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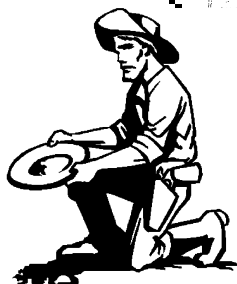
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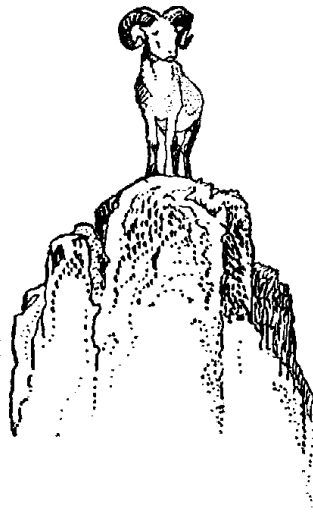
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IN MEMORIAM

Deaths

Harky **HEATH** (we knew him as Harold **HEATH**) was a member of CCNGS since March 1991. He participated in CCNGS by helping out at numerous seminars and workshops.

*Las Vegas Review-Journal * Sunday, May 28, 2000*

Harky **HEATH**

Harky **HEATH**, 72, died Friday in a Las Vegas hospital. He was born June 7, 1927, in Portland, Ore. An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, he was a retired teacher, a member of Elks Lodge, served on the credit committee for Silver State Schools Federal Credit Union and was a 37-year resident of Las Vegas.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie; daughter, Cathy, both of Las Vegas; and brother, Willard of Boise, Idaho.

Visitation will be 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Palm Mortuary-Jones where services will be at 10 a.m. Friday. Graveside services will follow at noon at Palm Memorial Park-Downtown.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the American Heart Association.

Kathleen (Katie) **LANG** was a very supportive member of CCNGS since she and her husband Frank (deceased) joined in Feb 1986. She served as a meeting greeter and helped out with numerous society projects and seminars.

*Page 4B * Las Vegas Review-Journal * Saturday, October 28, 2000*

Kathleen **LANG**

Kathleen Marie **LANG**, 77, died Oct. 22 at a local care center.

She was born July 16, 1923, in Mexico, N.Y. A registered nurse, she was a 47-year resident of Las Vegas.

She is survived by her sons, Larry of Las Vegas and Terry of Camarillo, Calif.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Bunkers Mortuary.

John **GREUTMAN** joined CCNGS in September 1998.

*Page 4B * Las Vegas Review-Journal * Friday, January 5, 2001*

John **GREUTMAN**

John William **GREUTMAN**, 73, died Tuesday at a Henderson hospital.

He was born Aug. 29, 1927, in Tiffin, Ohio. A carpenter, he was a seven-year resident of Las Vegas and a member of International Order of Foresters.

He is survived by his wife, Chloe; daughters, Lois **DOBBS** and Pamela; all of Las Vegas; brothers, Weldon of Hicksville, Ohio, Kenneth of Grover Hill, Ohio, and Vernon of Defiance, Ohio; sister, Ruth **ARPS** of Bryan, Ohio; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cedar Creek Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Nevada Funeral Service-Nevada Cremation or Burial Society handled arrangements.

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CCNGS

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

7 - 9 p.m.

ALSO

British Isles Interest Group (BIIG)

First Tuesday of the Month

(Feb-Apr) and (Oct-Dec)

Summerlin Library Conference Room

1 - 3 p.m.

ALSO

Deutsch (German) Interest Group (DIG)

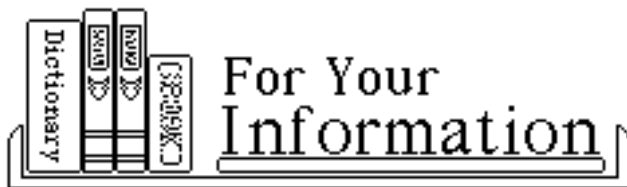
Meets first Sunday of the month.

2:30-4:30 pm.

At the Home of Charles **RECKER** (457-3889)

Meetings 2001

- Feb 4 Deutsch (German) Interest Group (DIG) at 2:30 P.M. Call 457-3889 for details and directions.
- Feb 6 British Isles Interest Group - Tour of the LDS Family History Center, 509 South Ninth St. A British Isles specialist will show the group the British Isles holdings in LV and tell us how to request microfiche and film from Salt Lake City. The tour starts at 1:00.
- Feb 15 Short Topic: 'My Searching Adventures and Results' by Cathy **MARSHALL**. Long Topic: Citing Your Sources So You Don't Get Lost by Will **PRATT**.
- Mar 6 British Isles Interest Group - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in the Conference Room at 1pm. The latest update on British Isle's genealogical sites by Bill **BOYLES** who visits there annually. We shall hear the latest "Tips and How to's."
- Mar 15 Short Topic: 'Favorites' On the Internet-Address and Brief Description Of What It Is. (Bring written address so we can compile and share with the members). Long Topic: Church Records by Helen **SMITH**.
- Mar 31 **Spring Seminar - Hank Z. JONES TOPICS: When Sources Are Wrong; Tracing the Origin of Early Immigrants; Family Tradition: Separating Fact From Fiction; I Don't Chase Dead Relatives They Chase Me.**
- April 4 British Isles Interest Group - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in the Conference Room at 1pm. Professional genealogist Lee **NISHIMOTO** will present "England and How to Research in City and the Countryside."
- Apr 19 Short Topic: Tips on Searching in New York City by Helen **HOLLY**. Long Topic: Census-What You Can Find When by Karen **MONGIARDO**
- May 17 Short Topic: Newspapers As a Genealogy Source by Margaret **LOUIS** Long Topic: Preserving Photos - Old and New by Michael's Photos
- Jun 21 Short Topic: 'My Searching Adventures and Results' Long Topic: Scanning Tips For Your Genealogy Work by Bob **KENNARD**
- Jul 19 Short Topic: Tips On Getting 'Stuff' Using Inter-Library Loan (document delivery) by Margaret **LOUIS** Long Topic: Work Groups by US regions NE, SE, Midwest, SW NW . Bring stuff and share



Missouri Cemetery

by Eloise **KIMBALL**

I received the following message via one of my **KIMBALL** newsletters and thought we might have members with Missouri roots who would be interested in this matter.

BRIDGETON MEMORIAL PARK (1843 - 1963) is looking for persons with family buried in their cemetery. The airport is being expanded and they are going to move the cemetery.

This burying ground at 4616 Long Road, Bridgeton, Missouri, was made into a memorial park in 1962. In 1959, several lawsuits were filed against the City for allowing the cemetery to deteriorate. Individual stones had already been removed "through error and misunderstanding" but members of the Bridgeton Historical Commission were able to learn the names of some who were buried there and a large monument was erected in 1963 which bears this inscription, "We honor the people buried here. They were part of this nation's adventure and their vision lighted the path we follow today."

At the dedication ceremonies, Mrs. Anna **WILSON** gave a talk about African-American veterans who are buried here. Records indicate that the cemetery was integrated from its beginning. It was in use as late as 1954 and at least 100 people are buried in the two acres. On the bronze plaque of the monument are the following names:

(alphabetized by secondary poster)

Adams, Annie	Edwards Jr., Auston
Adams, Benjamin	Edwards, Grace
Adams, George	Edwards, Katie
Adams, Lottie	Galliger Family, The
Alexander, Ben	Grannison, Almiria
Alexander, George	Haggerty, Jack
Alexander, Henry	Hall, Creed
Alexander, Lucy	Hall, Hillard
Allen, Eugene	Hall, Hiram
Bassett, Arthur	Hall Jr., Creed
Bivens, Febie	Heidron Children, The
Bivens, George	Hodge, Lizzie
Bivens, Lizzie	Hodge, Steve
Bivens, Millie	Horn Family, The
Bivens, Rafe	Jackson, Nasrus
Bivens, Samuel	Johnson, Amy
Black, Cosley	Johnson, George
Black, Edward	Johnson, Julia
Black, Hiram	Johnson, Robert
Black, King	Johnson, Turner
Black, Sam	Knight, Mr.
Carter, Bell	Lewis, Henry
Cheeks, Lilly	Lint, Hal
Clanton, Henry	Lint, Luvenia
Dickson, Fred	McClure Family, The
Duglas Jr., Joe	Moore, Jessie
Edwards, Auston	Mumps, Enoch

