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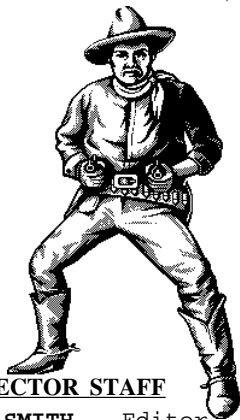
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# DUES INCREASE

CCNGS dues will experience a modest raise.

## YEARLY MEMBERSHIP:

SINGLE - \$16.00 (Currently \$14.00)

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PROSPECTOR (ONLY) - \$11.00 (No change)

Effective 1 September 1997, for renewing CCNGS members

## CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY CATALOG

By: Rose E. TURNER (CCNGS)

What a surprise! The Clark County Library Catalog which is now available on computer shows that there are 297 titles under the listing of GENEALOGY. There are multiple copies of *The Genealogists' Handbook* by WRIGHT, and titles of current thoughts in research, such as *Genealogy Online* by CROWE. Specific research in other countries is also present such as this title, *Genealogy Research in England* by REID.

This is a great beginning, CCNGS members should utilize this collection and show the library that the community is interested in genealogy.

## ATTENTION OHIO RESEARCHERS

"Mac" PURCEL and Rose TURNER are forming an IOWA-OHIO Research Sub-group to share expenses for dues for the state genealogy societies. Their publications are: *IOWA-HAWKEYE HERITAGE* and *OHIO-THE REPORT*. The two hope to exchange research notes with others in CCNGS. Please call Mac at 361-6116 or Rose at 798-4321.

## NEWSLETTERS TO SHARE

Barbara CULLINGS (CCNGS), has the following newsletters which she would like to share with others if you are researching in any of these areas.

Central New York Genealogical Society,  
Capital District Genealogical society (New York),  
SEELEY Family Genealogical Society,  
Central Scotland Family History Society,  
American Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society,  
Crawford County, Iowa, Genealogical Society.

Barbara may be reached at 735-1688 or at our monthly meetings.

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# Nominations

as of the 19 June 1997

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Nominations will open at the 17 July and 15 August meetings. Election will be at the 18 September meeting.

## CCNGS Meetings

1997

July 17	Korean Migration to Las Vegas, 'Kim Sisters' Lee KWON
August 21	Scotland - Why Did They Leave - Timeline Yorel BARLOW
September 18	CCNGS Birthday Potluck and Election of 1997-98 Officers
October 21	Photo Preservation - Michael's Photo
November 20	National Archives and Their Records Jean FREDRIKSEN
December 18	19th Century Valley Families Liz WARREN

## UPCOMING SEMINARS

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11 October 1997

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14 March 1998

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3 October 1998



## SALT LAKE CITY LODGING

(NEAR THE SALT LAKE CITY FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY)

By: Rose E. **TURNER** (CCNGS)

This list of hotels and motels is not endorsed by the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society but is published as a service to CCNGS members. We know that many of you go to Salt Lake City for genealogy research once a month and others go once a year, but each of you would appreciate a list of lodgings in the vicinity of the Family History Library. We have attempted to contact each listing and give you the pertinent information. If you are not going to the SLCFHL immediately, the address and telephone number is given so that you can check on the current room rates. A number of these facilities set June 1 as the start of their higher summer rates. If a hotel was hesitant to give the room rates because of frequent changes, only the address and telephone number is given. The Olympics in our neighboring state may increase prices and it may be difficult to book at that time unless you make your reservation early.

**TRAVELODGE** - 144 West Temple (across the street from the FHL) 1-800-533-8200 - Sep. to May - 2 people: 1 queen \$58; 2 double beds \$64. June to Aug: 1 queen \$64; 2 double beds \$70; 1 person: queen \$52.

**DOUBLE TREE** (formerly The Red Lion) - 255 So. West Temple (1 block from the Library) 1-800-222-8732 (National Reservation Number) or 1-801-531-7500 (local). Call for latest rates.

**QUALITY INN** - 154 W. 600 South, 1-800-221-2222 (National Reservation Number) or 1-801-521-2930 (local). Price range: \$69-\$99 May 1, 1997 - April 30, 1998. A short walk to the Library and no comments from members about degree of satisfaction of accommodations.

**CARLTON HOTEL** - 40 West Temple, 1-801-355-3419 (two blocks from the Temple) Free shuttle service to and from the Library. Full breakfast. \$58 winter months; \$64 summer months. Members report accommodations quite satisfactory.

**CARLTON HOTEL** - 524 West Temple, (yes, 2 Carlton Hotels near the Library). For reservations and information call the hotel at 1-801-531-7100. Could not contact the hotel or anyone who was familiar with it.

**HILTON HOTEL** - 150 W. 500 South, 1-801-532-3344: call local number for reservations and rate information. A short walk to the Library. Good accommodations but pricy.

We hope that this information will be helpful to the membership and that everyone traveling to Salt Lake City will be successful in their searches.

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## 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.

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## THE ELUSIVE ANCESTOR

By Merrell **KENSORTHY**

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.  
He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had not fame.  
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list  
Of passengers to the U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.  
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;  
But the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named **JONES**.

From: *Skinner Kinsmen Update*, The Quarterly Publication of the Skinner Family Association, Vol 15, Spring 1997, Number 2, p. 38.

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## A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY

A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, COMMUNITY

Mesquite, commemorates Edward **BUNKER** of St. George, Utah, who came to Nevada in 1877 to serve as a missionary to the Indians. The town, formerly called Mesquite (not to be confused with the present town of Mesquite, six miles northeast of Bunkerville), had been founded earlier in the 1870s by Thomas Dudley **LEAVITT**, Sr. and a few others from Utah; however, with the establishment of the post office on October 27, 1879, the name was changed to **BUNKERVILLE**, honoring Mr. **BUNKER**, a veteran of the Mormon Battalion of the Mexican War.  
"Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary," Helen S. **CARLSON**, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p.64.

# NGS 1997 Conference in the States

by Diane E. GREENE (CCNGS)

The National Genealogical Society 1997 Conference in the States was held 7-10 May in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The local host was the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. As with any research, planning is crucial to any research trip. In order to best utilize our time efficiently, a friend and I decided to spend a week doing field research before attending the conference in Valley Forge. We took the "red eye" into Philadelphia where we rented a car for the duration of the trip. We managed to dedicate one full day of research at the following libraries and societies: Lancaster Historical Society in Lancaster (wonderful vertical files), Pennsylvania State Library in Harrisburg (large selection of family histories, somewhat smaller selection of vertical files, and all Pennsylvania newspapers but no indexes), Coyle Free Library (I found a treasure: unpublished court records from Cumberland County - unindexed; I struck a deal with the librarian and volunteered to index the records), Kittochtinny Historical Society in Chambersburg (both libraries had a variety of interesting local history), York County Historical Society, Chester County Archives, Chester County Historical Society, and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

We arranged our itinerary so that we could also take in some of the local sites (when the libraries were closed, of course.) The first night we had a fantastic meal at the Plain and Fancy Farm Restaurant, an Amish family style restaurant. It lies between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse on Route 340. Our meal started with sweet-and-sour relishes (the chow-chow was great), apple butter, and fresh breads. There was roast beef, fried chicken, "the" best baked sausage, dried corn, and various other home grown vegetables. The variety of desserts was unbelievable. I tasted my first piece of Shoofly Pie (heavenly) and managed to have room for apple crumb cake and ice cream. They soon will be on the Web: <http://www.millers-plainandfancy.com>.

The second day (after the library closed in Harrisburg) we got back on the road and headed toward Franklin County (my families are from Dry Run, Doylesburg, and Doylestown). These little villages are located in the beautiful Path Valley. This was my first trip to the area, but I have been in touch with a couple of long-lost cousins. One is the keeper of the records. She showed me old family photographs and pointed me to the church, cemeteries, and old homestead. I did manage to stir up a bit of excitement. They were very entertained as I raced around taking photographs of old graves. I was amazed to discover the Amish were in this valley. One tip I picked up from the historical society was pertaining to local homes: houses with chimneys in the middle indicate that they were German houses and houses with chimneys on the end were Scotch-Irish.

We took in the 42nd Apple Blossom Festival in Arendtsville, Adams County. It was held at the South Mountain Fairgrounds; the festival was sponsored by the Adams County Fruit Growers Association. We experienced a variety of local crafts and food. Not only did we sample funnel cake (very tasty, but they wouldn't give me the recipe), but also kettle korn. Continuous entertainment was provided by country and blues bands and by cloggers. We jumped on a bus and had a breathtaking tour of the apple blossoms which were in full bloom.

Gettysburg was very interesting, but I admit that I really don't know much about the Civil War. The visitor's center had a wonderful "electric map" which depicted the movements of the troops. The book store was a Civil War buff's dream and the exhibits were very impressive. I was fortunate to be able to visit the battlefield for a second time with a special friend who showed me the Confederate side. I was very lucky that I had the perspective of a southern boy who is a Civil War enthusiast. The Virginia monument was fantastic. Rain was coming down in a fine mist and looking down from Little Round Top, the battlefield looked eerie. The clouds were nestled in the trees. If you are interested in a layman's account of the four days of Gettysburg, *The Killer Angels* by Michael SHAARA has an excellent account.

The land around Valley Forge was very picturesque with a wonderful one-lane covered bridge. The visitor's center housed George WASHINGTON's tent and various exhibits. My favorite was the display of surgical tools, complete with a bullet with teeth marks on it.

