



## Anchorage Genealogical Society

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**November Meeting:** The regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 7th of November 2001 in the conference room on the first floor of the Z.J. Loussac Library at 36th and Denali. Pat McClure will conduct the program on how to do extractions from newspapers or other printed materials followed by a general genealogy question and answer period. Pat McClure, Jean Lear and Marilyn Duel will provide refreshments. Genie Smith will provide juice.

**October Meeting:** President Genie Smith conducted the regular annual business meeting of the Society. Reports of committees and officers were heard and then the election of officers was conducted. A unanimous ballot was cast for the following: President, Kathy Roberts; 1st Vice President Gordon Harper; 2nd Vice President, Llana Markey; Treasurer, Jim Roberts; Recording Secretary, Barbara Samuels & Mickey Knapp; Membership Chairman, Robert Waites. Following the election G. Mike Naumann volunteered for the position of Corresponding Secretary, and Lynn Pikey volunteered for the position of Publicity Chairperson. The position of Hospitality Chairperson is still vacant. \$26.50 was donated for the 10 Most Wanted book program. There were 32 members and three guests present. One of the guests Sara Hurst became a member. Sara has recently moved here after a year in China in the Beijing area. The other guests were Shirley Rogers and Rachael Sperry.

**December Meeting:** The annual Christmas party with small gift exchange and a possible visit from the "Jolly Old Elf" and his wife. Normally everyone brings a small amount of his or her favorite "Goodie" to share.

**Name Tags:** Nametags are available for all members; please let the Membership Chairman Bob Waites know if you want one. Bob can be contacted at robwai@gci.net or at our regular meetings. You can also let me know and I can pass the information to him. There will be no charge for the nametags and they will come with a removable clip.

**Classes:** President Kathy is going to continue with Beginning Genealogy classes, Family Tree Maker and Genealogy Research classes starting in January 2002. If you or someone you know would like to participate in these classes give Kathy a call at 243-1757 or send her an email at kroberts@gci.net, these are "first come, first served."

**Educational Materials:** Funds have been set aside for the purchase of CD's for our lending library and books for the Z.J. Loussac Library genealogy section. If you would like to be a member of this selection committee please let Pres. Kathy or Sara Burkholder know. Sara can be contacted at 563-6695 or sburkholder@gci.net.

**Gems:** Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress. "OD"

### **Ancestry.com Launches New United Kingdom and Ireland Family History Collection**

Ancestry.com has released a major new online database that should become a great resource for anyone researching U.K. or Irish genealogy. The following is a press release from MyFamily.com, owners and operators of Ancestry.com: MyFamily.com Inc., the leading media company for connecting families with their histories, origins and one another, today announced that it has added a new United Kingdom and Ireland subscription to its Ancestry.com service. The new collection debuts with 50 million names extracted from sources such as immigration, parish, birth, marriage and death records from throughout the region. Accessible from the <http://www.Ancestry.com> site, the United Kingdom and Ireland subscription is available for \$69.95 annually or \$24.95 quarterly. Current Ancestry.com subscribers can add the new annual subscription to their account for only \$29.95.

"Adding a new United Kingdom and Ireland subscription offering to Ancestry.com is a natural expansion on our position as the global leader in online family history research," said Tom Stockham, CEO of MyFamily.com. "Our commitment is to continually provide access to high quality data collections, products and services to help people connect with their past. This marks the beginning of a collection that will continue to grow and expand aggressively in the months and years ahead."

As the leading online source for family history information, Ancestry.com has amassed the world's largest collection of online genealogy data with more than 1.2 billion names. In addition to the United Kingdom and Ireland subscription, Ancestry.com offers subscriptions to U.S. Federal Census Images and to its Data Collection. Ancestry.com also makes hundreds of millions of names and family trees available for free to all site visitors.

Featured databases available in the United Kingdom and Ireland Collection include: - United Kingdom and Ireland Parish and Probate Records - Includes 15 million birth, marriage, death, probate, and burial names from historical parish registers in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland ranging from 1538 to 1837. - England and Wales, Civil Registration Indexes - A collection of 14 million names includes an alphabetical index that is searchable by name, record type, district and county. Going forward, this index will grow to include every registered birth, marriage and death in England and Wales between 1837 and 1900. - Pallot Marriage and Baptism Indexes -- This exclusive 4-million name collection from the England and Wales area identifies the Parish in which the marriage or baptism was celebrated, the names of the participants and the date of the event. An image of the original record is also available to be viewed online. - Irish Immigrants: New York Port Arrivals Index -- This index of six hundred thousand catalogues the immigration of the Irish during the Potato Famine of 1846-1851 through passenger lists and other immigration documents. First launched in 1996, Ancestry.com began with 50 million names and has grown by continually adding databases on a daily basis. Paid subscriptions to the Ancestry.com services now total in excess of 400,000, making it one of the largest paid subscription sites on the Internet.

### **Ancestry.Com Launches User Comments Feature**

Provo, Utah - October 19, 2001-Ancestry.com, the largest collection of online family history research, today announced the launch of its newest user tool, User Comments. Made available on all text database records, User Comments allows family history researchers to post brief messages or information links on associated names and information sources adding valuable information and research links. Enabling researchers to connect and profit from the experience and efforts of previous researchers, this latest feature allows greater collaboration among the Ancestry.com user community. "Family history researchers need these types of tools and functions to better help one another and be able to profit from the knowledge and discoveries they have made," said Andre Brummer, general manager of Ancestry.com. "Collaboration is going to be a major factor in the pursuit of genealogy going forward. User Comments allows corrections, clues, helpful hints and contacts to be tied directly to names and records on Ancestry.com. No one wants to re-create work already done." Ancestry.com staff will also utilize the features of User Comments to include information about the source documents, suspected spelling errors or omissions and data conversion notes. For each record on the database results screen, users are given the option of creating an annotation. These comments are automatically linked to the record and posted, thus viewable by anyone who finds the record later. Often researchers uncover errors in original or source documentation created by errors from long ago. These errors and omissions, in many cases send family researchers on errant trails. User Comments will allow those who have run into errors or obstacles to post this information saving time and frustration for those who encounter these records later. Additionally, researchers will be able to assist and aid others interested in the same records with their own insights or links to other files on Ancestry.com.

**About MyFamily.com, Inc.** MyFamily.com is the largest and most popular source for family history information online and among the most successful online subscription businesses. The company offers both free and premium paid subscription services to it's network of Internet properties, which include: Ancestry.com, the number one online source for tracing family history with over 1 billion records; RootsWeb.com, the oldest and largest free online genealogy community; and MyFamily.com the foremost provider of online family resources offering both free and premium paid Web sites for families to connect and communicate within a password-protected framework. Privately held, MyFamily.com has offices in Provo, Utah and San Francisco, California.

**Battle of the Clans:** Scottish genealogy presented by Genealogy.com on Anchorage cable channel 14, Saturday the 3rd of November from 12 noon to 2 P.M. This should be of interest to all descendants of British, Scot & Irish forebears.

**NOTICE!** If you have not paid your dues for the year 2002 this is your last newsletter!

**See you at the Meeting!**