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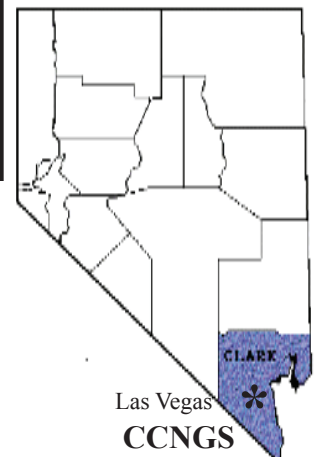
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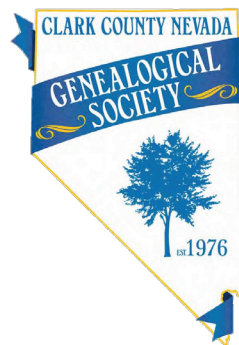
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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Margaret LOUIS (CCNGS President)

Another quarter in a new year has rolled around. Are you finding more ancestors? I have "found" GOOGLE as a source for all sorts of genealogical information. Go to Google.com and just type in one of your surnames, use quotes to get just the name and not a zillion unwanted results. Then use the variant spellings. Next use the 'IMAGE' tab and repeat the name and variant spellings. You may be very surprised to find specific ancestors or relatives, pictures and maybe even a family tree. Of course, Google Maps can take you to the actual location of a relative's residence. Also, give Google Earth a try as well as 360Cities.net. If you have another country for your family, do a Google search there. For example: google.de, google.ca, google.jp. Just use the country URL abbreviation. If you do not have the abbreviation go to <http://www.marcaria.com>

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WOW! No wonder GOOGLE stock is at an all time high. Give Google a shot to find all sorts of information as well as live people.

We have some great presentations lined up for our monthly meetings. Be sure to come with your pencil and note pad to take notes. Also, remember, NGS (National Genealogical Society) will be here 8 to 11 May 2013. They can use more volunteers for 'Ask Me' persons and as room monitors. FYI: the exhibit does not require a registration and they have many great vendors coming. Go to the NGS.org web site for details.

We can also use volunteers for the Heritage Room, especially in the afternoons and early evenings. Let us know if you can give a few hours once a month or even more often, if possible.

Thank you for your support and let us know how we might improve CCNGS for YOU!

Allison HARNDEN WELCOMED TO PROSPECTOR STAFF

Bob KENNARD and Helen SMITH welcome Allison HARNDEN to *The PROSPECTOR* staff and hope she will enjoy working on *The PROSPECTOR* as they do. They are requesting more CCNGS members join them in publishing *The PROSPECTOR*. Helen has been working as the Editor, while Bob works as the Publisher (both for 20 years now).

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.

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CCNGS 2013 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 20 S: Prospector Gold - Helen SMITH & Bob KENNARD Jr
L: Germany & Middle Europe - Margaret LOUIS

MAY 18 S: TBA
L: Overlooked Research Sources - Mary BARKAN

JUN 15 S: TBA
L: Comparison of Genealogy Software - Walt QUERING

JUL 20 S: TBA
L: It Began With a Family Plot - Christy LESKOVAR

OCT 19 - Fall Family History Seminar
Crista COWAN - Community Alliance Manager
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Dan POFFENBERGER - Contributor Relationships
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Family History Library

Welcome New Members

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To Attend*

**2013 NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
To be held in Las Vegas, Nevada - 8-11 May 2013**

MENNO TREE SEARCHES MENNONITE ANCESTRY

The site is new and presently contains almost no information about the site's owner or long-term plans. An email message lists the owner as Michael PENNER. To try MENNOTREE for yourself, go to:

<http://mennotree.com>

ONLINE DATABASE - RIVERSIDE CEMETERY MACON, GEORGIA

Riverside Cemetery provides an online database to simplify finding loved ones. The search allows anyone to search for interments, view personal and family memorials, view original obituaries, and to locate grave sites on a map. Photos of many of the sites are shown, but not all pictures are currently available.

You can access this excellent database at no charge at:

<http://www.riversidecemetery.com>

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Due to the climate of political correctness now pervading America, Kentuckians, Tennesseans and West Virginians will no longer be referred to as "HILLBILLIES."

You must now refer to us as APPALACHIAN-AMERICANS.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DEATH INDEX FOR NEW YORK 1957-1962

The New York State Department of Health has some death records online from 1957 to 1962. <https://apps.nyhealth.gov/METRIX/main.action>

In the drop down menu in the "category" box, choose "Genealogical Research." There are instructions for downloading the data.

The Genealogical Research Death Index assists individuals with locating New York State (NYS) death records that fall within defined genealogy years, exclusive of New York City recorded death records. The Index contains information on decedents, parents, date of death, gender, age at death and NYS file number that will allow the public to search for individuals on a variety of genealogy criteria; if on file for at least 50 years.

SOURCE: The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society

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ANCESTRY.COM ALLOWS 1940 CENSUS SEARCH ON VARIETY OF FIELDS

Ancestry.com has added the number of searchable data fields in the 1940 census. In addition to the commonplace name, birth year, location, name of another family member, relation to head of household and marital status, they have added street, occupation, industry, house owned or rented, highest grade completed, gender, race/nationality, father's birthplace and mother's birthplace. These additional search parameters can be useful when a person cannot be found by searching for name which may have been recorded wrong by the census taker or extracted incorrectly when creating the index.

Possibly the most valuable additional search feature is street. Often the researcher knows where the person lived in 1940. Unfortunately "street" represents only the street name, not the exact address. Someone living at 145 Hester Street produces 1,415 results, because the only parameter that can be used is "Hester" not the specific street address. This large set of results can be reduced by adding a given name to the search request. Adding "Jacob" to "Hester" reduced the results to only six. Be cautious with given names. A name like Abraham may have been recorded as Abe, Abram or Abraham. Try to use a given name that has few, if any, variants.

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LOOKING FOR HELP TO FIND YOUR POLISH ANCESTORS?

Members of the Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA) are available on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Central Time at the PMA library, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL., to help with your research challenges. However, if you are unable to stop by, you can e-mail an inquiry to PGSAmerica@pgsa.org or go to our website www.PGSA.org, Click on "How To..." in the side bar and access "Frequently Asked Questions", where you will find answers to the most often asked questions. In fact, visiting FAQ's first might save you having to send that e-mail.

SOURCE: - Polish Genealogical Society of America® (PGSA)
PSA bulletin - PGSA Notebook [pgsanotebook@pgsa.ccsend.com]

JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO COURTHOUSE RECORDS DIGITIZED

The following excerpt is from an article in the February 21, 2013 edition of the Herald Star:

WINTERSVILLE [Jefferson County, Ohio] – The Ohio Genealogical Society, Jefferson County Chapter, has completed another chapter in its work for digitizing original records obtained from the Jefferson County Courthouse that include common pleas records, naturalizations, criminal records, coroners' records, inventories to estates, veterans' documents and various other records.

A complete updated listing can be found on the free website at

www.jeffcochapter.com.

Now all probate packets have been digitalized through the work of Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints missionaries Albert and Lynn MOONEY, who have been working to get the important documents from 1797 to 1930 unfolded, the wrinkles ironed out and mended when needed and rehydrated, making papers ready to lay flat on the photography table for missionaries Bill and Beverly PACE to digitalize for prosperity.

WHY CAN'T I FIND MY COUSIN DODET LANZILOTTI?

by John FISCHER (CCNGS)

Did you ever look for a relatives surname and continually come up empty handed? Maybe it's because there are very few in the United States with that surname.

To check to find out how popular a surname is in the U.S. Census of 2000 try the following:

Go to this website:

<http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/2000surnames/>

When it opens:

Click on File B:

Open File B

If you have EXCEL 2003 or later installed on your computer click on "app_c.xlsx"

Otherwise click on "app_c.csv" (csv = Comma Separated Values). This is a text-only format and may be more difficult to navigate.

In the *EXCEL* file you can then sort Column A (surname) alphabetically ascending AZ to more easily locate the surnames that you are interested in.

Write down the Name, Rank and Count for each of your surnames and share them with the relatives.

