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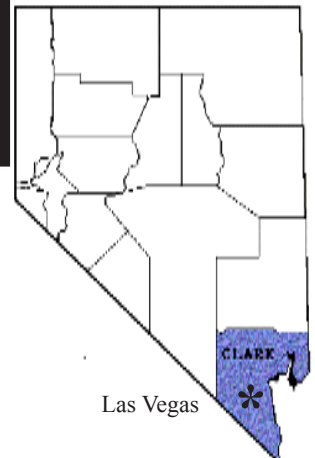
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Bob **KENNARD** and Helen **SMITH** are requesting that CCNGS members join them in publishing *The Prospector*. Helen has been working as the Editor, while Bob works as the Publisher.

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 FALL FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

The date for the Fall Family History Seminar is 22 October 2011, Stan **FULTON** Building, UNLV Campus. Speakers TBA.



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<http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/>.

**ONLY A GENEALOGIST
REGARDS A STEP
BACKWARDS AS PROGRESS.**

CCNGS 2011 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** S Equipment for Researching County Cemeterys - Mac
PURSEL
L A Little Bit of Scandinavia - Helen **SMITH**
- MAY** S Finding My Grandfather - Bill **RUDELSON**
L Writing Your Family History - Joanne **GILBERT**
- JUN** S TBA
L TBA

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

William **WARD** (CCNGS Pres.)



Genealogy is the second most visited topic on the Internet and has been for a number of years. The TV program, "*Who Do You Think You Are?*" presented by *Ancestry.com*, drew millions of viewers last year when it was inaugurated and it is presenting its second edition now. People are becoming more and more interested in tracing their roots with every passing day. In the Las Vegas general area there are now four Genealogy Societies in addition to the Family History Centers and several Organizational Heritage Societies, all of whom are trumpeting the news about this wonderful pastime.

CCNGS is inaugurating this new feature in order to alert the residents of this valley to the great opportunities being offered to develop your own Family History and enlarge on the information your family has been talking about for years. This report is our way of including all of you who cannot attend the monthly meetings. Much activity has gone unnoticed and has been under-reported during recent months. Although membership in the Society fluctuates, one hundred seventy (plus) members now enjoy the services being provided.

Many members and non-members visit the Heritage Room in the Paseo Verde Library where a wealth of genealogical data is available on the computers free of charge. We constantly add to our sizeable collection of research books and maps and maintain a large number of quarterly Periodicals from many other Societies across the nation. Our published quarterly called the "*The PROSPECTOR*" is furnished to all members and we trade it with numerous other Societies in the US.

The Henderson Library system offers a number of wonderful free Internet sites such as Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest with its access to thousands of books of history and genealogy resources, Digital Maps, Old Newspapers from all over the United States, and World Vital Records. Our Society now is helping many beginning researchers with our Mentoring Program by showing them what to do next and how to break through some of those "stone-walls" we all encounter.

The Society is participating in teaching classes in beginning genealogy and how to record and store your information. We are offering these classes through the six Henderson libraries and UNLV's Outreach Department. Enrollment is increasing as our new advertising and publicity plans are developing to advertise what we do and how it can help you.

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The regular Saturday meeting in February drew 107 attendees to hear Crista COWAN from Ancestry.com. She filled the entire two hour program with the features of their web-site and tips and tricks on how to utilize it to the fullest. This was a return engagement from last year when she drew over 80 listeners.

The Spring Seminar held Saturday March 26th at the Stan FULTON Building on the campus of UNLV was a great success. We offered a delicious Continental breakfast with fresh fruits and a large assortment of sweet rolls with coffee and teas at 8:00 AM followed by a fine demonstration of what materials are available on the NARA website and how to access them. Kerry BARTELS, the Archivist at the Riverside, California branch was very well received and the crowd of nearly 70 members and non-members voted to bring him back for a second session. Following the break for a catered luncheon of Roasted Herbed chicken with red potatoes and steamed green beans, fresh salad with vinaigrette dressing and crepe desserts, we were treated to some informative new material on "Those Vanishing Women" and "Military Records" by Lee NISHIMOTO and Mary BARKAN respectively. Results of the Survey responses were 100% favorable in all regards as this was considered one of the best Seminar offerings in recent years.

The National Genealogical Society, formed in 1903, just announced their annual three day History Conference to be staged here in Las Vegas in May 2013. All of the Genealogy Societies in this valley will be united as Co-Hosts for this big event which is expected to draw thousands from nearly every corner. As Co-Hosts, we will be responsible for numerous volunteers to work this Conference and they will have an opportunity to attend many of the events and classes for free in return for their services. More information about these wonderful opportunities will be forthcoming in later reports as news from the President's Desk is reported to you.

Personal Family History Websites

www.kindredtapestry.relatedfamilies.com

Surnames: WARD, BOURN, BUTTON, CROZIER, HENDRIX, LAWRENCE, McCORMACK, MURRAY, RICE, WEST, WHITLEY, DEAN, O'NEILL and many others.

<http://www.barberbook.relatedfamilies.com>

Surnames: BARBER, BILLEDEAU, BUCKET, CONROY, FOX, HORINE, HUARD, LaBRIE, MITIVIE, MORIN, QUINN, SOULE, WALSH. and many others.

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

Surnames: CARROLL, GOLDEN, GRAY, GUTTERMAN, KENNARD, ROTHWELL, SPITZNAGEL, WEBBERT, and WELLS.

Genealogists love going out on a limb!



LITTLE USED BUT HELPFUL WEB SITES



www.co.warren.ny.us/records/archive.php

Archival collection, state censuses, military records, naturalization index 1813-1906

www.sos.mo.gov/archives/

Missouri b,m,d, pre-1910, naturalization by County, soldier's records, census indexes

distantcousin.com/directories

City directories, cemetery transcriptions, Obituaries, alumni records

www.italianguen.org

NYC information on all nationalities. Naturalization & vital records, 1865-1957, groom lists, surnames



www.glorerecords.blm.gov

land records, patents, warrants, many 18th century records

www.genline.com

Swedish Family History, records, surnames

<http://irelandgenealogyprojects.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

[Admin/sitemap.htm](#)

Digitized 1911 Irish census, vital records rootsireland.com

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Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary 1828 and 1913

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So you just learned your ancestor was a hostler from the census. What's a "hostler?" Looking it up in a dictionary from around the time your ancestor was engaged in that occupation can sometimes give you a more accurate definition. In the 1828 edition of Webster's Dictionary a *hostler* is defined as "The person who has the care of horses at an inn." The 1913 definition also includes "*an innkeeper*" and this later edition also includes a railroad reference as "The person who takes charge of a locomotive when it is left by the engineer after a trip."

Other uses for the dictionary would include medical and legal terms, and even terms you might find in family correspondence. For example, the 1913 definition of the word "shine" includes this one: 4. Caper; antic; row. [Slang] To cut up shines, to play pranks. [Slang, U.S.] So if you find yourself confused by the cryptic lingo in Aunt Marge's correspondence, pay this site a visit for a clarification.

