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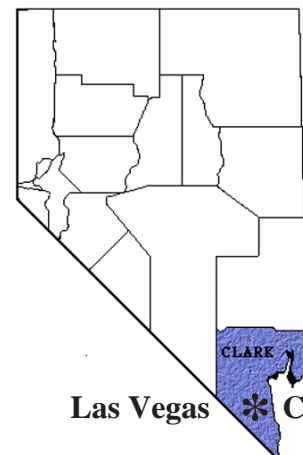
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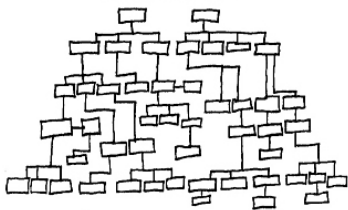
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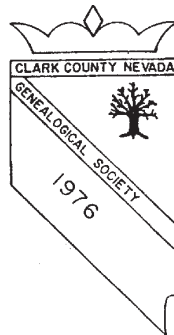
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A Warning to Heirs: Identity Thieves Target the Deceased

The following is an announcement from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC):

"Criminals scour obituaries and other sources for personal information that can be used to commit fraud."

WILL MY QUERY WORK?

by Helen SMITH, Editor

We all wonder if queries work. We write them, submit them and they are published, then we wait and wait and wait. Sometimes we wait a long time. But then luck strikes and we get that answer that we have been waiting for for a such a long time. With her success stories, here is a response from one of our out-of-town members, Eloise KIMBALL, who has submitted many queries to The Prospector.

She writes:

"As the result of one of my queries (I'm not sure if it was from CCNGS or not) I got an e-mail yesterday from someone from the California family I have been trying to find for a long time. She says she has lots of records and photos, so I am excited to exchange info with her.

Also, a lady in our community there last year enjoys searching for information on 'lost families' for others. In another query I posted with CCNGS, I gave the particulars and said I thought the family might have gone to Canada. She found the family I was looking for in the Ancestry census records for the Dakotas!"

At our February CCNGS meeting we had a review on writing queries and then proceeded to write queries for *The Prospector*. They appear in this issue and hopefully it will not be too long before you too will be writing to say that you want to report your successful query.

Will your query work? You will never know unless you submit your query for publication.

CCNGS 2006 Meetings

Third Saturday of the Month at Paseo Verde Library
280 So. Green Valley Parkway
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

PROGRAMS for 2006

(Meeting Topics Subject to Change)

- Apr 1** **Spring Family History Seminar** with Dr. George SCHWEITZER
- Apr 15** **SHORT:** Bristol, England Records of Indentures to the Colonies - Mac PURSEL
LONG: DNA and your female ancestors - Sally MILLER, PhD
- May 20** **SHORT:** Computer Hardware, Security - John FISCHER
LONG: How to Research Naturalization & Immigration Records - Helen SMITH
- Jun 17** **SHORT:** TBA
LONG: How To Design a Web Page - Ron HUGHES
- Jul 15** **SHORT:** Family Tree Distribution and Privacy Issues - John FISCHER
LONG: A Genealogy Slideshow, PowerPoint Basics
Diane SINCLAIR
- Aug 19** **SHORT:** Researching Relatives in the Civil War - Alyce WELCH
LONG: TBA
- Sep 16** **SHORT:** Nevada Certificates - Kat McMAHON
LONG: Installation of new Officers
- OCT 7** **Fall Family History Seminar** with Christine ROSE
- Oct 21** **SHORT:** Writing the Perfect Letter - TBA
LONG: TBA
- Nov 18** **SHORT:** Living Genealogy - Henry DZIEGIEL
LONG: TBA
- Dec 16** **SHORT:** Genealogy for Kids - John FISCHER
LONG: TBA



<http://www.hdpl.org/programs/heritage.html>



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Obtaining Copies of a Clark County, Nevada Divorce Record

County Clerk's Office - Family Division
(702) 455-2590
Attn: Records Department
601 N. Pecos Road
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Divorce decrees are a matter of public record unless they have been sealed by a judge at the request of one of the parties. If the records have been sealed, you must prove that you are one of the parties to obtain copies.

The Clerk's Office will search for the record at a cost of \$1.00 per year per couple.

You must submit the names of both parties for the search.

Copies are \$1.00 per page.

If requested by mail, a \$10.00 payment is required. The check or money order should be made out to the County Clerk and it should be specified for a copy of a divorce decree. This normally is enough for the copy and any overage will be refunded. If more money is needed, it will be requested. Be sure to include your address so they can send the information.

Ancestry.com Launches New Canadian Site with 150 million Names

Ancestry Daily News: Say What Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2006

Now researchers seeking their Canadian roots can search 150 million records covering the years 1592-2002 through *Ancestry.ca*, a new Canadian site. The new site, part of the World Deluxe package (and also available through a new Canada Deluxe membership) includes the following databases:

- 1911 Canada Census (Every-name index and images)
- Ontario Birth Index, 1869-1907
- Ontario Marriage Index, 1858-1899
- Ontario Death Index, 1869-1932
- Ontario, Canada Census Index, 1871
- Ontario and Nova Scotia Census Records, 1800-1842
- Canadian Genealogy Index, 1600s-1900s
- Canadian Address and Phone Directories, 1995-2002

NARA Workshop Schedule

- Apr 7** Passenger Arrival and Naturalization Records
- May 12** Military - Part I Revolutionary War to Civil War
- Jul 21** Federal Land Records

All workshops will be conducted by Rose Mary **KENNEDY** at the National Archives and Records Administration Pacific Region, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno CA 94066

To register and reserve a space contact: Rose Mary **KENNEDY** 650-238-3488. Fees are \$15 payable in advance.

Obtaining Copies of a Clark County, Nevada Marriage Certificate:

Summaries of Marriage Information is available through the website www.accessclarkcounty.com

Select Online Services on the left side then Marriage Search. Records from 1984 to the present are all available, but also some from as early as the 1940's.

For early marriages from 1909 – (there were 8 marriages in 1909) the Recorder's Office will be happy to assist YOU in searching for marriage records at no charge and ordering copies (\$10.00 check or money order) in person at:

Clark County Government Center
2nd Floor, Recorder
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Office hours are 9 AM - 5 PM, Mon-Fri. – Closed Holidays
If you wish them to search for you, the cost is payable in advance at \$5.00 for the first 5 years searched and \$1.00 for each additional year.

Please Make Checks or Money Orders Payable To: Clark County Recorder

Send To:

Clark County Recorder
P.O.Box 551510
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1510

You may order your Marriage Abstract or Certified Copy by mail by mailing in a request form along with a check or money order payable to the Clark County Recorder. The request form is downloadable from the website

www.accessclarkcounty.com

- Online Services
- Marriage Search
- Recorder's Index Page
- Marriage Information
- Ordering Marriage Certificates

The mailing address is on the request form.

VISIT THE HERITAGE ROOM

Paseo Verde Library | 280 S Green Valley Pkwy | 492-7252
Mon-Thurs 9-9 | Fri - Sat 9-5 | Sun 12-4

Las Vegas Family History Center Hours

Tues - Fri 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.
Sat 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

509 S. 9th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101
(702)382-9695

Getting the Whole Family Involved

Maureen A. TAYLOR (Ancestry Daily News-2/24/2006)

My daughter came home from school the other day singing that she loved history. It made me smile. I know just how she feels. When my college advisor suggested that I major in that subject, I couldn't imagine how that would translate into a job. Yes, it was fun, but being practical I wanted to see the future. My first course was a methodology class. Our assignments--research the history of your town or your family. Having dabbled in genealogy as a kid I thought "here's an interesting topic." The rest, as they say, is history. There are a lot of years between that freshman paper and now but history still drives my desire to study family. If you're trying to get a relative to stop yawning when you mention genealogy, try some of these topics that both kids and adults find fascinating.

Names

My daughter learned about the origin of names this year. She rattled on about the topic the other night at dinner. Once again I grinned, while my husband asked her lots of questions. Names--first, middle, and last--make even the die-hard genealogy curmudgeon pay attention.

In Freakonomics, authors Steven D. LEVITT and Stephen J. DUBNER (Morrow, 2005) apply economics to names. It's a chapter that makes you think about the baby-naming patterns in the past.

So how did you get your first name? My daughter is named after a close family member, my husband after a long-dead relative, but I got my name because my mother liked the Irish sound of it. In Jhumpa LAHIRI's The Namesake (Mariner, 2004), a character is named after a Russian author because it's full of meaning for his father. (You'll have to read the book to learn why.) Ask your relatives what they know about their names and how they got them.

If you really want to grab someone's interest tell them what their name means. A quick trip to a library or a bookstore will give you the answer. Since you're the genealogist, don't forget to mention other people in the family with the same name/nickname, if there are any.