And then you will also find that your cousin with the surname of **LANZILOTTI** ranked 132, 259 in this census with only 118 persons found with this surname in 2000.

When you close the file click on "Don't Save".

Good hunting.

Newspaper Abstracts

The Huntsville Daily Times; Huntsville, AL; 28 December 1919

Source: Library; Page/Column: Page 1, Column 2.

Description: **OLD NEGRO AGED 128 YEARS DIE**

By The Associated Press

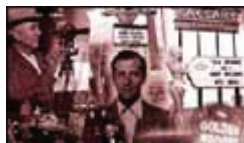
Parkersburg, W. VA., Dec. 27 – William PEYTON, a negro, one of the oldest men in the United States, died yesterday at Little Hocking, Ohio, near Parkersburg, aged 128 years. In his youth PEYTON was a slave of a Virginia family named CREEL. As a slave and as a freed man, he served this family thru six generations it is said.

Las Vegas REVIEW-JOURNAL

THE FIRST 100

This is the Review-Journal's three-part series chronicling 100 people who had major impacts on Las Vegas over the city's first century can

be found at: <http://www.1st100.com/>



WHY DID MY ANCESTORS MOVE?

(Mac PURSEL and Helen SMITH, CCNGS)

Have you ever wondered why your ancestors moved from one place to another? You might find your answers in the local newspaper during that period just before they left. Look for current events which might have influenced their decision to relocate. Here are two newspaper articles that might lead some of these residents to move on, especially if it had been on their minds already.

SQUIRRELS: A letter from Chillicothe, gives the following account of the damage sustained by those little animals, the quantity of which almost exceeds belief: "As we passed thro' the country, from Dayton to Zanesville, it is impossible to describe the havoc and destruction made by the gray and black squirrels. Whole fields of corn, from 5 to 10 acres, are said to be wholly destroyed – not an ear left. During a squirrel hunt of about a week in the neighboring towns about Columbus, the first part of this month, nearly 20,000 were killed.

The exact number, I think was 19,626. Hundreds were seen every day swimming the Great Miami, Mad River, Scioto, and other streams. Children, from 6 to 10 years of age, would wade into the shallow water, before the squirrels reached the shore, and kill them with sticks. Many of them are fat and fine eating – many families almost live upon them.

We saw many little boys and some men, with from ten to thirty or forty on their backs. They seem to be almost as destructive as the locusts formerly were in Egypt. They have never before been known to be so numerous in this section of the country. It is supposed that they swim in to find mast, as the nuts are scarce in this quarter, and then attack the corn-fields. They will, probably, occasion a scarcity in many places." Nat. Intel. "*Gettysburg Compiler*" (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania) Nov 12, 1822, Page 2.

LETTER: A letter dated September 29, from a gentleman in Columbus, Ohio, to his friend in Baltimore, states that there never had been more sickness in that state than during the present fall. In that small town there have been three buried in one day. Forty to fifty were then lying sick. The inhabitants on the Ohio and Muskingum rivers have the yellow fever to an alarming degree. The report was that there are more than three hundred cases of yellow fever in the neighborhood of Marietta; they are dying fast; numbers are removing from the water coursed to the highlands. The crops were abundant, but the squirrels had been very destructive to the corn.

The inhabitants had associated for the purpose of destroying the animals. On the first of September they formed themselves into two parties, and, on counting, nineteen thousand six hundred and sixty scalps were produced, besides about 500 which were not taken into the account. – American. "*Gettysburg Compiler*" (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania) Wednesday, October 23, 1822, Page 1

**CHECK THOSE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS!!
HAPPY RESEARCHING!**

What Do Siblings Share?

If a document indicates that three individuals are siblings and are all children of one person, remember that they might not share the same set of parents. A record indicating that Tom, Susannah, and George are children of Johann SCHMIDT does not necessarily mean that they share the same mother.

(c) Michael John NEILL, "*Genealogy Tip of the Day*,"
<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com>, 10 Mar 2013.



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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 (Online Computer Library Center) 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.

Heritage Room Volunteers

We have very dedicated volunteers in our Heritage Room. We need to have more volunteers for the morning, afternoon or evening session.

CCNGS has many new members that need help getting started. You could help and also learn new ways to research from other volunteers there. You can work any hours or days you wish.

- Duties:
- Welcome patrons and ask if you can help.
 - Tell them about our society and meeting dates
 - Show them our classes and tell about our mentoring program.

If you can't help them with their research, show them when other volunteers will be in that can help.

If you can help, e-mail Michelle **BRYNER** at LVMESHELL@YAHOO.COM. I will give you a tour of the Heritage Room and explain all the duties.

And thanks again to all our dedicated volunteers.



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 for class schedules

PAYING IT FORWARD WITH GENEALOGY

By Cathy **RAZOR** (CCNGS)

Several months ago, while perusing some of the excellent resources in our Paseo Verde Library Periodical Room, Sydney **CAGLE** brought in some new members for a tour. She showed them a large and ornate bible which had been brought in for the society's use. Sydney mentioned that it would be great if we could actually find the family to whom it belonged as it would have so much value for them. We all looked with great admiration at the beautiful pages, with some ornate colored illustrations and bound in leather; each of us wishing someone would find our family bible. I volunteered to take on the assignment and never knew how rewarding the task would be.

I will break down my process in steps. It looks pretty simple on paper now but the most important part of the process was patience.

STEP 1 – FINDING THE FAMILY MEMBER

I began by searching for one of the people mentioned in the bible, Joseph **CLAUSER**. One of my favorite research sites for the purpose is GenForum (it's FREE) as I can find other people who are researching the surname. The web address is <http://genforum.genealogy.com/> Sure enough at the bottom of the **CLAUSER** surname page, were two listings for Joseph **CLAUSER** and the listing discussed a wife, Rosa **HEBERLY**. **BINGO**, we have a match! Excitement shot through my system and I'm sure you know the feeling. Ancestry also has a couple ways to find other researchers working on the same family.

STEP 2 - PREPARE FOR CONTACT

There are a couple things that you need to do to prepare for contacting prospective family members, whether they may be for your own family research or for another family, as in this case. First, you should use an email address that you do not use for your personal, business, and/or financial use. While I have never had a problem with my family history research contacts, there always is that potential. It is simple to open another email address that you can use just for that purpose on yahoo, Gmail, or your own internet provider.

Then recognize that the family members you are trying to contact may also be a bit wary. As you know, identity theft and scams are prevalent now. So you will need to assure your contacted family member that your purpose is true and legitimate. Therefore, it is very important that you clearly explain your purpose in contacting them, and tell them a little about yourself such as how long you have been researching family history, so that they can feel more comfortable.

STEP 3 - MAKING CONTACT

Back on GenForum, I clicked on the researcher's name to get the email address and sent her an email. It got returned. A word of warning about GenForum is that some of the researchers' email addresses are outdated. I then used a couple more of my favorites, Google and Facebook. I then found Facebook had a person by the same name as the researcher I found on GenForum, Sandy **CLAUSER CULP**. On Facebook, I sent a Message to inquire whether she was the descendent of Joseph **CLAUSER** and Rosa **HEBERLY CULP**, wed 1868, in Fogelsville PA. I explained about the bible that our genealogical society had received and that we wanted to find a **CLAUSER** family member who might appreciate receiving the bible.

Sandy responded the same day with, "Wow! Thank you for contacting me! Yes—I am a descendent of Joseph and Rosa—they were my paternal grandfather's grandparents.....I would love to receive the Bible!"

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4 TIPS for FINDING GERMAN ANCESTORS

Not finding your ancestor in genealogical records? The name you've been searching for may be wrong. Your ancestor may have changed his surname after immigration, or English-speaking clerks may have translated it. In colonial America, **BENTZ** evolved to **PENTZ** and eventually Pence; **ZIMMERMANN** became **ZIMMERMAN** or was translated to **CARPENTER**; and **SCHWARZWÄLDER** became **BLACKWELDER**. As many as a hundred names could be derived from a single German surname. Here are some hot tips for fighting through German name changes and translations.

