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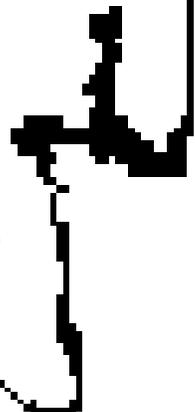


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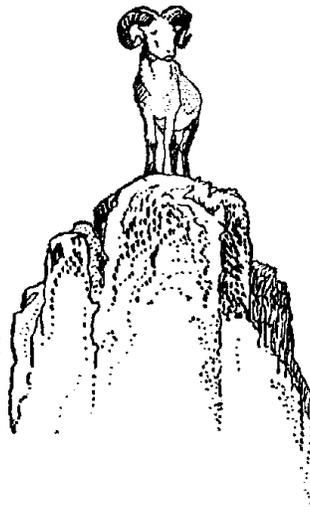
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DIG OUT YOUR BOOKS AND MATERIALS

CCNGS is pleased to announce that our first donation of books has been made to the Henderson Library District for the new genealogical collection and facility. On March 8th, six boxes of catalogued books were transported to the library district for processing in readiness for the library. Three additional boxes of books were sent a week later and those were followed by ten boxes of periodicals.

For those of you who have been holding your books, waiting to donate them when a library facility was secured, please notify the Library Committee (Alyce **WELCH**, Barbara **CULLINGS** or Helen **SMITH**) of what materials you will be donating. Bring your donations to a meeting when directed by the committee. We will process all books and materials as we receive them; we are cataloguing all items **BEFORE** they are sent to the library.

PLEASE, DO NOT TAKE BOOKS DIRECTLY TO THE LIBRARY TO DONATE THEM; THE LIBRARY DISTRICT WANTS TO RECEIVE THEM IN A CONTROLLED MANNER.

LDS LONE MOUNTAIN STAKE FAMILY HISTORY PROGRAM

2001 Event Schedule

Pat **PRINCE**, new NWFHC Director, has just forwarded the class schedule. All classes at the Northwest FHC are held on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm. Seminars are on Saturday.

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

CLASSES

April 24th	Tennessee
May 22nd	Kentucky
June 26th	Ohio
July	No Class
Aug	No Class
Sep 25th	Tentative "Using Family Search on the internet"
Oct 23rd	Tentatively "LDS Records"

Please note: Class size is **LIMITED** to the first 80 registrants. There is no charge to attend class

SEMINAR

The Lone Mountain Stake Annual Family History Seminar will be held on Sat., May 12th, 2001, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Seminar will include two classes: (1) The Essentials of Field Research and (2) Using the Internet to Prepare for Field Research. Limited to 150 registrants. An optional handout of notes will be available for \$1.00 payable at the Seminar.

LMS FAMILY HISTORY ROOM

The Stake Family History Room (located at the back of the Stake Center) is open Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM (other times by appointment). We have access to 100+ million records through our CD-ROM library. Recently we set up an Internet connection and now have vast genealogical resources available at our finger tips! This is a great way to get some one-on-one help!

For questions, comments, suggestions or to register for classes and events contact Pat **PRINCE** at 395-9224 or e-mail at rlprinc@attglobal.net

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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 Months
Feb-May and Oct-Nov
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.

Call Charles **RECKER**
for next meeting (457-3889)

Meetings 2001

- 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.
- Aug 16 Short Topic: East Coast Forts - What You Can Find by Mac **PURSEL**. Long Topic: Work Groups by Country British Isles, Germany, Scandinavia other?? Bring stuff and share.
- Sep 20 Birthday Party. Humor in Genealogy by Margaret **LOUIS**; Installation of new officers.
- OCT** **Fall Seminar - Leland METZGER of Heritage Quest**
- Oct 2 British Isles Interest Group - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in the Conference Room at 1pm. Sharing the Researchers' Summer, Findings on the World Wide Web, cemetery, court house, national archives, and places "you wouldn't believe."
- Oct 18 Short Topic: TBA Long Topic: Tips on using Genealogy Databases by Will **PRATT**
- Nov 6 British Isles Interest Group - Meeting at the Summerlin



“Breakthrough in Black Family History Research”
26 February 2001

In honor of Black History Month, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the release of Freedman's Bank Records on CD, a unique searchable database documenting several generations of African Americans immediately following the Civil War. The completion of the 11-year project was announced by Church officials during a teleconference between Salt Lake City and Washington D.C. News conferences were also held across the nation in Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Oakland, Denver, Houston, Dallas, Raleigh, Miami and St. Louis.

The Freedman's Bank project began in 1989, when Marie **TAYLOR**, an employee of the Family and Church History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, found the original microfilms of the records. She immediately recognized their significance: “When I discovered the Freedman's Bank records, I envisioned African Americans breaking the chains of slavery and forging the bonds of families.”

CCNGS would be interested in purchasing the disc from the LDS for our new Henderson Library if the funds are available.

NOW SEARCH ALL AFRICAN-AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS IN THE 1870 CENSUS!

It's finally here — a nationwide index of all African-American households in 1870 America! Generations Archives World Immigration Series: African-Americans in the 1870 U.S. Federal Census provides precision accuracy from Heritage Quest. It allows you to easily access all 1,672,417 heads of African-American families in this first post-Civil War enumeration. This invaluable search tool also provides maps, illustrations, articles and Internet addresses for further understanding your ancestor's lives.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESERVING PHOTOS FOR GENEALOGICAL USE

If you want your genealogical photos to last, it is best to use black and white film and insist on black and white print paper. Pictures printed on colored film and print paper begin to fade within six years, but pictures in black and white, even those from early in the twentieth century and on are still clear.— Marilynne (**JENNINGS RECKER**) (CCNGS)

All of us have committed the ultimate “sin” of not identifying the people on a picture or the date. If you have not fallen for this sin, perhaps, you have committed the sin of writing on the backs of pictures with a ball point pen which may in time “bleed” onto the front of the picture. There is a solution which our **CCNGS** member, Barbara **CULLINGS**, has shared with us. Use a Photo Labeling pencil. One end writes in black while the other end is white. The black can be used on the back of picture while the white can be used on the front of the picture. This pencil can be purchased from Creative Memories.

TIME LINES—A USEFUL AID IN GENEALOGY
Linnea M. **ANDERSON** (CCNGS)

Time lines can serve many useful purposes including organizing one's data, alerting one to discrepancies in dates-- a person can't immigrate to the United States before he is born-- or helping to trace a person's movements. Using a computer to list dates in chronological order is much easier than if one were to write dates on index cards.

Time lines may be just a chronological listing of the person's activities. Some writers suggest that there should be an entry for each and every year. The entry may be just a note of the information to be retained, i.e., Joe **DOE** was born on such and such a date.

I, personally, write in complete sentences incorporating all pertinent data and do not attempt to provide an entry for each and every year. Using such a format can be very helpful in writing a person's history as well as tracing a person's movements. Two examples from my father's time line follow.

“16 Nov. 1890: Abel Sanfrid **ANDERSON**¹ was born on the Hagan farm (the Pasture) at Kråkvattnet, (Crow's Water) Tived, Skaraborg County, Sweden to Anders Gustaf **ANDERSSON** and Johanna Lovisa **KARLSDOTTER**. (*JOHANNA'S BIBLE* .) Not too much is known of his early childhood, but he often told of having to knit his own socks since there were no girls in his family. In later years, he taught his wife, Seena, to knit.

.....1904: Abel was confirmed as indicated in his **NEW TESTAMENT**, a usual confirmation gift in the Swedish Lutheran Church. He also told me that he was confirmed at the age of fourteen. I have copies of two pictures taken at that time—one is of the Anders Gustaf **ANDERSSON** family—Abel, his three younger brothers, his mother, father and his father's mother. The other picture includes all of those in the family picture plus members of the extended family including one man who is proudly holding his horse!”

I also include pertinent historical dates especially as they relate to the person's life. An example:

“26 Oct. 1905: After months of threats and meetings, the union between Norway and Sweden was peacefully dissolved and Prince Carl of Denmark became Hakon VII, king of Norway. I remember my father telling of the tension the Swedes felt during this period of negotiation before the peaceful settlement came about after months of threats and counter-threats for there had been serious talks of Sweden going to war against the Norwegians. It should be noted that the Norwegians date the dissolution as 07 June 1905—an indication of this period of uncertainty. (**SCOTT**, Franklin D., **SWEDEN: The Nation's History**, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1977, pp. 327-333.) Perhaps these examples will help others in deciding how to keep their own times lines.

¹Note: I have used the spelling my father used after coming to the United States. His father's surname has the double "ss" as is common in Sweden.

”Thirteen Reasons Our Ancestors Migrated”

George G. MORGAN: “ALONG THOSE LINES . . .”

We are a very mobile society today. People think nothing of accepting a job offer in another state or in another country on the other side of the globe. But it was not always so. In other times, the decision to migrate to another place was a very major consideration. It was fraught with risk and danger and meant leaving many things behind. Undertaking such a move might also have meant never seeing parents, siblings, other family members, and friends again. It was a very big decision!

Do you know where your ancestors came from? Do you know what influenced their decision to migrate? Do you know why your ancestors settled where they did? The answers to these questions can help you better understand your ancestors and, in turn, help you develop better hypotheses about them.

Let’s consider thirteen prominent reasons why ancestors might have migrated from one place to another.

THIRTEEN REASONS WHY ANCESTORS MIGRATED

Let me first say that the thirteen reasons that follow cannot possibly encompass the universe of factors that influenced our ancestors to make a move. However, these thirteen (in no particular order) appear throughout history as the most common reasons for migrating to a new place.

Religious or Ethnic Persecution. The desire for the freedom to exercise one’s religious beliefs or to pursue the lifestyle of one’s ethnic group is one the most overwhelming reasons for migration of our ancestors. Protestants practiced their religion in secret during the rule of Catholic monarchs across Europe. You will recall stories of the Puritans, Quakers, and Huguenots and their migrations to establish some of the most successful settlements in the New World. In addition, the persecution of Jews throughout history forced many of them to relocate again and again, and many migrated again to settle in the newly formed nation of Israel after its formation in 1948. Were your ancestors persecuted, and as a result, did they migrate elsewhere?

