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Happy New Year! With the new year comes a new membership year. We are reminded that our dues are payable and the various offices for the Pierre - Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society will be seeking candidates. Make it your New Year's resolution to pay your dues, take an active part in the meetings, and hold an office.

The January meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, at 7:30 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints, 506 N. Jefferson. Richard Phillips will be in charge of the program and discuss various genealogy computer programs. The Arlene Ekle video will also be available. The executive board will meet at 7:00 pm.

The February meeting will be a work and sharing session and complete the Arlene Ekle video on Genealogy research. The Board will meet at 7:00 pm and the program will begin at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be at the Rawlins Library.

March meeting will be a work session with the program and meeting place to be announced.

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The Annual Meeting of the State Genealogical Society will be May 12 - 13 at the Ramkota in Pierre. More information will follow.

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Look for brochures relating to genealogy in the Norbeck Room of Rawlins Library. Also an easel may be placed near the Norbeck room containing announcements, bulletins and other items of interest to Society members.

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An inventory of the Pierre - Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society holdings will need to be done in the near future. Plan to put this time on your calendar.

There is talk of starting a Computer interest group for Genealogical Research. It is hoped that an organizational meeting can be held in May at the time of the annual meeting. If you are interested in belonging to such a group, let President Beverly Huckins know.

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The Aberdeen Genealogical Society is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. Make plans to join them in their celebration and hear Dr. George Schweitzer. More information is given elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Rapid City Public Library has a good collection of resource materials relating to Native American family history. Contact the Rapid City Genealogical Society for more information.

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WHERE WAS THE CENTER OF POPULATION WHEN YOU FOUND YOUR RELATIVES?

The approximate location of the center of population of the United States of each Census from 1790 to 1990:

- 1790 -- 23 miles east of Baltimore, Md.
- 1800 -- 18 miles west of Baltimore, Md.
- 1810 -- 40 miles northwest by west of Washington, D.C. (in Virginia).
- 1820 -- 16 miles east of Moorefield, W. Va.
- 1830 -- 19 miles west-southwest of Moorefield, W.Va.
- 1840 -- 16 miles south of Clarksburg, W.Va.
- 1850 -- 23 miles southeast of Parkersburg, W. Va.
- 1860 -- 20 miles south by east of Chillicothe, Ohio.
- 1870 -- 48 miles east by north of Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1880 -- 8 miles west by south of Cincinnati, Ohio, (in Kentucky).
- 1890 -- 20 miles east of Columbus, Indiana.
- 1900 -- 6 miles southeast of Columbus, Indiana.
- 1910 -- In the city of Bloomington, Indiana.
- 1920 -- 8 miles south-southeast of Spencer, Indiana.
- 1930 -- 3 miles northeast of Linton, Indiana.
- 1940 -- 2 miles southeast by east of Carlisle, Indiana.
- 1950 -- 8 miles north-northwest of Olney, Illinois.
- 1960 -- 6½ miles northwest of Centralia, Illinois
- 1970 -- 5 miles east southeast of Mascoutah, Illinois
- 1980 -- ¼ mile west of DeSoto, Jefferson County, Missouri
- 1990 -- Crawford County, missouri

USA TODAY

Monday, July 1, 1991

USA'S POPULATION CENTER: MISSOURI FARM

Smack dab in the middle of Garland Eaton Sr.'s farm, just up from the Crooked Creek and by the old Keysville Lookout Tower, is the new population center of the USA.

The spot, determined by a USA TODAY computer analysis of 1990 Census figures, is where the country would be balanced if each of the nation's 248.7 million residents weighed the same.

As of April 1, 1990, the day the Census was taken, the spot was in Crawford County, MO., between Keysville, with fewer than 20 residents, and Cherryville, a small town where old-timers sip coffee at the general store-post office.

These days, the talk is turning to Eaton and his centrally located 818-acre plot.

"Everybody knows Garland, and it's going to be the talk of the town," says Cherryville Postmaster Cary Schweich.

The center--80 miles southwest of St. Louis--is farther south and west than ever.

"It's moving southwest because the population has been going to Florida and California," says Larry Taylor, a geographic specialist with the Census Bureau. "A lot of people move toward the sun."

That trend has been going on since the first Census in 1790, when the center was 23 miles east of Baltimore.