1. Watch for regional customs. If you have ancestors from northern Germany around Ostfriesland, you may find a pattern of changing last names. This area used patronymics-surnames taken from the father's given name. For example, Peter **HANSEN**'s offspring would have the last name **PETERSEN**. Ancestors from around Westphalia may have based their surname on farm ownership. A telltale sign is when a man's surname changed at marriage-his wife was heir to a farm.
2. If an immigrant's name is different in US records than in those of his homeland, the change happened after he immigrated. Ellis Island officials didn't write names, they merely checked the passenger list that was created at the port of departure. Rather, your ancestor may have adopted an American-sounding name as a way to identify with his new home and avoid anti-German sentiments.
3. Don't use census records alone to conclude an ancestor changed the spelling of his or her name. People didn't write their own names on censuses. They (or a family member, or even a neighbor) stated their names to the census enumerator, who wrote them down. One census enumerator may write **MÜLLER**, another **MUELLER** and another **MILLER**. Even within the same document, such as a will, you might find a name spelled different ways. Note all name variations you find and don't limit your research to the most common spelling.
4. North Americans typically use our first names. Looking at the name Johann Peter **SCHNEIDER**, we'd see Peter as just a middle name. But in Germany, people were often given saints' names (common ones were Johann, Maria and Anna) as first names and were called by their middle names. Your safest bet is to look for both Johann and Peter in records.

SOURCE: Family Tree University, Monday, 4 March 2013;
<newsletter@familytreecommunity.com>

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CLAUSSER bible and Sandy



Wedding Certificate

5 TIPS FOR A GENEALOGY RESEARCH TRIP

by Michael J. LECLERC
(Chief Genealogist, Mocavo Genealogy Blog)



Genealogical research trips can be fun and exciting or nerve wracking and excruciating. The key is in preparation and planning. The more prepared you are, the better your chances for a successful trip. As part of my trip to London, I will be spending a great deal of time researching after the Who Do You Think You Are Live! show is over.

1. Check the Catalogs

Whenever I go to the Family History Library to research, I check the catalog and make a list of films I would like to examine. A spreadsheet works great for this.

- Film location
- Film number
- Film description
- Surname
- Place Name
- Reason for looking at film (find birth record for specific person/s, with full first, middle, and last names)

I can then sort the list in different ways. Usually I have one list sorted by floor, and print it off. This makes it easy for me to locate the films at the library.

2. Blank Charts and Forms

Even though I use a computer for much of my work, I still use blank charts and forms when I am at a research repository. Blank family group sheets can easily be filled in with information as I find it, showing what information is missing. Pedigree charts quickly fill in with more generations. I often sketch out drop charts of descendancies to help me map out a family visually. It is much easier for me to carry pieces of paper into the stacks to look at books, computers, etc. than trying to carry my notebook computer all over the building.

3. Pack a Bag

I mean this literally. Baggage and weight limits on planes are getting more and more strict. When travelling, I often toss an extra bag into my luggage. When I arrive, I can use it as an extra book bag, to carry papers, books, and other research materials that don't fit into my primary bag. At the end of the trip, you can use it as a second carry on to hold valuable photocopies, books, and other items you picked up on your trip.

4. Tools

There are a number of items you will need in a repository. Carrying these will help keep you organized and keep you from running around looking for items.

- File folders (to organize photocopies and other papers)
- Multiple sets of rechargeable batteries (for camera, scanner, etc.; multiple sets allow you to use one while another is recharging)
- Pencils (because pens are barred from many)
- Erasers
- Paper clips
- A magnifying glass
- Post-it Notes (of varying sizes)
- Binder Clips
- Small stapler and staples

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I have a pencil case that I use to carry a number of these items in one convenient place.

5. Clothing

You would be surprised what a difference your clothing can make in the success of your trip. Dress comfortably, but neatly. One needn't wear a formal ball gown or black-tie. But even neat jeans and a professional casual shirt make a much better impression on the people who work at repositories than ripped jeans and faded sweatshirts. And dress in layers. One never knows what the temperature will be in a repository. The more layers you have on, the more you can take off to keep yourself appropriately comfortable, no matter how cool or warm the physical environment at the repository.

SOURCE: MOCAVO Genealogy Blog - 23 February 2013; http://blog.mocavo.com/2013/02/5-tips-for-a-genealogy-research-trip?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20130223+newsletter&utm_content=blog_posts

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STEP 4 – SENDING IT OFF

We discussed shipment and she offered to compensate for the postage. I told her that I would get an estimate for shipping and let her know. The US Post Office told about media mail, which is quite a bit lower than the regular shipping costs. I decided as an act to repay the genealogical kindness that I have been offered in my own family research, that I would fund the shipment myself...a kind of "paying forward."

I looked around for a box large enough to handle it but not big enough to have it rattle around. The Friends of the Library helped me out by giving one to me to use for the purpose. Since the cover was already falling off the bible, I was concerned about the shipping process so that it would reach its destination with the least amount of damage. I paid a little extra for the tracking service so both Sandy and I could check on the progress of the delivery. Sandy agreed to have a photo taken of her and the bible once it arrived. On July 23 it was dropped off at the US Post Office and counter staff estimated that it would reach her on July 30, but warned that media mail can be delayed since it has a lower priority.

STEP 5 – PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

On July 30th I checked on the USPS tracking and it looked like it was hung up in somewhere in California. Well California is not exactly a direct route between Las Vegas and Indiana. The post office staff explained that media mail is sent to a central location first and is shipped

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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, WELLS** and **WYATT.**

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3 Tips for Solid Source Citations

Why cite sources? As genealogists, we hear all the time that we *should*, that it's the *right thing to do*, but sometimes the reasoning itself isn't clear. After all, if you're pulling information from an official record, that data has to be solid, right? In her video class '*Simple Tips for Solid Source Citations*', Sunny Jane MORTON emphasizes the numerous reasons why source citations are more than just a good idea:

- To keep track of what we're doing
- To evaluate what we've found
- To 'prove' our findings to others
- To provide a trail for others to follow or build upon
- To discuss with those who disagree
- To avoid plagiarism and give credit where due
- Because sources are interesting artifacts

Here are some of Sunny's keys to putting together solid citations:

1. **The citation itself is just one step.** To confirm the factuality and authenticity of your data, you must first properly evaluate the source of your information. Questions to ask include:

- What type of record is it?
- Can you tell who created it and who reported the information therein? What credentials, biases, limitations or weaknesses might that person or agency have had?
- Is it complete--are parts missing or illegible?
- Is it an original record, a true copy, a transcript, translation or abstract?
- If a copy, do you have access to the original at least long enough to compare them? Any difference?
- Was the record created at the same time as the information was recorded?
- Do the front, end and other descriptive matter give more clues about the creation of this record?

2. **Link the source information to the data itself.** This is the best way to stay organized and prevent you from having to double-back later or go hunting for records you've already found. Options for doing this include photocopying the title page and the publication information from a book and stapling it to the photocopied records. Be sure to copy the full title, all authors, the edition (if applicable), publisher, city, state and publication date. Alternatively, you could write this information in the margins of the photocopied records. Both are good options for when you are working in the library, copying pages from books. If you're working paperlessly online or with your own database on your computer, then you can insert citation information in your database or online family tree, or you can record it in bibliographic software such as Endnote, RefWorks or Zotero.

3. **Good source citations can provide further clues about your ancestors.** Sometimes you have to compare data gathered in different places, or sometimes the clues are in the data themselves. Sometimes the information fits with what you already know, and sometimes it doesn't. And sometimes the clues are in the sources. Here are some important questions to ask that can assist in your data analysis:

- Which sources were created closest to the time of the event?
- Which sources report firsthand knowledge of the event?
- What biases might these sources have had?
- Did you consult an original source, a copy or a derivative?
- Was the source complete, or were parts missing that might have altered your understanding of the content?
- Do you trust the provenance or authenticity of the source?

