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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We do hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have you checked the I.G.A. (International Genealogical Index) at the LDS Library. I found two marriage dates in about 15 minutes. Birth and deaths are also in the files. It is well worth a try.

As we start our new year, we hope you will come forward with ideas for programs or if you need help, bring your problems -- maybe some one at the meeting can help. It is always worth a try.

Do let us know when you find some new information. The way you find information may help another in a different way to search or solve a problem. Joyce E. Barlow

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD at Logan Antenna & Service located at 200 . met the 3rd Tuesday of each month except December at 7:30 p.m.

NEBRASKA BIRTH CERTIFICATE fees increased from \$5.00 to \$6.00. Marriage, divorce, and death certificates have remained at \$5.00 per certified copy. A certified copy of a Nebraska vital record can be obtained by contacting the Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, P. O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509. You can also apply at the Department of Health and copies will be made while you wait.

QUERIES

Need parents of NATHANIEL BREWSTER b.1798 NY married 14 Dec 1820 Columbia, Ohio, to SIDDY or LIDDY WATSON b. 1801 Ohio. Also need SIDDY-LIDDY WATSON'S parents. Nathaniel's children -- MARY (m ISRAEL SWIHART), WATSON (m. NANCY), JOHN, NATHAN, ALMON (m NANCY THOMAS), THOMAS C (m ISABELLA C. CLARK), ROBERT C. (m SARAH JANE WRIGHT). NATHANIEL to Nebraska about 1857. Settled at De Sota NE later at Kennard, NE. Gave land for Kennard. NATHANIEL died 24 Apr 1880. Submitted by Joyce E. Barlow, Box 134, Osmond, NE. 68765

THE MAN NEXT DOOR

Neil Moore wonders if the colonists who named their children for virtues like Charity, Patience, and Prudence would choose names like Assertiveness, Self-Actualization, and Positive Thinking if they were alive today. from LLCGS, Nov 1987.

FREE pamphlet TRACING YOUR ANCESTRY IN ULSTER - Northern Ireland Tourist Board, Ringer House, 48 High St. Belfast, BT 12DS

INFORMATION .on holding of the Public Archives of Canada. Enclose 60 cents. 'Write to Roger Dahamel, Queen's Printer and Controller of Stationery, Ottawa, Canada. Ask for copy of pamphlet TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN CANADA.

GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS by Mike & Karen Walsh
FRENCH ANCESTORS - for some tips on tracing French ancestor, write to
SERVICES CULTURELS FRANCIS, 972 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

Gold rush ancestors — Did your ancestors move West during the Gold rush of 1849? If so, the Searls Historical Library is the Archives for Nevada City, CA. and holds material for 1850—1942. The Emigrant Trail, nearby, was the popular route of the Gold Rush and is clearly tied to early railroading in the West. The address is 214 CHURCH ST., NEVADA CITY, CA. 95959.

LAND PATENTS — The Auditor of the State of Ohio will search their index of land patents free of charge, with a SASE required. Send ancestor's name, possible location and date to The Auditor of the State of Ohio, P. O. Box 1140, Columbus, Ohio, 43216. If you receive information that your ancestor did receive an original land patent, send all the information you received from Ohio, along with \$4.25 to the Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 350 S. Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA., 22304 for additional information and locations.

POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT GERMAN RESEARCH — To legally emigrate a person had to have a passport for identification. Prior to issuance of civil passports, a person might elect to carry an extract from the baptismal record of the parish and use this for identification. Most young men carried with them a Certificate of Liberation from Military Duty. A craftsman would carry along a copy of the Master's Papers verifying his skills. Also carried was the Contract for Passage to America which was agreed to between the ship's agent and the emigrant. A researcher should be able to write to an ancestor's village and obtain the passport information. NOTE: occasionally some of our ancestors were able to "slip through" the bureaucracy and avoid all of the legalities, in which case some of these records will not be found.

RESEARCHING IRELAND — The following are new addresses to use when seeking info on your Irish ancestors: Register General Office, Joyce House 8-11 Lombard Street, E. Dublin Ireland; Chief Herald of Ireland, Genealogical Office (office of Arms), Kildare Street, N Nassau St., Dublin, Ireland.