The Census Bureau, which uses the same formula used by USA TODAY to come up with the population center, hasn't released its 1990 location because it's still trying to decide whether to adjust the Census.

If the Census is adjusted, the center will move again, a little farther south and west.

"I wouldn't think it would move more than a mile or two," Taylor says.

And what does Eaton think of being at the center of it all?

"I'm not famous," he says. "I'm just a country boy."

From "Foot Prints, Past and Present," Vol. 14, NO. 2 Richland Genealogical Society, Olney, IL., p. 90.



Dr. George Schweitzer, nationally known speaker and genealogist, will present three programs at the 20th Anniversary meeting of the Aberdeen Area Genealogical Society on June 10, 1995 at the Ramkota Inn, Aberdeen, SD.

Program

The lecture on Civil War Genealogy will deal with the various records available for tracing both Union and Confederate Civil War veterans. Topics to be discussed are a brief history of the War, Service records, pension records, military unit records, personnel records, casualty records, and burial records. The first half of the lecture will be presented in Confederate uniform and the second half in Union uniform.

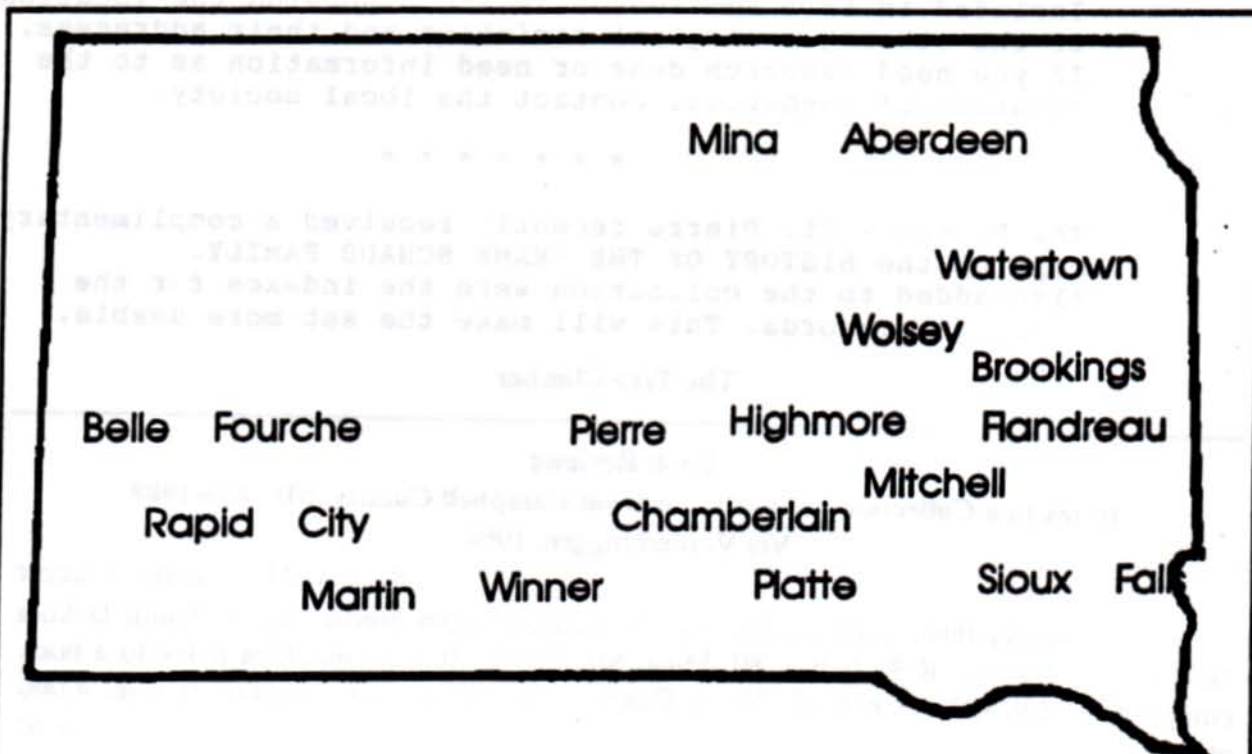
The lecture on Crossing the Atlantic will discuss the need to discover the exact place back overseas from which an immigrant ancestor came. Numerous approaches to obtaining this information here in this country will be treated, and special techniques for England, Scotland, Ireland, and Germany will be included. The lecture will be done in costume.

