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July Meeting **The Genealogical** **Collection** **at the Main Branch** **of the St. Louis** **Public Library**

Guest Speaker:
Cynthia Millar

Thursday, July 19, 2001

August Meeting

Restoring and **Preserving Old** **Photographs**

Guest Speaker:
Douglas Bernstein,
Manager
Creve Coeur Camera,
Ladue

Thursday, August 16, 2001

September Meeting

JGS Research **Resources: Computer,** **Library, Website**

Guest Speaker:
Gene Schneider,
Moderator

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001

Meetings Held At:
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Jablon Youth
Lounge
United Hebrew
Congregation
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Upcoming Meetings

July Guest Speaker: **Cynthia Millar**

Cynthia Millar, one of the Genealogy Librarians at the Main Branch of the St. Louis Public Library, returns to update us on the library's holdings and to introduce new members to the downtown library. Cynthia will discuss the library's census holdings, which are the most extensive in the area, passenger lists and indexes, and European maps and gazetteers. She will also cover the library's website, the Obituary Index, and other indexes to various local historical and biographical sources found online at the website, including the *Modern View 25th Anniversary Deluxe Edition, 1925* and the *Jewish Almanac Community Register*.

She brings her considerable expertise to a topic of interest to all of us, so this should be a meeting you will want to attend.

And Looking Forward **to September...**

Guest Moderator: **Gene Schneider**

This month's meeting will focus on the research resources available on the Society's computer, new information about the library, and recent changes to the Society's website. Details of accessing the Marriage Index and the Cemetery Index will be presented as well as recent activities by the Library Committee. Presentations will be made by representatives of the JGS committees involved. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about on-going activities of the JGS and how they might benefit your research efforts.

Coming in August: **Guest Speaker:** **Douglas Bernstein**

Douglas Bernstein will be speaking at the August 16th meeting about restoring and preserving old photographs. Douglas is the manager of Creve Coeur Camera's Ladue Crossing location. He will be discussing the services offered by his company: digital imaging, restoration, copying, and video transfer. He will also show some of the products available for archiving heirloom photographs. There will be time available for questions. Please feel free to bring pictures which you are interested in restoring.

Douglas has a degree in Art History and Photography from Illinois State University. Over the course of the last fifteen years, he has worked as a photographer, lab manager, and photo-retail manager. Douglas is the founder and moderator of the new Ladue Camera Club. His photographs have been included in several group exhibitions and two one-man shows. This should be a wonderful companion piece to May's meeting on storing paper documents and printing family histories.

REMINDERS:

JGS Discussion Group
Thursday, July 26, 1:00 p.m.

Note that this is a combined
July/August issue. Look for
your next *Generations* during
the first week of September.

Have a great summer!

Our NEW Website:
www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis

President's Message

June Meeting

Our appreciation to Dr. Burton Boxerman for his presentation at the June meeting. His subject, "Portrait of a Family from Napoleonic Times to the Present," was delivered as a lively narrative in which he provided numerous details for each succeeding generation of the Straus family. Burton discussed each person's role in the family's history and that person's contribution to society. Dr. Boxerman also discussed his research methods and sources.

New Website

The JGS of St. Louis has a new website: <<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis>>. Our address was changed once again because, unfortunately, our previous site did not provide the performance we required. Our appreciation to our Webmaster, Joel Shedlofsky. Please contact him at <jtz007@mail.connect.more.net> for any comments or suggestions. And congratulations to Joel for his election to our Board of Directors. He earned this position and we all anticipate his wonderful cooperation and hard work.

Indexing Projects

Our marriage and cemetery indexing efforts are proceeding. Yes, I realize that we don't have much to show for our effort, but please be patient. So far, our Marriage Committee, chaired by Eunice Solomon and the Cemetery Committee, headed by Phyllis Faintich, are devoting many hours to data entry. Although the membership has a need for this index, the first people to take advantage of the data will be those working from the original records, that is, the people doing the data entry. So, join up now and volunteer whatever time you can to assist Eunice and Phyllis. During the past month, we have contacted cemeteries and funeral homes. Consequently, more data, some already digitized, eventually will be available for our research. Next issue, a detailed status report will be published in *Generations* with credit to those working so hard on these projects.

