

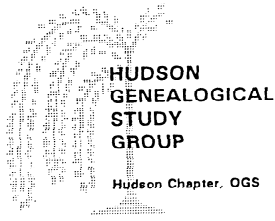
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"Tunnel Vision"

By Helen Soblosky

When I began to search for my husband's ancestors, I knew it was going to be difficult because of their unusual family name, which was changed after they came to the U.S. in 1914 from the Ukraine. The original spelling was (male) Sobolewski, or (female) Sobolewska. Some family members in this country spell it differently from the way we do.

When I appealed to family members for information, a cousin of my husband, who was the one I thought least likely to be helpful, sent me a copy of the Declaration of Intent to become a U.S. Citizen that an uncle of my husband, the cousin's father, had filled out. This was a gold mine of information containing the date the family arrived in the U.S., the ship they came on, the port they left from, the port they arrived at, the original spelling of the name, and a picture of his uncle. Having all this information, I figured I would have no problem finding them on the ship's manifest. Right? Wrong.

I kept trying, through Ancestry.com and through the Ellis Island site, putting in the names of the family members who came, with the exact spelling and the information from when they arrived. No luck.

I was interested in seeing what the ship they came on looked like, and came upon a Web site that had a short history of when and where the ship sailed in its first couple of years, and notable people who sailed on it. I discovered that Harry Houdini [the magician and "great escape artist"] and his wife were on this ship, as well as Theodore Roosevelt and his wife. This was on the same voyage when my husband's family came to the U.S. Of course, the prominent people's accommodations were first class, while the immigrants' were steerage. My husband's ancestors had only \$10 among them when they arrived.

On the Web, I learned some of the history of the Ukraine—how it had sometimes belonged to Russia, and some parts of it to Austria, Poland, Hungary and Romania. In 1917, when the Bolsheviks overthrew the Russian Czar, the Ukraine tried to set up as an independent nation, but because the land was rich and fertile and contained useful minerals, it was fiercely fought over, especially by Germans and Russians. At the end of World War I, the peace settlement gave the western Ukraine to Poland and the eastern part to Russia. The Polish part became known as Galicia, where at one time my husband's family lived. The Russians had adopted a policy known as the Scorched Earth policy, which meant they seized the crops of Ukrainian farmers and sent them to Russia, while anything they couldn't take, they burned. Both Russians and Germans oppressed the Ukrainian people, murdering millions of them.

One day while searching through the ship's manifest and having no luck, I had a friend with me to help. She decided to start with Houdini's name and work down. I, with "tunnel vision," was plodding along looking for what I knew to be the exact spelling of the surname, while my friend hunted for the grandmother's first name and those of the children. Eventually they popped up! I now know there is more than one way to look for names. The grandfather had come a while before them, so he was not listed and I still have not been able to locate him or the ship he came on.

None of the children who immigrated to this country are still alive, and the children who were born in the U.S. say their parents didn't talk much about the "old country." My husband's aunt could only recall that the grandfather came here to avoid being inducted into the German army.

Since I'm now familiar with the family, I have found when I read censuses that I do best using Soundex, as nearly all census takers had a hard time dealing with names from foreign countries and gave them many strange spellings.

which federal agencies created records about the geographic area (state, county) in which your ancestor lived. Later worry about what kind of indexing there might be. [You might also try the site: www.nara.gov].

Some Guidelines for Those Considering Going To Washington, D.C. to Research in the National Archives

An opportunity to do hands-on research in federal records will be available April 24-27. Details of travel and lodging were given in our last newsletter. They can be obtained by calling the Archives. The following is an abstract from an article by Claire Prechtel-Klusgens that appeared in the quarterly magazine of the National Genealogical Society's October-December 2007 issue.

First, understand that the National Archives and Records Administration holds all the permanently valuable records of the United States federal government. Records are kept in their original order (1) by federal agency and (2) by record series.

The records are kept by "Record Group" (RG), by which is meant a federal agency or a major part of one. Records of the Bureau of the Census are in RG 27, for example. Records of a large agency like the Department of Commerce will be found in several Record Groups.

