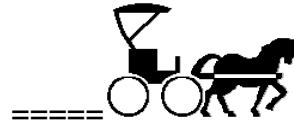


**MAY 1997**  
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Dear Family:

Another month has just zoomed by and all the things I need to do in order to be ready for the picnic on July 12th, 1997 still remains to be accomplished. I am reminded by the Pennsylvania Dutch saying "the faster I go the behinder I get". Well I must have been going really fast, because I am really behind. I guess that except for finalizing the relationship of Ruth Battman to the correct Samuel Yarnall, I have completed phase one of my data entry chore. We now have over 11,500 names in our database and are at the point where I can begin to handle the many correspondences with additions and corrections to that data. I would like to cover a bit later in the newsletter the Samuel Yarnall question, as there are several cousins who are waiting patiently for us to make that connection. From this search we are now in contact with Monte L. Yarnell and Jerry McCloskey, two newly found cousins by way of the internet. Speaking of the internet, our cousin Paul R. Yarnall has expanded his home page to include a genealogical message for the Yarnall / Yarnell clan. For those new to the Newsletter, Paul's Web page can be accessed through his [Http://www.cityscope.net/~pry](http://www.cityscope.net/~pry) address.

Lillian and I just celebrated our thirty fifth wedding anniversary and are still very much looking forward to the wedding of our daughter Cathy to Alan Flade on May 16, 1997, and while all the activities makes the timing tight for this issue of this newsletter, the time, to the family picnic, is too short not to publish this edition . Again on the wedding front, in what has become a mating ritual, friends and family of Cathy and Alan accompanied them on their bachelor and bachelorette night. The guys enjoyed a dinner that included - to my surprise, (He He He) a television facing the table with the first game of the Philadelphia Flyers and Buffalo Sabers playoff game being televised - Oh, what a surprise (just kidding). We were able to enjoy chicken wings, burgers good company and a great hockey game - any game the Flyers win I consider a great game. After dinner, off to the Reeds nightclub. Is this how many of the young people meet today? My goodness, am I behind the times: Or do you suppose that we are actually ahead of the times. Perhaps the circle will go around again, and the nightmare of the nightclub will be replaced by the roller skating rink or the movies, or even a dance. What do you think? I read a recent newspaper article that dealt with the party atmosphere on the college campuses. It seems that the party is the ultimate pick up spot for a generation that wants to meet an overnight partner with no strings and no long term commitments. I would be curious on your comments on this issue. I must admit to being too old for this activity.

Will the correct Samuel Yarnall please stand up? It seems that Harry H. Yarnell has Samuel, twin and sixth child of Elizabeth (James) and Abraham Yarnall marrying first Sarah Lamb, and second Ruth Battman, and producing nine children from the second marriage and none from the first. That is at odds with the records shown by Mary Card Yarnell, which is presented here.

Samuel Yarnall, son of Abraham Yarnall and Elizabeth of New Castle Co. on the Delaware b. 6/20/1764 ["Newark" - Chester Co. Hist. Soc. Quaker rec.] m. Sarah Lamb, dau Pierce & Rachael Lamb of Kent county, 1/10/1788 @ Cecil Mtg. House # \* d. 9/5/1807 # \*

Ch: Mary b. 9/28/1788  
Elizabeth b. 11/20/1790  
Hetty b. 4/30/1792  
Rachel b. 9/6/1794  
Susanna b. 12/28/1796  
Sarah b. 5/24/1799  
Rebecca b. 3/22/1803

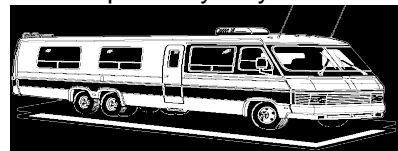
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\* Quakerism on the Eastern Shore, Kenneth Carroll, Maryland Hist. Soc. 1970.

