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The Pierre-Fort Pierre Genealogical Society Newsletter

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Note from the Editor (pierregen@pie.midco.net)

First, let me say that there was not a November issue in 2011. “Interesting” health issues came up and I just kept putting off the newsletter until it was just too late. That said; let’s get on with the New Year!

I found a very thought provoking article about organizing your papers that appeared, surprise, surprise, in a scrapbooking forum. The author was going in for surgery and it got her thinking about what would happen to the finance records, and other important information that she had, if she couldn’t tell her family where they were kept or what needed to be done with them. I will include part of her article later in this newsletter. It is amazing to me to see the different ideas and helps that are available to us through the Internet.

A few weeks ago, I was helping some young teenage girls get started on FamilySearch. They picked it up so fast that I was very pleased—it was fun showing them information about their ancestors when they were so excited about the process. I realized that evening that we have much we can share with the youth, and they have much they can share with us. Through those girls, I got excited about research again like I haven’t been for quite a while. Isn’t life fun? Enjoy the journey.

Linda Lowe

Need Help with a Membership Problem? Have a Suggestion? Contact a Society Officer! **Society Officers for 2012**

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Genealogical Gleanings

Excerpts from an article written by [Rozanne Paxman](#)

"I shared a story about how panicked I felt on the morning of a surgery I recently had because I realized that since I am the caretaker of all of our important documents and finances, a lot of people would be in a big mess if I suddenly passed away. I also knew that the likelihood of my layouts, the photos on my computers, and years of my writing would be lost, as well. After I wrote my article, I shared it with my husband and asked him what he thought. He said, 'You're right. We probably wouldn't spend a lot of time poking around on your computer and we wouldn't know which things are important.'

I have to say that his confirmation of what my gut told me has scared me silly, but it's good that I talked to him. I was right. I have to do this - now.

Here's what I've accomplished so far:

- I've printed out most of my layouts. (Still working on redoing some of the clunkers.)
- I've been moving home movies and audio tapes onto my computer so that I can then burn them on DVDs. This turned out to be a wise move because the condition of the videos and audios was far worse than I realized. If I hadn't started this project, I could have lost them all.
- I've been collecting the supplies I'll need to file everything away (page protectors, albums, etc.) I'll tell you about this in a future article.
- I've located everything that needs archiving, saving, and filing in my home.

But what I haven't done yet is the most important thing of all. I haven't organized and filed our important documents and financial records in an easily accessible way. Even though I know this won't be the most enjoyable part of the project, it is the most IMPORTANT part of the project, so that's what I have begun tackling.

FINANCIAL RECORDS: What do you keep? How long do you keep it?

The first thing to do is to figure out which records you do and do not need to keep. As I researched this topic, I found a couple of excellent articles to share with you.

- [Organize Your Important Papers](http://www.extension.org/pages/12475/organize-your-important-papers) (<http://www.extension.org/pages/12475/organize-your-important-papers>)
- [Money 2000 and beyond. Organizing your financial records](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/money2000/pdf/organizing.pdf) (University of Wisconsin Extension-
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/money2000/pdf/organizing.pdf>)

MY CHALLENGE TO YOU: Do one small thing today.

I know putting this together can feel overwhelming. I feel that way, too. I think that there is something about assembling records like this that tends to make a person's eyes roll back in their heads. But it's so important for us to do this that we need to soldier through it somehow.

Here's the thing... If we accomplish no other thing this year but organizing and protecting our important financial and legal documents, we will have done our families a great service! So let's do it! Go team, go!"

Pierre/Fort Pierre Society Meeting Schedule

The Pierre/Fort Pierre Genealogical Society meets each month, except December, at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday. Our meetings are usually held at the LDS Church at 506 N. Jefferson, Pierre, SD. If there is a change, it will be noted on our website and the members will be notified.

In February, we will be having a Round Robin while folding the table tent advertisements for the coming SDGS 30th Anniversary Seminar. Our society is in charge of in-town advertising. Also at this meeting we will be given more information about the upcoming indexing of the 1940 Census.



Tracking Ancestors through Time and the Internet

A Genealogy Seminar Presented by the South Dakota
Genealogical Society with a grant from the Mary Chilton
DAR Foundation.



Featured Speaker: Rick Crume

A graduate of Georgetown University, Mr. Crume has made presentations at many state and national conferences. He is a contributing editor for *Family Tree* magazine and has written articles for *Family Chronicle*, the National Genealogical Society's *News Magazine*, and the *Minnesota Genealogist*. He specializes in online research, genealogy software and British genealogy. He has tracked ancestors to New Hampshire, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Maine, Ohio, North Dakota, Washington, Illinois and New York.

Topics:

- The 10 Best New Web Tools of the Past 10 Years
- Genealogy Hacks: Tricks to Crack the Top Genealogy Web Sites
- British Genealogy Online
- Reconstructing the Life of a Nomadic Ancestor: John H. Pennington – World Traveler, Millionaire, Bigamist

When: Saturday, 21 April 2012: 8:15 a.m. (registration); 8:45 a.m. (seminar).

Pre-registration deadline: Friday, 13 April, 2012

Where: Pierre Chamber of Commerce Community Room
800 West Dakota Avenue
Pierre, SD

How Much: SDGS Members, pre-registered: \$20
Non-members, pre-registered: \$25
At the door, SDGS members: \$25
At the door, non-members: \$30
Lunch (reservations only): \$8
To become an SDGS member: \$20

For more information: Visit the SDGS website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sdgs/>

Or write:

South Dakota Genealogical Society; P.O. Box 1101; Pierre, SD 57501-1101



Cedar Hill Cemetery; Graves T-Z



Cedar Hill Cemetery was originally called Union Cemetery. The name was changed in 1933 after an addition of city land was made. The site of Cedar Hill was chosen and the first burials were made in the late years of the 1880s.