Surnames are a different story they're based on everything from occupations to physical traits and more. To find out where your name

originates from and its meaning, check the Dictionary of American Family Names, by Patrick HANKS (Oxford University Press, 2003). It covers 70,000 names from a wide variety of ethnicities.

Ever wonder how common your surname is? TAYLOR is number ten on the list of the thousand most common surnames in the United States. This fact is a great conversation starter.

Photographs

Show someone a picture of their ancestor and watch their disinterest in family history turn into awe. The older the picture the more questions will pop up. They'll want to know what type of picture it is, when it was taken, and of course they'll ask about the people in it. Tell them a story by relating details about the person and see if they can add any details. I like to believe my daughter is now interested in history because she's accompanied me on many a photo collecting mission.

A photograph is proof that a person is more than a set of life dates. All you have to do is look in their eyes to get hooked on history and genealogy. If you want to know more about pictures, read about my search for images of the Revolutionary War generation in Revolutionary Pictures.

DNA

It's the latest genealogy craze and with good reason. Henry Louis GATES used DNA and good old-fashioned research to tell his famous guests about their families in the PBS series, African American Lives. It kept me up late and I can't wait to watch it again. A few cheek cells and you're off and running. If you aren't familiar with the genealogical discoveries made using DNA or the process, consult Megan SMOLENYAK's website, or her book written with Ann TURNER, Trace Your Roots with DNA (Rodale, \$14.95). There is more than one way to get everyone in the family involved in this thing we call genealogy. It's a life-long hobby that anyone can do. Your job is to find the angle to capture the attention of relatives who aren't the least bit curious about their past. My daughter is well on her way. Together we're going to work on my husband. He doesn't stand a chance.

LDS Church to put microfilmed records online

The Daily Herald on page A1, Saturday, September 10, 2005

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SALT LAKE CITY — The LDS Church has more than 2 million rolls of microfilmed birth, death and census records stored in granite vaults in the Wasatch Mountains, 25 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced plans to digitize and index that information and make it available on the Internet.

"The goal is to create (Internet-accessible) indexes to all the films we have in the vault. That's a long-term process and that's a lot of films," said Paul NAUTA, manager of public affairs for the church's FamilySearch Web site. The date when the indexes will be available has not been announced.

Church members are encouraged to find the names of ancestors to baptize by proxy, which they believe gives the dead the opportunity to embrace the faith in the afterlife.

For more than a century, the church has collected parish and civil

records throughout the world. The records have been microfilmed and stored in the vaults, with copies elsewhere.

The church already has hundreds of millions of names in computer files and has said in the past that it hoped to eventually have 2 billion names similarly accessible.

Those attending the annual Federation of Genealogical Societies' conference in 2005, at the Salt Palace will get a preview of the church's plans.

As the project progresses over time, indexes to records from 110 nations previously stored on microfilm will become accessible through the Internet.

"We're showing people how we'll be creating indexes from those films. Sometime in the future we'll ask people to help us create the indexes and make them publicly available, and little by little we'll start to index the films from the vault like we did with the 1880

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ALONG THOSE LINES... "BRINGING 'VALUE' TO YOUR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY"

by George G. MORGAN

We live in financially difficult times. Many of us have, as a result, made significant changes in our discretionary spending. We have deferred or given up non-essential items and statistics show that charitable contributions top out early in the year. In short, we have all had to become savvy consumers and many of us choose to spend our money on those activities that provide real enjoyment and value to us.

Genealogical society memberships are still a great value for your money. If you belong to a local society, each of your membership meetings is a social and educational opportunity with friends who share your "genealogy addiction." They probably also have additional projects that allow you to participate in indexing, publishing, and/or preserving records. If you belong to national genealogical societies and societies in those areas where you are researching your ancestors, you may be unable to attend the meetings, but you receive their newsletters, journals or magazines, and notices of new publications and news about records becoming accessible or, unfortunately in some cases, being closed to the public for so-called "security reasons." The information allows you to learn and to take appropriate action.

Unfortunately, as our incomes fail to keep pace with inflation and costs, many of us have had to make the difficult choice of whether to continue our memberships in various genealogical societies. Many societies' memberships have declined, particularly those that offer lesser value to their members. In my own local society, of which I am a director, we have been discussing how to add value for our existing members and how to draw new members. In "Along Those Lines . . ." this week, I want to offer some suggestions that your society may consider in order to add more value and make membership more attractive to existing and potential members.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

A primary purpose of a genealogical society is to provide information to its members. This can take a number of forms. Publication of newsletters and periodicals is a valuable way to reach all the society members because each member has a subscription included in the value of his or her dues.

In addition, your society should be sending copies of each publication to local libraries and other libraries in the state with genealogical collections so as to get the word out to other potential members of what your society is doing and what it has to offer. A copy of your publications should be sent to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, so that it will be preserved and so that its contents will be indexed in the venerable Periodical Source Index (PERSI). You may also want to develop relationships with other genealogical societies to exchange publications in a "trade-in-kind" arrangement. Their publications become part of your library too.

Presentation of a monthly program is an important part of the society's educational function too. Perhaps not everyone will be interested in research in one particular area, but when solid genealogical research methodologies and tips are presented, everyone benefits from the perspective. And, if you want to get the word out about your monthly meetings, make friends with members of the local press (including the smaller community newspapers), with libraries in your area, and with surrounding genealogy societies and send a letter and/or e-mail at least forty-five days in advance so that they can publicize your society's activities. You are sure to draw interested parties to visit and check out your society.

Your society may also wish to substitute an annual conference or workshop for one of its monthly programs. If your society is small and has a small budget, perhaps you can have several short lectures by members, invite genealogical vendors to exhibit, have the society sponsor a used book sale table, and serve sandwich lunch boxes prepared by a local delicatessen or grocery store. Charge enough to cover your expenses and add a couple of dollars more to the price, and then get started with publicity. Larger, more established societies may want to engage one or more regionally- or nationally- known speakers for a whole day of presentations, host more vendors, sell books, and give away donated door prizes.

ESTABLISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Do you know what your members and visitors really want? Our local society, the Florida Genealogical Society, Inc., in Tampa, has developed a questionnaire to try to find out. We put it on our website at http://www.rootsweb.com/~flfgs/questionaire1_2006.htm and we will be distributing paper copies at our next several society meetings. We will then compile the information to determine interest levels in various areas. Here are some of the ideas we will consider based on the responses we receive.

— Facilitate an informal roundtable discussion prior to each regular meeting to allow people to discuss their brick walls and successes, share information about research resources, suggest research methodologies to one another, and to discuss any other issues of genealogical interest.

— Establish Special Interest Groups (SIGs) where there is a significant interest level. That might include research in England, Ireland, Scandinavia, Germany, Italy, Eastern Europe, religious research, military research, immigration and/or naturalization, or computer topics. As part of our evaluation of topics, we plan to work with the main library in Tampa where the genealogical and local history collection is located. The library schedules and conducts a number of public genealogy classes. Where we can refer our members to existing classes, we will do so. We will offer to collaborate with the library to develop classes our members and visitors tell us they want or need and either develop the classes together or individually. We also will partner with the library to schedule meeting room space and computer lab facilities if possible. Please note that SIGs do not have to meet in conjunction with the regular society meeting or at a public facility. Many societies' SIGs meet in members' homes.

— Develop special educational programs separate from the society's monthly meeting that focus on small groups of members' needs. For example, we already know that a few people in our society are researching ancestors in Missouri. Knowing this, we can research and present a short program specially tailored to that small group.

FIELD TRIPS

I enjoy traveling with other genealogists "in a pack." Field trips to other libraries can be arranged in advance. Your members can carpool or charter a bus or large van, and plan to make a day (or more) of the trip. Our society is planning a joint meeting with the Pinellas Genealogy Society in Largo, Florida, and will then have a tour of the brand-new library and its extensive genealogical society. However, our society board is already discussing field trips to the Orlando Public Library, the Indian River County Public Library in Vero Beach, and the Polk County Public Library in Bartow. Each of these facilities is with three hours' driving distance and we can schedule

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LIBRARY NEWS

Gardening Your Roots: A Genealogy Series

These classes are scheduled for 2006.

Beginning Genealogy

April 24, 25, 26 - Mon-Wed - 6:30 - 8:30

Computers in Genealogy

May 3 - Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30

Creating a Book Using FTM

May 20 - 12:30 (after the Genealogy Meeting)

Newsgroup and Message Boards

May 24 - 6:30 - 8:30

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Where are your genealogy books? Sitting on a shelf gathering dust? Or have they found a new home at the Heritage Room of the Paseo Verde Library where lots of people have the opportunity to use them now that you have gleaned all of the information you need from them?

