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7:30 p.m. - First Baptist Church - 404 Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE.

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Vice President - Charlene Kolterman

Secretary - Ginger Houser

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's hard to believe the New Year is here. The excitement and joy of the Christmas season seems to pass so quickly. Hasn't this Nebraska Fall and December temperature been fantastic? I can't remember when we have had 50 and 60 degree weather and people on the golf course in December in Nebraska. Now Jan. SNOW!!! Our society had a very informative meeting in November at the Norfolk Public Library. Charlene Kolterman presented the program on searching the Internet for helpful sites. After the program a hands on mini workshop followed. Many thanks to Charlene and Judy Hilkeman of the Public Library. December we had no meeting as everyone is so busy during that month. January 19 will be our post Christmas party at Great American Sirloin Buffet at 6:00 p.m. It's always a fun time. Spouses, families, and friends will be our guests.

I would like to thank Ginger Houser, our secretary, for all her help. Due to her work schedule, she has had to resign. Many thanks Ginger from the entire group.

Dues are now past due. if you have not paid, this will be your last newsletter.

There are many informative programs planned for the coming months. Watch the Norfolk Daily News and Calendar of Events for the time and place.

Many thanks to all members who have helped with Queries from members and others received in the mail. May the remainder of the winter months be filled with many Genealogical finds:

Sincerely,

Audrey Polenske

Audrey Polenske
President





MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BYLAWS

Revised October 20, 1998

Article 1: NAME

The name of the Society shall be MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

Article 2: PURPOSE:

The general purpose for which this Society is organized is: To help with genealogical research and to encourage the study of family history.

Article 3: MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. Membership in this Society shall be open to those persons who have an active interest in genealogy.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be \$10.00 per single membership and \$15.00 per family membership payable in advance, on or before the September meeting of each year. The treasurer shall notify members three months in arrears, and those whose dues are not paid within three more months thereafter shall be automatically dropped from membership in this Society.

Section 3. All members joining before September 1, 1974 shall be considered as charter members of the Society.

Article 4: OFFICERS:

Section 1. Officers and their general duties:

- A. President: Shall conduct the meetings, appoint standing committees and others as needed and promote and maintain unity within the Society.
- B. Vice President: Shall act as chairperson in the absence of the president and shall serve as chairperson of the programs and projects committee.
- C. Secretary: Shall record the minutes of each meeting, keep records of attendance and handle the correspondence for the Society.
- D. Treasurer: Shall collect and maintain dues and all other funds and administer all club finances as voted upon by the membership. The books shall be audited on an annual basis.

Section 2: The officers of this Society shall be elected at the July meeting and their terms of office to run for one year, beginning Sept. 1st.

Article 5: MEETINGS:

Section 1: The regular meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month except for the December meeting.

Section 2: The regular meeting on the third Tuesday of July shall be the annual meeting.

Article 6: COMMITTEES:

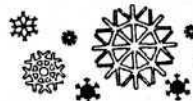
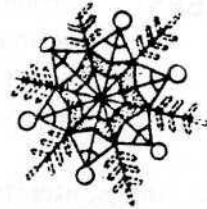
Section 1: Program and Project Committee: this committee shall be composed of at least three members of which the Vice-President is chairperson and their purpose shall be to plan and co-ordinate suitable programs and projects for each meeting.

Section 2: Audit Committee: this committee shall be comprised of at least three members whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year and to report to the society.

Section 3: Nominating Committee: a nominating committee of at least three members shall be appointed at the June meeting for nomination of officers. They must obtain the consent of the nominee before presenting the slate of officers at the July meeting.

Article 7: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY: The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules Of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the Society in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

Article 8: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS: these bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a simple majority of those present provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.



