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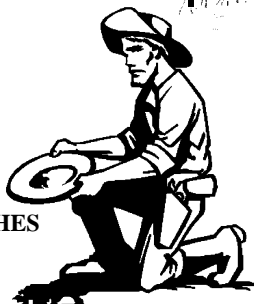
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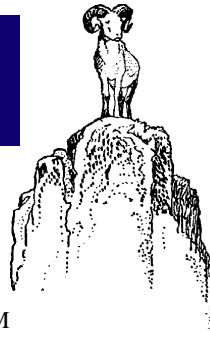
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## NEVADA 1862 TERRITORIAL CENSUS

The Nevada 1862 Territorial Census project that CCNGS did for the Nevada State Archives is finally completed, checked, uploaded and now available on ROOTSWEB.

There are links to it from the society websites, or it can be accessed at:

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/census/index/>

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# “Thank You”

The Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society would like to express is “thanks” to Leland MEITZLER for the fantastic day of genealogy at the October 2001 Seminar. The “house” was packed and lots of learning and laughing occurred throughout the day.

While the organizers of the seminar worried that attendance might be low and that we might be close in coming out “in the black”, we happily went over our projected attendance. We loved the problem.

It is only through attendance by our membership and others in the community that we are able to continue to present these program with high quality speakers. We encourage you to review page 15 on the March 2002 Seminar with Barbara RENICK and consider attending this seminar to support CCNGS and to provide an educational opportunity for yourself. Since the upcoming seminar falls at the beginning of March (the 9th), this will be your only notice from the *PROSPECTOR* about the Spring 2002 Seminar.

**BE SURE TO REGISTER! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND BARBARA IS SURE TO BE A WINNER!**

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## RESEARCH QUERIES

by Cathy MARSHALL (CCNGS Volunteer)

Received 5/2/2001 from Jacqueline E. PATTON a request for obituary for Marcus A CAMPBELL. Found obituary in *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and *Las Vegas Sun* dated 21 July 1960. Also advised her that Bunker Brothers Mortuary had further detailed information but would only release it to next of kin. Also included two photos of the grave marker.

Received 5/3/2001 from Rolland K. WALTERS a request for an obituary for Hilda WALTER. No obituary was found after checking the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and *Las Vegas Sun* thru all of May and June 1989. The Clark County Health District maintains death records for 20 years, but only releases copies to next of kin. Advised Mr. WALTERS to contact them for further information.

Received 10/5/2001 from Richard BANKES a request for obituary for Calla WILLIAMS. Found obituary in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and *Las Vegas Sun* dated 23 July 1987.

Received 10/10/2001 from Faith HOFFMAN a request for obituary for Asa KEECH. Found obituary in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and *Las Vegas Sun* dated 26 September 1981.

Great job! Thanks Cathy.

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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)**

(Feb-April) and (Oct-Nov)

Check web site for 2002-2003 schedule.

[HTTP://WWW.ROOTSWEB.COM/~NVSBIIG](http://WWW.ROOTSWEB.COM/~NVSBIIG)

ALSO

**Deutsch (German) Interest Group (DIG)**

Quarterly

2:30-4:30 pm.

Call Charles RECKER for next meeting (457-3889) or E-mail

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## Meetings 2002

*(Meeting Topics Subject to Change)*

- Jan 17 **Short Topic:** Wagon Roads to Ohio by Mac PURSEL  
**Long Topic:** Immigration Records by Barbara CULLINGS
- Feb 5 **British Isles Interest Group** - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in Conference Room at 1 pm.
- Feb 21 **Short Topic:** Sanborn Fire Maps (Where to find them and what they can tell you.) by Helen SMITH **Long Topic:** Indian Rolls: How to Find and Use by Linda JACOBS
- Mar 5 **British Isles Interest Group** - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in Conference Room at 1 pm. “The First, New Public Genealogy Library for Clark County” - The new Paseo Verde Library in Henderson will house a genealogy library within the main facility and will be located just off the beltway so that it will be accessible for all of Las Vegas Valley. Ground was broken in August, 2001 and the facility is scheduled to be ready for use in the fall of 2002. The director will be here to tell us all about the plans and to hear our views.
- Mar 9 **Spring Seminar-Nancy RENICK (see page 15)**
- Mar 21 **Short Topic:** Tip Night **Long Topic:** State Census by Mac PURSEL
- Apr 2 **British Isles Interest Group** - Meeting at the Summerlin Library, in Conference Room at 1 pm. “Focus on Ireland”
- Apr 18 **Short Topic:** Canadian Border Crossings by Helen SMITH **Long Topic:** Land Records: Deeds and Patents to be found at your local County Recorder's Office by Margaret LOUIS
- May 16 **Short Topic:** East Coast Forts - What you can find by Mac PURSEL **Long Topic:** Finding relatives and 'flesh for your family story' in places other than traditional genealogical sources 'German Soldier to USA 1776' by Cathy MARSHALL
- June 20 **Short Topic:** Tips on using a research planner and log by Margaret LOUIS **Long Topic:** Divorce Records by Barbara CULLINGS



**PLEASE NOTE:** The conclusion to the article "Incorporating Contemporary History into Your Family History" will appear in the next **PROSPECTOR**. In this case the remembrances are of our members about Franklin D. **ROOSEVELT**'s handicap.

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## CONFIRMATION RECORDS

The Fall 2001 Issue of *The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine* contains extracts of confirmation records from St. Luke's German Evangelical Church in Detroit, Michigan (now St. John's/St. Luke's United Church of Christ) for the years 1899 through 1918. For most years the birth date of the person being confirmed is given. If you think someone you are searching might be in this list, let me know and I'll check it out for you. (No charge) Charley **RECKER**, [GENBUFF3@MSN.COM](mailto:GENBUFF3@MSN.COM) or 457-3889

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## Family History Radio

AI JENSEN

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I would like to introduce you to Family History Radio at [www.familyhistoryradio.com](http://www.familyhistoryradio.com).

As you well know, the popularity of family history research is growing by leaps and bounds around the world, with millions of people becoming interested in where they came from, how they got where they are, and who their ancestors are.

As the interest of family history work is growing by exponential numbers, so also is the amount of information available on genealogy, especially what one can find on the internet. It can be overwhelming.

The purpose of Family History Radio is to provide the most current information on Family History including everything from reviewing the latest genealogy products, services and software to covering conventions, reporting on society activities, and offering tips and advice to those who may just be beginning or are presently involved with family history. Think of it as the nightly news of Family History.

We call it Family History Radio because we share the information with audio. Instead of reading about new developments, you'll hear them here in the form of interviews to add further depth to the subject. Simply click on the radio button next to the articles and your computer will automatically play the interview. Listen at your convenience and work while you listen. We are up 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with continuous updates to the website.

Now in addition to news and information, we also want to share the emotional side of Family History, the joy of finding long lost relatives, the extra hours at the library, the scientific knowledge of DNA that could result in your family heritage saving your own life, making your own family history worth remembering. These are the things that we want to bring to you in helping to make your Family History work a life changing experience.

We hope you'll enjoy FamilyHistory Radio. As we are just starting out please be patient with us and let us know what you think.

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## Las Vegas Review-Journal: The First 100

<http://www.1st100.com>

The Las Vegas Review-Journal website, "The First 100," profiles one hundred men and women who have made an impact in the development of the Las Vegas area. This website is divided into three chronological parts: The Early Years, Resort Rising, and A City is Full. Each of the one hundred people highlighted in this website are listed below in one of the chronological sections.

**Part I: The Early Years** <http://www.1st100.com/part1/>

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**Part II: Resort Rising** <http://www.1st100.com/part2/>

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**Part III: A City is Full** <http://www.1st100.com/part3/>

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## FOOD DRIVE THANKS

Lutheran Social Services of Nevada would like to thank those CCNGS members who so generously contributed food for the needy at the December (2001) meeting.

Our ability to serve those in need can only be accomplished when people like you take the time and means to help provide assistance by acts such as collecting food.

Thanks again from LSSN and its clients.

# “STOR JON”—A SWEDISH PAUL BUNYAN?

Linnea M. ANDERSON, (CCNGS)

"Prior to the machine age, great physical strength was admired by all since it was a necessity for survival, especially for the farmer. This was very true of every Swedish man including my father (Abel Sanfrid ANDERSON—1890-1959) who not only had this asset, but also had a great pride in his strength. Before the days of grain elevators all grain had to be shoveled into the granaries on the farm and then, again, loaded back into the grain wagon or truck to be hauled to the large elevator when it was sold. Dad used a large scoop, but the regular scoop was not enough for him; he had about eight additional inches of tin soldered on his own individual scoop. Most of the grain which he raised was durum wheat which often weighed over sixty pounds a bushel. I am sure he often had close to a bushel in each scoop."

All this is by way of my introduction to Stor Jon or in English, Big John. His story has been published in Sweden in **TIVIDEN, GUDASKOGEN**, by Ernfrid **TJORNE**. I received this article in Swedish from friends in Sweden. My fifth cousin, Rev. Donald **WOLD**, Black Duck, Minnesota translated the article from Swedish to English. While I was visiting in Sweden, I had mentioned to these friends that my father had spoken of Stor Jon. I was under the impression that he was a contemporary of my father or his father. I knew that Dad thought Jon's sons were tall men who were noted for their strength also. When I received the translation I found that Stor Jon feats had to be taken with the same "grain of salt" as when one hears the tale of Paul **BUNYAN**; however this was a real man and he was my ancestor!

My relationship, as documented by an aunt of Rev. **WOLD** is as follows:

Linnea Mae **ANDERSON** (3 Jan 1929-), Leeds ND, Lake Ibsen Township, Benson County, North Dakota.

My father: Abel Sanfrid **ANDERSON** (16 Nov 1890, Kråkvattnet, {Crow's Water}, Tived, Skaraborg Läns or county, Sweden to 13 Jun 1959, Good Samaritan Hospital, Rugby, Pierce County, North Dakota).

My grandfather: Anders Gustaf **ANDERSSON** (19 Jun 1860 - 19 Mar 1949) who lived all his life in Kråkvattnet at the same location where my father Abel was born.

My great grandmother: Maja **PETERSDOTTER** (17 Oct 1829 - @1914); she also lived all her life in Kråkvattnet, however she was baptized at the Udenäs church where most of my older ancestors also were baptized. (Just as many people in the U.S. in early days were baptized in the church where the minister was serving.) It must be remembered that in the Scandinavian countries the official records were kept in the churches.

My great, great grandfather: Petter **JONSSON** (6 Dec 1791 - 4 Jun 1875); he lived in the Kråkvattnet area all his life. He was baptized in Udenäs while his death record is in the Tived church.

