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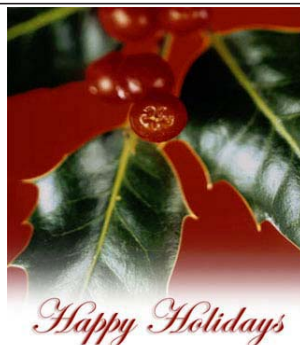
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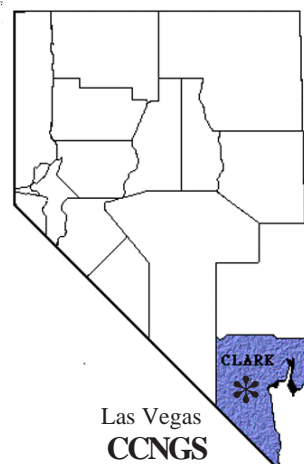
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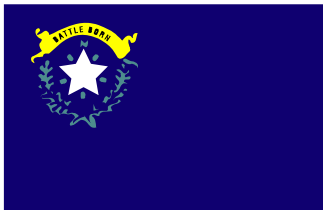
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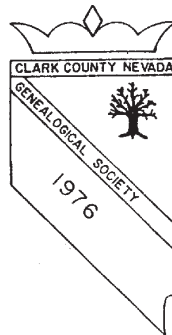
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CCNGS 2008 Meetings

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)

JANUARY 19

SHORT: DNA & THE CULLINGS - Barbara **CULLINGS**
LONG: ADD COLOR - NEWSPAPERS - Helen **SMITH**

FEBRUARY 16

SHORT: BRISTOL, ENGLAND - Mac **PURSEL**
LONG: FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS IN C.C. (TENTATIVE)

MARCH 15

SHORT: FUNERAL RECORDS - **SYZDEKs**
LONG: THE CORONER AND HIS RECORDS - Mike **MURPHY**

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LONG: WHY CHECK DEATH CAUSES - Margaret **LOUIS**

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(TENTATIVE)

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SHORT: INTERLIBRARY LOAN - Patricia - PVL STAFF
LONG: IRISH GENEALOGY - Kat **McMAHON**

AUGUST 16

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LONG: BIRTHDAY PARTY, ELECTION & INSTALLATION

OCTOBER 18

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LONG: DISCUSSION & BRICK WALLS

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SHORT: CORRESPONDENCE - Mac **PURSEL**
LONG: RESEARCHING ENGLAND - Trish **HARRIS**

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SHORT: SOURCING STANDARDS - John **FISCHER**
LONG: ADOPTION RESEARCH - Martha **REINHART**

SPECIAL LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

It's official. Due to budgetary constraints the Henderson Library Board announced that all Henderson Libraries will be **CLOSED ON SUNDAYS** beginning February 1st.

SPECIAL LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT



Catherine E. EDMONSON

Catherine Eleanor "Katy" **CASTO EDMONSON**, 85, died at 1:20 a.m. December 3, 2007, at Nathan Adelson Hospice Buffalo facility in Las Vegas, NV. She has been a Las Vegas resident since 1973.

Katy was born October 15, 1922 in Alluwe, Nowata County, Oklahoma, younger of the two children of Bert R. (1891-1974) and Maggie J. **BURRIS** (1896-1972) **CASTO**. Bert died in Las Vegas, where he lived with Katy after his wife's death; Maggie died in Tulsa; and Katy's brother Bert Roscoe **CASTO, Jr.** (1920-1944), died in Chicago. All three are buried in Nowata, OK.

After high school in Alluwe, OK, Katy attended Anderson University, Anderson, IN, from 1940 to 1943. She met and married her husband there. From 1943 to 1964, they lived numerous places during his Air Force years including Dayton and Columbus, OH; Fairbanks, AK; Laramie, WY; and Mountain Home, ID. She was active in Officers Wives Club, Red Cross Gray Lady and scouting activities during those years. After the Air Force years, she lived in San Bruno and Huntington Beach, CA, and Las Vegas.

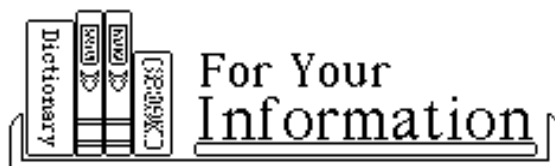
Katy was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Las Vegas; the Children's Service Guild of Southern Nevada; Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society (since Nov 1986); and Valley of Fire Chapter, NSDAR.

She is survived by her husband Richard W. **EDMONSON, Sr.** (they married December 28, 1943 in Anderson, IN); two children, Richard W. **EDMONSON, Jr.**, (wife Catherine **STANLEY EDMONSON**) of Huntington Beach, CA, and Robert R. **EDMONSON** (companion Virginia Rae **MACY**), of Fontana, CA; and son-in-law Charles E. **DAVIS**, of Bloomington, IN. Katy's daughter, Phyllis J. **EDMONSON DAVIS**, died in 2003 in Bloomington. Katy is survived by six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren - Richard W. **EDMONSON, III**, and wife Carissa **BEST EDMONSON** of Irvine, CA, children Julianne and Ricky, IV; Patricia **DOMARATIUS SMITH** and husband Thomas J. **SMITH** of Pembroke Pines, FL, children Lindsey, Emily and T.J.; Katherine **DOMARATIUS** of Bloomington, IN, children Krystal-Ann and Kenan; Cassandra **KNIGHT** of Bloomington, IN, child Nate **NORRIS**; Kerra **REDDING** of Apple Valley, CA, child Aurora **EDMONSON**; and Kelsey **EDMONSON TRAUB** of Las Vegas and husband Michael G. **TRAUB**, step-son Caine.

A Memorial service was held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 6151 West Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, 702-870-4747, on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 4:00 pm. Visitation at the church was held from 2:30-4:00 before service.

Inurnment will be at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd. Riverside, CA 92518, (909) 653-8417 on December 28, 2007, the 60th anniversary of Katy and Dick's marriage.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to Trinity UMC; the Children's Service Guild, 701 N. Pecos Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101, or the Library Fund, Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1929, Las Vegas, NV 89125-1929.



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.

GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY

Baltimore's Green Mount Cemetery is one of the oldest rural cemeteries in the United States. Dedicated in 1839, it is the final resting place of many famous Baltimoreans. Wayne SCHAUMBERG has given guided tours there for years. Whether or not you are familiar with Green Mount Cemetery, take a look at their new website:

www.greenmountcemetery.com.

Less than a month old, this website is filled with beautiful pictures, a list of some of the more famous people buried there, and facts about the location. There is even a Genealogy Request Form for inquiries. The Office at Green Mount asks that you carefully follow the instructions on the form and mail in your inquiries, so that they can better serve you. In addition to the website, Green Mount has redecorated the office. So, visit the website or if you are in town, visit the cemetery itself.

Dundee, Scotland

Genealogy Research is now Easier

Retracing a family's history has become easier in Dundee with the opening this week of a new research centre. The new Family History Centre, at the city's Central Library, brings together the services of the Dundee registrar's office, city archivist, the local history library and the burials administration section.

A spokesman for the local authority said: "More than a decade ago Dundee City Council was the first local authority in Scotland to introduce a family history service when the genealogy unit at the city's registrar's office established an informal partnership with the city archivist, the local history library and the burials administration section. Qualified staff from Dundee registrar's office will be available to offer advice and to undertake research, provide a family tree and a comprehensive report detailing each entry that is traced."

In most cases the registrar will be able to trace each branch of a family back to the late 17th century and issue authenticated certificates of any Scottish birth, death, civil partnership or marriage record.

You can read more at:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/tayside_and_central/7144461.stm.

SOURCE: Posted by Dick EASTMAN on December 15, 2007 (<http://blog.eogn.com>)

Govans Presbyterian Church Cemetery Records

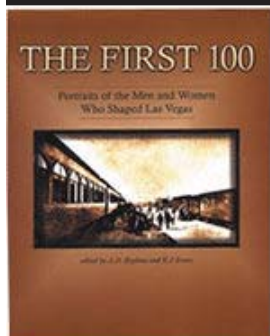
Lutherville, MD

A list of those interred in the Govans Presbyterian Church Cemetery is now online at www.govanspres.org.

The church has been in existence since about 1844, and the cemetery records online are the result of the efforts of many of the church members. The information includes not only the names of those interred, but also birth dates and relationships among family groupings.

Any questions, additions, or corrections to the data should be referred to:

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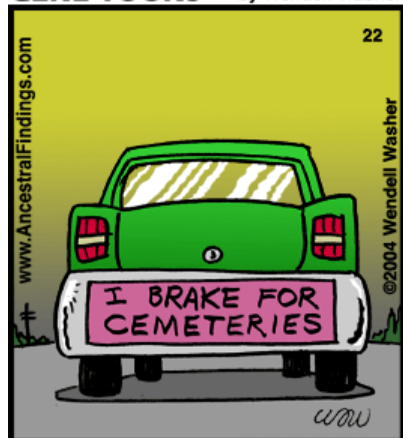


Las Vegas REVIEW-JOURNAL THE FIRST 100

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/>

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Genealogists on the road.

www.usgenweb.com:

Some USGENWEB sites are great. More added all the time. Look and see what they might have. Each county is different. I found gravestone pictures and obituaries for my g-grandfather's sister and her family in Clinton Co., Iowa.

Genealogical Tip:

Black Sheep Ancestors Page Helps Locate “Interesting” Records

By Amanda FORSON, WorldVitalRecords.com



Some subscribers to WorldVitalRecords.com have questions concerning ancestors with criminal pasts. While we cannot claim to know everything about the court system, (searching state, county, and local level court records are a good place to look for information of this manner) we can recommend a site that puts degrees of intrigue and interest into anyone’s family history if records are found on the site.

BlacksheepAncestors.com is an interesting, if not darkly entertaining, site devoted to celebrating the ancestors that many families either do not know about or want to forget. The “do not know about” clause comes from how many families, at the time of the event(s), do not tell children about particular relatives or else only mention them in passing in such a manner as the family members know not to ask about them. Some relatives become forgotten in this manner, but the story is there to be found.

Information categories on the site include United States, Canadian, and UK records, along with International (pirates and buccaneers). For the United States, searches include prison and convicts, outlaw and criminals, court, executions, and insane asylum searches. For Canada, there are prisons and convicts, biographical black sheep ancestors search, court and execution records. The UK also has similar records.

Biographies on the site include the very famous and a few lesser known criminals, privateers, etc. including but not limited to: Blackbeard, Captain William Kid, Capt. Barbossa (the real story, better than Pirates of the Caribbean), Al **CAPONE**, Billy the Kid, Butch **CASSIDY** and the Sundance Kid (again, the real stories), The Black Donnelly’s, Sir Francis **DRAKE**, Anne **BONNEY**, Mary **REED**, Captain Benito **de SOTO**, Jack the Ripper, etc.

While unable to find any particular records on personal ancestors, it is certain that looking on this site should bring interesting reading and results whether inclusive or not of personal ancestry.

HINT: Search the first names of a couple if you are not pulling them up by the Surname. Example: “George F. and Maria” instead of “George F. **JONES**”.