DANISH RESEARCH - Send card for information on research services, etc., to Danish Imm. Archives, Grand View College, Des Moines, IA 50316.

NORWEGIAN IMMIGRANTS - St. Olaf College Library, Northfield, MN 55057, has a source for researching Norwegian immigrants. The Rowberg file is a collection of obituaries clipped from various Norwegian language newspapers. The file is indexed. It is part of a collection of the Norwegian American Association sources. It begins in 1914 and continues through the 1960's. Obituaries are of persons of Norwegian birth and are from many states. For info write above address.

Records of soldiers in World War 1 were destroyed by fire in 1972. There are other records that still exist. SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS OF WW 1 are still available. Males born between 1873 and 1900 were required to register. Some 24 million registration cards were filed. Information from these files is available at the Federal Archives and Records Center, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30044. You must provide the name of the soldier, his birth date, place of birth (city and state), and address including the street address if he lived in a metropolitan area. The fee is \$5.00 for copying the records.

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Passports were not required until 1918, except for the Civil War period, although they were issued.

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES — in about 1940, delayed birth certificates were filed by people who did not have an original birth certificate and needed proof of birth for Social Security. These consist of affidavits sworn to by relatives, family doctors present at the time of birth, or baptism records and family bibles. If your ancestor was born prior to required records in the state where he/she lived and were living in 1940, look for a delayed record. (Many delayed entries were recorded during the early 1940's in Plymouth County, the records are located at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Courthouse, LeMars, IA 51031.)

Did you know that the 1880 FEDERAL CENSUSES were indexed by Soundex for families with children under age 10 because of the need for proof of birth?

SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS - To get a copy of the application form of a deceased relative, you must ask for "Form F SSA 1997" from your local Social Security office. A copy of the death record is required. Social security applications include the address where the applicant lived at the time he/she applied, date and place of death, and father's and mother's maiden name. The first three numbers of a social security number identify the state of issue.

NEW YORK - a New York law provides for a local historian in each town or city. Send a SASA to State Historian, State Educational Bldg., Albany, NY 12207.

NEBRASKA - Plat maps of Nebraska cities are available from Nebraska Department of Roads, P. O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509 for a list and prices of the maps. Send a SASE.

ONTARIO CANADA MARRIAGES - when checking marriage records in Ontario, keep in mind the restrictions that existed from 1754 to 1858 when marriages could only be performed by:

1754-1793 - the Church of England and the Catholic Church 1798-1831 - Church of England, Catholic Church and Justice of Peace if the couple lived more than 18 miles from a Catholic or Anglican

1831-1858 - Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Calvinist churches and the Church of Scotland.

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WALES - R. R. Williams, editor of the "Gwreiddiau GWYNEDD Roots" noted that Wales possesses publications helpful to Americans seeking Welsh roots. These publications were printed in the US in Welsh and contain elaborate obituary notices which are not confined to the well known. Early obituaries are from New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Ohio, and the publications were produced by the Welsh Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches in America in 1838. If you wish to have a member of the society search these volumes, send the person's name, year of death, a SASE, and 2 international reply coupons. Mail to R. R. Williams, 2 Pen Lon, MENAI BRIDGE, Gwynedd, Wales, LL59 5LW. Coupons may be purchased for 80 cents at your local post office.

GREEK IMMIGRANTS — who came between 1890 and 1906 would have filed for naturalization in the local court near where they lived. If a citizen filed after 1906, one can request form G-641 from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW. Washington D.C. 20536. With

the name of the village, check the church records there. Wills in Greece date to 1834 and are located in the Court of First Instance, Panepostimiou St. 47, Athens, Greece.

CIVIL WAR DESCENDANTS SOCIETY, P. O. Box 233, Athens, AL 35611 will provide research for Union and Confederate soldiers. The purpose of the society is to provide information about the ancestor's role and experiences in the Civil War. They search records of both armies. Write to receive copies of records about your ancestor's unit. Include the name of the military unit, the state from which he served, dates and any other helpful info. Cost is \$10.00 per military unit.

