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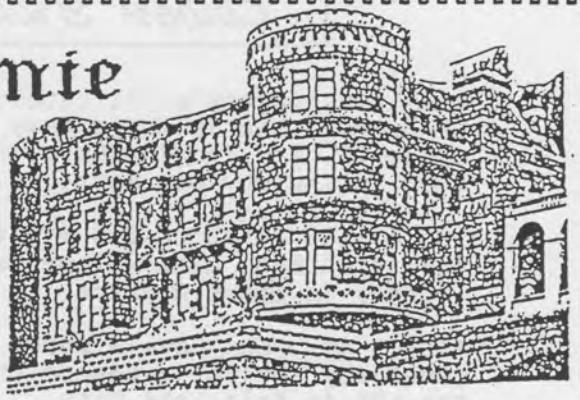

It has been a privilege to serve as president of the Genealogy Club for the past four years. I want to extend my sincere thanks to the members who served as officers and on committees during my term. These individuals worked so well together to ensure that our meetings were interesting, informative, and cordial. I also want to thank all our enthusiastic club members for making our group such a viable organization.

Together, with the cooperation of the PCHS staff, we made strides in several areas. The newsletter was expanded, the library project was completed, and membership increased. I think some of the inconveniences we experienced such as nasty weather, cancelled meetings, plaster dust, etc., only strengthened our club's good spirit of camaraderie.

It is a pleasure to welcome Cynthia Van Dam as our new president. With her guidance and your support I know our club will continue to grow and move ahead. Once again, thank you all - you made my job so very easy!

Annita Jalenski

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TIDBITS

Murphy's Law of Genealogy:

No one in your family tree was ever named in a will, always rented property, was never sued or did anything noteworthy.

Yours is the only last name not found among the 3 billion in the LDS Archives in Salt Lake City.

The information you desperately need arrives, illegible.

You find a box of old family photos, with no identification attached to them.

The document containing evidence of the missing link in your research invariably will be lost due to fire, flood or war.

Embers From The Hearth

The LDS library's IGI catalog contains a section called Country Unknown. This is where they file all unreadable or fact unknown places. Try looking here if you can not find your relative or town in the obvious sections.

There will be about 3.5 million Civil War (Union and Confederate) soldiers and battles by regiment available at our local LDS library in about 3 years.

Also, if you have a modem on your computer, there are four genealogy bulletin boards that can be accessed for records from the LDS in Salt Lake City.

The 1891 Census of England and Wales has been opened to the public by the Public Records Office. The LDS in Salt Lake City has been cataloging it and it should be available at our local Family History Centers soon.

from Tuolumne Co. Gen Soc, Golden Roots of the Mother Lode, Fall 1993

The 1900 Federal Census also has a listing of US military personnel, including those who were overseas and also those on Navy vessels and civilians living on bases. Look for the National Archives film soundex # T-1081, rolls 1-32 next time you're there.

from McHenry Co. IL Gen Soc Quarterly, 1-3/94

You may obtain line of descent info from the application of descendants of patriots listed in the DAR Patriot Index. This application contains info regarding parents, births, marriages, deaths, locations and children of the Revolutionary ancestor. Send $4.00 to the Record Copy Dept., Office of the Registrar General, NSDAR, 1776 D St. NW., Washington 20006-5392. Give complete data from the Index, including names of children from whom you are descended. Ask for the long form and include a SASE.

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The American Lutheran Church has available about 3,000 congregations in their archives. Some info on date and place of birth, parents names, where they came from, marriages, funeral and family registers is available. Write to Robert C. Wiedereenders, Archivist, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA 19871.

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The Baltimore City Archives, 211 E. Pleasant St., Baltimore 21202, has an indexed collection of ship passenger lists created for Baltimore by the Federal Customs agents from 1820 to 1891 and 1897. They will search three names for $4.00.

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HELPING YOUR FAMILY RECORDS SURVIVE

by William Ware

The quiet and smaller tragedies that constantly destroy records are all around us. Given the array of natural and human "enemies" records face, the survival of any records from the past is barely short of miraculous. Stories about what really happens to our records, should motivate us to protect - not merely store - our family histories.

