

# *Kith and Kin*

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## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Dear Members,

The new year is here and now that things have settled down I made a resolution to go through my files and boxes to see if I missed a tidbit of information that will help in finding my ancestors. One never knows what one may have missed. I hope you had a happy holiday season and may the new year bring new discoveries for everyone.

Linda Berres

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January--A trip to City Hall for a program on "Researching the History of Your Home by the State Historical Society" was held January 22.

## QUERIES

Who are you searching for? Want to list a name and see who may have information for you? Send it in to the editors and we will publish it in the next newsletter. The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 50 words or less without charge to members of MAGG. Submit your query on a separate piece of paper with your name, address and phone number or e-mail address of both. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

*Program at Lib  
Apr 24 10-noon*

The Marshfield Library has added the "1880 Census and National Index" on CD-ROM 929.3 N622 in the CD-ROM area, which may circulate, "Echoes From Andrew And Anna, The Gentle Cook Embrace", "The International Vital Records Handbook", and "Virtual Roots", all in Reference. Additional work has been done on the 1970 Index of the News Herald and the year 1970 to July has almost been completed. A temporary copy of the Index will be located above the microfilms with the other indexes. Anyone who wishes to help complete the index place contact Ken Wood at the Reference Desk of the library, leave a message there, or drop him an email at woodi1999@yahoo.com. Lucille Leick has donated another 50 reels of the "Passenger Lists For Vessels Arriving at New York, New York". When they arrive they will be added to the microfilm collection.



## WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

Do you have an ancestor you think might have served in the Revolutionary War (1775-1783)? Would you like to know if the ancestor is listed with the NSDAR (National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution)? A group of volunteers monitor the Rootsweb DAR Message Board and do lookups.

Include the following:

Ancestor's first and last name, spouse's name if known, dates of birth and death, and state of residence. You do not have to be interested in joining the DAR to request a lookup.  
<http://boards.ancestry.com/mhexec?htx=boards&r=rw&p=topics.organizations.dar>

## THE HOW TO COLUMN

Each issue this column will feature hints on how to do something related to genealogy or some other topic related to genealogy. Drop us a line with suggestions.

This is not exactly a "How To" item but does fit with the writing of a family history or publishing a genealogy.

Facts, like ancestors, do not belong only to us. They may be freely included in anyone's data. You also can compile a family tree about any family, whether you are related in any way or not. Even if you are the first one to discover that your great-grandfather was married aboard the Titanic the day before it sank and that his new bride was lost at sea and never mentioned again, this fact is not owned by you. It does not matter how much time, effort or money was spent to uncover this amazing bit of information, it is not copyrightable by you but is public domain.

## HUMOR IS THE SPICE OF GENEALOGY

Let's find the humorous side of our family searches. Have a "funny thing happen to you on the way to the cemetery?" An ancestor who had a humorous adventure? A funny name or occupation? Let us know and we will include them in future issues.

I know this is a bit late but from Rootsweb Review, Volume 6 #52 December 24, 2003:

"On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

- ....Twelve census searches,
- ....Eleven printer ribbons,
- ....Ten e-mail contacts,
- ....Nine headstone rubbings,
- ....Eight birth and death dates,
- ....Seven town clerks sighing,
- ....Six second cousins,
- ....Five coat of arms,
- ....Four GEDCOM files,
- ....Three old wills,
- ....Two CR-ROMs
- ....And a branch in my family tree.

## MY FAVORITE ANCESTOR OR THE BLACK SHEEP IN MY

## HUMOR

### **Cloning Around**

**Just came across this census record--**

**1900 U. S. Federal Census: Tucker County, West Virginia**

Carr Jesse A.	Head	Sept	1868
Carr Virginia	Wife	Dec	1868
Carr Margaret	Daughter	July	1888
Carr Joseph C.	Son	April	1893
Carr Lula C.	Daughter	Sept	1896
Carr Wilbert	Clone	Feb	1896

**And we thought cloning was something new! Jeanne Crews Rootsweb Review Vol. 7, No. 8  
25 Feb 2004**

## WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

[www.rootdig.com/famouscensus.htm](http://www.rootdig.com/famouscensus.htm)

**Searches the 1850--1930 censuses for famous people before they were famous--Dr. Seuss, Wyatt Earp, Bonnie and Clyde, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Lizzie Borden and parents. A fun site.**

[www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthday.html](http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthday.html)

**Allows you to calculate a birth date from date of death and the age at death that is given in the month, days and years format.**

