique identifier for purposes of controlling their records are not prohibited from using (with the consent of the holder) the SSN. SSA records are confidential and knowledge of a person's SSN does not give the user access to information in SSA files which is confidential by law.

Many commercial enterprises have used the SSN in various promotional efforts. These uses are not authorized by SSA, but SSA has no authority to prohibit such activities as most are not illegal. Some of these unauthorized uses are: SSN contests; skip-tracers; sale or distribution of plastic or metal cards; pocketbook numbers (the numbers used on sample social security cards in wallets); misleading advertising, commercial enterprises charging fees for SSN services; identification of personal property.

The Social Security Number (SSN) is composed of 3 parts, XXX-XXXX, called the Area, Group, and Serial. For the most part, (there are exceptions), the Area is determined by where the individual APPLIED for the SSN (before 1972) or RESIDED at time of application (after 1972). The areas are assigned as follows:

000 unused	387-399 WI	528-529 UT
001-003 NH	400-407 KY	530 NV
004-007 ME	408-415 TN	531-539 WA
008-009 VT	416-424 AL	540-544 OR
010-034 MA	425-428 MS	545-573 CA
035-039 RI	429-432 AR	574 AK
040-049 CT	433-439 LA	575-576 НІ
050-134 NY	440-448 OK	577-579 DC
135-158 NJ	449-467 TX	580 VI Virgin Islands
159-211 PA	468-477 MN	581-584 PR Puerto Rico
212-220 MD	478-485 IA	585 NM
221-222 DE	486-500 MO	586 PI Pacific Islands*
223-231 VA	501-502 ND	587-588 MS
232-236 WV	503-504 SD	589-595 FL
237-246 NC	505-508 NE	596-599 PR Puerto Rico
247-251 SC	509-515 KS	600-601 AZ
252-260 GA	516-517 MT	602-626 CA
261-267 FL	518-519 ID	*Guam, American Samoa,
268-302 OH	520 WY	Northern Mariana Islands,
303-317 IN	521-524 CO	Philippine Islands
318-361 IL	525 NM	
362-386 MI	526-527 AZ	

627-699 unassigned, for future use
700-728 Railroad workers through 1963, then discontinued
729-899 unassigned, for future use
900-999 not valid SSNs, but were used for program purposes
when state aid to the aged, blind and disabled was
converted to a federal program administered by SSA.

As the Areas assigned to a locality are exhausted, new areas from the pool are assigned. This is why some states have non-contiguous groups of Areas.

The Group portion of the SSN has no meaning other than to determine whether or not a number has been assigned. SSA publishes a list every month of the highest group assigned for each SSN Area. The order of assignment for the Groups is: odd numbers under 10, even numbers over 9, even numbers under 9 except for 00 which is never used, and odd numbers over 10. For example, if the highest group assigned for area 999 is 72, then we know that the number 999-04-1234 is an invalid number because even Groups under 9 have not yet been assigned.

The Serial portion of the SSN has no meaning. The Serial is not assigned in strictly numerical order. The Serial 0000 is never assigned.

Before 1973, Social Security Cards with pre-printed numbers were issued to each local SSA office. The numbers were assigned by the local office. In 1973, SSN assignment was automated and

outstanding stocks of pre-printed cards were destroyed. All SSNs are now assigned by computer from headquarters. There are rare cases in which the computer system can be forced to accept a manual assignment such as a person refusing a number with 666 in it.

A pamphlet entitled "The Social Security Number" (Pub. No. 05-10633) provides an explanation of the SSN's structure and the method of assigning and validating Social Security numbers.

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

If one of your ancestors was a POW, a service exists to help you with the POW's records. THIS SERVICE IS FOR ANY POW IN ANY WAR INCLUDING THE CIVIL WAR. Send a SASE to Andersonville National Historic Site, Rt 1, Box 85, Andersonville, GA 31711. You should include the prisoner of war's name, which war, any military information you may have. You will be billed for copy costs only.

(CSGA Newsletter, Vol 11, No 12, Dec 1993 via Santa Barbara GS Vol 9, No 11, Nov 1993 via MGS and Fresno GS Oct 1993)

### Getting the Most Mileage From Genealogical Research Trips - Second Edition

By James W. Warren and Paula Stuart Warren

Here's a helpful guide which provides checklists and step-by-step suggestions on preparation for your genealogical travels. It's also packed with lots of practical tips and creative ideas that everyone, from the experienced researcher to the beginning genealogist, will find useful. Just some of the topics covered in the second edition include:

\* Where in the world would you like to travel? \* How to decide where you really need to go \* Scounting the territory and obtaining information in advance \* Learning the record systems and repositories \* Organizing what you alrady know \* Using nearby sources before your trip \* Polishing your research skills before you go \* Your trip plan and checklists \* General tips for working on the road \* Traveling with a sense of history \* Working at repositories and accessing the orginal records \* Special opportunities: seminars, conferences, group research trips \* There's no place like home: bringing it all back in one piece \* First day back: start preparing for the next trip

CCNGS has a donated copy of the booklet now in our library and finds it a very useful reference. As a special note the authors made reference to CCNGS on page seven, "Request information from historical societies, libraries, and archives", mentioning our policy of welcoming all Las Vegas visitors to our monthly meetings and our Spring and Fall seminars.

#### (Continued from July 1993)

# FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES IN ENGLAND AND WALES (Current as of May 1989)

#### **ENGLAND**

- Warwickshire -> See Birmingham and Midland
- Weston-Super-Mare Family History Society
   Mrs P Jeffery, 15 Clarence Grove Road, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon BS23 4AG
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   Isle of Wight, PO33 2PY
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- Society of Genealogists
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- Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
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# QUERTES



#### WHITE, DECKER

Seeking info on par/o and desc/o John A. **WHITE** b. 1 Mar 1869, Grayson, KY, d. 8 Jun 1936, Merridith, Grayson, KY. md. MaryJane or Jane **DECKER** b. 30 Apr 1872, Lietch-field, Grayson, KY. d. 1907, Merridith, Grayson, KY.

