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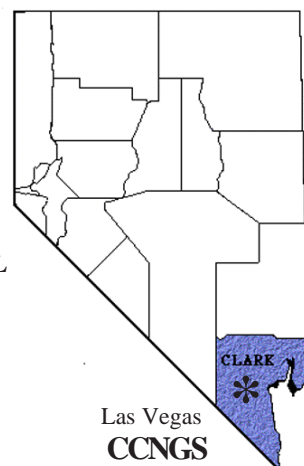
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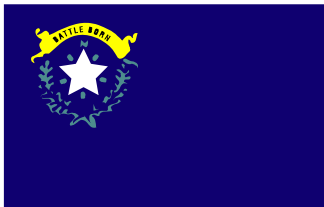
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CCNGS, a nonprofit organization, meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, at the Conference Room, Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, Nevada, at 10:00 A.M. Monthly meetings begin with a fifteen minute program followed by the business meeting, refreshments and concludes with the long program/speaker. Our purpose is to provide instruction for collecting, pre-serving and publicizing genealogical, historical and geographical materials.

Yearly memberships:

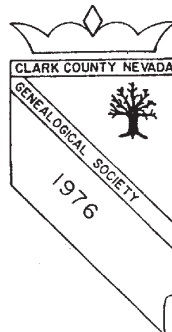
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The Internal Revenue has ruled that the Society is a tax-exempt Educational and Scientific Organization within the means of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Consequently donations of funds, library books and other property made to the Society are deductible contributions for the purpose of Federal Income Tax returns.

HELP YOUR SOCIETY

2007-2008 SLATE OF OFFICERS REVEALED

The following individuals have stepped up to become officers of CCNGS for Sep. 2007-Sep. 2008 .

President: Ron **HUGHES**
Vice President: Duane **HINES**
Secretary: VACANT*
Treasurer: Claudia **KOTEK**
Historian: Phyllis **SYZDEK** **
Director (two year position)
Communications/Refreshment: Paula **PETRUSO**
Publicity/Research: Margaret **LOUIS**
CONTINUING: (not up for election until 2008)
Library/Education: Sydney **CAGLE**
Seminar: Jana **WALKER**

It is that time of year again. Our Nominating Committee has been busy looking for people who are willing to assume responsibility and pitch in as officers of the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society. The Nominating Committee contacted members in person and on the telephone to discuss the various positions which are open to find those who can lead our organization.

What is your responsibility in supporting CCNGS? Have you considered giving some time by agreeing to become an officer?

Our Board of Directors made the job of holding an office as easy as can be by scheduling its board meetings just prior to the regular meeting of the Society so that only one day (morning) a month is required to fulfill this task. The Board of CCNGS meets on Saturday morning from 8 or 8:30 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. to go over the business

of CCNGS.

If you have never served as an officer, it is time to step up and give of yourself. Only by volunteering to help can our organization continue. CCNGS needs **YOU!** When you are contacted, step up and say, "Yes!"

Only by participating can CCNGS continue to function.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF A SECRETARY*. As you can see, the position is **VACANT**. The Secretary takes minutes at the Board meeting and writes a summary of the meeting which is generally one or two pages. If you have been a member for one year, you are eligible to hold an office. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER AND CONTACT PAULA PETRUSO** (435-0498 or **PPETRUSO@AOL.COM**) or Ron **HUGHES** (270-6955 or **RONDH@COX.NET**).

Phyllis **SYZDEK**** who is the Historian is asking someone to step up and assist and learn from her as Historian, then eventually take over the position. Phyllis has organized and entered all of the past materials for a number of years and is ready for someone to step in and continue the history of our organization. Please consider this activity and contact Paula or Ron to say "YES" to CCNGS.

CCNGS NEEDS YOU TO STEP UP AND BECOME A LEADER! It's a great way to become involved and to meet great people who have the same interests as you. A once a month commitment is all that is required. Since you already attend the meetings on Saturday morning, waking up just a little earlier to attend the Board meeting is all that is needed. **PLEASE CALL PAULA OR RON AND SAY "YES"**.

Fall Family History Seminar

29 September 2007

Michael John **NEILL**

TOPICS

1. Effective Internet Search
2. Preparing for trip
3. European Origins Online
4. Brick Walls

FORMER CCNGS MEMBER DONATES

Former CCNGS member Ramona **ARMSTRONG DUFF**, (CCNGS #069) recently donated over six hundred books to the Oklahoma Genealogical Society in Oklahoma City.

CCNGS 2007 Meetings

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

(Meeting Topics Subject to Change)

- Aug 18** **Short:** Prairie Crosses - Lee **TAYLOR**
Long: Heraldry - James **GAGLIANO**
- Sep 15** **Short:** (Tentative) New York State Census During the Off Years - Ron **HUGHES**
Long: Installation of new Officers
- OCT** **Family History Month in Nevada**
- Oct 20** **Short and Long Combined:** Discussion Panel, All members & guests
- Nov 17** **Short:** TBA - Cathie **YAMILKOSKI**
Long: TBA - Stefani **EVANS**
- Dec 15** **Long:** Research in England - Trish **HARRIS**

NEW MEMBERS - 2nd QUARTER 2007

<u>JOINED / #</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>RESIDES</u>	<u>SURNAMES SEARCHING</u>
April / 631	Jerome A KUNZMAN	Las Vegas	KUNZMAN PIMS HUNIGSTEIN GINSBERG BERMAN
April / 632	John Edward HARNEY Jr	Las Vegas	HARNEY MILLER
April / 633	Lee (MICKELS) TAYLOR-ELLIOTT	Henderson	MICKELS BESWICK McNISH JACOX EPLER
April / 634	Joanne THOMAS	Las Vegas	THOMAS
April / 635	Mary Rae (SMITH) ZBIEGIEN	Las Vegas	SMITH ZBIEGIEN



PENNSYLVANIA LAND WARRANTS AND PATENTS

An on-line index to the Pennsylvania registers of land warrants includes warrants, surveys and patents for seventy percent of the state from 1733 to 1957. These records appear at:

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/rg17.htrn>

Then click on **IV. Warrants** and look for **C. Warrant and Rights Registers**. Finally, locate the **Images** link under **series 17.88, Warrant Registers With Green Covers, 1733-1957**.

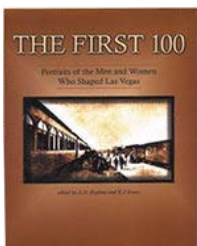
This page has links to the scanned county Warrant Register pages, which are arranged alphabetically by last name of warrantee and arranged chronologically by warrant date. This is the primary aid for patents and surveys when the name of the warrantee is known. Information includes warrant number, warrantee, warrant type, acreage warranted, location, warrant date, date of return, acreage returned, patentee, patent volume book, page number and survey book and page number.

These registers were published (*Pennsylvania Archives*, ser 3, vols. 24-26), but the published version omits warrant numbers, return of survey information, and patent information.

The geographical area covered by any particular warrant register includes the boundaries of the county as it existed at the time of the warrant. Parent counties contain entries for properties that eventually became parts of other counties. When a new county was formed, earlier records were not transferred from the parent county.

Patent indexes from 1684 to present are also available on the Web site. Under **VII. Patents**, go to **C. Patent Registers**, and locate **Patent, A and AA Series, 1684-1781 (series 17.147); Patent Index, P Series, 1781-1809 (series 17.154) or Patent Index H Series, 1809-present (series 17.155)**. Then go on the **Images** link. The indexes are grouped alphabetically by first letter of patentee surname. Within each letter category, entries are then grouped by series and volume number of the patent book and finally arranged chronologically by patent date. Information on each patent includes patent date, patentee, volume and page where recorded, acreage, warrantee name of tract, warrant date, and county.

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Las Vegas REVIEW-JOURNAL **THE FIRST 100**

This is the Review-Journal's three-part series chronicling 100 people who had major impacts on Las Vegas over the city's first century.

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

WEST VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS ON-LINE

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the FamilySearch Archive (Genealogical Society of Utah) have launched their Vital Research Records on-line database featuring more than a million West Virginia birth, death, and marriage records. Researchers can now search and view scanned images of the original birth, death, and marriage records from six counties as well as most statewide death certificates from 1917 to 1956.

The initial phase of the project includes county records for Calhoun, Gilmer, Hardy, Harrison, Mineral and Pendleton Counties. The database includes county birth records from 1853 to 1930, county death records from 1853 to the late 1960s, and county marriage records from the creation of the county until the late 1960s. Records from additional counties will be added over the next few years. Statewide death certificates will be added annually as the records become fifty years old. Searching can be done by person's name, county, and date. When researchers find records, they can printout the scanned records. The Website is located at:

www.wvculture.org/vrr

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Library of Congress Debuts Chronicling America

The Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities have debuted Chronicling America, a collection of 226,000 digitalized newspaper pages dating between 1900 and 1910 from publications in California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Utah, Virginia and Washington, DC. Institutions in those states received the first grants from the National Digital Newspaper Program which eventually will post historical newspapers from all states. The website is at:

<http://links.mkt230.com/cf?kn=8&m=151850&r=NzIcNTc1ODg1S0&b=2&j=MjE4NDI2NDUS1&mt=1>

There is a directory of the newspaper titles. You can search by place, time period, keyword and type of publication. You can also browse the papers. The results of a search shows the entire page with your search terms highlighted. You can also download an image or view it in PDF or text format.

Volunteers Welcome 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

Contact Sydney CAGLE - 396-4773 or SLC1934@COX.NET
to become a Volunteer

PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL WAR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Web site is hosting a database of Pennsylvania Civil War conscientious objectors who refused military service primarily for religious convictions:

<http://www.genpa.org/CivilWarCO.html>

Volunteers transcribed these entries from the "**Register of Aliens & Having Conscientious Scruples Against Bearing Arms, 1862**"; **Records of State and District Offices, 1861-72, Pennsylvania (pt. 4), Western Division; Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau, Record Group 110**; National Archives, Washington, D.C. This register serves an index to the original requests for exemption on file as "**Conscientious Objector Depositions, 1862 (series 19.15)**"; **Records of the Adjutant General; Records of the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs, Record Group 19**; Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, PA.