Phillips, Elio	Vonsray, Barney
Phillips, Eliza	Wadlington, Texas Hall
Phillips, Ike	Walker, Edward
Phillips, Tilly	Walker, Kit
Phillips, Walter	Walker, Lizzie
Pruitt, Bell	Walker, Quiller
Pueroa Family, The	Walker, Tommy
Riddle, Fred	White, Barbara
Robertson, James	White, John
Rush, Will	White, Noah
Scott, Baron	White, Shibina
Scott, Louise	William Dr., Berry
Scott, Lydia	Wilson, Alice
Smith, Laura	Wilson, Ernest
Stanton, Roberta	Wilson, George
Stevenson, Lewis	Woodson, Theodore
Steward, Fred	Woolfolk, Baby
Stocker, Henry	Woolfolk, Hadley
Taylor, Joseph	Wright, Gibson
Thompson, Abe	Wright, Hiram
Thompson, Henry	Wright, Mamie
Thompson, Hiram	Young, Green
Thompson, Jenny	Young, Mary Ann
Tucker, Mamie	Young, Skip

This list was from :

The Missouri Historical Society
P.O. Box 11940
St. Louis, Missouri 63112-0040
(314) 746-4599

Shirley **WOTAWA** is seeking information about the persons buried here. If you can help with this project, please contact her at 9512 Glen Owen, Ferguson, Missouri 63136. You can also contact the St. Louis Dept. of Parks and Recreation Historical Preservation Office at (314) 615-0357.

From: Pat Jones **SMITH**
St. Louis, Missouri
MSmith3030@aol.com

CCNGS SUPPORTS "ANCESTORS"

The Prospector is pleased to announce that the following CCNGS members provided monetary assistance to help CCNGS defray the cost of supporting the Channel 10 "Ancestors" series which ran for thirteen weeks in fall/winter 2000.

They are: Nancy **AITKEN**, Linnea **ANDERSON**, Charles **DENNIS**, Henry **DZIELGIEL**, Dick **EDMONSON**, Robert **FRANTZEN**, Joan **KUSHNER**, Margaret **LOUIS**, Karen **MONGIARDO**, Ruth **NIXON**, Ruth **O'DONNELL**, Mac **PURSEL**, Val **SHARP**, Helen **SMITH**, Bruno & Phyllis **SYZDEK**, Dolores **WAGAR**, and Alyce **WELCH** (17 in total). The breakdown was as follows: total member donation = \$585.00; total CCNGS donation = \$455.00; total committment = \$1040.00.

We appreciate the commitment of these CCNGS members to the education and enrichment of so many in our community so that they may learn about family research.

THE 14 COMMANDMENTS FOR NAMES:

- (1) Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William
- (2) Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May
- (3) Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.
- (4) Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey—making them difficult to trace.
- (5) Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.
- (6) Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hicks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks
- (7) Thou shalt, after no more than 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a court house fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.
- (8) Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, & vague innuendo regarding your place origination:
 - (A) you may have come from: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales...or Iran.
 - (B) you may have American Indian ancestry of the ___tribe..
 - (C) You may have descended from one of three brothers that came over from_____
- (9) Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records, or headstones with legible names.
- (10) Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or deaths.
- (11) Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Alfred.
- (12) Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.
- (13) Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males, and dozens of their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.
- (14) And don't forget to change you surname all together. 'Now I dare them to find me.'



Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food. This happened most often with tomatoes, so they stopped eating tomatoes... for 400 years.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Ms. Smith,

A **tiny item on Page Six** of the **April, 2000** issue of *The Prospector* may have given your readers the false impression that it was **very difficult** for a person in the United States in the year 1900 to live beyond the age of 47.

While it *may* have been true that the **average life expectancy** at that time was 47, in fact, that average was brought down by the **mortality rate among infants and young children**. A person surviving into the teens stood a good chance of then surviving into the sixth, seventh or even eighth decade of life. It is my understanding that this was true not only in the United States, but in most of the developed world.

Cordiali saluti,
Thomas Edward MILITELLO, MD (POINTer #1)

The Prospector appreciates the correction Mr. MILITELLO has provided and apologizes for any false impressions that may have arisen from **the fact** that *the average life expectancy was 47* as presented in the publication with no further explanation. Mr. MILITELLO provides a very clear explanation of why one should **not** interpret this fact at face value.

The Prospector will try to be more cognizant of how one line facts might be misinterpreted and provide clarity if used.

Thank You, Mr. MILITELLO. We appreciate your input.

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SOUNDEX QUICK TIP

Here is a Quick Tip from the Ancestry NewsLetter Online submitted by Jacqueline Sheaffer **CRAMER**.

When looking at the Soundex coding, Jacqueline Sheaffer **CRAMER** still remembers learning about Soundex in 1952, at the U.S. Army Finance Center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. After all of these years, she still uses this memory technique again and again to assign a soundex code to a name. The technique works because she has never forgotten it. Here is the technique which uses the following two sayings to give a word connection to the letters being indexed. Hope it might help you in memorizing the soundex code.

- 1 BFPV—"Bad For Poor Voters"
- 2 CGJQKSXZ—"Cary Grant Joins Quiz Kids Show XZ"

Then to add to the words and letters, she devised the following:

- 3 DT—"DDT" (3 letters for the pesticide)
- 4 L—"For (four) Love"
- 5 M N—Renaming "M&M" candies to "M&N"
- 6 R—"Route 66"

New Internet site for Genealogists.

Origins Network.

www.origins.net

Has

Scots Origins

All the official genealogy data from Scotland.

and

British Origins

The riches of the Society of Genealogists in London

Genealogy Humor

1. My family coat of arms ties at the back....is that normal?
2. My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.
3. My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
4. Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
5. My hobby is genealogy, I raise dust bunnies as pets.
6. How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE??
7. I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.
8. I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.
9. I'm searching for myself; Have you seen me?
10. If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help...
11. Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!
12. It's 2000... Do you know where your-Gr-Gr-Grandparents are?
13. A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.
14. A family tree can wither if nobody tends it's roots.
15. A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
16. After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.
17. Am I the only person up my tree... sure seems like it.
18. Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples.
19. Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?
20. FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
21. Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but I love it.
22. Genealogists are time unravelers.
23. Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... I seek!
24. Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
25. "Crazy" is a relative term in my family.
26. A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.
27. I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand.
28. I Should have asked them BEFORE they died!
29. I think my ancestors had several "Bad heir" days.
30. I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNE flower.
31. Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.
32. Share your knowledge; it is a way to achieve immortality.
33. Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
34. It's an unusual family that hath neither a lady of the evening or a thief.
35. Many a family tree needs pruning.
36. Shh! Be very, very quiet.... I'm hunting forebears.
37. Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors!
38. That's strange: half my ancestors are WOMEN!
39. I'm not sick, I've just got fading genes.
40. Genealogists live in the past lane.
41. Cousins marrying cousins: Very tangled roots!
42. Cousins marrying cousins: A non-branching family tree.
43. All right! Everybody out of the gene pool!
44. Always willing to share my ignorance...
45. Documentation... The hardest part of genealogy.
46. Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!
47. Genealogy... will I ever find time to mow the lawn again?
48. That's the problem with the gene pool: NO Lifeguards.
49. I researched my family tree... and apparently I don't exist!
50. SO MANY ANCESTORS.....SO LITTLE TIME!

Cemetery Symbolism - A Wary Glossary by Joel GAZIS-SAX

Broken Column

What we see today of ancient Greek and Roman civilization. Because the men and women who built monuments such as the Parthenon are dead, this image represents the eventual ruin or decomposition of us all.

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 during the year 2001 by entering the information into a computer and saving it to a disc, please contact Helen SMITH at 458-5540 or 610-5540. Or if you can assist by helping to edit this project, please notify Helen SMITH. It is important that we complete this project before we move on to a new one.

We need your help!

A BETTER SOCIETY FOR ALL

Now it is January and we have all had the opportunity to see our new officers and board in action. We are fortunate to have new blood guiding our Society. It is exciting to see new ideas and programs instituted.

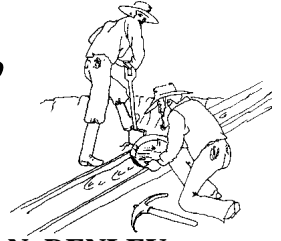
If you have ideas for programs or are willing to present a program later in the year on a topic on which you have some expertise, let our Vice President know what you have to share. If you don't have enough information to present a program by yourself, you might be able to be a participant on a part of a panel or a series of mini presentations.

