

THE PIERRE-FT. PIERRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Welcome to 1980! This is the beginning of a new decade. What will the next ten years hold for us?? We can easily look back over the advancements of the past ten or twenty years and see how our lives have been affected -- but did you ever wonder what life was like 100 years ago in the new decade of 1880?

We will be printing excerpts from the diary of Edmund L. Cooper and his wife, Ada, who also kept a diary. We hope you will enjoy a comparison with their daily lives as we follow them through the year of 1880.

Cast of Characters

EDMUND L. COOPER--born 1841, died 1913. Owned a drug and grocery store in Grass Lake, Michigan.

ADA CLARK COOPER--born 1843, died 1916. Mother of the children.

BERT--Ada's son from a previous marriage to Albert Johnson who died in 1864, the same year Bert was born.

JAMES MONROE--born 1877, the older Cooper son. He was called Monroe.

LLOYD DIX--born 1873, the second Cooper son. He was called Dix by his father and Lloyd by his mother.

WM. H. H. COOPER--probably a step-brother of Edmund.

SARA MARSHALL--Ada's sister whom she called "Sate."

THE DIARY

Thursday, 1 January 1880--*Worker in store a short time. Went to Mr. Barbers to dinner. Left Monroe and Bert at house. Had a good visit. Pleasant day. (Ada's entry)--My diary for 1880 comes new and fresh and is an improvement on my last years in that I have more room to spread myself, a whole page for each day. Edmund, Lloyd and I spent the day at Uncle Barber's. Isa and Emily, Geo. and Mary, the Watson's, and some others were there. Bert and Monroe stayed at home.*

Friday, 2 January 1880--*Worked in the store. Cold day. Attended Lodge meeting. James Divelle and Frank Cornwell are made Master Masons tonight. George and Mary are to supper and Father and Mother are here to dinner. (Ada's entry)--Father and Mother Cooper, Philena and Chalmer visit here. George and Mary were up to tea. I baked a cake for the Masonic supper and dressed to go but the babies were so restless that I could not leave them. A fizzle all around.*

Sunday, 11 January 1880--*Went to the funeral of W. W. Riggs. He was buried in Masonic order in Sylvan Cemetery. Sermon by Baptist minister from Chelsea. Johnson's horse ran away and threw Johnson and I out of the buggy. No serious harm done. Rains some this P.M. (Ada's entry)--Edmund went to Sylvan to attend the funeral of Wales Riggs. Monroe and I went to church and Bert to Sabbath school. Rainy day.*

Wednesday, 14 January 1880--*Work in the store this A.M. LeRoy came after us and Ada, Monroe, Dix, and I went home with him. Stay all night. Pleasant day. (Ada's entry)--Finished baby's dress this forenoon and tonight we are LeRoy's six miles from home. It's very rough country over here but they seem quite contented. We are nearly sick with cold.*

Thursday, 15 January 1880--Came from LeRoy's. Get home about noon. Work in the store. Very pleasant day. (Ada's entry)--Came home at noon today and found plenty of work to be done though Bert has been a pretty fair homekeeper since we have been away. Mrs. Watson and Mrs. McDonald called. I am sick tonight.

Friday, 16 January 1880--Work in the store. Very pleasant day. Lodge meeting tonight--work on the third degree. George Preston is here to supper. (Ada's entry)--Better today but cannot work much. Mrs. Don Clark, Geo. Preston was here to supper. The agent for the White Sewing Machine left a machine here and spent the evening trying to teach me to use it.

Tuesday, 20 January 1880--Work in the store. Rains and snows. Roads are very rough. Cold. (Ada's entry)--Geo. left us at ten o'clock but left us a fine snow storm. Sewed a pair of pillow cases on the new White machine. I am very much pleased with the work of the machine and I hope we can have it.

Sunday, 25 January 1880--At home all day. Very pleasant day. Thawing fast. Dix is sick all day. Has a fit this P.M. about four o'clock. Dr. Chapin was here twice. (Ada's entry)--Lloyd is a very sick baby tonight. He has had some fever all day and about five o'clock he went into a spasm. Dr. Chapin came immediately and he is doing well now. Miss Hount and Bert went to church and sabbath school.

Thursday, 29 January 1880--Work in the store. Dix is worse today. Worrys all the time. Dr. Chapin called to see him this evening. Pleasant but a little colder. (Ada's entry)--Baby Lloyd has been so very sick that I have had but little hope of his recovery. His symptoms are very bad. Bert stayed at home from school this forenoon and Edmund stayed nearly all the afternoon. I washed the flannels.

Sunday, 1 February 1880--Attend church this morning and a temperance lecture this evening at the Congregational Church by Mrs. Warren. Dix is worse this evening. Dr. Chapin called to see him. (Ada's entry)--Baby has not slept today and we were up with him all last night. This evening we sent for the Dr. again but he could only give him medicines to quiet him. I called at Mrs. McLains and found that her troubles are worse than mine.

Wednesday, 4 February 1880--Work in the store. Pleasant day. (Ada's entry)--Alone all day. Baby is really better and I have taken time to sweep and comb my hair which is quite a treat. Mrs. Felt and Mrs. Rowe went to Lansing to attend the womans missionary meeting.

Friday, 6 February 1880--Work in the store. Pleasant day. Freezing hard. (Ada's entry)--Cleaned some. LeRoy was over to dinner and I cut an apron pattern for Lon. Mina Glover spent the afternoon here. Had a very pleasant visit. Bert is nearly sick with a cold. On what a world to live in. We struggle on up the hill toward something better only to fall back again worse than ever.

Sunday, 8 February 1880--Attend church this A.M. and evening. Bert is sick. Pleasant day. (Ada's entry)--I have been sick all day, only just well enough to keep the family half way comfortable. Tonight Lloyd has quite a fever and Bert has been to consult Dr. Knapp in regard to his cold. Quite a family of invalids we are at present. Edmund has attended church twice.

Monday, 9 February 1880--Work in the store. Pleasant day. Commence drawing ice. (Ada's entry)--Bert, Lloyd and I have all been sick all day

and tonight Monroe is down. Dr. Knapp came and gave medicine to four of us. Frank Brown called on us. We bought Edmund's birthday present today--a silver salt cup.

Tuesday, 10 February 1880--Work in the store. Drawn as juror in the liquor suit against Mr. E. Cally. He is found guilty and sentenced to jail twenty days. Pleasant day. (Ada's entry)--Mary Smith came this morning to help us a few days. We are in need of help bad enough for there is not one of us able to take care of ourselves. Monroe was very sick last evening but his symptoms are better today. Dr. Knapp called again today.

Saturday, 14 February 1880--Work in the store. Pleasant day. Choir school this evening, also attend a citizens Temperance meeting in Mr. Hopkins office...object to organize a Prohibition party here. Wm. H. H. Cooper here all night. (Ada's entry)--Baked and cleaned all this forenoon and Bert and I went out and made some calls in the afternoon at David Rowe's and Marons Preston. They have a new little girl. Wm. H. H. Cooper is here with us tonight.

Wednesday, 18 February 1880--Work in the store. R. Chapman tears down a partition in my house today to make the two bedrooms open together. Pleasant. (Ada's entry)--Went to Libbie Eckard this morning and had my calico wrapper fitted, cut a pattern of it and sewing the rest of the time. Mr. Chapman has been at work at the parlor bedroom today taking out the closet.

Thursday, 19 February 1880--Work in the store. Attend the play of Uncle Tom's Cabin in the hall this evening. Cold. Hiram Preston is here to supper. (Ada's entry)--Baked bread, rusks, cakes, and cookies this forenoon and sewed in the P.M. Edmund and I went to the hall to see the Wilkinson's play, Uncle Tom's Cabin, this evening. Very good play. Hiram Preston came home with Edmund to dinner.

Saturday, 21 February 1880--Work in the store. Cold day. Lodge meeting this evening. Albert Osborne takes the third degree in Mason this evening. Erastus and Lydia are here to supper and to spend the evening. Cold day. (Ada's entry)--Swept the chamber and cleaned the new bedroom, put down the carpet and put up the bed before dinner. After dinner received calls, the Misses Clark, Miss Shaler and Miss Parker. Erastus and Lydia came to tea and spent the evening.

Monday, 23 February 1880--Work in store. Ada's sister, Sara Marshall, came to our house today. Very pleasant day. Chapter Lodge meets tonight. Eggleston, Guthrie, and Palmer of Chelsea take the first two degrees in the chapter. (Ada's entry)--Cleaned the parlor closet and swept the parlor. Mary cleaned in the kitchen, one of her thorough cleanings. We are so happy tonight for Sate came to us on the mail train this afternoon.