In some cases the depositions show the age and occupation of the objector, and each one exhibits the signature of the man seeking exemption. These papers are arranged by county and then roughly in alphabetical order by the individual's surname, similar to the entries in the register. As far as is known to the Pennsylvania Archives staff, Pennsylvania is the only northern state to have an extant file of depositions of men who refused military service on the basis of religious convictions. The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society has four rolls of microfilm of these records.

Copies of these depositions may also be obtained for a fee from:

Reference Section
Pennsylvania State Archives
350 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0090
www.phmc.state.pa.us

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TAKE ALONG YOUR COMPUTER

Helen SMITH (CCNGS)

One of the most useful tools to take along on your research trip is your laptop computer. You can pull up your genealogy (ancestral charts, family group sheets, descendency charts, etc.), take notes and keep track of your research goals on the computer.

In the computer case you can store a folder with blank forms, (Pedigree, Family group sheets, census, naturalizations, etc.) to record all the data found. An 8 1/2 x 11" blank notebook will help keep track of progress and additional searches which are needed.

Also, you can include supplies such as pencils/pen, a straight edge, calculator, stapler/paper clips. Take address labels or a stamp to label documents you have copied. Another important item to have is cash available to pay for copies that you make as you do your research.

Be sure your battery is fully charged and you take your electrical cord so that you can recharge that battery.

One note of warning: if you are taking your computer into a library or other facility, be sure that you have a method to secure the computer to your station so that it does not "get legs and walk away". Otherwise, do your preparation at your hotel or the place where you are staying and only take your other materials with you when you are "out" researching.

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Bumps, If Not Potholes, Along The Scottish Ancestry Trail

If your research has taken you to Scottish records, here are a few tips to help you along:

1. Until 1965, a widow might resume her maiden name.
2. Families were often named for estates, rather than the reverse.
3. A laborer sometimes adopted his "laird's" name.
4. Civil registration, such as births, marriages and deaths, began in 1855.
5. On death entries from 1859-1865, a married woman was sometimes indexed by married surname with maiden surname in brackets. Sometimes it was by her maiden surname only.
6. If your ancestor left Scotland after 1854, you need the FULL NAME of the person and approximate birth date. Names are used over and over again and there are more than 900 parishes in Scotland.
7. If your ancestor left Scotland before 1855, you will also need to know the COUNTY in addition to info listed in #6.
8. Very few shipspassengers lists exist in the Scottish Record Office.
9. The names DONALD and DANIEL are interchangeable.
10. CHRISTIAN is rarely a boy's name in Scotland.
11. Most archives in Scotland close on Sunday and bank holidays (remember their holidays are different from ours).
12. In 1841, the ages of children over 15 years old were rounded down to the nearest 5.... that is, a 19 year old would be listed as 15 and a 24 year old would be listed as 20 years old.
13. Gaps may appear in records for certain periods of time because of damage, destruction, falling into private hands, or due to a careless or forgetful minister.

Thanks to Dr. Phyllis BURNES PARKER for this "wee bit of knowledge"

SOURCE: Previously published in *Lake Havasu Genealogical Society, Inc. Newsletter* (March/April 2007) and *Odom's Family Tree* (Feb/Mar 2002)

NEW YORK STATE CENSUS

Most of us have viewed more census pages than we care to admit. Well, if you're researching in New York State, there may be more to look at.

New York State took a census every ten years from 1825 to 1875. They also took a census in 1892; then every ten years from 1905 to 1925. Only the name of the head of household is listed from 1825 to 1845. Starting in 1855, New York State censuses asked residents born in the state to indicate which county they were born in.

For a list of the State censuses which survive, go to:

<http://www.nyscensushunt.com/census.html>.

Unfortunately, these records are not indexed. These records are housed at the archives in Albany, and they may also be available in larger local libraries.

The LDS film numbers for each county can be viewed at:

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~halsey1/ny/1855b.htm>.

Encyclopedia of Genealogy

EASTMAN's Online Genealogy Newsletter

This newsletter sponsors the **Encyclopedia of Genealogy**, a free online service. While I'm the person who created the "shell" of this new service, much of the information within it is written by newsletter readers like you.

I must admit that I am quite pleased with the **Encyclopedia of Genealogy**. Many newsletter readers have offered new content or have corrected existing information within the **Encyclopedia of Genealogy**. Here is a partial list of some of the articles added or updated by newsletter readers and myself in the past few weeks:

GEDCOM-L
GENTECH
Genweb
HeritageQuestOnline
Hispanic Genealogy
ROOTS-L

The above is a partial list of the items added in the past few weeks and should give you an idea of what the **Encyclopedia of Genealogy** is all about. Of course, there is plenty of room for more information, so feel free to add more! If the **Encyclopedia of Genealogy** does not yet contain information about your local genealogy society or library, you can add that information now. It is easy to do so.

The **Encyclopedia of Genealogy** is available to everyone, free of charge. You can access it at <http://www.eogen.com>.

If you would like to check "what's new" on the Encyclopedia for yourself, go to <http://www.eogen.com> and click on **CHANGES** in the upper-right corner. This will show all recent changes.

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Goodrich Family Association

Are you aware that there is a **GOODRICH** Family Association?

Originally created in the early 1980s, the association was revived by its founder, George **FARRELL**, in the fall of 2005. The organization is dedicated to discovering the history and genealogy of the greater **GOODRICH** family. **GOODRICH, GOODRIDGE, GOODRICK**, and all variant spellings are included. They are tracing the ancestors and descendants of 8 or more immigrants who arrived here before 1640, and tracking additional lines as discovered. They have 6 trustees, about 53 members, and are growing every day! They e-mail a quarterly newsletter to over 250 subscribers.

Their web site can be found at: www.GoodrichFamilyAssoc.org. The website contains indices of surnames and locations to **CASE**'s book, **The Goodrich Family in America**, information regarding the ongoing DNA project, descendant charts for John and Ensign William **GOODRICH**, and the newest feature, a **FORUM** with six areas of interest where postings can be entered. In the near future more features will be added. They welcome visitors to the website, as well as any request to receive the e-mailed newsletter, and certainly, any new members to the growing association. If you have any questions, please contact us at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com. If you would like to be added to the email newsletter list, please send a request to the newsletter editor, at kmw328@aol.com

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Researching U.S. Naval Vessels

By David Allen **LAMBERT**

Did your ancestors serve in the United States Navy? Have you ever wondered about the actual history of the vessel or what the vessel physically looked like? Obtaining an image and history of the vessel breathes new life into the story of your relative's service.

Naval vessels from the 18th to the 21st century are available on the Internet from small crafts to aircraft carriers. After you determine on what vessel(s) he or she served, you can use a simple image search at <http://www.google.com> to locate a photo or print of the vessel. However, I would like to recommend two underutilized websites to answer this question.

Online version of the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships supplied by the U.S. Department of the Navy:

<http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/index.html>.

The Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships was published in nine volumes between 1959 and 1991. This database puts online for the first time more than 10,000 individual histories, references and links to images of U.S. Naval ships, and updates the earlier printed editions. To search specifically for the images from the Online Library of the Department of the Navy go to:

<http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/org11-2.htm>

In addition to U.S. Naval Ships, there are images for other vessels, including Ships of the U.S. Army, Ships of the U.S. Coast Guard, Revenue Cutter Service and Lighthouse Service, and Ships of the Confederate States. There are also selected images for foreign navies (though not as complete as for the U.S. Navy), including those of Australia, Brazil, Britain, Cuba, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Republic of Korea, Norway and Spain.

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LIBRARY NEWS

PROUD OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

CCNGS' Volunteers should receive a "big cheer" for the continuous hours which they regularly donate in manning the Heritage Room at the Paseo Verde Library. Because of the presence of our volunteers, patronage in the Heritage Room has increased and more family history is being uncovered.

Our warm and friendly volunteers greet patrons when they arrive and ask if the patrons needs any assistance. They offer suggestions when someone comes to the Heritage Room for the first time...to let them know of such things as the computers, microfilm reader, scanners, surname file, materials in the vertical file, books covering numerous areas of genealogy, and the magazines and periodicals which are housed in the "Heritage Archives". They also inform patrons about the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society: when and where we meet, what the meetings are like, give them the CCNGS brochure, and encourage them to attend our meetings. Volunteers also inform patrons about upcoming seminars and classes which might be of interest.

Volunteers use their volunteer time to work on their own genealogy as well. It gives them a time when they have several hours to devote to researching their own family lines through books, magazines and periodicals, or on the computer while offering assistance and answering questions to those who are new to the Heritage Room.

If you think you have some hours to help others while working on your own genealogy, contact Sydney CAGLE, Library and Education Director, at 396-4773 or any of the Board members who will direct you to the correct person. Volunteering is fun! You meet nice people and you don't have to be an expert in genealogy to help someone on their way in researching their family.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR LIBRARY CLASSES

The Henderson Library District recently installed an on-line registration process that allows users to register for various programs and events, including those sponsored by the Society. Follow these steps to view library events and to register:

Go to the Libraries website at <http://www.mypubliclibrary.com> Under "Events and Classes", select "Events and Programs" In the "Keyword" box on the left, enter 'Genealogy' and click "Find" Scroll through the months until you find something you want to register for; once you find the class, click on it. You will be taken to a registration screen to complete the process.

Be sure to enter your telephone number and Email address so you can be contacted, if necessary.

The instructor can obtain a listing of those who have signed up for the class, allowing for better management of the entire process.

