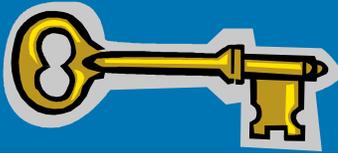


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Don't forget that the MGS Board meets the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 at the Manatee History Records Library in Bradenton (October-May). All members are invited to attend.

PUBLICATION NOTICE: Every effort is made to publish accurate information. However, the Society assumes NO RESPONSIBILITY for the accuracy of any published materials. Established errors will be correct in the next issue.

We are "sweeping" away Cracker Crumbs until our new year begins in October 2006. A complete schedule for the 2006-2007 year will be sent to all of our members before the new year begins!



HAVING A DISASTER PLAN! By: Maureen Taylor

If you own treasured family artifacts, photographs and scrapbooks, and who doesn't, then having a home disaster plan is a good idea. While it may be impossible to avoid a disaster like a hurricane, there are steps you can take to prepare beforehand:

Consult Those in the Know

The Council of State Historical Records Coordinators has pulled together an online directory of disaster resources, available through state archives and museums. Consult their documents to protect your treasures, purchase necessary supplies and to prioritize what to rescue.

Prioritize

When you have a house full of memories, figuring out what to save first is a dilemma. Create a list of special items to take if you need to evacuate the house. It's also a good idea to have a priority list of what to look for when you're cleaning up afterwards. Keeping small items like pictures and family papers in one particular storage area will help you find them.

Basic Necessities

There are certain things you need to have on hand to deal with the clean-up....(continued on page 4).

Letter from the President

Summer is upon us once again. Some of you have returned to your northern homes and perhaps you will spend some time doing research in your northern libraries and courthouses. I know that I am looking forward to a great summer of travel and research. I'm going to attend the NGS Conference in Chicago, then spend a few days in Rockford, Illinois (where my Swedish grandparents lived when they first came over) and in Princeton, Illinois (where my father was born). Later in the summer I'm going to Sweden! This is my first trip there and I'm going to meet relatives and see all the places where my ancestors lived and worked.

At the Board of Directors meeting in April, we finalized some plans for our Society for next year. We will be making some changes in the format of our meetings. The biggest change is that our meetings will start at 9:30 instead of 10:00. We felt this was the best way to have a little time at the end of the meeting to have some Q & A's, which will hopefully help you solve some of your research problems. We are also going to eliminate the afternoon meeting and replace them with a class for beginners. This class will start right after the general meeting is over. Those who want to participate can bring a brown bag lunch and eat during the class. This class is for beginners and for those who want to sharpen their skills in research techniques. After the formal part of the class, we will go upstairs and work on the computers or in the genealogy books with help from the instructors.

We have some interesting speakers lined up for you next year. We know you'll come back all fired up and ready to go! See you in the fall!
Anne Young, President

Our Vice President, Jean Morris, recently reviewed some of the newsletters from other genealogy societies, and created the listing below for our member's information. Check 'em out – they are great!

FamilyTreeMagazine.com recently recommended the following sites: Hamburg Emigration Index at <http://www.linktoyourroots.hamburg.de/index>>

Heritage Pursuit at <http://www.heritagepursuit.com>> - This site links to OHIO biographical sketches and county histories, as well as to several other genealogy sites.

Free Blog Sites: www.familytreemagazine.com/ancestornews/current.html>

American Civil War searchable database of 6.2 million Confederate and Union soldiers by the Natl Park Service = www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/

French & Canadian Heritage Society of Central Florida is a sub-group of the The G.S. of South Brevard, Box 786, Melbourne FL 32902. Dues are \$10. yearly. *The Bulletin* Vol. 31 No. 1 (Winter-Feb. 2006) contains a fine 3 page article about French Canadian research. Readers might want to look at it at in our collection).

Joanne Ryder of the Charlotte Co. FL GS is interested in forming a FL Chapter of Palatines to America. PalAm is a National Society based in Columbus OH, it encompasses not only Palatine ancestors but all German-speaking ancestry. If you are interested contact her at joannagram@comcast.net.

Michigan County Histories. www.hti.umich.edu/m/micounty/

US Railroad Retirement Board www.rrb.gov/mep/genealogy.asp

ARCHIVEGRID (Free until May 31) = <http://archivegrid.org/> to search historical documents, personal papers, family histories held in archives around the world. Do this one NOW!

General Land Office (GLO) Records = Bureau of Land Management is back on-line at www.glorerecords.blm.gov You can obtain land title records from the 30 Public Land States (those not included in the 13 original counties) dating back to the 1780s.

ScotlandsPeople adds new data. Births from 1905, Marriages 1930, Deaths 1955 + 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901 census records & images for the 1861 census at www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

New Jersey Archives - documents dating from 1664 of minutes, surveys, warrants, and other records from 1676 to 1909. visit www.njarchives.org/links/wjp.html. The batch contains Burlington Co. NJ Court of General Quarter Sessions Minute Book 2 1764-1787; Inventories of damages by the British & Americans in NJ 1776-1782; Order Book of George Crawford [Loyalist Mss#2021], and Minutes of the NJ Council of Safety [Military Records] 1777-1778.

Indian River GS, Vero Beach has a Quaker Interest Group who are focusing on the Quaker role in the Underground Railroad. They meet the 3rd Wed of each month at the Library. cygene1@comcast.net for info.