The conference was awesome with a wide variety of lecture topics. It was sometimes difficult to decide which lectures to attend, but luckily tapes are available for the classes that were missed. We spent ten wonderful days researching in Pennsylvania, and careful planning guided us through every step of the way.

The 1998 NGS Conference in the States will be held in Denver, Colorado, 6-9 May 1998

## LITTLE ROUND TOP DEVIL'S DEN Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Most of the rocks of Devil's Den remain as they were that summer afternoon and evening in July 1863. Confederate General Hood's Division fought bitterly for this maze of boulders. This excellent cover helped dislodge the Union's troops on Little Round Top.

Photo by Don MOFFET. (c) Charm Kraft Ind. Inc.



# 13TH ANNUAL HERITAGE QUEST SALT LAKE RESEARCH TOUR

By: Helen S. SMITH (CCNGS)

If you are totally organized and ready for the holidays early and wondering what to do the first part of December, may I recommend and suggest that you consider attending the Heritage Quest Research Tour. Mac PURSEL and I attended this event several years ago and found it to be valuable and a wonderful time of year to be in the library.

This year the research tour occurs December 7 through 14 with 6 full days of research - up to 83 hours in the library. Ten professional genealogists will be available to assist you and to teach classes.

Special events during that time of year include Temple Square and Salt Lake City Christmas Decorations, Messiah Concerts, Dickens Festival and a library with very few researchers.

For further information contact me or call (253) 770-0551.

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\* For additional information on the Federation of Genealogical Societies or information about the conference, please contact FGS at P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220; telephone/fax 972-907-9727. Our E-Mail address is (fgs-office@fgs.org). Check the FGS website on the World Wide Web at (<http://www.fgs.org/~fgs/>).

\* The Dallas Genealogical Society may be contacted at P.O. Box 12648, Dallas, TX 75225-0648 or E-Mail (dgs@chrysalis.org). The DGS Fax and voice mail number is 214-670-7932. Information about the conference is available on the DGS homepage (<http://www.chrysalis.org/dgs>).



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## A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY

A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, COMMUNITY CALLVILLE. An early Mormon settlement between Boulder Canyon and Black Canyon on the Colorado River, now under the water of Lake Mead; named for Bishop Anson W. CALL, who built a stone warehouse there in 1865. The post office, along with Overton and Saint Joseph, was established as if in Pah Ute County, Arizona, although the sites had been transferred to Nevada by Act of Congress in 1866 and attached to Lincoln County. Callville was abandoned in 1869 and its post office, dating from January 25, 1867, was discontinued on June 15, 1869.

"*Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary*," Helen S. CARLSON, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 67.



### WHY DON'T SOME OF OUR ANCESTORS HAVE GRAVESTONES?

*Maybe this is the answer!*

Seems that this poor couple didn't have much and the husband was not very nice to his wife of 40 years. One day he up and died, so she went through the regular routine, had his funeral and buried him.

About three weeks later in the grocery store, a clerk said "Wow! What a diamond on that finger. How big is the stone? Your husband must have left you well off."

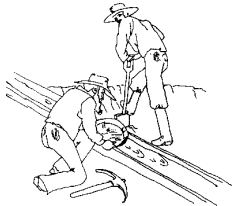
"Not really," she replied.

"Well, where did you get the money for it?", asked the clerk.

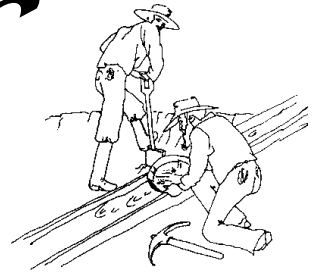
"Well," she said, "I was going through his things right after he died and I found an envelope containing some money and a note. The note said, "Here's enough money to bury me when I die, plus an extra \$5,000 for a nice stone!"



The above was found in the May/June 1997 issue of the *Lycoming Lineage* - The newsletter of the Lycoming County (PA) Genealogical Society.



# QUERIES



## VOELKER, VOLKER, FELKER

Seeking info on Michael Clement **FELKER** who came to U.S. 1871 from Hockenheim, Baden, Ger; settled Upper Sandusky, OH. Florence **PAYNE** 5805 W. Harmon #123, Las Vegas, NV 89103 (702) 247-8887

## FISHER, FISCHER, FELKER

Seeking info on Charlotte **FISHER/FISCHER**, wife of Michael **FELKER**; b. 1843 Hockenheim, Germany. Florence **PAYNE** 5805 W. Harmon #123, Las Vegas, NV 89103, (702) 247-8887

## PAYNE, SMART

Seeking info on William H. **PAYNE** b. 1854; m. Elizabeth **SMART** b. 1850; lived Camden, NY; both born US (?); their parents born England. Florence **PAYNE** 5805 W. Harmon #123, Las Vegas, NV 89103, (702) 247-8887

## MUZINGO, SMITH

Looking for ancestors of Francis Marion **MUZINGO** b. 1860's Tatesville Co., MO; m. Sarah Julia **SMITH** of Warnsburg, IA. Lived in Cowgill, MO near Liberty, MO. Elizabeth (**EVERLEY**) **MUZINGO** 151 Copper St, Henderson, NV 89015 (702) 565-8043

## EVERLEY, DOYLE

Looking for ancestors of Isaac Alonzo **EVERLEY** b. 3 May 1849 OH; m. Martha **DOYLE**; lived St. Clairsville, OH 1850-1880. Later lived Monet/Carthage, MO. Died 12 May 1920 Tulsa, OK. Elizabeth (**EVERLEY**) **MUZINGO** 151 Copper St, Henderson, NV 89015 (702) 565-8043

## SCOTT, GILBERT

Seeking parents and any info on family of Thomas **SCOTT** b. abt 1830 Kokomo, Cass Co, IN; m. Mary E. **GILBERT**. Children: Hester Ann and Catherine (Cassie). Shirley **LAUB** 1570 Laurel Oak Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89123 (702) 269-6891

## QUINN, GILBERT

Seeking info on Nancy **QUINN** b. 13 Apr 1818 Ireland (?); d. 28 Aug 1899 Camden Co., MO; m. Haywood **GILBERT** probably abt 1830 Kokomo, IN. Shirley **LAUB** 1570 Laurel Oak Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89123 (702) 269-6891

## GILBERT, QUINN

Seeking info on Haywood **GILBERT** and Nancy **QUINN**, parents of Mary E. **GILBERT** b. abt 1830 TN and m. Thomas **SCOTT** abt 1860 in IN. Shirley **LAUB** 1570 Laurel Oak Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89123 (702) 269-6891

## OFFORD, HARDIN

Seeking brother of Lucy (**OFFORD**) **HARDIN** who moved from TN/GA to Texas late 1800's; first name unknown. Jo Ann **HAWKINS** 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107-1322

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## SANKERS, RICH

Seeking what happened to Frank **SANKERS** and wife Lea (**RICH**) **SANKERS** aft 1870 in Salt Lake City, UT. Jo Ann **HAWKINS** 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107-1322 (702) 878-6419

## STEPHENS

Need parents of James **STEPHENS** b. NC abt 1860-1870. Jo Ann **HAWKINS** 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107-1322 (702) 878-6419

## PALMER

Looking for parents of William B. **PALMER** b. 17 July 1859 West Barnet, Caledonia Co, VT. Left this area age 21 migrating to Guthrie Co, IA. Mary J. **WATSON** 122 Greenbriar THWY, Las Vegas, NV 89121 (702) 547-1952

## JONES, WEST

Looking for parents of Zedekiah Daniel **JONES** b. 1836 Hancock Co, OH; d. 1875 near Osborne, KS. M. Susan **WEST** 1873, d. 1955. Mary J. **WATSON** 122 Greenbriar THWY, Las Vegas, NV 89121 (702) 547-1952

## WORTHINGTON

Seeking info on Robert **WORTHINGTON** b. 1800-1801, lived Lowndeslo, MS 1852. Children: James Henry and Thomas Jefferson **WORTHINGTON**. Doris **WORTHINGTON** 127 Vance Ct, Henderson, Nv 89014 (702) 436-0762

## AUSTIN, CRAWFORD

Seeking mother of Jefferson C. **AUSTIN** b. abt 1831 WI. Son of Almon **AUSTIN** who may have married a **CRAWFORD**. Beverley **SILVER** 3012 Hawksdale Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89134

## HUSSY, HUSSEY, TOUSLEY, TOWSLEY

Seeking parents of Mary **HUSSEY/HUSSY** who married Michael **TOUSLEY/TOWSLEY** in Hampton, NH 1678. Jackie **RINALDI** 10013 Netherton Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702) 256-0520

## JOHNSON, DONOHO

Seeking descendants of Benjamin F, George W. and Samuel P. **JOHNSON** s/o Pennock and Jane (**DONOHO**) **JOHNSON** of Cincinnati, Oh. Resided in Cincinnati in 1850-1860 or later. Edie **KRAEMER** 612 Langtry Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89107 (702) 877-5485

## JOHNSON, TRAVILLA

Seeking descendants of Nathan **JOHNSON** and Mary **TRAVILLA** of Chester Co, PA 1785-1844. Edie **KRAEMER** 612 Langtry Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89107 (702) 877-5485

## PETRIE

Seeking info on William Wallace **PETRIE**, 7th child of 8, b. 22



June 1838 Forfar, Scotland; d. 18 Dec 1908 Chicago, Cook Co., IL; m. 1800.

Virginia A. **OSTERMAN** 145 Codyerin Dr, Henderson, NV 89014-0147 (702)434-4345

### **PETRIE**

Seeking info on William **PETRIE** b. abt 1795 Forfar, Scotland; father of William Wallace **PETRIE** (above).