HELP IN HAMBURG — the Hamburg Historical Emigration Office in West Germany may be a wealth of information. The office has comprehensive records of emigration through Hamburg to North America during the period of 1850-1914. On microfilm are files documenting the nearly five million who left Poland, Russia, and other eastern European countries as well as Germany via Hamburg. If inquirers supply the name of the emigrant and the year, the office often can provide the age, occupation, marital status, number of children, city of origin and the ship's name. The search cost \$30.00 and the wait by mail may be up to six months. Write: Historical Emigration Offices, Holstenwal 24, 2000 Hamburg 36, West Germany.

OKLAHOMA - The Federal Government has turned over the official land surveys of Oklahoma to the head of the State Dept. of Libraries which maintains the State Archives. Oklahoma was the only state that didn't receive its own land survey records. Now accessible are the 2,000 original plats and 235 volumes which have been reproduced on 8,000 microfiche.

KENTUCKY - The University of Kentucky has made it microfilm newspaper holdings available for out-of-state interlibrary loan. Loan requests must include specific dates and titles or geographical location for materials requested. Write to Interlibrary Loan, M. L. King Library, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. 40506.

THE KANSAS STATE Historical Society, 120 W 10th St. Topeka, KS 66612, will search news articles on a limited basis for \$3.00. Provide name, specific place and date of death for an obituary. Send SASE.

ITALIAN ANCESTRY: If you need a copy of an Italian birth certificate, write to the Instituto Centrale di Statistica, Via Balbo, 160001100, Rome Italy. This is the office of statistics and census information. If you know the place of birth, write to Uffic do Stato Civile in the town of birth.

POLISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY has an ancestor index file. You may submit names for the index which is also available for researchers. Send SASE to the society, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL., 60622, and request guidelines.

CANADIAN NAME PLACES - for location of place names and hamlets which cannot be found on maps, write: Minister of Energy Mines and Resources; Surveys and Mapping Branch; Canada Permanent Committee on Geographic Names, Ottawa, On. KIA DE9, Canada.

PASSENGER LIST FORMS - the National Archives and Records Service has replaced the FATF Form 40 (12-79) with a new one. You will need NATF

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Form 81(11-84) to get information from Passenger Lists. Write to Reference Services Branch (NNR), National Archives and Records Service, 8th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20408, and request the new from. You might ask for other information on forms, and if others have been replaced, have them send you the current forms.

When doing Genealogy Research, be sure to look for affidavits, books, or miscellaneous books in the court houses. These are usually found in almost all offices.

A new trick for reading tombstone inscriptions—spread aerosol shaving foam over the inscription, filling all cracks and crevices. Remove excess foam with a soft straight edged squeegee. The inscription will stand out clearly. If the weather is hot and dry, do only a small area at a time, as the foam dries quickly. Don't worry about leaving the foam. The next rain will wash it off.

PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH - the Department of Community Affairs, Harrisburg, PA, 17120 has available for 25 cents plus a large SASE, "Genealogical Map of the Counties—Commonwealth of PA." The large map shows the various tracts of land grants surrounded by 14 small maps that portray how the counties developed.

QUAKER RECORDS show dates as 25, 6th month, year. This is the 25th of August, not June. The Quaker year began with March and went through Feb.

The term **ORPHAN** in old documents and court records often referred to someone under 21 years of age whose father had died, even though the mother was still living. Often the mother was appointed guardian of the child under 14 years, he/she could name his/her own guardian. In many instances, it was an older brother rather than the mother that the child selected.