The lecture on German Research will treat the immigration, migration routes, and settlement patterns of the German people as they came to this country. Then, detailed information on obtaining and interpreting the genealogical records in Germany will be discussed. This lecture will be done in German costume.

Cost is \$20.00 including lunch. An even better deal is to register prior to June 1, 1995 for only \$18.00

For more information and registration form, write to:
Aberdeen Area Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 493
Aberdeen, SD 57401-0493

South Dakota Genealogical Society



The following societies are Affiliate Members of the South Dakota Genealogical Society. Your genealogical inquiries will be expedited by sending them directly to the appropriate society for your geographical area of interest.

Aberdeen Area Genealogical Society
Box 493
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Bennett Co. Genealogical Society
Box 483
Martin, SD 57551

Brookings Area Genealogical Society
524 4th St
Brookings, SD 57006

East River Genealogical Forum
R. R. 2, Box 148
Wolsey, SD 57384

Family Tree Society
Box 202
Winner, SD 57580

Heritage Club—Platte
Rt. 2, Box 128
Platte, SD 57369

Hyde Co. Historical & Gen. Society
P.O. Box 392
Highmore, SD 57345

Lyman-Brule Genealogical Society
c/o Marlys Swanson
Box 555
Chamberlain, SD 57325

Mitchell Area Genealogical Society
620 N. Edmunds
Mitchell, SD 57301

Moody County Genealogical Society
501 W. First Ave.
Flandreau, SD 57028-1003

North Central South Dakota Genealogical Society
R. R. 2, Box 80
Mina, SD 57462-9149

Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society
Box 925
Pierre, SD 57501

Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research
Box 1495
Rapid City, SD 57709

Sioux Valley Genealogical Society
200 West 6th Street
Box 655
Sioux Falls, SD 57102

Tri-State Genealogical Society
c/o Public Library
905 5th Street
Belle Fourche, SD 57717-1705

Watertown Genealogical Society
c/o Watertown Regional Library
Watertown, SD 57201

Included in this newsletter is a map showing the location of the other genealogical societies and their addresses. If you need research done or need information as to the location of resources, contact the local society.

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The Pierre - Ft. Pierre recently received a complimentary copy of the HISTORY OF THE FRANK SCHAUB FAMILY. Also added to the collection were the indexes for the Civil War records. This will make the set more usable.

The Tree Climber

Book Reviews

Index to a Collection of Obituaries from Campbell County, SD 1888-1988
Viv Vorderbruggen, 1994.

Reviewed by Florence Krueger

This eighty-three page booklet can be obtained from North Central South Dakota Genealogical Society, R.R. 2, Box 80, Mina, SD 57462. It is an excellent index to a book compiled by Bob Dale of Pollock, South Dakota. He published a collection of over 4,000 obituaries spanning a hundred year period from 1888 to 1988. Most of these obituaries appeared in the local newspapers. This collection has always been useful, but since all of the obituaries were listed chronologically, it was extremely difficult to locate specific individuals. The index, prepared by Viv Vorderbruggen, a member of the North Central Genealogical Society, now makes the book much more useful. Viv did an excellent job.

This book, along with the original obituary book, would make a good addition to a genealogy collection of any individuals interested in north central South Dakota, an area settled by many German-Russians in the time period covered by this book.

Cemeteries of the U.S.

Deborah M. Burek, ed., Detroit. Gale Research, 1994.

Reviewed by David Rave

This book lists geographically 22,000 currently operating and inactive cemeteries covering all 50 states, major military cemeteries in the United States territories and 11 foreign countries. The book is organized by state, then county, then alphabetically by cemetery. Each entry contains the following information: physical location and/or mailing address, phone and fax numbers, contact information for cemetery recordkeepers, years of operation, religious and other affiliations, and historic information.

Information for the directory was gathered by phone or questionnaire, as well as compiled through local and state government listings and researchers with access to local genealogical records and archives. It also provides contact information for over 2,500 additional organizations, government agencies and publications which can provide further leads to the user in their search for cemetery record information.

