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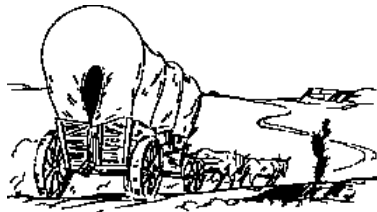
CCNGS, a non-profit organization, meets on the third Thursday of each month, Katherine Center, Reformation Lutheran Church, 6th and St. Louis, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 7:00 p.m. A business meeting is held, followed by a guest speaker and refreshments. Our purpose is to provide instruction for collecting, preserving and publicizing genealogical, historical and geographical materials.

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# 1995 Happy New Year



## ANNIVERSARY

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| EDYTHE & JOHN CRIPE       | JAN 29 |
| TERESA & FRANK SUNDEY     | FEB 23 |
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## BIRTHDAY

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| HARLEY C RUSH          | JAN 7  |
| CINDY SEAMAN           | JAN 7  |
| KEOTAH M FANNIN        | JAN 15 |
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| EDYTHE MAY CRIPE       | MAR 2  |
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| FRANK LANG             | APR 18 |

## HOME SWEET HOME

The Clark County Nevada Genealogy Society has recently joined with the North Las Vegas Library District to develop a genealogical library within the library facility located on Civic Center Drive. The new venture was approved by the members of CCNGS and by the Board of Directors of the Library District this fall (1994).

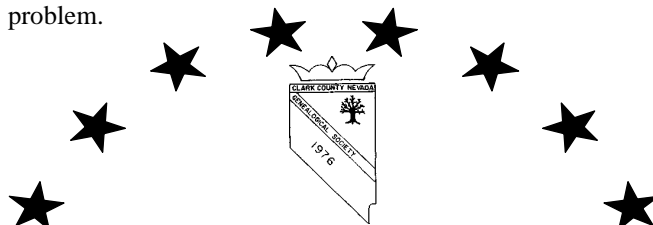
CCNGS has agreed to donate its current collection of books and periodicals to the Library. The Library will catalogue and house the materials in a designated area which will be accessible on a reference basis to all of its patrons.

In addition to providing the base for this new aspect of the Library, CCNGS has agreed to become involved with the Library by providing volunteer hours from its membership on a regular basis to help patrons who will be visiting the genealogical area of the Library. CCNGS will also continue to seek funds which will be matched by the Library District for the purchase of new books for the Library.

The new Genealogical Section of the NLV Library is scheduled to open in May of 1995. We look forward with anticipation to this new and exciting venture.

**Note:** The Genealogical section of the public library is not to be considered a replacement to the Family History Library in Las Vegas, but rather it should be looked upon as a supplement to the FHL where additional resources (often those not found in the FHL) will be available to genealogists.

CCNGS has actively been pursuing a permanent location for its library collection for the past three years (and off and on prior to this time). Many solutions were considered and investigated. The Library dilemma has become a problem for many societies across the nation and CCNGS would encourage other societies to consider a joint venture with a local library as a possible solution of their similar problem.



## COMING EVENTS

January 19th Meeting - Black Genealogy  
 February 16th Meeting - Forms used in Genealogy  
 February 18th Field Trip to Flamingo Library  
 March 16th Meeting - Civil War Military Records  
 March 18th Seminar - Everton Publishers  
 April 20th Meeting - Pending  
 May 18th Meeting - Creative Memories  
 May 20th Opening of Genealogical Library at NLV Library



## RELATIONSHIPS & ABBREVIATIONS

(The following was extracted from an article written by Ralph BRIGGS, Genealogist and Historian, Henderson Home News, Nov. 11, 12, 1993.)

The following definitions and explanations may help clarify relationships.

**COUSINS:** The children of brothers and sisters are first cousins to each other. The children of first cousins are second cousins to each other, and the children of second cousins are third cousins to each other, etc.

When cousins are not of the same generation, i.e., when cousins are not descended equally in generations from a common ancestor, the degree of cousin relationship is determined by the number of generations the cousins are removed from each other.

**HUSBAND AND WIFE:** If the husband and wife are on your direct lines (such as parents, grandparents, etc.), your relationship will be the same to both of them. If this is a family group sheet on a collateral line (on your aunts, uncles, or cousins), you will be related by blood to only the husband or wife. For example, your father's brother is your uncle, and his wife is your aunt-in-law. Your relationship to her would be niece-in-law or nephew-in-law, listed as Niece-il or nep-il (The il signifying "in-law"). If your first cousin marries, his wife becomes your 1c-il, meaning first cousin-in-law.

Here are some of the more common abbreviations:

CA - Common Ancestor.  
CP - Common Progenitor (Same as CA).  
c or cou - cousin.  
2c - second cousin.  
2c1r - second cousin one generation removed.  
il - in-law.  
bro - brother.  
m - mother or married.  
sis - sister.  
sis-il - sister-in-law.  
nep - nephew.  
nce - niece.  
son - son.  
dau - daughter.  
G-son - grandson.  
GGDau - Great-granddaughter.  
2GG-son - second great-grandson, or great-great-grandson.

## MILITARY PEOPLE CAN BE LOCATED

The 264-page book, **HOW TO LOCATE ANYONE WHO IS OR HAS BEEN IN THE MILITARY: ARMED FORCES LOCATOR DIRECTORY**, is now available at most book stores or from

MIE Publishing  
Box 5143 N  
Burlington, NC 27216

for \$23.00 postage paid. Call 1-800-937-2133 for more information.

With the information in this book, anyone can locate current and former members of the military.

*From: Benson CoFarmes Press, Minnewaukan, ND June 1994*

# Kid's Books to Spice Up Your Genealogy

Recently, CCNGS was provided a program on “**Children’s Books and Genealogy**” by Barbara Cullings, Librarian for the Clark County School District and member of CCNGS. Books designed for children were described for their value to genealogists to obtain knowledge of sociology, history, and geography in an “easy-reading” environment which provides concepts without the detailed explanations which might be found in books written for adults.

The books presented were found to be valuable to the group for the study of genealogy and also as “gifts” for children and grandchildren to “whet” their appetites in developing an interest in genealogy and family history. Perhaps one of these titles will be just the “perfect gift” for someone on your list next Christmas.

The following is the bibliography of books Barbara suggested one might select, however additional titles might also be chosen for oneself or for someone near and dear to you when visiting the children’s section of the library or your local bookstore.

Berger, Melvin. **Where Did Your Family Come From? A Book About Immigrants.** Nashville, TN : Ideals Children’s Books, 1993.  
Discusses immigration, past and present, focusing on how four children from different countries come to live in the United States.

Blos, Joan W. **A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl’s Journal, 1830-32.**  
The journal of a 14-year-old girl, kept the last year she lived on the family farm, records daily events in her small New Hampshire town, her father’s re-marriage, and the death of her best friend. Newbery Award Winner.

Blumberg, Rhoda. **The Great American Gold Rush.** NY: Bradbury Press, 1989.  
Describes the emigration of people from the East Coast of the United States and from foreign countries to California to pursue the dream of discovering gold.

Coerr, Eleanor. **The Josefina Story Quilt.** NY: Harper & Row, 1986.  
While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey.

