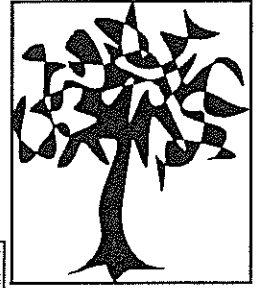




# KITH AND KIN



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## A Genealogist's Christmas Eve

(Author Unknown, with apologies to Clement C. Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all though  
the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.  
The dining room table with clutter was spread  
With pedigree charts and with letters which said...  
"Too bad about the data for which you wrote...  
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."  
Stacks of old copies of wills and the such,  
Were proof that my work had become much to  
much.

Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.  
And I, at my table, was ready to drop  
From work on my album with photos to crop.

Christmas Eve was here, and of such was my lot,  
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.  
Had I not been so busy, with grandparents' wills,  
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.

While others had bought gifts that would bring  
Christmas cheer,  
I'd spent time researching those birth dates and  
years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,  
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great  
fright.  
Away to the window I flew in a flash,  
Tore open the drapes and yanked up on the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight little reindeer.  
With a sleigh full of toys and old Santa Claus, too.  
And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof,  
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.  
The TV Antenna was no match for their horns,

And look at our roof, with hoof-prints adorned.  
As I drew in my head and bumped it on the sash,  
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - CR-RASH!  
Dear Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,  
And tracked soot on the carpet (I could wring his  
short neck.)  
Spotting my face, good old Santa could see,  
I had no Christmas spirit, you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings. (I felt like a jerk.)  
Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness  
and joy,  
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.

He spied my research on the table all spread,  
"A genealogist! he cried. (My face was all red.)  
Tonight I've met many like you, Santa grinned.  
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had  
penned.  
I gazed with amazement-the cover it read,  
"Genealogy Lines For Which You Have Plead."  
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug."  
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

"While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now  
carry,  
I do some research in the North Pole Library.  
A special treat, I am thus able to bring,  
To the genealogy folks who can't find a thing.  
Now off you go to your bed for a rest.  
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."

As I climbed up the stairs feeling gladness and glee,  
I looked back at Santa, who'd brought much to me.  
While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,  
To his team which then rose like the down of a  
thistle.  
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
"Family History is Fun!,  
Merry Christmas and Good Night!"

## KITH AND KIN

The bimonthly newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, a non-profit organization created to collect, preserve, and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield Area to promote genealogical research. The purpose of the group is educational. The group is associated with the Wisconsin Genealogical Council.

**MEETINGS:** The meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshfield Clinic Conference Room LL-207. The November-December meeting is held the first Thursday in December,

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Subscriptions are free with membership. (The business year runs from May 1 to April 30). Individual membership is \$12 per year, and family membership, for those living at the same address, is \$15 per year. Organization membership fees are the same as for an individual membership. Mid year memberships include all current volume issues.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING "KITH & KIN"

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## COMING EVENTS (1998)

- January 12-16 Salt Lake Inst. of Gen., w/ tracks on gen. writing, adv. use of computers in genealogy, adv. methodology, Eastern states research or eastern European research. Details: SLIG, P.O. Box 1144, Salt Lake City, UT 84110 or Toll Free: 1-888-463-6842.
- April 4 Walworth Co. Genealogical Society Workshop. Topics: Archaeology and Genealogy, Cabinet Cards and Carte de Visites, railroad records, and cemeteries. Send SASE to: WCGS, P.O. Box 159, Delavan, WI 53115-0159
- April 18 Fond du Lac County Genealogical Spring Workshop, at the Fond du Lac Public Library, 32 Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac, WI. Speakers: Beth A. Stahr, Jennifer Ehle and Lori Bessler. Cost, which includes lunch: \$18.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door. Fond du Lac Co. Gen. Soc., P.O. Box 1264, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1264.
- April 25 Dodge/Jefferson Co. Gen. Soc. will present a seminar with James W. and Paula Stuart Warren being the speakers for the day. Watch for more details to follow in upcoming newsletters. CANCELLED via Pedigree Pointers, Vol. XIX, No.4.
- May 6-9 Nat'l. Gen. Soc. Conf. in the States. Denver, CO. Write for: NGS "98 Conference Registration Brochure, 45 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. (703) 525-0050. E-mail: 76702.2417@compuserve.com
- May 22-23 Wisconsin State Gen. Soc. Annual Meeting and Elections, Racine, WI.
- June 27-28 Gene-A-Rama. Paper Valley Inn, Appleton, WI. Speaker: Hank Jones, Jr.
- October 23-24 Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial Family History Conference presented by WI State Gen. Soc. at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, WI. Write: WSGS (WSFHC), P.O. Box 5106, Madison, WI 53705 for program brochure when published.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

December 1997

Dear Members:

With this issue of Kith and Kin, 1997 comes to a close. Hope everyone has had a good year and that everyone has a Happy New Year, 1998.

I would like to see more of you attending our meetings in 1998 and take part in our group. Possibly that could be one of your New Year's Resolutions.