My great, great, great grandfather was Jonas "Stor Jon" **PERSSON** (18 Jul 1754-15 Sep 1828);

who also lived all his life in Kråkvattnet area. His birth and death records are in the Udenäs church.



abridged and edited the article. Material in quotation marks (") is directly quoted from the article with any of the quoted material within the article in single quotation (') marks.

Stor Jon was a man noted for his great strength who lived in Kråkvattnet in the late seventeen hundreds and the early eighteen hundreds. There are many stories about not only his great strength but also "his honest old time character." Many of his stories have been kept in the memories of the people in the Kråkvattnet area, but have taken on "the character of proverbs".

Once while in the marketplace ("Bolsabacken") in Askersund Stor Jon saw an old neighbor woman who "was trying to sell a pair of goats to a poorly-thought-of merchant." At that time many goats were raised in the Kråkvattnet area. "The woman was trembling and shy in front of this awful animal buyer. He stood there arrogant and proud and soon he said that he wouldn't give her anything for the animals. Then Stor Jon walked over and put in a good word for the woman. The buyer called out irritably, 'If you don't beg, fellow, I'll knock you down in the dirt!' He also used some nastier words. Stor Jon answered him boldly and squeezed the man so hard that the blood rushed to the surface. All who witnessed this were very glad that this animal buyer got something to remember, because he was a terrible fighter. The police of that time didn't bother themselves with these small disputes."

Stor Jon often floated birch bark over Lake Vättern to sell in either Vadstena or Motala. "One day he came up the street of one of those towns with a heavy load of birch bark on his back. A man on horseback came riding down the street. He thought it would be fun to drive his horse in the way of this farmer and for that reason he had his horse block the way for Stor Jon. Jon good-naturedly moved out of the way and was going to go between the horse and the edge of the street; but where ever Jon went, the rider moved his horse into his way, so Jon couldn't get around. Jon set down his burden, took the horse against his breast and overturned both the horse and the rider! 'You will not ride on a man another time, you!' Jon said calmly. Jon

## “STOR JON”—A SWEDISH PAUL BUNYAN? cont'

put his burden back again and continued his walking.

On another occasion when Big Jon was in Vadenstena, he had to leave his boat in the harbor without anyone to watch it. The small boys of the city would often play a prank on him. One time the boys with a “united effort” hauled the boat up into the market place. After that Jon would come caring his burden in one hand and dragging his boat with the other. The boys still weren’t thwarted, for one time he realized that his boat seemed heavier than usual. When he turned around he found that some “of his small joke-players were stealing a ride and others were pulling” the boat in the opposite direction of which Jon was going.

If there were a commotion in the market in Vadstena when Jon was there and in a hurry “he found no better weapon than a foal which stood nearby when he thought it was suitable to do so, he would grab the foal around the back legs and swing it around so violently to the right and to the left till he finally stood as lord of the place of battle with only the back legs of the foal in his hands. If it wasn’t someone from Ostergötland who first told this, it must have been someone from Narke.”

“The population of Ostergötland who were of a mature age better understood the strength that lay hidden in the arms of that long-suffering Tived Farmer and they had great respect for him. ‘Now comes that man with the big nose, its best to watch out!’ gradually became a common saying in parts of Ostergötland.”

Another episode concerned Stor Jon and his horses. At that time the farmers in Tiveden all needed to have the blacksmith come to their farms to shoe their horses. However, Stor Jon had a wicked horse to shoe and no would get her to hold up her legs. Jon would lay the mare on her back in a pile of leaves and sticks, and then he shod her very carefully. “Of course he needed a man to assist him. “It wouldn’t do for the old-time people to be overcome by life’s difficulties.”

But alas, in his old age Jon ran into trouble while fishing on a lake for pike. He had just gotten a nibble on one his fish poles, but when he was going to pull in his catch, the boat tipped over and Stor Jon fell in the water. “The man’s voice was equal to his physical strength, he called for help” so that the sound of his voice

was heard by the neighbors. “It was soon after the breaking up of the ice in the spring and most of the people had not yet put their boats in the water. However his nephew, his brother’s son, was the first one ready with his boat and he “paddled speedily to Jon’s rescue”. However, the boat was one that was paddled with one oar, similar to a canoe, when his nephew reached Jon, Jon realized that he didn’t dare crawl into the boat for the boat would overturn. Therefore, Jon had to hang onto the boat while the nephew paddled to the shore. Of course, Jon was exhausted but “he soon revived and summed up the experience in these words: “You know that was quite a trick!” However, Jon never really recovered from the experience and in the fall of that year, 1828, “he left this earth”.

This story indicates the difficulty in sorting out the truth from the fiction that can occur with the retelling of tales of a person who evidently was a very colorful and, in this case, a very strong man. There is a little more to this tale which concerns Stor Jon’s brother and nephew. This story will be continued in the next issue of the ***PROSPECTOR***.

### **FOOTNOTES**

<sup>1</sup>Note: The Swedish spelling uses the double “s”, my father changed to the generally accepted spelling in the U.S. of one “s” which I have always used.

<sup>2</sup>Since Krakvåttnet was only a little settlement of seven farms. All marketing was done at Askersund the nearest village.

<sup>3</sup>I am not sure just what is meant—did Stor Jon choke him or squeeze him around the chest?

<sup>4</sup>Vadestena and Motola were located across Lake Vättern and were small cities which provided a larger marketing facility.

<sup>5</sup>Note Stor Jon lived in the province of Västergötland while Närke was the province to the north of Kråvattnet where Askersund was located while Ostergötland was located to the east—isn’t this a sly way of indicating a tall tale?

<sup>6</sup>Tiveden was the area around the the Tived church and in which the Kråvattnet settlement was located.

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# SURPRISE MAIL

by Charley **RECKER** (CCNGS)

Today’s mail brought a surprise package from Germany from a Mr. Ludwig **BECKER** whom I do not know, but who apparently saw my advertisement in the *Wittlager Kreisblatt*. It’s a report on Die Landesvermessung des Fuerstbistums Osnabrueck 1784-1790, that is, a topographical survey of the bishopric of Osnabrueck. It gives the names of the occupants of the various farming communities who are identified as Vollerben, Halberben, Erbkoetter, Markkoetter, Auswaertige and Ferner (but don’t ask me to translate and define those terms). That is in the year 1772 (the discrepancy in the dates is unclear). It also gives the names of the owners of the farms which in most cases differs from the names of the occupants. For example, an Evert Linkemeyer, who could well be a forebear of mine, as that is the maiden name of one my immigrant ancestresses, was an Erbkoetter in the Herringhausen neighborhood, and the Grundherr was Haus Arenshorst.

Mr. **BECKER** appears to have sent me the report in the belief that I would be interested in the fact that a **REDEKER** was a

Markkoetter in the neighborhood of Hitzhausen and Joestinghausen, as my **RECKER/REDECKER** forebear lived in Hitzhausen. However, the survey shows that there was no Grundherr for this farm. It is listed as “vacat” which I assume means “vacant”. My **RECKER/REDECKER** forebear was a schoolteacher in Hitzhausen, not a farmer, which is perhaps why the farm was vacant. Although I am disappointed that none of you appear to have ancestors from the Osnabrueck area, if you want me to, I’ll be happy to check the report for any surname you may wish to E-mail to me ([GENDIG@MSN.COM](mailto:GENDIG@MSN.COM)).

This report was published in 1964 by the Verein fuer Geschichte und Landeskunde von Osnabrueck. So you see the kind of thing which has been published in the past and is available if we knew where to look. If anyone tells you that all German research depends on church records, tell them Charley **RECKER** says not to believe it!



# QUERIES



## CADENHEAD, MIDDLEBROOKS

**CADENHEAD**, Rev. William, b. 10 Feb 1792, d. abt 15 May 1849. Married to Molly/Polly **MIDDLEBROOKS**. Need any info, especially ancestors and/or descendants.  
Mark **DEERING**, 2963 Bel Air Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89109-1584;  
E-mail: Mdeersr@aol.com

## CLYMER, CORWIN

Seeking descendants of John **CLYMER** and Mary **CORWIN** who married 1802 in Morris Co., NJ.  
Patricia **AUNE** 5551 Corral Cl, Las Vegas, NV 89119, (702)736-8732, GPAUNE5551@aol.com

## DALTON, DAUGHERTY

**DALTON**, George W. (Washington ??), b. abt 1843, Fairfield, IL. Married to Frances **DAUGHERTY**. Seeking any info on this man including ancestors and descendants.  
Mark **DEERING**, 2963 Bel Air Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89109-1584;  
E-mail: Mdeersr@aol.com

## DEERING, BARRETT

**DEERING**, James, b. 26 Apr 1800, Knockaveigh, County Carlow, Ireland; married to Mary or Anna **BARRETT**, b. 12 May 1816, County Carlow, Ireland; They immigrated to the U.S. Need any info on these two including ancestors and descendants.  
Mark **DEERING**, 2963 Bel Air Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89109-1584;  
E-mail: Mdeersr@aol.com

## DIAL

Seeking information on David **DIAL**, born abt. 1778, Jackson Co., TN; died 1846 in DuQuoin, IL  
Marilyn **DIAL**, 2142 Indigo Creek Avenue, Henderson, NV 89012; (702) 614-8164; dialm@lvcm.com

## DIKE

Seeking info on Albert Edward **DIKE** (possibly) b. 1860 Chicago, IL; d. 1914 Chicago, IL. Was his father's name James **DIKE**?  
Muriel **SPERLING** 2088 Joy Creek Lane, Henderson, NV 89012-4528, (702)260-4585, TREEMAKER725@aol.com

## ESPINOZA, ATENCIO

Seeking descendants of Manuel **ESPINOZA** and Maria Ygnacia **ATENCIO** whose children were Meguel, Maria Jesus, Mary A., Charlotte, Juana, Josefi, Ellena, Manuel, and Zenobia. Children born between 1862 to 1880 all in Agua Mansa or Colton, CA.  
Franklin Z. **MOREHEAD** 603 Lisbon St., Henderson, NV 89015, (702)564-3813, Head333@aol.com

## EYERS/EYRES/HEAIRS

Would like to exchange info with anyone researching **EYERS/EYRES/HEAIRS** of Roche or St. Stephens in Brannel, Cornwall, ENG 1800 to 1875.  
Helen **SMITH** 26 Quail Hollow Dr., Henderson, NV 89014-2143, HSmithlv@prodigy.net

## GUNN, LAURIE, BEWICK

Seeking father of William **GUNN**, son of Isabella **LAURIE**, stepson of John **BEWICK**. William b. ca 1855 in Scotland (Fife Shire?).  
Maggie **BRANDNER** 4224 Chatham Cl. #1, Las Vegas, NV 89119, brandner@unlv.edu

## JACOBSON, SAARI

Seeking info on (uncle) Hjalmer/Jalmer **JACOBSON** b. 1893 MI. Family moved to Sandy, MN 1895. Hjalmer m. Ina **SAARI** ca 1915. Returned to MI (date unk.) without family where he worked as woodcutter until d. 1963 Humbolt Twp., Marquette Co., MI; buried Ishpeming, MI.  
Helen **SMITH** 26 Quail Hollow Dr., Henderson, NV 89014-2143, HSmithlv@prodigy.net

## KENNARD, ROBINSON, TROUT

Looking for info on Joseph **KENNARD**, b. abt 1822 in MD; m. 16 January 1853 in Baltimore, MD to Ann **ROBINSON**; died *UNK*. Ann was listed living with her son James Harry **KENNARD** in the 1920 Census, Fair Hill, Cecil County, MD. Last mention I have for Joseph is in the 1880 Census where he was 43 or 45, a farmer in Queen Anne's County, MD. Joseph and Anne **KENNARD**'s children were Mary E, Frederick, James Harry (b. 10 November 1864; m. 2 Sep 1889 Louisa Catherine **TROUT**; d. 7 July 1922 Elk Mills Cecil County, MD), William A., Samuel, Ella, and Eva A. Will exchange info.

