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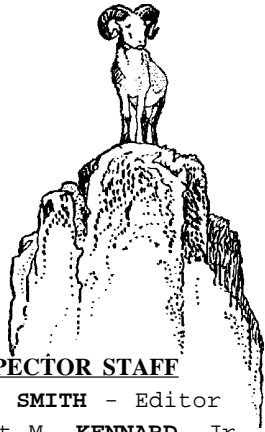
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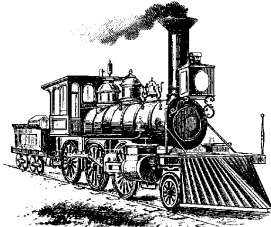
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October in Nevada is Family History Month

Governor **MILLER** proclaimed October Family History Month in Nevada 16 September 1993. In keeping with this CCNGS members will be making presentations "*Introduction to Genealogy*" on the following dates.

1 Oct	Boulder City Library	6 pm
6 Oct	Derfelt Senior Center	10:30 am
6 Oct	Clark Co. Library	7 pm
7 Oct	Spring Valley Library	6:30 pm
13 Oct	Whitney Library	7 pm
19 Oct	Summerlin Library	7 pm
20 Oct	Sahara West Library	7 pm
21 Oct	Enterprise Library	7 pm
28 Oct	Sunrise Library	7 pm
29 Oct	Las Vegas Library	7 pm

Board Of Directors 1998-99

At the Annual Society Birthday and Heritage Dinner meeting on September 17th the 1998-99 Board of Directors was elected and installed. We would like to thank everyone for assuming their positions. We have continuity and new blood on our new Board. Those who will be leading the organization for the upcoming year are:

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CCNGS Meetings

Third Thursday of the Month
Edwins Hall - Reformation Lutheran Church
580 East St. Louis
7 - 9 p.m.

1998

October 16	Indian Culture & Artifacts - Richard ARNOLD
November 19	Discussion on Reunions - Mac PURSEL
December 17	Jewish & Italian Influence on Southern Nevada - Alan BALBONI

CCNGS Computer Groups

ULTIMATE FAMILY TREE by Palladium

If you are using this program to do your genealogy, then you might want to join others doing the same. Contact Robert **KENNARD** (258-3322) or Helen **SMITH** (458-5540) for information on the next get-together.

FAMILY TREE MAKER by Broderbund

If your using this program and want to start a users' group, let us know and we'll pass the information on to other users in the Society.

PAF

The best support in town is with the Southern Nevada PAF Users' group. Contact CCNGS member Ellen **THIBODEAU** (457-9198) for more information on classes, meetings and membership.

FAMILY ORIGINS

If your using this program and want to start a users' group, let us know and we'll pass the information on to other users in the Society.

REUNION (Macintosh)

If your using this program, contact Margaret **LOUIS** (269-6768) to get involved with a users' group for this program.

Any others who would like to start a users' group for the program they are using, let us know and we'll pass on the information.



HINTS ON NAMING PATTERNS

English: name the oldest child after the parent

German: name the oldest child after the grand-parent

Irish: name the oldest child after mother's side of the family as well as the father's side; children may carry the mother's maiden name

INDEX TO DEEDS

An index to deeds (land records) is found in every County Court House. First, go through the INDEX. Get a chronological list of all transactions for your ancestor; do this year by year. Do not order film until you know what you need, then put in your request.



**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES:
CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies has moved to Austin, Texas. The new office address is: P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940. The office phone is (512) 336-2731 and the fax is (512) 336-2732. FGS toll-free numbers are: Office 1 (888) FGS-1500; Fax 1 (888) 380-0500. E-mail: fgs-office@fgs.org; Web site <<http://www.fgs.org>>.

I WANT . . .

I want ancestors with names like Rudimentary Montagnard or Melchizedick von Steubenhoffmannschild or Spetzntz Gianfortoni, not William Brown or John Hunter or Mary Abbott.

I want ancestors who could read and write, had their children baptized in recognized houses of worship, went to school, purchased land, left detailed wills (naming a huge extended family as legatees), had their photographs taken once a year — subsequently putting said pictures in elaborate isinglass frames annotated with calligraphic inscriptions, and carved voluble and informative inscriptions on their headstones.

I want relatives who managed to bury their predecessors in established, still-extant (and indexed) cemeteries.

I want family members who wrote memoirs, who enlisted in the military as officers, and who served in strategically important (and well documented) skirmishes.

I want relatives who served as councilmen, schoolteachers, county clerks and town historians.

I want relatives who 'religiously' wrote in the family Bible, journaling every little event, and detailing the familial relationship of every visitor.

In the case of immigrant progenitors, I want them to have arrived only in those years wherein passenger lists were indexed by the National Archives, and I want them to have applied for citizenship and to have done so only in those jurisdictions which have since established indices.

I want relatives who were patriotic and clubby, who joined every patrimonial society they could find, who kept diaries, who listed all their addresses, who had paintings made of their horses, and who dated every piece of paper they ever touched.

I want forebears who were wealthy enough to afford and to keep for generations the tribal homestead and who left all the aforementioned pictures and diaries and journals intact in the library. But most of all, I want relatives I can find!!!

**Ms. Brown's "I Want" article was originally posted in 1994 to the National Genealogical Conference, FIDO bulletin board forum.*

LDS Lone Mountain Stake Family History Program 1998-99 Event Schedule

All events are held at the LDS Chapel located at 3300 N. Buffalo (at Atwood, 1 block north of Cheyenne).

1998:

Tue., Oct. 27th 7-8:30 pm U.S. Land Records

1999:

Tue., Jan. 16th	7-8:30 pm	Pedigree & Record Analysis
Tue., Feb. 22nd	7-8:30 pm	Miscellaneous U.S. Records (includes immigration and naturization, fraternal, school records, etc.)
Tue., Mar. 23rd	7-8:30 pm	Intro. to English Research (includes Wales)
Tue. Apr. 27th	7-8:30 pm	Intro. to Scottish Research
Tue., May 25th	7-8:30 pm	Intro. to Irish Research

The rest of the 1999 schedule is to be announced!

For questions, comments, suggestions or to register for classes please contact:

Carole MERRILL (655-1451) or e-mail: LVMerrills@aol.com.

JEWISH Genealogy Getting Started!

Mary BARKAN

Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada West

6 October 1998, 6 pm
Conference Room C
Sahara West Library
9600 West Sahara

Admission is FREE!

A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY

A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, COMMUNITY

HENDERSON. An industrial center producing chlorine, steel alloys, titanium, rocket fuel, and chemicals, situated eleven miles southeast of Las Vegas on U.S. 95; a station between Las Vegas and Boulder City on a branch line of the UP RR; a post office established January 1, 1944; named to commemorate U.S. Senator Charles HENDERSON. The town, laid out in 1942, for several years was called Basic locally, for Basic Magnesium, Inc., the first plant built there. Victory Village, Carver Park, and Pittman are now a part of the Clark County city, which was incorporated June 8, 1953.

"Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary," Helen S. CARLSON, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 132.

Las Vegas Area Family History Centers

Compiled by Carole MERRILL (9/9/98)

Las Vegas Regional Family History Center, 509 South 9th Street, 382-9695. Hours: Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 9am-4:30pm; Thu 1-9pm
Collection: 9th largest FHC outside of Salt Lake; 10 Family/Search stations; extensive U.S. Census collection and working agreement with Mesa, AZ to search soundex for \$2.25 fee; good collections of U.S. New England records, immigrant & passenger lists, overseas resources, surname books and family histories. NOTE: Call ahead to reserve computers.

Las Vegas East Stake, 4040 E Wyoming Ave., Room 6. Hours: Tue-Thur 6-9pm; Sat 9am-1pm; also by appointment. Collection: 4 Family/Search stations; standard microfiche collection. NOTE: New.

Las Vegas Lone Mountain Stake, "C" Street, Beatty, NV (702) 553-2051. Hours: TBA. Collection: 1 Family/Search station and limited microfiche collection. NOTE:**NEW** Opens Fall 1998.

Boulder City, 916 5th Street, 293-3304. Hours: Tue-Thu 10am-4:30pm & 7-9pm; Fri 10am-4:30pm. Collection: 3 Family/Search stations; extensive microfiche collection including Early LDS Records and Patriarchal Blessing Index, some Scottish & Irish birth/marriage/death records, European immigration, and CA marriages 1960-1981.

Henderson Black Mountain Stake, 19 East Ocean Avenue, 566-8190. Hours: Mon 9am-6pm; Tue-Thu 9am-9pm; Fri 9am-3pm. Collection: 2 Family/Search stations; good microfiche collection and small collection of U.S. Census films.

Redrock Stake, 421 S Lorenzi, 878-0361. Hours: Tue & Thu 12-4pm and 6:30-9:30pm; Sat 10am-2pm; other times by appointment. Collection: 3 Family/Search stations; other resources limited.

Southern Nevada PAF Users Group Topics for General Meetings.

October 1, 1998 - "2.0 Companion the Latest PAF Add on Version."
demonstrated by Ellen **THIBODEAU**
"Finding GOOD Web Sites for Genealogy"
demonstrated by John **GROOM**

November 5, 1998 - "Accelerated Indexing System (AIS)"
demonstrated by Elizabeth **BAILEY**
"How to Build Your Own GOOD Web Page"
demonstrated by John **GROOM**

December 3, 1998 - Annual Pot Luck Dinner and White Elephant Exchange

January 7, 1999 - "Where do we want to go in 1999? - What do we want to be?"(PAF and other genealogy computer programs.)
"SNPAFUG Home Page with Links REVIEW"
demonstrated by Ellen **THIBODEAU**

February 4, 1999 - "Scanning Photo's for Genealogy Use!"