SOURCE: Family Tree University Newsletter - Monday, February 18, 2013 - <http://www.familytreeuniversity.com>

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 ancs. of Isaac **SMITH**, his birthdate, birthplace and RW record. Mary P. (Patti) **ROYALL**, patbrat@embarqmail.com

BROWN, HAWLEY, ISGANITUS, KLAUSS, KOZLOWSKI, KUDERSKI, LETUKUS, SAWICKI / SAVITSKI, SIELICKI
Looking for desc., ancs., siblings and relatives of my G-gf, 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 d. 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 descs., ancs., siblings, and relatives of my great-gm Josephine "Jozefa" **KUDERSKI**, b. 29 Apr 1877 in Barglowka, Russia Poland. Her parents were Jozef "Jan" **KUDERSKI** and Franciszka "Frances" **KARPINSKA**. Both d. in Russia Poland. Josephine m. 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).

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CURTISS

Searching for parents of Daniel C. **CURTISS**, b. 28 Oct 1807, New Haven, CT, d. 24 Jul 1883, Green Bay, Brown Co, WI; m. Frances A. (? Unknown) b. 1 Jul 1816, d. 11 Aug 1894; Daniel was clergyman of Congregational Church, Ft Howard, Brown Co, WI. James **TURNEY**, 1708 Cheddar St, Las Vegas, NV 89117-1290, (702) 341-6893, jtcheddar@aol.com

DAVIDSON, TONNESDOTTER

Searching for immigration yr and ports of departure and arrival for Tonnes Thomas **DAVIDSON**, b. 17 Apr 1814, Nesjem, Norway, d. 11 Feb 1904, Green Bay, Brown Co, WI; parents: Soren **DAVIDSON** b. 1752 Vest-Agder, NOR, d. 1831 NOR, and Sara **TONNESDOTTER**, b. 1758 NOR, d. 1874 NOR, m. 1784 NOR. James **TURNEY**, 1708 Cheddar St, Las Vegas, NV 89117-1290, (702) 341-6893, jtcheddar@aol.com

DELATRE

Seeking grave of Johanna **DELATRE** (my G-Gm), 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 bu. 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. D. abt 1916 in Marshalltown, IA. Need info concerning Mr.

HORSLEY.

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GASKINS, TIMMONS

Searching for parents of Joshua John H **GASKINS**, b. 11 Oct 1823 Williamsburg City, SC; m. Elizabeth J **TIMMONS** b. 1825 SC; their children: Whitfield b 1848 Marion, SC and Samuel Timmons B. Jan 1846 Lake Williamsburg, SC; fa of Joshua is John **GASKINS** (need info) and mo ?

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GILBERT

Looking for parents of John Henry **GILBERT**, b. 20 April 1840, Muncietown/Muncey, Caradoc Twp, Middlesex, Ontario, CAN. Ami **GILBERT**, 975 Seven Hills Dr. #3923, Henderson, NV 89052, agilbert72@cox.net

GILLMAN, GREEN

Looking for immigration date and ship from England to US abt 1907 for Elizabeth **GILMAN**, b. abt 1880 Ashbourne, Derbyshire, Eng; m. Samuel William **GREEN**, b 1874 Nottingham, Eng. Debbie **LANG**, 6614 Cinnabar Coast Lane, NLV, NV 89084, debbie771@embarqmail.com

GRAHAM, GASKINS, COX

Searching for mor of Bertie Blanche/Blanch **GRAHAM**, b. 1875 SC, d. 22 Apr 1937, Florence Co, SC; m. John Ernest **GASKINS**, b. 1873 SC, d. 6 Apr 1942, Florence Co, SC; her fa. Samuel J. **GRAHAM**, b. 1834 SC; mo. Maiden name **COX**; bro is Thomas Mether **COX**, b. 1813 Charleston, SC; Bertie's siblings: Hattie Julia b. 1868, Alexander b. 1872, Mary E. b. 1874, (Bertie), Nelson b. abt 1878, Sklla b. abt 1880, all in SC.

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JONES, McDONALD

Seeking grave of my G-gm Mary E. **JONES** who m. Andrew A. **McDONALD** and Joseph **JONES**. She was alive 25 Oct 1943 in Greenville, Bond Co., IL. Her two daus 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. Sandra **APPLEMAN**, 690 Tomscott Avenue, Henderson, NV 89052; SAPPLEMAN@COX.NET

JONES, McGOWEN/McGOWAN

Looking for marriage info for Hezekiah **JONES**, b.21 Jul 1789, NC, d. 5 May 1853, Pickensville, AL and Elizabeth **McGOWAN** / **McGOWEN**, b. 21 May 1797 TN(?), d. Pickensville, AL; m. possibly Madison Co., AL 29 Dec 1814.

Jana **WALKER**, jmwlv@earthlink.net

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

LANG, POLLY

Want to find parents and birth record of Julia **LANG**, b. 26 Jun 1893, Anina, Hungary (now Romania); m. Charles **POLLY**, 1912, Philadelphia, PA; lived LA, CA until death abt 1962.

Nancy **NOBLE**, (702) 897-8904, desertdwell5@yahoo.com

MACKGEHEE

Thomas **MACKGEHEE** d. 27 Jul 1724, King William Co., VA; probated 27 Jul 1727/ Who were his parents; where were they from in Scotland?

Cynthia **KIMMEL**, 1408 Chambolle Court, Las Vegas, NV, 89144, cakimmel@cox.net

MURRAY

Seeking info (date, port of entry, etc.) on immigration to US for Jeremiah **MURRAY**, b. 1858 Thurlis, Tipperary, Munster, Ireland; d. 1924, Taunton, MA.

Mary Jane **MURRAY**, trotsky2@msn.com, (702) 360-0010

PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD RECORDS

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

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RENDULICH, YOHOCVIC

Looking for marriage of John **RENDULICH**, b. abt. 1893, d. 1955, and Mary **YOHOCVIC**, b. abt 1905, d. 1983; lived McKeesport, Allegheny Co., PA.

George **RENDULIC**, grendulic@cox.net, (702) 897-1528

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 anc., 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

SHAW, SWALWELL

Looking for marriage info for Helen Hazel **SWALWELL**, b. 1901, Kansas; m. James **SHAW**, b. 1898, Kansas; Helen and James had 2 daus, Willa Mae and Geraldine; Helen Hazel worked as a Harvey Girl at the Grand Canyon, 1920-1960.

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SHAW, SWALWELL

Looking for birth info on Willa Mae **SHAW** and Geraldine **SHAW**, daus of Helen Hazel **SWALWELL** and James **SHAW**.

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SMITH, REYNOLDS

Looking for mother (b. KY) of Ernest **SMITH**, Jr, b. 28 May 1918 PA, d. 16 Jan 1937 in car accident coming back from performance as traveling entertainer/guitarist; fa Ernest **SMITH** b. 30 Sep 1895 Nashville, TN, d. 17 July 1987 Memphis, Shelby Co, TN; at age 1 Ernest lived w/grandparents James Wesley **SMITH** b. 19 Jan 1867 TN, d. 15 Jan 1922 Nashville, Davidson Co, TN and Cora Lee **REYNOLDS** b. 11 Feb 1877 TN, d. 24 Jul 1932, Memphis, Shelby Co, TN.

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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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THOMAS

Searching for parents of Amos **THOMAS**, b. 1809, Indiana Co, PA; spouse Elizabeth, b. 1810, PA; parents may have immigrated from Wales.

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TULIP

Peter **TULIP** b. eastern Canada; resided in Clinton Co, NY (1839- "at least" 1880); Spouse Mary also born in eastern Canada. Oldest child Nelson born Canada, served in Civil War. Trying to find death date and place for Peter & Mary and parents of Peter & Mary.

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**UNITED STATES, DRAPER MANUSCRIPT
COLLECTION, 1740-1892**

The collection consists of nearly 500 volumes of manuscripts, papers, and books collected by Lyman **COPELAND DRAPER** about the history of the trans-Allegheny West, a region including the western areas of the Carolinas and Virginia, all the Ohio River Valley, and part of the upper Mississippi Valley from the 1740s to 1830. The collection is divided into 50 series. Some series are titled by geographic area, some by the names of prominent frontier leaders, and some by topic. The bulk of the collection consists of notes from interviews, questionnaires, and letters gathered during **DRAPER**'s extensive travels and research to learn about frontier history.