Donna SHINDELAR, 2909 Holly Hill Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104

#### **DEAN, GREEN**

Seeking parents of George F. **GREEN**, inventor, b. ca 1832 IL or Canada, d. 1892 Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI; m. 2nd 1871 Van Buren Co., MI Martha L. **DEAN**, b. 1845 Ellis-burg, Jefferson, NY (d/o Dexter Hall **DEAN** & Leonora Hannah **JENKINS**).

Diane E. GREENE, 627 Avenue B, Boulder City, NV 89005-2733

#### **DEAN, JENKINS**

Seeking parents of Dexter Hall **DEAN**b. 1802 MA, d. 1877 Decatur, Van Buren, MI; m. 1832 Ellisburg, Jefferson, NY Leonora Hannah **JENKINS**, b. 1814 d. 1877 Decatur, MI (d/o Abiah **JENKINS** & Mary**McKEE**).

Diane E. GREENE, 627 Avenue B, Boulder City, NV 89005-2733

#### **MOON**

Seeking parents of Jessie **MOON**b. ca 1793 d. 1845 Dallas, Dallas, TX; m. 1828 Cooper Co, MO Mary Jane **GILLIAM** b. 1807 d. 1854 Dallas, TX (d/o Epaphroditus **GILLIAM** & Sarah **ISRAEL**). Diane E. **GREENE**, 627 Avenue B, Boulder City, NV 89005-2733

# HAMMONS, HERNDON, JAMES, MISNER CLEMENS/CLEMENTS

Looking for parents of Henry **HAMMONS** who was in PA and d 1841 in IN. Wife was Frances **HERNDON JAMES**. Also looking for parents of Delilah **CLEMENS** or **CLEMENTS MISNER HAMMONS** who was b in KY 1805 and d 1873.

Raymond SIMPSON, 6413 Bamboo Place, Las Vegas, NV 89108

# SYZDEK, BIELAMOWICZ, KAPCHINSKI, PUTZ

Seeking information about ancestors of AlbertSYZDEKborn 17/2/1858. Married MaryannaBIELAMOWICZ. Emigrated 1885 from Jasio, Austria Poland. Also, VincentKAPCHINSKIborn 19/7/1851. Emigated 1870 from Prussia Poland. Married HelenPUTZ who also emigrated in 1870's. Married and settled in Bryan, Texas. Will exchange information.

Bruno C. **SYZDEK**, 4625 Rip Van Winkle Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

#### **DANITZ, BRIZEL**

Seeking info on par/o and desc/o Samuel **DANITZ** b. 1903 N.Y. d. 1971, N.Y. md. abt 1928 Sura **BRIZEL**, b. 24 Jan 1905 Bucharest, Romania

Donna SHINDELAR, 2909 Holly Hill Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104

#### ANDREWS, WILSON

Seeking information on my Great Grandfather David**ANDREWS**, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Died 1901. Wife Esther **WILSON**. My Grandfather William Wilson**ANDREWS**, born 17/9/1855 was second of eight children. Any information appreciated. Will gladly exchange infor-mation.

Phyllis (**POWERS**) **SYZDEK**, 4625 Rip Van Winkle Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

#### **LAWRENCE**

Seek par/o John **LAWRENCE** (1660-1712) OF Natick, Massachusetts. He had a son named Daniel who moved to Killingly, Connecticut.

William SHINDELAR, 2909 Holly Hill Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104

#### **POWERS, HOOVER**

Seeking information on Grandfather Michael Henry**POWERS**. Born 15/5/1847 in Ohio. Fought in Civil War. Wife Mary Louise **HOOVER**. Great Grandfather said born in Kentucky. Any information appreciated and will exchange information.

Phyllis (**POWERS**) **SYZDEK**, 4625 Rip Van Winkle Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

#### WILLS

Seeking info on par/o and desc/o Eveline **WILLIS**, b. Abt 1844, William Town, Grayson, KY. d. Nov 1928, KY. Donna **SHINDELAR**, 2909 Holly Hill Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104

#### THUN, ALTROCK

Looking for persons searching for information in Klein Bendomin, Prussia. I am researching the surnames of **THUN** and **ALTROCK**. Carol **THUN**, 6201 Boulder Hwy Space #4, Las Vegas, NV 89122

#### WELLS

Searching for information leading to John Emmett**WELLS** born 27 Dec 1859 and his father John **WELLS** ca 1830. Both born in Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., New York.

Carol THUN, 6201 Boulder Hwy Space #4, Las Vegas, NV 89122

# ZABAWA, DYKAS, SORANA/SORANO, GOCAL

Seeking information about ancestors/siblings of the following: **ZABAWA** - Tx, Austria/Poland; Dykas - WI; **GOCAL** - IN and **SORANA/SORANO** - MI. Will exchange information. Bruno C. **SYZDEK**, 4625 Rip Van Winkle Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89102

#### SEABOURN/WILHOIT/WILLRIGHT

Seeking the ancestors of Joseph **SEABOURN**. Born about 1780. Where? Married Mary **WILHOIT/WILLRIGHT** 18 July 1798, in Tennessee.

Jo Ann Hawkins, 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107

#### **OFFORD**

Seeking the parents of Lucille **OFFORD**. Born March 1862 in Tennessee or northern Georgia. Part Indian.

Jo Ann Hawkins, 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107

#### **GOOD**

Searching for Abraham and Rebecca **GOOD**, parents of Joseph **GOOD** b. 1 Jan 1836, christened at Swamp Reform Church, W. Cocalico, Lancaster Co., PA. Unable to find them before & after christening 19 June 1836. Joseph **GOOD** later married in Clark Co., Ill 1862 and d. 1886 in Clark Co., Ill.

