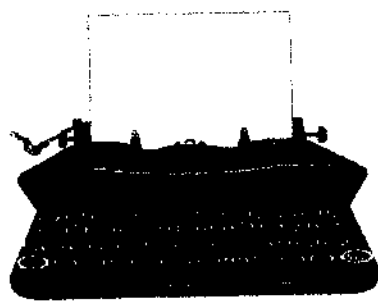


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## President's Corner

Welcome to the new Year!  
Glad we all made it  
through the uneventful  
Y2K.

As new Officers of the  
Society, we hope that we  
can bring new excitement  
and activities to the  
Society.

With new blood comes  
new ideas, and with the  
help of our membership  
we can become more  
active in our communities  
by participating in the  
projects that I am  
proposing for the coming  
new Year.

A letter of encouragement  
is being sent out to all  
members, past and  
present, with dues not  
paid as of January 31,  
2000.

I would like to see an  
increase in membership  
this year.

The pioneer cemeteries of  
our counties tell many  
stories of the people who  
settled in our areas. Not  
only birth and death, but

lived and worked. I found  
a stone in the Hoverstock  
Cemetery that was a flat  
stone that had been hand  
carved, not pretty like the  
rest, but very crude  
lettering. I am an avid  
worker for preservation  
and restoration of the  
Pioneer Cemeteries in  
Wells and Blackford  
Counties. I will be asking  
for your assistance in  
clearing and restoring the  
pioneer cemeteries of the  
counties.

As genealogists it is OUR  
duty to preserve this vital  
part of our records.  
I hope to have a full  
docket of Committee  
members soon. If you  
have an interest in an area  
please let me know.  
There is need for  
information for the  
newsletter. Family trees,  
articles of history  
connecting to genealogy.



This are our queries sent in to us via  
 INWELLS-L@rootsweb.com  
 INBLACKF-L@rootsweb.com  
 Can anyone help fill in these puzzles?  
 Thank you!

Q: Besides Marion in Grant County, did the Indiana Truck Company have other locations? Or does anyone have any information on the Charles Everett Harvey family? (Wells County)  
 Mary Ellen Wexler e-mail: mewexler@buffnet.net

Q. Looking for the family of James Garfield Hartley from Keystone, James had a brother Greenup and Thomas, also a sister Abbie Reed. (Wells County)  
 Jackie Hartley e-mail: jacksteria@yahoo.com

111 Bellevemon Avenue, Greenville, Ohio 45331

Q. Looking for death and burial of James Barton, last known residence was Hartford City. Wife Mary Ann (Sprowl) Barton is buried in IOOF cemetery in Hartford City. (Blackford County)

Charlotte Sellers e-mail: csellers@hsonline.net  
 439 East 100 South, Brownstown, Indiana 47220

## Calendar of Events Poetry to Share

Meetings are bi-monthly,  
 third Saturday at 10am.

Meeting January 15, 2000  
 held at Montpelier, Indiana  
 Community Building.

Meeting March 18, 2000  
 held at Bluffton, Indiana  
 Library.

Meeting May 20, 2000  
 held at Montpelier, Indiana  
 Community Building.

Meeting July 15, 2000  
 held at Bluffton, Indiana  
 Library.

Meeting September 16,  
 2000  
 held at Montpelier, Indiana  
 Community Building.

Meeting November 18, 2000  
 held at Bluffton, Indiana  
 Library.

### ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa,  
 Don't bring me new  
 dishes, I don't need a  
 new kind of game.  
 Genealogists have  
 peculiar wishes for  
 Christmas, I just want  
 a surname.

A new washing  
 machine would be  
 great, but it's not the  
 desire of my life. I've  
 just found an  
 ancestor's birth date;  
 What I need now is  
 the name of his wife.

My heart doesn't  
 yearn for a ring, that  
 would put a real  
 diamond to shame.  
 What I want is a much  
 cheaper thing: Please  
 give me Mary's last

name.

To see my heart singing  
 with joy, don't bring me a  
 red leather suitcase, bring  
 me a genealogist's toy; A  
 surname with dates and a  
 place.