Cooper, Michael L. **Klondike Fever: The famous Gold Rush of 1898.** NY: Clarion Books, 1989.  
Traces the history of the Klondike gold rush of the late 1890’s, describing the men responsible for the initial discovery, the trail to the Klondike gold fields, and the explosive growth and rapid demise of the gold rush town of Dawson.

Edmonds, Walter D. **The Matchlock Gun.** NY: Putnam, 1941.  
Ten-year-old Edward saves his family from the Indians.

Fix, Philippe. **Not So Very Long Ago: Life In a Small Country Village.** NY: Dutton, 1987.  
Describes daily life as it would have been lived by the reader’s great-great-grandparents either in the United States or Europe.

Fisher, Leonard Everett. **Ellis Island: Gateway to the New World.** NY: Holiday House, 1986.  
A history of immigration through the port of NY, with special focus on the processing at Ellis Island.

Flournoy, Valerie. **The Patchwork Quilt.** NY: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1985.  
Using scraps cut from the family’s old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family’s life.

Freedman, Russell. **Children of the Wild West.** NY: Clarion Books, 1983.  
Historical photographs with explanatory text present a picture of life in the American West from 1840 to the early 1900’s.

Freedman, Russell. **Cowboys of the Wild West.** NY: Clarion Books, 1985.  
Authentic photographs and prints accompany a narrative of the proud young men who inspired a legend, the trail-driving cow herders of the late nineteenth century.

Hamanaka, Sheila. **The Journey: Japanese Americans, Racism, and Renewal.** NY: Orchard, 1990.  
Text and photographed details of a mural depict the history of the Japanese people in America.

Harness, Cheryl. **Three Young Pilgrims.** NY: Bradbury Press, 1992.  
Mary, Remember, and Bartholomew are among the pilgrims who survive the harsh early years in America and see New Plymouth grow into a prosperous colony.

Hunt, Irene. **Across Five Aprils.** NY: Berkley Books, 1964.  
The unforgettable story of young Jethro Creighton who comes of age during the turbulent years of the Civil War.

Leigh, Nila K. **Learning To Swim In Swaziland: A Child’s Eye View of a Southern African Country.** Scholastic, 1993.  
An eight-year-old girl describes her year in Swaziland and such aspects of daily life as schools, family structure, language, and dress.

Levine, Ellen. **If You Name Was Changed At Ellis Island.** NY: Scholastic, 1993.  
Describes, in question and answer format, the great migration of immigrants to New York’s Ellis Island, from the 1880’s to 1914.

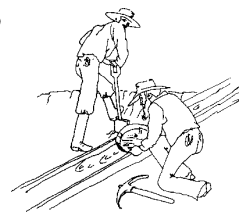
Levine, Ellen. **If You Traveled West In A Covered Wagon.** NY: Scholastic, 1986.  
Aspects of a trip West including the trail guide, problems, danger.

- MacLachlan, Patricia. **Sarah, Plain and Tall**. NY: Harper & Row, 1985.  
When their father invites a mail-order bride to come to live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by her and hope that she will stay.
- McNeer, May. **The Alaska Gold Rush**. Random House, 1960.  
Account of adventuresome men and women who made long and difficult trips to seek their fortunes in gold fields of Nome and the Klondike.
- Morris, Richard B. **The First Book of the War of 1812**. Watts, 1961.  
An account of America's second war against England, which "gave America her national anthem. It also gave her heroes such as Captain Lawrence who, wounded and dying, urged his men not to give up the ship; the youthful Captain Perry who transferred his flag to the "Niagara" when his own ship was shot to pieces; Andrew Jackson and his Kentucky Riflemen."
- Murphy, Jim. **Boy's War**. NY: Clarion, 1990.  
Includes diary entries, personal letters, and archival photographs to describe the experiences of boys, sixteen years old or younger, who fought in the Civil War.
- Murphy, Jim. **Across America On An Emigrant Train**. NY: Clarion, 1993.  
Combines an account of Robert Louis Stevenson's experiences as he traveled from NY to CA by train in 1879 and a description of the building and operation of railroads in nineteenth-century America.
- Murphy, Jim. **The Long Road to Gettysburg**. NY: Clarion Books, 1992.  
Describes the events of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863 as seen through the eyes of two actual participants.
- Nixon, Joan Lowery. **Caught In the Act**. NY: Bantam Books, 1988.  
Eleven-year-old Michael Patrick Kelly from New York City is sent to a foster home, a Missouri farm with a cruel owner, a bullying son, and a number of secrets, one of which may be murder.
- Nixon, Joan Lowery. **A Family Apart**. NY: Bantam Books, 1987.  
When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860.
- Nixon, Joan Lowery. **In the Face of Danger**. NY: Bantam Books, 1988.  
Deeply unhappy about her family's separation because of poverty, Megan gradually finds contentment and purpose in her new home on the Kansas prairie with a kind and loving adopted family.
- Nixon, Jean Lowery. **A Place to Belong**. NY: Bantam, 1989.  
In 1856, having traveled with his younger sister from New York to a foster home on a farm in Missouri, ten-year-old Danny plots to get his foster father to send for and marry his mother.
- Perl, Lila. **The Great Ancestor Hunt: The Fun of Finding Out Who You Are**. NY: Clarion, 1989.  
A guide for tracing one's ancestors via various means, an appendix describes how to use a number of available government resources.
- Polacco, Patricia. **The Keeping Quilt**. NY: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1988.  
A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.
- Porter, Connie Rose. **Addy Learns a Lesson: A School Story**. Middleton, Wisc.: Pleasant Company, 1993.  
After escaping from a plantation in North Carolina, Addy and her mother flee to Philadelphia.
- Porter, Connie Rose. **Addy's Surprise: A Christmas Story**. Middleton, Wisc.: Pleasant Company, 1993.  
Addy and her mother forego their Christmas plans to help the newly freed slaves arriving in Philadelphia during the Civil War.
- Porter, Connie Rose. **Meet Addy: An American Girl**. Middleton, Wisc.: Pleasant Company, 1993.  
Nine-year-old Addy Walker escapes from a cruel life of slavery to freedom during the Civil War.
- Say, Allen. **Grandfather's Journey**. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1993.  
A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.
- Shefelman, Janice Jordan. **A Peddler's Dream**. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1992.  
A Lebanese man who comes to the United States to seek his fortune suffers several setbacks, but makes his dream come true.
- Siebert, Diane. **Heartland**. NY: Crowell, 1989.  
Evokes the land, animals, and people of the Middle West in poetic text and illustrations.
- Waters, Kate. **Samuel Eaton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Boy**. NY: Scholastic, 1993.  
Text and photographs follow a young pilgrim boy through a busy day during the summer harvest in 1627, doing chores, getting to know his Vampanoag Indian neighbors, and spending time with his family.

