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December Meeting: At the Z.J. Loussac Library, ground floor conference room at 7 p.m. There will be an exchange of gifts \$5.00 - \$10.00 during the evening.

November Meeting: There were 25 members and no guests present. The Ten Most Wanted fund increased by \$27.00 one of our Fairbanks members "OD" Odsather attended the meeting. We held our meeting in the fourth floor conference room as the first floor conference room was in use for another function.

Dues: Remember, with the change of our fiscal year to a calendar year, dues are due by the 1st of January 2003. You may mail them in to the address at the top of the page or give them to the treasurer at the meeting.

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.

English can be a strange Language:

We polish the Polish furniture.
He would lead if he could get the lead out.
A farm can produce produce.
The dump was so full they had to refuse refuse.
The soldier decided to desert in the desert.
The present is a good time to present the present.
At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
The dove dove into the bushes.
I did not object to the object.
The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
The bandage was wound around the wound.
There was a row among the oarsman about how to row.
They were too close to the door to close it.
The buck does funny things when the does are present.
They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.
To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
After a number of Novocain injections, my jaw got number.
The Scottish Rite Journal – April 2000. Thanks to Faded Genes Vol. 19 No. 3, page 50

Passenger Lists Resources: A good resource for locating maritime history is, "Maritime History on the Internet: A Guide to Doing Maritime History Research Online." The single page of instructions for "Researching Ships" was prepared by Peter McCracken. It may be downloaded from <http://rudy.ils.unc.edu/maritime/shipsrch.shtml>

The Steamship Historical Society of America (SSHA) Collection³ may be visited at <http://archives.ubalt.edu/steamship/photo.htm>. The staff will conduct research of the photograph collection if the request includes the name of the ship. The collection features over 300,000 photographic images of passenger liners, lake ships, river steamboats and cargo vessels, dating from the mid 1800s. The online catalog is arranged alphabetically by name of ship but includes only the most frequently requested transatlantic ships. If a ship is not pictured, a search may be requested of their non-catalog holdings.

Many ships were featured on the advertising art used by the ship lines to promote their sailings. From these advertisement posters, come color photos or illustrations of many ships. The webs site <http://www.Kinshipsprints.com> arranges these photos by name of ship.

FGS Forum, Summer 2002, Volume 14 Number 2, Page 11.

Illinois State Online Death Index: One of the newest and most wonderful free online databases is the Illinois State Death Certificates Index, (ISDCI) housed at the Illinois State Archives Web site <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/department/archives/idphdeathindex.html>. Those with Illinois connections will certainly want to visit the site. Others will, too; the site offers many search lessons and is a model for anyone considering the design of a large database for public use. (This is the lead paragraph of a full page article by Michael John Neill, MS)

Ibid page 31

Wisconsin Civil War Records: The Wisconsin Historical Society has two new web sites that can be used by genealogists in researching ancestors that served in Wisconsin units during the Civil War. Roster of volunteers 1861 – 1865, two volumes were compiled in 1886 from archival records and an alphabetical index was published in 1914. together these 3,000 pages give Civil War service details on about 90,000 Wisconsin soldiers. Search may be made by last name and/or regiment and company. Browse this free resource at www.wisconsinhistory.org/roster/. Wisconsin Civil War Service Records: once you have found your soldier in the above Roster of Volunteers, you may order a photocopy of that service record, this will include all pertinent details about each soldier: physical description, occupation, residence; when, where and by whom enlisted along with all service information including, sometimes, date and place of death and place of burial. Fees apply. Note: these are not National Archives pension records. www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/orgs/.
Champaign County genealogical Society, Vol. 18 No. 4, page 114

See you at the Meeting!

³ Access the photograph collections at <http://archives.ubalt.edu/steamship/photo.htm>. A non-refundable search fee of \$5.50 fee per ship name will initiate a search of the photograph collection. All inquiries must be in writing. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail to: Steamship Historical Society Collection, Langsdale Library, University of Baltimore, 1420 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201.