Hallowed Ground

In Commack, on Long Island, a little graveyard lies surrounded by chain-link fence and buried in snow. Inside are nine Headstones, some from the 1800s, many cracked and tilted, under spindly trees. *Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight, and all the air a solemn stillness holds* - save where the orange work cart clatters by, laden with Sheetrock and tubs of joint compound.

This is the **BURR** family cemetery, deep in the suburbs east of New York City, and right in the middle of a Home Depot parking lot, hard by Modell's, Famous Footwear, Old Navy and Staples. Once Indians roamed pleasant woods here, then it was farmland, property of the well-to-do **BURRs**, who came from England in 1630. They tilled the soil, ran a hotel, bred horses and buried their dead near the corner of Larkfield Road and Jericho Turnpike.

Then the suburbs filled in. If you asked for directions to the fabled hole in the suburban soul, you might end up here, where the emptiness has been wrapped in the tightest gauze of retail. How good, then, to find wrinkles in time that crack the asphalt's smoothness, places where a few human dead have resisted the insult of being paved over and forgotten.

Web searches turn up such stranded graveyards all over the country - Oklahoma, Georgia, Tennessee. In Lombard, Ill., near Chicago, immigrant ghosts may well haunt a mall.

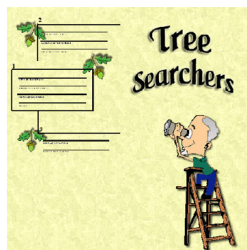
The spirits of Jacob **BURR** and his kin may have long since departed, as one delicately chiseled headstone wished, "to the fair realms of light, in that bright world where parting is no more." But maybe they stayed in Commack to witness the march of humanity down the decades, season to season, Turf Builder to gas grill to leaf blower to SnoMelt. Maybe they have marveled at the constancy of the human condition, the ceaseless toil at building homely joys, the shrines of luxury and pride. And maybe they have smiled, knowing as they do, where the paths of glory lead.

WorldCat

www.worldcat.org

Looking for more information about a battle in which your ancestor fought during the Civil War? Or perhaps your ancestor was a Brooklyn policeman and you'd like to learn more about the history of that police force. What were the working conditions of the industry in which your ancestors were engaged? The answers to these and many other questions can often be found in publications that might not be found in your local bookstore. WorldCat will not only alert you to their existence, but when you enter your zip code, it will give you a list of libraries that have those publications in their collection.

Census Enumerator Instructions (IPUMS)



WHAT IS THE HERITAGE ARCHIVES?

by Helen SMITH, Editor

Did you know that you can research magazines, quarterlies, and other periodicals in the Heritage Archives?

What is the Heritage Archives?

There is another room at the Paseo Verde Library where one can conduct research beside the Heritage Room which everyone uses, and it is called the Heritage Archives. It is located on the east side of the Library (the Heritage Room is in the northwest corner of the building). This room is available for research every day by simply asking the librarian at the Reference Desk for access to the room.

Elizabeth **GAYNOR** and Phyllis **VAN ALSTINE** have been working diligently cataloguing and organizing all of the materials in the Archives. They have completed their project and continue to receive new material and maintain it in an orderly fashion so that YOU can research the material that is held there.

There is material from almost every state in the Union. You can find information on a number of countries as well. There are genealogy magazines with many articles of interest and some with queries to help you connect with others researching the surnames that you are researching.

This is a secret that needs to be told! Everyone needs to examine the material in the Heritage Archives. It might lead you to just what you need to break through that Brick Wall or get you over the hump that has been holding you back.

CHECK IT OUT!!!

Census Enumerator Instructions (IPUMS)

usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tEnumInstr.shtml

Census enumerators were given very specific instructions when it came to recording the answers your ancestors gave. Reading these instructions can be very helpful in more fully understanding your ancestor's response. This site includes the original instructions for the years 1850-1950. (Note: This site also includes lists of the questions asked in each census. Check out the 1940 questions (<http://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/items1940.shtml>) in preparation for the release of the 1940 census by the National Archives next year.)

FAMILY HISTORY TIP

From Rachel **AZOULAY**

(*Ancestry.com Weekly Discovery*, 27 MARCH 2011)

PAGE FORWARD IN MILITARY RECORDS

When searching military records, don't just look at the first page of information, as this may be only part of the record. Be sure to page forward to the subsequent pages to capture all of the record. Depending on the type of military record, you may be working with an actual file and not just one page. Within this file of many pages much information can be discovered, like where the person served, in what wars, and whether they were married or not. In a British military record for one of my family members who volunteered, I found a letter from an officer enquiring of the father where the son might be as he had disappeared. Attached was the reply (all handwritten) from the father stating that the son left England for Capetown due to lack of employment. Another military record showed me the date of an individual's marriage and the wife's name.



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LIBRARY NEWS

LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT CHANGE TO INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The procedure for requesting books, conference proceedings and dissertations through Interlibrary Loan (ILL) has changed.

In order to request one of these items, you will be asked to provide the name of the author, the publication's title, the publication place and date, and the OCLC number. You may find this information on Worldcat.org. If the Library owns the item, the request will not be processed. There is no change to the procedure for requesting journal or newspaper articles, obituaries, or microfilm/microfiche through Interlibrary Loan. If you have any questions, please contact the Interlibrary Loan staff at ask@lvccld.org.

SOURCE: Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, HIGHLIGHTS September 2010 | October 2010 | November 2010 p. 2.

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.

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Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois.

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GOVAN, Gilbert E. & LIVINGOOD, James The Chattanooga Country 1540-1951 E.P. Dutton & Company, 1952 Selected Bibliography and Index Pages 509

GRENHAM, John Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Second edition 2000 Genealogical Publishing Co, MD Pages 374

HOFFMAN, William N. Going Dutch: A Visitor's Guide to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country, Spring Garden Publications Co. 1989, New York Pages 312, Appendix and Index

LARSON, Taft Alfred History of Wyoming, Second Edition, Bibliography and Index Pages 662

MORGAN, Dale Lowell, 1914-1971 The Humboldt: Highroad of the West Bibliography includes index Pages 374

ZELLNER, William W., Ph. D. and LAIRD, Ruth L, M.A., Professor Emeritus, Editors, Oklahoma: The First Hundred Years Galaxy Publications, Ada, OK, Name Locator and Index, Pages 591

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ARONS, Ron Wanted: U.S. Criminal Records; Criminal Research Press; Pages 365

BENTON, Josiah Warning Out in New England 1656-1817 Heritage Books Pages 121, including index

DuMELLE, Grace Finding Your Chicago Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History in the City and Cook County Includes bibliographical references and index

LAINHART, Ann A Researcher's Guide to Boston New England Historical Society; Appendix 1-6, Index pages 161

PEDERSEN, Tana L. The Companion Guide to Family Tree Maker 2011, Includes index, Pages, 295

Donated by Ami GLBERT

Family Tree Magazine – Annual CDs: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Family Tree Magazine's International Genealogy Passport

Family Tree Magazine – Individual Issues: Sept 2007, March 2008, July 2008, Nov. 2008, Jan. , March, May, July, and Sept. 2009, March 2010.