Natural Disasters. Drought, floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, fires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters were life-altering catastrophes that caused people to leave one place and move to another. Recent examples include the Johnstown Flood of 1889, the hurricane in 1900 that decimated Galveston, TX, the San Francisco earthquakes of 1906 and 1989, the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens, and this year’s devastating wildfires near Los Alamos, NM. All of these calamities resulted in loss of life and destruction of property, and many survivors abandoned the area and migrated elsewhere. Were your ancestors victims of such a catastrophe?

Famine. Drought and plant diseases are common natural causes of famine; wars, land mismanagement, and other human-caused disasters also result in famine. Whatever the reason for famine, people cannot withstand starvation for long, and they often migrate elsewhere. Consider the Irish Potato Famine, the Dust Bowl of the Great Depression in the United States, the accounts of Chinese famines in Jung Chang’s book “Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China,” and the TV news accounts we frequently see of famine in Africa. Starving people will become refugees to seek sources of nourishment. Did any of your ancestors migrate because of famine?

Economic Problems. The economic problems of an area can cause

people to migrate. Consider the tale of the French stonemason who, because of economic inflation and government politics in the early 1800s, could not find enough work to feed his family and his parents. On hearing of the growing housing development in upstate New York created by the opening of the Erie Canal, he sold everything and moved his entire extended family to America; there he began what became one of the most successful building concerns in what is now the Buffalo, NY area.

War. The conflict and destruction caused by war is a major cause for upheaval of persons. People may have been fleeing approaching armies, or the men may have been trying to avoid conscription in order to protect and provide for their families. They may have lost their homes and possessions as a result of bombing. They may also have been the targets of political or ethnic persecution. They may even have been like Anne **FRANK**, the Jewish girl whose diary recounts her family’s persecution, flight, and hiding in Amsterdam during World War II. Wars displace people and make them refugees. Were your ancestors participants in or victims of a war?

Political Strife/Turmoil/Oppression. Political conditions may be too oppressive to be endured, and as a result, people may flee to other areas or countries. The United States has for centuries been a haven to Europeans emigrating to seek freedom from political oppression. German citizens emigrated during the 1930s to avoid the expanding Nazi menace; Russian athletes and dancers defected to the United States when they had an opportunity to visit; Cuban refugees continue to attempt to flee the **CASTRO** regime. Were your ancestors trying to avoid political oppression when they came to North America?

Following Family and Friends. Many people followed other family members or friends who had already moved somewhere else. Tales and promises of better living conditions, prosperity, or opportunity to start a new life were sometimes irresistible lures. Pioneers who went west in wagon trains to settle in California and Oregon wrote home with glowing descriptions that convinced families and friends to join them. And who can forget the irresistible lure of gold in California in the late 1840s and 1850s? Sometimes, too, people decided to accompany their family members or good friends when they decided to migrate. In my own ancestry, I can trace four brothers and their entire families and seventeen families that were their close friends, including their minister and his family, who all migrated from Cecil County, MD to Mecklenburg County, NC in the 1740s. This was not uncommon. Did your ancestors follow or accompany other family or friends to another location?

Adoption. Adoption forces the movement of the adoptee from one place to another without his or her control. Not only were there simple family-to-family placements, but also the Orphan Trains carried children from cities across North America and placed as many as 150,000 to 200,000 children in new homes in forty-seven states, Canada, and South America. Was one of your ancestors an adoptee? Was your ancestor relocated by the Orphan Trains?

Slavery. Unfortunately, the heinous institution of slavery was responsible for rending families apart and relocating tens of thousands of persons. The sale or exchange of human beings removed people from Africa to the New World and then from place to place as a result of sale or barter. Were any of your ancestors slaves?

Forced Relocation of Native Americans. As the colonies and states

grew and expanded, Native Americans were deemed "in the way of progress." Armed conflicts between Native Americans and white settlers and their armies ensued. Ultimately, the Native Americans lost and were coerced or compelled to sign treaties with the government. These treaties called for the ceding of Native American lands and the permanent relocation of American Indians to parcels referred to as reservations. Many died in the relocation marches, such as the "Trail of Tears." Were any of your ancestors Native Americans who were forced to relocate to a reservation?

Criminal Incarceration/Deportment. Some criminals were transported to the colonies to serve their sentences of hard labor or to simply get rid of them permanently. Others were offered the option of relocating to a colony rather than face prolonged imprisonment in their homeland. James Edward **OGLETHORPE**, for instance, devised a plan for the colony of Georgia to be populated by the debtors released from prison and the so-called "worthy poor" of London. Australia was originally a penal colony. Were any of your ancestors criminals or debtors who were deported to another place?

Not a First Son. It was common in the Middle Ages (and later) for the eldest son to inherit all property on the death of his father. He could allow his mother and other siblings to remain or could force them to leave. Sisters to the eldest son were usually married off; depending on the size of the estate and the temperament of the inheritor, his brothers either remained on sufferance or as employees of the eldest son, or they were encouraged to strike out on their own to make their own way in the world. Was your ancestor an inheriting eldest son, or one who moved on to make it on his own?

Great Financial Opportunity. We've all heard tales of immigrants who came to America to see the streets that were "paved with gold." Many immigrants left family, friends, and everything familiar for the opportunity to make a new life and to prosper.

Genealogical Conference

If any of you expect to be in the midwest next month, you might consider attending the Spring Conference of the Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America which will be held at Der Dutchman Restaurant (love that name!) in Plain City, Ohio on Saturday, April 28. Registration commences at 8:30 A.M.

Speakers:

In the morning:

Kenneth **SMITH** - Confirming a Place of Origin

Bob & Virginia **CASSADY** - Experience as a Novice Researcher in Germany

In the afternoon:

Kenneth **SMITH** - Special Problems in German Church Records

The fee is \$25 for members and \$27 for non-members

Send E-Mail to Charley **RECKER** (GENBUFF3@AOL.COM) if you need further information.

Probably more than any other reason for migrating, this is the most common. Did your ancestor come to the United States to make a fortune?

GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT

There were many motivations for your ancestors to migrate from overseas to the New World. Once here, they learned firsthand of opportunities where they landed and beyond, and they may have moved once, twice, or more times until they found what suited their needs.

It is important to do more than just fill in pedigree charts for your ancestors. Learn all you can about their families. Research the history of the area in which your ancestor began his or her life, and try to determine when he/she moved. What factors may have influenced the decision to migrate? Where did the person(s) migrate to? Did they make multiple moves? Why? And finally, why did they settle where they did? Many of the answers to these questions may help you better understand your family and the values they shared and imparted to succeeding generations. Maybe you'll learn a little more about yourself in the process!

Happy Hunting!

George

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Please note that he cannot assist you with your individual research. Visit George's Web site at for information about speaking engagements. George is also the author of "**The Genealogy Forum on America Online**".

THE OLD COUNTRY - PHOTOS TAKEN

Barbara **CULLINGS** hired Jim **DURHEIM** to visit and take pictures of her ancestral villages and towns in Fredesdorf and Jersbeck Manor in Germany. She has discussed this at several of our genealogical meetings and has shared some of the gorgeous photos that Jim sent her. To see his work and to see some of the pictures he took for Barbara, visit his website at

www.heritagequest.com/genealogy/europe/html/fredesdorf.html

For further information as to how you can acquire photos such as these, contact Barbara at our next meeting.

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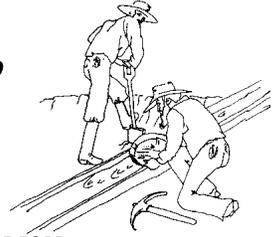
AARP LifeAnswers offers information on getting started in researching your family tree through an affiliation with Genealogy.com. find out more at **www.aarplifeanswers.com**.

For Web resources for budding genealogist, go to **www.aarp.org/bulletin**.

(*WAGS Newsletter* Vol 20 No. 10, March 2001 p.138)



QUERIES



CRIMMONS, MULDOON

Searching for information regarding Patrick Phil **CRIMMONS** mar. Catherine **MULDOON** in Wapello Co. Iowa 25 April 1911. Who are the parents of Patrick.....

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MOREHEAD, MALOY

Seeking descendants of James Thomas **MOREHEAD**, born 7/7/1862, Russellville, KY; Died 3/1/1936 San Jose, CA and Mary Molly **MALOY**, born 12/7/1878, Dumas, MO; Died 6/1/1925 San Jose, CA whose children were Bessie M, born 7/4/1894, John Thomas 1/19/?, James Leland 11/12/?, Evelyn K, born 1/1/1901, Larve J, born 7/26/1904, Presley Frank, 9/9/1901, Mary Ellen, born 3/9/1912, and Mildred L, born 2/26/1914. James Thomas **MOREHEAD** was a railroad man.

Franklin Z. **MOREHEAD**, 603 Lisbon Street, Henderson, NV 89015, (702) 564-3813, HEAD333@AOL.COM

FANSWORTH, TEMPLE

Seeking information on the origin of the **FANSWORTH** and **TEMPLE** families in England or Europe.
Henry T. **DZIEGIEL**, 2657 Windmill Rarkway #379, Henderson, NV 89014, e-mail: Rodziny@AOL.COM

COOKSON, LNU, PRICE, MENDENHALL

Seeking information on the **COOKSON** line from Pennsylvania. Descendants of Daniel **COOKSON**, Samuel **COOKSON**, born abt 1743 in Warrington York County, Pennsylvania. He had three wives. (1) Mary **LNU**, (2) Mary Ruth **PRICE** (3) Sarah **MENDENHALL**. Joan (**HAMILTON**) **KUSHNER**, 10528 Back Plains Drive, Sun City Summerlin, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134-7410, email: desrat123@aol.com, 702-360-5032 (also a fax, but you must call first).