March 4, 1999 - "9th and Clark - What is available? How to use what is available." special guest demonstration from 9th & Clark

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DAA!

Some years ago, a New Orleans lawyer sought a direct Veterans Administration loan for a client. He was told that the loan would be approved if he could provide proof of clear title to the property offered as collateral. The title for the property in question was complicated and he spent a considerable amount of time reviewing all pertinent documents back to 1803. Satisfied with the depth and expanse of his examination, he submitted the information to the VA.

He soon received a reply from the VA.

"We received your letter today enclosing application for a loan for your client, supported by abstract of title. The application forms are complete, but you have not cleared the title before the year 1803. Therefore, before full review and possible approval can be accorded the application, it will be necessary that the title be cleared back before that year."

Annoyed, the lawyer wrote the V.A.

"Your letter regarding titles in case #9378329 received. I note that you wish titles extended further back than I have presented. Your attention is invited to the following information to update your records for the property prior to 1803.

- a) I was unaware that any educated person would not know that the United States gained clear title to Louisiana from France in 1803. This title transfer was a result of a real estate transaction known as The Louisiana Purchase.
- b) France gained clear title to Louisiana by right of conquest from Spain under the Treaty of San Ildefonso (1800).
- c) The land came into the possession of Spain by right of discovery in 1492 by a sailor named Christopher Columbus. He was acting on behalf of Isabella, Queen of Spain, and had her permission to claim newly discovered lands for Spain.
- d) The good Queen, being a pious woman and careful about titles - almost as careful as the V.A. - took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before authorizing the voyage.
- e) The Pope is a servant of God; God created the world.
- f) Therefore, I believe that it is safe to presume that God created title to that part of the world called Louisiana and thus was the original holder of the property in question.

--- Author Unknown --



For information on burial sites, start with death certificates

Perhaps someone out there knows the vintage and author:

“It was the first day of census, and all through the land each pollster was ready ... a black book in hand. He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride, his book and some quills were tucked close by his side. A long winding ride down a road barely there, toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.

The woman was tired, with lines on her face and wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place. She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table and she answered his questions ... the best she was able. He asked her of children. Yes, she had quite a few — the oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red; his sister, she whispered, was napping in bed. She noted each person who lived there with pride, and she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside. He noted the sex, the color, the age... the marks from the quill soon filled up the page.

At the number of children, she nodded her head and saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead. The places of birth she “never forgot”; was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon ... or not? They came from Scotland, of that she was clear, but she wasn’t quite sure just how long they’d been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such, they could read some ... and write some ... though really not much. When the questions were answered, his job there was done so he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun. We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear, “May God bless you all for another ten years.”

Now picture a time warp ... its’ now you and me as we search for the people on our family tree. We squint at the census and scroll down so slow as we search for that entry from long, long ago. Could they only imagine on that long ago day that the entries they made would effect us this way?

If they knew would they wonder at the yearning we feel and the searching that makes them so increasingly real. We can hear if we listen the words they impart through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.”

— Author unknown.—

Dedication Ceremony

The descendants of Sergeant John Elijah **MORRIS**, CSA, cordially invite you to attend the dedication of his Confederate Veteran’s Tombstone at the Big Flat (Arkansas) Cemetery at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 17th, 1998. At this time Elijah’s direct descendents, descendants of his siblings, and other relatives will join together to celebrate his life which made ours possible. We hope you will be able to join with us.

A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY

A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, COMMUNITY

GUELPH. A station north of Moapa on the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad, renamed Farrier on the UP RR. The name commemorates either a member of the German royal family, or a member of the **GUELPH** family or political party of medieval Italy.

“Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary,” Helen S. **CARLSON**, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 129.

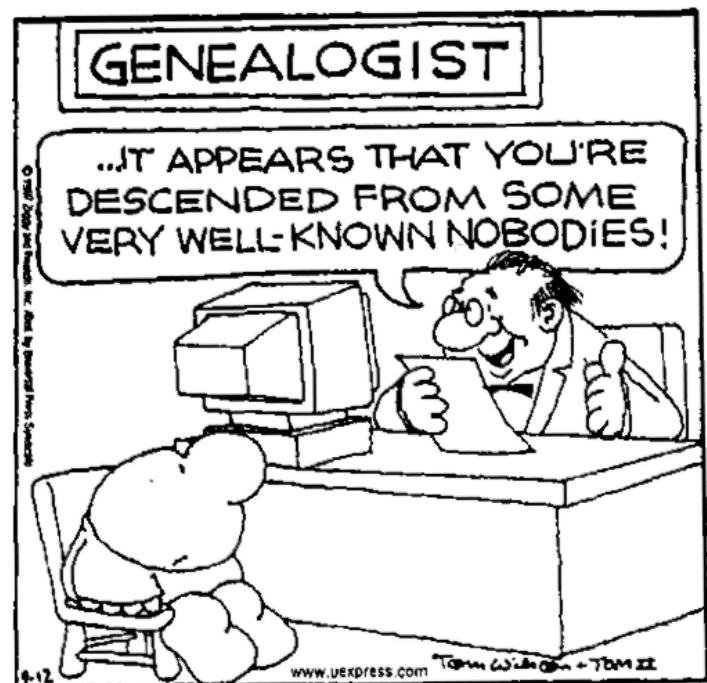
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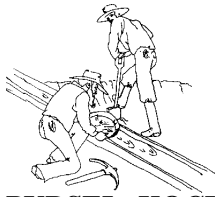
Nevada Guide to Genealogical Records

Diane has compiled an extraordinarily comprehensive guide to the genealogical resources of the state of Nevada, and it pulls together records from a number of sources, including courthouses, compiled lists and Internet sites. The first chapter concerns general, or statewide genealogical sources, including the Nevada holdings of the LDS Family History Library. Here the compiler provides an overview of Nevada history, followed by an alphabetically arranged list of general sources, such as census records, church records, libraries and archives with addresses and holdings, tribal organizations, directories and bibliographies, land and property records, maps, military records, Indian Affairs records, newspapers, obituaries, public and vital records, and much more. The bulk of the volume, of course, concerns itself with Nevada’s thirteen counties and their published sources. Each chapter commences with background on the formation and boundaries of the county, legislated changes in its configuration, and the location of the county seat. She then zeroes in on the county’s genealogical resources by citing the addresses, hours of operation, and the holdings of the following: church archives, the county courthouse, special libraries, newspapers and their repositories, LDS Family History Centers, cemeteries, funeral homes, printed county histories, and so on. Since the book is arranged alphabetically by county and then under record category and repository, a complete index is unnecessary; however, the volume concludes with a helpful index to all the places (libraries, churches, etc.) referred to in the text. Without a doubt this is the volume by which all future guides to Nevada genealogy will be compared.

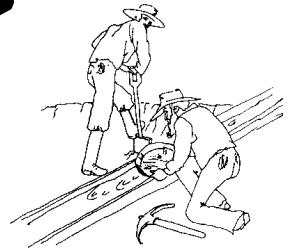
244 pp., subject index, paper. 1998. ISBN 0-8063-4816-X #9329. \$24.95 + \$3.50 S/H. Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

ZIGGY





QUERIES



PURSEL, KOCHER

Family historian needs info regarding Edgar Nelson **PURSEL** (B) 10 May 1884 Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. Fa: John William **PURSEL** M. Ida Louella **KOCHER**. Family last saw Edgar at his father's funeral 10 Feb. 1931.
Mac **PURSEL**, 4015 W. Arby Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89118; (702) 361-6116; E-mail: Pursel@lvc.com

STEPHENS

Who did Susannah **STEPHENS** marry? Born 1849 in Ellijay, GA, Fa. Anderson **STEPHENS**; Mo. died 1850.
Joanne **HAWKINS** 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89107

YOURS/YURS/MCCOLLUM

Searching for any information on Nancy **YOURS** b. Oct 1784 in NC. M. James **MCCOLLUM** 1807 in Rockingham, NC. Children: Martha, William, Nancy, Polly, Robert, John, Mary and Powhatan. D. April 1847.
Elizabeth **SLOAN** 4252 Kona Coast Ave, Las Vegas, NV
E-Mail: eas@com.net

RAGLAND, BARKER, MCDANIEL

Seeking information on family of Mary Ann **RAGLAND** b. abt 1753. M. Ambrose **BARKER** 1773 in Granville, NC. Child: Lucy m. Fielding **MCDANIEL**. Did Mary Ann have other children? Did she move to Lincoln Co, TN? When & Where did she die?
Elizabeth **SLOAN** 4252 Kona Coast Ave, Las Vegas, NV
E-Mail: eas@com.net

WALSH, DENLEY

Seeking marriage info on Walter **WALSH** and Caroline **DENLEY** whose dau. was either Gertrude Ellen or Ellen Gertrude **WALSH** b. 25 Sep 1868 in Ft. McKavitt, Menard, TX.
Gloria L. **PHILLIPS** 10 Bon Rea Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89110-1321

PHARRIS, MOORMAN

Seeking info on John **PHARRIS** and Sarah **MOORMAN** whose dau was Elizabeth May **PHARRIS** b. 12 Sep 1868 in Delphos, Allen, OH, birthplaces of John **PHARRIS** and Sarah **MOORMAN**.
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CLARK, DEARBORN

Seeking birth dates of Charles **CLARK** b. ca 1814, and Louisa or Louysa **DEARBORN** b. ca 1815 (both) in Augusta, Kennebec, ME. Their children: Charles Henry, Augusta Ann, Sidney, Harriet Amanda, Harrison, Alice Reed, Ada Augusta (all born in Augusta 1835- 1855).
Gloria L. **PHILLIPS** 10 Bon Rea Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89110-1321