*Lorraine Markee*

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## QUERY

Seeking Information on Jacob Emmerich. Purchased land in Medford, WI area October, 1888. Looking for connection to Jacob Emmerich families of Germantown, Washington Co., WI, and eventual connection to Peter and Gertrude Emmerich families of Richfield, Washington Co., and later Hamburg Township, Marathon Co., and Merrill, areas. (Contact Warren Rheinschmidt, 1512 Marges Lane, Stevens Point, WI 54481-9177. E-mail: wksr@q1049.com).

## MARSHFIELD RESOURCES

Indexes to the Births, Deaths, & Marriages of the Marshfield Times and Marshfield News, 1880-1908, (3-volume set).....\$75.00

Sold Individually: Births.....\$17.50  
Deaths.....\$30.00  
Marriages.....\$35.00

MAGG Surname Index and Pedigree Charts from 1984-1994.....\$15.00

Surname Index and Pedigree Chart Updates from 1994-1997.....\$4.00

Past issues of Newsletters

-Individually.....\$1.00

-Volume Set (6 Issues).....\$5.00

Order these items from the Marshfield Genealogy Group, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

## THE MARSHFIELD STORY: 1872-1997, PIECING TOGETHER OUR PAST

Cost: \$29.95 (Soft-cover), plus \$5.00 shipping.  
Available by contacting the Marshfield History Project, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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## SURNAMES

**COOK, ROBINSON, STRAW**, (Contact Kathleen Rae Urban, 9850 Hoffman Rd., Pittsville, WI 54466.)

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## NEW MEMBER

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## TIPS ON PRESERVING SCRAPBOOKS

By Ivan Hanthorn for the Iowa Cooperative Preservation Consortium

Scrapbooks are a much beloved and often used means of saving photographs, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, documents, and other assorted items which document the interests and activities of individuals, families, and organizations. While each is a unique item, scrapbooks share many common characteristics which cause problems.

Materials and techniques commonly used in scrapbooks present real preservation challenges. Album and scrapbook pages are almost always made of low-quality paper that will embrittle over time and contribute to discoloration of the items and placed in the scrapbook. The binding structure is often unable to adjust to the bulge caused by overloading the scrapbook, with detached covers a common result. Vinyl plastic commonly used in modern scrapbooks and albums is damaging over time to photographs. Items are often attached to scrapbook pages with harmful tapes and adhesives. Staples and pins, also used for attachment purposes, often rust over time and contribute to years of poor quality scrapbook pages. So what should you do with scrapbooks that you treasure and want to maintain in good condition over time?

### Tip #1

An archival quality storage box provides a high quality storage enclosure for scrapbooks. These can be obtained from archival supply sources. Scrapbooks should be stored spine down or flat in the box, depending on the box design and scrapbook size.

### Tip #2

Shelving small and medium sized scrapbooks on open bookshelves between books of similar size will help to prevent warp and distortion of scrapbooks.

### Tip #3

Scrapbooks with loose or detached covers can be tied up (package style), preferably with flat cotton tape, to reduce damage. Place bow knot at the foreedge of the scrapbook to prevent pressure indentations on the covers.

### Tip #4

Wrapping loosely bound or damaged scrapbooks with acid-free paper provides better protection than tying up alone, and is helpful even if the item will be boxed.

### Tip #5

Flat storage of scrapbooks is best if they contain pamphlets and similar multi-page items attached to scrapbook pages or heavy artifacts (e.g., buttons, medals, etc.) loosely attached to the pages.

### Tip #6

Handle scrapbooks carefully; they are complex physical structures. Bindings and brittle pages can break and scrapbook contents can easily become detached or torn. If making a photocopy, be very cautious about applying pressure that could break the binding of the scrapbook.

### Tip #7

Generally it is wiser to leave the scrapbook as you inherited it rather than try to improve on its construction methods. Attend to storage and handling; contact a conservator if you want to address problems.

*(from Pinery Pedigree, Marthon Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Vol. 22, #4.)*

INTERNET SITES AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES  
submitted by Burdette Coberley

SW WISCONSIN ROOM, Karrmann Library, UW Platteville,  
e-mail freymiller@uwplatt.edu

USGenWeb WISCONSIN SITE:  
[www.midrivers.com/~smaps/wi/index.htm](http://www.midrivers.com/~smaps/wi/index.htm)  
[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

WISCONSIN'S LIBRARY CATALOG:  
[www.library.wisc.edu/help/wislit/#learning](http://www.library.wisc.edu/help/wislit/#learning)

CRAWFORD COUNTY WI SITE  
[www.geocities.com/~rousegene/crawford.htm](http://www.geocities.com/~rousegene/crawford.htm)

CYNDI'S LIST OF GENEALOGY SITES ON THE INTERNET  
(This site has ofer 23,750 links categorized and cross referenced)  
[www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm](http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm)

WISCONSIN GENEALOGY RESOURCES  
[www.personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/wisconsin.html](http://www.personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/wisconsin.html)

GRANT COUNTY WI SITE  
[www.rootsweb.com/~wigrant](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigrant)

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
<http://www.nara.com>

THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ON LINE:  
<http://sjcpl.lib.in.us/Databases/PubLibServFind.html>