Linkpendium. After years of searching the internet for lost ancestors, it is refreshing to learn of a new website. In the Feb. 2006 issue of *The Family Chronicle* magazine, Lisa A. Alzo critiqued a new website = Linkpendium.com being developed by Karen Isaacson and Brian Leverich. If their names sound familiar it is because they are the founders of Rootsweb. They described the new web site as being updated several times a week and containing more than 2.8 million direct genealogy links already. Other search engines give you many websites which do not pertain to genealogy. Users are encouraged to submit links which they can expect to appear within a week of submission. This site is only the first phase of a program, two more are planned. The second stage is described as "Google specialized for genealogists" and the third stage, according to Leverich ... "will advance genealogical research at least as much as the creation of Rootsweb did." From *Geneagram* published by the Charlotte County G.S. Vol. 30 No. 2 (Feb 2006): 13 in an article by Dorothy Heimnick.

Elmer's Genealogy Library, 203 South Range, Madison FL 32340-2437, 850/973-3282, research@elmerslibrary.com holds the largest collection of Ohio genealogy in Florida. They have added 22,927 volumes to their library of 21,599 books in July 2005. The new collection is heavy in Ohio, Virginia and Pennsylvania. This past summer they purchased 40 books on the Amish and Mennonite families of Elkhart and LaGrance, Indiana.

(please see pages 7, 8 and 9 for additional listings)



WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI (submitted by Mel Ely)

Missouri Death Certificates, 1910 – 1955

The **State Archives of Missouri** has recently put nearly two million death records online covering years 1910 – 1955 (<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>). There is a complete index to all the records and digital images for the first ten years. The index can be searched by first name and last name, county, and by year and month. The project is ongoing and additional records will be made available each year. To date, the Index is complete for 1910 – 1955 and digital Images are available for 1910 – 1920. This is an ongoing project and additional records will be added as they are transcribed and imaged. If the image of the certificate is not yet available researchers can request a photocopy of the certificate by contacting the [Archives Reference Desk](#). For death certificates less than 50 years old please contact the [Missouri Bureau of Vital Records](#). If you have questions or comments about these records, please contact the Missouri State Archives at archref@sos.mo.gov. The following FAQs are from the Archives web site.

Missouri Post-1910 Death Records Project: Frequently Asked Questions

1.) *What records are included in the **Missouri Post-1910 Death Records Project** ?*

The records included in the **Missouri Post-1910 Death Records Project** are those death certificates created according to Missouri law after 1910, and more than fifty years old. These records are now in the legal and physical custody of the Missouri State Archives, and will be subject to the access and research policies prescribed by the Archives.

There are nearly two million individual certificates of death, comprising 571 cubic feet of original records, in this collection. The project is ongoing and additional records will be made available each year. For example, in 2004, certificates from 1910 to 1954 will be open; in 2005, the 1955 certificates will be opened for research; in 2006, the 1956 certificates, etc.

2.) *How did the Missouri State Archives acquire these death records?*

House Bill 1634 (2004) made changes to RSMo 193.225 and 193.245 (4), the Missouri statutes that govern the reproduction of vital records and the information contained therein. The legislation, effective August 28, 2004, states that death records over fifty years old shall be transferred to the Missouri State Archives, and copies of death records over fifty years old may be disclosed upon request.

3.) *How can I access death certificates that are part of the **Missouri Post-1910 Death Records Project** ?*

For preservation and security reasons, the Missouri State Archives will not allow any access to the *original* records in the Missouri Post-1910 Death Records Project.

Photocopies of death certificates may be requested, pursuant to stated policies. Photocopies will be provided at the cost of \$1.00 per record. Indexes of the death certificates, for available years, will be made available in the Archives Reference Room. **NOTE: Currently, it is not possible to provide immediate service for those patrons wishing to access the death certificates. The records are not easily accessible and various preservation and security measures must be taken before full service is instituted at the Missouri State Archives for in-house visitors, online researchers, and postal mail requests. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but assure all patrons that this valuable collection will be made available as soon as possible.**

HAVING A DISASTER PLAN (continued from Page 1)

Create a home disaster response kit or purchase one ready-made from [ProText](#). Their React Paks (\$189.99) are designed for libraries and museums, but you can purchase individual supplies to make your own either from ProText or your local hardware store.

Here are a few items to keep on hand:

- A plastic tub for transporting materials and for storing all the following supplies
- Clean water—for rinsing debris and contaminants off items
- Rubber gloves for handling items
- Rubber boots for walking in water damaged areas
- Large plastic storage bags (for freezing photographs, documents and textiles that can't be cleaned and dried immediately)
- Consider purchasing an Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel from the Heritage Emergency National Task Force (\$12.95). On one side are action steps for caring for nine different types of collections and on the other are salvage details. Their website contains additional details on how to save collections.

Who You Gonna Call?

When family items appear to be damaged beyond repair, you may need conservators trained to stabilize collections. The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Work, Inc.

(<http://aic.stanford.edu>) has a Conservation Services Referral Systems on their website. Select a conservator based on their area of expertise.

How you react during the first hours of a disaster can mean the difference between a legacy and a total loss. Planning for events out of your control will help you preserve that legacy for your descendants.