CRISTA COWAN FROM *ANCESTRY.COM* PRESENTS

by Jerry KUNZMAN, VP
CCNGS & JGSSN



Ms. Crista COWAN, the Community Alliance Manager for *Ancestry.com*, wowed us again with her presentations on February 19th and 20, 2011.

On Saturday she presented a lecture on how to better use *Ancestry.com* and on

Sunday she presented a more general lecture on tips and tricks for doing better genealogy research.

On Saturday, Crista told the more than 100 attending the CCNGS meeting about a brief history of *Ancestry.com*. Since their beginning in 1986, *Ancestry.com* has bought and incorporated several smaller genealogy sites and now has more than 4 billion records and 11 million family trees available on their site. They are also partnered with several large still free sites such as *Jewishgen.org* and *FamilySearch.org*, to name but a few.

She showed us how to access The Learning Center, the Archived Webinars, and the *Ancestry.com* Blog, their contents and how we could sign up to receive future emails and RSS feeds. In addition, she gave us information on how to view a document found on their site and, if necessary, make a correction or leave a comment for other researchers.

Researching on *Ancestry.com* is not always user-friendly or intuitive. A simple search will sometimes return thousands of hits. One example that she gave was the spelling of the name Catherine. According to her, there are over 900 ways to spell Catherine (believe it or not!) and *Ancestry.com* returns all of them in a search. Crista reviewed the search algorithm (name, date, and place) used at *Ancestry.com* and showed us how to use filters in place to limit the number of false hits to a more manageable level.

Another example of taming the search engine is the use of the “exact” boxes. The form will accept an asterisk (*) meaning “any letters” or a question mark (?) meaning “any one letter” in a name. So for example if you type “Catherine”, it will return all 900 variations. If you check the “exact” box, you will get only “Catherine” so if the name was transcribed as Katherine, you will get no hits. On the other hand, if you type Cath* you will get not only Catherine, Cathy, , Catheryne, etc but also Kathy, Kate, etc. If instead, you type C?thy, you will get Cathy, Cethy, Cithy, Kathy, etc. However, and this is counterintuitive to this writer, if you type Cath* AND check the “Exact” box, you will get only names that start with “Cath”. The same technique may also be used on other entries in a search window.

Crista also talked about using the Card Catalog, creating “Hot Keys” and the advantages of sorting using the “Relevance” feature. She covered the function and usefulness of the “Member Connect” function,

On Sunday, Crista lectured to more than 100 attendees at the JGSSN meeting. She illustrated the value of the “Red Book” selection found in the Family History Wiki from the drop down menu of the Learning Center tab. She also talked more about using the Card catalog feature of *Ancestry.com* and advised us to read the Data Base Descriptions that accompany each database to learn the extent and limitations of each one we use.

For searches on sites other than *Ancestry.com* she recommended trying a Google search at <http://www.google.com/> (at the home page, click on “more”), Find A Grave at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi>, US Genweb at <http://usgwarchives.net/>

and the Genealogy Bank at <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/>.

Crista offered the following general strategies to improve our family searching:

- 1) Have a specific goal (search for one person at a time, create a 4 generation tree, focus on a “Gateway Ancestor”, etc.)
- 2) Work from the known to the unknown (don’t try to skip a generation, make and test theories, etc.)
- 3) Trust but verify (cross check all data with other sources when possible)
- 4) Cite sources (who among us didn’t do this and regretted it?)
- 5) Leverage tools to work for you (e.g. the “shakey leaf” on *Ancestry.com*)
- 6) Leverage other people to work for you (e.g. RAOGK, message boards, Face Book)
- 7) Don’t get buried in paper (attach records, use backup methods, etc.)
- 8) Remember the people (not just names but context and stories)
- 9) Share (It isn’t YOUR genealogy, it’s the family’s genealogy, print a book, etc.)
- 10) Find a coach (talk through a problem, fresh eyes, and network!).

Crista’s visit was very much appreciated by all and we were so fortunate that she would share her time and knowledge with us. We are all better researchers for it!



Stefani EVANS, William WARD (CCNGS Pres), Crista COWAN (*Ancestry*), Jerry KUNZMAN (CCNGS VP)

MAKE MOST OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Joan GRIFFIS (Commercial-News The Commercial-News)

A membership in a genealogical society usually has many advantages. Joining a society in the geographic location where you live, besides providing support for the society itself, can usually benefit that member. Becoming involved with that organization enables one to network with others as well as attend workshops and other learning experiences. Beginners are usually greatly benefited by learning from the more experienced members of the group. Volunteering to assist in the organization's library can enable the beginner to become more familiar with genealogy books and other materials at that facility.

A membership in a genealogical society located in the geographic vicinity where an ancestor lived also can be most helpful, especially if that member takes advantage of all resources available. For example, as one whose ancestors lived in New York, I maintained a membership in the NY Genealogical and Biographical Society for several years while I sent regular queries for free publication in the society's quarterly and requested free look-ups in that society's holdings. (Many societies also encourage members to purchase materials and/or attend workshops at a reduced rate.)

More recently, a surname index to *The Record* (the NY society's quarterly publication) is available free on the Internet and members can view the full text version of the articles from which the index was compiled. Thus, all back issues of that publication are now accessible to the society's members — hundred of issues — at <http://www.newyorkhistory.org>.

Many other genealogical societies also are making their publications

available on the Internet to their members (including back issues). Several societies are making databases available to members, as well as providing searchable indexes. Do you belong to such an organization?

But what about queries? There seems to be a definite decrease in the number of queries submitted to genealogical societies for their publications. Perhaps it is because there are so many places on the Internet where one can show an interest in a specific surname and advertising in a magazine might seem outdated. Not so! As long as members receive and read the quarterlies created by a genealogical society, any queries in that publication are also being read. Don't short-change your own research by not submitting queries. The membership fee that you already paid enables you to reach many people in all parts of the country — both other subscribers and other societies/organizations that receive that publication.

Incidentally, queries are still welcome for this column. They, too, have declined in number, but can be effective if essentials are provided. Well-written queries should include name(s), date(s), place(s) and event(s). They can still be published free in this column.

Queries, as well as a general exchange of genealogical material that readers would like to share, will be printed in the column for free. Contact Joan GRIFFIS by e-mailing JBGriffis@aol.com

SOURCE: <http://commercial-news.com/local/x651392549/Make-most-of-Genealogical-Society-membership>

SOCIAL SECURITY APPLICATIONS (SS-5)



A GOOD SOURCE

By William WARD (CCNGS, Pres.)



