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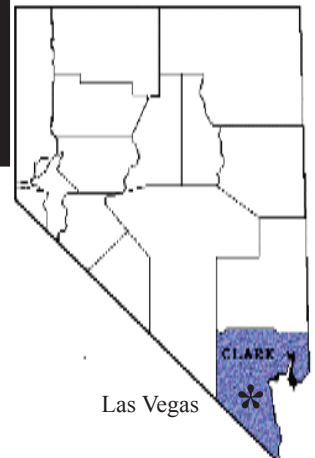
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CCNGS, a nonprofit organization, meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, at the Conference Room, Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, Nevada, at 10:00 A.M. Monthly meetings begin with a fifteen minute program followed by the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

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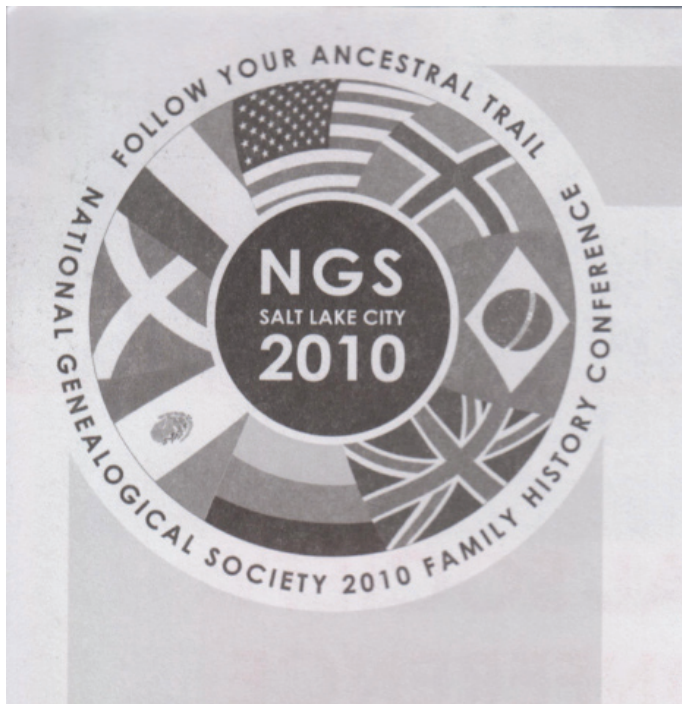
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## JOIN THE PROSPECTOR STAFF

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

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

*The Prospector* is produced four times a year: 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** (522-0073) 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 2010 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 17** S Indexing at Family Search.com - Ronnie **PERALTA**  
L The Birth of Kansas & the Afterbirth - Bill **WARD**

**May 15** S Library Assets - Sydney **CAGLE**  
L Research in England - Lee **NISHIMOTO**

**Jun 19** S Digitizing Program at the Library - Wendy **ROSETH**  
L History of Death and Burial Practices - Ned **PHILLIPS**

**Jul 17** S (TBD)  
L Research in Ireland - Lee **NISHIMOTO**

**Aug 21** S Using **SKYPE** for Family Connections - John **FISCHER**  
L (TBD)

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR

By Helen **SMITH** (Editor)



On Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society held its biannual Spring Seminar at the Henderson Convention Center with guest speaker, Barbara **NEUHRING**.

Four great topics kept the audience enthralled with the new ideas and techniques which Barbara shared with the group. New ideas centered around using maps to track down your ancestors, the importance of timelines and how to use them, "thinking outside the box", and researching your European ancestors without crossing the pond.

Lots of yummy refreshments kept everyone happy and the box lunches were excellent. Books were offered for sale along with forms and charts. The event concluded with three door prize drawings.

All in all it was another great learning experience. Now everyone is busy checking out all the new websites and trying out some of the new techniques which were learned.

If you missed this seminar, consider attending the next great seminar which CCNGS will host. Watch for announcements in *The Prospector*.

## Genealogy week:

Four events are scheduled April 26-May 1 at the Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 West Temple, Salt Lake City.

BYU Conference on Computerized Family History and Genealogy, April 26-27, [ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal/](http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal/).

BYU Family History Technology Workshop, April 28, [fht.byu.edu/](http://fht.byu.edu/)

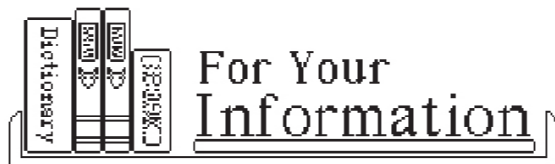
Family Search Developer's Conference, April 27, [www.familysearchdevnet.org/index.html](http://www.familysearchdevnet.org/index.html).

National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, April 28-May 1, [www.ngsgenealogy.org/](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/).

**Workshops and exhibits:** Workshops cover all aspects of genealogy research and technology. Exhibit hall includes hundreds of vendors and product demonstrations, April 26-May 1.

**Special events:** Mormon Tabernacle Choir with author David **MCCULLOUGH**. A concert and multimedia tribute to family history, April 29, 7 p.m., LDS Conference Center, 60 West North Temple, Salt Lake City. Free tickets online at [www.LDS.org/events](http://www.LDS.org/events).

**Registration:** Fees vary for each conference and range from \$25 for students to \$245. Some day rates available. Details on conference web sites.



# OBITUARY INDEX

Ancestry.com. Ohio Obituary Index, 1830s-2009, Rutherford B. HAYES Presidential Center [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: HAYES Presidential Center Obituary Indexers and Volunteers. "Ohio Obituary Index." Database. Rutherford B. HAYES Presidential Center.

<http://index.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/> : 2009.

About Ohio Obituary Index, 1830s-2009, Rutherford B. HAYES Presidential Center

This data collection is an index to over 1.5 million obituaries in Ohio newspapers from the 1810s to 2009. It has been compiled from various record sources such as newspapers, obituaries, and local government offices.

About ninety percent of the content is from newspaper citations and about ten percent from other sources. Some death notices may be lengthy articles, and some may be brief one line announcements.

A small number of marriage notices have also been indexed, along with a variety of other sources, mostly from the HAYES Presidential Center. Examples of these other sources are probate case files, funeral home records, society membership records, biographical files, brief references in history books, etc.

Information extracted from these documents generally includes:

- a.. Name of deceased
- b.. Death Date
- c.. Place of Death (City, State)
- d.. Age at Death
- e.. Birth Date
- f.. Parents' Names
- g.. Marriage Date
- h.. Spouse Name
- i.. Newspaper Source (Title, Date, Page, Column)
- j.. Newspaper Location
- k.. Newspaper Repository Location
- l.. Other Source (Title, Data, Location Description)
- m.. Notes

Additional Information provided by the HAYES Library

### History:

The original index was compiled by Rutherford B. HAYES Presidential Center Library staff and volunteers from original newspapers, in hard copy or microfilm. Starting in 2001, other Ohio libraries started entering their data into this index, so it now extends beyond the holdings of the HAYES Presidential Library. In 2009, 40 libraries are

## Personal Family History Websites

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rkennardt/>

Families found on this website include: CARROLL, GOLDEN, GRAY, GUTTERMAN, KENNARD, ROTHWELL, SPITZNAGEL, WEBBERT, and WELLS.



partners in the Ohio Obituary Index and are indexing old and current newspapers. The amount of indexing done for a particular county varies greatly depending on what each library has accomplished. For a complete list of the newspapers indexed and for what time period, check the List of Newspapers on the HAYES website.

### Scope:

In the beginning, the index covered complete indexing of newspapers from Sandusky County, but now includes almost every northwest Ohio county. Other Ohio counties with good coverage include Wayne, Washington, Auglaize, Ross, Gallia, and Clark counties. See the map on the top page of the Hayes website for all the partner libraries.

### Explanation of Headings:

#### Names

Names were copied exactly as written in the newspapers so researchers should check all possible spellings. Sometimes two completely different spellings were given in two different papers but it is obvious they are the same person. It is up to the researcher to check all variants. We do not correct mistakes made in the newspapers.

Maiden names are indexed if they appeared in the obituary, along with names for women who married more than once.