Maureen Taylor is the author of *Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs* (Family Tree Books, 2005) and *Preserving Your Family Photographs* (Betterway, 2001). Copyright 2005, MyFamily.com



- To assist in the Obituary Project! This is an easy job that you can do at home at your leisure. The duties include cutting out the obituaries from the Bradenton Herald for one month, pasting them on 3X5 cards, and filing them at the Historical Records Library (others can help with the filing if you prefer). Please contact Ruby Young at 747-4822.
- Help us with a project for the Historical Records Library! We are going to be creating an index of marriage licenses from 1913 to 1972. You can either use your laptop or fill in a simple form and others will input the data onto a spreadsheet. Please contact Nancy Ely at 776-0446 or at nancyely@hotmail.com

MATERIALS ADDED TO GENEALOGY COLLECTION AT CENTRAL LIBRARY -
[RECEIVED MARCH/APRIL 2006- \(SUBMITTED BY ROSE TAYLOR\)](#)

1. The Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York; volumes 5-8 (929.3747 Doh)
2. Index to Property deeds of Trumbull County, Ohio 1800-1831 by Mrs. Grace Marvin Winnagle (929.3771 Win)
3. The descendants of William Wilcoxson, Vincent Meigs, and Richard Webb by Reynold Webb Wilcox (929.2 Wil)
4. The Rhodes family in America; by Howard J. Rhodes (929.2 Rho)
5. A century of emigration from Affoltern am Albis, Canton Zürich, Switzerland by Annette K. Burgert (929.3494 Bur)
6. History of Salem and the immediate vicinity, Columbiana County, Ohio by George D. Hunt (977.1 Hun)
7. A twentieth century history of Trumbull County, Ohio;a narrative account of its historical progress, its people, and its principal interests by Harriet Taylor Upton (977.1 Upt)
8. Laurens County Georgia legal records, Superior Court 1833-1857 Allen Thomas (929.3758 Tho)
9. Naturalizations in Trumbull County, Ohio, 1800-1870 by Norman Ulam (929.3771 Ula)
10. North Carolina Genealogical Society journal, 1975-1984, consolidated index by William Doub Bennett (929.3756 Ben)
11. Trumbull County, Ohio, cemetery inscriptions, 1800-1930 (929.3771 Tru)
12. Our ancestors' families (929.3771 Our)
13. History of Trumbull and Mahoning counties : (977.1 His)
14. Index to the 1850 Federal population census of Ohio (929.3771 Ohi)
15. Index to the 1860 Federal population census of Ohio (929.3771 Har)
16. Ohio area key by Carol Willsey Flavell (929.3771 Bel)
17. Edgecombe County, North Carolina, marriage records, 1760-1868 by Frances T. Ingmire (929.3756 Ing)
18. Craven County, North Carolina, marriage records, 1780-1867 by Frances T. Ingmire (929.3756 Ing)
19. Duplin County, North Carolina, marriage records, 1755-1868 by Frances T. Ingmire. (929.3756 Ing)
20. Parish maps of Ireland by Brian Mitchell (929.3416 Par)
21. Trumbull County, Ohio, cadastral or land ownership maps, 1830 --1840 - 1850 (929.3771 Tru)
22. Atlas and directory of Trumbull County, Ohio (929.3771 Ame)
23. Abstracts of probate records :Trumbull County, Ohio, Nov 1803 - Aug. 1843 by Mrs. Grace Marvin Winnagle (929.3771 Win)
24. Early marriages of Trumbull County, Ohio, 1800-1865 by Mrs. Roscoe Winnagle(929.3771 Win)
25. A history and genealogical record of the Alling-Allens of New Haven, Conn. by George P. Allen (929.2 All)
26. How to read German church records without knowing much German by Arta F. Johnson (929.343 Joh)
27. Is that lineage right? by DAR (929.1 Dau)
28. Mini dictionary for research in foreign genealogical records (929.1 Min)
29. Apprentices of Connecticut, 1637-1900 by Kathy A. Ritter (929.3746 Rit)
30. Photographing your heritage by Wilma Sadler Shull (770.28 Shu)
31. Kinsmen and clansmen by R.W. Munro (929.3411 Mun)
32. Early western Augusta pioneers by George W. Cleek (929.3755 Cle)
33. Bloomdale Cemetery, Trenton, Michigan (929.3774)
34. Combined Atlases of Columbiana County, Ohio, 1870-1902 (929.3771 Com)
35. Maritime North Carolina in the 18th Century comp.by Wilson Angley (microfilm 1 reel)
36. New England Historical and Genealogy Register 1847-1994 (9 cd-rom discs)
37. NARA Orderly books: Massachusetts Regiments: 2,4,9,16 & Penn. 1st (microfilm 4 reels)
38. NARA Muster Rolls of Revolutionary War Mass & NJ (microfilm 10 reels)
39. Missouri Obituary Index 1851-1882 published in the St. Louis Christian Advocate by Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff (929.3778 Woo)
40. Reiff to Riffe family in America (2 vols) by Fred J. Riffe (929.2 Rif)
41. Finding your Famous {& Infamous} Ancestors by Rhonda R. McClure (929.1 Mcc)
42. Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy (Index Volume) (929.373 Hin)
43. Tracing your Scottish Ancestry (3rd Ed.) by Kathleen B. Cory (929.1Cor)
44. A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland (2nd Ed.) by Brian Mitchell (911.415 Mit)
45. They came in Ships by John P. Colletta (Rev. 3rd Ed.) (929.1 Col)

BOOK REVIEWS (submitted by Jean Morris)

Jamestowne Ancestors 1607-1699 - Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Landing at James Towne 1609-2007 by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis has just been published by Genealogical Publishing Company, 2006, 108pp. cloth, \$20.00 + P&H. The ISBN is 0806317671. This work tells the history of the colony with maps showing plats of land with settler's names. A 1608 map of James Fort and a diagram of the site show the original settlement, and the progression of present-day archaeological work being undertaken there. Other maps show the growth of the colony beyond Jamestown Island during the 17th century, first as shires, then as plantations and hundreds, so that you may be able to see where the families lived. There is a bibliography of Jamestowne documents and those examined in the preparation of this book. The rest of the work contains a list of approx. 1,000 persons who are known to have owned land or resided on Jamestown Island during this time period. They are listed alphabetically along with known dates, their official position in the colony [landowner, burgess, etc.], and their place of origin or county of residence. [From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, March 25, 2006.]

