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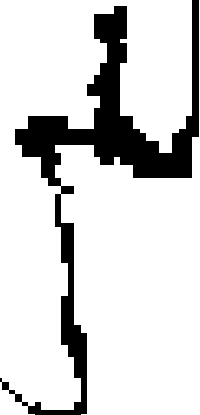
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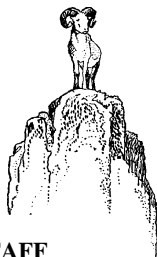
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The Internal Revenue has ruled that the Society is a tax-exempt Educational and Scientific Organization within the means of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Consequently donations of funds, library books and other property made to the Society are deductible contributions for the purpose of Federal Income Tax returns.

# In Memory

CCNGS member Frank **LANG** died in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada Wednesday, 27 October 1999. He joined CCNGS in February 1986 and served as membership director in 1987 and 1990, vice-president in 1989, and as the society photographer for a number of years.

2B / *Las Vegas Review-Journal* / Saturday 30, 1999

Francis **LANG**

Francis G. "Frank" **LANG**, 76, died Wednesday (27 October 1999).

He was born April 18, 1923, in Conifer, N.Y. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a foreman at the Nevada Test Site, a 47-year resident of Las Vegas and a member of Nevada Camera Club and the Genealogical Society.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Kathleen "Kay" of Las Vegas; sons, Terry of Camarillo, Calif., and Larry of Las Vegas; and brother, Ernest of Simi Valley, Calif.

Visitation will be on hour prior to services at 3 p.m. Sunday in Bunkers Eden Vale Mortuary. Burial is private.

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## LET'S GET TOGETHER

One of the "fun" parts of belonging to a genealogical society is the opportunity to get together with others who are interested in the same thing as you are.

The British Isles Interest Group (BIIG) has actively developed a group with specific interest in British Isles research (England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales). BIIG meets the first Wednesday of the month at one p.m. at the Summerlin Library (dark summer months). Contact Linnea **ANDERSON** at our meeting for further information.

Margaret **LOUIS** has conducted a Computer Interest Group (CIG) which has been re-activated and will have its first meeting of the new year on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Health Science Building at UNLV. Contact Margaret **LOUIS** at our meeting for further information.

Bob **KENNARD** will re-activate the Ultimate Family Tree Interest Group starting in February 2000. Contact Bob **KENNARD** at our meeting for further information.

Barbara **CULLINGS** would like to start a New York (state) Interest Group and needs the names of those who would be interested in meeting. Please see Barbara **CULLINGS** at our meeting for further information.

Mac **PURSEL** would like to reactivate her group which met on Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia (the south). If you have an interest in this area, please see Mac **PURSEL** and give her your name at our meeting.

The last three groups listed above are open for suggestions of time and places to meet.

If you have a special interest which you would like to pursue with others, please contact Helen **SMITH** or Margaret **LOUIS** and we will try to construct a group which can meet at the groups discretion.

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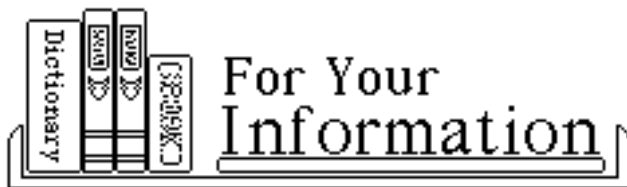
Third Thursday of the Month  
Edwins Hall - Reformation Lutheran Church  
580 East St. Louis  
7 - 9 p.m.

AND

British Isles Interest Group  
First Wednesday of the Month  
Summerlin Library Conference Room  
1 - 3 p.m.

## Meetings 2000

- Feb 2 British Isles Interest Group - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in the Conference Room at 1:00 P.M. Linnea **ANDERSON** will be giving a presentation on: MAPS & TIME LINES IN GENEALOGY
- Feb 17 **SHORT Topic:** Using Vital Records & Evidence of Births. **LONG Topic:** Writing Your Family History - Martine **PATTON**
- Mar 1 British Isles Interest Group - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in the Conference Room at 1:00 P.M. "My Birthplace-Scotland" by Nancy **NOHRSTADT** and "The Oldest American Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA" by Lenore **KRUGER**
- Mar 11 **CCNGS Spring Seminar - Wade HONE**
- Mar 16 **SHORT Topic:** Using Vital Records & evidence of Death (tombstones & cemeteries too) **LONG Topic:** Note Taking Systems Using Your Computer by Will **PRATT**
- Apr 5 British Isles Interest Group - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in the Conference Room at 1:00 P.M.
- Apr 20 **SHORT Topic:** Using Vital Records & Evidence of Marriages. **LONG Topic:** PERSI & ILL (Great resources) by Linnea **ANDERSON**
- May 18 **SHORT Topic:** Using Census Records: Soundex, Indexes and Other Finding Aids. **LONG Topic:** American Hispanic Genealogy Tips by Frank **MOREHEAD**
- Jun 15 **SHORT Topic:** Tips on Using Social Security & Death Index. **LONG Topic:** Problem Solving Panel
- Jul 20 **SHORT Topic:** Tips on Using Naturalization Records. **LONG Topic:** Iowa Records (by popular request) by Judy **WEBER**
- Aug 17 **SHORT Topic:** Tips on using church records. **LONG Topic:** Databases: what they are how to use effectively by Will **PRATT**
- Sep 21 **SHORT Topic:** Society Birthday Party Potluck. **LONG Topic:** Installation of new officers
- Oct 4 British Isles Interest Group - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in the Conference Room at 1:00 P.M.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR, NEW DECADE, NEW CENTURY, AND NEW MILLENNIUM!

by Helen SMITH

New, new, new! Everything is new! Well, we know it is not all new but we can look to starting something new for this new century.

Have you started writing YOUR OWN history...just about you? If you have not, consider this "new" time THE TIME to start recording your own personal history.

As genealogists, we are busy recording history and facts about others.. our direct ancestors and all of our collateral lines. We tend to forget about ourselves. You are important too. Why not write on paper or in your computer your memories of your life and your thoughts. Do you want someone else to write the facts of YOUR life from documents they are able to find about you? That is silly! You know what happened to you, what is important to you, and what you think is important to share. Record it NOW!

How do you start? Simple..start with what you remember. IF you don't have a computer where you can insert writings so that you can maintain a time line, use your research techniques and record each event and thought on separate pages of 8 1/2" X 11" 3-hole punched paper so that you can re-arrange the pages in a three-ring binder to create your story in the manner that you choose.

When you start, don't worry about making the writing perfect, just get your thoughts down on paper. You can edit and re-edit as you re-read what you have already written. Right now you want to write.

Another idea is to have a notebook or place to collect those sticky notes where you can jot down a topic or thought which you would like to write on but just don't have time to do it right now. When you have an evening or an early morning of free time, sit down and pull out the notebook or one of the sticky notes and start expanding on that topic which you had recalled earlier. This is helpful because sometimes you have blocks where you can't remember things from the past when you are faced with writing at the particular moment you choose to sit down to write.

The most important thing is to START! It is fun and it is amazing how these memories come back to you. Your life IS interesting even though you never thought it was. RECORD IT!

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## RESCUED FAMILY HISTORY ITEMS

Old family photos, Bibles, deeds, scrapbooks, and letters rescued from flea markets and yard sales.

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/7741/photo.html>

## NEWS FLASH!!!

### LIBRARY BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Executive Board of the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that a large portion of our library collection is now available for members to use.

Books have been placed in the mobile book cart which was recently constructed and presented to the society by Frank **MOREHEAD** in November. Thanks to Frank's generosity, members are now able to come to monthly meetings at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., rather than seven o'clock (7:00), to review, read and research using the books/materials which have been compiled.

The Board has voted that newly acquired books and materials will be housed in the bookcase discussed above for one year prior to a donation to any permanent facility. This will allow our members to be the first to use the books and materials which they helped to acquire.

The Society will also seek to have a copier available at library times (at the church) for all to use for a nominal fee. An additional time/day will also be investigated to provide some expanded research time.

If you are able to assist the Library Committee by attending the room during library times, please contact Sue **COOK**, Barbara **CULLINGS**, or Linnea **ANDERSON**.

The Society continues its quest for a permanent home for its collection.

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## PERKINS

If you are researching the **PERKINS** name, you might be interested in a publication which the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society received. The publication has birth, death, marriage, and probate records along with miscellaneous records and a ten page every name index. This publication will be available to our members in the library cart.

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## CCNGS VOLUNTEERS!

At the recent Channel 10 pledge drive in December (1999), four of our members volunteered their time on a Saturday afternoon to man telephones and receive pledges from the community. Those who volunteered were Linnea **ANDERSON**, Margaret **BRANDNER**, Margaret **LOUIS**, and Helen **SMITH**. The ladies reported that they had a fun afternoon talking with each other and the other volunteers (as well as the callers from the community), snacking in the lunch room, and viewing the programming.

Channel 10 recognizes the groups who volunteer their time on air. Next time CCNGS has the opportunity to volunteer, consider joining these members for a few hours. It is fun and our organization receives community recognition.

# MARY SCANNELL CONWAY

## THE FIRST WOMAN TO VOTE IN NORTH DAKOTA?

—Linnea M. ANDERSON (CCNGS)

While watching the PBS dramatization, **NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE**, on the lives of the women's rights pioneers Elizabeth (CADY) STANTON (1815-1902) and Susan B. ANTHONY (1820-1906), I was struck by the date of 1848—the year of the first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, New York. For this was the year that my sister-in-law's (Avis (CONWAY) ANDERSON) grandmother MARY (SCANNELL) CONWAY (1848-1942) was born in County Cork, Ireland.