Galen G. GOOD 1805 Cherry Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89104

#### **JOHNSON**

Need info on descendants of Pennock **JOHNSON**b. c 1803 Chester Co. PA. In Cincinnati, Ohio 1850 census. M. Jane **DONOHOE** in Philadelphia. Had 5 children: Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Samuel Pennock, Eliza A., Henrietta. Will exchange information.

Edie KRAEMER 612 Langtry Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89107

#### **BURRIS/MATHEWS**

Need parents of William **BURRIS**, b 31 Mar 1840 in Knox Co, OH, m. Nancy Jane Curtis **MATHEWS** 2 Sept 1858, Taylorville, IL, d. 5 May 1922 Miami, OK. Nancy Jane b 26 Jan 1838 Taylorville, IL, d. 22 April 1916 Miami, OK.

Catherine **EDMONSON** 1004 Oak Tree Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89108 (702) 647-5926

#### **HARMON**

Need info on parents of Catherine **HARMON**, Christian **HARMON** d.18 Jan 1857 in Clinton Co, IN and Mary M SNIDER, d. 5 Sept 1851, Clinton Co, IN. Catherine was born 27 April 1809, Greene Co, TN m. John A. **PITTSENBARGAR**4 Oct 1825, Greene Co, TN, d. 23 Aug 1873, Gentry Co, MO. Will exchange info. Catherine **EDMONSON** 1004 Oak Tree Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89108 (702) 647-5926

#### **McCABE**

Need info on parents of William Frederick**McCABE**, b. 1826, OH, d. 29 Dec 1856, Clinton Co, IN, m. Mary Ann **PITTSENBARGAR** 9 June 1845, Clinton Co, IN. Will exchange Information.

Catherine **EDMONSON** 1004 Oak Tree Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89108 (702) 647-5926

# BROWN/McCAMMON/MONTELIUS/MORGAN/STURTEVANT/GOOD

William P. **BROWN** m. Sarah **McCAMMON** 3 April 1803 NY City, lived in Philadelphia 1804-1822 then Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was an entrepreneur, her family was in the iron business. Looking for antecedents. Happy to correspond with relatives. Mary **SCAROLA** 3930 Swenson St. #508, Las Vegas, NV 89119

#### PETERSON/SEVAREID/HALVORSON/ HALDORSDATTER/HANSEN

Mrs. Julia (possibly Gjorne) **PETERSON** came to Quebec from Bergen, Norway 1861, m. Paul **PETERSON** Milwaukee 1862, settled in Palo Alto Co., Iowa, had 7 children. She d. 1920 Consort, Alberta, Canada. Maiden name either **HALVORSON**,

**HALDORSDATTER** or **SEVAREID**. Have certificate in Old Norwegian that needs translation. Happy to correspond with relatives. Mary **SCAROLA** 3930 Swenson St. \$508, Las Vegas, NV 89119

#### THOMPSON/LITTLEJOHN

William THOMSON (later spelled THOMPSON) b. 11 Dec 1865 Insch, Aberdeen, Scotland. Lived in Northwestern Iowa. His many brothers & sisters scattered. Parents William Livingston THOMSON and Elizabeth LITTLEJOHNd. in Iowa. Found some records but have puzzles. Happy to correspondwith relatives. Mary SCAROLA 3930 Swenson St. #508, Las Vegas, NV 89119



#### **Nevada Pioneer Certificate**

A framable certificate available to anyone with an ancestor in Nevada before 31 October 1864. Applications available from the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society.



### **Clark County Settler Certificate**

A certificate, honoring those hardy folks who made up those first families of the brand new county of Clark, by their descendants. If your ancestor settled in the Clark County area before 1 July 1909 write for an application from

CCNGS.



### Early Las Vegan Certificate

Did your family come to Las Vegas before 16 march 1911? If so they were an Early Las Vegan. Applications are available from **CCNGS**.

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## NEWSTYLE, OLDSTYLE-WHYTHECALENDARCHANGED

The earth completes its orbit about the sun in 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds (solar year). The moon passes through its phase in about 29 1/2 days; therefore, 12 lunar months (lunar year) amount to more than 354 days, 8 hours, and 48 minutes. The discrepancy between the years is inescapable, and one of the problems for man since his early days has been to reconcile solar and lunar reckonings. The device of "intercalation" - inserting extra days or months in the calendar - has been devised to compensate for these differences.

Ancient calendars have series of months alternating between 30 and 29 days, thus arriving at two mean months of 29 1/2 days each. Similarly four years of about 365 1/4 days each can be approximated by taking three years of 365 days and a fourth day of 366.

Reckoning of day and year is considered necessary by practical peoples to determine sacred days, to arrange plans for the future, and to keep some intelligible record of the past. There have been numberless efforts to reconcile the count in solar, lunar, and semilunar calendars, from the Egyptians and the Greeks to the Chinese and the Maya. The problem was fundamental.

The Roman Calendar. The original Roman calendar had 10 months - March (31 days), April (29 days), May (31 days), June (29 days), Quintilis (31 days), Sextilis (29 days), September (29 days), October (31 days), November (29 days) and December (29 days), plus a number of blank days or intercalary months. Later, January (29 days) and February (28 days) were added. The Romans later arrived at a cycle of four years: the first and third years had four months of 31 days, seven of 29, and one, February, of 28; the second year had a February of 23 days and an intercalary month of 27 days; the fourth year had a February of 24 days and an intercalary month. The chief trouble with this system was that in a four-year cycle there were four days too many. What was worse the pontifex maximus was given the power soon after 200 B.C. to regulate the calendar. The practice grew up of using the intercalations to lengthen or shorten an official's term. When Julius Caesar was pontifex maximus, the calendar had been so much abused that January was falling in autumn.