The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England: 1634-1635 Volume 4, I-L by Robert Charles Anderson, Boston 2005. This is the fourth volume of the second series. Between 1620 and 1643 about 20,000 people crossed the Atlantic to settle in New England. This volume contains more than 150 new sketches (with sources). A gold mine for New England ancestors. Publ. by New England Historic Genealogical Society.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy is the latest offering from Alpha Books, compiled by Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls. It contains 357 pages and is the 2nd edition. Available in all bookstores, ISBN 0028619471 for \$18.95 (U.S.) or available from Amazon.com for \$12.32 + P&H. A good book for beginners.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, JIM MCHUGH

MEMBERSHIP RESEARCH INTERESTS

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OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

- **The Manasota PAF Users Group** meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the South Manatee Branch Library, 6061 26th Street, West, Bradenton, Florida. Doors open at 9:00am, and the meetings run from 9:15am until 11:30am., <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmpafug>>
- **Dimage** (digital photography) 6:15 pm, fourth Tuesday, monthly, Flanzar JCC, 582 S. McIntosh R., Sarasota, FL <<http://www.dimage.org>>
- **(EGS) Englewood Genealogical Society of Florida**, 1:30 pm, usually Wednesday, Sept-May, Elsie Quirk Library, Englewood, FL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf>
- **(LWL) Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Group** 7:00pm, 1st Monday, Oct-May, Lakewood Ranch Town Center. Contact Jo Ann Froman joannf@gimi.org
- **(FGST) Florida Genealogical Society of Tampa**, 12 noon, 3rd Saturday, monthly. John F. Germany Library at 900 North Ashley Drive., Tampa, FL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flfgs/>
- **(GSS) Genealogical Society of Sarasota**, 10:00 am, usually 3rd Saturday, Oct-May, Selby Library Auditorium., Sarasota, FL <http://www.roosweb.com/~flgss>
- **(JGS) Jewish Genealogical Society of SW Florida** 1:00 pm, 3rd Sunday, monthly, Flanzar JCC, 582 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota, FL <<http://www.jewish-sarasota.org/jgs/jgsofswfl.htm>>

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Dutch Research at The Hague www.cbg.nl/

Ohio Genealogical Society databases on line see www.ogs.org for their Bible Records Index, Athens Co. Newspaper abstracts; and many others. Check it out.

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont OH maintains an online obit index which includes obits from NW Ohio from 1830 at www.rbhayes.org/index

From Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at <http://blog.eogn.com> April 3, 2006 comes the following: United Kingdom Port Embarkations Online. 1837online.com has signed a contract to scan and place online the National Archives entire historical database of passengers who embarked on sea voyages from Britain's shore between 1890 and 1960. The records will include details of emigrations to Australia, North & South America, India and Africa. They will include *The Titanic's* maiden voyage.

Another new web site in the British Isles offers online books and documents, many of which will be of interest to genealogists. TheOriginalRecord web site is free. There is a charge however to view the scanned image. See Eastman's April 04, 2006 Newsletter above. View the web site at <http://www.theoriginalrecord.com>

Smithsonian Magazine, January 2005 contains a fascinating article "Washington Takes Charge: Confronting the British in Boston in 1775," by Joseph J. Ellis pp. 92-103. The maps and photographs themselves make the material worth your reading time.

Another article can be found in the same issue entitled "Rethinking Jamestown," by Jeffery L. Sheler on pages 47-54 which discusses the archaeological digs there in recent years. Excellent photographs.

The January 2005 issue of *Smithsonian* pp. 94-108 "Squanto and the Pilgrims: Native Intelligence," brings an interesting look at how the Indians who first feasted with the English colonists were far more sophisticated than you were taught in school. But that was not enough to save them. The article is edited by Charles C. Mann, and contains maps and excellent drawings of the period.

"Stamping Florida: The First Floridian Depicted on a U.S. Postage Stamp," by Terrell F. Solana is found in the January 1997 issue of *Our Florida Heritage* on page 31. This first person was the Indian King Powhatan, whose real name was Wahunsonacook. He was the chief of the Powhatan confederacy of the Algonquian tribes; and was the ruler of the land that the English named Virginia, and his trail began in the Sunshine State. Donald J. Lehnus, in his iconography of American postage stamps *Angels to Zeppelins*, lists Florida as Powhatan's birthplace. The green, 1907, one-cent stamp commemorates the tercentenary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia. Chief Powhatan, who played a significant role during the English establishment of its first permanent settlement, occupies only a tiny space on the same. His profile likeness appears in the top right corner. The portrait of Chief Powhatan's daughter, the legendary Pocahontas, appears in the left corner. Captain John Smith, wearing steel armor dominates the stamp.

