



Anchorage Genealogical Society

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April Meeting: Wednesday 3 April 2002 at 7 p.m. in the conference room, 1st floor of the Z.J. Loussac Library. Refreshments will be provided by Jean Lear, Sara Burkholder and Jane Baldwin, Lynn Pikey will furnish juice. The program will be, "GPS and surveying" for locating a burial plot, this will be conducted by Harvey Rookus.

March Meeting: There were 43 members and 6 guests present, guests included Shirley Hess, Sandra McGowan, Susan Overstreet, Margaret & Jeff Peterson, and our newest member Derri Petty. The "10 Most Wanted" book fund collected \$33.50. Thanks to Rick Ender for his presentation of Family Tree Maker V-9.0 and Ancestry.com (Ancestry Family Tree).

National Archives: "The Opening of the 1930 Census" workshop will be held at the National Archives, 654 West 3rd Ave., Anchorage, "Using the 1930 Census" will be presented at 10 A.M. on Wednesdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 April and 15 & 29 May also on the 19th of June, 17th of July, 21st August and 18th of September 2002. You may contact NARA-Pacific Alaska Region (Anchorage) at 271-2443 or email alaska.archives@nara.gov their website is at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/anchorage.html> .

Gems: Label Photos With Tracing Paper. When you want to identify people in a photo, lay a piece of tracing paper over the top and note their identities there, rather than on the back of the photo. The tracing paper can be folded back to view the picture, and folded down to find out whom it is. This protects the photo and makes it easy to correct if someone has been miss-identified. (Writing on the back of a photo causes it to eventually bleed through and ruins the picture.) You can also use this method to send copies of photos to relatives so they can identify the people they recognize and then mail the tissue back to you and they can keep the photo. Shirley Hirschfield, Longmont, CO. Sequoia Genealogy Society, Inc. Newsletter March 2002

A new site has been "unveiled" and is ready for use. It is called GenHelp.org and is quite full of information and is constantly growing. Check it out at <http://www.genhelp.org> and pass the word on to your researching friends.

Computer Points: Eugene Wengert writing in the, "Out On a Limb", Newsletter published by the Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society, Inc. in Watertown, Wisconsin, had this to say about using an Internet Search Engine. Is there any genealogical information on the Internet about my relatives? The Internet is large, how do I find anything? Well there are many approaches, but here is my technique. For this discussion, I will use a name of one of my wife's relatives, Jacob and Caroline MAROHN, farmers in Jefferson County in the 1868 and 1879 census and then they show up again in Milwaukee in the 1886 City Directory. I have not found them in the 1880 census yet. First, I search www.LYCOS.com. In order not to get all sorts of information that is useless to me, I ask for both "Marohn" and "genealogy" in the same document. There were 48 hits and some look promising. Maybe I should try also for the key word "Wisconsin" to eliminate a lot of the entries? I suggest, "Do not do this." I found one entry for a relative in a German tree. The entry has his name followed by the words "alle USA." If I had limited my search too narrowly, I could easily have missed his German heritage. Special note: All my search tells me that the words "Marohn" and "genealogy" are in the document. If I add "Wisconsin", that word may be in the document but may have no connection to Marohn. Some search engines will let you combine several words into a phrase and search for the phrase. For example, "Jacob Marohn" in quotes will return documents where Marohn immediately follows Jacob. That might be a problem if his name is also Jakob or if his name is given as Marohn, Jacob (which some genealogical listings do). If I use "Wisconsin", I will miss anyone who uses Wisc or Wis or WI. In fact, this may be one reason for genealogists to spell everything out completely—no WI or Wisc or Wis. Next I go to HotBot and 82 hits are given. None seem to be helpful at this time. Then I go to www.google.com and get 63 hits. One of them is an obit for Wilhelm Marohn on March 26, 1891 that appeared in the Dodge County Pioneer. I need to check this one for sure!

Finally I go to www.dogpile.com , which does not have its own search engine, but links to a dozen or more other sites with engines. There are plenty of hits here, including a bunch from Yahoo that might be relatives that I should

send an e-mail to.

Of course www.familytreemaker.com, www.genealogy.com and www.ancestry.com all have searches and message boards that deserve checking.

German Research: The German Interest Group - Wisconsin is hosting "Workshop on German States" on 13 July 2002 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI. German states to be presented are: Rhineland, Pomerania, Mecklenburg, Prussia, Posen, Wuerttemberg, Hanover, Schleswig-Holstein, East and West Prussia, and German Bohemia. Additional general German Genealogical topics will also be offered. For more information and registration see:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html>

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Thanks to Sara Burkholder for this bit of information.

Old? Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin put together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's (2001) incoming freshmen. Here's this year's list.

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1983.

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable television.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control. Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?" "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane Boss, de plane".

They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is. Michael Jackson has always been white.

McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Do you feel old yet? Pass this on to the other old fogies in your address book!

Volunteers Needed: What have you done for your Society? Volunteers are needed for working as helpers in the Genealogical Section of the Z.J. Loussac Library every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m., please contact Sara Burkholder at 563-6695 or sburkholder@gci.net to schedule your time. No experience needed, you will not be working alone. Thank you.

See you at the Meeting!

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