Virginia A. **OSTERMAN** 145 Codyerin Dr., Henderson, NV 89014-0147 (702) 434-4345

### **TOEMMES, LUDWIG, LUDVIG**

Seeking descendents of Peter **TOEMMES** and Sibella (Sibble) **LUDWIG/LUDVIG**. Lived central IL 1858-1915. Six children: 3 sons & 3 daughters, noted in obit of Peter **TOEMMES**, 28 Jan 1898 in Odell, IL.

Margaret **LOUIS** 2215 Marlboro Dr, Henderson, NV 89014

### **LUDWIG, LUDVIG**

Seeking death info on Andreus **LUDWIG/LUDVIG** and wife Madelene. Arrived USA from Rollfeld, GER in 1852. Buried in small cemetery near Henry, Marshall Co, IL; stone does not give death dates. Also lists: Angelos, Andreas and Arsenius as children without death dates. Any info appreciated.

Margaret **LOUIS** 2215 Marlboro Dr, Henderson, NV 89014

### **BROERSMA, REITSMA**

Seeking descendants of Peter (Pieter) **BROERSMA** b. 18 May 1923 in Blija, Netherlands. Father Anne **BROERSMA** died Sept 1963. Mother Antje **REITSMA** d. 8 Dec 1976.

Gloria **PHILLIPS** 10 Bon Rea Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89110 (702) 452-6251

### **CLARK, DeRYKE, DOYLE, HANSEN**

Seeking children of Harold Martin **CLARK**, Sr. b 1909, d. 1953 and Vera M. b. circa 1909. Parents, Sherman B. **CLARK** b. 1880, d. 1962, in 1898 m. Henrietta b. 1884, d. 1972. brothers, Sidney b. 1907, m. Helen DeRYKE, Sherman Jr. b. 1914, m. Illa Marie **DOYLE** d. 1984. Sister Marian b. 1912. Harold and Vera had son Harold, Jr. b. 1956, lived at 1252 Paris NE, Grand Rapids, MI. 1958 Harold Jr. in US Navy, address: 115 Kirtland S.W., Grand Rapids, MI. Harold Jr. m. Marjorie **HANSEN**.

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### **SIEPELINGA, WILLIAMS, HARMANUS**

Seeking info on Jacob Hendricks **SIEPELINGA** and wife Ietje **WILLIAMS**. Son Johannes Jacobs b. 22 Nov 1812, m. Anna **HARMANUS** 29 Nov 1834. Don Hoff b. 27 Mar 1813, d. 14 Feb 1858. All from Uithuizen Groningen, Netherlands.

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### **SEELEY, SMITH**

Looking for Salley **SEELEY** b. 6 Mar 1796, where? Also Abner **SEELEY** and mother Eunice SMITH, where born, where died? Catherine **MARSHALL** 1741 Ferrel St, Las Vegas, NV 89106-1303 (702) 648-8809

### **CRAWFORD**

Looking for Robena **CRAWFORD** b. Beith, Scotland (?) when? Died 16 June 1890, Odell, NE. Who are her father & mother? Catherine **MARSHALL** 1741 Ferrel St, Las Vegas, NV 89106-1303 (702) 648-8809

### **ALLAN**

Looking for people with last name **ALLAN** b. NJ, IA, & KS. Catherine **MARSHALL** 1741 Ferrel St, Las Vegas, NV 89106-1303 (702) 648-8809



## **DR. GEORGE K. SCHWEITZER**

As an undergraduate chemistry major, George K **SCHWEITZER** was strongly attracted to intellectual history in his history, philosophy, and religion courses. After his BS degree, he took MS and PhD degrees in Chemistry (University of Illinois). Unable to suppress his other interests, after 15 years of university teaching and research in chemistry, **SCHWEITZER** was awarded a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship, took a leave of absence, and returned to graduate school. He did his MA in the History of Religion (Columbia University) and his PhD in History of Science (New York University).

During his historical studies, **SCHWEITZER** came across an ancestor in the development of early American religion, and another ancestor in the development of science. And the virus of the incurable malady of genealogy began its consumptive effects. After returning to his post as Alumni Distinguished Professor at the University of Tennessee, **SCHWEITZER** has concurrently pursued his hobby of historical-genealogical reenactments, tracing the families of his grandchildren, and writing genealogical guidebooks. In the field of chemistry, Professor **SCHWEITZER** teaches and does research on the environmental chemistry of radioactivity. He has also taught university courses on the Civil War, the History of Religion, the History of Technology, Local and Family History, the History of Science, the Evolutionary History of the Universe, Colonial America, and has team taught seminars in Historiography and Epistemology,

In the field of genealogy, he has authored 16 guide books, has documented several of his genealogical lines back to the early 1500s, and has made presentations to over 170 genealogical and historical organizations. Dr. **SCHWEITZER** is listed in *Who's Who in America*, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and has held 23 endowed lectureships at colleges and universities. His undergraduate school (Central College in Missouri) has awarded him an honorary Doctor of Science degree in recognition of his contributions to the history of the interactions of science and religion. The East Tennessee Historical Society also has honored him with its Award for Excellence in History Education.



# ***MEMBER AHNENTAFEL***

PREPARED BY: Helen LaVerne (JYTYLA) SMITH

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## **1st GENERATION**

1. Helen LaVerne **JYTYLA**, occ. Sch.Psychologist, b. 18 Aug 1942 in Eveleth, St. Louis Co., MN, re. in Henderson, Clark Co., NV, ma. 17 Aug 1963 in Virginia, St. Louis Co., MN.

## **2nd GENERATION**

2. Arvo Einer **JYTYLA**, occ. Mechanic,Foreman, b. 6 Apr 1913 in Virginia, St. Louis Co., MN, d. 30 Apr 1981 in Salinas, Monterey Co., CA, ma. 27 Jun 1937 in Sandy Twnshp, St. Louis Co., MN.
3. Helen Elmina **JACOBSON**, occ. Button Sew; Superv, b. 2 Oct 1909 in Sandy Twnshp, St. Louis Co., MN, re. in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV.

## **3rd GENERATION**

4. Johan (Juho/John) Ludvig **JYTYLA**, occ. Miner, b. 29 Sep 1884 in Kauhajoki, Vaasa, FIN, d. 11 Oct 1971 in Virginia, St. Louis Co., MN, ma. 2 Apr 1911 in Virginia, St. Louis Co., MN.
5. Ida Elvira **RAJALA**, occ. Domestic/Waitres, b. 5 Apr 1891 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 27 Nov 1982 in Virginia, St. Louis Co., MN.
6. Matti **JACOBSON PULKKINEN**, occ. Farmer,CoffinMak, b. 24 Mar 1860 in Pulkkinen, Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. 27 Jun 1939 in Sandy Twp, St. Louis Co., MN, ma. 28 Jul 1888 in Franklin Twp, Houghton Co., MI, ref: SMR00014.
7. Aina Lydia **OXKOSKI**, occ. Housewife, b. 6 Jul 1870 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 23 Jul 1958 in Virginia, St. Louis Co., MN, ref: SMR00015.

## **4th GENERATION**

8. Johan Jakob **KARLSSON**, b. 2 Jan 1856 in Ostermarku/Teuva, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Kauhajoki, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 23 Aug 1879 in Vaasa, FIN, ref: 24.
9. Mathilda Evelina **JOHANS DTTR**, b. 3 Jan 1856 in Seinajoki, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Kauhajoki, Vaasa, FIN.
10. Jakob Henriks son **RAJALA**, b. 11 Jul 1843 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 31 Mar 1922 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, ma. in Turku-Pori, FIN, ref: 26.
11. Maria Wilhelmiina **ISAKS DTTR**, b. 15 Aug 1844 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 1 Feb 1926 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
12. Jakob Abrahamsson **SALMELA**, occ. Farmer, b. 15 Apr 1827 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Vaasa, FIN, ma. 10 Apr 1859 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
13. Lisa Abrahamsdr **TIKKAKOSKI**, occ. Housewife, b. 17 Jun 1821 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Sieve, Vaasa, FIN.
14. Johan Johansson **OXKOSKI**, occ. Farmer, b. 11 Aug 1832 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 12 Sep 1897 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 20 May 1855 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
15. Maria Sofia Pettersdr **ALBACK**, occ. Housewife, b. 5 Nov 1833 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. 26 Jul 1917 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.

## **5th GENERATION**

16. Carl Henrick Johansson **PELDOKOSKI**, occ. Farmer, b. 22 Sep 1827 in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN, ma. circa 1850 in Vaasa, FIN.
17. Anna Lisa **JAKOBSDTR**, occ. Housewife, b. 7 Feb 1834 in Narva, Vaasa, FIN.
20. Henri Isaacsson **LOKNAKOSKI**, b. 30 May 1809 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 28 Jun 1845 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, ma. 27 Jan 1829 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
21. Anna Gretta **JACOBSDTR HUHTALA**, occ. Housewife, b. 17 Dec 1809 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 5 Jan 1844 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.