The Application for Social Security Number (**SS-5**) is a good source of information about your ancestors who died since approximately 1960. Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Social Security Administration will provide a copy of the Form **SS-5** for a deceased individual to anyone who requests it. The information you might receive includes their full name, maiden name, age, race, sex, last known mailing address, date of birth, place of birth, parents full names, date of application, employer's name and address at time of application and applicant's signature. Social Security Applications are an easy to obtain source of basic data about your deceased relatives.

Instructions

Attempt to locate the deceased person in the Social Security Death Index (SSDI). See the top link in the Resources section below for full instructions for searching the SSDI. If all you need are birth and death dates, this might be as far as you have to go. If you want the full application, use the information in the SSDI to fill out the request form.

The Social Security Administration now provides an online request form for the Social Security Application **SS-5**. Browse to the second link in the Resources section below to access the form. This will probably be the quickest and easiest way to make your request. If you prefer, you can also make the request by mail. A link to the instructions for making the request is also below.

The fee is \$27 if you know your ancestor's Social Security Number. If

you don't know the SSN, you must provide the person's full name, date and place of birth, and names of parents and the fee is \$29. If you don't care about getting a copy of the original signed application, you can get a transcript for \$16 - \$19 if the SSN is unknown.

If you have not been able to find the individual in the SSDI, include proof of death with your application. The Social Security Administration will not provide applications for people it considers living. The wait time is typically 6-8 weeks, so be patient.

When you get the copy of the **SS-5** back from the Social Security Administration, record all the information in your genealogy database. Create a source as in this example:

John Casper **CLOUGH**,
U.S. Social Security Act Application for Account Number - Form
SS-5, SSN 397-10-1675, (dated 3 Aug 1937),

Social Security Administration
Office of Earnings Operations
FOIA Workgroup
300 N. Greene Street
PO Box 33022
Baltimore, Maryland 21290

QUERIES

ANDROS, BRIGGS, BRINGS, SMITH

Requesting info on Isaac S. **SMITH**, b. 1743, m. 26 Jul 1764 to Mary **BRIGGS**. d. 24 Apr 1841 in Springfield, Windsor, VT. Mary **BRINGS** b. abt 1741 in Marshfield, Plymouth, MA, to Richard **BRIGGS** and Abigail **ANDROS**. They had twin girls: Tryphena and Parthenia b. 27 Sep 1767 in Norton, Bristol, MA. Want to know ancestors of Isaac **SMITH**, his birthdate, birthplace and revolutionary war record.

Mary P. (Patti) **ROYALL**, patbrat@embarqmail.com

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

Looking for descendants, ancestors, siblings and relatives of my G-grandmother, 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 (m. Peter **SIELICKI**), Helen Josephine (m. Herman **BROWN**), Hedwig "Jennie" (m. Frank **LETUKAS**), Elenore "Alice" (m. Frank **ISGANITUS**), Frances (m. Nicholas **HAWLEY**), and Frank (m. Anna **KLAUSS**). The religion is Roman Catholic. Siblings include Josephine "Sophie" (b. 1871, m. John **KOZLOWSKI** b. 1874), and Frank A. (b. 1882 in Poland).

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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 (b. 1870 in Poland, m. Josephine **KOSLOSKI**), Andrew (b. 1877 in Poland, m. Mary **BRODZINSKI**), Mary (b. 1886 in Russia, m. Frank **OMIECHINSKI**, b. 1885), and Alice (b. 1895, m. Edward **DOLA**, d. abt 1984). Peg **LUTHY** 8604 Stone Harbor Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89145

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DELATRE

Seeking grave of Johanna **DELATRE** (my G-Grandmother), b. in Ger, wife of Max **DELATRE** and mother of Herman Emil, Amanda Bertha and Henry J. She lived with husb Max around Lake Michigan because he was a sailor. 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.

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FULLER, PURSEL

Searching for family of Ralph **PURSEL** s/o Samuel and Jennie (**FULLER**); Samuel d. 5 Feb 1943, Monroe, MO. Ralph had two sisters, Ethel May and Agnes Berle.

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HORSLEY, PURSEL

W. H. **HORSLEY** mar. Harriet **PURSEL** 1893, Milwaukee, WI. Died abt 1916 in Marshalltown, IA. Need info concerning Mr. **HORSLEY**.

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JONES, McDONALD

Seeking grave of my G-grandmother Mary E. **JONES** who married Andrew A. **MCDONALD** and Joseph **JONES**. She was alive 25 Oct 1943 in Greenville, Bond Co., IL. Her two daughters were Mattie Elizabeth and Bridie **MCDONALD**. She and Joseph **JONES** lived in Mound, Warren Co., IN in 1910 and Highland, Vermillion Co., IN in 1920.

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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

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.

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PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD RECORDS

Does anyone know how to obtain Pennsylvania National Guard records before 1918?

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STILWELL

Seeking info on my GGG-grandfather Cornelius G. **STILWELL**, b. abt 1808 in NY, d. and Bu. 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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The following is a list of new or updated **FREE** databases on FamilySearch.org

from the March 2011 Chula Vista newsletter.

- * Texas, Comanche County Records, 1858-1955 - updated 3 Mar 2011 (browse images only)
- * Texas, Mills County Clerk Records, 1841-1985 - updated 3 Mar 2011 (browse images only)
- * U.S. Social Security Death Index - updated 3 Mar 2011 (88,701,435 records)
- * Colorado State Census, 1885 - updated 2 Mar 2011 (browse images only)
- * United States, Union Provost Marshal Files of Individual Civilians, 1861-1866 - updated 2 Mar 2011 (browse images only)
- * Illinois State Census, 1855 - updated 1 Mar 2011 (256,004 records)
- * New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637-1947 - updated 1 Mar 2011 (501,128 records)
- * Philippines, Manila Civil Registration, 1899-1994 - updated 1 Mar 2011 (browse images only)
- * United States, Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933 - updated 1 Mar 2011 (browse images only)
- * Mexico, Distrito Federal, Catholic Church Records, 1886-1933 - updated 25 Feb 2011 (217,414 records)
- * Missouri, Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers Home Applications - updated 25 Feb 2011 (browse images only)
- * North Carolina Deaths, 1931-1994 - updated 25 Feb 2011 (2,642,875 records)
- * Ohio, Cuyahoga County Probate Files, 1813-1900 - updated 25 Feb 2011 (browse images only)
- * England and Wales Census, 1901 - updated 24 Feb 2011 (34,136,242 records)
- * Germany, Posen, Church Book Duplicates, 1794-1874 - updated 24 Feb 2011 (113,713 records)
- * England and Wales Census, 1861 - updated 23 Feb 2011 (19,178,973 records)
- * Hungary Catholic Church Records - updated 23 Feb 2011 (9,065,513 records)
- * United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 - updated 23 Feb 2011 (3,507,841 records)
- * Vermont, Vital Records, 1760-1954 - updated 23 Feb 2011 (721,132 records)
- * Texas County Tax Rolls, 1846-1910 - updated 18 Feb 2011 (browse images only)
- * Delaware Marriage Records, 1913-1954 - updated 17 Feb 2011 (112,894 records)
- * Massachusetts Marriages, 1841-1915 - updated 17 Feb 2011 (1,538,139 records)
- * Texas Birth Certificates, 1903-1934 - updated 17 Feb 2011 (440,509 records)
- * Virginia Naturalization Petitions, 1906-1929 - updated 17 Feb 2011 (browse images only)
- * Kansas, County Marriages, 1855-1910 - updated 11 Feb 2011 (browse images only)
- * Arkansas Confederate Pensions, 1901-1929 - updated 10 Feb 2011 (Browse Images)
- * England, Cheshire Non-conformist Records, 1671-1900 - updated 10 Feb 2011 (157,094 records)
- * Montana, County Marriages, 1865-1950 - updated 10 Feb 2011 (338,109 records)
- * Virginia, Freedmen's Bureau Letters, 1865-1872 - updated 10 Feb 2011 (834,422 records)
- * Wales Deaths and Burials, 1586-1885 - updated 10 Feb 2011 (1,296 records)
- * England and Wales Census, 1891 - updated 4 Feb 2011 (31,782,845 records)