HORSLEY, PURSEL

Need any info cc: W.H. **HORSLEY** m. 1893 Harriet **PURSEL**. Mr. **HORSLEY** d. 1916. Where? Who were his parents? Any children?
Mac **PURSEL** 4015 W. Arby Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89118 (702)361-6116

DECROIX

Seeking info on Madeline Renee **DECROIX** b. 1565(?) France. Fa. Count or Anjou **DECROIX** b. 1530 France. Mo. Countess **DECROIX** b. 153_ France.
Catherine **MARSHALL** 1741 Ferrel St, Las Vegas, NV 89106-1303 (702) 648-8809

TRETHERWEY

Wish to correspond with anyone searching **TRETHERWEY** in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England. Looking for connection?
Helen L. **SMITH** 26 Quail Hollow Dr, Henderson, NV 89014-2143

RITZENTHALER, GROSHANS, STAHL, GRUBER, BUSCH, KARCHER, LEONHARDT, LAUFFENBURGER

Searching these names in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, France 1700-1800's. Looking for connections.
Helen L. **SMITH** 26 Quail Hollow Dr, Henderson, NV 89014-2143

SULLIVAN

Looking for descendents of Michael **SULLIVAN** b. 1858-9 MA. Parents Jerry/Jeremiah and Mary **SULLIVAN** from Ireland, lived Boston, MA 1850's, moved to NY early 1860's then to MI abt 1865. Others in family moved to northern MN. Michael moved to Wier, Kansas as adult. Had daughter who became teacher.
Helen L. **SMITH** 26 Quail Hollow Dr, Henderson, NV 89014-2143

BERNINGER

Seeking descendants of Jacob **BERNINGER**; parents were Michall **BERNINGER** from Germany and Susie **BERNINGER**. Jacob b. June 1859, d. Jun 1905, NY area.
Karen (**KREAMER**) **MONGIARDO** 3120 Birch Grove Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89134, E-Mail SLOTZ@Webtv.net

LYBOLD

Seeking descendants of Madeline **LYBOLD**. Mother: Margaret from Germany. Madeline b. abt 1861, d. Mar 1905, NY area.
Karen (**KREAMER**) **MONGIARDO** 3120 Birch Grove Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89134, E-Mail SLOTZ@Webtv.net

SCHWEITZER

Seeking descendants of Annie **SCHWEITZER**. Lived in Brooklyn abt 1905.
Karen (**KREAMER**) **MONGIARDO** 3120 Birch Grove Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89134, E-Mail SLOTZ@Webtv.net

OEFFNER

Where in Germany did William Arthur **OEFFNER** come from? Pomerania? B. 8 Apr 1869, d. 17 May 1925. William came to Rippon, WI in 1883. Had bro. Henry. Both naturalized in District Court, Ramsey Co., ND held in Minnewaukan, Benson Co, ND 24 Jun 1901. Both lived in Leeds-York area of Benson Co, ND 'til death.
Linnea M. **ANDERSON** 1480 A Hialeah Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89119-6338, E-Mail LINNEALV@AOL.COM

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THE ABSOLUTE, VERY BEST GENEALOGY PROGRAM

Part II

By: Will PRATT (CCNGS)

(Part one of this article appeared in the July 1998 issue of *The Prospector*, page 18. It discussed “what are Event-Oriented and Lineage-Oriented genealogy software programs”. The article continues as follows.)

So, which type is better? Wrong question. Which type is better adapted to the use you intend to make of it? There are many different styles of research and many different objectives. First, let's consider what makes a good program of either type, and then we'll consider which type is best adapted to different approaches.

The first necessity in a genealogy program is being able to find the individual you want to work on. These days this is handled by a sorted list of all the individuals you have entered. This may be called the “index” or “picklist” (computerese) or something similar. By default this usually gives the surname, given name, birth and death (primary birth and death in an event-oriented program) and is sorted alphabetically by surname. At a minimum, the list should shift to an initial letter that you type (as in D for Doe) and there should be some way to enter an entire name, or selected part of it, and go to that name. The program should let you change the sort order and filter the list. Useful sort orders are conducted by surname (usual default), by given name (when you can remember the person's given name but can't recall the spelling of the surname to save your life), phonetically by surname and given name (according to how they sound as in “soundex”), by birth date, death date, and by ID number. Filtering is useful when you want to cut the size of the list; for example, filtering by a surname (ex: so that the list shows only “Doe”), or by surname phonetically (only Doe, Dough, Doh, etc), or by any of the other sort options.

Each source should only have to be entered once, with many records citing a single source. Further, the source record should be divided into fields, not a single free-form memo. Ideally, there should be a separate field for each piece of information: author, title, place of publication, publisher, and date. At a minimum, author, title, and publication information should be in separate fields. There should also be a free-form memo field for recording miscellaneous information about the source. It should be possible to designate a source type and have the program produce different footnote and bibliography entries for sources such as a published book and a will. These should follow one of the accepted standards, such as Richard LACKEY's Cite Your Sources. It is also nice to be able to customize the way full and brief footnotes will read for a particular source.

Make sure that the program provides a full range of reports. The program should produce at least a full range of the standard genealogical reports: descendancy narratives in at least one of the standard journal formats (Register or Record or preferably both). There should also be a narrative ahnentafel ancestry report. A custom narrative report is also desirable. In this you should be able to specify whether the report is to be an ancestry or descendancy narrative and what information is to be included. In the case of an event-oriented program, you should be able to choose to include either all events of the specified type or only those designated as primary.

It is also desirable to be able to customize the way sentences in the report will read, both globally and on a case by case basis if you have an event-oriented program. (I'm not sure it would be practical to set up a lineage-oriented program to do this.) Outline-style descendancy and ancestry reports are useful to carry with you when researching, and your program should be able to produce them. You should also be able to generate an index and source notes for your reports. Choose a program that allows you to place source notes as footnotes, endnotes, or in-line as you choose. You should be able to accumulate notes and index entries for several reports and add them on at the end (often called a book feature). By all means, make sure that your program understands “ibid”. That is, when a series of notes cite the same source, those after the first should simply say “ibid” (an abbreviation meaning “the same”) and you give the page number or other citation detail. It is also desirable that the program use a short form of the source title once it has been cited in full, but that is less important; you can live without it.

A program that offers these reports will also have a variety of list reports available. It should be possible to design a custom list report in which you can choose which information to be included. The top of the line event-oriented programs have a report design feature that allows you to design a new report from scratch, almost any way you choose. Depending upon personal preferences and the amount of time you have available, this feature may lure you into playing with it for hours or drive you to seek psychotherapeutic help.

The program you choose should be able to produce a cascaded pedigree chart (the program may call it a book form chart) which will indicate on which pages the end-of-line individuals are continued. These charts are usually universally implemented. Cascaded descent charts are messier to handle and less common but can be very nice to have. (For big single-sheet ancestry or descent charts, we're talking about special services that take your GEDCOM or data file and print out the chart on a plotter which is not a capability within the program.) The lovely presentation quality charts that many programs can produce are graphics, not text. They can be exported to your word processor as a graphic file, with some limitations. The ones I have tried don't seem to be able to export a cascaded chart as separate pages and the paste-in is an unusable mess.

Graphics import into word processors simply isn't designed to handle multiple pages in a single file. Single page charts, however, import beautifully. The drawback is that they are graphics, not text, therefore you can't edit them except in a drawing program. Some programs can produce text charts. These aren't as pretty but can be edited in your word processor and cascaded charts can be imported. You cannot use proportional fonts with these however or they will break up.

Having set up your report, you have to print it. A good program will let you send a report direct to your printer, to a print file, or to your word processor. A print file takes a bit of explaining. It is not a text file and if you open it in your word processor, what you see will be largely

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MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

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1st GENERATION

1. William Lloyd **PRATT**, Jr was born on 9 Aug 1941 West Chester, Chester Co, PA. He married Suzann **DENTON**, daughter of Warner Wesley **DENTON** and Freda Lou **WALLACE**, on 5 Sep 1971 Ft. Worth, Tarrant Co, TX.

2nd GENERATION

2. William Lloyd **PRATT**, Sr was born on 11 Mar 1916 Kennett Square, Chester Co, PA. He married Edith Virginia **ALLISON**, daughter of Frederick Ernest **ALLISON** and Almyra Louise **TRASK**, on 26 Oct 1940 Kennett Square, Chester Co, PA. He died on 25 Feb 1994 Ft. Worth, Tarrant Co, TX, at age 77.
3. Edith Virginia **ALLISON** was born on 2 May 1914 Paint Bank, Alleghany Co, VA. She married William Lloyd **PRATT**, Sr., son of Franklin J. **PRATT**, Sr. and Nancy Belle **CROWL**, on 26 Oct 1940 Kennett Square, Chester Co, PA. She died on 27 Dec 1984 Ft. Worth, Tarrant Co, TX, of a heart attack at age 70.

3rd GENERATION

4. Franklin J. **PRATT**, Sr was born on 5 Jun 1888 Toughkenamon, Chester Co, PA. He married Nancy Belle **CROWL**, daughter of Matthew Augustus **CROWL** and Mary Emma **GROFF**, on 15 Nov 1911 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA. He died in Oct 1963 Kennett Square, Chester Co, PA, at age 75.
5. Nancy Belle **CROWL** was born on 29 Mar 1887 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA. She married Franklin J. **PRATT**, Sr., son of William T **PRATT** and Amy Pennock **MARTIN**, on 15 Nov 1911 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA. She died on 2 May 1976 Vernon, Windham Co, VT, at age 89.
6. Frederick Ernest **ALLISON** was born on 8 Sep 1884 Horseshoe, Henderson Co, NC. He married Almyra Louise **TRASK**, daughter of William I. **TRASK** and Sarah V. **ASHBY**, on 17 Jul 1912 Reese's Mill, Mineral Co, WV. He died after Apr 1946 Athens, McMinn Co, TN, of stroke.
7. Almyra Louise **TRASK** was born on 14 Aug 1887 Reese's Mill, Mineral Co, WV. She married Frederick Ernest **ALLISON**, son of Richard **ALLISON** and Rachel E. **SITTON**, on 17 Jul 1912 Reese's Mill, Mineral Co, WV. She died on 10 Dec 1988 Ft. Worth, Tarrant Co, TX, at age 101.