The Julian Calendar. Julius Caesar added 90 days to year 46 B.C. This caused the spring of 45 B.C. to begin in March. To retain this position of the seasons, he changed the length of most of the months: March, May, Quintilis (subsequently August to honor Augustus), and October he left as they were; he added 2 days each to January and Sextilis (subsequently named July after Julius Caesar himself); February was 28 days long except that in every fourth year a day was inserted between the 23rd and the 24th of the month.

The Gregorian Calendar. The Julian Year is 365 days, 6 hours, hence a little long. By the 16th century, the accumulation of surplus time had displaced the vernal equinox to March 11 from March 21, the date set in the 4th century. In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII rectified this error. He suppressed 10 days in the year 1582 and ordained that thereafter the years ending in hundred should not be leap years unless they are divisible by 400. The reform was accepted immediately in most Roman Catholic countries, more gradually in Protestant countries, and in the Eastern Church, the Julian calendar was retained until the 20th century.

Old Style and New Style. The Gregorian reform was not accepted in England and the British Colonies until 1752. By that date the English calendar was 11days different from the Continent. For the period before the reform was introduced, the Gregorian style is called the New Style (N.S.), and the Julian the Old Style (O.S.). New Style years begin January 1, but Old Style years began usually March 25. Thus Washington's birthday, which is February 22, 1732 (N.S.) was February 11, 1731 (O.S.). Frequently, to avoid confusion, both styles are given: thus 1731/32 or 1731/2 or 11 Feb. 1731/22 Feb. 1732.

IIn the computation of time throughout Great Britain and its dependencies, up to the 31st of December, 1751, what was known as Old Style continued to be used, although in Catholic countries the Gregorian or reformed calendar had been in use since 1582.

By an act of Parliament passed in 1751i t was enacted that "The supputation, according to which the Year of our Lord beginning on the 25th of March, shall not be made Use of from and after the last Day of December 1751, and that the first day of January next following the said last day of December, shall be reckoned, taken, deemed, and accounted to be the first Day of the Year of our Lord 1752," and so on from time to time. "The first Day of January in every year which shall happen in Time to come shall be reckoned, taken, deemed, and accounted to be the first day of the Year, and that each New Year shall accordingly commence and begin to be reckoned from the first Day of every such Month of January." (Continued on page CCNGS-14)

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Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

#### 1st GENERATION

1 Teresa Jane COFFMAN-1: b 7 Aug 1962 DAVENPORT, Scott, IOWA

#### 2nd GENERATION

- 3 Ardis Elizabeth BIGSBY-3: b 23 Sep 1938 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA

#### 3rd GENERATION

- 4 Daniel Monroe COFFMAN II-10: b 13 Nov 1907 ,EDGAR,Illinois; m 1 Aug 1936; d 26 Jul 1981 LONE TREE, JOHNSON,IOWA
- 5 Mary Jane HAZLETT-11: b 25 Feb 1914
- 6 Herbert Benjamin **BIGSBY**-7: b 29 Apr 1911 near WEST LIBERT, CEDAR, IOWA; m 1 Jan 1932 CANTON, MISSOURI; d 13 Aug 1941 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA
- 7 Mildred Florence FREERS-6: b 18 Sep 1903 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA; d 7 Oct 1991 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA

#### 4th GENERATION

- 8 Daniel Milton (Monroe) COFFMAN-38: b 8 Jan 1886 PHILO?,,ILLINOIS?; d 8 Mar 1955
- 9 Elizabeth **STUNKARD**-39: b 17 Sep 1889 , Vermillion Co, Illinois; d 22 May 1958
- 10 George Whitaker **HAZLETT**-32: b 3 Aug 1875 ,Clayton Co,IOWA; m 19 Sep 1898; d 3 Dec 1947 Prairie Du Chien,,IOWA
- 11 Fannie Mae **CUNNINGHAM**-35: b 12 Sep 1878 Monona, Clayton Co, IOWA; d 26 Apr 1957 Monona, Clayton Co, IOWA
- 12 Benjamin Merritt **BIGSBY**-47: b 1 Dec 1875 NEW HARTFORD,,IOWA; m 9 Mar 1905; d 20 Sep 1911 near WEST LIBERT,,IOWA
- 13 Bertha Elizabeth **JAMES**-48: b 13 Jan 1876 ,MUSCATINE,IOWA; d 23 Jul 1956 IOWA CITY,JOHNSON,IOWA
- 14 Albert Henry FREERS-12: b 27 May 1880
- 15 Florence WASHBURN-13: b 31 Oct 1881; d 5 May 1905

#### 5th GENERATION

- 16 Sylvan Goodrich COFFMAN-40: b 1853; d 20 Jun 1923 ,EDGAR, Illinois
- 17 Margaret J **JONES**-41: b 6 Apr 1862 ,ADAMS,Ohio; d 10 Oct 1934 , VERMILLION,Illinois
- 18 Samuel Oliver STUNKARD-42: b 11 Aug 1856
- 19 Anna CRIMMINS-43: b 5 May 1857 , Greene Co, Ohio; d 19 Nov 1920
- 20 George **HAZLETT**-33: b 5 Dec 1824 ,, IRELAND; m 16 Apr 1853 ,CLAYTON, IOWA; d 29 Jan 1891
- 21 Jane WHITAKER-34: b 31 Aug 1830 , Whitaker Co, IRELAND; d 4 May 1919
- 22 Isaac VAN CRYNINGGEN-36: b 24 Apr 1852 YZENDIKE,,HOLLAND; m 27 Feb