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January 19, 1999

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ELLIS ISLAND VIDEOS

A Tri-State Corners member, Lillian Jones, purchased the three part video, ELLIS ISLAND. The video was produced by Greystone Communications, Inc. for the HISTORY CHANNEL and was narrated by Mr. Mandy Patinkin. Lillian loaned the videos to the society for programs. Dennis & Ruth Norvell volunteered to be program chairmen for the showing of the three videos beginning at the September meeting. The Society has enjoyed excellent programs about the immigrants who landed at the Ellis Island complex. The following is quoted from the video information:



"When the immigration station at Ellis Island opened in 1892, few . . . imagined its effects on America and the world. When it closed over 50 years later, the contributions of the immigrants that had passed through its doors had helped make the United States the most powerful and enterprising national on earth. Ellis Island was recognized as a symbol of the very best American ideals. This . . . program takes a look at how immigration changed America in this century. Moving firsthand accounts bring to life the rich story of Ellis Island, from its creation to its

dedication as a national monument . . . rare film footage and photographs tell the story of the immigrants who went through America's 'golden door' and. . . to make history.

It was built to replace the ancient Castle Garden Immigration Center. Today, it is a celebrated national monument. In this. . . program, immigrants of every background--as well as former officials and employees--tell the. . . story of Ellis Island. The world's leading historians offer a look at how the facility was built, who ran it, and why only third class passengers disembarked there. . . rare photographs and films offer a touching look at the faces of those who came to define the American Dream."

Most of us trace ancestry to one or more immigrants and the videos afford us the pleasant opportunity to "somewhat" enter that moment in a family history.

The writer encourages contact with the local library for the availability of the videos--not only for local genealogy groups--but to share with other organizations.

THE SEARCH IS WORTH EVERY OUNCE OF EFFORT.

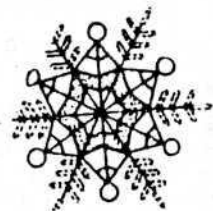
--Hannesina Shafer, Pres.

Tri-Corner Connections--(NE.-MO.-KS.)--Nov. 1998



HELEN'S HINTS

ORPHAN TRAIN; New book out ORPHAN TRAIN RIDER by Andrea Warren, \$15.95. Published by Houghton Mifflin 80 p. Winner of 96 Boston Globe Award. (NW IA GS JAN 98)



CAPTURED CONFEDERATES - List of 2,000 captured who died at prison on Arsenal Island, Rock Island, IL prepared by Bryan England, former arsenal historian. Write: Rock Island Arsenal Historical Office, Rock Island, IL 61299. (Tacoma-Pierce GS via Copper State Journal)

WHITES WHO MARRIED INDIANS - Not listed in U.S. Census records if married in OK, AR or MO before 1880 they were considered part of the Indian nation they married into. Starting 1906 all Indians had to fill out a claim. Natl Archives has these apps. (Hopkins Co., TX via Appleland Bulletin Dec 97)

MILITARY GRAVE STONES - if your ancestors stone is unreadable, damaged, or unmarked, the military will replace for free. Contact your local funeral home to apply. You will have to pay for the installation. If stone marks the grave a Confederate Vet the Sons of Confederate Veterans will replace it. (Lincoln-Lancaster Co. GS 96)



CHECK NEXT DOOR - When using an earlier census, go 10 to 20 families on either side of your family and investigate their identity. It is a proven fact about half will prove to be related. (Sun Cities Gen via Westward Into NE Jan 98)

READ TOMBSTONES EASIER - with a mirror. 5 x 7 will do fine. Hold mirror to side of the transcription and reflect sun's light on it. The cross light picks up everything. It's fantastic and no mess or damage. Learned this from a stonecutter. (Olympia Gen. via Bluestem Root Diggers Oct 96)



USING FUNERAL HOME RECORDS AS SOURCE - can often provide more info than death certificate. Use the Red Book an annual publication listing all mortuaries. It all list all National cemeteries. (Wine Press, Napa, CA NOV 96)

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES - were filed years after birth of those who did not have an original. They required affidavits by relatives or doctors present at birth or proof from a baptismal certificate or family Bible record. SS cards were issued to all citizens in 1940. To obtain this SS card a birth certificate was needed. Check the 1940 birth indexes for those lost and unable to find. People born as early as 1858 had to register for SS. (The Sunflower, Hutchinson, KS - Nov 96)



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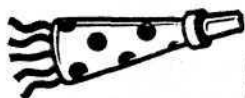


