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Programs and Workshops

Ann Lisa Pearson, Program Chairman

●October 9th, 2007 1:00

"Who Are We, and Where Are We going" by C J Backus

Update on 35th Columbine Booklet Project

"We Just Did" (The making of my parents memoir/book of WWII)

●October 16th, 2007

Early Bird Workshop 9:30 a.m.- 11:30

Intermediate to Advanced: Using Legacy Genealogy Software Vern Tomkins

Workshop 1:00 p.m.

Using the Internet: What is Your Favorite Web Site?

●November 13th, 2007 1:00

Election of Officers

Dating Photographs by Pat Roberts, Council President

●November 20th Early Bird Workshop 9:30 a.m.-11:30

Publishing Tools by Gary Routh

Workshop 1:00 p.m. Researching in States: Virginia, Massachusetts, Missouri, Ohio Member Participation

●December 11th

Annual Christmas Luncheon 12:00

"Chatty Christmas" 1:30

●January 15th 9:30-11:30 Early Bird

"How to Start My Family History using the Family History Library"

Wallace Carroll, Director Littleton FHL

Family Stories Can Be Documented by Ann Lisa Pearson

There were many family stories passed down to us by my mother, Elizabeth Anna Wiederhold, as she was the only child and grandchild of Henry and his first wife, Bettina Deichmann Wiederhold. Family photographs would seem to confirm some of these stories but other stories have no photographs to document them. Other sources need to be sought.

One of these stories was that Henry and his second wife, Anna, traveled extensively and Henry was always taking photographs of everyone. This seemed to be the case because there were several large albums stored in trunks in our home in Casper, Wyoming. One trip was to China and Japan. The story goes that they had traveled to China, returning to America via Japan. The ship was not allowed to leave Yokohama, Japan until Henry's film of his journey in China was confiscated by the Japanese authorities. The photograph shown on page 3 would seem to partially confirm the story. It shows great grandfather, Henry, dressed in an oriental outfit holding an umbrella and fan being pulled by a "coolie". The background is obviously an American city which I have always thought was Philadelphia. However, Henry and Anna were residing in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1920.¹ They traveled on the ship

named Empress of Asia, leaving Shanghai, China on August 10th, 1919, with a stop at Yokohama, Japan on August 14th and disembarking in Vancouver, B. C., Canada, on August 25th, 1919.² I have some of these articles from the China trip.

Ancestry.com has posted indexed digitized copies of passenger lists for ship arriving at several ports in the United States. Hamburg Passenger lists and other immigration lists. One of these is for Seattle, Washington. continued on page 3

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President's Letter from Sandi Klein

By the time you read this summer vacation will be just a memory, Bemis Open House come & gone and Columbine will have had one or two meetings.

My hope is that everyone enjoyed the summer and had time to do some research. Those of you fortunate enough to take trips to ancestral homes --- I'm envious! My trips (100 miles round trip) consisted of The Colorado Archives, Colorado Historical Society and Denver Public Library. There is so much at all three of these repositories. Those of us that have Colorado roots really need to take advantage of them. Of course, DPL is for everyone; no matter what your area of interest is.

I did not take advantage of them this summer but we need to remember other resources we have available to us. Bemis Library has a wealth of information and The Family History Center is as close as our computer to look at their catalog to order films.

Now that fall and cooler weather is coming check out these places and others that are nearby. Who knows what you might find right in your own back yard.

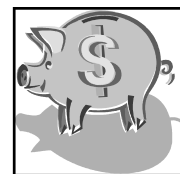
Dues are Due.

Well folks it's that time once again. The pink renewal form for the 2008 dues is in this newsletter.

Dues have not changed: \$15.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a couple. I would also ask you to please consider giving a donation to Columbine Book Fund and NARA. These two funds benefit us all. Columbine Book Fund allows us, as a society, to purchase books and place them in Denver Public Library and Bemis Library. NARA (National Archives & Records Administration) collects and keeps valuable records such as: census, military, immigration, naturalization and land records to name just a few. Our donation allows NARA to film these records and makes them available to us and others doing research.