"FamilySearch Archive adds large West Virginia Online Genealogy Database" Thanks to the Genealogy Society of Utah, searching for your West Virginia ancestors may now be just a mouse click away. They scanned and indexed the records of the West Virginia Division of Culture & History and are hosting them on-line. The free database has over 3.5 million names linked to 1.4 million original images of birth, marriage and death records from Calhoun, Gilmer, Hardy, Harrison, Mineral and Pendleton counties which range from 1816 to 1929, as well as most statewide death certificates from 1917 to 1954 at www.wvculture.org/vrr. [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, March 19, 2006 - you can check his Archives for back issues].

Canada. Alberta Genealogical Society has created a name index to a collection of early land files. Many pertain to homestead lands patented in Alberta 1870-1930. If you find a name, the database will provide full name, legal land description as well as file number in which the record is located, and the "Ottawa File Number." <http://abgensoc.ca/homestead/>

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Connecticut's Pennsylvania 'Colony' 1753-1810, Susquehanna Company Proprietors, Settlers and Claimants in three volumes," by Donna Bingham Munger, former and last Director of the Pennsylvania Land Office is being published by Willow Bend Books, 65 East Main Street, Westminster MD 21157-5026, www.WillowBendBooks.com. This is a remarkable set of original transcriptions of all known Susquehanna Company Papers, prepared by an expert in the field. Those of us with Connecticut/Northeastern Pennsylvania ancestors have been waiting a long long time for this material.

The Brasota Dutch Society meets the first Thu of each month (Tulip Thursdays) at the Coach & Horse Pub, 6240 North Lockwood Ridge Road in Sarasota. Anyone of Dutch descent (born or have relatives in The Netherlands) or who has an interest in that area are invited to attend call 941-351-9021.

Records Access Legislation across the country. On Apr 22, 2006 the Massachusetts Genealogical Council Seminar will include a panel discussion on Records Access issues and legislation across the nation. Pending records access closure incentives have been reported in the following states: AK, CO, FL, IL, IN, KY, MA, MI, MO, NE, NH, NJ, PA, RI, SD, VT, WI, WY, and those could also remove Vital Records substitutes like the WWII enlistment (and more recent conflicts) online databases, the Social Security Death Indexes, or publications such as town and city directories, etc.

Linkpendium: An Indispensable Research Tool. www.linkpendium.com is an online compendium of genealogical links, and describes itself as "the definitive directory to genealogical and other resources on the Web." It is an ongoing project developed by the founders of RootsWeb. Researchers state that one of its greatest values is the project's emphasis on county-level resources. Try www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/ [San Mateo County, CA *The SMCGS Newsletter* January 2006].

The University of Kentucky Website is host to 4 separate vital record indices created by the KY Dept. of Health Statistics. Indexes are searchable by indexes only. Death records are divided into 2 indices: 1911-1986 & 1987-1992. The Marriage Index is from 1 Jan 1973 to Dec 31, 1993 with exception of 1984 & 1985. Divorce records are from 1 Jan 1973 to 31 Dec 1993. [http://ukcc.uky.edu/-](http://ukcc.uky.edu/)
Indiana State Library Genealogy Database: Marriages through 1850. There are now approx. 330,000 entries. Visit http://199.8.200.229/db/marriages_search.asp

Castle Garden at www.castlegarden.org is a free on-line database of 10 million New York passengers from 1830-1913. This includes those who were dropped off at Battery Park (before Castle Garden opened), as well as 20,000 Ellis Island immigrants who are not in the www.ellisland.org database. Go to www.stevemorse.org and click on Castle Garden Passengers. [SMCGS Newsletter Vol. 24-1, p. 7 Jan. 2006].

Prince William County, Virginia ancestors? Try www.pwcgov.org/library and click on Digital Library for a menu of PDF files. Each file can be opened using Adobe Acrobat. In Dec 2005 the following were available: Birth Records 1853-1896; Marriages 1854-1938; 1840 census; Marriages from sources outside the county 1853-ca 1905; Obituaries 1900-1930; Slave Births 1853-1859 arranged by slave owner's name with more coming. [Costra Costa County G.S., Vol. 20 No. 11-12 Nov-Dec 2005 p. 118].

Danish Emigration Archives. <http://www.emiarch.dk/info.php3?l=en> contains a searchable database for 394,000 persons who emigrated from May 24, 1868 to Dec 1908. [Contra Costa County G.S. Vol. 20 No. 11-12 Nov-Dec 2005, p. 118]

Missouri Pioneers - "Gone but not forgotten" - Missouri Pioneers is a compilation of settlers who settled in the state by 1890 submitted by people researching these families. Try www.rootsweb.com/~mopioneer [Central FL G.S. March 2006 p. 14]

Virginia Colonial Soldiers is a database listing men who served in the Colonial militia from the early years up until the early 1770s. A free Ancestry.com database. www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4006&o_xid=0022468880&o_lid=0022468880&o_xt=22468880 Guest registration may be required. [Central FL G.S. March 2006 p. 16].

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Archivegrid - free access until May 31, 2006. Launched by the Research Libraries Group, this website contains nearly a million archival collation descriptions held by hundreds of libraries, archives and museums. A search result page includes a list of archive collections, a summary of the archives and archive locations that are represented in the collections, as well as a search box that enables the user to limit a search to a particular date range, an archive and/or the location of the archives. The description of each collection includes a title, name of the archive, and some brief info from its description. [From RootsWeb Review, May 15, 2005 Vp;/ 9 No. 11]

One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse at <http://www.stevemorse.org/> for forms for searching ships passenger lists, and much much more.

