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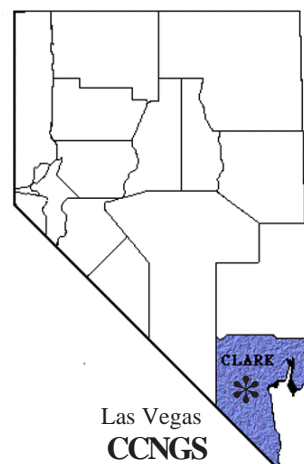
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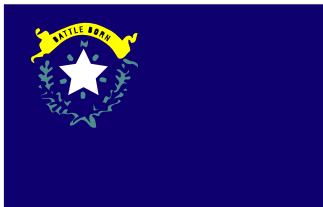
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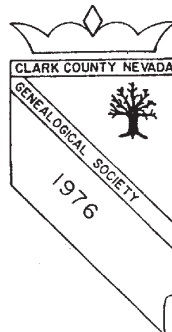
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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following individuals have become officers of CCNGS for Sep. 2007-Aug. 2008.

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** CCNGS needs someone to volunteer to work with Phyllis to take over as Historian in the future.



Grace Marie REBMANN 1936 - 2007

Published Tuesday, August 21, 2007. - *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada (NV) p.6B, Obituaries, column 5

REBMANN, GRACE (GRACE REBMANN)

Grace Marie **REBMANN**, 71, of Las Vegas, passed away Friday, Aug. 17, 2007. She was born June 24, 1936, in Cheektowaga, N.Y., and resided in Las Vegas for 34 years.

She was a retired customer service and ramp agent for United Airlines. Grace attended St. John the Baptist School, Alden, N.Y.; St. Mary's High School, Lancaster, N.Y.; Buffalo State College, Buffalo, N.Y.; continued her education at UNLV, Las Vegas. Grace worked for Capital and United Airlines in various positions in New York City, Chicago, Buffalo, Ft. Lauderdale, and Las Vegas. She became the first female fuel coordinator and load planner for United Airlines in Las Vegas. Grace retired in 2002 after 46-years with the airline.

Grace loved traveling the world and exploring new cultures. She was an avid theatre-goer, regularly attending the Utah Shakespearean Festival. She volunteered for Super Summer Theatre for 11 years and served as a docent for Spring Mountain Ranch. She was a passionate animal lover and conservationist. She studied architecture in order to design her own home. She had a great interest in genealogy and was a member of the *Clark County, Nevada Genealogical Society* and the *Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society*. Grace was an active member at St. Thomas More Catholic Community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Veronica Wozniak **REBMANN**; and brother, Alfred.

Grace is survived by her son, Andrew Peter **REBMANN**, siblings, Dolores (Dominic) **LIBERTO**, James (Patricia), Ronald (Gail), Kathleen (Terry) **LUTHART**.

Memorial service were 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug 22, at St. Thomas More Catholic Community, 130 N. Pecos Rd., Henderson, NV 89074.

Contributions may be made to the Utah Shakespearean Festival (Cedar City) Super Summer Theatre (Spring Mountain Ranch State Park) PBS, KNPR, Habitat for Humanity, Heaven Can Wait Sanctuary (Las Vegas).

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)

- 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**



Celebrate Family History Month

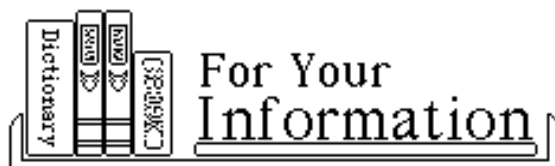
For the third year in a row the U.S. Senate has unanimously approved legislation to designate October as "Family History Month." Experts say that in the United States, genealogy is now the second most popular hobby next to gardening.

Ten great tips for teaching your children to be "ancestor detectives" are available from the Society or online at:

genealogy.about.com/cs/holidays/a/family_history.htm

NEW MEMBERS - 3rd QUARTER 2007

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JOIN THE PROSPECTOR STAFF

Bob **KENNARD** and Helen **SMITH** are requesting that CCNGS members join them in publishing *The Prospector*. Helen has been working as the Editor, while Bob works as the Publisher.

Articles for *The Prospector* are ferreted out by Bob and Helen and also by CCNGS members who find or write articles on various topics about or relating to genealogy.

The Prospector is produced four times a year. We are hoping that those who are interested in helping to continue the publication will step up and learn what the process is so that they would be able to step into positions in the future.

If you like journalism, editing, and publishing (software) and would like to join us, speak with Bob **KENNARD** (258-3322) or Helen **SMITH** (458-5540) or notify someone on the Board of CCNGS of your interest. We would love to have you become a member of the team.

When Obituaries Aren't in the Newspapers

August 14 2007

Genealogists are always looking for new sources. Tracking down information about our ancestors is what we do best. Obituaries are a terrific source of information but genealogists sometimes overlook the hundreds of thousands of obituaries that are not published in newspapers.

For example, the Department of the Navy annual report to the U.S. Congress includes a lengthy list of obituaries of naval personnel who passed away in the previous year. These detailed obituaries give the genealogical details of the person's birth date, birth place and death date & place as well as the details of their military career.

These reports by the Department of the Navy, along with the thousands of other documents prepared for government use, are consolidated in what is called the U.S. Congressional Serial Set.

You can see a digital copy of the original pages of the 1883 US Navy Report, and other free newspaper content at:

<http://www.genealogybank.com/free/r/Legacy0807>

Printed in the Newsletter - [**Legacy News**] Legacy tips and genealogy news, Friday, August 24, 2007

North America Local and County Histories to Go Online

from FamilySearch.org (August 15, 2007):

Three genealogical libraries pool their collections in massive digitization effort

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—Thousands of published family histories, city and county histories, historic city directories, and related records are coming to the Internet. The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library, and FamilySearch's Family History Library in Salt Lake City announced the joint project today. When complete, it will be the most comprehensive collection of city and county histories on the Web—and access will be free at

www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu.

The digital history project will target over 100,000 published family histories and thousands of local histories that are rich in names as well as biographical and genealogical data associated with those names. "Publishing those collections from the three libraries involved will make a significant and attractive family history digital library online for genealogists and historians," said David **RENCHE**R, director of Records and Information for FamilySearch.

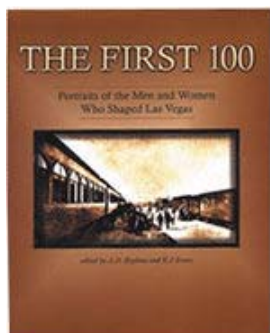
"I believe the most immediate, substantial contribution of this collaboration will be the addition of local history materials," said Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center Manager, Curt **WITCHER**. The collaborative project will digitally scan thousands of historic city directories, as well as city and county histories from North America. The ACPL and the Family History Library have the largest collections of city and county histories from North America. "I believe the strength of our two well known, well used, and well loved institutions working together is a terrific benefit to the genealogical community," added **WITCHER**.

Once digitized, the collections will have "every word" search capability, which allows users to search by name, location, date, or other field across the collection. The search results are then linked to high quality digital images of the original publication. Digitization efforts have begun. New additions will be noted and hyperlinked in the Family History Library Catalog at FamilySearch.org as they are digitized. The collection can be accessed currently at

www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu.

FamilySearch is providing the computers, scanners, and camera operators required to complete the project. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. FamilySearch maintains the world's largest repository of genealogical resources accessed through FamilySearch.org, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and over 4,500 family history centers in 70 countries.

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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 im-pacts on Las Vegas over the city's first cen-tury.

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

Tips from the Pros:

Is That Obituary Misleading?

by Michael John NEILL

Many genealogists use obituaries as a part of their research. They can easily be a clue to additional records or sources, but they must be used with care. It is important to remember that the information contained in an obituary can be incorrect, misleading, or incomplete. The confusion is compounded when an obituary contains all three errors.

The deceased might have been married three times, but only the last spouse is listed in the obituary. Children of the deceased may be named, but they may not have the same set of both parents and none may be the child of the spouse listed in the obituary. Lists of children may even be incomplete, especially if there has been a family squabble or an estrangement.

Individuals listed as children may actually be step-children of the deceased. The step-parent/step-child bond may have been a very strong one and the step-parent may have been a parent to the child in all the important ways, but the obituary may not make the distinction which the genealogist typically wants to make.

And there can easily be unintentional errors due to inaccurate knowledge on the part of the obituary informant.

An obituary may be an important part of your genealogical research, but the information it contains should be used with care and as a pointer to other records. Many times the obituary's purpose is to notify newspaper readers of the death and funeral of the deceased. Those details are usually correct; other details should be used with caution.

Last appeared in *GenealogyLookups.Com* Newsletter - Vol. 12, No. 61 - September 2, 2007; ; Copyright 2000, *MyFamily.com*.

NEW RELEASE

FAMILY TREE MAKER 2008

TGN released their new software package called Family Tree Maker 2008 in late August of this year. You may want to view these Web sites before making a decision to purchase.

<http://familytreemaker.chesebro.info/>

To subscribe to the Family Tree Maker Tech list, please send an email to:

FTM-TECH-request@rootsweb.com

with the word 'subscribe' without the quotes in the subject and the body of the message.

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to become a Volunteer

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Cook County Records Going Online

Genealogists researching Cook County, Illinois ancestors will be interested to learn that many of the records they seek will soon be available online. This beats the old method of ordering by mail or traipsing down to a musty office in Chicago's Loop. If all goes as planned, newly digitized versions of county records such as birth and death certificates and marriage licenses will be available beginning in January.

The Web site is part of a massive yearlong effort to digitize the county's 24 million vital records, which date to 1871, when record-keeping began after the Chicago Fire wiped out previous stockpiles.

Scanning and indexing each record was completed in June, and the county is uploading about 1 million files per week into a server, a process that is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Documents available online will include birth certificates that are at least 75 years old, marriage certificates more than 50 years old, and death certificates more than 20 years old. No Social Security numbers will be available on the online documents.

For more information, you can read an article in the *Chicago Tribune*, written by Jason MEISNER, at:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/west/digital07sep07.0.1385623.story>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on 7 September 2007

LOOKING FOR A CERTIFIED GENEALOGIST?

If you are thinking of contacting a certified genealogist or want to become certified yourself you may want to check this Web site:

www.bccertification.org/.

In addition to doing a search for a certified genealogist the site also has some information on Skillbuilding, Publications and Genealogy Resources.

TERMS THEN AND NOW

Stepmothers were sometimes called mother-in-law.

Cousins could be relatives of any type, sometimes even close friends.

Jr. written after a man's name did not necessarily mean a name the same as his father; it might be an uncle or older cousin.

Housekeeper once meant property owner and could be used for a male as well as a female.

Inmate, as found in Pennsylvania Archives, refers to a man living in the home of another person, not necessarily in an institution.

Freeman meant a young man not yet married.

Domestic once meant housewife, not necessarily a servant.

Mister was a title used only for men of wealth and/or education.

Gentleman frequently referred to a retired man.

(From Logan Co Gene & Hist Soc, Spring Quarterly 1991 pg 6)

New Online Database for African American Genealogy

The following announcement was written by WeRelate, USF Africana Heritage Project and Ideas4:

WeRelate, the USF Africana Heritage Project and Ideas4 have announced plans to build a free, central Internet database for digital images and records of African American genealogy, history and culture. The database, which will be called the Afriquest data crossroads (<http://www.afriquest.com>), will be built using collaborative software. Anyone will be able to add images and records to the database or draw images and records from the database for research purposes. Access to the images and records on Afriquest will always be free.

The central, collaborative database will make it easy for researchers to access a wealth of records which were previously unavailable online, or widely-scattered on the Internet and difficult to find. Every record readers add to the database will not only be preserved, but will be available to anyone for free, now and in years to come.