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# QUERIES



## **SYZDEK, BIELAMOWICZ, KAPCHINSKI, PUTZ**

Seeking information about ancestors/siblings of Albert **SYZDEK** boen 17/2/1858. Married Maryana **BIELAMOWICZ**. Emigrated 1885 from Jasio, Austria Poland to Bremond, Texas. Also, Vincent **KAPCHINSKI** born 19/7/1851. Emigrated 1870 from Prussia Poland. Married Helen **PUTZ** 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 (702) 876-3861

## **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 information.

Phyllis **POWERS SYZDEK**, 4625 Rip Van Winkle Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 (702) 876-3861

## **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 (702) 876-3861

## **THOMPSON, THOMSON, LITTLEJOHN**

Looking for ancestors/collateral lines of **THOMPSON**, William, born Inch, Aberdeen, Scotland, 1865 at the Mill of Dunny Deer. Parents William **THOMSON** and Elizabeth **LITTLEJOHN**.

Mary **SCAROLA**, 3930 Senson #508, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 (702) 224-0296 Voice Mail or (702) 894-9907 Home

## **COFFMAN, PALMER**

Mary Margaret **COFFMAN** b. after 1850, m. William **PALMER**, lived in Coon Rapids, IA. Where was she born? Who were her siblings?

Mary Jane **WATSON** 247 Concho Dr. Henderson, NV 89105 (702) 564-6458.

## **PALMER**

William **PALMER** b. after 1850, owned property in Coon Rapids, IA. Where was he before IA? Who were his parents?

Mary Jane **WATSON** 247 Concho Dr. Henderson, NV 89105 (702) 564-6458.

## **JONES, MORRISON**

Zebekiah **JONES** b. early 1800, lived in Kansas, father of Harriet **JONES MORRISON**. Who are his parents?  
Mary Jane **WATSON** 247 Concho Dr. Henderson, NV 89105 (702) 564-6458.

## **SMITH**

Need date and place of death of James **SMITH** b. ? June 1871, Oswego, Oswego Co., NY; unmarried; d. aft 23 May 1951 possibly in Manchester, Hillsboro Co, N.H.  
Janet **FARINO** 3391 Westwind Rd, Las Vegas, NV (702) 248-6408.

## **BRAND, PLATKA**

Need date and place of death of Amelia **BRAND PLATKA**, b. ? 1837, Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, France; m. ? 1853, Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY; d. ? 1892 possibly in Burlington, VT.  
Janet **FARINO** 3391 Westwind Rd, Las Vegas, NV (702) 248-6408.

## **PLATKA, CHASE, TRACY**

Need date and place of death of Sarah M. "Sadie" **PLATKA CHASE** b. ? 1871, Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY; m. 2 Feb 1890 possibly in Essex Co, VT; d. ? 1900 probably VT; one daughter Mabel **CHASE TRACY**.  
Janet **FARINO** 3391 Westwind Rd, Las Vegas, NV (702) 248-6408.

## **MULLER/MILLER**

Mary Catherine or Catherine Mary **MULLER** or **MILLER** b. 25 Mar 1818 Germany, d. 16 July 1888 Iowa. When did she come to USA?  
Catherine **ALLAN MARSHALL** 1741 Ferrell St., Las Vegas, NV 89106-1303, (702) 648-8809.

## **DuBOIS, GARRITSON**

Jacob **DuBOIS** b. 1661, d. 1745, m. Gerrit **GARRITSON** b. 15 Feb 1661; son Brent **DuBOIS** b. 3 May 1693. Where were Jacob and Gerrit born, marry and die?  
Catherine **ALLAN MARSHALL** 1741 Ferrell St. Las Vegas, NV 89106-1303, (702) 648-8809.

## **CLOSE, HARDY**

Thomas **CLOSE** b. 1637(?), d. 1669(?); where was he born, married and died? Thomas m. Sarah **HARDY**; where was she born? Who are her mother and father?  
Catherine **ALLAN MARSHALL** 1741 Ferrell St. Las Vegas, NV 89106-1303, (702) 648-8809.

## **SMITH, YOUNG**

Searching for info on siblings of Adella **SMITH YOUNG** b. 1860 in Ontario, Canada, m. circa 1880 Alexander **YOUNG**.

Ethel **KNECHT** 2024 Hassett Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104 (702) 457-6248.

### **BLAINE**

Wish to exchange info about anyone named **BLAINE** in Northern Michigan at the beginning of the Lumber Industry and abt William **BLAINE** b. circa 1880.

Ethel **KNECHT** 2024 Hassett Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104 (702) 457-6248.

### **CLARK**

Minnie **CLARK** (? Michigan) possible daughter of Ed **CLARK** circa 1890; where born, died?

Ethel **KNECHT** 2024 Hassett Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104 (702) 457-6248.

### **McCARTY**

Need data on James **McCARTY**, 1880 census in Washington Co, NY. Probably moved to Wood Co, Ohio; related to Silas **McCARTY**.

Jean **FREDRIKSEN** 324 E Tropicana #404, Las Vegas, NV 89109-7357.

### **SIMONS, PEARL**

Need data on Mr. Pearl **SIMONS** b. 1808 in St. Lawrence Co, NY. Probably had father or grandfather wounded/killed in Revolutionary War. Parents may have been from Connecticut. Mother's maiden name may have been **PEARL**.

Jean **FREDRIKSEN** 324 E Tropicana #404, Las Vegas, NV 89109-7357.

### **WILKINSON, HOUGH**

Who was "Amy"? She m. Stephen **HOUGH** abt 1770 in Lincolnshire or Nottinghamshire, England; had 5 children by Stephen who d. 1796; m. William **WILKINSON** 1797 in Lincolnshire.

Jean **FREDRIKSEN** 324 E Tropicana #404, Las Vegas, NV 89109-7357.

### **McDANIEL, RITCHER**

William **McDANIEL** b. Tennessee according to son's death certificate, m. Mary **RITCHER** 21 Dec 1856 Dittmer, MO. Where was he born; who were his parents?

Nancy **McDANIEL MORROW** 6001 Carmen Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89108 (702) 646-2235.

### **RITCHER, McDANIEL**

Need parents and birth place of Mary **RITCHER** m. William **McDANIEL** 21 Dec 1856 Dittmer, MO.

Nancy **McDANIEL MORROW** 6001 Carmen Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89108 (702) 646-2235.

### **SHOULTS**

Need parents and birth place of Julia **SHOULTS** b. 27 Jan 1870, d. 12 July 1944.

Nancy **McDANIEL MORROW** 6001 Carmen Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89108 (702) 646-2235.

### **BOSSERT/BOSSART**

Seeking info on parents/family of John **BOSSERT/BOSSART** b. 1804/1806 Westmorland Co, PA, d. 28 Nov 1872 Blairsville, PA; m. Mary ?, b. 1808 PA.; dau Elizabeth b. 1833 PA, d. 1889 PA.

Kenneth Vincent **HILL** 800 N. Ann Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89107 (702) 870-4795.

### **SHEETS, HILL, CUNNINGHAM**

Seeking info on parents/family of Catharine **SHEETS** b. Maryland, d. age 81 Westmorland Co, PA, m. Joseph **HILL** b. 1757 Georga, m. Maryland, d. 1830 Westmoreland Co, PA. Son Joshua b. 1790 Frederick Co, Maryland, d. 1869 Burrell Twp, PA, m. Margaret **CUNNINGHAM** b. 1802 Mifflin Co, PA, d. 9 Sep 1877 Burrell Twp., PA.

Kenneth Vincent **HILL** 800 N. Ann Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89107 (702) 870-4795.