Wednesday, 25 February 1880--Work in the store. Rains some today. (Ada's entry)--Visited, visited all day.

Thursday, 26 February 1880--Work in the store. Very pleasant and warm. Mr. E. Aldrich called at the store this evening to look at the stock and talk about purchasing my interest. (Ada's entry)--We are only trying to eat and visit while Sate stays and we make out bravely. Went downtown this afternoon. Mrs. Felt and Mrs. Parker called and in the evening we returned their call.

Friday, 27 February 1880--Work in the store. Pleasant day. Ada's sister went away this morning. (Ada's entry)--Sate started for Mother's

home this morning on the mail. The house seems almost as though a funeral procession had left but I have tried to let work keep me from being lonesome. Attended a Methodist fair and festival at Mr. Lusk, in the evening, Bert and I.

STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

How many individuals are interested in a state society? If one were to be formed, William Johnson, Director of Public Health Statistics, has suggested that a state society could have a microfiche of the vital records index if headquarters of such a society were to be located in Pierre. Consider the advantages! If you are interested, write Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogy Society, Box 925, Pierre, SD 57501. Or call Edna Cooper at 224-7060.

ARE YOU READY FOR INTERMEDIATE LESSONS?

We'll make plans at the January meeting. If you are unable to attend on Wednesday, January 9, call Joanne Fix at 224-2612 for final details.

YOUR DONATION IS NEEDED FOR THE MICROFILM READER

We want to meet our goal in January. Bring your contribution. We need it at the upcoming meeting so we can present our final gift to Marybeth. Let's wrap it up with the Old Year!!!

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR DEATH RECORDS IN MICHIGAN?

Edna Cooper has the Michigan Cemetery Compendium which lists the locations of all the cemeteries in the state by county. Information includes present use of the cemetery, ownership, and availability of burial records. Call Edna Cooper at 224-7060 if you are interested in this information.

NOTES.....AROUND THE AREA.....NOTES

The Minnesota Historical Society has announced completion of the filming of all pre-1900 Minnesota newspapers in their collection. They are now beginning to film papers from the 1900-20 period. Since they are a year ahead of schedule they have revised their time frame and enlarged the scope of the project to include additional Minnesota papers which were located by their recent Historic Resources Survey.

Do you know of any War of 1812 veterans who are buried in Minnesota? If so, contact Arthur Louis Finnell of Marshall, Minnesota who is collecting military records and is composing biographical files of these veterans for future publication. Mr. Finnell's address is 703 North Sixth Street, at Marshall, MN 56258.

For those interested in tracing Chippewa Indian or métis genealogy: You will find a very helpful article on genealogical sources of these people in the Fall 1979 issue of Minnesota History. In addition to the article there is notice of formation of a group called the Northwest Territory French and Canadian Heritage Institute, a subgroup of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. They are particularly interested in French, Canadian, French Canadian, and

BOOK CORNER

While browsing through the stacks at the State Library, I came across a book with the eye-catching title, JEFFERSON'S NEPHEWS, A FRONTIER TRAGEDY. According to the information on the dust jacket, two nephews of Thomas Jefferson living in Livingston County on the frontier of western Kentucky, had committed a terrible crime. The culprits were Lilburne and Isham Lewis, sons of Jefferson's sister, Lucy. The Lewises and the Jeffersons had been intermarrying for three generations but this branch of the Lewis family had come to misfortune, first in Virginia, then in Kentucky where they had emigrated after losing their land in the former state.

Intrigued, I began to read the book and soon discovered to my pleasure that this book was a perfect example of genealogical research combined with history. In following the Lewis family through their misadventures, the author had sought information in a wide variety of records and thereby developed a guide to genealogical research in Virginia and Kentucky. He unraveled complicated land and court records of Albemarle County, Virginia; searched the militia records for service during the Revolutionary War; and noted the prosperity--or lack of it--in the agricultural pursuits of the planters. He followed the family into Kentucky, dwelling upon the issues that affected the settlers in that area. His description of the county court system is illuminating to any researcher opening those old records. He also wrote in useful detail of the religious revival that swept western Kentucky in the early 1800's, but his best writing is found in his description of the New Madrid earthquake in 1811. That frightening event occurred at the same time as the Lewis brothers heinous crime.

The recounting of the crime has become legendary. The author attempts to present the facts and he succeeds in that. But despite all his suppositions he does not succeed in developing an understanding of the motives for the crime. What drove Lilburne Lewis to such savagery and why did he address his wife as his "beloved but cruel Letitia?"

There is no legal record that holds a man's innermost thoughts; nevertheless, genealogists will enjoy the relating of the research done in an attempt to reconstruct the events that led to the tragic end of this branch of the Lewis family of Virginia.

Merrill, Boynton Jr. JEFFERSON'S NEPHEWS, A FRONTIER TRAGEDY (976.903 MER)

*** COMING UP ***

January 12 is the date of our next Saturday workday at the Historical Resources Center. You can use the time for your own research, or in sorting cemetery records.

Anyone interested in working on the cemetery records during the week should call Joanne Fix or Laura Glum to set up a time. Both of them will be glad to help you on the project.

A CHANGE OF ADDRESS--
Gayla Nieminen--805 North Fifth Street, DeKalb, Illinois 60115

WHAT'S IN A NAME? As genealogists, we've found that the more strange a name is, the easier it is to trace. But not everyone feels that way about a name, though. Try matching these celebrities to their real names; then ask yourself--would they have gone as far with their real names??

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| f | 1. Orson Bean | a. | Leonard Slye |
| h | 2. Ellen Burstyn | b. | Issur Danielovitch |
| j | 3. Joan Crawford | c. | Derby Zerby |
| d | 4. Tony Curtis | d. | Bernard Schwartz |
| c | 5. Kim Darby | e. | Natasha Gurdin |
| l | 6. Yvonne de Carlo | f. | Dallas Frederick Burrows |
| k | 7. Marlene Dietrich | g. | Ruby Stevens |
| b | 8. Kirk Douglas | h. | Edna Rae Gillooly |
| m | 9. Cary Grant | i. | Arnold Dorsey |
| i | 10. Engelbert Humperdinck | j. | Lucille LeSueur |
| o | 11. Peggy Lee | k. | Maria Magdalena von Losch |
| a | 12. Roy Rogers | l. | Peggy Yvonne Middleton |
| n | 13. Mickey Rooney | m. | Archibald Leach |
| g | 14. Barbara Stanwyck | n. | Joe Yule, Jr. |
| e | 15. Natalie Wood | o. | Norma Engstrom |

Answers: 1, f; 2, h; 3, j; 4, d; 5, c; 6, l; 7, k; 8, b; 9, m; 10, i; 11, o; 12, a; 13, n; 14, g; 15, e.

Little Preachment: Junior and Senior are terms which we usually think of as indicating a father-son relationship, but in records this is not necessarily true. They were used merely to distinguish between two persons with the same name, usually of different generations, living in the same locality. Very often they were uncle and nephew rather than father and son.

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A MEMBER OF OUR LOCAL D.A.R. CHAPTER WILL BE ON HAND AS GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR JANUARY 9 MEETING.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's make the new year the best yet for our society.

January, 1980

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THE PIERRE-FORT PIERRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BOX 925, PIERRE, SD 57501

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This is LEAP YEAR and we have leaped into getting our old projects finished and new ones started. The microfilm reader has been purchased. The cemetery records have been sorted through Lake County. We are working on a State Society. And we have undertaken a project for the Pierre Centennial. It looks like a GREAT year!

January Meeting

Trudy Feigum, D.A.R. Regent, spoke at our meeting on January 9th. She told of the various organizations within the D.A.R. for children and of the projects that the D.A.R. supports. Anyone interested in joining the organization or in learning about the use of their library may contact Trudy at 808 West Pleasant Drive in Pierre.

February Meeting

Our February meeting night, the 13th, was a snowy one. But we had a quorum present and were able to elect officers. The following will make up the 1980 Executive Board--

- President: Edna Cooper
- Vice President: Paula Honerkamp
- Secretary: Joanne Fix
- Treasurer: Genny Ziegler
- Director: Nancy Lowe
- Director: Gayle Van Camp
- Past President: Stephen Miller

New Members

- 136 Alice L. Smith, 114 S. Poplar, Pierre, SD 57501. Phone: 224-2411
- 137 Maureen Gillaspie, #18, 725 Wells, Pierre, SD 57501. Phone: 224-9620
- 138 Beatrix O. Burlingame, Box 707, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532. Phone: 223-2479
- 139 Ruby Gray, 115 No. Van Buren, Pierre, SD 57501. Phone: 224-2692
- (Renewal)
- 088 Jeri Spargur, 109 South Adams, Pierre, SD 57501. Phone: 224-4838

Senate Bill 23

Senate Bill 23 was signed into law but it was far removed from the original bill which would have closed the vital statistics records to the public. Thanks to the legislative maneuver known as "houshousing," Senate Bill 23 in its final form allowed saccharine to be removed from the list of unlawful food additives.