You need to have your dues paid by February 1st 2008 to have your name in the 2008 membership roster. When you receive your renewal form please make any changes in address, phone or e-mail on the form.

Paula M. Davis
Membership Coordinator



What a bargain. !!! 13 meetings, 4 newsletters, roster, great programs and speakers. Wonderful fellowship.

Family Stories Can Be Documented

Even though his surname was misspelled, Henry and Anna were located. They sailed on the SS Empress of Asia from Shanghai, China on August 10th, 1919 stopping in Yokohama, Japan. The ship left Yokohama on August 14, and arrived in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, on August 25 where Henry and Anna disembarked. Their residence is given as 22 South Illinois Street, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Henry and Anna were 65 years old, as Henry had retired from the asphalt business in Philadelphia. They were living at this



address in the 1920 census. This was the Marburg Apartments which Henry built and named in honor of his birth place in Hessen. It was taken at a parade in Philadelphia as part of the Rotary Club contingent where Henry had been a member for many years. The photograph was printed from a negative I had made of the original many years before.³ Another part of this same story was that a friend of great grandfather's, General Benjamin Foulois, U. S. Army Air Corps, asked him to testify before a Congressional committee about what he had seen on his trip to China. An extensive biography of General Foulois as found in Wikipedia.⁴ Evidently Henry and General Foulois remained friends as Mother was his guest at a reception at the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C. in 1930 when she spent the summer with her grandparents.

Another story was that he traveled to Chile where an asphalt he developed was used in storage facilities in Chile in ASARCO, a company owned by Guggenheims which was confirmed in his obituary in the New York Times of September 24, 1932. Date line: Atlantic City, Sept. 24.

"Henry Wiederhold, Prominent Rotarian and traveler, died today at his home here in Marburg Apartments, 22 South Illinois Avenue. . .Mr. Wiederhold, a former Philadelphian, was well known as an authority on the use of asphalt. During 1914 the Guggenheim interest sent him to Chile, the nitrate center, to supervise the lining of acid-proof vats with asphalt."

A coating was granted a patent in 1900.⁶ Henry was the manager of the Asphalt Paving Company in Philadelphia for many years. Some of his activities were reported in The Philadelphia Inquirer in 1903 and 1904.

Another photograph is of great grandmother, Anna, supposedly taken in a park in Mexico City where Henry's company supposedly paved the first streets in that city. I am not able to document this story as they would have traveled overland from Philadelphia to Mexico on this trip.

The other immigration databases on Ancestry.com have helped me document some of the other trips taken by great grandfather, Henry (Heinrich) Wiederhold through the years when returning to the United States. Some of these were:

Arrival in America from Germany: New York City, 22 May 1873, from Bremen, Germany via South Hampton, England; on the Weser.⁷ He came to live with his oldest brother, Theodor, who resided in Shenandoah, Schuylkill, Pennsylvania.

Returning to New York, 3 May 1893 from Germany via Antwerp, Belgium on the Noordland. This trip was with Anna and his son, Moritz James Garfield, age 11 years. There are other stories about Moritz's time in Germany with his grandparents and Uncle, Dr. Moritz. Henry's brother, Mortz, was a physician who came for a visit in with his wife in November 1901.

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Family Stories Can be Documented

Returning to New York on 18 January 1903 from South Hampton, England, on 10 January 1903, on the ship, Philadelphia, with Anna.⁹

Return from China as described above on 25 August, 1919.