Family Bonds

When interviewing your relatives and family, facts are uncovered; a growing bond is formed. That bond is reinforcement of or the establishment of a closeness. Perhaps it's due to an understanding of the relative's life. The relative thought no one cared to hear his or her story, so the person never talked to anyone about the past. Consequently, an emptiness existed between family members. Step forward and make an appointment for that interview! Family ties are another reason for the study of your family's roots. That's genealogy!

See you at our July meeting,

Jerry Goldberg,

JGS of St. Louis President

Special Resources at St. Louis County Library:

By Chris Flesor,

Special Collections Dept., St. Louis County Library

The Special Collections Department is a lending library for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Microfilm can be ordered at the cost of \$3.75 per roll. You may keep the film for four weeks, with the option of renewing twice. The FHC catalog is available on their web site at <www.familysearch.org>. It would be virtually impossible to get the information from this microfilm anywhere else. For example, I was able to order Jewish birth, marriage and death records for my grandparents' town of Zagorow in Poland for a wide range of years.

Although the records are in Russian, I was able to find my grandmother's name in the birth index, with the help of a co-worker from the Ukraine. I ultimately had this full-page birth record translated, and it was wonderful. It contained my great-grandfather's name, great-grandmother's

maiden name, ages of both, information about the witnesses, and it was signed by the town rabbi. Some towns do not show "Jewish records," but may have civil records. This is worth exploring. Actually, even records that are labeled as "church records" may contain Jewish records.

Also available in our department are Family Tree Maker CDs, including immigration records, census records, marriage indexes, and passenger indexes. You can also search on the internet full-image census records for the years 1880, 1900, and 1910 with our subscription to <ancestry.com>. The Special Collections Department at St. Louis County Library is constantly expanding, always open to suggestions, always ready to try and answer your questions. Please come visit us.



County Library and StLGS Host Mo. State Archives Family History Conference By Joyce Loving

Saturday, 28 July 2001
at Headquarters St. Louis County Library
1640 South Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131
(314) 994-3300

Press Conference: 10:00 a.m.
Main floor of the library

Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt will unveil a series of new unique maps detailing the historical landscape of the Lewis and Clark Expedition through Missouri. These beautifully rendered maps are the fruit of a partnership between the Missouri State Archives, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, and University of Missouri at Columbia's Geographical Resource Center. These two organizations have brought together the state's oldest land records and high technology to create the most accurate rendering of Missouri's early nineteenth century landscape we are ever likely to have. Lewis and Clark sites are detailed on the map, as well as a close-up rendering of the Saint Louis area.

The maps will be on display in the library from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.



Presentations: In Headquarters' Auditorium

10:30 a.m.:

"Family History at the Secretary of State's Office: What We Do and Why We Care" by Secretary of State Matt Blunt

"St. Louis Circuit Court Records Project: A Treasure Trove of Family and Missouri History" by State Archivist Kenneth H. Winn

12 noon:

Lunch on your own. There are a number of restaurants in the area.

1:30 p.m.:

"To Preserve and Protect: Maintaining Your Family Photographs and Papers" by Senior Conservator Lisa Fox

2:30 p.m.:

"The Promise of a New Family History: 'New' Records by the Millions" by Local Records Program Director Lynn Morrow (Get ideas about the availability of new records from your Missouri county!)



No pre-registration is required. These events are free and open to the public, so make plans now to attend!

This event is being co-hosted by St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Genealogical Society. For more information, call either location.

Research Hints: Newspapers

By C. Edwin Murray

Here is a continuation of some of the genealogically interesting news from the first issue of *The Jewish Voice*.

