

Generation

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President's Message

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

As summer approaches, I like to think of going to the cemeteries, cleaning up the plots, placing flowers and thinking about these ancestors of ours. Most of them have fought in one way or another for freedom, whether in this country, or their country of origin. With these thoughts, I begin thinking of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it used to be called. It used to be so much more than a three day weekend with backyard barbeques and get-to-gathers. Businesses closed for the day. Towns held parades honoring the fallen. The parade routes often ended at a local cemetery where speeches were given.

In Marshall, we still do have a wonderful Memorial Day Parade with the same small town atmosphere of yesterday, ending at the cemetery. I know in many of the surrounding communities, they also have parades to help keep the meaning of this day in our hearts and minds. I hope we can spend part of this special day honoring our hero's by attending one of these parades. Of, course, as genealogists, we also honor them by recording their histories for future generations.

Judy Groat, President

<u>May 24, 2005</u>

Heidi Pfannes shares what went

into the creation of a 112 page journal of her family's history. Her grandmother, Frances Noneman VanVoorhees, began keeping a journal which describes life in Marshall and Calhoun County including the interurban rail system, how they cut ice from the Kalamazoo River for refrigerators, mail delivery via horse and buggy, the Marshall train Round House, and the year the icehouse burned.

Search for **Black Sheep Ancestors** (if you dare). Find Rattlesnake Dick and other Canadian outlaws, criminals, and bandits (search in Canada's prisons, convicts, and court records): http://blacksheepancestors.com/canada/blacksheep.shtml
For Americans ancestors (search in free court, prison, outlaw, execution, and other records; many arranged by state of interest): http://blacksheepancestors.com/usa/

Yo ho ho! Famous pirates and buccaneers such as Captain William Kidd (1645-1701) and others can be found here: http://blacksheepancestors.com/pirates/index.shtml from

RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine 16 March 2005, Vol. 8, No. 11

The following databases have come online recently.

They are searchable, but not browseable.

Search: To look for specific data or occurrence of text in a file. **Browse**: To view the entire contents of a file or a group of files.

U.S.A. Birth Records Registered at Danville, Vermont, 1733-1998. 3,736 records. Robert H. Goss

Registered in 1941 at Milton, Strafford County, New Hampshire 19 records; David C. Piper, Sr.

Of immigrants from Litmanova, Slovakia, Poland, 1848-1938. 681 records; Nick Benyo

http://userdb.rootsweb.com/births/ Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 20 April 2005, Vol. 8, No. 16.

Pesky Problems of Forenames By Kathryn Morano

After doing extensive research using census records in Canada, I discovered that in one census year, children will be listed with first names, middle initial, but in another census year it will be middle name only. It seems that in Irish traditions, extending to Canada and the United States many children went by their middle names.

A death record for Jane SWEENEY in Massachusetts eluded me for years. By chance I discovered it in an index under Mary SWEENEY with her maiden name next to it. All those years, the census takers had listed her as Jane, when her birth name had been Mary Jane. It's definitely worth searching for an ancestor using each and every name.

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2005 Abrams Genealogy Series Schedule The Library of Michigan is presenting a series of six sessions [five remaining] that focas on the resources available in the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection. Sessions will be held in the Lake Ontario Room or in the Forum and will begin at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$15.00 per session. http://Michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan.

June 4 French-Canadian Genealogy Research strategies for locating French-Canadian ancestors will be explored as well as the core primary and secondary sources found at the Library of Michigan.

August 6 State Census Records An introduction to the Library's collection of state census

records and their value in locating ancestors in non-U. S. census years.

October 1 New England Genealogy Research available at the Library of Michigan for the New England region.

December 3 Finding Your Irish Ancestors An overview of Irish genealogy in America, with emphasis on the Irish genealogy records available at the Library of Michigan.

Ontario Genealogical Society Cross Border Heritage Seminar 2005 May 27-29, 2005 Win-

dsor, Canada For more information, contact Ontario Genealogical Society by email: <u>info@ogsseminar.org</u>, or phone (519) 542-3554, or Fax (519) 542-0905, or write them @ OGS Seminar 2005, Box 443, Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 7J2.

9-11 June 2005 Palatines to America Researching Your German-Speaking Ancestors

is celebrating its 30th year. Join us at our national seminar in Ft. Wayne, Indiana with topics covering Murphy's Laws, Myers Orts, German Script, Atlantic Bridge, Internet, German Archives, and much more. For more information contact RalphKroehler@prodigy.net or Ralph & Marge Kroehler, 6910 N. Rockvale, Peoria, IL 61614. http://www.palam.org

National Institute on Genealogical Research

July 10-16, 2005 Washington, D.C. For information or to obtain an application brochure, see the institute's Web site at http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/ or e-mail *NatIns-Gen@juno.com* or write to NIGR, P.O. Box 724, Lanham, MD 20703-0724.

Midwestern Roots 2005 Family History & Genealogy Conference, August 19 & 20, 2005

Indianapolis, IN To request a brochure call (317)232-1882 or (800)447-1830 or email welome@indianahistory.org.

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Peter Pavlekovich
Requiem high mass for Peter
Pavlekovich, 47, who died Tuesday
morning in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marko E. Britvec of 151
Third street, after a month's illness,
will be said at 9 a. m. Thursday
in the St. Philip Catholic church by
the Rev. Fr. Maurice Walsh. Burial
will be in Mt. Olivet cometery. The
body was taken from the Shaw
funeral home today to the residence,
where friends may call.

