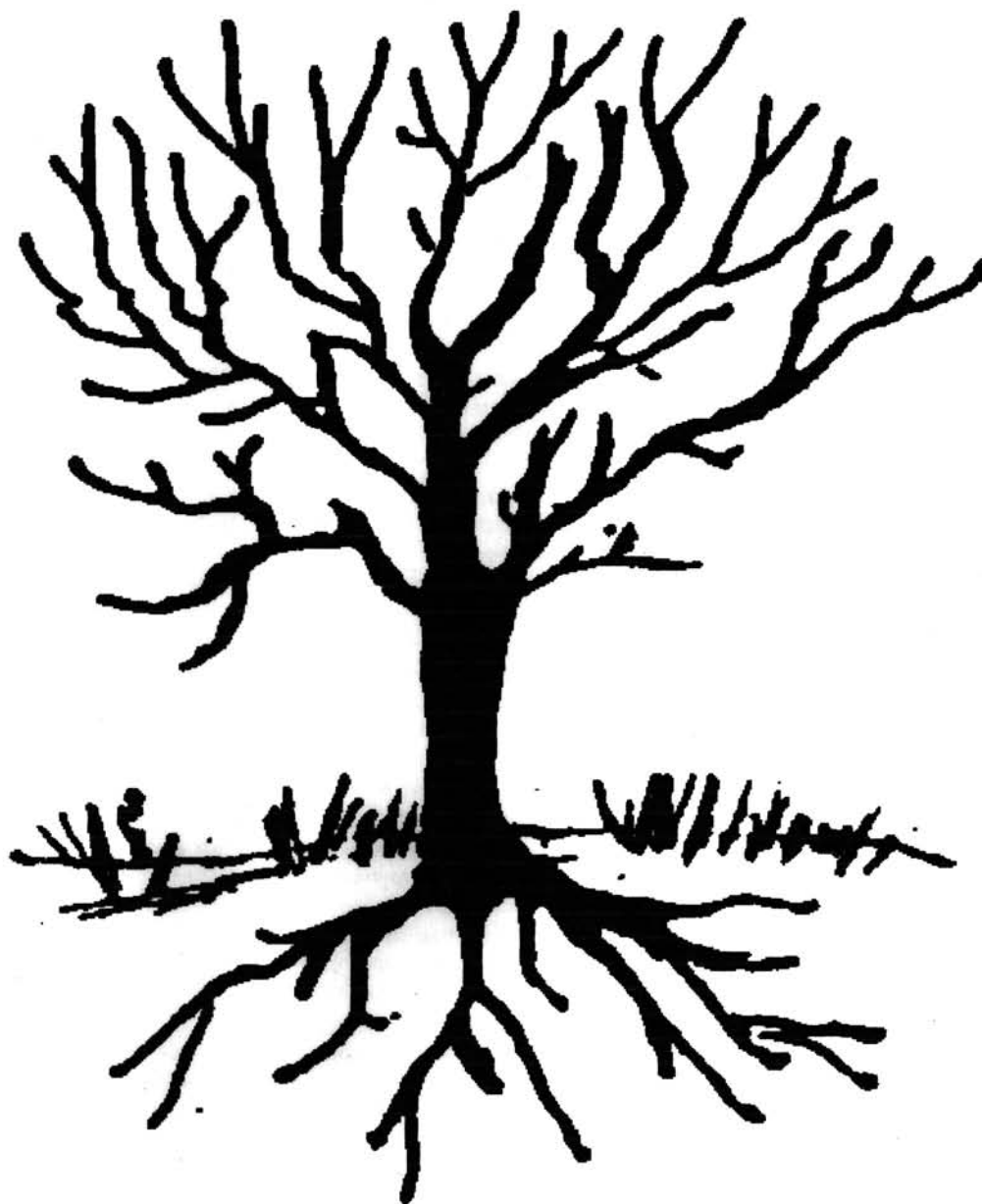

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Favorite Ancestor

**Max Schamberg
131 Smithfield Street
near the City Hall and the Post Office**

**European Bank, Bills of Exchange
Collection and
Shipping Business**

**Agency of American Railways
Passports
Power of Attorney, Collection
of Inheritance.
Pittsburg, Pa. 14th. Of March 1882**

