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EDITOR'S NOTES by Kenneth E. Zimmerman

This Notebook has three major articles, "Baltimore Passenger Lists" which is some information from my speech at Baltimore County Genealogical Society, Inc. on February 24, 2002. Such as: Tools for searching the passenger list. What sources exist for using the Baltimore Passenger List such as computerized disks, microfilm, and publications. What is on the passenger list?

The second article is from Gregory Burton, Vice-President BCGS "Have you considered contributing copies of your research? What should be included in your contribution?"

The last major article is a continuation Notebook article: Baltimore County Will Index 1859-1865 Liber J.L.R. No. 2 beginning Feb 22, 1859 and ending March 14, 1865. The Will Index was compiled by our member Carol Porter. The Notebook will have the succeeding indexes in the next issues.

Enclosed with the Notebook is the Surname Listing from BCGS members. A number has been assigned to each member's name and then cross-referenced to their surname. The librarians or myself will have additional information on the members, so one can inquire about a surname. Another source is BCGS Vertical Files in the library.

BCGS Library BookShelf

Bastardy Cases in Baltimore County, Maryland 1673—1783. By Henry C. Peden, Jr.
Willow Bend Books, 65 East Main St., Westminster, MD 21157. 2001. pp 203. Indexed. Soft-cover
(WB0471)\$19.00 + \$4.00 P/H (Md. Residents Add 5% Sales Tax)

This is Mr. Peden's second book on bastardy cases, with his first being "Bastardy Cases of Harford County, Md. 1774—1844." In this current volume, he has compiled over 800 studies of Baltimore County individuals charged with bastardy. Some entries list only the name of the defendant but many more are brimming with additional information and may help connect the accused with known families of early Maryland.

The author gathered information from court minutes and proceedings, criminal court dockets and proceedings, levy lists, and published abstracts of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Quaker records. Several other published sources and the Archives of Maryland were also used.

The case of Elizabeth Parker reveals she was a convicted felon transported from London to Maryland on the ship "Gilbert" and landed in Annapolis in 1722. As a servant of Robert Clarke, she was charged with bastardy in June Court 1724 and named fellow servant David Pearce as the father. Her son, James Parker age 17, was bound out to Robert Clark until age 21. The case of Avarilla Gosnell, daughter of William Gosnell, shows that she was charged with bastardy in June Court 1739. Further annotation by Mr. Peden states she subsequently married Benjamin Buckingham. Women, however, were not the only ones

charged with this crime as in the case of William Towson, son of Thomas Towson, who was charged with bastardy and confessed in March Court 1743/4.

Cases are arranged in alphabetical order by defendant with an every name index to all other persons. Following each study are all relative sources including liber and folio. Researchers will have no trouble referring to the original and are advised to do so, especially with regard to court proceedings. Those who are interested in the colonial and revolutionary periods of Baltimore County will certainly want a copy of this book.

Carol Porter

BALTIMORE IMMIGRATION RECORDS

"The federal government originated the practice of creating comprehensive lists of arriving immigrants. An 1819 federal law required the captains of a vessel coming from abroad to submit list of information about passenger to port customs officials. These so called "custom lists" exist for Baltimore for the years 1820-1891, but many of the lists dating prior to 1833 were destroyed by fire in 1897. Supplementing the customs lists are a second group of lists required by Baltimore City officials from 1833 to 1888 under provisions of a Maryland law. When preparing the microfilm edition of Baltimore passenger lists, the National Archives used the city lists to fill in gaps in the custom lists. One index covers customs lists dating from 1832 to 1897, with scattered entries going back to 1820. A second index cover the 1833 to 1866 city lists. As microfilmed by the National Archives, these two indexes are identical in format. Both use the soundex arrangement, which lists passengers alphabetically by the first letter of their surname,...". Passenger lists are crucial for determining when persons arrived from abroad in Maryland, where they came from, and who came with them. The lists have shortcomings. Many lists are missing and those that survived have occasional inaccuracies. As there was often a language barrier between immigrants and those recording the information, errors were impossible to prevent. Poor handwriting and carelessness on the part of lists compilers add to the problem." There are also many similar variations in surname and misspellings, but the soundex indexes are very valuable for our genealogical research. Some of the occupations listed are even strange or different to us.

This is only a portion of the printed article in the Maryland Historical Magazine Vol. 27, No.2 Spring 1996 titled : "Baltimore Immigration Records, 1820-1897" by William G. LeFurgy, pages 151-154.

Baltimore's Ellis Island

Germans, Irish, Italians, Poles, Russians, they all sailed from the old countries to seek newer homes and fortunes in America during the second half of the 19th century. Baltimore, the port of entry for 600,000 immigrants between 1870 and 1900, became home to a portion of them. But a majority stopped off just long enough to stretch their feet on dry land then board trains headed for the Mid-west's cities and farmlands.

The North German Lloyd Line's ships Braunschweig, Leipzig, Berlin, Baltimore, Bremen, Nurnberg and Ohio, carried the human cargo on weekly crossings before the outbreak of World War I. The steamship company operated under an arrangement with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which built and maintained a terminal at Locust Point where the passengers disembarked.

It was possible for an immigrant to purchase in Germany a through ticket which took him to Baltimore by boat, thence to Mid-western cities located along the B&O's tracks. On the return sailings to Germany, the ships didn't carry so many passengers. Instead, their holds were filled with Maryland tobacco, in turn processed in Germany and sold with great popularity throughout Europe.

The Germans were the most numerous arrivals, probably because the steamship line that carried them was based in their native country. From its earliest days Baltimore had a large German population whose

numbers settled here from Pennsylvania. Many arrived during the early years of the 19th century, but a particularly large group fled the Fatherland when Bismarck attempted to persecute Bavarian Catholics in the early 1870s. It has been estimated that about a quarter of Baltimore's population was at one time of German descent. Several German newspapers flourished here while societies were formed to keep old world traditions alive.

The Irish were Baltimore's next largest immigrant group. Many left the Emerald Isle because of the Potato Famines and crowded conditions. As with the Germans, the Irish were never really strangers to the city. Many a man from Dublin and Belfast was prospering here as early as the 1780s, though the largest groups arrived here before and after the Civil War.

In about 1870 a sizable Polish community began taking shape in East Baltimore. Land hunger, excessive taxation under Russian low wages and insufficient industrial development forced them to leave their native land for America. After disembarking at Locust Point, many took a ferry across the Northwest Branch of the Patapsco and settled in homes along the waterfront not far from the spot where the boat had deposited them.

It is generally considered that the Italian quarter of the city owes its location to the old President Street Station of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. Sometime about 1840 a small group is thought to have come by railroad down from a northern city and merely gotten off at the end of the line. The Italians established a small pocket near the station at President Street and President Avenue, which soon attracted fellow countrymen from about 1880 onward.

The wave of newcomers was drawn chiefly from central Italy, Naples, the province of Abbruzzi, and especially, the Sicilian town of Cefalu.

The Russian Jews were also a good portion of the migration fleeing the Czar's persecution. They, along with a good portion of Polish Jews, arrived late in the 19th century. The first Jewish community here, primarily of German descent, was well established here prior to the Civil War.

In the case with most of the new arrivals, it was the younger men who ventured to America first. If the place and prospects for living seemed good, they saved their money to send for the rest of their families. Soon Baltimore had a series of tightly knit ethnic communities which greatly aided the new arrivals to establish themselves and start new lives for themselves. —J.K. *Published in "News American" Bicentennial Edition. Baltimore, Maryland Newspaper February 25, 1973 page 65-66.*

How to Find Your Immigrant Ancestor's Ship

Most Americans can discover what ship brought their ancestors to this continent. Each search for an ancestor's ship is unique. Your search may be easy and result in quick success. Or it may be a challenge requiring time and persistence. Here are the steps you follow:

You must know your ancestor's:

- Full real name
- Approximate age at arrival
- Approximate date of arrival

Where can you find this information?

- Oral family tradition
- Family documents; passports, letters, bible inscriptions, etc.

- Public records; military service, naturalization, U.S. censuses, etc.
- Published genealogies, local histories

What will the passenger list tell you about your ancestor?

When you find your ancestor's name or the ship's name in the index, use the reference cited in the index to locate the published or microfilmed list. Then read the list line by line to find the name. Double check what you find against your ancestor's real name, approximate age at arrival, and approximate date of arrival, to be certain you have your ancestor!

In all cases, the list will give the name of his or her ship, the date and port of its arrival in America and usually your ancestor's age and country of origin. Lists to 1893 contain little more than this. You may learn if your ancestor was traveling alone or with family, and how many bags he or she was carrying. From 1893 on, lists became increasingly informative, including the above data plus marital status, occupation, last residence, birthplace, final destination in the U.S.A., whether joining a relative (if so, who and where), whether previously in the U.S.A. (if so, when and for how long), and more.

If your ancestor arrived between 1565 and 1819, search the indexes of published lists. The passenger list, if it still exists, might be in any archive, museum, courthouse, basement or attic. But many have been published.

If you know the name of your ancestor's ship:

Search for that ship in the indexes compiled by ship name;

or

If you do not know the ship:

Search for your ancestor's in indexes compiled by passenger name;

or

If you know your ancestor's nationality:

Search in the indexes compiled by nationality;

or

If you do not know the nationality:

Search in indexes by particular group (such as Indentured Servants or Irish Potato Famine Immigrants) or by geographic settlement or ports of entry;

or

If your ancestor was a slave:

He or she was not listed by name in the cargo manifest. Circumstantial evidence of your ancestor's ship can be obtained, however, if you know where, when and by whom the slave was first sold, then search:

- In the National Archives, Manifests of ships importing slaves into the ports of Savannah, Mobile, and New Orleans, 1789-1808 or
- In museums, special collections containing manifests of slave ships, or
- In libraries, published compilations of documents relating to the slave trade in America.

If your ancestor arrived between 1820 and 1954, search the National Archives and Indexes. A copy of the passenger list is probably at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. You will search the indexes there, or, if necessary, in other indexes.

National Archives Indexes

These are compiled by port for most U.S. ports on the Atlantic, Pacific, Great Lakes and Gulf Coast, but they do not cover every year or every port.

- If you know your ancestor's port of entry; search the index to passenger arrivals for that port.

- If your ancestor arrived in New York, 1847-1896: search the Registry of Vessel Arrivals, note which ships arrived when your ancestor did, then search those lines.
- If you do not know the port of entry: search all available indexes to passenger arrivals.
- National Archives staff will search the indexes for you. If you supply a passenger's name, port of entry, and month and year of arrival. Use NATF form 81. More detailed information is needed for staff to search individual lists.

Published Indexes:

The Morton-Allan Directory: This book lists the arrival date of every steamship entering New York, 1890-1930, and Baltimore, Boston, and Philadelphia, 1904-1926.

- If you know the name of your ancestor's ship: Note every date when that ship arrived, then search those lists.
- If you know the date when your ancestor arrived: Note which ships arrived on that date, then search those lists.

The Hamburg Emigration Index

If your ancestor emigrated from eastern, northern, or central Europe, he or she may have embarked from Hamburg, Germany. Emigration lists at Hamburg are indexed, 1850-1934.

- Search a microform copy of the index at any branch of the Mormon Genealogical Library.

This list is furnished courtesy of the National Park Service, Ellis Island. (Reference material from Allan Hughes)

Sources For Finding Information On Immigration To Port Of Baltimore, Maryland

THE WORLD WIDE WEB - INTERNET

- Cyndi's List – U.S. Maryland - Immigration
<http://www.cyndislist.com/md.htm#Immigration>
- Immigrant Communities in Maryland
<http://oriole.umd.edu/~mddl/791/communities/html/index.html>
- *Immigrating to the Port of Baltimore*
<http://www.clis2.umd.edu/~mddl/791/communities/html/pob.html>
- Baltimore, Maryland - Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals - Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service
<http://www.nara.gov/publications/microfilm/immigrant/rg85.html#blt>**NATIONAL ARCHIVES**
- Enoch Pratt Free Library: Passenger Ship Records
<http://www.pratt.lib.md.us/slr/ssh/genealogypratt.html#ship>
- Enoch Pratt Free Library: Immigration and Naturalization Records
<http://www.pratt.lib.md.us/slr/ssh/genealogypratt.html#immigration>
- Maryland Historical Society: Passenger & Immigration Source Materials
<http://www.mdhs.org/explore/library/research/genealogy/genpass.html>

- **Maryland Immigration Digital Library**

<http://www.oriola.umd.edu/~mddl/mddl/791/frameset.html>

- **Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild** (<http://istg.rootsweb.com/index.html>)

A group of volunteers who make the search of our ancestor immigration much easier.

Baltimore, Maryland Arrivals

Volume 1: <http://istg.rootsweb.com/arrivals/baltimore.html>

Volume 2: <http://istg.rootsweb.com/v2/arrivalsv2/baltimorev2.html>

Volume 3: <http://istg.rootsweb.com/v3/arrivalsv3/baltimorev3.html>

Volume 4: <http://istg.rootsweb.com/v4/arrivalsv4/baltimorev4.html>

- Immigration and Ships Passenger Lists Research Guide prepared by Genealogical Society of Bergen County, NJ. "The goal of this Guide is to help in research of immigration records and ship's passenger lists, both on-line and off-line. The emphasis is on helping those who may be new to this research, but it includes tips, links, and help that maybe of interest to all.

<http://home.att.net/~arnielang/shipguide.html>

- Immigration Emigration & Naturalization Research in Genealogy

<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/immigration/>

List of Microfilm with Baltimore Passenger List Information

Records of the U.S. Customs Service

Record Group 36 Baltimore, Maryland

- A Supplemental Index to Passenger list of vessels arriving at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Port (excluding New York) 1820-1874, M334, 188 rolls, 16mm, DP. Each roll has an alphabetic list arranged by surname. Includes some passenger arrivals to port of Annapolis (1849), Baltimore (1820) and Havre De Grace (1820)

- Copies of Lists of Passengers Arriving at Miscellaneous

Ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and at ports on the Great Lakes, 1820-1873. M575 16 rolls. Roll 1: Annapolis (1849) and Roll 4: Havre De Grace (1820).

- Index (Soundex) to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD (Federal Passenger Lists), 1820--1897. M327. 171 rolls. 16mm. DP.

- Index (Soundex) to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD (City Passenger Lists), 1833--1866. M326. 22 rolls. 16mm. DP.

Under a Maryland State law of March 22, 1833, effective from September 1833 until October 1866, the masters of vessels were required to submit lists of passengers arriving at Baltimore to the mayor of that city. The law required that these "city lists" report the age and occupation of the passengers, and that the lists be sworn to by the master of the vessel in the presence of the mayor.

- Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD. Sept. 2, 1820 – Dec. 28, 1891. M255. 50 rolls. DP. The lists for the period 1833--1866 to which the index relates were borrowed from the city of Baltimore and were filmed as part of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820--91 (M255).

- Quarterly Abstracts of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD. Jan. 1, 1820 – June 30, 1869. M596. 6 rolls. DP.

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service 1891-1954
Record Group 85 Baltimore, Maryland

- Index (Soundex) to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD, 1897- July 1952. T520. 43 rolls. 16mm.
- Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD. June 2, 1892 – June 30, 1948. T844. 150 rolls. The manifests were filmed as they appeared in bound volumes. Date spans may overlap.
- Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD. Dec.1,1954 - May 7, 1957. M1477. 34 rolls.
- Maryland State Archives Guide to Special Collections German Society of Maryland Collection MSA SC 4320.Dates: 16 Jul 1854 to 07 Jun 1855 Passenger List from newspaper clippings

Baltimore Passenger List on Microfilm Locations

- Maryland Historical Society - Library
- University of Maryland Baltimore County -Library
- Enoch Pratt Free Library Central Library
- Family History Library viewing at local Family History Center
- The National Archives

Baltimore Passenger Information on CD Rom's:

- Baltimore Passenger and Immigration Lists 1820-1852 (CD #259)
This CD-Rom indexes approximately 89,000 individuals who arrived in Baltimore from foreign ports between September 2, 1820 and May 28, 1852. The CD is from the Family Tree Maker's Family Archives series.
- Baltimore Passenger & Immigration Lists Volume 2, 1852-1872 (CD #260)
This CD-Rom indexes approximately 138,000 individuals who arrived in Baltimore from foreign ports from June 1852 to February 1872. The CD is from the Family Tree Maker's Family Archives series.
- Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1538-1940 (CD #352)
This CD-Rom indexes approximately 2,987,000 individuals who arrived in the United States to include some Baltimore passenger list and Canadian ports between 1538-1940. Compiled by P. William Filby and published by Gale Research, these records can provide valuable family history information to those with immigrant ancestors. The CD is from the Family Tree Maker's Family Archives series.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRINTED MATERIAL:

Recommended Publication for Source Work and Reference Guides:

- "Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Baltimore 1820-1834 From Customs Passenger Lists" Michael H. Tepper and Elizabeth P. Bentley, Clearfield, date of publication. M596 Rolls 1 to 3 Jan. 1820 – Dec 1837; M255 Roll 1: Sept. 2, 1820 – March 31, 1837 and State Department Transcripts of Passenger Lists Roll 1: Dec 31, 1819 – Sept. 30, 1824 and Roll 2: Sept. 30, 1824 – Dec. 31, 1832.