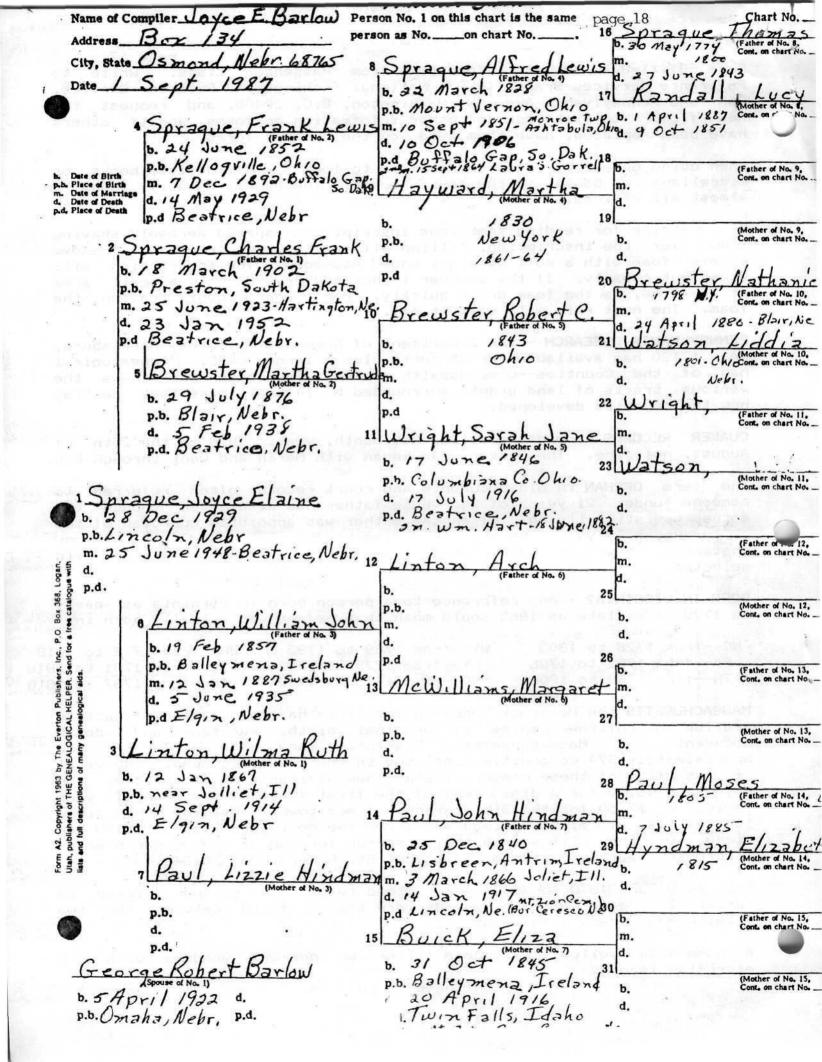
BORN IN VIRGINIA? - Any reference to a person born in Virginia as early as 1728 or as late as 1863 could mean that he/she was actually born in:

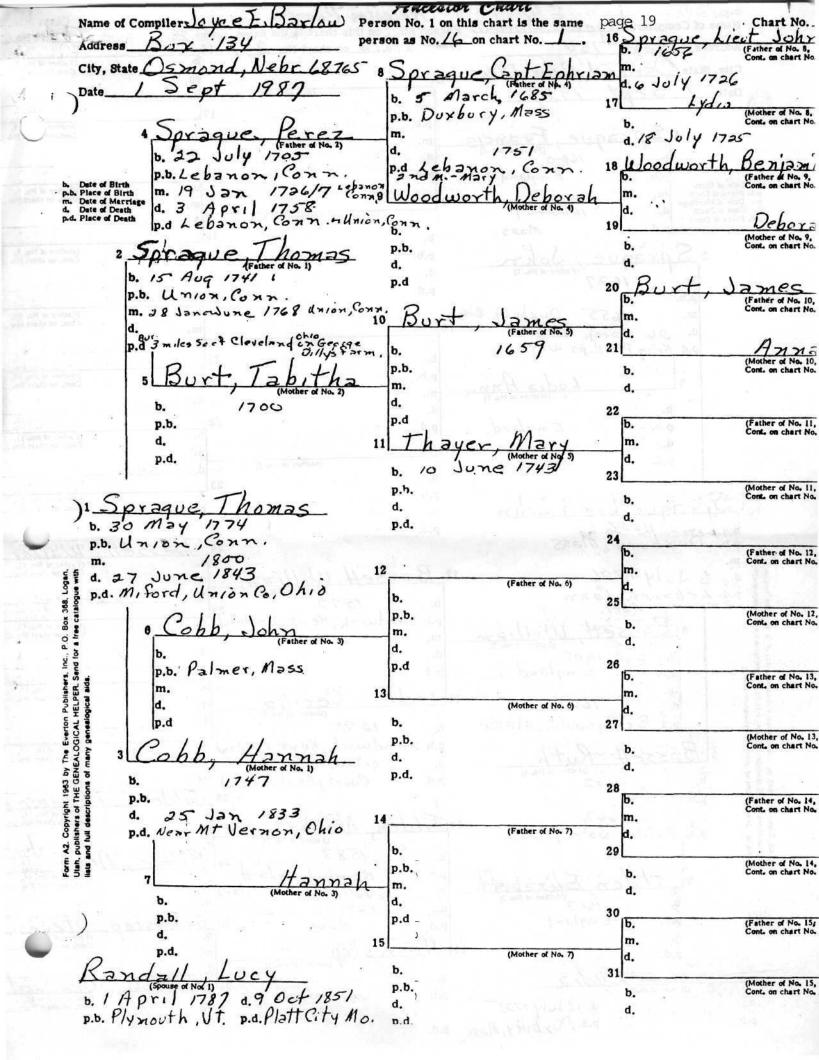
MASSACHUSETTS the Holbrook Research Institute has an on-going project to provide microfiche copies of original birth, marriage and death documents of Massachusetts. Presently they have 127 of the approximately 374 communities included in their bibliography. The vital records of 99 of these communities are now available on microfiche. You may send \$3.00 for a diazo copy of the first fiche of the town of your choice or \$7.50 for the Bibliography of all towns. Examine the fiche for the list of volumes filmed and order the desired volume at \$5.00 per fiche. Or, they will search their records for you at \$10.00 per hour.—Holbrook Research Institute, 57 Locust St. Oxford, MA 01540.

