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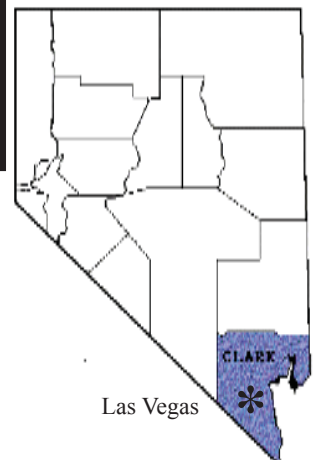


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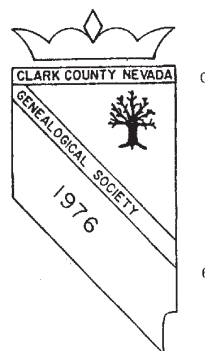
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2009 Sandstone Stake Family History Jamboree

Judy **TOBLER** (Las Vegas)

On 26 September 2009 the annual Sandstone Family History Jamboree will be held. All CCNGS members are invited to attend. They will have over 30 different classes with many renowned speakers.

Further details will be passed on as they become available.

NEED SOME HELP?

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

Are you new to our great hobby, Genealogy?

If you have recently joined our Society and you are wondering what to do as a beginner, contact one of the Board members of our Society or one of the more experienced members and let them know that you would like someone to help you. They will contact someone who will be able to assign a "buddy" to you so that you can get a good start.

Also, remember that there will be another Beginning Genealogy class held next fall at the Library. You can sign up for classes in advance and the price is right!...\$0.00. Class registrations are done at the Reference Desk of the Library or on-line at the Library website.

Be sure to ask for help; it is there if you ask,

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: January, April, July and October. 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.

CCNGS 2009 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)

(S) - Short Topic (L) - Long Topic

- Apr 18 "The On-Line Genealogy Assets of the LV Library System" Shelly **WEINER**
- May 16 (S) "Find-a-Grave" Evleta **GRUBER**
(L) "Westward Migration" Bill **WARD**
- Jun 20 (S) Researching Cemeteries Mac **PURSEL**
(L) "The Scotch/Irish Connection" Bob **WALTER**
- Jul 18 (S) TBA
(L) "Revolutionary War" Marilyn **RECKER**

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THANKS CCNGS

On behalf of Bob **KENNARD** and me, I would like to extend our gratitude to the members of CCNGS who have been so diligent in providing "articles" for each of the issues of *The Prospector* since we have been soliciting them at our meetings. In each issue you will see the names of those who have sent articles to be included in your *Prospector*. We believe that these contributions have made *The Prospector* more interesting and hopefully have provided inspiration to our readers as to how their research might be enhanced.

We appreciate your assistance and hope that each and everyone of you will be inspired to share an aspect of your research with your fellow genealogists. Remember, we don't have a lot of time to socialize with everyone at our meetings, so this is a way that we can share with all the members...those in attendance at meetings and those who were not able to attend.

Thanks Again!

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HELEN HOLLY - NEVADA'S FIRST FEMALE FEDERAL PROBATION OFFICER



Mac PURSEL, Margaret LOUIS, Helen HOLLY and Helen SMITH

Helen **HOLLY**, long time CCNGS member, was honored on 2 April 2009, as Nevada's First Female Federal Probation Officer at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse. Attending the ceremony were Margaret **LOUIS**, Mac (Mabel) **PURSEL**, and Helen **SMITH**, representing CCNGS. Helen's career was highlighted by such dignitaries as Senior U.S. District Court Judge Lloyd D. **GEORGE**, Chief U.S. Probation Officer (Retired) Eugene **SADOIAN**, and Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer Mike **SEVERANCE**. Chris **HANSEN**, Chief U.S. Probation Officer, was master of ceremonies. Helen received awards from Senators John **ENSIGN**, Harry **REID**, and Representative Shelly **BERKLEY**; Las Vegas Mayor Oscar **GOODMAN** declared 2 April 2009, to be "*Helen HOLLY Day*".

A reception for Helen was held in the Foley Federal Building following the ceremony.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR



On April 4th, members of CCNGS and guests were treated with an informative and exciting seminar presented by Dr. George **SCHWEITZER** at the Orleans Hotel & Casino. Some new techniques for researching your ancestor's parents and tracing ancestors across the Atlantic provided new methods of searching. The afternoon concluded with new Internet methods for genealogical research. Dr. **SCHWEITZER** set a good pace and kept the audience busy taking notes so as not to miss anything.

Many thanks to Dr. **SCHWEITZER** for another great day of learning!!



(back row) Ken **HILL**, Margaret **LOUIS**, Ron **HUGHES**, Jana **WALKER**,
Jerry **KUNZMAN**,
(front row) Claudia **KOTEK** and Dr. George **SCHWEITZER**

INTERACTIVE HISTORY of LAS VEGAS

The Las Vegas Sun has produced an interactive Web site on the history of the Las Vegas Valley. According to the overview, "The Las Vegas Sun's History Project is a massive undertaking whose mission is to offer an all-encompassing look at the colorful history of Las Vegas through various multimedia elements... [and] show the amazing transformation of the city from its humble birth as a railroad way-station to its present day status as the 'Entertainment Capital of the World.'" The site features an 11-part documentary on the largest and fastest-growing city founded in the 20th century. There are also more than 1,000 historic photos and archived stories. To see the Web site go to www.lasvegassun.com/history.

-- from the Fall 2008 issue of "Historic Connection," a newsletter of the Las Vegas Planning & Development Department

JERRY KUNZMAN

If you missed the announcement, The Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada named our vice president Jerry **KUNZMAN** as *Person of the Year 2008* at its December 2008 meeting. Jerry is the vice president of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada and of the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society. Congratulations Jerry.

While searching for image of a ship manifests at Ellis Island, occasionally one encounters the dreaded flag: "We are too busy, try again later" or "No Image Available". Neither statement is true; they are actually the result of a broken link to the correct image. On 21 June 2009 at the **JGSSN monthly meeting** Mr. **KUNZMAN** will explain and demonstrate an alternative method of reaching the actual image of the desired ship manifest..

Mr. **KUNZMAN** has been doing research in genealogy for more than 20 years. He is currently the Vice President of both the JGSSN and the CCNGS (Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society). He is also the head of the mentoring program at the JGSSN and is presently guiding several new members in their genealogy adventures. In addition to his genealogy interests, he has degrees in Electronic Engineering, Physics and Medicine. He is retired and living in Las Vegas.



Getting the Most out of Obituaries

by Michael John NEILL

Ancestry.com recently added 20 million images to their newspaper collection. There are many genealogically significant items one can find in a newspaper, but we frequently turn to the obituaries. This week let's take a look at an obituary that was discovered in the newly uploaded additions to *Ancestry.com* and see how it can be analyzed for further clues and search ideas.

Conrad **KREBS** died in November of 1899 in Davenport, Iowa, and his obituary appeared shortly thereafter in *The Davenport Weekly Leader* of 21 November 1899 (<http://www.ancestry.com/s23560/t14046/rd.ashx>). As I looked at this newly found death notice, I was reminded of some things we should keep in mind when working with obituaries.

Read the Whole Page

Some of the newspaper results at *Ancestry.com* will highlight the name on the page, others will not. Regardless of whether or not this happens, scan the entire page manually. There may be more than one reference to a person on the same page and OCR searches do occasionally miss entries. For Conrad there was an obituary and, on the same page, a notice about the "**KREBS** Obsequies" ("obsequies" refers to the funeral service). If the obituary had not provided details about the service and I hadn't scanned the entire page, this information about the church and burial would have been overlooked.

Consider the Source

Most information in any obituary is secondary. Many of the details in the obituary are being reported years after the actual events and typically by individuals who were not firsthand witnesses. Even when it comes to "current" information, a newspaper can easily make an error.

Saving a digital copy of the obituary is best, but if you must transcribe, copy the obituary exactly and do not edit it. Include obvious errors as they were written and use the "sic" notation immediately after the likely mistake (e.g., "John **SMITH** was born on February 30[sic], 1900"). This indicates that you were aware the information looked odd, but that it was not your mistake.

Create a Chronology

Ordering the information found in obituaries chronologically makes it easier to spot inconsistencies and opportunities for research. Here's an abbreviated chronology for Conrad based upon his obituary:

- 1818 Born in Goldbach, Bavaria
- 1854 Came to United States, directly to Davenport
- 1881 Went into paper and bag business
- 1885 Wife dies
- 1891 Retires from paper and bag business
- 1891 Moves in with daughter, Mrs. Herman **HARTZ**
- 1899 Dies at home of daughter in Davenport

Events in a chronology usually suggest resources to be researched or gaps to be filled. Generally speaking, it is best to use the chronology as a research tool beginning with the most recent event and working backwards. Each fact can be also be entered into your genealogical database, just remember to cite the obituary as the source.

Approximate Dates

Not only does an obituary tell me who is dead, it also tells me who is alive. Conrad was survived by three children, Mrs. Herman **HARTZ**, Mrs. Mary **HANDEL** and Conrad **KREBS**. Two siblings, Mrs. Thekla **KRAUSERT** and Joseph **KREBS**, also survived. In my genealogy database I can indicate they were alive at the time of Conrad's death and include their residence as well (just cite the obituary as the

source).

Take care when making assumptions regarding the spouse of a female based on the way the woman's name is written. Thekla **KRAUSERT** is listed with her first name, rather than her husband's as was often the custom, but was married and living with her husband in 1899. The use of the wife's first name after the word "Mrs." does not necessarily indicate she was widowed or divorced as you might think.

Follow-Up with Other Sources

The death date listed suggests locating a death record for Conrad—both at the county level and possibly at the church as well. His wife's death date, also listed in the obituary, suggests the same sources should be utilized for her and the chronology also indicates her death took place in Davenport as well. Any moves should be listed in a chronology to avoid looking in the wrong location for a record.

Given the year of death and the year of immigration, Conrad and family should appear in federal census records between 1860 and 1880. There are also several Iowa state censuses available that should be checked as well.

City directories for Davenport may document any changes in residence for Conrad and may provide more information on his paper selling business. As *Ancestry* adds more newspapers, it is possible Conrad has advertisements appearing in it as well.

Conrad's obituary provides a year of immigration for him and his wife. Since Conrad died before the census asked any specific immigration questions, this year of immigration should be used as a starting point in any searches of passenger lists. The obituary does not make any mention of a port where Conrad landed, so searches should include all available ports.

Additional Suggestions

When searching the newspapers at *Ancestry.com*, remember the following:

- The collection at *Ancestry* is a work in progress. For some locations and for some time periods not all issues have been digitized. Remember to periodically check the database again and if looking for an item on a specific date, browse the individual images to see what dates are currently available. If that month has not been digitized, even the most creative online search will not find it.
- You can search by a location as well. This is especially helpful if there are several newspapers for the same town. It certainly made it easier in my searches as there are several papers on *Ancestry.com* for Davenport, Iowa.
- Remember these are OCR searches. A "u" can be read as an "n," a "c" can be read as an "e," etc. This makes it necessary to be creative in considering name variants.
- Remember nearby locations. For rural areas, search in towns near where the person lived—not just the town where they resided. Searching the county seat newspaper is also a good idea as they may run death notices for areas within the county as a whole.

Source: 24/7 FAMILY HISTORY CIRCLE Hosted by *Ancestry.com*, 3 August 2008, <http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/?p=2740>

FAMILY TREE MAKER BASICS PROGRAM OUTLINE

Class Name: Introduction to Family Tree Maker 16 Basics

Date of Class: Saturday, April 18, 2009 Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Location of Class: Training Room, Paseo Verde Library, Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, NV

Instructor Name: John **FISCHER** Phone: 457-0486
Email: lucky1570@cox.net

Intended Audience: New or novice current users of Family Tree Maker 16

Prerequisites: A working knowledge of computers and Windows XP features. Note: this is not an introduction to computers class and "hands on" training is not included.

Course Description: This course is intended as an introduction to the basics of getting started in using the genealogy software called Family Tree Maker 16.

Lecture mode will be used to cover the following items with examples displayed via the large screen projector:

1. Help files
2. User manuals
3. FTM Web forums, blogs and other relevant sites
4. Use of FTM Data CD's and FTM 16 Historical Maps & Photos Collection CD

A Family Tree Maker 16 Official Training DVD via the large screen projector will be watched to cover the following:

1. Data Management
2. People Management
3. Custom Reports
4. Navigation Aids
5. Scrapbook Topics
6. Tools and Utilities

Limited time will be available to answer questions from the attendees.

Persons with specific questions regarding the use of FTM 16 features are encouraged to attend the scheduled FTM SIG meetings at the Paseo Verde Library.

Persons with specific questions regarding genealogy computer usage can attend the scheduled Genealogy PC SIG meetings at the Family History Center, 9th & Clark, Las Vegas, NV

REGISTER ONLINE FOR CLASSES

The Henderson Library District recently installed an on-line registration process that allows individuals to register for various programs and events, including those sponsored by CCNGS. 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. With this information the instructor can obtain a listing of those who have signed up for the class, allowing for

wardepartmentpapers.org

The following is an announcement of a new web site:

Between 1784 and 1800, the War Department of the United States was responsible for Indian affairs, veteran affairs, naval affairs (until 1798), as well as militia and army matters. For example, the War Department operated the nation's only federal social welfare program, providing veterans' benefits (including payments to widows and orphans) to more than 4,000 persons.

On the night of November 8, 1800, fire devastated the War Office, consuming the papers, records, and books stored there. Two weeks later, Secretary of War Samuel **DEXTER** lamented in a letter that "All the papers in my office [have] been destroyed." For the past two centuries, the official records of the War Department effectively began with **DEXTER's** letter.

The project to reconstitute the War Department Papers was begun more than a dozen years ago, and it has involved years of painstaking work, including visits to more than 200 repositories and the consulting of more than 3,000 collections in the United States, Canada, England, France, and Scotland.