4th GENERATION

8. William T **PRATT** was born on 5 Mar 1854 Upper Darby Twp, Delaware Co, PA. He married Amy Pennock **MARTIN**, daughter of Simon **MARTIN** and Debora P **SELLERS**, in 1876 Kennett Mm, Chester Co, PA. He died after 1920 Kennett Square, Chester Co, PA.
9. Amy Pennock **MARTIN** was born on 20 Nov 1856 Kennett Square, Chester Co, PA. She married William T **PRATT**, son of John **PRATT** and Celina **THOMAS**, in 1876 Kennett Mm, Chester Co, PA. She died after 1936 Kennett Square, Chester Co, PA.
10. Matthew Augustus **CROWL** was born in Jun 1848 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA. He married Mary Emma **GROFF**, daughter of George **GROFF** and Nancy **ROGERS**, circa 1874 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA.
11. Mary Emma **GROFF** was born in Feb 1853 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA. She married Matthew Augustus **CROWL**, son of James Latta **CROWL** and Rachel Ann **GIBSON**, circa 1874 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA.
12. Richard **ALLISON** was born in Feb 1840 McDowell Co, NC. He married Margaret **BIRD** circa 1868 NC. He married Rachel E. **SITTON**, daughter of Philip Lawrence **SITTON** and Nancy Caroline **ALLEN**, in 1879 NC. He died in 1914 NC.
13. Rachel E. **SITTON** was born in Apr 1853 NC. She married Richard **ALLISON**, son of Thomas **ALLISON**, Jr. and Rebecca **NORRIS**, in 1879 NC. She died after 1900.
14. William I. **TRASK** was born in Aug 1857 Buckhannon, Upshur Co, VA (now WV). He married Sarah V. **ASHBY**, daughter of Abraham **ASHBY** and Mary Louisa (—?—), before 1885 Mineral Co, WV. He married Meta E **LEMKEY** ? circa 1912 Morgan Co, WV.
15. Sarah V. **ASHBY** was born in Mar 1858 VA. She married William I. **TRASK**, son of William Henry **TRASK** and Cornelia E **WERTENBAKER**, before 1885 Mineral Co, WV.

5th GENERATION

16. John **PRATT** was born on 28 Dec 1817 Newtown Twp, Delaware Co, PA. He married Celina **THOMAS**, daughter of Robert Mendenhall **THOMAS** and Elizabeth **LARKIN**, on 14 Dec 1848 Willistown Twp, Chester Co, PA. He died

- before 1900 Chester Co, PA.
17. Celina **THOMAS** was born on 17 Nov 1826 Newtown Twp, Delaware Co, PA. She married John **PRATT**, son of John **PRATT** and Elizabeth **GARRETT**, on 14 Dec 1848 Willistown Twp, Chester Co, PA. She died on 13 Apr 1915 Kennett Square, Chester Co, PA, at age 88.
 18. Simon **MARTIN** was born on 28 Aug 1806 Kennett Mm, Chester Co, PA. He married Debora P **SELLERS**, daughter of Samuel **SELLERS** and Sarah **PENNOCK**, on 16 May 1832 E. Marlborough Twp, Chester Co, PA.
 19. Debora P **SELLERS** was born on 16 Sep 1812 E. Marlborough Twp, Chester Co, PA. She married Simon **MARTIN**, son of Thomas **MARTIN** and Margaret **PENNOCK**, on 16 May 1832 E. Marlborough Twp, Chester Co, PA. She died on 11 Nov 1877 W. Bradford Twp, Chester Co, PA, at age 65.
 20. James Latta **CROWL** was born on 8 Jun 1807 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA. He married Rachel Ann **GIBSON**, daughter of James **GIBSON** and Dorcas Sherer **BLACKMAN**, in 1837 New London Twp, Chester Co, PA. He died in 1870 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA.
 21. Rachel Ann **GIBSON** was born in 1809 New London Twp, Chester Co, PA. She married James Latta **CROWL**, son of Alexander **CROWL** and Elizabeth **MCCORMICK**, in 1837 New London Twp, Chester Co, PA. She died after 1870 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA.
 22. George **GROFF** married Nancy **ROGERS**. He was born circa 1830 Chester Co?, PA.
 23. Nancy **ROGERS** married George **GROFF**. She was born circa 1840 Chester Co?, PA.
 24. Thomas **ALLISON**, Jr was born in 1793 Burke Co, NC. He married Rebecca **NORRIS** before 1821 NC.
 25. Rebecca **NORRIS** was born in 1797 NC. She married Thomas **ALLISON**, Jr, son of Thomas **ALLISON**, Sr. and Cassandra **BIRD**, before 1821 NC.
 26. Philip Lawrence **SITTON** was born on 16 Aug 1814 Mills River, Henderson Co, NC. He married Nancy Caroline **ALLEN** on 6 Jan 1842. He died on 5 Apr 1857 Mills River, Henderson Co, NC, at age 42.
 27. Nancy Caroline **ALLEN** was born on 13 Apr 1825 Mills River, Henderson Co, NC. She married Philip Lawrence **SITTON**, son of Lawrence **SITTON** and Isabel **GILLESPIE**, on 6 Jan 1842. She died on 25 Apr 1909 Mills River, Henderson Co, NC, at age 84.
 28. William Henry **TRASK** was born in 1830 NB. He married Cornelia E **WERTENBAKER**, daughter of Edward **WERTENBAKER** and Ann T **PETTITT**, before 1856 Upshur Co ?, VA (now WV). He died after 1910 Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV.
 29. Cornelia E **WERTENBAKER** was born on 17 Jul 1838 Albemarle Co, VA. She married William Henry **TRASK** before 1856 Upshur Co ?, VA (now WV). She died in 1888 Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV.
 30. Abraham **ASHBY** was born in 1827 VA. He married Mary Louisa (—?—) before 1847 VA.
 31. Mary Louisa (—?—) was born in 1829 VA. She married Abraham **ASHBY**, son of Ruth **RAVENSCROFT**, before 1847 VA.

6th GENERATION

32. John **PRATT** was born on 6 Jan 1779 Marple Twp, Chester (now Delaware) Co, PA. He married Elizabeth **GARRETT**, daughter of Joseph **GARRETT** and Charity **COLLINS**, on 14 Mar 1805 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA. He died on 1 Mar 1837 Newtown Twp, Delaware Co, PA, at age 58.
33. Elizabeth **GARRETT** was born on 17 Jul 1780 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA. She married John **PRATT**, son of David **PRATT** and Lydia **HOOPES**, on 14 Mar 1805 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA. She died on 1 Apr 1856 Upper Darby Twp, Chester (now Delaware) Co, PA, at age 75.
34. Robert Mendenhall **THOMAS** was born on 10 Dec 1794 Newtown Twp, Delaware Co, PA. He married Elizabeth **LARKIN**, daughter of John **LARKIN** and Martha **THOMAS**, on 5 May 1824 Concord Mm, Delaware Co, PA. He died on 30 Mar 1863 at age 68.
35. Elizabeth **LARKIN** was born circa 1802 Concord Mm, Delaware Co, PA. She married Robert Mendenhall **THOMAS**, son of Gideon **THOMAS** and Phebe **MENDENHALL**, on 5 May 1824 Concord Mm, Delaware Co, PA. She died on 1 Dec 1876 New Garden Twp, Chester Co, PA.
36. Thomas **MARTIN** was born on 12 Apr 1761 E. Bradford Twp, Chester Co, PA. He married Margaret **PENNOCK**, daughter of Samuel **PENNOCK** and Mary **HADLEY**, on 19 Nov 1801 Kennett Mm, Chester Co, PA. He died on 24 Aug 1808 at age 47.
37. Margaret **PENNOCK** was born on 15 Mar 1781 Kennett Mm, Chester Co, PA. She married Thomas **MARTIN**, son of George **MARTIN** and Martha **WIDDOWS**, on 19 Nov 1801 Kennett Mm, Chester Co, PA.
38. Samuel **SELLERS** was born on 1 Jul 1769 W. Bradford Twp, Chester Co, PA. He married Sarah **PENNOCK**, daughter of Caleb **PENNOCK** and Ann **THOMPSON**, on 17 Oct 1810 E. Marlborough Twp, Chester Co, PA. He died on 24 Dec 1850 Pocopson, Chester Co, PA, at age 81.
39. Sarah **PENNOCK** was born on 19 Apr 1782 E. Marlborough Twp, Chester Co, PA. She married Samuel **SELLERS**, son of Samuel **SELLERS** and Mary **TAYLOR**, on 17 Oct 1810 E. Marlborough Twp, Chester Co, PA. She died on 1 Nov 1866 Chester Co, PA, at age 84.
40. Alexander **CROWL** was born circa 1771 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA. He married (—?—) **HOOD** circa 1793 Chester Co, PA. He married Elizabeth **MCCORMICK**, daughter of Henry **MCCORMICK** and Mary **PATTON**, circa 1806 Chester Co, PA. He died before 1850 E. Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA.
41. Elizabeth **MCCORMICK** was born in 1776 Chester Co, PA. She married Alexander **CROWL**, son of Alexander