Mrs. Leroy L. Karr
The funeral for Mrs. Lucille A.
Karr, 62, wife of Leroy L. Karr,
who died Tuesday in her home in
Pavilion township, Kalamazoo
county, will be held at 11 a. m.
Friday from the Hebble chapel with
the Rev. Henry N. Jordan in charge,
Burial will be in Hicks cemetery.

Walter Sypher
The funeral of Walter Sypher,
69, shoe repairman whose shop was
at 570 East Michigan avenue, who
died Monday in his home at 346
Main, was to be held at 3:30 p. m.
today from the Church of the FourFold Gospel with the Rev. S. R.
Fostekew in charge. Burial was to
be in Bedford cemetery,

Acronym Identifies Progenitor

By Nancy Garrett

While tracking an ancestor in the census records I noticed that he always had the initials CE after his name. Being familiar with some notes after a person's name such as John Wilkins OP (which stands for Old Plantation Creek) to distinguish him from another John Wilkins who lived at the same time — I assumed it was a designation of where he lived. Several censuses later the enumerator spelled it out. He was cross- eyed. Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 20 April 2005, Vol. 8, No. 16.

Humour: Stop That Schedule Thief

Thanks to: Charles Atkinson in Canada While searching through the unindexed 1861 census for the City of Gateshead, (UK), I came across a gap in the sequence of schedule numbers. There was no Schedule 44. At the end of this ED (Enumeration District) there was a note: "*44. Lodger left and took schedule with him."

It appears that all kinds of mishaps occurred, which led to missing census entries. So, if you can not find your ancestors in the census -- blame the lodger! Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 13 April 2005, Vol. 8, No. 15.

Old Occupations Explained

Accomptant -- Accountant

Almoner -- Giver of charity to the needy

Amanuensis -- Secretary or stenographer

Artificer -- A soldier mechanic who does repairs

Bailie -- Bailiff

Baxter -- Baker

Bluestocking -- Female writer

Boniface -- Keeper of an inn

Brazier -- One who works with brass

Brewster -- Beer manufacturer

Brightsmith -- Metal Worker

Burgonmaster -- Mayor

Caulker -- One who filled up cracks (in ships or windows or seems to them watertight by using tar or oakum-hemp fiber produced by taking old ropes apart

Chaisemaker -- Carriage maker

Chandler -- Dealer or trader; one who makes or sells candles;

retailer of groceries

Chiffonnier -- Wig maker

Clark -- Clerk

Clerk -- Clergyman, cleric

Clicker -- The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers; one who received the matter in the galley from the compositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing; one who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which clicked.

Cohen -- Priest (descendant of Levi)

Collier -- Coal miner

Colporteur -- Peddler of books

Cooper -- One who makes or repairs vessels made of staves and hoops, such as casks, barrels, tubs, etc.

Cordwainer -- Shoemaker, originally any leather worker using leather from Cordova/Cordoba in Spain

Costermonger -- Peddler of fruits and vegetables

Crocker -- Potter

Crowner -- Coroner

Currier -- One who dresses the coat of a horse with a currycomb;

one who tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease

Docker Stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo

Dowser -- One who finds water using a rod or witching stick

Draper -- A dealer in dry goods

Drayman -- One who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides

for carrying heavy loads

Dresser -- A surgeon's assistant in a hospital

Drover -- One who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market; a dealer in cattle

Duffer -- Peddler

Factor -- Agent, commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate Far-

rier A blacksmith, one who shoes horses

Faulkner -- Falconer

Fell monger -- One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making

Fletcher -- One who made bows and arrows

Fuller -- One who fulls cloth; one who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating, and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth

Gaoler -- A keeper of the goal, a jailer

Glazier -- Window glassman

Hacker -- Maker of hoes

Hatcheler -- One who combed out or carded flax

Haymonger -- Dealer in hay

Hayward -- Keeper of fences

Higgler -- Itinerant peddler

Hillier -- Roof tiler

Hind -- A farm laborer

Hostler -- A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn

Hooker -- Reaper

Hooper -- One who made hoops for casks and barrels

Huckster -- Sells small wares

Husbandman -- A farmer who cultivated the land

Jagger -- Fish peddler

Journeyman -- One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day

Joyner / Joiner A skilled carpenter

Keeler -- Bargeman

Kempster -- Wool comber

Lardner -- Keeper of the cupboard

Lavender -- Washer woman

Lederer -- Leather maker

Leech -- Physician

Longshoreman -- Stevedore

Lormer -- Maker of horse gear

Malender -- Farmer

Maltster -- Brewer

Manciple -- A steward

Mason -- Bricklayer

Mintmaster -- One who issued local currency

Monger -- Seller of goods (ale, fish)

Muleskinner -- Teamster

Neatherder -- Herds cows

Ordinary Keeper -- Innkeeper with fixed prices

Pattern Maker -- A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end

Peregrinator --Itinerant wanderer

Peruker -- A wig maker

Pettifogger -- A shyster lawyer

Pigman -- Crockery dealer

Plumber -- One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead

frames for plain or stained glass windows.

Porter -- Door keeper

Puddler -- Wrought iron worker

Quarrier -- Quarry worker

Rigger -- Hoist tackle worker

Ripper -- Seller of fish

Roper -- Maker of rope or nets

Saddler -- One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other fur-

nishings for horses

Sawbones -- Physician

Sawyer -- One who saws; carpenter

Schumacker -- Shoemaker

Scribler -- A minor or worthless author

Scrivener -- Professional or public copyist or writer; notary pub-

Scrutiner -- Election judge

Shrieve -- Sheriff

Slater -- Roofer

Slopseller -- Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop

Snobscat/Snob -- One who repaired shoes

Sorter -- Tailor

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