The Seneca Falls convention adopted the *Declaration of Sentiments* on women's rights which was modeled on our *Declaration of Independence*. Neither STANTON nor ANTHONY would live to see the adoption of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote, but Mary SCANNELL would live to see the passage of the amendment in 1920. Years before this she had cast the deciding vote for the naming of a village in North Dakota.

Mary SCANNELL immigrated to Boston in 1875, where her brother, Daniel, was living. In 1885, Mary married John CONWAY who also had been born in Ireland (County Waterford) and in 1887, moved with him and their baby son, William Daniel, to the territory which would become North Dakota in 1889. John was the section boss for the railroad in what would become the village of Leeds. They lived in the section house in Leeds. After taking a pre-emption on land north of Leeds, Mary and her son would walk nearly three miles every night to live on their homestead shack in order that they could prove up their claim. John had to stay in Leeds to milk their cow and fulfill his duties as section boss. This area was on the trail between two settlements of Indians. One of the stories passed on by the family was of an Indian coming to the door. He indicated that he was hungry so she gave him a loaf of bread which she had just taken from the oven.

In 1898, Mary's second son John Roger CONWAY, the father of my sister-in-law, was born. He was the first white child born in the

village of Leeds. He lived to the grand old age of 102. The following story was related to me by him.

As the railroad was being built and as North Dakota was preparing to become the 39th state in 1889, the community met to decide on a name for their village. The two names up for consideration were Scandinavia and Leeds. John CONWAY favored Leeds because he had worked in Leeds, England prior to his coming to the United States. In England, he had met Pat SCULLY who was from Leeds, England and who had encouraged John to emigrate. Mr. SCULLY had moved to the United States and settled at Larimore, North Dakota. When the vote was taken, there was a tie. Mary CONWAY, who was in attendance, but who had not voted, was asked to break the tie. She was very hesitant since she had never voted, but was persuaded, at last, to cast the deciding vote for Leeds which remains the name of this little town in central North Dakota to this day.

Interestingly enough, North Dakota did not grant women the right to vote until the 19th amendment was ratified in 1920. There had been votes in the North Dakota territorial legislature; in fact, the suffrage act was passed by the two houses. The governor had promised to sign the bill, but the bill was "lost" before reaching the governor for his signature! There had been other efforts to enact women's suffrage but through various ruses and skullduggery the measure had been defeated. There, as in other states, the major objection was that woman would vote for prohibition. In North Dakota the main women's movement was the WCTU organization.<sup>(1)</sup>

Thus Mary (SCANNELL) CONWAY who lived until 1942, seems to have been the first woman to have voted in North Dakota. The fact that she was born in 1848 was a marvelous coincidence!

1 ANDRE, Marcella, "They Won the Right to Vote. . . But Little Else," **THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Summer, 1975, pp.9-14.

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## Fun ideas for times with grandchildren

- ◆ Compile and organize family history stories, either written or on video/audio tape.
- ◆ Fill out a family tree or genealogy sheet of family members with pictures.
- ◆ Organize and attend family reunions, planned when possible for the site the family lived on. Take lots of photographs.
- ◆ Visit towns, homes and sites where important events happened to family members.
- ◆ Visit cemeteries where forefathers are buried.
- ◆ Compile photo albums of vintage pictures, supplemented with new photos of homes and locations. (The new laser color copies make it possible to reproduce pictures when there are no negatives.)
- ◆ Collect family memorabilia: journals, letters, pictures, tools, books, jewelry, furniture and clothing.
- ◆ Make gifts of family treasures to grandchildren on special occasions like great-grandfather's pocket watch, grandmother's lace hanky or opal ring, or a great uncle's pocket sized Bible.
- ◆ Encourage the use of family names, especially the use of the mother's maiden name in the naming of newborn grandchildren.
- ◆ Strive to maintain family spirit and traditions passed down to you.

Source: *Las Vegas Review-Journal and Las Vegas Sun* / Thursday, November 18, 1999 / p. 30



**What is the  
Exciting News??**

**6-9 September 2000  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Salt Palace Convention Center**

A national family history conference  
located next door to the  
world's largest genealogical repository!!

## CALL FOR ARTICLES

The Prospector is always looking for articles to publish. If you have completed a project, found something unusual or interesting, and/or have an idea on how to do something effectively which has enhanced your research or personal genealogy, write it on paper and submit it to *The Prospector* so that we can share it with others.

Don't worry about grammar, punctuation, and spelling. We will re-write articles and you get the credit. What more can you ask! Let's all share our knowledge. Sharing is caring! Let's all care for one another!

# 1880 Federal Census

The page header includes: year, state, county, city, enumeration district, date of enumeration, and page number.

### Column Contents

1. Dwelling number.
2. Family number.
3. Name (includes all persons living at residence on June 1, 1880).
4. Color (W=white, B=black, M=mulatto, C=Chinese, I=Indian).
5. Sex.
6. Age at birthday prior to June 1, 1880 (if under 1 year, give months in fraction, example 3/12).
7. If born within the year, state month.
8. Relationship of each person to the head of this family (wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other).
9. Marital status:  
Single  
Married  
Widowed  
Divorced
10. Profession, occupation, or trade of each male or female.
11. Number of months this person unemployed during census year.
12. Is the person sick or temporarily disabled so as unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is sickness or disability.
13. Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, or maimed, crippled, bedridden or otherwise disabled.
14. Attended school within the year.
15. Cannot read.
16. Cannot write.
17. Place of birth of this person- naming the state, territory, or country.
18. Place of birth of the father of this person- naming the state, territory, or country.
19. Place of birth of the mother of this person- naming the state, territory, or country.

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## Genealogical Society of Ireland

<http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/genealogy>

The GSI site contains information on the Society's publications, aims, activities, projects, membership, articles and the Monthly Newsletter. Also, contained on the site - information on the restoration of the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin as the GSI Archive.

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland.

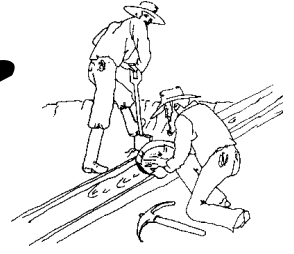
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When contacting the National Archives for census information, be sure to clearly specify the state, country, enumeration district, volume number and exact page on which a family is listed.



# QUERIES



## **COLLINS**

Seeking brothers and sisters of Joseph Henry **COLLINS**, born about 1818 in east Tennessee.  
Jo Ann **HAWKINS**, 6264 Fargo Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89107

## **DEMPSEY**

Hyrum **DEMPSEY** was born in Logan County, West Virginia. He married Celia. They and two children moved to Manasa, Colorado by covered wagon in 1880. Their 9th child was William Harrison **DEMPSEY**, aka Jack **DEMPSEY** the Manasa Mauler, heavy weight boxing champion. When was Hyrum born? When did he marry Celia? What was Celia's maiden name? I know Hyrum was of Irish descent, who were his parents?  
Linnea **ANDERSON**, 1480A Hialeah Drive, Las Vegas NV 89119-6338, e-mail: LINNEANV@AOL.COM

## **ECHOLS**

Seeking relatives of name **ECHOLS** that are from the Georgia and Tennessee area. I have old pictures from uncle Jim **ECHOLS**. He had no descendants. I hate to throw these pictures away.  
Jo Ann **HAWKINS**, 6264 Fargo Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89107

## **FRANKLIN, HICKS**

Seeking parents of Lucy **FRANKLIN** who was born about 1820 in South Carolina. Lucy married Joseph W. **HICKS** in 1838, in McMinn County, Tennessee.  
Sterling **HAWKINS**, 6264 Fargo Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89107

## **OFFORD, HARDIN**

Seeking parents of Lucy **OFFORD**, born about 1858 in Gilmer County, Georgia. Lucy married John **HARDIN** about 1877 in Georgia.  
Sterling **HAWKINS**, 6264 Fargo Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89107

## **SANKERS**

Seeking relatives of Frank **SANKERS**, who was in the 1870 census of Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Sterling **HAWKINS**, 6264 Fargo Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89107

## **CLARK, ST JOHN**

Would like to correspond with any descendants of Charles Kimball **CLARK**, born 8 Jul 1860, LaCrosse, WI, and his wife, Jennie **ST. JOHN**, born June 1860 in VA. Their children: Frank, Sydney, Clara, Kate and Ruth were born between 1884 and 1900. He was a cattle man, and they lived in Alden, MN in the early 1900's and in Roundup, MT at the time of his mother's death in Feb 1911. Need help identifying possible family members in old photograph.  
Eloise **KIMBALL**, 4290 Northbrook Blvd N, Stillwater, MN 55082-1204

## **GOOD, SMITH**

Looking for information on Abraham **GOOD**, b. abt 1806 in Bert, PA; d. abt 1876 in IL; m. Rebecca **SMITH**. Son Joseph b. 1 Jan 1836 Lancaster, PA; m. 1862 to Sara **SMITH** from OH in Clark Co., IL. Galen G. **GOOD**, 9661 Midnight Sun Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89147 (702) 457-6031; email: GGOOD711@AOL.COM

