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The April 2007 speaker for PCGS is Scott Black. He provided a very interesting presentation on the 3 Trilby cemeteries and a brief history of the Trilby community.
Submitted by Kelly Jewett



The story board for the April 2007 meeting was prepared by Juanita Reek. It pertained to Royalty. There was also a large display of photos of Trilby supplied by the guest speaker, Scott Black.
Submitted by Kelly Jewett

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for items to be included in the next issue is July 10, 2007. Please feel free to send your submissions any time between now and the deadline. Early is excellent; deadline is great!

New Summer Hours Announced

by Virginia Britten

Summer closings at the LDS Family History Center have been announced. Starting June, the library will be open every other week. Here are the weeks closed: June 11 thru 16; June 25 thru June 29; July 2 thru 7; July 16 thru 21; August 6 thru 14, and August 20 thru 25.

New library volunteers are wanted to be trained before the Fall season starts. Summer is a good time to become acquainted with the duties of a volunteer. It is very important to help new family seekers to do research. Plan now to share your researching skills with the public. ❖

A GIANT THANK YOU

To all who came to my rescue when I was staring at all these blank pages - Don Merrill, Connie Delaney, Tom Santa Cruz and especially Virginia Britten who overwhelmed me with a mountain of articles in immediate response to my cry for help. What a fantastic group of members we have! Thank you so very much and also to the members who had already observed the deadline with their submissions.

From the desk of the President

As I thought about all our northern members returning home for the summer, my thought shifted to summer research trips. Preparing for a research trip is the thing that makes or brakes what you find and that's what I'd like to talk a little about in this article.

"How to Prepare for a Research Trip"

We should all have a method of preparation for a research trip. If you have one that works for you that's great, don't change it. However, if you don't have a preparation method then the following one that I use may be the one that will work for you.

First get a one inch three ring binder. Then get a pack of tabbed dividers and place them in the binder. Find the person that you would like to find information on and create a four generation pedigree chart and place it in the front of the binder. A four generation pedigree chart has fifteen numbers for fifteen ancestors so you will need to number the dividers from one to fifteen, one for each ancestor.

Now go to person number one on your pedigree chart and look at all the information you have on that person. Get a sheet of paper and start a reference sheet of the information you need to find on this person (that is, create a profile). For instance, add their name, date, and/or place of birth, and so forth.

After you've written all the vital information you need for the person, proceed to census information. I like to make notes for myself so I can quickly see where the person might be during a particular census year. Say I have an ancestor named Martin Coffey born 1847 and died 1900. I would make a note for each census year telling where he should show up on 1850-1900. For instance, in the 1850 census, I'd note with parents, 1860 with parents, 1870 if not with parents may be married and so on. Once I have all the information on this person listed I go to person number two on the pedigree chart until all fifteen names are finished.

After all of my profiles are complete, I place a research sheet in each section so I can write down what I find and where I found it. Using this method means I always have the sheets with me no matter where I go and I don't worry about forgetting them at home. I'm not spinning my wheels looking at the same thing time and time again. I also place a clear sheet protector in each section to hold any documents or copies I may find.

This binder can be used on each trip you go on over and over again. You can make others for more people that you need information on and always be on top of your research without having to go through your program looking at what you do and do not have on a person.

If you start your first research book with your parents, you will be able to work back without missing a beat for anyone in your direct line.

Have fun this summer. I hope all of you make some great finds.

Happy Hunting

Cathy

New Irish Research Source

by Virginia Britten

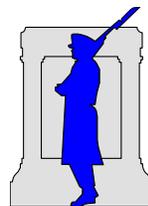
A new online source for Irish maps has been announced in the current edition of the "New England Ancestors" by New England Historic Genealogy Society, Winter 2007, Vol 8, No 1 "This mapping system, available at www.irishhistoricmaps.ie may well revolutionize the way many Irish-Americans piece together their family history." stated the government agency Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi) as they announced this project. One can access land grids, and plots of ancestral holdings by county, townland, or civil parish. It is a paid site, but inexpensive for about \$6.40 per day (five Euros) and provides a step by step guide. Not all are available just yet, but currently 26 counties of the Republic of Ireland are online in their entirety. Another web source to check out if you are searching Ireland. ❖

New in the Library

by Connie Delaney

Copies of various newsletters and other periodicals have been donated by some of our members. There are newsletters from Kentucky, Connecticut, Vermont, West Virginia, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, as well as one for Irish-Americans donated by Maryann Balbach.