GENEALOGY LINKS:  
<http://www.foodstorage.net/genlinks.htm>

GENEALOGY SERVICES ONLINE:  
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/roots>

DAR HOMEPAGE:  
[www.dar.org/~revolt](http://www.dar.org/~revolt)

EVERTON'S GENEALOGICAL HELPER ON LINE:  
[www.everton.com](http://www.everton.com)

MAYFLOWER HOMEPAGE:  
<http://members.aol.com/calsbj/mayflower2.html>

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES INFORMATION SYSTEM:  
[www.nmd.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html](http://www.nmd.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html)

*(from Looking for Yesterday, Lower WI River Gen. & Hist. Research Center Newsletter, Fall 1997, p.10.)*

## ADDITIONAL INTERNET ADDRESSES AND WEBS

Family historians who use computers can now contact the **Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society** by calling up <http://members.tripod.com/~djcgcs> on their keyboards. This web page has been created for the society by 15 year old Ryan Vogel of Jefferson, WI.

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**USGENWEB.** This is a very powerful site that leads directly to the area in the United States that he wishes to search. Just go from the starting page to a state page, then to county page and in many cases, township pages. Addresses and telephone numbers of Town and County offices are often listed. There are surname lists which will help one find the e-mail addresses of others searching a common line. Try the USGENWEB at [www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com) It is well worth visiting.

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**Genealogical Websites of Societies and CIGs.** This site is maintained by Mike St. Clair who has been cataloging genealogical utility programs for quite a few years. [www.genealogy.org/gwsc](http://www.genealogy.org/gwsc)

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**Library of Congress Maps** - Those wonderful old panoramic maps of cities and towns from the 19th century as well as antique railroad maps and Civil War maps will soon be available. There should be approximately 1,200 different maps. <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/pmhtml/panhome.html>

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**The Genealogy Home Page**, Bob Heck of the Milwaukee Paf Users Group calls this page one of the best for the beginner. <http://www.genhomepage.com/>

## U.S.G.S. OFFERS CD-ROM

The United States Geological Survey is offering for sale a CD-ROM called Geographic Names of Information System. This database list about 2 million place names in the United States, including some 57,782 that no longer exist. Of interest to the genealogist is the listing of churches and cemeteries that no longer exist. All places named include exact latitude and longitude for a precise location. The disk sells for \$57.00. Call 1-800-USA-MAPS for more information.

*(from Twigs and Branches via Fox Tails via The Illuminator, Zion Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Vol. 13, #3, 1997, p.8.)*

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## VITAL RECORDS REQUEST FORMS NOW ON-LINE

Persons seeking state vital records may now "download" the request forms from the Department of Health and Family Services internet website, DHFS Secretary Joe Leean announced. The Internet address (URL) to access the forms is: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/dhfs/doh/html/vital/html>

The forms are saved as a "GIF" (Graphics Interchange Format) and can be used within any standard word processor such as Microsoft Word. Instructions for using the GIF files within a word processor are provided on the DHFS web page. "We have also provided the fee structure for copies of vital records and vital records contact information," Leean said.

Leann added that applications for copies of vital records cannot be accepted electronically because state law requires applications for copies of vital records to include the original signature and the appropriate fees.

Vital records requested for legal identity purposes are usually completed within two weeks from the date of receipt in the state Vital Records office. For more information, persons can dial a recorded message at (608) 266-1371.

*(from Newsletter, Vol. 14, #1, Juneau Co. Gen. Soc)*

## CIVIL WAR RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET

If you have Civil War ancestors, there has never been a better time to jump on the Internet!

A special section of Secretary of State George Ryan's "Illinois Gateway" web page is devoted to a database of Illinois Civil War veterans. This database indexes the first eight volumes of the none volume "Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois". The names of approximately 250,000 men, organized into 175 regiments, are indexed.

The searchable database was created and donated to the Illinois State Archives by Fred Delap of Kansas, Illinois, who spent two years compiling the index. Using the information found in the Internet database, a researcher can obtain further information from published reports, muster rolls at the state Archives, or pension/military records from the National Archives and Records Administration.

To find this valuable index to Illinois Civil War veterans, point your web browser to:  
<http://www.sos.state.il.us/depts/archives/dacivil.html>

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Another Civil War Internet site is the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program. This site gives Civil War battle summaries. If you know what battle your ancestor fought in, you can find information such as its location, campaign, dates, principle commanders, forces engaged, estimated casualties, description, and result. In addition, it will give you the name of the National or State Park Unit in case you want to visit. The site is located at:  
<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/Contents.html>

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Be sure to also check out the recently developed **Virginia Digital Library Project** that has put its collection on the Internet at:  
<http://leo.vsia.edu/lva/lva.html>

Yet another database on the Internet pertaining to the Civil War is the "Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, (CWSS)". This is a work in progress and is a computerized database containing basic facts about servicemen who served on both sides during the Civil War, a list of regiments in both the Union and Confederate Armies, descriptions of battles, and suggestions on where to look for additional information.

The CWSS is made possible by partnerships with the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Genealogical Society of Utah, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and others.