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## MY FAMILY STORY FROM "NEVADA'S PAST"

Submitted by Frank LEA (CCNGS)

From "*The Daily Silver Age*, Carson City, Nevada, 7 October 1867"

"On Saturday evening, William A. GREAR(sp) and his wife Anna, with three grown daughters, arrived and located permanently in this place. They are from Richardson County, Nebraska, which place they left on the 12th of May. A young man named Stephan HILLBURN came through with Mr. GREAR. Also his two sons-in-law, Israel AROMMAN, wife and two children and Samuel H. PUGH, his wife and five children. One of his sons-in-law, Mr. PUGH we believe, proceeded to California, but the old gentleman and lady, with the children and their other son-in-law will remain and try their fortunes in Nevada this winter. Mr. GREAR will start with a couple of teams to hauling in a few days, with success we hope. While on the plains, at Sage Creek, some half-way point between this place and the Missouri River, Mr. GREAR came upon the grave of an emigrant who was murdered by the Sioux Indians. The grave was being guarded by a beautiful black spaniel dog, who remained on the ground where his master was buried for twelve days, endeavoring (sp) to dig down to him. In some places he had dug holes nearly two feet deep, and was unwilling that anyone approach the grave. With much difficulty, Mr. GREER secured the faithful little fellow and brought him in."

William and Anna GREAR (correct spelling is GREER) were the parents of one of my paternal Great Grandmothers, Maryanne Marcella GREER who married Samuel Houston PUGH. Most of the PUGH's settled in California, while two boys remained in Nevada.

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## ROYAL NAVY RECORDS ONLINE AT TNA

Over 600,000 records for ratings who joined the Royal Navy between 1853-1923 are now available at the National Archives website

(<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/royal-navy-service.asp>).

It's free to search, and it will cost you just £3.50 to download a record. You might be surprised what you discover:

(<http://lostcousins.co.uk/findmypast.html>)

Source: [http://lostcousins.com/newsletters/latest.htm#RN\\_records](http://lostcousins.com/newsletters/latest.htm#RN_records) - 6 March 2010



## 2010 British Institute Salt Lake City, October 4-8

The following announcement was written by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History:

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH) is delighted to announce the British Institute (BI). The BI will be held in Salt Lake City from Monday, 4 October through Friday, 8 October 2010.

Instructors for this year's BI will be Barbara BAKER, AG, David RENCHER, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA and Darris WILLIAMS, AG.

Ms. BAKER will be teaching *Pre-1800 Scottish Records*—This course will explore lesser known records and address ways to help you break down brick walls.

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## GEORGIA TO DIGITIZE HISTORICAL RECORDS

The following announcement was written by the Georgia Secretary of State office: Atlanta (March 4, 2010)

Georgia Secretary of State Brian KEMP announced today that the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board (GHRAB) has launched a partnership grant program with Ancestry.com to digitize historical records. During the first partnership's first cycle, Ancestry.com offered grants up to \$10,000 to local governments and historical repositories in the form of digitization services.

The following organizations received awards:

Augusta-Richmond County Consolidated Government  
City of Hapeville  
City of Kingsland  
DeKalb Historical Society  
Haralson County Historical Society  
Historic South-View Preservation Foundation  
Oconee County Probate Court  
Troup County Historical Society

Ancestry.com provides digitization services to local organizations in exchange for receiving access to historical records for the purpose of scanning, digitization, index creation and distribution. This creative partnership provides an economic opportunity for Georgia organizations to digitize their records and make them more accessible.

GHRAB works to promote the educational use of Georgia's documentary heritage and to support efforts to improve the condition of records statewide. The Board is charged with advising the Governor, Secretary of State and the Georgia Archives on records and policy issues. For more information, please visit

[www.GeorgiaArchives.org](http://www.GeorgiaArchives.org),

click on "GHRAB," and then "Grant Programs."

Brian KEMP was sworn in as Secretary of State in January 2010. Among the office's wide-ranging responsibilities, the Secretary of State is charged with conducting efficient and secure elections, the registration of corporations, and the regulation of securities and professional license holders. The office also oversees the Georgia Archives and the Capitol Museum.

Posted by Dick EASTMAN on March 04, 2010

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Mr. RENCHER's class is a first for him. *Making the Transition from Irish Church Records to Irish Land Records* will be of help in extending a pedigree prior to church records.

Mr. WILLIAMS' class *Strategies for Discovering Welsh Ancestors* will highlight methods for solving research questions and learning successful strategies that will provide you with ways to become a better Welsh researcher.

All classes will be taught in the morning with afternoons in the Family History Library. Instructors will be available for consultation and help.

To register or for more information, go to the Society's Web site

<http://www.isbgfh.org>

Telephone 815.419.5715 or contact ISBGFH at PO Box 350459, Westminster, CO 80035-0459.

Posted by Dick EASTMAN on March 06, 2010

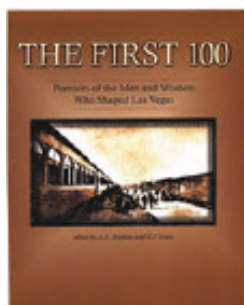


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# LIBRARY NEWS

## Gardening Your Roots: A Genealogy Series

**HERITAGE QUEST:** What is available and how to use Heritage Quest Online at home  
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 - 12:00 PM  
Conference Room - Paseo Verde Library  
Sydney CAGLE



### 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/>

## 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 better management of the entire process.

## 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/>

## LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

### Books donated by anonymous members

**MEYERINK, Kory L., Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Genealogical Records**, Includes bibliographical references and index, 1997, 840 pgs.

New England Historic Genealogical Society, **2002 Circulating Library Catalog**

Volume 1: Genealogies

Volume 2 Histories and Research Aids

**PARKER, J. Carlyle, Going to Salt Lake City To Do Family History Research**, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., rev. and expanded, Includes bibliographical references, 262 pgs.

**SZUCS, Loretto Dennis & LUEBKING, Sandra Hargreaves, Editors, The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy**, Rev. Ed., 1997, 834 pgs.

**SUMNER, Esther Yu, The Official Guide to Family Tree Maker 2005**, Includes Index, 2004, 363 pgs

**Wilkes College Annual – The Amnicola**, 1948

### Donated by CCNGS:

**STRANGSTAD, Lynette, A Graveyard Preservation Primer**, Published in cooperation with the Association for Gravestone Studies, Includes bibliographical references and index, 1995, 126 pgs.

**UNCAPHER, Wendy K., Lands of the German Empire and Before**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Augenschauer Publishing Company, Ohio, Gazetteers, Bibliography and Index, 2008, 144 pgs.

### Donated by Peg LUTHY

**TILLMAN, Norma Mott, 1938-How To Find Almost Anyone, Anywhere**, Includes bibliographical references, 274 pgs.

### Donated by Mabel PURCEL and Helen SMITH in Memory of Vesta MULLINS SALISBURY

**CARROLL, Cornelius, The Mullins Families of Eastern Kentucky and Southwestern Virginia**, Volumes 1 and 2, 2000.



## New GeneTree Services Enable Users to Make Sense of Genetic, Genealogy Information

The following announcement was written by GeneTree:

- New GeneTree Products and Services Focus on Making Genetic, Family History Information Comprehensible and Meaningful to Users
- As a wholly owned subsidiary of Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, GeneTree is able to Leverage the World's Most Comprehensive Collection of Correlated Genetic and Genealogical Information on Behalf of Users
- Re-Designed Web Site Includes Enhanced Content and Features

SALT LAKE CITY (March 30, 2010) – GeneTree today announced that the company has launched a new product offering of integrated genetic and genealogical services unique in the marketplace for its ability to

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

(by Jerry KUNZMAN, VP, CCNGS & JGSSN)

Effective January 2010, the Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada (JGSSN) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it will now make its extensive library collection available to members in good standing of the CCNGS, free of charge.

The library consists of books and CD's /DVD's, videos, etc., the majority of which naturally focus on Jewish research. However, a large part of the collection is general in nature and could be of interest to all researchers.

A list of the JGSSN holding may be viewed by going to the society's web site: <http://jgssn.org/>, click on "JGSSN History" (on the left side) and then near the bottom of the next window, click on "[library of research material](#)". The list will come up in an Excel format. Check the list frequently as new material is often added.