Searchable Databases at the New Jersey State Archives website.

Check out the digital archival records at the Pennsylvania State Archives website.

The City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has posted searchable cemetery indexes online. The indexes cover Forest Hill Cemetery, 822 Emery St. and Lakeview Cemetery, 1500 Buffington Dr.

They are also including some interactivity to the website:

<http://www.webcemeteries.com/eaucleirewi/search.asp>

UNITED STATES DEATH & PROBATE RECORDS AT FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

Filed in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Digital Documents Online, District of Columbia, FamilySearch, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Internet Genealogical Research, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Online Databases, Online Searchable Indexes, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Probates & Wills, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Vital Records, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin on Mar.22, 2011

Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)

geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic

Ever wondered what county a town was located in? Or what cemeteries were in the county where your ancestors lived? The Geographic Names Information System can help. Enter a town name and its state and you'll be presented with a list of features associated with that town and the name of the county it currently falls within (or in some cases counties as there may be more than one place with that name). Click on a name for geographic coordinates and links to various maps and satellite views of the area.

For more on county histories, see the "**Red Book**" portion of the Ancestry.com Wiki (http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Red_Book:_American_State,_County,_and_Town_Sources&oid=23560&oid=23560#Third_Edition_Table_of_Contents). Choose a state of interest and then select the "County Resources" link to see a table with a list of counties, dates of formation and parent counties.

Finding Death Records



Information on your ancestor's death is not limited to a death certificate. In fact, depending on the time period, civil registration may not be an option.

You can find a comprehensive list of what death records are available online through Joe BEINE's website [Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records](http://www.deathindexes.com/) <http://www.deathindexes.com/>. Here you can search for online records by state and county. Some larger cities like Chicago and Los Angeles have their own page of links.

Not sure when vital registrations began for the state you are researching? Try [VitalRec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com) where you can choose the state you are interested in and view when death records began for that state. You can also look on an individual county level as well as for information on other countries.

Some other ideas for finding death information include, but are not limited to:

Newspapers: Death information can be found in many different sections of the newspaper. Obituaries, death notices, funeral notices, legal notices, articles, etc. Look for digitized newspaper through genealogy subscription sites like [Ancestry](http://www.ancestry.com/) <http://www.ancestry.com/>; [World-VitalRecords](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/) <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/>; [GenealogyBank](http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/) <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/> and others. Some states have digitized newspaper projects that also may be helpful. Some examples include <http://digitalnewspapers.org/>, for Utah, California and Colorado. Also check out [Google News Archive](http://news.google.com/archivesearch) <http://news.google.com/archivesearch>.

Church Records: Consult the church meeting house where your ancestor attended, a larger church archive, or an affiliated university. The [Family History Library](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp) <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp> also has some church records available on microfilm. Churches may have documented the death of a member, published an obituary, conducted the funeral, published a memorial sermon, or eulogy.

Funeral Home Records: Consult last week's [Weekly Tip](http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/wordpress/2010/03/weekly-tip-finding-funeral-home-records/) <http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/wordpress/2010/03/weekly-tip-finding-funeral-home-records/> for more information on funeral home records including how to find them.

Cemetery Burial Records: Contact the cemetery where your ancestor is buried to find out what burial records or sexton records might exist. These can range from having very little information, just a name and burial plot location, to information about cause of death and next of kin.

Cemetery Transcriptions: Local genealogy/historical societies, individuals and others may have walked the cemetery in a locality and noted each burial. This can be helpful to look through in cases where you are unsure which cemetery your ancestor is buried in. You can find transcriptions online at websites like [Interment.net](http://interment.net) <http://interment.net/> and the [USGenweb](http://usgenweb.org) <http://usgenweb.org/>. Also, consult the [Family History Library Catalog](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp) http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp and do a search for the place your ancestor lived and look for cemetery transcriptions that the Library may have on microfilm.

Gravestone Photos: Online website like [Find A Grave](http://www.findagrave.com) <http://www.findagrave.com/> include thousands of photos from cemeteries around the world. Gravestone photos are submitted by volunteers. [Google](http://www.google.com) <http://www.google.com/> the name of the cemetery you are interested in to see if any websites with grave photographs exist.

Manuscript Collections: Search for diaries, journals and scrapbooks of community members where your ancestor lived. These community members may have written about the sickness, death and funeral of your ancestor. To find manuscript collections, check out university libraries, museums, state libraries and archives as well as website like [NUCMC](http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/) <http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>.

Court Records: Death information is recorded in such documents as wills and probate records. If the death was the cause of an accident or a murder, there will be additional court records including criminal trial and maybe even civil trial proceedings.

County Histories: These books, sometimes referred to as "mug books" may provide information about your ancestor's life and death. To find a county history, consult genealogy subscription websites as well as [Heritage Quest](http://www.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/index) <http://www.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/index>, available at some libraries and at [Family History Centers](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/FHC/frameset_fhlc.asp) http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/FHC/frameset_fhlc.asp.

Mortality Census: The Mortality Census schedule was taken for the census years 1850-1880. People included in this census were those who died in the year just prior to the U.S. federal census year. This census provides the name of the deceased, what they died from, place of birth, occupation and number of days they were ill. [Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) <http://www.ancestry.com/> has a free [Mortality Schedule Index](http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3530) <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3530>.