The first phase, available now, includes more than 230,000 soldier names of U.S. Colored Troops. More names are being added continually, so keep checking for your ancestor.

The CWSS is located at:  
<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/index.html>

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Look for the "**Illinois in the Civil War**" site. This gives much information including a brief introduction to genealogy and the Civil War, Illinois Civil War sites, famous Illinoisians with Civil War ties, flags of Illinois Regiments, Illinois Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery units, burials of soldiers who died during the wars, and much more. This can be found at:  
<http://www.outfitters.com/illinois/history/civil/civil.html>  
*(from So. Suburban Gen. and Hist. Soc. via The Illuminator, Zion Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Vol. 13, #4, 1997, p.17.)*

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## QUERY

Seek information on "Morning Star Logging Camp on the Moonlight Lonely Trail" that was run by my great-grandfather, John **Guralski**. The camp operated from about the late 1880's to the 1920's in Marathon Co., WI. (Contact Tammy Jablonski, 12305 S. 34th St., Bellevue, NE 68123, (402) 292-7008.)

## MURPHY'S LAW AND LOSS

Ever since you bought your pride and joy, THE LAPTOP, you have prudently listened to your insurance agent, your electrician, your genealogical mentors, and probably your hi-tech brother-in-law. Listened to tips about special coverage, dedicated wiring, regularly backing up your files on disks, and avoiding viruses

You're prepared.  
For anything.

Except BURGLARY.

The police sympathize, but note that a laptop computer is just the sort of grab and dash loot that the modern burglar is looking for. If he's smart, he also takes the power cord and stuffs it into the carry case, which probably contains accessories, manuals, and disks.

Okay, so the laptop no longer represented (start thinking of it in the past tense) the cutting edge of technology, but you've come to rely on research mobility; that's why you bought it.

It (the hardware) is replaceable. But the hard sought data inside it is priceless.

There's the kicker. Master operating and program disks are usually stuffed back into the original box. If we are researching a particular family line, the backup disk is usually in the carry case. And the carry case is generally stored in a convenient location to the computer.

Reconstruction takes time. Planning ahead saves time. Time is a non-renewable resource. Some tips that might work for you:

- \* Back up your files regularly. Store your back up disks away from your house.
- \* Consider a separate binder for each of your four grandparent's lines.
- \* As you add data on an individual, print a hard copy of the revised family group sheet, WITH the current date on it & pitch the old sheet.

- \* Write an annual progress report and give copies to at least two individuals.
- \* Develop an interim family history and give it to your children.
- \* Treat family photographs like software, to a photocopying source; copy your appropriate photos, put copies in the research binder, and store the originals in a filing cabinet; better still, a fireproof box. You may want to consider safe deposit box for extremely valuable photographs.

*(from The Bulletin, Vol. 34, No. 2, June 1997, Eastern Washington Gen. Soc. via Fox Valley Gen. Soc.'s Genealogical Gems, Vol. 16, #1, Summer 1997, p.2)*

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## LAFAYETTE COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATE

To help celebrate Lafayette County's 150th Birthday, the Lafayette Co. Genealogy Society is still offering Pioneer Certificates for at least a year. Be sure to send a SASE to the society's address, P.O. Box 443, Shullsburg, WI 53586 or to their Committee Chairperson, Mae Smith, 1863 W. Laurel, Freeport, IL 61032 requesting an application form if you do not have one. The cost is \$5.00 for each pioneer.

*(from Ancestral Diggin's, Lafayette Co. Gen Soc. Newsletter, Dec. 1997, p.2)*

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## MICROWAVE YOUR OLD BOOKS

A recent note distributed by the Library of Congress tells of their microwaving books they suspect of containing silverfish, lice or other varmints that destroy the bindings or paper. They place the book in a microwave for 60 seconds on warm or low setting and the heat kills the insects and any eggs.

**Do Not use this procedure if the book or papers have staples or any metal items in or on them.**

*(Kishwaukee Gen, Vol. XI, #2,p.4)*



## INDEXES TO POST-1900 UNITED STATES PASSENGER LISTS

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin library now has indexes to post-1900 United States passenger lists on microfilm. The indexes were purchased with the proceeds from the Genealogy '97 conference held in February of 1997. To obtain a copy of a passenger list, consult the Microforms staff person on duty.

Baltimore, MD	1897-1952
Boston, MA	1902-1920
Galveston, TX	1896-1951
Gulf Port, MS	Aug 27, 1904-Aug 28, 1954
New Bedford, MA	July 1, 1902-Nov 18, 1954
New Orleans, IA	1900-1952
New York, NY	June 16, 1897-1943
Pascagoula, MS	July 15, 1903-May 21, 1935
Philadelphia, PA	1883-June 28, 1948
Portland, ME	Jan 29, 1893-Nov 22, 1954
Providence, RI	June 18, 1911-Oct 5, 1954

*(from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 44, Sept. 1997, P. 55 via Pinery Pedigree, Marathon Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Wausau, WI, Vol. 24, #2, Nov/Dec 1997, p.1)*