In addition, Don Merrill donated *Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide*, Jan Beattie donated several books about Rhode Island, and Pam Treme donated *Early Ohioans Residences from the Land Grant Records*.



PCGS UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no meetings in June, July or August. Have a great summer and we'll see you in September. Check the August issue for our fall meetings.



OUT OF AREA EVENTS

June 22 & 23-A German Research Program in NYC at the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society in conjunction with the German Genealogy Group will present a two-day program covering both the early German immigrants of the eighteenth century (the Palatines) and those who arrived in the mid-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr. will be the keynote speaker. Also providing presentations will be Dr. Richard Haberstroh and Meldon Wolfgang III, well-respected German authorities. For more details and reduced rate hotels, visit the NYG&B website at: www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=137.

Ed. Note: There is a \$50 difference between member & non-member rates for this program. If you are not a member of either NYG&B or the German Genealogy Group, it would be well worth joining the GGG before registering for this event.

(I can be reached at 813-973-1006 if you need information about joining the GGG)

Be sure to check the National Genealogical Society's web page at: www.NGSgenealogy.org for reunions, seminars and other events in the states you will be visiting. ❖

World Vital Records to be Free at all 3,400 Family History Centers!

Submitted by Virginia Britten

You win some and you lose some. That seems to be the life we live. A month or so ago, we found out that Ancestry.com, clearly the leader in online genealogical data, decided that they could no longer allow the Family History Library and its worldwide Centers free access to their data. So many genealogists lost on that one.

Now I have it on good authority that genealogists just won one. Paul Allen (one of the founders of MyFamily.com), and his World Vital Records.

Article from Genealogy Blog - <http://genealogyblog.com> Link to article: <http://genealogyblog.com/family-history-library/world-vital-records-to-be-free-at-all-3400-family-history-centers-5937> ❖

FGS Asks for Help On 2007 Project

by Virginia Britten

In the latest edition of the Federation of Genealogical Societies "FORUM", President Wendy Bebout Elliott is asking for our help in researching a new project. During the New Deal, the Civilian Conservation Corps, aka CCC, restored thousands of historic structures, moved and planted billions of trees and bushes, built museums, lodges, libraries, and lookout towers among other things. A nationwide 75th "New Deal" commemoration is being planned for 2008 and it will include all New Deal projects from 1933 thru 1943.

One way our society can help is for its members to identify any New Deal building or fine arts from that era. The FGS is appealing all their member societies (of which we are one) to identify local buildings that were built by CCC. "I bet that everyone reading this knows of at least one building in their hometown that originated with a New Deal project," says Wendy Elliott. If you want to know more about how you can help with this new project or can send information, please contact: newdeal@cybermesa.com or www.newdeal75.org or write Kathy Flynn, Executive Director, at P.O. Box 602, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

So we are asking all PCGS members to search their locales to find at least one historic CCC building or restoration. How about it Dade City, or Zephyrhills, what do we have? ❖

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Chandler
Barbara Debus
Debra Fleming



SPECIAL CHARACTERS

Submitted by Don Merrill

Occasionally, if our research is in Germany or other countries which use the "umlaut" or other special characters, we may want to use them in our family history writings or in our genealogy programs entries. The following article appeared in "RootsWeb Review, 18 April 2007. It is reprinted here as a reminder that we can quite easily insert these characters anytime when using our home computer. Don

Umlauts, Acutes, and Accents:

Using Character Codes

By Mary Harrell-Sesniak

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One of the difficulties with genealogy is entering symbols and characters that are not available on a standard keyboard. A prime example is a name that requires an accent, such as René. Many people don't know what key to press after typing "Ren," but luckily there is an easy solution. Every character on the keyboard has a numeric code (number) assigned to it, and characters that aren't on the keyboard have their own assignments. For example, the capital letter X is assigned to ALT + 088 and Y to ALT + 089. The é that is needed to type René is assigned to ALT + 0233. Luckily we don't need to use the ALT + 088 sequences to type X into a program such as a word processor, but you will need it for the é.