We also need people to volunteer to help in various committees. Please notify a board member if you are willing to help. If you are unsure of what committees are available, check the inside cover page of the Prospector to get an idea of the various committees which are active.

As a member of an organization, it is your responsibility to provide a measure of assistance to the organization as it fits into your schedule. Are you doing your share to create a better genealogical society for all?



QUERIES



SANKERS

Seeking relatives of Frank **SANKERS**, who was in 1870 census of Salt Lake City, UT.
Sterling **HAWKINS** PO Box 6097, Cleveland, TN 37321

ABELS, GERDES

Seeking information on John **ABELS** (1825-1916) married to Sophia **GERDES** (1835-?) from Olburg, Germany to Henry Co., IA. He immigrated to USA in 1868.

Eileen **SENA**, 9671 Lame Horse Dr. - LV, NV. 89123; **SENA** @ Sstokes98@aol.com

KEYSER

Seeking (2) **KEYSER**, New York, early 1800's, father of Jacob **KEYSER** whose DOB was about 1846, and the father of Charles Henry **KEYSER**, Fort Wayne, IN.

Lee R **KEYSER**, 4628 Casa Bonitta Drive, North Las Vegas, NV 89032-0306; (702) 655-9899; keysere9@wizard.com

DEARBORN/DEAREBARNE, CHASE, MASON

Seeking birth, death and/or marriage dates of Asa **DEARBORN** and wife, Irena **CHASE** abt 1777 in Augusta, Kennebec, ME. Need dates of birth about 1758, Death, or Marriage dates to Katherine **MASON** in Hogstrophe, Lincoln, England.

Gloria L **PHILLIPS**, 10 Bon Rea Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89110-1321; (702) 452-2891; philsclere@aol.com

HICKS

Seeking parents of Joseph William **HICKS**, b. Hanover Co, VA abt. 1817.

JoAnn **HAWKINS** PO Box 6097, Cleveland, TN 37321

SENA, ROMERO

Seeking information on a Martin **SENA** (1853-?) married to Josefita **ROMERO** (1865-?) from San Miguel Co., NM.

Eileen **SENA**, 9671 Lame Horse Dr. - LV, NV. 89123; **SENA** @ Sstokes98@aol.com

CLARK, DEARBORN, WALL, PRENTICE, HALLETT, CUSHING

Looking for birth dates for Charles **CLARK** and Louisa (Louysa) **DEARBORN**. Abt. 1805-1815 in Augusta, Kennebec, ME. Also, death of Charles **CLARK**. Who were his parents? Charles **CLARK** and Louisa **DEARBORN** married 16 February 1834 in Augusta, Kennebec, ME. Their children were Charles H. married Abigail **WALL**, Augusta Ann, Sidney married Adeline **PRENTICE**, Harriet Amanda, Harrison, Alice Reed married Horace **HALLETT**, Ada Augusta married George **CUSHING**, Almeda A., Eugene A. died at 5 mos. Louisa **DEARBORN** died 11 November 1885 in Portland, Cumberland, ME.

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MARTINEZ

Seeking information on Juan B. **MARTINEZ** (1860-?) married to Cleofas ? (1866-?) from San Miguel Co., NM.

Eileen **SENA**, 9671 Lame Horse Dr. - LV, NV. 89123; **SENA** @ Sstokes98@aol.com

PRATT, WALSH, ZIMMERMAN, DENLEY

Seeking marriage date of James Walker **PRATT** to Gertrude **WALSH**. James was born 16 October 1863 in Chautauqua, Chautauqua, NY.; died 29 April 1954 in Petosky, Emmett, MI. Gertrude was born 25 September 1879 in Ft. McKavitt, Menard, TX to Walter **WALSH** and Caroline **DENLEY**. Gertrude died 9 April 1977 in Traverse City, Grand Traverse, MI. She later married William **ZIMMERMAN** in 1920/21 in Marquette, Marquette, MI. They had a daughter, Marquerte **ZIMMERMAN** born 9 April 1921 in Marquette, Marquette, MI.

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ECHOLS

Seeking relatives with the name **ECHOLS** from GA and TN areas. I have old pictures from Uncle Jim **ECHOLS**. He had no descendants and hate to throw pictures away.

JoAnn **HAWKINS** PO Box 6097, Cleveland, TN 37321

GARCIA, VARELA/BARELA

Seeking information on Ignacio **GARCIA** (1877-1923) married to Bernarda **VARELA (BARELA)** (1887-1948) from San Miguel Co., NM.

Eileen **SENA**, 9671 Lame Horse Dr. - LV, NV. 89123; **SENA** @ Sstokes98@aol.com

FRANKLIN, HICKS

Seeking parents of Lucy **FRANKLIN**, born in SC abt 1820; married Joseph W. **HICKS** 1838, in McMinn Co, TN.

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GOOD, SMITH

Abraham **GOOD** born abt 1806, Berls, PA, died in IL abt 1876. Married Rebecca **SMITH**. Son Joseph b. 1 Jan 1836, Lancaster, PA; he m. 1862, Clark Co, IL to Saha **SMITH** from OH. Any info appreciated.

Galen G. **GOOD** 9661 Midnight Sun Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89147, 702-457-6031, e-mail: GGOOD711@aol.com

CLARK, ST. JOHN

Would like to correspond with descendants of Charles Kimball **CLARK**, born 8 July 1860, LaCrosse, WI, and 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; lived in Alden, MN early 1900s and in Roundup, MT at time of his mother's death Feb 1911. Need help identifying possible family members in old photograph.

Eloise **KIMBALL** 4290 Northbrook Blvd N., Stillwater, MN 55082-1204

OFFORD, HARDIN

Seeking parents of Lucy **OFFORD**, born abt 1858 in Gilmex Co, GA. Lucy married John **HARDIN** abt 1877 in GA.

Sterling **HAWKINS** 6264 Fargo Ave, Las Vegas, NV

COLLINS

Seeking brothers or sisters of Joseph Henry **COLLINS**, b. abt 1818 in East TN.

JoAnn **HAWKINS** PO Box 6097, Cleveland, TN 37321

QUERIES Cont.

DEMPSEY, DEMSEY

Hyrum **DEMPSEY**, b. Logan Co, WV; married Celia. Had two children and moved to Manasa, CO by covered wagon in 1880. Their ninth child, William Harrison **DEMPSEY**, AKA: Jack **DEMSEY** the Manassa Mauler - heavy weight boxing champion. When was Hyrum born? When did he marry Celia? What was Celia's maiden name? Know Hyrum was of Irish descent; who were his parents? Linnea M. **ANDERSON** 1480 (A) Higlieah Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119-6338; e-mail: LINNEALV@AOL.COM

DISSE, SCHULZE

Seeking parents of Anne Maria **DISSE**, born abt. 1819, and died 1862. She married Johnnis **SCHULZE**. They immigrated to USA from Westphalia Germany abt 1852. Margaret **LOUIS**, 2479 Walsh Glen Court, Henderson, NV 89012 or louisrn@nevada.edu

KENNARD, ROBINSON

Looking for parents of Joseph **KENNARD**, b. abt 1822 in MD; m. 16 Jan 1853, to Ann **ROBINSON** (b. abt 1836 in Ireland; immigrated 1 Jun 1840 at Baltimore, MD); resided in Queen Anne's Co., MD 16 Jun 1880. Ann resided in Fair Hill, Cecil Co., MD with her son James Harry **KENNARD**, 3 June 1920. Joseph and Ann's children, all born in MD are Mary E. b. abt 1860, Frederick b. abt 1862, James Harry b. 10 Nov 1864, William A. b abt 1870, Samuel b. abt 1871, Ella b. abt 1874, and Eva A. b. abt 1876. Will exchange information.

Robert M. **KENNARD, Jr.**, 6504 White Swan Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89108-1812 or RKENNARDLV@SOFTCOM.NET

GUTTERMAN, SHELPIKINSKY

Looking for parents and descendants of Morris **GUTTERMAN** b. Miedzyrzecz, Poland and Rachel **SHELPIKINSKY**. Immigrated from Poland after 1886.

Rochelle (**GUTTERMAN**) **KENNARD**, 6504 White Swan Circle, Las Vegas NV 89108-1812 or SKENNARDLV@SOFTCOM.NET



Nice page that gives lots of general information about land records. It might be helpful in understanding what some records mean and when certain types of land grants occurred, etc.