Butler County Pennsylvania Obituaries at <http://www.bcfls.org/butler/obimain.htm> is from the Butler Area Public Library, Butler Pa. free online index to more than 75,000 names from Butler County newspaper obits published between 1824 & 1990 and 2000. This NW Pa. county is home to towns including Butler, Annandale & Slippery Rock.

For those with Fayette Co. Pa. ancestors comes Families of Fayette County [PA] published quarterly by the Fayette County Genealogical Society, Inc., 24 Jefferson Street, Uniontown PA 15401-3602, \$12.00 per year. Vol. 11 No. 4 Oct 2005 contains articles about the Fowler family; the Winders family; the Utt,Ott,Ull,Owl or Oat family; an article about Fayette & Washington County Pa families mentioned in Hampshire County VA/WV deeds 1782-1795; the Crawford family Bible; and Part 10 of Alien Papers Lists from the court house. Also given is the web address for the German-Masontown Library at www.gemaslibraary.org; and the MinerD.com website which has launched on on-line quilt museum at www.Minerd.com.

Underground Railroad is published monthly by Kids Discover, 149 Fifth Ave., NYC NY 10010 Phone: 212/677-4457 \$26.95. This 20 page magazine is not-just-for-kids. It is a well organized and presented book about the black-Americans and how they escaped from slavery before railroads and buses. Articles about Slavery in the South; Heros and Helpers; Escape!; Harriet Tubman; North to Freedom; Stars, Songs, Secret Signs; Free at Last; and Map Reading are titles of Vol. 15 No. 1 January 2005 issue. Much in color. Visit their web site at www.visit.kidsdiscover.com

ScotlandsPeople has announced that customers can now access, online, records from their Statutory Register of Births for 1905, for marriages for 1930, and Deaths for 1955. This year they also released the 1871 census, and wills & testaments; and the 1861 census. The census for 1851 and 1841 were released this February. So far census data indexed is for 1901, 1891,1881,1871 and 1861. www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk.

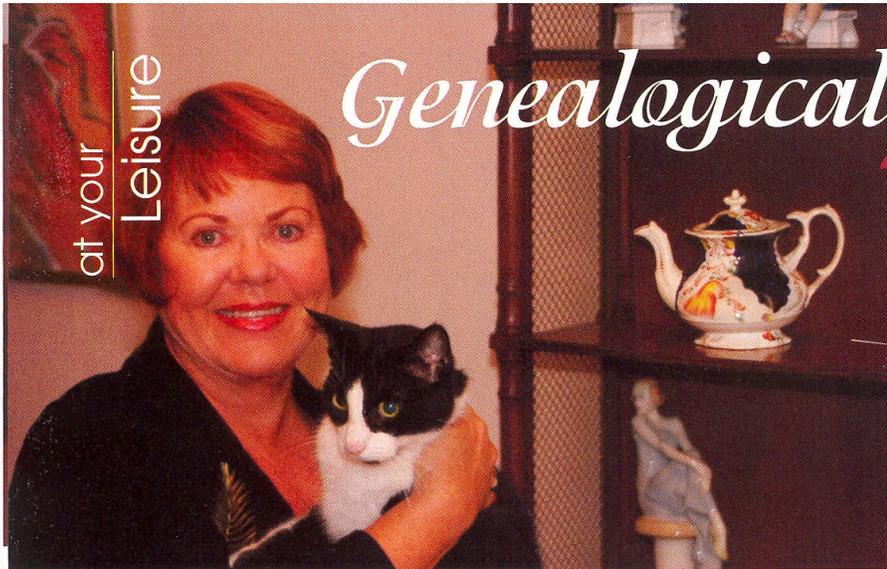
Immigrants to Boston between 1848 and July 1891 visit the Massachusetts Archives: www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsearch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html You can search by first, middle and last name, ship name, and dates of arrival or departure. Click on the surname in the results list and you will see entries for some or all of the following: first, middle, last name; gender; title (Mr.Mrs.); age; country of origin; destination; traveling companions; occupation, ship name and passenger list number. [Family Tree Magazine, Email Update, 2005, F+W Publications, Inc.].

Danish Emigration Archives includes private letters, manuscripts, diaries, biographies, newspaper clippings, photos, portraits +. The website is in both Danish and English. The Copenhagen police kept emigration lists from 1869-1940. Prior to 1868 there were a number of scandals where unsuspecting emigrants had been taken advantage of and the Danish parliament passed stricter laws. All info from each ticket was copied into a ledger, which comprise 90 volumes in 2 sets; i.e. emigrants with direct passage from Copenhagen to U.S.A. and those traveling indirectly via other European harbors overseas. [www.emiarch.dk/home.php3].

The North Dakota Death Index 1 Jan 1881-31 Oct 2005 is now available on-line. It is maintained by the State Historical Society of North Dakota with monthly updates. Their website: <http://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deatjCertSearch.htm>. [Rootsweb 7 Dec 2005, Vol. 8 No. 49].

New York's Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County is digitizing its collection of Rochester City Directories from 1827 to 1930. You will need an Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the images (free from www.adobe.com). Their web site follows: www.libraryweb.org/rochcitydir/citydirectories.html.

We were all so proud to open our Sunday newspaper and find a wonderful article about our Society. Thanks to Phyllis Johnson, Bradenton Herald Reporter, for writing such an interesting story and for giving our Society just a great plug! "As seen in the Senior Living Magazine, a publication of the Herald in Bradenton."



Genealogical Research Can Open A Rich Family History

by Phyllis Johnson

It might be a teapot. Or an old family bible. Perhaps a cache of letters or some old pictures found in a trunk or the attic of an old home.

