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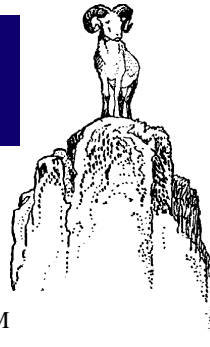
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# CCNGS

## Election and Installation Board of Directors 2002-2003

At the Annual Birthday/Election/Pot Luck meeting 19 September 2002 the following members were installed as the 2002-2003 CCNGS Board of Directors:



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 Former President: Joan KUSHNER

### Starting in January 2003 Meetings for:

Months of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov.  
 Third Thursday of the Month  
 Edwins Hall - Reformation Lutheran Church  
 580 East St. Louis  
 7 - 9 p.m.

Months of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec  
 Third Saturday of the Month  
 Paseo Verde Library  
 280 So Green Valley Parkway  
 10AM - 12PM

*(Meeting Topics Subject to Change)*

**Thu, Nov 21** **Short:** My Searching Results - Good & Bad;  
**Long:** Time Line for Procrastinators by Linnea ANDERSON.

**Thu, Dec 19** **Short:** TBA; **Long:** Book of Old Country Home Towns by Barbara CULLINGS.

### Meetings for 2003

**Thu, Jan 16** at Reformation Lutheran Church  
**Sat, Feb 15** at Paseo Verde Library  
**Sat, Mar** Spring Seminar with Jane DOUMA PEARSON  
**Thu, Mar 20** at Reformation Lutheran Church



## OPEN, OPEN, OPEN!

Have you had an opportunity to visit the new Heritage Room (for Family History) at the Paseo Verde Library in Henderson off of Green Valley Parkway just south of 1-215? It is now **OPEN!**



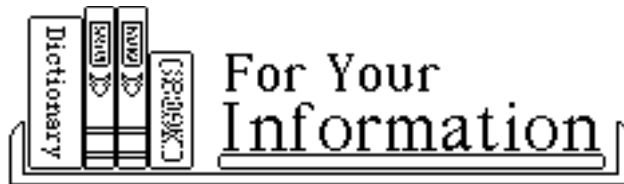
Hopefully you have seen our books out and available for everyone to use after many years of being boxed and stored. The library has also added numerous titles to what we were able to provide. Our periodicals are also available; ask the reference desk for them so that you can check out areas that you are searching.

The library also provides state of the art equipment which allows the researcher to use the computer, Internet, microfilm, microfiche, printer, copier, and scanner all within a single workstation. Since this equipment is technical, everyone is still working at learning all the "ins and outs" as to its operation.

Currently a large, growing genealogy data base is being tested to determine if it should be made available for the researcher and library patron to use to enhance her/his research process.

Everything is moving along and it is exciting to see the library developing. Be patient, not everything is finished. If you have ideas of what you would like to see at the library, notify one of the volunteers or submit your ideas in writing.





## OCTOBER 2002 SEMINAR

CCNGS's Fall Seminar was held Saturday, October 19th at the Joker's Wild Casino and was a tremendous success. Kory MEYERINK was our guest speaker for the day and his presentations were outstanding, well organized, and interspersed with anecdotes and humor. High praise was "the word of the day" from all...they enjoyed the day's topics. Our thanks goes out to Kory MEYERINK for providing us with his knowledge and expertise.

We also want to thank *Heritage Quest* for providing a variety of books for our guests to purchase. As expected, the "hot ones" sold out quickly. Also special thanks to *Heritage Quest* for the *Heritage Quest magazines* which were provided for all to enjoy. If you have not already subscribed to this magazine, it is **THE ONE** you should have if you are working on Family History. Information for subscribing is included on the inside of the magazine.

Thanks goes to Julie PREMEREUX who represented Creative Memories and provided ideas and materials for our guests to create those wonderful albums of ancestors and present family.

Thanks to the CCNGS Board, especially Margaret LOUIS and Mac PURSEL, and all the members who volunteered to help at the seminar.

And of course, a big thanks to all who attended our seminar! We had a good representation from our membership, guests from out of town, and those who heard about the seminar through the library and our fliers. We appreciate everyone's attendance and hope that you will be with us again in the spring (March 2003) when we will have Jane DOUMA PEARSON whose presentation will provide information from the National Archives.



## 2003 GENTECH CONFERENCE CANCELLED

The GENTECH Division of the National Genealogical Society regrets to

announce the cancellation of GENTECH 2003, the conference for genealogy and technology, scheduled to be held 16-18 January 2003 in Phoenix, Arizona. The National Genealogical Society's GENTECH 2003 conference liaisons, executive committee, and board of directors have affirmed and fully support this action.

While extremely regrettable, this action was deemed necessary based on administrative, financial, and logistical complications that were in evidence when NGS became responsible for the conference and that would have imperiled the success of this event.

NGS and GENTECH want to thank all of the volunteers for their efforts. We know they were numerous and substantial. We will all miss the opportunity to join our fellow genealogists in sunny Phoenix this winter.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming GENTECH events. Please watch the NGS website <http://www.NGSGenealogy.org> for more details about the new NGS GENTECH Division, as we are committed to seeing that the discipline of family history meets the power of new technology.

**SOURCE:** Ancestry Daily News, 6 August 2002 (Copyright 1998-2002 MyFamily.com Inc. and its subsidiaries)

## Finding Ancestor's Birthdates

Old grave markers often have the date of the person's death and their exact age in years, months and days. You can determine the person's birth date from this information by using the "formula of 8870.

For example:

Died: May 6, 1889 (05/06/1889) = 18890506  
Age 71 years, 7 months, 9 days = 710709

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18890506      (yyyymmdd)
-710709
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18179797
-8870
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18170927      (yyyymmdd)
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Which means this person was born in the year 1817, the 9th month, 27th day or September 27, 1817

(Johnson County Kansas Genealogist; Vol. 26; No. 1. and Southern Indiana Genealogical Society Quarterly; April 2002, Vol. XXIII Nr. 2, p.63.)

## OHIO ONLINE MEMORY PROJECT NEEDS HELP

Would you like to give something back to the genealogy community? You can by volunteering to transcribe primary source documents for the Ohio Memory Project. The project is seeking student interns and volunteers to transcribe documents that are part of the Ohio Memory Online Scrapbook, an online database of more than 14,000 images from 260 historical societies, libraries, museums and archives in Ohio.

You can browse the scrapbook by category and search for items at:  
<http://www.ohiomemory.org/>

Students and volunteers can transcribe a variety of documents, depending on their research interests. Some examples of documents that need transcription are Babe RUTH's condolence letter to Mrs. Florence HARDING (1923), Hocking Valley strike records (1884), women's suffrage petitions (1912) and more. Students who would like to participate in an unpaid internship can work off-site or at the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus.

For more information Laurie GEMMILL at (614) 297-2576.

**SOURCE:** 10-03-2002 Family Tree Magazine E-mail Update

## CANADIAN BORDER CROSSINGS

Also known as "The St. Albans Lists"

By: Helen L. SMITH, CCNGS

The immigration records for those who crossed into the US through Sault Ste. Marie and other "ports" along the Canadian border are included in what are called the St. Albans Lists. Here is a link that discusses these lists in some detail.

<http://www.nara.gov/publications/prologue/stalbans.html>

Basically those immigrants entering the US through Canada from 1895 to 1954 (no matter where they actually entered) are included in these St. Albans, VT lists.

Here are the directions that describe how to find and order the microfilms to obtain copies of the St. Albans Lists (which are actually index card extracts of immigrant passengers arranged "alphabetically" by Soundex) and the associated ship's manifests. These directions are pretty clear and will lead you to what you need if you suspect that your ancestors entered the U.S. through Canada which was an easier process than going through the well known Atlantic and southern ports.

You want to start with the Soundex Index to Canadian Border Entries through the St. Albans, Vermont, District, 1895-1924 (M1461). Go to [Familysearch.com](http://Familysearch.com), then select Library, then Family History Library Catalogue. Do a "Place search" and enter "St. Albans, Vermont". Select "emigration and immigration...", click on the "manifests....etc" which brings up the description, then at the top right you want to click on "Film Notes." This opens up the description of the Soundex listing of all of the films by surname ranges. Then....go down to the range where your surname fits and find the film number that corresponds to your name. Then you can order the film from the FHL (in your area). The WPA transcribed the manifests "usually" completely to the soundex cards, but you may still want to order the Manifests of Passengers Arriving in the St. Albans, VT, District ...1895-1954 (M1464) as it will give you whom the person was traveling with and sometimes there are also notes written on the sheets. This is also available at or through NARA.

Good Luck!

This article is a follow-up to a presentation given by Helen SMITH on The Canadian Border Crossings which was recently heard in the Short Program segment of our CCNGS meeting.

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## Naming Patterns

The following pattern was a common tradition used by many families for naming children:

The 1st Son was named after father's father  
The 2nd son was named after mother's mother  
The 3rd son was named after father  
The 4th son was named after father's eldest brother

The 1st daughter was named after mother's mother  
The 2nd daughter was named after father's mother  
The 3rd daughter was named after mother  
The 4th daughter was named after mother's eldest sister

(West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association; Kentucky Family Records; Vol. 22; p.19. and Southern Indiana Genealogical Society Quarterly; April 2002, Vol. XXIII Nr. 2, p.63.)

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## New Records Preservation and Access Web Site to be Launched

The Records Preservation and Access Committee of the Federation of Genealogical Societies will launch its new Web site Nov. 4. The Web site at <http://www.fgs.org/fgs-records.htm> is intended to keep all genealogists informed of world-wide issues relating to the preservation and access of records of genealogical and historical value.

According to FGS administrators, the site will include information on formal actions, opinions and activities. It will also offer state-by-state reporting and news on national and international genealogy-related issues. The reader will also learn about strategies to access and preserve records.

At the state level, the information posted on the Web site will include background information, record retention schedules, county-by-county reporting and news on current issues. Contact information for state liaisons will also be available there. Legislation in individual states will be a topic of discussion on this Web site along with information on core records and vital records information.