Papers of the War Department 1784-1800 will present this collection of more than 55,000 documents in a free, online format with extensive and searchable metadata linked to digitized images of each document, thereby insuring free access for a wide range of users.

- The searchable Field List includes:
- Persons/Groups -Search in the "persons/groups" field
- Locations -Search in the "locations" field
- Items/Things -Search in the "items/things" field
- Summary -Search in the "summary" field
- Phrases -Search in the "phrases" field

Because this collection of papers was reconstituted from archives scattered across the United States, oftentimes more than one copy of a document was recovered. Sometimes these documents may be slightly different. To preserve the archival record and to allow access to multiple versions of these historically valuable documents, the archive has retained and posted all images of all versions in their possession.

You can read more at: <http://www.wardepartmentpapers.org>



DONATIONS OF GENEALOGY SOFTWARE MANUALS REQUESTED

Members are asked to donate materials to CCNGS relating to various genealogical software programs which are 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 in the Heritage Room.

Older versions of these manuals are acceptable as they cover the basics of the software and many members are still using older versions. Donations of the computer software are **NOT** wanted.

Bring your donations to the monthly meeting or drop them off in the Heritage Room with a volunteer. Do not leave them without some notification or acknowledgement regarding their presence.



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LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Books Donated January 2009

Donated by Em BECKER (of Elizabeth BENTON FREMONT Tent 79, DUVCW)

Kentucky Explorer periodical - 120 magazines, Vol. 10, No. 7, Jan 1996 thru Vol. 21, No. 9, Mar 2008.

Donated by CCNGS:

Family Tree State Research Guides

PILATT, Lyman D., Census Records of Latin America and the Hispanic United States, 228 pages.

Donated by: Memorial Fund for Catherine EDMUNDSON FOLLETT, Paul (Compiler), Printed Sources for Oklahoma Genealogical and Historical Research, 668 pgs.

Donated by Sam GIORDONO

SACHAR, Howard Morley, Farewell Espana, The World of the Sephardim Remembered, Includes bibliographical references and index, 438 pgs.

Donated by Stephen H. SMITH

SMITH, Stephen, Barshingers in America: A Genealogical History of Barshinger Families in America since 1735, 2001, Every name index.

Donated by: WALKER HARRIS, Jamie L.

African Americans in Wilson County Texas 1860-1885, Index, 92 pgs.

Donated by William WARD

CHRISTIAN, Shirley, Before Lewis and Clark – The Story of the Choutaus, the French Dynasty That Ruled America's Frontier, Includes Bibliographical References and index, 489 pgs.

William WARD donated Three Bookcases for the Periodical Room.

Donated by: (Unknown)

NOYES, Al. J., In The Land of Chinook or The Story of Blaine County, MT, Index, 152 pgs.

Las Vegas Regional Family History Center

Address: 509 South Ninth Street, Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada 89101
Handicapped entrance/ramp on 9th Street.
Additional entrance in rear, from the parking lot.

Phone: 702-382-9695

Regular Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10am - 7pm;
Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm

<http://familyhistorylv.org/>

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Six Genealogy Myths to Avoid

Don't let your family history search get sidetracked by these common—but erroneous—genealogical beliefs.

1. You can buy your family crest.

Cups, mugs, wall hangings and other family crest doodads are available online everywhere. But “families” don’t have crests—rather, individuals do. Coats of arms must be granted, and to claim the right to arms, you must prove descent through a male line of someone to whom arms were granted Think you qualify? [Get more details on heraldry in our online article.](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Unzipping-Your-Coat-of-Arms/) (<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Unzipping-Your-Coat-of-Arms/>)

2. The 1890 census burned to a crisp.

Actually, it didn’t—it was waterlogged and lay around until some unknown person authorized its disposal. But some parts survived—[see the full story on the Now What? blog.](http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/nowwhat/The+Tragic+Tale+Of+The+1890+Census.aspx) (<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/nowwhat/The+Tragic+Tale+Of+The+1890+Census.aspx>)

3. You can find your whole family history online.

If only! Nowadays you *can* get lots of actual records online, including censuses, passenger lists, military records, digitized books—and on and on. But lots of errors abound in online indexes, transcriptions and family trees, and repositories hold richly detailed, lesser-known records. So at some point, you’ll want or need to log off and go to the library. [When you do, look to our Libraries & Archives category for research tips.](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/libraries&archives/) (<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/libraries&archives/>)

4. Your ancestor was a Cherokee princess or George Washington, or you’re related to John Brown.

Lots of families have legends about famous kin, and of course it could be true—but stories tend to get embellished and even made up over time, so research such legends before passing them on as the truth.

Regarding the above-mentioned myths: Though you may have Cherokee blood, there weren’t any Cherokee princesses and George Washington can’t be an ancestor because he never had children (Martha did, from her first marriage). Also, not everyone with the same last name is related, even when you go waaaaaaay back in time.

5. The courthouse burned, and all the records are gone.

Many a genealogical dream has run smack against a courthouses fire. But the vital records, naturalizations, deeds, wills and other records within weren’t always completely destroyed. Sometimes records survived, or copies had been sent to another office, or the clerk asked citizens for copies of their records, or you can find the same information elsewhere. [See our tips for beating brick walls and contact the county library or state archives, whose staffs may have prepared special helps for genealogists researching around courthouse blazes.](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Busting-Out/) (<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Busting-Out/>)

6. Your ancestor's name was changed at Ellis Island.

This may be the biggest genealogical myth of all time. Passenger lists were created at the port of departure, and Ellis Island officially checked the names on the list. (One reason why knowing your ancestor’s name in the old country will help you find his passenger record.)

Many immigrants changed their own names after arrival in an effort to sound more “American.” [Here are more—actual—ways immigrants’ names were changed.](http://www.genealogy.com/88_donna.html) (http://www.genealogy.com/88_donna.html)

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FLESH to the BONES: Telling the Family Story

Margarita SAMUELS

Submitted by Peg LUTHY (CCNGS)

This information comes from Judi WEST who was a foster child raised by the LUTHY family in Oregon. She recorded many of the stories told by elderly relatives, and did extensive research in Europe as well as in the United States.

Margarita SAMUELS was raised by her mother, Anna Suter SAMUELS and her step-father, Samuel LUTI. The name "Margarita SAMUELS" is on her birth certificate.

Margarita, as a member of the royal HAPSBURG household of the Emperor of Austria, but of a lower status, was employed as a nanny in the mountain vacation compound near Aarburg. She spoke French and grew up in the French part of Switzerland. She was said to be 15 when she began to care for the Archduke's two small sons. In that capacity, she met and fell in love with Crown Prince Charles Louis HAPSBURG. She was married to him, and they had two children - Franz Ferdinand and Anna Maria. This marriage was a morganatic marriage, which is an approved, legally valid marriage between people of differing social rank. It prevents titles, privileges, and estates of the royal or noble spouse from being shared by or passed on to the partner of lesser status or rank. Although any children born of the marriage union area considered legitimate, they have no claim on the property, titles, etc. of their royal parent.

This marriage was later annulled so the Crown Prince, also known as the Archduke, could marry another woman. In most HAPSBURG genealogies, no mention is made of this marriage. Some records show her date of death or disappearance coinciding with the year Margarita immigrated to the United States. After the marriage was annulled, Margarita later married Peter LUTHY on December 31, 1871. They came to the United States from Switzerland in 1873. Margarita was allowed to bring her daughter, Anna Maria, with her. Her son, Franz Ferdinand, had to stay with his father. Margarita and Peter LUTHY

arrived in New York, moved to New Jersey for several years, and then moved on to Ohio. Peter LUTHY had three children from his first marriage and they remained in Ohio. Peter and Margarita had 10 more children, and this new family finally settled in Oregon.

Margarita had a locket with a porcelain painting on its face of Franz Ferdinand. In it was a lock of reddish-blond hair, presumably belonging to her son. Anna Maria had this locket during her lifetime and also a glass negative with the body and legs of a boy sitting on a high brick-capped wall with the area of the face scratched off the negative. Margarita and Anna Maria stood below, holding his hand. Not only could Margarita not take her son with her, she was not allowed to even take his photo.

Franz Ferdinand and his father, Charles Louis HAPSBURG, visited the United States so Margarita could see her son, and Anna Maria could see her father and brother. The family met at Niagara Falls. At one time there was a photo of the three sitting on a wall overlooking the falls.

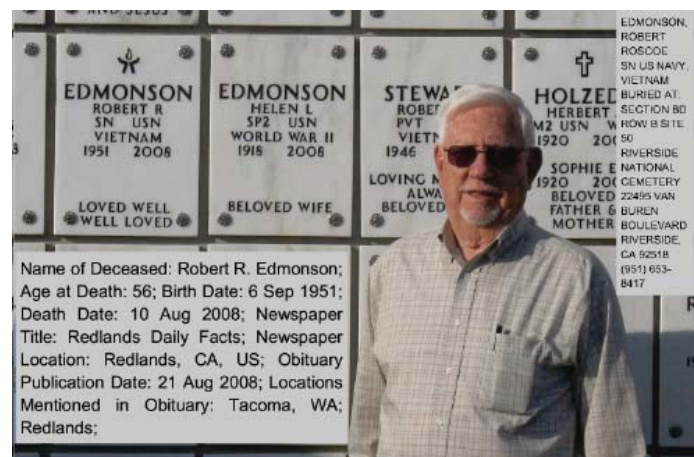
Margarita was given a lifetime income, referred to in her will as her "Switzerland Fund," which was passed on to her sister after her death. This was payment for her to immigrate to the United States and to relinquish any claim to her position within the HAPSBURG family. HAPSBURG family representatives from Switzerland visited her yearly to check on her and to deliver the money.

Franz Ferdinand became Archduke Franz Ferdinand who, with his wife Sophie, was assassinated at Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina on June 28, 1914. They died on their 14th wedding anniversary. The marriage between Franz Ferdinand and Sophie was also a morganatic marriage. This assassination led to the start of World War I. Margarita died in 1929 in Salem, Oregon.

William Andrew Jackson BUNCH

Paula PETRUSO (CCNGS)

My grandfather, William Andrew Jackson BUNCH, was the son of a long line of farmers who had migrated west with each generation. "Jack" BUNCH was born in Saline County, Arkansas and raised to be a farm hand. But Jack was a rascal who craved adventure. At the age of 16 he ran away from the family farm and joined a traveling circus. At 18 he was home again, but moved with part of his family to live in a town with exciting prospects, Hot Springs. It was a spa for wealthy Americans and a draw (more saloons and gambling parlors than hot water) for all kinds of people. Jack soon volunteered to fight in the Spanish American War. But his bid for adventure was dashed when he contracted malaria in the swamps of Georgia during training. Jack returned to Hot Springs, married, and had a daughter, and worked as a carpenter. Adventure beckoned again when he had the chance to join the Hot Springs Fire Department. He spent the rest of his life as a fireman, fighting to save the town from two disastrous fires in the 1910s.



EDMONSON COINCIDENCE

Submitted by Richard "Dick" EDMONSON, Sr (CCNGS)

These adjacent niches in the columbarium in Riverside National Cemetery are an eerie coincidence - My mother's name was Helen EDMONSON. This Helen lived in San Bernardino but I have no knowledge of a relationship. Niches are not reserved or assigned in any particular sequence - only by date arrangements were made. It was startling to see the name alongside my son Bud's.



QUERIES



BENNER, FLUGLE, JONES, OVER, RUSSELL, SUTTONS, WATERS

Looking for other descendants of Samuel **WATERS**; b. 1805 in PA, and his wife Leah **OVER** b. 1811 in PA. They m. 12 Apr 1824 in Bedford, PA; they had a large family. I have identified 12 of their children: 1) John F.; b. Abt. 1829 in Bedford, PA; m. "Mary", 2) David Y.; b. Abt. 1831 in Bedford, PA; d. 1865 in the Civil War, left dau Anna; b. Abt. 1856, 3) Anna M.; b. Nov 1833 in Bedford, PA; m. Henry M. **RUSSELL** d. Aug 1913, 4) Isaac O.; b. 23 Mar 1837 in Bedford, PA; m. Sallie **JONES** d. 2 Apr 1901 in Howard Co, MO, 5) Ellen; b. 1839 in Bedford, PA; m. James W. **BENNER**.; 6) Eliza b. 11 Feb 1841 in Bedford, PA; m. Royal A. **SUTTON**, 7) James B.; b. 1843 in Bedford, PA, 8) William; b. 1845 in Bedford, PA, 9) Charles V.; b. Mar 1851 (twin) on the banks of the Ohio River ; m. Elizabeth "Lizzie" M. **FLUGLE**, 10) Kate L.; b. Mar 1851 (twin) on the banks of the Ohio River, 11) Jennie; b. Abt. 1854 in Urbana, IL, 12) Emma; b. Abt. 1866 in Urbana, IL. The family moved from Bedford, PA to Urbana, IL in March of 1851, taking a steam boat down the Ohio River. The boat capsized in OH, sending all of their household goods to the bottom of the river. Everyone was fine, but Leah gave birth to twins Charles and Kate on the river bank. They eventually bought the old Urbana House, refurbished and renamed it the Pennsylvania House. Samuel served a couple of terms as an Alderman, and several family members served in the Civil War from Urbana. Samuel d. Sep 1868, Leah d. Oct 1868.

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BIHSON / BISSON, FISCHER

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Johann **BIHSON / BISSON** ; b. 1841 in Rheinland-Pfalz, Ger.; m. Eva **FISCHER**, b. 28 June 1849 in Hördt, Gernersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Ger. 1 June 1871 in Bellheim, Gernersheim, Ger. Eva **FISCHER** had a bro. Valentin **FISCHER** in Erie, PA and a sister Philippina **FISCHER** in Hördt, Gernersheim, Ger. John and Eva immigrated to USA 28 June 1871 on ship **GERMANIA** from Hamburg to Brooklyn, New York City. Last known address in 1873 was 509 Henderson St. Jersey City, NJ. John was a butcher and he owned a small meat market in Jersey City. John bu in Mountindale, NY. Known children: Elizabeth, b. 1868 in Germany; Frederick (Fritz) b. 30 July 872 in Jersey City, NJ; Willhema b. 1878 in Jersey City, NJ; John b. 1880 in Jersey City, NJ served in the US Army in the Philippines in 1900. They had a total of 3 boys and 2 girls; one boy died at the age of 22.