Coming Up

Our Saturday workshop for March will be held on the 15th. Come down to the museum and sort cemetery records or do your own research. Sign up at the next meeting (March 12th) or call Laura Glum, 224-2670.

The March meeting will be a work session. Bring a scissors and a black fine point pen. We will be working on a project for the Historical Resource Center.

MEET LAURA GLUM

Laura Mae Bidwell Glum was born 24 February 1927, the first of eleven children born to Baxter Luther Bidwell and Hazel Irene Knight. Born during the depression when work was hard to find, Laura remembers her parents moving from ranch to ranch, working, and then living for two years on a little farm near Bismarck until 1933 when they moved into Bismarck so Laura could attend school. Laura began baby-sitting at the age of 10 and was never without a job from then on. At age 15 she met Leslie Donald Glum at the cab office where her father worked. They were married on 25 June 1947 after Les had returned from the Navy. Their first child, Jeffry Lynn, was born in 1952. By this time Laura and Les had become interested in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and were baptized in that faith in December of 1952.

The family increased with Cynthia Kaye in 1953; Darcy Jean in 1954; Barry Dean in 1956; and Melodie Rae in 1957. In 1959 the family moved to Pierre where Les worked on Oahe Dam. It was in Pierre that Lincoln Alan was born in 1960; Vivian Gay in 1962; and in 1970 Jon David who died at birth.

Les and Laura had become interested in their genealogy after joining the church and Laura attended classes whenever she could. Later she was asked to be the genealogy teacher at her church. In 1971 Laura and several others from Pierre attended a seminar sponsored by the Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research and, impressed with what they had seen, decided to organize a society in Pierre. Laura and Donna Wurtz Reynolds contacted Kenneth Stewart and Dayton Canaday to make arrangements for the first meeting which was held 19 January 1972 in the Robinson Museum. There was an enthusiastic turnout of interested individuals who formed the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society.

Laura has traced her ancestry to Richard Warren of the Mayflower on her mother's side and into the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee on her father's side. Some of the surnames in which both Laura and Les are interested are:

BIDWELL	MACGONIGAL	RHODY	COGGESHALL	FOBES	WARREN
KNIGHT	FERGUSON	LITTLE	DIETZMAN	ZAHN	BAKER
YATES	PEABODY	SNOW	HILDERMAN	NOLL	GLUM
SQUIRES	HEISTNER	ARNOLD			

Historian

Donna Glover has been appointed Historian for the coming year. Donna, who is interested in Norwegian research, has some good sources to share. One is a large and detailed map of Norway on which small villages can be located... another is a helpful pamphlet, "Tracing Your Norwegian Roots." Call Donna at 224-4800.

NOW WE TAKE YOU BACK 100 YEARS TO MARCH AND APRIL 1880 AT GRASS LAKE, MICHIGAN, TO THE LIVES OF EDMUND L. AND ADA CLARK COOPER. EXCERPTS FROM THEIR DIARIES---

Mon., March 1, 1880. Work in the store. Attend Chapter meeting this evening. Eggleston, Guthrie and Palmer take the R.A. degree. Pleasant, but some cold.

(Ada) We wives of the Mason's that belong to the chapter lodge, eighteen in number, went to the hotel and took supper with them, quite unexpected to them. Had a tip top spree.

Sun., March 7, 1880. Attended church this morning and evening, warm part of the day, cold this evening. Freezes hard in the night.

(Ada) Edmund and Bert attended services both morning and evening. I think I look better at home these days.

Tues., March 9, 1880. Work in store. Went to Jackson. Make arrangements with John Shelly to work for us in the store at \$325.00 a year. Cold day, snows some this P.M.

(Ada) Baked ginger and sugar cookies, three cakes, bread, biscuit and make friedcakes. Edmund went to Jackson. Finished my chemise and commenced an apron for Monroe.

Wed., March 10, 1880. Work in the store. LeRoy is here to dinner. Cold day, snows in the night.

(Ada) Quite a day. Mrs. Town brought our new White sewing machine. LeRoy was here to dinner. I called on Mrs. Hoolway, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Dan Clark, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Chapin.

Sun., March 14, 1880. Attend Church and Sabbath School, taught Mr. Millers class today, Lizzie Gunn came here today, Bert went after her. She is to work for us during the summer. Cold day.

(Ada) At home all day. Bert went to bring Lizzie Gunn (our new girl) and Edmund went to Church; both went to Sabbath school. This will be the last day of my doing work alone for a long time.

Fri., March 26, 1880. Work in the Store. Went to Ann Arbor as a witness for Mrs. Eckand in her suit against the M.C.R.R. Co. Came back on Gd. Rapids Exp. at 6:10 P.M. Cool day. Rains this A.M.

(Ada) Rained all day. Lloyd has been unendurably cross all day and Monroe has been the opposite of good nature. Lillian came this afternoon but Ella Peck disappointed us. Lillian is looking and feeling quite well. Mrs. Felt called this evening.

Thur., April 1, 1880. Went to Francisco this morning to do the R.R. work for Will. Cora is very sick with laryngitis. Lill is visiting at Geo. Preston's this A.M. Ate dinner there. Ada, Lill and I are at father's this P.M. Delancey came after Ada and went to Francisco after Lill and myself. I commenced work in the post office here today at twenty dollars per month. Warm day.

(Ada) Edmund had news this morning that Cora Schnieder is very sick. He went to Francisco on freight and Lillian went down on the Jackson express. Father Cooper and Delancia came up to dinner and Lloyd and I went home with them. We all came home together.

Mon., April 5, 1880. Work in the store and Post Office. Town meeting today. Wm. Smith is elected Supervisor, D.W. Clark, clerk, R. Chapman, treasurer, and E. Pelton justice of the Peace. Pleasant day.

Mon., April 5, 1880 (continued)

(Ada) Washed. Spring election and a very pleasant day. Geo. and Ella were here to dinner. Went to Mrs. Foster's to get some flowers for Cora's coffin. Went down to furniture shop with Edmund to see the last bed made for little Cora.

Mon., April 12, 1880. Work in the Store and P.O. Cold Day.

(Ada) Washed. I cleaned Edmund's suits of clothes and mended Bert's. Gathered up all the odds and ends of mending and sewed some carpet rags. Lloyd is sixteen months old today and is a perfect dragon for mischief.

Wed., April 14, 1880. Thirty Nine years old today. Work in the store and P.O. Warm day.

(Ada) Lizzie washed some linings for carpet rags. I cleaned cellar steps and kitchen and pantry floors. George, Philena and Chalmer were up to dinner. I called to see Mrs. Kellogg's girl and at Mrs. Felts to see the Robinson baby-- Edmund's thirty ninth birthday.

Mon., April 26, 1880. Work in the Store and P.O. Went to Detroit after a few goods. John Johnson went with me to see about getting a place with T. H. Hirechirran and sons as billing clerk and City Collection. He gets the position for thirty days. Rain hard part of the day.

(Ada) Washed. Edmund went to Detroit. LeRoy worked at building fence. Finished two more shirts. This has been a cold windy day as all our days are lately.

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SHAKING THE BRANCHES

GENNY ZIEGLER--found her great grandfather in a photograph of several other people. She was able to successfully have his picture lifted from the group and a negative made of it to add to her negative file. Genny was especially pleased to find this photograph because it is the only picture she has of the great grandfather taken when he was old.

LOIS FLICK-----reminds us never to give up when searching. After years of hearing that no pictures were available of her mother's side of the family, Lois's research induced a previously reluctant aunt to share the pictures she had of that side. Lois is now kept busy identifying the individuals in the photographs.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Pierre will be celebrating its Centennial in 1980-81. The celebration will begin with a ball in the Capitol rotunda November 16, 1980, and will conclude the festivities in August of 1981. As a group interested in the history of this area, the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society has undertaken the project of awarding a certificate to any individual who proves himself to be a descendant of a settler in the area during the years of 1880-1885. Lois Flick is chairperson of the committee concerned with the certificates. Other committee members are Donna Glover, Laura Glum, Genny Ziegler, and Edna Cooper.

THE SCHOLARS WIN ONE by Marvin Stone (U.S. News & World Report, Feb. 4, 1980)

Good sense has scored a rare victory against the bureaucracy, in a confrontation over the American heritage. At this writing, Rear Adm. Rowland G. Freeman, III, administrator of the General Services Administration, has withdrawn his insistence on a massive dispersal of documents from Washington's National Archives and is reviewing his policy.