THE FIRST ENEMY: NATURE

If Mother Nature had her way, no records would survive. She is armed with many weapons, and one of the worst is water. I know a family who stored their grandparent's records in a cellar where moisture turned them into a mildewed, useless mess. Another family had filled shoeboxes with letters dating from the early 1900s and stacked them in a double garage. But a clogged sewer backed foul water into the garage, so the soaked letters were trucked to the city dump.

Another of nature's favorite weapons is fire. During World War II, bombs and fires destroyed many records in Europe.

Light does more damage, archivists tell us, than either water or fire. The ultraviolet rays emitted by the sun and by florescent lights cause photographs to fade and paper to yellow and become brittle. Movie and slide projectors occasionally blister films. And a slide or movie frame stopped in a projector for very long suffers almost immedeiate fading.

Insects and rodents do their share in destroying records. Valuable records deposited in the attic of an old house occasionally serve as feed for mice.

If Mother Nature's troops - water, fire, light, insects, mice - fail to ruin our records, she can always fall back on her "undercover" work. She has filled our records with ingredients to make them self-destruct. Products made from vegetable or animal materials - which include almost all of our record materials - are programmed to decay or disintegrate. Most of today's paper, made from wood pulp, has an additional weakness: it is highly acidic due to the manufacturing process, and the sulfuric acid eats the fibers that hold the paper together.

Chemicals from the environment add to the problem. Sulphuric chemicals from automobile exhausts and air pollution combine in humid air to create sulphuric acid. Most glue is acidic. Spilled foods, tobacco smoke, and newspaper clippings all contain acid. Even the containers we store our records in have acids that migrate into our records. File folders, wood boxes, drawers, paper bags, and especially cardboard boxes all do their best to destroy the records they were meant to protect.

THE SECOND ENEMY: PEOPLE

"I was lucky to save these," a man told me pointing to a few black books. "There must have been dozens of them, but these are all I could grab." He had snatched the register and minute books from churning dirt in front of a bulldozer that reduced an old church to rubble. Man is often a worse enemy of his own records than nature.

A woman showed me a shoebox that had once been filled with old family letters dating from about 1870. She opened the box. Only a handful of the letters had survived. The others had gradually cracked and chipped as family members read and reread them over the years. With so much handling, the fragile pages had crumbled into a pile of paper chips. Those old records had literally been loved to death.

A similar problem occurs when a father or mother dies and the records he or she kept over the years are divided among the children. Dividing up a set of records is every bit as destructive as taking a single document and ripping it apart so relatives can each have a part. Like broken Humpty-Dumpty, seperated documents rarely get back together again.

But if we were to present awards for destroyers of the past, the winners would be people who intentionally throw out their records. At two critical times, records run high risks of being thrown away: when someone moves and when someone dies.

Moving-time often triggers fatal decisions regarding records. At such moments old items, particularly if disorganized, seem like junk. The impulse to discard is especially strong for people moving into smaller quarters with limited storage space. Young people who leave home for college or careers often discard what they unwisely judge to be silly and juvenile. Newly engaged couples gallantly (and foolishly) throw out bundles of old love letters. (Why not return them to the "old flame" instead of destroying them?)

Death, particularly when unexpected, severely strains survivors who must make hurried and emotional decisions about the deceased's belongings. Widow and widowers throw out valuable items in order to remove precious memories that hurt too much. Children or grandchildren, when closing down a deceased parent's home, cart to the dump items not of interest to them - including letters and unlabeled photographs. If pictures are not labeled, or if they contain scenes and faces known only to the deceased, odds are high the photos will never survive us. Sometimes families just grow weary of saving old items.

PRESERVING OUR RECORDS

Professional archivists recommend several ways to preserve records. They advise us, first, to use acid-free materials in making our records. And, second, they advise us to store them properly

The better the materials in our diaries, scrapbooks, albums, and letters, the longer they will last. Although archival-quality materials are becoming somewhat easier to find, by far the greatest selection is through archival supply houses such as Light Impressions in Rochester,NY; University Products, Holyoke, Mass.; and Conservation Resources International and Hollinger Corporation in the Washington, D.C., area. Catalogues are available from all of these companies.