GERMANS FROM RUSSIA - Early 1800's many Germans moved to Russia to homestead. Later they fled to U.S. for better. Check: American Historical Society of Germans From Russia, 631 D Street, Lincoln NE 68512 and the Bessarabian Area (Black Sea), Germans from Russia Heritage Society, 1000 E. Central Avenue, Bismark, ND 58510. (NW Iowa Gen. Soc. via South Bay Cities Gen Society -- Aug 97)

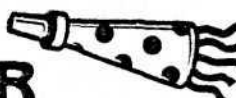


CLEANER FOR OLD PHOTOS- PEC-12; check camera shops, will clean "goo", pen ink, finger oils, smoke, soot. Spray some PEC-12 on soft cloth and gently rub surface of print. Is archival safe. (Rabbit Tracks Vol. 14 Winter 95)

Ancestors Unlimited--SW NE GS, McCook, NE--Spring, 1998



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



DIVORCE RECORDS

Roberta Pinter has been recording the names of persons who filed for divorce at the Bureau County Courthouse and the number of the packet with the court documents. She has completed this work for the years 1868 to 1891. During this period there were over 600 persons who filed for divorce. Most were granted a divorce, but in a few cases the person changed his or her mind and the case was dismissed. In some of the latter cases, the spouse filed for divorce a few months later and the divorce took place.

The years prior to 1868 will be done and also the years from 1892 to 1908. The project will stop at 1908.

We are looking for a volunteer to enter this information into their computer. They must be able to establish a simple program for this information. If you are willing to do this, please contact Carol Shipp (815-875-8491).

Searches of this card index can be made until a volunteer is found. Either visit the Volunteer Cottage or send your request by mail. Our current research policy will apply. [See our Jan-Feb 1998 issue, page 4.]

If one of your ancestors disappeared during the time period of 1868 to 1891, there is a

chance that a divorce took place before or after they left Bureau County. Even though divorces were not as common as they are today, many couples did get divorced in the 1800's:

We thank Roberta Pinter for working on this project since these are very valuable records for genealogical researchers.

WHAT YEAR CAME AFTER 1 BC?

You could say that one year of human history was skipped. After the year 1 BC, calendar measurement immediately went to AD 1. Between 1 BC and AD 1 there was no year numbered "0" - although in the centuries since, there have been zero years, such as 200, 1200 and 1900.

That is why the 21st century will technically start in 2001, and not 2000. Because there was no zero year, the first century consisted of the years 1 through 100. The twentieth century consists of the years 1901 through 2000. However, people will most likely celebrate the new century on January 1, 2000, even though 2000 really belongs to the 100 years of the previous century.

--from *Knowledge in a Nutshell* by Charles Reichblum, via OCCGS, Aug 1997, et al.

Bureau Co. Gen. Soc.

Jul-Aug 1998



1870 FEDERAL CENSUS

We understand a statewide index for the 1870 Federal Census of Illinois will be available in the near future. Please be aware that it will have many omissions for Bureau County since approximately 15% of this census cannot be read. The ink on the original copy faded so badly that all copies on microfilm have sections which are not possible to read. If you do not find your ancestor in this census, don't automatically conclude that he didn't live in Bureau County. He could be one who faded away on paper.

Other sources to check are the 1865 Illinois State Census and the book *Voters and Taxpayers of Bureau County, Illinois* (1877).

"INSTANT DATES"

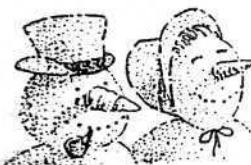
Have you ever heard of "instant dates"? There are some archaic terms referring to dates that will make you stop and blink if you run across them in your genealogical research. For example: Monday instant - if used, usually means "today." The 10th instant - usually means the 10th of the present month. The 20th ultimo - the 20th of the last month. Monday last - the most recent Monday. Tuesday next - the nearest Tuesday to follow. December last - the most recent December. While the terms "next" and "last" are usually written out, the term "ultimo" is sometimes written "ULT" and instant is "INST." It is important to note the date on the document being studied as that is the key to the dates the writer refers to.