<http://www.ultanet.com/~deeds/landref.htm>

A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY

A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, COMMUNITY

SAINT THOMAS. A former settlement near the confluence of the Virgin and the Muddy rivers; named for Thomas S. **SMITH**, who led a Mormon migration to the Muddy Valley in January, 1865. Since June 11, 1938, the townsite has been under the waters of Lake Mead. Former **SAINT THOMAS** post office was established July 23, 1866, and discontinued June 16, 1938. The name is perpetuated in **SAINT THOMAS MINING DISTRICT**, also called Muddy Mountains and Logan, twenty-six miles southeast of Moapa; **SAINT THOMAS GAP**, a saddle in the Virgin Range east of the former site of the town; and **SAINT THOMAS WASH**, which heads near the Valley of Fire and trends eastward to the Overton Arm of Lake Mead.

"Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary." Helen S. **CARLSON**, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 208.

WERE THEY REGISTERED?

"Our American heritage is threatened as much by our own indifference as by the most unscrupulous office or by the most powerful foreign threat. The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter."

— Dwight D. **EISENHOWER**

How much more poignant and appropriate can this quote be following our recent election? Are you indifferent or did you vote? **AND** did your ancestors register to vote? Even in our family research, the voter and voter registration can become an important element in building the story of the family.

While the quality and quantity of information available varies from place to place and from year to year, typical (voter) registrations contain the registrant's name, address, age, birth date and place, length of residence in the state, county, ward, and/or district, naturalization, race, and other pertinent information. Regardless of how much (or little) information is provided, the fact is that these records will place your ancestor in a specific location, often with information about how long he or she resided in the area, and this alone can make delving into these records worthwhile. These facts can be helpful in locating other records on an ancestor. The voter registration records can typically be found in city, county, or state archives. You might also look through the library in your ancestors area where you might find books listing registered voters from the county.

Another source to find. Good Luck! And be sure to vote!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN ARCHIVES TO CLOSE DURING JANUARY 2001

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin's Archives Reading Room, Visual Materials Archive Viewing Room, and Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research will be closed for remodeling during all of January 2001. Services will resume in a new Archives Reference Room on 1 February 2001.

During January, Archives staff will continue to respond to written reference questions regarding the holdings mentioned above. You may send mail to:

Archives Reference
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Likewise, the Archives will continue to transfer collections to its regional Area Research Centers during the closure period.

The Historical Society's library will **NOT** be affected by remodeling and will be open to the public as usual during January.

Check their website for additional information.

Dee Anna **GRIMSRUD**
Reference Archivist
State Historical Society of Wisconsin



A Very Helpful Site:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnraogk/index.htm>

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Generation No. 1

1. Karen Patricia **KREAMER/CRANE**, born May 08, 1945 in Freeport, Nassau County, NY. She was the daughter of **2. Dr. August Nicholas KREAMER Jr. III.** and **3. Pauline G. OLSEN**. She married (1) Gary William **MINARDI** October 21, 1967 in Patchogue, Suffolk County, NY. He was born October 28, 1944 in Bay Shore, Suffolk County, NY. He was the son of Clark **MINARDI** and Marion. She married (2) Dr. John J. **MONGIARDO** October 28, 1988 in Reno, County of Washoe, Nevada. He was born March 18, 1935 in Piermont, NY. He was the son of Frank **MONGIARDO** and Victoria Cosentino.

Generation No. 2

2. Dr. August Nicholas **KREAMER Jr. III.**, born December 10, 1911 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY; died May 2, 1995 in Ridley Park, PA.. He was the son of **4. August Nicholas KREAMER II** and **5. Anna Beverly BERNINGER**. He married **3. Pauline G. OLSEN** Abt. July 1939 in Dunkirt, NY.
3. Pauline G. **OLSEN**, born October 21, 1921 in Fredonia, NY. She was the daughter of **6. Don OLSEN** and **7. Bertha Jane Hill**.

Children of August III. and Pauline **OLSEN** are:

- 1 i. Karen Patricia **KREAMER/CRANE**, born May 08, 1945 in Freeport, Nassau County, NY; married (1) Gary William **MINARDI** October 21, 1967 in Patchogue, Suffolk County, NY; married (2) Dr. John J. **MONGIARDO** October 28, 1988 in Reno, County of Washoe, Nevada.
- ii. Kenneth Kingsley **CRANE** aka **KREAMER**, born October 06, 1941 in Flushing, Queens, NY; married (1) Josephine **DeFRANCO** September 04, 1960 in Westbury, County of Nassau, NY; born 1944 in East Meadow, Nassau County, NY; died February 19, 1998 in Collingdale, Delaware County, PA.; married (2) Kathleen Marie **EMERICK** September 21, 1991 in PA; born January 25, 1958 in Ridley Park, PA..

Generation No. 3

4. August Nicholas **KREAMER II**, born June 23, 1885 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY; died March 11, 1956 in Westbury, Nassau County, NY. He was the son of **8. August Nicholas KREAMER I** and **9. Hannah Katherine HEYNE**. He married **5. Anna Beverly BERNINGER** October 16, 1910 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY.
5. Anna Beverly **BERNINGER**, born December 16, 1888 in NY City, NY; died April 14, 1966 in Hauppauge, Suffolk County, N. Y. She was the daughter of **10. Jacob BERNINGER** and **11. Madeline LYBOLD**.

Children of August **KREAMER** and Anna **BERNINGER** are:

- 2 i. Dr. August Nicholas **KREAMER Jr. III.**, born December 10, 1911 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY; died May 02, 1995 in Ridley Park, PA; married (1) Pauline G. **OLSEN** Abt. July 1939 in Dunkirt, NY; married (2) Mary **WARREN** October 23, 1950 in Orono, Maine; married (3) Caroline **HUSE** October 27, 1966 in White Plains, NY, Exhibit K-071; married (4) Majorie Ann **UCCI** June 1974 in Medford, County of Suffolk, NY; married (5) Freida **BOARDMAN** Abt. 1976 in NY; married (6) Josephine **FUCITI** June 05, 1983 in Kings Park, Long Island, NY; married (7) Dolores// Abt. 1964 in Lowell St, Westbury, Long Island, NY; married (8) Caroline **HUSE** (second marriage) Unknown in NY.
- ii. Vincent Milton **KREAMER Sr.**, born January 06, 1913 in Brooklyn, NY; died May 07, 1996 in Lady Lake, FL; married (1) Irma **MASEM** Abt. 1937 in NY There were married about 4 years; born Unknown in NY; died Unknown in Unknown; married (2) Dorothy May **BENTE** April 22, 1942 in New York; born September 20, 1917 in Brooklyn, NY.
- iii. Beverly Patricia **KREAMER**, born March 23, 1920 in Forest Hills, Queens, NY; died May 18, 1995 in Media, County of Delaware, PA; married Harry **GECHT** October 25, 1954 in Marie De Deols, France; born April 15, 1912 in Romania.; died May 05, 1997 in FL.

6. Don **OLSEN**, born November 15, 1882. He married 7. Bertha Jane **HILL**.
7. Bertha Jane **HILL**, born September 02, 1883.

Child of Don **OLSEN** and Bertha **HILL** is:

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 - i. Pauline G. **OLSEN**, born October 21, 1921 in Fredonia, NY; married (1) Dr. August Nicholas **KREAMER** Jr. III. Abt. July 1939 in Dunkirt, NY; married (2) Gerald **LAWRENCE** December 22, 1950.

Generation No. 4

8. August Nicholas **KREAMER** I, born February 06, 1847 in <Baden, Baden> Germany; died May 13, 1915 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY. He was the son of Sebastian **KREAMER** and Caroline **SANDLER**. He married 9. Hannah Katherine **HEYNE** Abt. 1879.
9. Hannah Katherine **HEYNE**, born June 1854 in NY; died November 17, 1929 in Queens, NY. She was the daughter of Nicholas **HEYNE** and Elizebeth **BLUM**.