## **BERNINGER, BECKER**

Looking for descendants of Michael **BERNINGER** and wife Susannah **BECKER**. Children: Curt b. abt 1856, Germany; Peter b. abt 1857; Jacob b. 1859; John b. abt 1864; Berthia b. abt 1866; Delia b. abt 1865, New York City; Charles b. abt 1857.  
Karen **MONGIARDO**, e-mail slotz@webtv.net, 702-255-3120

## **BERNINGER, LEIBOLD**

Looking for descendants of Jacob **BERNINGER** and wife Madeline **LEIBOLD**. Children: Mildred b. 1902; Anna b. 1888; Evelyn b. 1899; Susan b. 1893; Charles b. abt 1898 New York City area.  
Karen **MONGIARDO**, e-mail slotz@webtv.net, 702-255-3120

## **TRETHERWEY**

Would like to correspond with anyone researching **TRETHERWEY** (Jenefer, John, Thomas) in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England ca. 1800-1850.  
Helen **JYTYLA SMITH** 26 Quail Hollow Dr., Henderson, NV 89014, e-mail: HSmithlv@juno.com

## **TROUT, EPPERLY, KENNARD**

Looking for information on parents of Louisa Catherine **TROUT**, b. 30 Sep 1860, VA; d. 7 Jul 1922, MD; m. 2 Sep 1889 James Harry **KENNARD**. Death certificate states parents **TROUT & EPPERLY** Robert **KENNARD**, Jr., 6504 White Swan Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89108-1812; e-mail: rkennardlv@softcom.net

## **KITCHEN, WATSON**

Seeking descendants of Thomas **KITCHEN**, b 1802 in Virginia & Sara A. **WATSON**, b 1812 in Ohio, wed 1831 in Indiana, Warren Co.  
Eileen **SENA**, 9671 Lame Horse Dr., L.V., Nv. 89123 or e-mail Sstoke98@aol.com

## **FOUST, BOLINGER**

Seeking information of James **FOUST**, b 1836 in Pa. & Sarah **BOLINGER**, b 1839 in Pa. wed abt 1857.  
Eileen **SENA**, 9671 Lame Horse Dr., L.V., Nv. 89123 or e-mail Sstoke98@aol.com

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## **A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY**

### **A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, COMMUNITY**

**OWENS**. A station established in June, 1907, on the former Las Vegas and Tonopah RR; named for John J. **OWENS** of Tonopah. The *Las Vegas Age* of April 14, 1907, notes that **OWENS**, who had a saw mill in the Spring Mountains on Charleston Peak, was building a road over which to haul lumber from his mill to the railroad which was twelve miles distant.

"Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary." Helen S. **CARLSON**, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 184.

## FEDERATION of GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES 1999 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Diane E. **GREENE**, AG, of Boulder City, recently attended the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference in St. Louis. Greene is a professional genealogist and founder of the **VALLELY** Family History (a family organization dedicated to the exchange of **VALLELY** family information). The 1999 FGS Annual Conference was co-hosted by the St. Louis Genealogical Society.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies, founded in 1976, is a non-profit organization which includes more than 500 libraries, historical and genealogical societies, family associations and libraries represents more than 200,000 individual genealogists. The Federation is a collective voice of organizations at the national level and is involved in coordinating activities and the education of societies via publications and conferences.

"It is exciting to be with others who are seeking to expand their research skills and to discover the latest sources available. Genealogists are now moving beyond the boring pursuit of gathering "names, dates, and places," of the typical dry genealogical data. Today's family researcher is striving to flesh out their ancestors and is seeking to locate the interesting details of where their ancestors lived their daily life, community activities, occupations, physical descriptions, and medical background," **GREENE** said.

The 2000 FGS conference will be held September 6-9 in Salt Lake City, Utah, hosted by the Utah Genealogical Association. Attendees will have the opportunity to select from over 135 extraordinary classes, presented by the nations' top genealogists and lecturers, ranging from basic to advanced. An extra bonus will be that the Family History Library (the largest genealogical library in the world) will extend their hours to allow conference attendees more research time. The Family History Library is located a half-block away from the conference site, the Salt Palace Convention Center.

In April 1998, she completed the requirements for accreditation by the Family History Library of Salt Lake City, Utah, as Accredited Genealogist the second person in Nevada to achieved the title. For more information, contact her at 702 293-3451, [www.dianegreene.com](http://www.dianegreene.com)

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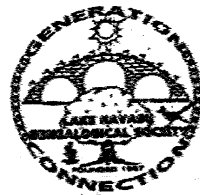
## TYPISTS NEEDED...WE NEED YOU!

Many of you will remember our project on the First Settlers of Las Vegas (1909); a number of our members researched facts on these early pioneers of southern Nevada so that we now have a significant amount of data gathered.

The person who originally conceived the project and volunteered to compile the information so that CCNGS could publish the data was transferred out of state. CCNGS needs to complete this project and is asking for volunteers to input data into a word processing program and save it to a disc so that we can enter it into a publishing program and edit it properly.

If you have time to help with this project by entering the information into a computer and saving to a disc, please contact Helen **SMITH**. If you are interested in helping by editing and/or coordinating this project to its completion, please notify Helen **SMITH**. It is important that we complete this project before we move on to the next one. We need your help!

## 7th Annual GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR



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9:00 - 4:30  
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Mr Bill **DOTY**, Archivist, will be presenting "An Introduction to Resources Available at the National Archives and Administration Records", "Immigration Records", and an "Introduction to Military Resources at the National Archives from the Pre-Revolutionary War Period Through the Present."

Pre registration - \$20 non-refundable (Includes Lunch)  
Late Registration - \$25

*Early Registration deadline is Saturday, February 19, 2000*

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# MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

PREPARED BY: Helen LaVerne (JYTYLA) SMITH

26 Quail Hollow Drive  
Henderson NV 89014-2143

## GENERATION 1 (starting person)

- 1 Bruce Robert **SMITH**  
Bruce was born 18 October 1942, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN. He married Helen Laverne **JYTYLA** in VA, St. Louis Co., MN, 17 August 1963.

## GENERATION 2 (parents)

- 2 Robert Eric **SMITH**  
Robert was born 9 October 1922, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN. He married Betty Jean **SULLIVAN** in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, 9 May 1942. He married Joyce Ellen **BYERS** in Fruita, Mesa Co., CO 5 May 1972. Robert died 17 March 1983 in Fort Morgan, Morgan Co., CO at 60 years of age. His body was interred 1983, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.
- 3 Betty Jean **SULLIVAN**  
Betty was born 23 April 1923, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN. She married Robert Eric **SMITH** in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, 9 May 1942. She married Leo **MURPHY** in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, 13 June 1970.

## GENERATION 3 (grandparents)

- 4 Eric Sigfried **SMITH, Jr**  
Eric was born 15 February 1893, in Hurley, Iron Co., WI. He married Esther Marie Viola **RAGER** in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, 13 April 1921. Eric died 15 May 1988 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 95 years of age. His body was interred 18 May 1988, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.
- 5 Esther Marie Viola **RAGER**  
Esther was born 16 September 1901, in Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co., WI. She married Eric Sigfried **SMITH, Jr** in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, 13 April 1921. Esther died 4 January 1977 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 75 years of age. Her body was interred 7 January 1977, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.
- 6 Irving John **SULLIVAN**  
Irving was born 23 September 1893, in Sparta Location, near VA, St. Louis Co., MN. He married Olive Pearl **CADDY** in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, 30 May 1917. Irving died 19 January 1982 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 88 years of age. His body was interred 23 January 1982, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.
- 7 Olive Pearl **CADDY**  
Olive was born 7 October 1895, in Palmer, Marquette Co., MI. She married Irving John **SULLIVAN** in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, 30 May 1917. Olive died 22 December 1980 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 85 years of age. Her body was interred 27 December 1980, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.

## GENERATION 4 (great-grandparents)

- 8 Erik Sigfried **SMITH, Sr**  
Erik was born 14 July 1866, in Finland. He married Edla **KIOCK** in Hurley, Iron Co., WI, 9 June 1890. Erik died 6 December 1951 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 85 years of age. His body was interred 8 December 1951, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.
- 9 Edla **KIOCK**  
Edla was born 27 May 1872, in Finland. She married Erik Sigfried **SMITH Sr** in Hurley, Iron Co., WI, 9 June 1890. Edla died 13 November 1943 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 71 years of age. Her body was interred 16 November 1943, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.
- 10 Michael **RAGER**  
Michael was born 17 November 1870, in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany. He married Thekla **TROEPPL** in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany, 7 August 1899. Michael died 26 August 1937 in Buhl, St. Louis Co., MN, at 66 years of age. His body was interred 30 August 1937, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.
- 11 Thekla **TROEPPL**  
Thekla was born 1 September 1880, in Zwiesel, Bavaria, Germany. She married Michael **RAGER** in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany, 7 August 1899. Thekla died 14 October 1937 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co., WI, at 57 years of age. Her body was interred October 1937, in Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co., WI.
- 12 Daniel D. **SULLIVAN**  
Daniel was born 15 December 1873, in MI. He married Bertha **RITZENTHALER** in WI, about 1890. Daniel died 13

May 1942 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 68 years of age. His body was interred 16 May 1942, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.

13 Bertha **RITZENTHALER**

Bertha was born 29 November 1872, in Reedsburg, Sauk Co., WI. She married Daniel D. **SULLIVAN** in WI, about 1890. Bertha died 9 June 1940 in Duluth, St. Louis Co., MN, at 67 years of age. Her body was interred 12 June 1940, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.