--from *The Family Tree*, Dec 1997/Jan 1998

CENOTAPH

When the word "cenotaph" is engraved on a tombstone, it indicates an empty grave. The person is being honored, while the remains have been buried elsewhere.

--from *Kishwaukee Genealogists*, Mar/Apr 1998



KENTUCKY DEATH INDEX

The Kentucky Death Index from 1 Jan 1911 to 31 Dec 1992 is now available via the Internet. Researchers who have a modem and Internet access may use this to search the index for persons for whom death certificates are desired. If a certified copy of a particular death record is desired, write to Office of Vital Statistics, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40602. The cost for a certified copy is \$6.00. Uncertified copies of death certificates issued from 1911 through 1938 may also be obtained from microfilmed copies at the Kentucky Historical Society or the Kentucky Library and Archives.

--Bluegrass Roots, et al.

MISSOURI NEWSPAPERS

The Missouri State Historical Society located on the campus of the University of Missouri at Columbia houses the most extensive collection of Missouri newspapers in the United States and is the second largest specialized research library in the state. The Society has newspapers for every county in Missouri, some going back to the beginning of the nineteenth century. Most newspapers are on microfilm, but some are still in hard copy. The microfilms are available on interlibrary loan from your local public library. A guidebook lists all newspapers and the dates available in alphabetical county order. The Society's newspaper and reference libraries are open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The Society is located on the east end of the University of Missouri's Elder Ellis Library Building in the center of campus. The address is 1020 Lorry, Columbia, MO 65201, phone 573-882-7083. Metered parking is available behind the library or a parking garage pass may be obtained ahead of time by writing Parking and Transportation Office, 107 Swallow Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. The Society's web page is <http://www.system.missouri.edu/shs>.

--St. Louis Gen. Soc. Jul 1997, et al.

DOCUMENTING ILLINOIS DEATHS BEFORE 1877

As the seasoned Illinois researcher well knows, few Illinois counties recorded any deaths before 1877 and the state of Illinois did not keep death records until 1916.

What is the poor researcher to do, then, if he wishes to document deaths prior to 1877? Obituaries may help, if one is lucky enough to find one, and the Illinois State Historical Library has an extensive file of these. Cemetery records are good, when available, and many Illinois genealogical and historical societies have cemetery publications. Coroner's records are also rare for the years prior to 1877 and they do not cover the majority of deaths anyway.

Perhaps the most useful substitutes for reliably kept death records are probate or estate records. Not everyone who died prior to 1877 would show up in probate records, of course, but the chances are that anyone who died with a substantial amount of real or personal property will appear in the probate records of the county in which he resided.

The probate records generated depend upon whether the deceased died "testate" (having left a last will and testament) or "intestate" (having left no will). If the deceased died testate, his estate will be settled by the "executor" he designated in the will who carries out the terms of the will. If the deceased died intestate, an "administrator" is appointed to settle the estate. Unlike the executor, the administrator is required to identify all of a decedent's heirs.

In either case, the date of death should be recorded in the Probate Journal or Minutes or among the papers filed in the "probate packet." Illinois law required executors to report the death within 30 days and administrators were required to present a proof of death or affidavit of death before they proceeded to settle the estate.

Probate records are currently kept by the county circuit clerks and inquiries should be directed to that official in the appropriate county. You may also wish to check the probate

records held by IRAD, the Illinois Regional Archives Depository. Be sure to locate the correct IRAD for the county or counties you are researching.

--from ISGS Nov/Dec 1995, et al.

MISSOURI MARRIAGES

Prior to 26 June 1881, people in Missouri could get married and then record the marriage at any courthouse. If you are having trouble finding a marriage record in Missouri, you may have to look in other counties, particularly the county where your ancestor finally settled. After this date, licenses were required before the marriage.

--from Kishwaukee Genealogists, Jan/Feb 1998; et al.

MISSED INFORMATION

Don't miss important additional information. How many times have you photocopied a page at the library, only to discover later that you don't understand certain abbreviations or the significance of some of the information? Authors and compilers often use the introduction or preface to a book to give further instructions, background information, limitations and abbreviations. When looking at a reference book of any type, be sure to check both the front and back for any type of additional information that you should be aware of.