[/utility/inflationcalculator.html](#)

**Lets you convert prices/income to 2000 dollars from any year from 1800 to 2000. All you need is the date and the amount.**

[/utility/perpetualcalendar.html](#)

**Create a perpetual calendar.**

[/utility/timecapsule.html](#)

**What happened on a given date in a variety of topics from the days headlines, birthdays and songs to toys and books.**

[www.genealogienetz.de/misc/translations.html](http://www.genealogienetz.de/misc/translations.html)

**Free translations of up to 40 lines of text in the languages of Czech, Dutch, French, German, Polish and English. From any to any of those listed.**



## MY FAVORITE ANCESTOR OR THE BLACK SHEEP IN MY FAMILY

### Our first contributor, Jerry Porter--THANKS

**One of my most interesting ancestors is HANNAH EMERSON DUSTON, my ancestor ten generations removed, a famous and remarkable New England woman whose experiences and exploits are chronicled in colonial history.**

She was born to Michael Emerson and Hannah Webster, 23 December 1657. Hannah Emerson married Thomas Dunston, 3 December 1677. On 15 March 1697, six days after the birth of Thomas and Hannah's ninth child, a band of Indians swooped down on Haverhill, Massachusetts, where the family lived. On learning of the Indians' approach, Thomas rushed home. But Hannah was far too weak to leave. She insisted that he take the rest of the children away, which he did. Hannah, her newborn infant, and Mrs. Neff, her nurse, were captured and driven into the wilderness where the infant was killed. Some time after their capture, Hannah, Mrs. Neff, and a boy named Samuel Lennerson, captured a gun and a tomahawk from their captors and killed and scalped the ten (drunken) Indians who were "guarding" them. The group then made their way back to Haverhill, arriving there on 25 April 1697. Eventually the General Court of Massachusetts Bay paid Thomas Dunston fifty pounds for Hannah's bravery (a "bounty" of sorts for the Indian scalps). "Hannah's name became a thrilling word in all the colonies" There was a phrase, "Remember Hannah Dunston," the equivalent of "Remember the Alamo" or "Remember Pearl Harbor". There is a statue of Hannah in Haverhill with her arm outstretched holding a hatchet (observed by the author). It is said that Native Americans frequently steal the hatchet and spray paint on the statue. There is a smaller statue up the Merrimack River in New Hampshire at the site where the killing and scalping occurred.

## NEWS FROM THE PAST

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Judge Geiger of Milwaukee ruled in a case on Monday that an alien who had been convicted of making moonshine cannot become a citizen.

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Tuesday was "Citizens Day" in Circuit Court and a number of petitions for naturalization were heard. Federal Examiner J.S. Danforth of St. Paul was present and conducted the examination of petitioner, Judge Crosby also asking any questions he deemed necessary. The following is a list of those who passed:

Alfons Wucki, Wilhelm Jichkowskie, Thina Olson Thompson, August Wiesjahn, Anna Hagen Samuelson, Paul Weigel, Adolph Emil Christian Iverson, Jakob Rogus, Anton Jarosz, Josef Kohlhofer, Sam Jan Branevki, Margaret Schober Kahlhofer, Anton Rataczyk, Stefan Czubokowski, John Stuzewski, Augusta Ratzburg, Laura Durham Leiser, William Hunter, Julia Leannis Hunter, Otto Santala, Anton Gere, Jens Beck, Jacob Rogus, Trygve Brandmo.

Anton Musich, Richard Pohl, Stanley Novak and Thorvald Erickson were continued till next term. Richard Pohl, August Fred Schultz and Henry Davis were dismissed.

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Louis Kasberger Sr. and John Michaelski Sr. were at Grand Rapids to file their applications for their second citizenship papers. Henry Ebbe and Anton Hensler were the witnesses.

Eugene Tesmer, Willard Harvey TeStrake, Douglas James Thomas, , Brock Thomsen, Alfred Edward Thompson Jr., Raetta Jean Tippelt, Frank Ule Jr., Betty Veers, Eileen Margaret Warrick, Loreen Marie Warrick, Florence Marie Weber, Margaret Ann Weigel, Barry Alan Weiler, Gary Robert Weirauch, Dale Wenzel, Karen Sue Wespetat, Mike Westerhausen, Catherine Whipple, Richard Wilatoski, James Woehrl, Michael Woodkey, Judy Ann Woodward, Beverly Jean Wundrow, Jon Zimmer.