**To Mr. Wilhelm Otte, day laborer
In Mechow, District of Feldberg, County of Staigard Mecklenburg- Strelitz**

I have the pleasure to inform you that Mr. Wilhelm Lindow, c/o Pleasant Valley Street Car Co., Allegheny City Pa., near Pittsburg has paid to me the costs for the trip from Bremen to Pittsburg for you, wife, child of 8 years, and child of 3 years. Enclosed I am sending a special inquiry form and so on.

In reference to your (overseas) trip please note the following advise and warnings:

1. As soon as you are ready ask by letter the North German Lloyd in Bremen when your embarkation can take place. After receiving the answer get ready for your trip in such a way that you arrive in Bremen at least one day before departure of the ship, otherwise the punctual transportation can not be guaranteed and you might possibly have to wait for the next ship. The steamships depart every Wednesday from Bremen. Mr. Lindow wishes you to depart at the latest on the 3rd. of March with the steamship "Weser" from Bremen
2. The costs for the trip from your hometown to Bremen you have to pay yourself. On the railroad trip and in the harbor you have to take care of your own food. You also have to buy your own mattress, blanket and the necessary tin dinner wear which you can acquire cheaply in Bremen. On the steamship you will receive sufficient warm food starting in Bremen.
3. For persons who want to travel with you and whose fare has not been paid and who have to travel with their own money I ask to send in time and in advance a down payment of 30 marks for each person to Mr. Ed Schon, 54 Lange St. in Bremen with the remark that places may be reserved on the same ship as you are going and which ship you have to name. The receipt you will be given by the post office is your voucher.
4. You can pack your belongings into sacks or trunks, however it is not advisable to take too big a trunk. In order to be on the safe side each item should be marked with your name, the ship's name, and the place of destination. I have to advise against overburdening yourself with too much baggage because once you are there much of it might prove to be unnecessary. If your baggage is numerous and heavy so you will not take such yourself from home (because the German railway permits only a few pieces of luggage for free) then I advise you to send such in time to the Norddeutsche Lloyd in Bremen, namely by express 4 days or by regular freight, which is cheaper, 10 days in advance. However, take enough money with you so you can pay for your freight at the harbor. Also at your arrival in Bremen take care that your baggage gets onto the ship and look for it once you are on board of the ship. Make sure you take enough warm clothing for the trip over-seas is always cold.
5. As soon as you arrive in Baltimore contact for your further trip the ticket agency at the Baltimore and Ohio railways the office of which is located at the landing place if the ship's company has not already made preparations beforehand. You are going to be further transported from there. The tickets for the trip to here will be handed to you in Baltimore for free. For every piece of baggage, if it is not hand luggage you will receive a coin of brass or tin. You have to keep it well since you will only receive your baggage in return of these coins. On the American railways 100 pounds of baggage per person is free.
6. In reference to customs you will have little trouble if your baggage only consists of worn clothing and real moving goods and not goods for sale.
7. Should you have other business to take care of in Baltimore or need more information or aid, please contact the General Agents Messrs. A. Schumacher & Co. (?), 5 SUD (South) Gay Street.

(copy of translated letter to Judy Otto's Great Grandfather from the company that arranged his passage from Germany-original was form letter with names and places filled in.

THE TREE

BY PAT CALVIN

With roots and branches and a thorn or two, it's full of aunts and uncles, sisters brothers, grams and Gramps.

All the folks who came before and led a path to you.

They came from every where on earth and every walk of life.

Raising up this tree of yours, with happiness and strife.

Doctors, farmers, teachers, seamen brave and true.

filling up the branches as the tree just grew and grew.

As you are sitting on this tree so high up in the air.

It's fun to try to find out who's hiding way down there.

Way down beneath the soil our roots are tucked away.

But you can find out who they are if you will just persevere.

It gives us such a sense of pride to find another limb.