Samuel Yarnall as presented by HHY would show the following children as the issue of Ruth Battman.

ch: Lavinia b. 6/21/1798  
Rachael b. 9/20/1799  
Jacob b. 5/5/1801  
Henry Battman b. 1/12/1803  
Rebecca b. 11/12/1805  
Thomas b. ?  
Isaac b. 1808  
Samuel b. ?  
Catherine b. 11/14/1810

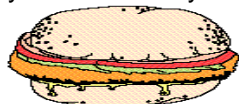
Could our mystery Samuel be the son of Ann (James) and Daniel Yarnall? I show this Samuel as having married Sarah Yarnall first, with no date and no second marriage. If someone out there has additional information, please send the information to me., we really need to clear up this mystery.



On Tuesday April 23rd, Wayne and Nancy Yarnall returned from their extended vacation. They reported that they had a wonderful "once in a lifetime" trip, but lets allow them to tell the ending. Since Tucson, we spent 3 days in the rain north of Phoenix waiting for better weather. Then 4 days at Dead Horse Ranch State Park in the Verde Valley. Then two days

north of Flagstaff at Cameron Trading Post where we spent a full day at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. An awesome place — very big hole in the ground. Then on to Page, Arizona one day at the repair shop and one day at the marina on Lake Powell in Glenn Canyon. We got two inches of snow the morning we left Lake Powell. Then 2 nights at Zion National Park, a very interesting place. Nancy got to drive the motor home in the center of the long narrow tunnel at 'Zion while traffic was stopped the other way. Then Panaca, NV at Cathedral Gorge State Park. Then a free campground with full hookups at the Ely, NV Holiday Inn. A night at Jackpot, NV on the way to twin falls, ID. Then 2 days West of Boise on the Snake River. Saturday night we camped in a Friends driveway in Boise. After attending Boise Friends Meeting Sunday we left for Burns, OR. Then a stop in Sisters, OR. and home on Tuesday April 23rd.

Your trip sounded awesome Wayne and Nancy. I hope that one day Lillian and I will be able to make the same journey. Glad to have you home safely.



Boy, you should see this hamburger in person. In fact, if you show up at the **Yarnall / Yarnell Family picnic on July 12, 1997**, you will be able to do just that! Since the time is getting close, let me take the time to give you some additional information and directions to the picnic grounds.

**Directions to Picnic Grounds:**

**Lower Perkiomen Valley Park**

**Phone # 1-610-666-5371**

**From Philadelphia - Northeast and West**

Route 1 to Route 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) - West Route 76 to Route 202 (King of Prussia) South - 202 South to 422 West (bypass) - Take the 422 bypass West from King of Prussia. Exit at the sign for Oaks, and at the bottom of the ramp is a stop light. Take a right at the light and look for the park entrance on your right. The rest should be fairly clear in the map. I hope that your phone calls were productive. Please let me know if there is any problem in understanding these directions.

**From Philadelphia - Roxborough, Manayunk, East Falls**

West Route 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) to Route 202 (King of Prussia) South - 202 South to 422 West (bypass) - Take the 422 bypass West from King of Prussia. Exit at the sign for Oaks, and at the bottom of the ramp is a stop light. Take a right at the light and look for the park entrance on your right. The rest should be fairly clear in the map.

**From Philadelphia - Far Northeast and Suburbs**

PA Turnpike West to King of Prussia exit - Exit to Route 202 South - Very short distance to 422 West (bypass) - Take the 422 bypass West from King of Prussia. Exit at the sign for Oaks, and at the bottom of

the ramp is a stop light. Take a right at the light and look for the park entrance on your right. The rest should be fairly clear in the map.

**From New Jersey**

Follow the directions above for either the Turnpike or Route 76 (Expressway).