Robert M. **KENNARD**, Jr., 6504 White Swan Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89108-1812; Phone: (702) 258-3322; Fax: (702) 258-4099  
Email: RKennardLV@Softcom.Net

## McINTOSH

Seeking wife of William **McINTOSH** b. 1777 in Wales, England. Had 8 children. Died 1847 Cass Co., IN.  
Muriel **SPERLING** 2088 Joy Creek Lane, Henderson, NV 89012-4528, (702)260-4585, TREEMAKER725@aol.com

## McKEE, NEVIN

Seeking parents of James **McKEE** and Ella (**NEVIN**) **McKEE**. Jim **McKEE** d. 1948 Sweetwater Co., WY; Ella d. in childbirth ca 1910, Sweetwater Co., WY.  
Maggie **BRANDNER** 4224 Chatham Cl. #1, Las Vegas, NV 89119, brandner@unlv.edu

## MOREHEAD, MALOY

Seeking descendants of James Thomas **MOREHEAD** and Mary Molly **MALOY** whose children were Bessie M., John Thomas, James Leland, Evelyn K., Lame J., Frank Presley, Mary Ellen, and Mildred L. Children were born between 1894 and 1914 in the west - CO, MO, & AZ. John Thomas **MOREHEAD** was a railroad man.  
Franklin Z. **MOREHEAD** 603 Lisbon St., Henderson, NV 89015, (702)564-3813, Head333@aol.com

## O'SHEA, ANDERSON

Seeking info an Catherine (Kitty) **O'SHEA** who married Edward **ANDERSON** abt 1915-1920. They had son b. NYC late December 1922; he was third child. Catherine believed to come from Westmeath, Ireland.  
Margaret **LOUIS** 2479 Walsh Glen Ct., Henderson, NV 89052, louisrn@unlv.edu

## RITZENTHALER

Would like to exchange info with anyone researching **RITZENTHALER** in Sauk Co., WI ca 1872 to 1900+.  
Helen **SMITH** 26 Quail Hollow Dr., Henderson, NV 89014-2143, HSmithlv@prodigy.net

## ROACH, GRAY

Seeking info on parents of William **ROACH** who were James **ROACH** and Mary **GRAY**. William b. 1828 in Rockbridge, Co., VA; d. Cass Co., IN.  
Muriel **SPERLING** 2088 Joy Creek Lane, Henderson, NV 89012-4528, (702)260-4585, TREEMAKER725@aol.com

## SCHOONMAKER, TEN EYCK

Seeking info abt John **SCHOONMAKER** whose dau Docia m. Andrew **TEN EYCK** in late 1700s in Albany Co., NY.  
Barbara **CULLINGS** 4034 Laurel Flat Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89129-4501, (702)735-1688, bcullingslv@prodigy.net

## SCHREINER/SHRINER, JORDAN

Seeking **SCHREINER/SHRINER** descendant and ancestor names for my g-grandmother Mary Catherine **SHRINER/SCHREINER** b. January 1835, Ohio; d. abt 1900 Wadena, Illyria Twp., Fayette Co., Iowa; m. Josiah **JORDAN**, 31 March 1858. Her parents may have been born in Pennsylvania. I do not know her parents names. I am seeking someone who may have a connection with her. She spelled her name **SHRINER**, but may have had a name change from **SCHREINER** by one of the ancestors. I saw a Bernard **SHRINER** in the 1820 census records, which may be her father. Any help????  
Joan (**HAMILTON**) **KUSHNER**, 10528 Back Plains Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89234; 702-360-5032; desrat@lvcm.com

## SEELY, WILSON

Where and when did Abigail (**SEELY**) **WILSON** die? She was resident of Gratiot Co., MI in 1870. She probably lived to end of 1800s and may have lived in Jackson Co. or Eaton Co., MI aft 1870. She m. James G. H. **WILSON**.  
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## SPICER, NEVIN

Seeking parents of Jardin S. **SPICER** and Mary F. (Mollie) (**NEVIN**) **SPICER** who were in Rouff Co., CO ca 1890.  
Maggie **BRANDNER** 4224 Chatham Cl. #1, Las Vegas, NV 89119, brandner@unlv.edu

## TEN EYCK, SCHOONMAKER, LAGRANGE

Seeking descendents of Andrew **TEN EYCK** and Docia **SCHOONMAKER** whose children were Christian, Mary, and Johanna **LAGRANGE** and Maria, Sarah, Janetje, George, Henry, and Abraham **TEN EYCK** of Albany Co., NY late 1700 to early 1800s.  
Barbara **CULLINGS** 4034 Laurel Flat Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89129-4501, (702)735-1688, bcullingslv@prodigy.net

## WARTMAN

Seeking info on Henry **WARTMAN** who resided in Marathon Co., WI in 1880. Children Edward, David, Theresa, Louisa, and Bertha lived with him.  
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## WEISSANG/WYSONG

Looking for will descendants of Ludwig **WEISSANG/WYSONG** who arrived in Philadelphia on the *St. Andrew* in 1738 and settled in York County, PA. where he was a farmer and blacksmith. Please send particulars of your descent to the genealogist for the **WYSONG** Family Association. I would like to include your lineage in my continuing update of the Clark **WYSONG** Memorial Database.  
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## LET YOUR KIDS DO THE INTERVIEWING

Jennifer **RADER** (Reno, NV)

Here's a tip for family historians with school-age children: Instead of asking your parents for stories about their childhood, have your children do the asking. When I asked my parents for their stories, I never got much of a response. However, when my children asked, especially if the stories were needed for a school project or for Scouts (Cub Scouts—the Heritages pin; Boy Scouts—the genealogy merit badge. Sorry, I don't know anything about the Girls Scouts or other programs), my parents just went on and on with their stories. In our family's situation, having the children ask the questions through e-mail worked very well. My parents didn't see the kids' eyes glaze over, so they just kept "talking." We now have a more permanent record of their words, which is easily cut and pasted into the family history.

This also works for college students. I took a genealogy class as a sophomore and had the assignment of getting a grandparent to write a personal history. My grandfather took his assignment seriously and wrote almost sixty pages on his life up until the age of eighteen! Unfortunately, he died before he could finish the next seventy years, but what a treasure those first eighteen years are.

Never under estimate your child's ability to get from your parent what you cannot.

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## KEEPING PHOTOCOPIES ORGANIZED

Billie **HAMILTON**

To keep photocopies from books properly grouped (just in case they get shuffled), I pencil in a code at the library and when I get home, I use transparent Avery labels and a tiny font and type all the relevant information on enough labels to place a label on each page from one source. Quick and easy!

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## FREE Genealogy Workshop

Trace your roots with help from Kathy **MARSHALL**. Must attend all four classes and complete assignments outside of class.

Mondays, February 4, 11, 25 and March 4; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
At the Cora Coleman Senior Center, 2100 Bonnie Lane. Call 455-7617 between 8am and 5pm Monday thru Friday to register for this FREE class #2970.104.

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## WHAT DID THEY DRINK?

In case you've ever wondered what our immigrant German ancestors had to drink on the boat across, here is an extract from the contract between Nathan **RAY**, captain of the ship Commerce which arrived in Philadelphia in October, 1803, and his passengers:

"Since beer sours during the voyage and is very harmful to the health of passengers, only enough beer for a part of the voyage will be taken along, and when this is gone, a double portion of water will be given. Half of the water will be supplied for cooking. Each morning a small glass of Holland gin and each week now and then some vinegar."

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## GENEALOGY Humor

(These quotes are from copies of actual correspondences received by the Family History Department of the LDS Church): Our 2nd great grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library. He was married 3 times in the endowment house and has 21 children.



# MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

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## Ronald Dale HUGHES

### Generation No. 1

1. Ronald Dale HUGHES, born Oct 8, 1942 in Waverly, NY. He was the son of 2. William Wallace HUGHES and 3. Florence Belle BROOKS. He married (1) Judith Caroline FRITZ Apr 18, 1969 in Syracuse, NY. She was born Sep 5, 1946 in Danville, PA.; Military service: Nov 25, 1961, 20 years, U.S. Marine Corps

### Generation No. 2

2. William Wallace HUGHES, born Dec 4, 1894 in Scranton, PA<sup>1</sup>; died Oct 17, 1964 in Endicott, NY<sup>2</sup>. Died at Ideal Hospital in Johnson City, NY. Hepatic coma due to generalized carcinomatosis, adenocarcinoma of sigmoid. burial: Oct 21, 1964, Tioga Cemetery, Owego, Tioga, NY Buried in Tioga Cemetery, lot 8, section 25. He was the son of 4. Arthur Beaver HUGHES and 5. Hannah Hams HARRIS. He married 3. Florence Belle BROOKS Abt. 1939.
3. Florence Belle BROOKS, born Jan 16, 1909 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died Dec 5, 1984 in Johnson City, NY<sup>3</sup>. Died at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City, NY. Died of severe right sided congestive heart failure due to arterioscleohic heart disease as a consequence of tobacco use; burial: Dec 08, 1984, Tioga Cemetery, Owego, Tioga, NY Buried in Lot 8, Section 25. She was the daughter of 6. William Rensselaer BROOKS II and 7. Jennie Mable ENSIGN.