### **VALLELY**

Info to share on all **VALLELY** families, all locations. Diane E. **GREENE** 627 E Avenue B, Boulder City, NV 89005-2733, (702) 293-3087

### **PURNIA**

Info to share on all **PURNIA** families, mainly from Monroe Co., MI area. French Canadian.

Diane E. **GREENE** 627 E Avenue B, Boulder City, NV 89005-2733, (702) 293-3087

### **ROTHWELL, SHORT**

Looking for parents of Phillip Reading **ROTHWELL** b. abt 1811 Delaware d. 1 Oct 1877 Elkton, Cecil Co., MD.; m. 6 Jan 1852 Mary Ann **SHORT** in Elkton, Cecil Co., MD. Robert M. **KENNARD**, Jr. 6504 White Swan Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89108-1812

### **GATES, MONTGOMERY**

Who are parents of Samuel **GATES** b. 1802 KY, d. 29 May 1872, Wakon, Allamakee Co, IA; m. Mary Ann **MONTGOMERY** 13 Nov 1823 Butler Co, OH. Mary Ann b. 1806 PA, d. 8 Jun 1883 Allamakee Co, IA.

Bonnie **RAMS** 2851 S. Valley View #1141-B, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

### **STURDEVANT, SHISLER**

Who are parents of Addison **STURDEVANT** b. 26 Apr 1810 OH, d. 22 Apr 1888 Indianapolis, Monroe Twp, Mahaska Co, IA; m. Elizabeth **SHISLER** b. 28 May 1805, Licking Co, OH, d. 28 Nov 1854, Monroe Twp, Mahaska Co, IA.

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### **CARNER**

Who is wife of Sereno W. **CARNER** b. abt 1830 Licking Co, OH, lived in Livingston Co, IL for 69 yrs, d. 17 Nov 1909 Pontiac, Livingston Co, IL.

Bonnie **RAMS** 2851 S. Valley View #1141-B, Las Vegas,



NV 89102.

### **BROWN, McCAMMON**

Seeking info on family of William P. **BROWN** b. abt 1770 PA; had ties to Lancaster, Wyoming and Philadelphia. Was a merchant in Philadelphia, moved to Alabama 1822. M. Sarah **McCAMMON** 1803 NY City. Middle name: Palmer?

Mary **SCAROLA** 3765 E. Desert Inn, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

### **LIVINGSTON, FULTON, BROWN**

Seeking biographical reference info on Robert **LIVINGSTON**, Robert **FULTON**, and Charles **BROWN**. Charles **BROWN** was shipbuilder who built the "Clermont".

Mary **SCAROLA** 3765 E. Desert Inn, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

### **HARDIN**

Looking for children of Clair **HARDIN** b. abt 1878 Ellijay, GA. May have married "Woodall" (??) bfr 1900. One child: Grady Lee? Lived in Southern Georgia in later life.

Jo Ann **HAWKINS** 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107-1322, 702-878-6419.

### **COLLINS**

Looking for parents of Joseph Henry **COLLINS** b. 1818 Tenn.

Jo Ann **HAWKINS** 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107-1322, 702-878-6419.

### **HICKS, FRANKLIN**

Looking for parents of Joseph William **HICKS** b. abt 1818 Hanover Co, VA, moved to Tenn, d. 1902 Cleveland, Tenn; m. Lucy **FRANKLIN** 1838, Athens, Tenn.

Jo Ann **HAWKINS** 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107-1322, 702-878-6419.

### **McDADE**

Looking for daughter of James Franklin **McDADE** b. abt 1925 in PA or OH.

Carolyn **CARNS** 1500 Eaton Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702)870-2667.

### **ERB/ARB**

Seeking any info on **ERB/ARB** family in vicinity of Pittsburgh, PA.

Carolyn **CARNS** 1500 Eaton Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702)870-2667.

### **ERB**

Who are parents of Levina **ERB** b. 1861 Verona, PA.? Father may be Frank or George.

Carolyn **CARNS** 1500 Eaton Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702)870-2667.

### **BUCK**

Need mother, father, birth & death dates for Querdon Conde **BUCK** M.D. B. Platteville, Grant Co., WI, d. abt 1934. Father was also a doctor.

Jon M. **ANDERSON** 10705 Paradise Point Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702)243-0616.

### **HEATH**

Seeking maiden name for Sally **HEATH** b. 1763 probably in Chester, NH, d. 1839; wife of Levi **HEATH** b. 1765, d. 1808. Both buried in Cabot, VT.

Harold **HEATH** 5094 N. Ridge Club Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89103 (702)876-1184.

### **NEUHAUS**

Seeking info on Dr. Charles **NEUHAUS** from Germany 1860's; lived in Brooklyn, NY; served in Union Army - Civil War.

Edythe **CRIFE** 4248 Montdale, Las Vegas, NV (702)451-2948.

### **KLUS, NEUHAUS**

Seeking info on Richard **KLUS** from Germany 1890's; m. Hermine **NEUHAUS**. Was Lithographer in NY City.

Edythe **CRIFE** 4248 Montdale, Las Vegas, NV (702)451-2948.

### **SWANWICK**

Need names of parents, birth & death date on g-g-grandfather Thomas Garner **SWANWICK**. Principal in Swanwick, Thomas Garner Ltd Lace Manufacturer, Nottingham, Eng. Listed in Nottingham, Eng. City Directory circa 1850. Last residence: Hz Corporation Circle, Nottingham, Eng. Last business: 44 St. Mary's Gate, Nottingham, Eng.

George Richard **SWANWICK** P.O. Box 29179, Las Vegas, NV (702)254-6339.

### **JOHNSON, DONOHUE**

Seeking decedents of Pennock **JOHNSON** b. abt 1803 Chester Co, PA. M. Jane **DONOHUE**, Philadelphia, PA. Moved to Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH bfr 1840. Appears on 1840, 1850 census with wife, 3 sons, 2 dau. Was son of Nathan and Mary Travilla **JOHNSON**.

Edie **JOHNSON KRAEMER** 612 Langtry Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89107 (702)877-5485.

### **GOOD, SMITH**

Need birth date & place for Abraham **GOOD**. Son Joseph **GOOD** baptized West Cocalico Swamp Reform Church, Lancaster Co, PA, June 1836, b. 1 Jan 1836, m. 1862 in Clark Co, IL to Cynthia **SMITH** b. Dayton, OH. Galen G. **GOOD** 1805 Cherry Ln, Las Vegas, NV (702)457-6031.

### **BIDELMAN, HALEY**

Need info on Aubert **BIDELMAN** b. 1841 ?, Armagh, PA, m. (? date) Hagerstown, MA to Trish Margaret **HALEY** b. Johnstown, PA, d. 1846 Johnstown, PA.

Florence **PAYNE** 5805 W. Harmon #123, Las Vegas, NV 89103 (702) 247-8887.

### **BIDELMAN, KOCH**

Seeking info on William Edward **BIDELMAN**, son of Aubert **BIDELMAN**, b. 1900; m. Margaret Sophie **KOCH** b. Eng; lived TX 1975.

Florence **PAYNE** 5805 W. Harmon #123, Las Vegas, NV 89103 (702) 247-8887.