- "Passengers Who Arrived In the United States September 1821- December 1823 From Transcripts made by The State Department with Index" Magna Carta Book Company, Baltimore MD 1969.
- "Passenger and Immigration Lists Index" by Filby, P. William. Detroit, MI: Gale Research Company, 1981.
- "Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publication", National Archives Trust Fund Board, Washington, DC, 1983. this catalog list National Archives microfilm publication of records relating to the arrival of passengers, crews, members, and vessels in the U.S. ports. Record Group 36 and 85.
- "Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives" United States. National Archives and Records Service Washington, DC: 2000.
- "They Came In Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record " By John P. Colletta Ancestry Pub. 1993
- "American Passenger Arrival Records" by Michael Tepper, Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc, 1996. "A guide to the records of Immigrants Arriving at American Ports by Sail and Stream."
- "German Immigration to American in the Nineteenth Century: A Genealogist's Guide" by Maralyn A. Wellauer, Roots International, 1988
- Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Baltimore " Transcribed by Mary K. Myers, Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin- Volume. 15 No. 1 February 1974
- "Baltimore Immigration Records, 1820-1897 at the Baltimore Archives" William G. Lefurgy, Maryland Historical Society Magazine Vol. 27 No. 2 Spring 1986, page 151-154.
- "Ships of Our Ancestors" by Michael J. Anuta, Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. , 2002. "This publication is not a genealogical sourcebook but a compilation of photographs of the steamships that were employed in transporting immigrants to this country in the heyday of mass migration."

Information on Soundex Card of Passenger Record on Microfilm:

Arranged by alphabetically by passengers surname by soundex coding.

- Family Name, Given Name
- Age
- M-married; W-widow, S-single, D-divorced
- Sex
- Occupation
- Nationality
- Where From--Permanent Address (Town, country, etc.)
- Ultimate Destination
- Port of Entry
- Name of Vessel
- Date of Arrival in Port

2-ABV. CO. 2-4-27, 1904

124 M — 13-5

Family name **STEINBERG** Given name **ALBERT**

Accompanied by **OVER**

Age 16 Yrs. Sex **M** M. **W.** D. **D.** Occupation **FISHER** Nationality **GERMANY**

Permanent residence (town country, etc.) **CARLSHAGEN POMERN** Destination **PRINCESS ANNE-MD**

Port of entry **TIMORE, MD.** Name of vessel **MÜNCHEN** Date **SEP 27, 1993**

LEWIS-ABV. CO. 2-4-27, 1904

124 M — 13-8

Family name **STEINBERG** Given name **MAX**

Accompanied by **OVER**

Age 10 Yrs. Sex **M** M. **W.** D. **D.** Occupation **FISHER** Nationality **GERMANY**

Last permanent residence (town country, etc.) **CARLSHAGEN POMERN** Destination **PRINCESS ANNE-MD**

Port of entry **BALTIMORE, MD.** Name of vessel **MÜNCHEN** Date **SEP 27, 1993**

Note: The index card indicates the manifest number ("list number") and line number on the manifest ("group number") where the person can be found. See above card top left line: List No. 13 and Line 8.

Using the date of arrival and the name of the vessel provided by the index, it is possible to locate the original list from which the data then came. One should check the original lists to verify details and look for additional information.

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do, than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream..." — Mark Twain

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, Steamship Company. LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN IMMIGRANTS FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, to be delivered to the Commissioner of Immigration by the Commanding officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

eh
S.S. *Albatross* sailing from Bremen, *Sept 27/1893* Arriving at Port of Baltimore, *Sept 27/1893* 1893

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No. on List	Name in Full	Age	Sex	Married or Single	Calling or Occupation	Able to read and write	Nationality	Last Residence	Seaport for landing in the United States	Final destination in the United States (State, City or Town)	Whether having a ticket to such final destination	By whom was passage paid	Whether in possession of money, if so, whether more than \$30 and how much if \$30 or less	Whether ever before in the United States, and if so, when and where	Whether going to join a relative, and if so, what relative, their name and address	Ever in Prison or Almshouse or supported by charity, if yes, state which	Whether under Contract, expressed or implied, to labor in the United States	Condition of Health, Mental and Physical	Deformed or Crippled, Nature and Cause
1	Carl Knauf	30	m	m	merchant	/	H. H.	Bremen	Baltimore	Chicago	yes	self	more	yes	son, Carl Knauf	no		good	
2	Mathias Gumbert	25	f	gl		/		Prussia		Chicago	no								
3	Polina Reisinger	25	f	m	seamstress	/	Prussia	Breslau		Chicago	no								
4	Heinrich Gumbert	25	m	m	seamstress	/		Breslau		Chicago	no								
5	Albert Gumbert	25	f	gl	fisher	/		Breslau		Chicago	no								
6	Alma	15	f	gl		/					no								
7	Max	20	m			/					no								
8	Polina	65	f	m	farmer	/					no								
9	Bartha	65	f			/					no								
10	James Galtman	65	f			/					no								
11	China Stahl	70	f	gl		/					no								
12	James Galt	10	m	gl		/					no								
13	Emma Kelling	25	f	m		/	U. S.	Prussia		Prussia	no	husband	more	yes	husband, Prussia				
14	Rosa	15	f	gl		/					no								
15	Carl Gustav	15	m			/	Germany	Kiel			no								
16	Wilhelm Galt	15	m			/					no								
17	James Kell	25	f			/					no								
18	Carlina Schwan	35	f	m		/					no								
19	Agata	15	f	gl		/					no								
20	Carl Schwan	25	m			/					no								
21	O. L. Schwan	25	m			/					no								

Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, MD, 1891—1909 Microfilm T844 Roll 4: Jul. 3, 1893-Dec 28, 1893 (September 24, 1893)

Information on List or Manifest

Steamship Company - Name of Vessel - Sailing from - Arriving at Port of Baltimore Date - List no. Page #.

- No. on List
- Name in Full
- Age - Yrs. Mos.
- Sex
- Married or Single
- Calling or Occupation
- Able to read - write
- Nationality
- Last Residence
- Seaport for landing the United States
- Final destination in the United States (State, City or Town)
- Whether having a ticket to such final destination
- To whom was passage paid
- Whether in possession of money, if so whether more than \$30 and how much if \$30 or less
- Whether ever before in the United States, and if so when and where
- Whether going to join a relative, and if so, what relative, their name and address.
- Ever in Prison or Almshouse or supported by charity, if yes, state which
- Whether a polygamist
- Whether under Contract, expressed or implied to labor in the United States
- Condition of Health, Mental and Physical
- Deformed or Crippled, Nature and Cause.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH

Greg Burton, Vice President, Baltimore County Genealogical Society

Have you considered contributing copies of your research?

Providing copies of Family Group Sheets, Ancestor Charts, Bible Records and other items to various Libraries and Archives may help you and other researchers.

For Baltimore County researchers, these locations will be glad to accept records; (this list may not be complete):

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society

The Baltimore County Historical Society

The Maryland Genealogical Society

The Maryland State Archives

This idea of contribution is not limited to just Baltimore County. Find an archive or society for other locations where you are researching.

Years ago I found a Family Group sheet at the Baltimore County Historical Society. A 3rd cousin contributed the sheet. When I contacted her, we were able to share information and work together on our combined research saving us both time and money. She knew many things I did not. When we research, we use a team method. Networking is the goal.

What should be included in your contributions?

Family Group Sheets: copies of your great grandparents and prior, I recommend only providing information on families where all members have died. This is for privacy reasons. Provide group sheets for each family that you are researching. Be sure your name and contact information is included. Family Group Sheets should include; full names of birth of husband, wife, and all children. Dates and location of birth, Christening, marriage, death, burial. Name of parents for husband and wife. Names of spouses for the children, and names of their parents.

Ancestor Charts, Baltimore County Genealogical Society requests each member complete a 6-generation ancestor chart. It is also a good idea to update the chart from time to time. Providing information on more than 6-generations is a good idea. Checking the index of member's ancestor charts may reveal a cousin that you may not know about. The Baltimore County Genealogical Society has many distant cousins in our membership. I have at least four cousins among our members and maybe three others that we have not made a documented connection. I did not know any of these cousins before starting genealogy research. Ken Zimmerman also has cousins in our membership.

Bible Records, what should be included, make copies of the Title Page with the copyright date, make copies of any family information in the Bible. You may want to include a Family Group Sheet for any of the families listed. Other information that is needed, who has possession of the Bible, and a list of all known researchers for that family. Adding other information beyond what is in the Bible is a good idea. Census records, death notices, wills, and other information that you may have will serve as multiple proof of the information.

Have you already published a book on your research? Please consider donating a copy of the book too.

For more information just ask when you visit a Society or Archive. Sharing is the goal, why do all the research if you do not share? Should you wait until the research is done? (What is this job ever done?)

Contribute your work with what you have, if future research adds new information you can contribute again to update the information.

Do you have any ideas on other ways to help the Genealogy Community?

RESEARCH INQUIRY

SIMS JENNET McCANN

Seeking information on the parents and descendants of Andrew SIMS b 22 Jul 1788 d 27 Jun 1855 and Elizabeth JENNET b ca 1802 d aft 1878. Elizabeth Jennet m Andrew Sims ca 1820 York Co, PA. Andrews SIMS was a veteran of the Battle of Baltimore. Children: Jackson b ca 1835 d aft 1880; William b ca 1837; Mary b 2 Jun 1837 d 10 Feb 1917 m Thomas J. McCANN b 22 Apr 1830 d 1 Oct 1888; John b ca 1839 and Anthony b ca 1846. It is assumed that there were other children between 1820 and 1835, but they have not been identified.
Contact: Isabelle Obert, 1286 Riverside Ave, Baltimore, 21230-4324 email: board-obert@erols.com

HANSON DANIELS JACKSON JOHNSON WILLIS SMITH HOGARTH MOONEY
Seeking information on the parents and descendants of Nathan HANSON b 1791 d bef 2 Jan 1855 and Ellen DANIELS b ca 1836 m 27 March 1818 Baltimore Co, MD. Chilren: Nathaniel b 1822 d 15 Nov 1853; Ann m Thomas JACKSON bef 1850; Arrietta b 6 Mar 1824 d 26 Mar 1876 m Benjamin JOHNSON B CA 1822 D 9 SEP 1891 ON 10 SEP 1842; Sarah Ann b 1828 d aft 1870; Elizabeth b ca 1830 m Henry WILLIS b ca 1825 on ca 1846; Harriet J. b ca 1830 m Samuel A. Smith b ca 1833 on 2 Sep 1852; Avarilla b 1831 m William A. HOGARTH b ca 1834; Walter b 1832 d aft 1860; Elias b 1835 d 24 Apr 1867 m Laura V. MOONEY b aft 1867 on 21 Nov 1854 and John b 1837 d ca 1900
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HEALEA(HALEY) PEPPER BUSBY WISNER GRIFFITH MCINTIRE

Seeking information on Thomas HEALEA(HALEY) b 1755? d 1832 Cadiz, Ohio m Cassandra ? b 1759? d Cadiz, Ohio. Thomas joined the 4th MD Reg. He enlisted in Baltimore July 17, 1776 in Capt. John E. Howard's Reg. Also mentions pension application Samuel SMITH and Major GATES of Baltimore. In 1790-1795 may have lived in Hampshire Co VA (now WVA). Was living in Ohio by 1804, died at the home of Heny PEPPER(also thought to have been from Maryland. Had five childred: Edward b 1786 PA d 1860 Cadiz, Ohio m Sarah BUSBY b 1796 Baltimore Co, MD(dau of John BUSBY & Agnes WISNER), Joseph, Thomas and Anna b 11795 VA m William GRIFFITH b 1790 and Rachel m Archiboldo MCINTIRE.
Contact Janet Rector, 585 Catawba Ave, Westerville, Ohio 43081 or email: jrector@iwaynet.net

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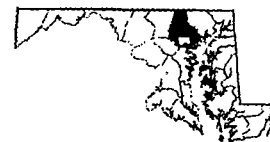
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EDITORS NOTES

This Notebook issue has three BCGS speaker topic articles: Many times members miss a meeting or our out of town members do not get the opportunity to receive a handout.

Another major article is "Baltimore Count Will Index 1865-1871" compiled by our member Carol Porter. The Notebook will have the succeeding indexes in the next issues. If an individual did not have a Will then check for an Administration Accounts Index – Register of Wills and Inventories Index – Register of Wills.

The 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference at Milwaukee, Wisconsin lecture session W-38 "Getting the Most Out of Every Clue" by Christine Rose. She presented the following "Rules for Finding All Clues":

1. Transcribe Your documents
2. Include all-important items in the abstract.
3. Check documents records created before and after the new document you found.
4. Know the laws of the time period and area.
5. Determine the logical progression of documents.
Example: Did a suit occur before or follow the action?
6. Use the Genealogical Proof of Standard to build a case.
7. Judge every record and its information for validity and where the information was obtained. If discrepancies may exist then weigh if a primary or secondary source.
8. Analyze what documents or information that you already have and re-analyze the document again.

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Kenneth E. Zimmerman

The Y2K Family Yearbook - Buyer Be Aware

by Kenneth Zimmerman

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On the cover is a crest that company claims to be an graphic artists interpretation. The book was printed exclusively for me. Photos are from their "Scrapbook" and are not identified.

The following are list of topics in spiral bound publication:

- Longevity Records - Who lived the longest.
- Baby Name Records - List by first names.
- Book of Locations - Total Number of Residence database
- Book of Births - List of Names with birth date, SSN and State.
- Book of Deaths - The first name, date and location.
- Book of Residents - Residents mailing address of family members in Canada and US.
- Census Book - List of family members in 1810, 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1870
- Phone Book - All your cousins' phone numbers.
- Spelling Bee Losers - How to spell Family name differently. Four entries.
- Believe it or Not! - List of business with family name and who is on their mailing. Four entries.
- Jokebook - Three pages of junk.
- History of the Family - Eight page of boiler plate history.

The information is limited information and poorly done without documentation of sources. The information is duplicated in different formats at two or three different places in the publication. Most information is from the Social Security Death Index, telephone search on the Internet, and from census search from an on-line database. The history information is not factual. The variations of family name spellings are not accurate.

The company states a satisfaction guaranteed and one can return your copy within 15 days of receipt for a full refund. I would not recommend purchasing.

For additional comments about previous publications and this Yearbook read the article "International (Surname) Family Yearbook from Morphcorp" by Dick Eastman online 3/6/2002 at <http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/columns/eastman/5362.asp>

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Humor from RootsWeb

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One day the plumber was working on the old water pipes in the church and chatting with the sexton who proceeded to tell him with pride about his project and added that he was greatly troubled by the fact that one stone remained unidentified. The plumber asked which stone that might be and the sexton pointed out the flat stone

The plumber smiled and replied that he could solve that mystery since he had placed the stone there himself -- H W P marks the location of the Hot Water Pipe.

Note: Don Honeywell sent in this joke

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Doing research in Washington DC will prove to be an exiting time for both beginners and the experienced genealogist alike. Washington has many wonderful and valuable resources available. This lecture will focus on the major depository at the Library of Congress.

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Room LM-133**

This Office handles Newspapers both unbound and microfilmed for over 2 Centuries. Most major and many smaller papers throughout the United States are included in their collection. All of the Newspapers are able to be searched online by Title within the LOC web site.

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This is the hub for Genealogical research in the Jefferson Building. This office allows searches through the Computer and for those who still wish to use the card catalog it is also available. City Directories and other related materials are ordered from this location. Any book in the collection can be ordered from here.

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This is the Main reading and ordering area. If there is not enough available room in the Genealogical reading room records can be ordered from here. Please note that if you order from this location, you must pick up from this location.

The Adams Building is more of a cultural Building. Not much in the way of Genealogy is located in that building.

The Library of Congress also maintains their own web site. This is a wonderful web site. Most of their collection is available online. Also available online are actual digitized maps. The URL is as follows: www.loc.gov

Good luck and happy hunting in our Nations Capital. It will prove to be a very exiting time to as you get familiar with the records.