- CROWL**, circa 1806 Chester Co, PA. She died after 1850.
42. James **GIBSON** was born circa 1780. He married Dorcas Sherer **BLACKMAN** circa 1815. He died in 1860 Chester Co, PA.
 43. Dorcas Sherer **BLACKMAN** was born circa 1795. She married James **GIBSON**, son of John **GIBSON** and Mary (—?—), circa 1815.
 48. Thomas **ALLISON**, Sr was born circa 1755 MD. He married Cassandra **BIRD**, daughter of Benjamin **BIRD** and Elizabeth **ALLISON**, on 17 Aug 1779 Wilkes Co, NC. He died in 1848 NC.
 49. Cassandra **BIRD** was born on 3 Oct 1760 Montgomery Co, MD. She married Thomas **ALLISON** Sr., son of Benjamin **ALLISON**, Sr and Mary (—?—), on 17 Aug 1779 Wilkes Co, NC.
 52. Lawrence **SITTON** married Isabel **GILLESPIE**.
 53. Isabel **GILLESPIE** married Lawrence **SITTON**.
 58. Edward **WERTENBAKER** was born circa 1800 probably Albemarle Co, VA. He married Ann T **PETTITT** on 27 Dec 1827 Albemarle Co, VA. He died in 1851 probably Albemarle Co, VA.
 59. Ann T **PETTITT** was born on 28 Mar 1808 VA. She married Edward **WERTENBAKER**, son of Christian **WERTENBAKER** and Mary **GRADY**, on 27 Dec 1827 Albemarle Co, VA. She died on 11 Apr 1890 Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV, at age 82.
 60. Jeremiah **ASHBY** was born in 1791 VA. He married Ruth **RAVENSCROFT** on 1 May 1815? Alleghany Co, MD.
 61. Ruth **RAVENSCROFT** was born in 1795 VA. She married Jeremiah **ASHBY** on 1 May 1815? Alleghany Co, MD.

7th GENERATION

64. David **PRATT** was born on 12 Jun 1756 Edgemont Twp, Chester (now Delaware) Co, PA. He married Lydia **HOOPES**, daughter of John **HOOPES** and Christian **REYNOLDS**, on 13 Nov 1777 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA. He died on 20 Feb 1844 Marple Twp, Delaware Co, PA, at age 87.
65. Lydia **HOOPES** was born on 24 Nov 1755 Bradford Mm, Chester Co, PA. She married David **PRATT**, son of Joseph **PRATT** and Jane **DAVIES**, on 13 Nov 1777 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA. She died on 25 Nov 1836 Newtown Twp, Delaware Co, PA, at age 81.
66. Joseph **GARRETT** was born on 12 Mar 1742/43 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA. He married Charity **COLLINS**, daughter of Henry **COLLINS** and Hannah (—?—), on 8 Oct 1770 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA.
67. Charity **COLLINS** was born on 5 Mar 1750/51 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA. She married Joseph **GARRETT**, son of Joseph **GARRAT** and Mary **SHARPLESS**, on 8 Oct 1770 Goshen Mm, Delaware Co, PA.
68. Gideon **THOMAS** was born on 28 Nov 1759 Newtown Twp, Chester (now Delaware) Co, PA. He married Phebe **MENDENHALL**, daughter of Robert **MENDENHALL** and Elizabeth **HATTON**, on 17 May 1792 Darby Mm, Chester (now Delaware) Co, PA. He died in Dec 1823 Newtown Twp, Delaware Co, PA, at age 64.
69. Phebe **MENDENHALL** was born on 7 Jul 1770 Concord, Chester (now Delaware) Co, PA. She married Gideon **THOMAS**, son of Hezekiah **THOMAS** and Sarah **CAMIM**, on 17 May 1792 Darby Mm, Chester (now Delaware) Co, PA. She died on 19 Jan 1875 Chester Co, PA, at age 104.
70. John **LARKIN** was born circa 1764 Chester Co, PA. He married Martha **THOMAS**, daughter of Isaac **THOMAS** and Mary (—?—), on 18 Mar 1789 Willistown Twp, Chester Co, PA.
71. Martha **THOMAS** was born on 22 Feb 1765 Willistown Twp, Chester Co, PA. She married John **LARKIN**, son of Joseph **LARKIN** and Ann **SAKELD**, on 18 Mar 1789 Willistown Twp, Chester Co, PA.
72. George **MARTIN** was born in 1726 W. Bradford Twp, Chester Co, PA. He married Martha **WIDDOWS**, daughter of Abraham **WIDDOWS** and Elizabeth (—?—), before 1755 Chester Co, PA. He died on 11 Apr 1771 E. Bradford Twp, Chester Co, PA.
73. Martha **WIDDOWS** was born on 16 Mar 1728/29 Chester Co, PA. She married George **MARTIN**, son of George **MARTIN** and Lydia **BUFFINGTON**, before 1755 Chester Co, PA. She died on 13 Sep 1808 Chester Co, PA, at age 79.
74. Samuel **PENNOCK** was born on 23 Nov 1754 London Grove Mm, Chester Co, PA. He married Mary **HADLEY**, daughter of John and Margaret **MARTIN**, on 6 May 1779 London Grove Mm, Chester Co, PA. He died on 16 Jul 1843 at age 88.
75. Mary **HADLEY** was born on 12 Jul 1759 New Garden Mm, Chester Co, PA. She married Samuel **PENNOCK**, son of William **PENNOCK** and Alice **MENDENHALL**, on 6 May 1779 London Grove Mm, Chester Co, PA.
76. Samuel **SELLERS** was born on 9 Feb 1742 Chester Co, PA. He married Mary **TAYLOR**, daughter of Samuel **TAYLOR**, on 23 Apr 1766 Chester Co, PA. He died on 21 Sep 1805 W Bradford Twp, Chester Co, PA, at age 63.
77. Mary **TAYLOR** was born on 31 May 1746. She married Samuel **SELLERS**, son of Samuel **SELLERS** and Jane **WOOD**, on 23 Apr 1766 Chester Co, PA. She died on 30 Sep 1805 W. Bradford Twp, Chester Co, PA, at age 59.
78. Caleb **PENNOCK** was born on 28 Sep 1752 Kennett Twp, Chester Co, PA. He married Ann **THOMPSON**, daughter of James **THOMPSON**, circa 1776 Chester Co, PA. He died on 25 Nov 1843 E. Marlborough Twp, Chester Co, PA, at age 91.
79. Ann **THOMPSON** was born circa 18 Dec 1753 Chester Co, PA. She married Caleb **PENNOCK**, son of William **PENNOCK** and Alice **MENDENHALL**, circa 1776 Chester Co, PA. She died on 2 Jul 1805.



Exploring the Universe for Knowledge

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.

Marc A KAHRE Elementary

citizens of this county and school district, pause now to thank Marc A. **KAHRE**. It is to this man and his accomplishments that we gratefully dedicate this school.

MARC A. KAHRE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEDICATION

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS."

"Marc Alan **KAHRE** dedicated his life as a policeman and citizen to the service of this community. He was presented the Award of Honor for Bravery in January 1977, for saving a woman's life during a fire. However no task was too small or unimportant for him. Sheriff John **MORAN** stated, '... he gave his full measure of devotion.'"

These words began the petition to the Clark County Board of School Trustees to name a school for a man who had made life better for all who lived in this community and who had given his life as duty had demanded, doing that which he loved law enforcement. We who gather here to honor Marc would be remiss if we did not note that this is not only a time for reflection and appreciation to Marc, but a moment to celebrate the value of a man.

On May 11, 1989, approval was given to inscribe the name Marc A. **KAHRE** on this educational facility. It would be a tribute for him, his family and the Las Vegas Community. This action would forever place before the youth of this community a role model who would serve to inspire, guide, and lead our citizens of tomorrow.

The proud but short life span of Marc **KAHRE** began in Las Vegas where he was a native. He was educated in the schools of this district and when married, decided to live and rear his family in this city. After his formal schooling was complete, he began a distinguished and meritorious career with law enforcement. Under Sheriff Eric **COOPER** recalled, "he was happiest when working, and he never had an unhappy moment."

Marc did not restrict his community service to working hours. In his free time he participated in the Blue Knights' Organization, a service group for both active-duty and retired police officers. This international nonprofit organization raises funds for the "Walk Again Foundation." This then is the legacy that Marc **KAHRE** will leave for us: a life dedicated to helping others. Those few short years were packed with memories and accomplishments and this space could not begin to list all of his deeds of compassion, courage, and love. He was a policeman's policeman as stated by a colleague. This writer would record that he was a man for mankind.

This dedication will honor Marc, his wife, children, and the close family unit that remains together today. Those most honored will be the children who walk in this school, for their school name portrays dignity, service, honor and completion of a task done well. We, the



Officer Marc KAHRE

The following article was created from an article written by Nichole **McDERMOTT** (*E.K. Explorer* - July 1998) and further information gathered from the *Las Vegas Sun* (12 & 13 October 1988)

Marc **KAHRE** was a man who was loved and respected by many people. The word "integrity" described him best according to an interview with his wife. "He was a man of his word and if he said he would do something, he would do it."

Marc **KAHRE** was born 22 February 1954, in Washoe County, Nevada, to Jack and Jeanene **KAHRE** (according to the *Las Vegas Sun*). He had a sister, Paula, who was a couple years younger than he was. He attended a military school in Long Beach, California through the seventh grade. He went to junior high school and was graduated from Clark High School in Las Vegas. After attending UNLV for a short time, he joined the police department at age twenty (nineteen / *Las Vegas Sun*).