Decide before you go what you would like to find. Then do some reading to find out which Record Groups might contain the information you seek. You might get some background by reading in the *Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States (1995)* [Archivist Gwen Mayer has just ordered this pricey book for use in the library.] For every federal agency for which NARA has records, it describes the agency's history and gives general descriptions of some of the records created by that agency. To get started with the *Guide*, you might want to first look at the list of RGs by agency name. Files are variously kept in alphabetical, chronological, numerical, alpha-numeric, or in some other way, as they were originally set up. A file might be just an inch of records or several thousand boxes. You are not yet looking for names. Instead, focus on identifying

From your home computer, newer inventories, reference information papers, subject guides and other publications *still in print* can be obtained by mail. See "Select List of Publications: General Information Leaflet 3" at <http://www.archives.gov/research/start/by-organization.html> [Hold Control, then click.] If, however, the inventory or preliminary inventory is out-of-print, you must be physically at the National Archives facility where the records are held to see them. In addition to the Archives Building in Washington, DC, there is another facility at College Park, MD. The records you want may be at either place. [College Park can be reached by Metro.]

In order to examine the inventory and Master Location Register (MLR) for that record group, in Washington you will do that in a *finding aids room*. While there, you will be interacting with a NARA employee who works with the RG in which you are interested. Few NARA employees are genealogists, so they may look at records differently from genealogists. With the help of this employee, you'll fill out a *records request slip*, narrowing down your request with that person's help to specific boxes or volumes that may contain the name, county, or your subject of interest in order for the records to be pulled. "Pull times" of 10 or 11 a.m. and 1:30 or 2:30 p.m. (also 3:30 p.m. on some Thursdays and Fridays) prevail, so get your records request slip submitted on time. Researchers may submit pull requests for only one RG per pull time and are limited to one cart of material. Planning your request ahead saves precious time. [E.T. Ed.]

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President's Message

I would like to call your attention to the Ohio Genealogical Society's 47th Annual Conference, which will be held April 17-19, 2008 in the Sheraton Cincinnati North in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The title of this conference is "NAVIGATING THE PAST, Charting a Course for your Family Tree." The roster of 50 speakers is impressive, and I think that anyone who has never been to an OGS Conference will be pleasantly surprised. There are topics covering many facets of how to search for ancestors, from "Uncommonly Good Records in Ohio's Common Pleas Court" to effective techniques for scanning documents and photos with a flatbed scanner. Someone will be there from Fort Wayne's Genealogy Center explaining what you might find there, plus many more, even to aspects of DNA testing—something for every skill level. You have free choice in what you want to hear.

I have brochures in the Archives Room that you are welcome to come and take in order to help make up your mind about attending. In it you will see other area research opportunities including the Kenton County Public Library in Covington, KY, just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, and American Jewish Archives on the campus of Hebrew Union College nearby. Please give this some thought.



Some members of H.G.S.G. enjoying the hospitality of the Franklins at the Holiday Party.

Seated: Will Else

Standing L/R: Elsie Thomas, Donna Wallings, Nancy Brock, John Franklin, Marion Else, Joe Gibbons, Gwen Mayer, and Carol Golby

Selected New Acquisitions to the Library Archives

by Gwendolyn Mayer



The Beitzel Family

Mercer County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions, Volume VII
Wayne County, Ohio Abstracts of Naturalization Records
-1812-1903

Index of Names-Bouton-Boughton Family

Nostalgia- Portage Lakes

Companions in Conspiracy-John Brown & Gerrit Smith

History of the Coal Mining Industry in Ohio

Roundhead Township Cemetery Inscriptions

Discord in Utopia: The Ellsworth Strike of 1904

Bauer Family History

The Family History and Ancestors of

Jack Kauffman Bowers

The Jacob Swagler Family of Pennsylvania and Ohio-
1770-1985

Walden in the Western Reserve

My Ancestors and Genealogical History of the

Shambach Family

A Walk in the Park, Akron Zoo 1953-2003

Written on the Hills- The Making of the Akron Landscape

Yet Another "Gretna Green"