2007 in Review

by Dick EASTMAN

I have been watching the genealogy business for more than twenty years now and must say that I am always fascinated by what goes on. Every year has been interesting, and the year 2007 certainly has been no exception. In the last newsletter of 2007, it seems like an ideal time to look at the last year.

In 2007, new companies have appeared, some old ones disappeared and one or two companies swallowed up others. Products have likewise appeared and disappeared.

Of course, the march forward in technology continues unabated. Hardware keeps getting smaller and faster while software continues to do more and more. Genealogists now easily carry their databases in their pockets, complete with all text notes, citations, pictures, and even video files. High speed wireless networking is now practical and affordable. In fact, wide-area wireless network connections from nearby cell phone towers are now available at roughly the same price as standard (wired) broadband connections.

The genealogist is no longer tied to a computer or typewriter or filing cabinet or even 3-ring binders. Indeed, the computer and its many accompanying pieces of hardware have evolved into tools that allow the genealogist to accomplish tasks at any convenient time, wherever he or she might be located.

This week I spent some time reviewing the past 52 issues of this newsletter, looking at the various articles and also trying to identify any trends. It was an interesting experience. Indeed, I am convinced that 2007 was a very good year for genealogists.

New Records and Repositories

Several major new resources for genealogists appeared in 2007, proving that we have more and better sources of information than ever before:

The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was rebuilt and greatly expanded. As the largest publicly owned and operated genealogy library in the United States, this library attracts thousands of visitors every year. The library continues to expand its holdings rapidly.

The Mid-Continent Public Library’s Genealogy and Local History Branch in Independence, Missouri, is a world-class genealogy center. It attracts genealogists from all over the country. However, the Genealogy and Local History Branch has outgrown the available room, and a new \$8 million building is now under construction. The new building is now scheduled to open in May 2008.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) for the first time has opened all of the individual Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Forces, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard military personnel who served and were discharged, retired, or died while in the service prior to 1946.

Online Databases

Online resources expanded even faster than the libraries and archives. For instance, here are a few that pop to mind:

Footnote.com launched in January of 2007 and soon established itself as one of the largest online resources of

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Clues in Obituaries: Research Steps

Ancestry Daily News Staff Writer – 3/16/2006

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 be beneficial to read Decatur newspapers for local news tidbits that may mention the family or his illness during the ten weeks he was confined to his home.

Check for records of both his marriages. Try to find the current wife's first marriage. (This would be especially important if you were

connected via that marriage.) I know that some Illinois marriage records have great family detail.

Check for cemetery information in publications or online. Decatur was not the smallest of towns so the possible cemetery may have to be narrowed down. Check for John and all the other people listed in the notice.

Figure out the church served by Reverend **GAY** and check for marriage, burial, christening records for the names. A county history or a newspaper might be a good start--or are there city directories for Decatur in that time period?

Based on John's death age, he would have been of an age for Civil War service. Start with the possibility of Union Service. Request the complete service and pension records from the National Archives. Census records will help determine if he lived in the South or North at that time.

Check for a Macon County probate record for John, his late brother, and for any **RACEs** and **CARDERS**.

Check for these names in a Macon County history and check for published **CARDER** family histories.

Once given names of his siblings are determined, check for them in all these records.

Is there a historical society or genealogical society in Decatur that has family or vertical files, or cemetery indexes listing any of these people? Later read the back issues of their publications for other possible details.

Is there an online discussion list for the **CARDER** or **RACE** surnames? Post a query and search for queries from other researchers.

The Research

Next I did some quick online searches for the **CARDER** name in Decatur city and Macon County. Here is what I found:

The 1880 census did not show a John **CARDER** in Decatur or the county. I did some creative searching and found John and Nancy **CARDEN** with daughters Fannie, Carrie E., and Josie E. 1870 produced a Melvina **CARDER** with five children, but not a John. Doing a search for just the surname **CARDER** in Macon County with a keyword of Decatur produced a James C. **CARDER**. (J.C. **CARDER**?). Need to rule all of these in or out.

At Ancestry.com, other newspaper possibilities for John **CARDER** popped up. One was in 1888 and talked about Mrs. John **CARDER** (no given name for her). In 1893, another newspaper mentioned a Miss Josephine **CARDER**.

(Josie E.?)

The Decatur Daily Republican of 30 October 1878 told of a wedding at the country residence of Mrs. John **CARDER**, a sister of the bride. The story listed people who attended the wedding. More folks to research.

OneWorldTree gave me info on a Nancy **PARK** who married a Charles **KNAPP**, and on 15 December 1879, in Macon County, married John **CARDER**. She had a daughter named Josie by John.

Online searching for James C. **CARDER** in Macon County yielded

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LIBRARIES

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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 Software User Manuals, Video and CD Tutorials, Guide books and Handbooks that explain the use of different genealogy software will be needed.

Software 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 with a volunteer.

VISIT THE HERITAGE ROOM

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

REGISTER ONLINE FOR 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

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MILLS, Elizabeth Shawn, **Evidence Explained - Citing History Sources From Artifacts**

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The 1920 Federal Population Census: A Catalog of the National Archives Microfilm 1991

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CLARK Family Notes and Letters ("Surnames")

COSTELLO, Michael - Obituary ("Surnames")

INDURANTE, Bennett Louis - Obituary and Tribute Folder ("Surnames")

Were Your Ancestors Front-Page News ("Newspapers")

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A Catalog of Sources

Tracing Your immigrant Ancestors

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Wall Clock for the Heritage Room

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Periodicals:

Journal of the Lancaster Co. Historical Society 1987-2007

Journal of Washington Co. Historical Society Flash Back 1995-2006

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WASASTIJERNA, Hans R., **History of the Finns in Minnesota** (Index of names and pictures)

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1790 Duplin County, North Carolina Census

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FRENCH DESENDANTS CAN CHECK ANCESTRY ONLINE

By Jonathan **MONTPETIT**, The Canadian Press (April 2007)
reprinted in: *Les Nouvelles De La Famille Doucet*, November 2007

MONTREAL. French-Canadians across North America will be able to use the Internet to trace their family roots back to the towns and parishes where their ancestors first settled.

A deal between family history website *Ancestry.com* and the Universite de Montreal will see a giant archive of French-Canadian family histories indexed and made available on the net.

"In the past, family history was for people who liked to go to the library and scan through microfilm," says Mike **WARD**, of Ancestry.ca, the Canadian branch of Utah-based Ancestry.com.

"Now, at the click of a mouse, you can find those stories about where you came from and what your family was doing a hundred years ago," **WARD** said.

However, until recently little information about French-Canadian families was available online. Ancestry.ca aims to plug that gap by putting the **DROUIN** Collection on its website.

Created in the 1930s by Quebec entrepreneur Gabriel **DROUIN**, the collection contains nearly 12 million records from 1621 to the 1940s, tracing French-Canadians from Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and various New England states.

"I doubt there is anywhere in the world where you have such a coverage of an entire population for such an extended amount of time," said Bertrand **DESJARDINS**, a senior researcher at the University de Montreal.

Demand for genealogical information has increased in recent years as more and more archives get digitized and become available on the Internet.

By providing images of primary documents along with an easy-to-use interface, Ancestry.ca's index of the **DROUIN** Collection is sure to appeal to both professional and amateur genealogists.

But **DESJARDINS** said greater accessibility to the collection holds a particular appeal to certain families.

"Genealogy has always been particularly popular in French Canada," he said. "In the Canadian context, where you are always a minority, there is this normal wish to link into one's past."

Vancouver resident Linda **MAITLAND** is among those amateur genealogists who welcome the **DROUIN** Collection's new found availability.

MAITLAND, who runs a group of like-minded genealogists called the Quebec Questers, called the deal a "big event" for the genealogical community.

"Every bit of information... is so helpful to continue genealogical research," said **MAITLAND** a Montreal native who moved in 1978.

MAITLAND subscribed to *Ancestry.ca* soon after she heard about

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The Library Problem

Genealogists love to collect books. I have a few hundred books here, and I am told that many genealogists have ten times that number or more. Being somewhat organizationally challenged, my books are scattered around my computer room, the living room, the garage, and the basement. I think there may even be a few in the trunk of my car at the moment. I wouldn't be surprised if your books were dispersed in a similar manner.

Of course, there are challenges with keeping and organizing that many volumes. After all, that's a lot of shelf space, and bookcases aren't cheap. For me, the real difficulty is answering the question, "Now where did I put that book?"

There are many possible solutions. Some possible solutions even include the Dewey Decimal System or the Library of Congress classifications (LCC). Would it make sense to use either of those in a home library?

Zack and Mary **GROSSBART** are not genealogists, but they had amassed a sizable book collection of more than 3,500 volumes. They often had difficulty finding a book when they wanted it. Sometimes they couldn't even remember if they HAD a book; so, they would purchase a copy, only to discover later that they already had a copy in their collection.

Zack and Mary found a cheap source of bookcases and started cataloging and filing their books in a manner that minimizes the labor involved. That's not to say there was no manual labor at all; I am sure they spent quite a bit of time handling books. However, Zack found a method of automatically numbering and sorting almost all the books. He used an inexpensive library card catalog program to simplify the task and then added a handheld scanner to simplify the tasks still further.

The result was fewer hours labor than what would have been required otherwise. They also can look instantly on a computer or even on their handheld computers to quickly find any book in their collection, searching by title, author, topic or other parameters.

You can read Zack **GROSSBART**'s description of the process that he and Mary used on his blog at

<http://zgrossbart.blogspot.com/2007/11/library-problem.html>.

It makes for interesting reading, especially for those of us who are "organizationally challenged."

Source: Posted by Dick **EASTMAN** on December 12, 2007 ("Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter") <http://www.eogn.com>.

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QUERIES



BIHSON / BISSON, FISCHER

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Johann **BIHSON / BISSON**; b. 1841 in Rheinland-Pfalz, Ger.; m. Eva **FISCHER**, b. June 28, 1849 in Hördt, Germersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Ger. on June 1, 1871 in Bellheim, Germersheim, Ger. Eva **FISCHER** had a bro. Valentin **FISCHER** in Erie, PA and a sister Philippina **FISCHER** in Hördt, Germersheim, Ger. 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 Mountandale, 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.

John G. **FISCHER**, 4532 Wisconsin Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104-5515; 702-457-0486; lucky1570@cox.net

BOOKER, CARROLL

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

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

BRUGGER, HEID, SCHWAB, VEIT, WESCHLER,

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Simon **HEID** b. Oct 16, 1845 in Neupotz, Germersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Ger.; 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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DIERKES

Looking for info on Maria Charlotta **DIERKES** who emigrated from Eissen, Ger. Her parents: Bernard Joseph **DIERKES** and Maria Gertrud.

Margaret **LOUIS** 2479 Walsh Glen Ct., Henderson, NV 89052, margaret.louis@unlv.edu

DISSE, SCHULZE

Looking for info (b, m) for Anna Maria **DISSE** who immigrated from Westphalei area of Ger. abt 1854. She came with husband Johannes F **SCHULZE** and daughters Maria Anna and Helena. Margaret **LOUIS** 2479 Walsh Glen Ct., Henderson, NV 89052, margaret.louis@unlv.edu

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.

