

# The Pierre-Fort Pierre Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS—

### NOW THAT WAS A REUNION!

When I was a lad of tender years, I remember that we generally had our extended family gatherings in Ree Heights. That was where my great grandmother Haefs lived.

Emma Melissa (Waltz) Haefs was descended from a Swiss immigrant, Frederick Reinhart Waltz, who arrived in New York in 1731. Emma's great grandfather Peter Waltz served in the Pennsylvania militia during the Revolutionary War. Of all the families in my ancestry, I have learned the most about this Waltz family.

Early in the year 1879 postcards were sent out to Waltz families in Ohio, Indiana, and nearby states. The postcards were invitations to a family reunion on September 19, 1879, at the old Waltz Church near Doylestown, Ohio. The Wadsworth, Ohio "Enterprise" referred to the Waltz reunion as a gathering of "the tribes of David, Peter, Joel, Israel, John, Levi, Benjamin, Reuben, Amos, James, Samuel, Thomas, Jacob, Sarah, Rachel, and others" ... to the number of more than one thousand.

The reunion included speeches, vocal music, band music by the Waltz Silver Cornet Band, and even a "business" meeting. There was time for visiting and food for all.

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## JANUARY 2002 MEETING

The January 2002 Society meeting will be held at the LDS Church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. The meeting topic will be "Q's & A's—Ask Your Questions, Get Your Answers."

## SD GENEALOGY RESOURCES

During the summer of 2000, each Register of Deeds in South Dakota was surveyed about the information available in their county that might be useful to genealogists. Each of the 64 counties responded to the survey and the **County Resources** section at

<http://www.state.sd.us/doh/Genealogy/index.htm> contains their responses. An address, telephone number, and e-mail, if available, is listed for each Register of Deeds. Check it out!

—Jeanie Hartman

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

The *Newsletter* is being e-mailed to as many local Society members, interested individuals, and area Societies as possible. Please advise the newsletter editor of additional e-mail addresses.

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[Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month (except December) at 7 p.m. at the LDS Church, Rawlins Library, or locations announced via newspaper notices and/or flyer postings.]



## **PUBLISHING ON THE INTERNET**

*(Continued from the April/May Newsletter)*

### **GETTING ON THE INTERNET**

#### ***Internet Service Provider***

So now you are ready to move the web pages from your INTRANet to the INTERNet. The essential ingredient to having an INTERNet genealogy website is access to the Internet. The access can be provided by a local ISP. In Pierre we have RapidNet, Dakota2k, DTGNet (McLeod), and MidContinent@Home (cable). In addition there are national ISPs such as AOL, Earthlink, ATT, CompuServe, Prodigy. Before choosing an access provider, check out the availability of web hosting through that provider. You will want to weigh the cost of a combination ISP-web host against that of a separate ISP and web host.

#### ***Finding a Web Host***

Access to the Internet does not mean that you have a place to store your information for others to access. You also need a web host—that is, someone who has a “web server” where your information will be stored and served to the world.

Commercial online services (America Online, CompuServe, Prodigy, etc.) may offer you a free web page as part of your monthly fee. They have resources to help you create your web page. However, many require you to use pre-written templates which will restrict you in the look of your website. Read the ISP's guidelines to determine what limits there will be in the construction of your web page.

Many Internet service providers offer you space on their server to put up your own web page as part of your monthly fee to connect directly to the Internet. Most limit the space you can use for the free web page from 1 megabyte to as much as 5 megabytes. You should check with the ISP to find out what they offer for personal web pages. Others will offer more server space at graduated costs. Remember, 5 megabytes of HTML pages is very large.

Many of the genealogy software companies also offer you server space for a basic website as part of your software purchase. Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, and Ultimate Family Tree are examples. What these companies get from you is your data which they use in advertising their websites and software. It will likely end up on a CD-ROM which the company will package with their Deluxe sets or as Database CD's. Because the data is “privatized,” you need to contact the submitter to obtain detailed

information. I have obtained significant amounts of family data by contacts I have made through FTM website and CD's.