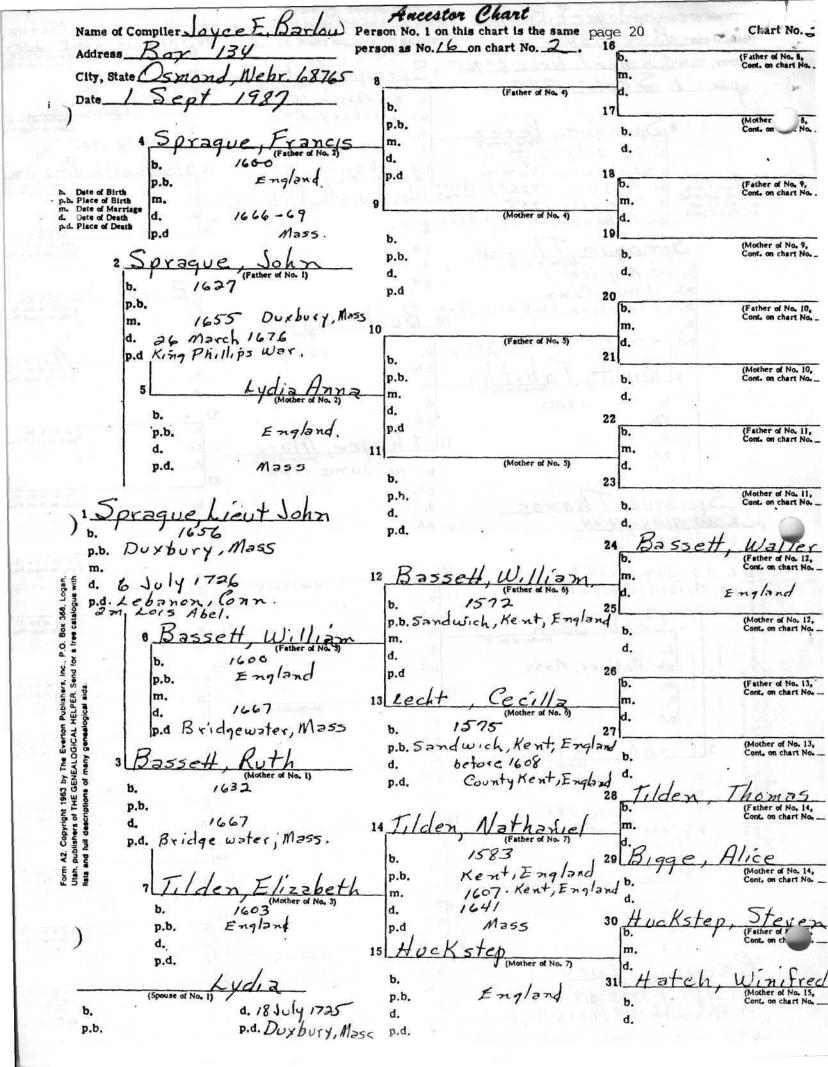
The 1860 and 1870 censuses were filmed twice. The second filming is easier to read, but some records were lost or faded between the two filmings—so check both sets.