So... if you have books to donate to the Heritage Room, CCNGS is accepting your books at any of the monthly meetings of the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society. Just be sure to give them to the Library Committee of CCNGS (ex: Sydney CAGLE, Barbara CULLINGS or Helen SMITH) or to one of the CCNGS Board Members. Your books will be catalogued by the Society and a donation plaque will be placed on the inside cover of the book acknowledging your name and the year of the donation. Our collection is growing and we are happy to say that it is being used by the many patrons to the library.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

IF YOU DONATE YOUR BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY DIRECTLY, THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT THE BOOKS WILL END UP IN THE "USED BOOK SALE".

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!

MAKE YOUR BOOK DONATION TO THE CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SO THAT THEY GO TO THE HERITAGE ROOM!!

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

We continue to receive new books for the Heritage Room at the Paseo Verde Library. Check the current list and perhaps there is a book that **YOU NEED** for your research. Here is a list of new books for the Heritage Room:

Purchased by the Paseo Verde Library:

AUSTIN, Jeannette Holland, 30,638 Burials in Georgia

AUSTIN, Jeannette Holland, Georgia Intestate Records

Alabama Society Daughters of the Revolution (compilers), Index to Alabama Wills 1808-1870

BAREFIELD, Marilyn Davis (compiler), Historical Records of Randolph County, Alabama 1832-1900

BARNES, Betty, Diggin' Up Bones Obituaries of Lakin and Hartland Cemeteries Kearney County Kansas Vol. 1 & 2

BARNES, Robert (Compiler), Maryland Marriages 1634-1777

BARNES, Robert (Compiler), Maryland Marriages 1778-1800

BARNES, Robert (Compiler), Maryland Marriages 1801-1820

BROWN, John Henry, Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas

COE, Harrie B., Maine Biographies Vol. 1 & 2

DUFF, Dorothy Smith (transcriber/compiler), Dekalb County, Alabama, Marriage Index 1836-1916

EDDLEMON, Sherida K., Missouri Genealogical Gleaning V. 2

Everton Publishers, The Handybook for Genealogists 11th Edition

FERRELL, Ed (compiler/editor), Biographies of Alaska-Yukon Pioneers 1850-1950, Vol. 5

GRACY, Alice Duggan, SUMNER, Jane, and GENTRY, Emma Gene Seale, Early Texas Birth Records 1838-1878

Greater Omaha Genealogical Society and Friends (Compiler), Douglas county, Nebraska Marriages 1854-1881

HARDEN, Samuel, Early Life and Times in Boone County Indiana

HICKMAN, W. Z., History of Jackson County Missouri

KING, Clinton P., & BARLOW, Meriem A. (Compiler/Editor), Marriages of Mobile County, Alabama 1813-1855

LeFEVRE, Ralph, History of New Platz New York and It's Old Families from 1678-1820

LOWRIE, Walter, Early Settlers of Missouri as taken from Land Claims in the Missouri Territory

MULLINS, Marion Day (Compiler), Republic of Texas: Poll lists for 1846

Memorial and Genealogical Record of Southwest Texas

PRESTON, Walter W., History of Harford County, Maryland From 1608 to the Close of the War of 1812

SMITH, Clifford Neal, German and Central European Emigration Monograph Number 1 Reconstructed passenger lists for 1850: Hamburg to Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, and the United States

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STANLEY, Lois, WILSON, George F, and WILSON Maryhelen, 1300 Missing Missouri Marriage Records from Newspapers, 1812-1853 Biographical and Historical Memoirs Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

Donations from CCNGS

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Donations from Sherry CROWELL:

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QUERIES



305th PACKTRAIN, QUARTERMASTER CORP.

Looking for information and pictures about this War World I Unit. My Grand-father was a cook for this Battalion.

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ANDREWS, PURSEL

Who is Harriet **PURSEL**'s mother? Harriet was b. 16 July 1849 in Mansfield, OH, d. 1 Dec 1935 in Marshalltown, IA. Her father was Thomas **PURSEL**, stepmother - Agnes **ANDREWS**.

M. **PURSEL** 4015 W. Arby Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89118, 702-361-6116

BARRELL, FAUST / FOUST

Rebecca **BARRELL** (1796-1878) married to Dewald **FAUST** (1796-1849) in PA. Looking for information on Rebecca's parents.

Eileen **SENA** - sstokes98@radicalage.com or (702) 361-0512

BARTLETT, MAURICE

Seeking parents of Sarah Estelle **BARTLETT** b. 23 Aug 1854 in NY, m. Mathew **MAURICE** 7 May 1874, in Iowa Falls, IA; d. 20 Jun 1939 in Mineral Wells, TX.

Jana **WALKER**, janamwalkerlv@earthlink.net

BAYLES

Looking for the name of father & mother of Enoch **BAYLES**, b. 1823, Culpeper Co., VA; d. 1906 Davis Co., MO; located him in OH in 1840s.

Patti **ROYALL** 318 Abbingdon St., Henderson, NV 89074

BEARDEN, BUNCH

Looking for parents of Mary Elizabeth **BEARDEN**, b. 25 Jan 1841, d. 30 Mar 1880 in Hot Springs, Garland Co., AR; wife of Benjamin Franklin **BUNCH**.

Paula **PETROSO** 2764 Tent Moir Pl, Henderson, NV 89014, 702-435-0498, petruso@aol.com

BEHR, HEIDT

Looking for parents and descendants of the six brothers and sisters of George **HEIDT**, b Jan 14, 1840 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, d Nov 19, 1925 in Erie, PA. He left Europe from LeHavre, France on the ship **HOLSATIA** and arrived in New York City, NY on Sept 14, 1871. He was a teamster in the Prussian Army during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. In Erie, PA he married Theresa **BEHR**, b Aug 31, 1848 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, d Jan 23, 1915 in Erie, PA. Both were devout Roman Catholics.

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BERNSTEIN, GUTTERMAN

Henry **GUTTERMAN** b. 5 Oct 1886 in Miedzyrzecz, Poland; immigrated in 1904; m. Sonia **BERSTEIN** in 1908; naturalized in 1915. He lived in Detroit, MI in 1920. Looking for where he entered the US. Will share info on **GUTTERMAN**'s.

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BOLDEN, BAREHAM, HUMM, LEGGETT

Seeking others researching these lines from Colchester, Essex, England. Abraham **HUMM**, b. Abt. 1763, d. 03 Dec 1839; m. Amelia b. 1783 and d. 1858. Their child James **HUMM** b. 15 Jan 1815, d. Mar 1895. He married (1) Eliza Ann, b. 1813 in Ardleigh, Essex,

England. He married (2) Sarah **BOLDEN** 1873 in Colchester, Essex England; Sarah b. 1832 in Oakley, Essex, England. Children of James **HUMM** and Eliza Ann are: James Josh **HUMM**, b. 1840; Eliza **HUMM**, b. 1843; Frederick **HUMM**, b. 1847; George **HUMM**, b. 1849; Henry **HUMM**, b. 1852; Samuel L **HUMM**, b. 1853; Frederick **HUMM** (b. 1847) m. Eliza **LEGGETT BAREHAM** 07 Dec 1870 in Colchester, Essex England, daughter of Frederick **LEGGETT** and Mary. She was born 1847 in Clacton, Essex, England. Their children: James Frederick4 **HUMM**, b. 21 Sep 1872; d. 13 Jan 1955; Lucas **HUMM**, b. 1878; George **HUMM**, b. 1883; & Alice **HUMM**, b. 1891. Kim **BAKKAN** cubba213@yahoo.com

BOLLINGER/BOLINGER, FOUST/FAUST, SUNDERLAND

James L. **FOUST** (1835-1887) married to Sarah R. **BOLLINGER** (1839 -) in Mifflin Co., PA. In 1920 Sarah, 80 is with daughter Phoebe and George **SUNDERLAND** in Mifflin Co., PA. When and where did Sarah die?

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BOOKER, CARROLL

Looking for parents and siblings of James Ambrose **CARROLL** b.4 Apr 1833 Baltimore City, MD; m. 26 May 1863 Laura **BOOKER** (b.1 Apr 1842 d. 1890); d. 30 Jun 1906. Children: Frances M., Robert Lee, Stephen J, James I, Mary, Ernest, Sarah, Mae A., Anna R., Mary Edna.

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CAGLE, HANES

Seeking parents of Elizabeth **HANES** of Cullman, AL; m. Charlie N. **CAGLE** in 1890.

Sydney **CAGLE** 5305 Jim Dent way, Las Vegas, NV 89149, SLC1934@cox.net

CARDONE

Seeking parents of Mary B. **CARDONE** b. 30 Oct 1903, d. Oct 1988; parents born in Italy.