14 Tom **CADDY**

Tom was born 17 April 1855, in Trigg the Wheel in St. Breock, Cornwall, England. He married Ellen **EYERS** in St. Austell, Cornwall, England, 16 May 1875. Tom died 15 February 1914 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 58 years of age. His body was interred 18 February 1914, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.

15 Ellen **EYERS**

Ellen was born 16 October 1855, in Whilemm, Cornwall, England. She married Tom **CADDY** in St. Austell, Cornwall, England, 16 May 1875. Ellen died 9 July 1918 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 62 years of age. Her body was interred 12 July 1918, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.

### GENERATION 5 (great-great-grandparents)

16 Abraham **SMITH**

Abraham was born about 1840, in Finland. He married Greta **ERICKSON** in Finland, about 1865.

17 Greta **ERICKSON**

Greta was born about 1845, in Finland. She married Abraham **SMITH** in Finland, about 1865.

18 Abraham Johansson **KOCK**

Abraham was born 31 July 1833, in Mustasaari, Vaasa, Finland. He married Sophia **EMANUELSDTR** in Mustasaari, Vaasa, Finland, 24 March 1860.

19 Sophia **EMANUELSDTR**

Sophia was born 20 December 1837, in Mustasaari, Vaasa, Finland. She married Abraham Johansson **KOCK** in Mustasaari, Vaasa, Finland, 24 March 1860.

20 Markus **RAGER**

Markus was born 25 April 1836, in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany. He married Therese **LOIBL** in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany, about 1870. Markus died in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany. His body was interred in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany.

21 Therese **LOIBL**

Therese was born about 1843, in Germany. She married Markus **RAGER** in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany, about 1870. Therese died 13 February 1885 in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany, at 41 years of age. Her body was interred in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany.

22 Wendelin **TROEPPL**

He married Katarina **GRAFSHAYSAR** in Zwiesel, Bavaria, Germany. Wendelin was born about 1855, in Zwiesel, Bavaria, Germany. Wendelin died in Germany. His body was interred in Germany.

23 Katarina **GRAFSHAYSAR**

She married Wendelin **TROEPPL** in Zwiesel, Bavaria, Germany. Katarina was born about 1855, in Zwiesel, Bavaria, Germany. Katarina died in Germany. Her body was interred in Germany.

24 Jeramiah **SULLIVAN**

Jeramiah was born January 1830, in County Cork, Ireland. He married Mary about 1855. He married Mary (**SULLIVAN**) in Unknown, about 1860. Jeramiah died 29 September 1922 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN, at 92 years of age. His body was interred 2 October 1922, in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN.

26 Jacques (Jacob) **RITZENTHALER**

Jacques was born 13 December 1849, in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France. He married Madeleine **PFEIFFER** in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France, 7 May 1872. Jacques died in Reedsburg, Sauk Co., WI. His body was interred in Reedsburg, Sauk Co., WI.

27 Madeleine **PFEIFFER**

Madeleine was born 25 May 1848, in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France. She married Jacques (Jacob) **RITZENTHALER** in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France, 7 May 1872. Madeleine died in Reedsburg, Sauk Co., WI. Her body was interred in Reedsburg, Sauk Co., WI.

28 Joseph **CADDY**

Joseph was born 1826, in Burlawn by St. Breock, Cornwall, England. He married Caroline **PEARCE** in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, 6 June 1852. Joseph died 13 April 1884 in Carbis in Roche, Cornwall, England, at 57 years of age. His body was interred 4 May 1884, in Roche, Cornwall, England.

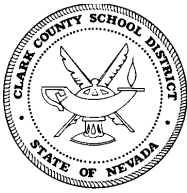
- 29 Caroline **PEARCE**  
Caroline was born 1833, in St. Breock, Cornwall, England. She married Joseph **CADDY** in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, 6 June 1852. Caroline died November 1911 in Roche, Cornwall, England, at 78 years of age. Her body was interred 25 November 1911, in Roche, Cornwall, England.
- 30 Walter **EAIRS**  
Walter was born 13 October 1800, in St. Denys, Cornwall, England. He married Jenefer **TRETHEWEY** in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England, 30 April 1828. Walter died 11 December 1866 in Whitman-St Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England, at 66 years of age. His body was interred 11 December 1866, in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England.
- 31 Jenefer **TRETHEWEY**  
Jenefer was born before 15 September 1808, in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England. She married Walter **EAIRS** in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England, 30 April 1828. Jenefer died after 1881 in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England. Her body was interred in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England.

### **GENERATION 6 (3rd-great-grandparents)**

- 40 Martin **RAGER**  
Martin was born in Unterneulesbach, Bavaria, Germany. He married Magdalena **GILZ** in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany, about 1835.
- 41 Magdalena **GILZ**  
Magdalena was born in Unterneulesbach, Bavaria, Germany. She married Martin **RAGER** in Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany, about 1835.
- 42 Michael **LOIBL**  
Michael was born about 1820, in Schonbrunn, Untermitteldorf, Bavaria, Germany. He married Anna in Schonbrunn, Bavaria, Germany, about 1840.
- 43 Anna  
Anna was born about 1820, in Schonbrunn, Bavaria, Germany. She married Michael **LOIBL** in Schonbrunn, Bavaria, Germany, about 1840.
- 48 Jerry **SULLIVAN**  
Jerry was born in County Cork, Ireland. He married Kate in County Cork, Ireland.
- 49 Kate  
Kate was born in County Cork, Ireland. She married Jerry **SULLIVAN** in County Cork, Ireland.
- 52 Jacques **RITZENTHALER**  
Jacques was born 3 September 1820, in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France. He married Christine Elisabeth **BUSCH** in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France, 15 June 1848. Jacques died 1882 in Freedom, Sauk Co, WI, at 61 years of age.
- 53 Christine Elisabeth **BUSCH**  
Christine was born 16 July 1827, in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France. She married Jacques **RITZENTHALER** in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France, 15 June 1848. Christine died in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France.
- 54 Andreas **PHEIFFER**  
Andreas was born about 1825, in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France. He married Marie Salome **ARNOLD** in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France, about 1845. Andreas died in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France.
- 55 Marie Salome **ARNOLD**  
Marie was born about 1825, in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France. She married Andreas **PHEIFFER** in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France, about 1845. Marie died in Sundhausen, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France.
- 56 William **CADDY**  
William was born about 1791, in Withiel, Cornwall, England. He married Honour **OLIVER** in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, 1817. William died 7 December 1874 in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, at 83 years of age.
- 57 Honour **OLIVER**  
Honour was born about 1784, in St. Breock, Cornwall, England. She married William **CADDY** in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, 1817. Honour died February 1868 in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, at 83 years of age.
- 58 Nicholas **PEARCE**  
Nicholas was born 27 November 1791, in Egloshayle, Cornwall, England. He married Grace **PHILLIPS** in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, 1818. He married Prudence in Bodmin, Cornwall, England, after 1835. His body was interred 6 December 1867, in St. Breock, Cornwall, England. Nicholas died December 1867 in Trigg the Wheel in Burlawn, Cornwall, England, at 76 years of age.
- 59 Grace **PHILLIPS**

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## 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.

# Manuel J. CORTEZ

## Elementary School



1996 U.S./Domestic Person of the Year by *Travel Agent Magazine* for having the strongest impact on world wide tourism.

Mr. **CORTEZ** has been active in a variety of organizations in Southern Nevada that directly benefit children. He is past president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas and served on its advisory board. He also served on the Board of Directors of the local Boy Scouts of America. He has served on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southern Nevada and the committee for Boys Town. In 1995, Mr. **CORTEZ** and the LVCVA, in conjunction with the Clark County School District, developed an Academy of Travel and Tourism magnet school at Valley High School. Mr. **CORTEZ** also served on the advisory board for the Children's Advocacy Alliance since its inception in 1997.

Nowhere is a commitment stronger than in the ties Mr. **CORTEZ** has with his family. Manuel and Joanna have been married 38 years. They have two daughters Cynthia and Catherine and two grandchildren, Andrew and Christina. Mr. **CORTEZ** has dedicated his life to making a better future for his family and his community. His commitment to the children of Southern Nevada, and hence to the future of this community, remains strong.

Manuel J. **CORTEZ** Elementary School at 4245 East Tonopah Avenue was dedicated 4 March 1999.

## Manuel J. CORTEZ

Manuel J. **CORTEZ**, better known by family, friends and associates throughout the Southern Nevada community as "Manny", is a longtime Las Vegas, a man for whom the words "public service" have a deep resonance. Mr. **CORTEZ**, a native of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was born in 1939. He moved to Las Vegas with his family in 1944, at the age of five. After graduating from Las Vegas High School and serving three years in the Army, he returned to Las Vegas to further his education at Nevada Southern University.

Mr. **CORTEZ** began his public service with the Clark County District Attorney's office and, subsequently, the office of the Clark County Public Defender. In 1973, he was appointed by Governor Mike **O'CALLAGHAN** to serve as Administrator of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority. In 1976, he was elected to the Office of Clark County Commissioner and served four terms.