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BRUGGER, HEID, SCHWAB, VEIT, WESCHLER

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Simon **HEID** b. 16 Oct 1845 in Neupotz, Gernersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, Ger.; d. 24 Apr 1902 in Erie, PA. Father John Adam **HEID**, mother Margaretha **VEIT**. Simon arrived at Castle Garden, NY 13 May 1872 on ship **DEUSCHLAND**. Simon m. Mary Elizabeth **WESCHLER** 12 May 1881 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Erie, PA. Mary Elizabeth **WESCHLER** b. 13 Jan 1853 in Erie, PA and d. 17 Sep 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 may be buried in Trinity Cemetery, W. Lake

Rd., Erie, PA.

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CASTILE, HOFELE, TURNEY

Looking for birth *parents* of Harry P **TURNEY** b. 1890 TX. His *parents* b. TX. 1930 Census - Harry m. 1920/1930 Grace **CASTILE** b. abt 1897, MO. Grace **CASTILE** (1st m) to George **HOFELE**; had son James O. **HOFELE** b. 24 Dec 1916. James O. **HOFELE** changed name to James O. **TURNEY**. 1930 census - Grace **CASTILE** (2nd m) 1920/1930 to Harry P **TURNEY**; had son, Harry P. **TURNEY**, Jr., b. abt 1928 IL

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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.

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DISSE, SCHULZE

Looking for info (b, m) for Anna Maria **DISSE** who immigrated from Westphalei area of Ger. abt 1854. She came with husband Johnnes F **SCHULZE** and daughters Maria Anna and Helena.

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DODGE

Looking for parents of Aaron **DODGE** of Wiscassette, MA; b. abt 1791 or 1794 along with a sister Lydia.

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ENSIGN, VANAUKEN

Seeking desc of Fred **VANAUKEN** (b. 1860) and wife, Alice (**EN-SIGN**) **VANAUKEN** (b. May 4, 1862). Originally from Dansville, Livingston, NY. May have relocated to the Rochester, Monroe, NY area. Ch were Charles, Harry, Edna, Augsta, Howard, Eva and Fred. Ron **HUGHES**, 2271 Bildad Dr., Henderson, NV 89044; (702) 270-6955; rondh@cox.net

FREED / FRIED, HESSON

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

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FRY(E), TRICE

Need info on Retta L. **FRY(E) TRICE**, d. 25 April 1914, Burlington, Des Moines Co. Iowa. Parents were Thomas and Mary V. **FRY(E)**. Who was Retta's husband? Where was she buried?

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HOLLIS / HOLLINS

Looking for fa and grandparents of William I. **HOLLIS**, b. Dec 1882 Winston, MS. Mo Kitty/Ketty **HOLLIS/HOLLINS** b. Oct 1864; widowed farmer. Sisters of William: Maud M b. Jun 1890 and Lucy b. May 1896.

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GASKINS, SMITH

Looking for birth *parents* and sibs of Cora Jean **SMITH** (adopted name; infant adoption) b. 21 Oct 1934 TN. Adopted *parents* Ernest **SMITH** b. 30 Sep 1895 TN; d. 17 Jul 1978 Memphis, TN; m. 26 Dec 1931 Hattie Julia **GASKINS** b. 9 Apr 1899 Lake City, SC; d. May 1961 Hamburg, AR.

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GERHLEIN, HEINTZ, MERZ, VEIT

Looking for ancestors, relatives, siblings and descendants of Lawrence F. **GERHLEIN** b. 22 Nov 1807 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, Ger., d. 24 Sep 1881 in Harbor Creek/Erie, PA. Wife Magdalena **HEINTZ**, b. 25 Apr 1812 in Hördt, Germersheim, d. 18 Dec 1893 in Erie, PA.; m. between 28-31 Aug 1835 in Neupotz, Germersheim, Ger.. Children include Jacob b 23 Feb 1839, d. 9 Apr 1915 in Erie, PA; m. Katherine **VEIT**; Caspar, b 22-29 Oct 1840, d 1 Oct 1926 in Erie, PA m. Philomina **MERZ**; Philippina, b 13 Mar 1843, d. 19 Oct 1922 in Erie, PA, m. George C. **MERZ**. Religion - Roman Catholic. Several are believed buried in Trinity Cemetery, W. Lake Rd., Erie, PA. John G. **FISCHER**, 4532 Wisconsin Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104-5515; 702-457-0486; lucky1570@cox.net

KENNARD, ROBINSON

Looking for info on parents and siblings of Joseph R **KENNARD** b. May 1825, 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

MCFEE, RYAN

Seeking siblings of Paul Emerson **RYAN** b. 17 July 1883 in Williamsport, PA. P are Mathian B. **RYAN** and Ada Manze **MCFEE**. 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, Zigmond, Mary, Antoinette, Helen, Ted, Adele, John, Arthur and Norman of Detroit, Wayne Co, MI. John visited relatives in NJ early 1950's after d. of wife. Claudia **KOTEK** 2519 Stanwood Ave, Henderson, NV 89074; (702) 492-0035; cakoteknv@cox.net

SCHMIDT, SIEBERT

Seeking anc and desc of Michael and Helena **SCHMIDT** who were living in Beaver Falls, PA in 1910. Michael was employed as a watchman in a shovel works. He was 45 and Helena was 34. They had been m. 18 years and had 7 ch; six 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. 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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SMITH

Looking for info on Earnest **SMITH**, Jr; b. abt 1920; d. in his 20s in a car accident; was a Guitar Entertainer in Nashville, TN; birth mother unk; fa - Ernest **SMITH**; b. 30 Sep 1895 TN; d. 17 Jul 1978 Memphis, TN.

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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.

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TAYLOR, WILCOX

Seeking info abt 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?

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"Finest State Genealogy Library" Planned for Ohio

Posted by Diane (Family Tree Magazine)

Ohio genealogists will soon get a new research destination. "We have achieved full funding for our new building project," reports E. Paul **MOREHOUSE**, president of the Ohio Genealogical Society (**OGS** www.ogs.org).

Construction starts early next year on "the finest state genealogical library in the country," says OGS spokesperson Wally **HUSKONEN** in an announcement.

The 18,000-square-foot library near Mansfield, Ohio, will have climate-controlled space for archives, a reading room, a preservation and digitization lab, meeting space, classrooms and offices.

In mid-November, a \$350,000 grant from the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission (www.culture.ohio.gov) brought the total to \$2,564,889 just past OGS' \$2.5 million goal. Fundraising continues to pay a loan from the Department of Agriculture and build a maintenance fund for the facility.

OGS is the country's largest state genealogical society with more than 6,000 members in ninety-five chapters.

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A TALE OF THE VOLGA GERMANS

Submitted by: Betty **WEIBLE** (CCNGS)



Tsarina Katharina II (1762 - 1796), nee Princess Sophie Auguste Friederike von **ANHALT-ZERBST**. Her 1763 Manifesto set off the German farmers' colonization of Russia. My ancestors were among the 25,000 people who left Germany and emigrated to the Volga River

Volga Germans

Description: Brief history, including Catherine the Great's Manifesto, the Seven Year War, the trials of traveling from Germany to Russia, the decision to travel from Russia to the United States of America.

Date: 1763 - 1875

Location: Germany / Russia / United States of America

The current economic crisis throughout the world reminds of the origins of my family story on my mother's side (**GOETZ**; **ALLENDORF**). What do the problems of the 21st Century have in common with my ancestors of the 18th Century? Unemployment, loss of homes and poverty; emigration from one country (Germany) to immigration to a new country (Russia) where people can find jobs, support their families and have enough money to live comfortably.

The Seven Year War was fought in many parts of the world and involved many countries. The way I remember the story being told to me was that the German kingdoms of Prussia, Hanover and Great Britain were fighting Austria, Spain, France, Russia and Sweden. The French and British were fighting in North America over the colonies (the French and Indian War). In Europe, the fighting began in 1756 and ended in 1763; Prussia became a leading European power. The ending of the Seven Year War brought disaster to many German people; everyone was poor. Out-of-work soldiers were roaming around the countryside, looking for food to eat and work to do. Families were desperately trying to survive however they could.

Catherine the Great ascended the throne as Empress of all Russia in 1762. She realized that immigration was a way to colonize her land

and she began laying the groundwork to bring in colonists to settle and develop the semi-arid areas near Saratov on the Volga River. She issued an invitation to outsiders on 4 December 1762. Owing to various causes, however, this appeal met with practically no response. Apparently undismayed by this first failure, she issued a much more detailed invitation on 22 July 1763.

The second invitation, the "Manifesto," listed the conditions, rights and privileges, under which settlers could enter her empire; it guaranteed to all foreigners forming colonies in the unsettled districts of Russia, free exercise of religion, the right to build churches and bell towers, as well as schools. Furthermore, all colonists would exempt from all taxes, levies, and land service for thirty years and they would be exempt from military duty for an undetermined amount of time. Catherine then sent "Imperial Commissaries" to the various countries around Russia with the instructions to extend her invitation far and wide. In 1763, Captain J. G. von **KOTZER**, was sent to Frankfort in order to induce as many of his countrymen as possible to immigrate to Russia. Captain von **KOTZER** conducted an intensive campaign offering free transportation, money to maintain them on the road, and many other inducements, not contained in the "manifest." The new country (Russia) was pictured as a paradise to all who jumped at the golden opportunity to colonize the land around the Volga River. The German principalities strictly forbade the emigration of their subjects, but Captain von **KOTZER** and his assistants were so successful that between 1763 - 1767 they induced approximately eight thousand families (about 25,000 persons), to emigrate from Hessian, Saxony, Alsace, Baden, Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, Tyrol, Switzerland, and the Palatinate. Their success was helped by the chaotic affairs in Germany as a consequence of the ending of the Seven Years War.

These people gathered in Lubeck, Germany for the long 6 week trip to Russia; Russian sailing ships would transport them from Lubeck to Kronstadt (located near or on the Gulf of Finland). From Kronstadt they were to proceed to Oranienbaum. Tsarina Katharina met them and welcomed them at Oranienbaum. From Oranienbaum they would go past Novgorod where the colonists would disembark and begin the overland journey to Torzhok on the Volga. But by this time, winter had come and their journeys were temporarily stopped. When spring arrived, the remaining colonists (many died during the winter lay-over) continued their journey by boat to Saratov. They left the boats and began to travel on a dirt road in a very flat countryside that had no signs of habitation. The journey abruptly ended and the colonists were advised that carpenters would be arriving soon to help them build their homes... the carpenters never showed up. Winter was approaching and the colonists began building "semeljankas" – houses that were excavated from the ground, like a basement, and then covered with clay packed branches; in the middle of the roof was a small opening for smoke; most had 2 small windows that let in very little light and a tiny door that the people crawled through instead of walking through to get to the room in the ground.

Most of my ancestors settled in Herzog on the Karamann River which is a tributary of the Volga, but there were actually over 100 colonies that were formed. These settlers established solid roots; they learned to be farmers and craftsmen and teachers. They raised wheat, tobacco and fruit. They successfully raised cattle. They formed their own distinct social, religious and political ties and generally stayed within their own Volga-German towns and had very little to do with the Russian population around them.

By 1870, the people of the Volga colonies met to discuss the changes that evolved as time passed and it was decided that scouts would be

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MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

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Generation No. 1

1. Artemus C **RAND**, b. 5 May 1874 in Holland, WI; d. 25 Sep 1933 in Melrose, WI. He was the son of 2. George Latimer **RAND** and 3. Catherine Helen **BIGSBY**. He m. (1) Lena Josephine **HABERL** 30 Jul 1900 in Monroe Cty, WI. She was b. 28 Jun 1883 in French Island, Onalaska, WI, and d. 18 Jun 1956 in Black River Falls, Jackson, WI. She was the daughter of George **HABERL** and Mary A **ARTTUSS**.

Generation No. 2

2. George Latimer **RAND**, b. 2 Jun 1850 in Sun Prairie, Dane, WI, USA; died 27 Dec 1912 in Milan, WA. He was the son of 4. James Buchannan **RAND** and 5. Elizabeth **LATIMER**. He m. 3. Catherine Helen **BIGSBY** 9 Jul 1873 in Onalaska, LaCrosse, WI. Cause of Death: Stomach Cancer Medical Information: Died at the Sacred Heart Hospital
3. Catherine Helen **BIGSBY**, b. 12 Jul 1854 in IA?; d. 18 Feb 1924 in Milan, Spokane, WA. She was the daughter of 6. **BIGSBY** and 7. **STETZ**. Cause of Death: Empyema of Gall Bladder Medical Information: Died at the St. Lukes Hospital
- Children of George **RAND** and Catherine **BIGSBY** are:
- i. Artemus C **RAND**, b. 5 May 1874 in Holland, WI; d. 25 Sep 1933 in Melrose, WI; m. Lena Josephine **HABERL** 30 Jul 1900 in Monroe Cty, WI.
 - ii. Melissa **RAND**, b. 23 Jun 1876.
 - iii. Myrtle **RAND**, b. 1878; m. Leo **JOHNSON**.
 - iv. Oscar Wilde **RAND**, b. 26 Oct 1886 in Holman, WI; m. (1) Zanie Idella **MILES**; married (2) Helena.
 - v. Robert R. **RAND**, b. Aug 1891 in Midway, WI; m. Golda I; b. in WI.
 - vi. Mary **RAND**, b. Mar 1895; m. George **STAPLETON**.
 - vii. George L. **RAND** Jr, b. 1897.
 - viii. James **RAND**, b. 1900.