Allan James **McNAB** 702-449-9606

CARR / KARR, CRONEY, WELCH

Seeking info on William W. **WELCH**, b. 1866 in MI, m. Samantha **CARR (KARR)** b. 1875 in MO. Their children: Flora F **WELCH**, b. 1893, MO; John W **WELCH**, b. 1895, MO; Henderson Jackson **WELCH**, b. 1904, MO; d. 18 Jan 1969. Married Fannie Ann **CRONEY**, MO; Eva A **WELCH**, b. 1908, MO; Mildred Arcelia **WELCH**, b. 04 Jul 1910 MO; d. 06 Dec 1995 MO; Cora L **WELCH**, b. 1913, MO; Opal M **WELCH**, b. 1919, MO.

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CASE, CASS

Seeking family descendants of Elijah **CASE**, aka Elihu **CASS**. Documents as father-in-law of Phoebe **CASE** in 1807 Argenteial, Quebec, Canada

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CENTANNI, MOATONE

Seeking marriage date of Caterina **MAOTONE** and Pasquale **CENTANNI** in Philadelphia, PA btw 1890-1895.

Shirley **PEPE** 702-458-1924, nevadapepe@cox.net

CUNNINGHAM, FALLON

Seeking parents of James **CUNNINGHAM**, b. 1825 in MD, d. 1893 in Utica, LaSalle Co., IL., m. Margaret **FALLON**.
Patricia **AUNE** 5551 Corral Cl, Las Vegas, HV 89119,
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FARROW, SINCLAIR,

Looking for descendents from 1st marriage of Edwin A. **SINCLAIR**, b. 1883 in Canada, son of Andrew M. **SINCLAIR** and Marjorie **FARROW**. His 1st marriage took place abt 1907, possibly in MA. Diane **SINCLAIR** desertds@cox.net

FRANTZEN, JOHNSON

Seeking info on parents of Amanda **JOHNSON**, b. ca 1865 in area of Malmo, Sweden, d. 1950; emigrated to western NY and m. Jens C. **FRANTZEN**.

Robert **FRANTZEN** 702-878-5659, RFRANTZI266@Earthlink.Net

GALATAS, LAURENT

Seeking Baseline **LAURENT** ancestry, b. 1853 Louisiana or France, m. Nicholas **GALATAS**, LA. Children: Joseph, Albert, and Jules.
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GILFILLAN, NAGEL

Searching for information abt death date of Charles W. **GILFILLAN**, Md. He was b. 1906 in Hannibal, MO son of George **GILFILLAN** and Minnie **NAGEL**. He was an orthopedic Dr. in Beverly Hills, CA during the 19040s.

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GIVEN

Seeking Civil War Records, cause of death and general info on Simeon S. **GIVEN** from Bowdoinham, ME; b. abt 1840.

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GIVEN

Need military records and info on Sherman (Ken) **GIVEN**, b. 6 June 1929, d. 29 Apr 2004. Lived Michigan, Kansas, and California, last living in Van Nuys, CA.

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GOODE, HORTON

Looking in Missouri for the burial place of George **HORTON** born approx 1769 died after 1850. Last known location found on the 1850 census living in the household of his daughter Mary and her husband James C. **GOODE**, in Adair, County, Missouri. George was 81 years old in 1850, a carpenter, born in Virginia.

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GRAY, GRIER, HORTON

Looking for the parents/ancestors of George **HORTON**, b. 1769 VA to aft 1850; Married first to Margaret **GRIER** (1809 Caswell, NC) child Eleanor. Married second to Susannah **GRAY** (1813 Caswell, NC) children: William H., Mary, Amanda, Jane, Calvin and Sarah, Sharon **LOPEZ**, 7800 West Rosada Way, Las Vegas, NV 89149,
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GRAY, HORTON, WILEY

Looking for any information about the birth, maiden name and parents of Susannah. 1st married to John **GRAY** (abt 1802) children: John B., Leatha, Frances (1804), Yancy (1806) John was 1st married to Margaret **WILEY** (1800) child Alexander. Susannah 2nd married to George **HORTON**, (1813 Caswell, NC) children: William H., Mary, Amanda, Jane, Calvin, Sarah.

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HANDY

Seeking info abt father of Julia S. **HANDY**, b. 12 Nov 1894 in Pocattela, ID, d. abt 1956 in Long Beach, CA.

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HINES

Seeking father of Jacob **HINES**, b. 22 Dec 1822 in Allegheny Co., PA. 1830 Census listen Alman **HINES** with 3 sons: one age 5-10 yrs, two ages 1-5 yrs. Jacob would have been 6-7 yrs in 1930 depending on census date.

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HUMM, LINES

Seeking descendents of James Frederick **HUMM** (d. 1955)(m.1890, Edith Alice **LINES** (b.1876; d.1957). Children: Dorothy, Grace Victoria, Authur (b.1899), Henry Percy (b.1901), Winifred May (b.1904; d. 1996), Cyril Claude (b.1906), Violet (b.1912)
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HUMM, PAGE, PALMER

Seeking descendents of Ernest **PALMER** (b.1878; d.1944) (m. 1902 Florence Lillian **PAGE** (b.1880) Children: Ernest Henry William (b.1903; d.1971)(m. Winifred May **HUMM**), May Florence Lillian (b.1905)(d.1956), Harry (b.1908; d.1982), Gladys Lilian (b.1919), Ronald Albert Victor (b.1921; d.1963)-Southend Essex.
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KENNARD, ROBINSON

Looking for info on parents and siblings of Joseph **KENNARD**, b. May 1822 m. Anne(ie) **ROBINSON** in Baltimore, MD. Last record of him was in the 1910 Census, where he was with his son James Harry **KENNARD**. He was a farmer from 1860-1900 in Queen Anne's County, MD.

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KUCHMULLER

Looking for decendents of Johann Christian **KUCHMULLER**; came from GER btw 1845-1855; lived in Utica, NY 1855-1880.
Trish **HARRIS** 702-914-0924, TRISH2866@AOL.COM

LARSEN

Seeking info on Emily **LARSEN** who came to America from Sweden abt 1890-1930; what ship and year? Settled in Three Oaks, MI.
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McNEAL

Seeking birth certificate of Anthony **McNEAL** Sr. of Orange City, VA, 1820.

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PIPER

Seeking info on Jonathan S. **PIPER**, b. 1817 PA, moved to Columbiana Co., OH with family. 1840 Census was with his mother, brother & sister looking for his father who probably died before 1840 in OH.

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PURSEL, WHEELOCK

Need parents of William **WHEELOCK**, m. 8 March 1924 to Harriet **PURSEL** in Marshalltown, IA.

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RITZENTHALER

Seeking to correspond with others researching **RITZENTHALERs** in Sauk Co., WI.; share info.

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SADAUSKIS, SZYMKAITE

Seeking marriage info for Klemens **SADAUSKIS** and Ona **SZYMKAITE** of Chicago, Cook Co., IL ca 1914-1916.

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SENA, SORIANO / HORIANO

Augustin /Agustin **SENA** (1825-1865) married to Maria de los Santos **SORIANO/ HORIANO** about 1859 in San Miguel, Co., NM. Looking for Maria's parents

Eileen **SENA** - sstokes98@radicalage.com or (702) 361-0512

SULLIVAN

Seeking to correspond with others researching Jeremiah **SULLIVAN**, b. abt 1832 in Co Cork, IRE, d. 29 Sep 1922 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co., MN. Children: Michael, John, Jeremiah, Mary, Patrick, Daniel, Catherine, Annie, and Nellie born MA, NY, & MI.

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WEST

Need parents of John D. **WEST** b. 21 Jun 1842 Liverpool, Eng.

Came to America 1856, lived in PA, d. Apr 1903 Michigan City, IN.

Ginny **DELMARTO** Ralphsgirl@cox.net

WHITE

Seeking info on Samual **WHITE** who immigrated from Ireland btw 1890-1930; what ship and year? Settled in Three Oaks, MI.

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YATNICK

Seeking others researching Harry **YATNICK** of Brooklyn, NY, 1906-1932; share info.

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Going Sideways to go Backwards

By Blanche A. **LIDDELL** in New Plymouth, Idaho

My great-grandmother, Ann Eliza **MEAD**, was born in Piqua, Miami County, Ohio in 1835 according to her obituary and death certificate. I searched everywhere I could think of to find her parents — to no avail.

She married my great-grandfather, Daniel J. **IRONS** in Aurelius, Ingham County, Michigan in 1853. After Daniel's death she married William **McCORKLE**. I hadn't paid any attention to that marriage since I wasn't related to William. But finally my daughter-in-law asked me if I had ever tried to get a copy of the marriage certificate for that second marriage.