Those who are available to gather data for individual states can contact FGS at [fgs-access@fgs.org](mailto:fgs-access@fgs.org).

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## MEET RON AND JOIN IN

Ron HUGHES has generously volunteered to coordinate the Volunteer's for the Heritage Room at the Paseo Verde Library. He has structured a Volunteer Calendar for the Heritage Room which started in October.

Now he needs **YOU!** If you have time when you would be available to volunteer at the library, contact Ron. We need people to volunteer in the morning, afternoon and evening. You can volunteer every week, every other week, or once a month. If you are interested in volunteering but can not commit to a specific time, volunteer as a substitute for someone who can not make his/her scheduled time. Library training for the volunteers has been conducted and will continue as we receive new volunteers.

Then as a Volunteer, beside helping patrons at the library with research, you will have time to browse in the books, to search the Internet and the genealogy databases, and to work on your own genealogy.

CONTACT RON AT 270-6955 or at [RONDH@lvcm.com](mailto:RONDH@lvcm.com) to volunteer.

**THANKS RON FOR ALL YOUR WORK!**

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## CANADIAN CENSUS

1901 Canadian Census, Version 2.0

When Family Tree Magazine E-mail Update told you about the 1901 Canadian census going digital a few months ago, some readers (such as Mac and Netscape users) were disappointed because they couldn't use the site due to its "plug-in" technology. The National Archives of Canada has since fixed that problem and launched a new version of the site. Now you can pick up your Canadian research at

[http://www.archives.ca/02/020122\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/02/020122_e.html)

**SOURCE:** Family Tree Magazine E-mail update 08/15/02

## Rules for our ancestors

-OR-

### How to confuse your descendants

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



### Schedule of Genealogical Workshops

National Archives and Records Administration  
Pacific Region  
24000 Avila Road, 1st Floor East  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-3497

#### Introduction to Military Records

This workshop will explore basic military resources for genealogy and will focus on American military actions from the Revolutionary War through the conflicts of the late 20th century. Special resources and techniques useful in genealogical research from World War II to the present will be emphasized.

*Offered Thursday, October 31 at 9:30 am.*

#### Introduction to Genealogical Resources

For beginners and those who want to brush up on their basic skills, this workshop addresses the use of Federal census, passenger arrival, naturalization, and military records as well as basic reference works.

*Offered Wednesday, November 6 at 9:30 am.*

#### Naturalization and Immigration Records

This course examines immigration and citizenship records, emphasizing procedural changes from 1790 to the present as well as methods for locating both naturalization records and passenger manifests.

*Offered Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 am.*

#### Preserving Your Family's History

Participants in this workshop will learn basic methods for organizing genealogical records and preserving photographs, historical documents and other treasured heirlooms.

*Offered Monday, November 18 at 9:30 am.*

#### Reminder: Reservations Required!

Class sizes are limited. Please call (949) 360-2641, ext. 0 to reserve your place in each class you would like to attend. All workshops cost \$5.00, payable at the door.

If you cannot attend any of these classes but wish to remain on our mailing list, please call Randy THOMPSON at (949) 360-3427.

#### Driving Directions

From 1-5, exit at Oso Parkway and head west. Turn left at La Paz Road. Follow La Paz through the intersection with Avila and make the next right on Allegra, a small side street in the midst of an office park. Go straight and park in any unmarked space.

#### Indexes to Michigan Naturalization Records

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society reports that the following counties are online: Allegan, Delta, Kent, Mackinac, Marquette, Mason, Newaygo, Sanilac, St. Clair.

The web site is:

<http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history/archive/naturalization/index.html>



## QUICK TIP

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Perhaps this is obvious to others, but it wasn't (initially) to me. If you are looking for a name, and use quotation marks to limit the number of hits you get on the Web (i.e., "John Smith"), you should also reverse the order and try the search the other way (i.e., "Smith John"). If your ancestor is on a list somewhere that is alphabetized by the last name, the second search may find him, but the first won't. I found my great-grandfather on a list of documents held at the Museum of the Confederacy, and without doing the search with the names reversed I would not have found that reference.





# QUERIES



## ALLISON, SCHRODER

Looking for info on Fredrick William **ALLISON** b. 1881, Montrose, Scotland and Elizabeth Maria **SCHRODER** b. 1882, Berlin, Germany. Son Raymond b. 1907, Ventura Co., CA.  
Mike **Van HOOSER** 9521 Rancho Palmas Dr., Las Vegas NV 89117; email: [NYNYVAN@AOL.COM](mailto:NYNYVAN@AOL.COM)

## BARRETT, DEERING

Seeking ancestors/descendents of James **DEERING**, b. 26 Apr 1800, Knockaveigh, County Carlow, Ireland and wife Anna **BARRETT**, b. 12 May 1816, Tymock, County Carlow, Ireland.  
Mark **DEERING**, 2963 Bel Air Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89109; [Mdeersr@AOL.COM](mailto:Mdeersr@AOL.COM).

## BARTLETT, FITZMAURICE, MAURICE

Seeking info about Mathew F. **MAURICE**, b. 22 Jan 1852 in Rockford, IL. He m. Sarah Estelle **BARTLETT** in April 1873. They moved to Palo Pinto Co., TX by 1880. He d. 4 Dec 1935 and his wife d. 20 Jun 1939. He possibly changed his name from **FITZMAURICE** before moving to TX.  
Jana **WALKER**, 2713 Tidewater Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89117; (702)240-9414, email: [jmw999@earthlink.net](mailto:jmw999@earthlink.net)

## BENSON, BRAY

Olof **BENSON** from Sweden and Sarah Pearl **BRAY** from IA. Olof b. 1867, Sarah b. 1872. Children: Katherine, Flossie, Alma, and Claude. Any info appreciated.  
Mike **Van HOOSER** 9521 Rancho Palmas Dr., Las Vegas NV 89117; email: [NYNYVAN@AOL.COM](mailto:NYNYVAN@AOL.COM)

## BIBLE, THOMPSON

Seeking parents of Thomas Odell **THOMPSON**, born 1826 AL. Married Rhoda Rebecca **BIBLE** abt 1851 in Marion Co., TN. Their children were: Alexander, Susan, William Patrick, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. Thomas and Rhoda died in Fort Graham, Hill Co., TX.  
Carole **SCHREIBER**, 439 Wright Way, Henderson, NV 89015, (702) 565-3822; [carole04@earthlink.net](mailto:carole04@earthlink.net)

## BUTSCHLI, JOHNSON, MARTIN

Jacob **BUTSCHLI** b. 1838 in Canton Bern, Switzerland and Mary Ellen **JOHNSON** b. in Livingston Co., MD. Their child, Delia Ann, m. William Sherman **MARTIN**  
Mike **Van HOOSER**, 9521 Rancho Palmas Dr., Las Vegas NV 89117; email: [NYNYVAN@AOL.COM](mailto:NYNYVAN@AOL.COM)

## CADENHEAD, MIDDLEBROOKS

Seeking ancestors/descendents of Rev. William **CADENHEAD**, b. 10 Feb 1792; d. abt. 15 May 1849 and wifw Polly/Molly **MIDDLEBROOKS**.  
Mark **DEERING**, 2963 Bel Air Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89109; [Mdeersr@AOL.COM](mailto:Mdeersr@AOL.COM).

## CHRETIEN

Seeking descendants of Louis Ferdinand **CHRETIEN**; b. France and Evalina Jeanne ?; b. May 1839 in France whose children were Cecile Jeanne; b. 1868 NY. (ran a boarding house in the old family home on Louisiana Street in Little Rock, AR.); Anna b. Oct 1872 MO., nicknamed "Dude" d. in San Antonio, TX.; Charles b. France (was an attorney in Little Rock, AR. in the late 1890's), Ferdinand; b. France, and Henry Lewis (Louis) b. 1869 in Memphis, TN. (was a maker of leather goods specialized in trunks for vaudeville performers) d. mid

1950's in Little Rock, AR. Louis Ferdinand was a French sea captain sailing out of Le Havre -immigrated to US just after Civil War and either owned or managed the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, TN., moved to Little Rock, AR. after a Yellow Fever outbreak in Memphis, TN. (1878?). Believe that Louis Ferdinand and Evaline had at least 12 children some of whom stayed in France.  
Kathleen C. **McMAHON**, 1575 Baronsgate Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89110; [Revenir9@aol.com](mailto:Revenir9@aol.com)

## CLOUD, MILLER

Any info on William H. **CLOUD** and his first wife Ruth **MILLER**. They were m. 1870 in Hardin Co., OH. and she d. sometime bef. 1880. Trish **HARRIS**, 8755 Wallaby Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89123; (702)914-0924, email: [TRISH2866@AOL.COM](mailto:TRISH2866@AOL.COM)

## COLLINS, COUGHLAN, GRACE, McHAHON

Seeking descendants of John **GRACE** and Honora **COUGHLAN** whose children were John b. 1826, James b. 1832, Thomas b. 1812, Patrick b. 1814, Mary b. 1816, Ellen b. 1822, Honora b. 1828, and Catherine b. 1824 of Pallas Green, County Linlithgow, Ireland. John **GRACE**, Jr. married Margaret **COLLINS** 6 Feb 1869 in Pallas Green. Their daughter Kitty married Patrick William **McMAHON** in 1887 in Chicago, IL.; b. Ireland 1860. A story from the town of Pallas Green is that two of the boys went to Australia and two went to America.  
Kathleen C. **McMAHON**, 1575 Baronsgate Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89110; [Revenir9@aol.com](mailto:Revenir9@aol.com)

## COOKSON, JORDAN

Mary **COOKSON** m. Thomas **JORDAN**, Sr. I need the birth date of Mary **COOKSON**. Her husband was born about 1720 in Ireland, immigrated to Lake Co. or Geauga Co., OH. They were m. about 1792 possible PA. He was buried on the home site, Geauga Co., OH. They are the parents of Thomas **JORDAN**, Jr.  
Joan (**HAMILTON**) **KUSHNER**, 10528 Black Plains Drive, Las Vegas NV 89134-7410; [Desrat@lvcn.com](mailto:Desrat@lvcn.com)

## DALTON

Seeking ancestors/descendents of George W. **DALTON**, b. abt. 1843 Fairfield, IL.  
Mark **DEERING**, 2963 Bel Air Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89109; [Mdeersr@AOL.COM](mailto:Mdeersr@AOL.COM).