### **CHEATHAM, BIDELMAN**

Seeking info on Jewel **CHEATHAM** b. 1 Nov 1923, Sandusky, Erie Co, OH; m. 15 Jun 1945 David Paul **BIDELMAN** b. 26 Mar 1922, Johnstown, PA.

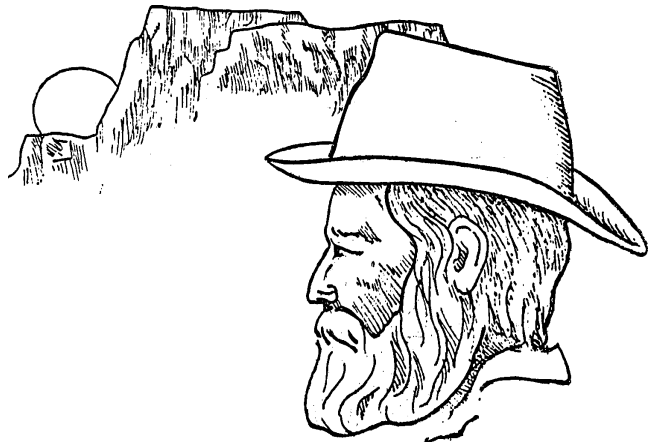
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### **GUTTERMAN, BERNSTEIN**

Seeking information on family and parents of Henry **GUTTERMAN**, b. 21 April 1885 in Miedzyrzecz, Poland; d. November 1957 Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan; m. 1908 Sonia **BERNSTEIN** b. 15 September 1885 in Russia; d. 1959 Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. They had two sons Samuel B **GUTTERMAN** b. 10 February 1912; d. 9 June 1982 and Robert B **GUTTERMAN** b. 23 November 1917 both born Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. Will exchange information. Rochelle **GUTTERMAN KENNARD** 6504 White Swan Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108-1812

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## **GOLD MINE IN WISCONSIN**

I was told by several family members that my Paternal Grandparents came to the United States in 1911. I can't remember how I found that they came over on the U.S.S. Cincinnati. In my searches at the Family History Center in Las Vegas I found the Petition for Naturalization Cards on a film that I had sent for from Salt Lake City. I made copies of the cards. Then I sent these cards along with an appeal for help to the Wisconsin Historical Society. They referred me to the Golda Meier Library at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. The people there were so kind; they made photocopies of all of the naturalization papers (on each person) and sent them to me. What a Christmas present that was for me.

The address of the Library is:

Golda Meier Library  
Milwaukee Urban Archives  
P.O. Box 604  
Milwaukee, WI 53201

I hope this article will help some of you find a gold mine like I did.

Carol S. **THUN**

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society.



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2851 South Valley View #1141-B  
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## **1st GENERATION**

- 1 **CARNER**, BONNIE RAE (40) b: 12 Oct 1924 SAN BERNARDINO, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CA. Spouse: BENBOW, JULES (0) b: 27 May 1925 RUTH, WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA

## **2nd GENERATION**

- 2 **CARNER**, HARRY ADDISON (22) b: 7 Aug 1891 DENVER, COLORADO d: 9 Dec 1982 LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA
- 3 **MANNIX**, ANNA LENORE (39) b: 30 Sep 1892 OVERBROOK, OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS d:11 Nov 1976 LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

## **3rd GENERATION**

- 4 **CARNER**, ADDISON SETH (18) b: 2 Sep 1854 KEOKUK, KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA d. 13 Oct 1931 DENVER, COLORADO
- 5 **HURST**, SERENA ELLEN (17) b: 12 Oct 1862 SOUTHBEND, INDIANA d: 4 Mar 1959 ROCKY MT HOSP, DENVER, COLORADO
- 6 **MANNIX**, JOHN LEONARD (615) b: 28 Apr 1848, COUNTY CLARE, IRELAND d: 8 Jan 1914 OVERBROOK, DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS
- 7 **BOWLER**, MARGARET (616) b: 18 Aug 1866 AUROA, WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA d: 10 Oct 1927 TOPEKA, SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS

## **4th GENERATION**

- 8 **CARNER**, JOHN ADAMS (56) b: 4 Apr 1827 DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO d: 1 Jan 1917 GREELEY, COLORADO
- 9 **STURDEVANT**, HARRIET (57) b: 10 Dec 1833 MARION COUNTY, OHIO d: 3 Jan 1926 BRIGHTON, COLORADO
- 10 **HURST**, ALFORD (7) b: 16 Feb 1838 INDIANA d: 15 Dec 1927 COLORADO
- 11 **GATES**, NANCY ELLEN (8) b: 16 Nov 1838 OHIO d: 13 Oct 1918 WESTMINSTER, JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO
- 12 **MANNIX**, CORNELIUS D. (613) b: Abt 1812 GALWAY, IRELAND d: 23 Aug 1898 OVERBROOK, OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS
- 13 ?, NANCY (614) b: d: 25 Jan 1875 COUNTY CLARE, IRELAND
- 14 **BOWLER**, JOSEPH (621) b: May 1834
- 15 **MOORE**, CATHERINE (622)

## **5th GENERATION**

- 16 **CARNER**, FRANCIS (74) b: 1805 NEW YORK d: 1841 COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS
- 17 **KNAPP**, SYTHENIA (75) b: 7 Mar 1801 NEW YORK d: 1841 COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS
- 18 **STURDEVANT**, ADDISON (916) b: 1811 OHIO d: 1888 MAHASKA COUNTY, IOWA
- 19 **SHISLER**, ELIZABETH (912) b: 1805 LICKING COUNTY, OHIO d: 1854 MAHASKA COUNTY, IOWA
- 20 **HURST**, ABEDNEGO (6) d: 1839
- 21 **SMITH**, MARY ELLEN (5) b: 27 Dec 1822 PENNSYLVANIA d: 12 Apr 1908 RALSTON CREEK, COLORADO
- 22 **GATES**, SAMUEL (1104) b: 1802 d: 29 Apr 1872 ALLAMAKEE COUNTY, IOWA
- 23 **MONTGOMERY**, MARY ANN (1105) b: 1806 PENNSYLVANIA d: 29 Apr 1872, ALLAMAKEE COUNTY, IOWA

## **6th GENERATION**

- 32 **KARNER**, FELIX C. (122) d: 19 Jul 1821 GALENA, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO
- 33 **GOLDBERG**, ELIZABETH (3321) d: 12 Dec 1855, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
- 34 **KNAPP**, EDWARD (2834) b: 23 Sep 1763 d: 23 Mar 1821 SUNBURY TWP., DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO
- 35 **SKEEL**, ESTHER (2835) b: 19 Jan 1776 VERMONT d: 29 Jul 1853 LICKING CO, OHIO

- 38 SHISLER, HENRY (906) d: 1850 UNION COUNTY, OHIO
- 39 ?, ? (907)
- 42 SMITH, JOHN (1) b: GERMANY
- 43 MILLER, NANCY (2)
- 44 GATES, WILLIAM (1102)
- 45 ?, REBECCA (1103)