Surname	Given Name	Information
THEIS	Louis	b.2 Mar 1875, d.3 May 1941, age 66
THEIS	Margaret (Evert)	b.1886, d.1937, age 51
THOM	Delbert Blaine	b.1905, d.1962, age 57
THOM	Jessie	b.16 Oct 1903, d.24 Jan 1933, age 30
THOMPSON	Ardie A.	b.12 Feb 1893, d.12 Sep 1964, age 71
THOMPSON		age 1 day, child of J.W.
THOMPSON		d.19 Aug 1941, age 9 hrs, son of J.W.
THOMPSON	John Briney	b.2 May 1887, d.23 Jan 1940, age 52, son of J.F. & Delilah
THOMPSON	Joseph C. "Dutch"	b.9 Jan 1875, d.9 Jun 1975, age 81, married Nita Conklin and divorced
THOMPSON	Joseph W.	d.6 Apr 1938, age 1 day, son of Joseph "Jiggs"
THOMPSON	Margaret	b.1897, d. Sep 1928, age 31, wife of Ross
THOMPSON	Ross E.	b.1891, d.6 Jun 1951, age 60
THOMPSON	W.W.	b.1848, d.1914, age 66
THORNTON	Charles W.	b.1869, d.26 Jul 1912, age 42
TOLTON	Louise F.	b.8 Apr 1860, d.15 Feb 1939, age 78, wife of Tom
TOLTON	Robert Henry	b.27 Nov 1896, d.18 Jul 1922, age 25, WWI Vet
TOLTON	Thomas H.	b.1860, d.29 Jan 1917, age 57
TRAVERSIE	Dominick	d.6 Dec 1891, age 22
TURNER	Alexander J. Jr.	b.5 Nov 1906, d.17 Feb 1925, age 18
TURNER	Cecilia	b.1903, d.1 Apr 1909, age 4, daughter of Lewis & Elizabeth
TURNER	Elizabeth Ann	b.25 Jan 1874, d.8 Oct 1951, age 77, wife of Lewis
TURNER	George C.	b.1908, d.6 Dec 1938, age 30, son of A.J. Sr & Theresa (Meyer)
TURNER	Helen Marie	b.1901, d.24 Mar 1909, age 7, daughter of Lewis & Elizabeth
TURNER	Ida	d.28 Nov 1917, age 54

TURNER	James Louis	b.4 Nov 1918, d.27 Apr 1962, age 42, son of Lewis & Elizabeth
TURNER	Louis B.	b.20 Jun 1869, d. Oct 1924, age 55
TURNER	Theresa A.	b.29 Apr 1877, d.24 Aug 1962, wife of A.J. Sr
URQUHART	Floyd	age 1 day
URQUHART	Edna Blanche	b.1888, d.18 Jan 1954, age 66
URQUHART	George	b.1885, d.1968
URQUHART	Leslie	d.21 Sep 1933, age 3, son of George
URQUHART	Mervin Ardell	b.1925, d.9 May 1973, age 47
URQUHART	Peter J.	b.1872, d.7 Feb 1960, age 87
VanMETRE	Margaret	d.10 Dec 1924, daughter of C.L.
VonNEIDA	Samuel A.	d.25 Jun 1921
WAGNER	Caroline Clara	b.1904, d.22 Jun 1973, age 68
WAGNER	Earl Joseph	b.6 Apr 1929, d.2 Aug 1948, age 19, son of Lawrence
WAGNER	Florence (Sletto)	d.18 Jul 1913, age 21, 1st wife of Carl
WAGNER	Lawrence	b.1899, d.27 May 1973
WAGNER	Magdeline	b.12 Apr 1877, d.20 Nov 1949, age 72, wife of Theodore
WAGNER	Richard	d.1932, age 1 day
WAGNER	Theodore	b.1867, d.7 Feb 1954, age 86
WALTON		d.1918, age 1 day
WALTON	Rose	b.18 Oct 1888, d.12 Sep 1969, age 80, sister of Roy Obele
WANDELL	Joseph	b.11 Nov 1821, d.23 Jun 1919, age 97
WANDELL		d.1904, wife of Joseph
WELCH	Ben	age 1 day
WELCOME	Nathalie (Vidal)	b.1 Jan 1848, d.26 Oct 1895, age 47, wife of Napeolean
WELLS	Elmer Charles	b.17 Dec 1876, d.22 Mar 1954, age 77
WERLE	Agnes (Wickert)	b.21 Jan 1852, d.27 Sep 1927, age 75, 1st wife of Briggs 2nd wife of Peter Werle
WERLE	Peter	b.6 Mar 1864, d. Aug 1915, age 51, victim of Bad River flood
WHALEN		age 1 day, baby
WHALEN	Eva	b.1854, d. Oct 1936, age 82
WHALEN	Ira Douglas	b.5 Apr 1885, d.19 Dec 1964, age 79
WHALEN	Jobe	b.1848, d.21 Oct 1909, age 60
WHALEN	Laura Estella	b.1890, d.13 Sep 1983, age 92
WHALEN	Stephen James	b.30 Jun 1923, d.4 Oct 1980, age 57
WHEELER	Harriet Beecher	b.1863, d.22 Dec 1941, age 78, wife of William