- 1876; d 29 Jun 1923 Monona,, IOWA
- 23 Frances COLLIER-37: b 13 Nov 1853 YZENDIKE,,HOLLAND; d 21 Feb 1931 Monona,,IOWA
- 24 Franklin Albert BIGSBY-52: b 12 Jan 1824 ,, New York; m ,CLAY,IOWA; d 13 Oct 1894 SHELL ROCK,,IOWA
- 25 Rebecca JANE-61: d 1884 SHELL ROCK
- 26 Gad JAMES-323: b 24 Jun 1833 ,CARMARTHENSHIRE,WALES; m 11 Nov 1866; d 15 Sep 1911 WEST LIBERTY,MUSCATINE,IOWA
- 27 Harriett **KILE**-326: b 20 Sep 1846 FORT WAYNE,,INDIANA; d 15 Jan 1938 WEST LIBERTY,MUSCATINE,IOWA
- 28 Henry Barney FREERS-16: b 9 Jan 1854 BUFFALO,, New York; d 11 Apr 1932 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA
- 29 Jennie SCHREURS-17: b 2 Aug 1856 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA; d 3 Aug 1915 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA
- 30 Norman S. **WASHBURN**-14: b 19 Apr 1851 CARLISLE, SCOHARIE, New York; d 25 Jul 1911 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA
- 31 Agnes **ELSHURST**-15: b 24 Sep 1861; d Mar 1913 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE, IOWA

#### 6th GENERATION

- 32 Josiah COFFMAN-44: b 10 Feb 1815 ,BELLMONT,Ohio; m 4 Mar 1837 MOUNDSVILLE,,W. VIRGINIA; d 22 Oct 1863 -OR 1865-,GALLIA,Ohio
- 33 Sabra (Sarah?) **GOODRICH**-487: b 23 Feb 1818 SHELBYVILLE,,INDIANA; d 13 Jun 1879 ,GALLIA,Ohio
- 34 John M. **JONES**-490
- 35 **FIELDS**-491
- 36 Robert STUNKARD-3392: b 10 Apr 1814; d 23 Aug 1878
- 37 Elizabeth-3391: b 6 Apr 1820; d 20 Feb 1883
- 40 George **HAZLETT**-202: b ,, IRELAND?
- 41 Nancy MCKEE-203: b ,, IRELAND?
- 42 Irwin WHITAKER-204: b ,, IRELAND?
- 43 Margaret IRWIN-205: b ,, IRELAND?
- 48 Jonathan BIGSBY-62: b May 1773 Claverack, New York; d 1853
- 49 Catharine?-63
- 52 William JAMES-324: b ,, WALES?; m ,, WALES
- 53 Elizabeth ?-325: b ,,WALES?
- 56 Arand John FREERS-22: b 22 Mar 1819 ,,HOLLAND; d 6 Dec 1897 MUSCATINE,MUSCATINE,IOWA
- 57 Gertrude **HUNIG**-23: b 21 Sep 1821 ,,HOLLAND; d 2 Sep 1902 MUSCATINE, MUSCATINE,IOWA
- 58 John Albert SCHREURS-24: b 29 Jul 1814 WINTERSWYK,,HOLLAND; m 30 Nov 1835 WINTERSWYK,,HOLLAND; d 30 Nov 1893 MUSCATINE,MUSCATINE,IOWA
- 59 Gezinna Willemiena WARNSHUIS-25: b 25 Jul 1817 WINTERSYK,,HOLLAND; d 11 Mar 1863 MUSCATINE,MUSCATINE,IOWA
- 60 Sheldon WASHBURN-18: b 6 Aug 1819; d 2 Apr 1871
- 61 Gertrude KNISKERN-19: b 4 Sep 1849; d 1 Aug 1865
- 62 Herman **ELSHURST**-20
- 63 Agnes AGER-21

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# A Family Reunion Missed

Why attend a Family Reunion? This 1919 letter was written by my grand-aunt Hattie **RICHWINE DAVENPORT** or her husband, Rev. William I. **DAVENPORT**. They and their daughter Naomi left Madison County, IN, home to the Richwine family for more than eighty years, and moved to New York. Their daughter Ruth **DAVENPORT EDWARDS** and her family moved to Colorado. All were too far away to return for this family reunion. This three-page typed and rhymed letter is a warm and loving tribute to their family and explains why many of us pursue research in genealogy. It also gives good reasons for you to have a family reunion and to attend if your family has one. Dick **Edmonson**.

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Brooklyn, N.Y. Sept. 8, 1919.

Dear Home Folks, Anderson, Indiana.

Four little twigs that quietly grew on the Richwine family tree, weathering drouth and sun and dew and hearty as hearty can be, unite to send sincere regrets because they cannot come and join the crowd that ne'er forgets the roots from which they sprung.

The Richwine name is not in line
with water-wagon din
but I am sure none will repine
or e'er disown his kin:
and let us hope that Uncle Sam,
in making many laws,
will leave the name just as "it am"
nor change it without cause.

Pride swells our hearts and fills our souls
as we recall the past
that History writes upon her scrolls all good from first to last, —
and Hope gilds all the future days
with promise of success
to those who dedicate their ways
and lives to usefulness.

We youngsters who have never known
what hardship means or fought
a losing battle all our own,
however hard we wrought,
can scarcely know how strong and brave
those sturdy pioneers,
or how they gave their very lives
and conquered all their fears.

They felled the forest, drained the land,
they built their homes, and then
they plowed and sowed — this hero band —
and proved them worthy men.
They dared misfortunes angry frown
nor cared for heat or cold;
they sought not for fame or renown
or coveted gold;
they wanted but to live in peace,
to rear their children well,
to build the state nor ever cease
their duty to fulfill.

And so, proud of our heritage
and loyal to the heart,
we gladly gather, youth and age,
that each may do his part
in paying tribute to our sires
whose memory we revere
and build anew the altar fires
with hope and love sincere.