**7th GENERATION**

- 64 KARNER, NICHOLAS (118) d: Dec 1780 EGREMONT, BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHU-  
SETTS
- 65 WELCH, MARY (119)
- 68 KNAPP, DANIEL (2832)
- 69 ?, ? (2833)

**8th GENERATION**

- 128 KARNER, ANDREAS (1904) b: Abt 1702 d: Abt 1781 EGREMONT, BERKSHIRE COUNTY,  
MASSACHUSETTS
- 129 STIEVER, ELIZABETH (STUBER) (1905) b: Abt 1703

**9th GENERATION**

- 256 KARNER, NICHOLAS JOHANN (1910) b: 1659 GERMANY d: Aft 1714 DUTCHESS COUNTY,  
NEW YORK
- 257 ?, ANNA MAGDALENA (1911)
- 258 STUBER, JACOB (4067)
- 259 ?, CATHERINE (4091)

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**1st GENERATION**

- 1 Carolyn Faith Madeleine **McDADE**-221: b 1 May 1947 San Diego, San Diego  
County, California

**2nd GENERATION**

- 2 James Franklin **McDADE**-220: b 28 Jul 1900 Verona, Alleghany County, Pennsyl-  
vania; m 20 May 1936 San Francisco, California; d 23 Jan 1949 San Diego,  
San Diego County, California
- 3 Beryl Agnes **SLOCUM**-13: b 20 Jul 1915 Alexandria, Rapides County, Louisiana;  
d 16 Mar 1986 Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada

**3rd GENERATION**

- 6 William Oscar **SLOCUM**-11: B 1870 Feliciana LA, Avoyelles, Louisiana or  
Natchez, Mississippi; d 25 Dec 1927 Alexandria, Avoyles, Louisiana
- 7 Marguerite (Margaret) **DUCOTE**-3: b 14 Jul 1888 Bay Hills, Louisiana; d 19  
Dec 1952 Alexandria, Rapides County, Louisiana

**4th GENERATION**

- 12 William Oscar **SLOCUM**-22: B Magee, Mississippi
- 13 Sara (?) **McDONALD**-23: b Natchez, Mississippi
- 14 Alcide **DUCOTE**-1
- 15 Alice **WILLIS**-2: b 1845; d 15 Apr 1933 - 207 8th Street, Alexandria, Rapides  
County, Louisiana

# RELATION OF IMPROVED HIGHWAYS TO HOME LIFE

## ESSAY BY KATHERINE WELLS

(This essay was submitted by Miss Katherine **WELLS** of Moapa Valley High School, Overton, Nv., in the Harvey S. **FIRESTONE** National Essay Scholarship Contest, and was judged the best submitted from Nevada.)

Three skeletons: one of a man, one of a woman, and one of a small child, were recently found under a pile of rock near the principal highway emerging from the Moapa Valley. Some of the older settlers nodded their heads, looked wise and appeared relieved. Here at last was a plausible solution of a knotty problem of long ago. An Irishman and his wife and child had lived near the spot. They had suddenly disappeared, and now their grewsome skeletons had been found. They had been murdered twenty years before but so difficult was travel and so few people went by that they had been allowed to lie undisturbed until their bones were bleached.

This little story is not an exaggeration, but clearly depicts the lack of communication and the isolation of the early settlers.

As is the case in isolated communities, many of the people were poverty stricken, backward and uncultured.

The roads of the valley were almost impassable and this made it very expensive to bring building material. As a result most of the homes were poor. Only a few could afford lumber houses and the rest were made of adobe and thatched with rushes from the swamps nearby.

The social status of that day was no higher. Because of their hunger for association people went seven or eight miles to a dance and danced until the sun threatened to appear.

Since the roads were so bad the young people were unable to associate with those in the neighboring communities, inter-marriage was the natural consequence., This brought sapped vitality, slack morals and undersireable home life.

The people lacked the incentive to improve their homes, as they were the only ones who knew their conditions. More than this, they had no opportunity of seeing homes of a superior quality.

One day an incident happened which brought a wonderful change over the valley. An automobile, the first to come into the valley, lurched and swayed over the rough roads.

That day marked the beginning of the awakening of the people. The automobile necessitated good roads, and this brought communication with the outside world with its culture and refinement. the awakening was rapid and soon passable roads stretched from one end of the valley to the other. Today - well, you would hardly recognize it as the same valley and the same backward people. They are few, but today they support a prosperous little high school of about eighty students. As a result of improved roads, the school district is able to transport students from both ends of the valley to the high school in the center. Only the most capable teachers are employed there and through their efforts an increasing number of students graduate each year to make this world a better place for their having lived.

With good roads, it is easy to go, with comfort, great distances in a very short time. This gives the students more time at home and in the school. The time spent on the roads is really pleasurable, and this breaks the monotony of school life and puts students in good condition for studying. One can see the effect this would have upon the home, for nothing can bring it refinement more quickly than education.

The problem of keeping boys and girls on the arm has long been a menace to the country home. Good roads and the automobile have solved the problem in many places, for now the young people will work contentedly in the day if they know that they can easily get to town when their work is done. This gives the boy and girl of the rural districts and opportunity of reaping the advantages of farm life and still be able to get the culture resulting from attending musicals, lectures, etc. in the city.

Officials come frequently by auto from the State University; women to teach the girls the sacredness of motherhood and how to make a house a home; men who teach boys to become intelligent fathers and how to increase their earning capacity so that they can take their young brides to comfortable, sanitary homes.

Thank God for the highways which have enabled the people of this valley to proudly say, "This is my home."

Submitted by Catherine **MARSHALL**, CCNGS

**(In the April PROSPECTOR we'll reprint a response from Reva and Rex PERKINS to Ms WELLS' essay)**



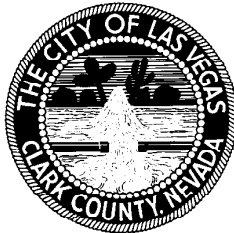
### Nevada Pioneer Certificate

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 Vegas Certificate

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



### Nevadan

Were you born in Nevada before March 16, 1931 (date that Gambling was legalized in Nevada), "A turning point in Nevada's Future. CCNGS has a certificate to honor you.

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Pioneer - Squire **MOTT**
- NV93-004 - Karen S **JOINES**  
Pioneer - Squire **MOTT**
- NV93-005 - Joan Burke **GILLEN**  
Pioneer - Grove Robert **HOLCOMB**
- NV94-001 - James Franklin **THOMAS**  
Pioneer - Samuel **BELL**

(Wish to contact any of the above contact CCNGS and we'll forward your query. Include a SASE for forwarding.)