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LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER

Donated by Dodie **AMUNDSON**

Cornwall Family History Society Fische 1 & 2

HOWELL, Cyndi, [Netting your Ancestors](#)

MILLS, Elizabeth Shown, [Evidence Citations and Analysis for the Family Historian](#)

Donated by Bud **DIMON**

DUNCAN, L. Wallace, [History of Neosha and Wilson Co., KS](#)

Donated by Dick and Katy **EDMONSON**

BROTHERS, Edward (Compiler), [An Illustrated Historical Atlas of Lincoln Co., MO 1878](#)

BROTHERS, Edward (Compiler), [An Illustrated Historical Atlas of Montgomery Co., MO, 1878](#)

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VISIT BYU BOOKS ON-LINE

You can go to the Brigham Young University website and do searches of over 5000 books which the Family History Library has put online. The LDS Family History Library has announced that it has begun the process of digitizing and making available on the Internet all of the Family History books in their collection. These are primarily books in the "929.273 Series" that are currently housed on the first floor of the Family History Library (previously housed on the fourth floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building). At the present time (September 2005), about 5000 books have been digitized and are available, and they have announced that they are adding about 100 titles a week to the on-line collection. Copyright issues are playing a role in determining the order in which they progress through this task; books out of copyright are being done first.

As these Family History books are digitized and placed on-line, an entry is placed in the Family History Library on-line catalog with a hyperlink to the digitized image. By going to the FHL On-Line Catalog, you can search for a specific name, find a book that has been indexed using the name, and view it on-line, flipping through the pages as separate "pdf" images, much the same as if you were on the first floor of the Family History Library.

Of course, the indexing that is available through the FHL Catalog is only as good as the human indexers made it; typically they only include the "top" 4 to 6 names that appear in each book in their indexing efforts. But there is even better news! The digitized images of these Family History books are actually being stored on the electronic servers at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

By going directly to the BYU web site to view the images, there are several additional possibilities that provide genealogists functionality that they have never had before. You are now able to do full-text searches on each book and on every digitized book in the collection. Now you can locate the small two-paragraph entry on Grandpa Ebenezer McGarrath that is buried in one of the Family History books that you would have otherwise never thought to look at before. This can open up a huge new possibility for extending lines, getting past brick walls, and uncovering new relatives!

How to Find The Digitized Images?

Go to the web site of the Harold B. Lee Library at BYU at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/> on their home page, follow the links "Find Other Materials/Electronic/On Line Collections at BYU". Click on the "Text Collections" tab and select the "Family History Archive" from the list of collections that are displayed.

You would then normally want to use the "Search All" feature with the "Search Full Text" box checked, although the "Advanced Search" will allow very high-powered searches that will allow certain phrases to be searched for and other words to be used to exclude potential hits. As you make selections from the "hits" that are displayed, use the "Click Here to View Item" button near the top of the screen to display the actual image of the page. You can page through the entire document using the index displayed on the left side of the screen. Each page may be printed after being viewed.

At the first web page for the Family History Archive (the page that lets you begin a search), click on the "Browse the Collection" button to display every book that has been digitized and is available in the collection.

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SUMMERTIME!

By Helen SMITH (CCNGS)

Summertime is upon us once more. This means that many of us will be traveling to the old homestead, our hometown, and/or to visit relatives, old and new.

If you are headed to the old homestead, what can you find to assist you in developing your family history? Of course, it would be wonderful if you can take a picture of how it looks today; maybe it looks the same or perhaps something new is on the land. Wouldn't it be great if you could retrieve a picture of how the homestead looked when you ancestors were living there. This is the time to ask around to see if there are some older folks living in the area who might just have pictures of the area with your family home in it. There might be a library which has photos from the era in which you family lived or books and/or centennial albums from that time period. Then there is the possibility that a Historical Society, Genealogical Society, or area research center might be available in or around the community in which your ancestors lived which would have a local historical collection. And don't forget the local newspaper office which may have an archive with photos as a part of their collection.

If you are at a loss as to where to go, try asking folks in the local restaurant, pharmacy, or gas station (etc.) Local people may be able to provide you with a number of possible resources to help you to find information that you might otherwise overlook.

Again, in **YOUR** hometown many of these same resources should be available to you when you write about you past life. Remember that you are doing Family History and that YOU are also an important part of this history, so while you are visiting in your hometown and looking for records on your ancestors, uncover all of the information and documentation you can on you and your spouse if he/she is from the same area. Have you secured **YOUR** birth certificate, school record, marriage record, church records (baptism, communion, marriage), etc.? This is the time to do it if you haven't done it already.

Then there is the visit with relatives. This is the time to ask about photos of common ancestors or collateral relatives. This is also the time to ask about documents that they might have in their possession. Almost every area in the country now has a Walmart or Walgreens Pharmacy where you can copy photos and documents. You can also make copies at Office Depot, Office Max or Staples. And don't forget the Library; they usually have a copy machine that will give you a pretty good copy of a photo if no other resource is available. Then there are those of you who have made that purchase of a portable copier or a hand scanner that will do the trick for you.

In order to get your relatives to be more cooperative, remember to take an Ahnentafel Chart or a Decendency Chart of common ancestors with you to give to them so that you can excite your relatives and entice their cooperation in helping you with your Family History project. Be sure they are included in the report.

Summer is a great time to relax and enjoy the warm days and balmy evenings. A little family history "work" along the way will enhance that great trip!



http://gov.state.nv.us/pr/2005/PR_2005-07-13PatriotFund.htm

QUERIES



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. Ch: Frances M., Robert Lee, Stephen J, James I, Mary, Ernest, Sarah, Mae A., Anna R. and Mary Edna.

Robert M. **KENNARD** Jr. 6504 White Swan Circle , Las Vegas, NV 89108-1812; Fax: (702) 258-4099; RKennardLV@COX.NET

FREED/FRIED, HESSON

Seeking anc of Philip John **FRIED**, b. 1795 PA. M. Elizabeth **HESSON**, b. MD abt 1804.

Donna **BALLEN** 2808 Lakecrest Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89128; 702-647-2412; donnaballen@juno.com

HAMIEL, SMITH

Seeking b certificate in OH dated 1863 or d certificate dated 1947 for Henry Rennick **SMITH** or certificate of marriage to Mary E. **HAMIEL** abt 1890. F's name was Hiram **SMITH** and he lived in Clay Twp, OH in 1860. Henry was a foreman on the B and O Railroad in 1920's.

M. Rae **ZBIEGIEN** 9066 Edenbridge Court, Las Vegas, NV; zbieg@embarqmail.com

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 Co, MD.

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MCFEE, RYAN

Seeking p and siblings of Paul Emerson **RYAN** b. 7/17/1883 in Williamsport, PA. P are Mathian B. **RYAN** and Ada Manze **MCFEE**.

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RUTNOSKI / RUTNOWSKI, SUMINSKI

Looking for any relatives of John **RUTNOSKI (RUTNOWSKI)** and Josephine **SUMINSKI** of Jersey City, Hudson Co, NJ 1900's - 1920; moved to MI in 1920's. Ch: Walter, Zigmond, Mary, Antoinette, Helen, Ted, Adele, John, Arthur and Norman of Detroit, Wayne Co, MI. John visited relatives in NJ early 1950's after d. of wife.

Claudia **KOTEK** 2519 Stanwood Ave, Henderson, NV 89074; (702) 492-0035; cakoteknv@cox.net

SCHMIDT, SIEBERT

Seeking anc and desc of Michael and Helena **SCHMIDT** who were living in Beaver Falls, PA in 1910. Michael was employed as a watchman in a shovel works. He was 45 and Helena was 34. They had been m. 18 years and had 7 ch, six of whom were living in 1910: Christina 15, Henry 14, Julius 11, Mike 8, Edward 3 and Martha 12/12. Edward and Martha b. in PA, but the rest of the family were natives of "German/Poland". Sometime between 1910 and 1920, Christina married Ben **SIEBERT** and relocated to Detroit, MI, where she and Ben were living in 1920.

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SIEBERT

Need to know if Benjamin Rudolph **SIEBERT**, shown by LDS records as b. or bap. 27 May 1886 in "Staroje Hufta, Russia" was the same person as the 35 yr old Benjamin **SIEBERT**, born in "Russia/Poland" who was living in Detroit, MI in 1920 with his wife, Christina, and 28 yr old brother, Herman.

Charley **RECKER** Genbuff3@cox.net

SULLIVAN

Seeking to share info with desc of Michael and Catherine **SULLIVAN**, m. 5 Mar 1889 in Hurley, Iron Co., WI. Ch: John b. Sep 1890 (?), Joseph Patrick b. 21 Mar 1891, Mike b. 1893, Matthew b. 1895, Steven b. 1897, Mary b. 1899 all in WI; Francis b. 1902, Catherine b. 1904 and William b. 1906 in KS. Mo Catherine's brothers John (60) and Mike (49) lived with the family in Apr 1910 in Weir, KS (so. of Pittsburg, KS). Appears Michael died bef 1920. In 1920 Catherine (58) is farm manager and 8 ch still at home. Helen **SMITH** 26 Quail Hollow Dr, Henderson, NV 89014; HSmithlv@cox.net

TAYLOR, WILCOX

Seeking info about origins and fam of Col. George **WILCOX** who served in the 8th Regiment of KY militia under Zachary **TAYLOR** in the War of 1812. Was he the same person as the George **WILCOX** who later lived in Scott Co, VA, served in the VA legislature and left a will in Scott Co, VA dated 16 August 1828? Charles **RECKER** Genbuff3@cox.net

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



In a search, put the uncommon word first.

Mormons begin project to put records online

By James M. **BEIDLER**
Lebanon Daily News

“Roots & Branches” talked about some of the exciting changes that are happening in the online world of genealogy. One of those came from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as the Mormon church.

The Mormons announced that they will aid other organizations in placing their records online through its FamilySearch organization and will provide free services to archives and other records custodians who wish to digitize, index, publish and preserve their collections — as long as access to those records ends up being free.

The program expands FamilySearch’s previously announced decision to digitize and provide online access to more than 2 million rolls of copyrighted microfilm preserved in the Granite Mountain Records Vault in Utah.

A key component of the program allows FamilySearch and archives to team with genealogy Web sites to provide unprecedented access to microfilm in the vault. The combined results ensure a flood of new record indexes and images online at:

<http://www.FamilySearch.org>

and affiliated Web sites.

“Records custodians worldwide are experiencing growing pressure to provide access to their records online while maintaining control and ownership. At the same time, Web sites that provide digitizing and publishing services are struggling with the staggering costs,” said Wayne **METCALFE**, director of records services for FamilySearch.