I thought, well why not, nothing else is working. So I sent for it and was totally amazed when I received that. There were the names of both sets of parents for both the bride and bridegroom, including the maiden names of the mothers!

So, never discount that second marriage, even if it is not your line.

Now I'm stuck again. Wish my daughter-in-law would come up with another good idea!

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HELPING HANDS (AND EARS)

On a Sunday afternoon (March 19th) members of CCNGS volunteered in the recent Channel 10 (Public Television) pledge drive to raise funds for programming. In the past CCNGS has supported Channel 10 financially in presenting programming for several genealogical series which were broadcasted locally. Sunday was an effort to provide manpower by receiving phone calls and entering pledges.

In an effort to give back to the community, the following CCNGS members participated in the event:

Sydney **CAGLE**

Trish **HARRIS**

Judy **HUGHES**

Ron **HUGHES**

Margaret **LOUIS**

Shirley **PEPE**

Paula **PETRUSO**

Mac **PURSEL**

Grace **REBMAN**

Diane **SINCLAIR**

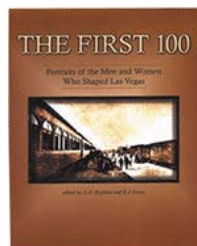
Helen **SMITH**

Jana **WALKER**

Alyce **WELCH**



Thanks to all who took time out of their busy schedules and "away from their research" to participate in this fund raising event and the opportunity to spread the name of the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society in the community.



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FAMILY REUNION

CHAPMAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

CHAPMAN Family Association will hold its 6th annual convention and reunion June 2-4, 2006 at the DoubleTree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Plaza, San Jose, California.

The convention will consist of a family business meeting, a variety of workshops and research sessions, and local tours.

Individuals need not be a member to attend the sessions but convention registration is required and advance registration is highly recommended. Motel reservations must be received by May 11 to receive special rates by mentioning the **CHAPMAN** Family Association.

Further information is available by contacting one of the following: the CFA website at www.chapininfamilies.org/conv.html or Liz **CODDING**, meeting chair at LCODDING@aol.com or 3109 Touchmark Dr., Edmond, OK. 73033.

AHNENTAFEL

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Henderson Jackson WELCH is Kim BAKKEN's father.

Generation No. 1

1. Henderson Jackson WELCH, born 1904 in Missouri; died 18 Jan 1969. He was the son of 2. William W WELCH and 3. Samantha Catherine CARR. He married Fannie Ann CRONEY 8 Aug 1923 in Ozark County, Missouri. She was born 10 Oct 1907 in Dora, Missouri, and died Oct 1972 in West Plains, Howell, Missouri. She was the daughter of Francis Merion CRONEY and Nancy COLLINS.

More About Henderson Jackson WELCH: Burial: 1969, Trail Hollow Cemetary, Missouri; Residence: 1920, Brush Creek, Douglas, Missouri

More About Fannie Ann CRONEY: Burial: 18 Oct 1972, Trail Hollow Cemetary, Missouri; Residence: 1930, Richland, Ozark, Missouri

More About Henderson WELCH and Fannie CRONEY: Marriage: 8 Aug 1923, Ozark County, Missouri

Generation No. 2

2. William W WELCH, born 1866 in Michigan. He was the son of 4. WELCH. He married 3. Samantha Catherine CARR.
3. Samantha Catherine CARR, born 1875 in Missouri. She was the daughter of 7. *Unknown*.

More About William W WELCH: Residence: 1910, Howell Twp, Howell, Missouri

More About Samantha Catherine CARR: Residence: 1920, Brush Creek, Douglas, Missouri

Children of William WELCH and Samantha CARR are:

- 1 i. Henderson Jackson WELCH, born 1904 in Missouri; died 18 Jan 1969; married Fannie Ann CRONEY 8 Aug 1923 in Ozark County, Missouri.
- ii. Flora F WELCH, born 1893 in Missouri.
- iii. John W WELCH, born 1895 in Missouri.
- iv. Eva A WELCH, born 1908 in Missouri.
- v. Cora L WELCH, born 1913 in Missouri.

More About Cora L WELCH: Residence: 1920, Brush Creek, Douglas, Missouri

- vi. Mildred Arcelia WELCH, born 4 Jul 1910 in Brandsville, Missouri; died 6 Dec 1995 in West Plains, Missouri; married Henry Edward BREWER; died 11 Dec 1968.

More About Mildred Arcelia WELCH: Residence: 1920, Brush Creek, Douglas, Missouri

- vii. Opal M WELCH, born 1919 in Missouri.

Generation No. 3

4. WELCH, born in Canada.

Child of WELCH is:

- 2 i. William W WELCH, born 1866 in Michigan; married Samantha Catherine CARR.

7. *Unknown*, born in TN.

Child of *Unknown* is:

- 3 i. Samantha Catherine CARR, born 1875 in Missouri; married William W WELCH.

Using Our Ears to Find Ancestors

By Cheryl Harmon BILLS

I knew my 3-great-grandfather, Alpheus HARMON, had to be in Erie County, Pennsylvania in 1820, but he just wasn't listed on the census although his brothers were.

I decided to go through the census one more time name by name and say each name aloud. I came to one entry Elfyus ARMAN and although my eye wanted to skip over it, saying the name aloud made ALL the difference!

There he was — just a few doors away from his brother and of his future wife's father, Charles VAUN. No wonder I could not find him in the index! Yet, he was exactly where I knew he had to be!

UNABLE TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE

Are you trying a variety of data organizing techniques to help you in your search? Chronologies, timelines, and relationship charts are excellent ways to see the information in a different way that may make something "click." Placing locations on a map in chronological order and considering nearby geographic features and political boundaries may also result in realizations. Words and text alone are not always sufficient. I once had a geometry student who absolutely refused to draw a diagram or picture throughout the entire class, despite being advised numerous times that even crude renderings could be helpful. Her performance suffered. There are also times in genealogy where even a crude chart is extremely helpful.

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society Fall Family History Seminar

7 October 2006

Christine ROSE (CG, CGL, FASG)



Christine Rose is a Certified Genealogist, Certified Genealogical Lecturer, and Fellow, American Society of Genealogists. Her lecturing experience includes national conferences (National Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies, and GenTech), and many regional seminar and local seminars including New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in New York City; seminars in Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; Long Island, New York, and many others. In addition, she served on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C., and has been on the faculty as an instructor, and a coordinator, of Samford University's Institute of Historical and Genealogical Research since 1992. Christine was elected Fellow, American Society of Genealogists in 1988. This honor is bestowed by peers based on the quantity and quality of publications, and is limited to only 50 at any one time. She has also been awarded the prestigious Donald Lines Jacobus award for two Rose genealogies, and received top reviews for the book she co-authored, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*. [See listing of her books.](#) The newest, published in 2006, is *Courthouse Indexes Illustrated*.

Christine is a past VP for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, past VP for the Association of Genealogical Societies, and an Associate of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. She has been interviewed on CBS evening news (San Francisco, California), W.H.O. (Des Moines, Iowa), PBS in Jackson, Mississippi, and others. She has also been subject of extensive news articles in the *Des Moines Register*, The San Jose [California] *Mercury-News*, and others.

TOPICS:

Court Records: The System and Its Records

This lecture includes an overview of the court system and the records it generates. Specific examples explain how to locate and use these valuable documents. Differs from the Courthouse lecture.

"Solving" the Problem Onsite in 25 Hours or Less!

This lecture is one of the favorites. Strategies are presented to maximize onsite research, with a case study to illustrate it. The same strategies can be used even when not onsite.

Using Little Known and Neglected Sources: A Potpourri

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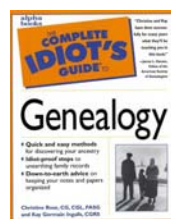
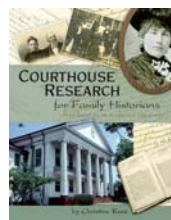
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Recipient, Donald Lines Jacobus Award 1987, for two Rose books

Books:

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- o **Courthouse Research.** re1 5/04
- o **Nicknames. Past and Present**
- o **Family Associations. Organization and Management.**
- o **Military Pension Acts. 1776 to 1858**
- o **Declarations of Intention from 1850 to 1870: Santa Clara, CA**
- o **The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy**

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BENDING A GREEN BRANCH WITHOUT CAUSING A BREAK

By Frank BEACON

My wife's sister recently found a long-lost branch of her family tree. She is discovering cousins and cousins and cousins-once, twice, three, four times removed, but cousins nonetheless. This has not only been exciting for her, but for me, too (because now I'm not the only younger one in the family with the "weird genealogy bug" as her son calls it). One of the greatest finds is that one of her CUNNINGHAM relatives has turned up a bit of information that she and my wife's great, great grandfather that the family never knew about his railroad and mining experience. This family also has some precious old photographs that have never been seen by my wife, her parents, and perhaps even her grandparents.