**From Western PA - Pittsburgh**

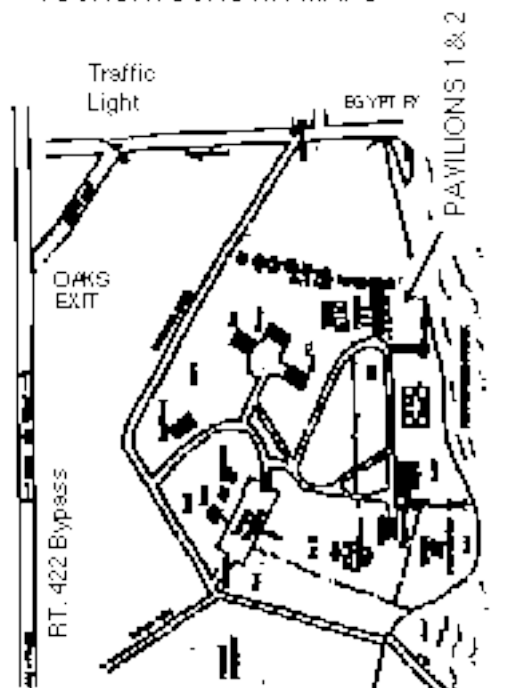
PA Turnpike West to King of Prussia - Exit to Route 202 South - Very short distance to 422 West (bypass) - Take the 422 bypass West from King of Prussia. Exit at the sign for "Oaks", and at the bottom of the ramp is a stop light. Take a right at the light and look for the park entrance on your right. The rest should be fairly clear in the map.

**Things to do at picnic:**

**If you are concerned, and aren't sure if we have everything together, don't worry about it, you can rest assured that we don't, and are flying by the seat of our pants. That's why we need you, to straighten things out.**

If you have a PA fishing license, the Perkiomen Creek is within 100 yards of picnic area, and has been stocked with trout. There will be quoits (Quates in Philly); Volley ball; Sitting and eating - a big favorite; Sitting and talking - another favorite; Massive picture taking, so bring your camera in self defense; Swings and seesaws for the kids; Standing and eating - another biggie.

YOUR OWN YOUR OWN MAPS



Enlarged View of Park

Now for the good part, **what to bring to the picnic.** I will have Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for everyone, Linford Yarnall will be supplying soft drinks,

and Robert and Edith Yarnall will be supplying gaiter aid and orange drink. I do encourage anyone that has a favorite covered dish recipe to bring along their creation for the family table. The family table is where we put all those goodies that people are so anxious to share, and it is also the place where you will most likely find me - just kidding. This year, based on all the comments I have been hearing, I could be hard pressed to have enough Hot dogs and burgers to go around, and that will be great. Last year, after Big Bertha held down attendance, I was eating hamburgers through December - just kidding again. However, if a few people bring a covered dish, that will make up for any extra people that I hope will show up. Also, please remember, Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park.

Last month we mentioned that Charles Yarnall would like to make arrangements at a local campground prior to the picnic and take the opportunity to meet other members of the family who enjoy camping. Charles can be reached by Email at cyarnall@miworld.net or by phone at 1-301-689-1784, and by snail mail, address your correspondence to: **Charles F. Yarnall**, 16 Mount Pleasant Street, Frostburg, Maryland 21532. If you are not sure if you will be able to make the trip, contact him anyway, just in case the spirit moves you to attend, you will be prepared, and Charles will have some hope of company.

This month we are adding **Linford Yarnall's** name as a contact person for meeting at a Hotel prior to the picnic. We are listing the Hotels in the King of Prussia and Valley Forge area. The Hotels of King of Prussia are Located approximately ten minutes from the picnic grounds. They are also 20 minutes from Philadelphia, and 40 minutes from Wilmington Delaware. They are within three miles of where the Expressway meets the Pennsylvania Turnpike, routes 202 / 422 and 476. You will find more than 3,000 hotel rooms available. The variety of accommodations makes King of Prussia one of the east coast's favorite meeting spots. They are home to the Plaza / Court at King of Prussia featuring 9 department stores and more than 450 stores, restaurants and services as well as the Valley Forge Convention Center at King of Prussia, not to mention the wonderful historic attraction of Valley Forge National Park. Please note that I have been advised by virtually all of the Hotel Managements that the pricing structure listed is at today's (5/12/97) pricing and as the date of the picnic approaches, those prices could change. In fact, at this time the McIntosh Inn is booked for the 12th, and booked solid for the weekend is the Holiday Inn at Valley Forge (not listed due to no vacancy)

I hope that this list of Hotels and their approximate pricing is helpful in planning your trip. Just remember to call as soon as possible in order to leverage the best pricing for your stay. I know that Linford would like to have the opportunity to spend some time with those planning to stay at one of the Hotels prior to the picnic. **Linford H. Yarnall** can be

reached by snail mail at PO Box 476, 1929 Union Valley Road, Hewitt NJ 07421, by phone at 1-201-728-2020, or by Fax at 1-201-728-4545.