WHEELER	Marie Iversen	b.1886, d.23 Jun 1957, age 71
WHEELER	Orville C.	b.11 Feb 1882, d.12 Aug 1950, age 68
WHEELER	William	b.1852, d.14 Sep 1927, age 74
WICKERT	Albertina	d.11 May 1893, age 66
WICKERT	Julius	b.15 Jun 1864, d.24 Feb 1923, age 59, husband of Orah May Lloyd
WICKERT	Richard	d.7 Jul 1892, age 23
WICKERT	Rudolph	
WIGHTMAN	Elbert M.	b.8 Jan 1850, d.20 Mar 1926, age 76
WILLIAMS	Agnes	b.25 Sep 1884, d.17 Nov 1923, age 39
WILLIAMS	Charles H.	b.5 Sep 1857, d.25 Feb 1920, age 62
WILLIAMS	Minnie	b.8 Nov 1857, d.21 Apr 1895, age 38, wife of Chas H
WILTZE	Melissa Allen	d.23 Sep 1953, age 84
WOODS	George	d. Mar 1938
YOUNG		d.2 Jul 1921, age 0, infant of Lloyd & Beulah
YOUNG	Beulah (Kendall)	b.1895, d.11 Jul 1921, age 26, wife of Lloyd
YOUNG	Caroline	b.27 Sep 1847, d.13 Nov 1927, age 80, wife of John
YOUNG	Charles W.	b.1876, d.1921, age 45, son of Warren
YOUNG	Frances Jane	b.1856, d.1919, age 63, wife of Warren?
YOUNG	Frank J.	b.21 Dec 1874, d.17 Aug 1947, age 76, wife of Laura Stephon, son of Warren
YOUNG	John Newton	
YOUNG	Leona (Marion)	b.22 Feb 1891, d.16 Oct 1935, age 44, wife of Ben
YOUNG	Lillian Alice	b.12 Oct 1886, d.8 May 1906, age 20, daughter of Warren
YOUNG	Rollin Chancy "Boggs"	b.1900, d.8 May 1930, age 30, husband of Regina Benton
YOUNG	Walter	b.9 Nov 1880, d.25 May 1945, age 64
YOUNG	Warren	b.1855, d.2 May 1944, age 89
ZABROSKE	Helena	d.8 Aug 1918, age 14
ZIGLER		d.24 Jan 1909, stillborn infant of Elmer & Mollie (Lear)?
ZIGLER	Richard W.	



Remember to check out our Society's website

If you haven't been to the society's website, it is well worth a visit. It is located at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~sdfpgs/>. You'll find databases and what up-coming events are planned.

South Dakota's Past

From the pages of the Dakota Journal, Pierre

December 26, 1883

W. F. Ustick enjoys the reputation of being the most graceful skater in Pierre

L. J. Herbison received more Christmas presents than any man in town. Why couldn't we all have been born handsome?

January 16, 1884

Now that the season for roller skating has fully arrived the following suggestions should receive the careful study of all new beginners who hope to obtain the highest degree of easy and gracefulness:

1. Never try to skate in two directions at once. It is a little too difficult for a new beginner to do nicely.
2. Sit down occasionally, no matter where. There is no law prohibiting you from sitting wherever you wish to.
3. When you meet a particularly handsome lady, try to skate on both sides of her. This is very pretty and is sure to attract her attention
4. Skate over all the small boys who are near you.
5. If your skates roll too easy, buy a new pair. Keep on buying until you get a pair that suits you.
6. In sitting down do it gradually. Most beginners are too hasty about this act.
7. When you fall heavily, always look cross at your skates. People will think they are to blame.
8. Try to shake hands with every friend you meet, particularly new beginners like yourself. It is polite, and if you fall it is in a good cause.

January 23, 1884

This feature of roller skating (lap racing) has not been introduced in Pierre yet, but when it is we will back Will Freschl to make more "laps" in one night than any other man in town.

May 14, 1884

The Karcher store will be a handsome edifice and work has commenced.



Researching on the Internet

Virginia Hanson

Most of us have noticed that April of 2011 was the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War. With reenactments, living history demonstrations and a renewed interest in our own Civil War ancestors, I would like to remind our researchers of a couple of on-line indexes at the SD State Archives. These may help you find information to add to your family history.

<http://history.sd.gov/Archives/Data/civilwar/default.aspx>

1885 Civil War Veterans Census:

After the Civil War, veterans of both the Union and Confederate armies moved to Dakota Territory. This index consists of census record sheets for a special census of Civil War veterans living in Dakota Territory (South Dakota) in 1885. The index is divided according to Union or Confederate Registration.

The entries show the veterans' name, date of entry and muster out, location of service, brief engagement history, injury statements, and other information to add to your ancestor's history.

A partial sample entry is as follows:

Name Andrews H F
Regiment 9th inf New York
Date enrolled 1862
Muster out June 1865
Rank Captain
Arrived in SD 1882
Remarks Lost 3rd finger on left hand by spent Minnie Ball

An interesting collection with related information is the WPA Cemetery Records. One of the projects of the Works Progress Administration, from 1935 – 1945, was an assessment or inventory of the cemeteries in each county and state. The index to this collection is also found on-line. When the WPA cemetery case workers came across a burial for a veteran, they researched that person's military and family history and compiled as much background information as possible on that soldier. The original cemetery records and veterans' cemetery records are found at the SD State Archives.