Children of August **KREAMER** and Hannah **HEYNE** are:

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 - i. August Nicholas **KREAMER** II, born June 23, 1885 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY; died March 11, 1956 in Westbury, Nassau County, NY; married Anna Beverely **BERNINGER** October 16, 1910 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY.
 - ii. Nicholas **KREAMER**, born March 07, 1881 in NY, NY; died August 13, 1882 in NY City, N.Y.
 - iii. Anna Elizebeth **KREAMER**, born November 26, 1883 in 155 E. 85th St, City of NY; died April 17, 1934 in NY.
 - iv. Charles Joseph **KREAMER**, born December 24, 1886 in NY, NY; died September 08, 1965 in Port Washington, NY; married Emma **EHAM** Abt. 1911 in NY; born Abt. 1887 in NY; died February 03, 1959 in Port Washington, NY.
 - v. Lillian E. **KREAMER**, born June 1887 in Brooklyn, NY; died March 15, 1972 in Brooklyn, NY; married (1) Lewis **WEISGERBER** Abt. 1915; born March 11, 1888 in NY, NY; married (2) Frank **McGINLEY** Aft. 1921; born March 14, 1895 in NY City; died Bef. 1972.
 - vi. Louise Madeline **KREAMER**, born October 21, 1890 in Brooklyn, NY; died November 24, 1985 in NY; married Thomas O'Rourke **GALLAGHER** Sr. August 27, 1911 in Brooklyn, NY; born Abt. 1884 in Newark, NJ; died February 1959 in Brooklyn, NY.

10. Jacob **BERNINGER** He married 11. Madeline **LYBOLD**.

11. Madeline **LYBOLD**

Child of Jacob **BERNINGER** and Madeline **LYBOLD** is:

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 - i. Anna Beverely **BERNINGER**, born December 16, 1888 in NY City, NY; died April 14, 1966 in Hauppauge, Suffolk County, NY; married August Nicholas **KREAMER** II October 16, 1910 in Brooklyn, Kings County, NY.

A BOOK "NOT" ABOUT GENEALOGY?

Reading about the places where and times when your ancestors lived is a great way to regain your passion for the past. Curl up with a local history book or skim over a historical chronology of the times in which your ancestors lived. At the same time, keep your genealogy notebook with names and dates open and easy to see. Have a notepad handy so that when you find something interesting, you can easily see what effect it may have had on your ancestors and then make a note of it. By delving into the factors influencing your ancestors' lives, you open yourself to insight into the decisions your ancestors had to make and you can immerse yourself in the life and times of those ancestors you are seeking to understand.

SOURCE: Ancestry.com - Hint for The Day

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Top Ten Reasons to Join a Genealogical Society This Year

- 1.) Many genealogical societies have preserved records that may have otherwise been lost and made them more accessible by recording them in their publications. Your support is needed to continue this work.
- 2.) "Genealogical societies are the first line of defense in the battle to preserve our historical documents in a format that will ensure accessibility for generations of researchers. Their members are the daily users of the records and will feel the first effects of restricted access. It is a tremendous responsibility to keep a watchful eye on what is happening at the local, state, and national levels." This quote by Curt B. Witcher, FUGA, FGS Past President, and Manager, Historical Genealogy Department, Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, IN), sums up the important responsibility that societies undertake to help insure that your ancestors' records are available to you when you need them.
- 3.) Through newsletters, societies keep you abreast of all the latest news in the genealogical community, including upcoming conferences and events sponsored by your organization as well as others.
- 4.) Many societies also produce quarterlies for members that may contain indexes, transcriptions, lists of hard to find records or addresses, and other valuable forms of information specific to your research.
- 5.) Societies are a great place to learn new techniques to help further your research. They can also help you hone research skills and remind you of the fundamentals that are so important to your work. Educational programs offered by special interest or local societies often address problems specific to that particular area of research.
- 6.) Societies often maintain collections that can be helpful with research and may include hard-to-find items specific to the society's area of interest.
- 7.) Genealogical societies afford researchers a forum in which to exchange information with others that have similar research interests. Although the Internet and mailing lists or newsgroups are a great way to exchange information quickly, it is important to remember that not all genealogists are "online" yet, and some never will be. Societies are open to all genealogists, with and without a computer.
- 8.) Local or ethnic societies are a great place to get information on regional records and their availability. This is information that may be hard to come by otherwise.
- 9.) Societies help set priorities and seek public and private investment to keep records available to genealogists everywhere. Organizations with many members carry more weight and can often accomplish what individual researchers cannot.
- 10.) In order to get legislators and custodians of the records we need to take notice and respect the needs of the genealogical community, they need to know we are out here and that there are millions of us. In the Editor's Note of the Jan/Feb 1999 issue of Ancestry Magazine, Loretto D. Szucs says, "If we want to have access to the records we need, we have to be counted. And when you are on a membership or subscriber list, you are countable!"

Genealogical societies form a solid foundation upon which the genealogical community rests. But in many cases, this foundation is crumbling. Many societies are suffering from declining memberships and a crippling lack of volunteers. If these institutions that have given us so much are to survive, they need your support on both a local and national level. By helping societies, you are, in essence, helping yourself. A great place to find these societies online is the FGS Society Hall available online at [Ancestry.com](http://www.familyhistory.com/societyhall/main.asp).

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HUNTING COUSINS

By Charles RECKER (CCNGS)

Here is something I just stumbled onto. Perhaps it will help you find a cousin in Germany.

I logged onto Ancestry.com. I am not a "premium" member, therefore only use the searches marked "free".

I was looking for cousins named AUER in a place called Lingenfeld. So I entered the AUER surname with Intl as the location and up came "Directories" which I clicked on and up came [for free] German telephone book data. So I clicked on that and sure enough up came all the folks in Germany bearing the surname AUER who are in the book. Since there are over a thousand of them, I didn't want to go through the entire list. And then I had an idea. I entered "Lingenfeld" in the search box as if it were a surname and went through the same procedure. I then got everyone in the town in alphabetical order. I found the address of a guy named Erich AUER there who will be getting a letter from me. Try this if you are not a "premium" member of Ancestry.com.

GEDCOM REMINDER

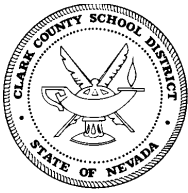
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An important thought on GEDCOM imports and exports is that of a privacy issue.

Exporting information on living people is a **no-no**. This is **especially true** if the information is going to be published on the World Wide Web. Don't expose the people you **care about most** to people you **don't know at all**.

You can post your GEDCOM on a private MyFamily.com site so that family can view it or import it into their Family Tree Maker (or other) program they use as long as they understand the same safety concepts (of privacy).

The safest thing to do is to set your file requirements to eliminate all living individuals or send your information on a disc through snail mail.



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.

Bertha **RONZONE** Elementary School

Ask Mrs Bertha “Mom” **RONZONE** her guiding principle and she will answer, “Prayer, faith, and determination.” She explains, “I formed an idea and carried it through by remembering these three qualities.”

“Mom”, as she is affectionately known, was born in a small town near Des Moines, Iowa, April 16, 1885. While still a small child, she traveled with her family to the little community of Fowler, near Fresno, California. Here “Mom” attended the eight grades of elementary school, then went to work to augment the family income.

It was in Fowler that she met 35-year-old Atilio Benjamin **RONZONE** who had arrived in California from Nome, Alaska. With a partner, Ben operated the Northern Club in Nome, where he had settled after his honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy in 1895.

Bertha became Mrs. A. B. **RONZONE** in December of 1901. In a “surrey with fringe on top” they traveled to southern California for a honeymoon visit with relatives.

By the spring of 1902, Ben was ready to take his bride back to Nome. They boarded the wooden steamer “Portland” for an expected two-week trip. However, the steamer became entangled in a huge ice floe drifting out to sea and was forced farther north than any other ship had traveled at that time. Believed to be lost, the “Portland” remained stationary amid the icebergs for 73 days. At last, entering Nome’s harbor in the bright 2 a.m. sunshine, the ship was greeted with brass bands playing “Home Again,” and the whole town crowded the docks to welcome the arrival.

To his dismay, Ben soon discovered that his partner had left town with both men’s savings, so he found other work in Nome where their first daughter, Amy, was born.

In 1903, the family returned to California, but tales of the Nevada mining boom lured them to Tonopah, Nevada in 1904. Two years later they moved to Manhattan, another rich Nevada mining town at the time.

It was here that Bertha **RONZONE**’s “idea” was born.

Observing the miners’ grime-covered clothes, she opened up a small laundry and hired eight Indian squaws to scrub the washing. Ben was kept busy at the ironing board. After two years of diligent scrubbing, a big event in the **RONZONES**’ lives occurred when they were able to purchase a Thor washing machine. In doing the miners’ laundry, “Mom” recalls how they “panned gold” (that had been embedded in the miners’ clothes) out of the washing machine each week.