Submitted by Michael L. Strauss, AG

Note: Michael L. Strauss was the BCGS speaker on March 24, 2002

GENEALOGICAL ROOTS OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

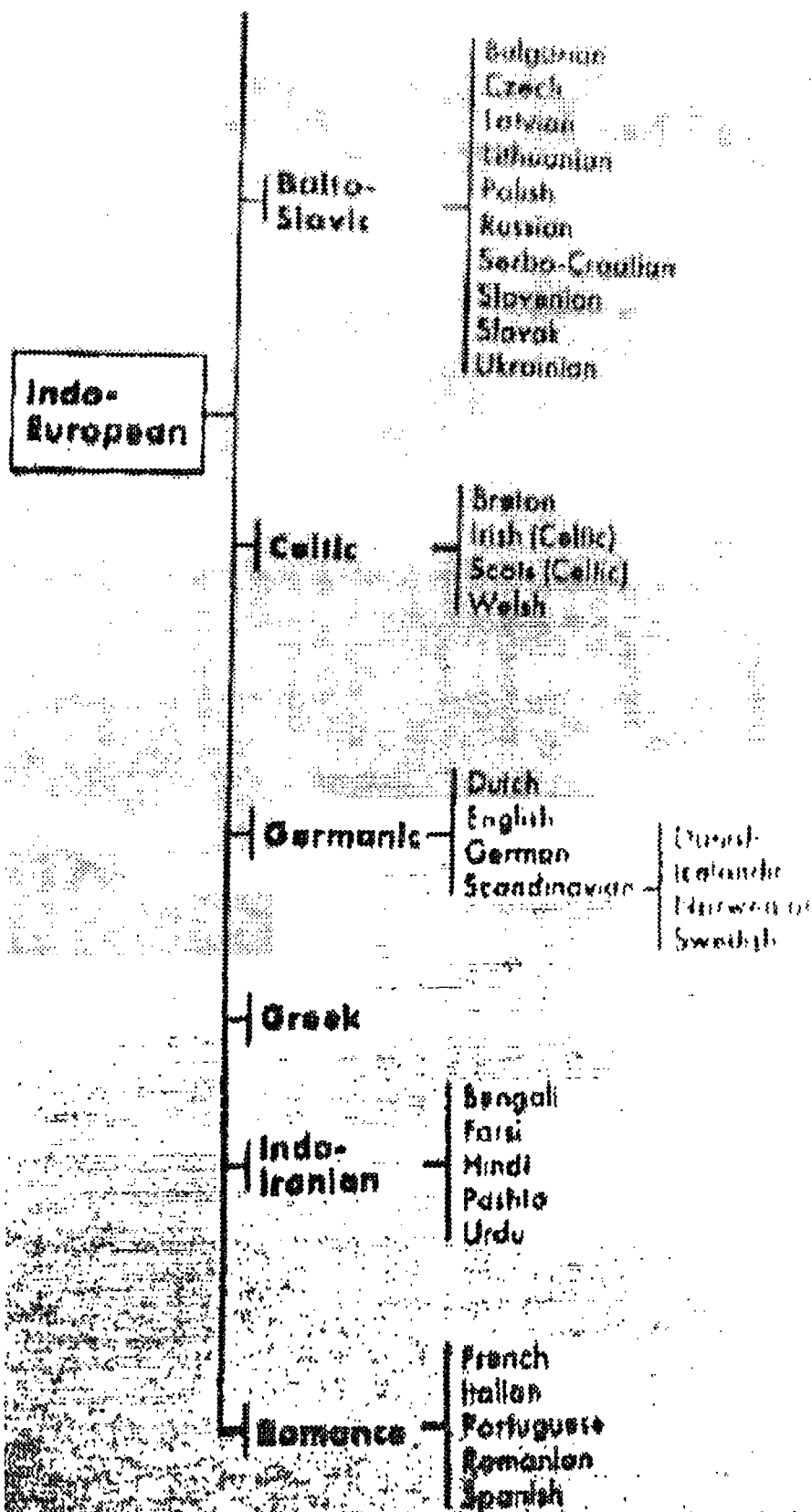
By Allan Hughes, Past BCGS President

You may have discovered your ancestor's county of origin, but genealogically, they may not have been who you think they were. Allan discussed how European populations moved, how countries were created the ethnic origins of the people, and why they spoke certain languages and practiced certain religions.

Genealogical Roots of European Countries

<u>Nations</u>	<u>Major Languages</u>	<u>Prime Religion</u>	<u>Ethnic Possibilities</u>
Austria	German	Catholic	Celt, Roman, Slav, Avar, Magyars, German
Balkans States	Mixed	Mixed	Roman, Slav, Albanian, Macedonian, Serb-Croat, Slovian, Greek, Turk
Belgium	Dutch, French	Catholic	Celt, Roman, German, French
Czechoslovakia	Czech, Slovak	Catholic, Protestant	Celt, Slav, Magyar, German, Pole
Denmark	Danish	Lutheran	Danes, Teutonic, German
England	English	Anglican	Celt, Roman, German, Danes, Viking, Norman
Estonia	Finnish	Lutheran, Russian	Baits, Danes, Swede, Pole, German, Slav, Russian
Finland	Finnish, Swedish	Lutheran	Finn, Swedes, Russian
France	French	Catholic	Celt, Roman, German, Norman
Germany	German	Catholic, Lutheran	Celt, Roman, Teutonic, French, Slav
Greece	Greek	Greek Orthodox	Roman, Hun, Turks,
Hungary	Hungarian	Catholic, Protestant	Celt, Roman, Hun, Magyar, Turks, German
Ireland	English, Gaelic	Catholic	Celt, Vikings, Norman, English
Italy	Italian	Catholic	Celt, Greek, Etruscans, Roman, German, Norman, French
Latvia	Latvian, Russian	Lutheran, Catholic	Balts, Swedes, Pole, Lithuanian, German, Slav, Russian
Lithuania	Lithuanian	Catholic, Lutheran	Balts, Slav, Pole, German, Ukrainian, Russian
The Netherlands	Dutch	Catholic, Protestant	Celt, Roman, German, French
Norway	Norwegian	Lutheran	Teutonic, Viking, Danes, Swede
Poland	Polish	Catholic	Slav, German, Ukraine, Swede, Turks, Russia
Portugal	Portuguese	Catholic	Iberian, Celt, Greek, Roman, German, Muslim, French
Russia (USSR)	Russian	Russian Orthodox	Finns, Slays, German, Swedes, Huns, Turks
Scotland	English	Protestant	Celt, Picts, Roman, Scots, German, English, Vikings
Spain	Spanish	Catholic	Iberian, Celt, Greek, Roman, German, Muslim, French
Sweden	Swedish	Lutheran	Teutonic, Finn, Danes, German
Switzerland	German, French & Italian	Catholic, Protestant	Celt, Roman, German, French, Italian
Turkey	Turkish	Islam	Hittites, Greek, Roman, German, Turks
Wales	English, Welsh	Protestant	Celts, Roman, German, Viking, Norman, English
Yugoslavia	Serbo-Croatian Slovenian, Macedonian	Catholic, Orthodox, Islam	Greek, Celt, Roman, German, Slav, Pole, Russian, Turks

Submitted by Allan B. Hughes
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DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION LIBRARY RESOURCES

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Organization

- Library
State County and Local Information Family Genealogies
Special Collections
- Seimes Microfilm Room
Membership Applications
Federal and State Records
- Family Histories and Bible Records
- Americana Collection (Historian General)

New Hours of Operation

Monday thru Friday 8:30 - 4:00

Saturday 9:00 - 5:00

Library will be open on holiday weekends unless the actual holiday falls on Friday or Saturday.

Closed the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Sunday - CLOSED

NOTE: Closed to Public from 29 June through 7 July. Closed completely on 8 July.

Collection Highlights

- 160,000 books on American genealogy, local history, and records covering all periods of American history and all states.
- 60,000 rolls of microfilm including federal and state census, military, land and vital records
- 300,000 genealogical files
- 15,000 typescript volumes of unpublished genealogical record

Published Finding Aids

- American Genealogical Research at the DAR, Washington D.C. (1998) under revision
- Catalogue of the Seimes Microfilm Center - DAR Library (2000)
- African American Genealogical Research at the DAR Library (brochure)
- Jewish Genealogical Research at the DAR Library (brochure)

The LIBRARY

Library Finding Aids

- On-Line Catalog
<http://www.dar.org/library/onlinlib.html>
All new items since March 1996 and most of the entries in the card catalog
- Card Catalog no new entries since March 1996
- Analytical Aid card index to older county histories, special book collections, and the file collection.
- Genealogical Records Committee Index

Classification System

- Use a CALL WORD system.
- Library divided into two sections:
 1. STATE
 2. FAMILIES

CALL WORDS

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|------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| • AFRICAN | American | • HIST | History |
| • ARCH | Architecture | • MIL | Military |
| • BIOG | Biography | • REL | Religion |
| • COUNTIES | County name | • VITAL | Vital Records |
| • G.R.C. | Genealogical Records Committee | | |

Organization

- The Library is divided into 2 Sections Geographical
 1. General Subject and States East of the Mississippi on Ground Floor
 2. States West of the Mississippi in the center and west balconies
- Family Histories
 1. begins on main floor and continues in east balcony
 2. Growing CD-ROM Collection

African American Research

- Sections containing research manuals and guidebooks on African American research in General Section and at beginning of each state section
- African American Genealogies
- Complete run of the Journal of Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society

Titles of Interest to African American Researchers

- The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, 1750-1925
- The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution
- From Africa to American: African American History from the Colonial Era to the Early Republic, 1656-1790
- The African American Soldier from Crispis Attacks to Colin Powell

Additional Titles of Interest

- The Free Negro in Maryland, 1634-1860
- Free Men in an Age of Servitude: Three Generations of a Black Family
- The Nickins Family: Non-Slave African American Patriots
- We Were Always Free: the Maddens of Culpepper County, Virginia, a 200-Year Family History

Genealogical Records Committee Collection

- 15,000 typescript volumes
- Records of genealogical importance gathered since the late 1910's.
- 400-500 new books arrive each year
- Records are found under the state of the person who collected it, not under the state to which the record pertains

Manuscript Collection

- A functioning manuscript collection with proper donation procedures began recently. Now, items are given a collection name, accessioned, cataloged with subject tracing and added to the collection.
- In the past, no registry was maintained. At times, loose notes that were received were bound together and added as a volume

Items in the Manuscript Collection

- Lyman Chalkley's original annotated typescript for his 3-volume publication *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*, published by the DAR in 1912

- Supporting files and documentation for Frederick A. Virkus' (ed) *Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy*.
- Anne Wailer Reddy Collection of Virginia family research.

American Indian Collection

- Established 1987
- Designed to assist with Native American research using existing holdings and newly donated materials
- Over 2,000 volumes includes over six shelves on the Cherokee alone

American Women's History Collection

- Began in late 1980's to be organize as a special collection
- Focus on the Role of Women in the development of the United States

DAR Library File Collection

- 300,000 folders
- Material that was sent with membership applications and subsequent donations by members.
- Items include wills, deeds, bible records, family studies, pamphlets and research notes.

President's Collection

- Books on the men who have serves as President and Vice President of the United States and on the First Ladies.
- In 1999, the Presidential Families of American, a lineage society, deposited their lineage papers with the DAR Library

United States Ephemera Collection

- Since the beginning of the Society members have sent pamphlets, booklets, newspaper clippings, transcripts and manuscripts to the Society
- Beginning in June 2000, the DAR Library Staff began cataloging them into the online catalog and arranging the material to be available to the public.

W.P.A. Collection

- 1,000 volumes of publications of the Historical Records Survey of the Works Progress Administration (later the Works Project Administration).
- Also find WPA volumes within the State and County sections

The SEIMES MICROFILM CENTER

- Became part of the Library in 1998
- Over 60,000 microfilm rolls and microfiche sheets
- Near complete set of published Census Indexes as well as AIS fiche index sets

Census

- Federal Census
1800 through 1900 complete, Soundex for 1880 and 1900 and Index (Printed and AIS Fiche)
- State
Michigan 1894 (42 rolls), Minnesota (167 rolls), New York (312 rolls), New Jersey (106 rolls),

Federal Revolutionary Records

- Compiled Service Records (M881)
- General Index to Compiled Service Records (M860)

- Revolutionary War Prize Case (M162)
- Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Files (M804)

State Revolutionary Records

- Virginia Revolutionary War Service Records, Auditors Accounts
- North Carolina Treasurer and Comptroller Revolutionary War pay vouchers (73 rolls)
- New York Revolutionary War accounts and claims 1775-1808 (42 rolls)
- New Jersey Revolutionary War -Compilation of Revolutionary War slips (31 rolls)

Loyalist Records

- Great Britain Loyalist Commissions from Canadian Archives, Ottawa - (originally 60 volumes - 25 rolls)
- Index to officers and men, New Jersey Loyalists (7 rolls)
- Loyalist regimental muster rolls (1777-1783) C series British military and naval records from PRO - (11 rolls)

War of 1812

- Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who served during the War of 1812 (M602)
- War of 1812 Military bounty land warrants 1815-1858 (M848)
- General Society of the War of 1812 applications (10 rolls)

Collections

- Draper Manuscript Collection (123 rolls)
- Barbour Collection (CT Vital Records before 1850) (98 rolls)
- Hale Collection (CT gravestones) (56 rolls)

Vital Records

- Massachusetts (fiche of town records before 1890 and state vital record index 1842-1890)
- New Hampshire Index to births, deaths & marriages before 1900 (98, 60, & 102 rolls)
- Vermont general index to vital records to 1870 (287 rolls)

Additional Items

- Holdings vary by county and or state
- Family Genealogies
- Bible Records
- Tax Records
- Deeds
- Wills

The AMERICANA COLLECTION

- The Office of the Historian General

Collection Highlights

- Established 1940-41
- 4,000 accessions
- No complete list of holdings
- Focus on items pertaining to life in Colonial America, the Revolutionary War, and the Early Republic
- Open to the public, Monday - Friday

Collection Contents

- Name guide of material acquired through 1969
- 40 documents from 1600's mostly from MA/CT
- Autographs for European rulers at time of the Revolution

Contents Continued

- Revolutionary War
- A few items relating to the Navy
- 20-30 Army militia lists
- Several orderly books
- Objects to the Constitution by Richard Henry Lee and George Mason

Submitted by: Julia D. Coldren-Walker

Julia D. Coldren-Walker was a speaker at BCGS on May 26, 2002

HOW THE ARCHIVES OF THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH CAN HELP A RESEARCHER FIND HIS/HER ANCESTORS

The American Lutheran Church is composed of people whose roots go back to Germany, Denmark and Norway. Lutheran congregations have from the beginning kept records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals. It is these records that can be used to help you trace your ancestry.

The American Lutheran Church Archives have on microfilm the records of about 3000 American Lutheran congregations. Among the items of information that should be able to be found in the Lutheran church records are the following: full name, date and place of birth, parent's names, original home in the foreign country in the case of recent immigrants, marriages, date of marriage, place of marriage, funerals which often list cause of death and very often family registers are given in the church records which would give the names of all the children in the family together with the parents. These records are preserved on microfilm, and are available for your use according to the following terms.

ON USING CONGREGATION MICROFILM

The Archives of The ALC has microfilmed the congregation records of nearly half the congregations, which now comprise The American Lutheran Church. Basically these records consist of:

1. The ministerial records: baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, etc.
2. The minutes of congregation and council

Anyone desiring to use these records for the purpose of genealogical study, or to study the history of that congregation or of Lutheranism in that geographical area may have access to the microfilm on the following conditions:

1. Check with the Archives of The ALC to be sure the records you want are on microfilm.
2. Secure permission from the congregation in writing. If the congregation has merged with another, the Archives can tell you which congregation now has authority over the records. If the congregation has dissolved, the Archives can give you permission to use the film.
3. Pay a service charge of \$5.00 per roll used. Make check payable to "Archives, The ALC".
4. The microfilm is sent to you. It is expected that it will be returned to the Archives in two months. Return all microfilm to: Archives, The ALC; Wartburg Theological Seminary; Dubuque, Iowa; 52001. If, in that time, no one else has asked for the use of the roll of film, you may renew it for another two months, upon payment of another \$5.00 service charge.

All correspondence relating to the congregational microfilm should be directed to:

Robert C. Wiederaenders

Archivist, The ALC

Wartburg Theological Seminary

Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Note: Article submitted by Helyn H. Collison, BCGS Member

Genealogical Software - BCPUG May 2002

A biased evaluation. Evaluator-to-Blame: Herb Frantz, BCGS Computer Users Group Leader

Ancestra <http://ancestra.virtualave.net/> French program, full package, requires adding other tools

***Ancestral Quest 3.0.34** <http://www.ancquest.com/aqindex.htm> \$38 Demo, a competent package with multimedia, Web capable, basic charting and good spell checker (hooks to several word processors). Re-Index bug on large files.