This first edition makes a good attempt to gather together cemetery information in one comprehensive volume, but it is very incomplete for some geographical areas. An example of this is Brown County, South Dakota which lists only three cemeteries: Frederick Lutheran Parish Cemetery, St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Columbia, and Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen. Hopefully future editions will be more complete and perhaps will become a multi-volume set. It is available in the reference section of the Alexander Mitchell Library.

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NEXT MEETING: May 16, 7 p.m., Hofmeister Funeral Home
SNOW! RAIN! AND MORE SNOW! The storms of the past two months seemed to hit on our meeting day so in each case, the wisest action was to cancel the March and April meetings. Because of that, we are planning a meeting for May 16 even though this is right after the state meeting we all plan to attend. There are things to be discussed before the summer months are on us -cemetary records, inventory of items in our corner of the basement of Rawlins library, workshops for the fall meetings. So put this on your calendar - 7 p.m. May 16, Hofmeister Funeral Chapel at 438 S. Pierre St. Larry Hofmeister will present the slides on Abraham Lincoln's funeral and we'll talk about death records kept by undertakers. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and Larry will give the program about 7:30.

The Joint Annual meeting of the State Historical Society will be on May 12-13 at the Ramkota Inn Convention Center with the State Genealogical Society meeting on May 13. If you are interested, remember to attend the Genealogical Computer Inerest Organizational meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Saturday program will feature Jim and Paula Warren presenting four one-hour programs on 1) Newspaper Research for the Genealogist: Beyond the Usual at 9 a.m.; 2) Still Unpublished After All These Years: Writing Your Family History in Small Manageable Pieces at 10:30 a.m.; 3) A New Spot on your Ancestral Map: Strategies for Researching an Unfamiliar Locality at 2:00 p.m.; and 4) The Mid-Life Crisis of the Family Historian: How Did I Get Into This and Where dO I go From Here? at 3:00 p.m. The Awards Banquet will be at noon with the State Geneaological Meeting at 1:30 p.m. The cost is reasonable. If you don't have an application form check at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Officers elected at the February meeting are President-Bev Huckins; Vice President-Tina Manning; Secretary-Virginia Hanson; Treasurer-Chris Dierks; Board member-Rich Phillips. Laura Glum is the other board member. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month.

We welcome Bertha Cook, Route 20, Box 236, Springfield, Mo 65803 as a new out-of-state member. She is researching the MIDDLETON family in this area.

We have a bulletin board in the Rawlins Library for posting of meeting information or things of general interest. Thanks to Mark Manning for building the easel.

Queries in recent months have included the following:

Eunice B. Larsen, 57 Aalapapa Place, Kailua HI 96734-3118 is asking for information on REKOW/REKO or STEINHAUR families.

Does anyone know anything about "FALLMAN PARLOR PHOTO CAR"?

Those of us more recent to the ranks of genealogical research don't know some of the places we might look for help. The March/April 1995 edition of ANCESTRY magazine has a helpful article in the "Research Cornerstone" section on the Special Census Schedules: Slave schedules, Native Americans; two Veterans Census; Agriculture Schedules; Manufacturing Schedules; Social Statistics; Mortality Schedules; and mid-decade state census. These special schedules may give some information you won't find anywhere else.

The Soundex system can help you look up a family name more quickly if you know how to use it. The 1920 census is the most recent available indexed census. The Coding Guide was published in the Jan/Feb 1994 issue of ANCESTRY with an article explaining the system. The guide is reproduced for your information.

- 1=B, P, F, V
- 2=C.S.K.G.J.Q,X,Z
- 3=D,T
- 4=L
- 5=M,N
- 6=R

- STEP 1 Write the surname to be coded.
- STEP 2 Write the first letter and 3 of the surname; slash through letters A,E,I, O,U,W,Y,H.
- STEP 4 Write the numbers found on the Coding guide for the first 3 remaining unslashed letters. Add zeros so you have a letter & 3 numbers.

DON'T YOU THINK WE NEED A NAME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?