PURSEL

Need information on Edgar Nelson **PURSEL** (b) 10 May 1884 Marshalltown, Iowa. Last seen by family at Father's funeral 10 Feb 1931.
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PERRY

Seeking information on the John **PERRY** family migrated to Boston, Massachusetts from Ireland/Scotland in about 1909. They moved to Los Angeles California.
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MERMON

Conducting a *ONE NAME STUDY* on the surname **MERMON** and its variations, if any. I have visited my grandmother village(wies) in southeastern Polska. This surname is not Polish and could be Austrian. I have information on the possible origin of the surname and a familytree plus other data. Seeking individuals and families (rodziny) who would like to share information with the objective of

developing a website and a Book of **MERMONS**.

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PURSEL, TAYLOR, BROWN

What happened to Dorothy **PURSEL** (b) 1912 Marshalltown, Iowa to Erwin **PURSEL** and Hazel **TAYLOR BROWN** ? Dorothy raised by grandparents following father's death in WWI.
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BLOMQUIST, BLOMQVIST

Conducting a *ONE NAME STUDY* on the Swedish surname **BLOMQUIST, BLOMQVIST** and its variations. I have visited my grandmothers family farms on in the land Islands, Finland. I have information on the origin of the surname and the family trees plus other data. Seeking individuals and families who would like to share information with the objective of developing a website and a Book of **BLOMQUISTS**

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KUSHNER

Seeking information of the Jacob **KUSHNER** family born in Muldova, Russia. Removed to Los Angeles, California.
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FRY, CRIMMONS, SCHMIDT

Family Historian needs information of Harry **FRY'S** parents. Harry (b) 5 Jan 1874 Memphis, Scotland Co. Missouri (d) 17 Sep 1955 Mason City, Cerro Gordo, Iowa. 1st. wife Nellie **CRIMMONS**, #2 Elizabeth, #3 Josephine **SCHMIDT**. He was a conductor on the SOO Line at Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Accident on railroad injured hand and arm. Would also like info on the records or museum of this railroad.
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DEITCH, CRIMMONS

Searching for Information on James Charles **DEITCH** m. Catherine "Rene" **CRIMMONS**, 25 April 1911 Wapello Co., Iowa. Had two sons Huey and James. Any information on this family appreciated....
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DZIE,GIEL, DZIE,GIELSKI, DZIE,GIELOWSKI (-SKA), DZIE,GIELEWSKI, DZIE,GIELEWICZ - DZIEGIEL, DZIENGIEL, DZINGL, DZIEGEL, DZINGLE, ETC.

Conducting a *ONE NAME STUDY* on the Polish (Polska) surname (nawisko) **DZIE,GIEL(DZIEGIEL)** and its variations. I have visited my grandfather village (wies) in southeastern Polska and the Wies of Dzie,giel. I have information on the origin of the surname and a number of family trees plus other data. Seeking individuals and families (rodziny) who would like to share information with the

objective of developing a website and a Book of Dziegiel.
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Given Name study for: HENRY, HENRYK, ENRIQUE, and variations. Female: HENRYETTE, HENRKA.
Conducting a *GIVEN NAME STUDY* (First Name) for all variation of the male and female version of the name HENRY (HENRYETTE) in English and HENRYK (HENRYKA) in Polski. The Polish Name Day is July 15. Seeking individuals who have this given name and would like to share information with the objective of developing a website and a Book of Henrys.
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ZYLA, NOWACKI

Seeking descendants of Adela **ZYLA** who was born 13 July 1886, died September 1981; social security number: 139-54-5085 issued in NJ (1972); last residence: 07105 Newark, Essex, NJ. Her parents were Wojciech **NOWACKI** and Elzbieta.
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FARROW, TAFT

Looking for children of Benjamin **FARROW** and Ruth **TAFT** who were: Drucilla, Theodore, Submit, Cecelia, Israel, and Independence. They were in Peacham, VT from 1782-1827.
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FARROW, STEWART

Seeking the children of Theodore **FARROW** and Phebe **STEWART**. Theodore was born 1807 in Cambridge, MA.
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FARROW, COLBURN

Seeking children of Caleb **FARROW** and Rebecca **COLBURN** in VT around 1850.
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McCAUSLAND, SUMNER, DOYLE

Seeking any information on Sumner **McCAUSLAND** of Gardiner, Maine and Ella-Velma **DOYLE** of Biddeford, Maine.
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O'DONNELL

Need any information available on John **O'DONNELL** of Waterford, Ireland who immigrated to Boston, MA.
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KIMBALL, OWEN, HOBART, LUMSDEN, TYLER

Searching for descendants of the following brothers and sisters who were living in the Oakland/Palo Alto, CA area in 1913: Simeon C. **KIMBALL**, William B. **KIMBALL**, Albert D. **KIMBALL**, Mrs. Richard (Martha) **OWEN**, Mrs. Harriet **HOBART**, Mrs. William S. (Kate) **LUMSDEN** and Mrs. Willard (Mary Alice) **TYLER**. Also children of their cousin, Porter B. **KIMBALL**: Elsie, Dora, Gertrude, Martha, Charles B., Porter B. and Alice.
Eloise **KIMBALL** 4290 Northbrook Blvd N, Stillwater, MN 55082-1204, e-mail: eloisekim@aol.com

RITZENTHALER

Seeking descendants of Jacques/Jacob **RITZENTHALER** of North Freedom, Sauk County, Wisconsin. Arrived from Sundhausen, Bas-Rhin, France (formerly German area) in 1872 with wife, Salome, and children: Jacob/Jacques, Georges, Sophie Fritz, and Salome.
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SULLIVAN

Looking for Michael **SULLIVAN** who was born abt 1858 in Massachusetts to Jeramiah and Mary **SULLIVAN**; moved with family to northern Michigan. Mike later moved to Wier (?), Kansas around 1900s. Had a daughter who was a teacher; visited family in northern Minnesota.
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SULLIVAN, McCARTY/McCARTHY

Trying to find the death and burial site of Mary **SULLIVAN** who was buried in Ashland, Wisconsin in early 1900s. A grandchild "baby" **McCARTY/McCARTHY** was buried beside her.
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- Avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- State carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.
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MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

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First Generation

1. **RECKER**, Charles Edward, CPA (Ret), b. Delphos, Ohio 11 Oct. 1932

Second Generation (Parents)

2. **RECKER**, William Edward, b. Kalida, Ohio 22 March 1902 d. Huntsville, Alabama 20 April 1974. Factory worker in Detroit, Michigan.
3. **BUSCH**, Mona Catherine, b. Delphos, Ohio 22 Dec. 1910. Homemaker.

Third Generation (Grandparents)

4. **RECKER**, John Francis, b. Putnam Co., Ohio 1 March 1869 d. there 9 Feb. 1931. Dealer in real estate and horses.
5. **EDELBROCK**, Helena, b. Putnam Co. Ohio 20 May 1872 d. there 19 July 1909. Homemaker.
6. **BUSCH**, Charles Frederick, b. Van Wert Co., Ohio 4 Nov. 1877, d. Delphos, Ohio 2 Oct. 1957. Partner in a hardware store.
7. **WILCOX**, Anna Rosella, b. 25 Jan. 1880, Delphos, Ohio, d. there 11 Oct 1949. Homemaker.

Fourth Generation (Great-Grandparents)

8. **RECKER**, John Henry, b. Putnam Co. Ohio 2 Aug. 1846, d. there 28 May 1904. Farmer.
9. **KAHLE**, Pauline, b. Putnam Co. Ohio 17 Mar. 1846, d. there 22 Mar. 1904. Homemaker. Pauline's half-brother, August, served in the Union Army during the Civil War and was a casualty of the conflict.
10. **EDELBROCK**, Henry Andrew, b. Oelde, Westphalia 7 Jan. 1827, d. Kalida, Putnam Co. Ohio 6 July 1913. Came to America in 1835. Farmer. Andrew's brother, Franz Wilhelm, served in the Union Army during the Civil War and was a casualty of the conflict.
11. **HERLAGE**, Mary Catherine, b. Glandorf, Germany 12 May 1840 d. Putnam Co. Ohio 20 Aug. 1892. Homemaker.
12. **BUSCH**, Herman Henry, b. Bohmte, Germany 14 July 1845 d. Delphos, Ohio 20 Nov. 1921. Proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel in Brookville, Indiana.
13. **AUER**, Barbara, b. Van Wert Co., Ohio 12 Oct. 1852 d. Delphos, Ohio 14 July 1936. Homemaker.
14. **WILCOX**, Bruce Wellington, b. Elida, Allen Co. Ohio 26 May, 1856 d. Delphos, Ohio 29 Oct. 1911. Stone-cutter.
15. **BRICKNER**, Matilda, b. Delphos, Ohio 7 Oct. 1859, d. there 28 Aug. 1922.