--Toma Co. Gen. Soc., via The Illuminator 13:4 (1997)

Bureau Co. Gen. Soc. Jul-Aug 1998

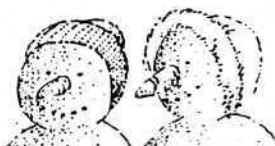
EVERYONE DID NOT LAND AT ELLIS ISLAND

When trying to determine where your ancestor arrived, bear in mind the following information concerning immigrants arriving in New York:

1 Aug 1855-18 Apr 1890 proc. @ Castle Garden
19 Apr 1890-31 Dec 1891 proc. @ Barge Office
1 Jan 1892-13 Jun 1897 proc. @ Ellis Island
14 Jun 1897-16 Dec 1900 proc. @ Barge Office
17 Dec 1900-31 Dec 1924 proc. @ Ellis Island

**From Sawdust City Roots Eau Claire, WI,
Vol. 15 No. 4, Mar/Apr 1998, via Northwest Iowa
Roots Digger, Vol. 17 No 4.

Source: Dodge/Jefferson Co. G. S. May 1998



4-H program now offers genealogical research

4-H Clubs around the US have begun a program of teaching genealogical research to give youth an early start on this most important project - while their parents and grandparents are usually still with them.

There are four divisions to this project, each one building on the one before. Division one begins at age nine or grade four. Students begin research notebooks, completing three generations of ancestry, including themselves. They are taught the correct way to write dates, locations and other data. Additional information on their three generations, including pictures and other original documentation is also encouraged.

In the second year, students add another generation and supply sources of documentation, photographs of tombstones and an updated diary of their work.

In the third year, six generations are included with full documentation and a picture or story about their sixth generation ancestor.

In the advanced division, eight generations and other aspects of genealogy - migration patterns, census information, religious background, military history and the like are researched.

4-H leaders help club members understand the project goals. As with all 4-H Club projects, club members are judged at local and state levels, with emphasis on the 4-H'ers ability to follow instructions as well as to complete their project.



Alert! Beware!

The National Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Federation of Genealogical Societies, advises everyone to be on alert when considering the purchase of products based solely on surnames.

Coats of Arms:

Several companies sell coats of arms or "ancestral arms" for thousands of surnames. Some employ artists to design original coats of arms; others adapt coats of arms found in books.

Coats of arms purchased in shopping malls or by mail order are most likely not related in any way to the purchaser's ancestry.

Rules on the use of authentic coats of arms differ. You may rightfully use British coats of arms only if you can trace your ancestry through the male line directly to the man who was first granted that coat of arms. To ensure authenticity you should register your arms with the English College of Heralds or the Scottish Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

History of your surname:

A number of companies sell certificates or books that supposedly detail the history of your surname. Some also sell lists of addresses for people with the same last name. These companies mass produce their products, changing only a few details to make them appear different. A book of information about various individuals with the same last name is not a family history.

A list of names and addresses for individuals who simply share a surname is neither a family history nor a form of genealogy.

Unless your surname is unique, you should not assume that people with the same last name are your relatives!



Make your own stickie notes...er, non-stickie notes...

Most all genealogists know already that the oh-so-convenient stickie notes are a no-no for use on anything you wish to keep for a long time.

The Cloud Family Journal had an idea for making non-stickie notes that will not harm your precious genealogical documents. Here's what you do:

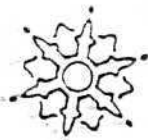
Use alkaline or non-acidic paper and cut a stack of "notes" about 3 inches by 4 inches or whatever size you need. Fold the note in half vertically and nip a slanted cut partway in from the fold. When you open the note, you should have a "v" cut in the middle of the note.

Slip that notch onto the edge of the paper or book page after you have annotated it with your message. No adhesive, no damage.

You can make a stack of them at one time and cut the notches in several notes with one clip of the scissors. You'll save money and protect your papers.

There are commercial products like this for identification of rare books...but they are about 10 cents each. You can make your own much cheaper. Remember to choose a pencil or archivally-safe pen when you write on your homemade notes.

You may write the Cloud Family Association at 508 Crestwood Drive, Eastland, TX 76448.