Our member Ted Minier tells us that his mother, Hazel Marian Bartley, was working at Firestone Rubber Company in Akron when she and his father, Ralph Solomon Minier, who worked at Goodrich, decided to get married. The year was 1932, during the Great Depression. It was usual then that when a working woman married, she was forced to give up her job to some other unmarried person, but Hazel didn't want to leave off working. The couple made the decision to be married secretly, so they went to Wellsburg, Brooke County, West Virginia and were married on June 16.

Word leaked out, however, and Hazel's job was saved only because "fortunately, she had a sympathetic boss," says Ted. This means that we can add Wellsburg as yet another "Gretna Green" to the list started by Gwen Mayer in our March 2007 issue.

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One Hundred Years Ago

The average life expectancy was 47 years.

Only 14% of homes had a bathtub.



Only 8% of homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

Maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 miles per hour.



The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower at 984 feet.

The average wage was 22 cents per hour.

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

More than 95% of all births took place at home.

Ninety per cent of all doctors had no college education; instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound; eggs fourteen cents a dozen; coffee fifteen cents a pound.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death: pneumonia and influenza; tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease, stroke.



The American flag had 45 stars.

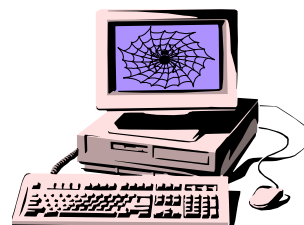
Two out of every 10 adults could neither read nor write.

Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen per cent of all households had at least one servant or domestic help.

Marijuana, heroin and morphine were available over the counter.

[This is making the rounds on the Internet, author unknown, but seems accurate, though we have not checked each item. Ed.]



**Members of the Medical Profession
who Practiced in Hudson, Ohio
from 1800 to 1933
Compiled by George Andrew Miller,
M.D. in 1933**

Abstracted by Elsie Thomas

William Boyd Secrest, M.D. was born in 1869 in Norwalk, OH. Graduated from Ohio Medical University in 1898 and practiced medicine in Hudson from 1903 to 1906, coming to Hudson from Kenton, OH. He and his wife took an active part in Village affairs. He moved to Norwalk in 1906, leaving his practice to B. T. Keller, who was then President of the Portage County Medical Society.

John Peake Sobey, M.D. Born in Liskeard in Cornwall, England in 1851, he was brought to Martha's Vineyard as an infant. Graduated from Cleveland High School in 1871, and from Cleveland Homeopathic College in 1877. Came to Hudson in 1878 and practiced medicine for a number of years, then opened a pharmacy in the Erie Building in Cleveland. Retired in 1928, he died in Mentor, OH on Jan.9, 1935 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Cleveland, OH.

George Leander Starr, M.D. Born in Hudson, OH Feb. 8, 1833, he graduated from Western Reserve College in 1856, studied medicine in Western Reserve Medical Dept. in 1863 and 1864. Graduated from Bellevue Medical College in 1865. Taught school in various places until he became a private in the 85th OH Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War. Came to Hudson in 1878 and followed his profession for many years. Married in 1862, and was a member of the Congregational Church. Was Clerk of Hudson's Board of Health from 1890 to 1892, and from 1894 to 1895. He died in Hudson Dec.20, 1920.

W. H. Tate, M.D. Apparently practiced in Hudson in the 1880s with an office on Owen Brown St. No further information.

Moses Thompson, M.D. was born Jan.22, 1776 at Goshen, CT. Was educated in one of the academies of northwestern Connecticut. At age 17 he was apprenticed to Dr. Joseph Norton and to Dr. Everest, prominent physicians of Litchfield, CT. His mentors decided after four years of studying that he

was proficient enough to practice medicine on his own. He came to Hudson June 5, 1800 with a group of men from Goshen, cleared his land, and became the first physician to locate permanently in the Western Reserve. Dr. Thompson practiced in a wide area, traveling on horseback, even as far as Cleveland and Warren. He contributed to the founding of Western Reserve College and was one of the founders of the Congregational Church. He died Nov.20, 1858 aged 82 years and is buried in the old cemetery on Chapel St. in Hudson.