TREASURE TROVE: WRITER FRANCES STOREY'S GENEALOGY FILES DONATED

From Staff Reports (closeup@newnan.com)



BANKS and **STOREY** relatives gather outside the Coweta County Genealogical Society's Grantville headquarters during the Feb. 23 dedication of Frances Storey's research

Frances **BANKS STOREY** was a wife, mother, retail clerk and a writer.

She penned a couple of books about her family history, was a gifted poet and wrote an unpublished novel based on family stories from the Civil War and Reconstruction era. Storey, who died last year at 85, also spent years doing genealogical research.

She left behind file cabinets full of notes about Coweta County families – her own and others. Her son, Jimmy **STOREY**, and his wife, Charlene, decided to give the files to the Coweta County Genealogical Society (GA). A dedication ceremony for the trove of genealogical information was held Feb. 23 at the society's archives at the historic passenger depot in Grantville.

A number of **BANKS** and **STOREY** family members attended the dedication ceremony and the following reception.

As guests entered the research center, they encountered a large table showcasing Frances **STOREY**'s legacy. There were numerous books on history and genealogy and eight large gray file boxes on top of the table. Underneath were clear plastic bins with blue or pink lids filled with **STOREY**'s papers.

Also in the collection were 24 binders that CCGS members Monica **HAYNES** and Jack **WESTBERRY** had assembled where **STOREY** had papers relating to a particular topic.

Artie **STOREY**, president of the society, welcomed everyone to "the dedication of Mary Frances **BANKS STOREY**'s collection." She gave a special welcome to the family and friends.

"We appreciate y'all coming and being supportive to Jimmy and his wife, Charlene," she said. "I know it makes them proud to have family here."

Jimmy and Charlene **STOREY**, both retired Coweta County educators, talked about the collection and its future. "I'm sure mother would be quite happy that it's here and it's safe and it will be used," he said. Charlene **STOREY** recalled the CCGS volunteers coming to get the years of accumulated genealogical treasures. "They had a truckload of stuff when they left our house," she said.

CCGS member Helen **CAMP** spoke of the collection and its great value to researchers. "It's really a great collection. It really is," she said.

CAMP also introduced Winston **SKINNER**, assistant news editor at The *Newnan Times-Herald* and a friend and distant cousin of Frances **STOREY**.

"Frances **BANKS STOREY** was many things. She was a tireless and meticulous researcher. She was a deep thinker, who could sometimes see a side of things that others missed," **SKINNER** said.

He said Frances **STOREY** was his first "genealogy cousin" – someone he had not known growing up but with whom he formed a family bond through research.

Artie **STOREY** noted Frances **STOREY** was a charter member of the genealogical society. "We do miss her," she said.

"The society was important to her," **SKINNER** said. "She did genealogy the old way – interviewing relatives she had known for years and others she had never met, poring through musty records in courthouses and looking through numbing reels of microfilm."

Frances **STOREY** "had a keen mind and a deep understanding of history," **SKINNER** said.

"She was one of those people who understood that history is us, that it is our ancestors who were the soldiers in war, the settlers on the frontier, the sheriffs and parsons and milkmaids, the heiresses and the fieldhands, the millionaire with a massive tombstone and the pauper buried in an unmarked grave," he said.

He recalled interviewing Frances **STOREY** for stories about "Gone With the Wind" author Margaret **MITCHELL** – whose family intersects with the **BANKS** family – and about Fondren "Tarzan" **BANKS**, a cousin who played the jungle hero in silent movie days. **SKINNER** also recounted Frances **STOREY**'s descent from Virginia colonist John **ROLFE**, who was married to Pocahontas.

"Many times I have visited Frances home on Hollis Heights and had her pull a treasure from a manila folder or a big envelope. So much history, so many family facts," **SKINNER** said.

SKINNER lauded Jimmy and Charlene **STOREY** for "wisely and generously" entrusting his mother's lifetime of research to the society. The files, he predicted, "will be a gift that will give and give and give – as long as there are descendants who are looking for their forbears."

"She was a wonderful genealogist," Artie **STOREY** said. "She was a wonderful friend."

MEMBER AHNENTAFEL

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John Paul ALTENBERGER, Jr is John FISCHER's 1st Cousin

GENERATION NO. 1

1. John Paul ALTENBERGER, Jr, **b.** 19 Sep 1925 in Corry, Erie, PA; **d.** 18 Aug 2012 in Edinboro, PA. He was the son of
2. John Paul ALTENBERGER, Sr and 3. Sarah Elizabeth ABBEY. He **ma.** (1) Helen Jean FELLOWS 23 Apr 1949 in Erie, Erie, PA. She was **b.** 19 Feb 1927 in Erie, Erie, PA. She was the daughter of Charles C. FELLOWS and Ida Wihelmina SOPP.

GENERATION NO. 2

2. John Paul ALTENBERGER, Sr, **b.** 28 Dec 1895 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 31 May 1989 in Hamot Medical Ctr, Erie, Erie, PA. He was the son of 4. Paul Rudolph (GER) ALTENBERGER and 5. Anna Catherine GEHRLEIN. He **ma.** 3. Sarah Elizabeth ABBEY 1924 in Holy Rosary Church, Erie, Erie, PA.
3. Sarah Elizabeth ABBEY, **b.** 26 Dec 1905 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 2 Jun 1968 in Erie, Erie, PA. She was the daughter of 6. George Clyde ABBEY and 7. Harriet L. WHEELER.

Children of John ALTENBERGER and Sarah ABBEY are:

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 - i. John Paul ALTENBERGER, Jr, **b.** 19 Sep 1925 in Corry, Erie, PA; **d.** 18 Aug 2012 in Edinboro, PA; **ma.** Helen Jean FELLOWS Apr 23, 1949 in Erie, Erie, PA.
 - ii. Helen J. ALTENBERGER, **b.** 11 Nov 1927 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 16 Apr 2006 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** John David KARR, Sr abt 1953 in U.S; **b.** 18 Nov 1930 in Racine, OH; **d.** 3 Jul 2003 in Erie, Erie, PA.

GENERATION NO. 3

4. Paul Rudolph (GER) ALTENBERGER, **b.** 12 Sep 1867 in Czech-Bohemia/ AUSTRIA (Russian Poland); **d.** 5 May 1950 in Erie, Erie Co., PA. He was the son of 8. Lebrecht Robert ALTENBERGER and 9. Agnes PFEIFFER. He **ma.** 5. Anna Catherine GEHRLEIN 30 Dec 1890 in St John's RC Church Rectory, Erie, PA.
5. Anna Catherine GEHRLEIN, **b.** 9 Aug 1870 in Erie, PA; **d.** 8 Nov 1932 in Erie, PA. She was the daughter of 10. Caspar (GER) GEHRLEIN and 11. Philomina (GER) (Philippine) MERZ.

Children of Paul ALTENBERGER and Anna GEHRLEIN are:

- i. Francis Joseph ALTENBERGER, **b.** 27 Nov 1891 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 1 Sep 1924 in St Vincents Hospital, Erie, PA; **ma.** Ruth Mae DURST 5 Sep 1914 in Erie, Erie, PA; **b.** 20 May 1896 in Ripley, NY; **d.** 11 Sep 1983 in St Vincent Health Ctr, Erie, Erie Co., PA.
 - ii. Frederick Paul ALTENBERGER, **b.** 18 Sep 1893 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 8 Sep 1986 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** Ruth Mae DURST 1924 in USA; **b.** 20 May 1896 in Ripley, NY; **d.** 11 Sep 1983 in St Vincent Health Ctr, Erie, Erie Co., PA.
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 - iii. John Paul ALTENBERGER, Sr, **b.** 28 Dec 1895 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 31 May 1989 in Hamot Medical Ctr, Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** (1) Sarah Elizabeth ABBEY 1924 in Holy Rosary Church, Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** (2) Dorothy Alexander SHUART abt 1942 in US.
 - iv. Daniel Edward ALTENBERGER, **b.** 28 Feb 1898 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 28 Nov 1995 in Boise, Ada, ID; **ma.** Irene Louise BLOOM 9 Jan 1918 in St John the Baptist RC Church, Erie, PA; **b.** 5 Jan 1902 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 5 Jan 1992 in Tucson, AZ.
 6. George Clyde ABBEY, **b.** 28 Aug 1879 in E. Springfield, PA; **d.** Unknown in US. He was the son of 12. George W. ABBEY and 13. Mary LYON. He **ma.** 7. Harriet L. WHEELER 10 Jun 1902 in Conneaut, Ashtabula Co, OH.
 7. Harriet L. WHEELER, **b.** 14 Oct 1883 in Wilkinsburg, PA; **d.** 5 Oct 1969 in Erie, Erie Co., PA. She was the daughter of 14. David Mark WHEELER and 15. Elsie Fanny BUSKIRK.