Local Column (Continued)

• Last Sunday was the 60th birthday anniversary of Mr. L. Wolfner and it was duly celebrated at the Wolfner residence 2244 Washington Ave. There were present besides members of the immediate family: Dr. & Mrs. Spitz, Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Straus, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Stampfer, Mr. & Mrs. Boehm, Mr. & Mrs. I. Hartman, and son, Emil, Mr. S. Stampfer, and son, Joe, Mr. & Mrs. Ross, Mr. Muenzer of Chicago, Mr. & Mrs. S. Epstein, Mr. S. Schnurmacher, Mr. & Mrs. Kargan, Mr. & Mrs. Z. Adler & daughters, Miss Flora Stampfer & others.

Ads

• Removal: M. Jacoby, Steamship agent has removed to 515 Pine Street, St. Louis.

• M. Lieberstein, 932 North 7th St., St. Louis—Kosher meat, sausage, smoked beef to be delivered to every private residence.

• Adolph Meyer—Livery & Undertaking Co., Adolph Meyer - President, Jno. H. Stussel - Secretary, J. C. Brockmeyer - Treasurer, A. Remaklus - Superintendent, Undertakers of Funerals, Office 601 & 603 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

• Matzos - Having made arrangements for the best Chicago & Cincinnati Matzos, Matzo meal, Potato flour, also confectionary, Smoked Beef, Beef Tongue & Sausage - City & County orders are promptly filled. M. Benjamin, 2731 Clark Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

City News

This section contained articles dealing with

• Friday evening services at United Hebrew & B'nai El Synagogue

• News from the Y.M.H.A.

• News about the Home for the Aged & Infirm Israelites

• News about United Hebrew relief

• News about Mount Sinai Cemetery Association.

More from the *Jewish Voice* in the next issue.



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What's In A Name? Occupations

By Chuck Jackson

The discussion of surnames and how a person's occupation, trade, or profession may have played an important role in developing certain surnames continues. Please keep in mind that some surnames were adopted due to the sound, the secondary meaning, or for other purposes, and the family may not have ever performed the occupation defined by the surname.

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| SCHUPACK | A dealer in fish, from the Russian for "pickerel." Also appears as Schupakevitch. In Polish, the word "Szupak" means sandpaper and indicates a cabinet maker. |
| SELTZER | A salt producer or a salt merchant. This was a government monopoly and people who held this position were very important. |
| SENELNICK | From the Russian for a person who is in the the dyeing trade. Also appears as Sinilnik and Senelick. |
| SHAMES | From the Hebrew for sexton. |
| SHANDALOV | From the Polish word "Shandal," meaning a shingler. Shandalov would then mean "the son of a shingler." |
| SHERER | From the Yiddish word for barber. |
| SHERMAN | A dealer in woolen cloth. From the German "Scher" or "Sher" - shears (how the cloth was cut). |
| SHULRUF | From the Yiddish "Shulrufer" - one who calls people to service; a sexton. |
| SIDELKO | From the Ukrainian for "awl" and indicates a worker in leather or a shoemaker. |
| SIEGEL | From the German word for "seal" and refers to an engraver of seals, an occupation in which Jews were once very prominent. Also appears as Siegler, Ziegler, Ziegelman, Ziegel, Siegelman. |
| SILBERMAN | One who trades in silver. Also appears as Silverman. |
| SILVERMINTZ | Silvermintz refers to two different occupations. One occupation refers to a mint plant used by the village healer. The other refers to a silver coin; i.e. a money lender. |
| SILVERSTEIN | A jeweler. |
| SKLAR | A glazier. |
| SKORA | The Polish word for "leather" and refers to a person who traded in hides, skins, and/or leather. |
| SKURNIK | One who tans leather or anyone in the leather business. |
| SMOLER | From the Ukrainian "smolyar" (a burner of tar) and would refer to a person who waterproofs roofs or ships. |
| SOLARZ | A salt merchant. |
| SOLODAR | From the Russian "zolotar" - a goldsmith. |
| SPECTOR | An inspector or supervisor of a school. Also taken by tutors in the households of rich Jews who had permission to live in the large Russian cities where other Jews were not allowed to live. |
| SEISHANDLER | From the German for "grocer" and refers to a dealer in food. May be anglicized to Spicehandler which has a different meaning. |
| SPETT | A rag dealer. |
| SPIEGLER | A mirror maker. |
| SPIPKY | A dealer in notions and is from the Yiddish for pin - "Shpilke." |
| SPIVAK | A singer; one who sings in a religious service; a cantor. |

To be continued. Rabbi Kaganoff, again, many thanks.