This reversal, possibly temporary, did not come without a battle by the scholars and historians of the country and not until the White House had intervened.

Dedicated officials of the Archives were mortified when they saw the first big consignment of historic papers being readied for transfer around the country in obedience to the admiral's demand for instant relief from storage overflow. But Admiral Freeman is a decorated combat pilot. He does not lightly abandon an objective. So he sailed into the Archives and delivered a "Now hear this" address:

"I have a tremendous sense of history. I have helped make it...I'm an expert in almost every area you work."

His memos bristled with barbs such as, "I want to see real results."

After some mumbled remarks about shooting one's toes off, a curtain of silence was drawn over the Archives. But the scholars who use the services would not be shushed. The roll of protesters grew long. John W. Toland, recipient of a Pulitzer Prize, saw the scattering of documents as "the beginning of the end for the National Archives." Donald Sweig, author of an award-winning study of slave families, declared his work could not have been done if the records of ship cargoes had been split up as planned. Ira Berlin, writing a three-volume history of the years just after the Civil War, said that the dispersal would make the documents he needed "almost unusable."

James B. Rhoads, former long-term Archivist of the United States, voiced the fear that Freeman, in a few months, would "undo the work of three generations of professional archivists." The distinguished John Hope Franklin, president of the American Historical Association, then appealed to the White House--and won the interim decision.

This power of the GSA in the scholarly realm may puzzle some citizens, who tend to view the agency as a buyer of furniture, provider of office space and otherwise a grand-scale housekeeper. The explanation is that Congress, when it created the GSA in 1949, foolishly or negligently gave it substantial power over policies of the National Archives and the irreplaceable papers therein.

Nevertheless, successive administrators of the GSA generally honored the Archivist's decisions on disposition of documents and went along with the search for added space in Washington--that is, until Admiral Freeman dropped anchor in the Federal Triangle.

The only way to free the National Archives and Records Service from more fights will be to free it legally from interference with decisions on the use and life and death of documents--or divorce it altogether from the GSA, which isn't asking for the job, anyway. Whatever course one advocates, a vital question is involved: If we risk demolition of our past, how can we be sure of a guide to the future?



Last week the U.S. Postmaster General made this statement: "The art of letter writing is fast becoming a lost national treasure." And how true that surely is! The old timers did find time to write. Sometimes it wasn't easy. Starlene will share excerpts with you from her old letters from time to time.

"Nemaha Co. Nebraska April 10, '68

Dear Broather & Sister:

i would like first rate to see you and have a little talk with you about things but i will have to hold on untill i come to see you i notice in your letter that you give me a talking to about riting. i now i have not rote as i ought to have done but now i will tell you the reason. 3 weeks ago the old man went after apple trees with is mare and buggy to Loveless and goin home he stoped at the office and got a letter from St Louis and goin home he thought he would see what was in it and is lines droped down on the shafts and the mare started of and he put is hand on her harse to get the lines and she kicked and hit im with one foot under the heart and nocked him back out of the buggy and it run over im and left him laying in the road helpless and the mare broke it most to pieces. Robinson found im laying most dead he took im to is house and he worked with im and sent word to is folks and they got im home, he was laying for dead a week but he got as he could walk around and he went out to much and took cold and was laid up again but now he is geting better again. the doctor says he will never be able to work much but he is getting along fine at the present and that is the reason i did not rite i had to be over there."

(Sounds like we could improve a little on some of our excuses, hmm?)

SAD BUT TRUE--this is the last newsletter you will receive unless your 1980 dues are paid (excepting of course other societies with which we have reciprocal exchange.)

These closing words are being written on a day when we are almost snowed in and Edna IS snowed under, trying to think of ideas for programs...so HELP! Contact her if you have any suggestions...topics...work sessions...speakers. She wants to hear from you.

March, 1980

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BOX 925, PIERRE, SD 57501

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(An item for our own historic appreciation...) It started HERE! It was at Fort Meade in South Dakota that The Star Spangled Banner was first ordered to be a part of the evening military retreat ceremony at the old cavalry post and this eventually led to its official designation as our National Anthem. Surprised? We were.

COMING UP

Our May meeting will be held in the Dakota Room at Rawlins Library because the furnace is being replaced and the basement is unavailable. JOHN RYCHTARIK, from Robinson Museum, will speak on "Dakota Blizzards."

Four our June meeting, we are planning a trip to Cedar Hill Cemetery at Fort Pierre. We will meet at the Holiday Inn parking lot at 6:30 P.M. and form a car pool there. But in case our prayers for rain are answered, we will work on newspaper clippings at Rawlins Library instead.

Our July meeting is scheduled to be a tour of the old Verendrye Museum at Fort Pierre.

If you would like any special programs, please let the Board know. They would like some help in lining up speakers.

CEMETERY RECORDS

EDNA COOPER and JOANNE FIX are happy to announce that they have completed the sorting of the W.P.A. cemetery records at the Historical Resource Center. By working at least one day out of every week, EDNA and JOANNE finished work on the records at the end of March.

For those interested in assisting with this project, work remains to be done on the veterans records which are to be filed separately and need alphabetizing. This can be done during our Saturday workshops.

The cemetery forms that EDNA and JOANNE completed must be typed as a final copy. Are there any good typists out there who have some free time? Call EDNA or JOANNE for more information.

BOOK CORNER

Is That Lineage Right? - a training manual for the examiner of lineage papers for the D.A.R., has been given to us by DENISE SMITH. This item issued by the National Society of the D.A.R., has helpful hints for the beginner in genealogical research.

The D.A.R. Manual For Citizenship which was reprinted by the National Society in 1968, has been given to us by TRUDY FEIGUM, present Regent of the Pierre Chapter.

MARY JANE MOSER has given us a large map of Norway and a travel guide of Norway published in 1980.

ATTENTION EVERYONE!!

We are planning to take an inventory of our library materials. Sunday, June 22, is the tentative date. Please come and help to make the job easy and fun. For more information call GEMMY ZIEGLER, 224-4403.

WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE SOUTH DAKOTA ATLAS COLLECTION, BY COUNTY, AVAILABLE AT HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER, PIERRE.

County	Year(s)
Aurora	1909
Beadle	1906 and 1913
Bon Homme	1912
Brookings	1909
Brown	1905 and 1911
Brule	1911
Charles Mix	1906 and 1912
Clark	1929
Clay	1901
Clay and Union	1924
Codington	1929
Davison	1909
Day	1909 and 1929
Deuel	1909
Douglas	1909-10
Edmunds	1905
Faulk	1910
Grant	1910 and 1929
Gregory	1912
Hand	1910
Hanson	1902 and 1910
Hughes	1916
Hutchinson	1910
Hyde	1911
Jerauld	1909
Kingsbury	1909 and 1929
Lake	1911
Lincoln	1910
Lyman	1911
McCook	1911
McPherson	1911
Marshall	1910 and 1929
Miner	NO DATE
Minnehaha	1903
Moody	1909
Potter	1911
Roberts	1910
Sanborn	1912
Spink	1909
Sully	1916
Tripp	1915
Turner	1893 and 1902
Walworth	1911
Yankton	1910

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Museum Workshop

Our Saturday at the Historical Resource Center will be May 17. Call LAURA GLUM, 224-2670 if you plan to come and are unable to sign up at the May 14 meeting.

April Meeting

Our speaker was FRED LILLIBRIDGE of the Pierre Centennial Committee. Fred gave a brief description of life in the early days of Pierre's existence. He also told of the celebration plans of the Centennial Committee and offered his assistance with our project of presenting pioneer certificates to descendants of early Pierre settlers.

Shaking The Branches

TOM and JUDY PENNEY have added a son to their family tree - CHRISTOPHER RYAN, born March 3.

Are You Searching in Kentucky?

DENISE SMITH has seven complete volumes of Kentucky Family Records published by the West Central Kentucky Family Research Association. She also has an Historical Atlas and the bulletins of that organization. She is willing to share with other Kentucky family seekers.

Change of Address

MARY JANE MOSER--3305 Westbrooke Lane, Apt. #107, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

BEATRIX BURLINGAME--P.O. Box 944, Pierre, SD 57501. Telephone 224-6691

New Member

EDNA GRACE MILLER--118 South Poplar, Pierre, SD 57501. Telephone 224-4843

Membership Renewal

IVA WYLY--703 North Monroe, Pierre, SD 57501. Telephone 224-4307

LASA SVENSK?? Do you read Swedish?

LAURA FRAME has some Swedish letters she would like to have translated. If you read Swedish or know someone who does, call LAURA at 224-9633.

