

In this first issue of our newsletter, the Society is pleased to announce that Edna, Denise and Joanne are at it again!

To start the 1976 year and our 4th year we have a total current membership of 50 members. We still meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Robinson Museum.

During the past year we have started Beginner Classes with 20 interested new members.

We have placed our Society owned books on loan to Rawlins Library. You must be a current society member to check them out.

Our By-laws have been revised at the January meeting. We now have an executive board to take care of our unimportant business, so at our regular meeting we can get on with the important business, leaving us time for speakers and research work.

Joanne Fix has completed a membership surname list. Pick up your copy at your next meeting. This list will inform you if any one else in the society is doing research work on the same lineage as you are.

In January of 1976 we lost two charter members, Maxine Gatten and Margarethe White. We have placed in their memory two books on loan to Rawlins Library. For Maxine- " The Atlantic Bridge to Germany - Volume 1 " For Margarethe - " The Atlantic Bridge To Germany - Volume 2 "

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Recording of NAMES; Write down in the order spoken. Capitalize all SURNAMES. This includes maiden names. example: Robert Lee SMITH Joyce Denise THOMPSON

Recording of DATES; Day, Month, Year. 11 February 1976 Never use digits for the month. Abbreviate the names of the months. ALWAYS use all FOUR digits in the year.

Recording of PLACES: Town, County, State. (or Foreign equivalent) ALWAYS record the county as it was at the time of the event.

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We are continuing to collect five generation sheets for our members lineage. We have on file charts from the following members, both maiden and married surnames.

- Thelma Aasby Karen Guffey
Pat Collins Mary Rohde
Edna Cooper Denise Smith
Joanne Fix Genny Ziegler

Please contact Denise Smith 301 East Missouri Avenue Pierre South Dakota 57501 for your society five generation charts or information concerning them.

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Don't forget to write your representatives concerning Bill H.R. 2556. Please write and ask them to oppose this bill as this bill will close all census records to the general public.

Representative James Abdnor
1227 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Representative Larry Pressler
1238 Longworth House Office Building
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WATCH FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH! E.D.J.

THE NEW OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE:

PRESIDENT: Joanne Fix 119 N. VanBuren Pierre, S.D. 224-x622612
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The Pierre-Fort Pierre Genealogical Society has joined with the other history related groups and become an auxiliary member of the SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. A timely article dealing with the assistance genealogists and historians can give each other is contained in the winter 1975 issue of the PROLOGUE, the journal of the National Archives. Richard S. Lackey, the author of the article entitled "Genealogical Research: An assessment of Potential Value", points out that in the never-ending search for useful records. A genealogist may see many 'lost' records that will be valuable to others. They may be copies of records, the originals of which may have been destroyed. Just as knowing the history of an area can be of great advantage to the genealogist, previously unlocated records can be of interest to historians and scholars in related areas. We hope that our membership in the SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be mutually beneficial to all concerned.

The P.F.P.G. Society is working on booklets of information for the midwestern states. They are available for a small fee at the meetings.

EVERTON'S BICENTENNIAL WORKSHOP!!! By Mr. Mrs. Geo. B. Everton Jr. Saturday 5 June 1976 At Bismark North Dakota. The Missouri Room at the Student Union of the Bismark Jr. College Campus. Sponsors are: BISMARCK-MANDAN HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY It starts at 9:30AM. PLEASE contact Denise Smith if interested.

On file at RAWLINS LIBRARY ARE: BLACK HILLS NUGGETS BICENTENNIAL ISSUE and SE. LOUIS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOOK "AN QUEST'ORS".

PLEASE send in your 5 generation pedigree charts or bring them to the meetings for Denise Smith. She is trying to get at least 1 xxx chart per member family name on file for our society. If you need help filling your chart in ask her.

The following is an extract in the foreward of the "INVENTORY OF CHURCH ARCHIVES OF VIRGINIA" Dover Baptist Assoc. 1939 Jesse M. Johnson, Moderator. Foreward from "A SURVEY OF AMERICAN CHURCH RECORDS" By E. Kay Kirkham. Submitted by Mrs. Fern Warnes of Pierre.

We must think backward if we are to travel forward. Surely the roots of the present lie deep in the past. It is fitting that we should pause one in a while and take an inventory of the distance we have come and how the journey has been made. A century ago our people were not so careful about the preservation and retention upon paper of their achievements. They were vastly more concerned about carving their records upon the lives of men and women.