PAPER

Use a 100 percent rag paper or, even better, a "permanent-life" paper such as Perma-life paper, Timeless Bond by Neenah Paper Company, or Genealogy Bond by Fox River Paper Company. These "permanent" papers are acid-free and are buffered with a calcium carbonate solution to keep them that way. Avoid cheap binder, ditto, and typing papers sold at department stores; these deteriorate within ten years.

Photocopy onto acid-free or 100 percent rag paper any items you have that are deteriorating or flimsy. Be sure to use a machine that uses powdered toner. It is also adviseable to photocopy birth and wedding certificates and other valuable documents. Be sure to copy newspaper articles because they are so acidic they can easily stain nearby pages.

Newspaper articles can also be rinsed to remove the acid in them and prevent further decay. Simply fill a flat glass pan with distilled water and immerse the newspaper article. Allow it to soak for approximately fifteen minutes, changing the water when it becomes very yellow. Then carefully remove the article and allow it to dry flat.

Documents with handwriting can best be de-acidified by spraying them with a product called W'ei T'O.

You can make your own acid-free books by placing these acid-free pages into some sort of binder. Loose-page books last longer, if given a binding to keep pages from becoming lost, than store bought hardcover books with low price tags.

Store paper away from strong light, high heat, insects, car exhausts, and leaky pipes. Swings in temperature from hot to cold ruin paper fibers, as do fluctuations in humidity. Too much humidity triggers acid reactions in paper, causes mold, warps paper, and makes inks bleed. Too little humidity causes papers to become brittle. The ideal storage place is a room kept at about fifty degrees Fahrenheit with moderate humidity.

(to be continued)

MINI-MINUTES OF PAST PROGRAMS

12 March 1994

An update on library renovations by Director Kate Gordon was followed by a delightful description of the Pruiksma family reunions, as Walter Pruiksma traced the family from Friesland to these shores and told of the bright and cheerful ways they have lately come to gather and celebrate their common bond - in song, prayer, skits, dance, breaking of bread and sharing of love.

9 April 1994

Tom Peters showed how much genealogical good can come from the unfamiliar and often neglected archive of World War I Draft Registration Records. His projected samples of actual records were carefully selected to show how migration patterns can be deduced and families reconstructed, and he illustrated with humor and insight the pitfalls to be avoided in searching for foreign names which have been recorded by those unfamiliar with the language involved.

14 May 1994

Our annual Workshop brought forth a large group of members anxious to share their triumphs and tribulations. Some circles of members formed to explore areas of common interest, but the groupings tended to be less formal than planned. "Wherever two or three were gathered" a discussion developed, so that members had an opportunity to participate in whatever manner suited their interests best.

COMPILED FAMILY GENEALOGIES

by Isabel Kerwin

The following list of Compiled Family Genealogies can be found in the Passaic County Historical Society's Genealogy Library at Lambert Castle. They are located in the Vertical File Cabinet, 2nd and 3rd drawers. These are Family Genealogies that people have donated to the library thru the years to aid others searching their ancestors and also to have their hard work of researching kept in a safe place. Some are just one sheet while many are several pages or small booklets. Whether any of the records are documented is for you to decide. Most state the name and adddress of the compilier.

The published genealogies are not listed here.

COMPILED FAMILY GENEALOGIES

Ackerman
Allen
Ambrose
Angotti
Appleton
Attwell

Baker
Ball
Banta
Barbour
Barton
Beakman
Beams
Bebbington
Blauvelt
Boardman
Bogardus
Borland
Bradford
Brenner
Brinkerfhoff
Brooks
Brower
Budd
Burhans
Bush
Bunce

Campbell
Carpenter
Chardavoyne
Christie
Colt
Conklin
Connors
Cooke
Courter
Cullen
Currie

Daniels
De Gray
De Groot
Delamater
Deman
Demarest
Denman
De Voursney
Dewitt
Dey
Dickerson
Doremus
Dorflinger
Dufford
Duncan
Dunning