Children of William HUGHES and Florence BROOKS are:

- i. William Arthur HUGHES, born Jun 25, 1940 in Endicott, NY; married Dawn RISING Jun 27, 1964 in Newark Valley, NY; born Nov 17, 1941.
- 1 ii. Ronald Dale HUGHES, born Oct 08, 1942 in Waverly, NY; married Judith Caroline FRITZ Apr 18, 1969 in Syracuse, NY.
- iii. James Wallace HUGHES, born Oct 03, 1943 in Endicott, NY.
- iv. Robert Gerald HUGHES, born Oct 03, 1943 in Endicott, NY.

### Generation No. 3

4. Arthur Beaver HUGHES, born Apr 19, 1869 in Danville, Montour, PA; died Dec 19, 1912 in Danville, Montour, PA. burial: Dec 21, 1912, Danville, Montour, PA; Occupation: Moulder; Religion: Quaker. He was the son of 8. William Wallace HUGHES and 9. Mary Catherine WATERS. He married 5. Hannah Hams HARRIS Nov 30, 1892 in ?.
5. Hannah Hams HARRIS, born Jan 21, 1869 in Scranton, PA; died May 14, 1944 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. Died from cerebral hemoriage due to artero sclerosis; burial: May 17, 1944, Danville, PA; Buried in the Christs Church Episcopal Cemetery, lot 36, NW section of the new part of the cemetery. She was the daughter of 10. David Robert HARRIS I and 11. Mary Ann LEWIS.

Children of Arthur HUGHES and Hannah HARRIS are:

- 2 i. William Wallace HUGHES, born Dec 4, 1894 in Scranton, PA; died Oct 17, 1964 in Endicott, NY; married (1) Grace RAUNER Abt. 1915; married (2) Florence Belle BROOKS Abt. 1939.
  - ii. Laura May HUGHES, born Jul 15, 1895 in Scranton, PA; died Feb 4, 1986; married Frank Clarence OLDS Apr 17, 1922; born Dec 29, 1895; Frank was an electrician in Syracuse, NY.; died Oct 19, 1975 in Venice, FL.
  - iii. Robert HUGHES, born Abt. 1896 in Danville, PA; died Abt. 1900 in Danville, PA. Died from diptheria at age 4.
  - iv. Mary Catherine HUGHES, born Feb 6, 1900; died Mar 18, 1903 in Danville, PA. Died from complications of a heart valve that would not close; burial: Mar 20, 1903, Episcopal Cemetery.
  - v. Twin<sup>1</sup> HUGHES, born Unknown.
  - vi. Twin<sup>2</sup> HUGHES, born Unknown.
6. William Rensselaer BROOKS II, born Dec 22, 1861 in Hornellsville, NY; died Feb 17, 1937 in Tioga General Hospital. Buried in lot 31 or 33. Wife is buried in the other. He was the son of 12. William Rensselaer BROOKS I and 13. Jane SIMMONS. He married 7. Jennie Mable ENSIGN Dec 24, 1902 in Addison, NY.
  7. Jennie Mable ENSIGN, born Nov 10, 1881 in Arkport, NY; died Mar 26, 1956 in Owego, Tioga, NY<sup>4</sup>. Died from Arteriosclerotic heart disease.; burial: Mar 30, 1956, Tioga Cemetery, Owego, Tioga, NY<sup>4</sup> Buried in lot 31 or 33, section 23. Husband is buried in the other.; Occupation: Practical Nurse; Religion: Pentacostal Church. She was the daughter of 14. William Brace ENSIGN and 15. Mary Helen TILDEN.

Children of William BROOKS and Jennie ENSIGN are:

- i. Still Born Child, born 1903; died 1903.
- ii. Wilda Claire **BROOKS**, born Aug 8, 1904 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married Perry Dennis **SAYRE** Aug 26, 1922 in Addison, NY; born Aug 8, 1901; died Apr 30, 1968; burial: Unknown, Daytona Beach, FL.
- iii. Leonard Fred **BROOKS**, born Dec 16, 1906 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died May 25, 1973; burial: Unknown, National Cemetery, Little Rock, AR; married Zitell Elssie **ROGERS** Dec 6, 1932 in Carrizozo, NM; born Nov 25, 1912; died Jun 10, 2000; burial: Unknown, National Cemetery, Little Rock, AR.
- 3 iv. Florence Belle **BROOKS**, born Jan 16, 1909 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died Dec 05, 1984 in Johnson City, NY; married William Wallace **HUGHES** Abt. 1939.
- v. Edward Walter **BROOKS**, born May 20, 1914 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died May 14, 1981; burial: Unknown, Lewiston, NY; married Martha Isabelle **COULTER** Apr 28, 1934 in Lewiston, NY; born Mar 1, 1913 in Belfast, Ireland; died Unknown in Rome, NY; burial: Unknown, Lewiston, NY
- vi. Donald Rexford **BROOKS**, born Jul 5, 1918 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died Apr 15, 1996 in Big Spring, TX; burial: Unknown, Big Spring, TX; married (1) Grace Swearingen **HORTON** Dec 5, 1947 in Las Cruces, NM; born Aug 28, 1922; died 1953 in Corsicana, TX. Died in an automobile accident; burial: Unknown, Big Spring, TX; married (2) AnnaLou **McCAIN** Oct 9, 1958 in Mineral Wells, TX; born Nov 8, 1924; died Jan 10, 1999 in El Paso, TX.
- vii. Robert Marion **BROOKS**, born Nov 5, 1920 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died Oct 22, 1974 in New York City, NY; burial: Unknown, National Cemetery, Long Island, NY; married Rita Marie **LAVITOLA** Sep 12, 1942; born May 27, 1920 in New York City, NY; died Nov 20, 1990. burial: Unknown, **LAVITOLA** Plot, Long Island, NY
- viii. William Malcalm **BROOKS**, born May 2, 1922 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married (1) Emma Dorothy **HARRIS** Jul 2, 1940 in Endicott, NY; born Mar 7, 1921 in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada; died Mar 28, 1956; burial: Unknown, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, Tioga, NY; married (2) Nancy Jean **STEWART** Sep 28, 1956 in Corry, PA; born Mar 7, 1921 in Corry, PA.

### Generation No. 4

- 8. William Wallace **HUGHES**, born Unknown in PA; died Unknown in Danville, PA. William died 27 years before his wife, Mary Catherine. He was the son of Arthur D. **HUGHES** and Catherine. He married 9. Mary Catherine **WATERS** Unknown.
- 9. Mary Catherine **WATERS**, born Unknown in Near Snyderstown, PA; died in Danville, PA. Mary Catherine died at the age of 74 from complications of pneumonia and heart problems. She was a member of the Trinity ME Church in Danville, PA.

Children of William **HUGHES** and Mary **WATERS** are:

- 4 i. Arthur Beaver **HUGHES**, born Apr 19, 1869 in Danville, Montour, PA; died Dec 19, 1912 in Danville, Montour, PA; married Hannah Hams **HARRIS** Nov 30, 1892 in ?.
- ii. Laura **HUGHES**, born Unknown; died Unknown.
- iii. Debba **HUGHES**, born Unknown; died Unknown.
- 10. David Robert **HARRIS I**, born May 21, 1838 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died 1912 in West Scranton, PA. Died at the age of 74. Retired as a miner at age 67. He died 1 1/2 years after his wife died. Came to America at age 24, 50 years before he died.; He married 11. Mary Ann **LEWIS** Apr 12, 1859 in ?. David and his wife lived at 507 North Hyde Park Avenue, North Scranton, PA., most of their marriage.
- 11. Mary Ann **LEWIS**, born May 1, 1838 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died 1911 in ?. Mary died before her husband. Came to America at age 23. Member of the First Welsh Congregational Church.; burial: Unknown, Washburn St. Cemetery, Scranton, PA

Children of David **HARRIS** and Mary **LEWIS** are:

- i. Elizabeth **HARRIS**, born Apr 07, 1861 in Wales. Lizzie died of TB.
- ii. John R. **HARRIS**, born May 15, 1863 in Scranton, Lakawanna, PA (Possibly born in Wales); died Dec 30, 1946 in Windsor, NY; married Lucy Thelma **RANDOLPH**; born May 15, 1863 in Belvidere, NY; died Dec 2, 1948 in Windsor, NY.
- iii. Elivra **HARRIS**, born Feb 18, 1867; died Abt. 1900 in West Scranton, PA; married David A. **EVANS** Unknown; born Unknown; died Unknown. Elvira died at age 33 in West Scranton, PA., at her parents home.
- 5 iv. Hannah Hams **HARRIS**, born Jan 21, 1869 in Scranton, PA; died May 14, 1944 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; married Arthur Beaver **HUGHES** Nov 30, 1892 in ?.
- v. Robert **HARRIS**, born Mar 08, 1873 in Scranton, Lakawanna, PA (Born in Wales or Scranton, PA.); died Jul 1927 in Scranton, Lakawanna, PA. Robert died at age 54 in Scranton, PA as a result of being hit by a car. The accident occurred on June 23, ?.; burial: Unknown, Shady Lane Cemetery, Chinchilla, PA; He was an engineer with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad at the time of death. He was a member of the Irem Temple in Wilks-Barre, PA, the Consistory in Scranton, PA, Union Lodge of Masons, and the Green Ridge Baptist Church.; married Sarah **LEWIS** Unknown; born 1873 in ?; died 1965 in ?; burial: Unknown, Shady Lane Cemetery, Chinchilla, PA.
- vi. David Robert **HARRIS II**, born Jan 1, 1878; died Nov 14, 1923; married Ida Lake **ACE** Oct 19, 1899; born Sep 6, 1879 in Scranton, Lakawanna, PA. Ida. may have been born in Wales; however, the 1910 census shows that Ida's father was born in PA., and her mother was born in NJ. Ida was born Abt. 1880. This census shows that David and Ida were living at 1122 Suritand ? Street, near Evans Street, Scranton, PA.
- 12. William Rensselaer **BROOKS I**, born 1821 in England (William's place of birth is in dispute. Ancient family history, passed through the ages, indicates that he was born in England. His records from the Civil War state that he was born in Sullivan County, NY. The 1860 census states he was born in NY.); died Jul 5, 1864 in Baton Rouge, LA; burial: 1864, Baton Rouge, LA. Buried in the National Cemetery, Baton Rouge, LA; He married 13. Jane **SIMMONS** Nov 21, 1844 in Dryden, NY.