NEWAncestry Family Tree** <http://aft.ancestry.com/> \$19.95. Multimedia capable program, linked to Ancestry.com. Appears similar to a weak version of PAF; in Pedigree mode to access the Ancestry. The integration is well done; a link goes to the Ancestry/RootsWeb WorldConnect database. Extracts data, imports into your file and then selectively merges it. You must subscribe to Ancestry. \$\$

BirthWrite 2.4.3 <http://www.interlog.com/~rmcd/BirthWrite/> shareware \$30 Multiple languages, Visual Basic, Developer also wrote Ilanot, a Jewish genealogy program available in English and Hebrew, easy interface, full function, web publishing, limited multimedia

***Brothers Keeper 6.0** <http://www.bkwin.net/index.html> shareware \$49 Popular, good interface, no html but supports .rtf, web based tech support & users group, limited charts, requires Acrobat Reader (free), moderate strength sourcing

Cumberland Family Tree 3.0 <http://www.cf-software.com/> shareware \$45 Easy interface, popular, good tech support, writes books, requires Acrobat Reader (free), multimedia capable, good sourcing, restrictive reporting, standard reports

DoroTree <http://www.dorotree.com/> \$60 Demo available, Hebrew & English, capable package

Dynas Tree 2.2 <http://www.dynas-tree.de/> \$50 Demo available, English & German, competent program

Family Explorer 2.0 <http://www.kinware.com/software.html> shareware \$25 Demo, multimedia support, basic reporting, Web capable, fair interface, good sourcing, basic charting

Family History System Sep 1997 <http://fhs.tallahassee.net/> shareware \$35 Basic package, easy interface

***Family Matters 4.20f** <http://www.matterware.com/> shareware \$25 Access db, Web capable, multimedia, good interface, good sourcing & reporting, well liked, fair tech support, fair charting

****Family Origins (FO) 10.0** <http://www.formalsoft.com/> \$30-\$40 Demo available, FoxPro db kept current, excellent tech support, very good user interface, very good sourcing and reporting, very good charting, Web, html & *.pdf output capable, full drag & drop, books available, multimedia capability, User wish list actually works, used by a number of semi and professional genealogist. New version every mid-August. Add-ons: Book 5th ed.

Family Reunion 97.1 <http://www.famware.com/> \$30 Good interface, full featured, multimedia, good reporting, no recent releases

Family Ties Deluxe <http://www.individualsoftware.com/consumer/conf6.htm> \$50 Basic complete package, good interface, Web capable, fair reporting & sourcing, no recent improvements

***Family Treasures 4.0.124** <http://www.famtech.com/FamilyTres.htm> \$50 Basic complete package, good interface, full drag & drop, Web capable, multimedia capable, good reporting with preview & sourcing, good charting, good support, improving to be a competitor

****Family Tree Maker (FTW) 9.0 with update** <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/> \$40-\$90 Upgrade \$29 & up.

Proprietary basic db, very good user interface, good reporting, powerful charting, Web limited to FTW site, books/videos available, multimedia capability, fair book writing, very poor tech support, a marketing driven company. Version 10 in Beta.

Fzip Family Tree 1.7a2 <http://www.ozcmail.com.au/~acroft/> \$39 AUD Multiple language support, help only in English

GeneWeb 3.07 <http://cristal.inria.fr/~ddr/GeneWeb/> freeware Basic capability, Web capable, multiple languages.

Generations Family Tree 8.0 <http://www.sierra.com/sierrahome/software/catalog/familytree/ggs8/> \$70-\$90 Full package also includes Snapshot Express, MasterCook Heritage Edition, & iCollect, No full LDS support, no GEDCOM 5.5 support in ANSEL characters, poor indexing. Aug '01 Sierra Home stopped development. Selling company currently.

****Heredis** <http://www.mvheredis.com> NEW -\$39 Introductory to \$69 normal. French & English; largest French speaking package, full Windows implementation, powerful, multimedia, very good reports and charts. Demo available.

Kindred Konnections 1.3 <http://209.140.72.162/cgi-bin/gencalogy/afillhome?176+0+English> free Basic package, no revisions in years

Kinship Archivist 2.5 <mailto:customer@kinshiparchivist.com> shareware \$20 Demo, beginner program, Web capable

Kith & Kin 3.12 <http://www.spansoft.org/> 33 pounds Complete package, Web capable, long distance (UK) tech support

Leaf's of the Family Tree 3.0 <http://www.winloft.com/> \$60, \$80, \$100 Client & server capable, full package, no Web capability, full db management & query capability

****Legacy Family Tree 4.0** <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/> \$20 (crippled version available free) Full package, good interface, Web capable, good sourcing & charting, improved backup, on-line tutorial. Deluxe Edition generates PDF output. Genelines charting added to full version. Links to Compaq iPAQ & The Pocket Genealogist 2.0 by Northern Hills Software <http://www.northernhillssoftware.com/pgcnic.htm>

Progeny Software has an add-on for extra reports, charts, etc. \$24.95 <http://www.progenysoftware.com>

Parents 4.6 <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/NickleWare/> \$45 Demo available, complete, OLE

2.0 compliant, multimedia, fair reporting & charts, Excel like in some views

*****Personal Ancestry File (PAF) 5.1.7.0** <http://www.familysearch.org/> free, also supports Palm Pilot PAF To be changed to XML code. Proprietary db, good user interface, fair reporting, good charting, moderate tech support, excellent LDS support, no book writing and limited multimedia. One of the best for a beginner. Add-on (Companion Disk 5.0) \$13.50 for additional charts & forms, output to most Word Processors.

NEW RootsMate from FormalSoft, a successor to Family Origins 10.0. Not tied to Genealogy.com; full-featured genealogy program to be available later this year, possibly mid-August. <http://www.rootsmate.com>

NEW*The Master Genealogist (TMG) 5.0** <http://www.whollygenes.com/> \$69 Demo available soon, Win32 compliant, powerful sourcing and reporting, good charting, good user interface, good tech support, used by a number of semi & professional genealogist. Web capable and very good charting. It is local in Columbia, MD.

Ultimate Family Tree 3.0 <http://www.uftree.com/UFT/Nav/uftabout.htm> defunct- many converted to TMG 4.0d

Win-Family 6.02 <http://winfamily.com/> shareware \$50 Full powered & multi-language capable; no support when on vacation, user forums in English & Scandinavian

OTHER SOFTWARE

Family Tree SuperTools 1.1 <http://www.whollygenes.com/> \$19.95 Add-on Toolkit for reporting and charts. designed for TMG, PAF, FTM, Family Origins, Legacy, Ultimate Family Tree, etc. Supports multiple other genealogy packages without GEDCOM, but directly interfaces.

GeneWeaver <http://www.gencwaveronline.com/> \$49.95 Creates a family health history and medical genogram. Generates charts/tables for: a medical genogram, medical pedigree chart, health questionnaire, bibliography & genetics publications, checklist of health resources.

GeneLines Time Line Software 2.0 a timeline program for genealogists. This program will read data directly from GEDCOM files or directly from PAF, FTM, or Legacy. Edit charts on the screen for color, fonts, and some layout variations. Added a full descendants time line chart and publish files in PDF format without requiring Adobe Acrobat software. <http://www.progenysoftware.com>

Progeny Charting Companion 2.0 Three versions: one each for users of Legacy, Ancestral Quest and Ancestry Family Tree. Creates a variety of professional genealogy charts and reports that significantly expand their charting capabilities. Charts available include the traditional Ancestor, Descendant, and Hourglass charts, as well as Fan chart, and a new Bow Tie chart. <http://www.progenysoftware.com>

NEW TimeLine Maker 1.0, free timeline program, a generic timeline program for use by historians, students, or anyone else that needs to create a timeline. It does not have the wide variety of reports and other options that are in Progeny's primary timeline program. Since it is not aimed at genealogists, it does not read GEDCOM files. All data must be entered by hand.

GENViewer by MudCreek http://www.mudcreek.ca/cdrom_version.htm For creating family genealogy CDs and distribute those disks to others. GENViewer adds a free Windows "viewer program" Lite version free & Full version \$19.95

Recording Longitudes & Latitudes ideas on how to do it with a GPS unit.

<http://www.misbach.org/gedbrowser/index.html>

OTHER SOURCES & OPINIONS

Genealogical Report Card- but not always current versions <http://www.mumford.ab.ca/reportcard/>

Louis Kessler's Genealogical Program Links <http://www.lkessler.com/gplinks.shtml#jg1>

Computer Credible Genealogy Software Reviews <http://www.credible.com/genealg2.html>

A Genealogical Software Report Card by Bill Mumford <http://www.cadvision.com/mumford/reportcard/>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Very Good & Cheap

PAF 5.1 (Free) & PAF Companion (\$13.50)-- Excellent for beginners & intermediate users.

Very Good & moderately priced

Heredis -- Very good for beginners to advance users \$39-\$69

Family Tree Maker 9.0 with patch -- Very good for beginners & intermediate users (don't buy a horde of CD's) \$20-\$40

Family Origins 10.0 -- Very good for beginners to advance users \$29-\$40

Legacy Family Tree 4.0 -- Very good for beginners to advance users \$20. Add-ons needed for full power, an add'l \$24.95

Powerful & slightly more expensive

The Master Genealogists (TMG) 5.0 \$69 – NEW version, powerful, improved, a learning curve; wait until JULY.

Probably NEW RootsMate about mid-August.

University & Professional Organization – i.e. Cambridge University: abt \$9,500 (not including hardware and operating system)

CAUTIONS

Backup weekly at a minimum with at least a son, father & grandfather regimen.

Archive your data in a standard format periodically; i.e. GedCom on a reliable Media (avoid floppies)

When merging files or making broad & powerful changes, test first with a copy of your "Real" file(s)"

Before changing versions of software, backup and keep a copy of the file(s).

Avoid custom data fields, as software and standards change they may become unusable or unsupported.

Always maintain GedCom capability, this is a long-term hobby.

Other Software

LINUX - UNIX

****Lifelines** >3.05 <http://lifelines.sourceforge.net/> or <http://www.genealogy.org/~ttw/lines/lines.html> free:

Full powered, not graphic, no longer supported by developer.

Free <http://www.vjet.demon.co.uk/ftree/> free, X-Windows interface, not graphic oriented

Famtree 4.25 <http://members.aol.com/famtreev4/> free

Gramps (Genealogical Research and Analysis Management Programming System)

<http://gramps.sourceforge.net/> advanced features, does not yet approach power of the free Windows programs.

GeneWeb, Linux-based package with a web interface is freely available www.ridpath.org good charts, but basic program.

PDA's – Incomplete listing

BirthCalc

<http://www.members.aol.com/dreamerskey/birthcalc.htm>

Genealogy How-Tos on your Palm

<https://avantgo.com>

* **GedStar 4.0** (nee **GedPalm**) <http://www.gedstar.com> No data entry, but allows multiple databases \$12

Hand T~ ree <http://www.geocities.com/arkansoft/pagel.html> requires **ThinkDB**, Version 2 or higher

Gedfried <http://www.village.ch/~aeschbacher/gedfried.html> freeware

GenMVD <http://www-theory.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~mnd/export/genmvd/>

KGene <http://www.cix.co.uk/~kgroves/kgene/> freeware

MyRoots 1.6 <http://sites.netscape.net/tapperware/MyRoots/> Allows data entry, but only one database \$18

* **Personal Ancestry File (PAF) 5.1.7.0** <http://www.familysearch.org/> PAF has added an interface to copy data to a Palm

PalmGear <http://www.palmgear.com/software/answer.cfm?sid=50092020001229133542&categoryIDs=188> freeware

PalmTree 1.9 <http://www.southernx.com.au/palmtree.html> freeware

Pocket Family Researcher .9 <http://www.dwalker.demon.co.uk/pocketfamilyresearcher.htm> freeware

Soundex Calculator <http://members.aol.com/dreamerskev/soundex.htm>

* **The Pocket Genealogist 2.0** by Northern Hills Software <http://www.northernhillssoftware.com/pgenie.htm>

Legacy links to this program.

Tombstone in Your Palm <http://www.interment.net/column/records/palmpilot/index.htm>

April 2002 BCGS Computer Users Group Topic

By Kenneth Zimmerman

What is *Cyndi's List*?

- A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
- A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- A free jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.
- A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
- Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet with more than 136,550 links; 128,150 categorized & cross-referenced links and more than 150 categories and another 8, 350+ new, uncategorized links in the works. As of June 18, 2002.

What are the main *Category Indexes*:

- General Resource Sites
- Government & Cities
- History & Culture
- Immigration
- Libraries, Archives & Museums
- Locality Specific
- Mailing Lists, Newsgroups & Chat
- Maps, Gazetteers & Geographical Information
- Military
- Newspapers
- Occupations
- People & Families
- Periodicals & Pamphlets
- Professional Researchers, Volunteers & Other Research Services
- Publications, Software & Supplies
- Queries, Message Boards & Surname Lists
- Records: Census, Cemeteries, Land, Obituaries, Personal, Taxes and Vital
- Religion & Churches
- Societies & Groups

Related Categories:

- United States Index
- General U.S. Sites
- Library of Congress
- National Archives
- Social Security
- Territories & Possessions (U.S.)
- U.S. - Census
- U.S. - Civil War / War for Southern Independence
- U.S. - History
- U.S. - Military
- U.S. - Vital Records
- Localities: Counties, Arcas & Regions

Where Can I Find Cyndi's List?

- Publication: "A Comprehensive List of 70,000 Genealogy Sites on the Internet" Author Cyndi Howells, Genealogical Publishing Company, 2001 Second Edition, Paperback, 1665 pages, ISBN#: 0806316780. Price: \$89.95. Designed to reduce the time you spend on line.
- Online by going to <http://www.cyndislist.com/> *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet*. Make Cyndi's List as one of your homepage favorites.

Other related books: "Netting Your Ancestors" Author Cyndi Howells, Reprinted 2001, Paperback, 182 pages, ISBN #: 0806315466. Price: \$19.95.

Above information credited from the web site of Cyndi Howells.

City Directories and Telephone Directories

The Periodicals Department holds Baltimore City Directories on microfilm from 1796 to 1937 and Telephone Directories on microfilm from 1898 to 1972. Some later telephone directories may be found in the Maryland Department. City directories listed all employed adults and recently widowed women by name, occupation and address, and therefore, covered approximately 40% of the population of Baltimore residents.

The most complete collections, whether on microform or book form, are available locally in the Enoch Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral Street; Peabody Library (Johns Hopkins University), 17 E. Mt. Vernon Place; and the Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument Street. The Library of the University of Baltimore County has directories on microform through 1901. Other libraries and historical societies may also own directories.

Reference: <http://www.epfl.net/slr/md/citydir.html>

Maryland Department: The Name is the Game, but Not always the Same Baltimore City Directories, 1796-1964 by Eva Slezak.

Note: Thanks for Helyn Collinson for letting us know this information.

FEDERAL CENSUS

by Frank Potter (Archives volunteer)

The 1930 Federal Census was released on the first of April at the National Archives in Washington, DC and at its regional centers. The originals were destroyed, so researchers must work with microfilm copies. One hopes the quality is good, better than significant portions of the 1920 census.

The 1930 census will be difficult to use, partly because of its increased size and scope, but mainly because there is no name index except for ten southern states and part of West Virginia and Kentucky. With the census entries arranged eographically, it is best to know an area well and, if possible, to have a street address. The Baltimore City directories will be an important aid for determining addresses, which then can be used to ascertain the census enumeration district.

Individual census records are restricted for 72 years for privacy reasons. Such a term reflected the average life span when the restrictions were established. The intent was to encourage honest answers and to address confidentiality concerns. Selected abstracts from the Baltimore City census of 1860 illustrate these points. Individuals might not want their friends and neighbors to know that a relative was imprisoned in the Maryland Penitentiary for intent to murder or was identified as a keeper of a bawdy house.

The 1930 census contained thirty-two questions about age, occupation, citizenship, housing, and education. It was the last census to ask whether a person could read or write, and the first to inquire about a radio in the household.

The State Archives has purchased the 1930 census films for Maryland, thanks to a generous contribution from an anonymous donor. The reels should be available in the public search room sometime in July. Researchers can obtain descriptions of enumeration districts from the National Archives web site. The number per jurisdiction varied considerably. Anne Arundel County contained 37 districts, while Baltimore City had 673.

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Elusive Ancestor

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.
He avoided any man who came to take the Census.
He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.
His parents came from Europe. They should be on some list
Of passengers to the U.S., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.
So, I play genea-solitaire to find him if I can.
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with a tombstone he was blessed;
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.
No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES!

--Merrell Kenworthy

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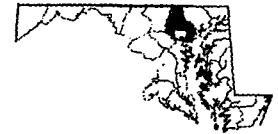
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EDITORS NOTES Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor

I would highly recommend attending the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Regional Conference in Columbia, Maryland on Saturday, October 19, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The local host is Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society. The speakers are Sheila Benedict and Cyndi Howells. For more information got to <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/confcolumbia.htm> or call 1-800-473-0060. One will save \$10.00 on your registration by being a NGS member.

This Notebook has four major articles:

1. The article "Searching Old Newspapers" provides information on the value of the newspapers for genealogist, what can be found in old newspapers, where to find Baltimore newspapers on microfilm and newspapers on-line and the Maryland Newspaper Project.
2. In this issue is an article "Research Tools and Techniques –What to Look for in a Digital Camera". Digital cameras are great for taking photographs of cemetery tombstones, family events, and documents at the archives or library. I have seen recently someone using a digital camera to take photos of images on the microfilm reader at Maryland State Archives.
3. Our member Pat Czerniewski has submitted a list of Bible Records that were received individuals from September 2001 to August 2002. Baltimore County Genealogical Society library has copies of these Bible Records and many others in our possession. If you have a Bible with genealogical information and area willing to submit a copy of the information or want it transcribed contact Pat Czerniowski or the Library Staff. Bible records can provide valuable research information.
4. Another major article is "Baltimore County Will Index 1871-1875, Liber O.P.M. No. 4" this series is continued from Notebook Vol. 18 No. 2. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue.