Isreal K. Town, M.D. Born in CT about 1791, he came to Hudson, OH about 1815. Dr. Town's home was at the corner of E. Main and Church Streets. He was a charter member of the Episcopal Church and practiced medicine in Hudson until a few years before his death on Sept.20, 1859, aged 68. He is buried in the old cemetery on Chapel St. in Hudson.

Herbert Carl Waite, M.D. Born in Hudson Sept. 8, 1872, he graduated from the Cleveland Homeopathic College April 4, 1898. He married Elizabeth Taylor in 1901 and had two daughters, Grace and Mary Louise. He practiced medicine in Hudson, becoming president of the local medical society, until May 1902, when he moved to Columbus, OH. Was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps July 23, 1918. Resigned from military service July 23, 1923 because of his health and died in Columbus on Aug.30, 1923. Buried in Markillie Cemetery, Hudson.

Kurt Baum Weidenthal, M.D. was born in Lakewood, OH Sept.21, 1903. He graduated from Western Reserve College in 1925 and Western Reserve Medical School in 1928. Began the practice of medicine in Hudson in 1929. Was appointed physician to Western Reserve Academy in fall of 1931. Became a member of the Summit County Medical Society in 1929. He died on March 24, 1976 in Hudson.

We regret the passing of our member Mary Seiberling Chapman on Nov. 23, 2007. Mary wasn't always able to attend meetings, but she made extensive use of the Archives.

She will be missed by those who knew her. Her death occurred after our last issue had been printed.

HUDSON GENEALOGICAL STUDY GROUP

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Send this form and your check for payment to:

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Pennsylvania Death Certificates Online?

They don't exist! But you who are researching in PA can help by going to the following online site and acting on the information contained therein:

<http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access>

Plan to send a letter to the Governor of Pennsylvania urging that they initiate legislation to put online the records of people who have been deceased for fifty or more years. It will save you money and time. A real letter is much more effective than an e-mail, although you may decide to use that method. Ohio, as well as several other states, has already put death records and certificates online. [Ed.]

Hudson Genealogical and Study Group's Web Site:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohhudogs/hudson.htm>

New! FREE Online Access to Ohio Death Certificates

As part of an ambitious indexing project, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has indexed and digitized the Ohio Death Certificates from Dec. 20, 1908-1953. This FREE resource may be accessed by visiting:

www.familysearchlabs.org, clicking on the "Record Search" link, and registering to use the site. Once you have received your registration confirmation e-mail (in about 24 hours), you will be able to sign in and search by the name of the deceased, as well as by the names of his or her spouse and parents.



Holiday Party Time: Pamela Turner Taylor, Betty Franklin, Marion Else, Helen Soblosky, Elsie Thomas, Ted and Judy Minier

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Quarterly Meeting

The speaker for our Quarterly Meeting on March 8 will be Susan Hack, who has worked for the Census Bureau for 24 years. She is currently Recruiting Coordinator for the Detroit Regional Census Center. She is responsible for the staffing of 37 local census offices that will open in the next two years in Michigan, Ohio, and W. Virginia. Ms. Hack will present a Power Point program which should be of interest to all. We urge our members to attend and bring a friend.

Next Meetings

- March 8 at 9:30 a.m. Quarterly Meeting
Susan Hack
“Past, Present and Future of
the US Censuses”
- March 15 at 9:30 a.m. Amy Harmon - Librarian
at HLHS
“Searching Blogs for
Genealogical Information”
- April 5 at 9:30 a.m. John Franklin, HGSG member
“Transportation History: From
Foot to Flight”
- April 14-16 O.G.S. State Conference
Cincinnati, OH
- April 25-26 Field Trip to National Archives
Washington, DC