13. Jane **SIMMONS**, born Abt. 1828 in Richford, Tioga, NY; died Sep 17, 1906 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY<sup>5</sup>. Died of chronic bronchitis and old age.; burial: Sep 19, 1906, Woodhull Rural Cemetery, Woodhull, Steuben, NY<sup>5</sup>. She was the daughter of John **SIMMONS** and Louisa **HASKINS**.

Children of William **BROOKS** and Jane **SIMMONS** are:

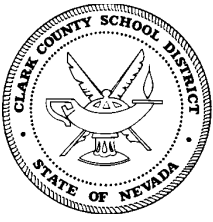
- i. Jerusha **BROOKS**, born Abt. 1842 in Owego, Tioga, NY; died Abt. 1844 in Owego, Tioga, NY; burial: Abt. 1844, Owego, Tioga, NY. Buried in the Indian section of the Evergreen Cemetery, East Avenue, Owego, Tioga, NY.
  - ii. Marion H. **BROOKS**, born Oct 29, 1846 in Dryden, Tompkins, NY (Marion's civil war records show a place of birth of Caroline, NY.); died Jan 13, 1924 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; burial: Unknown, Woodhull Rural Cemetery, Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married Eugenia E. **COLVIN** Dec 30, 1865 in Slaterville Springs, NY; born Oct 24, 1848; died Jan 23, 1924; burial: Unknown, Woodhull Rural Cemetery, Woodhull, Steuben, NY
  - iii. Mary **BROOKS**, born Aug 17, 1850; died 1921; burial: Unknown, Woodhull Rural Cemetery, Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married Delancy S. **COLVIN** Jul 4, 1866; born Apr 14, 1847 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died Dec 13, 1905 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; burial: Unknown, Woodhull Rural Cemetery, Woodhull, Steuben, NY.
  - iv. Ella Nancy **BROOKS**, born Jan 27, 1853; died Feb 10, 1915; burial: Unknown, Painted Post, NY; married Charles **CHERRY** 1872; born May 5, 1850 in England; died Unknown; burial: Unknown, Painted Post, NY.
  - 6 v. William Rensselaer **BROOKS** II, born Dec 22, 1861 in Hornellsville, NY; died Feb 17, 1937 in Tioga General Hospital; married (1) Carrie **SAULSMAN** 1882 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married (2) Caroline Edwards **TAGGART** Abt. 1901 in ?; married (3) Jennie Mable **ENSIGN** Dec 24, 1902 in Addison, NY.
14. William Brace **ENSIGN**, born Nov 25, 1835 in Cohocton Flats, NY; military service: Enlisted on Aug 8, 1862 at the age of 26. Served in the civil war with the 19th New York Calvary.; Mustered out at Cloud's Point Mills, VA on Jun 30, 1865; died Jan 31, 1905 in Rochester, NY.; burial: Near Dansville, Livingston, NY. He was the son of Torrenson Delos **ENSIGN** and Mary **MUNCY**. He married 15. Mary Helen **TILDEN** Feb 12, 1861 in Dansville, Livingston, NY. Married by Rev. **FOX**
15. Mary Helen **TILDEN**, born Sep 04, 1840 in Burns, Alleghany, NY; died Oct 15, 1919 in Rochester, Monroe, NY.; burial: Rochester, NY. She was the daughter of Augustine Erastus **TILDEN** and Harriet N. **CASTERLINE**.

Children of William **ENSIGN** and Mary **TILDEN** are:

- i. Julia Alice **ENSIGN**, born Mar 4, 1862 in Dansville, Livingston, NY; died Unknown; burial: Unknown, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, Tioga, NY; married Ben **VANAUPEN** Unknown; born Unknown; died Unknown.; burial: Unknown, Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, Tioga, NY
- ii. Ida Amelia **ENSIGN**, born Mar 31, 1865 in Probably in Dansville, Livingston, NY; married Aldrich Unknown; born Unknown.
- iii. Stella Elizabeth **ENSIGN**, born Mar 24, 1868 in Dansville, Livingston, NY; died May 2, 1938 in Buffalo, NY; burial: Unknown, Buffalo, NY; Religion: Pentacostal Church; married (1) John Wesley **LABOUR** Nov 13, 1887; born Unknown; died Feb 1, 1908 in Dansville, Livingston, NY; burial: Unknown, Buffalo, NY; married (2) John **HINKLEY** Nov 30, 1889; born Unknown.
- iv. William Grant **ENSIGN**, born Apr 12, 1869 in Dansville, Livingston, NY; died Jun 3, 1945; burial: Unknown, Rochester, NY; married Carrie Evelyn **SHERMAN** May 31, 1891 in ?; born Mar 29, 1869 in Marsfield, Mass; died Feb 19, 1940; burial: Unknown, Rochester, NY.
- v. Cora May **ENSIGN**, born Nov 1, 1870; died 1935; Buried in the Woodhull Village Cemetery (Woodhull Rural Cemetery). Go to the 'unused gate and one row from the side. She is buried in an unmarked grave; married (1) Sam **DARLING** Unknown; born Unknown; married (2) William **SANDS** Unknown; born Unknown; died Unknown.
- vi. Harriet Ann **ENSIGN**, born 1876. Twin sister of Minnie Irene **ENSIGN**
- vii. Hattie **ENSIGN**, born 1876. Died at a very young age
- viii. Minnie Irene **ENSIGN**, born Dec 25, 1875; died Unknown; married John **MEAD** Unknown; born Unknown. Twin sister to Harriet Ann **ENSIGN**. Previous resident of 'The Poor House'. Buried in the Woodhull Village Cemetery (Woodhull Rural Cemetery). Go to the 'unused gate and one row from the side. She is buried in an unmarked grave.
- ix. Eulalia **ENSIGN**, born 1878; died 1880.
- x. Florence Corelecelia **ENSIGN**, born 1880; died 1880.
- 7 xi. Jennie Mable **ENSIGN**, born Nov 10, 1881 in Arkport, NY; died Mar 26, 1956 in Owego, Tioga, NY; married William Rensselaer **BROOKS** II Dec 24, 1902 in Addison, NY.
- xii. Clara Adele **ENSIGN**, born Mar 25, 1885; died 1936; burial: Unknown, Rochester, NY; Religion: Pentacostal Church; married John **PRITCHARD** Unknown; born Unknown; died Unknown; burial: Unknown, Rochester, NY
- xiii. Charles Agustus **ENSIGN**, born Unknown; died Unknown. Died at a very young age.

## Endnotes

1. Certificate of Birth, Scranton, Lakawanna Co., PA. Registered No. 18070. Born at 337 No Lincoln Ave, Scranton, PA. Born at 2:39 a.m.
2. Certificate of Death, NY State Department of Health, District No. 302, Registered No. 176.
3. Certificate of Death, NY State Department of Health. Recorded district 303.
4. Certificate of Death, Dist No. 5324, Registered No. 14, NY State Department of Health.
5. Record of Death, In the village of Woodhull, register No. 390.



# 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.

## Hal Smith Elementary School

*High Achieving Learners*



**Students' Minds Impact Tomorrow's History**



Hal **SMITH** was born in Mitchell, South Dakota on February 9, 1917. At age 3, Hal's family moved to Ellensburg, Washington where he was raised. After graduation from high school in 1934, he moved to California to attend Pasadena City College and California Institute of Technology. He received a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He later took a course in Business Law from La Salle University and courses from the Naval War College in Command Training and International Political Science.

Hal served 30 years with the U.S. Navy. He served his country in World War II and Korea on board the aircraft carrier USS Leyte. He retired as a Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He has resided in Henderson for the past 45 years.

Since 1966, Hal held various state offices as an Assemblyman, State Senator, and State Board of Education member. He retired in 1994, as the oldest serving State Senator. His service spanned the administration of five governors: Paul **LAXALT**, Mike **O'CALLAGHAN**, Bob **LIST**, Richard **BRYAN**, and Bob **MILLER**.

During this time, Hal, provided expertise and thoughtful insight on many tough issues facing the State: education, water, transportation, senior needs, and the environment, his impact can be found on scores of bills that have become law. His knowledge has been widely recognized outside the legislature as well. He served on the Western States Water Council, the Desert Research Institute Water Advisory Committee, the State Board of Education, the Henderson Civil Service Board, and the St. Rose Dominican Hospital Foundation Board. One of his most profound and long-lasting achievements was his participation in convincing the U.S. Congress to amend the Federal Slot Machine Tax Act to return over \$25 million per year to the Nevada school system. Hal currently is serving on the Nevada Commission on Ethics.

As busy as he is, Hal's family has always been his priority. Hal and Tina have been married for 60 years. They have three children of whom they are justly proud. Their oldest daughter, Victoria, owns a pre-school in Solano Beach. Their son, Pete, is a manager of a Home Depot Expo store in Fairfax, Virginia. Their youngest daughter, Christy, is a special education teacher at Goldfarb Elementary School. Their eight grandchildren are all doing well in their chosen careers and fields of endeavor. Hal and Tina enjoy traveling and spending time with their husky dog Mokie.

The school that bears his name Hal **SMITH** Elementary School is located at 5150 East Desert Inn Drive was dedicated Thursday, January 18, 2001.

### Questions to help keep you up at night.....

1. What U.S. President made his only nightclub appearance in Las Vegas?
2. What is the only town in Nevada that prohibits gambling?
3. How many miles of neon tubing are there in Las Vegas signs?
4. How many Las Vegas hotels were imploded in the 1990's?

1. Reagan 2. Boulder City 3. 15,000 4. Four

### Cemetery Symbolism.....

**CRESCENT** - Denotes that the deceased was a Muslim in life.

**DOG** - Dogs often appear at the feet of medieval women, signifying the loyalty and inferior place of each in the chivalric order. Modern dogs only imply that the master was worth loving.

# Preserve important papers with help of simple household products

By Joan **WHITELY**; (REVIEW-JOURNAL)

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There's newspaper and magazine hoarding going on, as people save issues that cover the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

A bath of simple home ingredients can preserve newspapers longer than usual for those who intend to keep them.

"It's a fight against time," says David **MILLMAN**, a curator at the Nevada Museum & Historical Society.

Mundane club soda and Phillips' Milk of Magnesia are in the preservation "recipe" that Toby **MURRAY** offers. She is the preservation-conservation librarian for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Newspapers, in particular, are a preservation nightmare, **MURRAY** says. They're designed to be read and discarded, so the paper stock is of low quality. It's high in acids and pulp; and low in the rag content that made older newspapers more durable.

Magazines are generally easier to save because the paper quality is better. "Usually, that slick, shiny, clay-coated paper is fairly stable," **MURRAY** says.