24. Abraham Mattsson **HATAKAIN**, occ. Farmer, b. 11 Dec 1791 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. 5 Mar 1845 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 8 Sep 1816 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
25. Margaretha (Greta) Eliasdtr **FORSBACKA**, occ. Housewife, b. 12 Jul 1797 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. 18 Oct 1854 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
26. Abraham Mattsson **HUMALALAMPI TIKKAKOSKI**, occ. Farmer, b. 26 Jul 1786 in Humalalampi, Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 12 Jan 1814 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
27. Brita Elisdtr **JANGA**, occ. Housewife, b. 6 Sep 1789 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 2 Apr 1832 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
28. Johan Henricsson **KINNUNEN OXKOSKI**, occ. Farmer/Bonde, b. 9 Sep 1803 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 12 May 1866 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. Oct 1826 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
29. Anna Lisa Johansdtr **OXKOSKI**, occ. Housewife, b. 12 Mar 1812 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
30. Pehr August **ALBACK**, occ. Sailor/Farmer, b. 4 Sep 1805 in Vaasa, FIN, d. 9 Jul 1837 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 22 Nov 1824 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
31. Maja Lisa Eriksdtr **HYYPA LANG**, occ. Housewife, b. 2 Oct 1808 in Vaasa, FIN, d. 10 Mar 1888 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.

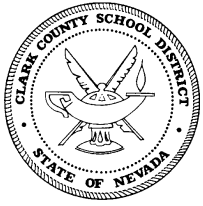
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32. Johan Jakobsson **NIEMI**, occ. Farmer, b. 12 Oct 1803 in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN, ma. circa 1825 (?) in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN.
33. Maria Simonsdtr **PELDOKOSKI**, occ. Housewife, b. 9 Jan 1806 in Vaasa, FIN.
40. Isaac Henricsson **LOKNAKOSKI**, occ. Farmer, b. 11 Mar 1784 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 8 Jul 1828 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, ma. 7 Jul 1805 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
41. Maria Mattsdtr **LEPPIJARVI PERALA**, occ. Housewife, b. 8 Feb 1782 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 25 Mar 1844 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
42. Jacob Mattsson **HUHTALA**, occ. Farmer, b. 20 Mar 1773 in Noormarkku, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 13 Feb 1850 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, ma. 15 Nov 1795 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
43. Gretha Ericdtr **KALLIO**, occ. Housewife, b. 5 Dec 1774 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 1 Jun 1852 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
48. Matts Gabrielsson **HATAKAINEN**, occ. Farmer, b. 6 Jun 1754 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. 13 Dec 1808 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 26 Nov 1775 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
49. Maria Andersdtr **STORE**, occ. Housewife, b. 25 Oct 1752 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. after 1808 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
50. Elias Johansson **FORSBACKA**, occ. Farmer, b. 1 Jul 1771 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 13 Nov 1791 in Veteli Parish, Vaasa, FIN.
51. Catharina Henricdtr **PUMMALAINEN**, b. 24 Nov 1770 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Vaasa, FIN.
52. Matt Mattsson **HUMALALAMPI**, occ. Farmer, b. 15 Sep 1754 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 23 Apr 1788 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 8 Dec 1776 in Perho, Veteli Parish, Vaasa, FIN.
53. Britha Hansdtr **PUUMALAINEN**, occ. Housewife, b. 23 Oct 1752 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 5 Sep 1809 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
54. Elias Henricson **JANGA**, occ. Farmer, b. 24 Apr 1761 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 26 Mar 1833 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 1781 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
55. Anna Mattsdotter **KIVIJARVI**, occ. Housewife, b. 1 Aug 1755 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 1816 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
56. Henric Mattsson **KINNIA**, occ. Farmer/Bonde, b. 1768 in Vaasa, FIN, d. 11 Mar 1833 in Perho, Veteli Parish, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 28 Dec 1798 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
57. Lisa Ericdotter **KORPITALO**, occ. Housewife, b. 12 Nov 1777 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 1865 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
58. Johan Abrahamsson **OXKOSKI**, occ. Farmer/Sexman, b. 7 Jun 1790 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 26 Nov 1865 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. Jul 1809 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
59. Anna Andersdotter **MUSTAMAA**, occ. Housewife, b. 18 Nov 1789 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
60. Nils Johan **ALBACK**, occ. AsstMinister, b. 31 Mar 1763 in Vaasa, FIN, d. 14 Jun 1814 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, ma. circa 1790 (?) in Vaasa, FIN.
61. Elsa Elisabeth **MALMSTROM**, occ. Housewife, b. 1 Oct 1762 (?) in Vaasa, FIN, d. 5 Aug 1856 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.

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64. Jacob Josephsson **NIEMI**, occ. Farmer, b. 1 Sep 1779 in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN, ma. circa 1800 (?) in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN.
65. Susanna Johansdtr **HARIUNPAA**, occ. Housewife, b. 20 Mar 1783 in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN.
66. Simon Mattsson, occ. Farmer, b. 23 Oct 1778 in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN, ma. circa 1800 in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN.
67. Susanna **HENRICSDTR**, occ. Housewife, b. 14 Sep 1778 in Teuva, Vaasa, FIN.
80. Henri Henricsson **LOKNAKOSKI**, occ. Farmer, b. 4 May 1734 in Loknakoski, Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 30 Jan 1821 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, ma. before 1774 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
81. Maria Johansdtr **LAMMI**, occ. Housewife, b. 18 Dec 1752 in Lammi, Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 13 May 1792 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
82. Matt Mattsson **LEPPIJARVI**, occ. Farmer, b. 23 Jan 1744/5 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. 22 Nov 1790 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, ma. circa 1775 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
83. Lisa **HENRICSDTR**, occ. Housewife, b. 30 Oct 1751 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
84. Matt, occ. Farmer, b. circa 1740 (?) in Noormarkku, Turku-Pori, FIN, ma. circa 1770 in Noormarkku, Turku-Pori, FIN.
85. Lena **ERICSDTR**, occ. Housewife, b. 18 Dec 1743 (?) in Noormarkku, Turku-Pori, FIN.
86. Eric Henricsson **HIRVIJARVI KALLIO**, occ. Farmer/Torpe, b. 7 Apr 1751 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, ma. circa 1771 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
87. Maria **ANDERSDTR**, occ. Housewife, b. 28 Aug 1752 in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN, d. in Siikainen, Turku-Pori, FIN.
96. Gabriel Mattsson **HATAKAINEN**, occ. Farmer, b. 11 Dec 1730 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. 27 Feb 1802 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 9 Nov 1751 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
97. Lisa Johansdtr **HUMALALAMPI**, occ. Housewife, b. 4 Mar 1730/1 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. 7 Jul 1800 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
100. Johan Stephensson **FORSBACKA**, occ. Farmer, b. 7 May 1741 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 14 Dec 1760 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
101. Britha Michelsdtr **PAVALA**, occ. Housewife, b. 16 Jan 1741/2 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
102. Henri Gabrielsson **PUUMALAINEN**, occ. Farmer, b. 28 May 1736 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Vaasa, FIN, ma. 9 Oct 1762 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
103. Margaritha Johansdtr **HUMALALAMPI**, b. 31 Jan 1743/4 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. in Vaasa, FIN.
104. Matts Johansson **HUMALALAMPI**, occ. Bonde/Sexman, b. 5 Oct 1729 in Perho, Veteli Parish, Vaasa, FIN, d. 14 Mar 1791 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 24 Mar 1750/1 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
105. Anna Ericsdtr **WARG**, occ. Housewife, b. Apr 1725 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 14 Oct 1792 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
106. Hans Johansson **PUUMALAINEN**, occ. Farmer, b. 20 Jun 1719 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN, d. 19 May 1764 in Veteli Parish, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 5 Oct 1736 in Veteli, Vaasa, FIN.
107. Maria Danielsdtr **KORTIJERS**, occ. Housewife, b. 1713 in Vaasa, FIN.
108. Henrici Pahrson **JANGA**, occ. Farmer, b. 1723 in Vaasa, FIN, d. in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 20 Oct 1753 in Perho, Veteli Parish, Vaasa, FIN.
109. Carin Mattsdtr **KARVONEN**, occ. Housewife, b. 13 Mar 1731/2 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 19 Nov 1813 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
110. Matt **KIVIJARVI**, b. circa 1725 in Perho, Vaasa, Finland.
114. Eric Ericsson **KORPI**, occ. Farmer, b. 6 Aug 1749 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. circa 1777 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
115. Carin/Caisa **ELIASDTR**, occ. Housewife, b. 1754 in Vaasa, FIN, d. in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
116. Abraham Johansson **OXKOSKI**, occ. Farmer, b. 10 Jan 1767 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 20 Sep 1810 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. 9 Dec 1788 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
117. Anna Ericsdtr **SAARI**, occ. Housewife, b. 9 Sep 1766 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
118. Anders Johsson **MUSTAMAA**, occ. Churchwarden, b. 25 Nov 1750 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, d. 9 Dec 1808 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN, ma. circa 1784 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.
119. Lisa Mattsdotter **LUSTIG**, occ. Housewife, b. 14 Nov 1752 in Perho, Vaasa, FIN.

**The Prospector** is pleased to continue a series of articles which feature schools in the Clark County (Nevada) School District named in honor of individuals from the Clark County, Nevada area. The information presented has been extracted from material derived from each of the schools so honored.



## CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ERNEST MAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Mrs. Anita **LEWIS**, daughter of Ernest **MAY**, paid tribute to her father during the dedication of Ernest **MAY** Elementary School which is located at 6350 W. Washburn Road on May 7, 1992 with the following.

“God gives us men a time like this demands;  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.  
Men whom the lust of office does not kill,  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy.  
Men who possess opinions and a will;  
Men who have honor, men who will not lie.  
Men who can stand before a demagogue  
And scorn his treacherous flatters without blinking.  
Tall men, sun-crowned men; Men who live above the fog.  
In public duty and in private life giving their all. “

“VETERAN MEMBER OF THE LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SHOT BY AUTO COURT PROPRIETOR: Ernest **MAY**, veteran railroad man and Las Vegas police officer was slain last night in pursuit of his duty. **MAY** was shot by H.W. **CLARK**; **CLARK** was in turn killed by **MAY** although the policeman was fatally wounded at the time.”