--Author Unknown--

Sent in by: Mel Schwartz  
 Orangevale, California

## Comings and Goings

Two words that are  
 sometimes confused are  
 "Emigrant" and "Immigrant."  
 To *Migrate* means "to move  
 from one place to another."  
 To *Emigrate* means "to  
 leave their country  
 permanently and live  
 somewhere else."  
 To *Immigrate* means "to  
 arrive from another land,  
 hoping to make their new  
 home in a new country."

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Can we help these people find their missing relatives?

Please read the queries below and see if you can help open some doors for people out of the area. A tiny morsel is better than no information at all.

Q: Seeking parents of Moses DAVISON and his wife Hannah Elizabeth Ann MOSS. Resided in Ossian, Jefferson Township, Indiana by 1847. (Wells County)  
Virginia Braun e-mail: VABraun@aol.com

7611 Carrousel, Westland, Michigan 48185-2478

Q: Looking for families of: Virgil Brown and wife Lochia Hahn, Hubert Winterrowd and wife Clara Hahn, and Elmer Swartzkoph and wife Pearl Ledbetter. (Blackford County)

Richard Rice e-mail: Atlaspc12@aol.com  
14 Traders Way, Nashua, New Hampshire 03064

Q: Looking for Emery COVAULT and his brother Dory NEWTON. Emery was born in 1863, possibly Blackford County. Any help appreciated.

Jan McBride e-mail: loujanm@iserv.net  
4632 134th Avenue, Hamilton, Michigan 49419

Q. Any information on Jerry Wood/Lelia B. (Wise) Whetsel or other spouse Charlie Brown. (Blackford County)

Su Link e-mail: sulink@zoomnet.net  
508 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wellston, Ohio 45692

## Minutes from November Meeting

President Lynn Elliott opened the November Meeting held at the library in Bluffton, Indiana.

The secretary's report of the September meeting was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

### Committee's reporting:

Publicity-none

Education-none

Membership-Has renewals and one new member.

Historian-none

By-Laws-none

Cemetery-Connie Brubaker told of Zanesville cemetery where many gravestones had been removed and placed in a pile. The custodian brought them out so they could be read and put in a new place. She also reported that the Jones cemetery south of Zanesville is also a mess.

Lynn Elliott reported of an article on the Geneva cemetery.

Lynn has arranged for meetings in 2000 to be held at the Bluffton, Indiana library and in the Community Building at Montpelier, Indiana.

Voting was held. Since no nominations were recieved from the floor, the following people, who were nominated, were elected to serve in 2000.

President-Connie Brubaker  
Vice President-Molly Quinn Kendall  
Secretary-Blanche Bennett  
Treasurer-Ruth Potts

Jane Winder reported that the Blackford County Historical Society had recieved an \$80,000 Eli Lilly grant to restore their building.

Orville Uggen of the Blackford Civil War Re-enactment Club gave a program concerning how his wife became

naturalized. She was born in Checkoslovakia. Her mother was German and her father was Check, and was a prisoner of war until 1950. Orville met his wife in 1963. Her parents had lost everything and were deported to Germany. In order to be a naturalized American citizen, his wife had to go to Indianapolis for an application for naturalization. She also had to send a check for \$125 for the application and finger printing. Three months later she went back for the interview, taking her marriage certificate and passport with her. She had to answer many questions. Three more months later she went to Lafayette, Indiana for the swearing in ceremony. The whole process took about one year. The ceremony took about an hour for 80 people. Mr. Uggen showed a shortened video that he had taken of the ceremony.

Lynn told of how much the children learned at the Blackford County Civil War



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Q: Looking for information on Ross Allen and his daughter Blanche (Allen) Zent. Ross born in Wells County about 1860-1870. Blanche born about 1888. Any info appreciated.

Paul Allen e-mail: pallen@azstarnet.com

3001 S. Marc Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85730

Q: Looking for family of Anna Geisel, married to Jacob Baumgartner, lived later years in Harrison Township, Wells County. She died there in 1922, born in Switzerland. Any information greatly appreciated.