**MURRAY**'s formula for newspapers will deacidify the paper's pages. That is, it neutralizes the acids that would, otherwise, discolor and eventually eat at the newsprint, causing it to crumble.

Aside from neutralizing paper, a home collector can take other practical steps to conserve newspapers that memorialize important days in history.

First, think over how much to save. A single clipping may be more compact, but a reader loses the context created by side-by-side reports of other events of the day. Consider saving the entire page of newspaper; better yet, the entire section; best of all, the entire issue.

By clipping an article out, "you lose the date. Did the editor think it was important enough to put on the first page, or the 12th page?" **MURRAY** says. Keeping a newspaper page intact preserves the newspaper's identity, "especially if you live in a city where there's more than one paper."

Next, the bare-bones amateur preservationist should find a safe location in the home to put his or her historic newspapers.

"As a general rule, keep it dark and cool and dry," **MILLMAN** says. The less lighting a newspaper receives in storage the better.

Not only should the temperature be cool, it should be constant, **MURRAY** adds. "You want a stable environment. You don't want it bouncing up to 98 degrees one day, and 40 (degrees) the next."

That clearly eliminates a home garage or attic as a safe storage spot. An interior closet may be a good choice, but only if it's not along an exterior wall of the house, where sun can raise the closet's temperature.

Also consider whether the closet has ventilation and is, in effect, maintained at the same temperature as the rest of a house's interior. A closet against a garage would be a bad choice because its temperature fluctuates along with that of the garage, although not as drastically.

If no closet is suitable, there's nothing wrong with keeping important newspapers in a box under the bed.

That leads to the question of what sort of box is suitable. Ideally, a container should be labeled by its manufacturer as acid-free. That means it contains no damaging acid that could transfer, on contact, to

the newspaper.

A box intended to preserve a wedding dress would work well. Not only are such boxes lined with acid-free material; generally they are large enough to lay a newspaper out with minimal folding.

Beware that the more you touch and handle a landmark newspaper, the more chance you will transfer harmful contaminants such as acids or skin oil to the paper. Frequent folding and unfolding will weaken the paper along the creases.

**MILLMAN** recommends storing a souvenir newspaper flat, as opposed to upright. If kept in a metal file cabinet, for example, remove the filing system and lay the paper down flat.

A collector has several more decisions to make, especially if he didn't neutralize the pages of the paper. To prevent acid from migrating from one page to the next — or from other box or drawer contents to the newspaper — either separate them with a sheet or sleeve of stable plastic or with nonacidic, white blotting paper.

Some art stores sell acid-free blotting paper, but large pieces of Mylar or polypropylene are available only through sales online or mail-order.

The most stable, archival-quality plastic is Mylar. But polypropylene is adequate, say **MURRAY** and **MILLMAN**. Avoid PVC-type plastic sheets, which are not neutralized.

Don't store glossy magazines in the same container as nondeacidified newspapers, even with a sheet of acid-free paper as a barrier. "It's best to separate different types of materials because the acid will migrate," **MURRAY** says.

Do not laminate important papers. The process, **MURRAY** says, irrevocably changes the original. If the lamination gets damaged, the paper can't be retrieved.

"Don't do what you can't undo," is a prime rule of preservationists, she says.

Other strategies for preserving the image of old newspapers include having a high-quality photocopy made onto acid-free copy paper. Or, take a digital photograph of the page.

## **CLUB SODA DEACIDIFICATION**

1 quart club soda, chilled

2 teaspoons liquid Phillips' Milk of Magnesia, unflavored (or 1 1/2 ounces powdered Phillips' Milk of Magnesia, unflavored; do not use milk of magnesia tablets because they contain an additional chemical)

New, plastic cat litter pan, 23 by 26 inches

Newspaper pages

Several sheets of white, nonfusible fabric interfacing, 23 by 36 inches

Several sheets of white, acid-free blotting paper

Heavy, regular-shaped weights such as bricks or books

Pour the milk of magnesia into the original bottle of cold club soda. Put the cap back on the bottle, and shake bottle gently to disperse the

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liquid, or powder, evenly.

Refrigerate the bottle. At 10 minutes, remove the bottle and shake gently. Repeat after 20 and 30 minutes.

Return the bottle to refrigerator, and let it sit for 30 minutes longer, or until any undissolved powder settles to the bottom of the bottle.

Pour the solution into the litter pan. If there are any powdered dregs in the bottle, do not pour them out.

Place each newspaper page to be treated on the center of the fabric interfacing, then lower the interfacing into the pan's solution. Make sure the page is thoroughly soaked, with all corners submerged. Do not submerge stacked pages.

Soak pages at least 20 minutes, but no longer than 2 hours. Solution will turn dirty yellow when no longer effective.

Remove pages from the pan, and allow the excess solution to drain before separating the page from the interfacing. Discard the remaining solution, which is not corrosive, down a conventional drain.

Air-dry the newspaper between sheets of blotting paper. Change the blotting paper often to accelerate drying time.

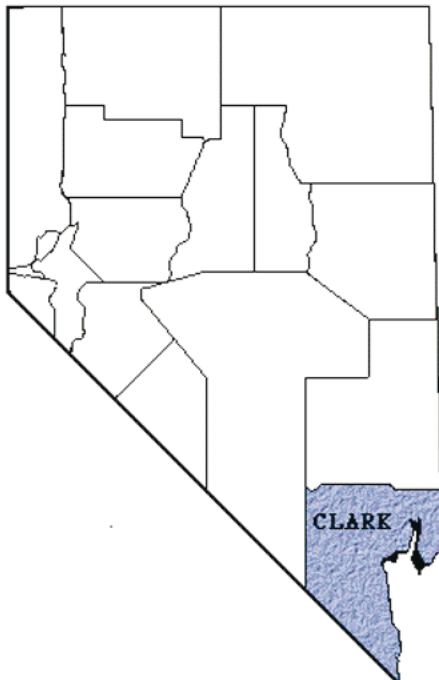
When the pages are almost dry, place a dry sheet of blotting paper over them. Then place heavy books on the blotting paper, so the newspaper will dry flat. Position the books so they cover all of the newspaper, with no gaps.

The same process can be used to deacidify other important papers, such as a marriage license. But if a document has any handwritten marks on it, do a small "bleed" test first.

Wet a Q-tip in distilled or purified water, then roll it along an unobtrusive spot of the inked section. If any color tone appears on the Q-tip, the document is not a candidate for deacidification.

This story is located at:

[http://www.lvrj.com/lvrj\\_home/2001/Oct-07-Sun-2001/living/17125909.html](http://www.lvrj.com/lvrj_home/2001/Oct-07-Sun-2001/living/17125909.html)



# The Latest Tips

By Michael John NEILL

October 22, 2001

Never assume what an abbreviation means. If a source uses abbreviations, look for a legend or a key explaining what the shortened version means. The abbreviation may not refer to what you think it does, especially if the term is no longer in use.

October 15, 2001

When requesting records from a courthouse or other repository, indicate that you need documentation. The title of the book (frequently on the spine for original records) and the page number will be necessary should you every have to locate the record again.

October 8, 2001

When researching in published sources, make a photocopy of the title page of any book from which you take notes or make copies. It is an easy way to cite your source later. Make certain all the necessary information is there and write the book's call number and the name of the library on the copy. Librarians have a difficult time locating "that fat green book."

October 1, 2001

While we may not like it, America has been a sexist society. So if your female ancestor sold property in 1850, signed a marriage bond in 1814, or was "head of a household" in the 1880 census (with her husband listed last!), as was mine, find out why. Searching for the reason might cause you to tap into a gold mine of information.

September 24, 2001

It is important to keep in mind that clerks might not be familiar with the older records. Once when obtaining a death certificate from 1927, the clerk told me she couldn't figure out why there was no social security number for the deceased. I said that was okay and that I didn't need it. What the clerk wasn't aware of was that social security numbers weren't being used in 1927.

September 17, 2001

If you can't locate your ancestor's name in a printed transcription of a census record and the year is 1850 or after, look at the birthplaces instead and then check every individual born in that location. This works best for immigrants and is how I located several German families in a printed 1860 census for a certain Illinois county.

September 10, 2001

Materials from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City are not loaned to public libraries but they are loaned to Family History Centers. To see if there is a Family History Center near you, look up "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" in your phone book.

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## RESEARCH TIP #30:

### REMEMBER RECORDS VARY FROM STATE TO STATE

Never assume that the records in one state are the same as those in another. If you've researched many families in a certain area, you are probably familiar with the records and what information they typically contain. Before researching in a different area, learn about that area's records and sources. Researching in Oregon in 1900 is different from researching in Virginia in 1750!

Look for more Genealogy Tips from Michael John NEILL,  
Genealogy Instructor: <http://www.Genealogy.com/tipspage.html>

## How close will these stats compare to those that you find in the 1930 census?

Some of us may remember some things close to these itemized stats —and most of us realize the amazing changes which occurred during the 20th Century —but the contrasts of what was in 1901 as opposed to what is in 2001 are awesome.

It might be interesting to look over the 1900 census and then make a comparison with the life style of your family thirty years later when they filled in the blanks for the 1930 census which will soon be available..

However, that the 21st Century has finally arrived, it might be fun to look back at the beginning of the last century to see what it was like. Read on!

The average life expectancy in the United States was 47.

Only 14% of the homes in the United States had a bathtub.

Only 8% of the homes had a telephone. A three minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the US and 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million residents, (about the stats for Southern Nevada) California was only the twenty-first most populous State in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the US was twenty-two cents an hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per **year**.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per **year**, a dentist \$2500 per **year**, a veterinarian between \$1500 and \$4000 per **year** and a mechanical engineer about \$5000 per **year**.

More than 95% of all births in the United States took place at home.

Ninety percent of all US physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as “substandard.”

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or

egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason, either as travelers or immigrants.

The five leading causes of death in the US were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

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 ongoing problems in Denver and other cities in the West.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was thirty. The remote desert community was inhabited by only a handful of ranchers and their families.

Plutonium, insulin, and antibiotics hadn't been discovered yet.

Scotch tape, crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

One in ten US adults couldn't read or write. Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, “Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.”

Coca-Cola contained cocaine instead of caffeine.