Fifth Generation (2nd Great-Grandparents)

16. **RE(DE)CKER**, Klaus Heinrich, b. near Ostercappeln, Germany 17 March 1800 d. Putnam Co. Ohio 21 Oct 1866. Farmer.
17. **CLOPPENBURG**, Catherine ("Fracita"), baptized at Frysoythe, Duchy of Oldenburg 25 June 1807 d. Putnam Co. Ohio 8 Aug. 1866. Homemaker.
18. **KAHLE**, Johann Franz, b. Glandorf, Germany 19 Aug. 1802, d. Putnam Co. Ohio 9 April 1876. Farmer. Arrived in New York aboard the Columbus in 1833.
19. **WILBERDING**, Maria Bernardina, b. Steinfeld, Duchy of Oldenburg, 12 July 1817. Homemaker. Arrived in Baltimore on the Leontine in Dec. 1833.
20. **EDELBROCK**, Johann Peter, b. Oelde, Westphalia 24 Dec. 1788, d. Putnam Co. Ohio 19 October 1839. Farmer. Arrived in America in 1835.
21. **AHLENDORF**, Catherine Elizabeth, b. Oelde, Westphalia 30 July, 1791 d. Putnam Co. Ohio 1867. Homemaker.
22. **KLEINE NIESSE**, Johan Wilhelm, b. Glandorf, Germany 30 June 1815. He did not marry Mary Gertrude Unterbrink (below) and did not emigrate to America.
23. **UNTERBRINK**, Mary Gertrude, b. Germany 8 Sept. 1812. Came to Ohio with her parents in 1841 where she married Joseph Henry **HERLAGE** who adopted her daughter by Joh. Wilhelm Kleine **NIESSE**.
24. **BUSCH**, Herman Heinrich, b. Bohmte, Germany 16 April 1799 d. Delphos, Ohio 17 July 1874. Farmer. Arrived in Baltimore on the Johannes in 1846.
25. **LUEBKER**, Anna Maria, b. Nordhausen, near Ostercappeln, Germany 25 June 1811 d. Delphos, Ohio, 12 Feb. 1892. Homemaker.
26. **AUER**, Joseph, b. Lingenfeld or Amberg, Bavarian Oberpfalz 19 May 1821 d. Delphos, Ohio 23 May 1899. Farmer. Arrived in Baltimore on the Emma in 1853. No further data.
27. **SCHIRM**, Barbara, b. Wittenberg or Pittersberg, Bavarian Oberpfalz 4 Dec. 1830 d. Delphos, Ohio 1 Feb. 1897. Homemaker. Arrived in Baltimore on the Emma in 1853. No further data.
28. **WILCOX**, William Frederick, b. Scott Co. Virginia 20 Aug. 1832, d. Kokomo, Ind. 7 October 1909. Carpenter and Tanner. Commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the 81st Ohio Volunteer Infantry and participated in the battle at Shiloh, Tennessee.
29. **MOSIER**, Susanna, b. Ohio 1830, d. Elida, Ohio 30 April 1914. Homemaker.

30. **BRICKNER**, Michael, b. Ansbach ueber Lohr, Unterfranken 14 July 1826 d. Delphos, Ohio 4 May 1876. Butcher and grocer. His brother, George, located in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and served in the United States Congress.
31. **REICHERT**, Anna Rebecca, b. Seneca Co. Ohio 20 Oct. 1825, d. Delphos, Ohio 4 Feb. 1900. Homemaker.

Sixth Generation (3rd Great-Grandparents)

32. **RE(DE)CKER**, Johan Henrich, b. near Ostercappeln, Germany 10 Aug. 1766 d. Glandorf, Putnam Co. Ohio 12 Sept. 1840. Farmer. Arrived in Baltimore on the Pennsylvania in 1838. At least two generations of his paternal forebears were school teachers in the village of Hitzhausen.
33. **LINKEMEYER**, Anna Maria, daughter of Evard Heinrich and Katharine Engel (**WINTER**) **LINKEMEYER** from the village of Hitzhausen. Anna Maria emigrated to America with her husband.
34. **CLOPPENBORG**, Johann, of Frysoythe in the Duchy of Oldenburg. No further data.
35. **LUKEN**, Gesina Maria, of Frysoythe in the Duchy of Oldenburg. No further data.
36. **KAHLE**, Georg Anton, baptized at Glandorf, Germany on 17 Dec. 1765 where he was an innkeeper and where he died on 26 April 1803. This line has been traced back to a Jodocus Kahle whose children were baptized at Glandorf from 1669 to 1697.
37. **HERBERMANN**, Mary Elizabeth, b. Glandorf 19 September 1767, daughter of Johannes Theodore and Anna Maria (**POPPE**) **HERBERMANN**.
38. **WILBERDING**, Gerd Henrich, was the bailiff at Steinfeld in the Duchy of Oldenburg. He was the grandson of Gerd **WILBERDING** whose children were baptized at Steinfeld from 1755 to 1767.
39. **VON DER EMBSE**, Maria Anna, b. Steinfeld, Duchy of Oldenburg 29 Jan. 1797 d. there 25 May 1827. She was the daughter of Anton and Dorothea (**MEYER**) **VON DER EMBSE**.
40. **EDELBROCK**, Gerd Henrich, Oelde, Westphalia 7 April 1751 d. there 28 April 1809. He inherited the family farm, previously called "Erdelbrock", which resulted from a division in 1577 of the Peckenhorst farm which belonged to the monastery at Marienfeld at the end of the 12th Century.
41. **KUHLKE**, Katherine, d. in Oelde, Westphalia in 1815, age 55. She was the second daughter of the Kuhlken Estate in the parish of Ostenfelde.
42. **AHLENDORF**, Johan Wilhelm of Oelde, Westphalia. No further data.
43. **DRUFFEL**, Gertrude of Oelde, Westphalia. No further data.
44. **KLEINE NEISSE**, Hermann Dirck, farmer near Glandorf, Germany. No further data.
45. **GERDING**, Marie Elizabeth, daughter of Henrich **GERDING**. No further data.
46. **UNTERBRINK**, Johan Heinrich, b. 17 Dec. 1787 d. Glandorf, Ohio 30 Oct. 1846. Son of Juergen Henrich and Maria Gertrude (**KROEGER**) **UNTERBRINK**. Juergen Henrich came to Glandorf, Germany, from another village in 1766. Joh. Heinrich and Maria Catherine **MIRLENBRINK** (below) arrived in New York on the Charlotte in 1841. They were also forebears of late United States Senator Scott **LUCAS**.
47. **MIRLENBRINK**, Maria Catherine, daughter of Johann Bernd and Anna Christina (**LAUF**) **MIRLENBRINK**. No further data.
48. **BUSCH**, Herman Heinrich (1759-1845). No further data.
49. **LINNEMANN**, Maria Elizabeth. No further data.
50. **LUEBKER**, Christopher Henrich, of Nordhausen near Ostercappeln, Germany. No further data.
51. **NIEMEYER**, Elizabeth, of Nordhausen near Ostercappeln, Germany. No further data.
52. **WILCOX**, John H., b. Virginia 7 Sept. 1807. Farmer in Scott Co., Virginia. His father, George, served in the Virginia legislature. The paternal line has been traced to a George Wilcox who bought 114 acres of land in Spotsylvania Co., Va. in 1748.
53. **McMULLEN**, Mary Rebecca, b. Virginia 18 Jan. 1811 d. there 7 Aug. 1882. She is buried in the local cemetery in Gate City. Daughter of Matthew and Polly (**WYSONG**) **McMULLEN**. Matthew's paternal grandfather, Robert McMullen had a farm in Warrington Twp., York Co., Pa. Polly's father, Feidt **WYSONG**, was a blacksmith at Fincastle, Va., and claimed to have served in the Revolution under General Lafayette when Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown. Mary Rebecca's brother, Fayette **McMULLEN**, served in the United States and Confederate Congresses from Virginia and was the second governor of Washington Territory.
54. **MOS(D)ER**, Jacob, b. Pa. about 1794, lived in Perry Co. Ohio in 1820, 1830 and 1840 and relocated to Allen Co. Ohio by 1850. No further data.
55. **MOYER**, Elizabeth b. Pa. 8 July 1799, d. Allen Co. Ohio 9 Sept. 1852. Daughter of George and Catherine (**FRY**) **MOYER**. George **MOYER** was a farmer in Shelby Co. Ohio. Catherine **FRY** was the daughter of John **FRY**, a farmer and weaver who moved to Licking Co. Ohio from Pennsylvania where he had served in the Revolution as a private in John **CLARKE**'s Company of Northumberland County militia.
56. **BRUECKNER**, Johannes Michael, b. Ansbach ueber Lohr, Unterfranken 25 Sept. 1799 d. 16 June 1883 Tiffin, Ohio. Came to America with his mother, Marie Kunigunda **GRUEN**, and brothers in 1840, as his father, George Adam **BRUECKNER**, had died in 1830. His paternal line has been traced back to a Valentine **BRUECKNER** who died in Ansbach ueber Lohr in April 1636.
57. **REDELBACH**, Margaret, b. Rothen, Unterfranken 8 Dec. 1804, d. Tiffin, Ohio. Daughter of Michael and Margaretha (**ENDRES**) **REDELBACH**. No further data.
58. **REICHERT**, John G., b. Baden or Wuerttemberg 1796. Farmer, Seneca County, Ohio. No further data.
59. **ZEIS**, Barbara (1807-1852), daughter of John Martin and Christina (**STRAUB**) **ZEISS** who were born in Eppingen, Baden, and died in Seneca County, Ohio, having emigrated to America about 1820. John Martin **ZEISS** appears to have been the son of a shoemaker named Christopher **ZEISS** who lived in Tiffin, Ohio and claimed to have served under Napoleon I in Spain.

WHY I CHOSE TO BE A GENEALOGIST

by Joan (HAMILTON) KUSHNER

The reason I got into genealogy is that I had no sense of family. I always longed for families and even married my first husband for *HIS* family. I was boarded out with various family and relatives over my childhood years. What I mean by boarded out was that my mother would place an ad in the newspaper for someone to care for me.

When I retired, I decided to write down a few of my family members names and give a little history of the immediate family to pass along to my children. I did not want my small amount of history to be lost along with all the rest.

I started with *ME*, which is the way you should start, then my parents and grandparents. *THERE, NOW I WAS DONE!* That was all I knew. I proceeded by writing to relatives, with whom I never communicated, prior to doing genealogy. They probably thought "who is this person"?

I had them fill out family group sheets that I printed off my Family Tree Maker software. I had highlighted the blanks for the information that I did not have, which was almost everything. I tried to make it as easy as possible for them to give me information. Of course, I gave them a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to return the information to me. They completed the forms to the best of their knowledge, and then I had some sort of basis to do my research.

On my first experience at the Family History Center at 9th and Clark Street in Las Vegas I found my paternal grandfather in the Family History Center database. I did not know my grandfather as my grandmother died when my father was two years old. My father was raised by his maternal grandparents and moved to Boston Massachusetts from Canada. So, to obtain this information so quickly, was really a FIND. I was fortunate to find a link in the beginning of my research. This gave me some hope that the information was out there somewhere. I wrote to my cousins and they returned my requests with pages of information.