### NEVADAN

- NB94-001 - Catherine (**ALLAN**) **MARSHALL**  
18 March 1930 Las Vegas
- NB94-002 - Harry LeRoy **MARSHALL**  
30 November 1915 Overton
- NB94-003 - Nancy Ellen **McDANIEL MORROW**  
5 July 1928 Wells
- NB94-004 - Barbara L **McCALL-FORBES**  
9 March 1923 Las Vegas
- NB94-005 - Betty Lois **BAKER BANDY**  
7 June 1924 Las Vegas
- NB94-006 - Doris **BOND MOE**  
6 July 1923 Las Vegas
- NB94-007 - Patience **McNAMEE DION**  
10 July 1924 Las Vegas
- NB94-008 - Pauline **CASELLI SMITH**  
5 June 1921 Tonopah
- NB94-009 - Harley E **HARMON**  
21 November 1918 Las Vegas

# Federal Land Records, Part 3 of 3

## Land Offices.

It was important for the new government of the United States to have a system for transferring ownership of public land to private owners. The government had made land commitments through bounty land warrants, there was always demand from citizens for new land and the government needed revenue from land sales. As soon as newly opened land was surveyed, a *Land Office* was established, operated by federal employees under the Surveyor General, who was the head of the Government Land Office, now called the Bureau of Land Management. The old Land District boundaries are not easy to locate today, because the boundaries changed as land was sold and new areas opened for sale.

A very orderly method emerged for the surveying and subsequent sale of land, repeated many times in the Public Land territories and states. But before the public land could be surveyed and sold, treaties were negotiated with the various Indian tribes, and the land purchased. A study of the Indian Cessions is an excellent way to learn when an area of land was available for white settlement. For example, no surveys were conducted in what is now the state of Iowa until after the Blackhawk War of 1836, when a treaty was signed and prime farmland was opened up for white settlement. Most new land offices were very popular places, the opening of new territory for sale often creating a mad dash for land sales and leaving us with the phrase still used today, "doing a land-office business."

Federal land districts covered areas ranging from a few counties to a whole territory or state. A land office was established in a town near the area set aside for public land sales. Two clerks recorded the land transactions, which may have been cash sales, credit sales, homestead entries, or other transactions. The officials kept daily journals and account ledgers, plus two books for recording the land entries:

1. The *tract book* listed the name of the *entryman* (the person making the entry or claim), the *file number* (or *patent number*) assigned to the claim, and the township and range (T&R) description.
2. The *plat book* had a page with a diagram for one township showing all *patents* (certificates of ownership) within that 6 x 6 mile square. The patent number may be the only identification of a tract in the plat book.

All of the paperwork, including correspondence, referred to as *land entry files*, went to a Government

Land Office -- and most of these records (or copies) were transferred to the National Archives, the surviving manuscript plats to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in Alexandria, VA, and other surviving copies to BLM district offices in various states.

Tract books should (at the very least) reveal places and dates when a person was in a certain area. But the tract books are most useful for locating a "file number" for a particular land transaction. Plat books, however, are less useful because they are mostly in poor condition (except for most western states where considerable copying and restoration work has been done).

## The Suitland Branch, National Archives.

There are Federal land records for all states except the thirteen original states, HI, KY, ME, TN, TX, VT, and WV. These Federal records document only the first transfer of a land title from the United States to another party. Records of later transactions may be found in county records.

The steps to find land records depend on whether:

- There is a state-wide index to entries and on whether entry was before or after 1908. For pre-1908 land entry files held by the Suitland Reference Branch of the National Archives there are WPA-generated name indexes for: AK, AL, AZ, FL, LA, NV, and UT. Post-1908 land entry files are arranged numerically and there are name indexes for these records.
- Entry was in an Eastern Public Land State (AL, AR, FL, IA, IL, IN, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, OH, WI) or a...
- Western Public Land State (AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY)

Most land entry files for the years 1800-1908 are arranged by state, land office, kind of entry (such as cash or homestead), and land entry file number (such as a Homestead Final Certificate number).

There is no specific form to request searches in land records. Your written request should contain the basic information outlined below. Do not send money in advance of receiving a price quote for copying records.

The book called, *American Expansion: A Book of Maps*, by Randall D. Sale and Edwin D. Karn shows the boundaries of all territories and states for each census year, 1790-1900, plus it shows where the land offices

year, 1790-1900, plus it shows where the land offices were located. If the land is in the eastern public land states (states east of the Mississippi River plus AR, IA, LA, MN, and MO) you need to know the actual name of the land office (the town where the office was located).

### **Eastern Public Land States.**

For the eastern states (AL, AR, FL, IA, IL, IN, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, OH, WI), you must provide the property description to the BLM office in Alexandria to obtain three items needed by the Suitland Branch to access the land entry files: (1) the name of the land office, (2) the type of land transaction (cash sale, credit sale, homestead entry, etc.), and (3) the file number.

Use the county grantor/grantee index books for the county where your ancestor lived to locate a deed record (when the property was sold or the ancestor died and the property was transferred to his heirs). A deed subsequent to an original land entry will refer to a township/range property description in all public land states.

Another way to determine a property description is to find a *land ownership map* for the area. Many land ownership maps were compiled for one county in an atlas or as individual map sheets, and a library in a town near the ancestor's property may have such maps. (For a list of books describing land ownership maps and atlas collections, see William Thorndale, "Land and Tax Records," page 229, in *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, Ancestry, Inc., 1984.)

Once you have a township/range description, write the BLM Eastern States Office which has the tract books for the thirteen eastern states (AL, AR, FL, IA, IL, IN, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, OH, and WI). You should mention that you are a genealogist and want to order the land entry files at the Suitland Branch of the National Archives and need to know the land office, type of transaction and file number. This information can be obtained from the BLM's maps, tract books, and other finding aids. Indicate the entryman's name, approximate date, state, and complete property description in your written request.

### **Western Public Land States.**

For the western states (AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY), the starting point is to write to the Suitland Branch and request a search. You must provide the name of the state, the name of the land office, type of file, and land entry

file number, OR, provide the name of the entryman, state, and complete legal section/township/range description in your written request. As an alternative, you may visit or write to a state BLM office if you know the property description of the land, and that office can provide the information (land office, type of transaction, and file number) needed to access the land entry files at the Suitland Branch. State BLM office records may not be as complete as the record copies at the Suitland Branch. If there is no state index to land entry files, write to the appropriate state BLM office.

### **Military Bounty Land Warrants.**

Military bounty land warrants are arranged by act of congress, certificate number, and for warrants under the acts of 1847-1855, by number of acres. There are name indexes for the Revolutionary War and most of the War of 1812 warrants but not for the warrants under the acts of 1847-1855. To identify warrants under these acts, use NATF Form 80, "Order for Copies of Veterans Records," to request a search of bounty land warrant applications among the military service records held by the General Reference (NRRG), Textual Reference Division, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20408. After obtaining the warrant application number, furnish this information to the Suitland Reference Branch (NNRR) for a search for the surrendered warrant and other records relating to its use to acquire land." (Extracted from NA Form 14019 (3/91), National Archives and Records Administration.)

### **Addresses.**

1. Suitland Reference Branch (NNRR), Textual Reference Division, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20409 (phone: 301-763-7410). The major depository for surviving manuscript land entry files and abstract records for all Federal public domain states and the record copies of patents and land office tract books for western states. You have the option of visiting or writing to a BLM district office.
2. Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management, 350 South Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304. The depository for surviving manuscript tract books for the thirteen eastern public land states. Some tract books may also be available on microfilm.
3. BLM State Offices (addresses for states with no name index to land entry files):



Bldg., Room E-2841, 2800 Cottage Way,  
Sacramento, CA 95825-1889.

BLM, 2515 Warren Ave. (mail: P.O. Box  
1828), Cheyenne, WY 82003.