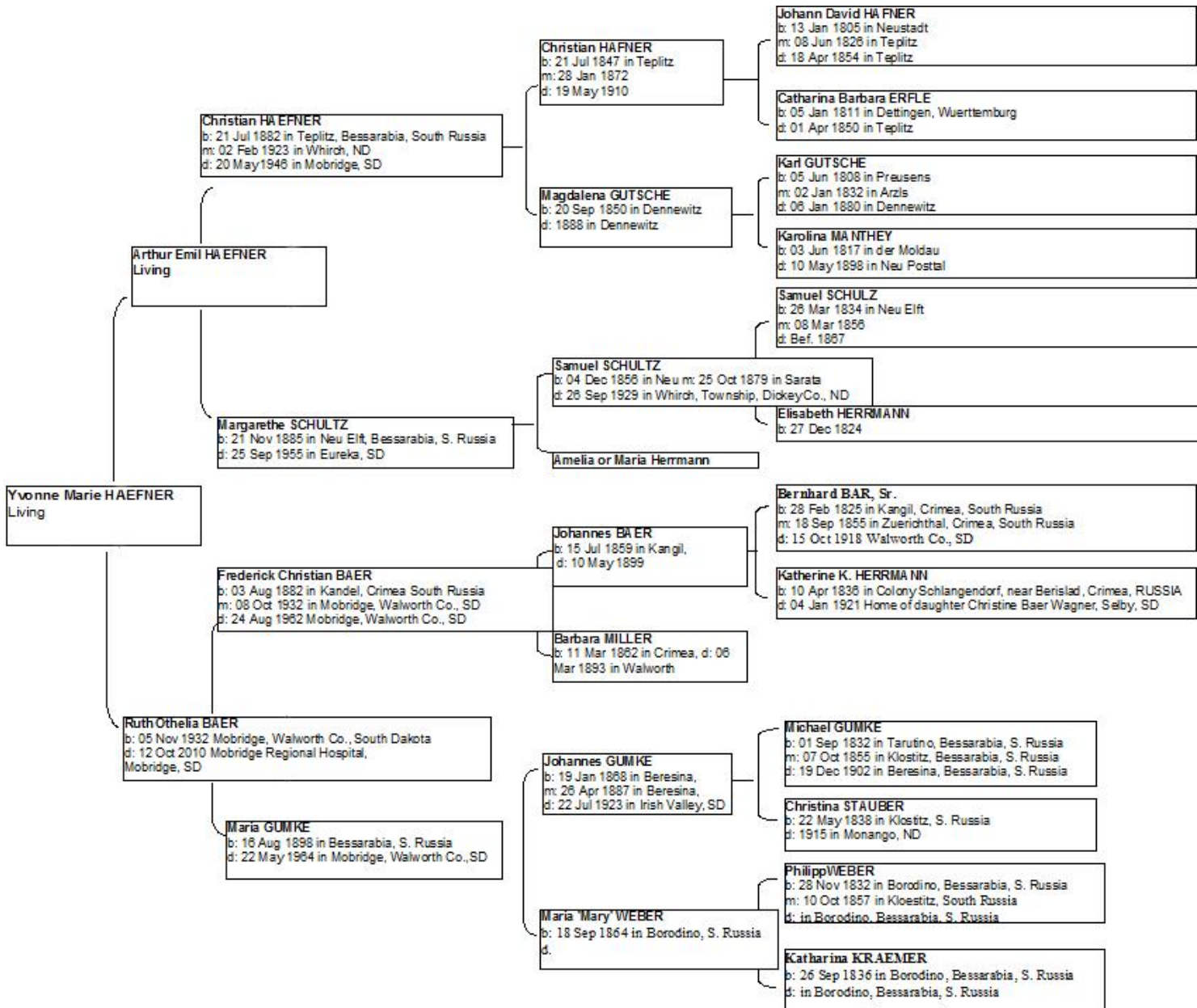
<http://apps.sd.gov/applications/DT58Cemetery/>

Information on researching at the SD State Archives or the fees for research and copy services can be found at <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/>

Another website I've been using quite a bit lately as I analyze some of my ships' passenger records is at <http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/Manifests/>. Since it has been so useful to me, I thought I would pass it on to others who may not be familiar with the site. There are several pages of information explaining the codes, abbreviations and numbers used in each column of the ship's manifests. I discovered why one of my "daughters" was crossed off the manifest. She had married and was then listed with her new husband. I had previously thought she had died or was not on the ship. One mystery solved and of course, another question develops. Now I need to find out if she had married just before boarding or the marriage occurred on the ship.



Our Family History: Yvonne Haefner's Ancestors



To Join or Renew a Membership:

Membership is for calendar year. If membership is paid anytime in the year up to November, it is for the current year. If paid in November or December, it is for the next calendar year.

Individual: \$10.00 per year.

Family Membership: \$12.00 per year.

Memberships include a subscription to the P/FP Quarterly.

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To celebrate its 30th anniversary the South Dakota Genealogical Society, with in-town help from the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society, presented a genealogy seminar in Pierre in April.

The featured speaker was Rick Crume who has made presentations at many state and national conferences and is a contributing editor for Family Tree magazine.

It was a wonderful day spent learning much from Rick about Internet Research. You can find some of his favorite links on his website at <http://www.onelibrary.com/links/links.htm>.

Most of all, I really want to thank the ones from our Society who helped with advertising, setting up the chairs and tables and also cleaning up afterward. It made the job much more enjoyable to have us working together!

On another note; our Society is still extracting names from the early Pierre newspapers for the online newspaper index at <http://history.sd.gov/forms/surname/SurnameArchive.aspx> . This is a great project and we need your help. We have one microfilm at the Family Search Center in the LDS Church or you can do the extraction at the SD Archives. Contact me for more information.

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Genealogical Gleanings

How Good are CDs for Archival Storage?

No one can say for sure when your CDs will fail—longevity estimates range from three years to several centuries. But you face three major dangers:

- **Failure:** “CD rot” is an unscientific term that describes what happens when the dye layer of a CD disappears. Research has shown that inexpensive CDs are more prone to failure than quality ones.
- **Damage:** Scratches on either side of a disc can destroy your data. Even something as simple as pulling a CD out of a sleeve can cause nicks and scrapes.
- **Obsolescence:** Let’s imagine for a moment that your CDs actually will last for centuries and never become scratched or damaged. Do you really believe your descendants will have CD readers 100 years from now?

When buying recordable CDs, choose a brand that uses phthalocyanine dye, such as Mitsui Gold. Are these guaranteed to last forever? No, but you can be certain you’re getting a quality product.

If you’re scanning a large collection of old photographs, I recommend storing them on an external hard drive and/or with an online backup service. Burn one set of CDs as backup, and extras to share with relatives. Remember the acronym LOCKSS: *Lots Of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe.*

The 1940 Census Indexing Project

From a newsfeed from FamilySearch Indexing:

“It’s hard to imagine that it has been 1 month since we received the images from NARA. A lot has happened since then. No one realized how well received this indexing project was going to be. So far, things have been much better than we could have hoped for and I believe the stats are proof of that. So, below are the latest statistics for 4th full week of our combined efforts to index the 1940 US Census. These are stats we can all be proud and excited about.

As of April 30th we have the following statistics to report:

So far, 23.8% of the entire project has been completely indexed. That means that nearly one fourth of the entire census has been indexed in 1 month. That’s amazing!

We have 92,119 indexers and arbitrators working to index and arbitrate the census records.

Nine states have been indexed and are being processed in preparation for posting on FamilySearch.org. They include Alaska, Indiana, Kansas, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

The Delaware and Colorado indexes have been posted on FamilySearch.org and are available for searching.