NOW WE TAKE YOU BACK 100 YEARS TO MAY AND JUNE, 1880, AT GRASS LAKE, MICHIGAN---
TO THE LIVES OF EDMUND L. AND ADA CLARK COOPER. EXCERPTS FROM THEIR DIARIES...

Monday, May 3, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Warm day.

(Ada) Washed. I cleaned three suits of cloth for Edmund and did some mending. I am nearly sick and I realize that I have only thirteen weeks for business and, oh so much to do. I am almost wild when I think of it. Made three store towels.

Tuesday, May 11, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Geo. Smith here to dinner & supper. Warm day.

(Ada) Put out the clothes this morning & washed calico and flannels. Cleaned the cellar in the P.M. Mrs. Pratt called. Bert finished work at Ell's and came home tonight. Once more the spring time has come and I have commenced soap making or getting lye therefor. Cut some linen cuffs for Bert.

Tuesday, May 13, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & post office. Very warm.

(Ada) Cleaned the wood house today. Father Cooper was to have a suit-at-law with Mr. Higgins but it was adjourned for two weeks. LeRoy was here to dinner & Mary and Emily came up to tea. We had our first ice cream today.

Friday, May 21, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Rains hard all day.

(Ada) Oh such a rain, we were deceived by one ray of sunshine and washed five bed quilts the bags and some aprons. The all enjoy a hard rain today and a rain with redoubled furry tonight. Cut a pair of shirts for Bert and have them partly made.

Monday, May 24, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store a short time. Went to Francisco from there to Jackson & from there to Mason. All business relating to the estate of Hannah N. Reendall. Stay at Will Clarks all night. Warm day.

(Ada) Edmund went out north this morning and we are alone. Washed and put the clothes to bleach. Did some mending in the afternoon and went down town in the evening. Had Monroe's dress fitted. Mr. Johnson sent me a new shawl. Had a card from Edmund.

Sunday, May 30, 1880

(Edmund) Went to church this morning. George Smith sang in our choir this morning. LeRoy & Lu. are here this A.M. Attend church this evening. Rains. Warm.

(Ada) LeRoy came over this morning and brought Lon. Anna Preston called. We have had a busy uncomfortable Sunday. Edmund & Bert went to church. Centennial service in the M.E. Church.

Tuesday, June 3, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & post office. James A. Garfield of Ohio and Chester A. Arthur were today nominated for President, Vice President of the U.S. Very warm.

(Ada) Father Cooper's suit with Mr. Higgins came off today and the result was we had LeRoy, Charlie Spaulding & Delanci to dinner. Made ice cream. The Baptist Society are holding an association here - commenced today. Walked down town this evening. Mrs. Fekinsher called.

(Edmund and Ada Cooper Diary - continued)

Friday, June 18, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Uncle Orman Clark is here to supper. Bert came home to attend commencement. Exercises were held in Congregational Church. Very warm day.

(Ada) Ironed some more. Uncle Orman came from Jackson and took supper with us. This was the first we knew of Aunt Amanda's death. Bert came up to attend the commencement exercises. Myra Galls & Addie Ferguson were the graduating class of 1880. I have not been well today.

Thursday, June 24, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Went with W.C. Adams. Rains in the night. Very warm.

(Ada) Haven't we been afflicted with worse plagues than Job ever knew. LeRoy's folks came all four and stayed as long as the breath of life was left in us. Cut some garments for the coming princess. Chalmer visits us concisantly these days.

Friday, June 25, 1880

(Edmund) Ethel Cooper is born this morning at six o'clock. Dr. Raymond & Mrs. Jerry Watson & Philena were attendance. Went to Francisco. Emily came up on the train and stayed until four o'clock. Went to fathers. Sent Bert after Mrs. Ward. Eat dinner at fathers. Rains. Work in the store a short time. Very warm. Choir school this evening.

(Ada) Our baby Ethel was born at seven o'clock this morning. Dr. Raymond, Mrs. Watson & Philino were here. Emily came up on mail and Mrs. Ward came at 2 o'clock.

New maid Julia West, Mon. 17
Lizzie stayed for 9 week. Leaving Sat. 15

Whether an ancestor was rich or poor, educated or un-
schoolled, hardworking artisan or indolent idler, a
courtier or diplomat, of a family of the landed gentry
or scion of the titled aristocracy, it was up to him to
view life's panorama as it unfolded before him -- and
for us to accept him in the role that he played.

Then let us pray that come it may,

As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth,
Shall bear the gree and a' that;

For a' that, and a' that,
It's comin' yet for a' that,
That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brithers be for a' that.

---Robert Burns

1 "take the prize."

Excerpts from TAKING ROOT, by Milton Meltzer

"The immigrants sailing into the port of New York in the early 1880's saw nothing like the skyline of today. The Statue of Liberty would not be erected until 1886, Ellis Island was nothing but a blob of mud, and the biggest building in town was only ten stories tall... in the 1890's the profile of downtown New York changed enormously, as one after another new steel-skeleton building competed for the title of 'the tallest building in the world.'

"Everything that typified the old country, in family names as well as first names, had to go. Sometimes the decision to change names was not the immigrant's own. Immigration officials at the ports of entry refused to be bothered with exact transcriptions of a new arrival's difficult name. Down on the forms went totally new and easy names...or when children went to school, teachers who found a name unpronounceable put down on the records something close enough but easier to say. After a time the parents would accept the new name the children brought home.

"It was not only a national desire to be American like everybody else which accounts for changes in name. Many firms refused to hire people whose names ended in 'ski' or 'sky'. That was too foreign for their patrons, was the excuse. If the elite would not trade with or hire people with certain names, then the names were changed. The old folks especially minded the loss of the family name under such conditions. But if it was necessary to make a living...'We honor our fathers just as much, even if we drop their names. Nothing good ever came to us while we bore them, possibly we'll have more luck with the new names.'"

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So be prepared to take your ancestors as you find them.
They are yours and you wouldn't be here without a one
of them.

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EDNA and JOANNE have dots and numbers before their eyes, so the news-letter is brief this time...blame it on the census. "We are glad we won't be around in 75 years to try to trace our genealogy through the 1980 census. We have seen enough of the dots and numbers"... and with that explanation, we'll close for this time.

May, 1980

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The July Heat) (So the newsletter
The Census)..have gotten to us!... (will be short this
And the Kids) (issue.

Use the extra time to dig up your family
tree and come share your discoveries.

DID YOU MISS THE JULY MEETING?

Then you missed an informative, entertaining evening. Flora Zieman of Ft. Pierre who has the early records of Cedar Hill Cemetery, escorted us on our tour of the cemetery. She gave us a history of the cemetery, told of the early settlers in the area, and pointed out locations of dwellings. We ended our trip on the hill overlooking Ft. Pierre and the river while Flora reminisced about her childhood in Ft. Pierre and once again pointed out landmarks and locations of early businesses and homes.

COMING UP

The program for our July meeting has been changed. (Our trip to the Verendrye Museum in Ft. Pierre has been postponed until August.) Dr. John Miller of South Dakota State University at Brookings will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "The Information Explosion," a discussion of the overload of information reaching the American public, and he promises a thought-provoking talk. The program committee hopes that our group will turn out for this meeting. Dr. Miller is traveling some distance to talk to us and it would be nice to have a good showing of interest on the part of our members. The program committee has gone to some trouble to plan these summer meetings and the lack of response from our members has been most discouraging.

AROUND THE AREA

The Rapid City group will be hosting an Everton's Workshop on September 24th. More information on this event in our next newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW??

...that the Newberry Library in Chicago (a noted genealogical stronghold) does not have Savage's New England Genealogical Dictionary--but, our South Dakota Historical Resource Center does...the complete series, five volumes in all, in the genealogical collection in the basement of Robinson Museum.

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Sunday, July 4, 1880

(Edmund) Attend church this morning. Ada is out to breakfast for the first time since she was sick. Very warm day. Rains most all night.

(Ada) Today I have been up nearly all day. Took care of little baby and have felt well all day. John Johnson called. Edmund went to church morning and evening.

Friday, July 9, 1880

(Edmund) Worked in store and P.O. Very warm.

(Ada) This has been such a warm day. Julia finished ironing. Mary and Mother Perkins spent the afternoon here. Our little baby girl seems to be a perfect treasure, she is so good.

Wednesday, July 14, 1880

(Edmund) Worked in the store and P.O. Very warm day.

(Ada) Ironed some more. Mrs. Hoster called, also Libbie Smith and our would-be daughter in law.

Saturday, July 31, 1880

(Edmund) Worked in the store and P.O. Went to Jackson as a delegate to the County Convention. Eat dinner at Mr. Glovers. Very warm day.