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

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.

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GERHLEIN, HEINTZ, MERZ, VEIT

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Lawrence F. **GERHLEIN** b. Nov 22, 1807 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, Ger., 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, Ger.. 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, ROBINSON

Looking for info on parents and siblings of Joseph R **KENNARD** b. May 1822, d. 1913; m. 1852 Anne(ie) **ROBINSON** in Baltimore, MD. Joseph was a farmer from 1860-1900 in Queen Anne's Co, MD. Robert **KENNARD** Jr. 6504 White Swan Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89108-1812; Fax: (702) 258-4099; RKennardLV@COX.NET

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**.

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

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, Zigmund, Mary,

Antoinette, Helen, Ted, Adele, John, Arthur and Norman of Detroit, Wayne Co, MI. John visited relatives in NJ early 1950's after d. of wife.

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

SCHMIDT, SIEBERT

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

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 Hufte, 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.

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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

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its plans for the **DROUIN** archive in an attempt to fill in some lingering blanks in her family tree, which she has traced back to Abraham **MARTIN**, who once owned the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City.

The French lost control of New France to the British in 1759 at the Plains of Abraham.

The Universite de Montreal will get \$40,000 a year over the next five years in exchange for its expertise inter-pretng the collection's documents.

DESJARDINs says indexing the collection, a process that should be finished by the end of the year, was too expensive for the university to do alone.

When finished, the online index will provide a valuable tool to researchers studying early Quebec history.

Gardening Your Roots: A Genealogy Series

These classes are scheduled for 2008.

For Library Events, be guaranteed a seat by calling 492-6593 or by registering at the Reference Desk

Spring Family History Seminar

March 8, 2008 (Saturday)

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Henderson Convention Center

Dr. Stephen P. **MORSE**, PhD

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nvccngs/ccngs@cox.net>

The Merge of Heraldry and Genealogy

March 17, 2008 (Monday)

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Paseo Verde Library, Conference Room

Jim **GAGLIANO**

Beginning Genealogy - A series of 2 classes

March 24 & March 25, 2008 (Monday & Tuesday)

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Paseo Verde Library, Conference Room

Helen **SMITH**

Researching Military Records for Genealogist

March 29, 2008 (Saturday)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Paseo Verde Library, Conference Room

Mary **BARKAN**

More Than Free White Males: Getting the Most from Pre-1850

Census Records

April 9, 2008 (Wednesday)

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Paseo Verde Library, Conference Room

Stefani **EVANS**

Computer Class on Newsgroups and Message Boards for the Genealogists

April 10, 2008 (Thursday)

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Paseo Verde Library, Computer Training Room

Ron **HUGHES**

Computers and Genealogy

April 23, 2008 (Wednesday)

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Paseo Verde Library, Computer Training Room

Ron **HUGHES**

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several details, including that he was born in Ohio.

The USGenWeb for Macon County includes an index for an 1880 History of Macon County, Illinois.

CARDER, John, Decatur, Sec. 8, Farmer & Stock Raiser, Frank. Co. OH, 1863 and **PARK**, Nancy J., Decatur, Sec 8, Wife of John **CARDER**, Morgan Co, 1867.

John was born in Franklin County, Ohio, came to Macon County in 1863 and Nancy was born in Morgan Co. Illinois, came to Macon County in 1863.

Using a search engine I typed **CARDER** Macon County and was linked to a site for Sangamon County, Illinois with a biography of John **PARK**, whose daughter Nancy married Charles **KNAPP** and, after his death, John **CARDER**. They had one child, Josie E. This **PARK** entry has wonderful geographic references such as County Antrim, Ireland and a maiden name of **MAYBEN** for **PARK**'s wife. So many clues! What happened to the first spouse of John? Did she die, was there a divorce?

The Family History Library Catalog lists many items for Macon County and also family histories related to the name **CARDER**.

The Next Steps

Because our minds work differently, some of you probably came up with other first steps. You'll just have to add to the research plan as you check the above sources and the many more possibilities. Not all families will have so many quick links, but these steps relate to research planning on other families.

"Almost" Final Words

You may have read the exciting announcement about the new Ancestry Weekly Journal and the 24-7 Family History Circle forum online.

As the transition nears, this is my last column in Ancestry Daily News. You can read my columns from the last 2 1/2 years in the *Ancestry.com* Library.

BUT, you don't get rid of me or the wonderful help we have all received from others in this electronic newsletter--watch for us in these new formats.

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Paula is unable to answer individual genealogical research inquiries due to the volume of requests received.

From time to time comments from readers may be quoted in my writings. I will not use your name but may use your place of residence (i.e. St. Paul, MN).



Genealogical Tip: Writing a Genealogically Relevant Obituary

By Amanda **FORSON**, *WorldVitalRecords.com*

Obituaries are hit-or-miss when dealing with relative's records, but eventually relatives will all need one as modern papers have columns devoted specifically to them, even in small towns.

Usually included within an obituary in a semi-prioritized order:

- 1. Name:** The full name is preferred for both women and men. For women, the maiden name should be put in parenthesis. If the person was known by a nickname, including this information in quotes is often acceptable.
- 2. Death date, place, and (as wanted) how died.**
- 3. Birth Date and Place:** If possible, include the full month and town, county, and state, especially if the deceased was born in another state or country. Especially if the deceased was born in another country, find out the town, parish, count, district, province, or any other geographically-relevant information.
- 4. Parents** (with maiden name in parenthesis) are always appreciated. If the person was adopted and the descendents do not mind, include adoptive parents. When there are step-parents, include the names of both biological and step-parents.
- 5. Focus on life highlights** that were important to the individual. Usually political affiliations are only included if the person was prominent in the party. Service or religious affiliations are included as the person may or may not be holding the funeral services at a religiously-affiliated building. Occupations, military service, fraternal or sororal organizations, clubs, or other life-items of note would be fine here also.
- 6. Include all children**, living and deceased including first names and to whom they are married when daughters are listed. Finding daughters is one of the hardest things to do in genealogical research and including husbands' names in parenthesis makes for a very genealogically-useful obituary.
- 7. Include all grandchildren** when possible, though depending upon the space and amount. Their spouses do not have to be mentioned unless it is the desire of the family. Usually for women, simply having the different last name should indicate. Divorced partners (specifically the former relative who is no longer related) only need inclusion at the request of the family. Great grandchildren are usually only numbered if included, due to space.

Note: *If being less specific, non-inclusion of grandchildren is acceptable when including locations of relatives. Generally speaking, putting in family information is preferable when possible. Space and cost limitations will reign in the size of the obituary. When dealing with a paper that has plenty of space, including a picture is a nice touch and helpful. The less information that is available or possible for entry, the more the vital information for that particular person is critical.*

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Ancestors of William LLOYD Albert PURSEL

Generation No. 1

1. William LLOYD Albert **PURSEL**, born 24 Jul 1925 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA.. He was the son of John William **PURSEL** Jr and Helen Magdalene **FRY**. He married (1) Jeanne Marie **PETTIT** 10 Aug 1951 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. He married (2) Mabel Maxine **SALISBURY** 12 Apr 1957 in Goldfield, Esmeralda, NV. She was born 21 Aug 1931 in Gauley Bridge, Fayette Co., WV. She was the daughter of Estell Loney **SALISBURY** and Vesta **MULLINS**.

Generation No. 2

2. John William **PURSEL** Jr, born 23 Jun 1886 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co. IA; died 18 Dec 1980 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. He was the son of John William **PURSEL** Sr and Ida Louella **KOCHER**. He married 3. Helen Magdalene **FRY** 1 Dec 1920 in Des Moines, Polk Co. IA.
3. Helen Magdalene **FRY**, born 5 Oct 1900 in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; died 10 May 1978 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV. She was the daughter of Harry **FRY** and Mary Ellen **CRIMMONS**.

Children of John **PURSEL** Jr and Helen **FRY** are:

- i. Jack Jay **PURSEL**, born 14 Sep 1921 in Des Moines, Polk Co. IA; married June Bernice **HUNTINGTON** 27 Aug 1942 in Rosewell, NM; born 08 Jul 1921 in Logan, Cache Co,UT; died 13 Oct 2000 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV.
- ii. Jeanne Louise **PURSEL**, born 7 Aug 1923; married Henry Lewis **CHRETIAN** May 1942; born 13 Oct 1915 in Heber Springs, Cleburn Co. AR.
- 1 iii. William LLOYD Albert **PURSEL**, born 24 Jul 1925 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married (1) Jeanne Marie **PETTIT** 10 Aug 1951 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV; married (2) Mabel Maxine **SALISBURY** 12 Apr 1957 in Goldfield, Esmeralda Co., NV.
- iv. Richard Edwin Earl **PURSEL**, born 24 Jul 1925 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co. IA; married (1) Peggy **ROUSH**; married (2) Anne Deane **BURLINGAME** 4 Aug 1956 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV; born 5 May 1936.
- v. Thomas Lynn **PURSEL**, born 13 Jan 1927 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co. IA; married (1) Barbara **SMITH**; married (2) Joan Marie **HARRINGTON** 26 Sep 1959 in Butte, MT; born 8 Nov 1930.

Generation No. 3

4. John William **PURSEL** Sr, born 13 Aug 1863 in Iowa City, IA; died 10 Feb 1931 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. He was the son of Thomas **PURSEL** and Agnes **ANDREWS**. He married Ida Louella **KOCHER** 22 May 1882 in Hambel Farm, Marshall Co., IA.
5. Ida Louella **KOCHER**, born 28 Oct 1864 in IL; died 31 Dec 1900 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. She was the daughter of Nelson Henry **KOCHER** and Catherine **UNANGST**.

Children of John Sr and Ida **KOCHER** are:

- i. Edgar Nelson **PURSEL** born 10 May 1884 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA.
 - 2 ii. John William **PURSEL** Jr, born 23 Jun 1886 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; died 18 Dec 1980 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV; married (1) Anna C. **ROADHOUSE** 16 Oct 1912 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married (2) Helen Magdalene **FRY** 1 Dec 1920 in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA.
 - iii. Erwin Orwin **PURSEL** born 24 Feb 1888 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; died 12 Oct 1918 in Shelby, MS; married Hazel Taylor **BROWN**; born Abt. 1888.
 - iv. Myron Guy **PURSEL** born 1 Apr 1893 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; died 17 Jun 1986 in Grantsburg, Burnett Co., WI; married (1) Florence **PATTON** 12 Feb 1920 in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; born 30 Jun 1893; died 03 Jun 1978 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married (2) Mabel **RUMBEL** 2 Feb 1938 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV.
 - v. Harry Harper **PURSEL** born 29 Dec 1895 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; died 2 Jan 1974 in Ridgecrest, CA; married (1) Margaret **PAISLEY** in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; born Abt. 1899; married (2) Coletta M **SCHLOESSLIN** 1 Jun 1929 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV; died 1 Jun 1991 in Bremerton, WA.
 - vi. Catherine Agnes **PURSEL**, born 28 Dec 1897.
6. Harry **FRY** born 12 Jan 1874 in Memphis, Scotland Co., MO; died 17 Sep 1955 in Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co., IA. He was

the son of Thomas A. **FRYE** and Mary V. **HARLE**. He married Mary Ellen **CRIMMONS**.