## GAYLOR, THOMPSON

Seeking descendents of Carl Edward **THOMPSON**, b. abt 1885, ma. Lillie mae **GAYLOR**, abt 1889. Both born in Lexington, Rockbridge Co., VA. Had 3 children: Ernest & Sadie (twins) b. 1907, and Paul b. ?. Children born in Goshen, Rockbridge Co., VA.  
Alyce D. **WELCH**, 2189 Point Mallard Dr., Henderson, NV 89015; (702)270-9590, email: [ALYCEWB@aol.com](mailto:ALYCEWB@aol.com)

## HAMPSON, McCLUSKEY

Seeking descendants of William **McCLUSKEY** and Ann **HAMPSON** whose children were William, John, Andrew, Agnes, and Robert. Della **STECKLER**, 1990 Songbird Ct., Henderson, NV 89012; (702)263-6473, email: [dellastec@msn.com](mailto:dellastec@msn.com)

## HARRIS

Looking for info on Walter **HARRIS** b. 1901 in Maiden, MA; d. 1967 in Jamaica, NY. Interested in finding out about any wives and children he had.  
Trish **HARRIS**, 8755 Wallaby Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89123; (702)914-0924, email: [TRISH2866@AOL.COM](mailto:TRISH2866@AOL.COM)

## JORDAN, QUIGGLE/QUICKEL

Eliza **QUIGGLE/QUICKEL** m. to Thomas **JORDAN** Jr. 15 Jan 1830, in Geauga County, OH. She was born in York Co., PA. She had two children Josiah and Angeline **JORDAN**. I need to know what happened to her after her divorce or death from Thomas **JORDAN**. Her father may be Johann Philip **QUIGGLE**, but I am not sure. I need to know her parents name. If she remarried.

Joan (**HAMILTON**) **KUSHNER**, 10528 Black Plains Drive, Las Vegas NV 89134-7410; [Desrat@lvcm.com](mailto:Desrat@lvcm.com)

## JORDAN, SHRINER

Josiah **JORDAN** m. Mary Catherine **SHRINER**. Looking for the parents of Mary Catherine **SHRINER** she was b. Jan 1835 in OH. She d. 31 Jan 1905 in Wadena, IA.

Joan (**HAMILTON**) **KUSHNER**, 10528 Black Plains Drive, Las Vegas NV 89134-7410; [Desrat@lvcm.com](mailto:Desrat@lvcm.com)

## KEATON/KEETON, LEWIS

Seeking parents/siblings of Nelson **KEATON/KEETON** who was b. in VA abt. 1780 and married Sarah **LEWIS** in 1819 in Floyd Co., KY Francis **KEATON**, 1405 Vegas Valley Drive #173, Las Vegas, NV 89109; (702) 33-9921; [KEATONNEV@MSN.COM](mailto:KEATONNEV@MSN.COM)

## MAURICE/FITZMAURICE, TURNER

Seeking info about John **MAURICE** or **FITZMAURICE** b. in IA

possibly abt 1830. He m. Sarah **TURNER**, also probably born in IA. They are the parents of Mathew F. **MAURICE**.  
Jana **WALKER**, 2713 Tidewater Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89117; (702)240-9414, email: [jmw999@earthlink.net](mailto:jmw999@earthlink.net)

## McCALL, SMITH

Seeking information for Margaret **McCALL** b. ca. 1882 in PA.; d. bef. 1937 in Pittsburgh, PA area. Husband was Michael L **SMITH**, b. 1884; d. 1970. Children were Michael Earl, Adelle, Mary Jane and Jack **SMITH**.

Danielle Smith **CAREY**, 229 Horizon Peak Drive, Henderson, NV 89012; (702) 292-2620; [yourfamilypi@yahoo.com](mailto:yourfamilypi@yahoo.com)

## McKEE, NEVIN

Seeking parents of James (Jim) and Ella **McKEE**. James d. Sweetwater Co., WY 1948. Ella **McKEE** (m. Henry H. **NEVIN**) died in childbirth, Little Mountain (WY/UT) before 1914.

Maggie **BRANDNER**, 3537 Legendary Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89121; (702) 696-0050; [BRANDNER@UNLV.EDU](mailto:BRANDNER@UNLV.EDU)

## NEVIN, SPICER

Seeking parents/ancestors of Christopher **NEVIN**, whose wife was Mary F. **SPICER**, and son Henry Hardin **NEVIN**, born Daggett Co. UT ca. 1885.

Maggie **BRANDNER**, 3537 Legendary Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89121; (702) 696-0050; [BRANDNER@UNLV.EDU](mailto:BRANDNER@UNLV.EDU)

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# 18th Annual Christmas Salt Lake City Tour

Patty & Leland **MEITZLER** invite you to join the 2002 Heritage Genealogy Christmas Tour. Why in December? Because between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Family History Library (FHL) has the least number of visitors. No lines or long waits to use the microfilm and copying machines. If that weren't enough incentive, Temple Square is illuminated every evening with over 200,000 lights!

In its 18th year, the Tour will be attended by probably 60% or more returnees. A few returnees have attended as many as 10-14 tours; many more have attended as many as 5-10 tours. About 70% have attended at least one tour. Many returnees bring relatives and friends. Groups get together and attend. To achieve these results the Tour must be something special. It is; check out these highlights.

- \* Leland, Patty or Dale **MEITZLER** are at the airport to greet you when you arrive and once you have located your luggage, they make sure you get on the proper courtesy van for the ride to the Best Western hotel located next to the Family History Library (FHL).
- \* There is a Reception Party all day Sunday in the hotel. Mother Hen Donna **PHILLIPS** is one of the first to greet you with a cheery smile. This is where you can have a snack and get an opportunity to meet some of your fellow family researchers. Here is where old friendships are renewed and new ones begin.
- \* Donna and Leland are there every morning at the complimentary Continental Breakfast in the hotel to answer any questions you may have; it's also the meeting place prior to going to the Library.
- \* The Monday Morning Orientation is where you hear from all the Professional Genealogists who will be in the Library all week to assist you as necessary. They will talk about their expertise and where they will be located in the Library.
- \* With the hotel next door to the Library, you can spend more time doing family research. The weather may be an inconvenience but not a problem.
- \* Professional Genealogists are in the Library all week long. Sign up for a 30 minute 1 on 1 session with the Genealogist of your choice whenever you need assistance (it's included in the price).

- \* Monday evening the Library closes early so it's Finger Food Frenzy Nite. This is a chance to meet your contemporaries and compare results and who knows, you may find someone searching the same line!
- \* In addition to all the free classes in the Library, over a dozen free classes are presented all week long in the hotel by the professional genealogists as well as Donna and Leland on a multitude of subjects.
- \* Temple Square is directly across the street from the hotel. The Square is ablaze every nite with over 200,000 Christmas lights and is spectacular.
- \* On Saturday nite, it's the Ice Cream Social. This is where everyone gets together to eat ice cream, learn what great "family finds" many have made and say good-bye to old and new found friends.
- \* Sunday is return day.
- \* Be sure to check out Preparations Before You Leave Home.

All the above are included in the basic price of the Tour. If you have time, there are additional things to do:

- \*\* Tour the Heritage Quest facility. You get to do some shopping at discounted prices.
- \*\* Attend the Messiah Concert

Check out the Registration Form at

<http://www.heritagegenealogytours.com/REGIST.HTM>

for prices and phone (801) 677-0048 or (213) 221-3913 (have your credit card handy) or if you wish, download and print the registration form and mail it in.

For additional information about the Heritage Genealogy Tour, e-mail

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# MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

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## Generation No.1

1.



Kathy (Marcia Kathleen "Kat") **CHRETIEN**, born Nov 7, 1945 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. Born Marcia Kathleen **CHRETIEN**, Nov 7, 1945, Name changed to Kathleen C. **INDA**, 1975. She was the daughter of **2. Henry Lewis CHRETIEN Jr.** and **3. Jeanne Louise PURSEL**. She married (1) William Shaw **INDA** June 29, 1968 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. They were divorced Jan 1980. At the time Kathleen lived in Reno and had custody of the three children. Bill lived in Incline Village and kept the family house. He was the son of Roger V. **INDA** and Audre **SHAW**. She married (2) Patrick (Ronald Patrick) **McMAHON** Nov 3, 1984 in fern Grotto, Kauai, HI. He was the son of John J. Otis **McMAHON** and Ann Hazel Rose **DOUGLAS**.

## Generation No.2

- 2. Henry Lewis CHRETIEN Jr.**, born Oct 13, 1915 in Heber Springs, Cleburn Co., AR. He was the son of **4. Henry Lewis CHRETIEN, Sr.** and **5. Alby Beatrice BITTLE**. He married **3. Jeanne Louise PURSEL** May 9, 1942 in Prescott, AZ. **3. Jeanne Louise PURSEL**, born Aug 7, 1923 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. She was the daughter of **6. John William PURSEL** and **7. Bambi (Helen Magdelene) (Madge) FRY**.

## Generation No.3

- 4. Henry Lewis CHRETIEN, Sr.**, born Oct 29, 1869 in Memphis, TN.; died 1953 in Little Rock, AR. He was the son of **8. Lewis (Louis) Ferdinand CHRETIEN** and **9. Evaline JEANNE**. He married **5. Alby Beatrice BITTLE** Oct 1914 in Heber Springs, Cleburn Co., AR.
- 5. Alby Beatrice BITTLE**, born May 22, 1895 in Heber Springs, Cleburn Co., AR.; died 1976 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. She was the daughter of **10. John BITTLE** and **11. Nettie (Clara Nettie) TAYLOR**.
- 6. John William PURSEL**, born Jun 23, 1886 in Marshalltown, IA.; died Dec 18, 1980 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. He was the son of **12. John William PURSEL** and **13. Ida Louella KOCHER**. He married **7. Bambi (Helen Magdelene) (Madge) FRY** Dec 1, 1920 in Marshalltown, IA.
- 7. Bambi (Helen Magdelene) (Madge) FRY**, born Oct 5, 1900 in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA.; died May 10, 1978 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. She was the daughter of **14. Harry FRY** and **15. Nellie (Mary Ellen) CRIMMONS**.