To borrow any material, (except reference only books), use the following procedure:

1. Contact the JGSSN web master and Library Director Mr. Abe Simon at: [abe\\_simon@cox.net](mailto:abe_simon@cox.net) and tell him the material you would like to borrow.
2. You must pick up and return the material at one of their monthly meetings. They are held on the third Sunday of every month

(except December) at the Sahara West Library at 1 pm. Normally material is loaned for one month unless special arrangements are agreed upon. The material must be returned to JGSSN at it's following meeting.

3. Present your current CCNGS membership card and a driver's license to Abe to verify your valid membership.
4. Be prepared to leave a deposit check for the value of the borrowed item, and your CCNGS membership card. He will tell you what that amount will be. Your check will not be cashed and will be returned to you with your membership card, when you return the material, unless of course you don't return the material. In that case, your money will be used to replace the item.
5. Reference only books may be requested for look-ups at the regular meetings at no charge but may not be taken from the room. That material is considered irreplaceable (e.g. out-of-print) or too expensive (some cost over \$400!).

The JGSSN is making this policy change in the interest of all genealogists, recognizing that we are all cousins to some degree and have common interests. They wish you success in your hunt for our sometimes elusive ancestor's.

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## U.S. Surgeon General Says Family History Research Can be Great for Your Health!

It's common knowledge that many physical ailments run in families. Diseases such as diabetes, cancer and heart disease are known to be passed down through generations, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's report on a Family Health History Initiative online at

<http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/>.

"Tracing the illnesses suffered by your parents, grandparents, and other blood relatives can help your doctor predict the disorders to which you may be at risk and take action to keep you and your family healthy," according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A national public health campaign encourages all American families to learn more about their family health history. To make the process easier for family historians, the federal government has provided a Family Health Portrait Tool.

The Surgeon General's report emphasizes the importance of family history to Americans citing a recent survey that found 96 percent of those surveyed believe knowing their family history is important, "Yet, the same survey found that only one-third of Americans have ever tried to gather and write down their family's health history."

The new computerized Family Health Portrait makes creating a health history easy and it's available free online!

The revised version of the "My Family Health Portrait" tool is Web-enabled. Don't worry the Feds are collecting and saving your data. Anyone with a computer and Internet access can use the program with a major Internet browser.

The tool allows users to:

- organize family history information
- print out the information to present to a health care provider
- save information on a personal computer
- share family history information with other family members

You'll find this handy research tool at Access the My Family Health Portrait Web tool,

<http://familyhistory.hhs.gov>.

It's a good idea to ask family members what they remember about their ancestor's health conditions. In fact, now is the time to record all of their precious memories. Start with a book from our Capture the Memories Series such as "Father Remembers," now on special!

<http://www.fhexpos.com/store/>

You CAN learn to keep careful family health history records with the proper tools!

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There may be some fear that identity thieves may try and take advantage of this census period. Here are some things we all need to know about the census:

- **Proof of ID** -If a Census worker comes to your door they will have a BADGE, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. *ASK* to see their 10 and badge before answering.
- **No Invitation** -There is NO need to invite these people into your home, they are only verifying address information.
- **No Personal Info** -Do NOT give your SSN, credit card or banking info, or your salary range, even if they claim they need it.
- **Counts Only** -The ONLY thing you need to tell them is how many people live at this address. No matter what they ask.
- **No Donations** -Census workers will not be soliciting donations for anything.
- **No ACORNs** -The Census Bureau is NOT working with ACORN, so no ACORN worker should approach you.

**SOURCE:** North San Diego County Genealogical Society - *Paths to the Past*; Vol XL #3; March 2010; pg 6

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## COPY YOUR 2010 CENSUS FORM

Before you return your 2010 Census Form, make a copy of it and place it in your genealogy files.

Remember what happened to the 1890 Census, and your genealogist descendants will be thrilled. Also remember that the census we will fill out this year will not be available for 72 years to future generations for research.

Please encourage all your family members and friends to do the same.

**SOURCE:** Whittier Area Genealogical Society - *WAGS FAMILY TALES* - Vol 29 - March 2010 - Pg 80

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## PORTUGUESE RESEARCH

Submitted by Frank LEA (CCNGS)

While researching wife's Portuguese ancestors, who immigrated to Hawaii in the 1870's and 1880's, I found the following website:

<http://www.arquivo-madeira.org/index.php>

This site has both Portuguese and English versions and provides indexes for marriage, birth and passports, with information on how to acquire pertinent documents. I was able to find several ancestors and I am now in the process of ordering copies of related documents. They also provided for free receipt of a weekly newsletter

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## GETTING BOMBED

A bombard is a leather jug which holds 8 pints or 4 quarts. A full bombard of ale would make you drunk.

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# Online Graphic Collections

## Learn to use these resources

Massive new graphic collections which include photographs, maps, and documents are being added to the Internet daily. Many of these are in government or non-profit library (free access) Web sites, and identify the people or places involved. Researchers are scouring the Internet for images they recognize and scanning old photo collections into their online family trees. NSGS (Nevada State Genealogical Society) and CCNGS (Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society) hope to be able to help Members utilize these valuable resources.

Shown below are two photographs from the vast collection entitled "The Western Nevada Historic Photo Collection." Whether you are doing serious research concerning ancestors in Nevada or you just like to look at photographs of old places, this Online Graphic Collection is for you! "*Around Carson*" (<http://aroundcarson.com/>) deserves a great deal of credit for preparing and posting this collection. The collection can be accessed at:

<http://wnhpc.com/>



Old Comstock Assay Office  
Built 1876 Virginia City, Nevada



Comstock Miners

**SOURCE:**

Nevada State Genealogical Society - *THE NEVADA DESERT* - Vol 24 #3 - March 2010 - pg 8



# QUERIES

## **BROWN, HAWLEY, ISGANITUS, KLAUSS, KOZLOWSKI, KUDERSKI, LETUKUS, SAWICKI/SAVITSKI, SIELICKI**

Looking for other descendants, ancestors, siblings and relatives of my great-grandfather, Marion **SAWICKI/SAVITSKY**, b. 29 Dec 1876 in Russia Poland, d. 30 Dec 1949 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, m. Josephine "Jozefa" **KUDERSKI**, b. 29 Apr 1877 in Barglowka, Russia Poland, in Wilkes-Barre, PA. She died 1916, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Children include Mary **SAWICKI** m. Peter **SIELICKI**, Helen Josephine **SAWICKI** m. Herman **BROWN**, Hedwig (Jennie) **SAWICKI** m. Frank **LETUKAS**, Elenore (Alice) Sawicki m. Frank **ISGANITUS**, Frances **SAWICKI** m. Nicholas **HAWLEY**, and Frank **SAWICKI**, m. Anna **KLAUSS**. The religion is Roman Catholic. Siblings include Josephine (Sophie) **SAWICKI** b. 1871, m. John **KOZLOWSKI** b. 1874, and Frank A. **SAWICKI**, b. 1882 in Poland. Peg **LUTHY** 8604 Stone Harbor Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89145 [peg-bill@hotmail.com](mailto:peg-bill@hotmail.com)

## **BRODZINSKI, DOLA, KARPINSKA, KOSLOSKI, KUDERSKI, OMIECHINSKI, SAWICKI**

Looking for other descendants, ancestors, siblings, and relatives of my great-grandmother Josephine "Jozefa" **KUDERSKI**, b. 29 Apr 1877 in Barglowka, Russia Poland. Her parents were Jozef (Jan) **KUDERSKI** and Franciszka "Frances" **KARPINSKA**. Both died in Russia Poland. Josephine married Marion **SAWICKI** in 1903 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Her siblings are Thomas **KUDERSKI** b. 1870 in Poland, m. Josephine **KOSLOSKI**, Andrew **KUDERSKI**, b. 1877 in Poland, m. Mary **BRODZINSKI**, Mary **KUDERSKI**, b. 1886 in Russia, m. Frank **OMIECHINSKI**, b. 1885, and Alice **KUDERSKI**, b. 1895, m. Edward **DOLA**, b. abt 1984. Peg **LUTHY** 8604 Stone Harbor Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89145 [peg-bill@hotmail.com](mailto:peg-bill@hotmail.com)