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## CATHOLIC ARCHIVES HELP

Two sources of historical and genealogical material for the Catholic Church are: Department of Archives and Manuscripts, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20019 and the University Archives, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN 46624.  
*(from Madison Co. Gen. Society via The Illuminator, Zion Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Zion, IL, Vol. 13, #4, 1997, p.16.)*

## IRISH RESEARCH

Irish research is more difficult than that in the rest of the British Isles. Civil registration commenced in 1864 but many Irish records were destroyed in the "Unrest" of 1922. Records from 1864 to 1922, for all Ireland, and from 1922 for the Republic, are held at the office of the Registrar General, Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Northern Irish records since 1922 are held at the GRO, Oxford House, Chichester Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT1, 4HL. Virtually all 19th century census returns have been destroyed but the Irish censuses for 1901 and 1911 may be examined at the National Archives in Bishop Street, Dublin 8, Ireland, but researchers should note that the 100 Year Rule prohibits disclosure of these two returns for the six Northern Ireland Counties of Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone, but they may be scrutinized in Ireland.

If you wish to use a researcher in Ireland the Hibernian Research Company, Ltd., claims that they are Ireland's oldest and largest research company. They also say they proved the ancestries of former President Reagan and former Prime Minister Mulroney. HRCL is at P.O. Box 3097, Dublin 6, Ireland. Their FAX id 353-1-497-3011.

Irish Roots is a quarterly genealogical publication from Belgrave Avenue, Cork, Ireland. Annual subscriptions are for the U.S. \$15.00.

North of the border is the Association of Ulster Genealogists and Records Agents. Write for a list to the Glenmachan Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT4 2NP.

*(from Thistle Press of Scottish Soc. of MI via The Illuminator, Zion Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Zion, IL, Vol. 13, #4, 1997, p.16.)*

## THE CALENDAR OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Del Brick of the Manitowoc Co. Gen Soc. submitted this information, taken from *Webster's New International Dictionary*, second edition, 1943, to his society's newsletter *Family Vines*. This is also of interest to German genealogists because this calendar was used in the areas of Western Germany which were under French control following Napoleon's conquests.

The revolutionary calendar was substituted for the ordinary calendar by a decree of the National Convention in 1793. The 22nd of September 1792, the day from which the existence of the republic was reckoned, was also the beginning date of the new calendar. The year began at midnight of the day of the autumnal equinox, and was divided into twelve months of thirty days, with five additional days (*sans-culottides*) for festivals and six in every fourth year. Each month was divided into three decades of ten days each, the week being abolished. The names of the months, with their English significance, and the approximate dates of their commencement, are as follows:

Vendemiaire	<i>Vintage</i>	September 22
Brumaire	<i>Fog</i>	October 22
Frimaire	<i>Sleet</i>	November 21
Nivose	<i>Snow</i>	December 21
Pluviose	<i>Rain</i>	January 20
Ventose	<i>Wind</i>	February 19
Germinal	<i>Seed</i>	March 21
Floreal	<i>Blossom</i>	April 21
Prairial	<i>Pasture</i>	May 20
Messidor	<i>Harvest</i>	June 19
Thermidor	<i>Heat</i>	July 19
Fructidor	<i>Fruit</i>	August 18

The calendar was abolished by Napoleon at the end of 1805.

(from *Family Vines*, Manitowoc Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Number 90, Summer 1997, p.4.)

### HANDY PHONE NUMBER

If you have a quick question that needs a quick answer, you may be able to get help by calling the Family History Library (LDS) at Salt Lake City. Their switchboard number is 1-800-453-3860. You get a recording, but after, an operator comes on the line. You say that you need a question answered by someone at the library and are connected. Do not expect an involved answer, however they may know where to direct you.  
(from *The Illuminator*, Zion Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Zion, IL, Vol. 13, #4, 1997, p.7.)

### WITCHES' DESCENDANTS

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## The Riches of City Directories

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Urban ancestors can be elusive, especially in our large cities, and many seekers of family information are intimidated at the prospect of trying to find in New York or Chicago what they think of as needles in enormous urban haystacks. For them, city directories can be a blessing. But it is not only big cities that have directories: there are directories even for small towns and rural areas, sometimes remarkably early.

Not all my families lived in cities and towns, but some did, and most of those cities had city directories at the time in question. No, not telephone directories; before that. I love those old city directories--they are truly gold mines for genealogists. Moreover, even the late 20th century city directories have been of inestimable value to me in various areas of my genealogical work. While some directories will not be as early or as detailed as we might like, others will thoroughly satisfy our keenest genealogical cravings.

City directories were (and most still are) produced nearly year by year in most American cities large and small, and in many towns; and many directories are county-wide, covering rural residents as well as urban. The earlier years are likely to be irregular, and the ones we find today may be simply a matter of which have survived; but most gaps mean years in which they were not published. They were produced by directory companies usually, though sometimes by local publishers, to serve as commercial and civic reference works.