Arrival in Quebec, Quebec, Canada, on 25 May 1923 aboard Empress of Britain from Hamburg, Germany.¹⁰

Arrival in New York City on 7 September 1925 from Bremen, Germany on the Republic.¹¹

Arrival in New York City on 7 August 1927 from South Hampton, England on the Caronia.¹²

Arrival in Quebec, Quebec, Canada, on 25 May 1923 aboard Empress of Britain from Hamburg, Germany.¹⁰

Arrival in New York City on 7 September 1925 from Bremen, Germany on the Republic.¹¹

Arrival in New York City on 7 August 1927 from South Hampton, England on the Caronia.¹²

Arrival in New York City on 29 February 1928 from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on the Western World.¹³

Arrival in New York City on 31 July 1931 from Hamburg, Germany on the President Harding.¹⁴ This was probably the last trip they took as Henry died on the 24 of September 1932 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Some of the other trips can not be documented from this source, but it is probably that one of the returns from South Hampton, England could have been after a trip to Egypt to visit the extensive finds in the pyramids along the Nile River. There were pictures from this trip in one of the old family albums which were stored in trunks. These were a favorite pass time for me as a child on days when I was alone as I would touch the silk robe and open the fan and umbrella which were also stored in the trunk. Time has not been kind to these treasures but I still have a few pieces of the fan and the robe as well as a tray covered with an embroidered silk picture.

Being able to document some of these family stories has been exciting and I will continue to seek more records that might further document Henry's travels. More records are being digitized every day so this may become a reality. I know that there may be other sources for additional historical information on-line, but will have to wait until another day.

¹ Henry Wiederhold, Head of Household, 1920 Census, Federal Population Schedule, New Jersey, Atlantic City, Atlantic;

² Henry Weiderhold (sic), Ancestry.com, Seattle Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882-1957, [database on-line], Provo, UT, USA; The Generations Network, Inc. 2006, Original Data. Extracted from NARA film M1383, Roll 42, page 4, line 10 & 11; September 10, 2007. The ship left Hong Kong on August 7, 1919 and docked in Vancouver, B.C., Canada on August 25, 1919, after making stops in Shanghai, China; Yokohama, Japan and Seattle, Washington, USA.. Most passengers on these lists were crossed off as they did not disembark in Seattle.

³The photograph was digitized by Gary Routh for this article.

⁴An extensive up-dated biography of General Benjamin D. Foullois was posted on 4 September 2007.

⁵New York Times (1837-Current file) Sept. 25, 1932; ProQuest Historical Newspapers, The New York Times (1851-2003) page 38.

⁶GenealogyBank.com page 442, Annual report of the Commissioner of Patents for the year 1900, Date 1901-01-01. U. S. Congress, Senate Serial Set Vol. No 4041, Session Vol. No. 13, 56th Congress, 2nd Session S Doc. 138; August 13, 2007.

⁷Ancestry.com: New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 [database on-line], NARA M237, roll 375, list 471, page 2, line 25, Second Salon, age 19.

⁸Henry Wiederhold, 1880 Census, Federal Population Schedule, Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, page

⁹Ancestry.com. . . NARA T715, roll 317, lines 23 & 24.

¹⁰Ancestry.com. Border Crossings from Canada to U.S., 1895-1956 [database on-line]. These were extracted from several NARA film series publications.

¹¹Ancestry.com. . . NARA T715, roll 3715, page 108, lines 12 & 13.

¹²Ancestry.com. . . NARA T715, roll 4103, page 20, lines 6 & 7.

¹³Ancestry.com. . . NARA T715, roll 4219, page 61, lines 1 & 2.

¹⁴Ancestry.com. . . NARA T715, roll 5005, page 150, lines 10 & 11.

Nominating Committee Report

Shirley Stertz, Chairman

November 13th Election

To take office in 2008

1st VP Program Chairman C J Backus

3rd VP Ways & Means Roland & Cheryl Floberg

Auditors Ann Lisa Pearson & Lucy Gargala

Nominating Chairmen Robert Jenkins,
Barb Luther, and Phyllis Seminara

Historian Shirley Stertz Takes last year of Historian for C J Backus

Recording Secretary Charleen Roberts

Open Education Coordinator

Volunteers don't get paid---not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!

Columbine Project

Project Name: Bemis Library-Genealogical Sources and Bibliography

A service project to collect and publish the items in the Bemis Library related to genealogy in the circulation and reference department was presented to the Columbine Board and approved. Marilyn Elrod and Marjorie Rask will head the project.

Volunteers are needed.