"We are excited to participate in making African American records freely available online," said Dallon QUASS, President of the Foundation for On-Line Genealogy. "This treasure trove of records will soon help African Americans throughout the country learn more about their family history."

The Afriquest data crossroads will also place new tools and resources in the hands of webmasters, scholars and educators. Webmasters will be able to interface with Afriquest by using it as their primary document database, or adding an Afriquest search box to their websites; eliminating the need to develop and maintain expensive database software. Scholars and educators will also find a variety of primary historical documents on Afriquest to enrich their research and teaching.

"It's an idea that's time has come," said Toni CARRIER, Founding Director of the USF Africana Heritage Project. "The new generation of free, collaborative software for the Internet not only helps us digitize and preserve important historical documents, but makes it easier than ever for researchers to collaborate"

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Adopted Children & Biological Parents

If you were adopted or gave up a child to adoption and now would like to reunite, you can contact the International Soundex Reunion Registry. Birth parents and adopted children can register with the ISRR and when a child becomes of legal age, if both parties are registered and want to find each other, a match is made. Then if both parties are agreeable to a reunion, it can happen.

The address is:

International Soundex Reunion Registry
P.O. Box 2312
Carson City, NV 89702.

Send a long (business size) stamped, self-addressed envelope to the registry and request Soundex forms.



FEBRUARY MEANS "LEARNING"

By Helen L. SMITH (CCNGS)

For the past few years a number of CCNGS members have traveled north to St. George, Utah in February to attend the "St. George Jamboree". All who have attended the two day series of classes have found this experience to be great for learning and sharing ideas with fellow genealogists.

The two day production is packed full of classes on many different topics prepared to instruct attendees at all levels of genealogical experience from beginning to advanced. Speakers who are well prepared are brought to St. George from many parts of the country to share their expertise.

In addition to classes, numerous vendors fill the hall with their latest products for the attendees to survey and purchase. Also, a fun-filled "game" of obtaining stamps from the vendors leads to drawings throughout the two days with prizes from the vendors given to the winners and grand prizes awarded at the end of the conference.

Food is available for purchase and time for a rest during the busy two days. Parking is convenient, just outside the Dixie Convention Center where the event is held.

If you have not attended this event in the past, you should consider putting it on your calendar for early 8 and 9 February 2008 (Friday and Saturday). Hotel accommodations are convenient; some hotels are even within walking distance of the Convention Center.

Travel to St. George can be done by leaving Thursday, late afternoon or evening, or early Friday morning and returning to Las Vegas Saturday after the close of the conference.

Hope you will look into this GREAT EVENT! At this time the website does not have the 2008 information on-line but it should be up soon. Keep listening at our CCNGS meetings and/or the January *Prospector* for further information on the Jamboree.

For further information go to <http://www.myancestorsfound.com>

MUSTY BOOKS

To remove the musty smell from old books, make sure they are dry. Put them in a cool, dry space for a few days or put them outside on a table in the sun on a dry, breezy day for a few hours. If the musty smell remains, put them in an open container inside a large, closed container with an open box of baking soda or a potpourri. Do not allow the deodorizer to touch the books. Leave for a few days in a cool place, checking once a day to make sure no mold is growing.

OLD PAPERCLIPS OR STAPLES

To remove old paperclips (especially if they're rusty) from documents, slide a piece of stiff plastic under the fastener on both sides of the document. Slide the paperclip off the plastic. Use a pair of tweezers or a thin knife to bend the ends of staples up and pry them out. Staple pullers tear the paper.

(From Clinton County Newsletter, Vol IX, #4)

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LIBRARY NEWS

DONATIONS OF GENEALOGY SOFTWARE MANUALS REQUESTED

Members are asked to donate materials to the CCNGS about the various genealogical software programs available. We are asking for Software User Manuals, Video and CD Tutorials, Guide books and Handbooks that explain the use of different genealogy software.

Members frequently ask questions about how various software works or are deciding to convert to another software package. These questions could be answered by referring to a written source available from CCNGS.

Older versions of these manuals are acceptable as they at least cover the basics of the software and many members are still using older versions. Donations of the software are not wanted, only the user documentation for the software will be needed.

User manuals from the following are especially needed: The Master Genealogist, Legacy Family Tree, Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, PAF5.2, Ancestral Quest, Family Tree Legends, Genbox Family Tree, Family History, Ultimate Family Tree and Ancestry Family Tree. User Help manuals from other genealogy software programs will also be gladly accepted.

Bring your donations to the monthly meeting or drop them off in the Heritage Room.

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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 THIRD QUARTER

Donated by Miriam CHISLOMAN

BOND, Horace Mann, Black American Scholars

Donated by Barbara CULLINGS

(In the lateral file under Kentucky)

Writings on Kentucky History 1953

Writings on Kentucky History 1954

Donated by Katie and Dick EDMUNSON

Books:

ABERCROMBIE, Janice, Rockingham County VA Public Claims

GILMORE, William, The GILMORE/GILMER/GILMOUR
Newsletter 1985-1991

GRAY, R. Guild, Nature Sings

GREENE, WILSON, GALLAGER, GARY, National Geographic Guide to the Civil War Battlefields

SIBLEY, William, The French Five Hundred

Donated by S. J. ESPINO-GIORDANO

Periodicals:

Federation of Genealogical Society Forum (20)

Polish Genealogical Society of California (13)

Polish Genealogical Society of California Bulletins (16)

Publications of the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research (10)

Donated by John FISCHER

Books:

BLACK, J. Anderson, Your Irish Ancestors

Donated by The Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries:

Books:

McDONOUGH, Gerald M., HOGLE Family

World Family Tree Cds:

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CHENEY
and
OBAMA
are Related



You will probably read a dozen more stories like this before the election, but there is one new article about related politicians in the news recently. Lynne CHENEY has been researching her husband's genealogy for her new book and discovered that Dick CHENEY and Barack OBAMA have at least one thing in common: an ancestor.

You can read the full story at:

<http://www.thesequitur.com/content/view/1690/43/>.

Comment: If I read one more story about two politicians being related, I think I'll scream. Let's face it, everyone is related to everyone.

Each person has two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents and so forth in a mathematical progression. If you go back two or three hundred years you have thousands of ancestors. Go back a thousand years and you have a theoretical billion ancestors or so. (It's theoretical because

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CONFUSED ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS FROM THE PALATINATE

by John FISCHER (CCNGS)

Finding your ancestors in the Palatinate area of southwest Germany, German spelling is "Pfalz, Rheinpfalz and Bayerische Pfalz", can be very confusing because of the constantly changing political, religious and geographical boundaries over the centuries. Many immigrants came from this area to America between 1850-1880, and others as early as 1709, due to the wars, overcrowding and lack of political and religious freedom.

Locating records and archives can be a daunting task. Various dukes, counts and nobles conquered lands and divided them up based on marriages, heirs and religious affiliations.

You may want to try the Web site: www.krebs-onl.de/pfalz/ndex.htm. This site includes a history of the boundaries and rulers of this area, early maps, some information on the Upper and Lower Palatinate, some addresses of local archives and other items of interest.

You can also refer to the book "German Maps & Facts for Genealogy" which is located in the Heritage Room at the Paseo Verde Library. Try page 54 for a map and current information, such as the size, which is 1,933 sq. miles, comparable to our state of Delaware.

Additionally you may want to consider joining the genealogy society "Palatinates to America". Their Web site is: www.palam.org and in addition to membership information this site contains references to current queries, maps and available publications.

WATCH ABBREVIATIONS

When doing genealogy, be careful with abbreviations. They can be, and often are, misleading. MD is a medical doctor, md is a mule driver. D is daughter, d is death; B is Brother, b is born. Make it a point to use the correct abbreviations and hope that others do also.

It can be to your advantage to create, form, copy or list all of the common abbreviations that *you - yourself - use*. Too often a searcher will work at a distant facility and will abbreviate as he/she copies everything they can find. When the time comes to incorporate this material into the main body of the research, you cannot remember just what the abbreviations represented. At least, make an effort to provide yourself with a key to these shortened forms as you work at out of town libraries, etc.

Following is a list of some abbreviations you may see:

MD - can be Doctor or Surgeon, Mayflower Descendent,
Maryland
md - mule driver
CR - can't write
Unk - not uncle, means unknown
Frm - not farmer - Freeman
Diet - board
express - Riders of the Pony Express
drawer - Post Office Box
Gentlemen - Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, no legal
training
Exp Nes - experience necessary

(From the Ohio DAR News March-April 1990)

QUERIES



BIHSON / BISSON, FISCHER

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Johann **BIHSON / BISSON** ; b. 1841 in Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany; m. Eva **FISCHER**, b. June 28, 1849 in Hördt, Germersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany on June 1, 1871 in Bellheim, Germersheim, Germany. Eva **FISCHER** had a bro. Valentin **FISCHER** in Erie, PA and a sister Philippina **FISCHER** in Hördt, Germersheim, Germany. John and Eva immigrated to USA on June 28, 1871 on ship **GERMANIA** from Hamburg to Brooklyn, New York City. Last known address in 1873 was 509 Henderson St. Jersey City, NJ. John's occupation was as a butcher and he owned a small meat market in Jersey City. John is buried in Mountindale, NY. Known children include Elizabeth, b. 1868 in Germany, Frederick (Fritz) b. July 30, 1872 in Jersey City, NJ and Willhema b. 1878 in Jersey City, NJ and John b. 1880 in Jersey City, NJ and served in the US Army in the Philippines in 1900. This couple had a total of 3 boys and 2 girls and one boy died at the age of 22.

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BOOKER, CARROLL

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

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BRUGGER, HEID, SCHWAB, VEIT, WESCHLER,

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Simon **HEID** b. Oct 16, 1845 in Neupotz, Germersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany d. Apr 24, 1902 in Erie, PA. Father John Adam **HEID**, mother Margaretha **VEIT**. Simon arrived at Castle Garden, NY May 13, 1872 on ship **DEUSCHLAND**. Simon m. Mary Elizabeth **WESCHLER** May 12, 1881 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Erie, PA. Mary Elizabeth **WESCHLER** b. Jan 13, 1853 in Erie, PA and d. Sept 17, 1899 in Erie, PA. Children include Charles Michael **HEID** m. Anna Mary **BRUGGER**; Frank Peter **HEID** m. Anna Elizabeth **SCHWAB**; Simon, Frederick, Adam, Edward J. and John Jacob **HEID**. Religion is Roman Catholic. Several are believed to be buried in Trinity Cemetery, W. Lake Rd., Erie, PA.

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FREED/FRIED, HESSON

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

Donna **BALLEW** 2808 Lakecrest Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89128; 702-647-2412; donnaballew@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 & O Railroad in 1920's.

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HÖNEL, SEDLACEK

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Josephine **HÖNEL** b. abt 1872-76 in Austria, probably Vienna (Wien) d. unknown. Married name may be **PAUDULA** or **BALT**. May have lived in Horn, Austria. Daughter Emma b. abt 1909 in Austria. Her father is Johann Edmund **HÖNEL** b. 1833 in Serovitz/Cernovice, County of Tabor, District of Pocatake, Bohemia/Czech who served 11 years in the Austrian army. Her mother is Anna Christina **SEDLACEK** b. abt 1850 in Bohemia/Czech. Sister of Leopold Rudolph **HÖNEL** b. Sept 18, 1880 and baptized in St. Peter & Paul RC Church, District XIII, Erdburg, Vienna (Wien) and died Jan 11, 1940 in Erie, Erie, PA, USA. Sister of Pauline Matilde **HÖNEL**, b July 26, 1872 in Vienna and Antonia Anna **HÖNEL** born Jan 1, 1875 in Vienna, Austria. John G. **FISCHER**, 4532 Wisconsin Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104-5515; 702-457-0486; lucky1570@cox.net

GERHLEIN, HEINTZ, MERZ, VEIT

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Lawrence F. **GERHLEIN** b. Nov 22, 1807 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, d. Sep 24, 1881 in Harbor Creek/Erie, PA. Wife Magdalena **HEINTZ**, b. Apr 25, 1812 in Hördt, Germersheim, d. Dec 18, 1893 in Erie, PA.; m. between Aug 28-31, 1835 in Neupotz, Germersheim, Germany. Children include Jacob b Feb 23, 1839, d. Apr 9, 1915 in Erie, PA; m. Katherine **VEIT**; Caspar, b Oct 22-29, 1840, d Oct 1, 1926 in Erie, PA m. Philomina **MERZ**; Philippina, b Mar 13, 1843, d. Oct 19, 1922 in Erie, PA m. George C. **MERZ**. Religion is Roman Catholic. Several are believed to be buried in Trinity Cemetery, W. Lake Rd., Erie, PA.