A total of more than 32 million records have been indexed and arbitrated to date.

We continue to see new people signing up to be indexers and arbitrators and it’s great to see more people coming on board. Please keep telling your friends and neighbors. We will never have too many people working on this project.”

Remember – our Society has a group of people who are working on indexing. If you want to join the group, just sign up for the indexing at FamilySearch.org and join the South Dakota Pierre-Fort Pierre Genealogical Society group. If you need information about joining, email Linda Lowe at pierregen@pie.midco.net



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February 1, 1892

John Griffin, Pierre's champion skater, made a good record for himself on Saturday. He skated up to Oahe mission, a distance of nearly 20 miles, in two hours. He took dinner at the mission and mad the return trip in even less time.

February 6, 1892

Hally – not Sweet Hally that we sing about, but Hally Malties was last evening arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Keyes and now languishes in the county jail. The crime with which Hally is accused is dispensing amber fluid without first receiving permission from the United States revenue collector. The crime is alleged to have been committed at Miss Malties' Missouri avenue home. The prisoner is said to be a good girl who has evidently gone wrong. She will have a hearing this afternoon and will probably be bound over to appear before the United States grand jury.

February 27, 1892

While crossing the river last evening, Maupin's livery team and carriage, containing Mr. Maupin and Mrs. W.F. Baird, broke through the ice. The accident occurred this side of the main channel where the water was three or four feet deep. No damage was done excepting a chilly bath to Mrs. Baird, who is not much the worse for the mishap.

January 31, 1883 Union County Courier --Just for fun!

Never do a man a favor. You will thus avoid being pestered with that superfluity of false professions of eternal friendship, gratitude, and all that is balderhash.

Always put off till tomorrow what you can do to-day, for by that means you will have time to think how to do it best, and with the least inconvenience to yourself.

Take care of the cents and the dollars will take care of themselves, provided you can get them. Never neglect to pick up a dollar in preference to a cent. Don't pick up either if you can't find them.

If you borrow any money, never pay it. If you can console your conscience by the belief that if the lender had really needed it, you would never have got it; ergo, this money was of no use to him, and if you had not borrowed it, he would have spent it foolishly.



Researching on the Internet

Society President, Lori Sears, gave a great presentation in February about immigrant ships and where online you can find ships' lists and information about the ships themselves. Here is her list of favorite websites on that subject. I'm sure there are other sites not listed, but this will get you started!

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

<http://www.immigrantships.net/>

<http://www.norwayheritage.com/pasquest.asp>

<http://www.theshipslist.com/index.html>

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/passengerListPersonSearchStart.action?redef=0>

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/home.jsp>

<http://castlegarden.org/>

<http://www.thewinthropsociety.org/ships.php>

<http://www.ellisland.org/>

South Dakota Research Aids and Helps

South Dakota was the 40th state in the USA; it became a state on November 2, 1889.

US territory status: part of Michigan Territory in 1834, Wisconsin Territory in 1836, Iowa Territory in 1838, Minnesota Territory in 1849 and Dakota Territory in 1861

Territorial and State Censuses available: 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, 1945

First federal census: 1900

Statewide birth, death and marriage records began: 1905

Population (as of 2000): 754,844 [South Dakota is the 46th most populous state in the USA]

Major Rivers: Cheyenne River, Missouri River, James River, White River

Number of Counties: 66

Bordering States: Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wyoming

Research Aids and Helps:

Andreas' Historical Atlas of Dakota – these are text files, just click on the file name and it will show the file: <http://files.usgwarchives.net/sd/andreas/>

Births Over 100 Years Old: <http://apps.sd.gov/applications/PH14Over100BirthRec/index.asp>

FamilySearch Wiki information about South Dakota:

https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/South_Dakota

FamilySearch – all Wiki articles about South Dakota Research:

<https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/index.php?title=Special%3ASearch&redirs=1&search=South+Dakota+research&fulltext=Search&ns0=1&ns4=1&ns12=1&ns100=1&ns200=1>

Guide to American Indian Research in South Dakota:

<http://history.sd.gov/Archives/Data/Archives/default.aspx>

Newspaper Surname Search:

<http://history.sd.gov/forms/surname/SurnameArchive.aspx>

South Dakota BLM Data – this is another index of text files, (the “dt” is Dakota Territory and “sd” is South Dakota): <http://files.usgwarchives.net/sd/land/>

South Dakota Naturalization Index:

<http://history.sd.gov/Archives/Data/naturalization/default.aspx>



Our Family History: Virginia Hanson's Ancestors

<p>4 Roderick S. Fortson b: 3 Jan 1837 p: Leake Co., Mississippi m: p: d: 9 Aug 1921 p: Sabinal, Texas</p>	<p>8 Roderick Ransom Fortson b: 28 Oct 1811 p: Elbert Co., Georgia m: p: d: 26 Jul 1860 p: Green Co., Alabama</p>	<p>16 William Fortson b: 28 Feb 1774 d: 9 Jan 1845</p>
<p>2 John R. T. Fortson b: 18 Mar 1868 p: m: p: d: 7 Mar 1949 p:</p>	<p>9 Harriet/Louise Ricks b: 1810 p: Alabama d: bef 1860 p: Alabama</p>	<p>17 Ann Higgenbotham b: 8 May 1772 d: 21 Apr 1851</p>
<p>5 Mary Jane Tillman Ricks b: 1842 p: Mississippi d: aft 1910 p: Val Verde Co., Texas</p>	<p>10 b: p: m: p: d: p: 11 b: p: d: p:</p>	<p>18 b: d: 19 b: d:</p>
<p>1 Veo Zula Fortson b: 21 Feb 1906 p: Gillespie Co., Texas m: 1922 p: Sabinal, Texas d: 17 Apr 1997 p: Sabinal, Texas sp: Anthony Peter Lamb</p>	<p>12 John Blaine Adare/Adair b: 15 Sep 1809 p: Madison Co., Alabama m: p: d: 17 Jun 1891 p: Nimberly, Texas</p>	<p>20 b: d: 21 b: d:</p>
<p>6 William Branch Adare b: 13 Jan 1834 p: m: p: d: 12 May 1923 p: Hay Co., Texas</p>	<p>13 Sally Alvira Sublett b: abt 1813 p: Kentucky d: 17 Jan 1892 p: Hay Co., Texas</p>	<p>22 b: d: 23 b: d:</p>
<p>3 Mary Francis Adare b: 13 Jan 1834 p: Texas d: 30 Jun 1957 p: Sabinal, Texas</p>	<p>14 Jennings A. O'Bannion b: 16 Apr 1816 p: Edgefield Dist., South Carolina m: p: d: 10 Feb 1891 p: San Marcos, Texas</p>	<p>24 William Isaac Adair b: 1780 d: 1824</p>
<p>7 Mary Victorine O'Bannion b: 4 Oct 1850 p: d: p:</p>	<p>15 Mary Magdaline Smythe/Smith b: 16 Apr 1826 p: d: 30 Jun 1857 p: Montgomery Co., Texas</p>	<p>25 Eleanor Moon b: abt 1785 d: aft 1830</p>
		<p>26 Benjamin Branch Sublett b: 1774 d: 1797</p>
		<p>27 Mary Akin b: d:</p>
		<p>28 Green Hamilton O'Bannion b: 1788 d:</p>
		<p>29 Hulda Tier b: 1797 d: May 1889</p>
		<p>30 b: d: 31 b: d:</p>