“The new record-access program takes advantage of FamilySearch’s resources and creates an economical and effective forum where record custodians and genealogical Web sites can work together to accomplish their respective objectives,” Metcalfe said.

Under its program, FamilySearch would create digital images and the affiliate genealogy organization would create indexes of the digital images and then publish the images and the indexes on its own Web site, the archive’s Web site, or a jointly published site.

A copy of the index will also be made available for free on the popular FamilySearch Web site, which will help drive traffic to record images on the custodians’ or affiliates’ sites.

Complete and free access to both the indexes and images will be provided to the Mormon Family History Centers around the globe, FamilySearch managed facilities and the individual archives.

Record custodians and archives that would like additional information regarding the FamilySearch Records Services can contact Wayne **METCALFE** (metcalfewj@gensocietyofutah.org), and genealogy Web service providers should contact Dave **HARDING** (hardingdp@ldschurch.org).

The Mormons also announced that their fully funded entity, Genealogical Society of Utah, would adopt the name of the church geneal-

A POEM FOR COMPUTER USERS OVER 50

A Computer was something on TV from a science fiction show of note.

A Window as something you hated to clean
And Ram was the father of a goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend
And Gig was a job for the nights.
Now they all mean different things
And that really Mega Bytes.

A CD was a bank account
And if you had a 3-inch floppy,
You hoped nobody found out.

Compress was something you did to the garbage
Not something you did to a file.
And if you unzipped anything in public
You’d be in jail for a while.

Log On was adding wood to the fire;
Hard Drive was a long trip on the road.
A Mouse pad was where a mouse lived,
And a backup happened to your commode.

Cut is what you did with a knife,
Paste you did with glue.
A Web was a spider’s home,
And a Virus was the flu.

I guess I’ll stick to my pad and paper
And the memory in my head.
I hear nobody’s been killed in a computer crash,
But when it happens, they wish they were dead.

Do you remember when?
An Application was for employment,
A Program was a TV show.
A Cursor used profanity,
A Keyboard was a piano.
And Memory was something
That you lost with age.

ogy Web site, *FamilySearch.org*.

On the heels of this records-access announcement, *FamilySearch.org* also came out with its first collaborative projects of the new program. Next week’s column will look at one of those partners, *Footnote.com*, and in two weeks, will look at *Worldvitalrecords.com*.

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Library of Congress and PBS

Collect and Preserve Oral Histories of U.S. Wartime Veterans

News from the Library of Congress - Press contact: Jessica MACCARO (202) 707-9822; Joe DePLASCO (212) 981-5125

Veterans History Project and Filmmaker Ken BURNS Launch Educational Outreach Program to Coincide with Broadcast of *The War*

The Library of Congress Veterans History Project and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) today announced a joint community engagement initiative designed to gather first-hand recollections of the diverse men and women who served our nation during wartime. The public outreach campaign begins this spring and will continue beyond the broadcast of Ken BURNS' new film, *The War*, which is scheduled to air on PBS beginning on September 23, 2007.

"The staff of the Library of Congress and I are excited to launch this comprehensive community awareness campaign with PBS and Ken BURNS. We stand at the ready to continue our tradition of honoring America's war veterans by preserving their stories for future generations," said Librarian of Congress James H. BILLINGTON. "The Veterans History Project collects and archives the one-of-a-kind stories that represent the diversity of the veterans who served our country—veterans from all conflicts, all branches of the military, all ranks, all races and ethnicities."

The War, a seven-part series directed and produced by BURNS and Lynn NOVICK, provides a partial snapshot of the World War II experience through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women from four geographically distributed American towns: Waterbury, CT.; Mobile, AL.; Sacramento, CA.; and the tiny farming town of Luverne, MN. The series explores the most intimate human dimensions of one of the greatest cataclysms in history—a worldwide catastrophe that touched the lives of people throughout the country—and demonstrates that in extraordinary times, there are no ordinary lives.

"PBS is proud to partner with the Library of Congress on this extraordinary effort to involve the entire country in a national discussion about World War II and the contributions of this generation. *The War* is a magnificent piece of filmmaking that looks at the Second World War in the most intimate of ways, allowing a handful of individuals to tell their stories. We hope that the film will build interest in the broader, important work of the Veterans History Project and encourage thousands of people from coast to coast to share their stories with friends, loved ones and, ultimately, the country through the collection at the Library of Congress," said Paula KERGER, president and chief executive officer of PBS.

"There have been countless books and films about the Second World War," Ken BURNS said. "In *The War* we try to allow a small group of individuals to tell their bottom-up story. This film is as much about storytelling, about sharing unique experiences, as it is about World War II, and as such we hope that it touches on the universal human experience of battle. Of course, the film only provides a small window into the much larger experience of the hundreds of thousands who have

served during times of war. We hope that by providing the tools to people around the country, especially young people, we can work together to capture many more of these stories before the generation that fought in World War II has passed."

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is also funding an enormous community engagement campaign for *The War*, involving more than 100 public television stations nationwide that will reach out to a broad range of veterans and their families to capture the stories that make up the rich mosaic of America. Public television stations will target thousands of individual stories to be shared locally on-air, online and through community events and activities. For more information, visit www.pbs.org/thewar.

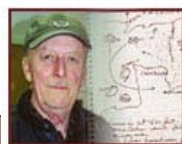
WETA, Washington, D.C., and the Veterans History Project have developed a field guide with a "how-to" on conducting oral history interviews, which includes pointers from BURNS on lighting and shooting the video. Additional information provides instructions on how to send recorded interviews to the Veterans History Project.

The Veterans History Project, a major program of the Library of Congress American Folklife Center, is an oral history program created by Congress in 2000. Legislation for the Project was introduced by Rep. Ron KIND (D-WI) in the U.S. House of Representatives and sponsored by Rep. Amo HOUGHTON (R-NY) and Rep. Steny HOYER (D-MD). In the U.S. Senate, principal sponsors were Sen. Max CLELAND (D-GA) and Sen. Chuck HAGEL (R-NE). The Project unites diverse communities around a common purpose: collect and preserve the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans, as well as homefront civilians who worked in support of the armed forces, to honor their service and share their stories with current and future generations. These one-of-a-kind interviews are housed in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress. To date, the Veterans History Project has collected more than 45,000 individual stories. For more information, visit www.loc.gov/vets.

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is a private, nonprofit media enterprise that serves the nation's 355 public noncommercial television stations, reaching nearly 90 million people each week through on-air and online content. WETA is the third-largest producing station in the public television system and the flagship public broadcaster in the nation's capital. For more information on WETA and its programs, visit www.weta.org. For more information on PBS, visit www.pbs.org.



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Personal Narratives
audio and video-taped
interviews, written memoirs

Correspondence
letters, postcards, v-mail
personal diaries



Visual materials
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Elizabeth Betsey BRACE was Ronald's Maternal Great-Grandmother

Generation No. 1

1. Elizabeth Betsey **BRACE**, born Apr 4, 1777 in Green Mountain Tavern, Heartwellville, Bennington, VT; died Jul 10, 1865 in Lyndon, NY. She was the daughter of **2. Levi BRACE** and **3. Joanna COOLEY**. She married **(1) John NICHOLS** in Lyndon, NY. He was born Abt. 1785 in MA, and died Jun 15, 1873.

Notes for Elizabeth Betsey **BRACE**: The John Sherman **BRACE** genealogy shows Elizabeth Betsey **BRACE** as the daughter of William **BRACE II**. However, Dorothy **Gaston** (dottyjg@yahoo.com), after a detailed analysis, believes that Betsey was the daughter of Levi **BRACE** and his wife Joanna.

Notes for John **NICHOLS**: From Esther N. **MILLER**, 18 Genesee Street, Apt. 5G, LeRoy, NY 14482. John and his wife were originally buried in the old cemetery on Main Street in Franklinville, NY. However, due to deterioration of the markers and condition of the cemetery, the remains of those early pioneers were moved to the Mt. Prospect Cemetery in Franklinville. In Section G are the neat rows of those early settlers' graves. John and his wife were originally buried in the old cemetery on Main Street in Franklinville, NY. However, due to deterioration of the markers and condition of the cemetery, the remains of those early pioneers were moved to the Mt. Prospect Cemetery in Franklinville. In Section G are the neat rows of those early settlers' graves.

Generation No. 2

2. Levi **BRACE**, born May 28, 1745 in Hartford, Hartford, CN; died Unknown. He was the son of **4. Nathaniel BRACE** and **5. Katherine ROBERTS**. He married **3. Joanna COOLEY** Jan 9, 1772 in Somers, Tolland, CT.
3. Joanna **COOLEY**, born Aug 23, 1750 in Somers, Tolland, CT; died Unknown. She was the daughter of **6. Luke COOLEY** and **7. Elizabeth COLTON**.

Children of Levi **BRACE** and Joanna **COOLEY** are:

- 1
 - i. Elizabeth Betsey **BRACE**, born Apr 4, 1777 in Green Mountain Tavern, Heartwellville, Bennington, VT; died Jul 10, 1865 in Lyndon, NY; married John **NICHOLS** in Lyndon, NY.
 - ii. Levi **BRACE, Jr.**, traveled with his parents, Levi & Joanna Cooley **BRACE** plus other siblings to Cambridge, NY. In census of Landowners of 1814 he is listed at Williamstown which was broken up and became in part Richland, Oswego County, NY. 1814 and 1820 to Cambridge, Washington County, NY in 1789 to Williamstown, Oneida County, NY in 1811/14 to Richland, Oswego County, NY in bef 1820
 - iii. Lucena B. **BRACE**, born 1789; died 1867 in Oswego, NY; married Constant **SOULE**; born Probably Rhode Island; died Unk in Probably Oswego, NY.; Buried **WILLIS** Cemetery, Fernwood, Town of Richland Oswego Co., NY

Generation No. 3

4. Nathaniel **BRACE**, born Oct 30, 1711 in Hartford, Hartford, CN; died Nov 25, 1756 in Albany, NY. He was the son of **8. Stephen BRACE II** and **9. Hannah LANE (LAW)**. He married **5. Katherine ROBERTS**.
5. Katherine **ROBERTS**, born Abt. 1713; died Aft. 1758. She was the daughter of **10. James ROBERTS** and **11. Susanna LOOMIS**.