CO (plat and tract books from Colorado land offices only):  
Colorado State Office, BLM, 2850 Youngfield  
St., Lakewood, CO 80215.

ID (plat and tract books from Idaho land offices only):  
Idaho State Office, BLM, 3380 Americana  
Terrace, Boise, ID 83706.

MT, ND, SD (plat and tract books from Montana, North  
Dakota, and South Dakota land offices): Montana  
State Office, BLM, Granite Tower, 222 N.  
32nd St. (mail: P.O. Box 36800), Billings,  
MT 59107.

KS, NM, OK (plat and tract books from Kansas, New  
Mexico, and Oklahoma land offices): New Mexico  
State Office, BLM, Joseph M. Montoya  
Federal Building, South Federal Place (mail:  
P.O. Box 1449), Santa Fe, NM 87504-1449.

OR, WA (plat and tract books from Oregon and  
Washington land offices): Oregon State Office,  
BLM, 1300 N.E. 44th St. (mail: P.O. Box  
2965, Portland, OR 97208.

NE, WY (plat and tract books from Nebraska and  
Wyoming land offices): Wyoming State Office,

## Conclusion.

The U.S. Public Lands Survey greatly facilitated sales of the land in the public domain. Land sales were important in raising funds for the new federal government. Perhaps more importantly the survey helped to satisfy the great demand for land as citizens of the new nation moved to occupy the empty expanses in the west.

Original land ownership appears only in federal land records in the public land states. County deed records start with subsequent changes in ownership. In some cases applications for federal land contain much eligibility documentation such as proof of relationships, marital status, and citizenship. These may appear in the land records held by the federal government but not in county records. Knowing how to locate these federal records may open new research avenues for you.

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**"YOU FOUND WHO IN YOUR FAMILY TREE?"**

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Waters, Kate. Sarah Morton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim. Ny: Scholastic, 1989.

Weitzman, David. My Backyard History Book. Boston, Little Brown, 1975.

Activities and projects such as making time capsules and rubbings and tracing genealogy, demonstrate that learning about the past begins at home.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little House on the Prairie. Harper & Row, 1953.

The Ingalls family moves West in a covered wagon and builds a new house on Indian territory in Kansas.

(OTHER TITLES: Little House in the Big Woods. On the Banks of Plum Creek. Little Town on the Prairie. Long Winter. By the Shores of Silver Lake.)

Winter, Jeanette. Klara's New World. Knopf, 1992.

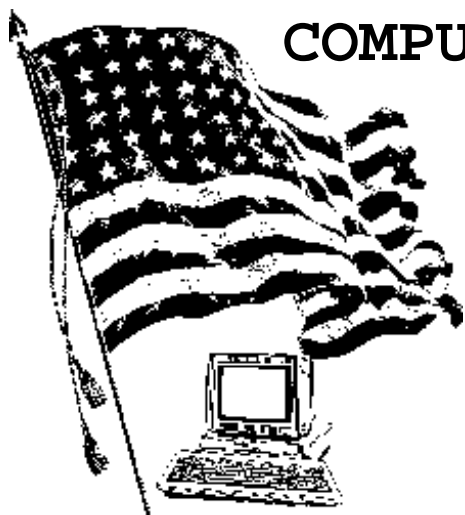
A young girl and her parents leave their home in Sweden and journey to America in the 1800's, making a new life in Minnesota.

Wisler, G. Clifton. Red Cap. NY: Lodestar, 1991.

Civil War.

The American Girls Collection. Pleasant Company. (A series of 27 books.)

This well reviewed series of historical fiction explores the lives of five girls in five different historical periods - Felicity in the 1770's, Kirsten in the 1850's, Addy in the 1860's, Samantha in the 1900's, and Molly in the 1940's.



# COMPUTERS

The icon replicates the logo on the cover of the Brothers Keeper manual. Uploaded by Marc Tenan.

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## OS/2 Programs

OS/2 Programs available:

There are no genealogy programs available yet for OS/2 native mode. Of course, Windows and MS-DOS programs work well under OS/2. The following is a true OS/2 application:

PM GED Browse for OS/2 PM GED Browse for OS/2

PMGEDB.ZIP Bytes: 60744

PM GED Browse is an OS/2 (2.0) Presentation Manager program designed to ease the viewing of GEDCOM files in their native formats, in a genealogically sensible manner. The main window displays some basic information about an individual, while up to 5 other windows display more detailed information from various GEDCOM records. Uploaded by author Bill Beinert.

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## CompuServe Genealogy Forum MS-DOS and Windows Genealogy Programs

By Dick Eastman, CompuServe 76701,263

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### Windows Programs

#### Commercial Windows Programs

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### Roots-III logo as Windows wallpaper

R3WALL.ZIP Bytes: 7509

Windows 3.0 or 3.1 wallpaper for users of CommSoft products. This "Tree-on-a-floppy" is the logo of Commsoft. It serves as Windows wallpaper and fills the screen in standard VGA mode. This file originally was a PC Paintbrush graphics file by Kent Franken 73670,3546. It was then converted to Windows .BMP format with HiJaak. Sysop's Note: This file depicts a Trademark of CommSoft, Inc., used here with CommSoft's permission.

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### Windows icons

GENEAL.ICO Bytes: 766

This is a generic icon for a genealogy program running under Windows. It was drawn by Rocky Strickland to resemble a pedigree chart.

CHART.ICO Bytes: 766

Another generic genealogy icon for Windows drawn by Rocky Strickland. It resembles a descendant box chart.

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### Brothers Keeper Windows icon

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Windows icon for Brothers Keeper version 5.0  
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## Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society



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**19 7:00-9:00pm CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING**  
 Black Genealogy - Michelle Smith

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**16 7:00-9:00pm CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING**  
 Forms used in Genealogy - Helen Smith  
**18 10:00-11:00am Field Trip to Flamingo Library**

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**16 7:00-9:00pm CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING**  
 Civil War: Military Records - Richard and Marilyn Haynes  
**18 8:00am-4:00pm Spring Seminar - Everton Publishers "Climbing Your Family Tree Can Be Fun!"**

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**18 7:00-9:00pm CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING**  
 Creative Memories - Wendy Cox  
**20 10:00am-12:00pm Opening of Genealogical Library at North Las Vegas Library**

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- 1909-1911 - Clark County Recorder, P.O. Box 551510, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.) (702) 455-4336.
- After July 1911 - Nevada State Health Division, Section of Vital Statistics, 505 E. King St., Room 102, Carson City, NV 89710, (702) 687-4480. During the first 90 days after birth or death, obtain records from the Clark County Health District, Vital Records, P.O. Box 4426, Las Vegas, NV 89127 (702) 383-1223. The Clark County Health District retains birth records for only 25 years, death records for only 20 years -- only the Nevada State Health Division has earlier records.

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- 1873-1909 - Lincoln County Clerk, P.O. Box 90, Pioche, NV 89043 (702) 962-5390.
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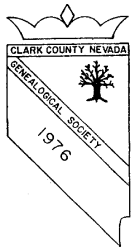
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- Before 1861 - Utah Territorial Courts (at the Nevada State Library & Archives, 101 South Fall St., Carson City, NV 89710).
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