## OTHER BREAKING NEWS

Word has been received that Marshfield is going to soon have a Family History Center at the local Mormon Church. Kathy Engelbretson will be in charge, I am told. No date for its opening was available.

## GENEALOGY QUIZ

Take a quiz and see how well you know the basics of genealogy. From [www.witsend.org/gen/gentest.htm](http://www.witsend.org/gen/gentest.htm)

1. You have the names of three siblings born between 1884 and 1887 and need to know the names of their parents. Which census would be the best one to start with?

a-1880 b-1890 c-1900 d-1910

2. IGI stands for...

a-International Genealogical Index b-Index of German Immigrants c-Itemized Guardianship Inventories d-Irish Geographical Index

3. The best place to start your genealogical research is...

a-Internet b-Grandma c-National Archives d-Mormon Library

4. It's been said that "genealogy of place" is vital to doing research. This means that the most important thing to do when you find out the name of the town an ancestor was from is to...

a-learn the important people in the town's history b-determine where the town is located and how boundaries have changed over time c-go to the town itself to research your family's history d-learn where the cemeteries are located in the town

5. An ancestor died intestate. This means

a-he left no will b-he was traveling out of state when he died c-he died in a state prison d-his body was never found

6. Your grandfather's sister's daughter is your

a-great aunt b-half-sister c-second cousin d-first cousin once removed

7. The standard way to write May 8th, 1904 in the US is...

a-5/8/04 b-5/8/1904 c-8 May 1904 d-May VIII 1904

8. You do not know your grandmother's maiden name. She was married several times. The surname you will use for her on a pedigree chart is...

a-the surname of her first husband b-the surname of your grandfather c-the surname she had when she died d-none of the above

9. You found several records that give your ancestor's birthdate. Rank the sources for reliability.

a-1834 baptismal record b-1850 census c-1902 death record d-1974 family history book

10. Finding the original meaning of your surname will help you in researching your ancestors.

a-True b-False

Answers in the next newsletter.

# WE NEED HELPERS

The Marshfield Social Justice group is sponsoring "A World of Neighbors: The Marshfield Cultural Fair" on Friday February 20 and Saturday February 21, 2004 at UW-Marshfield. The purpose of the Fair is to celebrate the cultural diversity within our community. There will be all kinds of activities for families and kids going on simultaneously. They have invited MAGG, along with the Marshfield Public Library to participate with displays and assistance for those doing genealogy and family history research. We would set up at the UW-Marshfield library on Friday night. We would be actively involved on Saturday from 11 Am to 4 PM. There will be Internet access, a TV and VCR available and a room for presentations. The Public Library will supply resource materials such as the 1880 Soundex, surname dictionaries, books from the "In Search of your----Roots" series, some local newspaper indexes, and other materials. MAGG is asked to provide blank pedigree charts and family group sheets and to have a supply of membership flyers available. Also is people have decorative family trees, bibles, family history quilts, etc that could be displayed to pique interest they would be welcomed.

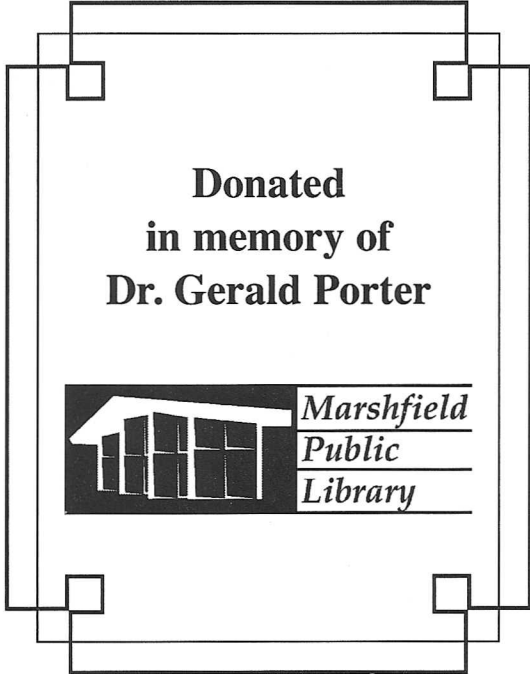
We need 10 volunteers, 5 from 11 to 1:30 and 5 from 1:30 to 4. There will also be staff from the Library involved. PLEASE contact Ken Wood at the library, by e-mail or at home at 384-6825 or Linda Berres by e-mail or at 384-5388 and leave a message. This is a great chance to help our organization grow.

Ken Wood

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