## Generation No.4

- 8. Lewis (Louis) Ferdinand CHRETIEN**, born in France; died in Little Rock, AR. He married **9. Evaline JEANNE** in France.
- 9. Evaline JEANNE**, born May 1839 in France; died in Little Rock, AR.
- 10. John BITTLE**, died in Little Rock, AR. He was the son of **20. Levi Silas BITTLE** and **21. Nancy HUIE**. He married **11. Nettie (Clara Nettie) TAYLOR**.
- 11. Nettie (Clara Nettie) TAYLOR**, born Jun 26, 1872 in Waco, TX.; died Jul 17, 1950 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. She was the daughter of **22. William Stacy TAYLOR** and **23. Rebecca BYRD**.
- 12. John William PURSEL**, born Aug 13, 1863 in Oxford, IA.; died Feb 5, 1931 in Marshalltown, IA. He was the son of **24. Thomas PURSEL** and **25. Agnes ANDREWS**. He married **13. Ida Louella KOCHER** 1883.
- 13. Ida Louella KOCHER**, born Oct 28, 1864 in IL.; died Dec 31, 1900 in Marshalltown, IA. She was the daughter of **26. Nelson Henry KOCHER** and **27. Catherine UNANGST**.
- 14. Harry FRY**, born Jan 5, 1874 in Memphis, Scotland Co. MO.; died Sep 17, 1955 in Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co., IA. He was the son of **28. Thomas FRY** and **29. Muddy Rue (Mary Virginia) HERALD (HEALD?)**. He married **15. Nellie (Mary Ellen) CRIMMONS** Jun 6, 1896 in IA.
- 15. Nellie (Mary Ellen) CRIMMONS**, born Feb 10, 1876 in Montrose, Lee Co., IA.; died Sep 10, 1936 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. She was the daughter of **30. Patrick CRIMMONS** and **31. Anna CRAMER**.

## Generation No.5

- 20. Levi Silas BITTLE**, born 1824. He married **21. Nancy HUIE**.
- 21. Nancy HUIE**.
- 22. William Stacy TAYLOR**, born Jul 12, 1834; died Sep 7, 1912 in Cleburn, AK. He was the son of **44. Billington Johnston TAYLOR** and **45. Sarah LEMEN**. He married **23. Rebecca BYRD** Feb 19, 1857.
- 23. Rebecca BYRD**, born Feb 14, 1839 in Chatham, NC.; died Sep 16, 1921 in Union or Johnson, IL. She was the daughter of **46. John BYRD** and **47. Sarah Ann TABITHA**.

- 24. Thomas **PURCEL**, born 1815; died Sep 22, 1886 in Marshalltown, IA. He married **25**. Agnes **ANDREWS**.
- 25. Agnes **ANDREWS**, born 1828 in OH.; died Jul 18, 1895 in Marshalltown, IA. Killed by runaway team of horses.
- 26. Nelson Henry **KOCHER**, born Jan 13, 1837 in Northhampton Co., PA.; died May 16, 1925 in Marshalltown, IA. He was the son of **52**. Joseph **KOCHER** and **53**. Elizabeth. He married **27**. Catherine **UNANGST** Jan 8, 1860 in Northhampton Co., PA.
- 27. Catherine **UNANGST**, born Aug 28, 1835 in Manhattan Co., PA; died Apr 15, 1924 in Marshalltown, IA.
- 28. Thomas **FRY**, b. in MO.? .He m. **29**. Muddy Rue (Mary Virginia) **HERALD (HEALD?)**.
- 29. Muddy Rue (Mary Virginia) **HERALD (HEALD?)**, born in IL. Worked as a sulky driver till eye put out by horse then horse trainer .
- 30. Patrick **CRIMMINS**, born Mar 17, 1832 in Ireland; died Jul 2, 1910 in Ottuwma, Wapello Co., IA. He married **31**. Anna **CRAMER** Jun 30, 1873 in Keokuk, IA.
- 31. Anna **CRAMER**, born 1850 in Sedolosky, Bohemia; died Nov 7, 1944 in Moline, IL. Stowaway from Bohemia

#### Generation No.6

- 44. Billington Johnston **TAYLOR**, b. Dec 11, 1808 in TN.; d. Nov 14, 1881 in Hill, TX. He was the son of **88**. Thomas Billington **TAYLOR** and **89**. Chloe. He m. **45**. Sarah **LEMEN**.
- 45. Sarah **LEMEN**, b. 1812.
- 46. John **BYRD**, born Mar 30, 1780; died Sep 5, 1863. He married **47**. Sarah Ann **TABITHA**.
- 47. Sarah Ann **TABITHA**, born Oct 1, 1795 in Chatham, NC.; died Mar 2, 1870 in Union or Johnson, IL. She was the daughter of **94**. Billington **TAYLOR** and **95**. Mary Elizabeth **MODGELIN**.
- 52. Joseph **KOCHER**, born 1811 in PA. He married **53**. Elizabeth.
- 53. Elizabeth, b. 1818 in PA.

#### Generation No.7

- 88. Thomas Billington **TAYLOR**, b. Jul 6, 1767 in Chatham, NC.; d. Feb 5, 1884 in Mt. Vernan, Jefferson Co., IL. He was the son of **176**. Thomas **TAYLOR** and **177**. Eleanor **DODSON**. He m. **89**. Chloe.
- 89. Chloe, b. 1794 in NC.; d. in Jefferson, IL.
- 94. Billington **TAYLOR**, b. 1771 in Chatham, NC.; d. Sep 15, 1845 in Mt. Veman, Jefferson Co., IL.. He was the son of **188**. Thomas **TAYLOR** and **189**. Eleanor **DODSON**. He m. **95**. Mary Elizabeth **MODGELIN**.
- 95. Mary Elizabeth **MODGELIN**, d. 1832 in Jefferson, IL.

#### Generation No.8

- 176. Thomas **TAYLOR**, born 1741 in Richmond, VA.; died 1781 in (murdered) Chatham, NC. He married **177**. Eleanor **DODSON**.
- 177. Eleanor **DODSON**.
- 188. Thomas **TAYLOR**. He married **189**. Eleanor **DODSON**.
- 189. Eleanor **DODSON**, born 1744 in Richmond, VA.; died Aft. 1808 in Franklin Co., NC. She was the daughter of **378**. Greenham **DODSON** and **379**. Eleanor **HIGHTOWER** .

#### Generation No.9

- 378. Greenham **DODSON**, born 1709 in Farham, VA.; died Aug 25, 1777 in Richmond, VA. He was the son of **756**. Thomas **DODSON** and **757**. Mary **DURHAM**. He married **379**. Eleanor **HIGHTOWER** .
- 379. Eleanor **HIGHTOWER**, born Jan 10, 1721/22 in Richmond Co., VA.; died Aft. 1750. She was the daughter of **758**. John **HIGHTOWER** and **759**. Mary Bryan.

#### Generation No. 10

- 756. Thomas **DODSON**. He married **757**. Mary Durham.
- 757. Mary **DURHAM**, born Jun 5, 1686 in VA.; died May 5, 1735 in Farham, VA.. She was the daughter of **1514**. Thomas **DURHAM**.
- 758. John **HIGHTOWER**. He married **759**. Mary **BRYAN**.
- 759. Mary **BRYAN**.

#### Generation No. 11

- 1,514. Thomas **DURHAM**, born Mar 6, 1660/61 in North Farnham, VA.; died May 30, 1715 in VA.. He was the son of **3029**. Judith **HUNT**.

#### Generation No.12

- 3,029. Judith **HUNT**, born 1636 in Port Royal, Carine, Bermuda; died in Farnham, Richmond Co., VA.. She was the daughter of **6059**. Frances **GRIMDITCH**.

### Generation No. 13

- 6,059. Frances **GRIMDITCH**, born Jun 16, 1621 in Crypplegate, London, England; died in Farnhan I, Richmond Co., VA. She was the daughter of 12119. Jane **RICH**.

### Generation No. 14

- 12,119. Jane **RICH**, born 1600 in St. Giles, London, England. She was the daughter of 24238. Richard **RICH**.

### Generation No.15

- 24,238. Richard **RICH**, born 1557 in England. He was the son of 48476. Richard **RICH**.

### Generation No.16

- 48,476. Richard **RICH**, born 1496 in St. Lawrence Jewry, London, England; died Jun 1567 in Rothford, Essex, England. He was the son of 96952. Richard **RICH**.

### Generation No.17

- 96,952. Richard **RICH**, born 1470 in London, England. He was the son of 193904. Thomas **RICH**.

### Generation No. 18

- 193,904. Thomas **RICH**, born 1432 in London, England. He was the son of 387808. Richard **RICHARD**.

### Generation No.19

- 387,808. Richard **RICHARD**, born 1400 in England; died 1464 in London, England. He was the son of 775616. Richard **RICH**.

### Generation No.20

- 775,616. Richard **RICH**, b. Abt. 1370 in London, Middlesex, England.

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## CHECK CHAT DIRECTORIES

Rick **SEIDEN**

I just found my wife's second cousin, once removed, and all I had to do was a quick search on ICQ. With a unique last name, there was only one entry that matched her first name. A quick e-mail, and another cousin was found! Get on as many of these things as you can. Chat Directories can be found on ICQ, Yahoo!, MSN, AIM, PalTalk. Search by name for those hard to find relatives. Its easy, and its free!

## 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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# THE HOLIDAYS AND FAMILY HISTORY

by Helen **SMITH**(CCNGS)



It is October and not many of us are thinking about the Holidays and writing cards. But this is the time to think about what information you would like your family to send you regarding updates on Family History. Pull out your records and look at what you need to fill in all those blanks that have been facing you for the past few years.