Mel Schwartz e-mail: schwartz@jps.net

8863 Greenback Lane #168, Orangevale, California 95662-4059

Q: Looking for information on Harley Clarence Gaskill, born 1903 Montpelier, Indiana. Son of Jenny Chenoweth and rumored father, Thomas Gaskill. (Blackford County)

Lori Beckett Pownall e-mail: ladydruid@bigfoot.com

1319 Stillwater Court, Newport News, Virginia 23602

## November Minutes continued

Re-enactment, on their day at the re-enactment, presented by the Re-enactment Club.

Lucille Henley and others have completed a list of 1000 Civil War soldiers who lived in, or enlisted in Blackford County, Indiana.

The next Meeting will be held in the Community Building, at Montpelier, Indiana on January 15, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,  
Blanche Bennett  
Secretary

## Where are they from ???

*African-Americans:* Southeast; later, bigger cities of mid-Atlantic and mid western states.

*Arab-Americans:* New York; Los Angeles; Detroit.

*Armenians:* New York; Massachusetts; Rhode Island; California.

*Basques:* Nevada; Southeast

*Oregon;* Southwest Idaho.

*Belgians:* Detroit; Eastern Wisconsin.

*Chinese:* San Francisco; Los Angeles; New York City; Honolulu.

*Cubans:* Miami and South Florida; New York City area.

*Czechs and Slovaks:* Prairie areas of Wisconsin, Nebraska and Texas; Urban areas of New York, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

*Dominicans:* New York City; Chicago; Massachusetts and Florida.

*Dutch:* Hudson Valley, New York and New Jersey coast; later California and Michigan, especially Grand Rapids and Holland.

*English:* Atlantic seaboard, north and south.

*Filipinos:* San Francisco; Los Angeles; Seattle.

*Finnish:* Midwest,

especially Michigan and Minnesota; California and New York.

*French Canadians:* Mill and French towns of New England.  
*French Huguenots:* South Carolina; New Rochelle, New York; Rhode Island.

*Germans:* Northeast; Midwest, especially Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

*Greeks:* Northeastern and Midwestern cities, particularly New York and Chicago.

*Haitians:* New York City.

*Hungarians:* Pennsylvania; Industrial Midwestern Cities like Chicago, Akron, Toledo, Milwaukee and Detroit.

*Indians (from India):* New York; California.

*Irish:* Northeastern Big Cities, especially New York and Boston.

*Italians:* Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic Cities, especially New York and Philadelphia; California.

*Japanese:* Hawaii; California; Washington; Oregon.

*Koreans:* California; New York; Hawaii; Washington.

## Where are they from ???

**Mexicans:** California; Texas;

Arizona; New Mexico.

**Norwegians:** Midwest,

especially rural areas.

**Poles:** Midwestern Cities,

especially Chicago, Cleveland,

Pittsburgh and Buffalo.

**Portuguese:** New England

States, especially

Massachusetts; New Jersey.

**Russians:** New York;

Pennsylvania; Illinois; New

England.

**Russian (Eastern European)**

**Jews:** East Coast Cities, with a

concentration in the New York

City area.

**Swedes:** New York State;

Minnesota; Illinois; Washington;

California.

**Swiss:** California's famous Swiss

Colony; Northern and Central

Ohio.

**Welsh:** Mining towns in

Pennsylvania and Ohio.

*Where is your family from???*

*Did you find them here??*

*Hope this will help in your search!!*

## Latest Scams

If you have been surfing the web lately, you have most likely noticed the explosion of genealogical activity and resources. So, it probably comes as no surprise that surname and heraldry products have followed the genealogist to the Internet.

### Surname Books

Of all the companies that sell these sorts of products *Halberts* seems to be the best known by genealogists on or off the web. This is most likely due to their aggressive direct mail marketing. A search for *Halberts* in the 1998 Archives of the Roots-L Mailing List <searches.rootsweb.com/roots-l.html> found thirty-four messages about *Halberts*, ranging from inquiries about the legitimacy and usefulness

of their products to scathing reviews of those very products.