Generation No. 3

4. James Buchannan **RAND**, b. 2 Oct 1822 in Brooke County, WV; d. 8 Jul 1898 in Onalaska, WI. He was the son of 8. Robert **RAND** and 9. Mehitable Anna **REED**. He m. 5. Elizabeth **LATIMER** 9 Aug 1846 in Jackson Co, WV.
5. Elizabeth **LATIMER**, b. Abt. 1825 in Washington Cty, PA; d. 19 Apr 1892 in Brices Prairie, Onalaska, WI.
- Children of James **RAND** and Elizabeth **LATIMER** are:
- i. Isabel **RAND**⁵⁹, b. 1848⁶⁰; m. William **EVANS**. Residence: 1850, Delaware, Ripley, IN⁶
 - 2 ii. George Latimer **RAND**, b. 2 Jun 1850 in Sun Prairie, Dane, WI, USA; d. 27 Dec 1912 in Milan, WA; m. Catherine Helen **BIGSBY** 9 Jul 1873 in Onalaska, LaCrosse, WI.
 - iii. Artemus Reed **RAND**, b. 1852 in Sun Prairie, Dane, WI, USA; d. 1917; m. (1) Clara Evengeline **SHOVE** 3 Apr 1879 in Onalaska, WI; b. 31 Jan 1857 in Onalaska, La Crosse, WI⁶¹; d. 3 Dec 1883 in Onalaska, WI, USA⁶² Bur. in Onalaska Cemetery in the **SHOVE** lot B1.52 Lot.8.; married (2) Cora Josephine **SHAUL** 7 Apr 1886⁶³; born 11 Nov 1860 in Sauk, WI, USA⁶⁴; d. 14 Feb 1942 in Gulfport, MS, USA⁶⁵.
 - iv. Martha **RAND**⁶⁶, b. 1856^{67,68}
 - v. Anna Reed **RAND**⁶⁹, b. 1865^{70,71}
 - vi. Willie **RAND**⁷², b. 1865^{73,74}; d. 1867^{75,76}
6. **BIGSBY** He m. 7. **STETZ**.
7. **STETZ**
- Child of **BIGSBY** and **STETZ** is:
- 3 i. Catherine Helen **BIGSBY**, b. 12 Jul 1854 in IA?; d. 18 Feb 1924 in Milan, Spokane, WA; m. George Latimer **RAND** 9 Jul 1873 in Onalaska, LaCrosse, WI.

Generation No. 4

8. Robert **RAND**, b. 26 Jul 1783 in Westminster, VT; d. 1847 in Jackson Co., WV. He was the son of 16. Robert K **RAND** and 17. Amy **AVERILL**. He m. 9. Mehitable Anna **REED** in VT.
9. Mehitable Anna **REED**, b. 1786 in VT or NH; d. 24 Jan 1873 in Brice Co., WI. She was the daughter of 18. Artemas **REED** and 19. Anna.
- Children of Robert **RAND** and Mehitable **REED** are:
- i. Robert I. **RAND**, b. 22 Aug 1811 in VT; d. 1879 in WV; m. Mary Ann **SINCLAIR** 5 Dec 1834 in Jackson Co, WV; b. 1817 in PA. Robert d. 3 November 1878 in Jackson Co., VA. He is buried next to Robert Sr and Crissa Ann **PRENTICE** (Perhaps his sister who d. in 1847 and lived in Mills Creek).
 - ii. William Henry **RAND**⁷⁸, b. 1814 in VT; d. 28 Aug 1855 in Onalaska, WI; m. Margaret **WINTERS** Abt. 1834 in Jackson Cty, VA; b. 1816 in Jefferson Co., OH; d. 1850 in St Louis, MO. In 1850 the family started to WI, going by water on the

- Ohio River. At St Louis, MO. the Mother died from Cholera and was buried there.
- iii. Lucy E **RAND**^{ns}, b. 1816 in VT; d. Aug 1861 in Onalaska, WI^{ns}; m. (1) Abraham **PITTINGER**; b. 1802 in Richland, OH; d. 1888 in Trempealeau Co., WI; m. (2) Unknown **BARNES**.
 - iv. Christina Ann **RAND**, b. Abt. 1817 in VT; d. 8 Nov 1847 in Mills Creek, VA; m. Anson A. **PRENTISS** 1837; b. 1818 in VT. 1850 census of WI list them as **PRENTICE**'s
 - v. Luther Johnson **RAND**, b. 26 Jun 1818 in PA; d. 2 Oct 1900; m. Margaret **SNYDER**; b. 6 Jan 1821; d. 6 Nov 1901.
 - 4 vi. James Buchannan **RAND**, b. 2 Oct 1822 in Brooke Co., WV; d. 8 Jul 1898 in Onalaska, WI; m. Elizabeth **LATIMER** 9 Aug 1846 in Jackson Co, WV.
 - vii. John **RAND**^{ns}, b. 4 Feb 1824 in Jackson Cty, WV; d. 12 Oct 1895 in OR; m. Nancy **DOUGLASS**; b. 1829 in VA; d. Jan 1893 in WY.
 - viii. Henry M. **RAND**, b. 1827 in Jackson Cty, WV.
 - ix. Andrew Jackson **RAND**^{ns}, b. Feb 1829 in Jackson Cty, WV; d. Aug 1911 in Hood River, OR; m. Mary Ann **LATIMER** 22 Apr 1848 in WV; b. Abt. 1829 in PA; d. 29 May 1879 in Onalaska, WI.
 - x. Jack **RAND**, b. 1833 in Jackson Cty, WV.

Generation No. 5

- 16. Robert K **RAND**, b. 1750 in Westminster, Windham, VT^{ns}; d. 12 Mar 1828 in Clarendon, Rutland, VT^{ns}. He was the son of 32. Robert **RAND**. He m. 17. Amy **AVERILL** 1774 in Westminster, Winham, VT^{ns}.
- 17. Amy **AVERILL**, b. Abt. 1753 in Westminster, VT. She was the daughter of 34. John **AVERILL** and 35. Mary **PHIPPEN**.
Children of Robert **RAND** and Amy **AVERILL** are:
 - i. Benjamin **RAND**, b. 16 Jan 1775 in VT; d. 26 Apr 1843 in VT; m. (1) Cynthia **ROBINSON**; m. (2) Sarah **ROBINSON**; b. 1781; d. Sep 1875.
 - 8 ii. Robert **RAND**, b. 26 Jul 1783 in Westminster, VT; d. 1847 in Jackson Cty, WV; m. Mehitable Anna **REED** in VT.
- 18. Artemas **REED**, born 1 Mar 1746/47 in Battleboro, VT; died 6 Aug 1826 in Brooke County, WV. He married 19. Anna.
- 19. Anna, b. 1749.
Child of Artemas **REED** and Anna is:
 - 9 i. Mehitable Anna **REED**, b. 1786 in VT or NH; d. 24 Jan 1873 in Brice Cty, WI; m. Robert **RAND** in VT.

Generation No. 6

- 32. Robert **RAND**, b. Abt. 1718 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA. He was the son of 64. Robert **RAND** and 65. Elizabeth **WELCH**.
Child of Robert **RAND** is:
 - 16 i. Robert K **RAND**, b. 1750 in Westminster, Windham, VT; d. 12 Mar 1828 in Clarendon, Rutland, VT; m. Amy **AVERILL** 1774 in Westminster, Winham, VT.
- 34. John **AVERILL**^{ns}, b. 24 Apr 1711 in Topsfield, Essex, MA^{ns}; d. 2 Sep 1797 in Topsfield, Essex, MA^{ns}. He m. 35. Mary **PHIPPEN** 7 May 1735 in Topsfield, MA.
- 35. Mary **PHIPPEN**, b. 14 Aug 1715 in Salem, MA; d. 18 Sep 1809.
Children of John **AVERILL** and Mary **PHIPPEN** are:
 - i. Asa **AVERILL**
 - ii. John **AVERILL**
 - iii. Oliver **AVERILL**
 - 17 iv. Amy **AVERILL**, b. Abt. 1753 in Westminster, VT; m. Robert K **RAND** 1774 in Westminster, Winham, VT.

Generation No. 7

- 64. Robert **RAND**, b. 18 Jun 1684 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 1740 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA. He was the son of 128. Thomas **RAND** and 129. Sarah **LONGLEY**. He m. 65. Elizabeth **WELCH** 2 May 1709.
- 65. Elizabeth **WELCH**^{ns}, b. Abt. 1688 in Charleston, Suffolk, MA.
Children of Robert **RAND** and Elizabeth **WELCH** are:
 - i. Robert **RAND**^{ns}, b. 29 Jan 1709/10 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA; d. Bet. 1710-1718 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA
 - ii. Thomas **RAND**^{ns}, b. 28 May 1711 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA; d. 8 Sep 1711 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.
 - iii. Thomas **RAND**, b. 9 Nov 1712 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA; d. 4 Feb 1712/13 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.
 - iv. Elizabeth **RAND**^{ns}, b. 1713 in Charlestown, MA, USA^{ns}
 - v. Elizabeth **RAND**, b. 1714 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA; m. Unknown **SECOMB**.
 - vi. Rachel **RAND**^{ns}, b. 1716 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA; m. Henry **WHITE**.
 - 32 vii. Robert **RAND**, b. Abt. 1718 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.
 - viii. Joshua **RAND**^{ns}, b. 1719 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA; d. 31 Dec 1719 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.
 - ix. William **RAND**^{ns}, b. 1720 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA; d. Sep 1721 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.
 - x. Sarah **RAND**^{ns}, b. 1722 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.
 - xi. William **RAND**, b. 6 Jul 1723 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.
 - xii. Mary **RAND**^{ns}, b. 7 Mar 1724/25 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.
 - xiii. Joshua **RAND**, b. 12 Feb 1726/27 in Charleston, Middlesex, MA.

Generation No. 8

- 128.** Thomas **RAND**^s, b. 1 Feb 1656/57 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 31 Oct 1695 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s. He was the son of **256.** Thomas **RAND**. He married **129.** Sarah **LONGLEY** 17 Jun 1679 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s.
- 129.** Sarah **LONGLEY**, b. 15 Oct 1660; d. 1696.

Children of Thomas **RAND** and Sarah **LONGLEY** are:

- 64**
- i. Sarah **RAND**, b. 27 Jan 1678/79 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 11 Feb 1678/79 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.
 - ii. Thomas **RAND**^s, b. 5 Dec 1681 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 20 Dec 1710 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - iii. Edmund **RAND**^s, b. 26 Aug 1683 in Charlestown, MA^s; d. 5 May 1764 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - iv. Robert **RAND**, b. 18 Jun 1684 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 1740 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; m. Elizabeth **WELCH** 2 May 1709.
 - v. Edmund **RAND**, b. 22 Aug 1686 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 12 Aug 1769 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.
 - vi. William **RAND**^s, b. 4 May 1689 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 1 Jul 1689 in Boston Dorchester, Suffolk, MA^s
 - vii. Joshua **RAND**^s, b. 2 Mar 1691/92 in Charlestown, MA^s; d. 1711 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - viii. Sarah **RAND**^s, b. 1 Sep 1694 in Charlestown, MA^s; d. 3 Sep 1695 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s

Generation No. 9

- 256.** Thomas **RAND**^s, b. 1627 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 4 Aug 1683 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^{s,s}. He was the son of **512.** Robert **RAND** and **513.** Alice **SHARPE**. Was a cordwainer and cowherdman.

Children of Thomas **RAND** are:

- 128**
- i. Thomas **RAND**, b. 1 Feb 1656/57 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 31 Oct 1695 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; m. Sarah **LONGLEY** 17 Jun 1679 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.
 - ii. John **RAND**, b. 6 Oct 1659 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 19 Dec 1659 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.
 - iii. Sarah **RAND**^s, b. 15 Aug 1661 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 1661 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; Stepchild.
 - iv. Elizabeth **RAND**, b. 2 Feb 1661/62 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.
 - v. John **RAND**^s, b. 25 May 1664 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 24 Sep 1737 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - vi. Sarah **RAND**^s, b. 15 Aug 1666 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 17 Apr 1749 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - vii. Robert **RAND**, b. 19 Apr 1668 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 1678 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.
 - viii. Edmund **RAND**^s, b. 27 Jan 1669/70 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 11 Aug 1683 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - ix. Hannah **RAND**^s, b. 21 Feb 1671/72 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 23 Apr 1760 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - x. William **RAND**^s, b. 11 Sep 1674 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 9 Feb 1746/47 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - xi. Deborah **RAND**^s, b. 28 Sep 1676 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s; d. 16 Feb 1700/01 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA^s
 - xii. Sameul **RAND**, b. 3 May 1679 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 1748 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; Stepchild.

Children of Thomas **RAND** and Sarah **EDENDEN** are:

- i. Sarah **RAND**, b. 6 Jan 1659/60 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 1660 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.
- ii. Samuel **RAND**, b. 3 May 1679 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.

Generation No. 10

- 512.** Robert **RAND**^{s,s,s}, b. 1606 in Fordington, Dorset, England; d. 1639 in Lynn, MA. He was the son of Robert **RAND** and Jane **COLE**. He m. **513.** Alice **SHARPE** in Charlestown, Middlesex, MA^{s7}.
- 513.** Alice **SHARPE**, b. Abt. 1606; d. 5 Aug 1691.

Children of Robert **RAND** and Alice **SHARPE** are:

- i. Robert **RAND**^{s,s}, b. 1622 in Lynn, Essex, MA^s; d. 8 Nov 1694 in Lynn, Essex, MA^{s,s}; m. Elizabeth Abt. 1645 in Lynn, Essex, MA^s; b. 1631 in Lynn, Essex, MA^s; d. 29 Aug 1693 in Lynn, Essex, MA^s.
- 256** ii. Thomas **RAND**, b. 1627 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; d. 4 Aug 1683 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; m. 25 Mar 1656 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA; m. (3) Sarah **EDENDEN** 25 Mar 1656 in Charlestown, Suffolk, MA.

"Googling" Success

Submitted by Peggy W. JACKSON-EDWARDS (CCNGS)

When I returned from the CCNGS Spring Seminar (4 Apr 2008), at the Orleans, last Saturday. I decided to try "*Googling*" the name of a second cousin, as suggested by Dr. George K. SCHWEITZER, Saturday's speaker.