**McIntosh Inn**

260 N. Gulph Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
1-610-768-9500

\$62. per day +Tax w/Queen  
\$64.per day +Tax w/ 2 double

**Park Ridge At Valley Forge**

Hotel and Conference Center  
460 North Gulph Road  
King of Prussia, P:A 19406  
1-610-337-1800

Weekend rate

\$89. per day + Tax w/ single, double or 2 queen

**Sheraton Valley Forge and Plaza Suites Hotel**

1600 First Avenue  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
1-610-337-2000

\$95. per day + Tax

King, 2 queen and 2 double available

**Valley Forge Hilton**

251 West Dekalb Pike  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
1-610-337-1200

\$85. per day + Tax

Ask for bounce back package.

Includes continental breakfast.

**Valley Forge Marriott Suites Hotel**

888 Chesterbrook Boulevard  
Wayne, PA 19087  
1-610-647-6700

\$99. Per day + Tax

Deluxe Suite w/ King and Sofa bed Queen

\$109. per day + Tax

Includes buffet breakfast.

**Comfort Inn / Valley Forge**

555 West Dekalb Pike  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
1-610-962-0700

\$104. per day + Tax

2 Kings Size

Includes continental breakfast

Triple A rates

\$93.60 per day + Tax

2 Double Double

**Fairfield Inn By Marriott**

258 Mall Blvd.  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
Fax only 1-610-337-7027

**Hampton Inn**

530 West Dekalb Pike  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
1-610-962-8111

\$79. per day + Tax

1 double

\$89. per day + Tax

Queen

**The Inn At King Of Prussia**

by Best Western

S. Gulph Road  
King of P:Prussia, PA 19406  
1-610-265-4500  
\$95. per day + Tax

Whatever way appeals to you, Camping, Hotel Camping, or just stopping by, we encourage you to come out and say hello. Join us in some talking, eating, playing and hugging. Help us to make this year's Family Picnic Group Photo the best one yet.



When tracing our roots, the connection between the Yarnall's and the Bakers certainly must be considered, since Francis married Hannah Baker, and Philip married Hannah's niece Dorothy Baker. One of our cousins, Karen Judith (Greim) Mullian has teamed up with several other researchers to study the Baker line, its claim to Royalty and the ties to our present day family: But rather than for me to try to explain what they have discovered, Karen has been kind enough to submit the following report.

#### **The Baker-Yarnall Connection**

When I first began researching the Baker and Yarnall families in the early 1980's, I came across the following notation in the Palmer-Trimble Genealogy(1): "The Baker Family claim descent from one Sir Richard Baker, b. 1568 at Sissinghurst, Kent, d. 1645 in the Fleet where he had taken shelter for poverty and where he wrote several historical, poetical, and miscellaneous articles." Although Gilbert Cope called this "questionable," he indicated that Sir Richard's wife was Margaret Mainwaring (2).

According to the History of Chester County (3), John and Mary Baker of Edgmond, Shropshire, England, were the parents of the following children who all settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1682:

John, d. 3rd mo. (May) 1684/5

Joseph, b. 1st mo. (March) 1, 1671\72, m. Mary Woodward

Hannah, b. 1664, d. 1719, m. 8th mo. (Oct.) 4, 1686

Francis Yarnall

Mary, m. 6th mo. (Aug.) 1686 William Coeburne

Sarah, m. 5th mo. (July) 1687 Charles Whitacre

Recently, several fellow Baker researchers corresponding via the Internet have tried to confirm the connection between the Quaker Bakers of Edgmond, Shropshire and the Bakers of Sissinghurst. Thanks primarily to the indefatigable efforts of Edward Coates Sinker of Bosbury, Herefordshire, England, a piece of evidence has come to light which lends credence to the Palmer-Trimble assertion.