7. Mary Ellen **CRIMMONS**, born 10 Feb 1876 in Eldon, IA; died 10 Sep 1936 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. She was the daughter of Patrick **CRIMMONS** and Anna **CRAMER**.

Children of Harry **FRY** and Mary **CRIMMONS** are:

- i. Gladys Marie **FRY**, born 27 Mar 1897 in Eddyville, Wapello Co., IA; died 14 Feb 1918 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married Charles W. **LAGE** 6 Jun 1915; born 19 May 1892 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; died 6 Mar 1947.
- ii. Harry Bernard **FRY**, born 15 Sep 1898 in Eddyville, Wapello Co., IA; died 15 Oct 1953 in Duluth, St. Louis Co., MN; married Rea Mildred **SOLINGER**.
- 3 iii. Helen Magdalene **FRY**, born 5 Oct 1900 in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; died 10 May 1978 in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV; married John William **PURSEL** Jr 1 Dec 1920 in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA.
- iv. Katherine Louise **FRY**, born 11 Jun 1908; married Charles **GILFILLAN** 11 Jun 1935 in Rock Island Co., IL.

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8. Thomas **PURSEL**, born Abt. 1815 in OH; died 22 Sep 1886 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. He married Agnes **ANDREWS**.

9. Agnes **ANDREWS**, born Abt. 1828 in OH; died 18 Jul 1895 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA.

Children of Thomas **PURSEL** and Agnes **ANDREWS** are:

- i. Dora **PURSEL**
 - ii. Harriet **PURSEL**, born 16 Jul 1849 in Mansfield, OH; died 1 Dec 1935; married (1) W.H. **HORSLEY** 1893 in Milwaukee, WI; died 1916; married (2) William **WHEELOCK** 8 Mar 1924 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA.
 - iii. Samuel F **PURSEL**, born 17 Apr 1857 in Oxford, IA; died 5 Feb 1943 in Monroe, MO; married Jennie S. **FULLER** 22 May 1886 in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; died 1 Mar 1900.
 - iv. Susan Virginia **PURSEL**, born 7 Nov 1859.
 - 4 v. John William **PURSEL** Sr, born 13 Aug 1863 in Iowa City, IA; died 10 Feb 1931 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married (1) Emma Ann **WATERS**; married (2) Ida Louella **KOCHER** 22 May 1882 in Hambel Farm, Marshall Co., IA.
 - vi. James D. **PURSEL**, born 4 Dec 1869 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; died Abt. 24 Jul 1954 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married Julie; born Abt. 1874 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA.
10. Nelson Henry **KOCHER**, born 13 Jan 1837 in Easton, Northampton Co., PA; died 16 May 1925 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. He was the son of Joseph **KOCHER** and Elizabeth. He married Catherine **UNANGST** 8 Jan 1860 in Easton, Northampton Co., PA.
11. Catherine **UNANGST**, born 28 Aug 1835 in Easton, Northampton Co., PA; died 15 Apr 1924 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. She was the daughter of John **UNANGST** and Sarah.

Children of Nelson **KOCHER** and Catherine **UNANGST** are:

- i. Ellen Amanda **KOCHER**, born 4 Jun 1860.
 - 5 ii. Ida Louella **KOCHER**, born 28 Oct 1864 in IL; died 31 Dec 1900 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married John William **PURSEL** Sr 22 May 1882 in Hambel Farm, Marshall Co., IA.
12. Thomas A. **FRYE**, born Abt. 1851 in Steubenville, OH; died 5 Feb 1916 in Oskaloosa, IA. He was the son of Isaac **FRYE** and Charlotte **ROACH**. He married Mary V **HARLE**.
13. Mary V **HARLE**, born Abt. 1845 in OH; died 13 Jul 1928 in Mahaska, IA. She was the daughter of William **HARLE** and Eliza **VEAL**.

Children of Thomas **FRYE** and Mary **HARLE** are:

- 6 i. Harry **FRY**, born 12 Jan 1874 in Memphis, Scotland Co. MO; died 17 Sep 1955 in Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co., IA; married (1) Mary Ellen **CRIMMONS**; married (2) Elizabeth "Libby" Bridget **CONLEY**; married (3) Josephine **SCHMIDT**.
 - ii. Loretta **FRY**
 - iii. J.B **FRY**
14. Patrick **CRIMMONS**, born 17 Mar 1832 in Ireland; died 2 Jul 1910 in Ottumwa, IA. He married Anna **CRAMER** 30 Jun 1873 in Keokuk, IA.
15. Anna **CRAMER**, born 21 Nov 1850 in Sedolsky, Bohemia; died 7 Nov 1944 in Molene, IL. She was the daughter of Frank **CRAMER** and Anna.

Children of Patrick **CRIMMONS** and Anna **CRAMER** are:

- 7 i. Mary Ellen **CRIMMONS**, born 10 Feb 1876 in Eldon, IA; died 10 Sep 1936 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married (1) Harry **FRY**; married (2) Edwin N **ALBERT** 1915 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA.
- ii. Bertha **CRIMMONS**, born Sep 1877; married Oscar **OLSEN** 25 Jul 1900 in Wapello Co., IA.
- iii. Frank James **CRIMMONS**, born 8 Sep 1874 in Keokuk, IA/Keokuk, Lee Co., IA; died 13 Jul 1963;

- married Catherine Lor **MULDOON** 25 Sep 1901 in Wapello Co., IA; born 13 Jan 1880 in Ottuwma, IA; died 23 Dec 1950.
- iv. Hugh Michael **CRIMMONS**, born 28 Nov 1890; died Feb 1966 in Enid, Garfield Co., OK.
- v. Catherine **CRIMMONS**, born May 1893; married (1) Les **MORRELL**; married (2) James Charles **DIETCH** 16 Feb 1914 in Wapello Co., IA.
- vi. Anna Cecilia **CRIMMONS**, married Harley G. **BANE** 5 Oct 1902 in Ottuwma, Wapello Co., IA; born Abt. 1880 in Trenton, MO.
- vii. Josephine **CRIMMONS**

Generation No. 5

20. Joseph **KOCHER**, born Abt. 1811 in Saxony, PA. He married Elizabeth.

21. Elizabeth, born Abt. 1818 in Pa.

Children of Joseph **KOCHER** and Elizabeth are:

- 10 i. Nelson Henry **KOCHER**, born 13 Jan 1837 in Easton, Northampton Co., PA; died 16 May 1925 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married Catherine **UNANGST** 8 Jan 1860 in Easton, Northampton Co., PA.
- ii. John **KOCHER**, born Abt. 1842.
- iii. Charles **KOCHER**, born Abt. 1844.
- iv. Nancy **KOCHER**, born Abt. 1844.
- v. Darius **KOCHER**, born Abt. 1850.
- vi. George **KOCHER**, born Abt. 1855.
- vii. Diane **KOCHER**, born Abt. 1856.
- viii. Mary **KOCHER**, born Abt. 1858.

22. John **UNANGST** He married 23. Sarah.

23. Sarah

Child of John **UNANGST** and Sarah is:

- 11 i. Catherine **UNANGST**, born 28 Aug 1835 in Easton, Northampton Co., PA; died 15 Apr 1924 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA; married Nelson Henry **KOCHER** 8 Jan 1860 in Easton, Northampton Co., PA.

24. Isaac **FRYE**, born 28 Jun 1813 in Washington Co. PA. He married Charlotte **ROACH** 23 Mar 1832.

25. Charlotte **ROACH**, born 8 Jan 1822 in Jefferson Co., OH; died 22 Apr 1902 in Keosauqua, IA.

Children of Isaac **FRYE** and Charlotte **ROACH** are:

- 12 i. Thomas A. **FRYE**, born Abt. 1851 in Steubenville, OH; died 5 Feb 1916 in Oskaloosa, IA; married Mary V. **HARLE**.
- ii. Johnson F. **FRYE**
- iii. Wm H. **FRYE**
- iv. Sarah A. **FRYE**
- v. Margaret L. **FRYE**
- vi. Cassius M.O **FRYE**
- vii. John C. F. **FRYE**
- viii. Abraham L. **FRYE**
- ix. James L. **FRYE**, died 30 Sep 1866 in Potosi, MO.
- x. Harry H. **FRYE**

26. William **HARLE**, born in VA. He married Eliza **VEAL**.

27. Eliza **VEAL**, born in VA.

Child of William **HARLE** and Eliza **VEAL** is:

- 13 i. Mary V. **HARLE**, born Abt. 1845 in Ohio; died 13 Jul 1928 in Mahaska Iowa; married Thomas A. **FRYE**.

30. Frank **CRAMER** He married 31. Anna.

31. Anna

Child of Frank **CRAMER** and Anna is:

- 15 i. Anna **CRAMER**, born 21 Nov 1850 in Sedolsky, Bohemia; died 7 Nov 1944 in Molene, IL; married Patrick **CRIMMONS** 30 Jun 1873 in Keokuk, IA.

Three Genealogical Exercises

by George G. MORGAN

There are lots of skills associated with genealogical research. Some of these include locating evidence, analyzing it, translating language, reading old handwriting, understanding archaic words, and most of all reading between the lines to locate informational sources that can further your research.

There are three exercises that I use for honing my research skills, and they have nothing to do with my personal genealogical research. However, they contribute to my skills, make me look outside the confines of my own family research, and cause me to sharpen my knowledge of different record types, ethnic and religious origins, and much more. Let me share these with you.

Dissecting Obituaries

I present a popular seminar titled "*Bits about Obits: Reading Between the Lines*." I usually read the obituaries in the local newspapers on a regular basis. No, I'm not morbid; I simply want to see what information is included. I'll usually pick two or three at random; the names and sizes of the obituaries don't matter. You may recall in school having to diagram sentences. For some of us, it was enlightening and greatly enjoyable; and for others it was torture. What I do is similar--I "dissect" the obituary. First, I read the obituary in full. Next, I use a pencil to underscore individual pieces of information in the obituary that point to some resource that may or will be of genealogical value. The obvious items are name, gender, age, residence, life events, place where a funeral or memorial service is scheduled, names of officiating clergy, place of interment, and names of any survivors. Other

information may include occupation, name of spouse(s), sibling(s), place of birth, life events, military service, church affiliation, occupation, and more.

I prepare a list that includes each and every one of these underlined clues. Underneath each one, I notate 1) what information that clue can provide; 2) what records might exist of the fact or clue; and 3) where the record(s) would be held. A typical short obituary usually has at least a dozen such clues to records. I then use telephone and city directories, the Internet, and other resources to determine the location that I would contact for more information. The exercise takes about thirty minutes or less for each obituary. However, it hones my skills for working objectively with my own family and ancestral obituaries.