SOURCE: *Family History Expos, Inc.* <newsletter@fhexpos.com>; Saturday, April 03, 2010 4:45 PM; **Weekly Tip: Finding Death Records**

NGS Announces a New Video: Jan Alpert's "Getting Started"

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) has a new video available to you at no charge. This one features past NGS president Janet A. ALPERT on "Getting Started." Jan reflects on her experience of how genealogists begin their journey and progress through multiple levels of interest and research activity.

Researchers who are just starting the journey and could use a road map or those who are well on the way will appreciate hearing Jan's thoughts.

You can watch the video at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>, the National Genealogical Society Channel at YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/NGSGenealogy>, and on other online sites.

Posted by Dick EASTMAN on 1 April 2011 (**Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter**)

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Emmett Hill **COLTHARP** is the grandfather of my cousins wife, Judy **COLTHAP**.

GENERATION NO. 1

1. Emmett Hill **COLTHARP**, born 8 Jul 1872 in Edom, Van Zandt, TX; died 6 Feb 1933 in Kaufmann, TX. He was the son of 2. Abel Bruce **COLTHARP** and 3. Marietta **CHANDLER**. He married (1) Ella Mae **STANLEY** 19 Dec in New Harmony, Smith, TX. She was born 10 Jul 1879 in Troy, Pike, AL, and died 25 Nov 1940.

GENERATION NO. 2

2. Abel Bruce **COLTHARP**, born 1 Nov 1840 in Carroll Co. GA; died 14 Dec 1909 in Henderson Co. TX. He was the son of 4. James **COLTHARP** and 5. Joanna **MCSPADDEN**. He married 3. Marietta **CHANDLER** 29 Sep 1863.
3. Marietta **CHANDLER**, born 3 Oct 1846 in GA; died 3 Jul 1912 in Henderson Co., TX.

1880 Census Place: District 4, Henderson, Texas

Child of Abel **COLTHARP** and Marietta **CHANDLER** is:

- 1 i. Emmett Hill **COLTHARP**, born 8 Jul 1872 in Edom, Van Zandt, TX; died 6 Feb 1933 in Kaufmann, TX; married Ella Mae **STANLEY** 19 Dec 1895 in New Harmony, Smith, TX.

GENERATION NO. 3

4. James **COLTHARP**¹, born 21 Aug 1809 in Jefferson Co. TN; died 2 Dec 1873 in Hamburg, Van Zandt, TX. He was the son of 8. John **COLTHARP** and 9. Susannah **HORNER**. He married 5. Joanna **MCSPADDEN** Abt. 1825 in Monroe Co. TN.
5. Joanna **McSPADDEN**, born 16 Aug 1810 in Kentucky; died 1891. She was the daughter of 10. Moses M. **McSPADDEN** and 11. Joanna **BOUCHER**.

Child of James **COLTHARP** and Joanna **MCSPADDEN** is:

- 2 i. Abel Bruce **COLTHARP**, born Nov 1, 1840 in Carroll Co. GA; died 14 Dec 1909 in Henderson Co. TX; married Marietta **CHANDLER** Sep 29, 1863.

GENERATION NO. 4

8. John **COLTHARP**^{2,3}, born 28 Apr 1781 in Virginia; died 28 May 1867 in Monroe Co. TN. He was the son of John **COLTHARP** and Mary **HAMNER**. He married 9. Susannah **HORNER** 18 Sep 1802 in Jefferson Co. TN.
9. Susannah **HORNER**, born 3 Nov 1786 in Washington Co. TN/NC; died 27 Jul 1855 in Monroe Co. TN. She was the daughter of William **HORNER** and Elizabeth **ALLRED**.

Child of John **COLTHARP** and Susannah **HORNER** is:

- 4 i. James **COLTHARP**, born 21 Aug 1809 in Jefferson Co. TN; died 2 Dec 1873 in Hamburg, Van Zandt, TX; married Joanna **McSPADDEN** Abt. 1825 in Monroe Co. TN.

10. Moses M. **McSPADDEN**, born Unknown; died Unknown. He married 11. Joanna **BOUCHER**.

11. Joanna **BOUCHER**, born Unknown; died Unknown.

Child of Moses **McSPADDEN** and Joanna **BOUCHER** is:

- 5 i. Joanna **McSPADDEN**, born 16 Aug 1810 in Kentucky; died 1891; married James **COLTHARP** Abt. 1825 in Monroe Co. TN.

Ella Clari **TITUS** is my 1/2 Aunt

GENERATION NO. 1

1. Ella Clari **TITUS**, born 31 Jul 1883 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died 14 May 1960 in Cortland, Cortland, NY. She was the daughter of 2. William Rensselaer **BROOKS II** and 3. Sarah Elizabeth **TITUS**. She married (1) Frank Alonzo **RUMSEY** 28 Jul 1907 in Breeseport, Chemung, NY. He was born 10 Mar 1878 in Enfield Falls, Tompkins, NY, and died 11 Jul 1950 in Enfield, Tompkins, NY. He was the son of Alonzo **RUMSEY** and Elizabeth C. **FARMER**.

Ella was adopted by George **THOMPSON**. When he died, his son-in-law and daughter, Cleo **SHAW**, raised her. Cleo had a son named Earl **SHAW** (wife was Ella), who was born 31 Jul 1883, in Woodhull, Steuben, NY. He died 14 May 1960 in Cortland, NY.

1900 Census, NY, Tioga, Spenser: Ella living with George **SHAW**, his wife Chloe and their son Earl R. **SHAW**. This census shows a DOB of Jul 1884.

Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery, Newfield, NY

GENERATION NO. 2

2. William Rensselaer **BROOKS II**, born 22 Dec 1861 in Hornellsville, Steuben, NY; died 17 Feb 1937 in Tioga General Hospital, Waverly, Tioga, NY. He was the son of 4. William Rensselaer **BROOKS I** and 5. Jane **SIMMONS**. He had a relationship with 3. Sarah Elizabeth **TITUS** Abt. 1882 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY.
3. Sarah Elizabeth **TITUS**, born 28 Jan 1867 in New York State; died 22 Dec 1935 in Corning City, Steuben, NY. She was the daughter of 6. Charles W. **TITUS** and 7. Mary C. **LANNING**.

From William Malcolm **BROOKS**, son of William R. **BROOKS II**

In 1932, a woman by the name of Ella Mary **RUMSEY** came to our home in Woodhull, Steuben, NY. After sending my brother Bob and I outside, the subject of her visit was explained. Of course, Bob and I went around and sneaked back into the kitchen where we heard the whole discussion. Ella, as I will use hereafter, had been to see a Frank **PARKS**, then Woodhull Town Clerk. She was looking for her father. Mr. **PARKS** told her that he could not tell her who her father was, but for her to go see Will **BROOKS** and he could tell her. Will was reluctant to do so, but eventually admitted that he was Ella's father. We later learned that, at the age of 17 or 18, he was involved with a girl.