Burke's Landed Gentry (4) provides the following information: "Sir Richard Baker, M.P., of Middle Aston, Oxon [Oxfordshire], and St. Bride's, London, the history (who m. Margaret, dau. of Sir George Mainwaring [sic] of Ightfield, Salop [Shropshire], and d. in Fleet debtors' prison 18 Feb. 1644/5, bur. St. Bride's) son of John Baker, disinherited elder son of Rt Hon. Sir John Baker, of Sissinghurst, Kent (See Burke's Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies, Baker, Bt., of Sissinghurst)."

Ed Sinker writes "note that Edgmond and Ightfield are only 15 miles apart." (5)

While the short distance between Ightfield and Edgmond is not proof positive, Burke's information certainly brings the Sissinghurst, Co. Kent Bakers into closer physical proximity of John and Mary Baker of Edgmond, Shropshire, whose children settled in Pennsylvania in the 1680's. The Palmer-Trimble Genealogy indicates that Sir Richard Baker, "The Chronicler," and Margaret Mainwaring had a son Sir John Baker, born in 1598. The name of Sir John's wife has not yet been discovered, but they had at least two sons, John Baker, born 1621, died 4th mo. 25 1672 in Edgmond, Shropshire and Robert Baker (6), who died 6th mo. 1672 in Edgmond, Shropshire.

John Baker married Mary (maiden name unknown) and was the father of John (below), Mary, Hannah who married Francis Yarnall, Sarah, and Joseph Baker all of whom came to Pennsylvania.

John Baker, the son of John and Mary (above), died 3rd month 1683/84 in Pennsylvania and was the father of Martha, Rebecca, Sarah (who was struck and killed by lightning in 1699, and Dorothy Baker. Dorothy was born 6th mo. 10, 1671 in Edgmond, Shropshire, and died 10th mo. 1, 1743 in Springfield Twp., Chester Co. (now Delaware Co.), PA and in 1694 became the wife of Philip Yarnall, brother of Francis Yarnall who married Dorothy's aunt Hannah Baker.

Robert Baker also married a Mary (maiden name unknown). Their son Joseph was born about 1660 in Edgmond, Shropshire and died in 1716 in Chester Co., PA; he married \_\_\_\_\_.

Sir Richard the Chronicler's father John was disinherited, and this could account for the family's removal from Kent to Salop. What was the reason for the disinheritance?

Sir John Baker (1488-1558), grandfather of Sir Richard, "The Chronicler," was the only privy counselor of Edward VI to refuse to acknowledge the last will of King Edward which would

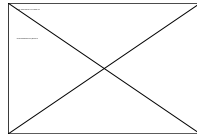
have changed the succession in favor of Lady Jane Grey, the Protestant Queen of Nine Days. This Sir John Baker remained faithful to the Catholic cause and served Mary Tudor, the Catholic daughter of King Henry VIII and Queen Catherine of Aragon when she ascended the throne. According to a caption under his portrait in an unidentified publication, he was "Chancellor of the Exchequer and Speaker of the House of Commons. Known posthumously as "Bloody Baker" for his alleged persecutions of the Protestants in the reign of Queen Mary, he inherited the Manor of Sissinghurst and was the true founder of the family's fortunes." He died in 1558, only a few months into the reign of Mary Tudor's sister, the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I.

Is it possible that Sir John's son John (the Chronicler's father), like so many young men of his time, sympathize and perhaps marry into the Protestant cause, thus giving his father cause to disinherit him? Burke's Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies (7) reports that Sir Richard Baker, the Chronicler, whose wife Margaret was the daughter of Sir George Mainwaring of Ightfield (through whom we can go back to the Norman Conquest of 1066) and by whom he had two sons and three daughters, owned the manor of Middle Aston in Oxfordshire and had served as High Sheriff for that county in 1620. Subsequently, he became surety for debts incurred by his wife's

family which resulted in his falling into poverty and thus ending up in the Fleet Prison for debt where he died on the 18th of February, 1645. He was buried at St. Bride's Church in nearby



Fleet Street. What affect did Sir Richard's poverty have on either the religious or economic motivations of his descendants, particularly those who sought refuge from religious persecution in their homeland to settle in Pennsylvania?