On July 2, 1991, Mr. **CORTEZ** began his appointment as President and CEO of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA). In January 1995, *Tour and Travel News Magazine* named Mr. **CORTEZ** one of the 25 most influential tourist executives in the industry. Other awards and honors include: American Society of Public Administrators 1994 Administrator of the Year and



# The LESHER, POWERS, RAGSDALE Reunion

by Phyllis POWERS SYZDEK (CCNGS)

Quite some time ago, one of my **LESHER** cousins informed me they would like to have the bi-yearly **LESHER** Reunion in Las Vegas in 1999. As I am a shirttail cousin and no **LESHER**'s physically live in Las Vegas, I agreed to assist them in holding a reunion in Las Vegas.

My father and the **LESHER**'s sister were half brother and sister; my grandmother was married three times. Her first husband was a **MANGES**; a **MANGES** daughter married a **LESHER**; the second husband was a **POWERS** and the third a **HEAD**.

The **LESHERS** are a family consisting of a daughter who was the oldest and then eight sons. They are a wonderful family, very close knit, and manage to have a reunion every other year. As some live in Florida, other's in Oregon and Washington, and in many states in between, they opt to change the location of the reunion each time.

Getting this reunion together was quite a challenge and I can be very grateful to the technology of E-mail. The **LESHER** second cousin who is the Reunion President at this time lives in California so we have corresponded and planned the reunion almost exclusively by E-mail.

I have a first cousin and wife on the **POWERS** side living here in Las Vegas whom I visit frequently, so I mentioned this reunion to them during a visit. My cousin's wife said her daughter loves to entertain and give parties. She has a lovely new home in Las Vegas and she was sure she would be more than happy to have the out of town relatives for a day. When I asked her for her help (with much hesitation), she told me she loves to party! Voila, my prayers had been answered. I called the second cousin, discussed the time and said Bruno and I would be happy to help in every way we possibly could, so we started the ball rolling. This was in June.

We did not want the second cousin living here to assume all the work. Therefore, we decided we would have an open house with a place to meet and visit at her home the first day and the second day Bruno and I would host a BBQ at a park here in town. The majority of the out of town guests stayed at the Santa Fe Hotel. We located a park not too far from the Santa Fe and confirmed it with the President of the Lesher family who was in charge of the Reunion. The park was available on a first come first serve basis but we thought that would be no problem. Bruno volunteered to go out there at the crack of dawn on the day of the BBQ to reserve it.

Three months later, two days before the reunion, our son was going

to check out the park in order to provide maps for us; he discovered he could not enter the park because of street construction outside the park. We called the park manager and inquired. We discovered they had changed their policy. After September 1, reservations had to be made to reserve the park so we were out of luck as both group areas in the park we had chosen were already reserved. We had no place to hold the BBQ. This was a holiday weekend and every park in the area was reserved, except one way out of town with not enough tables for us. Rule #1: Never assume anything.

So two days before the Reunion we were without a Sunday BBQ meeting place. I talked to the cousin told her our dilemma; she was wonderful, said no problem, have both days at her house; it will be easier than transporting everything. What a relief! We did not have to move everything nor worry about heat, wind, weather or all those worrisome things.

To make a long story short, the reunion was a howling success. It was held in a beautiful home, very comfortable and accessible for about thirty people; we had access to both indoors and out. We had anticipated more people. Only three of the **LESHER** brothers from the original family were in attendance.

A cousin brought three very detailed family tree charts on styrofoam boards, one for each family attending. She also provided Family Group sheets so people could provide additional genealogy information. I contributed two large framed and protected groups of old family pictures, well labeled, plus two photo albums, one of previous **LESHER** reunions and one of very old family pictures, some I was hoping to date and identify. The family tree charts as well as the pictures made a big hit and family members did help in identifying some people and in providing information. People attended from Florida, Nebraska, Oregon, Alaska, Washington and Ohio. I took advantage of the situation and invited many of my **POWERS** cousins, and my sister was able to meet and visit cousins she had not seen in fifty years. There were more of my Powers kin attending than **LESHERS**!

My advice for reunions is do lots of planning and take nothing for granted. Having a family reunion in a different place each time has its disadvantages, as it is difficult to find a homey atmosphere for people to get together, visit, and get reacquainted. The next **LESHER** Reunion will be in Portland Oregon although I was hoping for Anchorage, Alaska.

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- Grace was born about 1792, in Cornwall, England. She married Nicholas **PEARCE** in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, 1818. Grace died 9 November 1835 in St. Breock, Cornwall, England, at 43 years of age.
- 60 William **EYERS**  
William was born 1771, in Roche, Cornwall, England. He married Mary **WOODMAN** in St. Denys, Cornwall, England, 17 June 1792. His body was interred 26 December 1851, in Roche, Cornwall, England.
- 61 Mary **WOODMAN**  
Mary was born 10 September 1769, in St. Denys, Cornwall, England. She married William **EYERS** in St. Denys, Cornwall, England, 17 June 1792. Mary died 16 May 1841 in Trejoso in Roche, Cornwall, England, at 71 years of age.
- 62 John **TRETHEWEY**  
John was born before January 1780, in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England. He married Mary **SNELL** in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England, 24 October 1803. John died in Cornwall, England.
- 63 Mary **SNELL**  
Mary was born before 24 May 1779, in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England. She married John **TRETHEWEY** in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England, 24 October 1803. Mary died in St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, England. Her body was interred in Cornwall, England.

# OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE LDS LONE MOUNTAIN STAKE FAMILY HISTORY ROOM - PART 1

**What is FamilySearch™?** FamilySearch™ is a collection of genealogical indexes and research tools produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. **NOTE:** To protect individual Rights of Privacy all of the databases and indexes contain information on deceased individuals. The only database which offers information on living individuals is the Ancestral File™ which limits data to NAME ONLY. FamilySearch™ includes the following files:

## ◆ Ancestral File™

Ancestral File™ is a compilation of data from submitters all over the world. It is organized into linked pedigrees and family group records and includes "complete" biographical information.

Submitter information is included to help coordinate research efforts. Data can be readily downloaded via GEDCOM files and uploaded onto patron's home computer. Information on living individuals is limited to name ONLY for LDS Church members with a baptism date on file. If a person was born within the last 110 years and a death date has NOT been submitted then the information will show "LIVING".

**NOTE:** The Ancestral File™ is available on-line (Internet) at the LDS FamilySearch website ==> [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). At present you CANNOT download the data but you can print it out.

## ◆ International Genealogical Index<sup>R</sup>(IGI)

The IGI<sup>R</sup> is a database of 60+ million individual birth, christening, marriage and miscellaneous records obtained from extracted original records and LDS Church member submissions. The index is organized by region of the world and allows you to search by individual, marriage or parents. Source information is included which may provide additional information. **NOTE:** There are two sets of CDs which comprise the database - the original issue (silver) and the addendum (beige). Make sure to check BOTH sets of CDs when doing research. Search filters are available for locality, exact surname, etc.

**NOTE:** The IGI<sup>R</sup> is available on-line (Internet) for North America, Britain and Finland at the LDS FamilySearch website [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

## ◆ U.S. Social Security Death Index (SSDI)

The SSDI is an index of 7+ million deceased people who had SS#s and whose deaths were reported to the SS Administration. Death dates included in the index range from 1937 through December 1997 with a majority of the entries from about 1966 forward. For women: search for name at time of death and NOT maiden names. Data included in the index: birth date, SS# and issuing state, death date, place of residence, and where the last benefit was sent. The original application can be obtained by writing to the SS Administration. **NOTE:** Certain professions (i.e. farmers, doctors, teachers) tend to be omitted from the list.

**NOTE:** Ancestry.com has a website which is updated monthly and allows you to search using different fields as criteria at [www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm](http://www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm)

## ◆ Military Index

The Military Index lists over 100,000 servicemen and women who died in the Korean (1950-1957) and Vietnam (1957-1975) Wars. Data includes: name, birth and death dates, home residence at time of enlistment, country where the individual died, rank, service number, branch of service, and race. For

Vietnam: start date of tour of duty, religious affiliation, marital status and location of name on Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. are also included.

## ◆ Scottish Church Records

The Scottish Church Records is an index of 9 million names listed primarily in the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) parish registers and similar records. The time frame covers from the late 1500s through 1854. Original source information is included which may provide additional information.

## ◆ Family History Library Catalog™ (FHLC)

The FHLC™ lists and describes over 3 million records, books, microfilms, and microfiche in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It does NOT contain actual records, only descriptions of them. The records described in the catalog come from throughout the world, and include census, vital, and probate records; family and area histories; church registers; and many other record types. The catalog allows you to search by locality, surname or item number. **NOTE:** Microfilm and fiche can be ordered at the FHC on 9<sup>th</sup> & Clark and four (4) other Clark County locations. Books are not loaned to FHCs but may be available on inter-library loan through the Clark County library system. Currently two versions of the FHLC™ are in use so use both the green (April 1997 release) and silver (December 1998 release) CDs.

**NOTE:** The FHLC™ is available on-line at the LDS FamilySearch website [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

## ◆ LDS Options: Ordinance Index

The Ordinance Index (formerly called the IGI<sup>R</sup>) utilizes the same CD-ROMs as the IGI. In addition to displaying biographical data, the Index shows the dates and temple locations for the LDS ordinances of baptism (B:), endowment (E:), sealing to parents (SP:) and sealing to spouse (SS:) The original issue of IGI CDs includes all ordinances after 1970 through the mid-1990s. The addendum CDs include ordinance work prior to 1970 and from mid-1990s to Feb. 1997. About 90% of ordinance work from the beginning of the Church through Feb. 1997 is on the index. Only information on deceased individuals can be found in the index. If your ancestor was LDS and did his or her own work while living, the dates may not be on the index. If this is the case, a Temple Information Bureau (TIB) search should be done before submitting the name for temple work.