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Note from the Editor (pierregen@pie.midco.net)

Every family has a history—where they are from, what religion they observe, how many children they have. Families also have a food history—the story of what they eat from day to day, how they celebrate, and how the memories are passed down. Almost every family has a treasured recipe, beloved as much for the memories it evokes of family get-togethers or a special family member, as it is for its taste.

I have started to put together a family heritage cookbook. I have pictures of my mother and other family members along with recipes that have been passed down. It has been fun hearing memories my children have of meals and foods. All these are part of the cookbook and in the front will be a chart of our family.

In the “Researching on the Internet” part of this newsletter I have included website links to helps and even templates for making cookbooks. I hope this will help you save those recipes that are being handed down – our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will appreciate the effort.

Linda Lowe

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Genealogical Gleanings

Bev Huckins

I was reading a University of Arizona publication "Imagine" that contains articles about research in education. An article about bilingual education caught me education-wise, and the man's story caught me because of family research. It emphasized how important it can be to know about the community where your ancestors grew up because that certainly influences much about them.

Henry "Hank" Oyama is a distinguished name in bilingual education. He is a graduate of the UA with a BA and MA from the College of Education without receiving his high school diploma.

Hank's mother, Mary Matsysguna Oyama, was born in Hawaii of Japanese heritage. Her mother died when she was 2, and she and her father moved to Mexico where Mary grew up near Vera Cruz as a Spanish-speaking child. Eventually Mary and her father moved to Arizona. After his death she married a Japanese man, Henry Heichaliro Oyama. The couple had two children, Rosalie and Henry, always known as Hank. But Hank never knew his father because the father died when Hank was 5 months old. The loss of the father cut off all ties to Japan, and Hank and his sister grew up as Spanish-speaking kids. His "Mexican godmother" babysat while his mother worked, first at a pool hall she owned, and when the business failed in the Depression, at cleaning houses.

Hank was a native Spanish speaker, born to a Spanish-speaking Japanese woman in Tucson's Mexican American barrio, and never spoke English until attending school. In elementary school he remembers, "We used to get punished for speaking Spanish in school, even on the playground." The old system for teaching these kids English was a total immersion class called C-1. Concentrating on language to the exclusion of other subjects, he says, "You'd lose a whole year." It was a lesson he remembered when he became a teacher.

Oyama felt so Mexican that it came as a shock when his family was ordered interned for their Japanese ethnicity. The federal internment order signed in February 1942 required all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, be removed from California, from the western half of Oregon and Washington, and from the southern third of Arizona, the slice of the state closest to the Mexico border. Eventually 120,000 were abruptly pulled from their communities and dispersed into camps. Mary Oyama, Rosalie (16) and Hank (15) went to Poston in western Arizona. (They were given exams early at school so they could get credit for the year.) Overall his experience was relatively easy, he says. He signed up to cook; "I know how to make rice for 250 people," he says with a grin. He was able to complete his sophomore year in the camp high school. He also learned there was an exit out of camp. If approved internees could find work outside the restricted zone, they were allowed to leave. With the help of a camp employment agent, 16-yr-old Hank and his mother found jobs at the Elms Hotel near Kansas City. His sister, Rosalie, had become engaged and stayed behind. After a short stint at the hotel, Oyama went to work for Alcoa, making airplane parts for the war effort. (Isn't that strange!)

In a final irony of the war years, "At age 18, I was drafted," he said. Initially the military tried to train him as a Japanese translator -- Oyama tried to explain that he was a native Spanish speaker -- they got it I guess, because he was sent to the Counterintelligence Corps Training Center in Panama. There he excelled as a counterintelligence agent, wearing only civilian clothes, never a US Army uniform.

Back in Tucson after the war, the University was temporarily accepting students whose wartime experiences had deprived them of a high school diploma. He enrolled, courtesy of the GI bill, and became a teacher, inspired by his professors and the twists and turns in his own life. In 1954 he received a master's in counseling and guidance. Three years later, Tucson opened Pueblo High School on the heavily Hispanic south side, and Oyama applied, eager to work with kids who, like him, had grown up speaking Spanish. With the help of a principal who put together a staff who could really understand this population, the new school became a lab for bilingual-education. He then taught at Pima Community College for 22 years devoted to bilingual education.

In 1959, Hank found that an Arizona miscegenation law forbade him to marry his white fiancée, Mary Ann Jordan. The couple filed suit against the law and won, married, and had one child, Maria, who died at age 2 of leukemia. They then adopted three Caucasian boys, a Chinese girl, and an Irish girl, indicating on adoption paperwork that they did not care what ethnicity the children were. He now has a school named after him in Tucson: Henry "Hank" Oyama Elementary School. He says, "I have had a varied life in my 84 years".