*Halberts*, which was started in 1969 and uses an address in Bath, Ohio, markets surname books through direct mail promotions. Among their products are "The World Book of (your surname)" and the newer "Millenium Book of (your surname)". The books are advertised on the internet at <www.halberts.com> as containing "statistical information about surnames, their origins and meanings, early immigrants with a specific surname, place names, informative chapters about European emigration to the new world, listings of deceased persons whose births date back to the 1800's, listings of names and addresses of living persons with the same surnames, US census information from 1790 through 1910, the Soundex of specific surnames" and more. *Halberts* has been under two cease and desist orders from the Postal Service issued in 1985 and 1995 not to represent their products "as pertaining to a particular family". In 1998, as a result of continued NGS efforts, the Postal Service issued yet another order against *Halberts*. In addition, *Halberts* was to include a disclaimer in all advertising for surname related products stating that, "No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended". In all fairness, the web site does offer the following: "While

*Halberts* heritage books provide information about surnames, they do not trace individual lineage or provide family genealogies. Heritage books do, however, give individuals a starting point for their own research".

A family historian who doesn't know about *Halberts* previous track record could certainly be tempted into ordering a book including the wonderful things advertised above. However, things are still not what they might seem. For example, the listing of deceased persons whose births date back to the late 1800's is taken from the Social Security Death Index. This index is available on the internet for NO CHARGE on at least two sites:

<www.ancestry.com>

<www.familytreemaker.com>

The listing of names and addresses of persons with the same surname are similar to phone book listings. Many purchasers of these books have complained that the listings are neither current nor complete. This information can be found both on the internet and at many libraries at NO CHARGE. Thus much of what is in *Halberts* books is readily available at NO CHARGE from other sources.

### Family Name Histories

Another popular product on the internet is one page "surname histories" which are also called "family name histories". They are often sold with coats of arms and are marketed at many different web sites. The surname histories at one web site <www.houseofnames.com/books.html> got the following billing: "History Records: Dates back to the 11th and 12th Centuries, Country of Origin, Culture of Origin, Variation in Spelling and/or Name Changes, How the Family Developed within the Country of Origin, Castles, Titles, Knighthoods, Real Estate and Manors, Earliest

## Latest Scams cont'd

Registered names, Ancient Family Coat of Arms, Family Motto or War Cry (if any) and Earliest Immigrants to North and South America. Family histories are essential in discovering your roots and family background". Unfortunately, these are not truly histories of a family and will be of little help in discovering your roots. They are most often the history of a geographical area where people of that particular surname resided at an early date and contain only general information about the surname. The family Coat of Arms that are sold along with the surname histories can be found on a wide variety of merchandise ranging from framed and unframed prints, rings, mouse pads, stained glass, mugs, key chains, swords, sweatshirts and more. A Coat of Arms does not belong to or represent all persons of a certain surname. A Coat of Arms is actually granted to an individual who is the owner of that Coat of Arms. They are considered real property and are inherited by the male members of that particular family. So while a Coat of Arms may be interesting, be aware that unless you can prove descent in the male line from the man to whom the Coat of Arms was first granted, it is NOT yours. To learn more about Coat of Arms, try the heraldry links at [www.CyndisList.com/heraldry.htm](http://www.CyndisList.com/heraldry.htm) To report something questionable on the web, check the Genealogical Web Site Watchdog at [www.ancestordetective.com/watchdog.htm](http://www.ancestordetective.com/watchdog.htm). This excellent web site is owned by former NGS secretary, Elizabeth Kelly Kerstens, CGRS. The Watchdog Web Site, which includes much

more than just surname products, maintains a list of web sites that contain misleading or inaccurate genealogical information. In addition, the site refers the reader to more accurate sources of information and sites to educate yourself about the issues presented.

The US Postal Inspection Service will investigate any company that uses the US mails to misrepresent mass-produced surname books or coats of arms. If you receive a solicitation that you believe misrepresents the product being offered, write to the Consumer Protection Division, describing the ways in which that company has engaged in false advertising. If you don't have time to write, simply replace the contents in the envelope, reseal it and cross out your name and address. Then forward it to:

US Postal Inspection Service  
Consumer Protection Division  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
Washington, DC  
20260-1100

Tell the Consumer Protection Committee also at:  
4527 17th Street North  
Arlington, VA  
22207-2399  
or e-mail us at  
[ngs@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:ngs@ngsgenealogy.org).