Child of Nathaniel **BRACE** and Katherine **ROBERTS** is:

- 2
 - i. Levi **BRACE**, born May 28, 1745 in Hartford, Hartford, CN; died Unk; married Joanna **COOLEY** Jan 9, 1772 in Somers, Tolland, CT.
6. Luke **COOLEY**, born Nov 7, 1718 in Longmeadow, Hampden, MA; died Jan 1, 1777 in Somers, Tolland, CT. He married **7. Elizabeth COLTON**.
7. Elizabeth **COLTON**, born Dec 23, 1716 in Longmeadow, Hampden, MA; died Aug 08, 1777 in Somers, Tolland, CT.

Child of Luke **COOLEY** and Elizabeth **COLTON** is:

- 3
 - i. Joanna **COOLEY**, born Aug 23, 1750 in Somers, Tolland, CT; died Unk; married Levi **BRACE** Jan 9, 1772 in Somers, Tolland, CT.

Generation No. 4

8. Stephen **BRACE II**, born Abt. 1672 in Hartford, CT; died Mar 28, 1755. He was the son of **16. Stephen BRACE I** and **17. Elizabeth HOLIDAY**. He married **9. Hannah LANE (LAW)** Mar 10, 1700/01.
9. Hannah **LANE (LAW)**, born Abt. 1680 in Hartford, Hartford, CT; died Nov 5, 1760 in Hartford, Hartford, CT.

Children of Stephen **BRACE** and Hannah **(LAW)** are:

- i. William **BRACE I**, born Abt. Aug 11, 1706; died Dec 5, 1781 in Farmer's Inn, Hoosic, VT; married Jemina **PARKER** Unk; born 1707; died Unknown.
 - 4 ii. Nathaniel **BRACE**, born Oct 30, 1711 in Hartford, Hartford, CT; died Nov 25, 1756 in Albany, NY; married Katherine **ROBERTS**.
10. James **ROBERTS**, born Abt. 1687 in CT. He married **11. Susanna LOOMIS**.
 11. Susanna **LOOMIS**, born Abt. 1691 in CT.

Child of James **ROBERTS** and Susanna **LOOMIS** is:

- 5 i. Katherine **ROBERTS**, born Abt. 1713; died Aft. 1758; married Nathaniel **BRACE**.

Generation No. 5

16. Stephen **BRACE I**, born 1644 in England; died 1692. He married **17. Elizabeth HOLIDAY** Unk.
17. Elizabeth **HOLIDAY**, born Unk; died Unk.

Children of Stephen **BRACE** and Elizabeth **HOLIDAY** are:

- 8 i. Stephen **BRACE II**, born Abt. 1672 in Hartford, CN; died Mar 28, 1755; married Hannah **LANE (LAW)** Mar 10, 1700/01.
- ii. Ann **BRACE**, born Unk; died Unk
- iii. Elizabeth **BRACE**, born Unk; died Unk.
- iv. John **BRACE**, born Unk; died Unk.
- v. Henry **BRACE**, born Unk; died Unk.

David Robert HARRIS II was Ronald's Paternal Great-Grandfather

Generation No. 1

1. David Robert **HARRIS II'**, born Jan 1, 1878; died Nov 14, 1923. He was the son of **2. David Robert HARRIS I** and **3. Mary Ann WILLIAMS**. He married **(1) Ida Lake ACE** Oct 19, 1899. She was born Sep 6, 1879 in Scranton, Lackawanna, PA, and died Apr 3, 1965 in Scranton, Lackawanna, PA. She was the daughter of William T. **ACE** and Susan **LAKE**.

Generation No. 2

2. David Robert **HARRIS I**, born May 21, 1838 in Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, South Wales; died Jul 14, 1912 in West Scranton, Lackawanna, PA². He was the son of **4. Robert HARRIS** and **5. Lucy JONES**. He married **3. Mary Ann WILLIAMS** Apr 12, 1859 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales.
3. Mary Ann **WILLIAMS**², born May 1, 1838 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died Feb 22, 1911 in Scranton, Lackawanna, PA². She was the daughter of **6. John WILLIAMS** and **7. Elizabeth Betsy LOWDER**.

David & Mary departed from Liverpool and arrived in America on the Constituion, Aug 15, 1860 (CastleGarden.Org).

Laid at Rest

Rev. David **JONES** of the First Welsh Congregational church, officiated at the funeral service over the remains of Mrs. David R. **HARRIS** Sr., of 507 North Hyde Park Avenue, at the family residence on Saturday afternoon. A large number of friends and relatives gathered at the home to pay their final respects to the departed. The many floral designs attested the love and esteem in which she was held. The body was borne to the Washburn street cemetery, where it was laid at rest.

The pall-bears were: Alfred **TWINING**, David **ROBERTS**, John **RICHARDS**, Robert **THOMAS**, James **THOMAS**, William **ROBERTS** and James **ROBERTS**.

Buried Feb 25, 1911, Washburn St. Cemetery, Scranton, PA

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

- i. Elizabeth **HARRIS**, born Apr 7, 1861 in PA; died Aft. Jul 1870. Lizzie died of TB. She is shown on the 1870 census, but none thereafter.
- ii. John R. **HARRIS**, born May 15, 1863 in Scranton, Lackawanna, PA; died Dec 30, 1946 in Windsor, Broome, NY; married Lucy Selma **RANDOLPH** Dec 3, 1884; born May 9, 1864 in Belvidere, NJ; died Dec 2, 1948 in Windsor, Broome, NY. John lived in Susquehanna, PA., at the time of his mother's and father's death.
- iii. Elivra **HARRIS**, born Feb 18, 1867 in PA; died Abt. 1900 in West Scranton, PA²; married David A. **EVANS** Abt. 1889; born Jan 1868 in PA; died at age 33 in West Scranton, PA.; David **EVANS** was a fireman with the Railroad; at her parents home. She was married less than one year before she died. She was a member of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church. Her and her husband are shown on the 1900 census living with David

- and Mary, and married less than one year.
- iv. Hannah **HARRIS**³, born Jan 21, 1869 in Scranton, Lackawanna, PA; died Unk in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA⁴; married Arthur Beaver **HUGHES** (Buried Dec 21, 1912, Episcopal Cemetery, Danville, Montour, PA - P-III, S-2, L-63 Occupation: Stove Moulder Religion: Quaker) Nov 30, 1892 in Scranton, Lackawanna, PA⁵; born Apr 19, 1869 in Danville, Montour, PA; died Dec 19, 1912 in Danville, Montour, PA⁶; Buried May 17, 1944, Episcopal Cemetery, Danville, Montour, PA
 - v. Robert **HARRIS**, Sr., born Mar 8, 1873 in Scranton, Lakawanna, PA; died Jul 1927 in Scranton, Lakawanna, PA⁷; married Sarah Lewis **UNK**; born 1873; died 1965⁸.

He was a member of the Irem Temple in Wilks-Barre, PA, the Consistory in Scranton, PA, Union Lodge of Masons, and the Green Ridge Baptist Church.

**ROBERT HARRIS, HURT ON JUNE 23, DIES OF INJURIES
WELL KNOWN D. & H. ENGINEER WAS RUN DOWN BY MOTORIST WHILE CROSSING
BUSY THOROUGHFARE.**

- 1 vi. David Robert **HARRIS** II, born Jan 1, 1878; died Nov 14, 1923; married Ida Lake **ACE** Oct 19, 1899.

Generation No. 3

- 4. Robert **HARRIS**, born 1803 in Wales; died Unk. He married 5. Lucy **JONES** Feb 21, 1825 in Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, South Wales. Lived on Tram Road Sides, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, South Wales, during the 1841 and 1851 census.
- 5. Lucy **JONES**, born 1795;

Children of Robert **HARRIS** and Lucy **JONES** are:

- i. Elvira **HARRIS**, born 1826 in Glamorgan, Wales; died Unk; married John **JONES** Abt. 1846 in Glamorgan, Wales (John **JONES** and Elvira **HARRIS** were married during the 1st Quarter of 1846. (District of Merthyr Tydfil, Vol. 26, page 552)); born 1834 in Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, South Wales. During the 1851 census, John and Elvira **JONES** were living at Tram Road Sides, Merthyr. Elvira's brother, David R. **HARRIS**, was living with them.
- ii. Ann **HARRIS**, born 1828 in Glamorgan, Wales.
- 2 iii. David Robert **HARRIS** I, born May 21, 1838 in Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, South Wales; died Jul 14, 1912 in West Scranton, Lackawanna, PA; married Mary Ann **WILLIAMS** Apr 12, 1859 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales.
- 6. John **WILLIAMS**, born Bet. 1801-1803 in Wales; died Unk in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales. He married 7. Elizabeth Betsy **LOWDER** Jul 24, 1830 in Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan; Lived at Incline Hourses, Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, during the 1851 and 1861 census.
- 7. Elizabeth Betsy **LOWDER**, born Bet. 1807 - 1808 in Glamorgan, Cardiff, Wales; died in Wales.

Children of John **WILLIAMS** and Elizabeth **LOWDER** are:

- i. John **WILLIAMS**, born 1833 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died Unk.
- ii. Hannah **WILLIAMS**, born 1835 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died Unk.
- 3 iii. Mary Ann **WILLIAMS**, born May 1, 1838 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died Feb 22, 1911 in Scranton, Lackawanna, PA; married David Robert **HARRIS** I Apr 12, 1859 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales.
- iv. Charlotte **WILLIAMS**, born Bet. 1839 - 1841 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died Unk.
- v. William **WILLIAMS**, born Bet. 1846 - 1847 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died Unk.
- vi. James **WILLIAMS**, born 1850 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales; died Unk.

Printing Large Pedigree Charts

By Mary Ellen **WILMOTH**

My husband is the oldest of twelve children. When there is a family get-together, I print out a chart of the descendants of his parents. Sometimes I am lucky enough to be able to pin it to the wall; other times I place it on tables put together. I ask for corrections and additions, then proceed to make those entries in my database, which is maintained on Family Tree Maker (FTM).