The only problem is that some members of this family in southeast Alabama are reticent to share their information. In this day and age of fear concerning identity theft, etc. some family historians find it hard to retrieve information from suspicious kin. We came up with a successful game plan of instilling confidence in skeptical relatives. I hope that it might serve some readers when talking to your own long-lost cousins.

#1: Be the first to share. Provide names, dates and details about yourself and your ancestors - as well as where you believe the link is to the relative (s) you are talking to.

#2: Share some more. Provide any extra knowledge you can about the family-stories, records, and photographs are a big hit and are valuable in creating a feeling of connectedness.

#3: Then ask your questions framed in a win-win for all the relatives concerned. For example, "I am trying to find out how your great-aunt Martha Louise Ferre met James Stuart Cunningham. Enclosed (or attach a scan, if emailing) please find a copy of the marriage record in

Warner County, June 17, 1914. We have found some more information about their lives together after their marriage, but are searching for details of their meeting and courtship. Not only do we want to know more about these individuals, but you may be able to supply valuable clues as to Martha's parents and her ancestry.

#4: Then add the icing. By the way, I am working on this family history project for a manuscript I'm publishing early next year. I'll be happy to supply you with an heirloom copy for your own family. Thanks for everything you can do to help me make this a successful project for the Cunningham family.

#5: Enjoy your newfound relations. Take time to get to know your relatives, and establish a rapport. "Perhaps you would even like to join us for the annual Cunningham reunion at Green River in June? I'll be sharing some of my latest ancestral finds there and would enjoy introducing you to some more of our cousins!" It could end up being a rewarding relationship you will cherish for the rest of your life. I've known several 'cousins' who became best friends and would travel long distances to see each other - and even take genealogical trips together, once the 'bug' became contagious.

#6: No matter the outcome, always be cordial. There may very well be those relatives that simply will not budge, for whatever personal reason they have. Continue to be calm, kind and cordial. They may not budge now and continue to be suspicious, but you never know. One kind word from another cousin (especially when you have not burned the bridge with the former) might open up that gateway and allow the green branch to bend a little, without breaking

SOURCE: *EVERTON NEWSLINE*, March 24, 2006

Political Correctness in the Past

By Mary McCall DEANE

During World War I there was a lot of anti-German feeling in the US and elsewhere. Remember that the British royal family changed its name from SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA (the surname of Victoria's husband,) to WINDSOR somewhere in this time period. And it did not adopt Prince Phillip's surname of MOUNTBATTEN, previously BATTENBERG, for the same reason.

An adopted war orphan, old enough to have known his name, may have used his German name and his American name interchangeably throughout his life. We have seen similar circumstances with "no Irish need apply" and "no Poles need apply" for jobs. The Americanization of our ancestors' names probably occurred more often than we realize.

INCORRECT ASSUMPTIONS

We all have to make assumptions to begin our research. The problem comes when we forget our assumptions are assumptions and treat them as facts. Some examples might be:

- that a man and wife are both the parents of all the children in their household in the 1850 census;
- that a couple married near where their first child was born; or that a female was in her late teens or early twenties at the time of her first marriage.

When records cannot be located to support these assumptions or when the records found fly in the face of the assumptions, it is time to re-evaluate.

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ANCESTRY QUICK TIP - Friday, March 24, 2006

THE ILLUSTRATED WORLD HISTORY

For a quick reference, I keep a copy of a historical dictionary with my genealogy material. (I use "The Usborne Book of World History Dates," by Jane CHISHOLM—part of the Illustrated History Series.) It

is concise and shows what is happening in all parts of the world during different eras. It starts in the Stone Age, is divided into eras such as 500-1199, 1200-1499, and goes up to the present. It is helpful in showing when wars occurred, migrations, etc. It's a good start before reading in-depth.

Barbara SWIFT

"Ancestry Daily News" (<http://www.ancestry.com/dailynews>)



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COMPUTER CLASSES!

The Paseo Verde Library will be conducting basic computer classes throughout the year. Persons interested in signing up for these informative classes should call the library at 492-7252. The classes fill quickly, so don't delay.

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CAN YOU HELP US?

Here is something you can do for your Society even if you live far away from Las Vegas. We are working to improve "*The PROSPECTOR*" with people who would be willing to become part of our *PROSPECTOR* staff. Your job would be to help us [Helen (Editor) and Bob (Publisher)] by getting one or two articles a year which we could use in *The PROSPECTOR*. You could write the articles yourself, ask interesting speakers you have heard to write an article, contact experts in a field that interests you and ask them to write an article, contact authors who have written interesting articles in other journals to write for us, etc. We think, by getting our members involved, we will have a more balanced journal and be able to print articles that will be of interest to a wider audience.

Here are some ideas for articles:

- Genealogical and historical stories from any where
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- Your own family story
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- Good genealogical practices
- Collections held in other libraries across the USA
- Research in Europe
- Interesting sites on the computer
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CCNGS NEEDS YOU!

Dear Genealogy Friends.

It appears that a lot of genealogical societies are having difficulties. The **Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society** is one of those in need of help. All of the genealogical societies and their members need to get behind their society and do their best to help it survive. You may ask what you can do to help. Actually there are several things that could be done.

1. Become a member and send in your dues for next year.
2. Make a donation to the society.
3. Visit the Heritage Room and volunteer a few hours a month or contribute books or materials
4. Attend monthly meetings and the Society's 2 Annual Seminars.
5. Plan a fundraiser with the proceeds to go to the society.
6. Be supportive of the society in thoughts and deeds. Volunteer when asked to help.
7. Always keep in mind that you are a reflection of the society in your actions and dealings.

These are just a few ways that you could help and there are many more. Just remember that most of the people involved are volunteers and the society is non-profit. Asking what you can do to help is probably the best thing a member can do.

Speaking of which, we do need some volunteers. So sign up to work on a Committee.

Or plan a way that we can make some money and chair that event. That will certainly get you a thank you from the rest.



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.



Lomie HEARD Elementary School.

Home of the Desert Hawks

School's namesake returns for 100th birthday

Nellis students, teachers thank former principal
By Lawrence MOWER (*REVIEW-JOURNAL*)

Lomie G. **HEARD**'s connection to the education of children at Nellis Air Force Base goes far beyond her name on the elementary school there.

She was principal of the school for 21 years before she retired and it was renamed **HEARD** Elementary School



Lomie **HEARD** talks with her friend, Thalia **DONDERO**, at the celebration of Heard's 100th birthday Tuesday at Heard Elementary School on Nellis Air Force Base.

Her picture hangs in several rooms on campus, the school song rings with her name, and she tries to make trips up from Payson, Ariz., once a year for her birthday.

So Tuesday's visit (7 Feb 2006) by **HEARD** was particularly special, being a celebration of her 100th birthday and all.

"We know, and we've often been told, that you don't like a big show," librarian Karen **DAVIS** told **HEARD** in front of more than 600 eighth-graders, staff and current and former students and teachers. "Well, now you've got it."

Teachers and students sang to **HEARD**, gave her flowers and presented her with a self-portrait made up of tiny pictures of each student.

But that was after her real birthday in January, when the students sent her cards, letters and posters.

The outpouring of affection was not lost on **HEARD**, who, despite being 100, is as sharp as ever.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart," she said.

HEARD said she had been to birthday celebrations in three states, but none had touched her like the ceremony at the school.

"It does my heart good," she said.

HEARD has spent nearly 70 years of her life in education. "This was my greatest accomplishment, building this school from nothing," she said.

When she took over as principal at **Air Base School** in 1950, the school existed only in the barracks.

Through the years, she fought to have the school renamed **NELLIS Air Force Base Elementary School** and have its own buildings, both of which occurred in 1953.

She retired in 1971.

Several of **HEARD**'s former teachers came to celebrate her birthday as well.

Sandra **GAYAN**, who was hired by Heard in 1969, said she was awestruck by **HEARD**, who was an oddity in a time when most school principals were men. "She amazes me," **GAYAN** said. "She's this little tiny lady, but wow."

GAYAN recalled that during the Vietnam war, when both Nellis Air Force Base and the school were overcrowded, **HEARD** would walk up to the front of a noisy lunch room of 900 students and tap the microphone. The room would instantly fall silent.

"She knew what she was doing every single second," **GAYAN** said.

HEARD, who has seen two world wars, 18 presidents, and **HALLEY**'s Comet pass twice, was born in New Mexico when it was still a territory.