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KENNARD

Looking for info about the owners/founders of the **KENNARD** Department Store in Philadelphia, PA.

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KENNARD, ROBINSON

Looking for info on parents and siblings of Joseph R **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**. Joseph was a farmer from 1860-1900 in Queen Anne's Co, MD.

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MCREE, RYAN

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

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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.

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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. Charley **RECKER** *Genbuff3@cox.net*

SIEBERT

Need to know if Benjamin Rudolph **SIEBERT**, shown by LDS records as b. or bap. 27 May 1886 in "Staroje Huftje, 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*

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING FAST

By: Helen L. **SMITH** (CCNGS)

Have you planned what you will be doing to obtain genealogical information during the Holidays?

If you send Christmas cards, Hanukah cards or New Years cards, what can you include in the card to receive information? Perhaps a Family Group Sheet on the recipient's family, parents, or grandparents will generate information that you don't already have. You can highlight an area on which you would particularly like further information.

Send a four generation or five generation Pedigree Chart in your card which starts with the recipient or your common ancestor. Include a question or two on the inside of the card to pinpoint some specific question on which you would like responses.

Be sure to include your E-mail address beside your snail mail address. You could also include your phone number and suggest that a collect call could be made and that you would love to get in touch.

You have two months to plan your method of obtaining further information on your family. This is your "Golden Opportunity". Don't let it pass you by!

HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR GENEALOGY?

As you study the facts on your pedigree chart and other records, ask yourself these questions and **MAYBE** you'll find some **SUGGESTIONS** that will assist you in your further research.

1. Have ALL birth, marriage and death records been checked?
2. Have wills and/or estate/probate records been searched for and checked?
3. Have church records been checked for proof of birth/death/marriage?
4. If pertinent, have military records been ordered and checked?
5. Was there an application for military service pension; widow's pension; land grant based on military service?
6. What about schools, colleges, societies/ fraternal organizations, business associations?
7. Surely review has been made of appropriate Federal and/or state censuses?
8. Has contact been made with living of the same surname **NOW LIVING** in the geographic area where the ancestor lived? Particularly if a small, rural town/village.
9. Have the so-called 'family associations' been investigated? Join for at least a year, get YOUR family in their records.
10. Have ALL of the following records been reviewed: civil and criminal court, voter's registration, tax rolls, vital statistics, divorce and naturalization?
11. Has contact been made with all **LIVING** relatives, regardless of how far 'removed'? In-laws? Friends of older relatives?
12. Have all known family histories been read?
13. How about town/county/state histories?
14. Has contact been made with state archives/libraries/historical societies for information as to family and/or area histories?
15. In contacts with archives/libraries, was inquiry made as to location of old newspapers? Check family association old issues for queries.
16. Have ALL cemeteries been checked and tombstone data recorded?
17. Does your research package include a GOOD map of the area in which research is being conducted?
18. Has the WPA Survey and Inventory of County Records been reviewed?
19. Has a church survey from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah been requested?
20. Have all relatives/in-laws/friends been queried regarding location of family Bible(s)?

SO if you've done ALL of the above — and you're still **STUCK**, **LEAVE IT ALONE FOR AWHILE** — **TAKE A TRIP NOT CONNECTED WITH GENEALOGY** — **OR TAKE ONE AND RESEARCH ON ANOTHER LINE**. Many times when you return to your problems, after a period of time **AWAY** from them - you can see things that you did not see before (Sorta like not being able to 'see the forest for the trees').

From the *Florida Genealogical Society Inc. Bulletin, Oct, 1991* and reprinted in the *Stanislaus Researcher, January 1993 pg. 6*) & CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 11, No. 2 (Feb. 1993)

Do Martin LUTHER's Descendants include a Catholic Archbishop?

Submitted by Charles RECKER (CCNGS)

According to a report in the June 13, 1855 issue of the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, a rumor circulated in Pennsylvania to the effect that the "last male descendant of Martin LUTHER was received back into the Romish communion." The same article then attempted to debunk the rumor by interviewing a certain Mr. John L. LUTHER of Bedford, Pennsylvania, who claimed to be a descendant of Brother Martin, but "within his knowledge not one of his friends has ever connected with the Romish Church."

The surname "LUTHER" is a patronymic, that is a name derived from a given name. Such patronymics can arise at any time and place, wherever the given name is prevalent. In LUTHER's case, that would be northern Germany. Persons bearing the same patronymic are not necessarily descended from a common ancestor. According to census software distributed by the LDS Church, in 1880 there were 4520 persons bearing the LUTHER surname living in the United States. It is unlikely that they were all related, much less descendants of the noted religious reformer.

But according to information in the Clark WYSONG Memorial Data Base, Rembert WEAKLAND, former Roman Catholic Archbishop of Milwaukee, was a descendant of a farmer named John W. LUTHER, who was born in Cambria County, Pennsylvania in 1800. According to one source, John's father was named Bernhard, but according to another, he was John Conrad, who was born in Erfurt, Germany, in 1854. Both sources identify his mother as Elizabeth BARTH. The existence of a Roman Catholic family named LUTHER in Cambria County at this time may have been responsible for the aforementioned rumor. One can only wonder whether or not there was any substance to it.

New York Times' Archives Available Free of Charge

Posted by Dick EASTMAN on October 10, 2007

In a major turnabout, the New York Times is making its archives from 1851 to 1922 and from 1987 to the present available on the web at no charge.

The material from 1851 to 1922 has long been out of copyright and was available elsewhere for modest fees. However, the Times used to charge to access those editions as well as the newer ones since 1987 on the Times' own web site. Other sections of the site have also been behind a "pay wall," generating more than \$10 million a year in revenue. Now the paper is opening up most of its web site, although not everything.

The announcement says there will be charges for some material from the period 1923 to 1986, and some will be free. However, the announcement does not give details of what remains available only to paid access.

Details may be found at:

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/09/18/business/18times.php>.

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Another Great Seminar!

by Jana WALKER (CCNGS)

CCNGS's Fall Seminar (2007) featured Michael John NEILL. Mr. NEILL provided attendees with tips on how to search internet sites and how to use wild cards while searching. He had many helpful ideas on preparing for a genealogical research trip in order to get the most out of your limited time. He also had good ideas on researching European Origins online which included helpful websites as well as using message boards and blogs. Lastly, he gave great ideas for breaking through our "brick walls - from A to Z".

The seminar was held at the Henderson Convention Center on 29 September 2007. Lunch was provided by Port of Subs (832 S. Boulder Hwy) in Henderson.

CCNGS especially wants to thank our corporate supporters including the Henderson Convention Center, Port of Subs, Gold Coast, *RootsWeb.com*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Henderson Libraries, Greene Genealogy in Boulder City (NV), UPS Store at 2657 Windmill Pkwy, Children's Roth IRA, and Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. And the biggest **THANKS** goes to our speaker, Michael John NEILL, without whom no seminar and learning would have occurred.

The **CCNGS 2008 Spring Seminar** will be held at the Henderson Convention center on March 8th. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Stephen MORSE who will be addressing a variety of Internet topics.

Kansas Historical Society Online Collection

Posted by Dick EASTMAN on October 05, 2007

The following announcement is from the Kansas Historical Society: Former Kansas Governor John CARLIN, who served as Archivist of the United States from 1995 to 2005, will return to Topeka Oct. 16 for the launch of Kansas Memory, the Kansas Historical Society's newest online offering.

Kansas Memory will feature the largest collection of photographs and manuscripts from Kansas history on the Internet, and can be accessed at kansasmemory.org.

CARLIN and other state dignitaries will be on hand for a launch event at 10 a.m. Oct. 16 at the Kansas Historical Society, 6425 S.W. 6th Avenue, Topeka.

Kansas Memory offers unprecedented online access to Kansas history and includes thousands of items from the Kansas Historical Society's collections of photographs, letters, diaries and other historic items. Users can browse, search, or share images, and will eventually be able to purchase high-resolution versions online. The "My Memory" section allows users to customize a personal space, save searches, and create scrapbooks of items.

Visitors to the site can listen to dramatic readings in the Kansas Memory podcasts and subscribe to web feeds for the latest content. Teachers will find the multi-faceted browse feature especially helpful as it includes topics that help meet Kansas and U.S. history standards.

For more information on Kansas Memory, visit kansasmemory.org.

MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

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William Rensselaer **BROOKS** II is Ronald **HUGHES**' Maternal Grandfather.

Generation No. 1

1. William Rensselaer **BROOKS** II, born Dec 22, 1861 in Hornellsville, Steuben, NY¹; died Feb 17, 1937 in Tioga General Hospital, Waverly, Tioga, NY². He was the son of 2. William Rensselaer **BROOKS** I and 3. Jane **SIMMONS**. He married (1) Carrie **SAULSMAN** 1882 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY. She was born Unk and died Unk. He married (2) Caroline Edwards **TAGGART** Abt. 1901. She was born Unk, and died Unk. He married (3) Jane (Jennie) Mable **ENSIGN**³ Dec 24, 1902 in Addison, Steuben, NY⁴. She was born Nov 10, 1881 in Arkport, Steuben, NY, and died Mar 26, 1956 in Owego, Tioga, NY⁵. Burial: Mar 30, 1956, Tioga Cemetery, Owego, Tioga, NY; Occupation: Practical Nurse; Religion: Pentacostal Church She was the daughter of William Brace **ENSIGN** and Mary Helen **TILDEN**.

The 1891 issue of the Steuben County Directory shows William and Jane **BROOKS** lived on Jasper Street in Woodhull, Steuben, NY. William was listed as the town constable.

Generation No. 2

2. William Rensselaer **BROOKS** I, born Bet. Oct 1821 - Jul 1822 in Sullivan or Orange County, NY⁶; died Jul 05, 1864 in Baton Rouge, LA. He was the son of 4. James **BROOKS**, (maybe). He married 3. Jane **SIMMONS** Nov 21, 1844 in Dryden, Tioga, NY.

3. Jane **SIMMONS**⁷, born Nov 1827 in Richford, Tioga, NY; died Sep 17, 1906 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY⁸. Burial: Sep 19, 1906, Woodhull Rural Cemetery, Woodhull, Steuben, NY⁸ She was the daughter of 6. John **SIMMONS** and 7. Louisa **HASKINS**. Jane remarried twice after the death of William: Abraham **FREELAND**, married April 27, 1868. James **BOLDMAN** (born abt. 1804) married in the fall of 1874 (died May 14, 1891). James had a son named Charles (or Chester) (born abt. 1864) and a daughter named Martha (born abt. 1873)

During the June, 1865 NYS Census, Jane and the children were living in Woodhull on a farm with the Wilson **MARLVETTE** Family.