It is indeed an honor to be asked to present this biography of mine on our father, Earnest James **MAY** for whom this beautiful school has been named. I know how proud my father would be if he were here to see it.

Our father was born August 20, 1895, at Marysvayle, Utah to William and Rosette **MAY**. Our father was the fourth child born of this union. Our father's heritage is genuinely pioneer. His grandfather, James Calvin **EARL** was a member of the famed Mormon Battalion; he came to the West in 1847. Our father's grandmother crossed the plains driving two yoke of oxen in 1848. These two met in Salt Lake City. They were the first couple married by Brigham **YOUNG** in the Old Endowment House.

Our father's parents met at Silverreef, Utah, a mining town. William was a miner from Cornwall, England. William **MAY** and Rosette **EARL** fell in love and were married in December of 1888. They were the parents of five children. Willam **MAY** died in Pinevalley, Utah of miner's "Black Lung Disease".

Rosette then gathered up her children, the baby being only six weeks old, and moved to Las Vegas in 1905. This was the same year the community of Las Vegas was founded. Rosette's oldest son, Joseph

**MAY** became the first law enforcement officer in Las Vegas. "Uncle Joe", as we cousins called him, patrolled the town for many years on horseback. I can remember when he would saddle up his horse to go on duty. He became a policeman in 1915, and continued his dependable and honest work for the City of Las Vegas until his death in 1936.

The children of William and Rosette **MAY** were hard workers, always helping their widowed mother. They gathered mesquite wood on the desert to sell for money to live. Early on in his life our father learned the value of true and honest toil. A motto of his mother was, "If there is anything worth doing, it is worth doing right." Our father met our mother in Las Vegas. Our mother was going to high school and working. My father, although he was only fourteen years old, was working for the Union Pacific Railroad as a call boy. They later fell in love and were married on June 11, 1917. Their union produced eight children:

Anita (**MAY**) **LEWIS** of Roy, UT (myself), 4 children;  
Rosella (**MAY**) **WARREN** of Henderson, NV, deceased;  
Ernest J. **MAY JR** of St. George, UT, now deceased;  
Marjorie (**MAY**) **WAGGONER** of Clearfield, UT,  
4 children;  
Daisy (**MAY**) **DOWNER** of Henderson, NV, 5 children;  
Elsie Pearl (**MAY**) **PRISBEY** of American Fork, UT  
5 children;  
Darlene **MAY** died at eight years of age;  
Richard **MAY** of Nephi, UT, 4 children;

Our father worked for the railroad for almost twenty years. He had advanced to the position of engineer. The noise in the cab of the old iron horse began taking a toll on his hearing. "Uncle Joe" asked if my father would want to work for the police department. Law Enforcement Officer was a job that our father truly loved. He joined the police force in the early 1930's. He worked as a Federal Ranger at Boulder City, Nevada during the building of Hoover Dam. When it was finished, he transferred to the Las Vegas Police Department. I remember our mother being so afraid in those rough days that something may happen to her young husband; he was only thirty-eight years old then. She used to tell him to always be careful. I can remember his telling her that "You don't die until your time comes." Our father was never afraid. We children loved our father so dearly, he was a wonderful dad. He was affectionate, attentive and protective of all his children. My father was truly a native of Las Vegas. He loved his family, country, and gave the ultimate gift to his city.

We children and our mother were very poor after his death. Our mother is also a true heroine. She was able to raise us children on only \$80.00 a month. She sacrificed everyday in order to live. We want to pay tribute to her; she died in June of 1965, still loving and

**Ernest MAY Continued on page 12**

# WHERE IS BLOKESBJERG?

By: Linnea ANDERSON (CCNGS)

My aunt Edith (**NIELSEN**) **BJELDE** while visiting with her Danish cousin Amy (**BOTTERN**) **THUESEN-ANDERSON** and her husband, Peder **THUESEN-ANDERSEN** mentioned that her father, Jens **NIELSEN**, (my grandfather) when irritated or angry, would often say, "Oh go to Bloksbjerg!" She and her siblings had assumed that he was swearing and saying something akin to "Go to H—!" Peder told her that Bloksbjerg was a place where in olden days the witches were burned and that even today the 23 of June is celebrated by burning effigies of witches. This was of special interest to Edith since her birthday is June 23.

When Aunt Edith came back to the U.S., she told me this story. I wanted to find out more about this tale. The rest of this article deals with my search for the location of Bloksbjerg, which I assumed was in Denmark, and other details about the burning of witches.

Of course, the first thing I did was to search various atlases, but to no avail. I also looked in encyclopedias, histories of Denmark and maps which I had collected in my trips to Denmark including a road map put out by Esso (now Exxon) Gasoline Company. I also read a book on the mythology of the Scandinavian countries, but nowhere could I find a shred of useful information. In fact, I could find no mention of Bloksbjerg.

There for quite some time the matter rested. One day I happened to mention my problem to my friend and fellow genealogist, Mac **PURCEL**. She suggested that she and her husband, Bill, might search for me on the Internet through "ROOTS-L". In less than a week Mac was at my door with the following information from Ole **BALSLEV** direct from Odense, Denmark via E-Mail:

"Bloksbjerg is not a place in Denmark. It is the Danish name for the mountain Brocken (1142 m) in Harzen, Germany. According to tradition the German witches used to gather there every year on the night before May 1st to feast with the devil.

"On Midsummer Eve bonfires are lit all over Denmark—not only in a single place—to celebrate the birthday of St. John the Baptist. Nowadays a dummy witch is placed on top of the bonfire, and when the dummy catches fire, we say that the witch has flown away to Bloksbjerg and with all her evil.

"Originally—in the Middle Ages—fires were made ready on a lot of hilltops (the so-called beacon hills) all over the country, and guards were posted at the fires and instructed to light the fire, if enemy troops were seen in the neighborhood, as a signal for all men to gather and oppose the attack. The fire material had to be renewed once a year on Midsummer Eve, and the best way to do that was to burn it and build a new fire (or wood pile) the next day. This purely practical activity has later become a ceremony and a festival.

"You see the modern tradition has moved the witches' gathering from the eve of May first to Midsummer Eve. "The witch on the bonfire is a reflection of the brutal way to execute women who were convicted as witches. Usually the fires were built outside the town on the gallows' hill, and the poor women were taken there to be burnt. I don't know how many witches we burnt in Denmark, but it was done for more than two hundred years, the last burning being late in the 17th century, as far as I know."

I went back to my atlas, but still couldn't find Harzen. I even had a friend who had an interest in Germany check his map. He said that he couldn't find Harzen in his book of German postal codes. So again stalemated, but at least I knew it was in Germany. Prior to talking to Mac **PURCEL** I had written to the Danish Consulate in New York City. After a few weeks I received the following reply from the Royal Danish Consulate General in Los Angeles:

"Bloksbjerg which is the popular name for Brocken is not located in Denmark but rather in East Germany at the highest peak of the Hartz Mountains. The location is celebrated in legends, especially in connection with the Faust legend. Unfortunately, we do not have any in depth material available about the history behind the witch burning and Bloksbjerg. However, below please find a brief description of the Midsummer celebration in Denmark.

"The Midsummer Day, June 24th, is celebrated with evening bonfires to mark the changing season. This is an opportunity for singing and public speaking and rockets which symbolize the witches' swift dispatch to damnation—where tradition has it they assemble on Midsummer Eve. All along the Danish coastline and on inland hilltops, fires can be seen burning long into the night. The witches burned on the bonfires are said to fly to Bloksbjerg."

Then I went back to my trusty Britannica Atlas and looked for Hartz—oops here it is spelled HARZ, but it is in the right location and nearby I find Brocken. (If I had looked up Brocken when I looked up Harzen I would have found it, but at that time I thought Harzen was a city.

Well my quest was finally successful, the location of Brocken in German (Bloksbjerg in Danish) is 51.46N latitude and 10.36E longitude. The Harz Mountains, German, (Hartzen in Danish) is located at 51.45N and 10.30E.

Now I am satisfied that I know the story of Bloksbjerg. I assume that the discrepancy in dates—23rd and 24th is due to the fact that the 23rd relates to Midsummer Eve while the 24th relates to the day of midsummer. In fact, in Sweden they now celebrate Midsummer on the closest weekend to Midsummer—June 24th. I hope this article illustrates:

1. The confusions and problems that can arise when using foreign languages and the various spellings when one is not knowledgeable in the language.
2. The problems which arise when relying on oral traditions.
3. The need to have to use non-traditional sources, i.e. an E-Mail correspondent in Denmark and the Consulate of a foreign country.
4. It appears that we in Nevada are to use the Consulate offices in Los Angeles. I had sent inquiries to two different consulates in New York. Both were answered by their consulates' offices in Los Angeles and both requested that I address additional inquiries to the Los Angeles office.

# CLARK AND PRATT FAMILIES

by: Gloria **PHILLIPS** (CCNGS)

After viewing a segment on the Montel Williams Show, Gloria thought she would contact the show regarding a problem she was having. This article shares what has been happening.

LETTER TO JOE CULLIGAN OF THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW (dated December 12, 1996):

Dear Sir,

I saw you on the Montel Show. I wanted to write to you to see if you could help me locate my father, Harold **CLARK**. I never knew my father ('s name) until recently. I am 69 years old; my mother is 87 years old. She had me out of wedlock at 18 years old. She adopted me to a wonderful family at four weeks of age.