And so, as I remarked before
how very glad we'd be
to come and see you all once more
and join the jubilee.
If wishes were but railway trains,
we'd start tomorrow night
and if desires were aeroplanes,
no power could stop our flight.

William I. Davenport ) Brooklyn, Hattie R. Davenport ) New York. F. Naomi Davenport )

Mrs. Geo. A. Edwards) Rocky Ford, and Family) Colorado.

# Deaths Reported in the <u>Las Vegas Age</u> Las Vegas, Nevada

### January 1, 1930 through December 31, 1933

This is the eleventh and last of a series of death indexes from the pioneer Las Vegas newspaper, the <u>Las Vegas Age</u>. Deaths reported from the first edition of the Age on April 7, 1905 through December 31, 1929 appeared in previous issues of the CCNGS <u>Prospector</u>.

The entire index (in Velobinder cover) is available for purchase from the CCNGS for \$12.00, postpaid. Request the "Las Vegas Age Death Index."

#### **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
FL	Florida	OH	Ohio
GA	Georgia	OK	Oklahoma
HI	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
KY	Kentucky	TX	Texas
LA	Louisiana	UT	Utah
MA	Massachusetts	VA	Virginia
MD	Maryland	VT	Vermont
ME	Maine	WA	Washington
MI	Michigan	WI	Wisconsin
MN	Minnesota	WV	West Virginia
MO	Missouri	WY	Wyoming
MS	Mississippi		

#### Other Localities

AUS	Austria	IRE	Ireland
CAN	Canada	MEX	Mexico
ENG	England	SCO	Scotland
FRA	France	SPA	Spain
GER	Germany	SWE	Sweden
HOL	Holland	SWI	Switzerland

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NAMES, Titles	Issue of	Pg/Col	Died	Other Information
ANDERSON, William	02/05/1931	2:6	02/01/1931	Overton NV Pioneer
ARRIGOS, Jose	01/30/1932	5:3	01/29/1932	
BACH, Myron T	07/17/1930	6:5	07/12/1930	
BARRON, Charles D	01/17/1933	1:4	01/16/1933	
BATES, Larry	05/08/1932	1:4	05/07/1932	
BENT, George E	10/14/1930	1:2	10/13/1930	
BOWLER, Charles, Mrs	01/22/1932	5:8	01/16/1932	
BOWMAN, Ruth	12/18/1930	6:5	12/14/1930	
BOYER, George M	10/21/1930	4:6	10/19/1930	
BROWNER, Velma	01/03/1932	1:2	01/02/1932	
BRUNNER, Edward A	01/17/1933	1:6	01/14/1933	
BUCKMASTER	02/08/1930			Searchlight Pioneer
BULETTE, Clarence E, Dr	03/27/1930		03/26/1930	
BURKHART, Nora	07/22/1930	1:7	07/19/1930	
BURKS, William	03/06/1930	1:3	03/05/1930	
BURTON, Johnetta, Mrs	04/22/1930		04/21/1930	
BUTCHER, Frank H	12/16/1930	1:4/5	12/15/1930	
CASE, Louise May	10/14/1930		10/10/1930	
CLARK, D M	07/01/1930	3:5	06/30/1930	
CLAYTON, Willard	05/06/1930		05/05/1930	
CLINKMAN, H L	03/08/1930		03/07/1930	
COE, Albert	01/24/1932	4:2	01/20/1932	
COFFEY, George	05/07/1932		//1932	
COLTON, George R	11/18/1930			Searchlight NV pioneer
CONNELLY, Dan, Mrs	05/06/1932		//1932	
CORNELINSON, Howard	01/14/1931			Died 01/11(?)
CRAIG, Nancy	12/23/1930		12/22/1930	
DAVIDSON, Mildred	01/03/1931			Died age 6 months
De KAY, Charles	01/01/1933		12/31/1932	
De LONGE, Jacques	01/26/1932			Died in auto accident
DEAN, Mark A	04/03/1930		04/01/1930	
DEITRICH, J J, Mrs	08/30/1930		08/23/1930	
DENNING, Thomas E	01/05/1932		01/04/1932	
DIAMOND, Walter	01/29/1933		//1933	
DIMANO, Walter	03/23/1932		03/22/1932	
DIMICK, O O	07/06/1932		//1932	
DIMICK, Orlando, Mrs (Marett)				(See also 03/13/1930 5:8)
DUNCAN, Frank	01/25/1930		01/23/1930	
DUNCAN, Gustavus A	12/13/1930		12/11/1930	
DUPRAY, Edward F	05/07/1932		05/06/1932	
EHERT, George ENBERG, Gus	08/12/1930 01/11/1933		08/08/1930 01/10/1933	
ENTERLINE, K D	12/13/1930		12/11/1930	
ERDMAN, F C	01/10/1932		01/09/1932	
ESQUER, Jean	01/28/1930			Murder victim
EVANS, Tex	12/11/1930		12/09/1930	
FEASTER, Mary, Mrs	01/28/1930			Goodsprings NV Pioneer
FEENEY, Matt	04/08/1930		03/14/1930	
FELDT, Charles	01/23/1930		01/16/1930	
FLETCHER, Infant	01/08/1932		01/07/1932	
FRY, Mack	01/15/1932		01/13/1932	
GILMORE, Thomas C	01/03/1932		//1932	
GRAY, Beatrice	01/17/1933		01/15/1933	
HAMBERG, Art	01/17/1932		01/16/1932	
HARDY, Mildred S	01/21/1933		//1933	
HARRISON, W S, Dr	09/04/1930		09/02/1930	
JACKSON, Henry	10/21/1930		10/20/1930	
JAMES, Joe L	01/20/1933		01//1933	
JOHNSON, Albert	08/28/1930		//1930	
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JOHNSON, Albert L	01/05/1932	2:4	//1932	2
JOHNSON, Ella, Mrs	03/29/1930	4:4	03/26/1930	
JOHNSON, J W, Mrs	09/25/1930	3:8	//1930	)
JOHNSON, Johnnie	05/01/1932	6:5	//1932	2
JONES, Thomas	01/10/1931	3:1	01/08/1931	
KATH, Louis	01/19/1933	1:2	01/18/1933	3
KENNEDY, John	02/25/1930	4:1	02/23/1930	
KILGORE, Jack	02/08/1930	1:7	02/07/1930	Suicide
LACEY, Jack	06/24/1930	4:1	06/22/1930	
LAKE, Robert E	05/05/1932			Died after extended illness
LIGHTFOOT, Anna, Mrs	05/22/1930		05/20/1930	
MAHONEY, Claude	01/27/1932	1:4	01/27/1932	
MANKIEWICZ, Joseph	01/28/1930		01/25/1930	
MARTIN, Dan	01/13/1931		01/11/1931	
MATYSIAZ, Martin	04/03/1930		04/01/1930	
McCLANAHAN, P F	02/13/1930		02/12/1930	
McDANIELS, A	01/08/1932			Carpenter
McLEOD, Neil	01/02/1930		01/01/1930	
McNIGHT, Preston, Mrs	01/22/1932		//1932	
MERRILL, Edward T	05/08/1932	6:8	Bef 5/1932	Probate #3755, letters
vo.,	00/05/1000	1.2	00/04/102	testementary to Joe LEES
MOAR, Andrea	09/25/1930		09/24/1930	
MOORE, Gus	04/03/1930		03/31/1930	
MURPHY, James	01/16/1930		01/15/1930	
MURPHY, Joseph	06/10/1930		06/09/1930	
NIGHTENGALE, Henry	05/02/1932			Estate in probate
OAKES, Leon Jay	01/10/1932		01/09/1932	
ONG, James ORTIZ, Victorio	02/22/1930 05/13/1930		02/20/1930 05/10/1930	
OVERGARD, George	01/01/1933		12/31/1932	
PALMER, Fred C	01/01/1933		01/02/1933	
PARK, John S, Mrs	02/03/1931		02/01/1931	
PARKER, J H	07/26/1930		07/23/1930	
PETERSON, O I	01/28/1932		01/26/1932	
POTTER, Frank	01/31/1933		01/29/1933	
RALSTON, Robert C	01/24/1933		01/23/1933	
RAYMER, Albert T	07/08/1930		07/02/1930	
RAYMOND, C L	01/20/1932		01/17/1932	
RAYMONT, Fred	08/16/1930			Of Sandy Valley NV murdered?
				(see also 08/19/1930 6:4, suicide)
REED, James	01/19/1932	3:1	01/17/1932	2
RENELLI, Marion	01/17/1932	2:4	12/02/1931	_
RICE, Henry, Sr	02/27/1930	1:7	02/25/1930	
RYTTING, C M, Mrs	12/25/1930	1:3	12/23/1930	
SALAZAR, Maria	02/03/1931	4:4	02/02/1931	_
SANDERS, Wiley E	10/14/1930	6:6	10/10/1930	
SANDY, Albert	11/11/1930	3:2	11//1930	Pioneer miner (see also 11/13/1930 6:5)
SANTINI, Joseph	04/26/1932	1:1	04/24/1932	Murdered (see also 05/01/1932 1:1 and 05/02/1932 1:4)
SCHELLANG, Harry A	01/09/1930	1:8	01//1930	
SETTLE, Harriot E	01/07/1932	6:2	01/05/1932	2
SHAW, Art	07/10/1930	1:8	07/09/1930	
SMITHSON, Nora	01/20/1932	1:7	01/18/1932	2
SOUTHERLAND, Jane C, Mrs	01/28/1930	4:1	01/26/1930	
STACEY, Jack	01/10/1933		01/08/1933	
STEWART, William H	02/07/1931		02/06/1931	
STOCKTON, Anna	01/03/1932	3:2	01/02/1932	2