Looking through some of the books in our library has proved interesting. The WPA special works projects are a wealth of information. The book, "South Dakota Place Names" printed in 1941 provides a great deal of information about the names of towns, creeks, islands, rivers, mines, parks, historic places, forests, travel routes, topographic high places and low places. It is interesting reading just from the historical point of view, but does give information about the persons some of these were named after. Here is what is recorded in the section on "Ghost Towns" for the town of "Fairbank (Sully County): founded as Little Bend in 1883 by a company of capitalists, was renamed in honor of N. K. Fairbank, a prominent Chicago businessman. During the first few years of its existence Fairbank developed into the largest town in Sully County and the boisterous center of a newly-opened territory. A half-section of land was laid out in town lots; a newspaper, the Fairbank News, was established; and the town was connected with Pierre by a line of four-horse coaches. Everybody believed that the Chicago & Northwestern railroad would shortly extend its Winona & St. Peter branch from Redfield to Fairbank, making the town of one of the most important points along the Missouri River. But, as so often happened during the period of early settlement, the railroad chose another route and Fairbank began to decline almost as fast as it had boomed. Today the only building still standing is the old hotel, used as a ranchhouse by the lone resident, W. H. Spencer. --South Dakota Place Names, University of South Dakota, 1941, page 135.

Bev Huckins attended a National music clubs meeting in Wichita KS recently. Her sister & mother, Barbara Stradinger and Amida Lawrence of Spearfish, went along and we did some family reseach in Topeka, and Coffy County, KS - New Strawn and Burlington. Topeka of course has the extensive library, but we also found some histories of Coffy County, tax microfilms and cemetary records in a small library in New Strawn and a beautiful larger one in Burlington, the county seat. These are part of the state system of libraries and each had geneological materials, and were pleasant to work in. We were searching for the Lawrence and Claiborne families in the 1860's. Land records are held in the county courthouses, so we are planning another trip soon!

Remember to look on our Bulletin Board for information on the 20th Anniversary Meeting of the Aberdeen Genealogical Society. They are bringing Dr. George Schweitzer to Aberdeen June 10 to present programs on The Civil War, German Genealogy, and Crossing the Atlantic. Cost for the full day seminar is \$20.00.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING--

The Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, September 19, at the Microfix Offices, 329 S. Coteau (across from the World of Donuts), 7-9 p.m. Local persons who have used the programs will present an overview of several of the computer programs available to genealogists. Several of the programs will be put on the computers so those attending will be able to have a "hands-on" experience. There is a cost of \$5 to cover the expense of the room use. Everyone is invited to attend and to join the Genealogical Society. Contact Bev Huckins at 224-7062 for more information.

AUGUST MEETING--We met at Rawlins Library with two guests present, Del Paulsen and Ruth Jassmann. We watched the tapes from Video Knowledge on the Basics of Genealogy Research. At this meeting, we listened to a presentation on Record keeping and what to look for in land records, newspaper ads of homesteads, etc. We plan to present a program open to the public on computer programs available to the aspiring genealogist. Several local people have used different programs to record their research. We are going to take advantage of this at the next meeting and use the training room at MicroFix so we can put some of these on computers. It was decided to charge \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of renting the room for that evening.

JULY MEETING--We met at the National Guard Museum in downtown Pierre. Steve Gomez presented a program on his research to obtain addressess for a reunion of his military outfit and what he had to go through to get help from the state and national archives. We also looked around at the library at the Museum where there are many books on the military history of South Dakotans in all of the campaigns undertaken.

JUNE MEETING--We met at the Rawlins Library with only a few present. We began looking at the first tape of the three from Video Knowledge on the Basics of Genealogy Research. This first tape was a good presentation of how to get started on your family research.

----- W O R K S H O P S -----

See the attached pages for information on workshops at Sioux Falls and Bismark - both on October 7, 1996.

The South Dakota Genealogical Society and Rapid City Society for Genalogical Research are presenting SEMINAR '95 in Rapid City on September 15-16, 1995. See the attached information. Rich Phillips will be attending and will have copies of the Cedar Hill and Scotty Phillips Cemetery lists for sale.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

See the copy of the Product Alert! sent out by the National Genealogical Ethics Committee concening the sale of coats of arms and books supposedly detailing the history of your surname. This type of thing is rarely as good as they seem!

Included in this issue is a copy of an information leaflet from the New York State Archives and a copy of their form for a search request.