## **DELATRE**

Seeking grave of Johanna **DELATRE** (my great grandmother), born in Germany, wife of Max **DELATRE** and mother of Herman Emil, Amanda Bertha and Henry J. She lived with husband Max around Lake Michigan because he was a sailor. They were last known together in 1900 in Sturgeon Bay, Door Co., WI but resided in Chicago, Lake Co., IL where he is buried and their children lived in later years. Sandra **APPLEMAN**, 690 Tomscott Avenue, Henderson, NV 89052; [SAPPLEMAN@COX.NET](mailto:SAPPLEMAN@COX.NET)

## **JONES, McDONALD**

Seeking grave of my great grandmother Mary E. **JONES** who was married to Andrew A. **MCDONALD** and Joseph **JONES**. She last known alive 25 Oct 1943 in Greenville, Bond Co., IL. Her two daughters were Mattie Elizabeth and Bridie **McDONALD**. As the wife of Joseph **JONES** they lived in Mound, Warren Co., IN in 1910 and Highland, Vermillion Co., IN in 1920. Sandra **APPLEMAN**, 690 Tomscott Avenue, Henderson, NV 89052; [SAPPLEMAN@COX.NET](mailto:SAPPLEMAN@COX.NET)

## **SAGALA**

I am researching the **SAGALA** family in Poland. I have found a living person with the same last name living in the same town as our ancestor, Piotr **SAGALA**. I would like to know if anyone can help me

with a live phone call to that lady. I do not speak Polish. Or perhaps you know of someone who may help me. Thank you so much.

Monette L. **CORTEZ**, email at [monettec2015@yahoo.com](mailto:monettec2015@yahoo.com)

## **KENNARD, ROTHWELL**



## **TROUT**

Looking for info on cousin of Clarence W. **KENNARD** b. 7 Sep 1892, d. 26 Apr 1942; m. 10 Nov 1923 Mary E **ROTHWELL** in Elkton, MD). Cousin's name was Edward **TROUT** (in picture wearing black suit). Picture was taken in 1917 in Galveston, TX. Lived at 3527 Avenue M.

Robert **KENNARD** Jr. 6504 White Swan Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89108-1812; [RKennardLV2@Clear.net](mailto:RKennardLV2@Clear.net)

## **STILWELL**

Seeking of my GGG-grandfather Cornelius G. **STILWELL**, born around 1808 in NY, died and buried in Wales, Erie Co., NY, 24 Feb 1849. Father of several children, two of them named DeWitt G. and Clifford Edwin.

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expand users' knowledge of their genetic and family history connections. The company also announced it has significantly revamped its Web site, [www.genetree.com](http://www.genetree.com).

GeneTree's comprehensive new service offering focuses on integrating two essential sources of human identity: quality genetic tests and industry-standard family history consulting services. In contrast to providers that focus exclusively on anthropological deep ancestry, GeneTree's product and service offering is designed to help people discover near-term family connections in the last six to ten generations as well as deep ancestral connections.

The company has developed a diverse array of genetic and genealogical consultation services to provide users with a rich sense of their family trees. These services range from providing instruction and support for people who want to make sense of their own research, to comprehensive services for those who prefer that GeneTree conduct research for them. GeneTree's highly qualified, professional genetic genealogists provide individualized assistance about users' family trees and how DNA results can help them in their search for connections.

Genetic information informs family history efforts in two primary ways. First, it helps to ensure the accuracy of the genealogical record, by validating family connections and identifying potential errors. Second, genetic analysis expands the universe of connections available to individuals and families for whom written genealogical records have hit a dead end.

For example, GeneTree helped Loueda **THOMAS** of Omaha, Neb.,

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# 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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affirm the identity of her ancestor Josiah SIMS, correct inconsistencies in two pedigree charts she was studying, and expand her family tree. "I have spent seven years trying to link Josiah SIMS into another pedigree chart," said THOMAS. However, there was a 10-year discrepancy between the birth dates attributed to SIMS on the two respective pedigree charts, though each reported the same name, parents and birth place. Working with GeneTree, THOMAS found two potential living relatives who obtained DNA tests from the company. Both tests yielded a perfect match and confirmed that the Josiah SIMS on both of the pedigree charts she was studying were in fact the same person. In addition, a search in GeneTree's database revealed another perfect match, providing THOMAS with a third newly-discovered living family member.

GeneTree offers a series of DNA tests that can be tailored to the goals of users ranging from individuals to major family history research projects. The company's genetic testing services, certified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), include both Y-DNA (genetic information passed from fathers to sons) and mitochondrial (mtDNA; genetic information passed from mothers to all their children). GeneTree customers can use their DNA results to verify and significantly expand their family trees.

GeneTree's revamped Web site features a complete redesign, together with practical insight about DNA testing and genealogy. A revised shopping cart contains products and services that enable users to take advantage of the synergies between genetic and genealogical information. In addition, GeneTree's dynamic DNavigato online map allows users to trace the geographic connections and migration patterns of their genetic ancestral groups.

"The popularity of shows like Who Do You Think You Are? demon-

strate that there is a genuine hunger for people to know who they are fundamentally—what is their genetic legacy and how they fit into the larger family history picture," said Jeff WELLS, CEO of Genetree. "GeneTree is uniquely qualified to help people answer these questions."

GeneTree clients will also benefit from the relationship with it's parent, the non-profit Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF), which has developed the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of genetic information correlated with multi-generational genealogical family pedigrees.

"Our relationship with SMGF enables GeneTree to combine sophisticated DNA analysis with traditional genealogical research to provide our customers with the most complete picture of human identity available anywhere in the world," said WELLS. "The extensive, complementary insights GeneTree customers can obtain through this process are without parallel in making genetic and family history information understandable and useful."

### About GeneTree

GeneTree ([www.genetree.com](http://www.genetree.com)) is the leading provider of genetic and family history services that unlock peoples' ancestral legacy. Powered by the world's largest, most comprehensive repository of genetic and genealogical information, GeneTree's best-in-class genetic testing, genetic genealogy consulting and family history research enables individuals and extended families alike to dramatically extend their family trees.

Posted by Dick EASTMAN on March 30, 2010



# Who Do You Think You Are? Success Continues to Grow

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It appears the success of the Who Do You Think You Are? premiere wasn't just a one-hit wonder. In fact, more Americans tuned in to watch the second episode than the first! For a look at the second episode's ratings, click here<<http://tvbythenumbers.com/2010/03/13/tv-ratings-numbers-counted-for-the-last-time/44819>>.

## Last Week's Episode

Lisa KUDROW set out to learn the hard truth about what really happened to her Jewish ancestors who remained behind in Belarus during World War II. Despite the cold details of how the Holocaust impacted her family, Lisa's episode ended with a silver lining.

Check out the teaser<<http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/video/clips/lisa-kudrow-preview/1206010>> featuring Lisa Kudrow, and tune into NBC for the full episode on Friday at 8/7c.

## Past Week's Episode

Faced with the obstacles that surround African American family history research, football legend Emmitt SMITH set out to learn about his enslaved ancestors. The trail takes him to Monroe County, Alabama, where Emmitt traced his family back to his 3rd great-grandfather, Prince PURYEAR. Prince was found in the 1870 U.S. Federal Census, along with several other PURYEARS - including one 55-year old woman named "Mariah." Emmitt called it destiny when the family historian uses Book 22 (his jersey number) to confirm Mariah is Prince's mother. Mariah then led Emmitt on a journey that introduced him to the slave trade in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Seeking his African origins, Emmitt took a DNA test that guided him to the shores of Africa.

If you missed the episode, watch it here<<http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/video/episodes/#vid=1208739>>.

## Community Involvement

We have immensely enjoyed your feedback to the show and hope that you will continue to send us your thoughts and what you've been doing to take advantage of the series.

Last week, we heard from the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society who wrote:

As soon as we heard about the airing, our board members scheduled a beginners class entitled "How to Find Out Who You Are!" to begin Sunday afternoon after the Friday first airing of "Who Do You Think You Are?" Our local NBC affiliate, WOAI-TV, not only publicized our event, they filmed our Library and gave us a live interview on the 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. news. We were inundated with calls, filled our first series of classes and have had to schedule another consecutive round of classes for new researchers!