I "*googled*" the name, and to my surprise, my cousin's name appeared in the name of The Memphis Chapter of the National Bar Association. Another heading on the organization's website provided the cousin's biography, which I will use as a reference in my research.

I had some knowledge of this branch of my family history, so I am certain the "*Google*" reference is accurate.

BURNING THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS

If they REALLY didn't want you to stay very long, they would light "both ends" at the same time! Bill comments: This had nothing to do with getting rid of guests. When a clerk worked at night, it was hard to see by candle-light. they did not have two candles, they would turn the candle on its side, and light both ends. This gave twice as much light, but burned out in half the time. The phrase, therefore, came to mean someone who worked very hard, but would wear themselves out very quickly (what today we call 'burn-out').

Rob **FLYNN** says: The phrase is actually 'burning the candle at both ends of the day' i.e. getting up early in the morning (and burning a candle) and going to bed late (and again burning a candle). Which is why we say that someone looking tired and haggard from overwork (or overplay) has been burning the candle at both ends...

QUERY GUIDELINES

by John FISCHER (CCNGS), Robert KENNARD, Jr (CCNGS) and Helen SMITH (CCNGS)

"Submit queries early and often"

The following guidelines for writing genealogical queries or posting queries to internet message boards may be helpful.

- 1. WHO:** Identify the person or a linking person you are looking for. Use the full name and include alternate spellings and spelling in a different language if known. e.g. John in English, Johann in German and Johannes in Latin. Include diacritical marks in names such as Bohn in English and Böhn in German.
- 2. WHAT:** What do you want to know. State exactly what it is that you are looking for. Are you looking for parents, children, siblings, ancestors, descendants, birth, death, marriage, location, etc.
- 3. WHEN:** Date and place them in time. Include as much information as possible for the reader to be able to identify the person(s) in the query. You may include their parents names and birth dates, burial dates, emigration/immigration dates, military service dates, graduation dates, baptism or other significant religious dates, names and birth dates of children, etc.
- 4. WHERE:** Identify an area where you know the person was living. Include as much information about locations as possible. You may include town, village, county, district and country of birth, marriage and death locations, addresses of residences over a the life of the individual, place of burial, name and location of schools attended, name and location of work places, name and location of marriage place, etc. Include diacritical marks in locations such as Tomazow in English and Tomazów in Polish. Use both English and foreign language spellings such as Rheinland-Pfalz in German and Rhine--land-Palatinate in English or Bavaria in English and Bayern in German.
- 5.** All surnames in the heading and the body of the query should be in caps and bolded.
- 6.** All surnames contained in the title should be listed alphabetically, bolded and in caps in the heading.
- 7.** Names of all countries should be spelled out in their entirety except for the United States where USA is acceptable. USA is not needed if the query is for the United States only.
- 8.** Always include the names of counties if possible. The abbreviation Co. is acceptable but the spelling out of the word "County" is preferred.
- 9.** Using the standard U.S. postal system abbreviation for a state is acceptable. e.g. MA, PA, NV.
- 10.** Normal genealogical abbreviations are acceptable. e.g., **b.** for born; **d.** for death date; **bur.** for buried; **m.** for married, etc.
- 11.** Confine your query to one person or a married couple if possible.
- 12.** Always include how you are related to the individual(s) in the query and an easy way for you to be contacted (Email, address, phone, etc.).
- 13.** Keep copies and create a log of your queries indicating when and to whom they were sent.
- 14.** It is important to be as consistent as possible when writing queries.
- 15.** **Short concise queries** are more likely to be read.

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Tip of the Week ~ #3 of 101

Hi there! Here we are again with a great tip to help with our research adventures.

Research tips are fun, fast ideas designed to increase your awareness and improve your research skills. We hope you enjoy these 101 tips and plan to attend a Family History Expo soon. Tips are great, Expos are sensational!

Tip #3: Use Timelines!

What is a timeline?

A timeline is a chronological listing of historical events; it is like a taking a snapshot of your ancestor's life year by year. Each entry is usually limited to one or two short lines. A timeline can include the history of the entire world, or it may focus on one specific ancestor. A timeline can also take many forms—written, electronic or printed as a wall chart. Many genealogy software programs have a timeline feature.

How timelines help

- Timelines can help us understand history. They help us pull back and get a larger perspective.
- They also tell us what happened when and how much time went by in between events. With their help, we can remember just when those important things happened.
- Timelines can identify holes in the information we have about our ancestors' lives; they can give us direction as to what we're missing and where to search next.
- When used with historical events, we can understand the circumstances that our ancestors may have been living under.

For instance, there is no sense in looking for 1875 birth records in the state of Utah. The state did not begin recording births until 1905. We would want to look at alternate records to find a birth record that early. A good timeline will point out which resources may or may not have been available for a particular ancestor.

A timeline is perfect for recording where someone lived and what significant things happened every year of their life. Try filling out your own timeline first. This will help you remember what year you were married, where your kids were born, when you changed jobs, and countless other important places and events. Once you've filled out your own, you'll see how valuable a timeline can be in tracing your family's history.

You can download a free timeline from our Web site at:

http://www.fhexpos.com/store/free_docs.php

Here are other helpful timeline Web sites

Personalized timelines:

<http://www.ourtimelines.com/>

U.S. History Timelines:

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0902416.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_United_States_history

<http://www.shgresources.com/us/timeline/>

World History Timelines:

<http://www.fsmitha.com/t-index.html>

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ALL FOR THE LOVE OF MY FATHER

Valerie Jean **PATTISON-BERGSON**

INTRO: While on duty in the Heritage Room of the Henderson, Nevada Public Library on November 8, 2008, I met Valerie Jean **PATTISON-BERGSON** when she and her husband, Harvey, visited Las Vegas coming from England. Seeking to assist in any genealogical matter she might have, I must have triggered her desire to relate to me her delightfully intense narration which riveted my attention for over 2 ½ hours. I only wish I'd had a tape recorder to capture the full effect of her emotional telling.

I asked her to write the story of her search for her Father and let us be the first to publish it. She recently mailed me her much condensed version of the search and its results. This is her narrative of two people caught between the confines of military service during wartime and the personal bond created through a consuming love. Today she writes 'finis' to their tale in the search for her own identity.

William E **WARD (CCNGS)**

ALL FOR THE LOVE OF MY FATHER

My story began before I was born. Arthur E. "Pat" **PATTISON, Jr.**, was born South Dakota in 1925, raised in Iowa and enlisted in US Navy in Spencer, IA 1942, (age) 17 years. Beryl Joan **MEADE** was born in England in 1923, and was raised in Hampshire, U.K.

Arthur "Pat" was involved in the invasion of Sicily and the D-Day Landings. He eventually arrived in Poole Dorset where he met my mother. They got engaged and my mother was pregnant with me. "Pat" went AWOL and ran away with her. They survived for several months until just two weeks before my birth. Then "Pat" was picked up by the Military and shipped out. My mother was taken to "a place of safety" being so advanced in her pregnancy.

Dad was not allowed to have his name on my birth certificate so it was left blank. On his return to the U.S. he made a statement saying he was the father of Valerie Jean **PATTISON** and he sent support for sometime.

Their relationship was doomed from the start as my mother was from a mixed race marriage. Her father came from British Guiana, South America. His mother was a "lady of color" and his father was white. In those days, particularly in the USA, these marriages were not allowed or tolerated. Guiana and England were more tolerant although it was still unusual, infrequent and much discussed! My mother told me about my Dad from when I was a very small child. I knew he was a sailor in the US Navy, from Iowa, and that I had inherited my vivid blue eyes from him, but not much else.

Throughout the years of my growing up and subsequent marriage, I always wondered about my Dad and how could I possibly find him. America was so far away, we didn't have any spare cash, and where would I start? I thought time was on my side and in the future I could talk to my mother and get some information from her. Sadly this was not to be. Mother died of cancer at 60 years and her secrets went also. The rest of her family, claimed to have no knowledge of anything which later proved untrue. They had all actually met my Dad at my grandparent's house! However, the years rolled by until 1995. I had just read a book called "**Daddy Where Are You?**" written by a "War Babe" like me. It was my grandson's 5th birthday and St. Patrick's Day. What more did I need? My Dad was known as "Pat". what better day to start my search.

My son-in-law heard a radio program detailing another "War Babe's" story and we contacted her for ideas and suggestions. The next seven and a half years were to be a never ending trail of events - sometimes amusing, sometimes heart-breaking, and always interesting!

I met some of the kindest people during my search; indeed they've become very dear and precious friends. We sent more than 6,500 letters and cards plus telephone calls, e-mails and various newspaper, radio and TV appeals. I tried just about everything I could think of; all to no avail until one of our e-mails reached a newspaper editor in a small town in Iowa. They printed it and I got a response from three men who used to meet up and drink coffee together. It turned out that one had gone to school with my Dad, one used to swim in the lakes with him, and the other man had been the **PATTISON** family doctor. Within weeks of speaking to the "swimmer", I was on a plane to America to meet him!

I was very fortunate to have met a gentleman in Des Moines, IA on a previous visit with a girlfriend. (She had traced her father to El Paso, Texas). He became a very loyal and dear friend and he hosted me many times during the 7 ½ years it took to trace my family. Leonard is his name. He drove me up to the small town called Spirit Lake where I met two of the three men involved.

I learned that in all probability my Dad had already died and his children and ex-wife were living in the next town! We got the address for one of my brothers and drove there straightaway. The Gods were with me! We sat outside the house while Leonard rang the doorbell. No reply. We waited a few more minutes and then a truck pulled in the drive. I looked for some signs of a family likeness to me. There were none; but he, my brother, was wearing tinted glasses. Later on I realized all six siblings (6) have our Dad's color eyes. But I guess I've jumped ahead too quickly.

When the truck pulled in, this man climbed out and spoke to Leonard. They were looking and pointing at me in the car. I got out and we talked a little and arranged that, as he was working on a job out of town, he would call me up when we got back to Des Moines that evening, which he did. We talked for nearly 3 ½ hours! He had already confirmed that our Dad had already passed away, age 61 years, in California with his second family. This guy was my third brother from Dad's first marriage. His name was Merle and he told me that in his words, "you look just like Dad. Your nose and eyes are his and I knew you belonged to us." He gave me Dad's birth and death dates, full name, etc.

With that information, I was able to contact St. Louis National Personnel Records Dept. In record time, they confirmed that I did have the right person. In his military file, there were a lot of family letters from Dad's mother, where she mentioned that Dad had asked her permission to get engaged to my mother.

Within six days of meeting my brother Merle, we were back in Estherville to meet the rest of the family. What an emotional time! Three brothers, one sister, my Dad's first wife, and all of their families turned up. Everyone talked at once. It was very noisy and quite overwhelming, especially as my Father, the reason behind my search, had died already. I was devastated but also elated. My siblings were a bonus, my Dad a deep loss. I found out that Dad was buried in "Potter's Field" in California, due to his second wife's being ill-informed and financially bereft.

It was another year before I could visit my youngest brother from the second marriage in California. I went with my husband on this occasion, thank God, as it turned out. We were escorted by two people from the funeral home and cemetery office. At first everything was looking good, well-tended graves and lovely lawns with angels and cherubs everywhere.

Then we reached an area where the garbage, etc was kept, a dry and dusty field with high weeds in the baking sun and a broken wire fence.

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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.



**J. Marian WALKER
International School**

Dr. J. Marlan **WALKER** was born 3 November 1928, in Hurricane, Utah, and spent half of his youth in the town of Caliente, Nevada. He attended Lincoln County High School in Panaca, Nevada and was graduated from Hurricane High School in 1946. Mr. **WALKER** received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of the Americas, Mexico City, in 1952, his master's degree in Classical and Romance Languages from Brigham Young University in 1961, and his doctorate degree in Classical and Romance Languages from Brigham Young University in 1971.



Dr. **WALKER** served in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1947. He married Colleen **HEATON** in 1947, and they are parents of four sons and two daughters. The family moved to Henderson, Nevada, in January 1952, and their children attended and were graduated from Clark County School District schools in the Henderson area.

Dr. **WALKER** was a foreign language teacher at Basic High School for thirty-six years. Although administration was an option, he chose to remain in the classroom where he could inspire his students and share his love for learning. This display of devotion to education serves as an example of reaching to great heights to uplift others. He had a wonderful approach with his students and created an atmosphere for learning. Through hard work and perseverance, he has had a major impact on all facets of life in our community.

During his years of service in the Clark County School District, Dr. **WALKER** served on the Nevada State Foreign Language Curriculum Committee, Evaluation Committee for Foreign Languages for the Northwest Accreditation Committee, Curriculum Development Committee for two new high schools, and the Foreign Interchange Program Committee for Clark County School District students.

Dr. **WALKER** received recognition as a member of the Clark County School District Hall of Fame (twice named), Henderson Citizen of the Year, Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow, Nevada Junior Chamber of Commerce's nomination as one of the Ten National Outstanding Men of the Year, and Clark County Teacher of the Year.

Dr. J. Marlan **WALKER** has lived his life as a loving advocate for the youth and citizens of Nevada. He has served in such diversified areas and has been recognized for his scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. He is an exemplary role model as a loving husband, father and provider, teaching compassion and empathy for people of all walks of life.

The J. Marian **WALKER** International school is located at 850 Scholar Street in Henderson, NV 89015 and was built in 2002.



Clarence A. PIGGOTT Elementary School



Clarence Allen PIGGOTT, known as "Pic" to his friends, was born 16 September 1927, in Middleton, New York. At a very young age, he fibbed about how old he was so that he could get into the armed services. It turned out to be a huge benefit for the Army.

He was a United States **soldier** in the **Army** during **WW II**. He participated in the occupation of Japan after the war and returned home wounded as a highly decorated hero!

Pic attended State University in New York, receiving his bachelor and masters degree in Education. He and his wife, Beverly, were married on 22 October 1950. They had one son, David. Pic was soon to become an education pioneer.