I then started searching the internet for connections by going to GenForum on the internet, which is part of the Family Tree Maker website, where you can post queries and found that my line was from Clement **CORBIN** who immigrated in 1637 to Muddy River (which is now Brookline), Massachusetts. Through this site, I found there was a book written about Clement **CORBIN** in 1905. I ordered it from Higginson Book Company at a price of \$75.00 where they print each book to order. It took 8 weeks to receive; it was beautifully bound with 378 pages of my ancestors. Wow! I then proceeded to type the entire book into my data base. It took me a year to input all the pedigree charts from that book. Now, I can share this information with my cousins and have more of chance of finding trees on the internet that will connect with my family, and I did.

Excerpt from "**The Descendants of Clement CORBIN, 1905.**"
compiled by Rev. Harvey LAWSON:

Clement **CORBIN**, the ancestor of a numerous posterity in America, was born in England in 1626. His exact birth-place is not known, nor his connection with the **CORBINs** in England who descended from the Norman emigrants. The most reliable family tradition states that he was "from west of England, called a "Welchman." There is a strong tradition in several branches of the family that the **CORBINs** were of French Huguenot origin. Clement **CORBIN** is said to have come to America in 1637. He would have been only eleven years old.

Clement **CORBIN** and family worshiped in the old First Church, of which John **ELIOT**, the "Apostle to the Indians," was the pastor. Clement **CORBIN** gave fl 10s towards building the first meeting house at Roxbury. Clement **CORBIN** also bought land at Muddy River in 1663.

His name appears on the tax lists at Muddy River as late as December 31, 1691, but it is not certain that he was still living there at that time. He may have gone to Woodstock but still retained property at his former home.

I now feel connected to my whole family. You start to put faces to the names and dates you have collected. There is definitely a feeling of belonging to a very large family. My database now consists of over 26,000 individuals direct and colateral lines. This was all accomplished in three years. It is wonderful to have so much information at our fingertips. I am not sure I would be patient enough to do it the old fashion way and viewing reel after reel of microfilm. I still do that type of research, but I have the ability to do research right from my home. I always input my findings immediately before going on to the next search or I would just accumulate paper and not be useful to anyone.

I love doing the research as it is like doing a very large puzzle. My husband, Steve, does crossword puzzles and when he is finished, he tosses them in the trash. The difference is: when I finish, I have a legacy to pass on for generations.

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The LDS President and Council of 12 have requested that the word Mormon no longer be used. The title: "*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*" is the preferred reference now by church members.

Since they are so gracious in allowing all of us who enjoy genealogy to use their facilities, this something we might want to keep in mind when referring to the church and its members.



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.



James CASHMAN Middle School



James **CASHMAN** was a pioneer in every sense of the word. He was a community builder. To look at him was to see and feel stature and strength. He was not called "**Big Jim**" for his physical size alone. He was big in faith, in courage, in leadership, but most of all he was big hearted.



An adventurous spirit brought him to Las Vegas in 1905, when it was just a tent city called McWilliams Town. He was already a veteran of the Colorado steel mills at 19 years of age. There was nothing to indicate in any way that one day this dusty town would grow to international fame. **CASHMAN** fell in love with the area and stayed to spend the rest of his life working toward making Las Vegas the great city that it eventually became.

His first jobs were those of road laborer, cook's helper and general roustabout. He was not content with this, so he made his way to Searchlight, then a thriving mining town much larger than Las Vegas. The years he spent there were hard but productive. At one time he found himself the owner of four businesses: a garage, a trucking company, a telephone company and a ferry. The Searchlight Garage housed Nevada's first automobile agency. The Eldorado Canyon Auto & Truck Line hauled freight primarily between the mines and the town. The Searchlight Western Telephone Company had 500 customers, and the Searchlight Ferry carried passengers and cars across the Colorado River into Arizona. He sold any and all makes of automobiles, picking them up in Southern California and delivering them personally.

Also in 1920, he started his automobile business in Las Vegas, dividing his time between the two communities. By that time Las Vegas was slowly growing under the auspices of the Union Pacific Railroad. As the town grew, his business prospered and he added the Caterpillar Tractor Company and the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company to his multiple General Motors franchises.

In 1920, he was elected County Commissioner and served for two terms, a total of ten years. During those years he was instrumental in the building of some of the first highways into Las Vegas and Southern Nevada, roads that were needed for the growth of Clark County.

He married Leah **BARKER**, the first graduate from the home economics department of the University of Nevada. She was a home extension agent and traveled for the University, teaching in the rural areas. They had two children, Tona and James Jr.

In keeping with the pioneer spirit, he and a partner started the only

franchised airline in Nevada. They called it the Boulder Canyon Airways Company. Its life was of short duration, but it served a vital need at that time, bringing to Las Vegas its first airmail service.

In 1923, **CASHMAN** became a charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, having first joined the order in Goldfield, Nevada, in 1918. For 32 years he served as a member of the board of trustees, from 1930 until his death, December 30, 1962. He was a charter member of the Las Vegas Rotary Club which was organized in 1923, and a charter member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce which was inaugurated here in 1912. In 1935 he became a charter member of the International Footprinters Association. He was active and an interested member of all of these organizations; however, he gave the major part of his time to the development of the Elks Lodge.

The year 1920 found him a delegate to the League of the Southwest, which represented the seven western states. They met in Los Angeles. This group was responsible for the passage of the Reclamation Bill that called for the building of Boulder (Hoover) Dam. He met with many groups and individuals concerned with the project over a period of eleven years. Through their efforts the construction of the Dam became a reality and put Las Vegas on the map.

After the dam was completed and Lake Mead was formed, **CASHMAN** started a scenic tours business which operated many years on the lake. It was called the Lake Mead and Boulder Dam Scenic Tours Company. This enabled citizens and tourist alike to see and enjoy the wonderful new pleasure spot which bloomed in the middle of the desert.

In 1935, the interest in the area slackened. Always on the alert for any idea that would promote Las Vegas, he and other members of the Elks Lodge organized and promoted a western celebration which they called "**Helldorado**." He and a fellow Elk were named Parade Chairman and through their efforts the Helldorado parades were named among those most outstanding in the United States. He interested famous groups and individuals throughout the West to participate in these parades. One year they were televised by a national network.

During these years much time and effort were being put into the development of Las Vegas as a resort area. There was no progress made until 1940 when he made contact with Tom **HULL** of **HULL** Hotels through an acquaintance in the promotion business. After a great deal of time spent in convincing Mr. **HULL** of Las Vegas' potential in this field, the first resort hotel was built in 1941, the El Rancho Vegas. It was the fore-runner of Las Vegas' famous "Strip" as we know it today.

In 1948, with the size of the Helldorado celebration growing so

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Nevada State Archives Historical Myth by Guy ROCHA, Nevada State Archivist

Historical Myth Myth # 12

Why Did Nevada Become A State?

Who hasn't heard ad nauseam that our state was admitted to the Union on October 31, 1864, because its silver and gold production were needed to help finance the Civil War? Anyone who has attended Nevada's schools has heard the story from a teacher or read it in a textbook. It's a wonderful tale, but nothing could be farther from the truth. Our state's history has too often been embellished and transposed into myth, and the claim of Nevada's mineral wealth triggering statehood ranks as one of the most pervasive fictional stories in the annals of the Silver State. The reasons for Nevada's statehood were political, not economic. Earlier writers were so caught up in romanticizing Nevada's role in the Civil War they decided to re-invent history.



Photo: Library of Congress

FACT: Nevada Territory was a federal territory, a part of the Union, and President Abraham LINCOLN appointed Governor James Warren NYE, a former Police Commissioner in New York City, to ensure that it stayed that way. Governor NYE put down any demonstration in support of the Confederacy, and there were some. The federal government bought much of Nevada's silver and gold bullion to support its currency and mint coins. What federal taxes there were at the time that could be effectively collected went into Union coffers. Therefore, Nevada's creation as a TERRITORY on March 2, 1861 by the United States Congress ensured that its riches would help the Union and not the Confederate cause.

FACT: By the time Congress approved an Enabling Act for Nevada on March 21, 1864, the Civil War was winding down. The Union had won decisive victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, and the South was in shambles. President LINCOLN sought reelection and faced a three-way race against General John C. FREMONT, the Radical Republican candidate, who had run for the presidency and lost to James BUCHANAN in 1856, and General George B. McCLELLAN, a Democrat--earlier in the war he had relieved both generals of their commands. If the election went to the House of Representatives as it had in 1824, in a four-way race, LINCOLN supporters believed Nevada's lone Congressman would support the incumbent president.

FACT: In addition, new states and their popular and electoral vote were needed to reelect LINCOLN in support of his moderate, reconstruction policies for the South. Among the proposed policies was the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. If Nevada were a state, it could ratify the amendment and help in the passage of the landmark humanitarian legislation.

FICTION: Nevada was singled out to help save the Union. Actually Enabling Acts for three territories, Colorado, Nebraska, and Nevada, were passed by Congress in March 1864. Nebraska's constitutional convention voted against statehood, while Colorado Territory's voters did not approve the proposed state constitution. Thus, Nevada Territory was the only territory to come to the support of President LINCOLN. Ironically, shortly after Nevadans voted 8-1 in support of the state constitution, General FREMONT dropped out of the presidential race, and Nevada was no longer critical to a LINCOLN win. President LINCOLN proclaimed Nevada a state on October 31, a week before the national election and then went on to carry Nevada in a relatively easy win over General McCLELLAN.

FICTION: Despite the scenario depicted in an episode of the "Bonanza" TV series entitled "The War Comes to Washoe" (first aired November 4, 1962), the delegates at the constitutional convention held in Carson City in July 1864, debated over whether or not Nevada would remain a territory or become a state in the Union and not whether it would leave the Union and join the Confederacy as a state. This episode has shaped the thinking of many Americans and helped confuse an already confusing story of why Nevada became a state in the Union.

FACT: Nevada was, in fact, the second "*Battle Born*" state because of its entrance into the Union during the Civil War. "*Battle Born*" West Virginia was admitted to the Union on June 20, 1863.