For Anne Young, acting president of the Manasota Genealogical Society, it was a teapot.

"I inherited the teapot from my mother who got it from her mother who got it from her mother and so on back to my great-great grandmother Mary Gregg Jones," Young recalled. "I became interested in knowing the woman who had originally owned it. My grandmother always talked about her. I wanted to find out more about this lady."

Genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States today. The Manasota Genealogical Society has more than 100 members. It seems people hunger to know more about where their families came from and the people who went before.

When he retired, Jim McHugh, a member of the Society, became interested in learning more about his family's history. He began researching his McHugh ancestors and learned they had ties to County Galway in Ireland. "My grandfather McHugh emigrated in 1878 to the U.S."

Further research revealed that his "Ingalls" ancestors migrated from England in 1629 to Massachusetts. Solomon Ingalls, his great-great-great-grandfather, served in the Revolutionary war and was among the Massachusetts men who marched from Andover to Saratoga, arriving in time to witness the surrender of General Burgoyne to the Americans following the Battle of Saratoga. McHugh was able to find online a Revolutionary War Pension File Image of Ingalls' pension for his service and details of his service in his pension records.

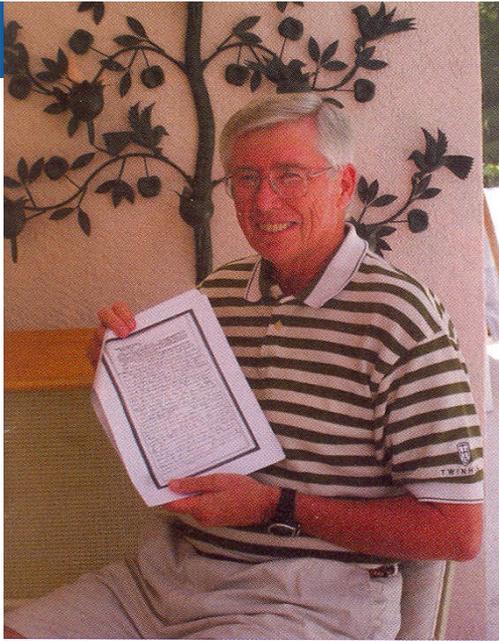
"Genealogical research is addictive," Young cautions. "You want to know more and more. I've been revisiting Mary Gregg Jones since 1967. I found out she was born in Wales the oldest of 10; seven survived and all came to America – all of them were ironworkers. Mary went to Pittsburgh and had 6 children, one of whom was my great-great-grandmother."

Young had an oral history of her ancestors to help her begin her search. Many others who hope to recreate their family's past have little or no information to go on. For them, public records of all sorts are a place to begin.

The U.S. Census is a major source and frequent starting point for research. The federal government has taken a census every ten years since 1790. Records from 1790 to 1920 (with the exception of the 1890 census which was almost completely destroyed by fire) are available on microfilm at the National Archives and through its regional system.

Local county clerks offices can provide naturalization information. The first Naturalization Act, passed by Congress in 1790, provided that any free white person over the age of 21 who had resided for at least two years in the United States might be granted citizenship on application in any common law court in any state where he or she had resided for at least one year. An applicant to prove to the satisfaction of the court that he or she was of good moral character and take an oath of allegiance to the United States Constitution. Married women and children under the age of 21 derived citizenship from their husbands and fathers, respectively.





The increasing number of immigrants entering the United States at the beginning of the twentieth century shifted the responsibility from county clerks to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in 1906. The INS provided the first uniform application form for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States. The form now included each applicant's age, occupation, date and place of birth, present and last foreign address, ports of embarkation and entry, name of vessel, and date of arrival. Also, the spouse and children's full names with their respective dates and places of birth and residence. The INS also required copies of naturalization documents from each of the states for its own records.

Records of military service, the Alien Registration Act of 1940, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), City Directories, vital records of births, marriages and deaths, cemetery records, ecclesiastical records, local histories, newspapers, social security records, voter registration records, homestead records, ship passenger arrival lists, many of which are available online, are all rich troves to be plumbed by those looking for records of their ancestors.

More and more historical public records are being made available through the Internet. The computer and the Internet have changed everything about genealogical research, Young says. "It's been like a

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An extraordinarily rich source is the Church of Latter Day Saints Family History Library, the largest library in the world specializing in genealogical and family history materials. An extensive deposit of family histories, particularly from the United States and Great Britain, are stored in Salt Lake City, Utah. At the heart of the collection are more than 2 million rolls of microfilmed records. Some date from 1550. Volunteers have been placing those names in indexes and on microfilm, which can be viewed in Salt Lake City or purchased for a small fee and taken to a local LDS Family History Center and read on machines available there. Online sources include Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, which has more than 250,000 links categorized and cross-referenced in more than 180 categories. The Manatee County Public Library has a subscription to Ancestry.com, a subscription service.

At Rootsweb.com, visitors can post queries on a bulletin board asking for information about an ancestor or a relative. "Someone comes along and reads the message board and sends an email," said Young. "It's a lot of fun and it's how I made contact with two of my distant cousins."

During her research Young learned that at least one of Mary Gregg Jones' six children, served in the Civil War. William D. Jones was younger than 18 when he enlisted. When Young discovered that one of his great-great grandsons had letters Jones had written, she asked if she could have copies.

The letters mentioned that Jones was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run and had fought at Gettysburg. Young has written a biography of her distant relative titled "The Life and Letters of Corp. William D Jones of the 12th Pennsylvania Reserve."