Change your e-mail password on a monthly basis to protective sensitive data and to prevent someone gaining access to your messages. You may need to change the password more often if use a computer away from home. If you log on to your email at the library, in cyber cafes or any remote computer then it is possible that the computer may have a computer key –stroking virus. Some sites create a cookie which will recall your complete password when enter first letter when you to sign on. Secure your list of usernames and passwords. Do not use the same username and password for logging on different web sites. Be creative when establishing passwords and make it difficult to crack. Never include your name as part of the password. Do not use a password such as your mother's maiden name unless she is known as Mary#17%. Mix the use of alphabetical characters, numerals and typewriter symbols in passwords. The password should be at least 7 characters long, but a 14 characters long password is harder to crack. These tips should help reduce vulnerability and keep you safer online. Some programs create a hint to jog your memory in case you forgot your password. Make the hint clear enough to remind your but vague enough not to reveal the password. If you are the only one who uses the PC and feels it is time consuming and frustrating to sign on with a password every time you start your computer. Passwords are not for everyone. May be your computer is not connected to another PC via the internet or another method and you're the sole user. You may have a lot of trust in the anti-virus software and are not concerned about privacy. Then you can set up your computer to skip the password prompt. Hopefully, these hints will reduce vulnerability and keep you safer online.

Searching Old Maryland Newspapers

By Kenneth E. Zimmerman

Using the newspaper as a printed source is a great tool for genealogical research. Newspapers are very important to the genealogists if a public record was not issued or a fire had destroyed the county records. Newspapers are historical documents in black and white that contain stories on our ancestors. Once a copy of the newspaper is found for the ancestor's time and location, but what information can you find? Newspapers reconstruct our history, plus we gain an insight of the past so we can trace the roots of our ancestors and settlers. Newspapers are a rich source of information for conducting family research. Most daily newspapers were printed for general readers in a geographic region. Others newspapers were printed for ethnic, cultural, social or religious reasons. You may search for your local or community newspaper at a library collection on microfilm or online.

To fully understand the contents in the newspaper you may need to read it in its entirety, page-by-page – column-by-column through the entire publication. You can experience the community's culture and daily activities from reading small town and local newspapers. This same experience maybe difficult to experience when reading your large town newspaper. Be careful when just reading column headings, as they can be misleading when locating surnames or subject material. Do not do your search just around a personal name. You may need to read the entire article.

The death columns are not always located in the same part of the newspaper, like our 20th century newspaper. They maybe found on the front page or near the classified ads. Most notices seem to appear at least two days after the date of death. It is not unusual to find a death notice up to 30 days after the date of death. What may not be in one newspaper maybe in another newspaper? A death notice that appears in the Monday's newspaper maybe be different in Tuesday's issue of the same newspaper. Look at every issue in which the notice appears, to see if new information has been printed. For example the cemetery/burial locations is printed three days later. You may want to review five days of information after the first notice is printed to find any changes. Obituary notices are often not lengthy because it is a paid notice. The free notice or death article in a newspaper provides biographical information and is normally written by a person who knew the decedent. If an obituary of an ancestor is not in the Baltimore Sun then try the News American or another newspaper of the time period for the local area. A newspaper notice or article may state, "Philadelphia, PA please copy" which is a good indicator that relatives resided in this city. Check the "Local Area" column such as "Local Matters" or "Society News " page for the information you are seeking. A death of an individual or cause of a death maybe told in a special events article, such as public tragedy or reported accident. This death information might not appear in the obituary listing.

When you find a document make a clear copy of the newspaper image or newspaper clipping. Enlarge the image on the microfilm reader/copier so it is readable. Do not mark the clipping with a color highlighter because it may not reproduce very clear later. Copy the complete citation or note on the clipping the name of the newspaper, date of

issue, city & state, page/column number, microfilm number and where newspaper was found.

What can be found in older newspapers is more than vital statistics

- Accidental deaths or disasters such as a trolley accidents or house fires.
- Address of relatives (in obituary or in an article)
- Anniversary announcements or Milestone Events such as Wedding anniversary announcements or birthday celebration
- Biographical sketches
- Birth announcements
- Child's Baptismal
- Community Events
- Death or funeral notices or paid announcements.
- Dissolution of a business
- Divorce proceedings or records
- Engagement announcements
- Events that occurred Nationally on the front page to the community news in a local column.
- Historical and Social items – Society Column
- Identify businesses that were in the area
- Immigrant arrivals
- Information about your ancestor's neighborhood –local column "Catonsville"
- Legal Notices or Records: Probates, estate claims, settlement of estates, and bankruptcies
- Judicial Actions
- List of runaway slaves or indentured servants
- List of Firemen and Policemen who died within a given year
- Local Matters or events
- Marriage License Notices
- Membership lists in fraternal or benevolent associations.
- Memorial of death or death anniversary
- Military casualty lists
- Missing people
- Musician lists
- Notice of Real Estate Sale
- Notices of who has moved away or visited a particular town.
- Obituary articles or death information.
- Political events
- Photographs of individuals or groups. Help to determine dates of an old photo.
- Property Transfer by Sale or Auction
- Public notices
- Religious groups - clergy of a church or religious locations or church activity
- Retiree's list
- Reference to an out of town newspaper.

- Sale of Property
- School events
- Ship data and port of arrival.
- Ship passenger arrivals with list of passengers.
- Suicides reported
- Tax list
- Unclaimed mail
- Wedding Announcements or events
- Wills

Where to Find Old Baltimore Newspapers on Microfilm

One of the best publication for finding old newspapers is the publication "The Maryland Newspaper Project: A Guide to Maryland Newspapers and Newspaper Holdings in Maryland" Maryland. State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services, Baltimore, Maryland, first edition, 1991. A copy of this publication is in the Society library. The lists of newspapers are arranged by place of publication. Within each state, the titles of the newspaper are alphabetically by city. Within each city the titles are arranged alphabetical. Then the newspaper series and place of holdings for each newspaper title is listed. Search the Maryland State Archives website – Reference and Research - Newspapers for the latest listing.

Or you may want to contact the local society or university or visit their website. Find what newspaper titles and issues (date) are needed before traveling to the site.

The following research centers and libraries have Maryland newspapers on microfilm or newspaper clippings. Not every location carries the same newspaper and issues:

- Baltimore County Historical Society
- Baltimore County Public Library – Branches
- Enoch Pratt Free Main Library in Baltimore City – Periodical Department and Maryland Room
<http://www.epfl.net/slrcl/per/titlenews.html>
- Library of Congress
- Maryland Historical Society has Maryland Newspapers on Microfilm.
<http://www.mdhs.org/explore/library/research/genealogy/mdnsps.html>
Dielman-Hayward File contains an index of death, marriage and biographical material usually copied or cut from Maryland newspapers about Maryland from the late 18th century to the present. This card file contains about 250,000 entries. Current entries are indexed in a computer database located in the main reading room
Vertical File contains newspaper clippings on various aspects of Maryland life and history. Contains no biographical entries; such information will be found in the Dielman-Hayward File.
- Maryland State Archives "Guide to Maryland Newspapers Featuring the Newspaper Collections of the Maryland State Archives"
<http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/speccol/catalog/newspapers/cfm/index.cfm>
- Maryland State Law Library in Annapolis, MD

- University Libraries: Towson, University of Baltimore, Morgan State.
- University of Maryland – Baltimore County Library
- University of Maryland College Park Library
- “Guide to Research In Baltimore City and County”, Robert Barnes, Family Line Publication, 1989 (1993 2nd edition)

United States Newspaper Project

National Endowment Humanities (NEH) sponsors the United States Newspaper Program. It is a cooperative national effort among the states and the federal government to locate, catalog, and preserve on microfilm newspapers published in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present. In 1982, NEH invited universities, archives and other research centers to submit applications for grants. In July 1983 the first award was made. The web site < <http://www.neh.gov/projects/usnp.html> > links to all state projects under the US Newspaper Project.

The Maryland Newspaper Project under the United States Newspaper Project had 833,000 pages microfilmed by the Maryland State Archives at Annapolis, MD, 2,500 titles cataloged and 500,000 pages microfilmed by the McKeldin Library, University of Maryland at College Park, MD 20742. NEH support was \$347,170.

For further information on the Maryland Newspaper Project contact: John Maranto Project Director at the Maryland State Archive at Annapolis, MD 21401 telephone: 410-260-6400. e-mail: mdnewspapers@mdarchives.state.md.us Or visit the website: <http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/speccol/catalog/newspapers/cfm/index.cfm> The Maryland State Archives (MSA) web site list has a revised listing of Maryland newspaper holdings. This list is not just newspapers on microfilm at MSA.

“As long as funding can be secured, the Maryland State Archives will continue to provide state-of-the-art facilities for preserving fragile newspapers and other historic documents.”¹

Indexes or Abstracts from Newspapers

Another reference tools or finding aid for genealogists are publications that have personal names indexed that appeared in newspapers obituaries or death notices or marriages notices. Use these publications as a guide for searching for the original source and to verify the data. Always view the original newspaper or those newspapers in microform.

Some of the publications that are currently out of print are in BCGS library.

- Marriages and Deaths from the Maryland Gazette, 1727-1839. Compiled by Robert Barnes, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1973.
- Gleanings from Maryland Newspapers 1727-1775, Barnes, Robert, Bettie Carothers, 1976.
- Gleanings from Maryland Newspapers 1776-1785 Barnes, Robert, Bettie Carothers, 1975.

- Gleanings from Maryland Newspapers 1786-1790, Barnes, Robert, Bettie Carothers, 1975.
- Gleanings from Maryland Newspapers 1791-1795, Barnes, Robert, Bettie Carothers, 1976.
- Marriages and Deaths from Baltimore Newspapers, 1796-1816, Robert Barnes, 1978 (reprinted 2000), Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., 383pp. ISBN#: 0806308265
- Baltimore City [Maryland] Deaths And Burials 1834-1840, Henry C. Peden, Jr., 410 pp., (1998), repr. 1999, ISBN: 1-58549-074-1
- Index to Marriages in the (Baltimore) Sun 1851-1860, Thomas L Hollowak, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1978.
- Departed This Life Death Notices from The (Baltimore) Sun 1851-1853, Vol. 1, Arps, Walter E., Jr., Family Line Publication, 1985.
- Departed This Life Death Notices from the Baltimore Sun 1854 – 1856 Vol.2, Arps, Walter E., Jr., Family Line Publication, Silver Spring, MD, 1986.
- Departed This Life Death Notices from The (Baltimore) Sun 1857-1858, Vol. 3, Arps, Walter E., Jr., Family Line Publication, 1986.
- Departed This Life Death Notices from The (Baltimore) Sun 1859-1860, Vol. 4, Arps, Walter E., Jr., Family Line Publication, 1986.
- Index Of Obituaries And Marriages Of The [Baltimore] Sun, 1861-1865, Joseph C. Maguire Jr. (1992), 2000, 5 1/2x8 1/2, paper, 513 pp, ISBN: 1-58549-203-5
- Index Of Obituaries And Marriages In The [Baltimore] Sun, 1866-1870, with Addendum, 1861-1865, Francis P. O'Neil (1996), 2002, 5 1/2x8 1/2, paper, xv + 582 pp, ISBN: 1-58549-341-4.
- Index Of Obituaries And Marriages Of The (Baltimore) Sun, 1871-1875, Francis P. O'Neil (1995), 2002, 5 1/2x8 1/2, Paper, Alphabetical, 2 Vols. 651 Pp, ISBN: 1-58549-398-8.
- Index Of Obituaries And Marriages In The [Baltimore] Sun, 1876-1880, Francis P. O'Neil, 2000, 6x9, Paper, Alphabetical, 551 Pp, and ISBN: 1-58549-603-0.
- Maryland Mortalities 1876-1915 from The (Baltimore) Sun Almanac - Walter E. Arps, Jr., (1983), 1999, 5 1/2x8 1/2 Paper, Alphabetical, 258 Pp., ISBN: 1-58549-254-X

Information on Newspaper "The Baltimore Sun"

The Enoch Pratt Library Periodicals Department holds a complete run of the Baltimore *Sun*. The Morning *Sun* holdings that begin May 17, 1837 with the *Sun's* first issue and run to the present date. The Evening *Sun* holdings begin April 4, 1910 and run to September 15, 1995, when the paper ceased publication. The current three months of the *Sun* are in paper form; earlier issues are in microform.

Indexing of the Baltimore *Sun* is, unfortunately, not complete. The following materials, which are of varying quality and usefulness, are available:

- From 1837-1890, only death notices have been indexed.
- From 1891-1951, there is a microform index located in the Periodicals Department based on cards created by *Sun* staff, originally typed or handwritten. It is somewhat difficult to use.
- From 1952-1959, there is a card file index in the library's Maryland Department.
- From 1960-1983 there is no indexing of the Baltimore *Sun*.
- From 1983-1986, the paper was indexed on cards by the staff of the Pratt's Maryland Department.
- From June 1986-1989, there are computer-based bound indexes in our Maryland Department.
- For 1988-89 only, there are computer-based bound indexes in the Periodicals Department.
- For 1990, the Maryland Department prepared a computer-based index, which is still available in that department only.
- The Sunspot Archive (<http://www.sunspot.net/search/>), which dates from 1990 to the present, offers free full-text of its articles through computers in Maryland libraries and free full-text of the most recent two weeks from anywhere

Note: The above information is directly from the Enoch Pratt website.
<http://www.epfl.net/slr/per/new/news.html>

Newspaper Changed Titles and Ownership then Ceased Printing

The American Commercial Advertiser to the News American is a prime example.

American and daily advertiser (May 14, 1799 to 1802) Continues as Baltimore Intelligencer. American and commercial daily advertiser continued it,

American and Commercial Daily Advertiser (Sept 1802- Dec. 31, 1852) Continues as American and daily advertiser. Absorbed by Baltimore Whig. It was continued by the American and commercial advertiser, 1854)

Baltimore Whig (July 2, 1810 to May 6, 1814) It was absorbed by American and commercial daily advertiser.

American and Commercial Advertiser (1854-1856, 1861-1869) Continues as Baltimore and commercial advertiser, 1857. Baltimore and commercial advertiser, 1870 continued it.

Baltimore American and Commercial Advertiser (1870-1883) It was continued as the Baltimore American.

Baltimore American (December 2, 1883 to January 12, 1964) It merged to form the News American

Baltimore news post (1936-1964)

News American (January 13, 1964 to May 27, 1986-Ceased printing) It was formed from the Baltimore American newspaper and Baltimore news post newspaper.

Historical Newspapers and Obituaries On-Line

Steps are being taken to create newspaper images for online use. Microfilm images are being scanned to produce high-resolution images that can be easily read online.

Ancestry.com has started a project in partnership with Heritage Microfilm.

"Ancestry.com is currently focusing on the first ten years of each state's most popular newspapers. But, as the collection grows, the site will post smaller, local newspapers that date from 1850 to 1923."² To date there are no old Maryland newspapers images that are online.

You can find obituary notices that have been posted by individuals at <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/obituaries/>. The search is by Surname and optional is First name, Year of Death and State/County. The results maybe few, but it is not limited to Maryland.

Another web site for current obituaries is "Obituary Daily Times" database at <http://obits.rootsweb.com/> the search is by keywords. Individuals are entering current data from local newspapers. Not limited to Maryland.

Web Sites for Newspaper Abstracts on-line:

- Newspaper Abstracts –Finding Our Ancestors in the News!
<http://www.newspaperabstracts.com/MD/index.html>
- The Obituary Link Page – Maryland Obituary Links
<http://www.obitlinkpage.com/obit/md.htm>
- Polish Genealogical Society Association Jednosc-Polonia Death Notice Index Search
<http://www.pgasa.org/jednosc.htm>
Jednosc-Polonia was a Polish language publication in Baltimore, MD. This online index is taken from the book, Index to the Obituaries and Death Notices appearing in the JEDNOSC-POLONIA: 1926-1946

These old newspapers provide useful data to the genealogist as they provide secondary source material in the form of obituaries, birth and marriage announcements. All this information helps us find a clearer image of our ancestor's lives. The information can provide leads to finding primary sources or resolve conflicts from other sources, family stories or rumors passed down. If you are lucky you may even find a photograph of the relative in the newspaper.

For Extra Reading and Source of Material

The Printed Source A Guidebook of American Genealogy Edited by Arlene Eakel & Johni Cerny, Ancestry Publishing, 1984.

The Library of Congress A Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research, James C. Neagles and Mark C. Neagles, Ancestry Publishing, 1990.