When he first entered the department in 1973, he was a cadet. After attending the academy, he then became a police officer. After that, he became a training officer, then a motorcycle officer in 1979, when he joined the traffic division, and then a sergeant in 1984. In 1986, he resigned from Metro to pursue other interests. He returned to Metro 6 February 1988.

Officer **KAHRE** could do anything and fix anything. He loved motorcycles and built his first motorcycle when he was fourteen years old. Motorcycles and helping people were two of the favorite parts of his job.

He liked helping those who needed help and helping to make people happy. He did not like rude people or mean people. He had a great dislike for those who abused children or pets. And he didn't like anyone who broke the law. He took his job as a police officer very seriously. In 1977, he received Metro's Award of Honor for Bravery for risking his life to save two people from a burning building.

Mrs. **KAHRE** used to prepare a cheese omelette for him every

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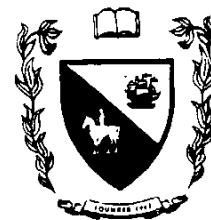
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morning. He also liked Thai food, ice cream, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches but only if she mixed one scoop of peanut butter and one scoop of jelly before putting it on the bread.

Marc **KAHRE** and his wife, Christine, were married for thirteen (13) years before his death. They had two sons, Brian who is now 19 years old and in his second year at UNLV, majoring in criminal justice and Kyle who is 17 years old and will be graduating from Bonanza High School this year (1998-99) and then go to Brigham Young University. Marc was proud to be a father, proud of his two sons, and loved his sons very much.

Marc was killed 11 October 1988, in the line of duty. He was 34 years old at the time of his death. Marc was buried 14 October 1988, at Palm Valley View Memorial Park in Las Vegas, Nevada following his funeral service at Palm Mortuary, 1325 N. Main Street in Las Vegas.

Chris **KAHRE** remarried about four years ago and now has two additional sons. She recently retired from the school district and is busy with her young children. They live about one mile from Marc A. **KAHRE** Elementary School.

Asked why she thinks the school was named after her husband Marc, she replied, "I think that they always looked up to people who did good and put their lives on the line."

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FULLER, PURSEL

Searching for parents of Jennie **FULLER** b. 1866 Cedar Co., IA; d. 1 Mar 1900; m. Samuel F. **PURSEL** 22 May 1886 Des Moines, Polk Co., IA.

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FULLER, PURSEL, SHIPLEY, HARDING

Need given names of two daughters of Samuel & Jennie (**FULLER**) **PURSEL**; lived in CA at time of Samuel's death 5 Feb 1943. In obit their names were Mrs. L. M. **SHIPLEY** & Mrs. William **HARDING**.

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UPCOMING SEMINARS



Paul MILNER

13 March 1999



George SCHWEITZER

9 October 1999

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80. Alexander **CROWL** was born circa 1745 Chester Co, PA. He died in Oct 1802 East Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA.
82. Henry **MCCORMICK** was born circa 1745. He married Mary **PATTON** circa 1769. He died in 1795.
83. Mary **PATTON** was born circa 1750. She married Henry **MCCORMICK**, son of James **MCCORMICK** and Sarah **BUCHANAN**, circa 1769. She died after 1801.
84. John **GIBSON** was born in 1734. He died on 20 Dec 1814 Chester Co, PA.
85. Mary (—?—) was born in 1735. She died on 25 Oct 1790 Chester Co, PA.
96. Benjamin **ALLISON**, Sr was born in 1729 MD. He died in 1810 NC.
97. Mary (—?—) was born.
98. Benjamin **BIRD** was born on 27 Jun 1725 Wilmington, Newcastle Co, DE. He married Elizabeth **ALLISON** before 1760.
99. Elizabeth **ALLISON** married Benjamin **BIRD** before 1760.
116. Christian **WERTENBAKER** was born circa 1774. He married Mary **GRADY**, daughter of Joshua **GRADY** and Elizabeth **TWEED**, before 1800 VA.
117. Mary **GRADY** was born circa 1778. She married Christian **WERTENBAKER** before 1800 VA.
120. Jeremiah **ASHBY** was born in 1757 Hampshire Co, VA (now WV). He married Mary **VAN METER**.
121. Mary **VAN METER** married Jeremiah **ASHBY**.

“STONE NAMES”

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY
BENSON, WOODFORD, ILLINOIS

COMPILED BY: Margaret LOUIS and Joan VOGEL, with assistance from Robert FINNIGAN

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAIDEN</u>	<u>GIVEN</u> (*name only NOT buried)	<u>BIRTH</u>	<u>DEATH</u>	<u>LOT</u>
ALAKIEWICZ		David	1977	1985	82
BENTFELD		Elizabeth	1874	1955	21
BENTFELD		Frank	1875	1939	21
BENTFELD		Infant children			21
BRITTEN		Mary B.		1881, Aug	90-A
BUCHLEAR		Lena A.		1879, Apr	9
BUCKLEAR		Henry J.	1883	1885, Feb 4	9
BURKE		Margaret (Peg)	1922, Feb 12		5
BURKE		Raymond V.	1921, Dec 5	1989, Jan 22	5
FAGOT		Dioma a.	1890, Jan 1	1890, Nov 4	10
FAGOT		Julia Ann	1869, Feb 16	1886, May 21	10
FAGOT		Philomena	1850, Jul 14	1932, Apr 15	10
FAGOT		Prosper G.	1836, Dec 20	1898, Jan 5	10
FOLKERS		Aaron W.	1882	1965	23
FOLKERS		Anthonette	1884	1949	23
FOLKERS		Grace C.	1910	1958	23
FOLKERS		Vernell J.A.	1910	1965	23
GRIES		Walter A.	1905	1996	31
GRIES		Catherine G.	1882	1957	34
GRIES		Louis F.	1875	1938	34
GRIES		Velma E.	1915, Apr 19	1916, Nov 26	68
GRIES		Caroline S.	1881	1976	69
GRIES		Jess C.	1878	1932	69
HAUSCHILD		Isabella	1876, Aug 21	1882, Aug 23	9
HAUSCHILD		Johann H.	1878, Feb	1882, Mar 4	9
HEINEKE		Frank J.	1889	1957	64
HEINEKE		John E.	1886	1985	64
HEINEKE		Marie E.	1890	1960	64
HEINEKE		Sena M.	1894	1980	64
HEINEKE		Henry	1854, Dec 8	1935, Sep 22	96
HEINEKE	KALKWARF	Lena H.	1854, Mar 8	1922, May 14	96
HEINEKE		Henry J.	1879	1949	61-S
HEINEKE		Mary E.	1885	1970	61-S
HOCK		Henry		1885, Apr 18	8
HOCK		Maggie F.	1859, abt	1885, Aug 3	8
HOFFMAN		Charles	1873	1932	35
HOFFMAN		Jane	1871	1936	35
HOFFMAN		Marie	1901	1936	35
HOFFMAN		Emma	1885	1925	45
HOFFMAN		Frank	1878	1940	45
HOFFMANN		Elizabeth	1881, Nov 13	1881, Nov 13	70
HOFFMANN		Frankie	1875, Jan 1	1975, Jul 22	70
HOFFMANN		Agnes		1932, Sept 28	71
HOFFMANN		Frank	1838, abt	1893, Nov 2	71
HUENEFELD		Caroline	1919, Jun 8	1919, Jun 9	22
HUMMEL		Frank	1865	1952	47-S
HUMMEL		Mary	1870	1939	47-S
JAKLE		Charlie P.	1875	1886, Aug 14	20
JAKLE		Cornelius	1835, Sept 21	1894, Aug 23	20
KAPRAUN		Wallace J.	1928, Apr 23	1987, Jun 17	32
KAPRAUN	VOGEL	Caroline	1864	1947	48

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAIDEN</u>	<u>GIVEN</u> (*name only NOT buried)	<u>BIRTH</u>	<u>DEATH</u>	<u>LOT</u>
KAPRAUN	MEYERS	Christina	1901, Apr 4	1988, Jan	48
KAPRAUN		John J.	1861	1945	48
KAPRAUN		John S.	1892	1929	48
KAPRAUN		Phyllis I.	1933, Jan 23		86
KAPRAUN		Roger W.	1929, Nov 9		86
KAPRAUN		Allen*	1969, Aug 27		86
KAPRAUN		Carol*	1966, Jul 15		86
KAPRAUN		David*	1964, Jan 27		86
KAPRAUN		Irene*	1955, Jan 24		86
KAPRAUN		Julie*	1965, Jan 15		86
KAPRAUN		Marian*	1961, Jul 5		86
KAPRAUN		Mark*	1959, Jun 5		86
KAPRAUN		Patricia*	1957, Mar 16		86
KAPRAUN		Rita*	1958, Mar 11		86
KAPRAUN		Roger*	1956, Apr 1		86
KAPRAUN		Rose*	1960, Jun 29		86
KAPRAUN		Susan*	1967, Dec 2		86
KAPRAUN		Edward H.	1932, Jan 1		107
KAPRAUN		Rita I.	1935, Aug 20	1994, Mar 23	107
KAPRAUN		Felix	1896, May 30	1896, May 30	37-S
KAPRAUN		Joseph	1889, Oct 29	1889, Oct 29	37-S
KAPRAUN		Frank V.	1894	1974	53-N
KAPRAUN		Louise C.	1894	1974	53-N
KAPRAUN		George H.	1899	1969	53-S
KAPRAUN		Marie K.	1906	1982	53-S
KAPRAUN		Rosanna M.	1923, Aug 15		79-N
KAPRAUN		Patricia Ann	1957, Mar 16	1957, Mar 16	79-N
KAPRAUN	COON	Doris	1909		79-S
KAPRAUN		William A.	1904	1993	79-S
KEEMAN		Eugene W.	1863	1930	19
KEEMAN	SHIELDS	Kate	1863	1899	19
KELLY		Michael	1813, abt	1878	14
KIRBY		Alvena M.	1913, Mar 16		33
KIRBY		Darrell F.	1912, Feb 7	1991, Jul 8	33
KNEIP		Othmar G.	1912	1986	54-S
KNEIP		Theresa A.	1914		54-S
KOESTER		Hermann H.	1812, Mar 9	1880, Apr 17	12
LASHER		Edward J.	1886	1913	70
LEINWEBER		Andrew	1877	1960	11
LEINWEBER		John	1879, Apr 3	1911, Aug 12	18
LEINWEBER		Joseph	1845, Jul 2	1885, Apr 5	18
LEINWEBER		Joseph	1874	1956	18
LEINWEBER		Mary M.	1842, Aug 4	1919, Sep 12	18
LOUIS	KAPRAUN	Marie L.	1897, Jun 29	1984, Sep 26	60
LOUIS		Matthias C.	1895, May 17	1984, Feb 12	60
MANLEY		Charles Ralph	1927, Jan 24	1962, Sept 5	50
MANLEY		Dorothy	1931, May 2	1934, Feb 5	50
MANLEY		Genevieve	1985	1980	50
MANLEY		Mary		1923, Mar 7	50
MANLEY		Ralph C.	1927	1962	50
MANLEY		Ralph F.	1894	1974	
MAYER		Theodor	1863	1926	73
MAYER	VOGEL	Anna	1895	1979	52-N
MAYER		Max J.	1894	1972	52-N
MEISMER		Joseph G.	1882	1972	79-S
MEISMER		Louisa M.	1886	1973	79-S
MINAHEN	O'CONNOR	Catherine		1878, Apr	15
MOYEMONT		John J.	1857, Apr 20	1919, Nov 21	49
MOYEMONT	WEALING	Katherine M.	1857, Apr 28	1919, Dec 9	49