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STRATFORD, J	10/18/1930 4:3	10/17/1930
SWEET, Clarence	07/08/1930 1:3	07/04/1930
THOMPSON, Infant Boy	10/23/1930 3:2	10//1930 Son of George THOMPSON
TSTOLIN, Bert, Mrs	01/09/1930 6:4	01/06/1930
TURNER, Ollie, Mr	01/06/1933 2:1	01/05/1933
TURPIN, Infant Boy	02/08/1930 1:3	02/06/1930 Born $02/04/1930$ , son of L E
		TURPIN
VETTI, Martin	07/10/1930 5:5	07/07/1930
VILLEN, Ralph	01/17/1932 2:4	12/02/1931
WADSWORTH, George	02/01/1930 1:1	01/31/1930
WARD, Emily H	01/04/1930 6:7	01/03/1930
WERNER, J L	07/26/1930 5:5	07/25/1930
WHEATLEY, Light	01/05/1932 4:8	01/05/1932
WHITE, Maud Yount, Mrs	08/12/1930 1:3/4	08/09/1930
WILLETTS, George F	01/27/1933 1:4	//1933
WITTWER, Albert, Mrs	02/13/1930 8:4	//1930
ZINDARS, Albert	01/09/1930 6:6	01/07/1930

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It was also directed that, "The natural Day next immediately following the second Day of September in the Year 1752, shall be called, reckoned and accounted to be the fourteenth Day of September, omitting for that Time only the eleven intermediate Days of the common Calendar."

The Society of Friends in England, by their representative committee, known as the "Meeting for Sufferings," issued an epistle, dated 7 mo. 6th, 1751, "To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in Great Britain, Ireland, and America," reciting the act of Parliament, and advising the observance thereof.