A home-made yellow cellophane filter can perform wonders with dim microfilm images.

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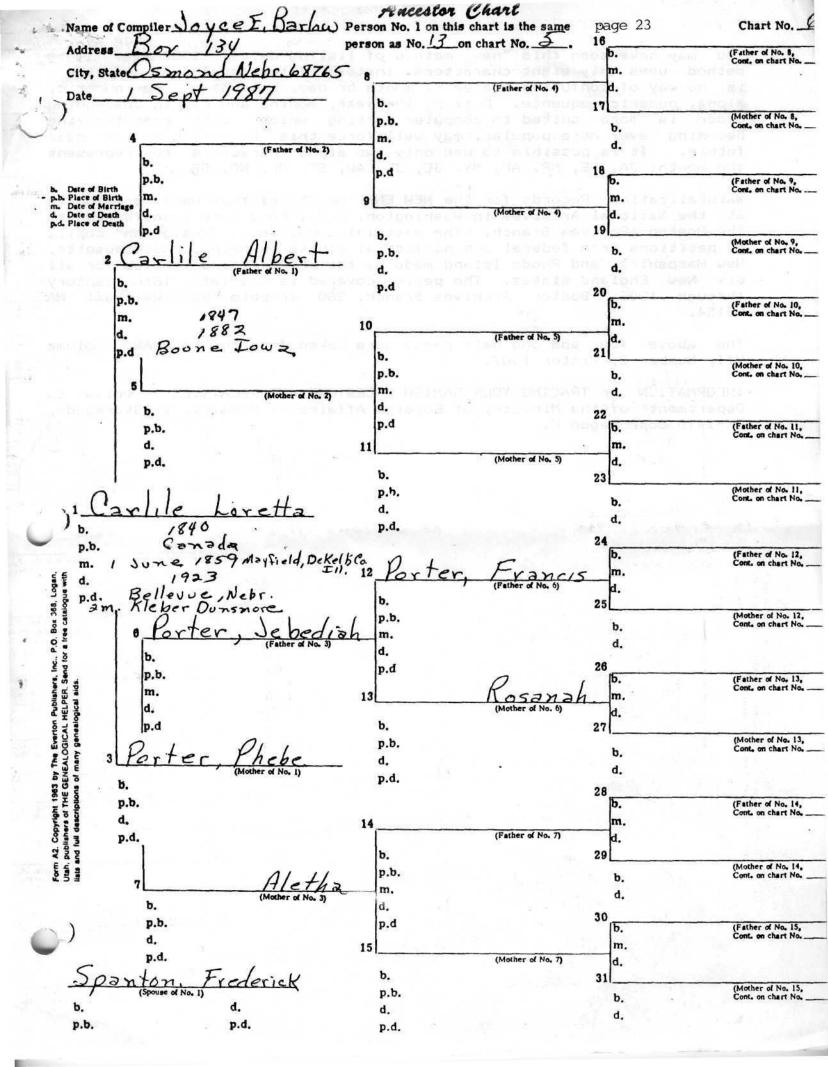






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You may have seen this "new" method of listing dates: 1987MR30. This method uses only eight characters, instead of the usual ten, and there is no way of confusing the year, month or day, because of the numeric, alpha, numeric sequence. Putting the year, month, and day in descending order is more suited to computer sorting which, with computerizing becoming ever more popular, may well force this conversion in the near future. It is possible to use only two alpha characters to represent the month: JA, FE, MR, AP, MY, JE, JL, AU, SE, OC, NO, DE.

Naturalization Records for the NEW ENGLAND States that were previously at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., have been transferred to the Boston ARchives Branch. The material consists of "desigraph" copies of petitions from federal and nonfederal courts in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island made by the WPA and card indexes for all six New England states. The period covered is the late 18th century through 1906, Boston Archives Branch, 380 Trapelo Rd. Waltham, MA 02154.

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INFORMATION on TRACING YOUR DANISH ANCESTORS AND RELATIVES -- write to Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, 2 Stormgade, DK-1470 Copenhagen K.