The inventory of the past is a glorious one. The fathers have given a good account of themselves. We must be ever mindful however, that a great past has little value unless it stirs us on to a greater present and a nobler future.

WE FINALLY MADE OUR 2ND ISSUE!!! E.D.J. (APRIL)

Hi there! We missed you at our last meeting. Did you know that we are now meeting in the basement at Rawlin's Library? Well we are, we have some good meetings coming. So plan to join us at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month. SEE YOU I THERE!!!!

AT our April meeting, Lynda and Doug Philbeck spoke on Indian Records and Genealogy Records that are available. It was VERY VERY interesting even if you weren't doing Indian lines. Doug spoke on Indian names - families and land division. Lynda reported on Indian records, where they are kept and their availability.

Around 50 people from Eastern South Dakota Genealogy societies attended a workshop in Huron on May 15, 1976. Those attending from Pierre included Pat Collins, Laura Glum, Lloyd Mullenber, Stephen and Floramay Miller and Lois Filick. Each society contributed to the program with Sioux Falls speaking on starting genealogy, Mitchell on Surname indexing, Aberdeen on available records, Huron on census records, and Pierre on records, books and microfilm at ~~RENEWUM~~ Robinson Museum in Pierre. Discussion was held on the possibility of Pierre hosting a Fall meeting of the group. What do you think????

At our MAY meeting, we decided to take part ~~xxx~~ in the POT POURRI in Griffin Park in Pierre on July 3, 1976. We will have a booth with materials available for purchase. We need workers. Let's sign you up!!!

We are holding Saturday workshops at the Robinson Museum for those unable to get down there during the week. They are held once a month. Sign up at our meetings or contact Laura Glum 224-2670 if you're interested. We also hve for sale Booklets of information on Iowa - Ohio - Indiana and Illinois at 50¢ each.

GOOD NEWS !!!!! House Bill 10686 favoring keeping census records open to the public has passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 376 to 4. The bill was presented to the Senate as S nate Bill S3279 and is now under discussion prior to voting. We encourage all of our readers to write Senator McGovern and Senator Abourezk § Senate Office Building Washington D.C. 20510 and voice your support of S3279. We also urge you to write President Ford and encourage him to sign this important bill. Since the S nate could change the House's version of the bill, you should state that you are infavor of the bill opening access to the 1900 census as passed by the House of Representatives. This will amke your intents perfectly clear.

A genealogy seminar will be held at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah from August 2 through August 6. Six classes will be held daily as well as evening sessions. Subjects to be covered will include Midwestern and Southern states, Quebec and Ontario Canada and all European ~~xxx~~ countries, as well as a session on Handwriting. Registration for the regular sessions is \$15.00 with an additional \$3.00 for each evening session. Accommodations are available in the dormitories for \$3.75 a night. For more information contact Laura Glum at 224-2670.

Thanks for the 5 Generation pedigree charts that have been turned in. Stephen and Floramay Miller lead us all with 13 sheets. Great Work!!! Be sure to check our Surname Index card file that is available at each meeting. You just might find a club cousin!

SHAKING THE BRANCHES!!

LOIS FLICK- is in Germany for 4 weeks!!!! She will report in August.

EDNA COOPER- has survived her battle with the Chicago post office and almost came out on top. She has received all but 4 books of those that were lost by the new package sorting machine. The books included 53 years of diaries from the Civil War to ~~1918~~ 1918 kept by Great Grandfather Cooper and a 100 year old Cooper Family Bible.

DENISE SMITH- found a beautiful old photograph album in her attic. No she wasn't just now getting around to cleaning it, they are having the house insulated and the workmen found it tucked away in an inaccessible corner. It has been tentatively identified as belonging to Mrs. Arthur (Georgia Nelson) Johnson.

JOANNE FIX- is fortunate in having an A.F.S. student ~~xxxxxxxx~~ from Finland with the family. She put her to work translating Swedish letters. (Swedish is the state language of Finland) and has found lots of names more names dates and locations. Now Joanne knows why her Grandmother saved those letters.

Keep watching for SHAKING THE BRANCHES as Pat Collins is really going to shake them.