We also scheduled Intermediate level classes to begin March 22nd and they filled up rapidly.

Thanks to all the above, our 50 year old Society with it's 16,000 vol. library, is no longer San Antonio's best kept secret!

Way to go San Antonio! We are thrilled with your success!

## More about the Emmitt SMITH Episode

Interested in learning more about how the team of genealogists involved in the second episode located Emmitt's enslaved ancestors? Would you like to offer members of your organization or interested newbies a better understanding of African American family history research? Take a look:

Go-to resources: Family websites, U.S. Federal Censuses, vital records, probate records, property records

How they helped: Emmitt SMITH didn't know much about his family history - his family didn't talk about the past when he was growing up. A recent discussion with his family, however, turned up a handful of details: first, it's rumored his grandmother had "white blood;" and second, his grandmother was from a small town, Burnt Corn, Alabama. These two tidbits help him learn more about his African heritage.

## Resource #1: Family website

Emmitt knew his grandmother Erma Lee WATSON. But who were her parents? Emmitt found a family website that offered details including names and places. The facts presented look good but more research will be necessary to ensure this is the correct family.

## Resource #2: 1900 U.S. Federal Census

Taking a trip to Burnt Corn is revealing, but it doesn't quite provide the answers Emmitt was hoping for. The 1900 census, however, did. It showed Erma Lee WATSON's grandparents, William and Victoria WATSON, and indicated that they were both born in Alabama in the 1860s - which may mean slavery. Does the family line stop here?

## Resource #3: Vital records

Not ready to give up, Emmitt ventured to the county courthouse, where he found a marriage record filed with the "colored" records for his 2nd great-grandparents, William and Victoria. Victoria's maiden name was revealed: PURYEAR. Since a slave often adopted the name of a former owner, Emmitt wondered if this is the clue he needed to find his ancestors' slave owner and more hints about his own family. He dug further, finding a death certificate for Victoria, which listed her father's name: Prince PURYEAR.

## Resource #4: 1870 U.S. Federal Census

Prior to 1870, slaves were considered property and weren't listed by name in the federal census. At best, a headcount was taken and entered on a slave schedule. But the Civil War changed all of that. Emmitt's research moved forward to look for the PURYEAR name in the first census record when all African Americans would finally be listed by name. He found Prince PURYEAR, race mulatto. But he also found other PURYEARS on the page, including Mariah PURYEAR, age 55, also mulatto. Was this Prince's mom?

## Resource #5: Probate records

The search turned to Mariah - Emmitt wanted to know if there really was a connection between her and Prince and the other PURYEARS on the page. Now it's time to tackle the slave-owner's family. A man named Alexander PURYEAR from Burnt Corn, Alabama, seemed like a likely candidate. Researching his probate records turned up a letter from Alexander indicating he was a slave trader. Alexander's wife, Mary, listed Mariah and her children by name in her will. Prince was one of them.

## Resource #6: Property records

Defying the myth that you can't get past 1870 in African American research, Emmitt traveled to Virginia, where he concluded that the PURYEARS were slave traders. He found a deed in which Mariah, age 11, was passed to Alexander along with a saddle and a horse bridle. While he doesn't know for sure, Emmitt considered the possibility that Alexander's father, Samuel PURYEAR, may have been Mariah's father. Nothing was found that would indicate who Mariah's mother was. Emmitt turned to DNA testing to complete his journey

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# MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

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## Maurice Vernon Gray WARD

### GENERATION 1

1. Maurice Vernon Gray **WARD** was born 26 May 1889 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, KS. He married Mary Gladys **MURRAY**, 11 October 1916, in the Rectory of the Catholic Church in Argentine, KS. He died 5 January, 1958 in Kansas City, Jackson County, MO, USA. He was buried 8 January 1958 in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Kansas City, Jackson County, MO

### GENERATION 2

2. David McCormack **WARD** was born 17 April 1840 in Loutre Township, Mexico, Audrain County, MO. He married Ellen Jane **HENDRIX** 6 August 1863 in Naples, Morgan County, IL. He died 24 July 1908 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, KS. He was buried 27 July 1908 in Block 4, Lot 174, Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson County, MO
3. Ellen Jane **HENDRIX** was born 14 December 1844, in Mexico, Audrain County, MO. She Died 1 August 1926 at her last residence in the home of her son, Maurice V. **WARD** - 608 East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kansas City, Kaw Township, Jackson County, MO and was buried 4 August, 1926 alongside her husband in Elmwood Cemetery.

### GENERATION 3

4. Charles Rice **WARD** was born 15 November 1799 near Richmond, in Goochland County, VA. He married Jane **McCORMACK** 21 December 1826 in Williamsburg, Callaway County, MO, USA. He died 5 May 1882 in Willows, Glenn County, CA at the home of his son, John Milton **WARD**. He was buried in Willows Cemetery, Willows, Glenn County, CA.
5. Jane **McCORMACK** was born 16 July 1810 at Ft. Pitt, Butler County, PA. She died 19 August 1865 in Mexico, Audrain County, MO.
6. William **HENDRIX** was born 12 August 1804 in Westport, Oldham County, KY; (or possibly North Carolina). He married Judith Ann **BOURN** 25 November 1830 presumably in Oldham County, KY. He died 15 December 1873 in Mexico, Audrain County, MO. He was buried 18 December 1873, in Sunrise (Rising Sun) Christian Cemetery in Salt River Township, north of Mexico, Audrain County, MO
7. Judith Ann **BOURN** was born 14 June 1814, in Franklin County, KY. She died 22 March 1880 in Mexico, Audrain County, MO. She was buried alongside her husband in Sunrise Christian Cemetery in Salt River Township, Audrain County, MO.

### GENERATION 4

8. John **WARD** was born about 1765 in VA. He married the widow Lucy Rice **WOOD** 1 June 1797 in Goochland County, VA. He died 27 September 1828 in Callaway County, MO.
9. Lucy **RICE** was born about 1767 in Goochland County, VA. She died December 1845 in Callaway County, MO.
10. James **McCORMACK** was born in Ireland. He married Nancy **CROZIER**. He died 21 November 1831 in Callaway County, MO.
11. Nancy **CROZIER** was born in Butler County, PA. She died before 5 October 1830 in Callaway County, MO.
12. Rudy James **HENDRIX** was born about 1783 in Westmoreland County, PA (?). He died after 1829.
13. Jemima **BUTTON** was born about 1785. She died but the details are unknown.
14. Richard West **BOURN** was born 4 May 1785 in VA. He married Mary Ann **LAWRENCE** 10 March 1812 in Franklin County, KY. He died 12 March 1829 in KY.
15. Mary Ann **LAWRENCE** was born 30 January 1794 in Shelby County, KY. She died 29 June 1873 in Callaway County, MO. She was buried 2 July 1873 in the Old Village Cemetery, Northwestern Avenue, Mexico, Audrain County, MO.

### GENERATION 5

16. John **WARD** was born in Ireland or England. He died about 1785 in Spotsylvania (?), VA.

17. (Unknown)
18. Charles **RICE** was born 25 November 1711 in Goochland County, VA. He married Mary **HOLMAN** in 1732 in Goochland County, VA. He died 20 November 1785 in Goochland County, VA.
19. Mary **HOLMAN** was born 1714 in Goochland County, VA. She died 1802 in Goochland County, VA.
- 20 - 27 (Unknown)
28. William **BOURN** was born about 1743 in Culpepper County, VA. He died 7 September 1818 in Franklin County, KY.
29. Ann **WEST** was born 26 January 1769 in VA. She died before 1792.
30. David **LAWRENCE** was born in Ireland. He married Judith Ann **McKINNEY** 21 March 1793 in Woodford County, KY (?). He died 10 November 1804 in Franklin County, KY.
31. Judith Ann **McKINNEY** was born about 1777 in Charlotte County, VA. She died after 1793 in Adair County, KY.