A second daughter, Esther, made an appearance with the **RONZONE** family in 1913, in Manhattan. Meanwhile Amy (their first daughter) graduated from the Manhattan High School and entered the University of Nevada at Reno on a scholarship.

When doing the laundry, “Mom” noticed that the miners’ socks were

ragged and frayed. She decided to open a store on the side, supplying socks for the miners. Her chance came in 1917, when she went to Oakland, California, to visit her mother. While there, she purchased socks and brought them back to Manhattan.

Later she discovered that all the socks she bought were one small size, but this did not deter the miners from buying them. If the socks were too large they turned the toes under; if they were too small, they simply cut the toes out of them.

Bertha then turned to the idea of opening a general store to further accommodate Manhattan’s urgent needs. However, lacking funds for the venture, she arranged to meet George **WINGFIELD**, future Nevada banker, whom she had known in Alaska. At the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah, “Mom” discussed her problem with Mr. **WINGFIELD** who promptly wrote her a check for \$500.00.

With the money Bertha went to California to purchase merchandise but had no knowledge of buying. The credit manager of the Levi Strauss Company assisted her by allowing her to pay half of her bill and take the other half on credit. From her initial idea Bertha’s dream had now turned to reality with the opening of the first **RONZONE**’s store in Manhattan. Also in that year (1917) her son Dick was born.

Feeling that the mining boom in Manhattan was over in 1923, the **RONZONE** family moved to Tonopah where they re-established the business in the Elks’ Building. Later they purchased the E. MARKS Clothing Store with all its merchandise. At this time Ben aided greatly by keeping the books and handling the finances.

In the summer of 1929, the family again moved, this time to Las Vegas where they opened a new store on Carson Street. With Bertha guiding its growth, the business moved into three different locations before settling at its location on Fremont Street in October of 1946.

Bertha **RONZONE**’s prayers over a scrubbing board were heard. Her faith in her work and family, plus her determination, caused her to be named State Mother of the Year in 1948. She is the proud grandmother of six and great-grandmother of eleven.

Because of her civic endeavors, an elementary school which was the most advanced of its kind at the time was named for her (1965). “Mom” belonged to the Woodcraft Lodge and to the Business and Professional Women’s Club.

Daughter Amy married Al **ADAMS** and, until their retirement, they operated the popular GREY-REID Store in Reno after “Mom” and



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Nevada State Archives Historical Myth # 3

Key Pittman on Ice

by Guy ROCHA, Nevada State Archivist and Dennis MYERS, Journalist

This is among the most lurid and grotesque of Nevada's folk tales. U.S. Senator Key PITTMAN died on November 10, 1940, only five days after winning re-election. For years stories have circulated that PITTMAN actually died before the election. His friends, so the story goes, kept his body in a bathtub filled with ice at Reno's Riverside Hotel so that his Senate seat could remain Democratic (PITTMAN's successor would be appointed by Governor Edward CARVILLE, who like PITTMAN was a Democrat.) The story made the rounds for years and was repeated in the sensational national bestseller, *The Green Felt Jungle* (1963) except the events took place at Tonopah's Mizpah Hotel in that version. Until recently, Tonopah's Key PITTMAN restaurant had a history contained on the menu which erroneously claimed that Key PITTMAN, a Tonopah pioneer, died at the hotel and that his body was kept on ice there.

The real facts, though, are more elaborate and just as disreputable. According to a 1980 interview by Guy ROCHA with PITTMAN's personal physician, the senator suffered a heart attack while engaged in a pre-election drinking spree at the Riverside. The physician, Dr. A. J. "Bart" HOOD, examined the senator and told PITTMAN's political lieutenants that there was nothing he could do to save PITTMAN. Quietly, the senator's cronies moved him into Washoe General Hospital, and a specialist who was flown to Reno from San Francisco concluded death was imminent.

Democratic leaders chose to keep the facts secret and issued a cover story that PITTMAN was temporarily ill, thus allowing Nevadans to go to the polls and elect a dying man. As one of PITTMAN's biographers, Betty GLAD, reported, attending physician Dr. Vinton MULLER, mortician Silas ROSS, and St. Mary's Hospital official Sister Seraphine later testified that PITTMAN was still alive on election day and that he died at Washoe General on November 10. An embalmer further reported that PITTMAN's death certificate recorded no evidence of the tissue effects on PITTMAN's body that would have confirmed the ice story.

According to journalists Barbara and Myrick LAND in *A Short History of Reno* (1995), "One political reporter, it was rumored later, asked one of Pittman's handlers why the senator was making no campaign appearances in this important final week. The handler replied 'We're keeping him on ice.' This may account for a bizarre tale that was widely repeated in the state after the election."

For a more detailed account see: "The Mysterious Demise of Key Pittman", *Nevada Magazine* (October 1996), pp. 80-83.

(Original version in Sierra Sage, Carson City/Carson Valley, Nevada, March 1996 edition)



Key PITTMAN

Photo: Nevada Historical Society

In a Silver City, Nevada Cemetery:

Here lies Butch,
We planted him raw.
He was quick on the trigger,
But slow on the draw.

WHITTIER AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SEMINAR

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A Primer in School Records

George G. MORGAN

Family history researchers focus most often on locating birth, marriage, and death records to construct the basic events of our ancestors' lives. We then flesh out the names and dates with locations, occupations, and other details using census records, land and property records, military service records, obituaries, and probate packets. If we look at all these basic record types, it is possible to weave together a tapestry of the adult lives of our family members. However, we are missing a significant portion of these people's lives—their formative school years, which may provide potentially valuable clues and insights about them.

School records can provide a wealth of information about some of our ancestors, and in "Along Those Lines . . ." this week, I'd like to offer some suggestions about the types of records you might look for as you are researching your ancestors.

Enrollment and Registration Records

Consider the information you or your parents had to supply when completing enrollment cards and registration papers for any school. Parents' and students' names (sometimes including mother's maiden name), address, and contact information were essential. Each student's date of birth, previous education and location, medical and inoculation history, and other details were often required. Educational institutions maintain these records as core components of every student's academic record file.

Transcripts

Students are measured on their academic performance, and their grades are permanently recorded in the school's file for the student. It is possible to obtain copies of transcripts for students from all levels of educational facilities. Colleges and universities request them all the time, as do employers seeking to verify the credentials of prospective employees. Genealogists can do the same. For example, I obtained copies of the transcripts for my aunt, Mary Allen **MORGAN**, and her academic records from Peace College for 1922-25 and Duke University from 1925-26. These provide insight into her course of study, her declared major, her academic achievements, and her grades—a good indication of her academic commitment.

Yearbooks

One of the most frequently overlooked school record resources is the yearbook. Annuals have been produced by colleges, universities, high schools, military schools and academies, and private schools for many decades, and the practice has even extended to elementary and junior high schools. I enjoy tracing the year-by-year physical changes of students through their academic careers by locating both the portrait photographs and the candid shots taken in class and extracurricular activities. Better yet, you can often find important details about the person. Perhaps, for instance, a person's nickname is listed and a yearbook can help you finally determine how that nickname originated.

In *The Lotus*, the Peace College yearbook from 1925, my aunt's photograph is shown. In this yearbook from her final year, along with her photograph is a list of her activities throughout her academic stay there, including acting as treasurer of the Y.W.C.A. for two years and serving on the cabinet, playing intramural basketball, acting as a dorm fire marshal, participating in the drama club, receiving the Statistics Award, serving as a school delegate to a religious conference, and other activities. Her personal quote is included, as well as

a paragraph meant to convey some sense of the type of person she was and her aspirations for the future. This is good stuff!

Alumni Directories, Newsletters, and Magazines

Alumni associations are active organizations, often engaging in strenuous fundraising. They provide an essential function, however, in publishing materials to communicate stories about the school and about alumni and their activities and achievements. A study of alumni directories can provide the addresses over time of your ancestor if he or she remained in contact with the school. Alumni associations also publish newsletters and magazines containing information about the school and about alumni. Sometimes the association maintains an index of alumni names and the issue of the publication in which they were mentioned. A complete collection of an alumni association's directories can usually be found with the association and/or in the academic library of the school.

Fraternity and Sorority Records

A yearbook can be a valuable clue in determining whether your ancestor belonged to a fraternity or sorority. The organizations also maintain membership records at a school and national level. Checking with the fraternity or sorority at the school may provide interesting details about your ancestor's residency in the house. Who knows? Your ancestor may actually be a house legend for some outlandish prank. Check with the fraternity or sorority to determine if it publishes directories and newsletters for members, and find out where to locate the archive.