ALT + indicates that you need to hold the ALT key down, and without releasing it, press the assigned numbers on the numeric keypad, one by one. If a code starts with a leading zero, you will need to include it. Don't use the number keys at the top of the keyboard; use of the number keypad is required. These have different codes assigned to them. [Ed note: You may be out of luck if you are using a notebook computer, unless you purchase an external number pad with USB input, which costs in the range of \$20.]

I recommend using your left hand to hold down the ALT key while your right hand types the desired number. Release both when through. Thankfully, RootsWeb.com provides an excellent chart so you will not have to remember the codes. It is called the Character Codes of Umlauted Vowels and Symbols. To view the chart, go to <helpdesk.rootsweb.com/codes/vowels.html> or follow these steps:

1. Go to www.rootsweb.com
2. Click the FAQs & Help-Related Resources link (under the Help menu)
3. Click the Character Codes link (under Codes and Abbreviations)

Here are a few characters that are not included in the chart that you may find useful:

£ - Alt + 0163 (or 156)

1/4 - Alt + 0188

1/2 - Alt + 0189

3/4 - Alt + 0190

These character codes work in WorldConnect, the RootsWeb Surname List (RSL), the Surname Helper, and message boards, along with other commonly used genealogy and word processing programs. In most Microsoft products you can also insert special characters by going to the "Insert" menu and selecting "Symbol."

When using a computer with Windows, you can also insert special characters by copying and pasting them from a character map. To access a character map in Windows, click the Windows "Start" menu in the bottom left-hand side of the screen, then select "All Programs." Select "Accessories," then "System Tools," and then "Character Map." [Ed note: If "Character Map is not on the System Tools menu, it might be necessary to download an update from Microsoft.]

If using a Macintosh operating system, you can access a character palette in Finder by clicking "Edit" on the main menu, then "Special Characters". You can copy and paste characters from the palette.

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**Happy
Mother's
Day**

**Happy
Father's
Day**

The Frugal Housewife in the 19th Century

Submitted by Connie Delaney

The true economy of housekeeping is simply the art of gathering up all the fragments, so that nothing be lost. I mean fragments of *time*, as well as *materials*. Nothing should be thrown away so long as it is possible to make any use of it, however trifling that use may be; and whatever be the size of a family, every member should be employed either in earning or saving money.

“Time is money” For this reason, cheap as stockings are, it is good economy to knit them. Cotton and woolen yarn are both cheap; hose that are knit wear twice as long as woven ones; and they can be done at odd minutes of time, which would not be otherwise employed. Where there are children, or aged people, it is sufficient to recommend knitting, that it is an *employment*.

In this point of view, patchwork is good economy. It is indeed a foolish waste of time to tear cloth into bits for the sake of arranging it anew in fantastic figures; but a large family may be kept out of idleness, and a few shillings saved, by thus using scraps of gowns, curtains, &c. In the country, where grain is raised, it is a good plan to teach children to prepare and braid straw for their own bonnets, and their brothers’ hats.

Where turkeys and geese are kept, handsome feather fans may as well be made by the younger members of a family, as to be bought. The sooner children are taught to turn the faculties to some account, the better for them and their parents.

In this country, we are apt to let children romp away their existence, till they get to be thirteen or fourteen. This is not well. It is not well for the purses and patience of parents; and it has a still worse effect on the morals and habits of the children. Begin early is the great maxim for everything in education. A child of six years old can be made useful; and should be taught to consider every day lost in which some little thing has not been done to assist others.