Article: Ins & Outs of Newspaper Research by Linda Herrick Swisher, Ancestry Magazine July/August 2002, pages 16-22.

Cyndi's List U.S. Maryland - Newspapers
<http://www.cyndislist.com/md.htm#Newspapers>

Enoch Pratt Library
<http://www.epfl.net/slr/per/new/news.html>

The Library of Congress -Newspaper & Current Periodical Reading Room
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/>

Maryland State Archives web site
<http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/speccol/catalog/newspapers/cfm/index.cfm>

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1. Maryland State Archives web site: Maryland Newspaper Project
<http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/speccol/catalog/newspapers/cfm/index.cfm>
2. Ins & Outs of Newspaper Research by Linda Herrick Swisher, Ancestry Magazine July/August 2002, page 20.

Research Tools and Techniques**What to Look for in a Digital Camera**

In the last issue of UpFront, I explained why digital cameras were my choice for recording source documents and other types of genealogical items. If you missed the article, you can download the 01 August 2002, Vol.1, No. 4, issue from
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/upfront/archives>

Now we need to move on to a discussion of those cameras.

First, let's talk a little bit about camera prices. Many digital cameras carry price tags ranging from \$500-1,000 dollars. These cameras offer assorted features that will never be required for photographing research documents or for other genealogical tasks. Fortunately, in the last 18 months digital camera manufacturers have begun marketing what I call 'family' cameras. Priced between \$200-\$400 dollars, these cameras offer features and image quality that is at least comparable to, and sometimes better than, what

was considered high-end less than three years ago.

Spending several hundred dollars for a digital camera may still seem like a lot of money, but let's take a quick look at the advantages and disadvantage of the digital format versus film format from a researcher's viewpoint.

The Digital Advantage

- Film cameras use film, and therefore have all the problems that go with film such as reoccurring film costs, processing costs, wasted shots, full rolls of film to expose before you can see any of the pictures, film expiration dates to worry about, the necessity of protective film bags when passing through airport security, and negatives or slides to scratch or collect dust.
- Most Digital cameras record and store photos on some sort of removable media card that allows you to shoot numerous photos, then easily download them to a computer, and clear the card to be used again. After exposing a roll of film with 24 or 36 pictures, you have to reload the film camera, and then you have to take the exposed film to be developed, then pick it up and at the same time hope you got the pictures you wanted. With a digital camera, you can look at the pictures as soon as you snap them and decide then and there if they're good enough to keep. If not, you can re-shoot them, before you leave the library or cemetery.
- If you use a 2-megapixel camera and purchase a large enough memory card, say a 128mb card, you can pack the equivalent of 8-10 rolls of film on one card. That's the equivalent of 200-300 good pictures with all the booboo pictures erased. If you use film, even after the photos are developed, printed, and paid for, you still don't have files that you can put into your computer, unless you scan them or have them printed to CD, a process that can be expensive. Ten rolls of 24-exposure film developed and printed in 4 X 6 prints and printed to CD can be purchased on sale for \$99.90, whereas a 128mb card can be purchased for \$99.00, and used hundreds of times. Add about \$.50 per print for your digital images if you do them at a digital print stand, like the ones popping up in malls, grocery stores, and drugstores. But remember, you only print the ones you need, not all of them.

So what should you look for when purchasing a digital camera that will be used mainly for genealogical purposes and how much will it cost? Not as much as you might think. Here are some specifics:

- **Resolution:** The goal is to produce clear, sharp images of the documents and items that are readable and recognizable when reprinted. I don't like mediocre images, and that is how I approach rating camera performance. There are cameras that produce excellent images of 8-1/2 X 11 inch originals, using the 2-megapixel format. These are cameras with high quality lenses, and good compression algorithms. We will talk brand names later. So I set 2-megapixels as the minimum resolution for a "gen-cam" (genealogy camera).
- **Picture Quality and Additional Resolution Settings:** A 2-megapixel camera shoots at 1600 pixels by 1200 pixels. Your gen-cam should allow you to set it for other resolutions, such as 1024 X 768, or 640 X 480, so that if you are shooting pictures

that will be posted on the Web, attached to an e-mail message or internally stored in a genealogy program, you can shoot at a lower resolution. You should also be able to select more than one compression quality such as high and low, or good, better, and best. These tools will enable you to save storage space if necessary.

- **Features:** Some cameras have more features than you could ever possibly need, and some don't have the basic features you will need. Desirable features include both automatic and manual controls. Many cameras have the ability to choose "automatic" or program mode, as well as aperture priority, where you set the f-stop and the camera adjusts the shutter speed, or shutter priority, where you set the shutter speed, and the camera adjusts the aperture, or full manual mode, where you select both the aperture and the shutter speed. On the other hand, some cameras offer "Scenes" instead of aperture and shutter priority modes. A scene mode camera allows you to set the camera for the type of scene you are shooting, i.e. close-up, bright backlit, landscape, portrait, or action scenes so that the camera can automatically adjust the shutter speed and aperture for the best results. I prefer full manual controls, but use a camera with scenes for most of my genealogical research tasks. Go figure!
- **Batteries:** My favorite gen-cams are those that can use rechargeable double AA batteries. Nickel Metal Hydride rechargeable batteries are available for about \$12.00 for a set of 4. And a battery charger that includes a set of 4 batteries sells for approximately \$30.00. I like to keep 5 or 6 sets of batteries charged and ready to go. In a pinch, standard double AA batteries can be picked up at almost any grocery or drug store whereas the proprietary batteries used in some cameras are seldom found even in retail camera or electronic stores and must be ordered from the manufacture or other online sources. Extra proprietary batteries can run as high as \$70.00 or \$80.00. Some cameras require that you charge these batteries while inside the camera, which means your gen-cam is out of use while charging the batteries.
- **Flash:** The gen-cam should have some type of built in flash. The ability to manually adjust the flash intensity is desirable and is sometimes helpful for photographing documents, but only if the use of flash is not prohibited.
- **Lens:** The lens is the eye that sees the object that you are trying to record. Just like a person with bad vision, the camera with a bad lens, sees and records a poor image. Unlike a person with bad vision, here are no corrective glasses for a bad lens. The lens should be an odd quality glass multi-element lens.
- **Optical Zoom:** The gen-cam should have at least a 3X optical zoom. Notice I said optical zoom, not digital zoom. Digital zoom is a feature I rarely, if ever, use and one that can be easily reproduced by software after the image is taken.
- **Macro:** A macro setting or the ability to move the camera close to an object and still focus is desirable. This feature is necessary for photographing inscriptions in heirloom jewelry, and other objects that require close, detailed photos. The closer the macro the better, 4 inches or closer is the minimum.
- **Lens protection:** Again the lens is the eye of the camera, and if the eye gets scratched, the pictures suffer accordingly. The camera should have some type of automatic lens protection when the camera is turned off. If not, then extra care is required when handling the camera. This is a convenience item.

- **Zoom on playback:** This is the ability to look at your picture on the camera's LCD screen and magnify or zoom into it so that you can examine the exposure, focus, composition, density, readability, and general picture details. Most cameras will have a zoom on playback equivalent to their digital zoom during picture taking. The closer you can zoom the better. A 3X zoom on playback is minimum.
So, here's the gen-cam we are looking for: a 2-megapixel camera selling for \$400 or less, equipped with a good quality glass lens; automatic and manual exposure controls or scenes; built-in flash; 3X or greater optical zoom; 4" or closer macro; resolution and quality controls; can use AA rechargeable batteries; minimum 3x zoom on playback, and a lens cover that closes automatically when the camera is turned off.

Is there such a beast? That will be the topic of next issue's article, so until then, think digital. --Denny

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Note: See the upcoming "NGS Newsmagazine" (September/October 2002) for additional tips on what to look for when selecting a digital camera that will be used mainly for genealogical purposes.

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THE CENSUS TAKER- A POEM

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;
The pollster was ready, a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.
A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.
She gave him some water, as they sat at the table;
And she answered his questions -- the best she was able.
He asked of her children. Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.
She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.

She noted each person who lived there with pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.
He noted the sex, the color, the age.
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.
The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon -- or not?
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.
They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
They could read some, and write some, though really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.
We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."
Now picture a time warp -- its' now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.
We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would effect us this way?
If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

Author Unknown

A MODERN MOTHER

A modern mother is explaining to her little girl about pictures in the family photo album.
"This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This is me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo. The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt, a genealogist."

CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS SYSTEM

Linking the genealogical community and marshaling the genealogical community's resources are among the central missions of the Federation. The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a project that addressed both of those missions. The project was designed to compile a database that names every individual who served during the Civil War. Eventually, that database will extend to include non-service personnel. The intent of the early phases was to list all Union and Confederate military service people, add detail sufficient to identify them for further record searches, and make this database available at the National Archives and its Branches, the Family History Library and

Centers, and selected National Parks. That so large a database was created in such a relatively short period of time is a credit to the dedication and hard work of the national coordinator, Curt B. Witcher, and to the dozens of volunteer coordinators across the country. They recruited interested individuals, trained volunteers, audited batches, and tracked groups of records from all over the country to the data center in the Genealogical Society of Utah Family History Department in Salt Lake City.

A post-audit review of all batches is now in progress. As reviews of states and groups are completed, those entities will be added to the every-growing database at <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>.

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Note: Database for Maryland: 53,557 Union Records and 6,089 Confederate records were entered, but are not online.



BIBLE RECORDS IN THE BCGS LIBRARY**Received Sept. 2001 to Aug. 2002**

Submitted by Pat Czerniewski

- BARNES**, Robert S. - Bible; pub. date: 1849; res: Carroll Co., MD; earliest birth: 1818; earliest marr: none; last date: 1884; other names: none.
Donor of transcript: Carol L. Porter.
- BERGMANN** - Bible; pub. date: 1882; res: New York City, NY; earliest birth: 1856; earliest marr: 1884; last date: 1885; other names: **STAUDINGER**.
Donor of transcript: Carol L. Porter.
- BULL**, John Thomas - Bible; pub. date: not given; res: Baltimore Co., MD; earliest birth: 1814; earliest marr: none; last date: 1957; other names: **WISNER, STIFFLER**.
Donor of photocopies: Gerald L. Martin.
- BURTON-GRIMES** Bible; pub. date: 1881; res: Baltimore City and County, MD; Bel Air, MD; Newark, NJ; earliest birth: 1854; earliest marr: 1879; last date: 1911; other names: **WILDASON**.
Donor of photocopies: Rev. Michael Geo. Rokos.
- GORSUCH**, Benjamin - Bible; pub. date: not given; res: Baltimore County, MD; earliest birth: 1782; earliest marr: 1837; last date: 1956; other names: **SHAMBERGER**.
Donor of photocopies: Gerald L. Martin.
- HORN**, George E. - Bible; pub. date: 1874; res: Baltimore City and Jarrettsville, Harford County, MD; earliest birth: 1852; earliest marr: 1874; last date: 1942; other names: **MESNER**.
Donor of transcript: Patricia Czerniewski.
- LEUTHOLD**, Christian S. - Bible; pub. date: 1844; res: Tower Hill, SC; Baltimore, MD; Norfolk, VA; Chicago, IL and South Towson, MD; earliest birth: 1798; earliest marr: 1841; last date: 1934; other names: **ROBERTS, WALSH, SMITH, MEISSNER**.
Donor of photocopies: Jane Dietle.
- MARSHALL-WALKER** Bible; pub. date: 1833; res: Baltimore City, MD; earliest birth: 1812; earliest marr: 1811; last date 1878; other names: **HOPEWELL, SINCLAIR, NAGLE**.
Donor of photocopies: Edward A. Foreman, Jr.
- MARTELL**, Peter - Bible; pub. date: 1827; res: Germany, Baltimore City and Co., MD; earliest birth: 1796; earliest marr: none; last date: 1886; other names: none.
Donor of photocopies: Karen Perry.
- MEREDITH** — Bible; pub. date: none shown; res: Ulster Co., NY; earliest birth: 1823; earliest marr: 1880; last date: 1910; other names: **SMITH, FREDENBURGH**.
Donor of transcript: Carol L. Porter.
- NUSBAUM-OWINGS** Bible; pub. date: 1843; res: Carroll County, MD; earliest birth: 1867; earliest marr: none; last date: 1890; other names: none.
Donor of photocopies: Carol L. Porter.

OGLE – Bible; pub. Date: 1885; res: Carroll County, MD; earliest birth 1835; earliest marr: 1856; last date: 1935; other names: **ROWE, ECKARD**.
Donor of photocopies: Carol L. Porter.

OWINGS - WOLF Family Records; pub. date: 1942; res: Carroll County, MD; earliest birth 1827; earliest marr: 1867; last date: 1940; other names: **SUMMER, DEVILBLISS, ECKER, REILING**.
Donor of transcript: Carol L. Porter.

OWINGS, Johnathan Manroe Bible; pub. date: none shown; res: Carroll County, MD; earliest birth: 1827; earliest marr: none; last date: 1938; other names: **BARNES**.
Donor of photocopies: Carol L. Porter.

PHILLIPY - Bible; pub. date: 1891; res: Franklin County, PA and Carroll County, MD; earliest birth: 1866; earliest marr: none; last date: 1917; other names: none.
Donor of transcript: Carol L. Porter.

SHENK, Daniel - Bible; pub. date: 1854; res: Lower Chanceford Twmsp., York Co., PA; earliest birth: 1838; earliest marr: 1862; last date: 1920; other names: **SNYDER**.
Donor of photocopies: Patricia Czerniewski.

SHIPLEY, Edward L. - Bible; pub. date: 1881; Marriottsville, Howard Co., MD; Harrisville, Eldersburg and Sykesville, Carroll Co., MD; West Falls, ?; earliest birth: 1871; earliest marr: 1895; last date: 1910; other names: **LOWMAN**.
Donor of photocopies: Kathleen Wetzell.

UREY, Samuel - Bible; pub. date: 1860; res: Airville, York County, PA; earliest birth: 1822; earliest marr: 1849; last date: 1870; other names: **RIGDON**.
Donor of photocopies: Patricia Czerniewski.

WESTLAKE, Cornelius - Bible; pub. date: 1857; res: New York City, NY; earliest birth: 1807; earliest marr: 1832; last date: 1926; other names: **HALL, BUCK, HIGBIE, TIENKEN, HANFIELD, CHAPMAN**. Donor of transcript: Carol L. Porter.

WILHELM, George H. - Bible; pub. date: 1893; res: Baltimore County, MD; earliest birth: 1864; earliest marr: 1891; last date: 1941; other names: **SWAM**.
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EDITORS NOTES Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor

This Notebook has seven articles:

1. A newspaper article "New Gateways to America's Past, Ellis Island Records Go Electronic, Baltimore Begins Immigration Tours by M.L. Faunce that was printed in the Bay Weekly on March 2002.
2. The next article is about the "Baltimore Immigration Project" taken from the web site <http://www.imigrationbaltimore.com>. Ron Zimmerman is the Curator of Immigration Museum of Baltimore. His committees immediate mission is raise funds to honor and dedicate to those individuals who immigrated through the Port of Baltimore. Phase 1 will produce a Gateway Heritage Park, Phase 2 includes plans for a Baltimore Immigration Museum. An artist sketch is in the article. Please consider making a donation for this great project.
3. This article is about ProQuest and Tribune Publishing entering an agreement to have the historical editions of the "Baltimore, MD Sun" newspaper available electronically.
4. Ron Peebles article "Logical Operators for Internet Searches" is from the BCGS Computer Users discussion on October 27, 2002. The discussion "Genealogical Search Logic On-Line" is about how to use logical operators to get the most from your internet searches.
5. Carol Porter did two book reviews "Reminiscences of Baltimore" and "Tombstone Inscriptions of St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Baltimore, MD." A copy of both publications will aid in your Baltimore research.
6. Our member Pat Czerniewski has submitted a list of several Bible Records that were submitted between 1987 and 1997. The Notebook will have Bible Records in the next issue.
7. Another major article is "Baltimore County Will Index 1875-1879", Liber J.B.M. No. 5 beginning 25 May 1875 ending 19 April 1879. The series is continued from Notebook Issue No. 18 No.3. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue.

I am in the process of having all of past issues of the BCGS "The Notebook" ready so they can be scanned and converted to a PDF format. The Notebook will be viewed through the software Adobe Acrobat Reader®. To find topics just enter a word into the text box to have the reader search the document. All 96 issues from 1977 to 2002 will be on the CD-ROM. The CD-ROM will be produced and sold by the Society.

New Gateways to America's Past **Ellis Island Records Go Electronic** *Baltimore Begins Immigration Tours* by M.L. Faunce

When I began researching my family history just a few years back ["A Bay Weekly Primer: Setting Out on Your Roots Journey": Vol. IX, No. 8, Feb. 24, 2000], I did it the old-fashioned way: plowing through dusty church records, reeling through miles of census data on microfilm at the National Archives, tramping through old cemeteries. Continuing the search last summer with a niece and nephew in tow, we rubbed tombstones with burnishing wax and butcher paper until the images of skulls and the names of the dearly departed gave these young souls the creeps.