To print the chart, I simply make a copy of it and download it to a diskette, and take it to Kinkos, or to other office supply houses with copying capabilities (a print shop that does blue prints works, too).

I give them the diskette and ask for a copy. While preparing the chart

in FTM, I can see the dimensions of the chart and make appropriate adjustments in the size of the lettering if I want it smaller or larger.

Two years ago, a 24" x 60" chart cost about \$7.00, which was much less expensive than printing and pasting the chart myself, as well as much easier to do and to handle later. They even rolled the chart and put it in a container that I could have used as a mailer had I needed to mail the chart.

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Nevada Encyclopedia Now Online

by Susan AARON

The Online Nevada Encyclopedia (ONE) is now available at www.onlinenevada.org. For genealogists, this easy to use and searchable resource will “flesh out” the people and places of Nevada. The site is the first comprehensive reference work on Nevada and one of only a handful of online state encyclopedias.

The ONE had an official kick-off in April 2007, introducing the public to over 300 interpretive essays and articles. New entries are posted frequently and plans are to include over 700 entries by the end of 2007. Resources include suggested readings, illustrations, and links.

The ONE also includes multi-media content. From your computer you can get a virtual tour of a 19th century silver mine, explore the pictographs at Toquima Cave, view archaeological artifacts from Virginia City, or visit the Comstock Mines, the interior of Hoover Dam, the Neon Boneyard in Las Vegas, the Nevada Test Site, and the Dressler Ranch in Gardnerville, among others.

As it develops, the ONE will look even more deeply into these subjects and others, to preserve Nevada’s history and heritage.

Unlike other online encyclopedias where the sources and accuracy of the information may be unclear, the information contained in ONE is reliable and accurate. ONE has been developed with the help of experts at the state’s universities, colleges, and state agencies.

The encyclopedia is being developed by Nevada Humanities with the generous support of the State of Nevada and the US Department of Education. Other organizations that provided critical help include the Gannett Foundations, L.J. & Mary C. SKAGGS Foundation, Citibank, the Las Vegas Centennial Commission, the Clark J. GUILD, Jr. Charitable Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

<http://www.onlinenevada.org>

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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:

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Collections held in other libraries across the USA
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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.

Clark County School District

DAVID M. COX ES



Chet **COX** said he will remember his father as an avid outdoorsman who loved what the land had to offer.

"He loved to hunt and fish," Chet said of his father, David. "He knew Southern Nevada better than any person I've ever spoken with. He knew every inch of the Southern Nevada mountains."

David **COX** died Monday, 5 March 2007 at age 81 after a five-year bout with skin cancer.

David M. **COX** was a lifetime resident of Nevada. He was born 19 July 1925, in Bunkerville, Nevada. He attended Las Vegas High School and was graduated from Virgin Valley High in 1942.

Although some of Chet **COX**'s fondest memories of his father came from their time together in the great outdoors, many Las Vegans knew **COX** from his 29 years of service inside Clark County School District buildings.

David M. **COX** began his career as an Educator, as a fifth-grade teacher in 1951, and later taught at two other schools. He held two

assistant principal posts and was principal at Jim Bridger and Von Tobel before he was named the principal of what was then Fremont Junior High School in 1973, a position he held until he retired in 1980.

In 1990, the district honored David M. **COX**'s nearly three decades of service by naming an elementary school in Henderson after him.

"It was a fitting tribute for a man known for integrity and honesty and as a family leader," said his other son, Dr. Grant D. **COX**.

Dr. Grant D. **COX** said he will remember his father as a war hero. At 17, David M. **COX** served in World War II and received several medals honoring his service, including a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. David was in the first wave of soldiers at Omaha Beach.

In addition to his two sons, David M. **COX** is survived by his wife of 61 years, Nola; four brothers and sisters; six grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Burial was on 12 March 2007, at the Southern Nevada Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada.

David M. **COX** Elementary School was built in 1990 and is located at 280 Clark Drive in Henderson, NV.

OLD PITFALLS

By Sherry **IRVINE**

Twenty-five years ago family history courses began with "the pitfalls". This was not to put you off, just to let you know that a complex process had its hazards and it made sense to be ready.

Falling into a trap made a big difference in terms of time if you had to repeat a search, and as your eyes went down the pages of records and registers, you watched carefully for "the pitfalls".

One funny thing about online records is that scanning whole pages of records with your own eyes is not done much anymore. Some of the old pitfalls are forgotten, and genealogists are led astray and never realize it.

Think how your online research improves if you always:

- keep a list of known surname variants right beside you;
- know the common first-name nicknames and remember to search for them;
- jot down capital letters that can easily be confused;
- know about how place names can be confused - because there are

two or more places of the same name, or your ancestors gave the name of a nearby town not their village birthplace, or the boundaries shifted and what was in one county ended up in another;

- think about reasonable life-spans for ancestors, and date ranges for their marriages, deaths, and births of their children;
- make research logs of your searches so you keep track of what you have done;
- know if there are any gaps in a record that happen to match the time period you are searching.

These are the seven ways to avoid seven pitfalls. "The Pitfalls" have not gone away and your research results could be a mess if you do not take precautions to avoid them, no matter where you found your results.

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Possible Royal Ancestry of Robert WHITE

Ancestor of Presidents FILLMORE, GRANT, CLEVELAND and FORD

Submitted by Charles RECKER (CCNGS)

On page 240 of his book, [Ancestors of American Presidents](#), Gary Boyd ROBERTS has presented a chart showing how four U.S. Presidents descended from a certain Robert WHITE, who died at Messing in Essex, England, in 1617, and his wife, Bridget ALLGAR. These descents are through two of Robert and Bridget's daughters who emigrated to Connecticut, namely, Mary, a forebear of FILLMORE, and Anna, a forebear of GRANT, CLEVELAND and FORD.

Regrettably, these women are not shown as colonists to America in the various editions of [Weis, Sheppard and Beale's Ancestral Roots](#) nor does ROBERTS, who has set forth the particulars of royal ancestry for several presidents, show such ancestry for Robert WHITE. However, in a web site titled "Our Folk"

(www.renderplus.com/hartgen/htm/white.htm)

Albert Douglass HART, Jr. has provided us with further information about WHITE's ancestry making it possible to establish that WHITE may well have been a descendant, through an out-of-wedlock relationship, of King Henry I of England.

The WHITE Family

According to Hart, Robert WHITE was eighth in descent from a certain John WHITE, who was born in Yatley, Hampshire, England in about 1350. John WHITE does not appear to have been a member of the nobility and it is not clear whether or not he descended from the Norman conquerors of England in 1066, or if his lineage went back to the days of the Anglo-Saxons. Subsequent generations, who show up in various locations in Somerset and Essex, as well as Hampshire, do not appear distinguished.

John WHITE's grandson, however, also named John, appears to have married well. The grandson, apparently a native of Swanborne in Hampshire, is shown as married to Eleanor, also a native of Swanborne, born about 1426, the daughter of Baron Robert HUNGERFORD and Eleanor de MOLEYNS.

The Barony of HUNGERFORD

Information about the defunct Barony of HUNGERFORD can be found in Sir Bernard BURKE's [Dormant and Extinct Peerages](#), which was originally published in London in 1883, and was reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., in 1978. The HUNGERFORDs were another family whose origins are unclear, that is, we don't know if they were Norman or Anglo-Saxon. The first HUNGERFORD to have achieved any note was Sir Robert who was appointed one of the commissioners whose job it was to inventory the lands of the Despensers who lost their lives in the last years of King Edward II who was deposed and cruelly murdered. BURKE says this Robert was "distinguished by his piety". He had a brother named Walter whose son, Thomas, was the first person to be elected Speaker of the House of Commons.

Thomas was the father of four sons, but the three oldest died without issue in their father's lifetime. The survivor, named Walter, was heavily involved in the war with France during the time of the Lancastrian King Henry V and was summoned to Parliament as a baron from the 4th to 26th years in the rule of Henry VI. BURKE and HART both show that Walter married Katherine, the daughter of Thomas PEVERELL and Margaret COURTENAY. Walter died in

1449, and was buried in Salisbury Cathedral.

The next Baron HUNGERFORD was Walter's son, Robert, who married Eleanor de MOLEYNS. According to BURKE, Robert espoused the Lancastrian interests and fought under the red banner at Towton Field, from which conflict, after the defeat of his party, he fled to York, where he joined King Henry and thence accompanied the monarch into Scotland. Three years later he was taken prisoner at the battle of Hexham, and, in 1463, was beheaded at Newcastle. Although HART shows that he had a daughter named Eleanor, who married John WHITE, no such daughter is shown by BURKE, who lists only three sons and a daughter named Fridiswide, who became a nun. Mr. HART advises that he found the identification of Eleanor's parents in [British Roots of American Families II](#) compiled by Robert BARNES. The eldest son, Thomas, was executed as a traitor in the 8th year of the rule of King Edward IV.

The COURTENAY Family

The descent of Margaret COURTENAY from King Henry I can be worked out by referring to Lines 50, 51 and 51A in the eighth edition of [Ancestral Roots](#). From this source we can establish that Margaret was the granddaughter of Hugh de COURTENAY (1303-1377), Earl of Devon, who was the great-grandson of Sir Robert de COURTENAY, Baron of Oakhampton, and Mary de VERNON, also called de REVIERS or REDVERS, by BURKE, who traced the origins of her family, who were Earls of Devon and Barons of Oakhampton, back to Richard I, Duke of Normandy.