Cemeteries may also see Year 2000 woes

By JAMES S. DERK
Scripps Howard News Service

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — While most of the attention on the "Year 2000 problem" is focused on computers, a decidedly low-tech cousin is looming: thousands of tombstones and monuments will have to be replaced if some senior citizens live into the new century.

That's because many widows and widowers bought double monuments when their spouses died. To save money, most tombstones were inscribed with the survivor's name, birth year and the first two digits (19 - -) of their "death year."

"To save money, they told the cutter to 'go ahead, I'm not going to live that long,'" said Jack Troth, president of Monuments in Dale, Ind. "Surprise! They're still here."

Charles Scherer, owner of Majestic Monuments, said the problem is certainly relevant. "I'm going to run into the same problem with my own mother." She's 88, but his father died 25 years ago. She had a tombstone pre-engraved with "19 - -" as the first two digits of her death year.

"We stopped putting the 19 on them about 12 years ago when we realized this could become prob-

lematic for people later," he said.

Some monuments can be repaired. Those with indented numerals are easiest. A monument worker can lay the stone flat and insert stone powder and epoxy and fill the old date. Such repairs will cost a few hundred dollars.

But those with raised lettering or with hard-to-find granite might be facing a complete replacement of the monument, with costs potentially running to thousands of dollars.

Troth said the industry is experimenting with various methods to repair monuments, but the worry is the repair won't be as durable as the rest of the stone.

"I am hoping the industry on a national level comes up with a good way to do it," he said. "I just don't know what it's going to be."

Greg Patzer, director of the Monument Builders of North America, a trade group based in suburban Chicago, said he expects repairs on recessed-lettered tombstones to be pretty effective and long-lasting.

Those with raised letters, though, will have to consider a total stone replacement.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LOCATIONS:

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KANSAS:

PHILLIPSBURGH: 913-543-5851

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Source: Platte Valley Kinseekers, Nov 1998



Genealogy Quiz

by Donna Potter, from AGLL's Sept./Oct. 1997 *Genealogy Bulletin*

In what relationship to yourself do the following persons stand?

1. your father's only uncle's brother's wife?
2. your aunt's mother's father's wife?
3. Your mother's nephew's daughter's son?
4. Your brother's son's sister's mother?
5. your sister-in-law's father-in-law's grandson?
6. your sister's father's stepson's mother?
7. your uncle's father's only grandchild?
8. your brother-in-law's wife's grandmother's husband?
9. your father's father's daughter's daughter?
10. the granddaughter of the only son of your mother's mother-in-law?

Answers

1. My grandmother.
2. My great-grandmother.
3. My first cousin twice removed.
4. My sister-in-law

5. My son or nephew
6. My stepmother
7. Me
8. My grandfather



9. My first cousin
10. Me.

--- Thanks to Virginia Foster

Via Adams Co. G.S., Hastings, NE.



OLD JAILS— From Jefferson County Union June 23, 1893.

The Madison Democrat, in giving an account of the old log jail in Dane Co., tells of a prisoner who was given every opportunity by the sheriff to escape, but refused to avail himself of the privilege.

This account recalls to the mind of the Union correspondent, his visit, when a boy, to the Jefferson Co. jail. It was built of logs and contained but two or three cells. At that time two prisoners who had been convicted of horse stealing were the inmates of one cell. The door was left open, and they were free to come and go as they pleased during the day. We were surprised at dinner time to see them take their places at the table with the sheriff and his family. They were locked in the cell at night in order to comply with the requirements of jail life. During the harvest season of 1848, they with the sheriff were employed by the writer's father. A five mile drive from Jefferson brought them each morning to their work and returned them to their prison cell at night. A gentleman who now resides in Fort Atkinson, asked them one day, when the sheriff was a hundred rods distant, why they did not skip into the woods. One of them replied by asking the question: "Do you think we are fools? We are allowed the privilege of retaining our earnings, are fed and well cared for, our time is out in October and we shall have enough laid by to give us a good start in the world. If in our attempt to escape we were again caught, our term of imprisonment might be prolonged, and we should be deprived of the liberty we now enjoy." They had been led to commit crime by an old uncle. They remained to the end of their term and report says, "they became highly respected citizens in the community in which they afterwards dwelt."