FICTION: While it is true that Nevadans gave the beleaguered president three Republican Congressmen to help rebuild the nation, ironically our two U.S. Senators James W. NYE and William M. STEWART arrived in Washington, D.C. too late to vote on the 13th Amendment. Congressman Henry G. WORTHINGTON did vote on the amendment, and it was ratified by Nevada on February 16, 1865, two months prior to LINCOLN's assassination. Senator STEWART would prove to be a key player in the drafting of the 15th Amendment giving African-American males the right to vote.

Historians today recognize that the discovery of the Comstock Lode in 1859, was a critical factor influencing Nevada's territorial status. However, making the leap to statehood because wealth from Nevada's mines was desperately needed to help the Union win the Civil War keeps stubbornly recurring as perhaps our state's #1 legend.

The Exhibit Gallery of the Nevada State Library and Archives in Carson City, where the original State Constitution is displayed, has an informative video entitled "Battle Born" which creatively captures the reasons for granting Nevada statehood in 1864.

For an excellent, detailed account of Nevada's statehood efforts, see "*Union Made*" by Professor Jerome EDWARDS in the October 1989 issue of *Nevada Magazine*.

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

NEVADA STATE CENSUS, 1875

(Churchill, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, and Lyon Counties)

In 1875, the state legislature of Nevada ordered a state census because, during the first 15 years of statehood, Nevada had seen an enormous influx of people. The silver boom was at its height, and the population was higher than it would be at any time during the 19th century. This database examines the 1875 state census for the counties of Churchill, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, and Lyon. For each entry, the person's name, age, sex, occupation, status as or relationship to head of household, and place of residence are listed. Where the census noted a marriage within that year or parents of foreign birth, these facts are also mentioned.

It is important to note that, in many places, the census was haphazardly completed. The head of household in many instances is not easily determined. Where this is the case, a member of the household has been listed as the "head," even though his or her contemporaries may not have recognized that person as such. This allows the researcher to see all of the residents of the household by searching on the name listed as head. This database was compiled from a transcription made in 1876, from the original enumerator's records. While there were apparent errors in the original source, it has been recorded intact, and the interpretation is left to the researcher. Many minorities were not named in the original census; the Native American and Chinese populations were often simply counted instead of being named.

More than half of the 10,500 entries in this database are of immigrants to the United States. Over 40 foreign countries and more than 40 other American states are listed as places of birth for Nevada residents of these five counties.

Source Information: **BARGHOUTI**, Kim, comp. "*Churchill, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, and Lyon Counties, Nevada State Census, 1875.*" [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000-. Original data: Report Booklet Published for the State in 1876. Carson City, NV: State Publishing Office, 1876.

TIP TO YOU



If you are trying to make a photocopy of a MICROFILM and the microfilm is very light, instead of moving the copier setting to "darker" thinking this will improve the quality of your copy, try adjusting the copier setting down to "**lighter**." This will actually lighten the background of the microfilm and make the print appear darker. It works. Give it a try and tell others!

Catherine **VAN COTT** of Raleigh, NC reports that if you are trying to read "fuzzy, poorly copied film", a trick that you may wish to try is like the game we used to play in school when "passing notes". Only now, you use the microfilm printer/reader and print out a copy of the page you are trying to read. Take your paper copy and tilt the paper so that you are looking at the suspect word almost, but not quite from the bottom "edge" of the paper. This goes back to the art form of Pointilism which is art created with dots; the dots, just like the scratchy image you are trying to read, will look closer together if you look at the image at an angle. Your eye "sees" the dots closer together. Then voila! A word! Oh, what we do in the name of genealogy!

MISSPELLINGS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND INITIALS

Databases are imperfect creatures; one key letter read wrong by the database creator can throw a huge wrench into your search. Here are a list of often-confused letters:

L and S
T and F
J, G, and Y
I and J
K and R
O and Q
P and R
U and W

Vowels are also frequently misinterpreted. That's why switching similar-looking letters or vowels in the surnames you are researching can bring surprising results.

Another way to overcome misspelled surnames would be to try some advanced searches using only given names and to try to include other criteria to narrow it down. The success of this method would probably depend on the size and nature of the database, though.

However, given names can present their own difficulties. How often have you seen records listing William as Wm; Thomas as Thos; Robert as Robt; James as Jas; Charles as Chas, etc. And how about initials?

Probably quite often. These are possibilities that should not be overlooked when including a given name in your search. Remember that since you are playing "detective", you must become creative in how you look for your ancestors' names.

Southern Nevada POINT

On Saturday afternoon, March 24, 2001, the Southern Nevada chapter POINTers In Person (Chapter #11) held a very enjoyable luncheon at Pasta Mia West and everyone wanted to meet again as soon as practical.

So, the next luncheon-meeting will be at 1 PM on Saturday, 28 April 2001, again at Pasta Mia West, which is located at 4455 West Flamingo (Flamingo at Arville), three stop lights west of the Rio in the Loose Caboose Plaza. Their telephone number is 251-8871.

This invitation is being sent now to give all those who would like to attend as much early notice as possible. The restaurant is very small (the small size makes it perfect for our purposes) and they must know how many to expect. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Do not make reservations through the restaurant.

Contact us at Point International Headquarters, Box 14966, Las Vegas, NV 89114-4966 or (702) 257-6628 or POINTersPub@aol.com or <http://members.aol.com/pointhompg/home.htm> (all lower case).

We are so pleased that our Southern Nevada PIP chapter has been revitalized. Las Vegas, now the home of POINT, has a unique place in the history of POINT, having been the host city for our very first POINT National Conference, in 1998. There is no reason Southern Nevada should not have a vibrant PIP chapter where POINTers (and others) can discuss all things Italian while enjoying a good Italian meal.

Cordiali saluti,
Thomas Edward **MILITELLO**
Founder of POINT (1987) - Pursuing Our Italian Names Together

Some Gravestone Rubbings Dos and Don'ts

From "*Gravestone Rubbing for Beginners*," a leaflet available from the Association for Gravestone Studies

Gravestone rubbing is fun. It is possible to collect some beautiful artwork that can be framed and displayed. A carver's skill can be preserved, or an ancestor's stone can be recorded and appreciated through this craft. However, gravestone rubbing is also controversial, especially in cemeteries where a restoration project is in progress; rubbing is often banned. This is to enable the restorers to have an opportunity to preserve all the stones possible before more damage occurs. Even if a restoration project is not in progress and those who care for the cemetery have determined there are very fragile stones there which may be damaged if pressure is applied to the surface as happens in rubbing, there may be prohibitions in place. So be sure to check.

Below are some Do's and Don'ts that will make your experience in the cemetery a good one.

Please **Do**

- Check (with cemetery superintendent, cemetery commissioners, town clerk, historical society, whoever is in charge) to see if rubbing is allowed in the cemetery.
- Get permission and/or a permit as required.
- Rub only solid stones in good condition. Check for any cracks, evidence of previous breaks and adhesive repairs, defoliating stone with air pockets behind the face of the stone that will collapse under pressure of rubbing, etc
- Become educated; learn how to rub responsibly.
- Use a soft brush and plain water to do any necessary stone cleaning.
- Make certain that your paper covers the entire face of the stone; secure with masking tape.
- Use the correct combination of paper and waxes or inks; avoid magic marker-type pens or other permanent color materials.
- Test paper and color before working on stone to be certain that no color bleeds through.
- Rub gently, carefully.
- Leave the stone in better condition than you found it.
- Take *all* trash with you; replace any grave site materials that you may have disturbed.

Please **Don't**

- Don't attempt to rub deteriorating marble or sandstone, or any unsound or weakened stone (for example, a stone that sounds hollow when gently tapped or a stone that is flaking, splitting, blistered, cracked, or unstable on its base).
- Don't use detergents, soaps, vinegar, bleach, or any other cleaning solutions on the stone, no matter how mild!
- Don't use shaving cream, chalk, graphite, dirt, or other concoctions in an attempt to read worn inscriptions. Using a large mirror to direct bright sunlight diagonally across the face of a gravemarker casts shadows in indentations and makes inscriptions more visible.
- Don't use stiff-bristled or wire brushes, putty knives, nail files, or any metal object to clean or to remove lichen from the stone. Soft natural bristled brushes, whisk brooms, or wooden sticks are usually OK if used gently and carefully
- Don't attempt to remove stubborn lichen. Soft lichen may be thoroughly soaked with plain water and then loosened with a gum eraser or a wooden popsicle stick. Be gentle. Stop if lichen does not come off easily.
- Don't use spray adhesives, scotch tape, or duct tape. Use masking tape.
- Don't use any rubbing method that you have not actually practiced under supervision.
- Don't leave masking tape, wastepaper, colors, etc., at the grave site

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rapidly, it was decided that the Elks should build permanent grounds for their rodeo and other activities. A site was selected and he was instrumental in acquiring it from the Union Pacific Railroad. Then came the monumental job of building a stadium and sports field of sufficient size to house the thousands who viewed the activities. This had to be done at minimum cost. He took on this project happily and gave all his time to it for months. It would be impossible to mention all the people who were involved in the project for many gave their time and money and labor in building it, but he provided the faith, the inspiration, the driving force that kept everyone working. When the stadium was completed, it was named the Elks Stadium and Cashman Field.

The Elks Lodge grew in its activities and membership; they found that they had to build a new home. It was decided to build on their property adjoining Cashman Field. Again, James CASHMAN put all his energies behind the project and he is credited with a major share of the responsibility for the outstanding lodge in Las Vegas today. It was completed just a few days before his death.

Over these 55 years of active participation in the growth and development of Southern Nevada, CASHMAN carried on a successful business in the sale and repair of automobiles and heavy equipment. (His business is now owned by his son and daughter.) He took over active management in 1949. It consists of the Caterpillar Tractor Company franchise for the state of Nevada and a part of California, as well as the Cadillac Motor Car Company and General Motors Truck Company franchises for Southern Nevada.

CASHMAN was never materialistic. He could have been immensely wealthy through speculation but his mind was too occupied with building, creating and giving. It simply never occurred to him that he was missing many financial opportunities by not speculating.