About PERiodical Source Index

PERSI is the largest and most widely-used subject index covering genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (Canada). The collection dates from approximately 1800. There are currently over 1.7 million searchable records and nearly 6,000 different periodicals, which library staffers at the Allen County Public Library (in Ft. Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, U.S.A.) have been compiling for over a decade. PERSI is widely recognized as essential for high-quality genealogy research.

Columbine Membership

by Paula Davis, Membership

Welcome

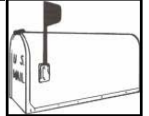
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Gerber, Stindt, and Scoggins

Query Corner

Woody Trosper , Queries Coordinator



For a minimum donation to Columbine Book Fund of \$10.00 per surname. The Query Committee will research Colorado records at local sources in the Denver Area. Send request and S.A.S.E. and a check payable to CGHS, Inc. to Query Coordinator.

Woody Trosper
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EMAIL MEETING REMINDER & PROGRAM DETAILS

Are you getting the regular email reminders about the upcoming meeting and some details about the program that will be presented? If not, please me know. I get undeliverable emails every month and then remove that name from my list. Perhaps you have a spam blocker that is rejecting them or perhaps you have changed your email. The email will come from the address quilting111@comcast.net. Just email me and let me know your new address or that your spam blocker will now accept my address.

Doris Elliott

RootsWeb <http://www.rootsweb.com/~obituary/>

Obituary Daily Times

The Obituary Daily Times is a daily index of published obituaries. It is distributed FREELY, often twice a day by email, and usually has over 2500 entries a day. You can search the database anytime with the search engine above.

New Certificates for the Colorado Pioneers

The Family Recognition Program of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies began issuing certificates to the descendants of early Colorado pioneers on 5 July 1983 with the first one given to a First Family descendant.

Can you prove a direct descendant from a qualifying ancestor in one of these time periods?

First Family – Ancestor must have been born or resided in the area now Colorado **before 1861**.

Territorial Family – Ancestor must have been born in or resided in a territory that is now Colorado between **28 February 1861 and 01 August 1876**.

Centennial Family – Ancestor must have been born or resided in Colorado at least **100 years** prior to the date of this application.

Applications may be downloaded from the Council's web site at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~coccgs>

The Council's mailing address is on the web site. The cost of each certificate is \$10.00 each, subject to change on January 1, 2008. Any questions may be sent to the Council's E-mail address shown on the web site.

	<h2>Centennial Family of Colorado</h2> <p>This is to certify that</p> <p><i>St. Clair Ross, Jr.</i></p> <p>Was born and/or resided in the area of Colorado that is now known as <i>Denver County</i>, State of Colorado, United States of America, in the year <i>1869</i></p> <p><i>Shirley Ann Mathews Stertz</i></p> <p>Is a direct descendant of the above named Centennial resident, has satisfactorily proven this family lineage, and is hereby issued this certificate.</p> <p>Gratitude is hereby expressed to this Centennial Family for the valuable contribution it has made in the formation of what is now the State of Colorado, and for the interest and effort rendered in establishing and preserving this lineage as a part of the history of Colorado.</p>
Director Family Recognition Program	President Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies
Certifying Registrar	Certified this <i>22nd Day of January, 1991</i> Certificate Number <i>94</i>
Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies, P O Box 40270, Denver CO 80204-0270	

Form 2007



Columbine Budget for 2008

Projected Income

Membership Dues.....	\$2,600.00
Interest on CD.....	530.00
Nara Donations.....	180.00
Publications Acquisitions Donations.....	400.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	370.00
Bookstore Sales.....	2,500.00
Class Fees.....	200.00
State Sales Tax.....	110.00
Special Projects.....	0.00

Total Income.....\$6,890.00

Projected Expenses: Officers Expenses

President.....	\$25.00
1 st VP Programs.....	260.00
2 nd VP Publicity.....	300.00
3 rd VP Ways & Means.....	50.00
Recording Secretary.....	10.00
Corresponding Secretary.....	35.00
Treasurer.....	40.00
Newsletter Editor.....	1,200.00
Membership.....	250.00
Education.....	250.00
Stationery of Officers.....	30.00