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## Old Time Illnesses

**Ablepsy:** Blindness  
**Ague:** Malarial Fever  
**American Plague:** Yellow Fever  
**Anasarca:** generalized massive edema  
**Aphonia:** Laryngitis  
**Aptha:** The infant disease "thrush"  
**Apoplexy:** Paralysis due to stroke  
**Asphyxia/Asphyxia:** Cyanotic and lack of oxygen  
**Atrophy:** Wasting away or diminishing in size  
**Bad Blood:** Syphilis  
**Bilious Fever:** typhoid, malaria, hepatitis or elevated temperature and bile emesis  
**Biliousness:** Jaundice associated with liver disease  
**Black Plague:** 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 Throat:** Diphtheria (seen on death certificates)  
**Blood Poisoning:** Bacterial infection; Septicemia  
**Bloody Flux:** Bloody stools  
**Bloody Sweat:** Sweating sickness  
**Bone Shave:** Sciatica  
**Brain Fever:** Meningitis  
**Breakbone:** Dengue fever  
**Bright's Disease:** Chronic inflammatory disease of kidneys  
**Bronze John:** Yellow fever  
**Bule:** Boil, tumor or swelling  
**Cachexy:** Malnutrition  
**Cacogastric:** Upset stomach  
**Caduceus:** Subject to falling sickness or epilepsy  
**Camp Fever:** Typhus; aka Camp diarrhea  
**Canine Madness:** Rabies, hydrophobia

## Oldtime illnesses cont'd

- Canker:** Ulceration of mouth, lips, or herpes simplex
- Catalepsy:** Seizures/trances
- Catarrhal:** Nose and throat discharge from cold or allergy
- Cerebritis:** inflammation of cerebrum or lead poisoning
- Chilblain:** Swelling of extremities caused by expose to cold
- Child Bed Fever:** Infection following the birth of a child
- Chin Cough:** Whooping Cough
- 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.
- Cholecystitis:** inflammation of the gall bladder
- Cholelithiasis:** Gall stones
- Chorea:** Disease characterized by convulsions, contortions and dancing
- Cold Plague:** Ague which is characterized by chills
- Colic:** An abdominal cramping
- Congestive Chills:** Malaria
- Consumption:** Tuberculosis
- Congestion:** Any collection of fluid in an organ, like the lungs
- Congestive Chills:** Malaria with diarrhea
- Congestive Fever:** Malaria
- Corruption:** Infection
- Coryza:** A cold
- Costiveness:** Constipation
- Cramp Colic:** Appendicitis
- Crop Sickness:** Overextended stomach
- Croup:** Laryngitis, diphtheria, or strep throat
- Cyanosis:** Dark skin color from lack of oxygen in blood
- Cynanche:** Disease of throat
- Cystitis:** Inflammation of the bladder
- Day Fever:** Fever lasting one day; sweating sickness
- Debility:** Lack of movement or staying in bed
- Decreptitude:** Feebleness due to old age
- Delirium Tremens:** Hallucinations due to alcoholism
- Dengue:** Infectious fever endemic to East Africa
- Dentition:** Cutting of teeth
- Deplumation:** Tumor of the eyelids which causes hair loss
- Diary Fever:** A fever that lasts one day
- Diphtheria:** Contagious disease of the throat
- Distemper:** Usually animal disease with malaise, discharge from nose and throat, anorexia
- Dock Fever:** Yellow fever
- Dropsy:** Edema (swelling), often caused by kidney or heart disease
- Dropsy of the Brain:** Encephalitis
- Dry Bellyache:** Lead poisoning
- Dyscrasy:** An abnormal body condition
- Dysentery:** Inflammation of colon with frequent passage of mucous and blood
- Dysorexy:** Reduced appetite
- Dyspepsia:** Indigestion and heartburn. Heart attack symptoms
- Dysury:** Difficulty in urination
- Eclampsy:** Symptoms of epilepsy or convulsions during labor
- Ecstasy:** A form of catalepsy
- Edema:** Nephrosis; swelling of tissues
- Edema of Lungs:** Congestive heart failure, a form of dropsy
- Eel Thing:** Erysipelas
- Elephantiasis:** A form of leprosy
- Encephalitis:** Swelling of the brain; aka sleeping sickness
- Enteric Fever:** Typhoid fever
- Enterocolitis:** Inflammation of the intestines
- Enteritis:** Inflammations 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
- Fatty Liver:** Cirrhosis of liver
- Fits:** Sudden attack of seizure of muscle activity
- Flux:** An excessive flow or discharge of fluid like hemorrhage or diarrhea
- Flux of Humour:** Circulation
- French Pox:** Syphilis
- Gathering:** A collection of pus
- Glandular Fever:** Mononucleosis
- Great Pox:** Syphilis
- Green Fever/Sickness:** Anemia
- Grippe/Grip:** 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
- Heat Stroke:** Body temperature elevates because of surrounding environment temperature and body does not perspire to reduce temperature. Coma and death result if not reversed
- Hectical Complaint:** Recurrent fever
- Hematemesis:** Vomiting blood
- Hematuria:** Bloody urine
- Hemiplegy:** Paralysis of one side of body
- 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