Everson

Fayerweather
Ferrary
Flavelle
Forstmann
Frederick
French

Goetschius
Gordon
Grant
Green

Hadley
Harrison
Harwood
Hatch
Hathorn
Hauseman
Hayness
Healy
Heritage
Hern
Higgins
Hopper

Jackson
Jacobus
Jay
Johnson
Jowett

Kanouse
King
Kohlhaas

La Gall
Lambert
Lockwood
Logan

Mac Farlan
Makepeace
Mandeville
Mann
Marcus
Marshall

COMPILED FAMILY GENEALOGIES

Mayers
Mc Kiernan
Mead
Meeker
Meese/Meece
Melvin
Merrick
Miller
Moul

Norris

Oldham

Palmisano
Parliment/Parliman
Payne
Perry
Post
Prall
Puder

Quackenbush

Randall
Rapalje
Rawson
Rebentisch
Rhinesmith
Rice
Rider
Rogers
Rose
Royle
Ryers
Ryerson

Streeter
Struble
Sturr
Sutton
Swarts
Swinburne

Tallman
Talsman
Terhune
Tintle
Titus
Trueman

Valentine
Van Blarcom
Van Houten
Van Ness
Van Putten
Van Riper
Van Zile
Varick
Veader
Vreeland

Wallace
Ward
Westervelt
White
Winans
Witter

Yeomans
Yereance

Zabriskie
Zelif

NJ Roman Catholic Records

Isabel Kerwin

I went to the Morris Area Gen. Soc. meeting in May to hear Jo Ann Cotz, Assist. Dir. of Special Collections, for Seton Hall Univ. Jo Ann told us that the new Walsh Library, a State of the Art building, will be open in September to the public. Parish sacramental records commencing with the 18th century, Parish history and correspondence records and reports are available (mostly from the Newark Diocese). Remember that the Newark Diocese was much bigger in early years and covered most of North and central Jersey. There will be individual rooms for you to do research in. There will be computers and terminals available for your use. You will be able to research collections at colleges throughout the world. They also have a parking garage. Please call for info or an appointment - 201-761-9431.

MARRIAGE RECORDS FROM *"THE SENTINEL OF FREEDOM"* (Continued)

Notebooks in our Library contain handwritten copies of marriage notices appearing in "*The Sentinel of Freedom*" (Newark) during the years 1796-1820. We started showing extracts from these notebooks in Vol. 1 #2 of *The Castle Genie*. The "entry" is as it appears in the handwritten entry in the notebook; the date shown is the date of the Newspaper in which the notice appeared.

Year	Mo/Day	Entry
1808	Jan 5	Stevenson, John to Jane Hawthorne by Rev. Mr. Willard on Christmas Day.
1808	Jan 5	White, Charles D. to Prudence Baldwin on Friday last by Rev. Dr. Ogden.
1808	Jan 12	Merritt, Henry D to Maria Ogden daughter of Charles Merritt by Rev. Dr. Ogden Saturday evening.
1808	Jan 12	Enslay, John to Caty Willis by Rev. Mr. Schoonmaker at Paterson 12-26-07.
1808	Jan 12	Day, Samuel near Conn. Farms to Eliza Lum of Chatham 12-31-07 by Rev. M. L. Perine.
1808	Jan 19	Bruen, Josiah to Betsey Hedden both of Lyon's Farms 1-12-08 by Rev. Mr. Griffin.
1808	Feb 2	Tuttle, Jabez of Whippany to Rhoda Burnet daughter of Justus Burnet of Caldwell at Caldwell by Rev. Mr. Grover.
1808	Feb 9	Loug, A. W. Capt. of Ireland to Charity Shaw of N.Y. at N.Y. 1-31-08.
1808	Feb 16	White, Robert to Sarah Collins by Rev. Dr. Odgen last Saturday evening.
1808	Mar 1	Gould, Elias B. to Lydia C. Farrand by Rev. Mr. Griffin Sat. evening last.
1808	Mar 8	Morris, John Jr. of Newark to Lucy Hedden of Lyon's Farms by Rev. Mr. Todd Sat. evening last.
1808	Mar 22	Roberts, Moses A. to Eliza Stillman Pomeroy of Georgia at Savannah 3-7-08 by Rev. Mr. Holcomb.
1808	Mar 22	Eagles, Thomas Jr. to Betsey Swatsel both of this town by Rev. Mr. Lahatt Saturday evening last.
1808	Mar 29	Black, John to Sally Hamilton by Rev. Mr. Thurston Sat. evening last.
1808	Apr 5	Bedlow, Henry of NY to Julia Halsey of Newark by Rev. Mr. Willard last evening.
1808	Apr 5	Earl, Caleb of Newark to Phebe Mulford of Elizabeth Town Sat. evening last by Rev. Mr. M'Dowell.