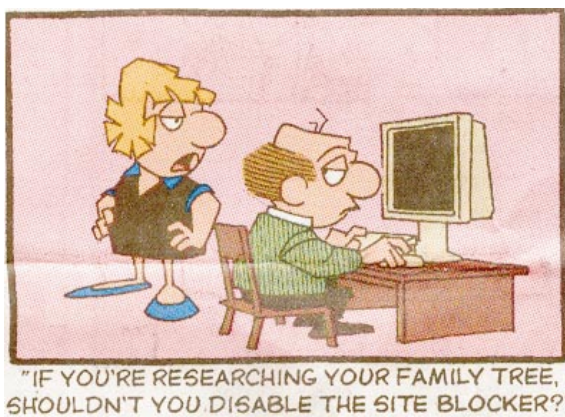
Punch card data processing had recently been developed, and early predecessors of the modern computer were used for the first time by the government to help compile the 1900 census.

Eighteen percent of households in the United States had at least one full -time servant or domestic.

93% of all households had a gun.

There were about 230 reported murders in the US annually.

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## Did You Know?

Estate sales, library book sales, and garage sales sometimes have old Encyclopedia or old Atlas books that can be purchased very cheap. Old books such as this can be invaluable to a genealogist because they may contain towns, counties, and landmarks that no longer exist.

# NEVADA YESTERDAYS

February 2001

Written for KNPR Radio by Frank **WRIGHT**  
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One of the chief delights of the study of history is that there are few immutable truths. Many historical "facts" turn out, on closer examination, to be misrepresentations. For example, it's more or less common knowledge that Las Vegas sat astride the Old Spanish Trail which, in the 19th century, carried commerce between New Mexico and southern California. Most historical maps attest to this. It is clear that Las Vegas was a watering stop on a trail, portions of which can still be discerned. But was it the Old Spanish Trail?

The first commercial caravan known to have passed through the Las Vegas Valley was led by New Mexican merchant Antonio **ARMIJO** in early 1830. **ARMIJO** carried woven goods to exchange for California livestock. Careful research done some years ago by Elizabeth **WARREN** demonstrates that **ARMIJO**'s route barely skirted the southern edge of the valley. While trading caravans moved more or less regularly across the Mojave Desert for the next eighteen years, no other party is known to have used this route. Most bypassed Las Vegas altogether and instead traveled south following the Colorado River to Needles. From that point they followed a trail west first marked by Spanish explorer Francisco **GARCÉS** in 1776. That, properly speaking, was the Old Spanish Trail.

How then did it come to be understood that the old Spanish Trail came through Las Vegas? American explorer John C. **FREMONT** assumed he was on the Old Spanish Trail in 1844 when he followed what is now Blue Diamond Road over Mountain Springs Pass into the Las Vegas Valley. He so recorded it in his report which received wide distribution. When Americans came into the area in greater numbers over the next few years, they followed his route and his nomenclature. The trail through Las Vegas was neither old nor Spanish.

In many accounts of the first people of European heritage to pass

through Las Vegas Valley, the name Rafael **RIVERA** looms very large. Maybe too large.

According to legend, **RIVERA** was the first non-native to view the valley. In truth, very little is actually known about him. In late 1829 and early 1830, **RIVERA** served as a scout for the Antonio **ARMIJO** pack train. The caravan was en route from New Mexico to southern California for purposes of trade. On Christmas Day 1829, according to **ARMIJO**'s journal, the party camped on the Virgin River about a hundred miles northeast of Las Vegas. **RIVERA** and several others departed on a reconnaissance mission. The scouting party returned a week later without **RIVERA**. During that time, the main group had reached the Colorado River and was following it southward. On January 7th, thirteen days after his departure, **RIVERA** rejoined the others at the mouth of Las Vegas Wash. Where had **RIVERA** been? He reported that he had recognized Mohave Indian villages and a crossing of the Colorado he had seen the year before. The villages and crossing were about ninety miles down river from Las Vegas.

**ARMIJO** chose not to follow **RIVERA**'s path. Instead, he led the party westward, passing through what is now Green Valley. Their only two overnight stops in or near Las Vegas Valley were dry camps. The record clearly indicates that **RIVERA** had not seen, let alone named, Las Vegas Springs, as many recent history books incorrectly state. It was somewhat later and as yet unknown party that would happen upon the springs and record the place as "the meadows" on Mexican maps.

Why go to into such detail to revise a historical interpretation? Because without constant rethinking, misleading information can become the basis of popular legend.

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## Joseph **WALKER** Nevada Explorer

Author: Jill **HOPPNER** (Lawrence MS)  
Picture: Student (O'Callaghan MS)



Joseph **WALKER** (1798 – 1876) for whom **WALKER** Lake, **WALKER** River, and **WALKER** Pass were named, was actually more famous for his explorations in California than his discoveries in Nevada.

**WALKER**, who was born in Tennessee, spent most of his childhood in California. Later he joined Captain **BONNEVILLE** on an expedition through the West. Many historians believe **WALKER** was sent to spy on Mexico and to learn what he could about the western territory they held.

However, it was under Captain **BONNEVILLE**'s command that **WALKER** was ordered to find a way through the West to the Pacific. He used the Humboldt River to travel through Nevada. Along the way **WALKER** and his scouts encountered hostile Paiute Indians. When a few fights broke out between the two groups, approximately forty Paiutes were killed.

**WALKER**'s expedition was the first documented travel through Northern Nevada, which opened to pioneers the possibility of using a northern route through the desert and the Sierra Nevada mountains to California. During **WALKER**'s difficult passage through the Sierra Nevadas, he discovered Yosemite Valley and the famous Sequoia redwood trees, the largest plants on earth. While in California, he traveled south to Monterrey and then returned back through the Sierra Nevadas to the Great Salt Lake.

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**IN AN ENGLISH FIELD:**  
The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.



**IN A PARIS (FRANCE) DRESS SHOP WINDOW:**  
Dresses for street walking.



# GLORIA'S STORY

By Gloria PHILLIPS (CCNGS)

I was born in 1928, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. My mother's name was Kathryn PRATT. When she took me home from the hospital, her stepfather wouldn't let her eat at the same table as long as I was in the house. When I was 4 weeks old, she decided to let a childless couple she knew adopt me. They gave me a good home, love, and all the things she couldn't give me. My adopted parents came to see me and fell in love with me, but my adopted father said he couldn't take me away from Kathryn and they left. Then the next day my adopted mother bought a layette and came to get me without my adopted dad knowing. While they were eating supper, I decided I should eat too, so I cried. My adopted dad said, "You brought her home?" My adopted mom told him that if I went, she went too. So I had the best home anyone would want.

I never knew I was adopted until I was 26 years old and had my daughter. I thought I was naming her after my cousin and grandmother. Later, when I did find out I was adopted, I actually had named MY daughter after Kathryn and me (before my name was changed).

I thought it strange that I never could get a birth certificate since I was born at the University Hospital, while my husband who was born at home had one. Finally, an aunt told me that I was adopted. What a horrible experience that was. I questioned my mom about it and she showed me a letter Kathryn had written to me. I looked at the postmark and wrote to the county clerk and got her marriage license. I made some phone calls and found out she lived in Detroit. They gave me her phone number and address.

I went with two friends to meet her without her knowing I was coming. When my friend called her to see if she wanted to see her daughter, Kathryn said she was just going to see her. My friend said, "your other daughter." Kathryn denied she had another daughter but then was told about all the relatives we knew. She then wanted to meet me.

It was quite a meeting. Both of us cried. We went to a park for a couple of hours, then we headed back to Grand Rapids. She gave me my grandmother's address in Traverse City and I wrote to her. My grandmother wanted to see me. My husband and children went there with me. As soon as she opened the door, I said, "Now I know where Jay got his eyes." We had a nice visit.

I then decided I wanted to know about my father. Kathryn told me the name of my father on my birth certificate was not right, something I already knew. She gave me the name Harold CLARK and suggested I let him know I was alive. I checked all of the Harold CLARKS in Michigan and found 714. Then I asked her where he lived when I was born. She gave me the house number and street name. My cousin checked the city directory and found it. She made some calls and discovered that he had passed away. She sent me a copy of his obituary.

I wrote to one of Harold's daughters who replied to my correspondence. I wrote back to her on several occasions for information not letting her know who I really was. Our correspondences went on until November 2000, when I took a chance and told her whom I was. She was so excited she wrote right back and wanted to know why I waited so long to tell her who I was.

I made arrangements to go to Grand Rapids, Michigan to meet her in July of 2001. What a wonderful experience that was. We got together

as often as possible since she was working. I met her husband, Bob, and my two new nephews, Josh, whose birthday is the same as mine, and his brother, Phillip. Needless to say, my stay wasn't long enough but now we call each other or write.

Kathryn asked me not to contact her any more. She is 91 years old and I realize it brought back many memories she didn't want to remember. My father died in 1953, which meant I never got to meet him. However, I certainly know that I AM a CLARK, as I resemble that side of the family. The other important thing I obtained from my search is all the medical history of the CLARK family going back to 1791.

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*Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society*

## **SPRING FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR**

**9 March 2002**



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1. Researching Your Family in the 21st Century. 2. Evaluating What You Have Found, Both Compiled and Original Sources. 3. What To Do When the Courthouse Burned; "We Don't Have Those Records Anymore". 4. Tips on Getting More Out of the Family History Library Catalogue.

**Registration Forms at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nvccngs>**

# POINT National Conference 2002 Set For Salt Lake City

POINT (pursuing Our Italian Names Together) - THE American Network of Italian Genealogy - will hold its Third Biennial National Conference (October 10- 15, 2002) in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Wyndham Hotel.

- \* **Thursday evening, October 10**, early sign in will be in our Hospitality Room -the Emigration Room of the hotel. Attendees may also sign in on Friday morning, in the same room.
- \* **Friday, October 11**, will feature lectures, workshops, tours, and guided research. There will be a box lunch and an evening banquet with a guest speaker .
- \* **Saturday, October 12**, will be filled with more lectures, workshops and guided research and will feature a luncheon with another guest speaker .
- \* **Sunday**, attendees will be free to pursue personal activities.
- \* **Monday and Tuesday** will be devoted to more guided research.

Cost for the conference will be \$125 (by March 31,2002) and \$140 for registration after March 31. Above meals will be included in the cost of the conference with a continental breakfast available each day through the hotel at an additional cost. Spouses or guests may accompany the conference registrant to the banquet for \$38 or the luncheon for \$26; The box lunch/lecture will be \$20 per extra guest.

We will begin Friday morning with a two-hour VIP tour of the Family History Library, followed by our opening session. Next will be the box lunch with Ruth **MERRIMAN** who will explain how the Guided Research aspect of the conference will work. Guided Research will provide an opportunity for attendees to pre-order the microfilms they will need for their research. Ruth will make sure any films ordered will be in the Library during the conference. This will avoid the often-encountered problem of having to wait for the films to come from the "vault." The many Italian specialists at the Library will be available during the entire conference for extra consultation with attendees and their quests through October 19th.