## Old Time Illnesses cont'd

**Infantile Paralysis:** Polio  
**Intestinal Colic:** Abdominal pain due to bad diet  
**Jail Fever:** Typhus  
**Jaundice:** Condition caused by blockage of intestines  
**King's Evil:** Tuberculosis of neck and lymph glands  
**Kruchhusten:** Whooping Cough  
**Lagrippe:** Influenza  
**Lockjaw:** Tetanus or infectious disease affecting the muscles of the neck and jaw. Untreated, it is fatal in 8 days  
**Long Sickness:** Tuberculosis  
**Lues Disease:** Syphilis  
**Lues Venerea:** Venereal disease  
**Lumbago:** Back pain  
**Lung Fever:** Pneumonia  
**Lung Sickness:** Tuberculosis  
**Lying In:** Time of delivery of infant  
**Malignant Sore Throat:** Diphtheria  
**Mania:** Insanity  
**Marasmus:** Progressive wasting away of body, like malnutrition  
**Membranous Croup:** Diphtheria  
**Meningitis:** Inflammations of brain or spinal cord  
**Metritis:** Inflammation of uterus or purulent vaginal discharge  
**Miasma:** Poisonous vapors thought to infect the air  
**Milk Fever:** Disease from drinking contaminated milk  
**Milk Leg:** Post partum thrombophlebitis  
**Milk Sickness:** Disease from milk of cattle which had eaten poisonous weeds  
**Mormal:** Gangrene  
**Morphew:** Scurvy blisters on the body  
**Mortification:** Gangrene of necrotic tissue  
**Myelitis:** Inflammation of the spine  
**Myocarditis:** Inflammation of heart muscles  
**Necrosis:** Mortification of bones or tissue  
**Nephrosis:** Kidney degeneration  
**Nepritis:** Inflammation of

kidneys  
**Nervous Prostration:** Extreme exhaustion from inability to control physical and mental activities  
**Neuralgia:** Described as discomfort, such as "Headache" was neuralgia in head  
**Nostalgia:** Homesickness  
**Palsy:** Paralysis or uncontrolled movement of controlled muscles. It was listed as "Cause of death"  
**Paroxysm:** Convulsion  
**Pemphigus:** Skin disease of watery blisters  
**Pericarditis:** Inflammation of heart  
**Peripneumonia:** Inflammation of lungs  
**Peritonitis:** Inflammation of abdominal area  
**Petechial Fever:** Fever characterized by skin spotting  
**Phthiriasis:** Lice infestation  
**Phthisis:** Chronic wasting away or a name for tuberculosis  
**Plague:** An acute febrile highly infectious disease with a high fatality rate  
**Pleurisy:** Any pain in the chest area with each breath  
**Podagra:** Gout  
**PolioPotter's Asthma:** Fibroid phthisis  
**Pott's Disease:** Tuberculosis of spine  
**Puerperal Exhaustion:** Death due to child birth  
**Puerperal Fever:** Elevated temperature after giving birth to an infant  
**Puking Fever:** Milk sickness  
**Putrid Fever:** Diphtheria  
**Quinsy:** Tonsillitis  
**Remitting Fever:** Malaria  
**Rheumatism:** Any disorder associated with pain in joints  
**Rickets:** Disease of