Committee/Special Appointment Expenses:

Archivist.....	25.00
Equipment.....	200.00
Historian.....	25.00
Hospitality.....	300.00
Mailing.....	350.00
Photographer.....	10.00
Public Acquisitions-Purchases.....	400.00
Special Projects.....	300.00
Bemis Library.....	200.00
Council Representative.....	100.00

Society Operation Expenses:

Bank Fees.....	25.00
Church Cleaning.....	450.00
Society Membership Dues.....	260.00
Miscellaneous.....	245.00
NARA Contributions.....	150.00
Postal Box.....	70.00
State- Sales Tax.....	130.00
Way & Means- Purchases.....	1,200.00
General Fund Expense.....	

Total Expenses.....\$6890.00

Prepared by Gordon D. Johnson, Treasurer

Out of the Past

West Seattle Herald (Seattle Washington)

December 4, 1941 page 8

WorldVitalRecords.com

SOLD

Last week this office consummated the sale of 2 more homes, namely: 4850 41st Ave. S. W., and 4027 49th Ave. S. W. This week we wish to offer for your consideration the following described properties:

EXTRA-NEAT AND CLEAN

\$3250 Large Living room, newly carpeted to walls. Modern built-in kitchen, wired for range. 2 bedrooms; bath; Co. bsmt. furnace; laundry trays; Automatic elec. hot water tank; double gar.; paved street, near transp.

OPPORTUNITY

\$3500 Here is your chance for a business and home on same lot. House has liv. rm. din. rm. kitchen. 3 bedrms. fire-pl. bsmt. gar. All good condition. A small business building also. Good location.

3 BEDROOMS

\$4000 Large liv. rm., din. rm. hdwd. flrs. 3 bedrms. up-to-date bathroom; colored tile kitchen; utility room and sun rm. full ce. bsmt. fruit rm.; furnace, etc. paved street, near schools. Well built and neat as a pin throughout.

BARGAIN

\$2800 Just outside city, south. Liv. rm. 2 bedrms. din. rm. built-in kitchen; new & clean.

Columbine 35yr History Booklet Project - Phase III Reviews

Gary Routh and CJ Backus are in the early draft writing stages of our Columbine 35th Year History Booklet project. After three months of summer research and interviews, they have learned quite a bit about Columbine's many accomplishments and activities over those years. Our objective is to produce an interesting, professionally printed, 'quick read' booklet of less than 100 pages which will appeal to both current and future members of Columbine.

During October and November 2007, members will be asked to join our Phase III draft review teams. CJ and Gary will organize team review sessions for each of the three booklet sections: History, Accomplishments, and Membership. Interested members are encouraged to join one of the review teams so they can contribute corrections, additions, and comments to improve the accuracy and content of our booklet. All text must be finished by Christmas so final layout can be completed before indexing begins in January 2008.

Full details about organizing review teams will be announced at regular meetings as well as on the Columbine 35yr History Booklet project website at <http://www.growth.org/booklet/>

Thank You

This is a big THANK YOU to all our great Columbine volunteers who gave your time and talents to our Bemis Library Genealogy Open House on Friday evening.

The comments from those attending were wonderful and I think everyone there went away with new ideas and skills to help them in their research.

The Computer Classes and Researching in Counties & States classes were "sold out" and Gary Routh and Marilyn Elrod presented them with much thought and preparation. Our volunteers at the information tables, computer stations & in the reference and circulation locations were very patient and helpful in showing what Bemis and Columbine have to offer. And our refreshment volunteers did a wonderful job with proving a place to rest, snack and recoup during the evening.

A big THANK YOU to Phyllis Larison and the Library Staff who stayed late into the evening to help with questions, direction, computer expertise and book circulations.

Without all of you volunteers, there would be no Columbine!