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COUNTIES IN NEVADA

Name	Date Created	Parent County or Territory
Carson	discontinued	
Churchill	1861	Original County
Clark	1909	Lincoln
Douglas	1861	Original County
Elko	1869	Lander
Esmeralda	1861	Original County
Eureka	1873	Lander
Humbolt	1861	Original County
Lander	1862	Original County
Lincoln	1866	Nye
Lyon	1861	Original County
Mineral	1911	Esmeralda
Nye	1864	Esmeralda
Ormsby	1861	Original County
Pahute	discontinued	
Pershing	1919	Humbolt
Roop	discontinued	
St. Mary's	discontinued	
Storey	1861	Original County
Washoe	1861	Original County
White Pine	1869	Lincoln

FIVE STEPS TO YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

1. Identify what you know about your family
 - a. Write down what you know on a Pedigree Chart
 - b. Write surnames in all capital letters
 - c. Always list dates 3 Mar 1895, not Mar 3, 1895
 - d. Write places: City/Township,County,State,Country
 - e. Fill out Family Group Records for each family (if you are a parent, you will appear as a child with your parents and again as a parent with your children)
2. Decide what you want to learn
 - a. Pedigree charts: when & where born, married, died
 - b. Pick an ancestor from pedigree chart and identify which questions you want to answer about him
3. Select records to search
 - a. compiled records: records that have already been researched by others (biographies, family histories, etc.)
 - b. Original records: records that were created at or near the time of an event, such as birth, marriage, death or census records
4. Obtain and search the record
 - a. Many local libraries have good genealogical material, especially local material; Family History Centers have or can get records
 - b. Search the records; look at broad time periods, check spelling variation, write down results - even if you find nothing
5. Use the Information
 - a. Evaluate what you've found - did you find what you were looking for, is it complete, does it conflict
 - b. Copy the information to pedigree charts and family group sheets
 - c. Organize the information with a filing system
 - d. Share the information with family members

WRITING A QUERY

Charles HANSEN (MXP25A@Prodigy.com)

This is the answer to not asking, "what is a query?"

When I took the beginning genealogy class several years ago, we looked at the queries in Everton's Helper. A query is asking for help on your research. If you have checked an Everton's lately you will see some terribly bad queries: I am researching, **JONES, SMITH, JOHNSON, MILLER, and WILLIAMS** in Kentucky, will Exchange information. My Name, Address.

Now I bet half the people reading that query would have an ancestor by one of the names, but would you reply? And what chance is there of a connection to you. Powerball Odds??

A good query would list the county, time frame and also given names and wives names with common names . I realize you may not have all that information but put in as much as possible. Online queries here on Prodigy differ in that a lot of people use note preview which shows the first 59 characters of the query. A query that starts:

I am researching in New York State for my Great Grandparents Richard and Rhoda **HELLENBOLT**. Richard was born 1815.

Now what did the first 59 characters tell you: I am researching in New York State for my Great Grandparent if you were in a hurry would you look further?? I probably would not. Good query:

Richard **HELLENBOLT** b. 1815 New York State, wife Rhoda, can someone help me find the maiden name of Rhoda and the parents of Richard.

If you had a **HELLENBOLT** for an ancestor would you look at this query even if you were in a hurry? I would. (I do have **HELLENBOLT**s for ancestors).

Genealogical Conferences

18th Annual Conference on Hispanic Genealogy & History

Oct. 10-12, 1998, Houston, TX

Hosted by The Hispanic Genealogy Society

Contact: Saul **VELA**, (713) 782-1594 or Saul Vela@prodigy.com

"Rendezvous '98 - Roots Revisited"

Oct. 11, 1998, Fife, WA

Hosted by The Quest Rresearch Library

Contact: Heritage Quest Research Library, (360) 893-2799

National Archives Week at the Arizona State Archives

Oct. 13-19, Tempe, AZ

Contact: Michael**McCOLGIN**, mimccol@dlapr.lib.az.us

"The Pioneering Spirit: Notable Utah Women"

Oct. 16, 1998, Salt Lake City, UT

Hosted by Utah State Archives and the Utah State Historical Society

Contact: (801) 533-3545

"Footprints Along The Paper Trail" by Fran CARTER

Oct. 17, Ventura, CA

Contact: Marge **WARMUTH** (805) 985-7784 or

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1998 FGS Conference

19-22 August in Cincinnati, Ohio

by Diane E. GREENE, AG (CCNGS)

This year's Federation of Genealogical Society Conference was a superb four-day conference, once again offering something for every level of researcher. The conference hotel was connected to the convention center by a second story sky-walk which made it very convenient. This conference was somewhat smaller than the NGS (National Genealogical Society) Conference which was held in Denver this May.

A friend and I flew to Cincinnati a couple of days before the conference began so that we could check out the local research facilities. We spent part of the first day at the University of Cincinnati where they have an excellent German-Americana Collection. This collection, the largest of its kind in the world, is based on the private library of Dr. Heinrich H. FICK who was Supervisor of the German Department of the Cincinnati Public Schools from 1903 to 1918. Dr. FICK took special interest in collecting books, documents, journals, and other materials pertaining to the German-American experience. He was forced into retirement by the anti-German hysteria of World War I and then devoted himself to building his library until he died in 1935. At that time his library was acquired by the University of Cincinnati and since then, the collection has steadily grown. The Catalog of German-Americana Collection, University of Cincinnati by K. G. SAUR, was published in 1990, which provides access to over five thousand items in a subject, locality and surname index. They also have the Ohio Network Collection which is a collection of government records for the following eight counties in southwestern Ohio: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren. I didn't have time to check out those sources, but according to the handouts at the archives, these records include birth, death, marriage, citizenship and probate records. Location: University of Cincinnati, 8th floor- Carl BLEGEN Library, Mail: PO Box 210113, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0113; Phone: 513 556-1959; Fax: 513 556-2113.

We then spent a couple of days at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County which was a huge facility. The History and Genealogy Department is located on the third floor of the South Building and the catalog can be accessed through the Internet: <http://plch.lib.oh.us>. The library houses all federal census microfilm for the years 1790-1920, some printed indexes, some county histories, many city directories, passenger indexes for cities east of the Mississippi, military records, Sanborn Fire Insurance maps and other maps. They also hold a large collection of family histories.

This library also houses a Public Document and Patents Department where we searched the indexes for information on my husband's great-grandfather, George F. GREEN, who was an inventor. Although I have photocopies of all his patents, the library had short summaries of each patent available in book form in the series titled The Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office. George F. GREEN had many patents from 1875-1893 and the summaries of the patents (including diagrams) will be very helpful in putting together information about his dispute with Thomas A. EDISON. The library also has the entire microfilm collection of the Thomas A. EDISON papers where I found a couple of references to George F. GREEN. The first letter was dated 9 December 1881, from George F. GREEN, Manufacturer of Electro Motors, Office, 132 Academy St, Kalamazoo, Michigan to T. A. EDISON in Menlo Park, N.J. This letter was in reference to the electric railroad as was another letter dated 6 January 1882. This matter is going to be fascinating to pursue as there is also a note from Thomas EDISON to George stating that he (Thomas) "had been working on it for a long time back." Location: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, 800 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-1071; Phone 513 369- 6905.

The conference began Wednesday, August 19th with lectures for society members or, as I opted, for an entire day of APG (Association of Professional Genealogists) Professional Management Seminars. The rest of the week was spent at very informative lectures and workshops. I attended a two-hour "hands-on" workshop on court records by Charles A. SHERRILL which was excellent. My favorite lectures covered the following topics: Law, English probate system, tax records in Virginia and Kentucky, New York research, tracing African Americans in cities, and tracing early French in the Midwest, just to name a few.