The very earliest city directories were sometimes selective of who were listed, but later ones attempted to list all adults, all businesses, and all services. A few of our eastern American cities had them starting in the mid-1700's. New York and Baltimore had some lists of residents printed in the 1600's, but did not have regular directories until the mid and later 1700's. Illinois' earliest one was for Chicago, compiled in 1839. Scores of Illinois localities had directories beginning from the 1840's, 1850's, 1860's, or 1870's, and even more cities, towns, and counties had directories soon after that. There are directories for literally hundreds of Illinois localities--cities, towns, and counties--so many in fact that no single published inventory of American directories includes them all.<sup>1</sup>

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### <sup>1</sup> SOME EARLIER ILLINOIS CITY/COUNTY DIRECTORIES

I am now attempting to compile as complete as possible an inventory of Illinois city directories, and the years they cover, which I hope to publish in a future issue of the *Illinois Genealogical Society Quarterly*. UNTIL THEN, SOME OF THE ILLINOIS LOCALITIES THAT HAVE EARLY (i.e., 1839-1870) DIRECTORIES INCLUDE:

Allen County, Alton, Belleville, Bureau County (includes Princeton, Sheffield, Malden, Tiskilwa, Buda, Wyanet, Neponset, Dover, and other residents in the townships of Bureau county), Cairo, Champaign County (includes Champaign, Homer, Mahomet, Philo, Rantoul, Sadorus, Sidney, Tolono, and Urbana), Chicago, Galena, Galesburg (includes Abingdon, Knoxville, and Monmouth), Jacksonville, Joliet, Kane County (includes Aurora, Batavia, Clintonville, Dundee, Elgin, Geneva, Jericho, Kanessville, Lodi, Montgomery, St. Charles, and rural areas of the townships), LaSalle County (includes LaSalle, Mendota, Ottawa, and Peru), McLean County (includes Bloomington, Chenoa, Cheney's Grove, LeRoy, and Lexington), Moline, Peoria, Quincy, Randolph County (including Chester, Sparta, Red Bud, Liberty, Steelesville, Eden, Evansville, Coulterville, Lafayette, Preston, Florence, Shiloh Hill, Randolph and Camptown), Rockford (includes Freeport, Stephenson County, and Winnebago County), Rock Island (includes Moline and Camden Village), Springfield and Sangamon County, Will County (includes Channahon, Crete, Elmwood, Joliet, Lockport, Mokena, Monee, Plainfield, and Wilmington). Early regional directories of the State of Illinois (1847-1860), include the counties of Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Stephenson. Early Davenport, Iowa, directories include the Illinois communities of Camden and Moline.

Among selected others: the earliest directory I have heard of so far for Tuscola is 1894; Evanston's earliest appears to be 1891, and it includes Evanston, South Evanston, Rogers Park, West Ridge and Wilmette; Hancock County's earliest may be 1886; Grundy County's earliest may be 1877; Danville's earliest appears to be 1874; Decatur's earliest may be 1871/1872; and there is a voters and taxpayers directory for DeKalb County published in 1876. *Again, this is only a partial and preliminary list.*

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## WHAT CITY DIRECTORIES CONTAIN

A. An alphabetical listing of the adult residents, their home addresses, occupations, and often the names of their businesses or employers. By "adults" they usually mean employed adults, and male or female heads of households. Widows' listings often include the names of the deceased husbands. Directories often show whether people own, rent or board at their address. A few directories give residents' birthplaces, and a few give length of residence. Race/color was sometimes indicated.

B. A listing of the businesses and professional services of the locality; even small home-based enterprises are included, such as seamstresses and music teachers. This section is exactly like our Yellow Pages today--a classified listing, that is, businesses and services grouped by categories.

C. Other sections and features usually found are a ward and street directory; governmental offices and services; places of worship, often with the names of their pastors and assistant pastors; clubs and other associations including lodges, unions, ethnic organizations, professional associations, sports clubs, and cultural organizations; cemeteries, newspapers, financial institutions, railroad and steamboat companies and sometimes their routes, schools, colleges, seminaries, convents, libraries, hotels, hospitals, orphanages, etc.; and listings of city and county officials, lawyers, physicians, clergymen, and other classifications of civic and professional persons. Some contain maps and illustrations of public buildings, parks, etc. Some contain a history of the area. Later city directories include telephone numbers.

D. Business advertisements, especially after the mid-1800's, are found throughout the directories and sometimes in special advertising sections as well.

Occasionally a directory will have some special feature others don't usually have. Some contain *state or country of birth*, especially useful in years before the 1850 census. Lucky you who have Cincinnatians in this period; no pre-1850 Federal Census will tell you things like these entries from *Shaffer's Cincinnati, Covington, Newport and Fulton Directory for 1840*, pages 362 and 363:

- Snow, Henry (Ia)<sup>2</sup> Professor of Languages in Woodward College, bds at E P Langdon's.
- Snowden, Wm (Eng) Malster at Wood's Brewery, res cor[ner] 4th and John.
- Snyder, John (N J) Carp[ente]r, 7th near Main, res n cor 9 and Elm.
- Snyder, John (Ger) Fisherman, res junction 5th and Front.
- Sofftje, John H. (Hamburg) Music Teacher, bds at Bdy [Broadway] Hotel.
- Sourbeer, Mrs. Amelia (Md) Seamstress, res NW cor Walnut and Front.
- Southgate, Frank (Me) Medical Student, bds at R. Shoemaker's.