Jane Monroe

Liaison to Bemis Library

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ▶ November 13th 1:00 Annual Meeting where the membership votes on the incoming board members and approves the budget. Your participation is needed and appreciated.
- ▶ November 20 9:30 Technical Early Bird Workshop: Publishing Tools, Page Lay Out, Photos, and PDF.
- ▶ November 20 1:00 Workshop Researching in States; Virginia, Massachusetts, Missouri and Ohio. It is a time to help fellow researchers by sharing your knowledge of research in these key states. Groups will be set up so that presentation and discussions can take place.
- ▶ January 15 1:00 Workshop "Resources at the Littleton FHL and How to Prepare for a visit to Salt Lake" Wallace Carroll Director of Littleton FHL
- ▶ February 12 1:00 "The News about Yesterday's News: The Latest on Digital Newspapers" J. Wendel Cox DPL Senior Special Collection Librarian

BOOKS DONATED TO BEMIS AND DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARIES

By Gary W. Routh

Third quarter library donations were completed in August. A special thanks to Ann Lisa Pearson and Woody Trosper for private donations to help stretch the book budget this quarter. I welcome all book purchase recommendations from members; contact me by email or phone: grouth@grouth.org or 303-794-3790

Bemis Public Library Donations – August 2007

German-English Genealogical Dictionary, by Ernest Thode, 286 p. Now in its 6th printing this German genealogy dictionary focuses on rare terms and expressions found in civil and church records, passports, etc. The 35 page introduction section features numerous aids and information to assist the researcher.

Bucks County Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1693-1778, compiled by Terry A. McNealy and Frances Wise Waite, 163 p. Township tax records from colonial Buck Co with maps and helpful introduction. Contains thousands of fully indexed full name entries, many with details about livestock, land, rent, etc. Gift of Ann Lisa Pearson

Otto Ping , 1900-1940, Photographer of Brown County, Indiana, compiled by W. Douglas Hartley, 94 p. Fascinating and unusual early Indiana photos of people and places taken by itinerant photographer Otto Ping. He captured the toil and hardships of common people in this remote part of the state. Includes essays on his life and work.

The Way It Was, Historical Narrative of Ouray County, Colorado, by David Bachman and Tod Bacigalupi, 208 p. Twenty-four oral histories collected and published with photos from remote Ouray County.

The Story of Heraldry, 2nd Revised Edition with Wood Engravings, by L.G. Pine, 164 p. A concise history of British heraldry by the editor of *Burke's Peerage* and *Burke's Landed Gentry*. Includes fine woodcuts by K.F. Rowland.

Denver Public Library Donations – August 2007

Laurens & Newberry Counties, S.C.: Saluda and Little River Settlement, by Jesse Hogan Motes III, 1994, 283 p. A compilation of South Carolina colonial 1749-1775 land records, survey maps identifying settlers. Includes a historical narrative of the region; full index. Gift of Ann Lisa Pearson

Annals of Newtown in Queens County, New York, by James Riker, Jr., 1982, 437 p. The civil and church history of what is now Long Island, N.Y. from 1652 to 1783. Collection of early colonial documents with large fold out maps showing roads and family farms. Gift of Ann Lisa Pearson

Genealogical Guidebook & Atlas of Norway, by Frank Smit and Finn A. Thomsen, 1979, 56 p. Research aid for genealogists working on Norway consisting of detailed atlas, towns, regions, lexicon, given names, and feast days with full index. Gift of Ann Lisa Pearson

Missouri 1890 Census Index of Civil War veterans or Their Widows, by Bryan Lee Dilts, 1993, 304 p. Printed compilation of eight microfilms for 1890 Special Census Schedules of Missouri Civil War Veterans with map and interpretation data. Gift of Woody Trosper

Relief is Greatly Wanted - The Battle of Fort William Henry, by Edward J. Dodge, 1998, 206 p. Compelling historical account of 1757 French-Indian War with charts, photos, letters, original documents, uniforms and full index. Gift of Woody Trosper

If you go flying back through time and you see somebody else flying forward into the future, it's probably best to avoid eye contact.