Mailing List and Message Board Queries

I actively read a number of mailing lists and message boards. When I see a posting that relates to an area where my ancestors lived or to a surname I am researching, I read it and print it. I almost immediately get into my genealogical database and check for any information I have on individuals. If I read a posting related to a geographical area, a church, a school, or other institution or organization, and I have a reference book or documents relating to the subject, I will craft a private response to the person.

This exercise allows me to re-read and re-focus on content that I perhaps have not examined in some time. It also forces me to look at my own knowledge and determine

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CAN YOU HELP US?



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

Here are some ideas for articles:

Genealogical and historical stories from any where
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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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.

HECKETHORN Elementary School



In Loving Memory of
Howard E. Heckethorn
"Hecky"



September 14, 1922 – March 31, 2007

HECKETHORN Elementary School was named after an educator who made a difference in Nevada. **HECKETHORN** opened in the Fall of 2001. The staff is proud to teach and serve in such a facility and is grateful that the school history is forever linked to its namesake, Mr. Howard ("Hecky") E. **HECKETHORN**. For many years, on any given day, Mr. **HECKETHORN** could be found volunteering and visiting with students at the school. Mr. **HECKETHORN** passed away on March 31, 2007, at the age of 85.

Howard E. **HECKETHORN** was born in 1922 in St. George, Utah. He moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1930, started school at the Old Westside School and was graduated from Las Vegas Fifth Street Grammar School. The students in the grammar school had a little different experience from most children. In May of 1934, when Howard was in fifth grade, the entire school burned down. During the time the school was being rebuilt, he and his classmates attended school in tents for two years. He entered the eighth grade in a new building, and his class was the first to graduate from the new school in 1937. While attending public schools in Las Vegas, he was a student leader. He was Sophomore Class President and Student Body President of Las Vegas High School. At UNR he was Sophomore Class President.

He was graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1941, entered the University of Nevada Reno in 1941, then later enlisted in the Army during World War II and served for three years. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Las Vegas and worked with the Nellis Fire Department until he re-entered the University of Nevada Reno and was graduated in 1951. He received his Masters of Education from UNR in 1964.

Howard made both high school and college **Who's Who**. In 1941, he won five state Golden Gloves championships in the light weight boxing division. In college he advanced twice to the finals in the Golden Gloves Tournament in 1942 and 1943. He lettered two years in boxing and was named the Best University Boxer. He was President of the Young Democrats and a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity at the University of Nevada, Reno.

In 1951, he taught one year for the Clark County School District at Nellis Air Force Base School. The next year, he taught at North 9th Street School, then for 25 years, he taught fifth grade at Red Rock Elementary School. He retired after 27 years of service teaching children in the classroom. During those many years, he influenced hundreds of students and their children. He participated in community activities such as coaching Little League games and tutored neighborhood children in their elementary school subjects. His other affiliations, clubs, and organizations included, but are not limited to a

life member of the Elks Lodge #1468, PTA, honorary member of the Las Vegas Track Club and Western High School's Cross Country and Track teams.

Mr. **HECKETHORN** came from a pioneer family. He is a third-generation resident of Las Vegas. Howard married Sarah **HALEY**, the love of his life, forty-six years ago. She is from Houston, Texas and was the loving supporter of Howard and the entire **HECKETHORN** Family. They have four children; they were all born at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital, now known as University Medical Center. Three of his children live and work in Las Vegas, and one lives in Sparks, Nevada. Eight of his grandchildren were born and reside in Las Vegas, which makes them fifth-generation Las Vegans. Two grandchildren were born in Reno, Nevada and reside there today.

Howard **HECKETHORN** is highly respected by thousands of Southern Nevadans who grew up with him or were touched by his service as an outstanding educator. All that know him recognize his dedication to education.

All in the learning community are grateful for the friendship and support of Mr. **HECKETHORN** and his delightful family. It takes dedication and time to build friendships and a community bond and to continue to build toward a bright future. Thanks to Mr. **HECKETHORN** and his family for all they have done to contribute to a positive school climate. Mr. **HECKETHORN** continued "Blazing A Trail Towards Excellence" setting a good example of what a "Trailblazer" should be!

Trailblazers
 Heckethorn Elementary School
 5150 Whispering Sands Drive
 Las Vegas, NV 89131

(Re-written by Helen L. SMITH, Editor)

SPECIAL LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

It's official. Due to budgetary constraints the Henderson Library Board announced that all Henderson Libraries will be **CLOSED ON SUNDAYS** beginning February 1st.

SPECIAL LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Volunteers Welcome
VISIT THE HERITAGE ROOM

Paseo Verde Library | 280 S Green Valley Pkwy | 492-7252
 Mon-Thurs 9-9 | Fri - Sat 9-5
 Contact Sydney **CAGLE** - 396-4773 or SLC1934@COX.NET
 to become a Volunteer

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if I have more information to apply to my own research. In the meantime, if I can help someone else with their research--and even connect with a cousin, this is another great benefit.

The Tombstone Game

I spend lots of time in cemeteries, as do most genealogists. Occasionally I will simply select one tombstone, copy the name and dates down, and take it home. Later, I will start checking Ancestry.com and other databases to see what I can learn about the person. Can I locate the person in a census? Is there an electronic version of an obituary? Are there military records? Are there other vital records? In other words, I try to practice my research skills in electronic databases to see what I can learn. This often forces me to look at different records and/or different locations.

This makes me a better researcher and helps be stay abreast of new materials online. Sometimes the facts are sparse, and other times there is a vast amount of information to be discovered about an otherwise forgotten, once-famous, or notable person.

These three little exercises take a comparatively small amount of time. While I maintain a very busy schedule, I make the time to do these exercises. They are the equivalent of crossword or Sudoku puzzles for the genealogist. I hope you'll try one or all of these exercises. They are educational, interesting, and fun.

George G. **MORGAN** is the best-selling author of **The Official Guide to Ancestry.com** and **How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy**, both of which are available in the Ancestry Store. George and Drew **SMITH** produce The Genealogy Guys Podcast each week. George is also now teaching online genealogical workshops for Pharos Tutors and for the Continuing Education Division of the University of South Florida in Tampa. Visit his company's website at **AhaSeminars.com** to view his schedule of upcoming conference events.

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10 Major Don'ts of Family Tree Research

Genealogy can be a very fascinating and addictive hobby. Each step that you take in researching your family's history can lead you to new ancestors, delightful stories and a real sense of your place in history. If you are new to genealogy research, however, there are ten key genealogy mistakes that you will want to avoid in order to make your search a successful and pleasant experience.

1. **Don't** Overlook Your Living Relatives
2. **Don't** Trust Everything You See in Print
3. We're Related To... Someone Famous
4. Genealogy is More Than Just Names & Dates
5. **Beware** Generic Family Histories
6. **Don't** Accept Family Legends As Fact
7. **Don't** Limit Yourself to Just One Spelling
8. **Don't** Neglect to Document Your Sources
9. **Don't** Jump Straight to the Country of Origin
10. **Don't** Misspell the Word Genealogy

SOURCE: Kimberly's Genealogy Blog; Your Guide to Genealogy. From Kimberly **POWELL** (<http://genealogy.about.com/b/2007/12/31/10-major-donts-of-family-tree-research.htm?nl=1>)

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VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

The Veterans History Project relies on volunteers to collect and preserve stories of wartime service.

Stories can be told through...



Personal Narratives
audio and video-taped
interviews, written memoirs

Correspondence
letters, postcards, v-mail
personal diaries



Visual materials
photographs, drawings,
scrapbooks

Our primary focus is on first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from the following wars:

- World War I (1914-1920)
- World War II (1939-1946)
- Korean War (1950-1955)
- Vietnam War (1961-1975)
- Persian Gulf War (1990-1995)
- Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001-present)

In addition, those U.S. citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their valuable stories.

How did the Veterans History Project start?

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000. The authorizing legislation (**Public Law 106-380**), sponsored by Representatives Ron **KIND**, Amo **HOUGHTON**, and Steny **HOYER** in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senators Max **CLELAND** and Chuck **HAGEL** in the U.S. Senate, received unanimous support and was signed into law by President William Jefferson **CLINTON** on October 27, 2000.

The Veterans History Project is made possible by the generous support of the United States Congress.

How to Participate in the Project

A participant may be a veteran, an interviewer, or person donating a veteran's collection. Organizations may participate as partners and there are special resources for educators and students (<http://www.loc.gov/vets/youth-resources.html>.)

Take These Five Easy Steps...(<http://www.loc.gov/vets/kit.html>)

1. Register using our online form
<http://www.loc.gov/vets/donate/index.php>
2. Print the *Veterans History Project Field Kit* (required forms) <http://www.loc.gov/vets/kitmenu.html>
3. Prepare for the interview
<http://www.loc.gov/vets/moreresources.html>
4. Conduct the interview
<http://www.loc.gov/vets/moreresources.html#tips>
5. Send your collection to the Library of Congress (Keep a copy for yourself!)

Veterans History Project / Library of Congress
101 Independence Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20540-4615

Holiday Gatherings and Debunking Family Myths

By Joan YOUNG (joan@volunteer.rootsweb.com)

As family gathers for the holidays this year and begins reminiscing, you may hear some interesting family tales that pique your interest.

You may have been told that your father is distantly related to Zachary **TAYLOR** and your mother's family is connected to Benedict **ARNOLD**. Or that your second great-grandmother was a full-blooded Cherokee princess but the family said they were "Black Dutch" to hide their Native American ancestry. Maybe you were told that your Italian grandfather's surname was changed by the officials at Ellis Island and the family was forced to continue using the newly assigned surname. Or maybe it was that Uncle Henry's wife Hilda had a great-grandfather who fought at the Alamo with Davy **CROCKETT** and returned to tell the family all about it.

Sound familiar? All sorts of family lore is shared during holiday visits. And some of it may even be true!

Remember that family stories need to be verified. You must gather and consider evidence to determine their veracity. (Most likely the stories you hear are exaggerated, but contain a grain of truth.) But how do you separate fact from fiction and family myths from family truths?

Well, there may be more resources at RootsWeb and elsewhere on the Web to help you verify or debunk those family stories than you realize.

Just about every American **TAYLOR** or **ARNOLD** family has stories about being related to Zachary **TAYLOR** or Benedict **ARNOLD**. As the volunteer administrator of the **ARNOLD** list, I've heard just about every myth and fact over the years about connections to Benedict **ARNOLD**. The archives of the **ARNOLD** mailing list or message board are a great place to start in your attempt to get the facts. Or you can search the many **ARNOLD** family trees at WorldConnect (but remember that while you may find famous people in online trees all this information needs to be verified too). Begin with the same resources (the **TAYLOR** mailing list and

message board) to verify or refute a connection to Zachary. Some excellent articles to help resolve the issue of the supposed family name change at Ellis Island include the following. (Hint: this is generally a myth.)

http://www.genealogy.com/88_donna.html
http://blog.lib.umn.edu/ihr/immigration/2007/02/whats_in_a_name.html

Using a Google search we learn that Aunt Hilda's family is most likely mistaken about her ancestor fighting at the Alamo alongside Davy **CROCKETT** (unless he was fighting with Santa Anna):

<http://www.americanwest.com/pages/davycroc.htm>
<http://www.lone-star.net/mall/texasinfo/alamo-battle.htm>

We can explore what Black Dutch means (and doesn't mean) by reading a column written by the former editor of the RootsWeb Review, Myra Vanderpool **GORMLEY**, here:

http://www.ancestry.aol.com/columns/myra/Shaking_Family_Tree04-02-98.htm

And begin your search for your "Indian princess" ancestor here. (The term "princess" is likely a red flag that at least a part of the story is mythical—Europeans, not Native Americans, used the word "princess.")