Be watching the Fall television listings for a showing of ROOTS, the ~~story~~ story by Alex Haley of his search for his ancestors who were captured in Africa to serve as slaves in America. Those of you who enjoyed Pat Collins' review of his account at a previous meeting will also enjoy the dramatization by ABC. The cast will include Cicely Tyson, Naya Angelou, Thelma Rasulala, Paul Shenar, O.J. Simpson, Lou Gasset and Moses Gunn.

CIRCLE June 9th and July 14th on your calendar. THOSE ARE OUR NEXT MEETING DATES!! Laura Glum will be giving you information on materials available at Robinson Museum in June. It might surprise you to learn what's there!! At the July meeting there will be a report on the EVERTON BICENTENNIAL WORKSHOP in Bismarck. Also we will have a talk on the manuscripts in Robinson Museum by Bart Voigt. Plan your vacation for a different time and join us in the cool cool basement of the ~~XXXXXX~~ Rawlins Library. 7:30p.m.

WE ARE GROWING!! E.D.J.

(JUNE)

Summer is about over and the reunions have been fun. Did you remember to take your family charts, tape recorders and cameras??? I mean out of the car too!!! Come to our August meeting and share your experiences with us.

Lois Flick is back from Germany. She will be our featured speaker at the Aug. meeting with pictures, travel tips, and general information concerning German research. The meeting will begin at 7:30p.m. August 11, 1976 in the basement of Rawlins Library.

Well it hadn't rained all summer---until July 3rd. The rain was welcomed but it did wash out our Pot-Pourri in the Park; however we do have a good supply of materials on hand, including booklets of information for the midwestern states. States available are: Illinois - Indiana - Iowa - Kansas - Michigan - Minnesota - Missouri - Nebraska - North Dakota - Ohio - and Wisconsin. We have long form kits and 3 ring binder kits available, too. Contact Denise Smith at 301 East Missouri. Pierre if your interested.

Guest speaker at our July meeting was Mr. Bart Voigt, Manuscript Curator at Robinson Museum. He told of the work being done in cataloging the collection. Among the papers are those belonging to former state historian Doane Robinson. The BonHomme County collection of Hazel Abbott, Beadle county, Pioneer Records, D.A.R. papers, John R. Brennan papers from Pine Ridge and Charles P. Jordan from the West River Area. Indian records include those on Chancey Yellow Robe, Sitting Bull, and Red Cloud families.

Fern Warnes is looking for help to complete her Clear Lake scrapbook. She has clipped the obituaries, beginning in 1972, but needs ~~xxx~~ help to put them in a scrapbook and index them. Give Fern a call at 224-7815 if you would like to help with her project.

We have received five generation charts from these members. Lloyd Wullweber, Michael D. Smith, Sandra Crouse Smith, Susan Whitney Smith, Hedwig Huckfeldt, Iva Piroutek Halstead, Fern Hunt Warnes, Jane Bramwell, Louise Pottratz, Debbie Ohlhauser Zahn, Lois Flick. Check the surname index card file for allied family names.

BOOK * CORNER

If you have a young person interested in genealogy or perhaps a Scout working ~~xxx~~ on a merit badge, look over a new book in the children's department at Rawlins Library. The book is entitled "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?" Digging for your Family Roots. by Suzanne Hilton. Scouts check your merit badge book.

We have added another book to our collection at Rawlins Library. It is "SEARCHING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS" by Gilbert Doane. This is the fourth revision of the popular guide for genealogists and includes new material that will be helpful to Blacks and American Indians who wish to trace their ancestries.

Are you interested in proving out that old family legend that you are related to one of our countrys presidents?? Now you can easily track it down by consulting "BURKE'S PRESIDENTIAL FAMILIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN". You'll find the lineage and descendants of all the presidents of the U.S.A. as well as Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, and there are brief accounts of the vice presidents. You also get a painless dose of history along with pictures of all the presidents and their wives. In addition, Burkes have traced the royal descent of some presidents and some remarkable kinships such as that of George Washington to Queen Elizabeth II and Robert E. Lee and Washington's relationship to Winston Churchill. They have also proved Franklin Delano Roosevelt's relationship to Winston Churchill and shown that famous Americans such as Calvin Coolidge, The Revolutionary War General Israel Putnam

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had more in common than just being from New England and that James Garfield and Brigham Young shared a common ancestor. Whether you are just curious or really searching a line, you'll find "BURKES PRESIDENTIAL FAMILIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" a superior book in construction and presentation. It is available at both Rawlins Library and the South Dakota State Library in Pierre.