Pic began his teaching career in New York. He worked there as a special education teacher for nine years. In **1963**, the **PIGGOTTs** moved to Las Vegas where he was hired at Basic High School. Pic developed a special education program, coached football, and started the first wrestling program in the district.

He helped open Valley High School in 1965, where he taught social studies and psychology. Sadly, in 1982, he was killed in his classroom by a troubled student. But his memory will forever live on.

Mr. **PIGGOTT** was honored shortly after his death by the dedication of the athletic field at Valley High School in his memory, **PIGGOTT Field**. Clarence A **PIGGOTT** Elementary is located at 9604 Red Hill Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89117 and was built in 1993.



Eleanor Rebecca **HENDRICKS BURRIS** sent this Mother's Day card to her mother Sarah Margaret **GILMORE HENDRICKS** about 1930.

Celebrations of Mother's Day have ancient origins. A good summary of the origins of the day we Americans celebrate in May are at:

<http://www.holidays.net/mother/story.htm> and

<http://www.emotionscards.com/trivia/mothersday/mothersday.html>

This is a summary of the origins from the <holidays.net> site...

In 1905, Anna Reeves **JARVIS** passed away and her daughter, Anna **JARVIS**, took up her mother's torch. Anna **JARVIS** swore on the gravesite of her mother that she would realize her mother's lifelong dream of creating a national day to honor mothers.

In 1907, Anna launched her campaign by handing out white carnations to congregants at her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia.

In 1908, her mother's church acquiesced to Anna's request to hold a special Sunday service in honor of mothers - a tradition that spread the very next year to churches in forty-six states.

In 1912, **JARVIS'** efforts met with success: Her home state of West Virginia adopted an official Mother's Day; two years later, the U.S. Congress passed a Joint Resolution, signed by President **WILSON**, establishing a national Mother's Day emphasizing the role of women in their families. Ever since, Mother's Day has been celebrated by Americans on the second Sunday in May.

The NOW website states that **JARVIS** herself intensely disliked the commercialization of the holiday, particularly the marketing of cards and flowers. She even filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations to raise money.

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sent to the new county: the United States of America. Fourteen scouts were chosen from all the Volga colonies on both sides of the river. We know the names of the scouts from journals that were kept at the time: Balthasar **BRUNGARDT** of Herzog; Peter **LEIKER** of Obermonjour; Jacob **RITTER** of Luzern, Peter **STOECKLEIN** of Zug; Anton **WASINGER** of Schoenchen; Anton **KAEBERLEIN** of Pfeifer; Johannes **KRIEGER** and Johannes **NOLDE** of Norka; George **KAEHM** of Balzer; Heinrich **SCHWABAUER** of Blazer; Christopher **MEISINGER** of Messer; Johannes **BENZEL** and Franz **SCHIEBEL** of Kolb; and George **STIEBEN** (I don't know which town he was from). Balthasar **BRUNGARDT** was unable to go and his place was taken by Nicholas **SCHAMNE** of Graf. These men left from Hamburg, Germany on 1 July 1874, on the steamship S.S. Schiller; they arrived in Castle Garden New York and then rested for a few days. They stayed in the United States for about 10 days and then returned to Russia. It is thought that the scouts visited Nebraska, Arkansas, Kansas and Iowa.

In November 1875, under the leadership of Nicholas **SCHAMNE**, the first group of Catholic colonists from the Volga left to come to America. They boarded the S.S. Steamship Ohio, arriving in Baltimore, Maryland on 23 November 1875. My ancestors, Johannes **GOETZ** and his wife Mary Ann **MERMIS**, and their children Anna, Johannes, Josef, Margaretha and Catherine were among this first group of settlers. Andreas **GOETZ** and Anna **BOLLIG GOETZ** were also my relatives. Anna was pregnant with their son, John A. **GOETZ**, born on 10 December 1875 in Topeka, Kansas, seventeen days after their arrival in America. The **GOETZ**es were among the founders of Victoria, Kansas.

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Robert BAILDON (BELDING)

The **BAILDON** Family in England, compiled by Lawrence **BELDING CUMINGS** in 1929.

Robert **BAILDON** of Baildon, Esq., (1496/7 - 1560) was one of a group of young gentlemen assigned to personally attend to his majesty, King Henry VIII (who ruled 1509-1547). These positions in court were considered highly honorable and only persons of gentle blood were eligible to them. It had long been the custom for sons of good families to be put in some sort of service of the King's during their youth, as a part of their education. Each groom was allotted a servant, a horse, and a salary in addition to his lodging and board. In 1520, Robert received a salary of 50 shillings a quarter. During his employ, he was granted an annuity of 10 pounds a year, for life, "in consideration of the good and faithful service..."

As Groom of the Privy Chamber, Robert kept the King's Privy Chamber "pure and clean to ensure the King's quiet, rest, comfort and preservation of health". The duties of the Grooms of the Privy Chamber consisted of getting up at six o'clock, lighting the fire, cleaning and sweeping the room, fetching and warming the King's doublet, hose and shoes, and dressing him in a "*reverent, discreet and sober manner*". They were not allowed to inquire about the King, talk of the King's pastime or repeat any court gossip. Robert remained in King Henry VIII's service until he was 30, when his father died in 1526. He had a wife and two small sons at home. As an esquire and a man of considerable means it was only natural that he should attend to his estate and take up his duties as lord of his manor at Baildon in the county of York.

The elaborate ceremony in the daily making of the King's bed is a curious instance of Tudor etiquette. First, it took 10 men for this task, 8 yeomen, a gentleman usher and a groom of the bed-chamber. When they entered the bed-chamber, the yeomen placed themselves 4 on each side of the royal bed, while the groom with his torch stood at the foot; and "the gentleman usher stood apart, commanding them what they should do". Then a yeoman with a dagger stabbed the straw of the bed to be sure nothing was hiding there. Next a feather bed was placed on the bed and one of the yeomen tumbled over it to find any offending lumps or sharp feathers. Then at the command from the gentleman usher, the blankets and sheets were solemnly laid one by one upon the bed by the 8 yeomen, who were strictly commanded to lower them in such a way that they should all touch the bed at all points at the same moment. There were more instructions concerning the tucking up of the bedclothes and the smoothing of the pillows. When finished, the yeomen made the sign of the cross and kissed the place where their hands had touched the pillows. When the ceremony was completed, a page or groom was left in charge "unto the time the King be disposed to go to it".

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A marble plinth with fancy words was outside a locked wire gate.

The young woman unlocked the gate and indicated that a traffic cone marked the spot where my Dad's remains lay. My husband and I went into total shock and disbelief, that a plastic cone should act as a marker for human remains. How insensitive and disgusting was that? There was not one sign of marker or any form of memorial for **for** any of the many poor souls abandoned therein. I stood on that spot and said aloud, "Dad, you never knew me although you knew about me. I will not leave you here without dignity or respect. I will get you out of this God forsaken place whatever it takes." I thought my heart would surely break. We wept, both my husband and me.

Next stop was the Coroner's Dept. where I was informed that the State of California was going to ask me to pay costs for the burial in that God forsaken place! I asked for that statement to be repeated as I was astounded. The Coroner then said that in this case, they would waive those costs! Lucky for him because I would have given that story to every radio, TV and newspaper across the United States! How tacky was that?

It took another year to get the permissions needed to exhume, cremate and organize Dad's re-burial at the Veterans Cemetery Riverside, California. This was a full military funeral with a bugler, three man rifle squad, and a Naval Chaplain to perform the service. Three of Dad's six children were there to see him finally laid to rest, seventeen years after his death. Such a sad but also glad day for me. I had done my very best for my Dad who had given me the gift of life.

All the costs involved during my search and afterwards plus the exhumation, etc, were paid by me. I took it on and I paid in full. As no one had claimed Dad's service medals, I did and wore them at his funeral.

In the years since, I continue to visit family and friends in Iowa and California. I took my case to have my Dad's name on my birth certificate to court and, joy of joy, the judge ruled in my favour! It was clearly indicated in Dad's military records that he was my Father and support was paid to my Mother on my behalf. My birth record has subsequently been corrected and a new Certificate issued. I also made a legal declaration to include "**PATTISON**" as my name.

The County Courthouse where my Dad grew up has been rebuilt and there was an opportunity to purchase a brick to be engraved with the Veteran's name, etc. I went to view the finished walkway in September 2008. Three hundred-twenty bricks were laid and no one knew the plan! My brother Mike and I walked around quite puzzled. The bricks went every which way. I continued to walk on, examining each one and in the third row down, I looked where my foot had stopped. It was right on Dad's brick - out of 320 others. We took a photo to add to our collection.

I had also discovered my Dad had been adopted. My sister had already been to seek a Court order to open the adoption record and this had been granted. After a while I found my Dad had a sister and she had three daughters. I did make contact with her and we exchanged photos, etc. She was unaware that she had a sibling four years older than her. With the help of others, I have located other family members throughout America and we have visited our grandmother and great grandmother's graves.

My journey into the past continues as little by little new facts come to light. We have Russian, German and Finnish links on Dad's birth family tree. So much more to do, so little time to do it! Coincidences have run throughout; some of the more remarkable ones are as follows:

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The Orphan Trains

Posted by Dick **EASTMAN** (29 Dec 2008)

From the 1850s through the 1920s, New York City was teeming with tens of thousands of homeless and orphaned children. To survive, these so-called "street urchins" resorted to begging, stealing, or forming gangs to commit violence. Some children worked in factories and slept in doorways or flophouses. The children roamed the streets and slums with little or no hope of a successful future. Their numbers were stunningly large; an estimated 30,000 children were homeless in New York City in the 1850s.

Charles Loring **BRACE**, the founder of The Children's Aid Society, believed that there was a way to change the futures of these children. By removing youngsters from the poverty and debauchery of the city streets and placing them in morally upright farm families, he thought they would have a chance to escape a lifetime of suffering.

BRACE proposed that these children be sent by train to live and work on farms out west. They would be placed in homes for free, but they would serve as an extra pair of hands to help with chores around the farm. They wouldn't be indentured. In fact, older children placed by The Children's Aid Society were to be paid for their labors.

The Orphan Train Movement lasted from 1853 to the 1920s, placing more than 120,000 children. Most of these children survived into adulthood, married, and had children of their own. Several million Americans today can find former Orphan Train children in their family trees.

Orphan Trains stopped at more than 45 states across the country, as well as Canada and Mexico. During the early years, Indiana received the largest number of children. There were numerous agencies nationwide that placed children on trains to go to foster homes. In New York, besides Children's Aid, other agencies that placed children included Children's Village (then known as the New York Juvenile Asylum), what is now New York Foundling Hospital, and the former Orphan Asylum Society of the City of New York, which is now the Graham-Windham Home for Children. Not all the children were from New York City. Children from Albany and other cities in New York state were transported, as were some from Boston, Massachusetts, where the Boston Children's Services merged with the New England Home For Little Wanderers, which also is still active today.

Only a few of the Orphan Train children are alive today, and most were too young at the time to remember their experiences. However, a few elderly Americans can recall their experiences on the Orphan Trains.

Stanley **CORNELL** and his brother are amongst the last generation of Orphan Train riders. When asked about his experience, Mr. **CORNELL** replied, "We'd pull into a train station, stand outside the coaches dressed in our best clothes. People would inspect us like cattle farmers. And if they didn't choose you, you'd get back on the train and do it all over again at the next stop."

Cornell and his brother were "placed out" twice with their aunts in Pennsylvania and Coffeyville, Kansas. Unfortunately, these placements didn't last, and they were returned to the Children's Aid Society.

"Then they made up another train. Sent us out West. A hundred-fifty kids on a train to Wellington, Texas," **CORNELL** recalls. "That's where Dad happened to be in town that day."

Each time an Orphan Train was sent out, adoption ads appeared in local papers before the arrival of the children.

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Origins of the Wysong Family

Submitted by Charles RECKER (CCNGS), A descendant of Feidt WYSONG

The WYSONG Family Association was founded by the late Dr. Dudley WYSONG of McKinney, Texas who visited WEISSANG descendants in the Saarland. He was told that there were two brothers surnamed VINCENT who lived in Nimes, France, where they were members of the "minor nobility". In 1558 both brothers were forced to leave Nimes. One, named Joseph Pier VINCENT, made his way to Durloch, now a suburb of Karlsruhe, where he changed his surname. During the 30 Years War the family split into two branches, the Catholics relocating to the Saarland and the Protestants remaining in Durloch. The emigrant to Pennsylvania, Ludwig WEISSAG, is believed to have been Catholic and to have been baptized in a village east of Saarbruecken and south of St. Ingbert, but the record has not yet been located.

There are different theories about the date and circumstances of Ludwig's arrival in Pennsylvania. He was a blacksmith and originally settled in Manchester Township in Lancaster County (which became part of York County in 1749). His first wife is believed to have been the daughter of Reinhardt and Susan HAMMER. Baptismal records of two of his children, Susan Catharina in 1749 and John Ludwig Reinhardt WYSONG in 1743 are on record at Christ Lutheran Church in York. In 1766 Ludwig purchased a 176-acre farm in the township from John PENN.

Ludwig wrote his last will and testament on 19 September 1784. It was probated ten days later. He left the farm to his widow, Mary (apparently a second wife). He is said to have been over 100 years of age when he died. His funeral sermon was preached by a Jesuit priest named Jacob PELLENTZ who appears to have been affiliated with Georgetown University in the District of Columbia.

The Sons of Ludwig WEISSANG

Dr. DUDLEY believed that Ludwig had at least six sons, including one named Henry, about whom we have no further information. DUDLEY was proud of the fact that all of the others served in the Revolutionary War (although it appears that Valentine's name appeared on a list of draftees, but he may not have actually served. They were:

John Ludwig Reinhardt (1743-1808) learned the trade

of masonry and brickmasonry from his father. In 1778 he served in Captain Christopher LAUMAN's company of York County militia. In October and November 1781 he was in Camp Security in York County and in January 1782 he was in Captain James JOHNSTON's company of York County militia engaged in apprehending British deserters and taking them to Camp Security. He and Ann later moved to the town of Loretto in Bedford County (later Cambria County), Pennsylvania. He had two sons, **Michael** and **John Ludwig**.