<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/heritage/native-american/ancestor-search.html>
http://www.genealogy.com/90_carmack.html

Remember, learning to weigh the evidence and determine the veracity of family lore is just one of the steps you'll need to take on your way to becoming a seasoned researcher.

SOURCE: RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine
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60,000 Acadian Tombstone Photos are now Online

I am always amazed at the efforts of volunteers who amass huge collections of transcriptions or photographs of genealogy resources. I recently encountered a web site with more than 60,000 photographs of tombstones in New Brunswick, Canada. Most of the photographs are of Acadian cemeteries or cemeteries where some Acadians are buried.

Hector **BOUDREAU**, his wife Jeanita (nee **LeBLANC**), and Francis **LeBLANC** of Moncton, New Brunswick, are the photographers. Lucie **LeBLANC** Consentino then assembled the photographs and published them on a web site.

Lucie is also the RootsWeb Administrator for the Acadian-French-Canadian Mailing List. Fifteen volunteers from that mailing list are now indexing all of the tombstones shown on the site.

NOTE: You can find more information about that mailing list at <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/CAN/ACADIAN-FRENCH-CANADIAN.html>.

To see this huge Acadian genealogy resource, look at

<http://www.acadian-cemeteries.acadian-home.org/frames.html>.

Thousands of Acadian genealogists, myself included, owe a big "thank you" to Lucie **LeBLANC** **CONSENTINO**, Hector **BOUDREAU**, Jeanita (**LeBLANC**) **BOUDREAU**, Francis **LeBLANC**, and all the indexers.

SOURCE: Posted by Dick **EASTMAN** on December 26, 2007



GenealogyBank.Com

by Robert KENNARD, Jr (CCNGS)

For years I have been looking for the birth place, death date and death place for my G-G-Grandfather Joseph R. KENNARD. I got his name from my G-Grandfather's Maryland death certicate, which just mentioned his as Joseph KENNARD born in Maryland.

From there I located him in the 1860 thru 1910 Federal censuses which gave (ca) 1822 as a birth date, but the 1900 census said he was born May 1822, his middle initial was R. and his parents were born in Maryland.

I didn't find him in the 1920 census so I concluded he died between 1910 and 1920, but where? I quizzed the states of Maryland and Delaware Archives and they both said "not here" and when I quizzed the Pennsylvania Archives, they required more information than I had. I'd hit the "Brick Wall".

I recently received an email offer from *GenealogyBank.Com*; they have digitized some old newspapers and made them searchable. They offer to let you try it and see what they had; I did and did they have what I needed. There in the Philadelphia Inquirer were two death notices for Joseph R KENNARD father of Joseph T KENNARD.

I now had a date and a place. I signed up for a month so I could get the complete articles and I found where he was buried, Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

I sent to the Pennsylvania Archives for his death certificate hoping it would list his parents, but it didn't.

I looked for further information on the Mt. Moriah Cemetery and found it had been abandoned and where the records are is still a mystery.

The Bank also had articles on Joseph P/T KENNARD, his daughter and the death of his wife.

All told, I still have a brick wall but a dent is in that wall and it will collapse.

1) [No Headline](#) Date: September 15, 1913 Location: Pennsylvania
KENNARD—14th Inst. JOSEPH R, Sr. husband of Anna Kennard. Relatives and friends invited to services, Tues. 2 P M. at son's residence, Joseph T Kennard, southwest corner Gratz and Cumberland sts. Interment at Mount Moriah.

2) [No Headline](#) Date: September 16, 1913 Location: Pennsylvania
Paper: Philadelphia Inquirer Article type: [Mortuary Notice](#)



historical documents. The site presently has more than 23 million original documents available online and is adding millions more every month. Those documents include many of interest to genealogists although the web site serves a much larger community than just genealogists. A few months after launch, the site dramatically reduced its initial fees, which were already some of the lowest in the industry. Footnote.com was later named as "One of PC Magazine's Top Undiscovered Web Sites of 2007."

The 1841 England and Wales Census is now complete on the British Origins web site.

The Kansas Memory web site 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.

British Army World War One Pension Records are now available on www.ancestry.co.uk.

Social Networking Sites

One item that I never foresaw appeared in 2007: genealogy-based social networking sites. These web sites generally encourage people to work together on their family trees. They usually work best only for the last few generations. You and your cousins can collaborate to record information about grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and others in your extended family tree. Examples of genealogy-oriented social networking sites include Geni, MyHeritage, GeneTree (produced by the Sorenson Foundation, a major player in the genealogy DNA business), an updated version of MyFamily.com (part of the Ancestry.com/The Generations Network family of web sites), Familyrelatives.com, and Famillion.

Conferences, Meetings, and Cruises

Among the more obvious stories of 2007 is the growth of genealogy conferences, meetings, and cruises. In previous years I wrote about the declining interest in genealogy conferences. However, in 2007 the Federation of Genealogists annual conference attracted about 1,500 attendees while the National Society of Genealogists' annual conference attracted nearly as many. Even the regional conferences did well: the New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) had its largest conference ever. The Genealogy Jamboree in southern California also continues to grow rapidly every year. At the same time, all of the U.S. conferences pale in comparison to the Who Do You Think You Are? Live! conference held last May in London with more than 13,000 attendees!

A rather new form of genealogy conferences has mushroomed into popularity as well. Three major genealogy cruises were held in 2007, and four such cruises have already been announced for 2008. With more than 700 attendees on genealogy "theme cruises," these must now be considered as major events in the genealogy world. The 2007 cruises attracted attendees from at least six different countries.

And a Disaster

While I generally applaud the appearance of new websites that contain more and more genealogy information, one new service in 2007 created a very different result. In fact, it didn't last long. The Generations Network (owners of Ancestry.com and several other genealogy web sites) delivered the Internet Biographical Collection, a search engine that focused primarily on genealogy resources. The service was designed to simplify the process of finding family history information that many people would not be able to find easily because it is often scattered among numerous websites across

IS YOUR GENEALOGY “TRASH” OR “TREASURE”?

By Helen L. SMITH (CCNGS)

Recently, Arlene EAKLE sent out a notice regarding her non-profit genealogical library and contained within the notice was a story she reported which read as follows:

“After speaking at the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree, Afton and I stopped at a Safeway Store along Van Nuys Boulevard to get some food for lunch. Instead of re-entering traffic on such a busy street, we drove around the back of the store to use a side street. In the middle of the alley in front of the dumpster, there was a large plastic bag. I stopped to move it out of the way rather than drive over it. The bag was full of someone’s genealogy manuscripts and family records—a handsome diary, family letters, original photographs, family history notes. I felt a cold shiver!”

Now after having read this account, did it give you a “cold shiver” as well?

Have you ever thought of what will happen to your years of work researching through library books, microfilms, on-line databases, interviewing innumerable relatives, etc. when you die? Will your Pedigree Sheets, Family Group Sheets, documents, pictures, hand written letters, diaries, computer programs, databases, and backup copies end up in a black plastic bag on the curbside waiting for the garbage truck and a land fill?

If this could happen to your research, then you should consider adding the following paragraphs to your Will or Trust. It could save all of your years of effort so that your work may be passed on to others to be saved for posterity.

You can add words such as these to your Will or Trust to insure the safe care of your genealogical research:

“To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor: Upon my demise it is requested that you **DO NOT** dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me

and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

“(If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: “I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to: “ and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known. Then continue:)

”In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. (List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national organizations contact information addresses.)

”Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.”*

By including the previous information in your Will or Trust, you could save your descendants hours, days, weeks, months, and years of concentrated work and leave a legacy that your family and descendants will enjoy for years to come. Your work will become a Treasure, saved from the Trash.

*(From: *Clay County Researcher*, May 2004, pp. 23 via Fulton County Historical & Genealogical Society newsletter, vol 36, #1 Spring 2005.)

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the Internet. Indeed, the new site seemed to work well. Perhaps too well.

The service quickly became controversial as genealogists discovered various features that some felt were inappropriate, including caching of web sites and the use of HTML frames that hid the origin of a page obtained from another web site. The result was a new web site that looked as if all the genealogy data resided on that one site when, in fact, the displayed data was the result of hard work by tens of thousands of genealogists, as posted on hundreds of different web sites. Because of an uproar within the genealogy community, The Generations Network pulled the service after only a few days.

There is a moral here for all webmasters and future webmasters: test your sites extensively with beta testers before launching. Make sure that your perception of your new service matches that of your intended audience.

Partnerships, Partnerships, and More Partnerships

It seems as if everyone is joining forces with everyone else. Well, perhaps not with everyone, but often with others. It appears that many organizations are discovering that they can accomplish more through partnerships than they can alone.

FamilySearch (funded by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and formerly known as the Genealogical Society of Utah, or GSU) announced numerous partnerships during the year to help other organizations place their record collections online. To date, perhaps a dozen or so organizations have accepted the offer. Several of the larger partners have already succeeded in placing new databases online. Many additional smaller projects are in the works.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society announced a new partnership with The Generations Network in October. Although still early in the relationship, the only new joint venture announced to date has been reduced prices for members of one organization to join the other. You can even purchase both an NEHGS annual Research membership and a U.S. Deluxe Ancestry.com membership together for one low price. Strangely, this offer is available only to non-members. Present NEHGS members are “penalized” by not being allowed to obtain the same low prices that non-members can obtain.

Acquisitions

The Generations Network (parent company of Ancestry.com, MyFamily.com and other sites) was being acquired by Spectrum Equity Investors. The sale price reportedly was for more than \$300 million. The Generations Network remains in operation in more or less the same manner as before. Details of

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Upcoming Family History Events

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.

2 February 2008 - San Luis Obispo, California

San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society All-Day Seminar "Tracing Your Family Tree" Digital, DNA, and Traditional Sources - **8:00 am – 4:00 pm Veteran's Hall, 801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401** Featuring

Dick **EASTMAN**-Internet & Gadget Guru; Publisher of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter www.eogn.com

Geoff **RASNUSSEN** - In-House Genealogist for Legacy Family Tree www.legacyfamilytree.com

Max **BLANKFELD** - Expert in using DNA to trace your ancestry www.familytreeDNA.com

And others

Something for everyone – from beginner to expert; Genealogy Project Displays; Vendor displays, featuring Janaway Books www.janawaygenealogy.com; Freebie giveaway items; Raffle drawing for many genealogy goodies; Silent auction

2 February 2008 - SaddleBrooke, Arizona



All-Day Genealogy Seminar and Fair. SaddleBrooke is located approximately 25 miles north of Tucson, Arizona.