Children of George ABBEY and Harriet WHEELER are:

- i. Edna Mary ABBEY, **b.** 27 Sep 1903 in PA; **d.** 15 Feb 1973 in Erie, Erie Co., PA; **ma.** Joseph HERMAN abt 1925 in US; **b.** 16 Sep 1897 in Erie, Erie Co., PA; **d.** 29 Jun 1970 in Erie, Erie Co., PA.
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 - ii. Sarah Elizabeth ABBEY, **b.** 26 Dec 1905 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 2 Jun 1968 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** John Paul ALTENBERGER, Sr 1924 in Holy Rosary Church, Erie, Erie, PA.

GENERATION NO. 4

8. Lebrecht Robert ALTENBERGER, **b.** abt 1850 in Czech-Bohemia / AUSTRIA?; **d.** Unknown in Czech-Bohemia presumed Vienna, AUSTRIA. He **ma.** 9. Agnes PFEIFFER 4 Sep 1866 in AUSTRIA?.
 9. Agnes PFEIFFER, **b.** abt 1850 in Czech-Bohemia presumed Vienna, AUSTRIA; **d.** Unknown in Czech-Bohemia / AUSTRIA?.
- Children of Lebrecht ALTENBERGER and Agnes PFEIFFER are:

- 4
 - i. Paul Rudolph (GER) ALTENBERGER, **b.** 12 Sep 1867 in Czech-Bohemia/ AUSTRIA (Russian Poland); **d.** 5 May 1950 in Erie, Erie Co., PA; **ma.** Anna Catherine GEHRLEIN 30 Dec 1890 in St John's RC Church

- Rectory, Erie, PA.
- ii. Herman **ALTENBERGER**, **b.** abt 1868 in Tomaszów, Mazowiecki, Piotrkow, POLAND; **d.** Unknown in POLAND or GERMANY; **ma.** Olga /spouse Herman **ALTENBERGER** zz?/ abt 1888 in Europe; **b.** abt 1867 in unk; **d.** Unknown in POLAND.
 - iii. Clara **ALTENBERGER**, **b.** abt 1870 in POLAND; **d.** Unknown in POLAND; **ma.** Adolph **SCHEDIWIY** abt 1890 in unk; **b.** abt 1869 in POLAND; **d.** Unknown in POLAND.
 - iv. Helena **ALTENBERGER**, **b.** abt 1871 in POLAND; **d.** Unknown in POLAND; **ma.** Kazimierz **PAWTOSKI** abt 1890 in unk; **b.** abt 1871 in POLAND; **d.** Unknown in POLAND.
 - v. Marie Anna (POL) **ALTENBERGER**, **b.** 5 May 1876 in Tomaszów, Mazowiecki, District of Piotrków, POLAND; **d.** 3 Sep 1944 in Warren State Hospital, Conewango Township, Warren Co., PA; **ma.** Leopold Rudolph (AUS) **HOENEL**, Sr 3 Apr 1903 in Vienna, AUSTRIA; **b.** 18 Sep 1880 in Vienna, AUSTRIA; **d.** 11 Jan 1940 in Erie, Erie Co., PA.
10. Caspar (GER) **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 20 Oct 1840 in Neupotz, GER; **d.** 3 Oct 1926 in Erie, Erie, PA. He was the son of **20.** Lawrence (Lorenz) (GER) F. **GEHRLEIN** and **21.** Maria Magdalena (GER) **HEINTZ**. He **ma.** **11.** Philomina (GER) (Philippine) **MERZ** 22 Feb 1866 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
11. Philomina (GER) (Philippine) **MERZ**, **b.** 14 Jul 1841 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; **d.** 19 Oct 1916 in Erie, PA. She was the daughter of **22.** Salomon (Maerz) **MERZ** and **23.** Margretha **GEHRLEIN**.
Children of Caspar **GEHRLEIN** and Philomina **MERZ** are:
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 - i. Anna Catherine **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 9 Aug 1870 in Erie, PA; **d.** 8 Nov 1932 in Erie, PA; **ma.** Paul Rudolph (GER) **ALTENBERGER** Dec 30, 1890 in St John's RC Church Rectory, Erie, PA.
 - ii. Rose Philippina/Marie **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 12 Oct 1874 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 1949 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** Frederick **HEBERLE** Sep 20, 1892 in St John's RC Church, Erie, PA; **b.** 1858 in GER; **d.** 1925 in Erie, Erie, PA.
 - iii. Katherine **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 9 Oct 1876 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** Unknown in PA; **ma.** John (GER) **FREY** 21 Apr 1896 in Erie, Erie, PA; **b.** Mar 1871 in GER; **d.** Unknown in USA.
 - iv. Mary Elizabeth **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 5 Jan 1879 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 28 Apr 1965 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** Jeremiah Mathias **HAYES** 17 Jul 1899 in Erie, Erie, PA; **b.** 1878 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 18 Oct 1923 in Erie, Erie, PA.
 - v. Joseph Sebastian **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 10 Mar 1881 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 28 Oct 1918 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** Katherine Gertrude **EHRET** 19 Oct 1904 in Erie, PA; **b.** 1880 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 1955 in Erie, Erie, PA.
 - vi. George W. **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 10 Oct 1883 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** Bef. 1930 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** Grace Veronica **FAIVRE** 15 Jul 1918 in St Agatha's RC Church, Meadville, PA; **b.** 1892 in Meadville, PA; **d.** Unknown.
 - vii. Ann Louisa **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 24 Jan 1886 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** 19 Mar 1990 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** Charles **ECKERT**, Sr 1907 in USA; **b.** 29 Oct 1887 in Erie, Erie, PA; **d.** Nov 1969 in Spring City, Chester, PA.
12. George W. **ABBEY**, **b.** abt 1835 in Unk; **d.** Unknown in U.S.. He **ma.** **13.** Mary **LYON** abt 1878 in U.S..
13. Mary **LYON**, **b.** abt 1841 in Unk; **d.** Unknown in U.S..
Child of George **ABBEY** and Mary **LYON** is:
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 - i. George Clyde **ABBEY**, **b.** 28 Aug 1879 in E. Springfield, PA; **d.** Unknown in US; **ma.** (1) Harriet L. **WHEELER** 10 Jun 1902 in Conneaut, Ashtabula Co, OH; **ma.** (2) Anna **PALUS** 23 Aug 1910 in Cuyahoga, OH.
14. David Mark **WHEELER**, **b.** 30 May 1844 in NY; **d.** 8 Mar 1921 in Conneaut, Ashtabula Co, OH. He was the son of **28.** William **WHEELER** and **29.** Nancy A. **NORTHRUP**. He **ma.** **15.** Elsie Fanny **BUSKIRK** 1869 in US.
15. Elsie Fanny **BUSKIRK**, **b.** 25 Apr 1843 in Steamburg, Cattaraugus Co, NY; **d.** Dec 16, 1927 in Conneaut, Ashtabula Co, OH.
Children of David **WHEELER** and Elsie **BUSKIRK** are:
- i. Mark D. **WHEELER**, **b.** May 1870 in PA; **d.** Unknown in US.
 - ii. Mary L. **WHEELER**, **b.** Oct 1876 in PA; **d.** Unknown in US.
 - iii. Joseph A. **WHEELER**, **b.** 23 Jun 1881 in PA; **d.** Unknown in US; **ma.** Dora /spouse of Joseph **WHEELER** zz?/ abt 1902 in US; **b.** abt 1882 in Unk; **d.** Unknown in US.
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 - iv. Harriet L. **WHEELER**, **b.** 14 Oct 1883 in Wilkinsburg, PA; **d.** 5 Oct 1969 in Erie, Erie Co., PA; **ma.** (1) George Clyde **ABBEY** Jun 10, 1902 in Conneaut, Ashtabula Co, OH; **ma.** (2) Thomas Harry **FORRESTER** 1912 in US.
 - v. Hubbard L. **WHEELER**, **b.** Aug 1886 in PA; **d.** Unknown in US.