Valentine (also called **Felty**) (? - 1824) was listed as a member of the 7th class of inhabitants in Heidelberg Township, York County, who were subject to Revolutionary War service under a law passed in 1780. In 1790 he was taxed in the town of Fincastle, Botetourt County, Virginia and in 1794 he purchased land in Franklin County, Virginia, where he operated a sawmill. Later he relocated to the town of Winchester in Franklin County, Indiana where he was involved in laying brickwork for the county court house. He had seven sons: **Valentine, Jacob, Lewis, Joseph, Henry, John** and **David**.

Joseph (? - 1776) served in Rudolph SPRINGER's company from York County. He was captured by the British at Fort Washington on the Hudson River in 1776 and died in prison camp. No known issue.

Feidt (? - 1837) was a blacksmith. He lived in Shepherdstown, Berkeley County, Virginia, in 1778 when he was drafted for Revolutionary War service at Fort McIntosh. After his release, he relocated to Fincastle, in Botetourt County, where he was drafted a second time. In his pension application on file in Fincastle he claimed to have served under General LAFAYETTE, and to have been present at Yorktown when CORNWALLIS surrendered. He was married twice and had five sons: **George, Joseph, John, Jacob** and **Henry**.

Jacob (? - 1823) learned the trade of horseshoeing from his father. He also lived in Shepherdstown and served in the Revolutionary War at Fort McIntosh at the same time his brother Feidt was there. He had five sons: **Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, Lewis** and **John Jacob**.

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J.L. DEGER, a 45-year-old farmer, knew he wanted a boy, even though he already had two daughters, ages 10 and 13.

"He'd just bought a Model T. Mr. DEGER looked those boys over. We were the last boys holding hands in a blizzard, 10 December 1926," CORNELL remembers. He says that day he and his brother stood in a hotel lobby.

"He asked us if we wanted to move out to farm with chickens, pigs, and a room all to your own. He only wanted to take one of us, decided to take both of us."

Life on the farm was hard work.

"I did have to work and I expected it, because they fed me, clothed me, loved me. We had a good home. I'm very grateful. Always have been, always will be."

CORNELL eventually got married. He and his wife, Earleen, now live in Pueblo, Colorado. His brother, Victor CORNELL, a retired

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movie theater chain owner, is also alive and living in Moscow, Idaho.

Stanley CORNELL believes he and his brother are two of only 15 surviving Orphan Train children.

Some of the children struggled in their newfound surroundings, while many others went on to lead simple, very normal lives, raising their families and working towards the American dream. Although records weren't always well kept, some of the children placed in the West went on to great successes. There were two governors, one congressman, one sheriff, two district attorneys, and three county commissioners, as well as numerous bankers, lawyers, physicians, journalists, ministers, teachers, and businessmen.

The Orphan Train Movement and the success of other children's aid initiatives led to a host of child welfare reforms, including child labor laws, adoption and foster care services, public education, and the provision of health care and nutrition and vocational training.

The Orphan Train Heritage Society of America in Concordia, Kansas,

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REUNION TRIVIA

by Gregory BONNER

This activity brings the reunion crowd alive. It involves everyone from six years old to eighty years young and is a hit whether your reunion is 25 or 250 people.

Reunion Trivia questions are tailored to each reunion. For family reunions: How many sets of twins were born in the family? Hands shoot into the air like kindergartners. People challenge answers, argue. Proudest are those who have the correct answer.

Examples:

How many living generations are there in the family? Second part: name the (five) generations.

Who is the eldest living family member: This is an opportunity for the person to stand, be recognized, given flowers and accolades.

Which couple has been married the longest? Shortest? Again, provide recognition.

What was Grandmother's middle name? How many children did she and her Johnny have? Name them. Who were her mother and father? Where did they live?

Introduce anything about your family you think is unique, such as, What was Uncle Jim's job in the Army? Answer: Uncle Jim was a bugler in the Cavalry.

What is Aunt Tenny's real name?

What relationship was Uncle Wallace to us and how? Many times we call old folks aunt/uncle/cousin when they're not really relatives and the younger members don't know why.

Who's attending college this year? Each college student should stand, tell what college he/she attends, year, and major.

Who bought a house since the last gathering? Retired? Had a baby? Reunion Trivia encourages a festive atmosphere with gaiety and merriment. Once you get the wheels turning, questions will come to you out of the blue, limited only by your imagination. Have fun at your reunion!

Gregory BONNER, Lexington, KY, reprinted with permission from *Reunions, the Magazine*. From OGS, Volume 30, Number 4, Spring, 1992, p. 31.

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1) when I married, it was on the 8th of August, completely unaware it was my Dad's birthday. 2) Dad's adopted name was Arthur Edward, and our youngest grandson is Edward. 3) On my first visit to the USA, I visited San Diego. My Dad was living not too far away at that time- if only I had known. 4) When I returned from meeting my family for the first time, I looked into my back garden. A yellow rose that I had planted many years earlier, called "Arthur" for my Dad, was in bloom and a clematis called "Bee's Jubilee" for Mother was also blooming at the same time. Incredible for November.

I have condensed my story somewhat as it will eventually take book form. I think the story in itself is quite remarkable and goes to show that persistence and perseverance along with lots of help and unwavering support pays dividends. I cannot ever forget the friends I made along the way and my American family who were my pot of gold at the end of my trail. *All for the love of my Father!*

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DEFINITION OF

IMMIGRANT GROUPS

Prepared by Rachel TEFFT, OCGS

HESSIANS: German Troops used by the British in the Revolutionary War, many of whom deserted and remained in America.

HUGUENOTS: French Protestant group founded in 1525 and migrated by way of Alsace, England and Russia to America.

MORAVIANS: The United Brethren is a Protestant group formed in Bohemia about 1415 and spread to Poland, Prussia, Germany and England.

PALATINES: In 1688 Louis XIV of France began persecuting German Protestants on the west bank of the Rhine River. Queen Anne of England helped a group to come to America in 1708. More than 2,000 arrived in New York in 1710 and settled along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers.

QUAKERS: The Society of Friends was founded in England in 1648. Early restrictions brought them to New Jersey in 1675 and some 230 English Quakers founded Burlington, NJ in 1678. In 1681, William PENN was granted the territory of Pennsylvania and within two years there were about 3,000 Quakers there.

SCOTS-IRISH: The descendants of the Presbyterian Scots who had been placed in the northern counties of Ireland by British rulers in the early part of the 17th century. Most came to America from 1718 until the Revolution. Settling in Pennsylvania first, the movement was then to the south and then westward with the frontier.

WALLOONS: From southern Belgium, the language of the Walloons is a French dialect. Cornelis MAY of Flanders, Holland and about 30 or 40 families came to America in 1624 and established Fort Orange, now known as Albany, NY.

From: (Taken from Antique Weekly who copied it from The Searcher, publication of the Southern California Genealogical Society); *Orange County Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 38 No. 3 Quarterly, November 2008, p 31

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serves as a clearinghouse of information about the estimated 150,000 children who were "placed out" from 1854 to 1929. It helps members establish and maintain family contacts, retrace their roots, and preserve the history of the Orphan Train Movement. The Society did maintain a web site although that appears to be offline at the moment.

Other web sites that provide information about America's Orphan Trains may be found at:

<http://www.orphantraindepot.com>,

<http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/orphantrains?gclid=CNjBx9rt4ZcCFQG7Gode16L7A>,

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24 October 2009 - Las Vegas, Nevada



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Topics on puzzle pieces include: Software, Cemetery Research, Family History for Kids, Social Networking Sites, Gadgets, British Isles, Military Records, Vintage Family Photos, Immigration and Naturalization, DNA testing, GEDCOM, Female Ancestors, Vital Records, Family Health History, Wills, Tax Lists, Irish Research, Courthouse Records, Copyright and Plagiarism, Online Resources, and Blogs.

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Clark County Centennial 2009 Calendar

May 1

Roundtable history discussion, Clark County Government Center.

May 9

Jazz in the Park, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

May 16

HellDorado Parade, downtown Las Vegas

May 23

Centennial Day, Clark County Museum

May 30

Jazz in the Park, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

June 5

Roundtable history discussion, Clark County Government Center.

June 6

Jazz in the Park, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

June 20

Jazz in the Park, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

July 3

Touring Exhibit Opening & Roundtable Discussion--Government Ctr.

August 7

Roundtable history discussion, Clark County Government Center.

August 22

Moonlight Concert, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

September 4

Roundtable history discussion, Clark County Government Center.

September 12

Moonlight Concert, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

September 19

Moonlight Concert, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

September 26

Moonlight Concert, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater.

October 2

Roundtable history discussion, Clark County Government

October 9-11

Renaissance Festival—Sunset Park.

November 1-2

Mexican Day of the Dead—Winchester Cultural Center.

November 6

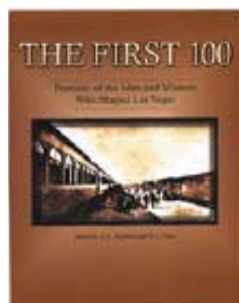
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November 14

Wedding Chapel Gala Opening, Clark County Museum.

December 4

Roundtable history discussion, Clark County Government Center.



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/>

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RESEARCH FACILITIES

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3233 North West Avenue
Fresno 93705
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559/229-8287

www.ahsgr.org/fresno/cacentra.html <http://www.ahsgr.org/fresno>

California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2
Oakland 94612
510/663-1358 Hours: Call for hours.
www.calgensoc.org (Catalog On-line)

California Historical Society, North Baker Research Library
678 Mission Street
San Francisco 94105
415/357-1848
Hours: Library W-F 12n-5p (Free); Museum W-Sat 12n-4:30p (Fee)
www.californiahistoricalsocietv.org

California State Archives
1020 "O" Street
Sacramento 95814
916/653-2246
Hours: M -F 9:30a-4p; 1ST Sat rno 10a-4p
www.sos.ca.gov/archives (Catalog On-line MINERVA)

California State Library, California History
Room 900 "N" Street, Room 200
Sacramento 95814
916/654-0176
Hours: M -F 9:30a-4p
<http://www.library.ca.gov> (Catalog On-line)

California State Military Museum & Library
11 19 Second Street
Sacramento 95814
916/442-2883 Hours: Call for hours. (Library Free; Museum Fee)
www.militarymuseum.org (Catalog On-line)

California State Railroad Museum & Library
11 I "I" Street, Second Floor
Sacramento 95814
916/445-6645
Hours: Library T-Sat 1p-5p (Free); Museum M-Sun 10a-5p (Fee)
www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org (Catalog On-line)

El Dorado County Historical Museum (Gold Rush)
104 Placerville Drive
Placerville 95667
530/621-5865
Hours: W -Sat 10a-4p; Sun 12n-4p Research -Open House Tu 9a-3p;
or by appt.
www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/museum

Fresno County Genealogical Society
Collection held at
Fresno County Public Library California History & Genealogy Room
2420 Mariposa Street
Fresno 93721
559/488-6720
Hours: M, Tu, W & F, Sat, Sun 10a-6p; Th 10a-8p
www.rootsweb.comf-cafcgs
www.fresnolibrary.org/calif (Catalog On-line)

Genealogical Association of Sacramento
Collection held at
Sacramento Public Library (Central)
828 "I" Street, Fourth Floor
Sacramento 95814
916/264-2920
Hours: Tu, W & Th 10a-8p; F 10a-6p; Sat 10a-5p; Sun 12n-5p
www.saclibrary.org (Catalog On-line)

Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento, Einstein Center
1935 Wright Street
Sacramento 95825
916/486-0906, Ext. 361
Hours: See website for meetings.
(Research/Checkout by members at meetings only.)
www.jewishgen.org/jgs-sacramento (Collection On-line)

National Archives, Pacific Sierra Region
1000 Commodore Drive
San Bruno 94066
650/238-3501
Hours: M F 7:30a-4p; Wed 4p-5:30p microfilm research only
www.archives.gov/pacific/san-francisco

Nevada County Genealogical Society
Collection held at
Doris Foley Historical Library
211 North Pine Street
Nevada City 95959
530/265-4606
Hours: M, Tu, W & F 10a-4p
www.rootsweb.comf-cancgs <http://mynevadacounty.com/library>
(Catalog On-line)

Sacramento Archives & Museum Collection Center
551 Sequoia Pacific Boulevard
Sacramento 95811
916/264-7072 Hours: By appointment only.
www.sacramentities.com/history (Catalog On-line)

Sacramento German Genealogy Society
Collection held at
Sacramento Multi-Regional Family History Center
2745 Eastern Avenue
Sacramento, California 95821
916/487-2090
Hours: Tu & Th 10a-9:30p; W 10a-4:30p; F 10a-7p
www.sacgergensoc.org; www.familyhistorycenter.info (Film, Fiche,
Book Holdings On-line); www.familysearch.org

San Francisco Public Library (Main)
100 Larkin Street
San Francisco 94102
415/557-4400
Hours: M & Sat 10a-6p; Th 9a-8p; F 12n-6p; Sun 12n-5p
www.sfpl.org (Catalog On-line)

Sutro Library (a California State Library)
480 Winston Drive
San Francisco 94132
415/731-4477
Hours: M -F 10a-5p; 1st Sat mo 10a-5p
www.onelibrary.com/library/cal/sut.htm (Catalog On-line)

LOCAL GROUPS of INTEREST

American Historical Society of Germans From Russia
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Colonial Dames XVII Century - Samoset Chapter
Pat **DELL'ARIA** (702) 341-9420
pcdell9@gmail.com www.colonialdames17c.net

General Society of the War of 1812
ronris@sbcglobal.net <http://www.societyofthewarof1812.org>

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
Gene **BUTLER** (702)498-6882 GButler118@aol.com
<http://signers-lasvegas.com/>

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 869-5775

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
Al **PETERSON** (702) 743-7018 aepSUVcw@cox.net

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

Sons of Erin - Meets 2nd Wednesday of month - (702)458-7710
sonsoferin@snoe.com <http://www.snoe.com/>

Grandsons of Italy - Meets 2nd Saturday of month -
Onofrio **GAGLIONE** - Pres. 254-1782
oggag@aol.com <http://www.goilv.com/>

The Mayflower Society - Las Vegas Colony
Mrs. Mary **GAFFORD** (702) 648-9415
Mmgg165@cs.com <http://nvmayflower.org/>

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Marilyn **WHITE**, President (702) 398-3702
frankw@mvdsl.com <http://www.duvcw.org/>

United Daughters of the Confederacy
Cheryl **GIORDANO** (702)430-7875 cagiordano1026@hotmail.com

International Society-Daughters of Utah Pioneers - (801) 532-6479
info@dupinternational.org <http://www.dupinternational.org/>

Vasa Lodge - meets 2nd Thursday 6 p.m. Reformation Luth. Church
580 E. St. Louis.