This item comes from "The Weekly Signal" published in Fort Pierre, Dakota Territory, from June 30, 1880 until December 8, 1880 when it was moved to Pierre and became Pierre's first newspaper. This tidbit was found in the Local & Miscellaneous Column of the Wednesday, June 30, 1880 issue:

"Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Herbert were the recipients of a bouncing young blacksmith who came unto them on Saturday nite."

In 1837, Fayette County, Wisconsin Territory, included all of the Dakotas east of the Missouri, all of Minnesota west of the Mississippi, and the northern half of Iowa.

Meet the "Tate" Family-- You may have heard of the Tates. They are in every organization. There is Dic Tate who wants to run everything. Ro Tate who wants to change things; Agi Tate, who stirs up trouble wherever possible with ahelping hand from Irri Tate. Devas Tate loves to interrupt, and Poten Tate wants to be the big shot. Every time new ideas are suggested, Hesi Tate and Vegi Tate are there to say they cannot possibly work. Imi Tate would rather copy other organizations than try something new. Thank goodness for Facili Tate, Cogi Tate and Medi Tate! They help everyone work together. Which Tate are you?

The Jul-Aug 1995 issue of the Genealogy Bulletin includes the complete BOOK NOOK of the American Genealogical Lending Library (AGLL). Also has examples of different forms that you might find will be better for your family research. Look for this bulletin in the Reading Basket in the Norbeck Room at Rawlins Library.

This Bulletin also has some interesting articles on "Roads to the Old Southwest", and "Cemetaries and Gravestones".

Jan 1995

Vital Records

New York State Archives • Information Leaflet #2

Introduction

New York began statewide registration of births, marriages, and deaths in 1880-81, under supervision of the State and local boards of health. Compliance with the law was incomplete until 1900 or even later. Several of the State's larger cities recorded vital events for varying periods of time prior to 1880; see reverse for more information. An 1847 law required the school districts in each town to collect vital statistics. They ceased doing so after a few years. (The State Archives and State Department of Health hold no records created under the 1847 law.)

Vital Records Indexes

The New York State Department of Health has transferred to the State Archives for public use microfiche copies of selected indexes to birth, marriage, and death certificates filed with the department. The indexes cover the **entire state outside of New York City** and start in 1880 (deaths) or 1881 (marriages and births). The birth indexes are transferred to the Archives after 75 years, marriage and death indexes after 50 years. An index entry states only the name of the person, date and place of event, and State certificate number. Indexes for certain years are arranged by SOUNDEX codes.

Scope of Indexes: The DOH indexes do not include vital events in New York City and in the former city of Brooklyn. The indexes do include vital events in the former towns of Kings County prior to their annexation by the City of Brooklyn in the 1880s and '90s; in portions of Westchester County prior to their annexation by New York City in 1895; and in Richmond County (Staten Island) and the

western portion of Queens County prior to their incorporation into the City of New York, January 1, 1898. The indexes do not include births and deaths in Albany, Buffalo, and Yonkers prior to 1914, or marriages in those cities prior to 1908. The birth indexes do not include original data for adopted infants.

Conditions of Use: The indexes may be used at the State Archives, Cultural Education Center (11th floor), Empire State Plaza, Albany, Monday through Friday, 9:00-4:45, except State holidays. No appointment is needed to use the indexes. Microfiche readers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Index users must produce identification, sign a registration form, and comply with the rules of the research room. Researchers are limited to one hour's use of a microfiche reader, if other persons are waiting. Transcription, reproduction, loan, or sale of the indexes is not permitted.

Search Service: Researchers may request the State Archives to search one vital records index (birth, marriage, or death) for one name for up to three specific years. The request must be made on a Vital Records Index Search Request form, available from the Archives. The cost of each search is \$5.00 (U.S. funds). Applicants requesting a search of the birth or marriage index must sign a statement that the individual named in the request is deceased. The Archives will search the index, and indicate multiple events for the same name, or findings of no events.

For further information contact:

NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES,
Cultural Education Center 11D40
Albany, NY 12230
(518) 474-8955

Sources of Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates

The New York State Archives does not hold birth, marriage, and death certificates, only indexes to them. The State Department of Health and local registrars of vital statistics are authorized to furnish uncertified copies of vital records for genealogical purposes. Data on living persons is restricted. Contact DOH or a local registrar for application forms, fee schedules, and general information.