Mary VERNON/REVIERS/REDVERS' mother was Maud de BEAUMONT, the daughter of Sir Robert de BEAUMONT and Maud, the daughter of Reginald FITZROY, Earl of Cornwall, an out-of-wedlock son of King Henry I. This connection establishes the following line of descent:

1. King Henry I of England & Sibyl CORBET
2. Reginald FITZROY, Earl of Cornwall +1175, & Mabel, dau. of William Fitz RICHARD.
3. Maud & Sir Robert de BEAUMONT +1207.
4. Maud de BEAUMONT & William de VERNON, Earl of Devon +1217.
5. Mary de VERNON & Sir Robert de COURTENAY +1242.
6. Sir John de COURTENAY +1274 & Isabel de VERE.
7. Sir Hugh de COURTENAY (1251-1291) & Eleanor le DESPENSER +1328.
8. Sir Hugh de COURTENAY, Earl of Devon (1276-1340) & Agnes de St. JOHN +1345
9. Sir Thomas de COURTENAY, +1356 & Muriel MOELS.
10. Margaret COURTENAY & Thomas PEVERELL.
11. Catherine PEVERELL & Walter, Lord HUNGERFORD +1449.
12. Robert HUNGERFORD +1459 & Margaret BOTREAU.
13. Robert, Lord HUNGERFORD (1404-1464) & Eleanor de MOLEYNS.
14. Eleanor HungerFORD & John WHITE.
15. Robert WHITE & Margaret GAYNSFORD.
16. Robert WHITE & Elizabeth INGLEFIELD.
17. Thomas WHITE & Agnes
18. Richard WHITE +1578 & Helen KIRTON.
19. Robert WHITE +1600 & Alice WRIGHT.
20. Robert WHITE +1617 & Bridget ALLGAR.

Upcoming Family History Events

12-14 July 2007 - Salt Lake City, Utah

FEEFHS Conference - The Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) will hold their 2007 Conference "Access Your Ancestors: One On One Will Get It Done" July 12-14 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Plaza Hotel and the Family History Library. The feature for this year's Conference will be individual consultations, by appointment, with the FEEFHS experts and Family History Library staff. A cultural presentation entitled "Got Culture? See, Hear and Experience Your Ethnicity" will be presented Thursday evening. The annual banquet will be on Friday night and tours to hear the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcast, Temple Square and other historic sights will round out the activities.

More Info: www.feeffhs.org

15-20 July 2007 - Salt Lake City, Utah

IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy (15-20 July 2007 - Hilton Salt Lake City Center) - Hosted by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, this year's premiere Jewish genealogy event includes such highlights as networking with international researchers and experts, a film festival, breakfasts with experts, computer training workshops, special photographic exhibits, resource room, special interest groups, extensive resources of the Family History Library, vendor room, tours and more.

Program categories include: Eastern/Central/Western Europe; Eretz Israel (pre/post-1948); Genetics/DNA; Holocaust; immigration/naturalization/migration; Jewish history/sociology; methodology; Sephardic/Mizrahi; non-European (e.g. India, China); photograph/document preservation; rabbinic research; repositories; South/Central America; technology/Internet resources; U.S./North America (includes specific locales) and Yiddish theater/Jewish music.

More Info: www.sl2007.org

25 August 2007 - Culver City, California

Chasing Your Ancestors 'Round the U.K. & Ireland w/ Dr. Arlene **EAKLE**, Nancy **CARLBERG** and James **McNAMARA**. Sponsored by the British Isles Family History Society - USA at Veterans Memorial Complex, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA.

Further Info: Lydia **JEFFREY** (626)359-1729 or Annie **LLOYD** at

cardi2@aol.com (Mention "BIFHS-USA Seminar" in subject line) or <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa>.

14-16 September 2007 - Phoenix, Arizona

Seventh Annual West Coast Summit on African-American Genealogy 14-16 Sep 2007 @ Double Tree Suites, 320 North 44th Street. Sponsored by Black Family Genealogy and History Society, 3842 North Lomond Circle, Mesa, AZ 85215-1035; PO Box 90683, Phoenix, AZ 85066-0682; Fax: 480-396-9650 or www.bfghs.net.

Theme: Generation, Past - Present - Future

For further info: Henrietta **BECKFORD**, president (480) 854-2504 or Katherine **AYERS**, secretary (480) 984-5530

Registration form available at: <http://www.bfghs.net>

15 September 2007 - Utah

Northern Utah Conference - To register or for more information, call 801-829-3295

10 November 2007 - Sun City, Arizona

The Old West Territory (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin) at the First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City, AZ. Sponsored by the West Valley Genealogical Society, 12222 North 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

26 November - 1 December 2007 - Salt Lake City, Utah

Family History Library Research Retreat - To register or for more information, call 801-829-3295

8-9 February 2008 - St George, Utah

St. George Jamboree - To register or for more information, call 801-829-3295

22 March 2008 - Logan, Utah

Logan Utah Jamboree - To register or for more information, call 801-829-3295

April 2008 - Salt Lake City, Utah

Family History Library Research Retreat To register or for more information, call 801-829-3295

Freedom Took a Long Time

Independence Day is a grand occasion for United States citizens. Each July 4th, we commemorate the patriotism of men and women who fought and struggled under often impossible situations for freedom from oppressive English rule. However, July 4th is merely one day in the long history of the flight for our independence. That date in history marks the signature of the Declaration of Independence.

Genealogists who have studied United States history know that July 4th is neither the beginning nor the end of the American Revolutionary War. It was, of course, an important milestone in communications between the colonists and King George III. However, it also served as a statement of the colonists' final frustration with a long series of unfair governmental restrictions, taxation, punitive treatment, and military attacks.

It is important to recognize that freedom did not come easily, nor did it come quickly. In fact, there was a period of thirteen years between the first military engagements at Lexington and Concord (on 19 April 1775) and the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1788. The war itself lasted until the Treaty of Paris was signed on 3 September 1783, in which Britain accepted the independence of the thirteen colonies but retained the West Indies and the Canadian colonies. (You can view an image of the original treaty at the National Archives website http://www.archives.gov:80/exhibits/american_originals/paris.html)

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Beginning Genealogy - A series of 2 classes

October 6 (Saturday)
10:00-12:30

October 7 (Sunday)
1:00-3:30
(Paseo Verde Library)
ConferenceRoom
Sydney CAGLE

Computers in Genealogy

October 17 (Wednesday)
6:30 -8:30
(Pasco Verde Library)
Computer Training Room
Ron HUGHES

Newsgroups and Message Boards Related to Genealogy

October 24 (Wednesday)
6:30 -8:30
(Pasco Verde Library)
Computer Training Room
Ron HUGHES

Heritage Room Resources For the Genealogist

Books, Periodicals and Computer Programs
November 3 (Saturday)
10:00 -12:30
(Pasco Verde Library)
ConferenceRoom
Sydney CAGLE

Heritage: Holiday Calendar

Prerequisite: Working Knowledge of
Microsoft Word
November 7 (Wednesday)
(Paseo Verde Library)
Computer Training Room
Ron HUGHES

This is a hands on training experience.
It is suggested that each student bring a media
storage device such as a thumb drive. Digital
pictures of family will be needed.

For additional information, contact Sydney CAGLE at 396-4773 or
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Meeting Schedules

Local Groups of Interest

Signers Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution - meets
1st Saturday 8 am at Denny's 3081 S. Maryland Pkwy monthly -
contact 798-1856

**Old Spanish Trail Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of
the American Revolution** - Meets 2nd Saturday 10:30 am monthly -
contact 429-0959

**Valley of Fire Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the
American Revolution** - contact 341-9420

**Francisco Garces Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of
the American Revolution** - Meets 1st Friday monthly -contact 647-
1689

**Silver State Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the
American Revolution** - Meets 2nd Saturday 1 pm montly - contact
293-6335

Saint Andrew's Society of Southern Nevada - meets 2nd Thursday
6:30 pm monthly - contact 223-8040

Sons of Norway, Desert Troll Lodge - contact 270-3493

Vegas Viking Lodge #6-152 of the Sons of Norway - Meets 1st
Thursday 6:30 pm monthly - contact 227-9842

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Silver State Grays Camp -
Summerlin Library - contact 858-9963

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War -Meets 2nd Thursday 6:30
pm monthly at Green Valley Library - contact 648-1902

Las Vegas Civil War Round Table - Meets 4th Wednesday monthly
except December - contact 858-9963

**Southern Nevada Chapter of American Historical Society of
Germans from Russia** - contact 433-6968

Grandsons of Italy - Meets 2nd Saturday of month - contact 254-
1782

Sons of Erin - Meets 2nd Wednesday of month - contact 458-7710

"VISIT BYU BOOKS ON-LINE" Continued from page 8

You can scroll through this list much the same as if you were walking
up and down the stacks at the library. At the top of the first page of
the search results, it displays the number of hits, which (in this case)
is the number of books in the collection. If you keep track of this
number, you can get a pretty good idea of how fast they are adding
titles to the collection as you revisit the web site from time to time.

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September 29, 2007 (Saturday)
8:30 -3:00 (Henderson Convention Center)
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“WHO DAT” ON PHOTOS

By Richard "Dick" EDMONDSON, Sr. (CCNGS)

Almost all of us have photos with people, places or times that we do not recognize. The time-honored solution is to put the information on the back of the photo. If you have software that allows you to add text to a photo, you can add that information to the front of a photo.

Here is a fifty year-old family reunion photo of my parents. The text boxes identify where and when the reunion was held and the relationships of the various family members. There is no need to try to match people from a list.



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Fall Family History Seminar

29 September 2007

Michael John NEILL

TOPICS

1. Effective Internet Search
2. Preparing for trip
3. European Origins Online
4. Brick Walls

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AT THE PASEO VERDE LIBRARY

http://www.mypubliclibrary.com/libinfo/genealogy_index.html

Another helpful use is to explain the complicated relationships that sometimes occur in today's blended families. Dorena had a daughter Amanda from her first marriage. Dorena married Chuck, surviving husband of Phyllis, our deceased daughter; Chuck and Phyllis had no children but Phyllis had a daughter Cassie from a prior marriage. The children are Amanda's and Cassie's. The text is added in an area of the photo that was unoccupied and identifies relationships of members of the wedding party and the date, place and officiant of the wedding.



I have found this approach to be very helpful when adding photos to my genealogy software. I use "Microsoft Picture It! Library 10."

Advances in DNA and Genealogy and The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation

By Ugo A. PEREGO, MSc

The majority of people currently living in the US descend from immigrants of foreign countries. Genealogical investigation has shown that through the process of immigration, or because of adoptions, illegitimacies, or other causes, genealogical records have often been changed, lost, destroyed, or never kept in the first place. As a result, many individuals cannot find a country of origin for one or more of their ancestors. What can be done to restore the link to their rightful heritage? The answer may be found in your cells!