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

- i. Jerusha **BROOKS**, born Abt. 1842 in Owego, Tioga, NY; died Abt. 1844 in Owego, Tioga, NY.
- ii. Marion H. **BROOKS**⁹, born Oct 29, 1846 in Caroline, Tompkins, NY (Marion's civil war records show a place of birth of Caroline, NY.); died Jan 13, 1924 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married Eugenia E. **COLVIN** Dec 30, 1865 in Slaterville Springs, Tompkins, NY; born Oct 24, 1846 in Slaterville Springs, Tompkins, NY; died Jan 23, 1924 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY.

Marion H. **BROOKS**, (born on Oct 29, 1846 (or 1847) in Caroline or Slaterville Springs, Tompkins, NY) (Some of his civil war records reflect he was born in Caroline, NY) (died Jan 13, 1924). Marion moved to Woodhull, Steuben, NY, in 1868. Married Eugenia E. **COLVIN** (born Oct 24, 1848) (died Jan 23, 1924) on Dec 30, 1865 at Slaterville Springs, Tompkins County, NY. (Marion's Civil War papers indicate he was married in Woodhull, Steuben, NY by Rev. **WARNER**). Marion was in the Civil War, and fought at Harper's Ferry. He enlisted in Company F, 1st Cav Regt NY (Lincoln Cavalry) on Aug 25, 1864. Mustered out at Alexandria, VA June 6, 1865. Marion received a pension related to his service in the Civil War, based on a bout with typhoid fever, rheumatism, blood poisoning, skin problems, a liver condition, and a heart condition (greatly disabled). Marion and Eugenia are both buried in the Woodhull Village Cemetery (Woodhull Rural Cemetery), Woodhull, Steuben, NY. Go in the main gate, look to the left and you will see a number of plots for the **BROOKS** family.

- iii. Mary **BROOKS**¹⁰, born Aug 17, 1850 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died Jan 08, 1921 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married Delancy S. **COLVIN** Jul 4, 1866; born Apr 14, 1847 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died Dec 13, 1905 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY.
- iv. Ellen Nancy **BROOKS**¹⁰, born Jan 27, 1853 in CT; died Feb 10, 1915; Burial: Painted Post, Steuben, NY; married Charles **CHERRY** 1872; born May 5, 1849 in New York State; died Unk.; Burial: Painted Post, Steuben, NY
- 1 v. William Rensselaer **BROOKS** II, born Dec 22, 1861 in Hornellsville, Steuben, NY; died Feb 17, 1937 in Tioga General Hospital, Waverly, Tioga, NY; married (1) Carrie **SAULSMAN** 1882 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married (2) Caroline Edwards **TAGGART** Abt. 1901 in ?; married (3) Jane (Jennie) Mable **ENSIGN** Dec 24, 1902 in Addison, Steuben, NY.

Generation No. 3

4. James **BROOKS**, (maybe)¹¹, born Unk in England¹²; died Unk in Sullivan or Orange County, NY.

Child of James **BROOKS**,(maybe) is:

- 2 i. William Rensselaer **BROOKS** I, born Bet. Oct 1821 - Jul 1822 in Sullivan or Orange County, NY; died Jul 5, 1864 in Baton Rouge, LA; married Jane **SIMMONS** Nov 21, 1844 in Dryden, Tioga, NY.

6. John **SIMMONS**¹³, born Abt. 1804; died Unknown. He married 7. Louisa **HASKINS**.

7. Louisa **HASKINS**¹³, born Abt. 1807 in Mass; died Unk.; From the 1865 NYS census, it has been determined that Louisa **HASKINS SIMMONS** had six children, one of whom was married.

Child of John **SIMMONS** and Louisa **HASKINS** is:

- 3 i. Jane **SIMMONS**, born Nov 1827 in Richford, Tioga, NY; died Sep 17, 1906 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married (1) William Rensselaer **BROOKS** I Nov 21, 1844 in Dryden, Tioga, NY; married (2) Abraham **FREELAND** Apr 27, 1868 in ?; married (3) James **BOLDMAN** abt. 1874.

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First Generation

1. Donald Macks **BABBS** b. on 11 Apr 1939 in Dallas, TX.

Second Generation

2. George Vernon **BABB** b. 14 Nov 1897; d. 26 Jan 1941 in Dallas, TX; m. 10 Sep 1938 in Dallas, TX
3. Elsie Maude **BEAN** b. 7 Jan 1909 in Dallas, TX and d. there 17 Jan 1970.

Third Generation

4. John Mercer **BABB** b. 20 Sep 1866 in Harris Co., GA ; d. 12 Jan 1930 in Kauffman, TX; m. 2 Jan 1889 in Harris Co., GA.
5. Sarah Ellen **RANSOM** b. 17 May 1872 in Chipley, Harris Co., GA and d. on 14 Jan 1920 in Kauffman, TX.
6. Philip Lewis **BEAN** b.15 Jul 1877 in Greenville, Hunt Co., TX; d. 2 Jan 1945 in Dallas, TX; m. 6 Oct 1906 in Hope, Hempstead Co., AR.
7. Jimmie (Bessie) **AGEE** b. 25 Apr 1879 in Ardmore, Indian Territory; d. 13 Nov 1955 in Dallas, TX.

Fourth Generation

8. Mercer **BABB** b. abt 1799 in Laurens, SC; d. bef 1870 in Goodman's Crossroads, Harris Co., GA; m. 29 Dec 1842 in Harris Co., GA.
9. Concord **McGEE** b. abt 1825 in Columbia, GA; d. abt 1890 in Goodman's Crossroads, Harris Co., GA.
10. Enoch W.F. **RANSOM** b. 27 Aug 1847 in Harris Co., GA; d. 22 Nov 1883 in Wood Co., TX; m. 4 Oct 1869 in Harris Co., GA.
11. Epsie Ann Rebecca **LANGFORD** b. 1 Feb 1850 in Harris Co., GA; d. 15 Aug 1923 in Red Oak, Ellis Co., TX.
12. Leroy Pickens **BEAN** b.7 Nov 1841 in Pike Co., AL; d. 4 Sep 1907 in Corsicana, TX; m. 12 Sep 1865 in Harris Co., GA.
13. Malinda Francis **WILLIAMS** b. 11 Oct 1847 in Harris Co., GA; d. 31 Jan 1942 in Corsicana, TX.
14. James L. **AGEE** b. abt 1838 in TN. His family can be found in the 1870 Census of Rusk Co., TX.
15. Sarah Elizabeth **ROSSER** b. abt 1842 in AL.

Fifth Generation

16. Rev. Joseph **BABB** Jr. b. 6 Jul 1772 in Laurens, SC; d. there bef 20 May 1843; m. Abt 1794.
17. Mary **SHAW** b. abt 1775 in Laurens, SC; d. there abt 1812
18. John C. **McGEE** b. 1 Aug 1789 in Lancer, SC; d. bef Jul 1863 in Harris Co., GA; m. 20 Jan 1814 in Columbia Co., GA.
19. Nancy **HOOD** b. 1 May 1785 in Sussex Co., VA; d. 19 Nov 1865 in Russell, AL.
20. Thomas S. **RANSOM** b. abt 1802 in NC; d. abt 1866 in Harris Co., GA; m. 26 Jul 1831 in Hancock Co., GA.
21. Susan A. **JACKSON** b. abt 1811 in Hancock Co., GA; d. 1890 in Whitesville District, Hancock Co., GA.
22. William F. **LANGFORD** b. 7 Dec 1817 in Warren Co., GA; d. in Harris Co., GA; m. Harris Co., GA.
23. Amanda E. **CAMPBELL**
24. Marshall Jacob **BEAN** b. 4 Jan 1806 in Edgefield Co., SC; d. 8 Mar 1880 in Greenville, Hunt Co., TX; m. 4 Jun 1830 in Edgefield Co., SC.
25. Rhoda **NOBLES** b. 3 Mar 1807 in Edgefield Co., SC; d. abt 1843 in Pike Co., AL.
26. Philip **WILLIAMS** b. 6 Mar 1811 in Edgefield Co., SC; d. aft 3 Jun 1880 in Hunt Co., TX; m. 29 Dec 1844 in Harris Co., GA.
27. Amanda Miriam **HOOD** b. 20 Dec 1825 in Harris Co., GA; d. there in 1847.
28. Joseph William Riley **AGEE** b. abt 17 Jun 1816 in Bledsoe, TN; m. abt 1840.
29. Sarah (Sally) **COX** b. abt 1815 in TN.

30. John **ROSSER** b. abt 1805 in NC. His family can be found in the 1850 Census of Sumter Co., AL and in the 1860 Census of Woodville, Perry Co., AL. John was a farmer.
31. Sarah b. abt 1820 in GA.

Sixth Generation

32. Joseph **BABB** Sr. b. about 1740 in Frederick Co., VA, and d. about 1780 in Laurens, SC. He served in the American Revolution as a Private in the 2nd NC Regiment. m. 17 Sep 1761 in Frederick Co., VA.
33. Mary **McCOOL** b. in 1743 in Frederick Co., VA and d. on 3 Jun 1816 in Laurens, SC. She provided supplies and provisions to the SC militia during the American Revolution.
36. Josiah **McGEE** b. 16 Nov 1757 in Somerset, MD and d. bef 4 May 1818 in Columbia Co., GA. He served in the American Revolution as a sergeant in the 5th MD regiment.
37. Mary b. abt 1760 in SC and d. in 1792/1800 in GA.
40. John **RANSOM** Jr. b. in 1762 in NC and d. in 1826/1827 in GA.
41. Martha **EVANS** b. in 1765/75 in GA. She d. there aft 1827.
42. Henry **JACKSON** b. abt 1760 in Orange Co., NC and d. bef Nov 1830 in Hancock Co., GA. He served in the American Revolution as a private in the GA State militia; m. abt 1780 in Greene Co., GA.
43. Sarah **MAPP** b. abt 1763 in Granville, NC and d. abt 1835 in Hancock Co., GA.
44. Hillery **LANGFORD** b. 12 Jul 1793 in Warren Co., GA and d. 21 Nov 1884 in McDuffie Co., GA.; m. 24 Dec 1812.
45. Rebecca **ENTREKIN** b. 15 Mar 1796 in SC and d. abt 1863 in McDuffie Co., GA.
46. Joseph **CAMPBELL** b. in 1790/1810.
48. Alexander **BEAN** Jr. b. abt 1778 in Edgefield Co., SC and d. 29 Aug 1855 in Farriersville, Pike Co., AL.
49. Isabella **YOUNGBLOOD** b. abt 1804 in Edgefield Co., SC and d. 18 May 1845 in Farriersville, Pike Co., AL.
50. Hezekiah **NOBLES** b. abt 1763 in Pitt Co., NC and d. 20 May 1832 in Edgefield Co., SC. He served in the American Revolution as a musician and soldier from NC; m. Feb 1786.
51. Elcey **NICHOLSON** was b. about 1764 in Edgecomb Co., NC and d. about 1853 in Pike Co., AL.
52. Davis **WILLIAMS** b. abt 1764 in Granville Co., NC, and d. bef 9 Nov 1829 in Edgefield Co., SC. He served in the American Revolution as a private in the 3rd regiment of SC militia; m. Edgefield Co., SC.
53. Abigale **NICHOLSON** b. in 1766 in Granville Co., NC and d. 15 Oct 1843 in Whiteville, Harris Co., GA.
54. Joel **HOOD** b. 28 Sep 1789 in Wilkes Co., GA and d. abt 1861 in Meriwether, GA. M. 5 Dec 1815 in Oglethorpe, GA.
55. Martha Temple **DOWDY** b. on 28 May 1797 in Wilkes Co., GA and d. 14 Dec 1843 in Harris Co., GA.
56. Ambrose Ambers **AGEE** b. in 1790 in Sullivan Co., TN and d. 3 Feb 1872 in Dent, MO.
57. Elizabeth **LUSK** b. abt 1786 in Bledsoe, TN and d. in Dent, MO.