Year	Mo/Day	Entry
1808	Apr 19	Williams, Daniel to Eunice Condit both of Orange by Rev. Mr. Hillyer not long since.
1808	Apr 26	Van Ranselear, John of Albany to Eliza Van Courtlandt, eldest daughter of Stephen Van Courtlandt of Belleville 4-13-08 by Rev. Peter Stryker.
1808	Apr 26	Lindsley, John M. of Orange to Charlotte Taylor of Orange by Rev. Mr. Hillyer 4-17-08.
1808	Apr 26	Brown, Daniel of Newark to Phebe Little of Scotch Plains by Rev. Thomas Brown.
1808	Apr 26	Brown, David S. of NY to Eliza Ward of Newark on Wed. even. last by Rev. Mr. Griffin.
1808	May 3	Crane, Drake to Betsey Woodruff daughter of Seth Woodruff both of Elizabeth Town by Rev. Mr. M'Dowell Sat. even. last.
1808	May 10	Hodgkinson, Thomas of NY to Catharine Halsey of Newark daughter of Stephen Halsey Sunday evening last by Rev. Mr. Griffin.
1808	May 10	Stillwell, Thomas to Catharine Dye both of Newark by Rev. Dr. Ogden 5-4-08.
1808	May 10	Morris, Ephriam Deacon to Mrs. Sarah Baldwin both of Bloomfield 4-25-08 by Rev. Mr. Grover.
1808	May 10	Speer, John to Maria Ebgert both of Speer Town Sat. evening last by Rev. Mr. Duryea.
1808	Jun 7	Cumming, Robert H. of NY to Emma Forman daughter of the last Gen. Forman of this state 5-30-08 at Monmouth by Rev. Dr. Woodhull.
1808	Jun 14	Conley, James of Newark to Rachel Miller of Northfield Sataurday evening last by Rev. Mr. Hillyer.
1808	Jun 21	Riggs, Elias Rev. Pastor of the Church at Turkey to Mrs. Peggy Hudson of Newark by Rev. Mr. Hillyer Tuesday evening last.
1808	Jul 5	Sweesy, Richard to Hannah Hays both of Newark by Rev. Dr. Ogden Thursday evening last.
1808	Jul 12	Cox, James of Elizabeth Town to Nancy Stansbury of Newark 7-5-08 by Rev. Dr. Ogden.
1808	Jul 12	Vanderhoof, Isaac F. to Peggy Knit both of Fairfield a few days ago by John Moore, Esq.
1808	Jul 19	Goble, Peerson, to Mrs. Mary Cook both of Newark by Rev. Mr. Hillyer 7-18-08.
1808	Jul 25	Lee, James Dr. of New London, Conn. to Gertrude Mercer daughter of Archibald Mercer, Esq. of Newark by Rev. Mr. Willard Friday evening last.
1808	Aug 2	Gale, Jesse to Jane Sandford daughter of William Sandford all of NY by Rev. Mr. Abeel 7-2-08.
1808	Aug 9	Willis, -- of Springfield to Elizabeth Hedden of Newark by Rev. Mr. Thurston 7-31-08.
1808	Aug 16	Smith, Samuel A. to Charlotte Randall both of Newark by Rev. Dr. Griffin Thursday evening last.