## ◆ LDS Options: TempleReady™

TempleReady™ is a software program that assists LDS Church members to clear names for temple work. For first time users, use help/overview program. The process for clearing names:

- (1) Identify ancestors who need temple work.
- (2) Prepare names by either (a) using PAF<sup>R</sup> (or other genealogical software) following the "export" instructions for TempleReady™ OR (b) inputting names directly into TempleReady™
- (3) Clear names by using TempleReady™. The software checks the data on your ancestors against the IGI for previously completed temple work.
- (4) Take prepared diskette to Family Names Desk at Temple. The workers at the desk will give you temple cards, a tracking sheet, and the diskette.

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# Klaus Henry RECKER and "Fracita"

by Charles RECKER (CCNGS)

I learned fairly early on in my genealogical investigations that Pauline, the daughter of Johann Franz **KAHLE**, whom I wrote about in the October 1999 issue of *The Prospector*, married my great-grandfather, John Henry **RECKER**. An old history of Putnam County, Ohio had a biography of John Henry and identified him as a son of the immigrant, Henry **RECKER**. So I wrote the Catholic pastor at "new" Glandorf in that county and asked him for a copy of John Henry's baptismal record. When it came, I learned that John Henry's parents were actually Nicholas [Klaus] Henry **RECKER** and Catherine **KLOPPENBURG**.

Census records showed that **KLAUS** was born in Hanover [which American researchers should know refers to the Kingdom of that name, not the city] and that Catherine was born in Oldenburg [the Duchy, not the city]. Since I knew also that the folks in "new" Glandorf had emigrated there from "old" Glandorf in Hanover, I figured that was where Klaus **RECKER** had come from. So now I wrote Father **UNDERBRINK**, the pastor in "old" Glandorf, but this time the response was negative. There was no record of Klaus **RECKER** in 'old' Glandorf.

Thanks to some modest original research on my part and a lot of help from generous correspondents, including a German double cousin who contacted me as a result of an advertisement I ran in a German genealogical publication called *Familienkundliche Nachrichten*, I eventually learned a lot about my ancestors other than the **RECKERS** and got some of my lines back into the 17th century. But it "bugged" me that I didn't know more about the folks whose surname I've been carrying around with me all of my life.

Then one red letter day I received another letter from Father **UNDERBRINK**. He had been researching another family in the church records for the village of Ostercappeln near Osnabruck and came across a fellow named Herman **RECKER** who was identified as an emigrant to America. He wondered if I would care to have him do more research to see if Klaus was also in the Ostercappeln records. I promptly wrote back saying, "Sure!" One thing led to another. Eventually other researchers got into the act, the result being that the **RECKERS** have now been documented in a book called *The Recker Connection in America* compiled by Jeanette **LAUDICK** of Ottawa, Ohio. Herman was Klaus's brother. They

were two of ten children of John Henry **RECKER** and Anna Maria **LINKEMEYER**. John Henry and Anna Maria arrived in the Port of Baltimore aboard the *Pennsylvania* in September, 1838, along with the oldest son, Gerhard. The younger children had all emigrated earlier.

That left Catherine **KLOPPENBURG** as the only one of my 2nd-great-grandparents whose birthplace I had not identified.

The next lead came from a **HESSELING** researcher who referred me to a biography of John Henry **HESSELING** which was published in Warner, Beers & Co.'s **1885 History of Allen County, Ohio**. This researcher claimed that before Catherine **KLOPPENBURG** married Klaus **RECKER**, she had been first married to John Harmon **HESSELING**, John Henry **HESSELING**'s father. In the 1885 history Catherine is identified only as "Catherine (Fracita)", the parentheses suggesting that "Fracita" was a nickname, rather than a surname. I wondered where that nickname, which sounded more Hispanic than German, came from. This researcher wanted me to give her information about John Harmon's descendants. I had to write her back and advise that I couldn't help since that was the first I had known about Catherine's first marriage.

Then, several years after I had first begun this genealogical adventure and had a computer and access to the Internet, I received an E-mail from another researcher who was previously unknown to me, and who reported that she found mention of John Harmon **HESSELING** and Catherine **KLOPPENBURG** on a published list of emigrants from the Kingdom of Hanover. She kindly sent me a photocopy via "snail-mail" and that is where I learned that Catherine was born in the village of Freisoythe in the Duchy of Oldenburg, not too far from a city named Cloppenburg. I later learned that folks in Freisoythe spoke a dialect of Frisian [Dutch] rather than the Low German [Plattdutsk] which the rest of my father's German forebears spoke.

This solved two mysteries. I now knew Catherine's birthplace and I also knew where she got her nickname, because if you compare her nickname with the name of her birthplace you will see that they are very similar. Folks must have called Catherine "Fracita" because that, or something like it, was where she was born!

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(5) Schedule appointments for ordinance work at the Family Names Desk.

- ◆ Personal Ancestral File<sup>(R)</sup> (PAF) 3.0M (August 1997 release)  
Personal Ancestral File<sup>(R)</sup> (PAF<sup>(R)</sup>) 3.0 is a software produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints which allows individuals to organize, record, manage, and share their personal genealogies. DOS-based, PAF<sup>(R)</sup> 3.0 is a good basic software but does not have options for scanning photographs, etc. It is available through the SLC Distribution Center for \$15.00 (stock #35691). You can also download the 3.01M update on the [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) website. There is also a PAF 2.3.1 for Apple Macintosh available.

The Personal Ancestral File<sup>(R)</sup> Companion 2.0 prints charts and

reports from Windows<sup>(R)</sup>. It is available through the SLC Distribution Center for \$10.00 (stock #50094). You can also download the 2.1 update on the [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) website.

NOTE: A Windows-based version of PAF<sup>(R)</sup> (PAF 4.0.2/Sept release) is now available for download at the LDS FamilySearch website ==> [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) The official release will be available early in the year 2000 for purchase.

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## FUNNIES FROM LIFE IN THE 1500's

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust".

# CALENDAR DATES?

On September 3, 1752, the Gregorian calendar (New Style or N.S) replaced the Julian calendar (Old Style or O.S.) in England and its American colonies, by an act of Parliament. (September 3 became September 14.)

The calendar change can pose problems for genealogists who don't take it into account. The following excerpt from "*Pitfalls in Genealogical Research*," by Milton RUBINCAM, FASG, may shed some light on this problem.

"In 46-45 B.C. Gaius Julius Caesar, Pontifex Maximus and Dictator, with the assistance of Sosigenes, astronomer and mathematician from Alexandria, Egypt, reformed the Roman republican calendar. It was computed that the solar year - - the time it takes for the Earth to revolve around the sun - - was 365 days, six hours. Three years, each consisting of 365 days, were to be followed by a fourth (or leap) year of 366 days. But this was slightly over eleven minutes too much, or about one day in 128 years."

"In the year 325 Emperor Constantine I (The Great) presided over an ecumenical council at Nicaea . . . [and] the Julian calendar was adopted."

"During the Middle Ages, astronomers and mathematicians were aware of the discrepancies in the Julian calendar. Several efforts were made to reform it but nothing came of them. By the sixteenth century, calendar dates were ahead of actual time by ten days, and the vernal equinox had shifted to 11 March."

"When Ugo Buoncompagni ascended the papal throne on 13 May 1572 as Gregory XIII, he took up the question of reforming the calendar and succeeded where his predecessors had failed. Acting on the advice of Aloysius Lilius, Neapolitan physician and mathematician, and Bavarian Jesuit and mathematician Christopher Clavius, he issued a decree in March 1582, promulgating the new calendar called in his honor Gregorian. He directed that the day after the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October should be reckoned as 15 October 1582. Consequently the next vernal equinox fell properly on 21 March instead of on the eleventh of the month. Pope Gregory ordered that no century year should be considered a leap year unless it was exactly divisible by 400. Thus 1700, 1800, and 1900 would be common years, but 1600 and 2000 would be leap years."

"The Catholic countries of Europe adopted the Gregorian calendar as soon as possible after copies of the decree had reached them. The Protestant countries were slow to follow suit, not being willing to obey the Pope's orders. The Protestant states of the Holy Roman Empire, by order of the Diet (Parliament) at Regensburg, dropped eleven days from the 19th to the 29th of February 1700, so that 18 February immediately became 1 March. . ."

"Scotland, while still a separate kingdom before its union with England under James VI and I, converted to 1600 by order of the

Privy Council.

England and her colonies finally fell in line when Parliament passed an act in 1751 ordering that the Gregorian calendar be adopted for all legal and public business. By that time, the difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars amounted to 11 days and it was therefore further enacted that the day that the day following 2 September 1752 should be called 14 September. The people did not understand the reason for this; they thought they were being deprived of eleven days of their lives and rioted, screaming, "Give us back our eleven days!"

Below are some helpful calendar Web sites:

## Gregorian Conversion

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/khagen/GregConv.html>  
(This site has a table at the bottom listing the dates that various countries converted.)

## Gregorian Calendar

[http://es.rice.edu/ES/humsoc/Galileo/Things/gregorian\\_calendar.html](http://es.rice.edu/ES/humsoc/Galileo/Things/gregorian_calendar.html)

## Genesis of the Gregorian Calendar

[http://www.sdsu.edu/doc/te/xi/gcal\\_5.html](http://www.sdsu.edu/doc/te/xi/gcal_5.html)

## Calendar database

<http://www.earth.com/calendar>  
("Use the Search Keyword to specify year or month/year. Try 9/1752 to see the Gregorian Reformation.")