Seventh Generation

64. Thomas **BABB** Jr. b. abt 1706 and d. abt 1760 in Frederick Co., VA.; m. 1727 in Wilmington, DE.
65. Sarah **FAULK** b. in 1708 in Bethel Twp., Chester Co., PA.
72. Davis **MAGEE** b. 19 Nov 1746 in Worcester Co., MD and d. 3 Feb 1817 in Jones Co., GA.; m. MD.
73. Penelope **SHOCKLEY**
80. John **RANSOM** Sr. b. in 1727 in VA and d. in 1793 in Franklin Co., NC. He served as an officer in the Revolutionary War.
82. William **EVANS** b. in 1762 and d. in 1808 in Putnam Co., GA.
83. NN **WILMOUTH**
84. Isaac **JACKSON** b. abt 1733 in Ireland and d. bef 15 Mar 1805 in Hancock Co., GA. He served in the American Revolution as a Refugee Major in the GA militia under Col. **MARBURY** and as a Lt. Col. in the 2nd Battalion of GA State militia; m. abt 1759 in Orange Co., NC.
85. Mary was b. bef 1738 in Chester Co., PA and d. abt 1807 in Hancock Co., GA.
86. Littleton **MAPP** Sr. b. abt 1735 in Northampton Co., VA, and d. aft 20 Jun 1803 in White Plains, Greene Co., GA. He served in the American Revolution as a soldier in the SC state militia; m. abt 1757 in VA.
87. Mary b. abt 1737.
90. William Grant **ENTREKIN** b. 28 Feb 1762 in Marsh Creek, York Co., PA and d. 2 Nov 1844 in Laurens Co., SC. He served as a Minuteman and as a member of the GA Dragoons in the Revolutionary War; m. abt 1771 in Burke Co., GA.
91. Rachel **BRYANT** d. abt 1826 in Richmond Co., GA.
96. Alexander **BEAN** Sr. b. abt 1752 in Inverness, Scotland and d. bef 16 May 1812 in Edgefield Co., SC. He contributed to the American Revolution by acting as a juror in SC from 1778-1779
97. Christiana **MASSEY** b. abt 1745 in Inverness, Scotland.
98. Thomas **YOUNGBLOOD** b. 12 Nov 1736 in Ann Arundel Co, MD and d. bef Jan 1823 in Edgefield Co, SC; m. Amy **HOPKINS** abt 1769. He signed the NC Regulators oath in 1768 and served in the American Revolution as a private in the SC militia.
99. Amy **HOPKINS** d. bef 1822 in Edgefield Co., SC.
102. David **NICHOLSON** b. abt 1738 in Norfolk, VA and d. bef 22 Dec 1805 in Edgefield Co., SC. He served in the American Revolution as a private in the SC militia.
103. Rhoda **WHITEHEAD** b. abt 1750 in Edgecomb Co., NC and d. abt 1834 in Edgefield Co., SC.
108. John **HOOD** b. 1 May 1759 in Amelia Co., VA, and d. 12 Feb 1827 in Wilkes Co., GA. He served in the American Revolution as a private in Captain Charles **PELHAM**'s 1st VA Regiment under Col. Richard **PARKER**; m. 10 Dec 1785 in Wilkes Co., GA.

109. Rebecca **REEVES** b. abt 1763 in Guilford Co., NC and d. 21 Sep 1837 in Harris Co., GA.
 110. John Martin **DOWDY** was b. in 1760 in Cumberland Co., VA and d. in 1845. He served in the Revolutionary War.
 111. Mary
 112. William **AGEE**

Eighth Generation

128. Thomas **BABB** Sr. b. about 1666 in Appledore Island, ME and d. abt 1751 in Frederick Co., VA.
 129. Bathsheba **HUSSEY** b. on 21 Sep 1671 in Hampton, NH and d. abt 1715.
 130. Thomas **FAULK**.
 131. Sarah Elizabeth **COPE**
 144. David **MAGEE** b. in 1725 in Salisbury Town, MD; m. Mary **McGLAMERY** 31 Oct 1745 in Stepney Parish, Worcester Co., MD.
 145. Mary **McGLAMERY**
 160. George **RANSOM** b. in 1680 in Gloucester, VA and d. there. He was a school teacher there.
 161. Dorothy **DUDLEY**.
 164. George **EVANS** (1740-1819) d. in Clarke Co., GA.
 165. Hannah
 180. John **ENTREKIN** b. abt 1736 and d. in 1820 in Laurens Co., SC; m. 1758 in Marsh Creek, York Co., PA.
 181. Elizabeth **MILLWEE** b. in 1740 in Marsh Creek, York Co., PA, and d. in 1772 in Berkeley, SC.
 182. John **BRYANT** (1750-1791) d. in Burke Co., GA; M. 1771 in Burke Co., GA.
 183. Cleo **MOXLEY**
 192. James **MacBEAN** b. in 1708 in Aberdeen, Scotland and d. there.
 198. Jessie **HOPKINS** b. in 1735 in NC. He served in the American Revolution as a private in the 5th SC Regiment
 206. Nathan **WHITEHEAD** b. abt 1720 in Isle of Wight Co., VA, and d. bef April 1779 in Nash Co., NC; m: Abt 1740.
 207. Rahab **CULPEPER** b. abt 1724; d. bef 11 Nov 1815 in Wake Co., NC. She assisted the cause of the American Revolution by furnishing supplies or rendering material aid to the NC militia.
 218. Jeremiah **REEVES** b. in 1738 in Guilford Co., NC and d. 29 Jan 1806 in Wilkes Co., GA. He served in the American Revolution as a private with NC troops; m. abt 1759 in Guilford Co., NC.
 219. Jane **BRAZELL** as b. abt 1740 and d. aft 1806.
 220. Richard **DOWDY** (1744-1830). He served in the Revolutionary War.
 221. Martha **FOWLER**

CAN YOU HELP US?



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

Here are some ideas for articles:

- Genealogical and historical stories from any where
- Your Ahnentafel
- Your own family story
- Articles concerning how to use various reference materials
- Good genealogical practices
- Collections held in other libraries across the USA
- Research in Europe
- Interesting sites on the computer
- Truthfully, any article that would interest your fellow CCNGS members.



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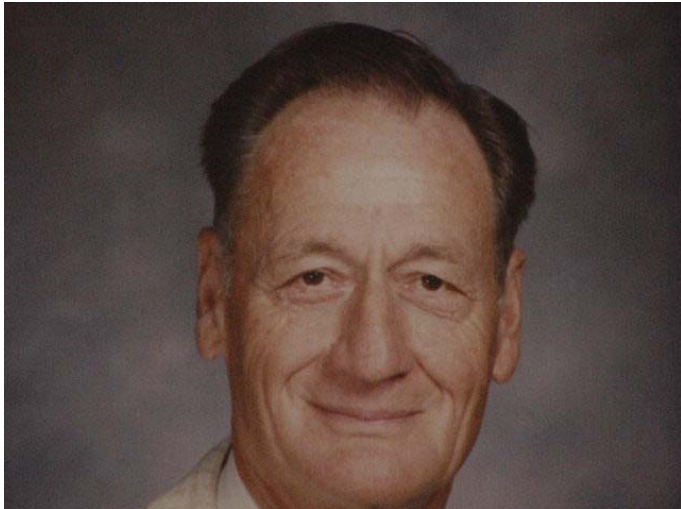
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The Prospector is pleased to continue a series of articles which feature schools in the Clark County (Nevada) School District named in honor of individuals from the Clark County, Nevada area. The information presented has been extracted from material derived from each of the schools so honored.

Estes McDoniel Elementary

Our Motto: "Bringing The Ocean To The Desert."



Estes **McDONIEL** Elementary School was constructed in 1986 and opened in 1987. It was named after Mr. Estes **McDONIEL**, a distinguished educator and political figure in southern Nevada.

Estes Morgan **McDONIEL** was born 3 April 1919, in Monette, (Barry and Lawrence counties), Arkansas. He was the son of Estes and Gladys Julian **McDONIEL**. Estes was graduated from Batesville High School, in Batesville, Independence county, Arkansas and from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Washington county, Arkansas with a Bachelor's Degree in biological science. While at the University, he lettered in track and football. He later earned his Master's Degree from Utah State in school administration.

In 1943, after Estes taught and coached football for two years in Harrison, Boone county, Arkansas, he moved to Henderson (Nevada) to work at the plants. He was hired to teach and coach at the newly-opened Basic High School in Henderson.

In 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on an LST in the Pacific theatre during World War II. At the war's end he returned to Basic High School where he coached and taught, then served as assistant principal. He later was promoted to principal and retired in 1974, after his last three years serving as principal..

During those years he served several terms on the Nevada State High School Athletic Board.

In 1969, Estes was elected Mayor of Henderson in the primary election and served one four-year term.

He was a member of the LVCVA and later served on the Henderson City Bond Commission.

In 1988, he was honored by having an elementary school named for him and he remained active with projects there for the next fourteen (14) years. The school provides exceptional education to more than 650 students in grades Kindergarten through Grade Five.

Estes **McDONIEL** Elementary School is the home of the Estes **McDONIEL** Marine Lab which is visited by students from all over the Clark County School District. The marine lab was made possible through donations from Clark County, Estes **McDONIEL** PTA, private donations, corporate donations, and Andre **AGASSI**.

Estes **McDONIEL** died 23 March 2007, at age 87. He was survived by his wife, Jo Ann; son, Sonny **McDONIEL** and his wife, Pauline of Henderson; daughter, Nancy (**McDONIEL**) **MARTIN**, and husband, Dennis of New York City; and daughter, Linda (**McDONIEL**) **WILHELM** and husband, Ed of Silver Spring, MD. Other survivors include a sister, Helen **BAUCUM** of Las Vegas; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, 29 March at Palm Mortuary, 800 S. Boulder Highway, Henderson, NV 89015. Graveside services followed at Palm Memorial Park in Henderson.

Memorial donations were made to Basic High School (400 Palo Verde Drive, Henderson, NV 89015) and Estes **McDONIEL** Elementary School (1831 Fox Ridge Drive, Henderson, NV 89014).



Great-Great-Grandma Was an Indian?

by Paula STUART-WARREN, CG

After my 2 July column on the 1880-1940 U.S. Indian censuses at *Ancestry.com*, I received many questions about tracing elusive American Indian ancestry. While I can't answer each of you personally, the basic steps and tips below should get you started.

Perhaps you have a family legend that Great-great-grandma Pearl had Indian blood. Usually the story doesn't share a clue whether that blood is from her maternal or paternal side. It's important to note that a specific tribe will not have a master index of anyone who ever had that Indian blood. Nor will the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). There is no "master index." So, how do you go about solving this mystery?

1. Get back to the basics. Most basic research steps apply to any ethnic background. Take classes, read a guidebook, and attend genealogical society educational meetings. Genealogy software programs such as Family Tree Maker 2008 are a boon to keeping track of family details.

2. Work from the present to the past. Begin by contacting your immediate and extended family. You never know who might have family pictures and papers, or know of others who do. You will be linking each generation back in time and proving the connections. Check Ancestry, other online sources, and library catalogs to see if someone has done previous research on parts of your family. Those Indian censuses that Ancestry has posted should be checked for ancestral non-Native American surnames in case you find some possible ties to check further.

3. Place your ancestors in a time and place. Determine this via the records that all family historians use. Include censuses; obituaries; military pension, service, and draft records; and records relating to birth, marriage, and death.

4. When you place your ancestors in specific geographic areas, read a state, county, or town history. What Indian tribes were in that place at that time? Histories also tell of the forced removal of Indians, some to very distant locations. There may be some separate published histories of those tribes that refer to the place where they migrated from.

