



Anchorage Genealogical Society
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October Meeting: The current officers gave their annual reports. The by-laws changes were adopted and the election of officers was completed with the exception of the 1st Vice President and the Recording Secretary, there were no candidates for those two positions. The following officers were elected and will take office 8 January 2003:

President - Llana Markey
1st Vice President – Bob Waites (Volunteered)
2nd Vice President – Merle Carlson
Recording Secretary – Julie Waites (Volunteered)
Corresponding Secretary – G. Mike Naumann
Treasurer – Andy Pierce
Publicity – Shirley Rogers
Membership – A. J. Rawls
Hospitality – Nancy Ferko

There were 28 members and 1 guest present; the guest was Karen Crowley of Anchorage.

Following the business portion of the meeting and refreshments, Barb Samuels gave a very good talk on organizing your research. At the close of the meeting Bob Waites volunteered to be the 1st Vice President, at the Executive Board Meeting on the 16th of October, 2002. Julie Waites volunteered to be the Recording Secretary.

November Meeting: The meeting will be on the 6th of November, 2002 in the conference room on the ground floor of the Z.J. Loussac Library at 7 p.m., officers are requested to be there not later than 6:30 to get set-up for the meeting. Merle Carlson, Lynn Pikey and Donna Holman will provide refreshments. Shirley Rogers will bring the juice.

Allen Co. Public Library: Susan Kaufman, Librarian, Historical Genealogy Department, advises that the Allen County Public Library will be closed from 6 p.m. Saturday, December 14, 2002 through the month of January 2003. This is to allow time to move all their materials to an interim location. The current building will be going through renovation and expansion. When the library opens at its interim location all materials will be available for your research. The interim location is about five blocks to the east at 200 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, Indiana. There will be limited free parking available, there is a pay-parking garage across the street and more than 150 metered spaces in close proximity. The projected time frame for this interim location will be two to three years. To get current relocation information, visit the library web site <http://acpl.lib.in.us> or phone the department at 260-421-1225. For further information please phone the department or email Curt Witcher, Manager, Historical Department - ACPL at cwitcher@acpl.lib.in.us or Susan Kaufman Tavenner, Librarian, Historical Genealogy Department – ACPL at skaufman@acpl.lib.in.us.

Famous Last Words: From Ancestry Daily News,

“Either that wallpaper goes, or I do.” - - - Oscar Wilde, 1854-1900 on his deathbed

“Don’t let it end like this, Tell them I said something.” --- Pancho Villa, 1877 - 1923, last words

“I feel nothing, apart from a certain difficulty in continuing to exist.” - - - Bernard de Fontenelle, 1657 - 1757 on his deathbed

“I inhabit a weak, frail, decayed tenement: battered by the winds and broken in on by the storms, and, from all I can learn, the landlord does not intend to repair.” - - - John Quincy Adams, 1767 – 1848

Know your Courthouse Questionnaire: (from *Faded Genes Vol. 19 No. 3, page 49*)

Where is it? What hours is it open? Which office keeps the birth records? When do the birth records begin? Are they indexed?

For which years:

Are there delayed birth certificates? When do they begin? Are they indexed?

Which office has the marriage records? When do they begin? Are they indexed? For which years: Is there a bride index?

Which office has the divorce records? When do they begin? Are they indexed? For which years:

Which office has the death records? When do they begin? Are they indexed? For which years:

Which office has the land records? When do they begin? Are they indexed? For which years: By seller (grantor) _____ by buyer (grantee) _____? Are there tax lists? For which years: Are there plat maps?

Which office has the probate records? When do they begin? Are they indexed? For which years: Are the probate file boxes accessible? Have they been microfilmed? For which years:

Are there other court records? Are they indexed? For which years:

Have any county records been microfilmed? Where are copies of these films? What are the special county requirements to access the records? What are the charges? Important names and phone numbers:

Vermont Expressions: (from “*Vermonters*” June 1966 submitted by Muriel J. Hughes)

He’s so narrow minded he can look through a keyhole with both eyes at once.

She's busy as a frog in a butter churn.
Save your breath to cool your porridge.
He stands out like a blackberry in a pan of milk.
She's so short she'd have to stand on a milk pail to look down a woodchuck hole.
He was so crooked they had to use a corkscrew to bury him.
She's as dainty as a cow with snowshoes on.
He's as independent as a hog on ice with its tail froze in.
She's so homely she'd scare the hoss, and chase the driver.
Vermont has two kinds of weather - - - winter, and the Fourth of July.

Tips: (from *Otter Tail County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 20, Issue 2, June 2002*)

Check Nursing Homes: When you are on a research trip, don't forget to check with local nursing homes. On a recent trip I visited a nursing home in the town where my great-grandfather lived for a time. I asked at the desk if any residents would be interested in speaking to me about the local area and the family I was researching. I did not expect the phenomenal reception I received from several residents with many stories and plenty of time to tell them to an interested person. I was given not only information, but also several new leads on my great-grandfather's history, and I had a wonderful afternoon full of laughs and memories shared with others. *Karma Yoakem, Galveston, TX*

Photocopying Discolored Clippings:

Photocopy old, discolored newspaper clippings on a color copier. The copy will have a yellow background with easy-to-read black print instead of a dark gray background with black-and-white copies. *Pearl McDonald*

UPCOMING: The December meeting will be our annual Christmas Party and gift exchange on the 4th of December. Due to the New Years Holiday the January meeting will be held on 8 January 2003.

Magazine's Needed: The following magazines are needed to help fill out the research materials in our genealogy section of the Z.J. Loussac Library.

Heritage Quest Magazine's: We need copies of the following issues of *Heritage Quest Magazine*; other than #14 Jan/Feb 1988, #26 thru 37 for the period Jan/Feb 1990 to Nov/Dec 1991, Index to issues 1 thru 66 and issues 68 thru 81 Mar/Apr 1997 thru May/Jun 1999 (nbr 74 Mar/Apr 98 is missing) and all after May/Jun 1999.

Family Tree Magazine: All are needed except the premier issue of Jan 2000.

See You at the Meeting!