Barbara **NUEHRING**, nationally known seminar presenter, will give you valuable information on:

Timelines — Understanding your Ancestors' World; Using Boxes to Think Outside the Box; Researching Your German Ancestors Without Going to Europe; and Exploiting Maps to Track

Down Your Ancestors.

Barbara's interest in genealogy started when she was working in Germany and visited an ancestor's village. Barbara has a BS in

Business from the University of Maryland, and after a successful career as a comptroller within the US Department of the Army, she has spent her time researching her family history and taking active roles in several organizations.

MountainView Clubhouse Ballroom #2
38579 S. Mountain View Blvd
SaddleBrooke, Arizona

For more information, visit our website: <http://sb-genealogy.org/>

8-9 February 2008 - St George, Utah

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

23 February 2006 – Whittier, California



Whittier Area Genealogical Society 25th Annual Seminar with speaker Lloyd DeWitt **BOCKSTRUCK**

Topics:

243 Years of Migrations: 1607-1850
Before Civil Registration: Using Church Records
The Power of the Press: Newspaper Genealogy
Finding Maiden Names of Female Ancestors

There will be sales and display tables with books, WAGS members' pedigree charts, genealogical items, memory books, etc.

It is not permissible to tape the lectures.

Advance registration \$32; Late registration (after Feb. 16) at the door: \$35. Lunch reservation (by Feb 16) \$8 Choice of Ham or Turkey sandwich.

Please make check payable to WAGS. Mail with registration form (below) no later than February 16, 2008, to: WAGS Seminar, PO Box 4367, Whittier, CA 90607-4367

NO REFUNDS.

For more information: Check the WAGS website at <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>; call or email Judy **POOLE**, Seminar Director, phone: 909-985-6657 or email her at judypoole@verizon.net or contact

John **HERGESHEIMER**, WAGS President, phone: 562-941-3184 or email Lloyd DeWitt **BOCKSTRUCK** at hergwerk@earthlink.net



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/

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Meeting Schedules

Local Groups of Interest

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

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

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

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

Silver State Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution - Meets 2nd Saturday 1 pm 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

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~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

18-21 April - Salt Lake City, Utah

United Polish Genealogical Societies Conference 2008
<http://upgs.wordpress.com/>

April 2008 - Salt Lake City, Utah

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

July 28 - August 3, 2008 - Casper, Wyoming

2008 International Convention Germans from Russia. Next summer, the International Convention of Germans from Russia will take place in Casper, Wyoming. It is a "first-ever" joint convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska) and the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota). Approximately one thousand attendees are expected to attend.

DAUGHTERS of UTAH PIONEERS CLARK NEVADA DESERT SPRINGS COMPANY 2007 -2008 CAMPS

CALICO - Sponsor: Benita **RYNE**

Captain: Donna **KUNZ**, 363-1638
813 Sam Jonas Dr. 89145

Secretary: Connie **WEBB**, 363-6737

Meeting: 4th Wed. @ 6:30 @ 10309 Premia Place

DESERT DIAMOND - Sponsor: Joyce **VIRGEN**

Captain: Lynda **WISZT**, 269-1974
8296 W. Ford Ave.

89113 Secretary:

Meeting: 3rd Tues. @ 6:00 @ TBA

LONE MOUNTAIN - Sponsor: Jeanne **GRIFFITHS**

Captain: Jan **ZOBRIST**, 876-3433

1908 Plaza de Cordero 89102

Secretary: Elaine **KENNEDY**, 242-4442

Meeting: 2nd Mon. @ 10:00 @ 9601 Pikedale Dr.

MEADOWS - Sponsor: Marjean **MANSOOR**

Captain: Andrea **CRAMER**, 363-3145

7916 Mt. Shasta 89145

Secretary: Sandy **CALL**, 255-4324

Meeting: 3rd Tues. @ 11:00 @ 125 Worthen Cir.

MILLENNIUM HERITAGE - Sponsor: Elaine **KENNEDY**

Captain: Karen **PULLAN**, 655-3779

5113 Palm View Dr. 89130

Secretary: Julie **HLADEK**, 396-5573

Meeting: 3rd Mon. @ 12:30 @ Carl & Saylor Way Chapel

PRAIRIE SUNSET - Sponsor: Janice **PARMENTER**

Captain: Erva **KENNEDY**, 878-4014

1247 Melville Dr. 89102

Secretary: Marjean **MANSOOR**, 256-3704

Meeting: 2nd Thurs. @ 1:00 @ 1247 Melville Dr.

SEGO LILY - Sponsor: LaRue **WRAY**

Captain: Annie **JUDD**, 870-8238

6524 Aberdeen Ln. 89107

Secretary: LaRue **SUTTON**, 878-0929

Meeting: 2nd Mon. @ 12:00 @ Lieburn Sr. Center

SUNFLOWER - Sponsor: Joyce **FETTER** - President

Captain: Teresa **REILLY**, 234-5072

P.O. Box 2021 Overton, NV 89040

Secretary: Serriah **SNEED**, 259-9853

Meeting: 3rd Thurs. @ 6:30 @ Carl & Saylor Way Chapel

TULE SPRINGS - Sponsor: Dee **LEAVITT**

Captain: Lana **LARSEN**, 873-8588

6579 Water Crossing Ave. 89131

Secretary: Benita **RYNE**, 645-3141

Meeting: 2nd Tues. @ 10:00 @ Tule Springs Stake

For further information:

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

631 "D" Street

Lincoln, NE 68502-1199

(402) 474-3363 ahsgr@ahsgr.org

Germans from Russia Heritage Society

1125 W. Turnpike Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58501-8115

(701) 223-6167 grhs@grhs.org

NARA's "Electronic Records Archives" Passes First Milestone

by Dick EASTMAN

I have written several times in the past about the "Electronic Records Archives," an effort to preserve and provide long-term access to uniquely valuable electronic records of the U.S. Government, and to transition government-wide management of the lifecycle of all records into the realm of e-government. You can find my past articles at:

<http://www.google.com/search?ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF8&q=%22Electronic+Records+Archives%22&btnG=Search+This+Site&domains=blog.eogn.com&sitesearch=blog.eogn.com>

Now the National Archives and Records Administration and Lockheed Martin (prime contractor of the "Electronic Records Archives" project) say the system has passed a significant milestone, with the successful completion of government testing of the first delivery of software from the developer.

Here is the announcement:

Washington, DC...The development of the Electronic Records Archives (ERA) system has passed a significant milestone, with the successful completion of government testing of the first delivery of software from the developer, Lockheed Martin Corporation. ERA is the National Archives and Records Administration's strategic initiative to preserve and provide long-term access to uniquely valuable electronic records of the U.S. Government, and to transition government-wide management of the lifecycle of all records into the realm of e-government.

Lockheed Martin started deploying ERA hardware last spring and released the first pilot software to the National Archives on September 27, 2007. After extensive engineering and end-user testing of the system, the National Archives gave Lockheed Martin the green light to complete development of the second pilot. The first pilot supports creating and processing records schedules and requests for transfer of records. The second pilot, to be delivered at the end of December 2007, will add system functions for transferring electronic records. The third pilot, scheduled for delivery in early March 2008, will provide tools for automated inspection of electronic records. Ken **THIBODEAU**, ERA Program Director at the National Archives, describes the pilots as "three ounces of prevention" aimed at ensuring that the system's Initial Operating Capability (IOC) meets the government's needs with a robust design and a high quality user interface.

This first milestone is the result of a two year process, and represents a shift in schedule. Lockheed Martin had planned to deliver in September 2007, software that would enable officials from the National Archives and other agencies to use the system to develop and process records schedules and requests to transfer records to the National Archives as well as actual transfer, inspection and storage of electronic records. Translating the National Archives business needs into a working system proved challenging. Under a revised schedule, Lockheed Martin will deliver three software pilots, gradually including all the functions needed to reach IOC. The National Archives will test each of the three pilots. After Lockheed Martin has addressed any items identified in National Archives testing of the pilots, it will release the IOC system for a final round of government testing in May, 2008. The National Archives expects to complete product and operational testing and put the system into operation by the end of June, 2008.

Government testing of the first pilot was performed by engineers and

other technical subject matter experts within the National Archives. Additional technical experts who provide support to the program management office include contractors from the ALON Corporation and from Northrop Grumman Corporation, which offers independent validation and verification for the ERA development.

Testing of the next two phases will be expanded to include officials from other Federal agencies and from members of the Advisory Committee on ERA.

ERA Background

ERA is the National Archive's response to the challenges stemming from the increasing use of computers in government. These challenges are two-fold. First there are major difficulties inherent in the diversity, complexity, and enormous volume of electronic records being created today, as well as the rapidly changing systems used to create, store and access them. Second, records management, the techniques used to ensure that records are kept and remain both accessible and reliable for as long as they are needed, must transition into the realm of e-government.

ERA will be a comprehensive, systematic, and dynamic means for preserving virtually any kind of electronic record, free from dependence on any specific hardware or software. When operational, ERA will support the National Archives mission by making it easy for the public and government officials to discover, use, and trust the records of our government, and to make it easy for the National Archives to deliver those records in formats people can use.

The National Archives main objective in developing the ERA System is to create a robust, high-quality system that meets the U.S. Government's records management and archival needs – and equally important – to create a system that will be easy for people to use. The combination of ensuring that ERA will help the National Archives meet its business needs as well as to meet the needs of its stakeholders is not an easy task.

The National Archives needs are multi-dimensional: it has to help all other agencies manage the records they need for current business; it has to provide access to all types of records in the National Archives, Presidential Libraries and Federal Records Centers to anyone interested in them; in doing so, it has to ensure that legal restrictions – in its case virtually any restrictions on any type of government information — on access are met; and it has to find a way to preserve and provide sustained access to an ever larger and ever more complex body of electronic records in a way that ensures the authenticity of the records while taking advantage of continuing improvements in technologies for search, access and delivery of digital information.

About the National Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration ensures, for the citizen, the President, the Congress, and the Courts, access to records that document the rights of citizens, the actions of Federal officials, and the national experience. The National Archives plays a key role in fostering effective and responsible government through management of the records in all three branches of the Federal Government and through sustained access to historically valuable records in the National Archives and the Presidential Libraries.

The Advisory Committee on ERA (ACERA) is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Acts to advise the

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Archivist of the United States on technical, mission, and service issues related to ERA. This includes, but is not limited to, advising and making recommendations to the Archivist on issues related to the development, implementation, and use of the ERA system. Its members include experts in archives, records management, libraries, computer science, history, and the law, including representatives of other Federal agencies and of state governments.

SOURCE: Posted by Dick EASTMAN on December 15, 2007 (http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/12/naras-electroni.html)

the purchase may be found at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/10/follow-up-ances.html http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/10/a-talk-with-the.html and at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/12/the-generations.html.

MyHeritage acquired Pearl Street Software in this last year. I was always very impressed with the genealogy software and the web site produced by Pearl Street Software, namely Family Tree Legends and GenCircles.com. However, as time went by, it became obvious that the company was having problems supporting those products. Updates were not being made and tales of non-existent customer

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“Two” series were issued. “Book Three” series were issued in October of 1943. And “Book Four” series were issued towards the end of 1943. Most ration restrictions didn’t end until August 1945, with sugar rationing lasting in some parts of the country until 1947.