Meaning of an Orphan

The term "orphan" in old documents and court records often referred to someone younger than 21 whose father had died, even though their mother was still alive. Often the mother was appointed guardian of children under 14. In most jurisdictions, if the child was over 14, they could name their own guardian. Many times it was an older brother rather than a mother who was selected. Source: SOMOS PRIMOS via Pinery Pedigree, Vol. 24, No 3

Dating a Tombstone

One Way to figure out the era your ancestor was buried is to examine the material the tombstone is made from. If the stone is made of slate or common fieldstone, chances are the stone dates from 1797-1830. If the stone is flat topped hard marble, the dates are about 1830-1849. If your mystery stone is round or pointed soft marble with cursive inscriptions look for a date of 1845-1868. Masonic four sided stones began in 1850 and are still in use today. Pylons, columns and all exotic-style monuments are usually dated 1860-1900. Zinc monuments date from 1870-1900. Granite, now common, came into use about 1900. Source: FAMILY TREE. Odem Library, Dec -95-Jan '96.

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GERMAN RESEARCH

In Germany, men had to complete military training before receiving permission to emigrate. Because of this many families left Europe without official permission. Some of these undocumented emigrants can now be identified. A database of persons who were not found when the government tried to contact them is being compiled. The Germanic Emigrants register will eventually cover the years from 1820-1918 and include 800,000 entries. The Immigrant Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369 has the microfiche index to the first 277,000 entries covering the years 1895-1918. Volunteers will check the list for you and provide a translation of the information in the index plus a form and instructions for submitting a search of the database in Germany. From: Prince George's Co. Gen. Soc. Bulletin June, 1997.

CLUES IN MILITARY MARKER REQUESTS

Military grave markers are not provided unless requested by a survivor of the veteran. The request made for a deceased relative or ancestor could contain important genealogical information. A copy of the request can be obtained from: Office of Memorial Programs (403A), National Cemetery Systems, Dept of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC 20420. (From Napa Valley G&BS Winepress; 24:1, p. 4, 8).

PRE-1907 VITAL RECORDS

A bill was signed by Governor Thompson on 28 April which again allows genealogists to print uncertified copies of these pre-1907 vital records at the State Historical Society Library in Madison. Certified copies obtained from the State Vital records office or County Register of Deeds offices still require the full fee of \$7 or \$12. We owe a debt of gratitude to the people who worked so hard getting this legislation passed and signed into law!

Source: Dodge/Jefferson Co. Gen Soc Aug 1998

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

They will send you a printout of family history/ genealogy that they have on a particular name. Send a #9 envelope SASE in a #10 envelope. Limit your request to 1 or 2 names. Mail request to: Library of Congress, Family History Division, Washington, DC 20542.

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The Van Gogh Family Tree

After much careful research, it has been discovered that the artist, Vincent Van Gogh, had many relatives. Among them were:

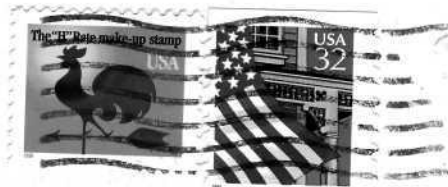
His obnoxious brother	Please Gogh
His dizzy aunt	Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes	Gotta Gogh
The constipated uncle	Cant Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store ..	Stopn Gogh
The grandfather from Yugoslavia	U Gogh
The brother who bleached his clothes white	Hue Gogh
The cousin from Illinois	Chica Gogh
His magician uncle	Wherediddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin	Amee Gogh
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother	Grin Gogh
The nephew who drove a stagecoach	Wellsfar Gogh
The ballroom-dancing aunt	Tan Gogh
A sister who loved disco	Go Gogh
The bird-lover uncle	Flamin Gogh
His nephew psychoanalyst	E Gogh
The fruit-loving cousin	Man Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking	Wayto Gogh
The little bouncy nephew	Poe Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in a van	Winnie Bay Gogh

~ Contributed by Karen Butler

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