Family History
Library
familysearch.org

North America Local and County Histories to Go Online

15 August 2007

Three genealogical libraries pool their collections in massive digitization effort

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—Thousands of published family histories, city and county histories, historic city directories, and related records are coming to the Internet. The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library, and FamilySearch's Family History Library in Salt Lake City announced the joint project today. When complete, it will be the most comprehensive collection of city and county histories on the Web—and access will be free at

www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu.

The digital history project will target over 100,000 published family histories and thousands of local histories that are rich in names as well as biographical and genealogical data associated with those names. "Publishing those collections from the three libraries involved will make a significant and attractive family history digital library online for genealogists and historians," said David Rencher, director of Records and Information for FamilySearch.

Once digitized, the collections will have "every word" search capability, which allows users to search by name, location, date, or other field across the collection. The search results are then linked to high quality digital images of the original publication. Digitization efforts have begun. New additions will be noted and hyperlinked in the Family History Library Catalog at FamilySearch.org as they are digitized. FamilySearch is providing the computers, scanners, and camera operators required to complete the project. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

INTERNET SITES

■ <http://hometown.aol.com/daepowell/myhomepage/article/PERSI.htm>

Excellent article on using PERSI, Periodical Source Index.

■ <http://www.family-association.com/>

Listing of Family Associations with addresses and detail.

■ <http://creativegene.blogspot.com/search/label/City%20Directories>

Informative and detailed educational series about city directories and their historical and genealogical worth.

■ <http://www.prsearch.com/>

Public Records Search
Find Public Records Quickly and Easily

■ <http://homepage.mac.com/sootica/Sites/DenmarkFAQ/index.html>

Rootsweb Denmark List Essential Databases, Research Help, Regional Resources and more.

■ <http://www.genealogybranches.com/countyhistories.html>

Online County Histories & Indexes—USA

■ <http://www.genealogybranches.com/countyhistories.html>

Links for German Genealogy on the Internet

■ <http://www.genealogybranches.com/countyhistories.html>

Genealogy Indexes, Records & Databases on the Internet



Check them out



Google search tips worth knowing... —Jan Routh

If you're like me, you probably use Google many times a day. But, chances are, unless you are a techie, you probably still use Google in its simplest form. If your current use of Google is limited to typing a few words in and changing your query until you find what you're looking for, there are better ways—and they are not hard to learn. Here are a few tips:

Site specific search: If you want to search a specific website for content that matches a certain phrase or word (such as a surname), use the "site:somesite.com" modifier. (This will not work on every site.)

Example: site:rootsweb.com "solomon dutro"
(searches only RootsWeb for the full name Solomon Dutro, or your ancestor)

Example: site:sos.mo.gov/archives "ben kingsley"
(searches all the Missouri archives servers for the name Ben Kingsley)

Example: site:Colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives matthews leadville
(searches all the Colorado archives servers for Matthews with Leadville)

The above process works using all of Google's different searching options, i.e., minus (-), numeric ranges, wild card, etc.

Numeric ranges: If you want to find results that contain any of a range of numbers, you can do this by using the X.Y modifier (between the X and Y are two periods). This type of search is useful for years, prices or anywhere you want to find a specific series of numbers.

Example: president 1940..1950

Word definitions: To quickly look up the definition of a word or phrase, use the "define" command.

Example: define:plethora

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■ <http://www.familychronicle.com/klondike.htm>

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■ The Magazine for Families Researching their Roots.

■ Alaska-Yukon Gold Rush Participants

■ Can you find an ancestor in this list of over 24,000 gold rush participants ?

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Did you know.... —Jan Routh

Johnny Appleseed, born John Chapman (September 26, 1774 – March 18, 1845), was a direct descendant of Edward Chapman who came from Yorkshire, England, to Boston in the 1640s and became a prosperous farmer and miller in Ipswich. Six generations later, John Chapman was the second child of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Simonds) Chapman of Leominster, Massachusetts. John's father was a carpenter, a farmer, and a Revolutionary soldier. His father started John's career by apprenticing him to a Mr. Crawford who had apple orchards.

John's mother died from tuberculosis while his father was serving in the Revolutionary War, leaving little John, not yet two, and his older sister, Elizabeth, to be raised by relatives. In 1792 at age 18, John struck out for the new frontier. His travels took him through Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois.