James CASHMAN, Sr. was born in Jameison, Missouri on December 16, 1885 to Benjamin and Ella (STOVALL) CASHMAN. He died 30 December 1962 at the age of 77 after a full and rich life. To the people of Las Vegas the name CASHMAN is an institution, practically a tradition.

TOP TEN

Top Ten perks of a 1918 lighthouse keeper.

- 10 Two words: job security.
- 9 Everyone else I know is a waterman.
- 8 Rush hour traffic? Yeah, right!
- 7 Can't beat the view.
- 6 My other car is a boat.
- 5 My family can live with me. Wait that might not be a perk....
- 4 Free rent!
- 3 None of that "Neither rain, nor snow...." stuff. I work inside.
- 2 Chicks dig a man in uniform.
- 1 I can actually say that I live in an Ivory tower.

Source: *CHESAPEAKE LIFE*, March/April 2001, p. 27

CEMETERY VISITOR TIP

This is a tip that was submitted to the Ancestry.com newsletter; it has some good advice when visiting a cemetery on a search for ancestors.

While visiting cemeteries, I found an ancestor's plot that someone was obviously still tending (there were live plants on either side of the headstone). I decided to leave a note for this person, but I had nothing to put it in to keep it from getting wet. I did have some heavy-duty tin foil in my cemetery tool bucket. So I wrote a note on an index card and wrapped it in the tin foil; I wrote "**PLEASE READ ME**" on the foil. But then I had nothing to attach the note to. I was afraid to stick it under the urn because I didn't want the groundskeepers to hit it with the lawn mower. So I stuck it in the middle of one plant, hoping the wind wouldn't blow it away.

A month later, I got a message on my answering machine from the person who found the note: my third cousin, once removed. From her, I got new information and have added another branch to my family tree.

I have also added something to my cemetery tool bucket: laminated index cards with the message, "I'm researching this family name" and my name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. I punched a hole in each one's corner and attached a piece of string. Now I can tie these notes to any flowers at a gravesite.

Shelly ALLAN
Caro, MI

A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY

A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, COMMUNITY

Searchlight. A town on U.S. 95 at the east edge of Piute Valley, and a post office established October 31, 1898; named for a mine and district discovered about fifty miles south of Las Vegas in 1897. The name apparently honors Lloyd SEARCHLIGHT, an owner of a group of claims in the district. A boom in the district took place in the first decade of the twentieth century, as a result of the construction of the Barnwell and Searchlight Railroad which was purchased and operated as the AT and SF RR who sold the spur line in 1911. Two legends concerning the naming are (1) that one of a group of prospectors remarked that a searchlight would be necessary to find any valuable ore ("**Rocky Trails of the Past**," Charles H. LABBE, Las Vegas: By the author, 1960, p. 214.) and (2) that a box of "Searchlight" matches served as an inspiration for the name. (Nevada Town Names, Ronald Lewis CHATHAM. Unpublished Master's thesis. Sacramento State College, 1956, p. 76.)

(Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary," Helen S. CARLSON, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 212.

A Hundred Years Ago —

Drive-by shootings — in which teenage boys galloped down the street on horses and started randomly shooting at houses, carriages, or anything else that caught their fancy — were an ongoing problem in Denver and other cities in the West.

(From a book called "**When My Grandmother Was a Child**" by Leigh W. RUTLEDGE, which begins, "*In the summer of 1900, when my grandmother was a child...*")

UPCOMING CCNGS SEMINAR

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of *Heritage Quest*

Mr. **MEITZLER** began publishing local histories in 1982 and is a graduate of the 1982 National Institute on Genealogical Research. He founded *Heritage Quest* Magazine in 1985. Mr. **MEITZLER** opened the Genealogical Resource Center in Salt Lake City in March 1991. He was exhibits co-chairman for the Portland National Genealogical Society Conference. In 1992, Leland sold *Heritage Quest* to AGLL. He was Managing Editor of *Heritage Quest* until January 1996, when he accepted the position of Executive Editor. In 1997, he was given an Angel Award for his contributions to the annual Gen Tech Seminars. In February of 2000, Leland was promoted to Vice President, Print Publications and acquisitions. His duties at *Heritage Quest* include heading the print publishing, research, cataloging, inventory and shipping departments, as well as acquisition of data and editing *Heritage Quest* Magazine. He has conducted tours to Salt Lake City, Utah since 1985. The 2000, Millennium 2.0 Tour was the 16th annual Heritage Genealogy Salt Lake City Christmas Tour.

From 1993 through 1999, Leland traveled nationwide by motorcoach with his wife, Patty. He has given over 2000 lectures on genealogical subjects to National, State and local genealogical groups. Mr. **MEITZLER** now works full-time in North Salt Lake, Utah, speaking on weekends occasionally. He believes that genealogy research is both fun and rewarding. His lectures reflect just that. He speaks on a wide variety of topics, always dispersing genealogical techniques that really work, and a multitude of sources. Audiences go away motivated to do more genealogy.

Leland is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, The Utah Genealogical Association, The New England Historic Genealogical Society, The National Genealogical Society, and numerous local genealogical, historical and family associations. He is past-president of both the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society and the South Prairie Historical Society. He is a life member of the Foothills Historical Society, the *Heritage Quest* Research Library and the Good Sam Club and is listed in the 1997, 1999, 2000 Who's Who in the West and the 2001 Who's Who in America.

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Our German-Speaking Immigrant Ancestors

Set forth below is the first part of a listing of German-speaking immigrant ancestors in the ahnentafels of members and friends of the Clark County, Nevada, Genealogical Society. An identification number in brackets follows the individual entry; key to the identifications appears at the end of the listing. (Prepared by Deutsch Interest Group, Charles **RECKER**, Co-ordinator) * =born + =died oo =married

Arrivals in the 18th Century:

BAUMAN, Hans **DIETER** [1715-1761] *Pfalz +PA. Settled in Montgomery Co. PA. Name later changed to **BOWMAN**. ooEva Elizabeth **WEIL**. [345]

BEYER, Susanna *Abt 1705 Germany +1768 Lancaster Co., PA. oo Philip Heinrich **RUDISILE**. [306]

DIETER, Johann Jeorg *Abt 1714 Germany +VA. Arrived in Philadelphia aboard the *Allen* in 1729. [306]

FARNY, Johann Adam *Abt 1690 Wachenheim +Abt 1752 Hanover, York Co., PA. Farmer. Arrived in Philadelphia in 1721. Had a wife named Elizabetha **LOWISA** *1713, Germany. [306]

FARNY, Johann Nicholas *1715 Wachenheim +Abt 1774, either York Co., PA., or Frederick Co., MD. Came to America in 1721. [306]

FREY, Leonard *1702 (perhaps) Berlin +LowhIL Twp., Northampton Co., PA. Farmer. Had a wife named Catherine. [15]

GUTKNECHT, Hans Michael *1717/37 Germany +1781 Harlan's Station near Lexington, KY. Farmer. Arrived in Philadelphia on the *Neptune* in 1752. oo Mary **LANDIS**. [306][Also an ancestor of President Harry S **TRUMAN**]

JUNG, Johann Georg *Abt 1730 Germany +1789 Concord, Mecklenburg Co., NC. Farmer. Came to America before 1762. oo Ann **MOSS**. [306] [Also an ancestor of President Harry S **TRUMAN**]

LANDIS, Christopher *Abt 1710 prob. Germany +Bef. Sep. 1771 Mecklenburg Co., NC. Farmer. [306] [Also an ancestor of President Harry S. **TRUMAN**]

QUICKEL, Johann Georg, Sr. [1716-1784] *Brandau, Starkenburg, Hessen +Dover Twp., York Co., PA. Arrived in Philadelphia on the *John* in 1736. oo Anna Ursula **MUELLER**. [469]

REICHWEIN, Johan Georg *1723, Germany +Before Aug. 1781 New Design, Lancaster Co., PA. Arrived in Philadelphia on the *Elizabeth* in 1751. oo Susanna **WECKERLIN**. [121]

RUDISILE, Philip Heinrich [1697-1755] *MIelfeld +Lancaster Co., PA. Farmer. Arrived in Philadelphia on the *WILiam and Sarah* in 1727. oo Susannah **BEYER**. [306]

SCHAUER, Christopher *Abt 1760 prob. Germany +1836 Mannheim, Lancaster Co., PA. Farmer. Had a wife named Christina. [306]

SNYDER, John Peter [1727-1807] *near Bingen, Rheinpfalz. Came to America on the *Samuel* between 1745/50. Farmer and gunsmith near Chambersburg, Franklin Co., PA. oo Mary Catherine Elizabeth **STANZ** [1738/9-1762]. [345]

WEDEL, George Adam Diric [1712-1796] *Prob. Germany +Westmoreland Co., PA. Farmer. Arrived in Philadelphia on the *Morton House* In 1729. Had a wife named Mary, perhaps surnamed **HAMILTON**. [306]

WEISSANG, Ludwig [1719/20-1782/4] *Near Zweibrücken, +York County, PA. Blacksmith. Arrived in Philadelphia on the *St. Andrew* in 1738. Had a wife named Mary. [15]

WEISSELEDER, Johann Andreas Christoph [1757-1876] *Stiege, Braunschweig +Knox Twp., Columbia Co. OH. Came to America in 1776 with the army of the Duke of Braunschweig. Deserted in 1778 and remained in the country. Also used the names **WEIS**, **WHITLEATHER**, and **WEISLEDER**. Farmer. oo Anna Maria **ZENTZ**. [41]

WEYDIGH, John Henry. *abt 1730 Germany. Believed to be a farmer. Arrived in Philadelphia on the *Phoenix* in 1750 and settled in Rockingham Co., VA. oo Christina (?) [494]

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When searching for a graveyard in the woods where you know it is in the general area, stand back and take a good look. If you see any trees out of proportion, by being taller than the rest, start your search there. For 40 years I have been locating old cemeteries and have found this to work in many instances. Loggers will rarely cut a tree around a graveyard.

