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March Meeting: The next meeting will be at the Z.J. Loussac Library, ground floor conference room, March 5th at 7 p.m. Merle Carlson, Pat McClure, and Karen Crowley will provide snacks and refreshments will be provided by Leola Monterio. The program topic for the meeting will be a panel discussion about several of the computer software programs that are used to organize genealogical information.

February Meeting: There were 35 members and 7 guests present. Sara Burkholder describe the use of two resource books, The Red Book and The Source for genealogists. Mike Naumann detailed how using gazetteers and maps can aid in your research.

Extracting Information: The Society is looking for members who would like to help with extracting information from Alaskan newspapers and books. This information will be published our Quarterly newsletter. If you would like to help please contact Bob Waites at robwai@gci.net.

For the Society: Some of our members are elderly and do not wish to drive at night, we could use some volunteer drivers to make sure these people have the opportunity to attend the meetings with us. This might add five or ten minutes to your time each way but it would be time well spent. If you wish a ride or can give some one a ride call 243-1757 or 563-7741 and give us the information, or you can send Llana or I an email at lrmarkey@aknet or j.roberts@gci.net

Wisconsin Name Index On Line: This index leads to 112,000 obituaries and sketches of Wisconsin residents that appeared in more than 1,600 different books, magazines, and newspapers. These include 150 county and local histories, dozens of professional directories and biographical encyclopedias, more than 60 scrapbooks containing 30,000 obituaries, and thousands of articles in Wisconsin magazines and newspapers.

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/index.html>

IAGenWeb Gravestone Photo Project: Browse over 8000 gravestone photo records from across the state of Iowa. This web site has a convent search engine to locate the actual digital images of gravestones in Iowa. There is also the capability of submitting pictures to this data base. <http://iagenweb.org/grave/index.php>

Fun Stuff for Genealogists: A fun web site where genealogical items may be purchased.

<http://www.funstuffforgenealogists.com/store/enter.html>

Genealogical Forms: Here are several web sites where you can download free forms. It is nice to have different forms to choose from to fit your particular needs and/or preferences. There are also free forms in the genealogy section at the library. Just ask the genealogy volunteers for assistance.

<http://ancestry.com/save/charts/ancchart.htm>

<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/freecharts/>

<http://www.pbs.org/kbyu/ancestors/charts/>

Genealogical Quick Tips (extracted from Ancestry.com):

Marriages and State Boundaries

Although I have not researched the evolution of marriage laws in states other than Illinois, I suspect that similar laws to the one I will share may have led to many "out-of-state" weddings for couples who crossed state lines to be wed in a state with less stringent laws.

In October 1939, couples from Peoria County, Illinois, comprised nearly half of the marriage licenses issued in Burlington, Iowa. At that time, Illinois had an eight-day waiting period, as well as "pure marriage" laws, which many couples found to be very restrictive. As the marriage laws were statewide, and if a couple lived not too far from the state line, other states might also have hosted many Illinois marriages. Therefore, depending upon the place of residence, one might look in border counties in Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Wisconsin as well as Iowa.

Jane Kuck

Fill In The Blank Family History

Lots of people are interested in their ancestry but not enough to do the work themselves. Thus, when you send forms for them to fill out, put them in story form and leave blanks. It reads more interestingly and is easier to understand. For example, "John Doe was born January 1, 1942 in Anytown, Anystate. He married Jane Roe, who was born January 2, 1942 in Anytown, Anystate. They were married on January 3, 1962 in Anytown, Anystate. They were

members of the _____-church," etc., with all information you know but leaving blanks for info you don't know. I add names of children and census records in which they were found. Joyce Brown-Carper

Binder Arrangements

When it comes to "to each his own" arrangements, I've developed a system over the years which serves me well. I, too began with one binder, then two, etc. The "etc." now stretches to 18, which fill my wire cubes! My original divisions have never changed as they seem to work for me. Each surname has it's own binder [and own color]. The families that have expanded into collateral lines, sibling children, etc. are in binders of the same color as the original family.

Within each binder is: first, descendancy charts, family group sheets, etc. of that family; second, all maps and plats pertaining to that family beginning with the earliest; third, all other information and correspondence filed chronologically (not the best idea, but I haven't figured out a better idea). Lastly, all census sheets, copies of indexes and the like. Those "this person may fit somewhere, but I don't know where" papers go in the pocket inside the back cover of the binder. Other misc. material [extra copies of papers, photos, etc.] go in the front pocket. I know there is a lot of "misc.," but that, plus serendipity, is what makes genealogy click, isn't it?

My main tip: I keep one binder for nothing but descendancy charts. It's a life-saver! That, plus my binder of notes as to what I need to look up on my next expedition, goes with me on every trip even when the number of other binders varies. You never know when you'll stumble on something you just know you need, but don't have the binder for!

Marilyn Threlkeld

See you at the meeting!