The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (www.SMGF.org), a non-profit research organization located in Salt Lake City, Utah, is building a large and comprehensive database of correlated genetic and genealogical data. The public online database is a new revolutionary tool that allows individuals interested in learning more about their ancestry to find previously unknown genealogical links based on the information found in our DNA. This study is known as the Molecular Genealogy Research Project.

Molecular genealogy links individuals together in "family trees" based on the unique identification of genetic markers. This is accomplished by using the information encoded in the DNA of an individual and/or population to determine the relatedness of individuals, families, tribal groups, and populations. Pedigrees based on genetic markers can reveal relationships not detectable in genealogies based only on names, written records, or oral traditions. A genetic identification is unique and can even discriminate between closely related individuals or those sharing the same name. The fact that DNA is inherited and that each individual is the product of his/her progenitors means that DNA can be used to not only create unique identifications, but also to identify members of the same family, the same clan or tribal group, or the same population.¹

At this time, the use of genetics in the genealogical field is primarily limited to tests involving the Y chromosome (which follows the paternal line)² and the mitochondrial DNA (which follows the maternal line). The use of these two genetic tests can detect the presence of a common male or female ancestor between any two individuals that have reason to believe they belong to the same paternal or maternal line (the two outermost lines found on a pedigree chart). Unfortunately, these two methods of testing are not sufficient to answer more complex genealogical questions concerning additional family lines.

The main objective of the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation is to find ways in which DNA can be used more effectively for genealogical research, in addition to the already available Y chromosome and mitochondrial DNA testing. After seven years, SMGF has already collected nearly 80,000 DNA samples and corresponding genealogical records from volunteer participants representing over 100 countries. Participation in the study is free, simple, and confidential. Individuals with a minimum of four biological generations of pedigree information are eligible to participate in this study by submitting a small DNA sample (through a simple mouthwash rinse) together with a copy of their family tree to the SMGF database. Participation kits are available free of charge at www.SMGF.org and DNA samples with corresponding genealogies are conveniently collected in the mail. DNA is immediately labeled to protect participants' privacy and then is correlated to the genealogical information found on the pedigree chart of the donor. Only information older than 100 years is used in the database due to privacy laws.

As new genealogical and genetic records are collected and analyzed, they are uploaded in the online database and an email is sent to all the participants notifying them of the additional data that is now accessible. The first subset containing thousands of genetic profiles correlated to ancestral information was released on March 1, 2004.³ Today, nearly 20,000 Y chromosome profiles and 25,000 mitochondrial DNA are available to genealogists to search for their ancestors in ways that were not possible before. For more information, please write to info@smgf.org, or visit the project website at www.SMGF.org. Project updates, tutorials, tools, and helpful links about genetics and genealogy are also available on this site.

(Footnotes)

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BLACK MARKET

In medieval England there were nomadic mercenaries who wandered the country side and would sell their services to the highest bidder. These were hardened fighters who lived solitary lives in the wilderness. They did not have the luxury of servants to polish their armor and it would oxidize to a blackish hue; they came to be known as black knights. At local town festivals they would have exhibition jousting matches in which the winner of the fight would win the loser's weapons and armor. The local gentry, softened by the good life, would lose to these black knights. The nomadic knights didn't have much use for an extra set of armor and would sell it back to them immediately after the fight. The losing nobility would be forced to buy back their armor and this after market came to be known as the "Black Market"

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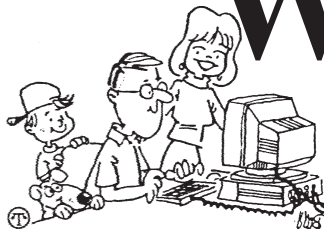


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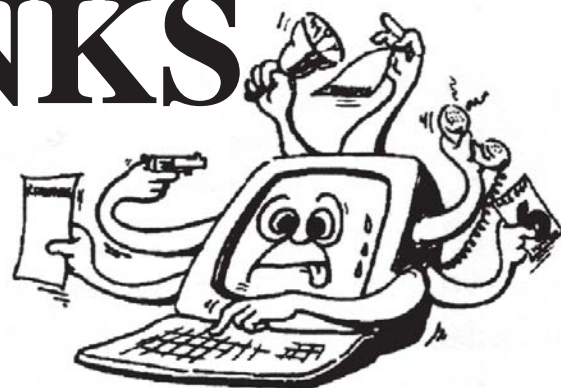


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If you have Jewish ancestry, consider subscribing to "Nu? What's New?" a biweekly e-zine on Jewish genealogy:

<http://www.avotaynu.com/nuwhatsnew.htm>

Recommended viewing whether you have Jewish ancestry or not: Convoy XX from Malines to Auschwitz, 1600 souls. It takes only a few minutes to view this site, but is well worth it. It has seven shots of a new photographic display at the Malines Center in Belgium. The display, which takes up almost 100 meters of wall space, contains the pictures of 1,200 people (out of a total of 25,000) who were deported from Malines to Auschwitz.

<http://www.avotaynu.com/malines/>

Yad Vashem: The Holocaust's Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority Yad Vashem

Established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Its goal is to document the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust (Shoah, in Hebrew).

This website, maintained by Yad Vashem, contains a database of about 5 million Jews and others who were involved in the Holocaust; diaries, letters, photographs, and artwork by and of victims; links to related audio and podcast lectures; a virtual tour of the new Holocaust History Museum in Jerusalem; and more.

<http://yadvashem.org/>

About.com : Genealogy
<http://genealogy.about.com>

Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF)

A non-profit foundation in the field of genetic genealogy. Basically, SMGF gives free DNA tests then utilizes DNA combined with traditional genealogical records to connect families together in ways never before possible. SMGF is a non-profit organization, enabling it to be both free to participate in the project as well as free to search the online database.

<http://www.smgf.org>

Canada - 1901 - 1911 census

<http://automatedgenealogy.com/index.html>

Canadian History books

(enter your name and then make sure you change the box on the right to text search)

<http://www.ourroots.ca/e/search.aspx>

The Canada Genweb

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~canwgw/>

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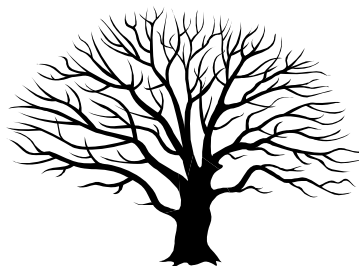
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NEVADA 1862 TERRITORIAL CENSUS

The Nevada 1862 Territorial Census project that CCNGS did for the Nevada State Archives, checked, uploaded and now available on ROOTSWEB. There are links to it from the society's websites, or it can be accessed at:

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

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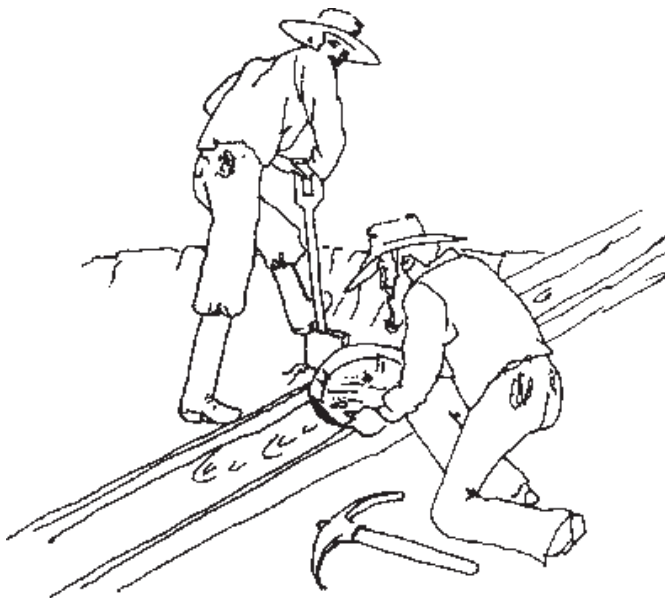


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WHERE IS YOUR INTEREST?

CCNGS is looking to start some Special Interest Groups for our members. Several topics have been suggested such as groups focusing on Germany, England, New England states.

Right now there are two Special Interest Groups that have started. The Family Tree Maker Group which is dark for the summer will start again in the fall. Naturally, this group focuses on those who are using Family Tree Maker as their genealogy computer program. They discuss features of the program and solutions to problems which they are experiencing.

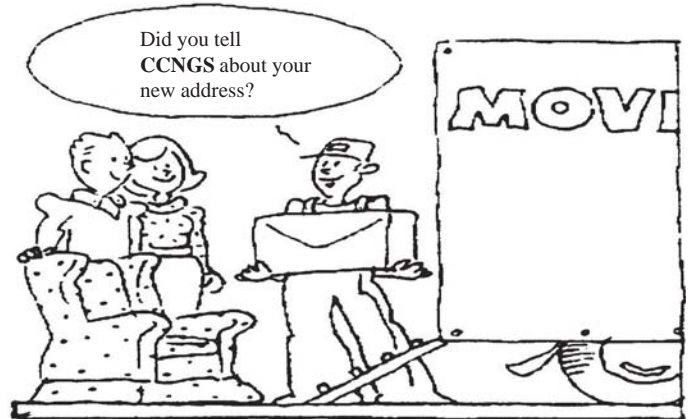
A second group is the Eastern Europe Special Interest Group. They have been meeting and sharing information to help one another at the library and at the Family History Center on North Ninth.

If you have an area of interest which you think others would also be interested in, please let our President Ron HUGHES know of your interest so that CCNGS can explore the possibility of creating another Special Interest Group. When we get together with others, we can share our experiences and knowledge and help each other.

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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9:00 AM Las Vegas PC Users Group SIG - Genealogy Las Vegas FamilyHistory Ctr (Val SHARP: 453-4037)

12 Sunday

4:30 PM Pursuing Our Italian Names Together, POINT Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens / E-mail: DrTom@point-pointers.net Website: <http://www.point-pointers.net>

18 Saturday

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29 Saturday

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM Fall Family History Seminar with Michael John NEILL

October

1 Monday

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October

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