Next, grab a sheet of paper and write down what you need from each of your relatives and put it down on separate sheets of paper so that when you write your cards, you can slip this little inquiry right in with your card.

Have you always said "I will get those cards out early this year." Well, make this the year to "get them out early" and maybe your relatives will send your response back in their Holiday cards.

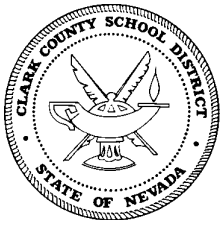
Be sure to let your family know that you need all the facts from the previous year: who married who and when and where, who had a baby - what is its name, date of birth, length and weight, who died - when and where; also see if you can find out about job changes,

schooling, awards, and special events. This is what makes your family something more than just some names and dates. We all like to brag a little, once in a while.

If this relative knows about the ancestors, make some queries. Ask some specific questions and leave room for them to respond on the same sheet of paper. Make it easy for them.

If your family sends its cards out early too, then you might want to put a self addressed, stamped envelope in with your card so that you will get your request back in a timely manner as your cards may cross in the mail. And if you are worried that you might not get a response, include a Family Group Sheet with that old trick of making "her" ten years older than she really is. Hopefully, you will get a speedy response with corrected information.

Then in January when it is dark and cold, you will love to sit and compile all the information that you received into your notebooks or computer. And your will have enriched your Family's History.



# 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.

## K. O. KUNDSON Middle School

"King" Oscar **KNUDSON** is Nevada's pioneer educator with a total of 46 active years of service, not only educating thousands of children, but also thousands of a second generation.

Born on a large wheat farm near the town of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, on April 14, 1894, the young **KNUDSON** divided his time between attending a country school and working on the farm. At the age of three he lost both his mother and a sister in a railroad wreck, but his father raised the other four children and saw that they all received fine educations.

K. O. **KNUDSON** attended Post Falls High School and in his senior year attended Lewis & Clark High School in Spokane, Washington, from where he was graduated. He then went to the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. In his junior year World War I broke out and he went into the service for the next 19 months. After the war, he completed his education at the University and was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education.

He went to Reno in 1921 and took special courses at the University of Nevada. It was there that he met Beatrice A. **BELLI**, a native Nevadan of Carson City and Virginia City. On November 30, 1922, they were married in Carson City. The bride was a school teacher in the public schools and the couple worked together for many years in schools around Nevada with Mrs. **KNUDSON** retiring in 1964.

K. O. **KNUDSON** and his wife attended summer courses at Colorado Teachers College in Greeley in 1923, and it was there that K. O. first became interested in audio-visual education. He also found time to return to the University of Idaho for advanced work toward his master's degree in psychology.

While attending the University of Nevada, K. O. **KNUDSON** would travel from Reno to Derby along the Truckee River each day to teach school. His next teaching assignment was at Wadsworth where he was principal. His wife taught school there, too. In 1924 he moved south to Caliente, once again as principal, but this time his wife gave up teaching for awhile to raise a family. Their first daughter, Lois, was born there.

In 1926 K. O. **KNUDSON** and his family moved to Las Vegas where he assumed the position of principal of elementary schools which consisted of the Fifth Street School and the Westside School. Later he assisted in the forming of the North Las Vegas School which is now called Washington School.

K. O. **KNUDSON** was first director of audio-visual education in Las Vegas in 1947, and remained in this position until his retirement in 1959. He continuously watched the progress of the program he developed through the years.

Although he retired, K. O. kept very active in the entire educational program of Clark County and there now stands a junior high school named after him in Las Vegas on East Sahara and Atlantic Avenue.

He was proud of his family of three daughters, Lois **RODMAN** of Las Vegas, Barbara **HENRY** of Van Nuys, Calif., and Karen **LYON** of San Diego. He also has six grandchildren.

K. O. **KNUDSON** was an expert motorcycle rider, starting at the age of 13, riding until he was married 15 years later. When his wife refused to ride with him. He rode a motorcycle in the Army.

In 1935 he organized the first Children's Helldorado Parade. For years he rode at the tail end to herd the children, but later he rode at the front of the parade. In past years, K. O. **KNUDSON** was the grand marshal of hundreds of parades in the state of Nevada.

He was the Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Nevada, having first joined the organization in 1921 in Idaho. In 1957-58 he was Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge. He also served in official capacity with both of these organizations in its many branches of activity. K. O. **KNUDSON** was a member of the Elks Lodge in Las Vegas and held the honorary position of Chaplain Emeritus. He also belonged to the Fraternal order of Eagles and the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

K. O. **KNUDSON** had a life membership in the American Legion, having belonged to the organization since it started. He was a past Commander of Las Vegas Post 8. In 1926, he joined the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and after 36 years of active membership he was voted a life membership. He also held one of the first life memberships in the P.T.A. granted in the state of Nevada.

Through his education, he was active with the National Educational Association, on local, state and national levels. He was the first Dad of the Las Vegas DeMolay Club and in 1926, he was the only Boy Scout Master in the area. Later he moved up to the position of Scout Executive.

After his retirement from the Clark County School District he became active in the Southern Nevada Sightless organization. He served as the club president and represented them at each yearly convention around the nation.

In 1963, K. O. **KNUDSON** became the first president of the National Retired Teachers Association in Las Vegas, then became a director with the American Association of Retired Persons.

K. O. **KNUDSON** was the vice president of the Southern Nevada Historical Society and for five years was president of the Clark County Humane Society. He was instrumental in getting the present animal shelter constructed.

It was in 1960 that K. O. **KNUDSON** organized the first Daylite Masonic Lodge in Nevada and became the first Master of this Lodge. He was president of the Rotary Club in 1936 when the Boulder City Rotary Club was organized.

K. O. **KNUDSON** was proud of the various awards given to him for his outstanding services. He held the Variety Club International award, the Heart of Gold. He also had a Heart of Gold award from the American Humane Society and the Exchange Club and was awarded the Four Chaplains Award by the associated groups of the Legion. He was named Distinguished Citizen of Nevada at the University of Nevada

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# Craft **FELKEY** Last Will and Testament

By: Joan (**HAMILTON**) **KUSHNER** (CCNGS)

Craft **FELKEY**, aka Craft **FILKEY** \ **FELKEY** \ **PHELKY**, was born 1764, died about June 1829 in Berlin, Delaware County, Ohio, and was buried in Berk-shire Cemetery, Old Delaware County, Ohio.

This day the last will and testament of Croft **FELKEY** was produced in open court and proved by the testimony of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded—Last Will of Croft **FELKEY** deceased'd Pg 96, Book 1 Delaware County Ohio Will Book and was also listed in the book Gateway of the West by Bower & Short, Delaware County Will Abstracts 1826-1835.

Proceedings had in the Court of Common Pleas with and for the County of Delaware and State of Ohio, at the June Term of said Court, A.D. 1829.

## WILL

In the Name of God-Amen: I Craft **FELKEY** of Berlin Township, Delaware County and State of Ohio, farmer, being very sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding blessed by God for the same, and understanding the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, twit:

Principally and first of all I command my immortal soul into the hands of God, who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor herein after named. And as to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give and dispose of the same in the following manner to wit: I give and devise unto my four sons Jacob **FELKEY**, Henry **FELKEY**, Daniel **FELKEY**, & William **FELKEY** the sum of sum of two dollars to each and of the rest of my property both real and personal. I give and devise unto my son Samuel **FELKEY** consisting in part of one half of one hundred and twenty three acres of land whereon I now live. And as touching all the rest residue remainder of my personal estate of what kind or nature soever the same may be in the County of Delaware or else where, I give, devise the same unto my son Samuel **FELKEY**. And lastly, I nominate and appoint and constitute my son Samuel **FELKEY** to be the Executor of this my last will -hereby revoking all other wills, legacies and bequests by me heretofore made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal, signed, sealed and published, pronounced and declared by the said testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have subscribed as witnesses. February fourth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

David **EATON**

John **WATERMAN**

Andrew **WEAVERLY**? Craft **FELKEY**'s x mark

State of Ohio, Delaware County, SS.

Personally appeared in open court being the June term of the court of Com. Pleas in and for Delaware County John **WATERMAN** and Andrew **HEAVERLY** and David **EATON** and made solumn oath as follows. That the instrument herein to attached was duly executed by Croft **FELKEY** on the day of the date of said instrument in presence for the subscribers or deponents that said instrument was attested by deponents as it purports to be- said Croft **FELKEY** at the time of executing said instrument was of full age of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint. David **EATON**, John **WATERMAN**, Andrew **HEAVERLY**

Sworn to & subscribed in open court June term 1829 T. **REYNOLDS**

# ANCESTORS II

Channel 10, Las Vegas' Public broadcasting Station will be re-airing the 13 part **ANCESTORS II** beginning Saturday 9 Nov 2002, at 6 AM.

Below are descriptions for the episodes of Ancestors. Each episode deals with different types of genealogical records. They will tell you about a type of record and how to use that record to get information about your ancestors.

Records at Risk | Family Records | Compiled Records | Genealogy and Technology | Vital Records | Religious Records | Cemetery Records | Census Records | Military Records | Newspapers | Probate Records | Immigration Records | Writing a Family History |

### Records at Risk

The lives of our ancestors were a lot like our own, and the records they created represent the same life events we all experience. Tragically, thousands of irreplaceable records are destroyed every day. But around the world, heroic efforts are being made to preserve them, including the struggle to reconstruct genealogies destroyed in the Bolshevik Revolution, the massive microfilming efforts of the National Archives, and the work of Steven **SPIELBERG**'s Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

### Family Records

Some people believe that genealogical research is conducted almost exclusively in archives, libraries and courthouses, but the reality is that one of the richest resources is often our own homes — or those of our relatives. Before venturing out on research trips, it is well worthwhile to look through scrapbooks and photo albums, closets and drawers, attics and basements to find any family records that contain genealogical information about your family.