Reunion Records

Class reunions have always been popular events. They may be organized and sponsored by class members, alumni associations, or by the academic institution itself. In any case, it is important to check for class reunions for the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, etc., anniversary. Some smaller schools, such as the military academy I attended, even hold all-class reunions each year for the attendance of all alumni for all graduating classes.

Reunion registrants' names may be included in commemorative reunion booklets, along with short biographical sketches containing names of spouses and children, place of residence, type of employment, memberships, achievements, and other details. Copies of these materials often find their way to the alumni association and the school library or archives. In addition, make sure you check local newspaper records in the event that they reported on and photographed the reunion.

Researching the Records

Locating the school records you want doesn't have to be difficult. You need to know where (geographically) to start, though. Primary and secondary schools' records can usually be located by contacting the board of education in the town or county in which the child attended school. College and university academic records and transcripts can usually be obtained through the registrar's office for the institution. Alumni associations, fraternities, and sororities can be located through the institution as well. Copies of yearbooks, alumni directories, newsletters, magazines, and other publications may be stored in school archives, in school libraries, and sometimes in local public libraries. Genealogical and historical societies may

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also have copies of yearbooks. Don't overlook the fact that sometimes they can be found in antique stores and thrift shops.

The information you prospect through your research of school records can provide details about that important period in your ancestor's life that shaped his or her adult life. I've recently written a letter to Georgia Tech to obtain copies of my grandfather's records from 1897-1901, and I can't wait to see them. If you do your own homework and look for these types of records, you can share the excitement of this type of discovery too.

Happy Hunting!

George

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What is a One-Name Study?

<http://www.one-name.org>

A one-name study is a project researching all occurrences of a surname, as opposed to a particular pedigree (ancestors of one person) or descendancy (descendants of one person or couple). Some "one-namers" may restrict their research geographically, perhaps to one country, but true one-namers collect all occurrences world-wide. The Guild only accepts true one-name studies for registration, although anyone with an interest in one-name studies is welcome to become a member.

A one-name study may concentrate on aspects such as geographical distribution of the name and the changes in that distribution over the centuries, or may attempt to reconstruct the genealogy of as many lines as possible bearing the name. A frequent aim is to identify a single original location of the name, especially if the name appears to derive from a place name. But for many names, for example those indicating an occupation like Butcher, or a patronymic-type surname such as Peterson, there will not be a single origin.

One-Namers often make some attempt to quantify the rarity of their name.

There is much scope for co-operation between one-namers and other genealogists and family historians - they are not a breed apart, and many are also engaged in more conventional pedigree hunting of their other ancestors. Many drift into a one-name study as a way of eliminating alternatives when researching a particular ancestral name.

There is some use for example in having a complete listing of all occurrences of a surname from the IGI or from Civil Registration lists of births, marriages and deaths. A co-operative effort between people studying the same surname bears much fruit and they have a good chance of discovering new relatives, depending of course on how common the name is.

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ROCKEFELLER LIBRARY UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE

The John D. **ROCKEFELLER**, Jr. Library has unveiled a greatly expanded section on the Colonial Williamsburg website:

<http://www.history.org>

offering individuals interested in the Colonial Chesapeake the opportunity to search the library's vast collections. New features include *PATRIOT*, the **ROCKEFELLER** Library's online catalog listing the 68,000 titles in the Library, and guides to manuscript, microfilm, selected photograph and other research collections, such as the Shirley Plantation Collection of over 18,000 manuscript items. Previously, individuals had to physically visit the library or be connected to an internal network to access these resources.

"We have electronically opened the doors to our major collections by adding finding aids and the Library catalog to the World Wide Web," says Public Services Librarian Juleigh CLARK. "Now, when researchers come to the Library, they will have a better idea of what we own, and we can serve them more efficiently." Other features on the website include a virtual exhibit of some of the treasures from the **ROCKEFELLER** Library's rare book and manuscript collections and special indexes to articles in The Colonial Williamsburg Journal and The Colonial Williamsburg Interpreter.

Of special interest is an index to the several hundred research reports written at Colonial Williamsburg over the last sixty years. Early American History Research Reports are distinguished for the significant amount of primary source material in them and for their time and place specificity: eighteenth-century Virginia.

The John D. **ROCKEFELLER**, Jr. Library is a research library specializing in the history and culture of the colonial Chesapeake. It is located near the Historic Area at 313 First Street and is open to the public. Library hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Ben **RONZONE** purchased it in 1943. Esther married Ed **RECANZONE**, and they owned and operate the Emporium Clothing Store in Yerington, Nevada. Son R. J. "Dick" **RONZONE** was president and general manager of the **RONZONE** store in Las Vegas.

Bertha **RONZONE** formed an idea and carried it through. From the first general store which provided socks to miners, **RONZONE**'s concluded its expansion with a "new store" in the multi-million dollar Boulevard Mall in Las Vegas.

"Beginning a business as I did would be virtually impossible in today's society," says Bertha. "However, any young person with the initiative to persevere will be successful. All you have to do is keep that 'idea' in mind."

FINDING CHURCH RECORDS

by Helen SMITH, CCNGS

The following article is based on the short program which was presented by Helen SMITH at the August 2000 meeting of CCNGS. I hope that you find this informative; it is a vast subject and this is only a general guide to church records.

There are numerous church records which can be researched. The first which most people think of are baptism and christening records. These records will list the name of the person being baptized, the date and place of baptism, and often the date and place of birth of the person. Infant baptisms will usually indicate the parents' names and often their place of residence; early records may only provide the name of the father. If it does not list the date of birth, it may list the age of the person being baptized. Baptismal records provide the names of sponsors or god-parents who are often close relatives of the parents and the child.

The next type of record is the marriage record. A church marriage record pre-dates civil marriage records by many decades/centuries in most areas. If you are searching for Puritans, they viewed marriage as a civil contract, therefore the marriages were performed by civil magistrates and marriages are not recorded in the church. Marriage records vary widely in content and may be as meager to include only the names of the bride and the groom with the date of the marriage to as complete to include names, ages, residences, birthplaces, and religion of the bride and groom, occupation of the groom, place where the ceremony was held, the names and birthplaces of the parents of the couple, and the name of the officiating priest. Catholic, Lutheran, and German Reformed marriage records often list the birthplaces of the bride and groom.

Death records are also found in church archives. Originally churches only recorded the name of the person and the burial date, then they added the death date as well. Some church records state where the person was born, status (ex: "child", "widow"), where the person was living, date of death, date of burial, age at death: year-month-day, and the page in the register of families.

Confirmation records are usually name lists. Scandinavian records also have the date of confirmation, age, names of parents, place of baptism, degree of Christian knowledge, and the status of the parents.

Membership records are communicants lists which will show the disappearance of a family when they move to another community or of one of the members of the family when a death occurs. These early records have removals or dismissals recorded on up through the 1920's.

Other types of church records which may reveal information on your ancestors include minutes of the church council or vestry which may have information on members of the parish as well as listing the members of the council which rotates periodically. Disciplinary records of the membership may also be found. Members may be recorded in pew rental records. Family registers reconstruct the family (like a family group sheet) with birth dates and places, moving in and out, marriages with the appearance of a new spouse, or the death of a member of the family.

There are also diocesan or denominational level records such as ordinations, confirmations, admission and dismissal of clergy, and obituaries of pastors. Church histories include names of members of the congregation in different levels of involvement.

In modern times you may find church membership directories which include the name, address, and phone number of the member and possibly what position they hold in the church. Some directories will also include an individual picture or a family picture, but these pictorial directories are usually published less frequently.

Now that you are aware of some of the various church records that are available, you need to know how to find them. This, of course, is the big challenge. First you will need to determine what church or synagogue your ancestor attended. To do this you need to know the religion of the ancestor; here you must start with what you know. Remember you are working your way back from the known to the unknown. Find directories of churches in the area where your ancestor lived to locate the closest church to their home. If more than one church is in the area, check the ethnicity of each of the churches.

Be open minded in this search! Your ancestors may have attended a church not of their denomination simply because there were NO churches of their religious affiliation available in the community where they were residing or a closer church may have been attended regularly except for significant religious events. They may have converted to another religion because of marriage, religious persecution or some other reason (even convenience).