5. Check for church records. A marriage, burial, or christening entry might yield a special notation that gives a clue to Indian heritage. For each piece of information or copy of a record you obtain, be sure to add a notation that tells you where it came from, (e.g., Aunt Susie Griffin, Ancestry.com, Green County Courthouse, Family History Library, or some other place/person). Add the book, page, microfilm #, or other identifying information in case you or others need to double check that item.

6. Work on the entire family in each generation. You might find that four sisters and one brother were always listed as white. BUT the second brother or a cousin is listed as "I," "In," or even as black or mulatto on the 1900 and 1910 federal censuses. What did that branch of the family know? Do any family members appear on the special Indian schedules for these years? Check for all related surnames in Native American censuses.

7. Did they live within an Irish, Swedish, German, African American, or other community? They may never be listed as

Indian. Perhaps they hid that heritage because they were frightened or knew that housing and jobs were more difficult to obtain if their Indian heritage was known. People that did not live as part of an organized group of Indians are often more difficult to trace. The BIA has not had interaction with every group of Indians.

8. There are many records specific to North American Indians that may apply if you can make some family connections to a tribe that had interaction with the federal government. Check libraries and bookstores for guides and online resources. Here are a few places to start:

• [The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy](#), rev. 3rd edition, Chapter 19, Native American Research, by Curt B. WITCHER, MLS, FUGA, FIGS, and George J. NIXON (Ancestry, 2006.)

• [Guide to Records in the National Archives of the United States Relating to American Indians](#). (National Archives and Records Service, 1981.)

• [Native American Genealogical Sourcebook](#). (Gale Research, 1995, out of print).

• [The Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico](#) (Smithsonian Institution, Bureau of Ethnology, out of print.)

• [How to Research American Indian Blood Lines: A Manual on Indian Genealogical Research](#). (Heritage Quest, 1987.)

• [Records of the Department of Indian Affairs at Library and Archives Canada: A Source for Genealogical Research](#). 2nd edition. (Ontario Genealogical Society, 2004)

Earlier Records

If you have proof or even a suspicion that your Indian connection is before many written records exist, the diaries of other area residents, records of religious missionaries, area histories, and town records are just some of the possible items to consult. Don't forget that Indians were the original settlers and later settlers encroached on their space. Neither the Bureau of Indian Affairs nor its predecessors were always able to record information about Indians. A christening or marriage entry in church records might mention the words "Indian," "Native," or other term. The local pastor, storekeeper, or other person might have kept a diary and mentioned the Indians in an area. Determine what missionaries were in the area, whether they were connected to a specific denomination, and where possible records such as diaries, christening, marriage, and correspondence are located today.

One last tip—spelling does not count in genealogy. Stand up and shout this to the world. You will find many variations in both the Indian and other name spellings. Indexes and transcriptions of records may not have been clearly read by the indexer.

Too often genealogists feel stymied by a search for a newly

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discovered ethnic heritage. Keep this in mind: Research is research. Learn the basics, search all records, and learn about the other records that pertain to that heritage whether it is Indian, Norwegian, or Polish.

Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, a Minnesota resident is a professional genealogist, consultant, writer, and lecturer who is frequently on the road. She coordinates the intermediate course, American Records & Research, at the annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. She writes for several periodicals including *Ancestry Magazine*. Comments and additions to her columns will reach her at PaulaStuartWarren@gmail.com but she regrets that she is unable to answer individual genealogical research inquiries due to the volume of requests. From time to time, comments from readers may be quoted in her writings. Your name will not be used, but your place of residence might be listed (i.e., Casa Grande, Arizona).



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Thanksgiving Genealogy Idea

At your Thanksgiving dinner with all of your family present, ask everyone in the family to "autograph" and "date" (birthdate) your tablecloth. Be sure to include all of the children as well. You can add the date of the Thanksgiving event and any other décor you might like to add. Then embroider the signatures and dates, etc. This will give you a priceless keepsake of your family, something you can pass down.

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and synergize. When everyone brings a stone to the pile, researchers everywhere benefit. All of us are smarter than one of us."

"We are honored to be part of this ambitious undertaking," said Art Fyvolent, president of IDEAS4. "To open the world to these previously hidden records will be a landmark event in the history of genealogy in general, and African American history in particular."

Development efforts for the Afriquest database are well underway. The project team expects to release a beta version of Afriquest in the early spring of 2008 and is now seeking volunteers to add or index records and help manage database content. For more information or to volunteer, contact Toni **CARRIER**: toni@afriquest.com or Dallan **QUASS**: dallan@werelate.org.

About the collaborators: WeRelate is a free public-service wiki for genealogy sponsored by the Foundation for On-Line Genealogy, Inc. in partnership with the Allen County Public Library. It is the world's largest genealogy wiki with pages for over 1,000,000 people and families and growing. Their goal is to be the number one community website for genealogy.

The USF Africana Heritage Project is an all-volunteer research project sponsored by the Africana Studies department at the University of South Florida. Their research mission is to rediscover records that document the names and lives of slaves, freedpersons and their descendants, and share those records on the free Internet site www.africanaheritage.com. Their searchable online database contains more than 4,000 primary historical documents of interest to anyone researching African American genealogy, history and culture. For more information, please visit the USF Africana Heritage Project press kit at <http://www.africanaheritage.com/>

IT's That Time of the Year Generation Flu

There is a spreading epidemic called the Generation Flu. Which is passed down to children and acquaintances too. Once the disease of royalty, of peers and knights of old. It has spread throughout the universe, it's seed to bring to fold. It is a contagious virus with a great voracious greed, For the tombstone and the graveyard, certificate and deed.

The victims of this virus have a great compelling urge, To link their names unto your family, there is no known purge. They will even give you software if they find that you have none, For they feel a dire need for this disease to be passed on. They have a craving for surnames and to search a surname list, To peruse that list a thousand times, lest a surname may be missed.

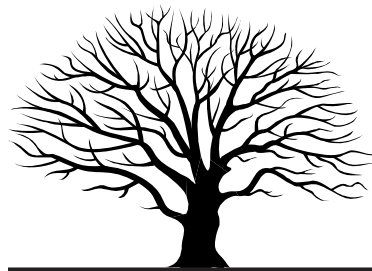
You will find them in a graveyard, perhaps groveling on their knees, Seeking long forgotten surnames which they then call roots and Trees.

A computer will make matters worse, they will surf the Internet, Searching out those roots and trees to make this flu a greater threat. They cannot have a conversation without the need to add, That yesterday they found a link to great grandfather's dad.

They are happy to converse with other victims of this flu, They will often join their ranks to search in greater groups, It's true! They look up parish registers, they search the census years, They talk about brick walls and of assigns and of their heirs. As the illness progresses you will see their manner change. So never ever move their files or in their study rearrange.

The Symptoms and Diagnosis

Faraway looks, concentration, blank expressions, aggravation, A truly morbid fascination, for graveyard jaunts as recreation. There is no known cure for the generation virus, with it's roots in the past with the pharaohs and papyrus. The disease is not fatal but the symptoms will get worse. Give the patient a quiet room, there is no need to nurse.



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Posted by Dick EASTMEN on October 17, 2007

Upcoming Family History Events

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

26 January 2008 - Lake Havasu City, Arizona



14th Annual Genealogical Seminar featuring Jean Wilcox **HIBBEN**, sponsored by the Lake Havasu Genealogical Society.

Jean Wilcox **HIBBEN**, professional genealogist, family historian, national speaker, folklorist, and troubadour, from Southern California will be the presenter at the Saturday, January 26, 2008 seminar. Jean has obtained her bachelors and masters degrees in Speech Communication and worked as a professor in the

field for 13 years before leaving academia to pursue her passions in folklore and family history.

Subjects chosen for her presentation are as follows:

- 1—Bringing your Civil War Ancestor Back to Life: Songs & Stories of the War of Rebellion
- 2—Get Along Little Dogie: Songs & Stories of Men and Women who Tamed the West
- 3—Clue to Clue: Tracking a Family over Time & Miles
- 4—Researching German Records When You Live in America and Don't speak German.

Pre-Registration \$30 non-refundable (includes lunch), Late

Registration \$35. Early Registration deadline 20 January 2008

For further information: Lake Havasu Genealogical Society, 1208 McCulloch Blvd. S., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406-8963.

8-9 February 2008 - St George, Utah

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

8 March 2008 - Las Vegas, Nevada

Spring Family History Seminar sponsored by the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society with Dr. Stephen P. **MORSE**, PhD.



Best known as the architect of the Intel 8086, predecessor of today's Pentium processor, Steve has focused much of his energies in recent years on genealogical endeavors. Most of the 15,000 people who visit his website daily do so for his well-known Ellis Island tools. More and more people are discovering his other gems, including

one-step search forms for census records and the SSDI, and converters for 1920/1930 enumeration districts and the Jewish calendar.

For Further information: CCNGS@COX.NET; www.reviewjournal.com/communitylink/ccngs; www.rootsweb.com/~nvccngs; or CCNGS, Spring Seminar, PO Box 1929, Las Vegas, NV 89125-1929

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

Free Online Storage at DropBoks

From **EASTMAN's Online Newsletter** - November, 2006

Would you like a simple method of storing backup copies of critical data files off-site? This would be a great place to keep a backup copy of your genealogy database. How about an easy method of swapping files between home and the office? Oh yes, should this service also be available free of charge? In fact, it shouldn't even have advertising?

DropBoks may be your answer.

DropBoks is a free service although the site's owners do suggest a \$1 donation. Each user receives access to 1 gigabyte of storage space. That's the equivalent of nearly 700 floppy disks. That's a lot of storage. However, no one file can be larger than 50 megabytes (several thousand printed pages).

By way of comparison, all 500+ newsletters I have published in the past ten years take up only total 123 megabytes.

DropBoks works on Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and probably other operating systems as well. It is an extremely simple application to use. To upload files log onto DropBoks, click on BROWSE, and navigate to the file(s) on your hard drive that you wish to upload. Then click on UPLOAD FILE.

Want to download (retrieve) a file from your online storage area? Go to DropBoks, double-click on the file name, and follow the menus to store it on your local hard drive.

Want to remove a file from online storage? Drag and drop it onto the trash icon. You can't get much simpler than this for online storage solutions.

DropBoks is a simple service; it doesn't support file sharing with others or any other advanced features. Instead, it is a personal tool for your use alone. It becomes your personal file storage area that you can access from anyplace that has Internet access. The site owners claim the site is secure.

The DropBoks sign up process required about fifteen seconds. No personal questions were asked, other than my e-mail address which is then used as my user name on DropBoks. I was never asked for my name, address, credit card number, or anything else.

Try it. What have you got to lose?

<http://www.dropboks.com>

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 monthly - 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 - 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

Georgia Death Certificates Now Viewable Online

The following announcement was written by *FamilySearch*: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—*FamilySearch* and the Georgia Archives announced today that Georgia's death index from 1919 to 1927 can be accessed for free online. The online index is linked to digital images of the original death certificates. This free database will open doors to additional information for family historians and genealogists with Georgia ties. The index and images can be searched and viewed at www.GeorgiaArchives.org (Virtual Vault link) or labs.familysearch.org.

The names of Georgia's deceased from 1919 to 1927 are now very much alive, searchable, and viewable online—and for free. The online index to some 275,000 Georgia deaths is the result of a cooperative effort between *FamilySearch* Record Services, the Georgia Archives, and Georgia State Office of Vital Records and Statistics.

FamilySearch digitized the records, and volunteers from both *FamilySearch* and the Archives used *FamilySearch* indexing technology to create a searchable online index from the digital images of the original historic documents. "These death records are

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Paseo Verde Library
280 South Green Valley Parkway
Henderson, Nevada

For Library Events, be guaranteed a seat by calling 492-6593, registering at Reference Desk or <http://events.hdpl.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

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 SLC1934@COX.NET

obviously a gold mine for genealogists and historians. Certificates include age, county of death, parents names, occupation, gender, race and cause of death; these documents open all kinds of possibilities to researchers," said Georgia Archives director, David CARMICHEAL.