The 1859 Chicago directory gives birthplace *and* how long the person has been living in Chicago.

The 1876 DeKalb County IL directory of voters and taxpayers contains brief biographical information, including birthplace, together with a listing of some of the county's pioneers and their dates of arrival.

The 1859 Randolph County IL directory, in addition to the familiar listing of residents and businesses, with advertisements, contains biographies of early settlers.

Some directories have a section called something like "Omissions, Changes, Removals and Corrections." As you can imagine, the "Removals" (meaning people who have moved away from the city or to a new address within the city) can be exceedingly valuable to genealogists--it will pin down within about a year when the person relocated. Better still, the "Removals" will sometimes name where the person has moved to. "Changes" or "Deletions" sometimes include deaths.

Variant spellings of names occurred, as well as typographical and clerical errors. Many directories cross-reference similar surnames, for example: "Connelly--see also Conly, Conley, Connally;" and we ought to look at them all since the directory agent may not have spelled our subject's surname the way we expect. The 1844 Chicago

<sup>2</sup> "Ia." was, at this time, an abbreviation for Indiana.

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directory specifically states its intention to spell the names correctly but acknowledges that misspellings may have occurred "particularly where persons have been unable to spell, and the name has been written from the sound."<sup>3</sup>

Q. "How did they get the names for the directory? Did they include everybody?"

A. Directory agents tried to canvass each residence and place of business, and they tried to include all adults. People who were missed or did not respond were not included that year. That is why, if we do not find our person, we look on either side of our target year. Another help: sometimes in larger cities *more than one directory was published that year, by different directory companies*; so if we cannot find our person in one directory we look in the other one(s) for that year. In practice, and especially so in the very large cities, many people and businesses were left out because of sheer numbers, language barriers, and, reputedly sometimes, discriminatory factors. In Chicago some ethnic/national groups published a few directories of their own--for example there is a Chicago Polish directory published for 1903--but helpful as these are, they still may not include all adult residents of their groups. I have heard some novice researchers protest that "the family I'm looking for wouldn't be in a thing like that--they were poor." People did not have to pay to be included. Subscription by a number of backers paid for the earlier directories, and the later ones were funded mostly by advertising. All sorts and conditions of people were included, but omissions did occur.

## GENEALOGICAL USES OF CITY DIRECTORIES

Genealogists use these directories to find names and addresses of ancestors, to find about how long they lived in that town; and to find their occupations, employers, work address, names of business owners and business partners. They use them to find people between censuses, to supplement census information or to corroborate or clarify it, and to help fill in for the missing 1890 census. Directories are especially useful for non-indexed or partially indexed census schedules, and for census indexes where names have been omitted or misspelled. We can get from city directories the names of adults in the household, which in pre-1850 census times may well be our only source of this information. We can tell who live together in households from the residential address, often with adult children shown as "boarding" with "resident" parents (though boarder also means non-relatives in the household). We can also get approximate fixes on dates of arrival, removal, marriage, remarriage, and death. Some researchers report having used directories to find that people who were neighbors in a previous place had relocated together to a new town and were still neighbors. Ultimately, the most significant genealogical usefulness is that information in city directories can help us link to censuses, church records, vital records, probate records, land records, naturalization records, maps, and much more.

Many of our urban immigrant ancestors moved frequently in their earlier years in America, sometimes from city to city, and sometimes to different addresses within a city. Their listings in city directories through the years can help us trace these moves, and the changing economic and social conditions that went with them.

Directories usually have a listing of newspapers, including any specialized newspapers that were published in the ancestor's city (for example German, Irish, Polish; Presbyterian, Baptist, Catholic; Farmers, Professional, College/University, etc.), which might have obituaries or other news of your ancestors. You can then get microfilm copies of those newspapers for your relevant years.

Similarly, you can find out what churches and synagogues there were, what their addresses were, and who their pastors were. City directories can help narrow down or actually pinpoint your ancestors' particular congregation or parish, and can be the key to getting you to records of births/baptisms, marriages, deaths, memberships, and other kinds of information recorded in church registers.

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<sup>3</sup>J.W. Norris, *General Directory and Business Advertiser of the City of Chicago For the Year 1844* (Chicago: Ellis and Fergus, 1844), p. 21.

## RECORDS SELECTION TABLE

The table below can help you decide which records to search. It is most helpful for post-1800 research.

In column 1 find the goal you selected.

Then find in column 2 the types of records that are likely to have the information you need.

Additional records that may also be useful are listed in column 3. The terms used in columns 2 and 3 are the

same as the subject headings used in this outline and in the locality section of the FHLC.

Records containing previous research (genealogy, biography, history, periodicals, and societies) could provide information for nearly all of the goals. These have not been repeatedly listed unless they are especially helpful for the goal.