Answers to these questions might help to confirm the connection between the American and the English Bakers. Once a definitive link is found, then the descendants of Francis and Hannah (Baker) Yarnall and Philip and Dorothy (Baker) Yarnall, can lay claim to descent from a family that sprang to prominence in 1490 when Thomas Baker (d. 1497), "an upstart from nearby Cranbrook," (8) purchased Sissinghurst from the deBerham family and gave rise to a distinguished line of civil servants to the British Crown.

In addition, comes word from Ed Sinker that the Bakers can claim descent from the Baliol family of Scotland, with possible connections to John Baliol, King of Scotland from 1292 - 1296 (lived 1249-1315) and through him, not only to the ancient kings of Scotland (including Duncan I and that rascal cousin of his Macbeth) but also to King Alfred the Great, King of All the Britains.

Whether our ancestors were royal or even descendants of royalty is certainly open to conjecture, but it is interesting to consider that they may very well have rubbed shoulders with those whose thunderous motions changed the world. And perhaps from our own ancestral diversity, we can somehow learn to be more tolerant of the differences we find in others.

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property is in the hands of the National Trust through the Sackville-West family.

### Line of Descent of the Baker Family

Thomas Baker, d. 1497, Sissinghurst, Cranbrook, Co. Kent, England; purchased estate from the deBerham family

Richard Baker, d. 1504, m. Joan \_\_\_\_\_  
John Baker, b.c. 1488 at Sissinghurst, d. 1558;  
Chancellor of the Exchequer,

Speaker of the House of Commons under Mary Tudor;

m. Elizabeth (Dinley) Barrett;  
John Baker, b.c. 1524, disinherited, m. Catherine Scott (possible Baliol connection, back to Alfred the Great)

taking us Sir Richard Baker, "the Chronicler,"  
m. Margaret Mainwaring, d/o Sir George Mainwaring (descended from Ranulphus [or Randle] Manwaring who accompanied William the Conqueror to England in 1066)

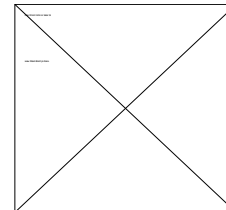
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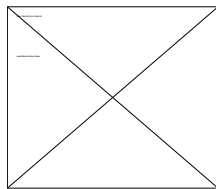
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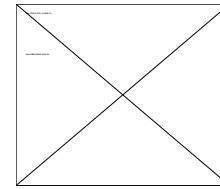
Now, in what would seem to be a fitting lead in, let me introduce you to the "Family Circle Person of the Month", **Karen Judith (Greim) Mullian**. Karen traces her branch through Amos, seventh child of Hannah (Baker) and Francis Yarnall as shown below. That line would be Francis (1), Amos (2), Mary (3), Amy Garrett (4), Lydia Griffith (5), B.F. Ahn Jr. (6), Blanche Ahn (7), Grace Mullin (8), B.C. Greim (9), Karen Greim (10). What is of particular interest of this line is the trace through the collateral lines made necessary when tracing through the female lines of our ancestors. Karen reports the following: I grew up and still live in Delaware County, having graduated from Upper Darby High School in 1970. After graduation from Keystone Business School (now the Chubb Institute) in Springfield, I married Tom Mullian in 1976. I currently work in the Communications Section of the American Board of Internal Medicine in Philadelphia. I have always been interested in the history of the area, and in 1980 I embarked on researching my family history. A plethora of place names to Upper Darby are named for ancestors: Garrett Road, Garrettford, Bonsall Road, Hibberd Road. None of this was ever mentioned to me

when I was growing up. Before I started doing genealogy, there were many occasions when Tom and I would ride out West Chester Pike (Route 3). When we would reach the intersection of Route 3 and 926, I would always comment on the beautiful farmhouse that was visible on the north side of West Chester Pike. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that the house had been built by one of my earliest Pennsylvania ancestors, Francis Yarnall. In addition to genealogy, my interest in history has led me to explore historic interpretation, and through membership in a group called Past Masters in Early American Domestic Arts, I have learned much about the way our early ancestors ate, dressed, and worked to develop the foundations of our country.