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1808	Aug 23	Alling, Isaac Jr. to Nancy Tyler of Hanover a few days since by Rev. Mr. Condit.
1808	Aug 13	Chadwick, Samuel to Rusia Hopping all of Hannover by Rev. Mr. Condit.
1808	Sep 6	Deamarest, John R. to Eve Benson both of Bergen Co. by Rev. Mr. Romanyn 8-27-08.
1808	Sep 13	Boile, James of Princeton to Jane Murry of Newark by Rev. Dr. Ogden 9-9-08.
1808	Sep 21	Beach, Ezra to Rhoda Lockwood by Rev. Mr. Condit at Caldwell 9-17-08.
1808	Oct 4	Halstead, Oliver to Sally Crane daughter of David D. Crane all of Newark by Rev. Dr. Griffin Thursday evening last.
1808	Oct 4	Carr, Matthais to Betsey Force by Rev. Dr. Griffin Thursday evening last.
1808	Oct 4	Baldwin, Noah of Caldwell to Naomie Baldwin of Crane Town by Rev. Mr. Grover a short time since.
1808	Oct 18	Gould, Ezekiel of Caldwell to Phebe Kitchell of Hanover at Hanover Tuesday evening last by Rev. Mr. Condit.
1808	Oct 18	Tunison, Abraham of North Branch to Elizabeth Wortman of Pluckamin 10-10-08 by Rev. Mr. Hardenburgh.
1808	Oct 18	Edgar, Alexander to Sally Crowell of Woodbridge at Woodbridge Saturday afternoon last by Rev. Dr. Roe.
1808	Oct 25	Ward, William to Sally Warner daughter of Maj. James Warner of NY by Rev. Mr. Syell Wednesday evening last.
1808	Oct 25	Cooper, Richard T. of Kinakamack to Effie Huyler of Closter a short time since by Rev. Solomon Freeligh.
1808	Nov 8	Leonard, Joseph T. formally of Hanover to Catherine Bergen of Pluckamin at Pluckamin on Wednesday last by Rev. Mr. Hardenburgh.
1808	Nov 8	Allen, Aaron of Jefferson's Villiage to Elicta Tichenor of Redemption Hill by Rev. Gershom Williams 10-24-08.
1808	Nov 15	Combs, Richard N. of Newark to Betsey Wilson of Camptown 11-6-08 by Rev. Mr. Williams.
1808	Nov 15	Dod, Lewis to Betsey Baldwin all of Orange by Rev. Mr. Hillyer Saturday evening last.
1808	Nov 15	Combs, David of Newark to Anna Richards of Orange by Rev. Mr. Hillyer Saturday evening last.
1808	Nov 15	Butler, Abijah F. to Mary Carl both of Hanover 11-8-08 by Rev. Mr. Condit.
1808	Nov 22	Myers, Benj. to Mrs. Rachel Johnson both of Newark by Rev. Dr. Griffin Wednesday evening last.
1808	Nov 22	Beadel, Jacob to Betsey Nixon all of Newark by Rev. Dr. Griffin Saturday evening last.

Year	Mo/Day	Entry
1808	Nov 22	Baldwin, Caleb W. to Jemima Harrison both of Orange by Rev. Mr. Jackson.
1808	Nov 22	Hallead (?), Benj. Sayre late from Wioming NY to Mary Douglas of Hanover by Rev. Aaron Condit 11-7-08.
1808	Nov 29	Carrol, James to Latetia Hanion both of Pompton by Rev. Dr. Ogden 11-18-08.
1808	Nov 29	Marsh, Nathan to Hetty Morgan daughter of Dr. Lewis Morgan all of Bridgetown Thursday evening last by Rev. Mr. Carle.
1808	Dec 6	Miller, Joseph Deacon to Phebe Harrison of Orange at Orange Sunday evening last by Rev. Mr. Stryker.
1808	Dec. 20	Bailey, Theodorus Gen. (Post Master of NY) to Mrs. Martha M'Whorter relict of the late John G. M'Whorter of Newark by Rev. Dr. Griffin Sunday evening last.
1808	Dec 20	Crane, James to Phebe Riggs both of Newark by Rev. Dr. Griffin Tuesday evening last.
1808	Dec 20	Sayre, Jonathan to Mrs. Sarah Canfield widow of Nathaniel all of Newark 12-12-08 by Rev. Mr. Willard.
1808	Dec 20	Holden, Henry to Eliza Plum all of Newark by Rev. Mr. Willard 12-3-08.

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