Statewide (except cities noted below): Birth, marriage, and death certificates for New York State (except New York City) are held by:

New York State Department of Health
Vital Records Section
Corning Tower Building/ESP
Albany, NY 12237-0023 (518) 474-3077

Local registrars of vital statistics (usually the town, village, or city clerk's office) hold registers of births, marriages, and deaths.

New York City: The New York City Municipal Archives holds older vital records for the five boroughs as follows:

Manhattan*

Births: 1847-48, 1853-1909
Deaths: 1795, 1802-04, 1808, 1812-1948
Marriages: 1847-48, 1853-1937

*Includes records for western Bronx, 1874-97, and eastern Bronx, 1895-97.

Brooklyn*

Births: 1898-1909
Deaths: 1847-53, 1857-1948
Marriages: 1866-1937

*Pre-1898 records are for Brooklyn city only. Records for former towns in Kings County usually commence 1880-81; a few towns have records for the later 1840s.

Bronx, Queens, Staten Island*

Births: 1898-1909
Deaths: 1898-1948
Marriages: 1898-1937

*Scattered earlier records for towns and villages prior to their incorporation into New York City in 1898. Long Island City records start in 1871.

For further information contact:

New York City Municipal Archives
31 Chambers Street (Room 103)
New York, NY 10007

More recent New York City birth and death records are held by:

New York City Department of Health
Division of Vital Records
PO Box 3776 Church Street Station
New York, NY 10007

Post-1937 marriage records are held by the borough offices of the New York City Clerk.

Upstate Cities and Counties: The cities of Albany, Buffalo, and Yonkers maintained their own vital records prior to 1914 (marriages prior to 1908) and did not submit this data to the State Department of Health. Several cities began recording births, marriages, and deaths some years prior to 1880: Albany, Buffalo, Elmira, Newburgh, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, and Yonkers. For further information contact the local registrar of vital statistics. Some county clerks hold marriages records for the period ca. 1908-35.

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Estelle M. Guzik, ed., *Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area* (New York: 1989). [Contains detailed information on available New York City vital records.]

[LEAF2 10/1993]

Vital Records Index Search Request & Reply

Important Note: Before you fill out this form, please read "General Information" on reverse side!

APPLICANT: Please print.

1. TYPE OF SEARCH REQUESTED (Check one): Birth Marriage Death

2. NAME TO BE SEARCHED:

(last name)

(first name) (initial, if known)

(for marriage, bride's full maiden name)

3. YEARS TO BE SEARCHED (please request three):

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4. PLACE OF EVENT (city, town, or village, if known):

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5. EXACT YEAR AND DATE OF EVENT (if known):

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If requesting search of birth or marriage index, please read and sign the following statement:

To the best of my knowledge, the person named in this request for a search of the vital records index is deceased.

Applicant signature

Date

Applicant name and address: (please print)

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Return this form or a photocopy with a check or money order for \$5.00 (payable to "NYS Archives") to:

New York State Archives
Cultural Education Center Room 11D40
Albany, NY 12230

REPLY BY NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES (applicant leave blank):

Year	Date	Location (registration district)	Certificate Number
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Comment:

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Index contains no entries for this name in the years for which search was requested.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Vital Records Indexes at New York State Archives: The NYS Department of Health has transferred to the State Archives for public use microfiche copies of selected indexes to birth, marriage, and death certificates. Each index entry states name of the person, date and place of event, and State certificate number. The indexes begin in 1880 for deaths and 1881 for births and marriages and cover the entire state **except** New York City. Indexes are available at the Archives for births after 75 years, and for marriages and deaths after 50 years. The indexes may be used in the Archives research room, Cultural Education Center (11th floor), Albany, NY 12230, Monday through Friday, 9:00-5:00, except State holidays. Index users must produce identification, sign a registration form, and comply with the rules of the Archives research room.

Index Searches: The New York State Archives will search an index and supply an uncertified abstract of data in the index. Upon payment of a \$5.00 fee, the Archives will search one index (birth, marriage, or death) for three (3) years (consecutive or non-consecutive) for each name (one spelling only) requested (birth, marriage, or death). A separate form and payment for each name are required. Search requests should be made on this form (photocopies of the form are accepted). A search for a birth or marriage will be made only if the applicant signs a statement that the search is for a person now deceased.