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The August 21st meeting will be a potluck meal starting at 6pm at the LDS Church.

If you haven't been to the society's website lately, it is well worth a visit. It is located at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~sdfpgs/>. You'll find databases and what up-coming events are planned.

South Dakota's Past

From the pages of the Dakota Journal, Pierre

November 2, 1891

- Grand Army camp-fire Friday evening, November 6th, 1891, at the rink. A fine programme is being arranged. Department Commander Gen. O. S. Palmer will be present with other prominent speakers, Army songs, instrumental and martial music, recitations etc. Admission will be ten cents for young and old, large and small, the proceeds to form a hospital and burial fund for Sully Post to be used only for care and burial of old veterans.
- The whereabouts of Tom Chausse still remains a mystery. It now turns out that he borrowed money from the National Bank of Commerce, First National bank and Citizens bank—over \$100 altogether—and gave a mortgage upon some property he never owned. Whether this would be an additional incentive for him to commit suicide or not is hard to tell. His parents or brothers in the meantime are not taking very active steps to find him.
- Messrs. Robinson and Clough yesterday received their \$1,000 colt from Kentucky on the special train that came in to take out a train load of stock. Today the colt has been on exhibition at the stables on upper Dakota avenue and a number of people took the opportunity of looking at the blooded horse. He is a beauty and well he might be as he is sired by a half-brother of the famous Allerton and on the dam's side he has some of the best blood in the country. The colt's registered name is Survivor. He will be taken out to Dinsmore's place tomorrow where he is to be kept in the future.
- Fort Pierre Fairplay: As near as can be estimated the cattle shipments from
- this point during the week will be as follows: O. K, Howard, ten cars; J. W, Williams, ten cars; Jas. Cox, ten cars; Doug Carlin, seven cars, Jas. Phillip, three cars; Dick Mathieson, three cars; Julius Wicket, one car; Jas. Thomson, one car, and Wm. Cottle, one car. Besides these there a number of others that are cutting out their fat cattle which will soon be shipped. Altogether the cattle shipment for ten days past and for the next ten days will be about 2,500 head. Cattle shipments will not be as large as estimated in the early part of the season.
- Through the carelessness of a cow boy yesterday when a bunch of Charley Howard's cattle were being crossed on the pontoon bridge they became bunched on the bridge and broke down a section of the railing; and four cattle were thrown into the river, but they had no trouble in swimming to the shore.
- O.S. Ponder has been removed as clerk of the United States district court, and
- Chas. Mellette, a son of the governor, appointed in his place. Judge Edgerton gives as a reason that he was not in sympathy with Mr. Fender, Mr. Ponder still holds the clerkship of the United States circuit court which pays from \$800 to \$1000 per year.



Researching on the Internet

The first few links are about creating a family heritage cookbook. Then the rest are just a few miscellaneous links that I found interesting.

Creating a Family Cookbook

http://genealogy.about.com/od/family_connections/a/cookbook.htm

Create a Family Cookbook

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/create-a-family-cookbook>

Heirloom Recipe Conversions and Substitutions

<http://homecooking.about.com/od/foodhistory/a/heirloomrecipes.htm>

Great Free Templates for Making Your Own Cookbook with helps and additional links.

<http://www.brighthub.com/multimedia/publishing/articles/82434.aspx>

FamilySearch Labs <https://labs.familysearch.org/>

In Labs they show off the newest stuff. Your feedback will help them refine new ideas and bring them to market sooner. One of the applications is the 'Standard Finder'. It provides access to standardized information for names, locations, and dates.

FamilySearch TechTips <https://familysearch.org/techtips/>

Technology tips for genealogists and family historians.

FamilySearch Learning Center <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>

Browse hundreds of online genealogy courses to help you discover your family history

Historical Newspapers Online <http://gethelp.library.upenn.edu/guides/hist/onlinenewspapers.html/>

This table provides a list of historical U.S. newspapers that are available online at no cost. Newspapers available for free through Google News Historical Archives and Newspaperarchives.com are listed individually. Newspapers available through Chronicling America and state digitization projects are usually listed as a group.

The Cost of Living?

"It's hard to understand how a cemetery can raise its burial cost and blame it on the cost of living!"



Great Uncle Bertrand didn't have a computer in 1880, so how will you find him on line?



What is Genealogy? – Author unknown

According to the dictionary genealogy is:

1. A record or account of the descent of a family, group or person from an ancestor or ancestors; a family tree.
2. Direct descent from a progenitor; lineage or pedigree.
3. The study or investigation of ancestry and family histories.

To me, however, genealogy is a whole lot more than those three dry sentences. It is finding my roots, my family, and my home.

It is seeing my grandparents as a young couple in a census record with their two baby girls; children who I know will be dead within the year. It is seeing my mother as a one-month-old child. It is seeing my great grandfather's signature on Civil War records and knowing that he and others like him must have gone through hell.

It is even finding the skeletons in the closets or the black sheep of the family.

It is finding that my family went through some terrible times, but also knowing that they survived.

It is seeing in my mind's eye the careworn faces of all of those who have gone on before me.

It is listening to old stories told by our elders and passing those precious stories down. It is writing down those stories and facts for our children and their children.

It is finding cousins I had not seen or heard from in fifty years. It is finding new cousins and new friends, people who have come to mean so very much to me.

It is the realization of how important family is. It is the realization of how important it is to honor those ancestors who came before us.

But most of all, it is the sharing of information with others who like me love the research. It is not just dusty records or words.

It is not only sharing the excitement of finding a new ancestor, but also sharing the frustrations of not being able to find what you are looking for.

It is the bouncing of ideas back and forth of theories of what might be and commiserating with another when that theory falls through, which it often does. It is being able to say "Look! Look what I have found!" and knowing that your excitement will be shared and understood.

It is being able ask a question on a mailing list, knowing that what you are asking may be dumb but knowing that you will not be treated with disrespect.