SHAKING THE BRANCHES

Jane Bramwell - spent a week collecting family information in Iowa. She will tell us about Iowa census records at our August meeting.

EDNA COOPER- attended the Krull family reunion in Watertown South Dakota and found a little bit of conversation leads to great finds. She has a copy of the "SOUTH DAKOTA SOUTHERN CLARK COUNTY HISTORY" book, published in 1976, that contains maps and pictures as well as family histories. Edna will bring it to the August meeting for those interested in that part of South Dakota.

PAT COLLINS - attended the WILSON FAMILY PICNIC in Iowa where an illustrious ~~xxx~~ relative, Tama Jim Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture for 16 years, was honored. She will tell us more about it at our August meeting.

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COMING UP- at our September meeting will be a tour of the South Dakota Room at Rawlins Library. We also want to get started on our project of sorting census cards for Robinson Museum. Contact Joanne Fix at 224-2612 if you would like to help. One purpose of our organization is to assist the genealogical department of the museum and this project is one requested by them.

RECORDING TIPS; Use permanent black or blue ink for all recording of information. Laura Glum reports there is now a 50¢ charge per request for the Latter Day Saints Archive Records or Index card copies on file in Salt Lake Utah.

We need your vote for or against a state wide meeting to be held in Pierre in October.

THIS IS THE LAST FREE NEWSLETTER TO BE MAILED OUT. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING BY MAIL SEND YOUR \$1.00 TO EDNA COOPER, 813 Harney Court - Pierre. THIS COVERS THE COST OF MAILING FOR ONE YEAR. THE NEWSLETTER IS STILL FREE AT THE MEETINGS.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS NEWSLETTER WOULD BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED. E.D.J. (AUGUST)

Fall is here, so turn over a new leaf in your genealogy notebook and attend our 2 October meetings. Our regular meeting, October 13, at 7:30p.m. at the Rawlin's Library and our state meeting on October 23, 9:30 a.m. also at the Rawlin's Library in Pierre, South Dakota. The theme of our state wide meeting will be "SHARING" with each genealogical society presenting the sources and materials available for research in its area.

At our September meeting Jane Bramwell treated us to a tour of the SOUTH DAKOTA ROOM at Rawlin's Library. Jane is head librarian there. Those of us doing South Dakota research were pleased to discover many valuable sources available to us at our local library. Fern Warnes resigned her position as our club historian. Fern is one of our most valuable workers and often contributes to our newsletter. She is "taking a rest" at the St. Mary's Hospital for a few days. How about keeping her mail box filled?? Fern's address is 710 West Dakota, Pierre. Shirley McClure was appointed to fill the vacancy, caused by Fern's resignation. If you have any news items or pictures of our group give Shirley a call at 224-8787.

BOOK * CORNER

Thanks to Genny Ziegler for her generosity in buying a year's subscription to THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER for our society ---- and it pays to read it ---- because Edna Cooper discovered an ad for a genealogical book for only \$1.00. It sounded too good to be true, but we found it to be a valuable publication and THE CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST is now a part of our collection at Rawlin's Library.

Irma E. King, one of our charter members presented us with a copy of her new book THE HISTORY OF CANNING. A formal presentation will be made at our October meeting.

Joanne Fix has contributed several historical atlases for use in the Library only.

Latest word on the television series of Alex Haley's book ROOTS is that it is set to coincide with the publication of the book itself. According to the producer of the series, the book covers a 200 year period, but the 12 hours allotted for the 200 years was not enough and only 100 years will be covered on television. Read the book for the full account of Haley's search for his 18th century African slave ancestors.

The American Bicentennial Series by John Jakes have been enjoyed by many of our members. In Vol. 5 they have put in a family tree that a reader had drawn up on the Kents. How great it would be if we could take our family trees and have the series to go with the members. From the book we can imagine the Kents, (though fiction) as our family going through the times of the past 200 years. Fern Warnes has sent us many book reports and interesting articles on these series. (This is a paperback series selling for \$1.95 each.)

COMING UP - Pat Collins will be speaking on her trip to Scotland.

We will be looking for workers for our state meeting. We need help with the registration desk, Guides, and Coffee and cookie makers.

SHAKING THE BRANCHES

STEPHEN MILLER- spent time in Madison, Wisconsin where he did research in the library on the white family. He traced them back 10 generations.