She said her most difficult teaching experience by far was during the Depression, when she had to teach hungry children in New Mexico. To combat the hunger, ranchers would bring milk to the school and teachers would make cocoa for the kids.

But **HEARD** said kids really haven't changed since she began teaching.

"Children are children the world over," she said.

And she plans to visit those children again next year.

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Find this article at: http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2006/Feb-08-Wed-2006/news/5774119.html

UNABLE TO LET GO

Are you holding on to some dear family tradition? It may be time to let go. My ancestor supposedly "sold sandwiches." It turned out that she actually ran a tavern. Another relative was said to have died by "drowning," when he accidentally shot himself. Tradition may have to be put aside in order to get past that brick wall in your research.

UNDERLYING PERSONAL PROBLEMS

Is our ancestor difficult to find because he was constantly running one step ahead of the law? Did a family members' alcoholism or depression cause the family to remain in turmoil for decades? Some of our ancestors had personal issues, many of which cannot be documented. And yet these problems may explain why it is difficult to find our ancestors or explain their unusual behavior.

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Ancestry Quick Tip

Barbara RUBINSON - 2/2/2006 - [Archive](#)

Getting Family to Open Up

To get my elderly relatives to discuss family history, I bring up questions about how they were raised, family vacations, trips, etc. When I get the responses like, "Who cares, they're dead," I point out that the grandkids are too young to care now, but weren't their parents worth knowing?

Let's pass on who they were to the kids. This idea often gets them opening up and from the stories about their lives, I learn of other relatives and traditions brought from the old country. Facts can be gleaned from the stories.

1880 CENSUS DATE

Dick EDMONSON, Sr (CCNGS)

1880 census rules posed a challenge for the De Kalb County, MO census-taker who called at the home of Ulysses and Mary Jane COX.

The census-taker called at the COX home on June 11. He was told (or already knew – Union Star was a very small place) that Mary Jane was alive on 1 June but had since died. In an effort to record things as of June 1 but still take into account the situation as it existed on June 11, he made these entries on the census sheets:

1880 Census, MO, De Kalb County, Polk Twp.:

COX, Ulysses S., male, age 48, head, (marital status) widowed, (occupation) farmer.

COX, Mary Jane, female, age 36, wife, (marital status) married, (occupation) deceased.

The rules, spelled out on the census sheets, read, "All persons will be included in the enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880.

Children born since June 1, 1880 will be omitted. Members of families who have died since June 1, 1880 will be included."

The creative entries, although not quite in accord with the census rules, revealed that Mary Jane died after June 1 and before June 11, 1880. If the census-taker had simply recorded that, on June 1, Ulysses was "married" and a "farmer" and Mary Jane, was "married" and "keeping house," narrowing down Mary Jane's date of death might have been much more difficult; particularly since Ulysses remarried another Mary in 1884.

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(U.S.) Census," NAUTA said". It takes a lot of people and a lot of time to do the work, he said.

"Currently, you have to look at images on paper or burn them on a CD and distribute those to index the data. We're moving the whole process to the Internet ...," he said.

Conference attendees are using a lab at the Salt Palace equipped with a number of computers to demonstrate the new automated database.

"New advances in indexing software will enable to church to produce indexes faster than it did with previous databases, he said. Making the database from the 1880 U.S. Census was a 12-year project, using tens of thousands of volunteers..

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22 April 2006 (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~vavbgs>)

EXPLORING SOME GENEALOGICAL TECHNIQUES - Virginia Beach, Virginia. Seminar with George G. MORGAN presented by Virginia Beach Genealogical Society. For further information: VBGS 2006 Spring Conference, PO Box 62901, Virginia Beach, VA. 23466

13 May 2006 - Carlsbad, CA

North San Diego County Genealogical Society Presents **Family Tree Maker Seminar** By Dorothy MILLER Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA.; 9 am - 3 pm

This seminar will cover how to use *Family Tree Maker 2006* so as to make your genealogical research efforts more efficient. All levels of users will gain a deeper understanding of the tools provided by any of the *Family Tree Maker* programs. If you are a complete beginner you might consider attending the Tuesday, 9 May 2006 overview of genealogy programs being presented by Dorothy MILLER at 1 pm in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers. Saturday's seminar will cover in depth such topics as data entry and editing, navigating the family file, entering and maintaining sources, exporting reports, printing techniques, creating PDF and Microsoft document, sharing files and working with the book making facility. Notes will be provided.

About the Presenter: Dorothy MILLER retired from California State University, Northridge in 1998. She has had 30 years experience in education; the majority of those teaching computer science. She has

consulted for private industry and educational institutions, but now is very much involved in genealogical research.

Cost \$12.50 per person / Lunch \$5.75 per person

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Saving Graves

How to Interpret Gravestone Motifs

These are a few of the many motifs that are found on gravestones along with some of the more commonly held interpretations of their symbolism.

- **Menorah** - Jewish symbol of divine wisdom. The seven branches of the candle represent the seven days of creation; the sun, moon and planets; the seven heavens; and the seven stars of Ursa Major.
- **Morning Glory** - Beginning of Life
- **Oak Leaves & Acorn** - Maturity, Ripe Old Age
- **Open Book / Bible** - Deceased Teacher, Minister, etc.
- **Palm Tree/Branch** - The palm has a variety of sacred and secular associations. In the Kabbalah, it symbolizes the righteous man and was an emblem of Judea after the Exodus. One of the four plants paraded on the Sukkot to celebrate God's bounty, it represents the Jew who studies the Torah but does not obey the commandments. Other interpretations include the spine that bends before God, and God. In Christianity, it signifies righteousness, resurrection, and martyrdom based on Christ's entry into Jerusalem where palm branches were laid in his path. In the Middle Ages, a palm leaf was a badge of pilgrimage to the Holy Land and people wearing it were called 'palmers.' Because of its height and radiating leaves, it was an early fertility and sun symbol. The Babylonians considered it a divine tree because of its association with the sun. In many early Middle Eastern civilizations the palm was a Tree of Life; the Phoenician god Baal-Tamar was the lord of the palm and the palm was the emblem of the goddesses Astarte and Ishtar. In ancient Rome, victors were presented with palm branches and the palm took on victory as its meaning in ancient Rome, Egypt and Greece. The palm has also signified fame and peace. In contemporary, secular culture it represents tropical delights
- **Picks** - Mortality. Commonly used in 17th and 18th century New England.
- **Pine Cone** - Immortality and Fertility The ancient Greeks and Assyrians viewed the pine cone "as a symbol of masculinity because of its phallic shape. It formed the apex of the thyrsus staff, which represented both fertility and immortality". As the emblem of Artemis, it represented feminine purity. It was also the emblem of the Roman goddess Venus (Aphrodite). In Christianity, the pine cone forms the crown of the Tree of Life. Because of its swirling form, it is associated with "dynamic generative and cosmic power."
- **Poppy** - Sleep
- **Portals** - Passageway to eternal journey
- **Pyramid** - Symbol of ancient and modern Egypt, it represents the power of the kings and creation. Among the ancient Egyptians, Aztecs, Mayans and Mesopotamians, pyramids represented the cosmic mountain. In esoteric thought, it represents the world axis and enlightenment. The pyramid is a synthesis of different forms: the base is a square representing earth, the apex is the beginning and finishing point of all things, and the sloping, triangle sides that link the apex to its base represent fire, divine revelation and the threefold principle of creation, thereby symbolizing all of creation.

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a tour on arrival and then dig in to research in these libraries' excellent collections.

PROJECTS OF ALL SORTS

It's certainly easy to pay your society dues and then sit back and let other people do the work of running the society, but if you're the kind of person who likes to pitch in and have fun, volunteering with your local society can be extremely rewarding. We are fortunate to have people who are willing to get involved in projects of all sorts that can serve the society and the community at large.

Our local society last year had a group of volunteers working in the main Tampa library's Genealogy and Local History Department to go through the vertical file cabinets of genealogical folders, review the contents, and to create an index that we will publish. During the project, team members discovered original marriage certificates, Bible pages, and other primary documents. They also were thrilled with the sheer amount of historical material they found.

Many societies help preserve original documents by indexing them, photocopying them onto acid-free paper, digitizing them with scanners, and then make the facsimiles available to the public and protecting the originals by storing them.

Other societies get groups together and canvass cemeteries, transcribe monumental or gravestone inscriptions or plaques, and then index and publish a book. This is a way to preserve the data on the markers which may be eroding away, and it can be a fundraising project too.

SUMMARY

I happen to belong to about twenty societies worldwide, and I find my memberships are very beneficial. We recently had tickets to the road production of the hit Broadway show, "Wicked," playing here in Tampa. The tickets were \$65.00 apiece. That money could pay for my annual membership dues in three small to medium-size genealogical societies. One night's entertainment or a year's genealogical information? Think about it!