After lunch on Friday, the three-track Conference will begin in earnest. One track will concentrate on general research topics. The second track will concentrate on Italian research and culture. The third track will be Guided Research at the Family History Library, which will be available during all hours the Library is open. There will also be classes held at the Library.

Room reservations are now being accepted at the Wyndham Hotel in Salt Lake City. Call 1-801-531- 7500 and be sure to mention the **POINT National Conference -2002** for group rates. There are a limited number of rooms set side for our group, so early reservations are highly recommended.

If you are doing Italian genealogical research - in Italy or anywhere - you will not want to miss this conference.

Anyone with questions about the conference may contact:

Jacqui <b>SUKER</b> (#4454)	Mike <b>MADEO</b> (#2263)
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Brigham City, UT 84302-2822	Brigham City, UT 84302-2749
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visit either of these websites: <http://www.geocities.com/slcpi/> or <http://aol.members.com/pointhomp/home.htm>

## JAMBOREE 2002

Save These Dates:

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Sun April 14, 2002 8:30 - 4:00

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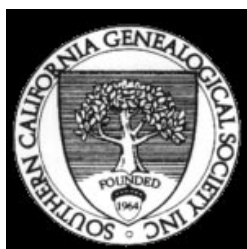
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## WHITTIER AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 20th ANNUAL SEMINAR

Saturday, 23 February 2002

7604 Greenleaf Avenue  
Whittier, California

**Sharon DeBARTOLO CARMACK, CG**

Flesh on the Bones: Putting Your Ancestors into Historical Perspective

The Silent Woman: Bringing a Name to Life  
Painless Organization

Cryptic Clues in the Bone Yard

Sharon **DeBARTOLO CARMACK** is a nationally known lecturer, a Certified Genealogist, author of several books and videos and is a contributing editor for *Family Tree Magazine*. You will find her an engaging and knowledgeable speaker.

There will be sales and display tables: books by Sharon **CARMACK**, other books, WAGS members' pedigree charts, genealogical items, memory books, etc.. **No taping or lectures allowed.**

For more information:

WAGS web page: <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags> or Jean

**BOGART**, Seminar Director: 626-333-1194 or [bjcbogie@aol.com](mailto:bjcbogie@aol.com) or Ray **RISTIC**, President: [wags@cagenweb.com](mailto:wags@cagenweb.com)

# 2002 FGS Conference

**The Federation of Genealogical Societies & The California State Genealogical Alliance**

To be held at the Ontario Convention Center in **Ontario, California** 7-10 August 2002. The 2002 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be hosted by the California State Genealogical Alliance. This 2002 Conference will celebrate the ethnic diversity of this country since its foundation. Nowhere is this multi-cultural environment more apparent than in California, the venue of this conference. Lectures and activities will emphasize all the many cultures in our society today and how they influence the work of today's genealogists.

The 2002 FGS Conference in Ontario offers many valuable lectures for every genealogist!

A variety of lectures for the beginning, intermediate, and advanced researcher  
Back to Basic Track  
Society Management Seminar  
Family History Center Track  
Board for Certification of Genealogists Track  
APG Professional Management Conference  
Ontario Convention Center



The conference will be held at the new Ontario Convention Center. It is directly adjacent to the Ontario International Airport, which is serviced by most major airlines. Three major freeways provide easy access to the conference. Public transportation (Metrolink) is also available to Ontario from the surrounding counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. Conference hotels and numerous restaurants close to the Convention Center provide a wide selection of accommodations and dining options for conference visitors.

The National Archives and Records Administration Pacific Region facility (Laguna Niguel), is located in nearby Orange County. The Los Angeles Public Library is also situated within easy driving distance from Ontario.

Listen to and Learn from lectures on a variety of topics; Choose from over 150 lectures and over 60 presenters; Meet, Network, and Collaborate with other genealogists. Why not meet your "online" research friends at this picturesque California site / Browse and Shop in our vendor area. Aisle after aisle of genealogical software, books, and services; Discover and Expand your family tree; Find out what genealogical societies can do for you; Enjoy the multitude of attractions, historic sites, and research facilities that California provides.

Detailed information on the FGS/CSGA 2002 Conference in Ontario, CA and accommodations will be available in early 2002. Contact the FGS office to request a registration booklet in the mail.

For additional information contact: California State Genealogical Alliance  
P.O. Box 311 Danville, CA 94526-0311  
www.csga.com

Federation of Genealogical Societies  
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Austin, TX 78720-0940  
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## National Genealogical Society

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*"An American Sampler"*

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

15-18 May 2002

Pittsburgh.

31 May 2003

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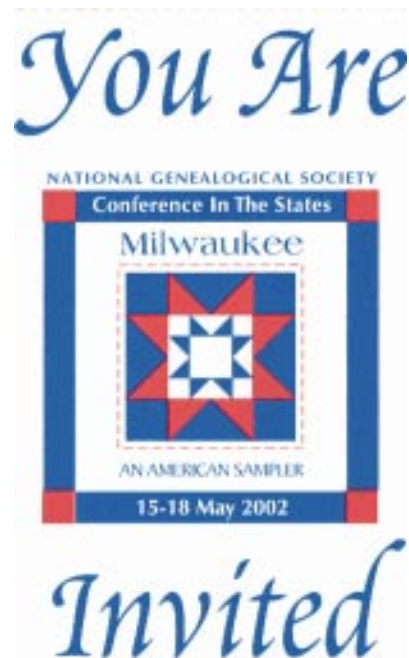
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Arlington, VA 22207-2399

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# WEB LINKS

## HTTP://



### Social Security Death Index

<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi/>

To learn more about this incredible American genealogy resource see: Exploring the SSDI and Railroad Retirement Board Records: <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson10.htm>

### WORLDCONNECT.

Unable to find your ancestors or your cousins? Try searching the more than 177 million names at WorldConnect or post your GEDCOMs here and let them find you:

<http://www.worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>

### ROOTSWEB'S GUIDE TO TRACING FAMILY TREES

Where you will learn how to find your ancestors and answers to your research questions.

<http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/>

African American, Native American, Jewish, and Unique Peoples <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson25.htm>

### BLUNDELL Genealogy Gateway.

Includes: **AUDETTE, LAPOINTE, BARKER, BLANCHARD, BLUNDELL, BURDEN, CLARKE, COOK, COUCHMAN, DAINES, GREGORY, HUMPHREYS, NAPIER, PLEDGER, RATA, RATER, ROBERT, WEEMES, and WRIGHT**, from England, Scotland, France, and Canada; ca 1800 to 1998.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tdhblundell/>

### CANADA-U.S.A. BORDER CROSSINGS.

FAQs about the St. Albans Lists and immigrants crossing the Canadian border into the U.S. from 1894-1954. Provides links to film numbers (NARS and FHL), which are hard to find on the Internet, and explains how to obtain them.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~holdenclan/albans.htm>

### FOWLER

The Ancestors of Verna **FOWLER BECKSTEAD** early settlers of New Jersey. Other surnames are: **HILLYER, HENNESSEY, ROLLER, PERRINE, CAREY, SELEVOR/SLOVER, and RICHARDS.**

<http://freepages.writing.rootsweb.com/~popfralely/index.htm>

### IOWA

Montrose, Lee County, Iowa. A Look into the Past. Includes history and pictures of the Montrose area and some pictures of people who lived there.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~montrose/>

### McLEOD Family Genealogy

Researching **McLEODS** from Sussex Parish, Kings County, New Brunswick, Canada. Also **CAMPBELL, JONES, STONE, DAY, MILLER, McCULLY, and McKENZIE.**

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~dimcl/>

### MAHAN, STEPHENS, SUMMERS, PENDERGRAFT

Families from the southern Missouri counties of Barry and Texas.

<http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~popfralely/index.htm>

### MIRANDA, SILVA

Site displays 1890s California baptismal certificates for three of the six children of Maria **MIRANDA** and Antonio **SILVA**, as well as later correspondence from Massachusetts and Maine concerning this Portuguese-American couple. Their two daughters were placed in the Home for Destitute Catholic Children in Boston ca 1902.

Alice was adopted by a **KELLEY** family in Portland, Maine, while Flora was a foster child of a **LEONARD** family in Brunswick, Maine. Seeking more information, their final resting places, and for California descendants.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~desmarais/>

### REDDS

**REDDS** from the 1750s, of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah with collateral lines of **HARDISON, HANCOCK, BUTLER,** and **BRYNER.**

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~lemuel/>

### SCRIVEN FAMILY GENEALOGY

Covering various descendants of William **SCRIVEN** (1727-1827) of Westerly, Washington County, Rhode Island and Grafton, Rensselaer County, New York. Other surnames: **LEWIS, MOSHER, SABIN, WIGGINS, LARABEE, MCDONALD, VERGESON, KROECK.**

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~scriven/>

**SPIDLE, SENSENBAUGH, BOBBITT & DALTON**  
**SPIDEL, SPIDLE** family of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, California.  
**SENSEBACH, SENSENBAUGH** family of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, California. **BOBBITT** and **DALTON** families of Grayson and Carroll Counties, Virginia. Also includes **BRANDT, MYERS, SLAYBAUGH, HOLLINGER, KLEIN, ULRICH, WOLF, BRANSCOME, CARROLL, COLLIER, FLEMING, and JENNINGS.**

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~spidlefamily/>

### THOMPSON/THOMSEN

The Ancestors of Roy Edwin **THOMPSON** from Denmark, Sweden, England, Isle of Man, Isle of Jersey and the United States. They were Mormon Pioneers: Other surnames include: **McNEIL, ORTENSON, ERICKSON, KERBY, RIGGS, SMITH, and HIBBERT.**

<http://freepages.nostalgia.rootsweb.com/~popfralely/>

### TURNBOW, COOK

Ancestors of Jess Lee Thompson. His mother's **TURNBOW** and **COOK** families were from Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas; his **THOMPSON** and **McNEIL** lines were Mormon pioneers.

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~popfralely/index.htm>

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## February

**2**  
12:00 PM DAR, Silver State Chapter (293-0703)

**4**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Free Genealogy Workshop - Cora Coleman Sunrise Senior Center 455-7617  
Trace your roots with help from Kathy MARSHALL. Must attend all four classes and complete assignments outside of class. (2970.104)

**5**  
**1:00 PM CCNGS British Isles Interest Group (243-0873)**

**11**  
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**13**  
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**14**  
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Mojave Community College, 3400 Highway 95

5:00 PM Pursuing Our Italian Names Together, POINT (641-6412)  
Meeting at Metro Pizzeria, 4001 South Decatur

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