It makes the tree grow taller with every little twig.

And now we find we are not the one, whose sitting on the top.

Oh we have kids and they do too.

Our tree will never stop, So try to find that long lost aunt,

or maybe it's a brother, and fill that tree right to the top.

With relatives you never knew and you will find just a few

Who really were a lot like you.

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Meeting Schedules

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society meets at the DeLand Public Library at 6:00P.M. on the first Thursday in the month September through June.

The Board of Directors meetings are held at 10:00 A.M. on the Friday preceding the regular meeting. Modifications in this schedule caused by Library closings or holiday will be placed in newspapers prior to the change.

Members are welcome and encouraged to attend all meetings.

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The following was submitted to the editor by Mildred P. Young and was from the LaCrosse Area Genealogical Society Inc.

TIPS FROM TERRY

An exciting website for the genealogist is the "Genealogy Helplist" Located at <http://www.concentric.net/~mikerice/helplist.shtml> This site offers a list of volunteers all over the world who are willing to help others by locating specific items at institutions near them, or help with other information easily accessible to them. The volunteers are located in Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States.

Each volunteer indicates the location as well as specific information that they have access to and are willing to research for others. An example of someone in La Crosse who might be willing to do volunteer work might read:

"La Crosse Co. birth, death and marriage records, city directories,, La Crosse Tribune obituaries." Someone living outside of the La Crosse area might write to this volunteer and ask " My grandmother, Jane Doe, was born in La Crosse in approximately 1913 and I would like to know the information on the birth certificate."

When you see something on the list that you need help with, contact the participant by email and make a SPECIFIC request. This should be a SPECIFIC request for information relating to an item on the list. It is highly inappropriate to send pages and pages of information without a SPECIFIC request. By putting the word HELPLIST somewhere in the subject line, it won't be passed over by people receiving large mailing lists.

You should receive an acknowledgment of your request within one week. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, you should submit your request again since email can be lost.

An example of an appropriate request:

I am looking for the marriage record of John Doe in Oakland Co. Michigan on 17 October 1889.

The participant will decide just what he or she is willing or able to do. Exactly what the participant will do will vary greatly, but in general, extensive research will not be done. Remember that the participant is never obligated to do something for you. You will probably want to give the participant your mailing address also, in case you cannot be reached by email for some reason.

Remember that the participants on the list are volunteers and are helping for free. The items on the list can usually be obtained for free, but you are expected to pay for any costs the participant has to spend directly on your behalf such as copy or postage costs. If there are any of these costs involved both parties should agree to them before they are incurred. Participants are not allowed to charge for their time or make a profit in any way, and if any try it should be brought to the attention of the gentleman who maintains the website. The Helplist is not free advertising for-profit researchers.

You don't have to be a participant on the list to request help, but it is strongly recommended. Most people can probably be of some help to others, even if you only list items in your local courthouse or library.

(above submitted by Vice Pre. Terry Micks)

NOTES

The following were copied from Pastimes publication of Historic Ocala/ Marion County Genealogical Society Apr. 1966.

GENEALOGICAL STEW:

Take one curious beginner, add one age discrepancy, one unreadable micro-fiche, one census record written in " Disappearing Ink", fold in one ton of correspondence, simmer while awaiting answers. That is enough to make any Genealogist Stew.

(From Kansas Kin, Aug 1991),

BEYOND RECALL

Mrs. Snooty : "You know, my dear, my family tree goes back to King Arthur. How about you?"

Mrs. Fed-up: "We really don't know. Noah lost our first records in the Flood"

Genealogy Dictionary

(The Genealogy Society of Hernando County
Links And Bridges Aug. 1997)

Every man is a quotation from his ancestors.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ab Nepos— a great- great grandson

Ab Neptis— a great- great- granddaughter

Abcpsia— blindness

Abeyance— a condition of undetermined
ownership, as of an estate that has not yet
been assigned.

Abstract— a statement summarizing the
essential facts contained in a document or
record.

