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Newsletter

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June Meeting: The June meeting will be at the Z.J. Loussac Library, ground floor conference room, June 4th at 7 p.m. Nancy Ferko, Janet Smith, and Lynn Pikey will provide snacks and refreshments will be provided by Leola Monterio. The program topic for the meeting will feature Harvey Rookus. He will be talking about his recent trip to Holland and England and the discoveries he made there.

May Meeting: There were 30 members and one guest present. There was \$28.35 donated for the "10 Most Wanted" book fund. Bob Waites presented a video about using DNA to conduct genealogical research. For any member that would be interested in viewing this video again or may have missed the meeting, it will be available for check out. This video will be housed with our CD collection. Please see our CD librarian, Greg Lear if you are interested. The collection is brought to the monthly meetings.

Looking for Volunteers: The Society is looking for members who would like to help with the Scottish Highland Games. The Games will be held on Saturday, June 28th from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM at the Lions Park in Eagle River. Workers are needed to fill slots at the booth between 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Volunteers would help at the AGS booth distributing genealogical information. Volunteers are also needed to help extract genealogical information to distribute at the Scottish Highland Games. The information would pertain to descendants of Scotland. If you would like to help please contact Lynn Pikey at 269-6665 (work) or 338-1923 (home) or ljpmx@hotmail.com. Lynn is also looking for help with Galway Days on G Street on August 3rd.

Make Plans to Attend the AGS Conference: The Anchorage Genealogical Society's annual fall conference will feature the keynote speaker, Shirley J. Hodges. She will be presenting four lectures on various topics. The conference will be at the Z.J. Loussac Library, lower level Wilda Marston Theater, Saturday September 6th. Members will be receiving more details as soon as confirmations have been made.

AGS June Quarterly Submissions: Bob Waites has requested that if any volunteers who have extractions for the Quarterly, that they please turn them in at the June meeting to him.

A Reminder: Please help keep our mailing roster current. If you have a change of address or a new e-mail address, please let Jim Roberts (j.roberts@gci.net or 907-243-1757) know so that you will continue to receive your monthly newsletter.

Scholarships: If you are interested in attending the Federation of Genealogical Societies 2003 Conference in Orlando, Florida, 3-6 September 2003, the Anchorage Genealogical Society will be sponsoring scholarships to help offset some of the costs. Please see either Llana Markey or Bob Waites for more information at the June meeting.

New Books: The AGS has purchased new gazetteers of all the states. They are now available in the library on the second floor, in the genealogy section. Enjoy!

New Newsletter Feature - "Focus On Our Families": While going through other genealogical societies' newsletters this past month, I saw several that featured one or two of their own Society's members. They shared ahnentafel reports, names and locations that they were researching, famous and/or infamous relatives, and family traditions, such as reunions and recipes. I thought it would be an interesting and fun way to get to know our members. If you would like to submit information about your family to our newsletter, you can either bring the information to the general meeting nights or you can email me, Shirley Rogers at msrogers@gci.net. Please remember to edit any personal information on living relatives to maintain their privacy.

New Wisconsin State Law: A new state law took effect January 1, 2003 which changes the rules to obtain 2003 and future death certificates. These changes affect format and content of certificates for deaths occurring on or after 1 January 2003 and imposes a 50-year limitation on access to some parts of death certificates. Again, this pertains to deaths after 1 January 2003. The law may be read online at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/99stats.html>. Scroll down to Chapter 69 and click on "PDF".
Federation of Genealogical Societies Forum Vol. 15 No. 1 Spring 2003, p 44.

Web Links:

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society The Prospector, Vol. 23 No. 2 , April 2003

Connecticut Society of Genealogist (CT) <http://www.csginc.org>

Kansas State Historical Society Center for Historical Research <http://www.kshs.org>

Topeka Genealogical Society (KS) <http://www.tgstopeka.org>

Genealogical Research Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania <http://www.cfrobbins.com/grsnp>

Allen County Library <http://www.visitfortwayne.com>

Translation Service. This online translation service was shared with me by a colleague and it may prove helpful. After opening click on online translation. <http://www.allvirtualware.com/languages/>

Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS) <http://www.compumart.ab.ca/abgensoc/>

Time and Date. There is often a need to translate something like "...funeral to be held on Thursday..." into a precise calendar date for the family history file. This is a great site with tools for this and other calendar functions. <http://www.timeanddate.com>

Reno County Genealogical Society (KS) <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ksrcgs/renocokansas.htm>

Orphan Train Riders to Iowa <http://iagenweb.org/iaopqphans>

Michigan Cemetery Sources

<http://michigancemeteries.libraryofmichigan.org/default.aspx>

ARCHON. A gateway for the genealogist to locate information about the wide archival community in the UK and details of most record repositories in Scotland and the genealogical material that they hold.

<http://www.hmc.gov.uk/archon/archon.htm>

Idaho Death Index (1911-1950) <http://www.rootsweb.com/~idgenweb/deaths/search.htm>

National Archives Access to Archives Databases <http://www.archives.gov/aad/>

Scottish Archives Network <http://www.scottish.documents.com/content/default.asp>

USA & Canada Naturalization and Citizenship Records <http://naturalizationrecords.com>

Our Timelines <http://www.ourtimelines.com>

This site allows visitors to place individuals in their family tree in a historical context, with timelines ranging from 1000 A.D. to the present. Events are color-coded to reflect what type of information they represent (historical event, leadership, technology event, disaster), and you can customize the timeline by adding your own events as well. Some items listed in the timeline (underlined) also contain links to other Web pages with more information on the historical event referenced. Each event lists the age of your ancestor at the time of the event. This can be particularly helpful in determining if an ancestor was of age to serve in the military during various conflicts, which could lead to untapped military records.

See you at the meeting!