1. If You Need	2. Look First In	3. Then Search
Age	Census, Vital Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation
Birth date	Vital Records, Church Records, Bible Records	Cemeteries, Obituaries, Census
Birthplace	Vital Records, Church Records, Census	Newspapers, Obituaries
City or parish of foreign birth	Church Records, Genealogy, Biography, Naturalization and Citizenship	Vital Records, Obituaries, History, Emigration and Immigration
Country of foreign birth	Emigration and Immigration, Census, Naturalization and Citizenship, Church Records	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers, Obituaries
County origins and boundaries	History, Maps	Gazetteers
Death	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Church Records, Obituaries	Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records
Divorce	Court Records, Vital Records	Newspapers
Ethnicity	Minorities, Native Races, Societies	Church Records, Emigration and Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship
Historical background	History, Periodicals	Minorities
Immigration date	Emigration and Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship, Genealogy	Census, Newspapers, Biography
Living relatives (and adoptions)	Genealogy, Directories, Court Records, Obituaries	Census, Biography, Societies, Church Records, Probate Records
Maiden name	Vital Records, Church Records, Newspapers, Bible Records	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Obituaries
Marriage	Vital Records, Church Records, Census, Newspapers, Bible Records	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization and Citizenship, Land and Property
Occupation	Census, Directories, Emigration and Immigration	Newspapers, Court Records
Parents, children, and other family members	Vital Records, Church Records, Census, Probate Records, Obituaries	Bible Records, Newspapers, Emigration and Immigration
Physical description	Military Records, Biography	Naturalization and Citizenship, Vital Records, Emigration and Immigration, Genealogy
Place-finding aids	Gazetteers, Maps	History, Periodicals
Place (town) of residence when you know only the state	Census (indexed), Genealogy, Military Records, Vital Records, and other records with a statewide index	Biography, Probate Records, History
Places family has lived	Census, Land and Property, History	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries
Previous research (compiled genealogy)	Genealogy, Periodicals, Societies,	History, Biography
Record-finding aids	Archives and Libraries, Societies	Periodicals
Religion	Church Records, History, Biography	Bible Records, Cemeteries, Genealogy
Social activities	History, Biography, Newspapers, Societies	Town Records, Court Records, Cemeteries, Directories, Obituaries

## Military Records

Most records for veterans of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy are available through the National Archives, with the earliest records dating from the Revolutionary War. The National Archives collection includes service records, pension applications and records, bounty land records and even pardon petitions for Confederate Army Veterans.

### U.S. Navy--

For enlisted personnel serving from 1789 to December, 1885, contact the National Archives.

For enlisted personnel separated from the Navy after 1885, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

For officers serving in the Navy from 1789 to December, 1902, contact the National Archives.

For officers separated from the Navy after 1902, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

### Veterans Schedules--

For bounty land warrant applications based on wartime military service from 1775 to 1855, contact the National Archives.

For pension claims based on military service from 1775 to 1916, contact the National Archives.

For pension claims based on military service after 1916, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

### U.S. Marine Corps--

For enlisted personnel serving from 1789 to 1904, contact the National Archives.

For enlisted personnel separated from the Marine Corps after 1904, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

For officers serving in the Marine Corps from 1789 to 1895, contact the National Archives.

For officers separated from the Marine Corps after 1895, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

### Draft Registration for World War I--

For draft registration records of those who registered for the draft before World War I, contact the National Archives--Southeast region.

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**U.S. Army--**

For enlisted personnel serving in the Army from 1789 to October, 1912, contact the National Archives.

For enlisted personnel separated from the Army after October, 1912, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

For officers serving in the Army from 1789 to June, 1917, contact the National Archives.

For officers separated from the Army after June, 1917, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

**Service for Confederate States--**

For military personnel serving for the Confederate States government from 1861 to 1865, contact the National Archives.

**U.S. Air Force--**

For enlisted personnel or officers separated from the Air Force after September, 1947 contact the National Personnel Records Center.

**U.S. Coast Guard and Related Forces--**

For service in the Revenue Cutter Service, the Life-Saving Service, or the Lighthouse Service from 1791 to 1919, contact the National Archives.

For civilian employees of the Revenue Cutter Service, the Life-Saving Service, or the Lighthouse service from 1864 to 1919, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

For officers in the Revenue Cutter Service whose terms of service extended beyond 1915, contact the National Archives.

For enlisted personnel separated from the Coast Guard after 1914, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

For officers serving in the Coast Guard from 1890 to 1929, contact the National Archives.

For officers separated from the Coast Guard after 1928, contact the National Personnel Records Center.

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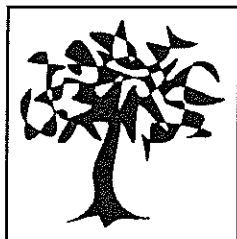
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## MEETING DATES:

- Thursday, December 4 , 1997..... MAGG Christmas Program and Party at the Marshfield Clinic, Room L-620, 7:00 p.m. Sherrie Framness will present the program. Some time will also be used for solving problems in your genealogy so bring them along.
- Thursday, January 22, 1998..... Frank and Betty Schuster from our own MAGG, will be sharing information on their trip to Singapore. Marshfield Clinic, Rooms G-627, 628 and 629 at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 26, 1998..... Program to be announced Marshfield Clinic, Room L207 at 7:00 p.m.



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