(Ada) Edmund went to Jackson. Tonight we are without a hired "help" again. Julia's mother was hurt and they sent for Julia to come home. Mrs. John Sand and her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, called with the twin babies. Finished my cambric seregne. Bert came home and Charlie Pechin is staying with him.

Thursday, August 5, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store and P.O. a short time. Attend the Republican State Convention at Jackson. Eat dinner and supper at Mr. Glovers, stay there all night. Very warm day.

(Ada) Edmund attended the State Convention at Jackson and is away tonight. Emily and Mary took tea with me. Ironed some more and I have tried to sew some. Bert came home today with blistered hands--cannot work any more this week.

Saturday, August 7, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store and Post Office. Went to Ells with Mary and Emily this evening. Sit up with Uncle Leonard Osgood all

A BIT OF HISTORY YOU MIGHT ENJOY...

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After first exploring the "Kills" and adjacent waters around Staten Island and the inner New York City harbor, Captain Hudson and his crew believed that (from its size, depth and general direction) the big estuary they had found might be the outlet of a passage such as they were seeking. Sailing north up this majestic river, past areas later known as Catskill, Athens, Hudson, and Albany, and visiting with the native Indians along the way, Captain Hudson and his band of explorers received various reports which put an end to all his hopes of finding a northwest passage to the eastern seas. In many places the river was shoaling very rapidly; the stream in the upper sections was frequently broken by dangerous rapids; so difficult did he find the navigation among the islands and windings of the channel that he lost considerable time; and, in addition, just off the present City of Hudson, the little "Half Moon" ran aground and stuck fast on the bank in the middle of the river now known as the "middle ground."

The next morning, September 27, 1609, the "Half Moon" spread her sails to a brisk breeze, and soon was lost to sight beyond the wooded headlands. With a fair wind and a favorable tide, the little brigantine kept straight on her course; and on October 4th, she passed Sandy Hook and stood out to sea; and her bold commander never again saw the beautiful and great river which he had discovered, and which bears his name.

From--"A History of the Reformed Dutch Church
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RECORDING TIPS

Family photographs enrich our genealogical records. Here are some tips to help you improve your photographic recording of family events.

1. Load the film properly. Don't try to get extra exposures by only partially engaging the leader of the film strip. It may not feed and you will be taking pictures only on the back plate of the camera.
2. Get close to your subject. Make it the most important thing in your picture.
3. Be confident; take charge. It will reassure your subjects.
4. Photograph your subjects being their natural selves. Don't pose them just looking into the camera.
5. Be aware that one of the best backgrounds for photographing people is the sky. Don't let the background intrude upon the photograph of the individual.
6. Remember that with modern cameras you can take pictures in all kinds of weather and in any kind of light. Cloudy days are often preferred because the light is softer.

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An inexpensive guide to preserving your family pictures is the book SHOOTS: A GUIDE TO YOUR FAMILY'S PHOTOGRAPHS by Thomas L. Davies, published by Addison House of Danbury, N.H. in 1977.

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See you in September when--
The census will be over,
The children will be in school,
But the heat may still be with us.
(Two out of three, isn't bad!)

July, 1980

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After years of writing this newsletter - the "D" will be missing from our closing. Denise Thompson Smith will become Mrs. Larry Lantz on September 20th and will be moving to Presho where Larry is a farmer/rancher.

We will miss her as we sit around the kitchen table drinking coffee and trying to get this newsletter together (not an easy task sometimes.)

But since Presho is only 50 miles away, we hope that Denise will continue as a member of our Society. A charter member, she has worked hard as secretary/treasurer and as keeper of our surname list.

Her new address will be: R.R. #1, Presho, SD 57568.

COMING UP

Wear old clothes and bring a dustcloth to our SEPTEMBER meeting. Now that the new heating and cooling system has been installed at Rawlins, we will be cleaning up our library area. If time permits, we will also work on the newspaper clipping project.

We are planning our OCTOBER meeting to be a sharing time. Choose a story of interest that you have found while searching for your ancestors, or share with us a favorite memory of your childhood. We will respond to roll call with these incidents of the past. Look forward to an entertaining evening of variety and reminiscence.

LITTLE PREACHMENT

Genealogical research is one of the most challenging of hobbies. It is a thrill to take old records and put together the record of a family. In the process of searching you suddenly realize that they once lived on this earth and they had the same experiences; loving, experiencing sorrow and success, frustrated at the blunders of their government officials, wanting things better for their children, and hoping to leave the world a little better because of their efforts. While looking for facts such as dates, places, etc., you must study history of the period of time in which they lived, for they were involved in whatever was happening.

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AND NOW WE TAKE YOU BACK 100 YEARS TO SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER AT GRASS
LAKE, MICHIGAN--TO THE LIVES OF EDMUND L. AND ADA CLARK COOPER.....
EXCERPTS FROM THEIR DIARIES--

Wed., September 8, 1880

(Edmund) Worked in the store & P.O. Cold. Mother & Philena
are here to supper.

(Ada) Went to town this morning to get spices, then made
pickles. Mrs. Jacob Preston called. Mother Cooper and Philena spent
the day here. Ice cream and for tea. I have this night resolved
that if my life and reason are spared I will be more patient and do
more a mother's duty in the family.

Fri., September 10, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Mr. Keriohan takes the 5:35
train this morning for Canada. Pleasant day. Mr. Johnson attends
a Democrat convention at Jackson.

(Ada) Uncle Robert went on his way to Canada this morning.
Baby has cried nearly all day. Monroe is sick tonight. I carried a
contribution of clothing to Mrs. Peckins to send to the suffering
family in Kansas.

Sun., September 12, 1880

(Edmund) Attend church, sermon by Elden. Rains some. Cool.

(Ada) At home and busy all day. We may some time look back
and think these were happy days but they seem full of care and worry
now.

Tues., September 21, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Mother Peckins and Mary are
here most of the day. Mother P. had a tooth drawn while here.
Pleasant day.

(Ada) Julia worked. Mother Peckins and Mary came up and spent
the day. Mother P. had a tooth drawn. Finished baby's wrapper.

Mon., September 27, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Pleasant day.

(Ada) I went to town a short time in the afternoon and made a
flannel skirt for Monroe in the evening. Edmund has brought home a
Lossing History of the Civil War in America. The temptation to
read is very strong.

Mon., October 4, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Cool day.

(Ada) Washed. Georgie Peckins forgot his dinner and come over
and ate with us. This was his first day at school. Julia washed
till five o'clock. Her mother called and had luncheon.

Wed., October 6, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. a short time. Ada, Ethel and I went to Ells. The Barbers and Cyrus Ayres are there. Visit & play croquet all day. Cyrus Ayres is here all night. Pleasant day.

(Ada) The Barbers and us visited at Ells. Had a very pleasant time. Cyrus Ayres is staying with us tonight. Our town was disgraced with a street fight between Mr. Simmons and a Mr. Dusall.

Tues., October 12, 1880

(Edmund) Went to the Barbers. Took Monroe. Ell & Cyrus is there. Croquet is the only democratic speech we got. Work at the store & P.O. a short time.

(Ada) Finished some odd jobs before dinner such as potting the plants and went down to town. Edmund & Monroe went to Uncle Solomon's this afternoon. Maria come down and spent the evening and so did Mrs. Davis. Tonight finds me all packed for tomorrow's visit. Quite an event for me to set out on a tour.

Wed., October 13, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Ada, Dix, and Ethel go to Mason this morning. Monroe, Bert, Julia and I are left to keep house. Pleasant day.

(Ada) Tonight Mary, Lloyd, Ethel, and I find ourselves at mother's. We left Grass Lake at 6:17, came to Mason where we took dinner. Mother and Lee met us there and we came out home this P.M. It's two and a half years since I have been home before. Babies have been very good.

Sat., October 16, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & Post Office. Ada comes home today. She has been visiting her mother & brother in Bunkerhill. Cold day.

(Ada) Came home today. It was a cold windy morning and we were very warm and comfortable coming to Leslie's. Went to Mr. Glovers in Jackson. I found Bert sick & Julia in the midst of house cleaning. Oh but I am glad to be at home again.

Thurs., October 21, 1880

(Edmund) Work in store & Post Office. Bert is not any better, the Dr. calls his disease Billious Reperttent Fever. Attend a Republican meeting at the Hall this evening, speech by Howe Lacy. Pleasant day.

(Ada) Cleaned kitchen today. Now I am way down in the valley of dispars for we had a letter from home saying Lee's babies have the whooping cough. And of course Lloyd and Ethel are both exposed. "Too much fun brings trouble."