## GENERATION 6

- 32 - 35 (Unknown)
36. Edward **RICE**, Sr. was born 17 April 1690 in St. Peter's, New Kent County, VA. He died between 1 May 1769 and 15 October 1770 in Goochland County, VA.
37. Mary **CLAIBOURNE** was born but the details are unknown. She died but the details are unknown.
38. John **HOLMAN** was born but the details are unknown. He died in Goochland County, VA.
39. Elizabeth (Unknown) was born but the details are unknown. She died in Goochland County, VA.
- 40 - 55 (Unknown)
56. John **BOURN** was born September 1707 on the south side of the Rappahannock River near Snow Creek, six miles from the town of Fredericksburg, St. Mary's Parish, Essex County, VA; in 1720 Essex County became Spotsylvania County. He died March 1774 in Culpepper County, VA.
57. Eleanor **DAVIS** was born about 1736 possibly in VA. She died about 1812.
58. Richard **WEST** was born 17 October 1707. He died 4 July 1772 in KY (?).
59. Mary **MEACHAM** was born 11 November 1729. She died December 1771.
- 60 - 61 (Unknown)
62. Charles **McKINNEY** was born about 1700 in Essex County, VA. He died 17 March 1798 in Mercer County, KY.
63. Marianne **CHASTAIN** was born 17 May 1738 in Manakintowne, VA. She died 26 October 1794 in Mercer County, KY.

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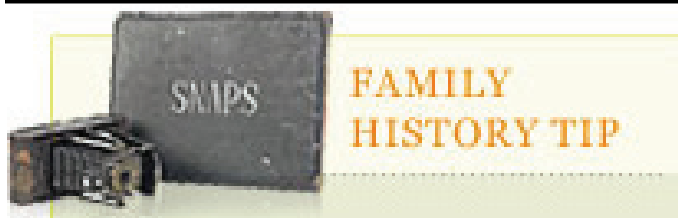
back to Africa.

### Was EMMITT just lucky?

African American research requires the same steps as any American research, until you reach slavery. Persistence and a keen eye to the details listed on every document are keys to success. Clues in the 1870 census and later documents can lead to revealing finds. Check surnames - look for the slave-owning family by the same name, white families who own large parcels of land living nearby in 1870. Even out-of-state birthplaces of the slave that match the birthplaces of possible slave owners can be clues. It was not a universal rule that a slave would adopt a slave owner's surname or stay nearby once freed. But it

happened often enough that it's worth checking. In Emmitt **SMITH**'s case, these two facts made it easier for him to trace the slave-owning family and find documented clues leading to Emmitt's kin along the way.

Just a reminder, check out [www.ancestry.com/spreadtheword](http://www.ancestry.com/spreadtheword) for materials you can use to tell



From Ed **CONNER**

## Family History Tip

Family Buried Nearby? When poking around in a cemetery, take note of the names on the stones around your center of interest. At some point you may discover a connection with the people buried near your ancestor. This is especially handy if you are not near your home.

**SOURCE:** The Weekly Discovery (Copyright 2010, [Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com))

# CURRENT SOCIETIES CCNGS EXCHANGE QUARTERLIES WITH!

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CONEJO VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (CA)  
JEWISH GEN SOC / SO NV-WEST (NV)  
POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
SOLANO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (CA)  
WHITTIER AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (CA)  
AMER HIST SOC OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA (NV)  
AMERICAN-FRENCH GEN SOCIETY - (EX0139) (RI)  
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CENTRAL LOUISIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (LA)  
CHERRYFIELD-NARRAGUAGUS HISTORICAL SOC (ME)  
CHICKASAW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (IA)  
CHRISTIAN COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY (IL)  
CLAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HIST SOCIETY (AR)  
COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (CO)  
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CRAWFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (KS)  
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FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (IN)  
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SOC OF NE PA (PA)  
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## DAR Genealogical Research System

(2001-2004) and Presley Merritt **WAGONER** (2004-2007). This system of databases will continue to expand as new information is added.

The DAR is excited to announce that the Genealogical Research System (GRS), a combination of several extensive genealogical databases, and is now available online! Please use this free resource to look up your Patriot.

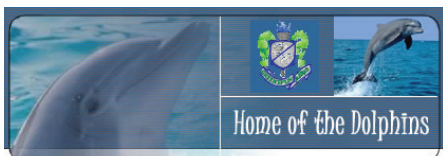
The Ancestor Database contains the names of Revolutionary War Patriots whose service and identity have been established by the NSDAR. Included is information on the dates and places of birth and death, names of spouses, residence during the Revolution, rank and type of service, and the state where the patriot served.

[http://www.dar.org/library/online\\_research.cfm](http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm)

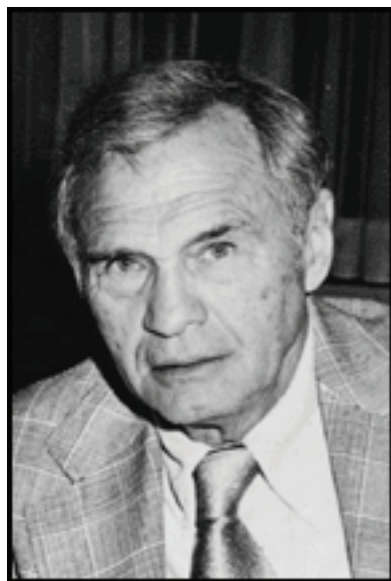
This GRS is a combination of several databases created in recent years to organize the large quantity of information that the DAR has collected since its inception in 1890. Much of the work to create these research tools is the direct result of funding provided by the President General's Project of the administrations of Linda Tinker **WATKINS**

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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.



## Greenspun Junior High



Greenspun Junior High School is named in honor of Hank and Barbara **GREENSPUN**, notable Las Vegas who made a tremendous contribution to Clark County.

Ever since H. M. "Hank" **GREENSPUN** became publisher-editor of the *Las Vegas Sun* on 1 June 1950, his readers have been repeatedly rocked and rattled by his straight forward pull-no-punch type of journalism.

Hank was born in Brooklyn, NY, 27 August 1909. While still quite young, the **GREENSPUN** family

moved to New Haven, CT, where Hank worked as a newsboy and ran errands for the town's merchants in order to assist his family financially. Besides his parents, the family consisted of two sisters, Alice and Mildred and a brother Dave.

After his early schooling in New Haven, Hank worked his way through St. John's College and St. John's University School of Law. He was graduated with a Bachelor of Law Degree and admitted to the bar in the State of NY where he is still eligible to practice.

When he was old enough to register, Hank **GREENSPUN** declared himself a Republican and never wavered from that choice. With other vigorous and outspoken members of the party in New York City, he helped fight Tammany **HALL** to elect the "Little Flower," Fiorello H. **La GUARDIA**, Mayor of New York. He was a devoted worker in all of Tom **DEWEY**'s campaigns for District Attorney and Governor of the state.

Early in 1941, when it appeared imminent that the United States would become actively embroiled in World War II, Hank entered the army as a private and eventually became a company commander. He served under the late General George F. **PATTON** for three and a half years in the European Theatre of Operations. In 1946, while a resident of southern Nevada, he became Major **GREENSPUN**.

Hank served a total of five and one half years in the army and during that time was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with silver star for conspicuous service in the Battle of Falaise Gap. He saw further action in the battles of St. Lo, Avranches and Nancy, and took part in General **PATTON**'s push across France, winning commendations from Generals **PATTON** and **EISENHOWER**. **GREENSPUN** also

was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross from the State of New York.

While stationed in Ireland, Hank met and fell in love with an Irish lass, Barbara **RITCHIE**. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married in Belfast in 1944. A few days after the marriage, he was ordered to return to his company, awaiting the invasion of France. Barbara went to England shortly thereafter and worked for SHAEF Headquarters in London.

The **GREENSPUN**s left England together aboard a hospital ship bound for the United States and for a short while settled in Springfield, MA. Having a natural adventurous spirit, Hank decided to move west in 1946, with his Irish war bride and 13 month old daughter and settled in Boulder City, NV. Hank and Barbara now had four children, Susan, Brian, Jane and Danny, three of whom were born in Nevada.