Early accounts tell of young John speaking of his own activities as “a Bible missionary” on the Potomac (he was a missionary for the Church of the New Jerusalem based on the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg). Along the banks of the Potomac in eastern Virginia he was known to pick seeds from the pumice at Potomac cider mills in the late 1790s. By 1800 land records show that John was in today's Licking County, Ohio. With true Yankee enterprise, he planted his nurseries before the land grants were made and the immigrants arrived. John followed this plan, keeping ahead of the great immigrant flood sweeping westward.

John never stayed long in one place and certainly never had a home in the traditional sense, but he was no mere wanderer. His record reveals him to be a careful, organized and strategic businessman who, over a period of several decades, bought and sold many dozen tracts of land in advance of the frontier expansion, and who developed countless thousands of productive apple trees throughout the upper Midwest. He practiced seeding rather than grafting or budding, and always selected a good loamy piece of ground in an open place, fenced it in with fallen trees and logs, bushes and vines, sowed his seeds, and returned at regular intervals to repair the fence, to tend the ground, and to sell his trees.

For his trees, he would take a reasonable price in money, some cast-off clothing, a bit of food, or nothing at all, according to the circumstances of his customer. To him, it was more important for a settler to plant a tree than to pay for it. He had a keen sense of humor and was quick to make a witty retort or a cutting rebuke.

He lived in harmony with nature, eating foods provided by nature and never killing animals. It was said that he could walk over ice and snow barefooted in the coldest weather and never feel it. He visited every settler's cabin religiously, feeling that he had been called upon to preach and to heal diseases. He was known to have sown the seeds of medicinal herbs wherever he went: dog fennel, pennyroyal, catnip, hoarhound, mullein, rattlesnake root, and others.

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What made Johnny legendary is that he stayed itinerant his entire life, his ability to exist harmoniously with Indian cultures as well as his own, and his colorful personal habits. For instance, though appearing outwardly impoverished, John Chapman was not a poor man. While his assets probably never accumulated to a fortune, he had far more cash than he needed. He never used banks and relied instead on an elaborate system of burying moneys that he might not come back for until a few years later.

On March 18, 1845, he died of pneumonia in the home of his Richmond County friend, William Worth, and was buried not far from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The *Fort Wayne Sentinel* printed his obituary on March 22, 1845:

“On the same day in this neighborhood, at an advanced age, Mr. John Chapman (better known as Johnny Appleseed) [passed away].

“The deceased was well known through this region by his eccentricity, and the strange garb he usually wore. He followed the occupation of a nurseryman, and has been a regular visitor here upwards of 10 years. He was a native of Pennsylvania we understand, but his home—if home he had—for some years past was in the neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio, where he has relatives living. He is supposed to have considerable property, yet denied himself almost the common necessities of life—not so much perhaps for avarice as from his peculiar notions on religious subjects. He was a follower of Swedenborg and devoutly believed that the more he endured in this world the less he would have to suffer and the greater would be his happiness hereafter—he submitted to every privation with cheerfulness and content, believing that in so doing he was securing snug quarters hereafter.

“In the most inclement weather he might be seen barefooted and almost naked except when he chanced to pick up articles of old clothing. Notwithstanding the privations and exposure he endured he lived to an extreme old age, not less than 80 years at the time of his death—though no person would have judged from his appearance that he was 60. He always carried with him some work on the doctrines of Swedenborg with which he was perfectly familiar, and would readily converse and argue on his tenets, using much shrewdness and penetration.

“His death was quite sudden. He was seen on our streets a day or two previous.”

The Johnny Appleseed Commission to the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne reported, “As a part of the celebration of Indiana’s 100th birthday in 1916, an iron fence was placed in the Archer graveyard by the Horticulture Society of Indiana setting off the grave of Johnny Appleseed.”

For additional information and references on this fascinating, legendary character called Johnny Appleseed, go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny_Appleseed or to <http://swedenborg.org/jappleseed/history.html>.

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