HUNTING FOR GENEALOGIST'S GOLD

In July of 1973 at a lecture given by genealogist Ron Bremer of Salt Lake City, I heard for the first time of the DECENNIAL DIGEST, an index to the court records of all the United States. Court records, the ultimate genealogical source, are often the last haven of the elusive ancestor, for early day American life centered around the Courthouse.

Our ancestor may have appeared in court to request a license to distill liquor or to settle a boundary dispute or to answer the charge that he drove his horse and carriage too swiftly through the town on a Sunday morning. The Decennial Digests contain all known appellate decisions from 1658 through 1976. These volumes are found in the South Dakota Supreme Court Law Library in the State Capitol building in Pierre.

In February of 1976 the Black Hills Nuggets ran an article on 'how to use the Digest' but it was January of 1978 before I made my way to the Law Library and successfully searched out an ancestor in the court records. In August of this year when I had a call from Mrs. Iva Wyly for help in using this source, I was completely lost. Having refreshed my memory, I decided to write this article and put it in my "How To Do It" file. I hope you will do the same.

The Supreme Court Law Library is located in the east wing on the main floor of the State Capitol. When you enter the door under the sign that says Law Library, go to the door on your left, then straight back until you find the stairs that go up...and up you go. Head back to the last shelf located approximately over the second door that you had gone through - and there is the Gold Mine!

There are four different sets of Decennial Digests located here. The Century set for the years 1658 through 1896 is designated by a large capital letter C while the Decennial Digest for these years in Volumes 21-25 has a large D in front of it. The Second Decennial Digest for the years 1907-1916 has its index in Volume 24. The Third Decennial Digest for the years 1916-1926 has its index in the volume labeled "Table of Cases."

The Fourth through the Eighth Decennial Digest is located downstairs just to the left of the entrance to the Law Library from the main corridor. The Fourth Digest covering the years 1926-1936 has its index in Volume 34; the Fifth from 1936-1946 in Volumes 48 and 49; the Sixth from 1946-1956 in Volumes 35 and 36; the Seventh from 1956-1966 in Volumes 37 and 38; and the Eighth from 1966-1976 in Volumes 48 and 50.

(Genealogist's Gold - continued)

To use the Digests, first look for the year that you need. Check the index. You will find that the last name of the individual is given. In Volume 24 of the Second Decennial Digest on page 412 I found:

HARLOW 153 Mich 210, 128 N.W. 259. APP. & E. 730 (2);
EVID. 201,; WILLS 50, 53 (1, 9), 155 (1), 164 (1, 3, 7),
324 (2, 3), 329 (3, 4), WITN 275 (2).

The 163 Mich 210 gives you the state (Michigan) in which the case was heard and refers you to the State Reports which are located on this top floor. They are arranged alphabetically with Alabama located on the shelves to the right of the Digest and Wyoming on the shelves in the next row from the Digest. This placed Michigan in the sixth row from the Digest. The 163 is the volume number and 210 is the page number. Unfortunately the Library did not have this volume--but the next entry on HARLOW was 128 N.W. 259. This meant that this same case was contained in the Regional Reports.

To find the Regional Reports I returned downstairs and found seven rows of shelves holding the Regional Reports in the second room that I had entered on my way upstairs. There are seven regional reporters. They are as follows:

- (1) Atlantic Reporter--this covers the states of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania.
- (2) Northeastern Reporter--contains cases for the states of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, and New York.
- (3) Northwestern Reporter--this regional reporter covers the states of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota.
- (4) Pacific Reporter--covers the states of Arizona, New Mexico, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Alaska, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and Hawaii.
- (5) Southern Reporter--covers the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana.
- (6) Southwestern Reporter--this reporter includes the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas.
- (7) Southeastern Reporter--this reporter includes the states of West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

THE PIERRE-FORT PIERRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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THIS WILL BE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR. LOOKING BACK, WE SEE THAT IT HAS BEEN AN EXCITING YEAR. WE HAVE INCREASED OUR LIBRARY HOLDINGS, OUR OFFICERS ARE ALL SPORTING NEW BLACK BRIEFCASES, AND WE ARE BACK IN OUR USUAL MEETING ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF RAWLINS LIBRARY WHERE WE HAVE TWO MICROFILM READERS AVAILABLE AND AN INCREASING SUPPLY OF MICROFILM TO READ. APPLICATIONS ARE BEGINNING TO COME IN FOR OUR PIERRE CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE. IN ALL, 1980 HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR THE SOCIETY.

AROUND THE AREA

WELCOME--to the Tri-State Genealogical Society, Belle Fourche, SD. One of our charter members, Pat Collins Engebretson, is one of the founders. The address is c/o Howard L. Ross, 719 11th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JANE BRAMWELL--222 Beacon Street, #4, Boston, Massachusetts 02116
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FRANCES MUELLER--P.O. Box 143, Presho, South Dakota 57568

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BETTY RASMUSSEN--P.O. Box 202, Presho, South Dakota 57568
MARIE BUSCH--P.O. Box 373, Presho, South Dakota 57568
NORMA MCHARDY, 423 Cliff Ave., S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2S0Z3

Jane Bramwell, our former president, writes that she is now employed at Goodspeed's Book Shop in Boston, a genealogist's dream. Jane has decided to get serious about genealogy. She attended a genealogical institute at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. this past summer and has joined the New England Historic and Genealogical Society. She hopes someday to become a certified professional genealogist. For now, she has offered to help anyone in our group at Goodspeed's or do research in the library of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society and the Massachusetts State Archives. Her research fee is \$5.00 per hour and her address is found under the change of address section in this newsletter.

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* LESLIE GLUM, a charter and 8-year member of our so-
* ciety, passed away October 1, 1980. We will miss
* his smile and patient ways.
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* Laura has asked us to thank you for the many kind-
* nesses that were expressed to her and her family.
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SHAKING THE BRANCHES

FLORAMAY MILLER--recently received information on the McBride line that has taken her back seven generations. An offer to exchange information with another searcher of the McBride line showed their common ancestor to be James McBride who fought in the battle of Ticonderoga in the Revolutionary War.

JOANNE FIX-----reports that the meeting of the cousins at the Weis family reunion in September was an event to be remembered. All admitted to sharing a thrill when they turned in the lane leading to the farm on which their great grandparents had lived, and saw the plaque inscribed Century Farm, Weis, evidence of four generations of the same family dwelling for over one hundred years on that land. Installation of the marker, a bicentennial project, was credited to the Stearns County Historical Society of Minnesota.

DENISE LANTZ-----has received a book, THOMPSON, BUCKLEY AND DARRAH 1739-1980, by Helen Buckley Darrah. It has her Thompson line back to 1765. The book also lists Edna Cooper's maiden name, Krull. Edna and Denise haven't figured out the connection as yet!

LINDA OSBERG-----while attending a business meeting happened to mention to one of the participants that his unusual surname, Koepke, was the same as her mother's maiden name. In response, Linda learned that all Koepke's are believed to have originally come from a village of that name in Germany, the occupants of which were employed as iron workers. The name was derived from that occupation.

BITS AND PIECES

"For it is through our names that we first place ourselves in the world. Our names, being the gift of others, must be made our own...they must become our masks and our shields and the containers of all those values and traditions which we learn and/or imagine as being the meaning of familial past."

Ralph Ellison, Shadow and Act

AND NOW WE TAKE YOU BACK 100 YEARS TO NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1880 AT GRASS LAKE, MICHIGAN, TO THE LIVES OF EDMUND L. AND ADA CLARK COOPER. EXCERPTS FROM THEIR DIARIES...

Monday, November 1, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & post office. Pleasant

(Ada) Preparing for the election of General Garfield tomorrow. Baked some cookies and made fried cakes.

Wednesday, November 10, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Pleasant day. John is sick today.

(Ada) Life is one great flourish of dishcloth and whisk of broom but I enjoy it all. Babies are doing nicely with their cough (whooping). Mrs. Platt called.

Tuesday, November 23, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Cold.

(Ada) Tis nearing the day set apart as a day of Thanksgiving & I feel in a poor frame of mind to give thanks. Edmund has been making preparation to go away to Fenton and we are to spend the day without him. Have been getting his clothing ready.

Friday, November 26, 1880

(Edmund) In Detroit until six twelve P.M. buying holiday goods. Then come home, found the folks all well except Ethel. She is having the whooping cough very hard. Not quite as cold.

(Ada) Baby seems a little better tonight. Libbie Smith came over this morning and helped me some. Edmund came from Detroit tonight and we received him with roast turkey & etc. Several calls today.

Thursday, December 2, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. Cold day.

(Ada) The Dr. comes every day but see no change in baby.