In order to find the religious affiliation, you may find clues in various civil records. There may be an indication of religious affiliation in funeral records, cemetery records and obituaries; death records will lead to these records. Civil marriage records often contain the name of the person who officiated, then you can check church directories for that person's name to find the church. Probate records may reveal money given to religious institutions; also religious institutional histories may contain the names of its donors.

When you know the name of the church, you need to locate where the records are kept: church level, central repository, or denominational archives. If the church is still in existence, a phone call to the church may provide the answer to where the records are kept. If the church is no longer in existence, check the regional headquarters to find the archives. You might also call one of the churches in existence to ask if they know what happened to the church you are looking for and where its records might be; people in small towns usually are aware of such closures and where records might be.

The Church of Later Day Saints has filmed records of many denominations and you may search the catalogue at
<http://www.familysearch.org/Search/searchcatalog.asp>.

When requesting a search of records at a church, it is common courtesy to send some donation to defray the cost of any research done at the church.

You may want to go online for help to find information on churches, records and archives. You also can check the resources such as the **Genealogist's Address Book** by Elizabeth Petty BENTLEY for addresses to which you can write. You may also want to use the Yellow Pages or Information Operator at 1-(area code)-555-1212 to obtain a phone number for the church you need.

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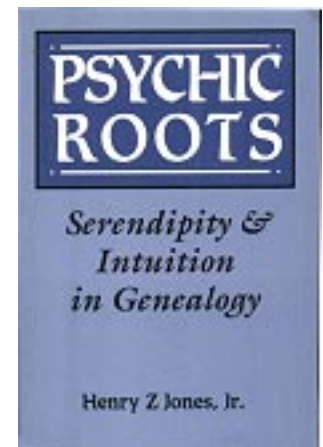
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HIDDEN SOURCES: FAMILY HISTORY IN UNLIKELY PLACES

by Laura Szucs PFEIFFER

In **Hidden Sources**, first-time, part-time, and even full-time family history researchers will find many little-known sources that may contain information about their ancestors' lives. Readers will discover short explanations for each entry that help them determine immediately whether or not a given record contains the information they need.

Readers get an overview of more than a hundred sources, including:

- Admiralty Court Records
- Adoption Records
- Alien Registration Records
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- American Medical Association Records
- Apprenticeship Records
- Coroner's Inquests
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- Necrologies
- Orphan Asylum Records
- Orphan Train Records, 1853-1929
- Patent Records
- Prison Records
- Slavery Records
- Territorial Records
- U.S. Serial Set
- Voter's Registration Records

Author Laura Szucs PFEIFFER provides clues to the location of these little-used records and a list of books with further information about the records. And for those who enjoy using the Internet in their research, the author has also included URLs that will take them to sites with further information about these hidden sources.

Below is a sample entry from the book:

MARRIAGE DISPENSATIONS, p. 138,

In some religions, a dispensation was necessary, under certain circumstances, for a couple to be married in a religious ceremony. Dispensations were requested for various reasons, such as not wanting banns read or posted, a marriage between cousins, or, most commonly, a marriage between a couple of different religious backgrounds. In the Catholic Church, for example, a dispensation is necessary for a Catholic to marry someone of another denomination. In those cases, dispensation records reveal a good deal of biographical information: names of prospective bride and groom, their birthplaces (sometimes including exact towns, which can be specially helpful in learning a foreign origin), residence at the time of filing for the dispensation, and the names of both parents, often including the mother's maiden name.

In order to locate this kind of record, the religious backgrounds of the couple of interest must be determined as well as where and when the marriage took place. If the records have been saved for the time period in question, an inquiry to the religious headquarters, diocese, or archive may be the best starting point. If nothing else, this may narrow the search to a particular congregation or parish.

An example of a published collection of Catholic dispensations is "Bishop Loughlin's Dispensations-Diocese of Brooklyn 1859-1866," Volume 1 by Joseph M. Silinonte. The value of this particular book of 5,200 dispensations lies not only in its content, but in its coverage—the Diocese of Brooklyn included all of Long Island (then Kings, Queens, and Suffolk counties) and present-day Nassau County, a total of thirty-five churches. Furthermore this region was the initial stopping-off place for many immigrants, who would later move elsewhere.

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"**Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places**" is available in the Ancestry.com E-Store at: <http://shop.myfamily.com/ancestrycatalog/product.asp?pf%5Fid=1447&dept%5Fid=10201000>

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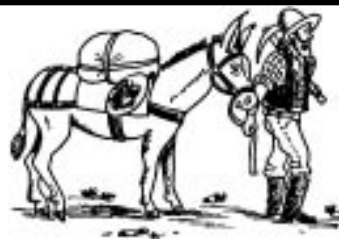
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Genealogy Tasks for the Temporarily Housebound

GC Extra

Elizabeth Kelley **KERSTENS**, CGRS - 12/14/2000

I live in the snow-covered Detroit metropolitan area where many of us were stranded in our own homes on Monday after receiving 8-12 inches of the white stuff overnight. What to do, what to do? Often when we suddenly find ourselves with unplanned free time, we don't know where to start. We get the "kid in a candy store" syndrome and want to do everything we've been saving for that proverbial rainy day. I'd like to share a few suggestions that might help you get over the hump and be productive.

1. Clean off your desk or clean out your inbox. Do you have a place where your "stuff" just keeps piling up? Now's the time to tackle it. You may not think this is a useful task for a gift of free time, but I contend that you're more productive if you tackle piles in your way or within your line of sight. There's a great sense of satisfaction that comes upon seeing a clean desktop after months of trying to remember what that desktop looked like. A word of caution: Cleaning your desktop doesn't just mean moving one pile to another location. It means going through the pile and putting each item in its proper destination.

2. Enter data from unfiled genealogical documents into your genealogical program, then file the documents--properly! Often, we return from genealogy adventures and don't have time to finish the research process by entering all of the data we found into our genealogical and/or filing programs. These items are frequently the cause of new piles forming in various spots around our homes or offices. Why not select a stack and start methodically entering the information from each document into whatever programs you use to keep track of such items? Once you have recorded all of the relevant information, systematically file each document so you can find it again.

3. Install and learn to use new software. Many of us are probably guilty of purchasing new software (or upgrades to existing software) and then letting the programs sit unopened on our shelf for months. Why not take this opportunity to install the software, peruse the manual, and start learning to use the software? Sometimes if we purposely take the time to learn a new software program, we'll ultimately save ourselves many hours of frustration that might come in trying to make the software conform to how we think it should work.

4. Browse some educational genealogical Web sites to learn about what's new in genealogy. In my *GC Extra column of 9 November 2000*, I discussed some Web sites with free educational material. With lots of time on your hands, now might be the best time to read what is offered on these pages.

5. Pick a family, and do some Internet searches on it. You may

already do this on a regular basis, so maybe it's time to pick a family for which you haven't yet conducted Internet searches. Visit the popular Web sites for searches, including *Ancestry.com*, *RootsWeb.com*, and *FamilySearch.org*. When you conduct these searches, be sure to keep track of exactly what you were researching, which individuals you were researching, where you conducted the search, and the date of the search. This information is necessary in order to remember what you've already searched, but also as a record of your search. I have a free, downloadable Internet Research Calendar in WordPerfect 8.0 template format available on my Web site (<http://www.ancestordetective.com>). This template will assist you in keeping track of the items mentioned above.

6. Write correspondence to record repositories. Many of us have to-do lists containing correspondence tasks that have been left untouched. Today's the day to tackle some of these. We can't always get everything we need over the Internet; sometimes it takes a snail-mail letter to a county clerk to get a copy of a deed we're missing. If you take the time today to write some of these letters, imagine the jubilation you'll feel when you start receiving the responses to your requests in the mail! Back before e-mail, we all had to correspond this way, and the mail carrier was our best friend. He or she still can be, but we've got to initiate the correspondence. Just don't forget to send self-addressed, stamped envelopes with your correspondence so you'll be more likely to receive a reply.

These six items should give you enough ideas to start tackling some of your long-overdue projects. If you have other ideas for a housebound kind of day, please send them to me at the e-mail address below, and I'll share them with readers. Now, I've got to get out and shovel some snow.

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The Civil War Research database, available online to Ancestry.com Premium Members, has the digitized, indexed, and interlinked roster records of 2,100,000 soldiers (out of approximately 4 million who served), 2,719 regimental chronicles, 1,010 officer profiles, 3,343 battle synopses, and 1,012 soldier photographs to date.

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"*Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary.*" Helen S. CARLSON, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 209.



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