I was born Betty Jean **PRATT** to Kathryn **PRATT** at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan on January 22, 1928, at 10:53 a.m. My adopted name was Gloria L. **DIETMER** and my married name is **PHILLIPS**.

I was twenty-six years old when I found out I was adopted. I found my biological mother after ten years of searching. We met; I met my grandparents and an aunt plus three half siblings. We have not kept in contact much. Why, I don't know. Apparently Kathryn didn't want anymore contact.

After several letters she did tell me my father's name was Harold **CLARK** but no other information as to where he lived at the time. I'm hoping you might be able to help me. I just want to know my heritage, medical problems, and to meet my father, if possible.

I am on a fixed income and "just make ends meet" as my husband passed away eighteen months ago.

Enclosed are several letters which may help you, should you be kind enough to help me.

My biological mother's name and address is: (GIVEN). She is my only hope for any information; my adopted parents have both passed away.

Yours truly,  
Gloria **PHILLIPS**

## RESPONSE:

Dear Viewer,

Thank you for sending your letter. It must have been difficult for you to write to us. By sharing your story, you're helping all of us at THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW understand.

Many of our show ideas come directly from letters like yours. Your letter has been given to our producers, and you may be hearing from one of them about being a guest on a future show.

Sincerely,  
Nicole **SCHULNICK**

UPDATE: Gloria has reported:

My mother wouldn't tell me anything about my father until about a year ago when I told her that I thought she owed me that much. I still couldn't locate him. I wrote her again asking where he lived at that time. She gave me the address.

I have a cousin in Grand Rapids, Michigan who looked him up in an old city directory. She found a lot of information on his family: his parents, two brothers, one sister, and one aunt. I found out my biological father passed away at age 45 in 1953. I sent for his death certificate and got a lot of information from that. My cousin looked up his obituary and a write up in the newspaper about him. He had two daughters and two sons. I found out who his parents were too.

Also, I have been contacted by the Montel Williams Show as to appearing on a future show about my story.

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## MULLINS REUNION

Sherwood, Booker, James (K.), Jackson **MULLINS** Reunion will be held all day on July 26, 1997, at Camp Whitney, near Clendenin, W.VA. Camp Whitney is five miles beyond the bridge between I-79 and Clendenin off 119-S. Follow the Signs. Bring old pictures and stories of our ancestors. Potluck! For more information call Vesta (**MULLINS**) **SALISBURY** at (304) 787-3472.

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missing her young husband.

Ernest **MAY**, better known as Ernie to countless friends in Southern Nevada, was buried on June 11, 1933, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in North Las Vegas. Our father's funeral was held at the Las Vegas L.D.S. Chapel on June 11, 1933, with Bishop Bryan **BUNKER** presiding. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in the city at that time. People from all walks of life came to pay their respect to our father.

"When the storms of life gather darkly ahead.  
I think of these wonderful words I once read  
And I say to myself as threatening clouds hover  
Don't fold up your wings and run for cover,  
But like the eagle, spread wide your wings,  
And soar far above the trouble life brings.  
For the eagle knows that the higher he flies,  
The more tranquil and brighter become the skies.  
And there is nothing in life God ever asks us to bear  
That we can't soar above on wings of a prayer.  
And in looking back over the storm we've passed through,  
We'll find we have gained strength and new courage too.  
For in facing life's storm with eagle's wings,  
We can fly far above earth's small, pretty things."

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ISSUE OF THE PROSPECTOR MUST BE  
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**C.C.N.G.S. PROSPECTOR**  
**P.O. BOX 1929**  
**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89125-1929**

# IT TAKES TIME: OH, DOES IT TAKE TIME THE CULLINGS REUNION

By: Barbara (PROSH) CULLINGS (CCNGS)

Many years ago my mother-in-law saw a notice in the Pueblo, Colorado newspaper that said an Estelle CULLINGS was in the hospital in Canon City. Not knowing of an Estelle CULLINGS, she wrote and inquired. After her recovery Sister Estelle visited with the Del Norte CULLINGS family and they found out they were indeed related with a common grandfather, George CULLINGS. Dad, Harold CULLINGS, knew very little about the CULLINGS family as his mother and father were divorced before he was born.

Sister Estelle was teaching at a Catholic school in Canon City. She mentioned there was a priest whom she had met by the name of Father David CULLINGS. Since the CULLINGS were not Catholic, this became a curiosity and soon Father David was located in Oregon. His father had died in World War II so he, too, knew little of his heritage. A clue was given in the form of the name of a family in Wahoo, Nebraska who might know more. With family of my own in Nebraska, we went slightly out of our way in the summer of 1983 and called upon the LUERS family in Wahoo. Of course, they didn't know a lot but as we talked, the lady of the house excused herself and returned with a book about Fredericksburg, Iowa, which she had just remembered. "It probably is of little help" she said.

Well, there it was, all spelled out. The article stated Emerson CULLINGS had moved to Fredericksburg, Iowa from Duanesburg, Schenectady County, New York. Immediately I knew Emerson was a descendant of John CULLINGS, the emigrant from Scotland in 1775. My husband, Bruce, is a descendant of James CULLINGS, the older brother of John, who emigrated at the same time as John. A letter went off to Father David with the facts of his ancestry then on one summer trip we even went to Oregon to meet him.

Time passed and we kept in touch through Christmas cards. Then a year ago the phone rang and it was a young man attending UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) who had made a reply in class and the professor said something like "that's right, CULLINGS!" A student sitting nearby asked him if he was related to Bruce CULLINGS, the band teacher. He said, "No" and now he was calling to see who these new CULLINGS were as he had never come across the name outside of his immediate family. As we talked and he told me who his father and grandfather were, I realized his father was a cousin to Father David and I told him I knew a lot about his family.

We never got together to meet until late last fall when I was shopping at Dillard's and as I wrote a check the clerk said, "There sure are a lot of CULLINGS around here." "No, there aren't," I replied. She then told me about Chris CULLINGS who worked at Dillard's. A few days later Bruce and I went into the store and finally met Chris, a very nice young man studying to be a teacher.

Also just before Christmas I received a letter from the family in Wahoo, Nebraska wanting to know if we were related. Evidently someone had passed on and they had found a letter I had written. Christmas time is a busy time, so I didn't reply until January when I sent them all I knew about their family.

In February I received a phone call from Clifford Russell CULLINGS of California who had received the information I had

sent to Wahoo. He was a child from the first marriage of his father, Clifford Reed CULLINGS, and was Chris's uncle whom few knew about. I phoned Chris and told him what had happened and from then on the phone lines were busy with the CULLINGS families.

The happy ending to all of this was that Chris CULLINGS was graduated from UNLV in May (1997) and helping him celebrate were his father, Clifford David CULLINGS, and his uncle, Clifford Russell CULLINGS. (Yes, Clifford Reed CULLINGS named two sons, Clifford.) These half-brothers had never met before. Also attending were his grandmother, Esther CULLINGS; his brother, Clifford Reed CULLINGS and wife, Christina; his sister, Jenna CULLINGS; his new found cousin, Carol CULLINGS; his step-mother, Helen CULLINGS; his mother, Bonnie CULLINGS \_\_\_\_; his aunt, Cliff's wife, Sunnie, of California; two grandmothers; and his distant cousin, Bruce CULLINGS, wife Barbara, and their daughter, Brynn (CULLINGS) WILLEFORD and family. A wonderful reunion of family and more CULLINGS gathered at one place than we have ever encountered before, even at a CULLINGS Reunion in New York State. What a joy! *IT DOES TAKE TIME!*

## John CULLINGS

B. 4 Mar 1756 Dunblane Parish, Perthshire, Scotland  
M. Elisabeth KELLY 17 May 1792  
D. 1829 Duanesburg, Schenectady Co., New York

## Ebenezer CULLINGS

B. 1801 Duanesburg, Schenectady Co., New York  
M. Elisabeth BUCHANAN 1824  
D. 6 Feb 1861 Duanesburg, Schenectady Co., New York

## Ebenezer CULLINGS

B. 23 May 1832 duanesburg, Schenectady Co., New York  
M. Caroline P. MILKS/WILKS  
D. Fredericksburg, Iowa

## James E. CULLINGS

B. Fredericksburg, Iowa  
M. Alice KIDDER 21 May 1885  
D.

## Clifford Russell CULLINGS

B. 11 Mar 1886 Grand Island, Nebraska  
M. Nora REED  
D. 23 Apr 1927 Denver, Colorado (Policeman shot on duty)

## Clifford Reed CULLINGS

B. 25 May 1913 Denver, Colorado  
M. 1. Pearl PRITTS 2. Dot MAYBERRY 3. Esther EATON

## Clifford Russell CULLINGS

M. Sonia SELVIN

## Clifford David CULLINGS

M. Bonnie \_\_\_\_

## Kenneth CULLINGS

&  
Carol CULLINGS

## Clifford Reed CULLINGS

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Chris CULLINGS  
&  
Jenna CULLINGS



# CONFESSIONS OF A TRANSCRIBER

By Julia M. CASE

(This article is only slightly modified from versions that were previously published in Archives News, the newsletter of the Friends of the Virginia State Archives, and in American Genealogy Magazine. Please feel free to share it with your genealogist friends, to the extent that you think it might increase their understanding of the problems faced by a novice transcriber and encourage them to take on similar projects of their own. N.B. I've now (10/96) been working with these and similar records for about five years and perhaps have come to some conclusions that are not reflected in the article below, which was written when I was very much a novice in this area.)

I hope these remarks will encourage others to help to make court and other records more widely accessible through publication.

Before a record can be published, someone must make the effort to abstract or transcribe it. Before a record can be abstracted or transcribed, it must be accessible — but that is another subject.