(There are no entries in Ada's book from December 6th to December 26th.)

Sunday, December 12, 1880

(Edmund) At home all day. Ethel is no better. Dix is two years old today.

Saturday, December 25, 1880

(Edmund) Christmas is upon us. We keep our store & P.O. open all day. Pleasant day.

Sunday, December 26, 1880

(Edmund) At home all day. Children are all sick with whooping cough and measles.

(Ada) Mother went to Jackson this morning and (must have stop to check the children.)

Friday, December 31, 1880

(Edmund) Work in the store & P.O. This is the last day of 1880. It has been quite a prosperous year with us.

(Ada) Frank finished ironing. Dinner at three o'clock. Emily & Ira have been with us today. I went to town and made some purchases.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS OF THE PIERRE-FORT PIERRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WHO'S WHO

- COMMUNITY LEADERS AND NOTEWORTHY AMERICANS--1975
- COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA--1972
- INTERNATIONAL WORLD WHO'S WHO--1948-49
- PERSONALITIES OF THE WEST AND MIDWEST--1968-1973
- WHO'S WHO IN FINANCE AND INDUSTRY--1977-78
- WORLD WHO'S WHO IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY--1966-67

STATE MANUALS

- DIRECTORY OF OKLAHOMA--1979
- THE PENNSYLVANIA MANUAL--1978-79
- SOUTH DAKOTA MANUALS--1961, 1963, 1967, 1971, 1973

CENSUS

- ABSTRACT OF THE FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES--1920
- ABSTRACT OF THE FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES--1930
- NUMBER OF INHABITANTS OF SOUTH DAKOTA--1970 CENSUS (contains county maps and township divisions)

GENERAL SEARCHING

- CONCISE DICTIONARY OF ABBREVIATIONS--1961 *
- ACRONYMS IN EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES--1971
- ALLEN'S DICTIONARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS--1946
- AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY--1978
- DIRECTORY OF SUBJECT COLLECTIONS IN MARYLAND LIBRARIES--1979
- INDEX OF INITIALS AND ACRONYMS--1971
- INTERNATIONAL BOOK OF NAMES--1934 *
- OFFICIAL MUSEUM DIRECTORY--1971 (contains locations, hours, and collections)
- ORIGIN OF CERTAIN PLACE NAMES OF THE US--1905
- STORY KEY TO GEOGRAPHIC NAMES--1924
- SUBJECT GUIDE TO MICROFORMS IN PRINT--1977 (contains listings of history collections and US and foreign newspapers)
- THE ETHNIC PRESS IN THE US--(contains foreign language and national publications)
- THE HUTTERITE BRETHERN--(annotated bibliography with references to South Dakota and the Mennonites)

MAPS

- LITERARY DIGEST 1927, ATLAS OF THE WORLD AND GAZETEER
- RAND MCNALLY WORLD GUIDE--1953
- WORLD ATLAS--1962

ACQUISITIONS (continued)

HISTORY

- AMERICAN HERITAGE SERIES--1955-1966, single copies February and April 1977
- HORIZON--March 1960
- JOURNAL OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY--(contains history of St. Mary's Church of Lancaster from 1785 to 1877)
- MCCAULEY'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND--Volume I (deals with the Stuarts and Cromwell)
- MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN HISTORY--(deals with 19th century Europe)
- SAINTS AND SINNERS--BEING THE LIVES OF PILGRIM FATHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND FOES, AND AN ACCOUNT OF THEIR POSTHUMOUS WANDERINGS IN LIMBO, THEIR FINAL RESURRECTION AND RISE TO GLORY, AND THE STRANGE PILGRIMAGES OF PLYMOUTH ROCK--(contains good bibliography and biographical notes of all who came to Plymouth before 1631)
- THE NEW NORWAY--1937 (overview of country, geography, history, and way of life)
- VAN LOON'S GEOGRAPHY - THE STORY OF THE WORLD WE LIVE IN--* (brief concise history of all the countries of the world)

BLACKS

- A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF BLACK SERVICEMEN--1619-1970
- BLACK WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES--1942-1974
- BLACK ARMED FORCES OFFICERS--1736-1971

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

- ALASKA--Juneau, Douglas and Vicinity, 1980
- COLORADO--Denver, 1976
- GEORGIA--Atlanta Area, 1974
- IDAHO--Boise, 1976
- ILLINOIS--Springfield, 1976
- IOWA--Des Moines, 1974
- MAINE--Augusta-Gardiner Area, 1976
- MICHIGAN--Detroit, 1976-77
- MINNESOTA--St. Paul, 1978
- MISSOURI--St. Louis, 1976
- MONTANA--Great Falls, 1977
- NEW MEXICO--Albuquerque, 1976
- NEW YORK--Manhattan, 1977-78
- NORTH CAROLINA--Charlotte, 1977
- NORTH DAKOTA--Bismarck-Mandan, 1978-79
- Dickinson, 1977-78
- Grand Forks, 1978-79
- NORTH DAKOTA--Jamestown, 1978-79
- Minot, 1978
- Williston, 1978-79
- OREGON--Portland, 1977
- PENNSYLVANIA--Philadelphia, 1977
- SOUTH CAROLINA--Charleston, 1977

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* City of Des Moines
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TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES (continued)

SOUTH DAKOTA--(received from Steve Miller)

- Aberdeen, 1978
- Beresford, 1979
- Black Hills and Badlands, 1978-79
- Brookings, 1978
- Deuel Telephone (Clear Lake area), 1978
- Huron, 1978
- James Valley (Groton area), 1979
- Midstate (Kimball area), 1978
- McCook Cooperative (Salem-Madison area), 1978
- Northeast Lake
- Roberts County Cooperative (Sisseton area), 1978
- Sanborn (Woonsocket area), 1978
- Sioux Falls, 1979-80
- Stockholm-Strandburg, 1979
- West River Cooperative (Bison area), 1979
- Yankton-Vermillion, 1978

TEXAS--Greater Austin, 1976

VIRGINIA--Richmond, 1976

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Federal Telephone Directory, 1974

SOUTH DAKOTA RESEARCH

FILE OF HUGHES COUNTY VETERANS

INDEX TO THE WPA CEMETERY RECORDS AT THE HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER

LISTING OF SOUTH DAKOTA TOWNS, ZIP CODES, AND COUNTIES IN WHICH LOCATED

MICROFILM COPIES OF NEWSPAPERS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA TOWNS--

Call No.	Title	Date
--	Brule County Atlas	1911
64	The Belle Fourche Post	May 12, 1953-Dec. 31, 1953
176	Bison Courier	Nov. 30, 1950-July 4, 1957
372	Lake Preston Times	Oct. 20, 1881-Oct. 3, 1890
374	Lake Preston Times	Oct. 7, 1887-Sept. 22, 1904
1248	Brookings County Press	Jan. 23, 1902-Jan. 14, 1905
2859)	Bison Courier	June 12, 1958-Febr. 6, 1964
2859) ²	Bison Courier	June 12, 1958-Febr. 6, 1964
6641	Yankton Press & Dakotan	June 24, 1905-Jan. 15, 1906
6642	Yankton Press & Dakotan	Jan. 16, 1906-June 21, 1907
6643	Yankton Press & Dakotan	Oct. 24, 1906-Mar. 30, 1907
6644	Yankton Press & Dakotan	May 14, 1906-Oct. 23, 1906
6645	Yankton Press & Dakotan	June 20, 1907-Mar. 18, 1908
6686	Yankton Press & Dakotan	Aug. 9, 1929-Jan. 28, 1932

(Each roll has some issues missing)

SOUTH DAKOTA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN SOUVENIR BOOK--* 1963

CANADA

"RELATIVELY SPEAKING" (publication of the Alberta Genealogical Society, founded 1973, includes Ancestor Index for 1979) #

* Gift of Denise Smith Lantz

Gift of Norma McHardy

FOR DECEMBER--we thought it might not be inappropriate to print the family tree of Jesus in the beginning of The Gospel of Matthew. This Christian biblical story charts a lineage that is part of Jewish history.

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah, and Judah the father of Perez by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the King.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon, Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthian, and Matthian the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were 14 generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon 14 generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ 14 generations.

--Catholic Digest

COMING UP

For our November meeting we plan to update our five generation charts. Linda Osberg has volunteered to serve as custodian of our records, replacing Denise Lantz who has resigned from that position.

Bring your five generation charts to the meeting so that we can bring our surname list up to date.

Our meeting date for November is the 12th. A tentative date of November 15th has been set for our workshop at Historical Resource Center. A definite time will be announced at the meeting.

There will be no meeting in December -- so, AN EARLY MERRY CHRISTMAS!