One of Hank **GREENSPUN**'s first ventures in Nevada was to publish a magazine for the area, "**LAS VEGAS LIFE**." However, while doing publicity for a major Las Vegas hotel, he learned that a weekly newspaper, "**THE FREE PRESS**," was for sale. He purchased it.

This was the beginning of one of the most astoundingly successful newspaper stories in the country. The first edition of the **LAS VEGAS SUN** hit the streets in 1950, and became one of Nevada's major newspapers with a reputation for fairness and integrity which is recognized throughout the country.

Hank won a multitude of honors for his journalism and the Sun for its outstanding community service.

In addition to the newspaper, publisher **GREENSPUN** was the owner of KLAS-TV, the first television station in Nevada, had real estate holdings and had a golf course with a family country club. His faith in Nevada was symbolized by his continued investment in the state.

Hank held membership in the National Press Club, the Overseas Press Club, the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the California Publishers Association and was a past president of the Nevada State Press Association. He was also a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

To residents of Las Vegas he was a familiar sight as he prowled endlessly through the casinos, stopped to chat with hotel executives, got an exclusive bit of news from a builder, exchanged banter with a judge or listened to a complaint from a tourist. All the while, he was picking up nuggets of inside information for his famed page one column, "**Where I Stand**," which was also the title of a book that he had published.

Financial success alone was never Hank's goal. He became a legend because of his complete abandon when an issue was at stake. In 1952, as the Nevada elections approached, he decided to take on the toughest, the most feared man in the state: aging, shrewd Senator Pat **McCARRAN**. The state's most important industry, Gambling, de-

pendent on the Senator, a powerhouse in Washington, for its survival. In March of 1952, **GREENSPUN** began blasting Senator **McCARRAN** in his column. Shortly thereafter, the advertising directors of each of the gambling casinos notified the Sun that they were canceling their ads. The newspaper lost thirty percent of its revenue. Instead of backing down and buttering up to the Senator, **GREENSPUN** hit back with a \$225,000 suit charging **McCARRAN** and some 40 hotel executives with a conspiracy to drive him out of business. **GREENSPUN** wrung an \$80,500 settlement from **McCARRAN** and the executives and also a gentlemen's agreement that the casinos would keep on advertising in the paper. With that victory, Hank was off and running.

After he tangled with Senator **McCARRAN**. Publisher **GREENSPUN** took on city commissioners, judges, a Clark County sheriff, the late Senator Joe **McARTHUR**, attorneys, and many businessmen who he felt were taking advantage of the citizenry.

David **BEN-GURION**, the former Prime Minister of Israel, commended Hank **GREENSPUN** for the part he played in obtaining arms for the new nation that was desperately building an army to defend itself from invasion by Arab troops.

Hank's two sisters and brother lived in Nevada, as did his mother and father before their deaths. He was devoted to his entire family as he was to his adopted state.

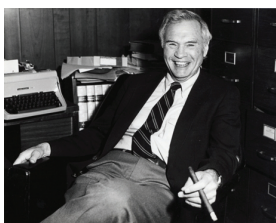
A prominent Las Vegas echoed the sentiments of many citizens of southern Nevada, "Whenever anyone wants to fight against unscrupulous office-holders, unsavory conditions affecting the public welfare, have been maligned or mistreated, are dissatisfied with utility service or need help in general, they have a habit of looking toward Hank **GREENSPUN** and the *Las Vegas Sun*."

His friends said he's a fearless enemy of corruption. His enemies called him a power-hungry tin god, but all agreed that this former combat officer, undercover agent and gun-runner, Hank was one of the last of America's fighting publishers.

Hank **GREENSPUN** died of cancer 22 July 1989. Former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon **PERES** called **GREENSPUN** "a hero of our country and a fighter for freedom - a man of great spirit who fought with his mind and his soul; a man of great conviction and commitment."

Hank & Barbara **GREENSPUN** Middle School was built in 1991, located at 140 N. Valley Verde in Henderson, Nevada.

## LAS VEGAS SUN



## Finding Funeral Home Records



Funeral home records can provide the researcher with information about an ancestor's death that augment or enhance cemetery and death records. Records may show few details or the minutia involved in planning a funeral down to what flowers were sent and any clothes or beautician services purchased

by the deceased's loved ones. Other details like who paid for the funeral might help identify family members and their addresses. Ministers who are listed as performing the funeral service provide a clue as to additional church records that may be available.

Where can you find funeral home records? Start with the funeral home itself if you have that information. You may find the information for the funeral home from your ancestor's death certificate, cemetery records, obituary or funeral notice in the newspaper. When requesting records, remember that the funeral home's main purpose is not to assist genealogists looking for records; they are in business to help those who have recently lost a loved one. The best approach is by letter, email or phone call. Showing up unexpectedly while they are busy assisting families won't be to your benefit.

Unfortunately, funeral home records are the records of a private company and being such they do not have to archive them or share them. Because family owned funeral homes now are increasingly being purchased by larger funeral home corporations, older records often are destroyed. In the case of a funeral home that has been bought out, inquire with other area funeral homes as to who may have the records. Funeral Directors usually know the history of other funeral homes in the area. So you can ask them questions to help you locate the records of funeral homes that may have gone out of business. But don't be surprised if those records do not exist anymore.

Be patient when requesting information. These records are private records and as a private business, the funeral home can choose when and who, if ever, they share them with. Some funeral homes may cite confidentiality. I had this happen in one case for a record I needed from the 1960s. I explained that I had the death certificate and that I was just looking for the name of the person who paid for the burial. The employee ended up providing me with that information but only after she explained that those old records were large and stored in a difficult to reach place.

The Family History Library ([http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)) has some funeral home records that have been microfilmed. From the catalog home page conduct a place search for the state or country you are interested in. Then chose the county by clicking on the button at the top right hand side, "view related places." Conducting a keyword search for the phrase "funeral home" will also provide you with a list of resources.

One resource that might help you is the **National Yellow Book of Funeral Directors** by Nomis Publications (<http://www.nomispublications.com/>). This book can help you locate a funeral home and may be available at your local library or local funeral home. You can also purchase it from the publisher.

More and more funeral home records are being placed online by genealogical or historical societies, libraries or archives, or by the funeral home itself. Try Googling (<http://www.google.com/ig?hl=en>) the name of the funeral home or the locality and the phrase "funeral home" or "mortuary." You may also want to try local and state archives, libraries and other repositories to see what death records, including funeral home records, exist in their collections.

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**Sons of Confederate Veterans, Silver State Grays Camp**  
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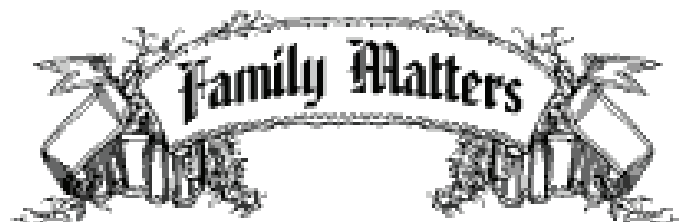
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# POWER HOUR from Family Tree Magazine.

Find Your Roots in an Hour!! - on your lunch hour.