### Compiled Records

Compiled records — comprised of information gathered, assembled and, with a bit of luck, indexed from other sources — are usually an enormous time saver in genealogical research. They allow us to benefit and build from the work already done by others and save us from countless hours of pouring through original records.

### Genealogy and Technology

How many “**SMOLENYAK** s” do you know? Computer resources help Megan **SMOLENYAK** find cousins she didn't know she had, both in the United States and in the Slovak village of Osturna. Experts elaborate on how to use computers and the Internet in seeking out family connections.

### Vital Records

Many birth, death, and marriage certificates still exist. In the United States, they are called vital records, while outside the U.S. they are generally referred to as civil registration records. These records about the events that shape our lives are considered primary sources of genealogical information because they were recorded at the time the event took place. They are also excellent sources for confirming names and dates you have found in secondary records.

### Religious Records

Very often, religious records are the only source for information in early American communities, and in Europe, church records sometimes began decades or even centuries before any government registration. Even in more recent years, when it is possible to obtain birth, marriage and death certificates, it is frequently worth the effort to secure the corresponding church record, as the details revealed may complement those in the vital record.

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### Cemetery Records

Cemetery records are a favorite resource of genealogists, and for good reason. They often contain clues to long sought dates, family relationships, military service and much more. And even if the inscription on a tombstone fails to reveal more than the most basic of information, there's something about visiting your ancestors' final resting place that somehow brings you that much closer to them.

### Census Records

Census records are invaluable. Each one contains precious names, ages, birthplaces, and relationships of our ancestors. Depending on the questions asked by the census taker, you might discover when your ancestors arrived in the U.S., how they made a living, or any of dozens of other clues to your family's past. These records — brief “snapshots” of our loved ones — allow a personal look into their lives that few records provide.

### Military Records

Millions of American citizens have served in the armed forces, so chances are good that one or more of your relatives served at some time or another in the military. If they did, the military offices kept records about them and their service. Even if your family has no tradition of military service, it's still worth checking to see if ancestors who lived during the war periods did in fact serve. For many reasons, there are relatively few American families whose genealogies would not benefit from a search of military records.

### Newspapers

One of the best and most underused resources in genealogical research is newspapers. Researchers dismiss them for a variety of reasons, but the genealogical details and historical context that can be found in newspapers make it worth the effort to look through them.

### Probate Records

The passing of a loved one is a trying time in any family, but in later generations, the death of that ancestor can provide a wealth of valuable information to the family historian. Experts discuss the various records that are generated by the probate process and some of the interesting details found in wills.

### Immigration Records

America is a nation of immigrants, so the entry into this country is a dramatic turning point in most of our family histories. To find actual evidence of our own ancestors' entry into America, immigration records are the key, as these are the documents that most directly link us to the homelands of our ancestors.

### Writing a Family History

At some point, many genealogists decide that it's time to shift effort from collecting new information about the family to sharing it with others. Writing a family history is one of the most effective and satisfying ways of doing this.

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and was awarded the honor of Distinguished Citizen of Las Vegas by the Nevada Savings and Loan Association.

With all his activities, he kept in top physical condition by bowling twice a week. He attended all meetings of the various organizations weekly and never missed one unless he was attending a convention or an out-of-the city meeting.

K. O. **KNUDSON** was a man whom Nevadans can point to with pride because he worked hard through the years to make it a better place in which to live. Through his 46 years of educational service, he assisted thousands in becoming better citizens.

K. O. **KNUDSON** died April 1981. His last residence was Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada.

## JOIN A SOCIETY—WHO ME?

by Helen L. SMITH (CCNGS)

Most of you who read the Prospector are members of CCNGS and that is great. But how many of you have joined genealogical societies in the areas where your ancestors lived?

This is a great way to gain information about the area where your ancestors lived. It might also be an excellent way to find “cousins” who are also researching your lines. Or you might find people who knew your ancestors or who know descendants of your ancestors.

If you're lucky, they may publish a quarterly newsletter in which you can place queries in an effort to find information on your ancestors. You might also be allowed to submit an article about your family and what you are trying to find out about them.

There are also Surname Societies which can be joined. Many Surname groups are available on the Internet. You may find others researching your name in this manner. Make a connection and find a wealth of information.

In addition to societies in this country, you may want to investigate joining a society in a country from which your ancestors came. Beside finding specific information regarding your surname, they provide contemporary information about the area and also the history of the area. The names of people who are willing to do research for you (usually for a fee) are also available through these groups.

There are probably many other reasons to join a society. Consider what it can do for you. It may provide you with the break in that “brick wall” that you have been working at breaking through.

## THANKS FOR JOINING CCNGS!!

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## HAVE YOU CREATED A TIMELINE?

by Helen L. SMITH (CCNGS)

Timelines are very important in creating your Family History. Each family and/or each individual's history requires the creation of a timeline so that you can see “visually” the progression of the family story and where there are gaps in the story. With a timeline, you can see where people were before and after the period for which you have no information. From that you should see a trail that can be followed to discover the various possibilities of where that individual might be.

You can create a timeline from various documents, from photographs and letters, from family stories, from newspapers, etc.

The easiest way to create a timeline is on your computer. With the computer you can insert new information without having to recreate or retype the entire timeline. Be sure to create a file in which you can include the timelines for the various families/individuals you are researching. If you don't use a computer, try using index cards so that you can insert your new information in the midst of the other cards depending upon its place in the sequence.

When looking for information on an individual in a missing period, take into account the history and current events in the area, in the state, and in the nation. Often people will move to another area due to events outside of the normal everyday activities, i.e. wars, diseases, disasters, etc.

Take some time and create a timeline; it may save you time!

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## BEAT AROUND THE BUSH

Game birds were scared out of their hiding places under bushes and then killed.

# NATURALIZATION

How long does a person have to be a resident of the USA in order to apply for citizenship?

**Answer:** Congress passed the first law regulating naturalization in 1790 (1Stat.103 ). As a general rule, naturalization was a two-step process that took a minimum of 5 years to complete. After residing in the United States for TWO (2) years, an alien could submit a "declaration of intent" ( so-called "first papers") to become a citizen. After an additional three (3) years, the alien could "petition for naturalization." After the petition was granted, a certificate of citizenship was issued to the alien. These two steps did not have to take place in the same court (and often did not). As a general rule, the "declaration of intent" generally contains more genealogically useful information than the "petition." The "declaration" may include the alien's month and year (or possibly the exact date) of immigration into the United States.

This information was from Naturalization Records and was printed out from the National Archives and Records Administration (4/4/02). There are 7 pages. It is suggested that you go to their new website [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) and look up Genealogy (15 pages) and this one is Immigration Records, Part 5: Available 1800-1959 Immigration Records.

As an example: Naturalization Records for the State of Michigan can be found at the Regional Records Services Facilities in Chicago, Illinois

NARA's Great Lakes Region ( Chicago )  
7358 South Pulaski Road  
Chicago, Illinois 60629-5898  
Telephone: 773-581-7816  
E-mail: [chicago.archives@nara.gov](mailto:chicago.archives@nara.gov)  
Web: <http://www.nara.gov/regional/chicago.html>  
Fax: 312-353-1294

## Holdings:

Archival holdings from Federal agencies and courts in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.  
Record center holdings from Federal agencies in Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and from Federal courts in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. They have microfilm holdings.

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## WCGS 2002 Surname List

Westchester County Genealogical Society (White Plains, New York) has released its 2002 Surname List on September 1, 2002. The 2002 Surname List contains 3,837 surnames submitted by 209 members who have submitted 5,159 surnames. Westchester names are highlighted in the list. The 2002 Surname List can be purchased at a cost of \$8, which includes postages.

Since 1983, Westchester County Genealogical Society has published a surname list. WCGS compiles a list of surnames that WCGS members are researching. It is an aid to help individuals to network with others researching that name.

WCGS welcomes all interested in searching for their family roots. For information, write to

WCGS  
PO Box 518  
White Plains, NY 10603

or visit the WCGS home page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywcfg>  
or call in the evenings at (914) 345-7163.

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## Need to Do a Check Up on Your Family Doctor? Check the NGS Deceased Physician File

If you are searching for information on a deceased physician, the National Genealogical Society might have just what the doctor ordered to help. NGS has a data file created by the American Medical Association. It covers physicians who died after 1906 and before 1969 and includes physicians who were not members of the American Medical Association.

File cards began being generated by the American Medical Association when members started collecting information in 1906, and continued until conversion to a computerized system in 1969. Information was gathered from licensing bureaus, medical schools, AMA membership records and medical societies in reference to the physician. No family or detailed health information is available. A few cards were created for Canadian and international physicians based on their obituaries, according to details published on the NGS Web site at:

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/libama.htm>.

The collection includes licensing cards, graduation cards, physician cards and reports provided by medical societies. There is a \$15 charge per search of a deceased physician. A \$5 surcharge for non-members of NGS applies. To order online using a credit card, visit <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/libama.htm>. You can also fax an order to the attention of the Deceased Physician File at 703.525.0052. Or, mail requests to the following address:

ATTN: Deceased Physician File  
National Genealogical Society  
4527 17th Street North  
Arlington, VA 22207-2399

Be sure to include complete contact information for you, and the first and last name of the physician you seek. Also include the last known location of that physician and the date ranges in which you believe information might be found.

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# COMMON ERRORS IN GENEALOGICAL WRITING AND PUBLISHING

Opinion by Jon Harlan LIVEZEY (Maryland Genealogical Society)

[comments, additions, and dissenting opinions are invited -address to Editor]

Over the span of fifty years of genealogical research, I have observed a number of common mistakes or erroneous assumptions made by well-meaning fellow researchers and put to paper, or lately, thrown out into cyberspace, for all to see. I am not referring to incorrect conclusions of which we all are unfortunately guilty at one time or the other, nor of the all too common failure to see the impossibility or at least improbability of an asserted relationship. The matters to which I refer are those which are due to ignorance or unfamiliarity with cultural mores, legal principles and practices, or conventions and resources in the field, and to mistakes in syntax, spelling, and grammar. These things detract from the presentation and credibility of material which otherwise may be well-researched and useful, or are practices which tend to stifle collegiality in the genealogical community. Some of the most common or most egregious are listed here.