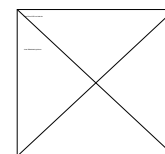
Thank you Karen for sharing your biography with the rest of the family. Karen has also been very helpful in directing others, who are searching for their ancestry, to people who may be able to help them find the information that they seek. sources of information. Karen can be reached on the internet at Swampfox@icdc.com.



Since we are on the internet and computers, there is a crisis that is rapidly approaching - it is the year 2000. A computer consultant working on year 2000 conversions (also known as Y2K—let's hear it for jargon), states he doesn't believe businesses understand the magnitude of the problem they face and is taking his money out of the stock market and the bank. Many others are also predicting widespread computer system meltdowns as the clock turns from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000, despite the dire warnings. According to observers, many companies refuse to recognize that the date-field problem in computer software is not just a systems problem for the MIS people to solve, but is a looming business crisis. "When the computers see '00,' nothing is going to make any sense," says the consultant. Programs that are date-driven as in banking, finance and insurance, will generate negative dates. MRP systems will schedule shipping dates before manufacturing has begun. Companies that are avoiding or downplaying the problem do so out of fear of the costs. Estimates for the price tag to convert all the software code that affects dates run as high as \$600 billion. But the costs could be much higher, because businesses that haven't solved the problem in time risk huge lawsuits from those that have, if their systems don't work together properly or generate faulty data. That's if the companies are still in business.



I received some very sad news this past month. Jim Snyder's Russian fiancée, Natalia Klimova was found dead in Bosnia. It was only last spring when I was told by Jim that he was going to travel to Russia once again to see his long distance sweetheart, but this trip was to be much different. Jim and Natalia have kept up a constant communication with each other over the years, by way of letters and pictures. This relationship started by a chance contact through Jim's business cards while he was doing business in Russia (This is history repeating itself if you remember the chance note in a box of ammunition that led Harry Elsworth Yarnall from Washington State to Connecticut to marry Kathryn Marie Walsh, after an extended period of letter writing). Jim would visit whenever possible and love flourished. Now, after making all the arrangements, Jim was to make another trip to Russia in September of 1996, when he would take Natalia as his bride before returning to the United States. That was not to be however, and in June, Jim was notified that Natalia was missing, and it wasn't until October that he was notified of her death. For background, both America and Italy are responsible for the peacekeeping mission in that country. Natalia was working for them as a courier, and was caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. Natalia was 28 years of age and has two brothers aged 11 and 18, and a sister who is 19 years of age. Jim is making arrangements to return to Russia to see where she is buried and to pay his last respects. Our prayers will go along with Jim, not only for peace in the area, but for peace in Jim's heart; that he and the family of Natalia would find peace and make sense of this tragic loss.



It seems fitting that our prayers for Jim, and for the family of Natalia would lead into another paper from the book, "The Rebirth of America" by the Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation titled, "Potent Answers to Persistent Prayer." How many of us in this hectic day and age give thought to asking for assistance from the Almighty God? Yet he encourages us with "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:" 1 Jn 5:14. Too often in my own life I try to do things myself, only to be reminded that without him I am useless and helpless. With him all things are made whole; but how many of us take everything to Him in prayer? There was a time when it was considered normal to publicly pray, but not so any more. My friend John and I would always hold hands with those around us at the breakfast, lunch or dinner table - usually in a restaurant

somewhere, and that simple act of devotion would be looked on with wonder from many of those seated around us. There have been so many times when at wits end, I have managed to remember that he has requested that we take everything to him in prayer, and on remembering and complying, what relief to know that it was out of my fumbling hands and in the control of a merciful God. But what are the spiritual conditions in this country today? Do you often see people in public engaged in prayer? Do we all make it a regular practice to give thanks for our meal? Are we at another point where history is repeating itself?