Children can very early be taught to take all the care of their own clothes.

They can knit garters, suspenders and stockings; they can make patchwork and braid straw; they can make mats for the table, and mats for the floor; they can weed the garden, and pick strawberries from the meadow, to be carried to market.

Provided brothers and sister go together, and are not allowed to go with bad children, it is a great deal better for the boys and girls on a farm to be picking blackberries at six cents a quart, than to be wearing out their clothes in useless play. They enjoy themselves just as well; and they are earning something to buy clothes, at the same time they are wearing them.

-from The American Frugal Housewife by Mrs. Child, published in 1832, reprinted in 1965 ❖

A FEW WEB SITES

By Don Merrill

Genealogy magazines have improved tremendously in the last few years. They now take a role of teaching us how and where to research. Although some magazines have bitten the dust, others have sprung up, all with excellent articles on a wide variety of subjects. One of the very useful items in almost every issue of any magazine is a variety of useful web sites. Listed here are a sampling of the ones in recent issues:

<http://postalhistory.com> Click on “United States Post Offices” (in red) under the heading “Browse this site.” Jim Forte has assembled a listing of Post Offices which existed at some time in the past, or may still be in existence. Most states, are covered. Search by state and county.. From *Genealogical Helper*, July/Aug 2006, p.71. Also go to <http://www.everton.com/> and click on “Genealogy Links” in the free list on the left side of the main page.

<http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/archive.asp> Digital images of many military records from several wars and campaigns involving soldiers from Pennsylvania. From *Genealogical Helper*, July/Aug 2006.

State Censuses and Substitutes: The *Genealogical Helper*, July/Aug 2006 issue had an excellent 28-page article by William Dollarhide on these records for all fifty states. Most states had few, if any, recognized State Census, however, Bill has delved into the alternate sources for this type of information. Many web sites are listed, too many to include in this article.

http://soldierquest.org/essential_references.htm “The Essential References for Civil War research” web site gives the index and what is covered in the 128 volumes of government official records, both Union and Confederate. Other publications are indexed, and some can be viewed online. From *Family Chronicle* magazine, February 2007. Also see <http://www.familychronicle.com> for a listing of current issue and archived web sites. Also a free downloadable complete issue.

<http://www.genealogyatlas.com/index.htm> This “Genealogy Atlas” web site has many pre-1900 historic maps states of North America, which can be reviewed and printed on your own computer.

Large size professional copies on glossy paper can be ordered at various prices. The site also has several links to other helpful genealogy data sites. From *Internet Genealogy* magazine, March 2007.

<http://www.about.com> This site has a wealth of links to other sites, plus much “How-to” on the subject of genealogy. When you hit the site, enter the word “genealogy” (minus the quotes) in the search blank in the upper right corner of the main page. From *Internet Genealogy* magazine, Mar. 2007.

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The Early Trek Westward

(Part 5)

By George Varney

Military Records

The men and women called to serve their country in military duty are a source of pride to their families and to our nation. Now, with databases containing more than 16 million names and thousands of government records available to search, researching your veteran ancestors has become easier than ever before. In the Military Records Collection, you can find enlistment dates, learn about famous battles, locate gravesites of war veterans, and discover the unique details of military service that will help you chronicle the stories of the lives of those who served in the United States military. Even if you don't have direct ancestors who were in the military service, you can discover information about your family. Often fathers, siblings, or other family members may have served in the military and their records could contain information that will help in your research.

Types of Records

The Military Records Collection contains a variety of records. This section explains some of the types of records you might find:

Death Lists and Casualty Indexes - These records contain information on soldiers who were killed in action, or died from wounds received in military service.

Draft Records - These records contain information on individuals who registered for military drafts.

Pension Records - These records contain information about officers, disabled veterans, needy veterans, widows/orphans of veterans, and veterans that received a pension from the American government.

Registration Cards - These cards contain information about the men who were required to register for a military draft.

Rosters - Rosters list the names of people who were assigned to specific military units.