The deceased person's name, birth and death dates, sex, spouse and parents' names and location of death were extracted from each certificate for the searchable database. The linked image of the original death certificate can reveal additional interesting facts and clues for the family historian - like the names and birth places of the deceased person's parents, place and date of the decedent's birth, marital status, occupation, permanent residence, and place and date of burial and cause of death.

Before making the certificates viewable online, CARMICHEAL said patrons had to order copies through—

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INTERIM REPORT ON GENEALOGY SOFTWARE

by John FISCHER (CCNGS)

Objective: To do a quick review of available genealogy software based on the August 2007 release of the all new TGN Family Tree Maker 2008 genealogy software.

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST V6.0

A very comprehensive and robust software package well accepted in the formal genealogy community. This software is very complex with an extensive array of options. It is non-intuitive and has an extensive and extended learning curve. This is recommended for the professional genealogist with several years of genealogical research experience and genealogy software use. Highly regarded for book publishing. This is not for the novice user.

LEGACY FAMILY TREE V6.0 DELUXE EDITION

A middle of the road computer program that ties very nicely into the LDS church genealogical requirements. It is an almost intuitive software package though reading the manual and using the Help file will probably be needed. It provides most standard reports and charts and has various options allowing the user to tailor some data to their individual needs. A big plus is the addition of a Book Publishing feature in V6.0 which should help make this a more popular product. NOTE: V7.0 to be soon released.

FAMILY TREE MAKER 2006/V16

The most widely used genealogy program to date with some users still happy with earlier versions. It is a fairly robust genealogy program with many options and somewhat intuitive. Features not used often will require reading the manual or using the Help file. Tech support is almost non-existent and costs \$2 a minute for assistance.

No more versions or updates of this software will be produced. 2006/V16 is the last software available. There will be no conversion software available to convert to another genealogy package except for GEDCOM which will not convert pictures or books and distorts many notes, facts and sources so they are not usable. FTM users not now using 2006/V16 are urged to purchase this latest version because retailers will soon be sold out leaving no upgrade path.

TGN FAMILY TREE MAKER 2008 V0, SP1

This is a newly programmed genealogy package released in August 2008 by Ancestry.com, a subsidiary of The Generations Network (TGN) Corporation. This new software program, written using the latest .NET software is intended to be network based using the Microsoft Vista operating system functionality. Release V0 is crude and buggy. (Service Pack 1 has been released, recalled and re-released within the first two weeks). The interface is very different, non-intuitive and has a long learning curve. Most normal genealogy charts and reports are missing and are said by the developers to be released later. Popular book publishing is not included and the company has publicly stated that there will be no support or conversion of the book publishing software from their popular Family Tree Maker 2006/16 software. Requires substantially more memory to run, 1GB recommended, and additional hard drive space, minimum 400MB. Does not comply with the GEDCOM standard to date. Many popular options such as Find and Replace, AKA (Also Known As) are not available. Comments from the FTM-Tech Forum indicate that performance is very, very slow. Tech support is, for all practical purposes, non-existent.

ROOTSMAGIC V3.0

A plain, unsophisticated run of the mill genealogy software program. It will handle most basic genealogy requirements with standard reports and charts. It needs Charting Companion (\$20) software to create publication worthy charts, and is reputed to be nearly equal in capabilities to Legacy Family Tree.

PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE 5.2

This free software from the Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS) is widely used and uncomplicated. It needs PAF Companion for a full range of charts and reports, and has limited publishing option. NOTE: The LDS Church is engaged in a mammoth project to digitize their genealogy records and to allow church members with passwords to enter personal data into a new online software package called New.FamilySearch.com. They have therefore decided that PAF 5.2 will be the last release of this genealogy software package. The question of who will be responsible for the GEDCOM standard has still not been decided.

ANCESTRAL QUEST V11

A basic genealogy program useful for organizing genealogy data. PAF related.

Other Genealogy Software Not Widely Used:

FAMILY TREE LEGENDS

GENBOX FAMILY HISTORY 3.5

BROTHERS KEEPER (shareware software)

FAMILY HISTORIAN

DORO TREE (Jewish)

CUMBERLAND FAMILY TREE (shareware)

WIN-FAMILY

ANCESTRY FAMILY TREE (free)

NOTE: Many genealogical programs are no longer available. They tend to go out of business, merge with another company or are replaced due to a buy out.

Also do a Web search for "genealogy software reviews" or try these Web sites for additional information based on reviews of genealogy software:

<http://genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>

http://www.consumersearch.com/www/software/genealogy-software/index.html?referrer=yahoo_ssp

http://genealogy.about.com/od/software_reviews/

http://genealogy.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?zi=1/XJ/Ya&sdn=genealogy&cdn=parenting&tm=97&gps=104_1400_1020_586&f=11&su=p284.8.150.ip_&tt=14&bt=0&bts=0&zu=http%3A/www.lkessler.com/gplinks.shtml

http://genealogy.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?zi=1/XJ/Ya&sdn=genealogy&cdn=parenting&tm=97&gps=104_1400_1020_586&f=11&su=p284.8.150.ip_&tt=14&bt=0&bts=0&zu=http%3A/www.lkessler.com/gplinks.shtml (Recommended)

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NOTE: has an extensive list with links and reviews of every genealogy software program ever written including: software written in many foreign languages, utility programs, tools programs, software for portable pocket devices, genealogy software repositories, genealogy newsgroups, maillists and periodicals and independent comparisons of genealogy programs.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. There is NO accepted body of genealogists or software providers that have the responsibility for setting genealogical STANDARDS for all genealogy related issues. (Thus TGN Family Tree Maker 2008 can now define the husband of your father's sister as your "Uncle-in-Law" in all their reports.) There are NO standards for sources except for the de facto standards in the latest book by Mills. Who is responsible for setting sourcing standards in the future?
2. The serious genealogist should select a genealogical software package based on the financial viability of the creator and projections as to how long the creator will be in business and support the software. Even this is no reason to feel complacent as the recent discontinuance of Family Tree Maker 2006/16 software after thirteen years on the market shows.

DISCLAIMER:

This information is a biased and prejudiced report based solely on my personal experience, personal requirements and thirteen years extensive use of the software called Family Tree Maker (from version 1 to version 16 and through several different corporate owners).

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the mail for a fee or visit the state archive's office in person. The new online database will make it quicker and easier for patrons to get the information they are seeking.

"It is always exciting for family historians when they can freely search a vital record index online like the Georgia death records. The link to the original death certificate is an added bonus—it saves you time, money, and provides rich genealogy data," said Paul NAUTA, manager of public affairs for *FamilySearch*. The users just type in an ancestor's name that died in Georgia between 1919 and 1927. They will see a brief summary of information from the ancestor's death certificate with a link to also view the original image. Additional state indexes are currently in production.

Genealogical Society of Utah, doing business as *FamilySearch*, is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. *FamilySearch* maintains the world's largest repository of genealogical resources accessed through

FamilySearch.org, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and over 4,500 family history centers in 70 countries. *FamilySearch* is a trademark licensed to the Genealogical Society of Utah and is registered in the United States of America and other countries.

Posted by Dick EASTMAN on October 16, 2007

Clues in Obituaries: Research Steps

Since each of us has a unique brain, we don't understand or process information in the same way. One person needs detailed, written instructions, another needs visual examples, and yet another reads through a record and a research plan immediately evolves. Most of us know the importance of checking obituaries, death notices, or funeral stories for research clues. What if you are a fledgling genealogist and don't immediately relate to this step?

Our Target Obituary

Compiling a research plan is today's topic. Interpreting and research planning from a familiar family obituary hardly seemed fair.

Ancestry.com provided me with exactly what was needed. I have no connection to this family, but I wish I did.

This sample record is from *The Decatur Daily Republican* [Illinois] August 5, 1885.

Death of John Carder

During the past ten weeks the well-known farmer, John Carder, has been confined to his home, three miles west of Decatur by illness . . . This morning at 7:30 o'clock he died, leaving a widow, one daughter, and two step-children. The deceased was a brother of the late J. C. Carder, and a half brother of J. R. and J. W. Race . . . His age was 53 years . . . The funeral . . . Rev. Gay, of Harristown officiating.

Our Aim

Imagine that you found this in great-grandma's scrapbook. Who are these people and how are they related? What research steps evolve from this notice? Before you read further, jot down some of the research steps that immediately come to mind. Even if you knew the connection, many of the research steps would still apply.

Interpreting This Notice

Who are the wife and children? The research steps below are based on my first reading. Some steps can be done online, others need to be done in person, and a few could mean hiring someone to assist in the search.

Look at a map to determine where Decatur is in Illinois and in what county.

Check for the Carder surname in online databases for others working on this family. Do some of the research steps before contacting this person so you can communicate more effectively.

Check the 1880 census at Ancestry.com or at a library holding the microfilm version. Based on the "well-known" comment he is likely to have been a long-time resident. Earlier censuses will also need to be checked.

Check censuses for the brother and half-brothers to obtain the full names and more details on them.

Check for publications or a website that list Illinois newspaper holdings. Is there another newspaper in Decatur at that time? Possibly a notice in that one may give the names of the wife and children. It might

Free Software - Surname Suggestion List

Posted on October 12, 2007 *Legacy News*

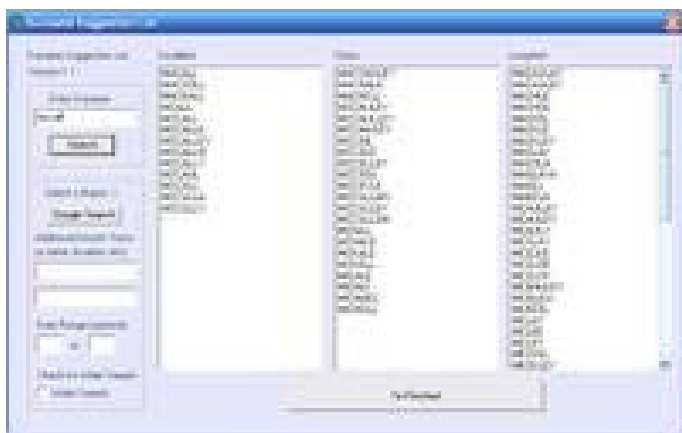
If you have ever searched for an ancestor in a database, or browsed a book's index for their surname, you need this free software.

Surname Suggestion List will generate a list of similar sounding surnames for any surname you are researching and potentially help you crush that brick wall.

Searching for a variety of similar sounding surnames, as well as similarly spelled surnames, is vitally important if you hope to find your ancestor. Have you ever searched for an ancestor in a database and the database returned no hits? It may be because you are only searching for the one surname that you are used to, or you have not thought of how the census taker may have interpreted and written the name.

For example, I recently looked for John **McCALL** in an index of a book. He was not there under that spelling. Had I stopped my search with the McCall spelling, I would still be stuck. Digging deeper, the index listed the same person, but with a variety of spellings: **MaCALL**, **McCAUL**, and **McHALE**.

If we are going to find our ancestors, we must develop creativity and imagination when trying to come up with variations for our ancestor's names. When we cannot think of all potential variations, a good resource to turn to is **Surname Suggestion List**. It is a very simple program - all you do is enter the surname and click search.



In this example, I entered the surname of McCall and it gave me dozens of other possibilities:

- MaCall
- Mackall
- Mcall
- McCalla
- McCaul
- McColl
- etc.

Many of these results are ones that I did not think of on my own. With this new information, I should probably go back to the many databases and indexes and search again.

You never know how a census taker, indexer, or even your own ancestor will spell their name. I strongly recommend downloading Matthew **COMB**'s free software:

<http://home.triad.rr.com/combsfamily/sslmain.html>.

1852 NEW YEAR

RESOLUTIONS SOLVE

GENEALOGICAL MYSTERIES.