From *The Rebirth of America* we read, "Spiritual conditions in the United States deteriorated in the middle of the 19th century. People were making money "hand over fist," and when they did, they turned their backs on God. But a man of prayer, Jeremiah lanphier, started a prayer meeting in the upper room of the Consistory Building of the Dutch Reformed Church in Manhattan. He advertised it. Only six people (from a population of one million) showed up. But the following week there were 14, and then 23. They decided to meet every day. Soon they filled the Dutch Reformed Church, the Methodist Church on John Street, then every public building in downtown New York. Famed newspaper editor Horace Greeley sent a reporter with horse and buggy riding around the prayer meetings to see how many men were praying. In one hour, he could only get to 12 meetings, but he counted 6,100 men. Then a landslide of prayer began. People began to be converted (10,000 a week) in New York City. The movement spread throughout New England. Church bells would bring people to prayer at eight in the morning, twelve noon, and six in the evening. The revival went up the Hudson and down the Mohawk. Baptists had so many people to baptize, they couldn't get them into their churches. They went down to the river, cut a big square in the ice, and baptized them in cold water. In one year, more than one million people were converted. The revival crossed the Atlantic, broke out in Northern Ireland and Scotland and Wales and England, South Africa, South India — any- where there was an evangelical cause, there was revival — and its effect was felt for 40 years. It began in a movement of prayer...it was sustained by a movement of prayer.

The movement lasted a generation, but at the turn of the 20th century there was need of awakening again. There were special prayer meetings at Moody Bible Institute, at the Keswick Convention in New England, in Melbourne, in the Mildrey Hills of India, at Won San in Korea...all around the world people were praying that there might be another great awakening in the 20th century. God did indeed answer these prayers — in 1905.

Let me give you two examples: first, the student world. One of the leaders of the revival of 1905 was a young man of the Ivy League who later became perhaps the world's most famous professor of world missions. When he was at Yale in 1905, 25% of the student body was enrolled in prayer meetings and Bible studies! The ministers of Atlantic City reported that of a population of 50,000 in that city, they knew of only 50

adults who were unconverted. In Portland, Oregon, two hundred and forty department stores closed from 11 to 2 for prayer and signed an agreement among themselves so that no one would cheat and stay open. That's what was happening in the United States in 1905. That revival of 1905 in the United States was linked to the famous Welsh revival of 1904, which swept like a tidal wave over Wales — where 100,000 people were converted in a five month period. Five years later, J.P. Morgan wrote a book to debunk the revival. His main criticism was that of the 100,000 that joined churches in the five months of the revival, after five years, only 80,000 still stood. Only 80,000!

The social impact of the Wales revival was astounding. Judges were presented with white gloves: they had no cases to try. No rapes, no robberies, no murders, no burglaries, no embezzlements, nothing. The District Consuls held emergency meetings to discuss what to do with the police, now that they were unemployed. Drunkenness was cut in half. The illegitimate birth rate dropped 44 percent in two counties within a year of the beginning of the revival, so great was its impact.

From the *Denver Post* on January 20, 1905 we read. "For two hours at midday all Denver was held in a spell....The marts of trade were deserted between noon and two o'clock this afternoon, and all worldly affairs were forgotten, and the entire city was given over to meditation of higher things. The Spirit of the Almighty pervade every nook. Going to and coming from the great meetings, the thousands of men and women radiated this Spirit which filled them, and the clear Colorado sunshine was made brighter by the reflected glow of the light of God shining from happy faces. Seldom has such a remarkable sight been witnessed — an entire great city, in the middle of a busy weekday, bowing before the throne of heaven and asking and receiving the blessing of the King of the Universe."

Much love,

Fred

Jer. 29:11 - 13 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.