Burial: Tioga Cemetery, Owego, Tioga, NY

Sarah is definitely the daughter of Charles and Mary. Verified by the Steuben County Historian's office. Sarah E. **TITUS** is shown incorrectly as Sarah L. **TITUS** in at least one census.

CENSUS INFORMATION, STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK

1870 (**RATHBONE**) - Sarah, age 4, living With parents, Charles and Mary

1880 (**WOODHULL**) - Sarah, age 13, living with parents, Charles and Mary.

1900 (**LINDLEY**), Sarah living with Father, with her son, Samuel B. **SMITH**.

1910 (**LINDLEY**), Sarah E and her husband, George **METLER**, living with her father.

Child of William **BROOKS** and Sarah **TITUS** is:

- 1 i. Ella Clari **TITUS**, born 31 Jul 1883 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; died 14 May 1960 in Cortland, Cortland, NY; married Frank Alonzo **RUMSEY** 28 Jul 1907 in Breeseport, Chemung, NY.

GENERATION NO. 3

6. Charles W. **TITUS**, born 20 Sep 1840 in Chemung County, NY; died 2 Jun 1912. He was the son of 12. Dennis **TITUS** and 13. Rachel **UNKNOWN**. He married 7. Mary C. **LANNING** 20 Jan 1866 in Bath, Steuben, NY.
7. Mary C. **LANNING**, born 26 Feb 1838 in New York State; died 21 Nov 1882. She was the daughter of 14. Joseph D.C. **LANNING** and 15. Jane **STROUD**.

Burial: Woodhull Cemetery, Steuben, NY

Children of Charles **TITUS** and Mary **LANNING** are:

- 3 i. Sarah Elizabeth **TITUS**, born 28 Jan 1867 in New York State; died 22 Dec 1935 in Corning City, Steuben, NY; married (1) Possibly **SMITH**; married (2) Unknown **METLER**; married (3) William Rensselaer **BROOKS II** Abt. 1882 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY; married (4) George **THOMPSON** 21 Jul 1889 in Hornell City, Steuben, NY.
- ii. Ida Jane **TITUS**, born 29 May 1868 in New York State; died Unknown.
- iii. Robert E. S. **TITUS**, born 27 Nov 1870 in New York State; died 29 Oct 1937 in Lindley, Steuben, NY.
- iv. Peter D. **TITUS**, born 19 Jul 1871 in New York State; died Unknown.
- v. Mary Emma **TITUS**, born 7 Jan 1873 in New York State; died 23 May 1944 in Corning City, Steuben, NY; married Unknown **BENEDICT** 28 Oct 1929 in Lindley, Steuben, NY; born Unknown; died Unknown.

GENERATION NO. 4

8. James **BROOKS**⁶, born Unknown in England⁶; died Unknown in Sullivan Or Orange County, NY.

James **BROOKS** a native of England, came to America during the Revolutionary war and spent several years in the war.

He settled first in Berks County, PA, but afterward moved to Orange County, NY, where he died. It has not yet been conclusively determined that James is the father of William Rensselaer **BROOKS**.

Child of James **BROOKS** is:

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

12. Dennis **TITUS**, born 31 Oct 1807 in Pennsylvania; died 10 Feb 1892. He married 13. Rachel **UNKNOWN**.

13. Rachel **UNKNOWN**, born 22 May 1809 in New York State; died 22 Jan 1892 in Cameron, NY.

Children of Dennis **TITUS** and Rachel **UNKNOWN** are:

- i. Elizabeth L. **TITUS**, born Abt. 1832 in Tompkins County, NY; died 20 Dec 1910; married (1) Unknown **WOOD**; born Unknown; died Unknown; married (2) Unknown **SMITH**; born Unknown; died Unknown.
- ii. Sarah A. **TITUS**, born Abt. 1836 in New York State; died 23 Oct 1889; married Lester C. **DISBROW**; born 1828; died 1919.
- 6 iii. Charles W. **TITUS**, born 20 Sep 1840 in Chemung County, NY; died 2 Jun 1912; married Mary C. **LANNING** 20 Jan 1866 in Bath, Steuben, NY.
- iv. Peter D. **TITUS**, born Abt. 1846 in New York State; died Unknown.
- v. Mary E. **TITUS**, born Abt. 1851 in New York State; died Unknown.

14. Joseph D.C. **LANNING**, born Aug 1813 in New Jersey; died 12 Dec 1900 in Lexington, Dawson, NE. He was the son of Robert **LANNING** and Mary **DECKER**. He married 15. Jane **STROUD**.

15. Jane **STROUD**, born Abt. 1801 in New Jersey; died Bef. 1865 in Woodhull, Steuben, NY. She was the daughter of Samuel **STROUD** and Catherine **LANNING**.

1855 and 1860 census for Woodhull show Joseph and Jane **LANNING**, with the children, including Mary C., with a DOB of 1838. Living with Sons Edward and Noah in NB during the 1900 census.

Notes for Jane **STROUD**:

Not in 1865 census with the rest of the family.

Jane verified to be the daughter of Samuel and Catherine **STROUD** by the Clark County Historian's Office.

Children of Joseph **LANNING** and Jane **STROUD** are:

- i. Emily **LANNING**, born Abt. 1836 in New York State; died 12 Mar 1914 in Lexington, Dawson, NB; married Elam Frank **RUMSEY**; born Abt. 1840 in New York State; died Unknown in Bef. 1910.
- 7 ii. Mary C. **LANNING**, born 26 Feb 1838 in New York State; died 21 Nov 1882; married Charles W. **TITUS** 20 Jan 1866 in Bath, Steuben, NY.
- iii. Robert **LANNING**, born Abt. 1840; died 3 Jul 1862 in Gettysburg, PA.
- iv. Samuel **LANNING**, born Abt. 1841; died Unknown.
- v. Wilson **LANNING**, born Abt. 1844; died Unknown.
- vi. Noah C. **LANNING**, born Aug 1847 in New York State; died 1927 in Lexington, Dawson, Nebraska.
- vii. Edward C. **LANNING**, born May 1852 in New York State; died Unknown; married Pamela Grace **SALNAVE** Abt. 1883; born Jan 1862; died Unknown.

FAMILY CIRCLE

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.



ANCESTOR	INLAWS
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DESCENT	PARENT
FAMILY	PATRIARCH
FAMILY TREE	PROGENITOR
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HEIR,	SISTER-IN-LAW
HEIRESS	TRIBE
HOUSEHOLD	UNCLE

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.

Clifford O. "Pete"
Findlay Middle School
Home of the Flyers



Clifford O. (Pete) **FINDLAY** was born in Pioche, Nevada, on 19 June 1919, and is a fourth generation Nevadan. He was married to his wife, Mary Jo, for 56 years. They had two sons, a daughter, and nine grandchildren.

FINDLAY was graduated from Lincoln County High School in Panaca in 1937.