**DECISIONS, DECISIONS:** My experience as a transcriber of early Virginia records so far is limited to a microfilmed copy of the 19th c. transcription of late 17th c. Henrico County court records. I chose to use the 19th c. version because, as a novice, the 17th c. version looked like Cyrillic to me. I made this decision even though I knew that my inevitable errors would compound those doubtless made by the 19th c. transcriber. On balance, getting these early records into print in some form seemed better than nothing. It was with great trepidation that I began what has turned out to be a fascinating journey back in time.

Whether to abstract or transcribe was the second question with which I struggled. Abstracts have the advantage of relative brevity but the disadvantage of loss of context. The question then becomes is context important? An abstract serves as an index to the records, making the information they contain accessible. A transcription sets out the record in full so that except for verification or documentation, it is not necessary for an interested party to obtain a copy of the original record, which saves wear and tear both on the records and the records keepers. In the beginning I tried to have it both ways by styling my work a “partial transcription.” But what should be omitted? I found the 17th c. court records to be inherently fascinating because of their reflection of the life and times of the community. I soon bit the bullet and began to transcribe in earnest.

Because I had chosen to transcribe a transcription, other problems arose:

(1) Should I indicate page numbers of the 17th c. record, the 19th c. transcription, or both? (I chose to use both in order to facilitate access to either the 19th c. transcription or the 17th c. record book.)

(2) Should obvious errors present in the 19th c. version be (a) transcribed as they appear followed by “[sic]”, (b) corrected with a footnote describing the apparent problem, or (c) corrected without comment? (I have not decided upon an answer to this question. It seems silly to repeat a previous transcriber’s absent-minded mistake or to waste time and space by calling attention to an error that has no bearing on the substance of the record. On the other hand, in a transcription is it permissible knowingly to alter the record without comment?)

(3) Should shorthand symbols used by the clerk be “translated” (e.g., where there is a “crossed p”, should one spell out what that symbol represents in context — by, for, per, etc.) or in the absence of the mechanical capability (available fonts) of accurately reflecting the shorthand symbol, should something intended to represent that symbol be settled upon for use in the printed transcription? (In the case of the “crossed p,” I settled upon the use of the letters pr as a replacement. This is not a satisfactory substitution and has annoying results. For example, I dislike transcribing what was intended to read “by his Oath” as “pr his Oath” where the pr in the original is a “crossed p.” However, I made the decision and in the interest of consistency I am now stuck with it for the purposes of the current project.)

(4) Should superscripts be used as in the original? (I have chosen to do so, but it is extremely time-consuming and it is not clear to me that it is worth the trouble.)

(5) Should double letters indicated in the original by a slash over a single letter be transcribed as a single letter or the two letters intended to be represented in the original? (It was not feasible to print a single letter with a slash over it to indicate the double letter. I settled upon using just the single letter instead of the double letter that was intended to be represented. I now think that this was a bad decision, but again, in the interest of consistency, I am stuck with it.)

(6) Should surnames be printed in normal upper and lower case, all upper case, upper and lower case bold, or all upper case and bold? (As a genealogist, my preference is that surnames stand out on a page of printed text. However, the decision in the case of my transcriptions of the Henrico County court records was not to do this. This was an editorial decision the reason for which is not clear.)

(7) Should footnotes be used for purposes other than pointing out discrepancies? (I have done so very infrequently as the purpose of the transcription is simply to make the record available. However, when a court order refers to a certain Act of Assembly without setting out the effect of the Act, I am curious and assume others might be. In such cases, I have on occasion consulted Hening’s Statutes at Large and have included the substance of the law in a footnote.)

**HELP IS AVAILABLE.** The only way to learn to read and transcribe early records is to do it. It is one thing to scan a record looking for one’s ancestor’s surname but quite another to decipher every seemingly illegible word and number or unfamiliar abbreviation, Latin phrase, or legal term. This task becomes less difficult with practice but while one is learning the language, outside help is indispensable and available.

When transcribing 17th c. records, I make frequent use of **BLACK’S** *Law Dictionary*, Samuel **JOHNSON’S** *Dictionary of the English Language*, the *Oxford English Dictionary*, Kent P. **BAILEY** and Ransom B. **TRUE’S** *A Guide to Seventeenth-Century Virginia Court Handwriting*, Harriet **STRYLER-RODDA’S** *Understanding Colonial Handwriting*, Eve **McLAUGHLIN’S** *Simple Latin for Family Historians*, and the Family History Library’s 1990 publication

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*Genealogical Word List: Latin.* Another helpful reference is Clifford **WEBB's** *Dates and Calendars for the Genealogist* published in 1989 (revised 1991) by the Society of Genealogists in London, which contains chapters on The Year's Beginning, The Julian and Gregorian Calendars, A Perpetual Calendar, The Date of Easter, Quaker Dates, Regnal Years, Legal Chronology, Feast Days, The French Revolutionary Calendar, The Roman Calendar, The Hebrew Calendar, and The Moslem Calendar.

**SEVERAL HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE.** Through an initial happy misunderstanding, the editor of the Magazine of Virginia Genealogy at the time the project began undertook the task of proofreading my transcriptions of the 19th c. Version against a photostatic copy of the original 17th c. Record book. In this way, the few errors of omission on the part of the 19th c. transcriber have been caught and corrected through use of footnotes describing the differences between the two versions. Of course I proofread my own work, but if once I have misinterpreted a word, especially a name, I am likely to do so again as I proofread. Similarly, the 19th c. clerk's transcription of the original 17th c. record might have been faulty. Again, substantive errors in the final product are minimized through the editor's addition of footnotes that set out any discrepancies.

Dr. Benjamin B. **WEISIGER III's** abstracts of Henrico county records of the same period, and in some cases of the same records, have been a great help to me, particularly in the beginning when I was unfamiliar with the cast of characters.

Until his death in March 1994, my father, Frank B. **CASE** (who trained me during my formative years by blue-penciling my letters home and returning them to me for correction) routinely read my work before it went to the editor. He invariably found a few typographical errors (not an easy task when reading copy replete with erratic spelling) and an occasional inexplicable weirdness.

**NOBODY IS PERFECT.** Because of my intimate association with these records, I have discovered that even Nell Marion **NUGENT's** *Cavaliers and Pioneers* is not perfect. Because I had been doing client work on **RUTLEDGE** in early Henrico County records, imagine my surprise one day, when I was transcribing the names of certain persons for whose headrights land was due, to see the name James **RUTLEDGE**. I was certain that this entry did not appear in *Cavaliers and Pioneers* and a check of the index confirmed my recollection. I checked the index then for the name of the person claiming the headright, found the correct page, and saw to my amazement that the name James **RUTLEDGE** had been transcribed (and indexed) as James **BUTLIDGE**. My reading of two other names in the same list differed from the names that appeared in *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, Vol. II, p. 365 (**SOMERSCALES** rather than **SOMERSEAL** and **MIGELLOE** rather than **MIGETTOE**). I felt as if I had been doused with cold water. If one cannot trust Nugent, whom can one trust? The answer seems clear. No transcription or abstract is perfect. (Because the two records were created by different clerks at different times, it is likely, that the names recorded in the patent book abstracted by Nugent were not recorded exactly as they were in the Henrico County court record I transcribed.)

**SO MANY RECORDS, SO LITTLE TIME.** Are there particular records in which you have interest that you wish were in print? If so, please consider taking on the project of abstracting or transcribing those records for publication.

## AN ANGEL AND ELUSIVE ANCESTORS

by: Barbara **NICHOLAS** (CCNGS)

An elusive ancestor makes me feel and act weird. When wandering around a library, I hope for that knowledgeable person, or maybe even an angel, to point me in the right direction. At the least, a special book falling on my foot would be sufficient. Sometimes a friendly face is all it takes to get me on track again.

One of my weird hopes happened on the way to the NGS Conference in May. A stranger named George sat beside me on the shuttle bus. Now he didn't look like an angel. (They never do, I understand.) But George was knowledgeable beyond my hopes. In a few moments I heard that my elusive ancestor, William C. **COZIER/CROSSIER**, was of Scot-Irish descent, that our common ancestors had spent time in Ulster, and came to America prior to the Revolutionary War. WOW! My knowledgeable stranger had not only pointed my research in the right direction, but he had covered at least 400 years.

I can't say that a special book fell on my foot. Instead all types of Scot-Irish material found their way into my hands. One book in telling of the exploits of the Scottish riding clans mentions the surname **CROSER** many times. Such an unexpected find!

My ancestor is still lost. However, this time I'm not acting or feeling weird. Motivated and excited are more like it. I'm on his trail. I'm taking the High Road. So if you have an elusive ancestor and run into a gentleman named George, who doesn't look like an angel, but acts like one, let him help you to the top of the world, too. I found out that my stranger is well-known in the genealogy field. His name is George **SCHWEITZER!**

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## COMPUTERS & GENEALOGY

By Freddie **WORTHINGTON** (CCNGS)

There are many tools that can be successfully used in the search for our ancestors. Computers are one of the tools to be used to try to locate people and to find more information about them. Many families have had little or no communication with each other for years so information on the family is lacking. Sometimes computers can provide assistance in family research, especially when one gets on the Inter-Net.

There are literally thousands of people using the Inter-Net to look for ancestors. There are places where you can post queries that will be seen by hundreds of users each day. One list that I have subscribed to publishes about one hundred queries each day and anyone can subscribe to it. If you have a computer and have access to the Inter-Net, you can join RootsWeb. Their address is: [ROOTS-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:ROOTS-L-request@rootsweb.com). In your "subject" line of your E-Mail type the word subscribe which will get your E-Mail address added to the list and you will start receiving one or more lists each day. After reading the list for a few days, you may want to submit a query of a person for whom you are looking.