Abstract Book— record books containing
abstracts of the information contained
on deeds or land entries, usually listed
in alphabetical order by surname of the
purchasers

Accelerated— an index prepared by a
computer, such as a census index

Accomptant— accountant

Action—a proceeding in a court of law
(To be continued)

YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN ADDICTED GENEALOGIST

When you brake for libraries.

If you get locked in a library overnight and
you never even notice.

When you hyperventilate at the sight of an old
cemetery.

If you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a
shopping mall.

When you think every home should have a
microfilm reader.

If you'd rather read census schedules than a
good book.

When you know every town clerk in the state
by name.

If town clerks lock the door when they see
you coming.

When you are more interested in what
happened in 1695 than 1995.

If you store your clothes under the bed and
your closet is carefully stacked with note
books and journals.

When Savage, Torrey, and Pope are
household names, but you can't remember
what you call your dog.

If you can pinpoint Harrietsham, Hawkhurst,
Kent on a map of England, but can't locate
Topeka, Kansas.

When all your correspondence begins " Dear
Cousin."

(Family Trails- The Genealogy Society of
Southeast Volusia County- Sept. 1997)

CORRECTION

In the last Newsletter we copied Neal
Armstrong's e-mail address wrong.

The correct address is
armstron@db.erau.edu

Meet Your Officers

Rosemary Sutton 1st. Vice President

Rosemary Sutton was born and graduated
from High School in Columbus, Indiana. She
graduated from Ball State and became a
Registered Nurse.

While working in a clinic she met and married
J.R. Sutton, an Air Force recruiter. Judy
Devine the youngest of three was born in
Bermuda and lives in DeLand. A son, Philip
lives in Michigan.

They moved to Florida 23 years ago. (Port St.
Lucie- and Stuart area.)

She worked as a RN at a Nuclear Power Plant
site and while there she became an E.M.T.
and received an AA at Indian River
Community College.

Sparked by an old interest, several years of
Community Theater in Michigan, she
attended Florida Atlantic University and
received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater.

They moved to DeLand 8 ½ years ago. After
the death of her husband she moved to the
Oaks.

For several years she has been Production
Manager of Theater Center in CAC. She
frequently directs, acts and costumes as
well. She and her only sibling, Elden Goble of
Charlotte NC, started researching their family
tree about 12 years ago. "What a Wonderful
Common Bond, and we are very close and
enjoy traveling together".

Some names being researched are Goble,
Maison, Bright, Dobbs, Pittman, Joslin, King,
Hayes, Cole, Quinn, and Smith. Most lines
traced to 1790's with questions to 1600's.

Text under cartoon by Ed Kenny

"NO! NO! I don't want to talk with Cousin Frank. I just want to know where he put the Family Bible."

Naturalized?

If your ancestor was naturalized after September 20, 1906, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has an index that will tell you the location of the court where the papers were made out. Write Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, Washington, DC 20538

Meeting.

The Imperial Polk Genealogical Society presents a Seminar featuring Richard L. Hooverson of Belton Texas on Feb. 7, 1998 at Stacey's Buffet Restaurant at 4320 U.S. Hwy. 98N., Lakeland. Fl. Topics include Golden Rules: Rethinking the Basics of Genealogy...Only the facts, M'am: Evaluating, documenting, and citing evidence...Using your time Wisely: Developing a sound research Strategy. Copy of flyer on desk in Genealogy room.

A Genealogist's Christmas Eve.

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring not even my spouse
 The dining room table with clutter was spread
 With pedigree charts and with letters which said
 " Too bad about the data you wrote—Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat"
 Stacks of old copies of wills and the such were proof that my work had become much too much
 Our Children were nestled all snug in their beds
 While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.
 And I at my table was ready to drop
 From work on my album with photos to crop.
 Christmas was here, and of such was my lot
 That presents and goodies and toys I forgot.
 Had I not been so busy with grandparents' wills
 I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.
 While others had bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheer,
 I'd spent time researching those birth dates and years.
 While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
 A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.

Away to the window I flew in a flash,
 Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew
 With a sleigh full of toys, and OLE Santa Claus, too.