## Calendar: A History

<http://www.infomagic.com/~ernie/calendar.htm>

## Calendar Zone

<http://www.calendarzone.com/>

## Hermetic Systems: Calendar Studies

[http://www.magnet.ch/serendipity/hermetic/cal\\_stud.htm](http://www.magnet.ch/serendipity/hermetic/cal_stud.htm)

## Roman Numerals

[http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/bp10004/cgi\\_roman.html](http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/bp10004/cgi_roman.html)

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## Marriage Records

This should keep you busy today if you have any lines in IL. Here is a new site of online marriages for the state of IL from 1763-1900 + .

<http://www2.sos.state.il.us/cgi-bin/marriage>

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

FROM PAHRUMP, NV GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Nancy RASKOPF

Here is a site I just found that has some very valuable information. Check it out. It is a Vital Records Index by State. How to obtain copies of vital records, the cost, is plus the proper addresses:

<http://vitalrec.com/index.html>



# UPCOMING CCNGS SEMINARS Wade HONE

**11 March 2000**

Land Records (federal)  
Land Records (state and local)  
Military Bounty Lands (federal)  
Platting and Graphing

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She is a member of many genealogical and historical societies, including Association of Professional Genealogists, The Oregon-California Trails Association, Council of Genealogy Columnists, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Gormley has been a guest on dozens of television and radio programs throughout the United States and Canada and has addressed numerous genealogical and historical groups. Among her awards are the DAR Continental Congress Special Recognition Award for her article on the Family Tree Genetics Project and the National Genealogical Society's Award of Merit for distinguished work in genealogy.

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## Nevada State Library and Archives Nevada State Archives and Records Management

### Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce Records

The Nevada State Library and Archives does not have birth and death records. There were no birth or death records kept in Nevada until 1887 when the first vital statistics law was passed by the Nevada State Legislature. Prior to that date, the only possible sources available for proof of birth are newspapers or baptismal records. See the copy of existing newspaper indexes and their locations.

Birth and death records from 1887 to the present are recorded in each county, either in the office of the County Recorder or County Health Officer. The Nevada State Office of Vital Statistics has birth and death records from 1911 to the present for all counties.

Registers of births and baptisms for the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., Nevada Dioceses 1862-1969 are at the Nevada Historical Society, 1650 N. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89503. For the Diocesan Archives, P.O. Box 1121, Reno, NV 89504-1211.

From 1879 to 1911, incorporated cities required undertakers to obtain burial permits from the county coroner's office. Permits were issued upon the filing of death certificates. These certificates exist for Virginia City and Gold Hill for 1879-1887, and for Carson City 1893-1896.

Transcripts of the Storey County Coroner's records are at the Nevada State Library and Archives and at the Nevada Historical Society on microfilm.

### Marriage and Divorce Records

The Nevada State Office of Vital Statistics also has marriage and divorce records from 1968 to the present. Divorces are civil court actions and from 1862 to the present are kept in the office of the County Clerk for each county. Civil court cases are filed by case number and indexed by plaintiff and defendant. Marriage certificates are filed with the County Recorder in the county where the marriage license was issued, not where the marriage took place.

The Archives has some records for marriages and divorces for Carson County, Utah and Nevada territories, 1856-1862; marriage records for Douglas, Lyon, Ormsby, Storey and Washoe Counties for 1862-1900. The latter are available on microfilm and are for research only. Certified copies should be obtained from the office of record.

### Important Addresses/Phone Numbers

Nevada State Library and Archives 1650 N. Virginia Street Carson City, NV 89701 (775) 687-5160	Nevada Historical Society 100 N. Stewart Street Reno, NV 89503 (775) 668-1190
State Office of Vital Records Capitol Complex 505 E. King St, Rm 102 Carson City, NV 89710 (775) 687-4242	Archives and Records 100 N. Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89710 (775) 687-5210

In a London, England cemetery: Ann MANN  
Here lies Ann Mann  
Who lived an old maid  
But died an old Mann  
Dec 8, 1767



# Nevada Historical Myth #28

## Las Vegas: Nevada's Next State Capital?

Guy ROCHA, Nevada State Archivist

So why all the talk about moving the capital to Las Vegas? Going back to 1861, Nevada's territorial and state capital has always been Carson City. Surprisingly, few states besides the Silver State can claim having just one capital.

Las Vegas and Clark County's population have grown so fast and so large in the last 20 years, over 1.3 million residents in the metro area, that some people expect Las Vegas legislators to move the capital to southern Nevada. Sometimes a Las Vegas legislator will make a statement proposing the move to provoke a reaction. The assumption is when any city gets big enough, it may take the state capital by political force similar to a county seat battle. But is that really how the scenario has played out in American history?

It has been over 110 years since state capitals were last moved in Louisiana and West Virginia, to Baton Rouge (from New Orleans) and Charleston (from Wheeling) respectively. Shortly after statehood in 1959 the effort to remove Juneau as Alaska's capital proved abortive. When capitals have been moved, it occurred not long after statehood and almost always to a city considered more centrally located in the state.

For example, admitted to the Union in 1819 Alabama had three capitals before finally settling on Montgomery in 1847, near the center of the state. In the heart of Ohio Columbus became the third capital 13 years after statehood in 1803. Other examples of moving the state capital to a more central location include Pennsylvania (Philadelphia to Harrisburg), South Carolina (Charleston to Columbia), Michigan (Detroit to Lansing), Illinois (Vandalia to Springfield), Iowa (Iowa City to Des Moines), and California (Benicia to Sacramento). Most importantly, all these moves were made so early in the states' histories there was practically no capital infrastructure—principally buildings—to abandon.

Nevada's Constitution prohibited an appropriation for a state capitol until 1869, in case the capital was moved to a more central location after statehood was conferred in 1864. The capitol building was completed in 1871. When the last significant efforts were made to move the capital to Winnemucca or Goldfield around the turn-of-the-century, the capitol complex in Carson City included only the capitol,

printing building, orphan's home, and prison. Today the capital infrastructure in Carson City is composed of dozens of buildings, including separate edifices for the supreme court (1937 and 1992) and the legislature (1971 and 1996-7) which were once housed in the capitol. Moreover, thousands of state employees live in and around Carson City.

State capitals are not moved anymore, whether or not new metro areas emerge, or the existing capital is not central to the state's citizens. For example, Florida's capital which is located in the state's panhandle has not moved from Tallahassee, the territorial and state capital since 1823, to either Miami (although much of the state's population is in south Florida over 400 miles away) or to booming Orlando in the middle of the state. Texas has not relocated its capital from Austin, the state capital since 1845 and the Republic's capital before statehood, to Dallas or Houston. And our neighbor to the west, California, has kept the capital in Sacramento since 1854, despite the tremendous growth in southern California over the last 100 years.

In major cities like New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Miami that do not serve as capitals and are not centrally-located like long-standing capitals Denver, Phoenix, and Indianapolis, there are sizeable satellite office complexes. Las Vegas has the Grant Sawyer and Lewis Bradley buildings and many other structures to meet the state governmental needs of southern Nevadans. Surely, more buildings will be constructed in the 21st century in and around Las Vegas without having to move the capital for the first time in Nevada's history.

Then again, who knows? Any state that created a political anomaly like Bullfrog County could do anything, couldn't it? In 1987, it was completely surrounded by Nye County with the county seat in Carson City, had no population, and had the county officers appointed by the Governor. For the record, the state supreme court declared unconstitutional the law creating Bullfrog county to tax the proposed Yucca Mountain High-Level Nuclear Waste Repository. The state legislature abolished the hybrid county in 1989.

(Original version in *Sierra Sage*, Carson City/Carson Valley, Nevada, May 1998 edition)

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## PHOTOS FOR FRAMING

Grandma gave you photos of Uncle John and Aunt Bertha. Mary Jo parted with photos of Harry, Mark, and Sara. You've added them to your "pile" and now it's time to do something with them.

If you think you would like to start making photo pages of your genealogical photos, how about getting together with others to complete pages for an album with the assistance of an expert.

Barbara CULLINGS would like to gather a small group of interested people to do just that. Please call her at 735-1688 if you would like to join her to begin the project of mounting and displaying your photos in a dramatic, creative presentation.

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## WAR OF THE REBELLION

Cornell University has placed online all volumes of the **WAR OF THE REBELLION**. Included are scanned images of reports, correspondence, seizures of Southern property, etc. sent to the War Department during the Civil War (also known as the War of the Rebellion, the War of Northern Aggression, the War between the States, and the War). It includes both Union and Confederate accounts. It is in chronological order but there is no online index. Many libraries have the index. Find the volume and page number for your subject in the index at the library, then read the actual pages at:

<http://moa.cit.cornell.edu/MOA/MOA-JOURNALS2/WARO.html>

# THOSE OLD FOLK AND HOMEMADE REMEDIES

Linnea M. ANDERSON (CCNGS)

Most of us have heard of old remedies used by our ancestors. In fact, in some instances our members have had these remedies used on them. Relating tales of such remedies can add interest to one's family history. Therefore, it is planned to relate various experiences of members of the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society in this and in future issues. The following experiences has been extracted from an article that Betty (GAGNER) AKANA has written about her mother's experiences.