It is people who give of their time and their energies to help you.

It is people who volunteer their time and energies to do lookups on the various county web pages. It is people who volunteer their time and energies for the various historical societies.

It is people who give of their time to transcribe old documents and microfilm, and who share that knowledge, whether it is through books sold by historical societies or on web pages.

It is people who go through old cemeteries and take the time to write down those who are buried there and share that knowledge gladly.

It is people who share old photographs, old letters and their old family stories, not expecting anything back other than a thank you and the knowledge that they have helped another in their family quest.

It is people who go above and beyond what is asked of them because they love genealogy. They love the fun of it, the frustrations of it and the excitement of it.

It is also the knowledge that you are passing down something of worth; that you are leaving behind a little something of yourself. It is the knowledge that through all of your research you may have made a difference, however small it may be.

That is a little of what genealogy means to me.



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Note from the Editor

While planning this issue of the Pierre/Fort Pierre Society newsletter, I was also thinking about Christmas gifts for my children and grandchildren. There are so many “things” to buy and give at this time of year. But I decided that the one gift I could give them all is more understanding of their ancestors. With this thought in mind, I gathered up the many stories I have gleaned – some from relatives and others from historical societies and newspaper accounts. It has been fun to reread the information and I am excited about giving this information to my family.

To get started on a project like this, first do a Google search to see if there are any stories about your ancestors online. You might be surprised at what you find. Then you can contact historical or genealogical societies in the areas where they lived. Also, county histories are a great source of information. Newspaper accounts of socials, community events, birth, marriage and death notices are a wealth of information for your stories.

In one newspaper article I found my grandmother participating in a foot race for “young women”. It was fun to imagine her at that age. I never knew her because she died when my father was a very young child. This gave me a feeling for who she was, and this was very important to me.

I challenge you to find at least one new fact about an ancestor. It could change your whole view of that person.

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The November 20th meeting will be the time to vote on next year's Board Members. The presentation will be an overview of the new FamilySearch Family Tree.

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South Dakota's Past

From the pages of Dakota Newspapers and the *Capital Journal*, Pierre

August 1, 1924 - From the Montrose Herald

- Huron SD July 31 Unless there is a radical drop in the price of gasoline from the present prices, visitors driving to Huron for the State Fair this year, September 8-12, will virtually be admitted to the Fair Grounds free, and will have a nickel left over to buy a sack of popcorn with – this is, provided they will fill up their 10-gallon gasoline tank at the State filling station on the State Fairgrounds. This is the way they dope it out. At the present prices, a 10-gallon gasoline tank at the State filling station, just inside the east entrance to the Fair Grounds, will cost \$1.75. The same tank filling at any of the downtown service station will cost \$2.30. This is a savings of 55 cents, while admission to the Fair Grounds is but 50 cents.

The following articles are from the Capital Journal

- August 15, 1889, page 3, column 1
Mr. John Westlund and Miss Anna Solegried, both of Pierre, were married on the 11th at Lewiston, Sully County by Rev. A. Sunaberg.
- August 26, 1889, page 3, column 4 (Obituary)
Sebree – In Chiciago, Ill. September 24, 1889 at 9am Mrs. Fannie C. Sebree, aged 44, beloved wife of James S. Sebree, of this city.
We are pained to announce the death of Mrs. Fannie Sebree which occurred on Tuesday morning last in Chicago, Ill. where the deceased lady had been for some months past under medical treatment. Mrs. Sebree was born in Macomb, Ill. in 1845 and came to Hughes County in 1883, and had by her Coriatian character and irreproachable “daily walk in life” made hosts of friends who will sincerely mourn her loss. She leaves – beside her husband, our honored townsman – a loving son and daughter. No notice of the funeral has yet been received, but will be given later.
- August 28, 1889, page 2, column 2
Samuel Dewell died at 1:45 Friday, Sept. 27, 1889, aged 70 years, 3 months and 12 days, of stomach trouble.
Mr. Dewell came to Dakota from Iowa in 1883 and settled in Sully County, where he resided until about one year ago, when he moved with his family to Pierre. He was elected as representative to the lower house from Sully County under the Sioux Falls constitution in 1885. He was formerly engaged in the newspaper business and was a civil engineer by profession. Since coming to this city he has been in poor health. The many friends of Mr.

Dewell will be pained to learn of his death, as he was universally respected by all who knew him. His leaves a wife and five grown children. His son Grant is at present connected with the Free Press.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Congregational church. Rev. Oakey, assisted by Rev. Phifer, will conduct the services.

Researching on the Internet

When performing searches on the Internet, it is sometimes helpful to be able to limit your search to a particular site, or be able to find (again) that site you 'kind of' remember. Here are some Google search tools that I have found helpful.

Google Searching

Search Syntaxes *No spaces after the operator (colon or signs)*

- **cache:** look for content in relocated or obsolete Web pages at their old URLs
- **define:** definitions of the word from the Web
- **filetype:** limit your search to PDF, doc or other file formats
- **intext:** terms must appear in the text of the page
- **allintext:** all query words must appear in the text of the page
- **intitle:** find sites with a specific word in the title bar
- **allintitle:** find sites with specific words or phrase in the title bar
- **inurl:** search for sites with a word in the URL
- **allinurl:** search for sites with words or phrase in the URL
- **link:** identify pages that link to a particular Web site
- **site:** search within a specific Web site or domain
- **related:** lists web pages that are similar or related to the URL
- **+** (**plus sign**) default search; all words on page, use when exact word is desired
- **OR = |** (**pipe sign**) either of the words
- **-** (**minus sign**) one word not the other
- **~** (**tilde**) searches for specific word and for the word's synonyms
- ***** (**asterisk**) treats the star as a placeholder for any unknown term(s)

Reference Tools

- area code lookup – type in area code for the city
- calculator – use + - * / % of
- spell checker – gives suggested spelling
- unit converter – **old unit in new unit** (*90f in c*)(*euros in usd*) (*lbs in kg*)
- weather – **weather** plus zip code or city

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