Carolyn **BALLANTYNE** in Maine
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HONOR THE VETERANS IN YOUR FAMILY TREE

Since Veterans Day has passed recently, our thoughts return to the veterans in our family trees. Below is a resource to help you as you seek to honor those who served in the Armed Forces.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration (403A)
810 Vermont Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20420

ARE THESE YOUR FAMILIES?

African-American names in **DAMRON** family Bible. The Bible was owned by George Marshall **DAMRON** of Royal, Virginia in the 1950s. Before him, it was owned by his father, Elbert Dunmore **DAMRON** of Alta Vista, Virginia; his grandfather, Hiram Claiborne **DAMRON** of Shawsville, Virginia; and great-grandfather, Zachariah **DAMRON** of Nelson County, Virginia. This family goes back to 1660s Northumberland, Virginia and includes Albemarle County, Virginia; Lancaster County, Virginia; Brunswick County, Virginia; Caswell County, North Carolina, and Lincoln County, North Carolina. However, places are not mentioned in the Bible. The first two pages of the Bible are missing. If anyone knows about them I would appreciate being contacted.

I have a copy of names from this **DAMRON** family Bible, the earliest dated 1797. It includes "negros" births as well. The names are Silvey b April 9, 1815; Polly b June 10, 1824; ? Silvey's child b Aug 14 1832; Silvey's child Dolye b Sept 5, 1834; Silvey's child Sary b July 24, 1836; Silvey's child Monah b Feb 16, 1838; and Morris b June 2, 1802. I would be happy to send a copy of this to anyone who wants it. E-mail me at: larahall@lycos.com and put "**Damron**" in the subject line.

Laraine Hall **IARAHALL**@lycos.com

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I have two lovely postcards sent from New York to England many years ago. One is to a Mrs. **HAWKER** (?) of Lewisham, London, posted in 1939, with a squiggly signature. The other is to J. W. **HARE** of Great Yarmouth in 1904, from Andrew **WEGMAN** of 430 East 85 Street, New York.

<http://members.spreed.com/business/cudavlied/postcard.jpg>

Both are in near perfect condition and were bought for pennies at a flea market. I don't think they are connected in any way. Should you recognise these names and would like either card, I'd be delighted to pass them on with my best wishes.

Carla **RANDLE**, UK carla@sixofus.screaming.net

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I have an ivory-topped cane that once belonged to Serjeant J. J. **MOORE** of the 1st/60th Rifles (later 2nd Battalion Royal Green Jackets). I would be happy to reunite this with a descendant.

Allan **MORNEMENT** allan_mornement@hotmail.com

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I have found a box of letters (1840-1890) from the **ROBERTSON** family to my **STUART** Family in New Zealand. I would like to share the information in them with the **ROBERTSON** family. They start with the **ROBERTSON**s running Upton Park School in Windsor, U. K. Thomas, one of the sons, migrated to Australia in the 1850s and eventually became a Member of Parliament for The Hume. Another son, Harry [H.R.], became a painter, as did his daughter Janet.

John was a clergyman and headmaster. Other family members were Jessie, Bella, and Alfred. If you are descended from this family I would like to hear from you.

Donald **STUART** dmstuart@xtra.co.nz

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I have a large photo of a reunion of the men who served on the USS **CYThERIA** in World War I. Contact me if you think your ancestor might be in this photo.

PhylVince@aol.com

On September 27, 2000, the St. Paul (Minnesota) Pioneer Press newspaper reported that the St. Paul Post Office has an urn and cremated remains that it cannot deliver. The urn is inscribed Sandra Louise **WILLOUGHBY**, b 3/20/1952, d 2/28/1991. (A search of the SSDI was unsuccessful.) Contact the St. Paul (MN) Post Office or the newspaper at ppina@pioneerpress.com (please do not contact me).

Jon **RAYMOND**

JRAYMOND651@aol.com

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As political boundaries were redrawn across eastern Europe after 1945, large numbers of people permanently lost their homelands. Some of those who fled from Landsberg (Warthe), one of the regions formerly belonging to the province of Brandenburg, made a commitment to collect and archive its history and memories by establishing a charitable organization that now publishes the 'Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Landsberg (Warthe)', a semiannual German-language newsletter, and has also established a museum in the city of Herford. It is their fervent desire to collect and preserve for present and future historians pre-1945 items from and about the city and district of Landsberg, including Bibles, newspapers, periodicals, brochures, chapbooks, hymnbooks; posters for festivals, concerts, theatre, and opera, as well as advertisement flyers; photographs and film footage; maps and river charts; architectural and construction drawings; diaries, memoirs, personal and business correspondence, paintings, watercolours, etchings; political party membership cards; postcards; calendars; telephone directories; address books; and train, boat, and bus schedules. Anyone who wishes to donate any of these items to the Heimatmuseum fuer "Landsberg (Warthe) und die Neumark" please contact its director: Dietrich **HANDT**, Asenburgstrasse 20, 32105 Bad Salzuflen, Germany Tel: 05222/13830; or e-mail Mr. Karl-Heinz **WENTZELL** at Karl-heinz@wentzellgt.de

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The Anonymous Florida Curmudgeon submits these "Famous Lines" for your consideration:

He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
On the other hand, you have different fingers.
Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
Honk if you love peace and quiet.
I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

HUMOR. Thanks to lkwebster@mindspring.com

A hungry lion was roaming through the jungle looking for something to eat. He came across two men. One was sitting under a tree and reading a book; the other was typing away on his typewriter. The lion quickly pounced on the man reading the book and devoured him. Even the king of the jungle knows readers *digest* and writers *cramp*.



WEB LINKS

Genealogy Research on the Internet - Surname Sites

Research sites on the Internet can be categorized into three different genres:

- (1) locality sites.
- (2) Surname Sites
- (3) General Information sites.

Some sites such as the US GenWeb actually combine the types of information and records available. Below is a list of basic surname sites that contain searchable databases.

1. www.familysearch.org LDS Church Family History Web Site. Includes the Ancestral File=AE (a GEDCOM collection), International Genealogical Index, and the master index to the Pedigree Resource File (PRF). The PRF CDs are available in the Stake Family History Room. NOTE: Main line data can be down loaded via GEDCOM but will not include children's spouses and marriage data or LDS ordinance data. Recommend using this site for searching them using a FHC or local Stake center to down load the complete files.
2. www.rootsweb.com - Multitude of databases searched with one query including the California State Birth and Death Indexes, the U.S. Social Security Death Index, and the WorldConnect Project (a GEDCOM collection). WorldConnect data can be downloaded and then uploaded into our personal database. NOTE: The names of childrens' spouses are NOT captured, just the marriage data if available.
3. www.ancestry.com - A multitude of "pay" databases with the exception of newly added databases which have unlimited free access for 10 days from the time they are posted. Sign up for the Ancestry Daily newsletter to get a list of the current databases. Also, the WorldTree (a GEDCOM collection) is available for search for free.
4. www.genforum.com - Bulletin board site by surname. Great place to contact people working on the same lines! Make sure that postings/queries are informative (names, dates, places) and brief. Suggestion: If you find a fellow researcher, post a query And write him/her an e-mail.
5. www.familytreemaker.com - This site has recently been reformatted. It can be used to search the WorldFamilyTree (WFT - a GEDCOM collection submitted by individuals), FTM personal user home sites, and other FTM compiled databases. Instead of buying the CDs, use the alternate look up site at <http://seidata.com/~genealogy/cdfthlist.html> (for data CDs) <http://seidata.com/~genealogy/cdwftlist.html> (for WFT CDs)
6. www.gendex.com - hit and miss here to find anything. This is a massive compilation of GEDCOM files available on the "net."

Searchable by surname only with a soundex coding to allow for similar names to be "caught" as well.

Also consider using search engines such as altavista.com, dogpile.com, hotbot.com. etc. to search for an ancestor. There are usually search parameters which will help you, i.e. using quotes (") or a plus (+) sign between a name can indicate you need to find this exact phrase or name (eg., +Mann -Manners means I require the word Mann, but not if Manners is there. Quotes mean they must appear just as shown, e.g., "Alan Mann". Of course, you may need to also search for "Mann, Alan" for those sites that list surnames first.).

Don't forget

<http://www.cyndislist.com/>
<http://www.usgenweb.org/>
<http://worldgenweb.org/>
<http://www.genealogy.com/>
<http://www.everton.com/>
<http://www.gensource.com/>
<http://www.kindredconnections.com/>

Library of Congress Surname catalog

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catalog/online.html>

ANCIENT FACES

While other photo sites vie for the latest family snapshots, this one focuses on photographs from days gone by. In an effort to bring a "visual element" to genealogy, the site has collected more than 2,900 vintage photos from more than 1,000 families. The pictures, many from the 19th century, make for fascinating browsing. You're invited to contribute your own photos in JPEG or GIF format. They also have collections of family recipes and stories.

BOTTOM LINE: A site dedicated to preserving pictures of the past.

<http://www.ancientfaces.com>

A BIT OF NEVADA HISTORY

A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA COMMUNITY

West Point. West Point was the name for a settlement of the 1860s near the site of present Moapa and about fifteen miles west of former Saint Joseph. ("*Explorations and Surveys South of Central Pacific RR. Preliminary Topographical Map.*" Prepared under the immediate direction of 1st Lieut. Geo. M. WHEELER, Corps of Engineers. Louis NELL, Chief Topographer and Draughtsman, 1871.)

"*Nevada Place Names, A Geographical Dictionary.*" Helen S. CARLSON, University of Nevada Press, Reno, 1974, p. 243.

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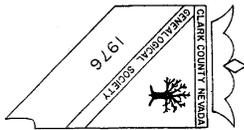
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The records I'm getting are frightful
They could be so delightful
And I've no clue where to go
I wanna know, I wanna know, I wanna know!

I really don't want to be stopping
I'd love it if things were popping
My enthusiasm's way down low
I wanna know, I wanna know, I wanna know!

When the pedigree's good and tight
I'll be happy, no longer torn
If the mailman does me right
I'll know just where Gramps was born.

New CDs I'm always buying
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