Index Search Results: The Archives will supply the following information for each successful search: name, date, place, and State certificate number. Multiple results for the same name will be reported. No information will be released for a birth or a marriage unless the individual(s) involved are known to the applicant to be deceased. Searches that result in no information found will be reported as unsuccessful; no refund of the \$5.00 fee will be made. Requestors should be aware that as late as the 1920's some local registrars submitted incomplete data to the NYS Department of Health. The Archives is not responsible for errors or omissions in the vital records indexes.

New York City Vital Records: The indexes at the Archives do **not** include vital events in New York City and in the former city of Brooklyn. The indexes **do** include vital events in the former towns in the county of Kings, and in Richmond County (Staten Island) and the western portion of Queens County prior to their incorporation into the City of New York, January 1, 1898. For information on older New York City vital records, contact: **New York City Department of Records & Information Services, Municipal Archives, 31 Chambers Street (Room 103), New York, NY 10013.**

Albany, Buffalo, and Yonkers Pre-1914 Vital Records: The vital records indexes at the State Archives do not include any birth and death data for the cities of Albany, Buffalo, and Yonkers prior to 1914 (marriages prior to 1908). Those cities maintained their own vital records and did not submit this information to the NYS Department of Health until those years. For further information, contact the local registrar of vital statistics.

Sources for Copies of Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates: The New York State Archives does **not** hold birth, marriage, and death certificates. Certified copies or abstracts of certificates for New York State outside of New York City are available from: **New York State Department of Health, Vital Records Section, Corning Tower Building/ESP, Albany, NY 12237-0023.** Or contact the local registrar of vital statistics (usually the city, town, or village clerk). Requests for birth and death certificates filed in New York City and not yet transferred to the Municipal Archives (see above) should be directed to: **New York City Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, PO Box 3776, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10007.** Requests for marriage certificates not yet transferred to the Municipal Archives should be sent to the borough office of the New York City Clerk.

Uncertified Copies or Abstracts of Vital Records for Genealogical Research: The NYS Department of Health and local registration districts are authorized to furnish uncertified copies or abstracts of vital records for purposes of genealogical research. Contact the appropriate office for application forms and fee schedules.

Pre-1880 Vital Records: There was no continuous, statewide registration of births, marriages, and deaths prior to 1880-81. New York City and a very few other jurisdictions have some vital records dating before 1880. Contact the appropriate local jurisdiction for further information.

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A Product Alert!

The National Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Federation of Genealogical Societies, advises you to be on the alert when considering the purchase of products based solely on surnames.

• Coats of Arms


Several companies sell coats of arms or "ancestral arms" for thousands of surnames. Some employ artists to design original coats of arms; others adapt coats of arms found in books. Coats of arms purchased in shopping malls or by mail order are most likely not related in any way to the purchaser's ancestry. Rules on the use of authentic coats of arms differ. You may rightfully use British coats of arms only if you can trace your ancestry through the male line directly to the man who was first granted that coat of arms. To ensure authenticity, you should register your arms with the English College of Heralds or the Scottish Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

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A number of companies sell certificates or books that supposedly detail the history of your surname. Some also sell lists of addresses for people with the same last name. These companies mass-produce their products, changing only a few details to make them appear different. A book of information about various individuals with the same last name is not a family history. A list of names and addresses for individuals who simply share a surname is neither a family history nor a form of genealogy. Unless your surname is unique, you should not assume that people with the same last name are your relatives.

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Contact the National Genealogical Society for services to individual genealogists: 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399, 703/525-0050.
Contact the Federation of Genealogical Societies for services to genealogical societies: P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385.



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Dear Editor,

Will you please print this letter in your newsletter for the interest of any of your readers who may have ancestral roots in Anson County, NC.

The Anson County, NC Heritage Book Committee has completed their project of compiling a Heritage Book. It will contain family, church and business histories, along with other interesting tidbits relating to the history of Anson County. The Heritage of Anson County, NC, Volume One will be available in September, 1995.

For more information, regarding the price, you can write to, Anson County Heritage Book Committee, PO Box 417, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Thank You,

Steve Bailey
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