## **Spelling errors:**

1. Misspelling the noun descendant as “descendent” (the adjective form which is itself best to avoid).
2. Writing cemetery as “cemetary,” ancestor as “ancester,” and ancestry as “ancestory” or “ancestry..”

## **Apostrophe misuse:**

1. Using apostrophes for pluralization -the Jones’ and the Martin’s instead of the Joneses and Martins (it is best to avoid plurals to minimize confusion -for example Walls instead of Wall could be erroneously assumed to be the actual surname).
2. Citing say the 1770’s instead of the 1770s.
3. The common error of using the contraction for “it is” -”it’s”- as a possessive, instead of “its.”

## **Incorrect or inelegant terminology:**

1. Calling coats-of-arms “crests” (not to mention claiming one for the family solely because the name is the same).
2. The surprisingly frequent statements like “Lord Berkeley is one of my descendants” when the author refers to one of his own supposed ancestors.
3. Writing “willed” instead of left or devised or “deeded” instead of conveyed or gave.
4. Referring to cemetery plats or diagrams as “plot plans.”

Lately I have seen several instances of “he married to X” instead of “he was married to X” or “he married X.” [Perhaps that is the defective work of a computerized compilation, which at best should be used as a time-saving starting draft, not a final product.]

## **Name errors:**

1. Making Elizabeth out of Eliza, which may be the true name and not an abbreviation.
2. Not realizing that Patty is a nickname for Martha, or Nancy a nickname for Ann - (“Nancy Ann” like “Betty Elizabeth” is a largely 20th century phenomenon).
3. Not recognizing old abbreviations for names (such as Hy. for Henry).
4. Being unaware that in earlier times “Jean” was pronounced as and was identical with “Jane.”
5. Assuming a German surname ends in “in” when one has merely encountered a feminine ending.
6. Referring to Germans by the first given name instead of the second which is or was the customary usage.
7. Assuming “Jr.” invariably means son of “Sr.” [Incidentally, many indexes - some by genealogical writers - wrongly list John M. Wilson, Jr., as “Wilson Jr., John M.” instead of “Wilson, John M.,

Jr.” as if the appellation were part of the surname.]

8. Making up pet names or using nicknames for ancestors for which there is no evidence that they were so called - the third

Richard Carroll in a family history should not be referred to as “Richard III” or “Richard Carroll, III” - If necessary to distinguish persons of the name, at least put the Roman numerals in brackets, or give a date or dates, father’s name, or other distinctive identification.

Vague, misleading, or “cute” titles: “The Wilson Family Genealogy” would better be named “Family of Darius Wilson of Franklin County, Indiana” or “The Wilson name in Putney Parish, Middlesex” “Bringing in the Shieves” or “How the Peppers Grew” or “A Journey through the Past” would all fail the test of appropriateness. [As long as genealogists continue to publish in print, for ease of location on shelves book titles should always be on the spine, abbreviated if necessary; spiral bindings, while they have some advantages, are not the best practice if another form can be afforded]

Tiny bits and pieces: Articles should be complete in themselves where possible, and indeed many useful things can be confined to one page or less. While tidbits and interesting items discovered (if of local interest in the publication’s geographical area or of interest to genealogists generally) can be good fillers for journals or newsletters, printing an alphabetical list in serial form that will take ten years to complete is a waste of space and a disservice; similarly publishing just a few years out of the middle of a record extending many years is in most cases of little value. Serial publication, if the best way to get something out, should be used only if it will be completed in a few successive issues. The wide audience and search capabilities of the internet make that the best place for miscellaneous record extracts, if they are worthy of publication. Local society newsletters and publications should concentrate on matters from their locality. While it may have been of interest to the contributor, a listing of a few tombstones from a Vermont cemetery has very little utility in an Arizona county society’s publication.

## **Misinterpreting old handwriting, old terms or dates:**

1. Reading “e” as “o” in old documents especially in proper names.
2. Not realizing “mother-in-law” may mean stepmother and that other relationship terms may differ from their modern meaning.
3. Mistaking “Dr.” in an account as “Doctor” instead of “Debit” as in “Dr. John Jones \$5.00.”
4. Citing dates of issuance of marriage licenses as dates of marriage or baptismal dates as birthdates.

I once saw an unwitting and embarrassing (or amusing depending on one’s sense of humor) reference identifying the witnesses to a colonial era will as the testator’s “testes” rather than translate the Latin.

## **Etiquette errors:**

1. Not crediting the compiler of sources used or the individual supplying data merely copied by the presenter (“My research shows...”).
2. “Sharing” or disseminating compiled data over the internet (with or without attribution) without permission of the originator for whom it may have been a work in progress and/or only tentative, or intended only as help to the correspondent.

## **Unsound practices:**

1. Repeating suggestions or theories by others as fact without retaining qualifying language like “probably” or “possibly.”
2. Unquestioningly accepting what is found in print, or worse, on the

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**Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society**  
**SPRING FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR**  
**March 2003**

# Jane DOUMA PEARSON

**SPECIALTIES:**

National Archives records; Library of Congress research; Family Archives preservation; Immigration research; Land Records

**TOPICS:** (topics to be announced)

**CREDENTIALS:**

Jane Douma Pearson is an archivist, professional genealogist and lecturer, specializing in Washington D.C. area source facilities, a genealogy instructor for Fairfax County Adult and Community Education and a consulting family archivist. She is a graduate of the Modern Archives Institute of the National Archives and the Library of Congress and has worked as Processing Archivist on a records preservation project under a grant from the Library of Virginia.



She currently is an archivist with a company processing and managing corporate records. She has been a volunteer Docent and Staff Aide at the National Archives since 1992, serving three years as Docent Chair, and as President of the Volunteer Association. She was Education Chair of the Fairfax Genealogical Society for two years and served three terms as Vice President/Program Chair. Jane is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Capital Area Chapter APG, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the Society of American Archivists and the National Council on Public History

**Ye Olde English Sayings**

## DONE TO A TURN

Meat was roasted until cooked on an upright spit which had to be turned by hand.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“One person’s mess is merely another person’s filing system.”  
—MargoKAUFMAN

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- web, as gospel.
3. Using a numbering system or arrangement that serves no useful purpose or tends to confuse the reader.
  4. Wasting space by unnecessary repetition or employing too much white-space.
  5. Using cluttered or confusing fonts.
  6. Making broad statements like “no one knows or has discovered ...” when it is the compiler who remains in the dark, not necessarily the world.
  7. Ruling out a potential relationship by rigidly applying laws or principles or accepting a given age or birthdate as exact.
  8. Having a whole series of footnotes which refer only to something of dubious value like World Family Tree, not to any legitimate documentation. [In circumstances where it is deemed appropriate to include such material make it clear that the entire section has not been properly documented, but that it is presented only as a basis for further research.]

9. “Enhancing” a work with doggerel or imaginary stories about the subjects of research.

Most of these errors are unfortunately easy to commit, and I have winced at a few that I noted in my own writing. While many such transgressions can be eliminated through studying literature on the subject and observing good examples, most unseasoned writers could minimize embarrassment or criticism simply by having someone knowledgeable review an article or book before it is submitted for publication. Everyone can benefit from a good editor.

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# Southern Nevada Chapter of POINTers In Person To Gather at Battista's Hole in the Wall

POINTers In Person Chapter #11 - Southern Nevada will hold its next evening dinner on Saturday, November 9, 2002 at Battista's Hole in the Wall in Las Vegas at 5pm.

Battista's Hole in the Wall  
4041 Audrie Street  
Las Vegas, NV  
732 -1424

(Corner of Flamingo and Audrie, one block east of the Strip, behind Barbary Coast)

We must reserve space, so please, notify Chapter #11 - Southern Nevada that you plan to attend. Attendees may bring something for Show and Tell if they wish.

POINTers In Person is the social arm of POINT - Pursuing Our Italian

Names Together. Anyone interested in Italian genealogy - POINT members and non-members are welcome.

Anyone who cannot attend this time should notify the chapter and ask to be placed on our mailing list for future meetings.

To make reservations for our dinner on November 9, 2002, or to be placed on our mailing list, or for more information about POINT or POINTers In Person, contact:

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Box 14966  
Las Vegas, NV 89114-4966  
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## Probate - An Introduction

Michael John NEILL

### Probate - An Introduction

Among the most important genealogical records are the records of probate—the process of settling an estate after someone's death. Since these records frequently involve property and relationships they are especially helpful to the genealogist. Here is an overview of these records. In the United States, the probate process is governed by state statute. Consequently, laws and practices will differ from state to state and from one time period to another. Today there are more similarities than differences. However, that was not the case in 1750.

Here is a slightly more recent example.

### Hinrich and Trientje

I thought I had fairly well documented the lives of one ancestral couple: Hinrich Sartorius and Trientje Behrens. From their marriage in Quincy, Illinois in the 1860s until their death in the early 1900s, the details of their lives are fairly well known. Death records, census records, obituaries, church records, tombstones, vital records, and family information gave me what I thought was a fairly complete picture of their lives. I had never taken the time to obtain their probate information. While searching such records is a part of any comprehensive research plan, I had not obtained the estate records for this couple. Their children's names were fairly well documented from a variety of sources. What time I did spend on this family was devoted to trying to locate Hinrich's Ostfriesen origins.

Then, a very kind relative sent me information from their probate, and I learned new details.

### What Did I Learn?

The pages from Hinrich's Adams County, Illinois, probate in 1916 provided the names and addresses of all his heirs at the time the estate was settled. Relationships were not specifically stated in the document, nor was it possible to infer anything other than that the individuals named were related to Hinrich. What was news to me was the fact that Hinrich owned several hundred acres of property in southern Minnesota in addition to his Adams County, Illinois, farm. I knew one of Hinrich's sons had settled in Minnesota but was not aware that Hinrich had made the initial purchase of property there.