But now, thanks to the latest technology and more than 12,000 volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints — the Mormons — the search for family history can be a lot less scary and more convenient. A mountain of immigration records has been computerized and made available on the web to cyber sleuths looking for their roots. The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation instigated the \$15 million project.

The result is a wealth of information on the poignant history of more than 17 million mostly Europeans who entered the United States between 1892 and 1924 by way of Ellis Island. The information comes from the original ships' manifests. Each handwritten ledger is a rich page of history: line by line, immigrants' surnames, given names, genders, ages, marital status, and nationalities, including both town and country. Also recorded for each immigrant are the name of the ship, port of origin and arrival date.

You can visit the hugely popular site at www.ellislandrecords.org and even purchase images of original ship manifests from commercial web sources that piggyback on official websites. Click on Passenger Search, and a whole new old world may open up. You can explore on-line resources and get tips on how to prepare for your search.

My own ancestors came to this country long before the teeming masses landed on Ellis Island in the late 1800s. But chances are some of your ancestors came through the country's largest port at New York, for the six decades of arrivals there account for at least 40 percent of our population today.

Family historians, experienced or novice, who want to make the pilgrimage to New York can visit the American Family Immigration History Center on Ellis Island. Reserve a session on a computer work station or see documentaries on family history and the immigrant experience.

While you're there, check out the view your ancestors saw entering New York Harbor after what was certainly a long and often nightmarish journey across the sea — with their journey only just beginning. Their first test in America was pass or fail: They were either admitted or deported, with a medical inspection and perceived ability to work determining who would get a landing card.

Baltimore's Ellis Island

The second chapter in our nation's immigration history was written right here in Chesapeake County, in Baltimore.

Germans, Polish, Irish, Italians and immigrants of many other nationalities stepped off the boat at Locust Point, signed up for work all along this busy shipping and industrial harbor, made their homes in waterfront neighborhoods, built churches and formed ethnic associations, like the German Society, that live on today. One of the hundreds of thousands was Gus Goldstein. The father of Maryland's revered comptroller Louis Goldstein who died in 1998, Gus Goldstein signed on as a peddler and, with his wares and barely a word of English, traveled by steamboat to Calvert County, where he made his fortune.

Now, a man who hasn't yet found time to trace his own immigrant roots, Ron Zimmerman, is working to make his city a destination for other seekers. Zimmerman, 74, a realtor and civic booster, has spent five years pitching an immigration museum for Baltimore.

The Immigration Gateway Interpretive Park at Tide Point hatched on a visit to the restored Ellis Island complex in New York. There Zimmerman and his wife learned that Baltimore — “not Boston or Philadelphia, but Baltimore,” he exclaims — was the second largest port of entry for immigrants to this country. Locust Point was called Ellis Island of Baltimore, he discovered.

Inspired, he set to work speaking to civic groups, business leaders and politicians about his project. He's also collected correspondence, photos, memorabilia, even furniture, that would someday be part of a museum “so that people would realize what this country is made of,” he says.

Zimmerman is a man who knows how to get a thing done. One of nine children, he grew up in Southwest Baltimore, went to work at 14 and dug ditches for the city on his way to building his own successful real estate business in the city's Federal Hill neighborhood.

This summer, the first phase of Zimmerman's dream will take shape. The Immigration Gateway Heritage Park will open, first with a brick walkway for walking tours, later with an orientation center and water-shuttle stop and shelter. An existing pump house will hold other interpretative features in an open-air setting on the waterfront place at the Tide Point office complex in Locust Point.

Walking tours, bearing the historical name Ellis Island in Baltimore, are being coordinated by The Preservation Society, which is developing grants to bring in the dollars to produce an interpretive, educational program describing the immigration settlement and experience. The first tours, beginning in July, will highlight the Polish and German émigrés and their living traditions.

Tide Point at Locust Point, near the Coast Guard Tower and at the foot of Hall Street, is a short water-taxi shuttle ride from the Inner Harbor and adjacent to Piers 8 and 9, the area where hundreds of thousands of immigrants — “a million people or better,” as Zimmerman puts it — arrived in the 19th and early 20th century.

At Tide Point, flags of the fatherlands and motherlands of generations of Marylanders will line the brick walkway. Next year, the annual naturalization ceremony swearing in new citizens of a new era of immigrants will be conducted here “facing the water,” Zimmerman says, where immigrants of past centuries first set foot.

Architectural plans are on the drawing board for the future Baltimore Immigration Museum. Funds are being raised and the site is under negotiation.

The museum isn't a reality yet but, Zimmerman says, “all the seeds are planted; it will eventually happen.”

Starting July 13 and continuing on the third Saturday of every month, Ellis Island in Baltimore walking tours depart from Fells Point Visitors Center. To learn more: The Preservation Society, 410/675-6750 • www.preservationsociety.com. <http://www.bayweekly.com/year02/issucX12/leadX12b.html>

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Baltimore Immigration Project

Project Overview

The story of New York's Ellis Island has become so familiar that many people are surprised to learn that immigrants also entered through a number of other American ports, including Baltimore. In fact, it is widely believed that **Baltimore ranked second as a port of entry** during the period of mass global immigration. Today tens of millions of people throughout the United States and the world can trace their family roots to the approximately **two million immigrants** who first touched American soil in Baltimore.

The **Baltimore Immigration Project** is a multifaceted program founded in part to tap the enormous potential this large population of descendants represents in terms of tourism and national and international exposure. The Project will actively encourage descendants to establish or renew connections to Baltimore through exploration of their family histories.

The city's strong historic ties to the countries of origin of various **immigrant groups**, the foreign port cities from which they departed and areas of this country in which they settled offer some unique opportunities for economic development and cultural exchange. The Baltimore Immigration Project will seek to work closely with the city and state to foster strengthened relationships on the basis of this shared history.

However, the Project is concerned with the Baltimore immigration story not only from a historical perspective. It is very much an **ongoing story** that can have a major future impact upon the city. Our organization hopes to play an active supporting role in Mayor O'Malley's innovative program for repopulating our city through **attracting and assisting new immigrants**.

Other planned objectives and features of the Baltimore Immigration Project include:

- commissioning and coordinating **original scholarly research** into the largely neglected subject of immigration through Baltimore. This will include documentation of **oral histories** which otherwise may soon be lost forever.
- developing major attractions that offer interpretation in an effort to raise public awareness and understanding of the subject. Venues are to include the **Immigration Gateway Heritage Park at Tide Point**, adjacent to the site of Locust Point's historic immigration piers (a state Heritage Areas grant has been awarded and planning is underway); future Baltimore Immigration Museum to offer in-depth interpretation and facilities for conservation and display of donated immigrant artifacts.
- creation of an **Immigrant Monument** to honor every immigrant ancestor who settled in or passed through Baltimore and to celebrate the resulting ethnic and racial diversity that remains our city's legacy.
- establishment of the **Family Heritage Center** to create and compile a computer database featuring entries from ship passenger manifests and other immigrant records. The database will be accessible for genealogical research by the public on the Immigration Project website.
- sponsoring or coordinating an ongoing series of **special events** and programmed activities relating to Baltimore's immigration history and living ethnic traditions. This includes a **walking tour program beginning September 2002** and highlighting important immigration-related sites in Locust Point and Fell's Point.
- commissioning a full-length **television documentary** based upon project research and which could be edited to serve as an introductory multi media presentation for the future museum.

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

The Baltimore Immigration Project is now launching its inaugural **capital campaign** to raise money for Phases 1 and 2 of the effort to bring our city's exciting and proud immigration history to life.

The first piece of the puzzle is in place. The BIP was recently awarded a **Maryland State Heritage Areas Grant**. The BIP is now working to inspire matching funds from foundations, corporations and private donors alike, to help make the Immigration Gateway Heritage Park a reality in the very near future.

Please direct all inquiries to:
questions@immigrationbaltimore.org.

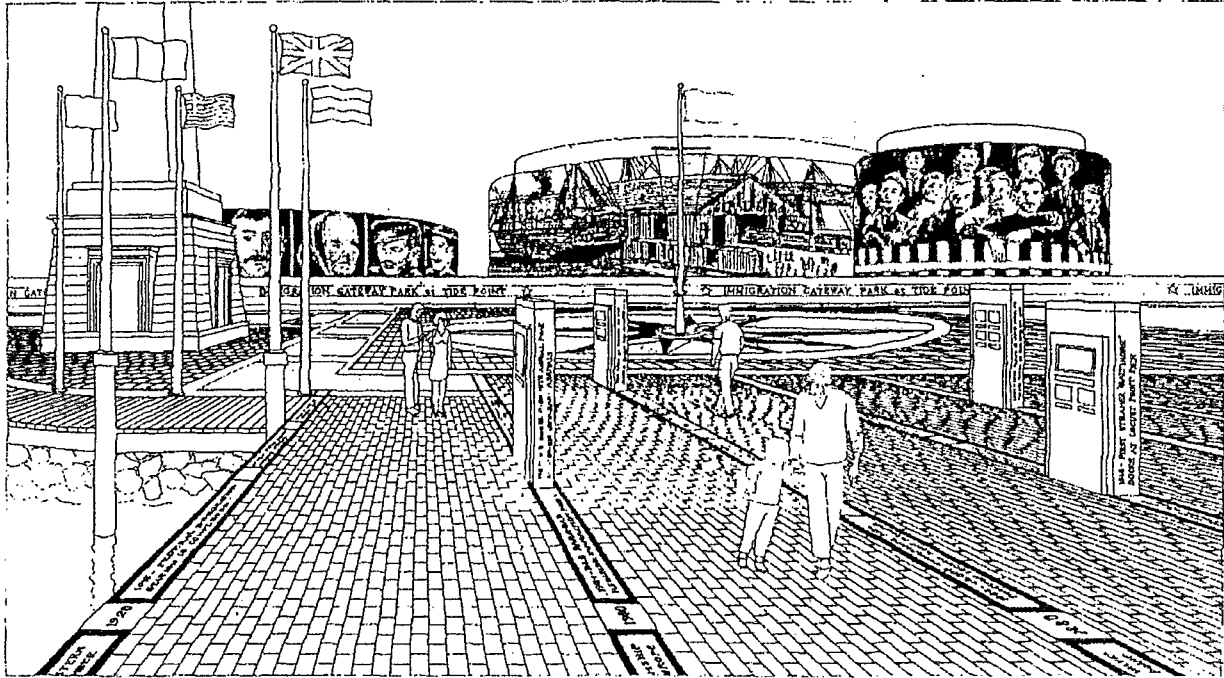
Or send your contribution directly to:

The Baltimore Immigration Project
(c/o The Preservation Society of
Federal Hill & Fells Point)
812 South Ann Street
Baltimore, MD 21231

Source: <http://www.immigrationbaltimore.org/>

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Any questions on the Baltimore Immigration Project can be directed to Elaine and Ken Zimmerman as they met with Ron Zimmerman Sr., Founder of BIP.



Immigration Gateway Heritage Park

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Users will also be able to display the full page image of any page in any issue. The databases will be completely browseable by issue, allowing searchers to browse through entire issues page by page as they would a printed paper.

The ProQuest Historical Newspapers project encompasses newspapers with deep historical value for researchers in various fields. *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times* will join other prestigious U.S. newspapers already in the ProQuest program: *The New York Times* (completed July 2002), *The Wall Street Journal* (completed July 2002), as well as *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The Washington Post* (both scheduled for completion in Spring 2003). The company has already digitized *The Times of London* from 1785 to 1870 (known as Palmer's Full Text Online).

Expanded access to current content

In addition to the historical content, ProQuest will deliver the full ASCII text of current information for all Tribune Publishing newspapers (see above). Files for the non-historical content will include coverage from the mid-to-late 1980s.

"We are especially excited about the return of *Chicago Tribune* full text to ProQuest," said Rod Gauvin, Senior Vice President and General Manager, ProQuest Information and Learning. "Its unique editorial perspective on local and national news is important to library users in the Midwest and across the country. In addition, we're pleased to welcome two key Florida titles back: the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* and the *Orlando Sentinel*, as well as bring three new titles to our content set: *Newport News Daily Press*, *Stamford Advocate*, and *Greenwich Time*."

Both the current full-text and historical full-image information will be delivered to subscribers via the ProQuest online information service. Customers subscribing to both files will have seamless access to historical and current information.

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Many of the Tribune Company newspapers included in this new agreement will also use the ProQuest Archiver e-commerce solution to distribute their archives to the consumer market via their respective websites. ProQuest Archiver provides newspapers with a complete e-commerce-enabled turnkey Web archive so they can market their content to subscribers. This will bring the total number of newspapers and publishers using the ProQuest Archiver product to nearly 100. More information about ProQuest Archiver is available at www.pgarchiver.com.

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Logical Operators for Internet Searches

A wealth of information is available on the Internet. As in prospecting for gold, however, knowing it's there is one thing; "mining" it, quite another. Some Internet search engines are more useful than others, and some World Wide Web searches are more productive than others. Most users of the web are aware of the plethora of search engines available. Not everyone knows how to make the best use of search tools, however, and even the best tools are best used by skilled practitioners. This article is offered as guidance

to help make World Wide Web searches more productive by employing powerful tools known as “logical operators.”

Boolean Logic and Logical Operators

Most of us have never really needed to use logical operators, so a brief discussion of the subject is in order before you apply these “prospecting tools” to your genealogy searches. In the mathematical sense, an **operator** represents a process or action that is to be performed in a specific sequence and according to specific rules of procedure. Easy examples of mathematics operators are the plus, minus, multiply and divide symbols used in arithmetic. The adjective, **logical**, concerns a consistent system or mode of reasoning. Therefore, a **logical operator** is a symbol or word that represents how two or more items are connected according to a consistent set of procedural rules.

The field of information retrieval is deeply indebted to British mathematician, **George Boole**, who developed methods of searching for data using simple logical operations, which came to be known as **Boolean logic**. Three often used **Boolean operators** are “AND,” “OR,” and “NOT.” In written text, and in search engines, these are always presented in upper case (all capital) letters. Following is a brief description of what these logical (Boolean) operators mean in the context of searching a data base:

- **AND** – All connected terms must be present.
- **OR** – Any of the connected terms (or all the terms) must be present.
- **NOT** – The following term must be excluded.

*The ways in which these logical operators can help you dig up more golden nuggets of family history can best be shown by examples pertaining to the web. If one would find all web pages or files that a certain key word, that **search term** is entered into the search field of the search engine tool. As the web contains an astronomical amount of data, the real utility of the logical operators is in limiting the number of web pages (documents) in the search result to those that have a greater chance of serving our intended purpose.*

AND

*For example, if one would find pages that contain the word, “genealogy,” the Google search engine responds with about 9,620,000 results – entirely too many to be useful. If we ask for pages that contain both “genealogy” AND “Baltimore,” however, the search returns about 102,000 “hits.” Still too many, but we’re making progress. If we do a little planning before our search, we can make our search a bit more logical and therefore more useful. Let’s suppose we really want to know about “genealogy” of the “Baltimore” branch of the “Peoples” family. If we logically connect these terms by entering genealogy **AND** Baltimore **AND** Peoples into the Google search field, we have narrowed the results returned by the search engine to about 60 unique results. Now, we’re getting somewhere. Obviously, the “AND” logical operator helped us to limit the number of hits.*

OR

*Let’s suppose we are interested in finding all “hits” that have more than one possible word of interest. For example, my mother’s maiden name, “Woernlein,” is often spelled without the “e” as “Wornlein.” If I want to expand my search to include every result that contains either spelling (or both spellings), the logical operator to use is “OR” by entering Woernlein **OR** Wornlein into the search field. The “OR” Boolean operator can thus be used to expand the number of hits.*

NOT

The NOT operator has value in filtering out undesirable results from our search. Suppose we are interested in the surname “Zhivago” but not the film, “Doctor Zhivago.” A typical search we might enter

would be `Zhivago NOT doctor` to limit the hits to about half those we would find if only the first term were entered. The results would be further reduced, however, if we were to remember that the abbreviation "Dr" is often substituted for "Doctor" in the title of this creative work. Entering `Zhivago NOT Doctor NOT Dr` further reduces the results by about half. Once again, a little bit of planning our search terms helps make the search results more useful.

NEAR

Another useful logical operator (though it is not a Boolean operator) is the operator, "NEAR," which is used to find two terms that are close to one another in the text. This is a way to limit the number of hits to those that contain terms you believe will be near each other in a useful web page. For example, if you want to find web pages that contain information on a cemetery in Baltimore, you could enter `cemetery AND Baltimore`. In this example, the search engine returns over 91,000 hits; i.e., there are too many web pages that contain both words. To reduce the number of hits to those that may contain such phrases as "Baltimore cemetery" or "cemetery in Baltimore" or "cemetery that was built in 1856 in the city of Baltimore" or similar, using `Baltimore NEAR cemetery` in the search field limits the results.