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8 Ways to Kill A Genealogy Society

1. Stay away from meetings.
2. Find Fault.
3. Oppose New Ideas-there's sure to be work involved.
4. Oppose working with other groups as it might entail work and money!
5. Don't support Seminars and activities that "waste" members money.
6. Give the speaker a challenge by interrupting or walking around or visiting with friends.
7. Don't rush to pay your dues.
8. Provide No communication.

(Swiped from the Madison County Genealogy Society, who swiped it from the Toledo Area Genealogy Society.)

Deep Observations on Life

- 1) "When I die, I want to die like my grandfather--who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car." --
Author Unknown
- 2) Advice for the day: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin" and "Keep away from children." --
Author Unknown
- 3) "Oh, you hate your job? Why didn't you say so? There's a support group for that. It's called **EVERYBODY**, and they meet at the bar."
Drew **CAREY**
- 4) "The problem with the designated driver program, it's not a desirable job, but if you ever get sucked into doing it, have fun with it. At the end of the night, drop them off at the wrong house."
Jeff **FOXWORTHY**
- 5) "If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there is a man on base."
Dave **BARRY**
- 6) "Relationships are hard. It's like a full time job, and we should treat it like one. If your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you, they should give you two weeks' notice. There should be severance pay, and the day before they leave you, they should have to find you a temp."
Bob **ETTINGER**
- 7) "My Mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said, 'Mom, they weren't trying to teach you how to swim'.
Paula **POUNDSTONE**
- 8) "A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: "Duh."
Conan **O'BRIEN**
- 9) "Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant?? I'm halfway through my fish burger and I realize, Oh my God.... I could be eating a slow learner."
Lynda **MONTGOMERY**
- 10) "I think that's how Chicago got started. Bunch of people in New York said, 'Gee, I'm enjoying the crime and the poverty, but it just isn't cold enough. Let's go west.'"
Richard **JENI**

Sonoma County Genealogical Society 2006 Spring Seminar

Barbara Vines **LITTLE**, CG - Nationally known lecturer and writer (4 topics. see website for details) **Sat., April 22**, 9am to 4pm (registration 8am) Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, Santa Rosa.

Pre-Registration: \$20 SCGS members, **\$25 non-members;** Admission at door: \$30.

Send your reservations to: Registrar Audrey **PHILLIPS**, 96 Eastside Circle, Petatuma, CA 94954-3609

For registration questions: call 707-763-4492; more information at CSGA website - <http://www.csga.com/> (calendar)

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POINT National Conference - 2006

October 6 - 7 - 8, 2006

POINT (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) - The American Network or Italian Genealogy, will hold its National Conference - 2006 at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo California, October 6 - 8, 2006.

Friday afternoon and evening (October 6) will be for sign-in, along with a get-acquainted social gathering.

Saturday (October 7) and Sunday (October 8) will include two intensive days of lectures on Italian genealogy (both for beginners and for those more advanced in the search for their Italian family roots) and other topics of interest to the Italian community. There will also be a close session where all the speakers will be present and to whom questions can be addressed. Conference attendees will enjoy a gala banquet on Saturday evening and a luncheon on Sunday.

On Monday (October 9), there will be an optional tour (at additional cost) of Haunted Hollywood. This tour gives a history of Hollywood and some of its great Italian actors and will include lunch and a stop at Mann's Chinese Theater.

The registration fee (\$165 until 31 May 2006, \$185 after 31 May 2006) includes the costs of all workshops and lectures, the registration / get-acquainted social gathering, the banquet, the luncheon, snacks during the day, and a syllabus with conference speaker notes and other items of interest. It does not include the cost of lodging and other meals. The Haunted Hollywood trip will be at an optional extra cost. Those attending the conference may invite a spouse or guest to the banquet (\$40 extra) and or the luncheon (\$30 extra).

Speakers at the conference (and their topics) will include:

Suzanne Russo **ADAMS**
Finding Your Italian Family On-line

David **KERTZER**
How To Find Information On Orphaned Babies In Italy

Elaine **ALEXANDER**
Passenger List Research

Louis **LOCCISANO**
DNA Research

Nancy **CARLBURG**
Basic Genealogy Research

Paula **PACKWOOD MHA**, RN
Researching Your Fable Health History

James **CHIAMPI**
Italian Families In The Renaissance

Tony **PERRONE**
Italian Research, Traditions and Customs

Teresa **FIORE**, PhD
Italian Immigration and Emigration

Carolyn **UGOLINI**
Italian Records for Italian Research.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Hacienda hotels which may be contacted at: 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245 / 1-800-421-5900

Visit the POINT website at <http://www.point-pointers.net> for the latest conference information.



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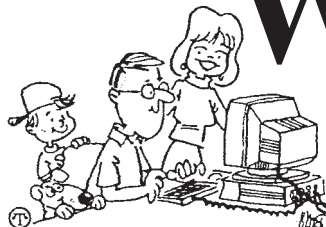
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There is an article by Kent CARTER, Director of the National Archives, Ft. Worth, TX, Branch called "*Wantables and Outalucks: Searching for Indian Ancestors in Federal Records*" at this URL:

<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/heritage/native-american/ancestor-search.html>

HERITAGE QUEST

Many libraries in major towns allow free access to Heritage. IF you have a library card. This URL will give you a list of the libraries that will give home access:

<http://eogen.editme.com/HeritageQuestOnline>.

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<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/search.php?action=search>

RAOGK

There is a website that contains lists of volunteers who will look up information in public records. The list is broken down by state and then by county within the state; it also states what the volunteer is willing to do. They do not charge for their services, but will ask for reimbursement if there are any fees that they incurred for copies of documents, for example. I used this service several times, and found it to be most helpful. Of course, like all human endeavors, some of the volunteers are more timely and responsive than others. The site is "Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness," and can be found at:

<http://www.raogk.com>

Free Family Tree Templates

Free printable templates, forms, charts, diagrams and more to help organize your family tree research.

<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/buildfamilytree.htm>

Free Census Extraction Forms

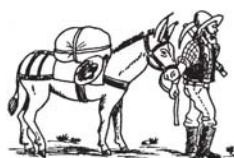
Census extraction forms are doubly valuable: not only do they allow researchers to see the format and column headings for various census years (especially if the schedules themselves are hard to read), they also provide a clean and convenient method for extracting and filing important information you find.

<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/freecensusforms.htm>

ONE-STEP WEBPAGES by Stephen P. MORSE.

Forms for searching ships passenger lists at Ellis Island, Castle Garden, and other U.S. ports.

<http://www.stevemorse.org/>

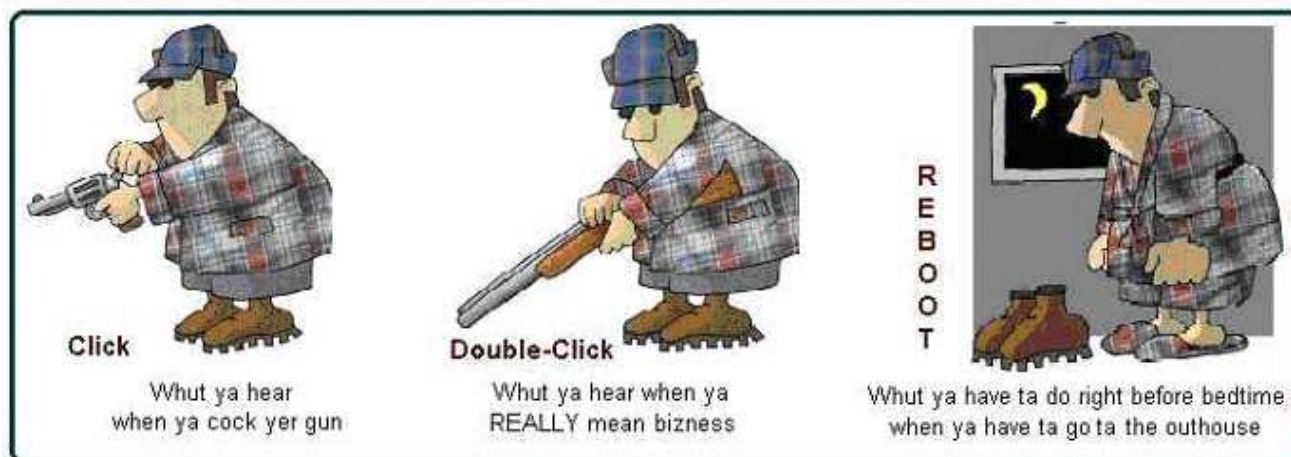


NEVADA 1862 TERRITORIAL CENSUS

The Nevada 1862 Territorial Census project that CCNGS did for the Nevada State Archives, 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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