Trientje's will of December 1920 unfortunately is not as informative.

### Probate A Part Of Every Research Problem

Probate research should be a part of every good research design, even when it seems that such information will not serve your current research goals. Wills or other records of the settlement of an estate can provide excellent genealogical clues and information on surviving family members. It can also provide an idea of your ancestor's financial standing at the time of his death and perhaps a clue as to his occupation if other records do not reveal that information. It is important to remember not to judge your ancestor entirely on his probate file. After all, few of us would want to be judged solely upon the value of our estate at our own death.

### Where To Obtain These Records?

Estate and probate records were (and still are) generally created at the local level (typically the county). In more urban settings, a separate court may handle probate matters. In rural areas, probate duties frequently are just one part of the court's regular work. The place to begin your search for probate records is usually with the county courthouse (see references at the end of this article). We'll briefly discuss the records first.

### The Records Themselves

Generally probate records are contained in packets of loose papers that contain the original documents (will, receipts, inventories, and other paper generated during the probate process) or in bound volumes that contain transcriptions of these records and various orders by the judge or the court. Your ancestor might not have had a valid will upon his demise. Two terms that make all the difference are:

Testate—for those that left a valid will.

Intestate—for those that did not leave a valid will.

### Packets Or Books?

In general, the earlier the time period, the more likely one is to find the bound volumes of orders, wills, etc. and not the original papers. In some jurisdictions, all the probate matters may be in one series of court books and the probate records may be intermingled with

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records of other county courts and with other court actions. In some areas, there may be a separate series of books for copies of the will, inventories of the estate, executor bonds, and so on. These bound volumes may be in addition to any packets containing loose papers. One should take care to determine what records are available. The references at the end of this column will provide an initial point of reference. The only generalization about probate records that I can almost make safely is that your ancestor should only have a probate file if he is dead. And I've even seen cases where estate cases were filed and the "deceased" was still alive. It pays to learn about the specific records in the locality where your family lived.

Usually, the material in the order books was transcribed as the information was obtained (e.g. as the inventory was conducted, as some property was sold, etc.) and as the various orders of the court were carried out. The packet of loose papers though, may have not been actually filed (and indexed) until the estate was completely settled ("closed"). If the index entry is made at this time, it might appear in the index several years or even decades after the estate was opened. For this reason it pays to search a probate index for several years after the individual's death. I always look as far as twenty years after the person's death. If I do not find a probate, then I search other court actions to see if there was some action involving the estate that took place in a court other than the one of probate.

### Searching The Records

There will not be a complete index to every name mentioned in every document in a probate record. Indexes generally are available to the names of those whose estates are being settled. For this reason, it is a good idea to view those estate records of relatives and friends or neighbors of your ancestor for potential additional information.

### Still Stuck?

Consult the references cited at the end of this article, or post a question on the specific county message board at RootsWeb (<http://boards.rootsweb.com>). Those familiar with the records for your particularly jurisdiction of interest are most likely to know particular nuances in your area. And it seems like every area has its own nuances.

### Where And When Do I Look?

The place to begin searching is the county where the person died and most likely owned property (unless they were only visiting the location where they passed away). If the person owned property in other jurisdictions try those areas as well, keeping mind that usually probate courts follow county lines. If a person owned property in more than one county or political jurisdiction, typically the estate will be administered in the area where the bulk of the property was located.

### What Do I Need To Look At?

It is also necessary to have at least an approximate year or time span when the individual died. A death date may be obtained from a death certificate, a tombstone, etc. A death date may be partially inferred from an absence in a census record, a spouse remarrying, etc.

In an upcoming article, we will look at the probate process in more detail. Keep in mind that the records of how your ancestor's prop-

erty was transferred to his heirs after his death are among the most valuable genealogical records available.

### References

The following references will assist you in determining who created and maintains probate records in the area in which you are researching:

**The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy**, edited by Lou SZUCS and Sandra LUEBKING.

This provides additional information on the probate process and a summary of records across the United States.

**Ancestry's Redbook: American State County & Town Sources**, edited by Alice EICHHOLZ

This reference provides specific information for each of the fifty United States.

### Appropriate County USGENWEB Page

[www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org)

Browse to your state and county of choice.

State Archives Website.

Some state archives actually have early probate records for their states. In some cases, the state archives site contains information about the types of records available at the local level.

Family History Library Research Guides.

[www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/frameset\\_rhelps.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/frameset_rhelps.asp)

These state-specific reference guides provide information on the records available in each state. It is possible that the Family History Library has microfilmed records for the areas being researched. These guides are a wonderful reference for each state where you have ancestors.

County Addresses from the National Association of Counties (NACo)

[www.naco.org/counties/counties/index.cfm](http://www.naco.org/counties/counties/index.cfm)

### Other Reading

"The Reality of Sarah's Realty," — from the Ancestry Daily News [www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=A544301](http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=A544301)

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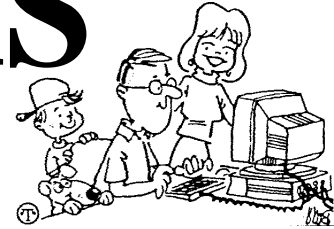
After sailors had crossed the Atlantic to the West Indies, they would take the native women on board the ship and have their way with them in between the cannons. Some of the women the sailors left behind would have boys, who were called sons between the guns.





# WEB LINKS

## HTTP://



**Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society (AL)**  
<http://www.tvgs.org>

**Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board (AZ)**  
<http://www.azgab.org>

**Hi-Desert Genealogical Society (CA)**  
<http://www.vvo.com/hdgs>

**Bay County Genealogical Society (FL)**  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flbcgs/index.htm>

**Christian County, Illinois Genealogical Society (IL)**  
<http://homepage.macomb.com/~tkuntz/christianco.htm>

**Fulton County Historical Society (IN)**  
<http://www.icss.net/~fchs>

**Topeka Genealogical Society (KS)**  
<http://www.networksplus.net/donno/>

**Anne Arundel Genealogical Society (MD)**  
<http://geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/4256/gensoc.htm>

**Blair County Genealogical Society (MD)**  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~pabcgs/>

**Carolinas Genealogical Society (NC)**  
[http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncunion/Genealogical\\_society.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncunion/Genealogical_society.htm)

**Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society (NE)**  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nedodge>

**Matamoras Area Historical Society (OH)**  
<http://www.matamorashistory.org>

**Oregon Genealogical Society (OR)**  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orlncogs/ogsinfo.htm>

**National Genealogical Society (VA)**  
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

**Clallam County Genealogical Society (WA)**  
<http://olympen.com/ccgs>

**Boone County Genealogical Society (WV)**  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wvbcgs>

**The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System**  
<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

**Tennessee Online**  
Archives, links to resource centers and virtual museum.  
<http://www.tennesseehistory.com/>

**Genetic Genealogy**  
Linking science and family history.  
[http://www.msnbc.com/news/generoots\\_front.asp](http://www.msnbc.com/news/generoots_front.asp)

**Ohio River Valley Families Genealogical Database Master Index**  
GEDCOM downloads, military and burial records, ancestor and descendant charts.  
<http://orvf.com/genweb/orvf/orvf.html>

**National Railway Historical Society (NRHS)**  
<http://www.nrhs.com/>

**Norwegian Heritage**  
Norwegian names, tips, etc.  
<http://www.norwayheritage.com/ships/names.htm>

**World War II Draft Cards**  
<http://www.rootdig.com/draft/worldwartwo.html>

**Native American. Arkansas. Chickamauga. Cherokee**  
<http://www.comanchelodge.com/chickamauga-chokeee.html>

**Occupations**  
<http://www.cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/terms.html>

**Occupations used today. (2002)**  
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocol002.htm>

**Genealogy today web site**  
<http://www.genealogytoday.com/>

**England & Wales research**  
<http://www.gendocs.demon.co.uk/index.html#HOME>

**Order of the Indian Wars**  
<http://www.lbha.org/oiw.html>

**Order of the Indian Wars of the US**  
[http://members.tripod.com/~Historic\\_Trust/indian.htm](http://members.tripod.com/~Historic_Trust/indian.htm)

**The Aztec Club of 1847**  
[http://www.aztecclub.com\(Mexican War\)](http://www.aztecclub.com(Mexican War))

**Descendants of Mexican War Vets**  
<http://www.dmwv.org>

**Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge**  
<http://www.execpc.com/~drg/widwayf.html>

**General Society of the War of 1812**  
<http://www.societyofthewarof1812.org/>



### 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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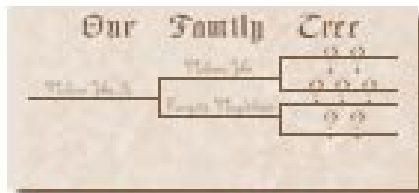
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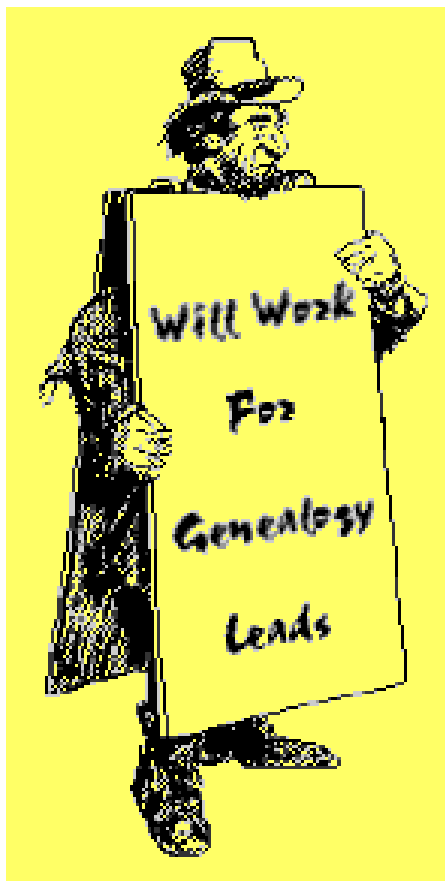
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