GENERATION NO. 5

20. Lawrence (Lorenz) (GER) F. **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 22 Nov 1807 in Neupotz, GER; **d.** 24 Sep 1881 in Erie, PA. He was the son of **40.** Johann Wendelin **GEHRLEIN** and **41.** Catharina **ESCHERMANN**. He **ma.** **21.** Maria Magdalena (GER) **HEINTZ** 31 Aug 1835 in Leimersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.

21. Maria Magdalena (GER) **HEINTZ**, **b.** 25 Apr 1812 in Neupotz, GER; **d.** 18 Dec 1893 in Erie, PA. She was the daughter of **42.** Johann **HEINTZ** and **43.** Maria Elizabeth **BURCK**.

Children of Lawrence **GEHRLEIN** and Maria **HEINTZ** are:

- i. Maria Anna **GEHRLEIN**, **b.** 3 Oct 1836 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; **d.** Unknown in GER; **ma.** Georg Adam **DEIBLER** 9 Nov 1861 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; **b.** abt 1835 in GER; **d.** Unknown in GER.
- ii. Jacob (GER) **GEHRLEIN**, Sr, **b.** Feb 23, 1839 in Rheinabern, Gernersheim, Rheinpfaltz, GER; **d.** 9 Apr 1915 in Erie, Erie Co., PA; **ma.** Katherine (GER) **VEIT** 6 Apr 1867 in Gernersheim, Rheinpfaltz, GER; **b.** 3 Jul 1843 in Gernersheim, Rheinpfaltz, GER; **d.** 15 Apr 1905 in Erie, Erie Co., PA.

- 10 iii. Caspar (GER) **GEHRLEIN**, b. 20 Oct 1840 in Neupotz, GER; d. 3 Oct 1926 in Erie, Erie, PA; **ma.** Philomina (GER) (Philippine) **MERZ** 22 Feb 1866 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
- v. Philippina (GER) **GEHRLEIN**, b. 13 Mar 1843 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 19 Oct 1922 in Erie, Erie Co., PA; **ma.** George C. (GER) (**MERZ**) **MERTZ** 1 Mar 1865 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; b. 25 Feb 1834 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 31 Jan 1921 in Erie, Erie Co., PA.
22. Salomon (Maerz) **MERZ**, b. 26 Jul 1796 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 8 Nov 1867 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER. He was the son of 44. Hans Peter **MERTZ** and 45. Margarethe **WÜNSCHEL**. He **ma.** 23. Margretha **GEHRLEIN** 14 Mar 1828 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
23. Margretha **GEHRLEIN**, b. 10 Nov 1800 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 22 Sep 1864 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER. She was the daughter of 46. Laurence (Lorenz) **GEHRLEIN** and 47. Katharina Barbara **DAUB**.
Children of Salomon **MERZ** and Margretha **GEHRLEIN** are:
- i. George C. (GER) (**MERZ**) **MERTZ**, b. 25 Feb 1834 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 31 Jan 1921 in Erie, Erie Co., PA; **ma.** Philippina (GER) **GEHRLEIN** 1 Mar 1865 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; b. 13 Mar 1843 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 19 Oct 1922 in Erie, Erie Co., PA.
- 11 ii. Philomina (GER) (Philippine) **MERZ**, b. 14 Jul 1841 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 19 Oct 1916 in Erie, PA; **ma.** Caspar (GER) **GEHRLEIN** 22 Feb 1866 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
28. William **WHEELER**, b. 1815 in NY; d. 1883 in Erie, Erie Co., PA. He **ma.** 29. Nancy A. **NORTHRUP** abt 1843 in US.
29. Nancy A. **NORTHRUP**, b. 1818 in US; d. 1883 in US.
Child of William **WHEELER** and Nancy **NORTHRUP** is:
- 14 i. David Mark **WHEELER**, b. 30 May 1844 in NY; d. 8 Mar 1921 in Conneaut, Ashtabula Co, OH; **ma.** Elsie Fanny **BUSKIRK** 1869 in US.

GENERATION NO. 6

40. Johann Wendelin **GEHRLEIN**, b. 7 Jun 1777 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 21 Oct 1855 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER. He was the son of 80. Johann Georg **GEHRLEIN** and 81. Margarethe **GEHRLEIN**. He **ma.** 41. Catharina **ESCHERMANN** 17 Jan 1803 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
41. Catharina **ESCHERMANN**, b. 7 May 1781 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 30 Oct 1843 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER. She was the daughter of 82. Johann Georg **ESCHERMANN** and 83. Maria Anna **WÜNSCHEL**.
Child of Johann **GEHRLEIN** and Catharina **ESCHERMANN** is:
- 20 i. Lawrence (Lorenz) (GER) F. **GEHRLEIN**, b. 22 Nov 1807 in Neupotz, GER; d. 24 Sep 1881 in Erie, PA; **ma.** Maria Magdalena (GER) **HEINTZ** 31 Aug 1835 in Leimersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
42. Johann **HEINTZ**, b. 10 Feb 1781 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 27 Sep 1830 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER. He was the son of 84. Johann Hans **HEINTZ** and 85. Anna Elisabeth **WESCHLER**. He **ma.** 43. Maria Elizabeth **BURCK** 11 Jan 1808 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
43. Maria Elizabeth **BURCK**, b. 2 Mar 1786 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 5 Sep 1854 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER.
Child of Johann **HEINTZ** and Maria **BURCK** is:
- 21 i. Maria Magdalena (GER) **HEINTZ**, b. 25 Apr 1812 in Neupotz, GER; d. 18 Dec 1893 in Erie, PA; **ma.** Lawrence (Lorenz) (GER) F. **GEHRLEIN** 31 Aug 1835 in Leimersheim, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
44. Hans Peter **MERTZ**, b. 26 Dec 1757 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 28 Oct 1829 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER. He was the son of 88. Hans Georg **MERTZ** and 89. Maria Margarethe **BURCK**. He **ma.** 45. Margarethe **WÜNSCHEL** 19 Jan 1784 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
45. Margarethe **WÜNSCHEL**, b. 28 Aug 1758 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 28 Mar 1829 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER. She was the daughter of 90. Peter **WÜNSCHEL** and 91. Margarethe **SCHAAF**.
Child of Hans **MERTZ** and Margarethe **WÜNSCHEL** is:
- 22 i. Salomon (Maerz) **MERZ**, b. 26 Jul 1796 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 8 Nov 1867 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; **ma.** Margretha **GEHRLEIN** Mar 14, 1828 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
46. Laurence (Lorenz) **GEHRLEIN**, b. 8 Apr 1765 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 26 Aug 1824 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER. He was the son of 92. Johann Michael **GEHRLEIN** and 93. Gertrud Eva **SEILER**. He **ma.** 47. Katharina Barbara **DAUB** 1798 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
47. Katharina Barbara **DAUB**, b. 9 Mar 1774 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER; d. 7 May 1848 in Neupotz, Bayern, GER. She was the daughter of 94. Johann Hans Peter **DAUB** and 95. Maria Elisabeth **GEIGER**.
Children of Laurence **GEHRLEIN** and Katharina **DAUB** are:
- 23 i. Margretha **GEHRLEIN**, b. 10 Nov 1800 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 22 Sep 1864 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; **ma.** Salomon (Maerz) **MERZ** Mar 14, 1828 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.
- ii. Johann Peter **GEHRLEIN**, b. 9 Aug 1805 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 13 Jan 1856 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; **ma.** Margarethe **HAMMER** 9 Nov 1832 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; b. abt 1806 in GER; d. Unknown in GER.
- iii. Johann Josef **GEHRLEIN**, b. 15 Jun 1811 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 26 Sep 1878 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; **ma.** Eva Katharina **GEHRLEIN** Jan 20, 1837 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; b. abt 1812 in GER; d. Unknown in GER.
- iv. Georg Wendlein **GEHRLEIN**, b. 13 Aug 1815 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. 31 Jan 1890 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; **ma.** Maria Gottlieba **WERNER** 10 Nov 1843 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; b. abt 1816 in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER; d. Unknown in Neupotz, Rheinland-Pfalz, GER.