Between the 1st of January and 25th of March two years are mentioned, thus, 1724-5. The reason of this seems to have been that, although the ecclesiastical, legal, or civil year began on the 25th of March, yet the historical year, from the time of the conquest, 1066, began on the 1st of January, and it was intended to be understood that it was 1724 by the former, and 1725 by the latter, computation.

#### Dick Edmonson

(**Sources**: "The Columbia Encyclopedia," Columbia University Press, New York, 1968, and "History of Chester Co, Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, Louis H. Everts, 1881.)

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#### Social - Feudal Structure and Life of the Clans

With the removal of the seat of Government to the lowlands by Maclolm Ceanmore 1057/8-1093, set the stage for the future of the highlands. While the monarchy under the house of Caenmore, influenced from south of the border, was developing into a feudal state. The people of the Highlands fell into a state of poverty, law began to break down and redress of wrongs no longer was in place. The people of the Highlands saw the need for a new system to take its place, to protect themselves and their community. The geography of the highlands, the many straths, valleys, and islands, and mountains; left communities seperated from one another to develope on their own.

Within each society men of exceptional stature, property, courage or talent arose, and those that fought under their banner or sought their protection accepted them as leader. These men acted as judge, arbiter of differences between clansmen. They set the boundaries of their territory and established a jurisdiction almost independent of the Kings own authority. Out of this grew the institution of the Chief who was leader of the Clan.

The succession of the Highland Chiefs is unique in the history of the nations of the world. They have sustained a long and uninterrupted sway over their people, that surpasses all others. His authority was paternal, with people. There is no way to account for the warm attachment and unshaken faith, which clans displayed towards their chiefs and the role they played in the lives of their people. It has been said by some that the songs and poems of unique the relationship alive from generation to generation. The division of the people into small tribes or clans and the establishment of patriarchal government, played a large role in the character of the Highlanders. The creation of the IMPERIUM IN IMPERIO (sovereignty within sovereignty) was unique to the Highlands of Scotland.

It was a necessity however, after the removal of central government to the Lowlands. The clan system was a sort of hereditary monarchy founded on custom, and allowed by general consent, rather than regulated by laws. The King and the Feudal system were in place, but only as the Clans and Chiefs permitted. The King by fermenting disputes between the clans only helped to perpetuate the system.

The "Chief had great power in a clan in his capacity as landlord, leader and judge; but his power was far from absolute. He had to consult the leading men of the clan in matters of importance. His authority included items regarding the clan or particular families, punishing or correcting injuries, and supporting families in need. He could declare war against, or negotiate terms of peace with other clans.

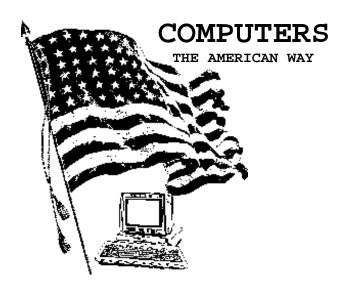
The power of the chiefs was often supported by the government, to counteract the influence of the feudal system which enabled the nobles frequently to set themselves against the authority of the monarchy. The Earls and others within the Feudal system all tried to extend their authority and power, but seldom with any sustained success. For example, the Duke of Gordon was the feudal superior of the lands held by the Camerons, MacPhersons, MacDonells of Keppoch and others, he had little or no influence over those clans, who always obeyed the orders of Locheil, Clunie, Keppoch and other clan chiefs.

The authority of the king though weak at best, was still recognized, except when he interfered in the disputes between the clans. On such occasions his authority was completely disregarded. Delinquents could not be pursued into the lands of a clan which protected them, nor could the kings judges exert their authority in opposition to their interests or their will. Because of this the king had to exert his influence by supporting one clan against another as best suited him.

This system led to the creation of treaties between clansfor purposes of self protection. These treaties or arrangements were known as AMITY or MANRENT. They always acknowledged, "excepting my duty to our lord and king, and to our kindred and friends," a phrase that was always inserted into the bonds. In the same way men who were not chiefs, but leaders of subordinate tribes, would bind themselves. Their allegiance to their chiefs however, was always excepted. Clan Chattan presents the best or the worst of these arrangements.

#### (continued in APRIL 1994)

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REFERENCE DISK - Included with the IBM PS/2 personal computers, this disk has the configuration and testing software. XT and AT PCs use a diagnostic disk.

**ROM** - Read-only memory. Also referred to as firmware.

RS-232 - Serial data transmission scheme.

**SRAM** - Static RAM. Very fast RAM. Available on high end 386 or 486 systems.

VGA - Video graphics array. A graphics card that plugs into a personal computer bus or included on the motherboard of a PC. Better than EGA, and much better than CGA.

VGM - Video graphics monitor.



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#### **Some Expressions & How They Came About**

- 1. Sugar was rare and expensive 200 years ago and sold in "sugar hats"...hence the expression *I'll eat my hat!*
- 2. Steam engines had to be refilled from water towers every fifty miles. Larger towns provided help, but smaller and more remote areas didn't. The train fireman had to grab a rope to start the water flow, thus the expression, "Jerkwater Town".
- 3. In Colonial days, straw or feather mattresses were hung from the bed frame bt thick ropes, which were tightened to keep the mattress from sagging.." *Sleep Tight*".
- 4. In the 1700's, the British Navy had a garbage slush which consisted mainly of grease and animal fat from the ship's gallery. A clever sailor got the idea to sell it and use the money to aid needy enlisted..." Slush Fund".
- 5. Smugglers in the 1800's would hide liquor bottles in the high tops of their boots..they were "Bootleggers".

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### BRITISH GENEALOGY

According to Joy Wade Moulton, president of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, they are interested in helping all researchers with British ancestors, whether it is to contact others working on the same line, or providing information about repositories or resources. The society publishes a quarterly newsletter with much helpful information for researchers in Britain. For membership information send an SASE to ISBGFH, PO Box 20425, Cleveland, OH 44120.

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