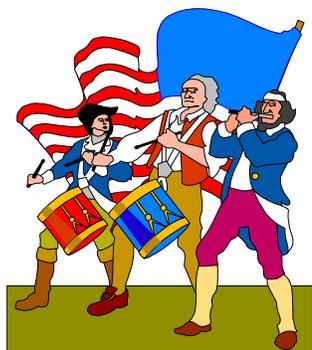
Service Records - These records comprise the information that the government keeps on any soldier (for example, enlistment/appointment, duty stations and assignments, training, qualifications, performance, awards and medals, disciplinary actions, insurance, emergency data, administrative remarks, separation, discharge, retirement, and other personnel actions).

The Military Records Collection also contains interesting databases such as the Revolutionary War Courts-Martial database which tells the stories of the 3,315 men who were brought before a military court, and the American Civil War Battle Summaries database which contains short histories for some of the most important battles in the American Civil War.

Interesting Facts

1. Until the Spanish-American War, most military nurses were men.
2. The 1900, 1910 and 1920 censuses have a category devoted to military personnel.
3. Many valuable Revolutionary War documents were destroyed in 1800 by a fire at the War Department, and when the British captured and burned Washington, D.C. in 1814.
4. Approximately 14,000 Southern "rebels" filed "petitions of pardon". These were primarily propertied people who were anxious to gain pardon and stave off possible confiscation of their land and other assets.
5. American colonial governments granted pensions for disabled soldiers and sailors long before the American Revolution.

The information in this section was taken from *The Source and U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal & State Sources*. ❖



Websites (Continued from page 5)

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/may07/weblinks.pdf>. Last but not least is a five-page listing of over 200 genealogy related web sites included in the May 2007 issue of Family Tree Magazine. This should keep a person busy for many months.

None of the above sites are subscription, other than some on the Family Tree Magazine listing, though there may be a charge to obtain certain detailed information from some of them.

Happy Hunting. ❖

New public Access To Historic Films

by Virginia Britten

According to Linda McCleary, past Director of the FGS, the National Archives and Google have teamed up to provide public access to a diverse collection of historical documentaries, and movies online. An article about this new pilot program can be found in the Federation of Genealogical Societies issue of "FORUM", Spring 2007, page 17, Volume 19 number 1 which can be found at our LDS Family History Center. The pilot program will be from the audiovisual collection preserved at the National Archives and will contain 101 films. Films of interest to genealogists will include U.S. Government newsreels of World War II, 1941-45 plus many others.

To check out what will be available please go to video.google.com/nara.html or www.archives.gov. Making collections such as this available to us in our living rooms will be a boon to genealogists. We congratulate Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein and Google Co-Founder Sergey Brin for promoting this effort. ❖

INTERNET & COMPUTER FEARS

by Tom Santa Cruz

Almost everything is free on the Internet. The advertisements you see on the website that you visit are paying for the service.

Where a fee is required, you will be asked to pay generally with a credit card; they are not going to let you run up a tab like at a restaurant or saloon. Most of us have to pay for our access to the Internet from our homes. This is the ISP fee or Internet Service Provider fee. With this access, we are free to roam the Internet. If you want something from a commercial database, you may have to subscribe (another fee), but sometimes they let you see what they have and then if you want to see the details or documents you will need to pay. Ancestry.com and Footnotes.com both let you look around, but if you want to see the details, you need to pay. If you decline the offer, it costs you nothing.

Now there are commercial databases that you have access to for free by virtue of your membership in something. The biggest example of this is the Public Library. If you have a library card in Pasco County, then you have access to Heritage Quest Online and American Obituaries both of which are terrific genealogical treasures. There are other databases available through the library that may not be genealogical, but may meet another of your interests and are free too.

There are free genealogical databases too. The USGenWeb Project is free. Rootsweb.com is free. Cyndi's List is free. There are lots more. Both Rootsweb.com and Cyndi's List may link you to a website that wants to charge you to see, you can still decline the offer and not see what they are offering.