*Each book asked for different identification, with book one and three asking the most detailed information. In all the ration books that we’ve seen, however, the completion of the form was not as strictly enforced as with the book one series.

WWII War Ration Books

Genealogists are always in search of new record sources when confronted with a brick wall. Well, can you think of a resource that not only gives you name, address, age and occupation, but also height and weight of a person? Interestingly, the **ration books** issued during World War Two attempted to capture* these items.

In the United States, nationwide food rationing was instituted in the spring of 1942, and each member of the family was issued ration books by the Office of Price Administration (OPA). These books contained stamps and gave precise details of the amounts of certain types of food that you were allowed. Rationing insured that each person could get their fair share of the items that were in short supply due to the war effort and import reductions. By the end of the war, over a hundred million of each ration book were printed.

The Office of Price Administration (OPA) was in charge of rationing consumer goods such as sugar, coffee, shoes, household appliances, and other goods during World War II. The OPA accepted ration book applications and issued ration books, from which consumers tore out stamps in order to purchase food and other supplies at grocery stores.

Four different series of war ration books were issued. In 1942, five months after (December 8, 1941) the United States entered the Second World War, “Book One” series were issued. In January 1943, “Book



Registry of War Ration Books

We established this ration book search to assist researchers in tracking down records of possible relatives and ancestors. While we have been collecting ration books for several years, these records also include links to imaged books online at other web sites. The database index now includes over **8,300** listings.

Keep in mind that the book covers were handwritten by the individual, many in pencil, so also search for surname variations just in case the records were misinterpreted during the transcription process.

If you have some war ration books that you would like to share with other researchers, goto:

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/guide/war-ration-books.html>

and leave them a note and they’ll be glad to include your records in their search.

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NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER OPENS MORE THAN SIX MILLION NEW MILITARY PERSONNEL FILES

St. Louis, MO...The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) will open for the first time all of the individual Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Forces, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard military personnel who served and were discharged, retired or died while in the service, prior to 1946. Collectively, these files comprise more than six million records. This is the second step in the progressive opening of the entire paper and microfiche OMPF collection of over 57 million individual files. Additional military personnel records will be made available to the public each year through 2067 until the entire collection is opened.

These archived files are treasured by family members, historians, researchers, and genealogists. Contained in a typical OMPF are documents outlining all elements of military service, including assignments, evaluations, awards and decorations, education and training, demographic information, some medical information and documented disciplinary actions. Some records also contain photographs of the individual and official correspondence concerning military service.

- * To view an original record, individuals may visit the NPRC Archival Research Room in St. Louis, MO.
- * Telephone is 314-801-0850.
- * Research room hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday.
- * Visitors are strongly encouraged to call ahead to make reservations.

To obtain copies of records, customers may:

- * Write to NPRC at 9700 Page Avenue, St Louis, MO 63132
- * Fax a request to 314-801-9195, or
- * Submit a request through eVetRecs, or
- * On a Standard Form 180.

Information about records available at NPRC is also posted on the National Personnel Records Center web page (<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/>).

Archived, public records are subject to the National Archives and Records Administration's published fee schedule. Copy fees for archived OMPFs are waived for veterans or primary next-of-kin (surviving spouse or children of the veteran) if the records are needed to validate a benefit or entitlement.

The fee schedule for OMPFs is as follows:

1. OMPFs 5 pages or less: \$15
2. OMPFs 6 pages or more: \$50 (most OMPFs fall in this category)
3. OMPFs of Persons of Exceptional Prominence (PEP): \$.75 per page

PEP records include the OMPFs of famous individuals such as former Presidents, famous military leaders, decorated military heroes, celebrities, entertainers, and professional athletes who left military service and have been deceased for at least 10 years).

Archived records are subject to a limited privacy exemption under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. As such, all records are reviewed prior to release and social security numbers are redacted.

For more information, contact Bryan McGraw, Director of Archival Programs at NPRC, at 314-801-9132

SOURCE: AzGAB Newsletter p.82 - November 2007; Taken from a Press Release October 22, 2007

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support became common. In August, Pearl Street Software announced that it had been acquired by MyHeritage. The GenCircles database has been merged into MyHeritage's data. In recent weeks, MyHeritage has become very aggressive with an e-mail campaign aimed at former Pearl Street Software customers.

Genealogy Software

Perhaps the greatest testimonial to advancing technology is the appearance of new or updated software. 2007 saw the following notable releases:

The Master Genealogist version 7 was announced in the last days of the year. This is an evolutionary release, not revolutionary. Nonetheless, it is a major upgrade with significant new features.

Family Tree Maker 2008 was released to mixed reviews. This new release is indeed revolutionary and is perhaps the only revolutionary release of an existing genealogy program made this year: it is a complete re-write when compared to earlier versions of Family Tree Maker. Long-

time users have been vocal about the new release, finding numerous things that disappeared from the previous versions and also many things that either do not work at all or else do not work as long-time users would expect. A quick search on Google or most any other search engine will uncover numerous message boards and blogs that contain hundreds of messages concerning Family Tree Maker 2008. Most of those messages discuss the new release's shortcomings.

MacFamilyTree 5 released a new version during the year with many updates.

Pocket Genealogist continues to be a very popular genealogy program for Windows Mobile handheld computers. Version 3.11 was released late in the year.

iFamily For Tiger was released for Macintosh computers. This program is very visual, showing graphical family trees at almost all times.

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Spring Family History Seminar

8 March 2008



Dr. Stephen P. MORSE, PhD

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One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools

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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://

1911 Census of Ireland Now Online

The National Archives of Ireland, in partnership with Libraries and Archives Canada, has now put the 1911 census of Ireland online. So far, the website only holds records for Dublin, but the rest of the census should be online sometime next year.

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/>

Footnote.com

Recently released the largest collection of World War II photos online. Footnote is a subscription website, but you can view sample World War II photos and documents here:

www.footnote.com/wwii.php

MINNESOTA. Ramsey County.

Name Index to the Lost Jewish Community of the West Side Flats, 1882-1962. Gene H. ROSENBLUM. 344 records.

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/bookindexes/>

ENGLAND. Staffordshire. Handsworth.

St Mary's church records. 38 records. Paul Barnett.

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/intl/>

For a no-obligation research plan and quotation visit

<http://www.ancestorseekers.com/research/>

For professional genealogists help in England or Scotland visit

<http://www.britishancestors.com/research/>

Washington State Archive's Photograph Collections

The Washington State Archive's photograph collections are now available online at the Washington State Digital Archives. These records contain nearly 3,000 photographs from various collections, dating from 1860-2001. Images include pictures of Washington State officials, historic photos of state buildings and grounds, and promotional photos of Washington scenery from the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s.

<http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov>

"Archaic Medical Terms"

... illnesses and causes of death but ALSO has these lists in other languages (like Swedish, Finnish, etc.)

www.antiquusmorbus.com

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FREE conversion for variety of file types. If you need to convert a document, video, music or picture format from one type to another; for example, a .pdf into a .doc. It's simple to do with the guidance on this site - a very user-friendly step-by-step procedure.

www.zamzar.com

European and North American Maps

Maps from the 18th and 19th centuries. They also have a reproduction playing cards dating from 1688 - fun!

www.HarryMargary.com

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GOT CANADIAN ANCESTORS?



A new Canadian genealogy search engine, developed and maintained by Bibliotheque et Archives nationales du Quebec (BAnQ), allows you to search for information on Canadian ancestors across multiple genealogy and family history databases hosted by federal, provincial and territorial archives centers and libraries. Right now many of the available sources are from free genealogy databases at Library and Archives Canada. There are also sources from the British Columbia Archives, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, Bibliotheque et Archives nationales du Quebec (BAnQ), Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management and the Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island. The layout and search is very nice, and the site is available in both French and English.

Some searches return citations or film numbers while others show digital images of the actual documents (e.g. city directories). If you have Canadian ancestors, you should definitely check out:

www.thatsmyfamily.info.

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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/>

Television on the Internet

One major new genealogy service appeared on the Internet during 2007: RootsTelevision. This new "video-on-demand" service allows you to watch interviews, conference keynote speeches, "how to" instruction, and much more, all without leaving your computer. The video appears on your computer's screen while accompanying audio plays on your computer's speakers.

Late in the year, RootsTelevision even recorded a number of episodes from a genealogy cruise ship, giving viewers some great insight into what happens on board. We even saw what may have been the first "genealogy wave." No, that's not a tidal wave overwhelming the ship. I had the pleasure of being involved in a few of those videos and must say that I am enthused with the concept of genealogy videos on the Internet.

I believe that video is going to become more and more popular on the Internet in the next few years. One of the most popular Internet sites of today is YouTube.com, a gigantic repository of all sorts of videos. Banking on the potential of this kind of service, Google acquired YouTube late in 2006 for \$1.65 billion in stock. In 2007, RootsTelevision.com became a rather specialized video repository for genealogists. Perhaps RootsTelevision will be acquired for a billion dollars, too. (OK, so I am just kidding about the money. Seriously, this is a fascinating service that just might become an acquisition target for a well-financed organization that wishes to expand into genealogy for few million dollars or so.)

Societies

Societies generally had a rather quiet year in 2007 with one minor exception: The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

essentially switched from a membership organization with thousands of members to an exclusive "club" of only a handful of people. In a change to the organization's by-laws that many people questioned, the society converted to a tiny organization run solely by the Board of Directors without oversight from anyone else. Indeed, the only members of the new organization are the Board of Directors. All other former members have been "dismissed" with their memberships canceled. The society also sold the organization's headquarters for several million dollars and announced that the library will be relocated, apparently to a less accessible location, with future access to the library not yet defined.

Most other societies worked hard during the year to maintain status quo. Generally speaking, most genealogy societies seem to be slowly losing members. However, there are notable exceptions, such as the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Summary

In short, 2007 has indeed been an interesting year. For most organizations in the genealogy business and for most private genealogists, it has been a very good year. More genealogy information is available than ever before. We now have more and better methods of accessing that information, as well as better-than-ever methods of recording, storing, organizing, and analyzing that information. We also have better educational and entertainment opportunities than ever before.

This is a great time to be a genealogist!

Posted by Dick EASTMAN on December 30, 2007 (http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/12/2007-in-review.html)

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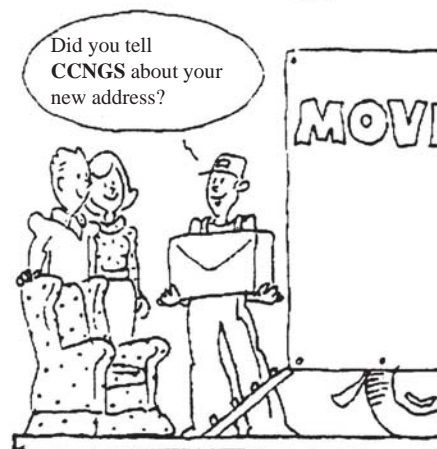
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8 March 2008

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