Betty's mother was Alice (McCLINTOCK) GAGNER (1900-1992); she grew up in Carbon County, Montana. Some of the home remedies used in her family were homemade horehound cough syrup, mustard packs, onion poultice with camphor mixed in goose or skunk oil which was rubbed on one's chest to alleviate the discomfort of colds. Another unusual remedy was a drink given to babies for summer complaint (diarrhea), which was made of cleaned and pulverized yellow, tough skin lining of a chicken gizzard. A small bag of asafetida, a resin from Asiatic plants which had a very bad smell was tied around the child's neck to keep germs away. According to Alice, "Mama and Papa thought we all needed to purify our blood each spring so we were spoon fed a mixture of sulfur and molasses, or alternatively, sassafras tea made from the dried root of the sassafras tree which had a pretty red color. It's flavor took some getting used to and was helped by adding sugar. Although Mama did have headaches, the totality of those home remedies must have kept us in relatively good health since we almost never had a doctor. In fact, I remember only once when Dr. Benson, a general practitioner from Fromberg, thirteen miles away, was passing by in his buggy and Papa stopped him and inquired about my younger brother Roy's lack of pep after having all the spring remedies. Dr. Benson told him Roy had walking pneumonia."

"We never had any broken bones, neither from horse back riding or climbing trees, until after we were grown and had left home. We all had some tooth decay and a few abscessed teeth which were doctored

with oil of cloves until they were extracted. I had ear-aches and abscessed ears, which were terribly painful; they usually lasted until spring and recurred annually until I was a teenager. The remedy was warm oil, hot packs, or blowing warm smoke in my ears which was thought to help. More often than not I had bad poison ivy in the summer and would have my ankles covered with a black salve [supposedly this black salve was one of the salves sold door to door by a Watkins or McNess peddler, LMA]. We had no vaccinations, very rare cases of diphtheria, and no epidemics until spinal meningitis or polio came along. Then quite a few young people died or were left crippled. It was many years before polio vaccinations were available. I was in high school before I got measles and mumps. I recall once in mid-winter when Papa had rheumatism and took the Indian's treatment which consisted of building a fire inside a tent to heat rocks, breathing the steam made by throwing water on the rocks and then jumping into a cold stream. Papa did everything except jump into the stream.. I'm not sure if the treatment was successful."

Alice went on to describe her siblings and their health problems. Clara, her older sister, was a happy little girl; her older brother; Frank, was more serious. Her younger brother, Roy, had an agreeable personality and used to have more colds than the rest of the children. Ruth, the youngest, was a bit more pampered. Alice described herself as happy and busy and, except for earaches and abscesses, was seldom sick. Alice's oldest sister, Mary, had pneumonia when she was a baby and was never considered as strong as the rest of the children. She was always very nervous and didn't have good health and when about age sixteen had what was called Saint Vitus Dance, an ailment affecting the nerves. She lacked muscle control and would abruptly fall or suddenly sit down, wouldn't eat and couldn't go to school. In 1910, Mama took her to stay with our grandmother at the farm near Confederate Gulch, Broadwater County, Montana; she thought a change and better care would help her. Mary lived with our grandmother for a year and seemed to be cured although she was troubled by nervous spells all her life.

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## HEY, GET ORGANIZED (AGAIN)

If you are still like many who are involved with family research - disorganized, help is at your fingertips. Find your November/December 1999 issue of *Heritage Quest*. Four excellent articles give valuable information which will assist you in your quest to get your genealogy organized.

Sharon DeBARTOLO CARMACK discusses filing systems, filing tips, the key to your filing system and making it work, your research notebook, using a laptop, and where to put all your genealogy stuff. Good ideas!

William DOLLARHIDE contributes an excellent article on how to sort out all your piles and categorize your material into three categories which you can handle from then on. As usual his tips are great and he gets you thinking how you can compile your materials in

a manner which suits you best, including numbering all of your pages.

Dawn SLATER-PUTT presents her ideas on methods of organization which is followed by actual getting organized. She has practical ideas which everyone can implement.

Donna POTTER PHILLIPS has a fun article on "How NOT To Be An Organized Genealogist" which can be reversed to know "How To.."

If you don't already subscribe to *Heritage Quest*, check the library or "bug" one of your genealogy friends to lend you their Nov/Dec issue. Don't miss this one!



A footnote is a note of reference, comment, or explanation that usually appears at the bottom of a page or the end of a book.

Playing with names in a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery:  
Here lies  
Johnny Yeast  
Pardon me  
For not rising





# WEB LINKS



## CANADA, QUEBEC

### STANSTEAD COUNTY CEMETERIES

Also searchable database -- major U.S.A. and Canadian surnames are **BICKFORD, DREW, LADD, TWOFOOT, WASHBURN, WITHAM, WINSLOW**; major English surnames are **GIBBS, HOLMES, KIRKBY, MCLEISH, NICHOLSON, PICKFORD, SUTTILL, STEELE, WOOTTEN, WRIGHT**

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Prairie/4103/index.htm>

### DUDA, MICKO, WOJAS

<http://www.polbox.com/l/lpgideon/>

### HUBER, HOOVER

<http://www.homepages.hetnet.nl/~aesch/>

## NEW YORK

### GENESEEE COUNTY, TOWN OF ALABAMA

Cindy Amrhein, Historian of Alabama, New York, writes "I have the Alabama 1830 and 1840 census records posted plus many cemetery inscriptions. Some are completely done including photographs; some I add to a bit at a time. There are only two of our 13 cemeteries that I have not posted anything to yet. They are the biggest and still active. There is also town history and information about the wildlife refuge. I often add to the site."

<http://www2.pcom.net/cinjod/historian/>

**NOWOSAD, POITRA, POITRAS, POYDRAS, DRAINVILLE, RENVILLE, BELLEGARDE, BELGARDE, LAVERDURE, GRAY, NIPISSING, GRANT, HENAULT, NAULT, ENEAU, ENNO, BOUCHER, MONTOUR, DEJARDINS, AZURE**

<http://members.home.net/lilia/>

### U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ANCESTRY HOMEPAGE

<http://hometown.aol.com/wreitwiesn/candidates2000/index.html>

### THE BOSTON STATES MIGRATION WEB SITE

Provides resources to track families migrating between the Canadian Eastern Provinces, New England and New York. The <boston-states-1@rootsweb.com> mailing list is available for queries in the region and the Rootsweb.com archives provide access to all past postings.

<http://bostonstates.rootsweb.com/BostonStatesindex.htm>

### FAMILY SAPPLINGS.

<http://www.familysaplings.com>

### FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

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<http://genealogy.bb.prodigy.net/>

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## ANCESTOR NEWS

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<http://www.ancestornews.com>

## CARPATHO-RUSYN

<http://www.tccweb.org/rusynback.htm#Carpatho-Rusyn/>

## CHINESE/AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGY

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Styx/7255/tree.html>

## CIVIL WAR. BLONDE BRIGADE MERCANTILE

(custom sewing and sutlery for American Civil War re-enactors)

<http://www.magpage.com/~33dny/blondebdmercantile.htm>

## CIVIL WAR

Search for New York soldiers at SOLDIERS IN THE ATTIC

<http://www.magpage.com/~33dny/soldiersintheattic.htm>

## CIVIL WAR

WESTERN NEW YORK IN THE CIVIL WAR

<http://www.magpage.com/~33dny>

## FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (BLACK)

<http://www.everythingblack.com/Resources/8b.html>

## ILLINOIS MARRIAGE RECORDS TO 1900

<http://www2.sos.state.il.us/cgi-bin/marriage>

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## A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY

**A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA COMMUNITY OVERTON.** A town, fifteen miles from Moapa near Lake Mead; a station on the UP RR, two miles northwest of Lead Lake station; a post office established in Pah Ute County, Arizona April 25, 1870, and discontinued December 16, 1872, reestablished in Lincoln County, Nevada on May 24, 1883, and transferred into Clark County upon its creation in 1909. Overton Museum contains the relics from Lost City, now under the waters of Lake Mead. The Mormon settlement was laid out originally on the east side of the Virgin River. "In fact the name of Overton is said to have been derived from the term Over-town as applied by the residents of the Hill town to the new settlement over the river." (**Nevada: A Narrative of the Conquest of a Frontier Land**. 3 vols. **SCRUGHAM**, James G. (ed.), New York, The American Historical Society, Inc., 1935. I, p. 594.) The present townsite was selected for Overton with the re-settlement after 1880. Features named for the town are a beach and boat landing several miles below the town on the west side of the OVERTON ARM of Lake Mead; a magnesite district in Magnesite Wash, southwest of Overton; a group of islands (Bighorn, Gull, Heron, Ramshead), also called Virgin Islands, in the Overton Arm of Lake Mead; a mesa and a ridge south and west of Overton; and a wash which drains westward from Overton into Moapa Valley, also called Box Wash.

"**Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary**." Helen S. CARLSON, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 184.

# Genealogical Events Calendar

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07:00 PM DAR, Francisco Garces Chapter (431-0699)

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09:00 AM TriState Genealogical Society (Bullhead City, AZ)  
Mojave Community College, 3400 Highway 95

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# GENEALOGIST'S DISEASE

**Warning:** Genealogy Pox (Very contagious to adults)

**Symptoms:** Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

## *NO KNOWN CURE*

**Treatment:** Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

**Remarks:** The unusual nature of this disease is the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!



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