HOW TO CONTACT THAT DISTANT COUSIN YOU FOUND

So you have been doing some research and found the name of someone who might be a collateral relative on one of your lines. You don't know the person and are somewhat apprehensive about what to do next. Well, a letter (you remember what letters are...right?) to that individual might be just the answer that you need. Here is an example of what to say when you write that letter.

Jerry KUNZMAN, from CCNGS and the JGSSN, has prepared the following letter which he would like to share with you as a sample of what you might send in hopes of receiving a reply. Please feel free to use this letter as a guide, remembering to keep it simple and short; you don't want to overwhelm your relative.

SUGGESTED SAMPLE LETTER TO CONTACT A DISTANT RELATIVE

By: Jerry KUNZMAN (CCNGS, JGSSN)

Hi (*whomever*):

My name is (*whatever*) and I am the (*fill in*) family historian. While doing research on the internet, I discovered your contact information and I believe we may have common ancestors and therefore might be cousins of some degree.

My grandfather was (*fill in*) and married to (*fill in*). His father was (*fill in*) who was married to (*fill in*). (*Add other family information you may have that might interest the addressee but limit it*).

I would like to hear from you for the purpose of exchanging family information for our mutual benefit. If this interests you, please respond by email (**just hit "Reply"**), or you may telephone me at (123) 456-7890

Regards,

Joe Whatever

Email: xyz@cox.net



The following article is from EAST-MAN's Online Genealogy Newsletter. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Allen County, Indiana, Introduces Sliding Fees for Death Certificates

NOTE: This article is about a recent action by the county government in Allen County, Indiana. It has nothing to do with the well-known genealogy library that is within that county.

Genealogists and others searching for birth and death certificates will pay a little more after the Allen County Commissioners passed a vital records fee ordinance amendment Friday. Requests will be charged on a new sliding scale for death certificates. According to the new amendment, genealogical record search requests and non-certified birth/death records request "will be charged \$2 for each non-certified copy as well as a blanket request fee of \$20 for up to five searches, \$35 for 6-10 searches and \$50 for more than 10 name searches. The search fee is non-refundable and must be paid prior to the start of the search for the requested records."

Amounts for certified records requested will change as well; birth certificates will cost \$11, a \$1 increase. Death certificates will cost \$11, also a \$1 increase, plus an additional \$2 fee for the "Coroner's Education Fund," for a total charge of \$13 per certificate.

You can read more in an article by Ellie BOGUE of the *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* at <http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130302/NEWS/130309957/-1/LIVING>.

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out from there. Sandy and I exchanged a couple more emails, trying to settle each other's nerves that it would arrive safely and securely.

STEP 6 – ARRIVAL

The bible finally arrived to Sandy on August 3, 2012. She sent an email stating her joy and her plans to show it to her other family members and to bring it to an Indiana University Library for a referral to get it rebound.

Sandy questioned the type of bible that it was, as Sydney and I also had when we examined it. The bible stated that both Joseph and Rosa had been baptized by Reverend J. DUBBS in 1846 and 1849, respectively. In doing a little more research on Google and then Genealogy Trails for Pennsylvania, I found that he was a minister in the "*History of the Reformed Congregation of Egypt Church*," in Lehigh, PA. Then I checked the minister that married them, Rev. E.J. FOGEL, on Google. Sure enough, Google Books had references to him.

STEP 7 – PHOTO

Sandy was happy to send a photo of her and the bible. Her pleasure in having her family bible is easy to see. It was a fun and exhilarating project for me too and I certainly will continue doing projects such as this. It is a way that I can "*pay forward*" for all the wonderful information that others have provided in my own...family research. Please let me know in the Heritage Room if you are interested in joining me on a future research adventure to return some family's documents, or send me an email at LVMESHELL@YAHOO.COM

CLAUSER Births



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 and other sources.



John S PARK Elementary School



JOHN S. PARK (1852-1939)



John Simpson **PARK** was born in Irvine, Estill County, Kentucky, 2 April 1852, and was the son of John **PARK**, Jr. (12 January 1818-20 June 1903) and Louisa Frances **HUME** (14 January 1820-27 December 1894). Married Nancy Snoddy **SMITH** (1855-1931) about 1875 in Richmond, Kentucky. John Simpson

PARK died in 1939 and is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Plot: Iona section, Glendale, Los Angeles County, California.



He came to Richmond, Madison County, Kentucky as a boy and clerked in the dry goods establishment of his kinsman, H. B. **DILLINGHAM**, after which he became bookkeeper and teller in the Madison National Bank and was a most popular official.

The **PARKS**, natives of Kentucky, brought to early Las Vegas much of the atmosphere and charm of the Old South. Their ranch, developed to the west of North Las Vegas, was patterned after southern plantations and became a showplace of the West during the decade of the twenties.

Brought to Las Vegas in 1905, by the railroad interests to establish banking services for the newly founded community, Mr. **PARK** set up his bank (The *First State Bank* later changed to *Bank of Nevada* a few years after 1911) in the temporary shack which also housed **KUHN's** grocery store, and transacted business over the grocery counter. The banker slept behind the counter keeping guard over the assets in the absence of a vault. Within a year the bank was one of the soundest in the state and was one of the two that did not resort to the use of 'scrip' in the payment of checks during the disastrous financial panic of 1907.

Mr. **PARK** developed and used the bank as a means to realize his prophetic dreams of service to man and for the building of his adopted home, which in his words included: "*Power of unequaled electric forces ••• abundant water ••• production of wealth ••• best of all--the enterprising and the industrious--the worker and the dreamer •••*"



and above all else, the acme of all human attainments, the opportunities for a home."

John S. **PARK** School was opened in 1943, and was first known as the Huntridge School since it served the Huntridge subdivision. It was a K-7 school with eight teachers. The school was in temporary buildings which had been army barracks.

In 1944 the name was changed to John S. **PARK** School to honor a pioneer Las Vegas banker whose family was one of the donors of the school site. The **PARK** home was on East Charleston on the west edge of the Huntridge homes.

The Original block building at John S. **PARK** School was constructed in 1947 with additions in 1950.

Mr. **PARK's** works are immortalized in the foundations of our community and society. His name is preserved in Las Vegas in the John S. **PARK** Elementary School.



Original John S. PARK ES

Located at 931 Franklin Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
 Home of the Panthers!!

Motto: "Where kids come first...for a world class education"

Mrs. Ruby **THOMAS** was the first principal and remained as principal until her retirement in 1962. Miss Maude **FRAZIER** was the Superintendent of Schools.

His only son, Dr. William S. **PARK**, a dentist and civic leader, was a long-time member of the local Board of School Trustees.

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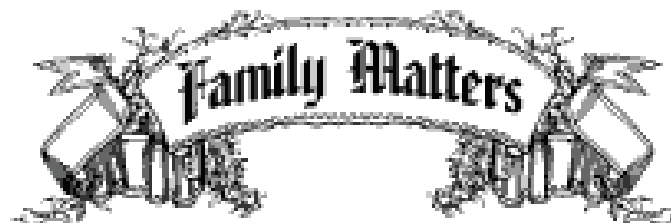
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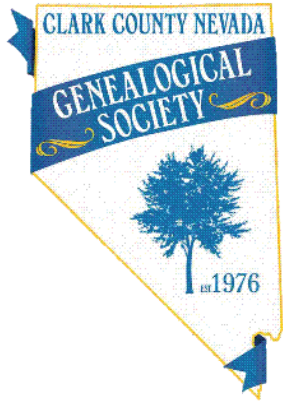
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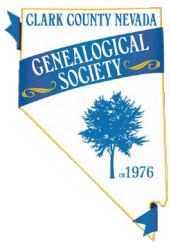
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