skeletal system  
**Rose Cold:** Hay fever or nasal symptoms of an allergy  
**Rotanny Fever:** (Child's disease)???  
**Rubeola:** German measles  
**Sanguineous Crust:** Scab  
**Scarlatina:** Scarlet fever  
**Scarlet Fever:** A disease characterized by red rash  
**Scarlet Rash:** Roseola  
**Sciatica:** Rheumatism in the hips  
**Scirrhus:** Cancerous tumors  
**Scotomy:** Dizziness, nausea and dimness of sight  
**Scrivener's Palsy:** Writers cramp  
**Screws:** Rheumatism  
**Scrofula:** Tuberculosis of neck lymph glands. Progresses slowly with abscesses and pustulas develop. Young persons disease  
**Scrumptox:** Skin disease, impetigo  
**Scurvy:** Lack of vitamin C. Symptoms of weakness, spongy gums and hemorrhages under skin  
**Septicemia:** Blood poisoning  
**Shakes:** Delirium tremens  
**Shaking:** Chills, ague  
**Shingles:** Viral disease with skin blisters  
**Ship Fever:** Typhus  
**Sirlasis:** Inflammation of the brain due to sun exposure  
**Sloes:** Milk sickness  
**Small Pox:** Contagious disease with fever and blisters  
**Softening of Brain:** Result of stroke or hemorrhage in the brain, with an end result of the tissue softening in that area  
**Sore Throat Distemper:** Diphtheria or quinsy  
**Spanish Influenza:** Epidemic influenza  
**Spasms:** Sudden involuntary contraction of muscle or group of muscles, like a convulsion  
**Spina Bifida:** Deformity of spine  
**Spotted Fever:** Either typhus or meningitis  
**Sprue:** Tropical disease characterized by intestinal disorders and sore throat



## Old Time Illnesses cont'd

**St. Anthony's Fire:** Also erysipelas, but named so because of affected skin areas are bright red in appearance  
**St. Vitas Dance:** Ceaseless occurrence of rapid complex jerking movements performed involuntary  
**Stomatitus:** Inflammation of the mouth  
**Stranger's Fever:** Yellow fever  
**Strangery:** Rupture  
**Sudor Anglicus:** Sweating sickness  
**Summer Complaint:** Diarrhea, usually in infants caused by spoiled milk  
**Sunstroke:** Uncontrolled elevation of body temperature due to environment heat. Lack of sodium in the body predisposing cause  
**Swamp Sickness:** Could be malaria, typhoid or encephalitis  
**Sweating Sickness:** Infectious and fatal disease common to UK in 15th century  
**Tetanus:** Infectious fever characterized by high fever, headache and dizziness  
**Thrombosis:** Blood clot inside blood vessel  
**Thrush:** Childhood disease characterized by spots on mouth, lips and throat  
**Tick Fever:** Rocky mountain spotted fever  
**Toxemia:** Eclampsia  
**Trench Mouth:** Painful ulcers found along gum line, caused by poor nutrition and poor hygiene  
**Tussis Convulsiva:** Whooping Cough  
**Typhus:** Infectious fever characterized by high fever, headache, and dizziness  
**Variola:** Smallpox  
**Venesection:** Bleeding  
**Viper's Dance:** St. Vitas Dance  
**Water on Brain:** Enlarged head  
**White Swelling:** Tuberculosis of the bone  
**Winter Fever:** Pneumonia  
**Womb Fever:** Infection of the uterus  
**Worm Fit:** Convulsions associated with teething.

worms, elevated temperature or diarrhea  
**Yellowjacket:** Yellow fever

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## Tributes to our lost ones of 1999

### MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below.

With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear.

For I am spending my first Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas Chior up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring.

For it is beyond description, to hear the Angels sing.

I know how much you miss me.

I see the pain inside your heart.

But I am not so far away.

We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me dear ones.

You know I hold you

dear.

And be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.

I send you each a memory of my undying love.

After all "love" is a gift, more precious than pure gold.

It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do.

For I can't count the blessing or love he has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

*Author Unknown*



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