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United Irish Cultural Center Library
2700 45th Avenue
San Francisco 94116
415/661-2798
Hours: Th Sat 1:30p-4:30p
www.irishcentersf.org

University of California Libraries -All Campuses
<http://melvyl.cdlib.org>

California State University Libraries -All Campuses
<http://130.150.202.53:8080/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=cpo#focus>

For areas of Northern California not covered by above, check Cyndi's
List www.cyndislist.com,

California State Genealogical Alliance
www.csga.com and "Everton's Genealogical Helper."

Call to verify hours and special requirements.

CLEVELAND CHOSEN AS SITE OF CZECH AND SLOVAK GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

The CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) will hold its next Genealogical and Cultural Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on 14-17 October 2009, at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South -Independence. The conference will be a four-day event featuring speakers on genealogical, cultural and historical topics. There will also be folk arts and folk dress exhibits, an on-site library, sales room, ethnic music and dance performances, bus tours and other special events.

With about 3,000 members drawn from 48 states and 5 foreign countries, CGSI is the world's largest non-profit organization devoted to the genealogy of the ethnic groups that comprised the former nation of Czecho-Slovakia. "We're excited about this opportunity to showcase the rich Czech, Slovak and Rusyn heritage of the State of Ohio through our conference," said Ginger **SIMEK**, President of CGSI. Ohio is known as the Buckeye State, and Greater Cleveland is home to about 50,000 Czechs, more than 50,000 Slovaks and an unknown number of Rusyns. Many of the Czechs found work with the Standard Oil Company, founded by John D. **ROCKEFELLER**. The first Czech Bishop in America, was the Right Reverend Josef Maria **KOUDELKA** of Cleveland. The Slovaks came to Cleveland to work primarily in the steel industry. The leader of the Slovak community was Father Stepan **FURDEK**, who served as first pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, among his numerous accomplishments, and was founder of First Catholic Slovak Union and First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, two of the largest Slovak fraternal organizations, both headquartered in Cleveland. A bust of Alexander **DUCHNOVICH** (1803-1865), a Rusyn priest and nationalist, was unveiled in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens in 1952.

Persons who desire more information about the conference may write CGSI at P.O. Box 16225, St. Paul, MN 55116-0225, or call (651) 450-2322., or check CGSI's website at www.cgsi.org.

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society

Fall Family History Seminar

24 October 2009

Henderson Convention Center

Ceil Wendt **JENSEN**



Cecile Wendt **JENSEN** is the owner of Michigan Polonia. Ceil taught public school for 30 years in traditional and digital art and in social studies. She transitioned these skills to professional genealogy in 1998. Her passion is Polish. Stung by Polish jokes as a child, she was thwarted by the Cold War and Iron Curtain to find out about her family heritage. Her interest started with a grade school assignment. She interviewed her father who showed her the birth certificate carried by her grandfather for his passage to America. She was hooked!

Her father's untimely death several months later made her determined to continue her research and find out the ancestral villages of her **PRZYTULSKI, WENDT, WOJTKOWIAK,** and **ZDZIEBKO** grandparents. Ceil is now a Certified Genealogist who has documented her ancestry back to the 1600s. Ceil has become a featured international speaker sharing her vision to bring Polish genealogy into the mainstream and guiding 10 million Polish Americans back home. She dispels the myth that records were destroyed during the World Wars and that language barriers make research difficult. She has done on-site research in Poland and leads research trips abroad.

She is a Certified Genealogist and owner of Michigan Polonia. Author, educator, and researcher, Cecile is a native of Detroit, and a board member of Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan serving as their representative to the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Ceil is a graduate of Michigan State University in East Lansing and spent thirty years in K-12 education where she

pioneered multimedia technology integration in the classroom. She is currently developing the Polonica Americana Research Institute on the historic Polish American campus of Orchard Lake, Michigan. Programs begin in early 2009.

She has conducted research in Poland at libraries, civil archives, diocesan archives, and in local parishes. Her published articles have appeared in *National Genealogical Societies Magazine*, *Ancestry Magazine*, *FEEFHS Journal*, Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan's *Polish Eaglet*, and online with *Gen Dobry*.

Arcadia Publishing has released three titles by Ceil: **Detroit's Polonia** (2005) **Detroit's Mount Elliott Cemetery** (2006), and **Detroit's Mount Olivet Cemetery** (2006). She collaborated on the DVD **Our Polish Story** (2007). She is the 2008 recipient of the Michigan Genealogical Council's Lucy Mary **KELLOGG** Award and The MTU Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections 2008 Research Travel Award. In 1998, Ceil began a transition from public education to genealogy and has become a featured writer.

TOPICS:

Professional Techniques for the Family Genealogist

The Google Guide

The ABCs of School Records

Maps for Genealogy: Old, New and Electronic

WEB LINKS HTTP://

USEFUL WEBSITE - URL: <http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com>

Eyewitness to History – History through the eyes of those who lived it. This site is full of many different types of material. Across the top is a menu divided into historical time periods.

By selecting the 18th Century, you can find a choice of nearly fifty different topics. You can select “The Irish Potato Famine, 1847.” It provides both an overview and an eyewitness account. A “printer-friendly version” is accessible. There is also a link to “Find Your Irish Ancestors.” A brief side-trip to this link reveals some tantalizing genealogy offerings, and you can also find “sign up now” buttons. The Eyewitness to History site provides illustrations, photos, sketches, and maps. The information is great for anyone wanting an overview of historical events. You can also check out an “Items to Buy” – type link that takes you to a listing of books on the topic. This could help you zoom in on books available about those events.

From: *Orange County Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 38 No. 3 Quarterly, November 2008, p. 35.

FINDING RELATIVES IN SO. AFRICA

Hello! Does anyone know how I can find census etc about people in South Africa? Have relatives there but don't know how to find them!

To find living relatives in South Africa you may wish to try the White Pages at <http://www.infobel.com/en/world/index.aspx>, South Africa. It seems to show the postal address in addition to the phone number.

The Library of Virginia

The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce the beta launch of two new Web sites.

Over the past several months, they have been busy examining and redesigning their agency Web site in order to make information about their collections, programs, and services more accessible to our many and varied audiences.

In addition, they created a new site, Virginia Memory. Inspired by memory projects at other institutions, including the Library of Congress and the State Archives of Florida, the goal with Virginia Memory is to bring new and exciting digital content, as well as their traditional digital collections to the attention of all users, whether genealogists, historians, casual researchers, or educators and students.

The beta version of the agency site is available at:

<http://beta.lva.virginia.gov> <<http://beta.lva.virginia.gov/>>

Beta Virginia Memory is available at:

<http://www.virginiamemory.com>

"Beta" means it's still in production, making edits, adding content, and playing with the technology. As such, you may see some odd, incomplete items along the way. In the meantime, they are always happy to receive your feedback-comments, criticisms, and questions- at webmaster@lva.virginia.gov. Enjoy!

A QUICK TRANSLATOR THAT WORKS

by John FISCHER

Google has done it again! Their new free online translator is extremely comprehensive and of a significant aid to genealogists.

The website URL address is: <http://www.nicetranslator.com/>. This is a new service and, as expected, there are still some bugs. Some clean-up of the web page display is needed to eliminate apparent mouse-over issues and problems with page links. And it can be a little slow.

To get started, after opening the translator website, click on the “add/remove” down arrow and choose the language you want to translate into... usually “English” if you have letters or documents in another language. At the bottom of the screen go to the box “NT IN YOUR LANGUAGE”, click on the down arrow and select the language that you are going to have translated into English.

Now go to the “Green Box” and type the foreign language that you want translated into English. It automatically translates as you type. After you have finished typing, you can then select another language from the box “NT IN YOUR LANGUAGE” and the new translation will appear below the first. Choose as many as you like. To remove, simply relick the language.

As with any translator, it is not perfect and language idioms will probably not be translated correctly. But it is good enough and powerful enough to allow the user to obtain the gist of what written.

Special Notes:

1. Click on the following at the bottom of the screen and read them:
 - Comments
 - Tips 'N Tricks
 - Help
2. Type the foreign language text you wish to translate into English into a Word document and save it before you open the translator. Then copy the text, open translator, and paste your text into the “Green Box”. Try not to exceed 300-500 words at a time.
3. Have patience...play with the web page until you understand what works and what doesn't. There is a learning curve...frustration and abandonment will not allow you to reach your goal.
4. Also copying the translated text to Email or Word may be as an image rather than a text document. You need to experiment with this.
5. A major addition to the list of languages translated would be Latin, as many genealogical documents from churches are written in Latin.
6. Be very careful when typing the website URL into your browser as a wrong spelling can send you a very undesirable website.

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Local Family History Meetings / Events

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May

2 Saturday

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

9 Saturday

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

16 Saturday

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CCNGS MEETING - Paseo Verde Library

17 Sunday

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

June

6 Saturday

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

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July

4 Saturday

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

12 Sunday

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

18 Saturday

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CCNGS MEETING - Paseo Verde Library

July

19 Sunday

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

August

1 Saturday

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

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15 Saturday

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September

5 Saturday

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October

1 Thursday

Start of Family History Month in Nevada
For Further Information: E-Mail: CCNGS@Cox.Net Websites: www.reviewjournal.com/communitylink/ccngs or www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nvccngs

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Clark County, Nevada, Genealogical Society

PO Box 1929 -- Las Vegas, NV 89125-1929

Annual membership in the CCNGS is \$18 for individuals; \$21 for families; Subscription to ***THE PROSPECTOR*** - \$15

Life memberships are \$250 for individuals; \$300 for families.

Cost of queries in the CCNGS quarterly, the "***THE PROSPECTOR***" - members, no cost - non-members \$1 per query per issue.

Space may require that we limit queries to three (3) queries per person per issue.

Request for Research Assistance

CCNGS File Number _____

Research Assistance Requested -- be as specific as you can --

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

use another page if additional space is needed:

Your Name and Address: _____

The CCNGS fee for research assistance is \$10. The fee covers the society's or the volunteer researcher's costs of preparing replies, making copies, providing forms, and mileage and parking expense. If costs exceed the amount remitted, we will contact

you before incurring added costs. Include with your request the non-refundable fee, this completed form, and a SASE (Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope). Also provide us with a Family Group record, Pedigree Chart or other summary telling us why

you think the records you are seeking will be found in Las Vegas or Clark County. Please determine the complete date of birth, marriage or death before you request a newspaper search.

CCNGS has no members who do research for pay. For this reason, we are not able to undertake major genealogy or family history research projects. If you need an answer to a specific genealogy or family history question, one of our member volunteers will try to locate it for you. Some of the information sources available locally include newspaper microfilm and indexes, telephone directories, a few city directories, book and manuscript collections, property records and voter registrations.

Before returning this form to CCNGS, please complete your basic research using the information below to possibly solve your problem.

1. Research censuses for your ancestor at your local library, LDS Family History Center, genealogy or historical society ("**The Handy Book for Genealogists**," Everton Publishers, Logan, UT, lists addresses). Southern Nevada was a part of Utah or New Mexico Territories in 1850 & 1860; Lincoln County, NV, in 1870, 1880 & 1900; and Clark County, NV, in 1910, 1920 & 1930.
(<http://NevadaCulture.org/docs/shpo/NVCENSUS>)

2. Obtain copies of vital & probate records directly from state and county agencies as follows. There is frequently a fee for searching as well as the fee for a copy of the record itself.

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

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

Marriage Applications (\$3 per copy):

- 1873-1909 - Lincoln County Clerk, P.O. Box 90, Pioche, NV 89043 (775) 962-5390.
- Since 1909 - Clark County Clerk, P.O. Box 551601, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.) (702) 455-3156.

Marriage Certificates (\$7 per copy) and Divorce Decrees (\$1 per page plus \$4 for certification):

- 1873-1909 - Lincoln County Recorder, P.O. Box 218, Pioche, NV 89043 (775) 962-5495.
- Since 1909 - Clark County Recorder, P.O. Box 551510, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.) (702) 455-4336.

Land Records & Deeds (Contact the County Recorder for costs):

- 1866-1909 - Lincoln County Recorder, P.O. Box 218, Pioche, NV 89043 (775) 962-5495.
- Since 1909 - Clark County Recorder, P.O. Box 551510, Las Vegas, NV 89155 (500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.) (702) 455-4336.

Probate Records (Contact the Nevada State Library or the District Court for costs):

- Before 1861 - Utah Territorial Courts (at the Nevada State Library & Archives, 101 South Fall St., Carson City, NV 89710).
- 1861-1909 - Seventh Judicial District Court, Pioche, NV 89043.
- Since 1909 - Eighth Judicial District Court, 200 South 3rd St., Las Vegas, NV 89101 (702) 455-4011.

Fall Family History Seminar

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TOPICS:

Professional Techniques for the Family Genealogist
The Google Guide
The ABCs of School Records
Maps for Genealogy: Old, New and Electronic

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