His children were born, raised and educated in Las Vegas. He was a dedicated supporter of the Southern Nevada education system from kindergarten up through the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He was an outstanding citizen who was an integral part of the development of Las Vegas.

He served as a fighter pilot in the South Pacific during World War II and flew 63 missions in P-38s. After the war in 1946, he purchased the "Y Service Station" in Panaca, Nevada, where his interest in reconditioning used cars surfaced. His talent for reconditioning cars helped with his decision to get into the automotive business.

Pete and Mary Jo moved to Las Vegas in 1959, when they opened a used car lot on Fremont Street. The **FINDLAY**s were awarded the Oldsmobile franchise in May of 1961. From that modest beginning, **FINDLAY** Oldsmobile grew into 14 dealerships in Nevada, California, Arizona and Utah. Mr. **FINDLAY** retired from the day-to-day operations in 1984; however, he served as the president of Las Vegas Auto Leasing and **FINDLAY** Oldsmobile. All three of their children carried on the family business after their father's retirement.

Mr. **FINDLAY** was a major supporter of the Boys and Girls Club, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Wildlife Habitation of Nevada and the Rebel Golf Foundation of Nevada. He was a member of the Las Vegas Founders' Club and served as president of the Elks Club. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and the General Motors President Dealers Council.

Mr. **FINDLAY** was known as a man of his word. He epitomized the ethics and values that determine a true community leader. He played

a major role in the growth of Las Vegas over the years and his accomplishments are known throughout the area.

Mr. **FINDLAY** passed away 30 October 2005. He was 86 years old. Survivors included sons, Ed and Cliff **FINDLAY**, both of Henderson; daughter Karen **HOHL** of Carson City; sister Enid **CROWNOVER** of Las Vegas; brother Jack **FINDLAY** of Southern California; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

FINDLEY Middle School, located at 333 W. Tropical Parkway, North Las Vegas, was named in Pete **FINDLAY**'s honor in 2005.

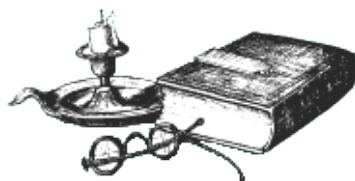


CCNGS FALL FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

The date for the Fall Family History Seminar is 22 October 2011, Stan **FULTON** Building, UNLV Campus. Speakers TBA.

TOMBSTONE ABBREVIATIONS

AF&AM - Masonic AOF - Ancient Order of Foresters
 AOH - Ancient Order of Hibernians
 AOKMC - Ancient Order of Knights of Mystic Chain
 AOUIW - Ancient Order of United Workman
 ALOH - American Legion of Honor AUM - Ancient Order of
 Mysteries - Masonic Order
 BPOE - Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
 BPOEW - Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World
 CK of A - Catholic Knights of America
 COOF - Catholic Order of Foresters
 CTAS - Catholic Total Abstinence Society
 CBKA - Commander Benevolent Knights Association
 CCTAS - Crusaders - Catholic Total Abstinence Society
 CSA - Confederate States of America
 DAR - Daughters of American Revolution
 EBA - Emerald Beneficial Association
 FAA - Free and Accepted Americans
 F&AM - Free and Accepted Masons
 FOE - Fraternal Order of Eagles
 GALSTPTR - German American Legion of St. Peter
 GAR - Grand Army of the Republic
 GLAUM - Grand Lodge .Ancient Order of Mysteries Masonic Order
 GUOOF - Grand United Order of Odd FeUows
 IHSV - Red Cross of Constantine
 IOI-Independent Order of Immaculates
 IOKP - Independent Order of Knights of Pythias
 IOOF - independent Order of Odd Fellows
 ISH - Independent Sons of Honor
 IORM - Improved Order of Redmen
 IWW - Industrial Workers of the World
 JAOUW - Junior Ancient Order of United Workmen
 JOUAM - Junior Order of United American Mechanics
 KGL - Knight Grand Legion
 KM - Knights Militant
 KC - Knights of Columbus
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 K of FM - Knights of Father Matthew
 KFM - Knights if Father Matthew
 K of H - Knights of Honor
 K of L - Knights of Loyola
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 K of P - Knights of Pythias
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 KSTG - Knights of St. George
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 KSL - Knights of St. Lawrence
 KSTM - Knights of St. Martin
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 KSTP - Knights of St. Peter
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 KSTT - Knights of Tabor
 K of T - Knights of Tabor
 KWM - Knights of Wise Men
 KGE - Knights of Golden Eagle
 KHC - Knights of Holy Cross
 KKK - Knights of the Klu-Klux-Klan
 KOTM - Knights of Macabees
 KSF - Knights of Sherwood Forest
 KT - Knights Templars (Masonic)
 LAOH - Ladies Ancient Order of Hiberians
 LK of A - Loyal Knights of America
 LOM - Loyal Order of the M.O.O.S.E.
 MOILUS - Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
 MRA - Modern Woodsmen of America
 NOK - New Order Knights (KKK)
 OES - Order of the Eastern Star
 QUAM - Order of United American Mechanics
 PM - Patriarchs Militant (Independent Order of Odd Fellows)
 POSA - Patriotic Order of Sons of America
 RMOKHSJ - The Religious and tvliitary Order of the Knights of the
 Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
 RSTV - Rite of St Vaciera
 RSTV - Rite of St. Vita
 RK - Roman Knights
 SR - Scottish Rite (Masonic Order)
 RAM - Royal Arch Masons
 RO-AUM - Rosicrucian Order
 SBCL - Saint Bonifazius Catholic Union
 SBL - Society B. Lafayette
 SCV - Sons of the Confederate Veterans
 SAR - Sons of the American Revolution
 SNA -AUM - Shrine of North America (Masonic)
 SV - Sons of Veterans
 TH - Temple of Honor - Independent Order of Odd Fellows
 UCV - United Confederate Veterans
 UDC - United Daughters of the Confederacy
 VFW - Veterans of Foreign Wars
 WOW - Woodsmen of the World
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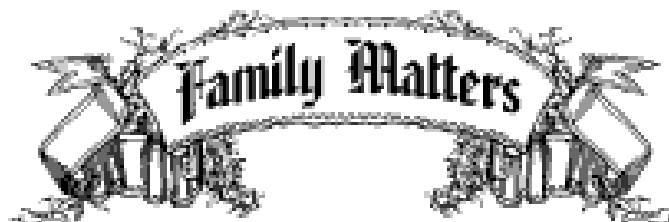
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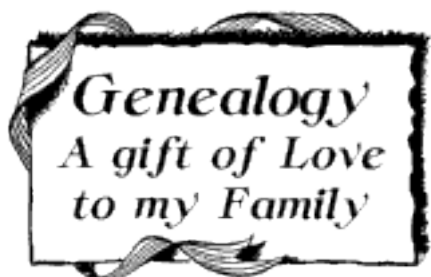
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