It was interesting to check out the Directory of Conference Registrants as I was the ONLY one from Nevada. Hopefully next year others from Nevada will have the opportunity to expand their skills by attending the FGS Conference which will be held 11-14 August 1999, in St. Louis, MO.

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WEB LINKS



CLOOZ (tm)

The electronic filing cabinet for genealogical records. Clooz (tm) version 1.1 is the stand-alone version (no longer requires Microsoft Access, but does require Windows 95). For more information visit

<http://www.ancestordetective.com>

or contact Liz Kelley **KERSTENS**, CGRS, at

liz@ancestordetective.com

DUTCH AND INTERNATIONAL LINKS

"Genealogie tips and links"

http://www.medewerker.hro.nl/w_t_molema/links.htm

HELLFIRE CORNER:

Tom Morgan's GREAT WAR WEB PAGES

Although the articles available at the moment mainly relate to the British and Empire involvement on the Western Front, Hellfire Corner is dedicated to the memory of all combatants, in all theaters of war and from all sides.

<http://www.fylde.demon.co.uk/welcome.htm#CONTENTS>

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

Space Planning at NARA. A schedule of public meetings "to get feedback to develop a space plan that meets our customers' needs for ready access to essential evidence" is available at:

<http://www.nara.gov/nara/spceplan.html>

NETHERLANDS, PROVINCES

Groningen, Drenthe, and Zeeland:

http://www.medewerker.hro.nl/w_t_molema/grweb.htm

http://www.medewerker.hro.nl/w_t_molema/drweb.htm

http://www.medewerker.hro.nl/w_t_molema/grweb.htm

and the region Hoeksche Waard (province Zuid-Holland):

http://www.medewerker.hro.nl/w_t_molema/hwweb.htm

Heritage Books

Electronic Catalog:

<http://www.heritagebooks.com>

Electronic Archives:

<http://www.hb-archives.com>

Looking for Genealogy Databases

Usenet Newsgroups or Surname Lists? See what's available via RootsWeb:

<http://searches.rootsweb.com/#usenet/>

POLISH ORDER OF THE VIRTUTI MILITARI

1792-1992

The Polish Order of the Virtuti Militari was established 200 years ago by King Stanislaw August Poniatowski as the highest military decoration for gallantry the Polish nation bestows upon its soldiers for acts of heroism above and beyond the call of duty. A free online search of the 26,506 names of persons and military organizations mentioned in the new book, The Polish Order of the Virtuti Military 1792-1992 and Its Cavaliers, by Prof. Dr. Zdzislaw P. WESOLOWSKI, is available at:

<http://www.virtuti.com/order>

ROMANIA

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~romwgv/index.html>

UKRAINE

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ukrwgv/index.html>

VIRGINIA COLONIAL RECORDS PROJECT

Do an online search at:

<http://eagle.vsla.edu/colonial/virtua-basic.html>

DigARcCo

DIGITAL ARCHIVES OF COLORADO

Check the available ship passenger lists (the real things, not indexes), church records and various U.S. census records now available on CDs. These are actual digital images of the original records. View samples online at:

<http://www.digarc.com/index.html>

GREEK GENEALOGY

Billed as the "The Complete Greek Genealogy" web page, it has an international resource section, a Hellenic resource page and a USA resource page. It also has form letters in Greek that you can use to write to authorities for ancestral searches.

<http://www.geocities.com/SouthBeach/Cove/4537/>

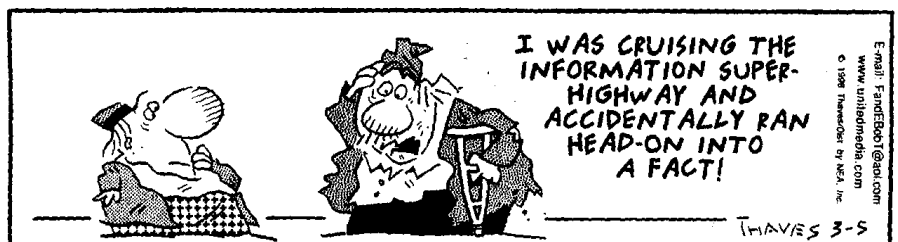
IRISH

Passenger lists, marriage index, and Mayo Co. info.

<http://idt.net/~unatg>

FRANK AND ERNEST

8C/Las Vegas Review-Journal/Thursday, March 5, 1998



WRITING GENEALOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Like many hobbyists I learned good research habits by making mistakes or achieving success. Letter writing was no different. The responses to my first letters were embarrassing. The clerks who read my letters found them unclear or lacking in important information required to locate the record. After more than a few returned requests, I did my best to follow these simple rules:

- * Determine the correct address for the agency that can provide a certified copy of an official record.
- * Always know the correct cost of the record or search you want. Send the payment in an acceptable form. I always send payment in the form of a money order. Virtually everyone accepts money orders since they are as good as cash.
- * When I anticipate writing lots of letters to a specific area I purchase a phone book for that town or county.
- * Be specific about the record you ask for and always include enough information about the person in the record you expect to find. When you send for a birth record, also mention the mother's maiden name and the father's name as well as any dates or places that might be used to confirm the identity of a person.
- * Provide as much information as you can on one page. The longer the letter the less likely you are to get a good response.
- * Be neat. Make sure your letter is easy to read.
- * Keep in mind that official records are not kept primarily for genealogical purposes. Registrars are busy with the work of the courts and other public agencies.
- * Don't write with a chip on your shoulder. An angry, pushy, or demanding attitude gets you nothing. Look at it this way: in most cases you will be writing for information where you don't pay taxes. The fee you pay for the record probably doesn't cover the entire cost of the search. Your success depends on how well you write the letter and on the quality of the information you supply. An angry letter is going to get very little notice. Angry letters can also ruin the next search for the next family historian who mails a request to that same clerk.
- * Always send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) with each request. I do this even if the cost of the record should include return postage.

Things have improved a lot since I started in the 1980s. The Palladium Interactive Records Requester <<http://www.uftree.com>> is an excellent genealogical utility for creating and tracking my correspondence. It contains many of the addresses you will need for vital record searches in the U.S. and abroad. (Records Requester comes with default letters in 13 languages.) You can edit letters that the program creates to reflect your writing style, and even keep copies of the letters for later review. The handy correspondence log in the product not only tracks the letters it creates, it lets me log all my correspondence. For sure, I'll never write the same letter twice. My correspondence is clearer and includes all the important information.

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RootsWeb - <http://www.rootsweb.com>

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gibberish. A print file is a file of the codes that would be sent to a printer attached to your computer. This may not seem very useful, but let us suppose that your printer is a nine-pin dot matrix machine and that you have access to a friend's laser printer. Wouldn't it be nice to send your report to your friend's printer? That's what a print file is for.

Being able to send a report to your word processor may be crucial or unimportant, depending on your needs, tastes, and setup. If you have found that WordPad is as much a word processor as you need and have no desire to move to anything else, you probably couldn't do anything in your word processor that your genealogy program can't do. On the other hand, if you are using or plan to learn Word or Word Perfect or a similar business-grade word processor, then it should be a must-have. The ideal situation would be the ability to export a native-format file to your word processor. Rich text format (RFT) will work, however. Make sure that the implementation in your program can export indices, end/foot notes, and tables of contents as imbedded codes, not as text. That way you can add changes and new text you've done in your word processor to the index, and pagination changes caused by the new text or changes in font will be automatically reflected.

Graphics capability gets us into an area involving preferences more than definable requirements. If you want to be able to develop a "scrap book" of scanned-in images that run on your computer, make sure that your program is capable of it. Don't assume anything in this area; the "top of the line", most expensive program you can buy won't do this. It can import graphics files, but purely for research purposes, and displays them only individually, on command. If you plan to print your reports directly on your printer and want to include photos, make sure that your program can do this. The "top of the line" program again doesn't do it because it is designed to send a report to a word processor where graphic files can be inserted wherever you want them. Once you have learned how to do it, and if your word processor has that ability, you can bring graphics into your page.

I suppose it says something about genealogy's love-hate relationship with GEDCOM that in all the discussion and correspondence generated by the first post of this article (on the Internet), NO-ONE pointed out that I completely forgot to mention GEDCOM. There are two major competing theories about GEDCOM. One claims that it is an agreed-upon set of standards for organizing genealogical data for transport between programs using different ways of organizing internal data. The other recognizes it as part of a plot to ensure psychotherapists of full employment. I incline towards the conspiracy theory, but my wife, who is a shrink, assures me that I'm being overly suspicious. She says that three or more psychotherapists could never agree on the details of any such complicated undertaking. As regards the data-transfer theory, GEDCOM transfers are far from simple. The standard has been through several released versions and even more proposed ones as the data to be transferred has grown ever more complex. Make sure that your program can import and generate both GEDCOM 4 and GEDCOM 5.5. (Beware of versions of 5; some of the programmers jumped the gun and implemented versions that hadn't been agreed on and other programs can't read them.) When you exchange GEDCOMS with someone, make sure both programs read the same versions. And watch your options. Most programs let you select which tags to export and which to import; failure to check on how the programs have been set can lead to interesting results.

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MY FATHER WHEN I WAS...

Ann Landers

4 years old: My daddy can do anything.

5 years old: My daddy knows a whole lot.

6 years old: My dad is smarter than your dad.

8 years old: My dad doesn't know exactly everything.

10 years old: In the olden days when my dad grew up, things were sure different.

12 years old: Oh, well, naturally, Father doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.

14 years old: Don't pay attention to my father. He is too old-fashioned!

21 years old: Him? My lord, he's hopelessly out-of-date.

25 years old: Dad knows a little bit about it, but then he should because he has been around so long.

30 years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

40 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise and had a world of experience.

50 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.



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