#### ***Free Web Pages***

There are several services that offer you free web pages. Some give you the ability to create and maintain the web pages, while others merely give you the storage space. In exchange for the free web pages you may be required to display advertising banners and graphics on your site. Some examples cited on Cyndi's List are:

Angelfire; Crosswinds; FortuneCity; RootsWeb (recently purchased by MrFamily.com); Freeservers; WebJump; GenWeb.Net; GO.com; Homestead; MyFamily.com; StarText; Switchboard; TribalPages; Tripod; Webspawner; Yahoo! GeoCities; Yahoo!

There are other low cost web hosts which Cyndi's List suggest checking into:

AlphaCats.com; Compuology; GENDEX; Genealogy Workshop; Hostville, Inc.; Pagehost; RootsWeb (they have free and fee sites available); TierraNet

One caveat on the use of these free and low-cost business models. Given the current death rate of Internet or dot.com companies, you may find that your web host has met an untimely demise. Of course, paying more to a web host may be no guarantee of longevity in these times.

#### **Conclusion**

It is often tempting for someone who has used a personal computer for 20 years, created CD's for seven years, and maintained a website for six years, to assert that publishing genealogy on the Internet is easy. All I need do is to recall my early efforts, the confusion and frustrations as files disappeared into cyberspace, and the despair over a “crashed” server to negate such a statement.

What I can tell you is that the task is EASIER and the software and equipment more reliable than it was six LONG years ago. The rewards of connecting with lost and unknown family members, finding distant cousins living next door, and discovering long ago ancestors has made our effort well worth it. Remember, you do not need to become so adept at it that you will be asked to appear before the local genealogy society—but, if you're lucky, you may.

[This article is taken from the script of the March, 2001 program presented by Lary Zastrow, Society member.]



## LIBRARY HOURS

### RAWLINS LIBRARY

Monday-Thursday ..... 9 am - 9 pm  
Friday..... 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday..... 10 am - 6 pm  
Sunday..... 1 pm - 5 pm

### STATE LIBRARY

Monday-Friday..... 8 am - 5 pm  
Saturday-Sunday..... Closed

### STATE ARCHIVES

Monday-Friday..... 9 am - 4:30 pm  
First Sat. of Month..... 9 am - 4:30 pm

### FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Tuesday..... 1 pm - 5 pm  
Wednesday..... 1 pm - 9 pm  
Thursday-Friday ..... 7 pm - 9 pm  
Saturday..... 10 am - 2 pm

[Closed on holidays—please check schedule.]

*Remember that the State Archives is also open  
on the first Saturday of each month to  
be of assistance to patrons.*

The second annual meeting was held in the same location which is near the border of Summit and Medina Counties in Ohio. The third annual gathering was held in September of 1881 at West Cairo, Ohio. The fourth annual reunion was a two-day affair near New Cumberland, Ohio. The fifth annual reunion was at Wadsworth, Ohio.

After the third annual meeting held in West Cairo, Ohio, the Waltz family began an arrangement to share information in a column of a weekly paper in Dayton, Ohio. This was so successful that at the fourth annual reunion a plan was set in motion to gather names, addresses, and lineage information so that this could be published in a pamphlet.

The result was a book published in 1884 by Levi Waltz of Dayton, Ohio. In this book I found the name Melissa E. Waltz married to Ernst Haefs and living at Bayard, Iowa.

So now I know why we generally had family gatherings where my great grandmother lived. It was in our WALTZ blood.

—Charles Sisk

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Surnames Being Researched—

Brief Statement of Current Status and/or Focus of Research—

DUES \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$12)

# CALENDAR

January 15	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> , LDS Church, 7 p.m. “Q’s & A’s—Ask Your Questions, Get Your Answers” <b>2002 Dues are DUE!</b>
January 19 January 21	State Genealogical Society Board Meeting, Pierre Martin Luther King Day!
February 14 February 18 February 19	Valentine’s Day! President’s Day Holiday! <b>Monthly Meeting</b> , LDS Church, 7 p.m. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
March 17 March 19	St. Patrick’s Day! <b>Monthly Meeting</b>
April	Spring State Meeting, Sioux Falls

*“Genealogy is like love! It’s best when shared with another.”*

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