1. Google your ancestors. Search with your computer, do some Genealogy-googling. Take advantage of Google's ability to combine search terms and find exact phrases. Enter an ancestor's name-corralled within quotation marks-plus a location where the family lived. Then begin your search.
2. Search every book printed -well not every book, but it may seem like it. You'll be amazed the amount of information you will find.
3. Check your DNA. Order a test kit from one of the many genetic genealogy services online (see [www.familytreemagazine.com/dna](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/dna))
4. Download Military Records. These can be obtained from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Digital records can be downloaded. Pension and bounty applications can be requested.
5. Request a death certificate. Some ancestor records are online. Visit [www.ced.gov/nchs/hmvto/w2w/w2welcom.htm](http://www.ced.gov/nchs/hmvto/w2w/w2welcom.htm) to get to the vital records office in the state where your ancestor died. Verify that the death was recorded, then follow the instructions for making a request.
6. Interview your aunt or great uncle or grandparent. You get the idea. These folks remember lots. They can always give you facts that you need to find someone.
7. Order records on microfilm. Family History Center microfilm can be rented from Salt Lake City. Microfilm may be the best bargain to genealogists.
8. Join a society. Societies have microfilm for viewing, records to look through, and information you may be looking for. Web sites are also available for different societies.
9. Watch, listen and learn. There are genealogy programs to work through, learning more as you do so.
10. Make new genealogy friends. Just as My Space ([www.mvspace.com](http://www.mvspace.com)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) are must stop for Web users, social networking sites such as Geni ([www.geni.com](http://www.geni.com)) and Family History Link ([www.familyhistorylink.com](http://www.familyhistorylink.com)) are the hottest trend in genealogy. Try them.
11. Use the Library. Public libraries have some genealogy records that are readily available for your use. An email or phone call to the library in your ancestral area can start librarians searching for you also.
12. Update your family tree. Keep notes on things you've recently learned. Make sure you get the information down to be usable.
13. Back up your family tree files. Once your data is up to date, make a backup file so that in case of an accident or unusual event (tornado, flood, fire, etc..) you have a copy available of all the facts you have.
14. Read a blog. When time permits try: Ancestry insider ([ancestryinsider.blogspot.com](http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com)) delivers techno gossip and tips not only on *Ancestry.com* but other sites. EASTMAN's Online Genealogy Newsletter ([www.blog.econ.com](http://www.blog.econ.com)) offers "straight talk" from knowledgeable online genealogy veteran Dick EASTMAN. Genea-Musings ([www.genealogue.com](http://www.genealogue.com)) introduces you to the lighter side of genealogy. There will be times when you'll need to block off much more time, several hours at a time, rather than just a lunch hour, but just imagine how much you'll be learning about your ancestors.

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# CALENDAR

April 10

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## April

### 10 Saturday

10:30 AM Nevada African American Genealogy Society - Sahara West Library (Bill WHITE 396-4944)

### 17 Saturday

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

## May

### 8 Saturday

9:00 AM Las Vegas PC Users Group SIG - Genealogy Las Vegas Family History Ctr (Sam GIORDANO: 914-4408)

10:30 AM Nevada African American Genealogy Society - Sahara West Library (Bill WHITE 396-4944)

### 15 Saturday

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

### 16 Sunday

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

## June

### 12 Saturday

9:00 AM Las Vegas PC Users Group SIG - Genealogy Las Vegas Family History Ctr (Sam GIORDANO: 914-4408)

### 19 Saturday

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

### 20 Sunday

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

## July

### 17 Saturday

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

### 18 Sunday

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

## August

### 14 Saturday

9:00 AM Las Vegas PC Users Group SIG - Genealogy Las Vegas Family History Ctr (Sam

## August

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GIORDANO: 914-4408)

### 15 Sunday

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

### 21 Saturday

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

## September

### 11 Saturday

9:00 AM Las Vegas PC Users Group SIG - Genealogy Las Vegas Family History Ctr (Sam GIORDANO: 914-4408)

### 18 Saturday

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

## October

### 16 Saturday

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

## November

### 13 Saturday

9:00 AM Las Vegas PC Users Group SIG - Genealogy Las Vegas Family History Ctr (Sam GIORDANO: 914-4408)

### 20 Saturday

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

## December

### 18 Saturday

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

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# WEB LINKS HTTP://

## FULTONHISTORY.COM

This website is a hidden gem! The gentleman who owns this site has over 11,266,000 Old New York State Historical newspaper pages including Buffalo, NY. Many obituaries, marriage and birth announcements to be found to help with your research.

## BYU FAMILY HISTORY ARCHIVES

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>

This Brigham Young University (BYU) site combines family history books from the collections of the Family History Library, the Allen County Public Library, Houston's Clayton Library, the Mid-Continent Public Library Midwest Genealogy Center, the BYU Harold B. Lee Library, the BYU Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' historical library.

## CANADIAN GENEALOGY CENTRE

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html>

Library and Archives Canada keeps expanding its online offerings, with the 1891 census joining the 1881 and 1911 enumerations, along with 1871 Ontario and 1906 Northwest Territories censuses. You'll also find land, military, immigration and vital records, directories and a [database](#) to track your Mountie ancestors.

## Denver Public Library Western History & Genealogy

<http://history.denverlibrary.org/>

Besides an online catalog and extensive finding aids for Western history, you'll find a digitized collection of more than 600,000 images, most dating from the 19th century. Find something you like? You can order prints right online.

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

<http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

Check out the American Memory collection of historic maps, photos, documents, audio and video; historic [newspapers](#) via the Chronicling America project; 1 million images, representing about half the library's holdings; and the National Union Catalog of [Manuscript Collections](#) (NUCMC).

## MAKING OF AMERICA

[www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp](http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp) & [library5.library.cornell.edu/moa](http://library5.library.cornell.edu/moa)

Split into two sites, Making of America represents a digital chronicle of the 19th century in print. The University of Michigan site encompasses approximately 10,000 books and 50,000 journal articles—3.8 million pages from nearly 13,000 volumes. The tandem Cornell University site emphasizes journals, monographs and magazines, ranging from Scribner's to Scientific American, totaling more than 900,000 pages from more than 1,200 volumes. Both sites are searchable or browsable by title; you can browse the Michigan site by subject.

## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

<http://archives.gov/>

Besides getting you started on your search for military, immigration and other records at the archives, this site offers two digital peeks into the archives' holdings. Its Archival Research Catalog (ARC) indexes 5.4 million records and includes 142,000 digital copies. Access to Archival Databases (AAD) lets you search more than 85 million historical electronic records, among them photos, maps, a smattering of immigration records and more than 9 million WWII enlistment files.

## New York Public Library Digital Library

<http://www.nypl.org/collections>

You don't need a library card to access this site's half-million images and documents, covering American Indian portraits, African-American history and migration, historical photographs, surveyors of the American West, Holocaust memorial books and much more.

## ONLINE ARCHIVE OF CALIFORNIA

<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/>

Open your golden gates with this compilation of historical materials from museums, historical societies and archives. You'll find more than 120,000 images, 50,000 pages of documents, letters and oral histories, and 8,000 guides to collections in the Golden State.

## WORLD CAT

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

Now available for your mobile phone and [Facebook](#), WorldCat searches the collections of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide—more than 1 billion holdings in all. There's no better tool to identify obscure or out-of-print books to borrow on interlibrary loan.

## CASTLEGARDEN.ORG

<http://castlegarden.org/>

Though still incomplete, this database of 10 million immigrants is nonetheless a breakthrough tool if your family arrived through the port of New York before Ellis Island opened in 1892. Still to come are 2 million records dating from the 1820s and implementation of advanced search features.

## Digitalarkivet

<http://www.digitalarkivet.uib.no/>

How to choose the best among the oodles of individual country sites? This one from the National Archives of Norway makes the list for its online 1801, 1865, 1875 and 1900 Norwegian censuses and its ongoing project to digitize 1.85 million pages of parish registers along with real-estate registers. And did we mention it's all free?

## JewishGen

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

Affiliated with the Museum of Jewish Heritage, this site includes a discussion group, the Family Finder database of 400,000 surnames and towns, ShtetLinks for 200-plus communities and the Family Tree of the Jewish People, with data on nearly 4 million people. Regional special-interest groups range from Eastern Europe to Southern Africa.

## WORLD GENWEB

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

Start your search beyond our shores with the 400 project pages at this international counterpart to the US GenWeb site. Regional, country and ethnic sites here span the globe.

## Access Genealogy

This free site just keeps growing, with recent additions ranging from early South Carolina marriages to the roster of the 1st North Dakota Volunteers. It's especially strong on American Indian data, including the 1880 Cherokee census, the Dawes Rolls, and new lists of Indians in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nvccngs>

**Las Vegas Ranch. Credit: UNLV Library Special Collections**



The San Pedro, Salt Lake and Los Angeles Railroad, owned by Montana Senator William Clark, purchased the Las Vegas Ranch from Helen Stewart in 1902, and auctioned off lots for a townsite three years later. The ranch was originally a Mormon mission in 1855, then operated by a series of owners. It continued to be leased and operated as a ranch, a resort and supplier of meat, dairy and produce for Las Vegas well into the 20th century