And then in a twinkle I heard on the roof,
 The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.
 The TV antenna was no match for their horns,
 and look at our roof, with hoof prints adorned.
 As I drew in my head and bumped it on the sash,
 Down the cold chimney fell Santa-KER_RASH!
 "Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
 And tracked soot on the carpet.(I could ring his short neck.)

Spotting my face, good old Santa could see
 I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings. (I felt like a jerk)
 Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy,

When I'd been too busy for even one toy.
 He spied my research on the table all spread—
 " A genealogist" he cried (My face was all red."
 "Tonight I've met many like you" Santa grinned.
 As he pulled from his sack, a large book he had penned.

I gazed with amazement—the cover it read:
 " Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."
 " I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"
 He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.
 "While the elves make the sleigh full of toys I now carry,

I do some research in the North Pole Library!
 A special treat I am thus able to bring,
 To genealogy folks who can't find a thing."

"Now off you go to your bed for a rest;
 I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess"
 As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
 I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,

And I Heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
 "Family History is fun! Merry Christmas!
 Goodnight!"

(From Files of Betty Jo Beck) as found in Imperial Polk Genealogical Society Inc.

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She is a member of the Women's Club of DeLand, and has been a member of Roots & Branches for 8 years, serving as secretary for 5 years.

Carol Markert
2nd. Vice President & Corr. Sec.

Carol Marie Markert was born in Clifton, New Jersey on October 23, 1966 to Joyce and Bill Markert. Carol and her parents moved to DeLeon Springs in 1977. She attended the DeWitt Taylor JR.-SR, High School in Pierson. Carol was yearbook editor during her senior year at Pierson Taylor. After graduation she attended Daytona Beach Community College and received a certificate in Dental Assisting. While working for a local dentist she continued her education and received an Associate in Science degree from Daytona Beach Community College. Carol worked at a local dentist for 11 years, before leaving to teach Dental Assisting at Daytona Beach Community College, Carol is now attending Nova South Eastern University full time and will graduate with honors, on May 3, 1998 with her BS in Elementary Education.

Carol is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonel Arthur Erwin Chapter. At present, she is a Vice Chairman of Pages—Floor and Doors, Corresponding Secretary and a Junior member.

Carol's hobbies include computers, crafts, hockey and of course, genealogy.

Twenty Third Psalm
For Genealogists

Genealogy is my pastime. I shall not stray.
It maketh me to lie down and examine half-buried tombstones.
It leadeth me into still courthouses. It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me into the paths of census records and ship's passenger lists for my surnames sake.
Yea, though I wade through the shadows of research libraries and microfilm readers, I shall fear no discouragement, for a strong urge is with me.
The curiosity and motivation, they comfort me.

It demandeth preparation of storage space for the acquisition of countless documents.
It annointeth my head with burning midnight oil, my family sheets runneth over.

Surely birth, marriage and death dates shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of a family history seeker forever.

(Anonymous)

submitted by Eunice Hunter #138

(Halifax Genealogical Society- Gen. News Sept. 1997) with following citation) (obtained from Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society The Searchers newsletter of May 1997 with credit as shown)

IS THIS AN ADULT
NEWSLETTER?

An early custom in old New England was if a woman was married for a second time, assuming she was a widow, she might be married in the nude. She would stand inside a closet with only her arm poking through, or standing behind a screen, or wearing a sheet over her bare body. This was her new husband's way of telling everyone that she came to him penniless and that he would not assume any back debts of her previous marriage. These were called "smock weddings".

Another was a custom for the bride to cross a major road during the late evening hours when it was totally dark with her husband and friends waiting on the other side. Here again the bride would be stark naked so that witnesses could testify that she came to the new husband as a poor widow. This gave them both a legal relief to start anew. Wednesday was considered the best day to marry because it contained the word "wed". Sunday was also a good day.(Florida Ch. Ohio Gen. Soc. Inc. Newsletter Sept. Oct.97 with following citation—both items from several sources last seen in the Jan, 1995 Charlotte County Genealogical (Fl) newsletter, Geneagram.

**Happy Thanksgiving
and A Merry Christmas to All**