This is only a tool. With research still to be done, it will only give you a helping hand to get over some rough spots while continuing your search for ancestors.

If I can be of any help, contact me at:

127 Vance Court, Henderson, NV 89014-0138 (snail mail),  
(702)436-0762, or E-Mail: [DorFre2@aol.com](mailto:DorFre2@aol.com).

## WEB LINKS

Association of Professional Genealogists (APG):

<http://www.apgen.org/~apg/>

Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG):

<http://www.genealogy.org/~bcg/>

Genealogical supplies, charts, archival-quality document protectors and European maps can be obtained from Genealogy Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 537, Orem, UT 84059-0537 (email: [genun@itsnet.com](mailto:genun@itsnet.com)) or

<http://www.itsnet.com/~genun/>

Love history? Surf over to The History Net: Where History Lives on the Web at:

<http://www.thehistorynet.com/home.htm>

Links to several articles and sites regarding various historically connected groups can be found at:

[http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/hist\\_groups.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/hist_groups.html)

Looking for links to some famous people, such as presidents and their wives, royalty or nobility, Daniel Boone, Pocahontas, Mayflower passengers, et al.? Visit "Historical Events & People" at Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet:

<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/historic.htm>

(subscribe, send the message SUB NA-FORUM to [maiser@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu](mailto:maiser@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu))

WALES - POWYS - NET You reach the Powys Homepage for Brecon, Montgomery, and Radnor with the following address:

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/mick\\_mack/Powys1.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/mick_mack/Powys1.htm)

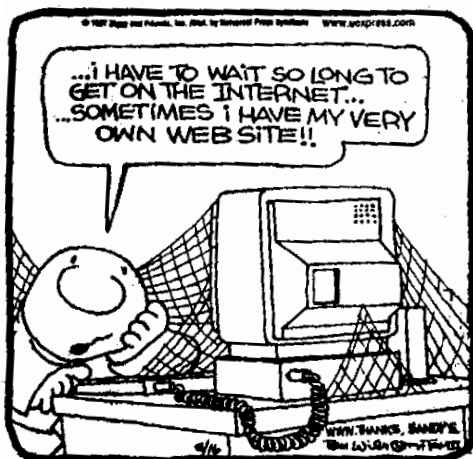
If you are researching in Baden-Wuerttemberg you might try -  
- It is new as of April 1997

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/7707/bwgen.html>

The Highland Family History Society has a New Website

<http://sentinel.mcc.ac.uk/genuki/big/scot/Highland.FHS.home.html>

### ZIGGY



## YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN ADDICTED GENEALOGIST

...when you brake for libraries.

...if you get locked in a library overnight and you never even notice.

...when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.

...if you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.

...when you think every home should have a microfilm reader.

...if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.

...when you know every town clerk in your state by name.

...if town clerks lock the doors when they see you coming.

...when you're more interested in what happened in 1697 than 1997.

...if you store your clothes under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.

...if you can pinpoint Harrietsham, Hawkhurst, and Kent on a map of England, but can't locate Topeka, Kansas.

...when all your correspondence begins, "Dear Cousin,"

...if you've traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it all fully documented, and still don't want to quit.

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## WHERE IS THE REAL TRUTH?

By Jo Ann HAWKINS (CCNGS)

May 18, 1997

No one likes a challenge

Any more than me.

So I'm looking for

My ancestors you see.

They lie in the census

About their age and stuff

And trying to reconcile facts

Is very, very tough.

Dates don't match up

And stories change I'm told

You think it's because

It's been 200 years

And the trail is cold???

But I'm still going to look

In all those nooks and crannies

Because I'm determined to find

All those Grandpas and Grannies.



## **COMPUTERS**

### **CompuServe Genealogy Forum**

#### **MS-DOS and Windows Genealogy Programs**

By Dick EASTMAN, CompuServe 76701,263

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### **MS-DOS Commercial Programs**

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#### **Genealogy Assistant Programs**

"The Genealogy Assistant Programs" is a collection of MS-DOS programs for the genealogist produced by L and H Enterprises. They include:

Genealogy Indexer - a name and page number indexing program to organize non-indexed material. \$18 plus \$2 shipping

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Library 1A - Organizes a library of books, periodicals and other written material. \$18 plus \$2 shipping

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Sacramento, CA 95827

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#### **The Register Program**

"The Register Program" is a release by Applied Computing Services. The following is extracted from an advertisement for it: "Manage the genealogical information you research. Relationships, places and events plus everyday usefulness: keep track of friends and business associates. Extensive notes possible for each entry. Unique user-definable relationship links. Flexible print options include mailing labels, rotary index cards, mail merges, lists and more. Easy to use, on-screen help screens, hyperlinks." Requires MS-DOS 2.0 or later and 512 Kbytes of memory. The publisher also offers to plot your charts on poster-sized paper. \$79.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling from:

ISSN: 1085-3707

Applied Computing Services  
14410 SE Petrovitsky Road, Suite 203  
Renton, WA 98058  
1-800-548-7465 (Orders only)  
206-226-0765 (Information)  
206-235-8368 (FAX)

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#### **What a Family**

"What a Family" from Ecola Design Ecola Design is family exploration software for PC clones is used to visualize your family of origin. Profiles up to three generations of family members. It has many features, including: highly user-directed, adapts to any family, easy & fun. A demo version of "What a Family" may be downloaded from Library 3 (MS-DOS Software) of CompuServe's Genealogy Forum. look for the file WFDEMO.ZIP.

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#### **Your Family Tree**

"YOUR FAMILY TREE" has Family Group Sheets, 4 generation pedigree charts, Indexed listings, Combination file searches (approximate dates, places, names, etc.), easy to follow instruction manual.  
\$54.95.

Hardware, Inc.  
P.O. Box 241746  
Memphis, TN 38124

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#### **Family Ties**

Family Ties is a simple genealogy program that stores from 500 to 1000 names and prints up to 5 generations.

Individual Software, Inc.  
5870 Stoneridge Drive #1,  
Pleasanton, CA 94588-9900  
800-331-3313

NOTE: This should not be confused with a different genealogy program with the same name! Family Ties is also the name of a very popular shareware genealogy program that is not the same as this one.



**"I'VE TRACED YOUR ANCESTORS BACK TO  
PLYMOUTH ROCK ... APPARENTLY THEY  
LIVED UNDER IT."**



# Genealogical Events

## July - October 1997



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#### 2 Wednesday

DAR, Francisco Garces Chapter -  
433-8048

#### 3 Thursday

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Southern Nevada  
PAF Users Group - 457-9198

#### 5 Saturday

7:00 PM DAR, Silver State Chapter  
- 458-3693

#### 10 Thursday

7:00 PM Pahrump Valley Genealogi-  
cal Group - (702) 727-9680

#### 14 Monday

10:30 AM DAR, Old Spanish Trail  
Chapter - 363-6757

12:00 PM DAR, Valley of Fire Chap-  
ter - 296-6637

#### 17 Thursday

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CCNGS Mont-  
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### August

#### 2 Saturday

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hly Meeting - (702) 225-5838

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#### 1 Wednesday

DAR, Francisco Garces Chapter -  
433-8048

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#### 2 Thursday

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Southern Nevada  
PAF Users Group - 457-9198

#### 4 Saturday

7:00 PM DAR, Silver State Chapter  
- 458-3693

#### 9 Thursday

7:00 PM Pahrump Valley Genealogi-  
cal Group - (702) 727-9680

#### 11 Saturday

9:15 AM - 3:30 PM CCNGS Fall  
Seminar with George  
SCHWEITZER

#### 13 Monday

10:30 AM DAR, Old Spanish Trail  
Chapter - 363-6757

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ter - 296-6637

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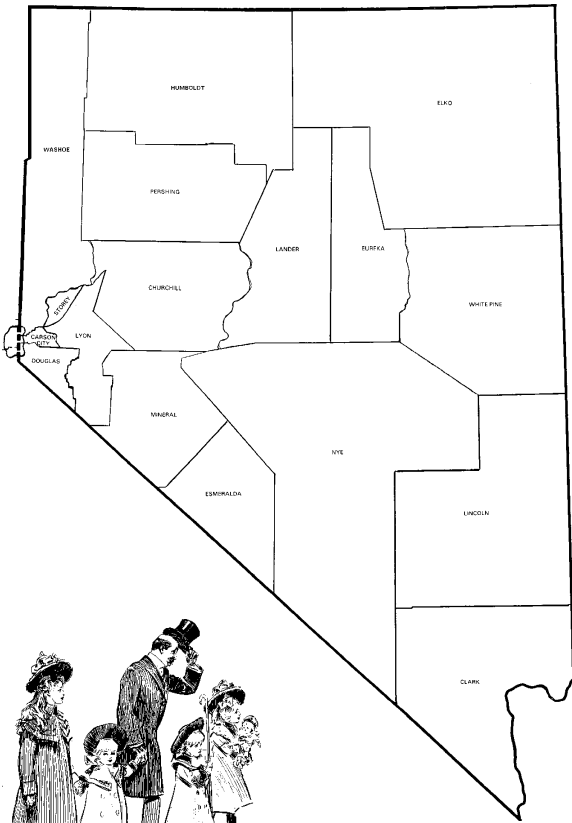
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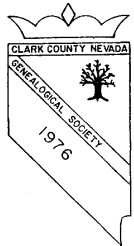
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