It is New Year's Eve 1852 and Henry **HYDENWELL** sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions.

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church --either -in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every 10 years —just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?

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that's more people than ever lived on the face of the earth. Obviously, you have multiple lines of descent from many of these people.)

Everyone else has the same number of theoretical ancestors, including all the well-known personalities. If your ancestors have been in this country for 200 or 300 years and someone else's ancestors have done the same, there is a very strong likelihood that the two of you share at least a few ancestors. If you could trace your ancestry back a few thousand years, you'd probably find that you are related to everyone else on the face of the earth.

OK, so **CHENEY** and **OBAMA** are related. So are you and so am I. I'd bet that George W. **BUSH** is even related to Osama bin Laden if we could go back far enough in history. Ho-hum. Some reporter had a slow news day.

Now, do you think **CHENEY** and **OBAMA** will invite us to their family reunion?

Posted by Dick **EASTMAN** on October 18, 2007

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society

Spring Family History Seminar

8 March 2008



Dr. Stephen P. MORSE, PhD

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TOPICS:

One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools

The One-Step website started out as an aid for finding passengers in the Ellis Island database. Shortly afterwards it was expanded to help with searching in the 1930 census. Over the years it has continued to evolve and today includes over 100 web-based tools divided into twelve separate categories ranging from genealogical searches to astronomical calculations to last-minute bidding on e-bay. This presentation will describe the range of tools available and give the highlights of each one.

What Color Ellis Island Search Form should I use?

In April 2001 the Ellis Island ship manifests and passenger records went on-line. A few weeks later the One-Step Ellis Island website was created to make this resource easier to use. Since that time the One-Step site has been greatly expanded to include new search capabilities and an array of color-coded search forms.

This talk will describe the evolution of the website from both a historical and a practical perspective, and provide a beacon for navigating through this color maze.

Playing Hide and Seek in the US Census.

Even before the 1930 Census was unlocked on April Fool's Day 2002, researchers began wondering how they were going to locate people's records. The lack of indexes was going to present a real challenge.

Several solutions to this problem have since evolved. The One-Step Census website presents a street aid for finding records. A similar aid exists on the NARA website. And commercial websites have developed extensive indexes which are available for a fee.

The One-Step website has since been expanded to include 1910, 1920, and 1940 as well. This presentation describes and contrasts these various solutions of searching in these census years.

Deep Linking and Deeper Linking: How I get the most out of existing Search Applications

Deep linking provides a means of optimizing the information extracted from existing third-party websites in general, and from search applications in particular. Various means of deep linking are introduced such as URL editing, using search forms, and placing a man in the middle. These are the very techniques that are used by many of the tools on the One-Step website.

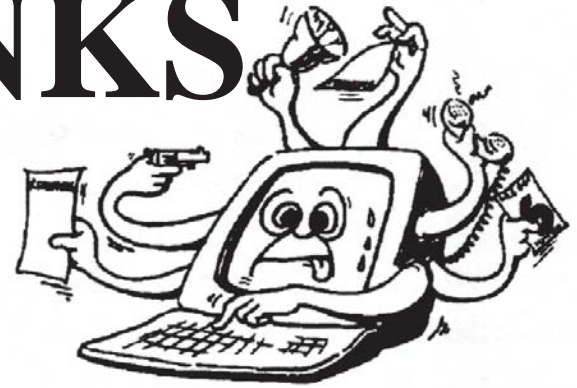
Then the tables are turned and methods of blocking others from deep linking to your website are described. The legalities of deep linking are also discussed.

The purpose is not to make you an expert at improving other people's websites. Rather it is to expose you to the techniques that were used on the One-Step website and give you a better appreciation for what is there and how to use it. As such, no knowledge of webpage programming is required. However, if you have such knowledge you will be able to apply the ideas presented here yourself.

WEB LINKS



HTTP://



Library and Archives Canada - Passenger Lists from 1865 - 1935

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/022-908.003-e.html>

The Government of Canada publishes some excellent information if you're trying to find your ancestors. One such website is run by Library and Archives Canada and contains information on how to access and search ship passenger lists from 1865 - 1935. Passenger lists were the official record of immigration in Canada during this period as there were no immigrant applications or files.

The lists will contain information such as name, age, place of origin, occupation, and destination. They are generally arranged by port and date of arrival. You can also search an online database from 1865 - 1922 at:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/passenger/001045-130-e.html>

Passenger Lists exist for the following ports of entry (as provided by Library and Archives Canada):

- Quebec City and Montreal (Quebec), 1865-1935;
- Halifax (Nova Scotia), 1881-1935;
- Saint John (New Brunswick), 1900-1935;
- North Sydney (Nova Scotia), 1906-1935 (these include mostly ferry arrivals from Newfoundland and St-Pierre-et-Miquelon, with a few passengers in transit from other countries);
- Vancouver (British Columbia), 1905-1935;
- Victoria (British Columbia), 1905-1935;
- via New York, 1906-1931; and other eastern United States ports, 1905-1928 (these lists include only the names of passengers who stated that they intended to proceed directly to Canada).

Some Research Tips for Using the Site (as provided by Library and Archives Canada):

- The lists recorded the names of all passengers regardless of their country of origin or nationality. This included visitors, students, returning Canadians and passengers in transit to the United States.
- Lists for the port of Quebec include passengers who disembarked at Montreal between 1865 and 1921. Those ports were closed during the winter months when the St. Lawrence River was frozen.
- Passengers from mainland Europe usually sailed to Great Britain, where they boarded trans-Atlantic ships at ports such as Liverpool, London and Glasgow.
- Some immigrants to Canada arrived at American ports. For example, many ships sailed directly from Italy to New York.
- Immigrants from Europe destined for western Canada landed at ports on the East Coast, then continued their journey by train. The names of train passengers were not recorded.
- Ships arriving on the West Coast carried passengers from Asia,

Australia and Honolulu.

Convicts to Australia - A guide to researching your convict Ancestors

<http://www.convictcentral.com>

This site provides some excellent history and information on convict immigration and Australia. You can search for information by ship. You can learn about the history of Australia. Convictcentral.com appears to be a must see for anyone looking for ancestors in Australia.

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

An online database run by the United States National Park Service that will allow you to search for ancestors who fought on either side in the American Civil War. The database contains over 6 million records. We found it a little slow to respond, but it is well worth the wait. Follow the "the system" links on the right side of the screen to begin your search.

The National Archives of Great Britain - Military History

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/militaryhistory/>

This site provides a guide into researching military history records in the United Kingdom. It provides several links to searchable databases. In most cases searches of the databases are free, although it appears this site does charge a nominal fee to download the documents. The good news is, you won't need to download anything unless you find something in your searches. This is a must see for any genealogist with ancestors in the British Military or anyone who is a military history buff.

Contact Sydney **CAGLE** - 396-4773 or SLC1934@COX.NET

Volunteers Welcomed

Call Sydney if you can volunteer some time.

THE HERITAGE ROOM

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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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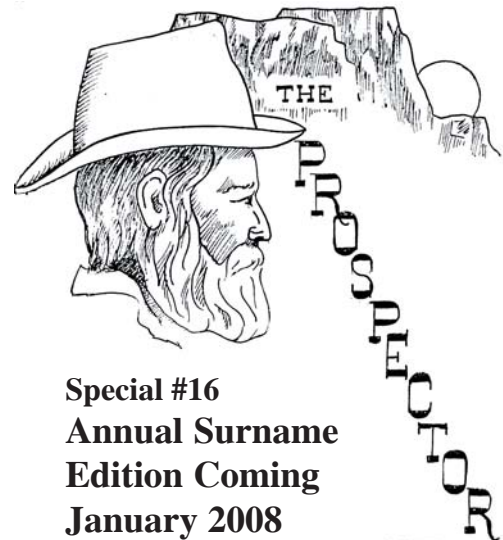
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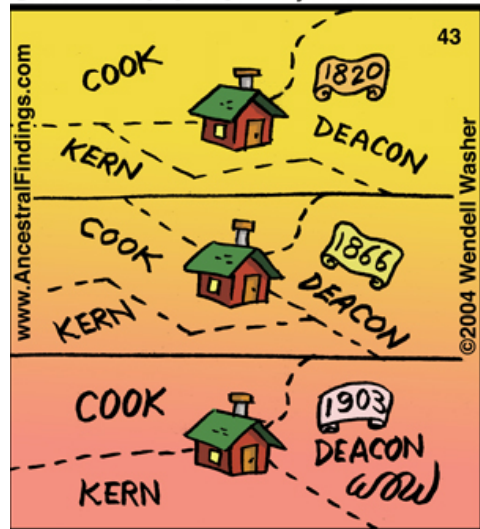
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but the counties did.

Local Family History Meetings / Events

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October

1 Monday

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6 Saturday

10:30 AM Nevada African American
Genealogy Society - West Las
Vegas Library (Darell WHITE 646-
9836)

13 Saturday

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

20 Saturday

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CCNGS MEET-
ING - Paseo Verde Library (Voice
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21 Sunday

1:00 PM Jewish Genealogical Society
of Southern Nevada
Sahara West Library (363-8230 or
JGSSN@YAHOO.COM)

November

3 Saturday

10:30 AM Nevada African American
Genealogy Society - Spring Valley
Library (Darell WHITE 646-9836)

8 Thursday

Pahrump Valley, Nevada Genealogical
Group (775-727-9680)

10 Saturday

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

11 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

17 Saturday

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CCNGS MEET-
ING - Paseo Verde Library (Voice
Mail 225-5838)

18 Sunday

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December

1 Saturday

10:30 AM Nevada African American
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Vegas Library (Darell WHITE 646-

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15 Saturday

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CCNGS MEET-
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16 Sunday

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January

5 Saturday

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Genealogy Society - Spring Valley
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February

2 Saturday

10:30 AM Nevada African American
Genealogy Society - West Las
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March

1 Saturday

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Genealogy Society - Spring Valley
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8 Saturday

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Amount Enclosed \$ _____ use another page if additional space is needed:
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Before returning this form to CCNGS, please complete your basic research using the information below to possibly solve your problem.

1. Research censuses for your ancestor at your local library, LDS Family History Center, genealogy or historical society ("**The Handy Book for Genealogists**," Everton Publishers, Logan, UT, lists addresses). Southern Nevada was a part of Utah or New Mexico Territories in 1850 & 1860; Lincoln County, NV, in 1870, 1880 & 1900; and Clark County, NV, in 1910 & 1920. (<http://NevadaCulture.org/docs/shpo/NVCENSUS>)
2. Obtain copies of vital & probate records directly from state and county agencies as follows. There is frequently a fee for searching as well as the fee for a copy of the record itself.

Birth Records (\$11.00 per copy, search fee when no record is found or year of birth is not known, \$4 per name) and **Death Records** (\$8 per copy, search fee when year of death is not known, \$5 per name):

- 1867-1909 - Lincoln County Recorder, P.O. Box 218, Pioche, NV 89043 (775) 962-5495.
- 1909-1911 - Clark County Recorder, P.O. Box 551510, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.) (702) 455-4336.
- After July 1911 - Nevada State Health Division, Section of Vital Statistics, 505 E. King St., Room 102, Carson City, NV 89710, (775) 687-4480. During the first 90 days after birth or death, obtain records from the Clark County Health District, Vital Records, P.O. Box 4426, Las Vegas, NV 89127 (702) 3831223. The Clark County Health District retains birth records for only 25 years; death records for only 20 years — only the Nevada State Health Division has earlier records.

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- 1873-1909 - Lincoln County Clerk, P.O. Box 90, Pioche, NV 89043 (775) 962-5390.
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- Before 1861 - Utah Territorial Courts (at the Nevada State Library & Archives, 101 South Fall St., Carson City, NV 89710).
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