LAURA GLUM- took a genealogical trip this summer. She visited libraries in St. Louis, Kansas City and Salt Lake City. She attended a seminar at Brigham Young University in Provo.

LLOYD WULLMEBER- has obtained Homestead Records which he shared with us at the September meeting.

LOIS FLICK- received word of the death of her Great-uncle, whom she had visited in Germany this past summer. He was the last of his generation in her family.

RECORDING TIPS - FOR NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS SCRAPBOOKS

BY: LAURA GLUM:

1. Go Through newspaper putting day, month, year, page number and column number (4 July 1976 pg.2 col.3) in the margin of each article to be used.
2. Clip articles with margin notation from the newspaper.
3. Glue clipping in place on page of scrapbook. Leave an edging of at least a half inch on top, bottom and sides of page. You should be able to get four or five columns on each page of the scrapbook.
4. If clipping does not stick down right away use the damp (not wet) cloth to press down.
5. Try to keep the clippings in date order.
6. Number pages in up er right corner on the top side page of the scrapbook, up er left corner on the back side page. Use both sides of the page for clippings.
7. When all clippings are in place, start the indexing. (Index cards are available from Laura Glum) If the clipping concerns more than one death, be sure to get all names of the deceased. It is a good idea to underline the names in the article if such is the case.

sample index cards

SMITH, John	P4
DP 3 Aug 1973 p3c5	
CJ 4 Aug 1973 p5c4	

SMITH, Mary	P13
(Mrs. John)	
RCJ 2 June 1974 p3c3	
AAN 3 June 1974 p5c1	

8. Code explanation for newspapers should be entered in the front of the scrapbook.
DP=Daily Plainsman CJ=Capitol Journal RCJ=Rapid City Journal and etc.

SCHEDULE FOR STATE GENEALOGICAL MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 1976

9:30am - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - Welcome by Pierre group

10:15 - Huron

10:30 - Aberdeen

10:45 - Mitchell area

11:00 - Sioux Valley

11:15 East River

11:30 Rapid City

LUNCH

1:30p.m. Museum tours leaving from Rawlins library

4:00 - 4:30 Question and answer period at Rawlins Library.

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU ON OCTOBER 23, AT RAWLINS LIBRARY. (E.D.J.)

Local Genealogical Society Invites All To Search For Roots

Since the TV series of "Roots" people have become more interested in their Family History. It is a very interesting and rewarding past time. Most people do a lot of digging and aren't as lucky as Johnny Carson, to have it presented to them as a gift. The Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society welcomes all to their monthly meeting March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Rawlins Library to help each other in searching out their family roots.

Fifty attend genealogy workshop

Approximately 50 persons from eastern South Dakota attended a genealogy workshop in Huron Saturday.

James Valley Historical Society Genealogical Society supervised the workshop. Betty Seter presided and Dorothy Gruver was hostess.

Ray Novak, Sioux Falls, spoke on tracing a family tree by using charts; Bud Schaeffer, Aberdeen, told of records that are valuable to the genealogist; Mrs. Betty Fillmore, Mitchell, explained the surname index; Laura Glum, Pierre, told of the books, microfilm and records on file to aid the researcher in the State Museum at Pierre; Mrs. Seter spoke of using census records that are available.

Several persons brought ancestor charts, including a picture chart of ancestors back four or five generations.

There was discussion of a late summer workshop in Pierre.

Genealogy Lessons To Be Given At Rawlins Library To Beginners

The Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society met April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Rawlins Library. It was the first meeting for the new executive board: president, Jane Bramwell; vice president, Genny Ziegler; secretary, Susan Smith; former president, JoAnne Fix; and general members representative, Creata Moe. Treasurer, Lloyd Wullweber, and members representative, Denise Smith, will continue their terms of office for another year.

It was decided that lessons in beginning and advance genealogy would be given by members of the Society. Beginning lessons would start April 25 from 7-9 p.m. at the Rawlins Library. These lessons will be taught by Denise Smith and Edna Cooper. Advance lessons will start April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rawlins Library and will be taught by Laura Glum. Members of the Society will not be charged for these lessons except for the materials needed for the beginning class. Non-members are invited to sign up for either set of lessons for a fee of \$1.

The Society meets the second Wednesday of each month and visitors are welcome.



1977 Officers

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