Young joined the Manasota Genealogical Society two years ago and is now the acting president. The Society has between 110 and 120 members.

The Manasota Genealogical Society meets from October to May at 10 am on the first Wednesday of the month at Central Library in Bradenton. There is generally a speaker on some aspect of genealogical research. The meetings are open to all.

Have you ever wondered what those old time diseases were? Barb Schultz discovered the listing below of various old time diseases that may make reading that death certificate a little easier!

<p>Ablepsy = Blindness Ague = Malarial Fever American plague = Yellow Fever Anasarca Generalized = massive edema Aphonia = Laryngitis Aphtha = The infant disease thrush Apoplexy = Paralysis due to stroke Asphyxia/Asphixia = Cyanotic and lack of oxygen Bad Blood = Syphilis Bilious fever = Typhoid, malaria, hepatitis or elevated temperature and bile emesis Black plague or death = Bubonic plague Black fever = Acute infection with high temperature and dark red skin lesions and high mortality rate Black pox = Black Small pox Black vomit = Vomiting old black blood due to ulcers or Yellow Fever Blackwater fever = Dark urine associated with high temperature Bladder in the throat = Diphtheria Bloody flux = Bloody stools Bloody sweat = Sweating sickness Bone shave = Sciatica Bronze John = Yellow Fever Bule Boil = tumor or swelling Cachexy = Malnutrition Cacospysy = Irregular pulse Caduceus = Subject to falling sickness or epilepsy Camp fever aka Camp diarrhea = Typhus Canine madness = Rabies, hydrophobia Cerebritis = Inflammation of cerebrum or lead poisoning Chilblain = Swelling of extremities caused by exposure to cold Chin cough = Whooping cough/Perutussis Chlorosis = Iron deficiency, anemia Cholera = Acute severe contagious diarrhea with intestinal lining sloughing Cholera morbus = Characterized by nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, elevated temperature, etc. Could be appendicitis. Chorea = Disease characterized by convulsions, contortions and dancing Cold plague = Ague which is characterized by chills Congestive = Malaria Consumption = Tuberculosis Congestive chills = Malaria with diarrhea Congestive fever = Malaria Coryza = A cold Costiveness = Constipation Cramp colic = Appendicitis Crop sickness = Overextended stomach Cynanche = Throat Disease Debility = Lack of movement or staying in bed Decrepitude = Feebleness due to old age Deplumation = Tumor of the eyelids which causes hair loss Diary fever = A fever that lasts one day Diphtheria = Contagious disease of the throat Dock Fever = Yellow Fever Dropsy = Edema (swelling), often caused by kidney or heart disease Dry Bellyache = Lead poisoning Dysentery = Inflammation of colon with frequent passage of mucous and blood Dysorexy = Reduced appetite Dysury = Difficulty in urination Ecstasy = A form of catalepsy characterized by loss of reason</p>	<p>Eel thing = Erysipelas Edema Nephrosis = swelling of tissues & Edema of lungs is Congestive heart failure, a form of dropsy Elephantiasis = A form of leprosy Enteric fever = Typhoid Fever Enterocolitis = Inflammation of the intestines Enteritis = Inflammation of the bowels Epitaxis = Nose bleed Erysipelas = Contagious skin disease, due to Streptococci with vesicular & bulbous lesions Extravasted blood = Rupture of a blood vessel Falling sickness = Epilepsy Fits = Sudden attack or seizure of muscle activity Flux = An excessive flow or discharge of fluid like hemorrhage or diarrhea French pox = Syphilis Gravel Kidney = Gallstones Great pox = Syphilis Green fever or sickness = Anemia Grippe = Influenza like symptoms Grocer's itch = Skin disease caused by mites in sugar or flour Heart sickness = Condition caused by loss of salt from body Hectical complaint = Recurrent fever Hip gout = Osteomyelitis Horrors = Delirium tremens Hydrocephalus = Enlarged head, water on the brain Hydropericardium = Heart dropsy Hydrophobia = Rabies Hydrothroax = Dropsy in chest Hypertrophic = Enlargement of organ, like the heart Impetigo = Contagious skin disease characterized by pustules Inanition = Physical condition resulting from lack of food Jail fever = Typhus Jaundice = Condition caused by blockage of bile ducts King's Evil = Tuberculosis of neck and lymph glands Kruchhusten = Whooping cough/Pertussis Lagrippe = Influenza Lockjaw = Tetanus or infectious disease affecting the muscles of the neck and jaw if untreated, it is fatal in 8 days Long sickness = Tuberculosis Lues disease or Venereal disease/Syphilis Lumbago = Back pain Lung fever = Pneumonia Lung sickness = Tuberculosis Lying in Time = Death during delivery of infant Malignant sore throat = Diphtheria Marasmus = Progressive wasting away of body, like malnutrition Meningitis = Inflammation of brain or spinal cord Metritis = Inflammation of uterus or purulent vaginal discharge Miasma = Poisonous vapors thought to infect the air Milk Fever, undulant fever = Disease from drinking contaminated milk or brucellosis Mormal = Gangrene Morpew = Scurvy blisters of the body Mortification = Grangrene of necrotic tissue Myelitis = Inflammation of the spine Myocarditis = Inflammation of heart muscles Necrosis = Mortification of bones or tissue Nephrosis = Kidney degeneration Nephritis = Inflammation of kidneys Nervous prostration = Extreme exhaustion from inability to control physical and mental activities (more to come in future newsletters!)</p>
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