How close is NEAR? Various search engines use various thresholds. For example, in Google, the implied proximity is 25 words or fewer; i.e., using that search engine, the document found will contain at least one instance of your first search term within 25 words of your second search term.

Literal Phrase Searches

One of the most useful ways to use a search engine effectively is by searching for an exact ("literal") phrase. In almost every search engine, that can be accomplished by enclosing the phrase in double quotes (" "). If we want to find web pages that contain the exact phrase, "Baltimore cemetery," for example, we can enter this phrase enclosed in double quotes; i.e., enter `"Baltimore cemetery"` in the search field. This literal phrase reaps just over 500 hits as compared with more than 91,000 using "Baltimore AND cemetery."

About Search Terms

Except for logical operators, practically all search engines ignore capital letters in the search terms. Therefore, a search for "baltimore" yields the same results as using "Baltimore" or "BaLtImOrE" as a search term. Typically, if you include common words and characters (such as "I" or "and" or "the"), these are omitted from the actual search unless they are part of a literal phrase (or preceded by a "+" operator in Google).

Symbolic and Implied Operators

For the logical operators, however, capitalization is often (not always) required. To further complicate the situation, some search engines use symbols instead of the logical operator words. For example, "+" may be used in place of "AND" and "-" is substituted for the "NOT" operator.

In some search engines, the absence of any operator connecting terms is equivalent to the "AND" (or "+") operator; e.g., entering `baltimore cemetery` would be the same as entering `baltimore AND cemetery` in this example. Note that this will not provide the same results as entering the literal phrase `"baltimore cemetery"` (enclosed in quotes) for this search. The same "AND" search result would be achieved (in most search engines) by entering the following terms `+baltimore +cemetery` into the search field, which means that each (therefore, both) of the search terms must be present in the result. Please note that there is no space between each "+" symbol and the search term that follows it.

Similarly, to find pages that contain "Zhivago" but not "Doctor" we can enter the search for zhivago - doctor. (No space between "-" and the "doctor" term.) For the AltaVista search engine, the term "AND NOT" is used instead of "NOT," so you would enter a search of zhivago AND NOT doctor to do that search with that search engine.

Advanced Boolean phrases can be used in some search engines (such as AltaVista). Parentheses are typically used to group complex logical operations. For example, entering (peanut AND butter) AND (jelly OR jam) finds documents with the words "peanut butter and jelly" or "peanut butter and jam" or both.

Wild Cards

Some search engines use an asterisk (*) or percent sign (%) as a "wild card" character following other words or characters. This means you want to search on the words or characters you have provided and the search tool can complete the word with any other characters. For example, entering web* into such a search engine yields results that include "web," "WebMD," "website," "webmaster," etc.

Recommended Search Engines

Of the hundreds of search engines available on the web, I favor certain tools for particular searches. No prioritization is implied in the following list:

<u>Search Engine</u>	<u>Uniform Resource Locator (URL)</u>
Google	http://www.google.com
Yahoo!	http://www.yahoo.com
AltaVista	http://www.altavista.com
Excite	http://www.excite.com
Lycos	http://www.lycos.com
Ask Jeeves	http://www.ask.com
AllTheWeb	http://www.alltheweb.com
Northern Light	http://www.northernlight.com
Momma	http://www.momma.com
Ixquick	http://www.ixquick.com

In addition, several useful collections of genealogy search engines can be found on the web, including those at the following URLs:

<http://www.searchenginesgalore.com/gen.html>
<http://genealogysearchengines.com/>
<http://searches.rootsweb.com/>
<http://www.searchforancestors.com/>
<http://www.cyndislist.com/search.htm>

Conclusion

As with most things in life, practice makes perfect. I would encourage you first to experiment with the variety of search options available to you on the search sites you now use. Use the "help" pages of your favorite search engines to become familiar with the various ways to search, and experiment with a variety of Boolean operators to narrow or broaden your searches as appropriate; i.e., endeavor to get just the right number of useful hits. In addition, investigate some new search sites, for practice as well as to yield new information. Now that you know how to use logical operators, your ability to mine the web for genealogical gold is greatly enhanced. May you unearth the mother lode!

Ron Peeples (27-OCT-2002)

Reminiscences of Baltimore by Jacob Frey. Willow Bend Books, 63 E. Main St., Westminster, MD. 21157 (1893) 2002. pp 480. New index. Softcover 6x9 (WB0325). \$36.00 + \$4.00 P/H (MD. residents add 5% Sales Tax)

Originally published in 1893, this is an interesting history of Baltimore as seen through the eyes of Jacob Frey, Baltimore Police Marshall. Born in 1835, some of his earliest recollections begin as a schoolboy who witnessed the execution of notorious murderer Adam Horn in 1844. Subsequent accounts inform the reader about life in Baltimore during the Mexican War and the military occupation of the city during the Civil War. Local political parties, various riots, floods and fires are fully discussed.

This reviewer was familiar with the 1904 fire that destroyed much of the city, but I was fascinated to read about another great fire in July of 1873, which destroyed 113 buildings, including many churches. Mr. Frey gives us a street-by-street account of the fire's progress and the successful efforts of those who saved the Cathedral.

Baltimore's institutions, culture, economy, industry, transportation newspapers and markets are just a few of the chapters discussed. Given the author's occupation, readers will also find several sensational murder cases retold in great detail.

Anyone interested in Baltimore history will definitely want a copy of this book, and those of us who had ancestors living in the city from the 1840s to 1893 will find this window into the past quite educational. We are grateful to Willow Bend Books for reprinting this treasure.

Carol Porter

Tombstone Inscriptions of St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.

Baltimore County Genealogical Society, Inc., P0 Box 10085, Towson, MD 21285—0085. 2002. Pp. 365. Indexed.

8 1/2 x 11 laminated soft cover. \$23.00 + \$3.00 P/H (MD residents add 5% sales tax)

St. Stanislaus Kostka was established in 1879 as the first Polish parish of the Roman Catholic Church in Baltimore City and in time it came to serve many other ethnic groups as well. The church was dedicated in 1881 and was located on South Ann Street. Eleven years later, 42 acres of land were purchased for a cemetery in what was then Baltimore County. The present main cemetery entrance is on Dundalk Avenue. Since 1892 there have been approximately 18,000 burials, but unfortunately not all of these individuals have tombstones.

Under the direction of Dorothy Aleshire, Chairperson of BCGS' Eastern European Interest Group, fourteen members participated in copying the existing tombstone inscriptions. All readable information was recorded along with any verses, symbols and other distinguishing markings. Most of those buried here are of Polish ancestry but there are also many of Czech, German, Italian, Lithuanian and Ukranian ancestry.

The cemetery is divided into sections and each volunteer was assigned an area. To insure accuracy, proofreading was done by someone other than the initial recorder. An excellent map is included as well as a glossary of the months of the year in the Polish, Lithuanian and Italian languages. Another helpful tool is a sketch of the various types of stones and a guide to the manner in which the information was recorded. A short history of the church and cemetery are also included and readers will appreciate the arrangement and easy to read print. A surname only index is certainly adequate given the ethnic nature of the names.

This group of dedicated volunteers has once again produced an outstanding publication. Their first project was Tombstone Inscriptions of Holy Rosary Cemetery which quickly sold out and is now in its second printing. Their latest book is certain to be a winner also. Bravo to all of you for a job well done.

Carol Porter

BIBLE RECORD INVENTORIES
Selected folders from the BCGS vertical file
Submitted by Pat Czerniewski

Inventories of our Bible records received prior to July 1987 were published in the Inventory of Maryland Bible Records, Volume I. Since 1998, inventories of all new Bible Records have been published yearly in the September issue of The Notebook. The following list of inventoried Bible Records was compiled from some of the records donated to the BCGS library between 1987 and 1997.

BERRY Bible #1; pub. date: 1872; res: Dorchester Co., MD; earliest birth: 1819; earliest marr: 1840; last date: 1916; other names: **METCALFE, MORGAN, TALL, REA**. Photocopies.

BERRY Bible #2; pub. date: 1884; res: Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1880; earliest marr: 1879; last date: 1976; other names: **TALL, PATCHETT, GUARNIERE, CLIFFORD, LUERS, SMILEY**. Photocopies.

BOHNENBERG - PRIEBER Bible; pub. date: not given; res: Germany; Baltimore, MD; CA; PA; CT; WA; earliest birth: 1839; earliest marr: 1898; last date: 1982; other names: **PRALEY, FOSTER, YINGLING, TIBBETS, LITZAU, STEINKRAUS, CLEVELAND, CRAMBLETT, KRIEGER, WHALEY, BYSTRY, JAGLINSKI, ZARO, DUNAWAY, CASWELL**. Photocopies.

BYSTRY - WHALEY Bible; pub. date: not given; res: Poland; Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1952; earliest marr: 1950; last date: 1982; other names: **GUTWALD, HANLON, DUNAWAY, KIELEK, BOHNENBERG, OZAROWSKA, DRAZEK, WILSON, PRIEBER, WILLIAMS, VON MUELLER**. Photocopies.

CATRUP Bible; pub. date: not given; res: Toledo, OH; Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1839; earliest marr: 1866; last date: 1986; other names: **JONES, PEARCE, JOHNSON, BREMER, TRUITT, VOIGE, DANZ, HESSON, SEEMAYER, WAXMAN, COLLINS, FUNK, COSTELLO, WHITE, FORBES, KIEL**. Photocopies.

CLOUD - LIKENS Bible; pub. date: none; res: none shown; earliest birth: 1772; earliest marr: 1808; last date: 1862; other names: **LLOYD, BOOTH**. Photocopies.

COFFROTH Bible; pub. date: none given; res: Stephensburg, VA; Baltimore, MD; Pittsburgh & Somerset, PA; Suffolk, VA; earliest birth: 1823, earliest marr: 1848; last date: 1959; other names: **WHITE, BATEMAN, SCULL, NORFLEET, CUMMINGS**. Photocopies.

COLE Bible; pub. date: none given; res: Hampstead, Baltimore Co., MD; earliest birth: 1837, earliest marr: 1861; last date: 1916; other names: **WHEELER, KEMP**. Photocopies.

COLLIER Bible; pub. date: 1860; res: England; Baltimore City, MD; earliest birth: 1850; earliest marr: none; last date: 1909; other names: none. Photocopies.

CONRAD - WARNER/WERNER Bible; pub. date: not shown; res: Frostburg, MD; Garrett Co., MD; New Castle, PA; earliest birth: 1881; earliest marr: 1880; last date: 1957; other names: **PETERSON, HALL**. Abstract.

CORBIN Bible; pub. date: not given; res: none shown; earliest birth: 1803; earliest marr: none; last date: 1886; other names: **SHORE, CHILCOTT, GLASGO, EVANS**. Photocopies.

COSTER Bible; pub. date: 1902; res: Baltimore Co., MD; earliest birth: 1916; earliest marr: 1904; last date: 1972; other names: **O'BRIEN, LIKENS**. Photocopies.

DAVIS, John J. - Bible; pub. date: not given; res: Frederick, Howard & Baltimore Cos., MD; Chesterfield Co., VA; earliest birth: 1863; earliest marr: 1890; last date: 1993; other names: **BROWN**. Photocopies.

DILL Bible; pub. date: not given; res: New Market, MD; Green Co., PA; OH; IN; earliest birth: 1809; earliest marr: 1838; last date: 1927; other names: **HUTTON, SHAW, ROWAN**. Photocopies.

EVANS Bible; pub. date: 1903; res: Adams Co. & Carlisle, PA; Riverside, NJ; Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1882; earliest marr: 1882; last date: 1970; other names: **HAHLE, DAVIS, SWEIGERT**. Original Bible pages.

GARDNER, Charles W. - Bible; pub. date: not given; res: Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: none, earliest marr: 1882; last date: 1882; other names: **RICHARDS**. Photocopy of Marriage certificate page only. There is also one page of newspaper death notices.

HELM, William - Bible; pub. date: none; res: none; earliest birth: 1736; earliest marr: 1764; last date: 1830; other names: **NEAVILL, CALMES, CATLETT**. Transcript.

LYNCH Bible; pub. date: none given; res: none; earliest birth: 1865; earliest marr: 1864; last date: 1881; other names: **CAMPBELL**. Photocopies.

McCANN Bible; pub. date: none; res: York Co., PA; Harford Co., MD; earliest birth: 1830; earliest marr: 1854; last date: 1890; other names: **SIMMS**. Photocopies.

McCLEARY Bible; pub. date: 1874; res: Baltimore, MD; New Freedom, PA; earliest birth: 1873; earliest marr: 1872; last date: 1897; other names: **NONEMAKER, TAYLOR**. Transcript.

McCOMAS Bible; pub. date: none; res: none; earliest birth: 1816; earliest marr: 1815; last date: 1853; other names: **FORT, CUNNINGHAM, ROCHE, KEYSER, WITMER, McCLENAHAN**. Photocopies.

McCREARY Bible; pub. date: 1868; res: York Co., PA; earliest birth: 1885; earliest marr. none; last date: 1890; other names: **LLOYD**. Photocopies.

McGUFFIN Bible; pub. date: none; res: Philadelphia, PA; Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1830; earliest marr: 1853; last date: 1891; other names: **KRAUSE, KIDD, ELLIS, HULTZ, SCHERZER, KNEAS**. Photocopies.

MERRIKEN Bible #2; pub. date: 1868; res: Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1811; earliest marr: 1832; last date: 1948; other names: **ABBOTT, COUSIN, BLAMBERG, RIEGER, CHALFONT, NORRISS, ROTH, FARLEY, GIBSON**. Photocopies.

METTEE Bible; pub. date: none; res: Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; earliest birth: 1819; earliest marr: 1844; last date: 1931; other names: **HARTMAN, NORRIS, GARDINER, JOYCE, GIFFORD, COX**. Photocopies.

MICHAEL, William C. — Bible; pub. date: none; res: Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1788; earliest marr: 1816; last date: 1974; other names: **MARTIN, MAGNESS, LEAGUE, BAILEY, LEWIS, MARSHALL, GRESMER, BROWN, BAILEY, DUVAL**. Transcript.

POULSON Hymn Book; pub. date: 1817; res: Carroll Co., MD; earliest birth: 1843; earliest marr: none; last date: 1843; other names: none. Transcript.

REISTER Bible; pub. date: 1806; res: Baltimore City & Co., Carroll Co., MD; NC; OH; KY; AL; earliest birth: 1769; earliest marr: 1801; last date: 1877; other names: **CHAPMAN, DWYER, THOMAS, STANSFIELD, DODDRIDGE**. Photocopies.

RUDD-WHALEY Bible; pub. date: not given; res: none; earliest birth: 1840; earliest marr: 1870; last date: 1903; other names: **HILTON**. Photocopies.

SELBY Bible; pub. date: 1853; res: none; earliest birth: 1802; earliest marr: 1829; last date: 1880; other names: none. Photocopies.

SHAFFER Bible #1; pub. date: 1860; res: none; earliest birth: 1802; earliest marr: none; last date: 1965; other names: **COLE**. Photocopies.

SHAFFER Bible #2; pub. date: 1892; res: none; earliest birth: 1840; earliest marr: 1920; last date: 1969; other names: **FOWBLE**. Photocopies.

SIMMERS Bible; pub. date: 1895; res: Wilkes-Barre, PA; earliest birth: 1874; earliest marr: none; last date: 1927; other names: **RICHARDS, JACOBS**. Photocopies.

SMILEY Bible; pub. date: 1854; res: Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1856; earliest marr: 1855; last date: 1897; other names: **GREENWOOD**. Photocopies.

WHITE, Jas. W.-Bible; pub. date: 1872; res: Cecil Co., MD; earliest birth: 1861; earliest marr: 1860; last date: 1875; other names: **EAGLESTON**. Transcript.

WHITEFORD Bible; pub. date: none; res: Harford Co., MD; earliest birth: 1822; earliest marr: 1910; last date: 1919; other names: none. Abstract.

WILLEY Bible; pub. date: none; res: Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1832; earliest marr: 1853; last date: 1911; other names: **WHEATLEY, MEEKINS, COOPER, HOTZE, GARRETT, BORDLEY, CLIFFORD**. Photocopies.

WILSON Bible; pub. date: 1870; res: Baltimore Co., MD; earliest birth: 1837; earliest marr: 1860; last date: 1876; other names: **DOWNS**. Photocopies.

WILSON, Arthur Edgar - Bible; pub. date: 1957; res: Baltimore, Lakeshore & Cumberland, MD; Columbus & Athens, OH; earliest birth: 1864; earliest marr: 1936; last date: 1971; other names: **FULLER, GREEN, GLENN, KUBE, McLAUGHLIN, RUSK, BERTES**____. Original Bible pages.

WILSON - WHALEY Bible; pub. date: not given; res: Baltimore, MD; earliest birth: 1801; earliest marr: 1893; last date: 1978; other names: **WILLIAMS, RUDD, DOUTHIRT, OFFUTT, DANKMEYER, McCOMAS, JONES, BOHNENBERG, LINK**. Abstract.

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