Some websites want you to register. Why? The biggest reason is this is how they are paid by an advertiser. Another reason is to verify who you are and let you know that you must adhere to the rules of the website. Basically, rude and illegal conduct is not acceptable. You will have a chance to read the rules. You will be asked your email address so that at the end the website will send you an email and expect you to resend back a response. This is to prove you are whom you stated in the registration. One warning, during registration lots of offers might be made to you of newsletters. You are not required to accept them; most are advertising and some are informative.

Check the Research Links at our website www.rootsweb.com/~flpcgs for informative links.

There are some things to worry about being online. One is COMPUTER VIRUS. You need software to protect you at least the free AVG software from free.grisoft.com or pay for Norton or another anti-virus program. Another worry is your IDENTITY, if you use your credit card your web browser needs to show its security, which is usually a padlock on one of the browser borders. Don't give your social security number to anyone you would not otherwise. REMEMBER everything you do online can be recorded.

The other issue is doing something to damage your computer. The possibility of physical damage from liquids being spilt on it are higher than if you type in something to harm it. If you are concerned, then don't mess with the "CONTROL PANEL." Certainly, don't mess with the REGISTERS. These are for the experts, unless you have specific instructions.

Yes, computers are an expense. But having one and not using it doesn't make much sense. ❖

Prospecting for Genealogy in the Podcasts

by Tom Santa Cruz

When I lived in Colorado, I saw dredges that dredged the rivers in the gold prospecting areas. I think of genealogical podcasts as dredges that bring up fresh ideas in doing genealogical research. The Genealogy Guys Podcasts with George Morgan and Drew Smith are great, but there are more. The following are a few examples that you might want to try out. [*I will underline what needs to be typed in.*]

USING GOOGLE for GENEALOGY

Several podcasts have pointed out special features in Google. The two of the podcasts that use Google for genealogical research are Genealogy Gems and the Genealogy Tech Podcast.

First, tip a personal **Google Search Engine**. Say your family is from Jericho County, Kansas. You might find a few websites that feature Jericho County. You are interested in what can be found for your Wilson, O'Brien, and Calico families in the websites. Here is what the podcast showed me. Start by going to one of the websites, near the top of your browser screen is the address of the website. Click your cursor once over the address, it should highlight the whole address. Copy it to your clipboard by holding down the control key on your keyboard [sometimes labeled Ctrl] and typing c. Next type www.google.com and press your enter key. A box will appear next to the word Google, in this box type the first surname, Wilson followed by a space, then type site followed by a colon, : and finally, while holding the control key down, type v. Press once the Enter key. Hopefully links to your Wilson family in Jericho County will appear. Next change the surname in the search box and press the enter key again. To change the website you may need to go back to the start.

Next tip is **Google Alert**. This is a **free** service. In the browser address bar, click the existing address once and type www.google.com/alert. You will be asked to register; this will allow you later to make changes to your search. When you are done you will go to a page with a box on the right hand side of the webpage titled, "Create a Google Alert." Search terms are needed first, I can put in "Agustín de Santa Cruz" and then Cuba and (Havana or Habana). I used quotes to keep the name together, Cuba is the country or land, and the city Havana is spelt with a "b" in Spanish. The next two entries are easy. You can look at the options, but the defaults are best. The last entry is where you want the results delivered. I suggest an email address where you can read the results using an HTML format [like Yahoo.com, Netscape.com, Gmail.com, or another you are familiar with.] The first set of results will be the largest collection and after that as Google's Search Engine updates, its information on the Web you will be informed of any finds mostly old finds, but occasionally something new.

There are more examples, however you can listen to these yourself. The podcasts on doing family history cover information on collecting, writing and publishing. The ethnic ones like the Irish speak about name spellings, locations, churches, customs, and settlement in America.

Back to the prospecting, the podcasts are free. I know that some of you prospect for information in genealogical books, magazines and newspapers. Try it with your ears too. After you listen you can copy the podcast to a CD or just delete it.

I hope more people try listening. ❖

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