From the Editor's Desk...

Thanks to those of you who have been so good about contributing stories and ideas and those who have contacted me to tell me how you feel about the paper. I really appreciate your assistance and your input.

Ed and I are off on a genealogical/family-visit vacation to the East. We are going to do research in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts and meet some cousins from my maternal grandfather's family that I have corresponded with for several years in Massachusetts and Ontario, Canada. We'll also celebrate some family birthdays in New York. On the way home, we will spend a few days at the Ft. Wayne Library. I hope to have lots to share with you during the coming months on big-city research.

Because of our trip, there will be no August *Generations*. We'll be back on a monthly schedule in September. Hope you get to do some wonderful things this summer, too. Stay healthy and cool till September!

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New Members

Welcome! We wish to acknowledge and welcome the following new members to JGS of St. Louis:

Rick Firestein
Lou Washauer

We hope you will enjoy and benefit from your membership in our organization and that you will participate in our many informative activities. We are pleased to have you as members.

If you know of any prospective members, please submit their names to Cassie Buerki, Membership Chairperson. She can be reached at (314) 275-7136 or e-mail her at [<cbuerki@aol.com>](mailto:cbuerki@aol.com).

Inquiries

Whenever space permits, *Generations* will publish a summary of out of town inquiries pertaining to Jewish genealogy. Anyone having information pertinent to an inquiry should contact the requestor. The original e-mails are placed on a table at each meeting and then filed in our library.

Hello, my name is Susan Greene and I live in St. Charles, MO. My mother purchased an antique photo album in Iowa and gave me the photos. I am attempting to try and reunite the photos with the correct families. Most of the photos are of the old hard cardboard photographer cards type. Most have photographers from St. Louis embossed on the cards. Some of the photographers were J. HAAS, HAMMER, MEIER, SCHNEIDT, GENELLI, The GAINSBOROUGH, GUERIN, CASSILLY, GROSS, PARSONS and others. Most do NOT have any identification on them.

There were some pieces of paper in the album with names written on them all in the same hand. These say: STEINBERGS: Tillie, Agatha, Annie, Augusta, Frank, August; Minnie, Agatha SCHIFFMANN; Pete + John, Bill ISLER, Great Grandpa B.

Three photos have something written on the back. 1) Great grandparents BIRCHLER 2) Model "T," Bill ISLER'S car 3) Taken 3/29/31; Bill ISLER died 3/25/31. Photos 2 and 3 are not cardboard.

I have also contacted USGenWeb for the St. Louis County site and the St. Louis Genealogical Society. If you could help me see that these get into the correct hands I would be most appreciative. You can contact me at [<mike309@i1.net>](mailto:mike309@i1.net) or [<scgreene56@hotmail.com>](mailto:scgreene56@hotmail.com).

Thank you

Susan Greene
(636) 724-7247

I am seeking information about Benjamin SIEGEL (or variation of spelling). Family folklore has it that Benjamin SIEGEL, born 1845, supposedly died 1927, his red-headed wife left Norfolk for St. Louis, and he was a rabbi there.

Monica Faber
1473 Vernon St
Bells, TX 75414
mfaber@texoma.net

I want to locate ESTHER BRIGADIER. She and I were childhood friends in the inner city in the 1930's. I recall her father was Orthodox and the mother Reformed. Esther would be in her late 70's or early 80's. The Brigadiers lived over a store in St. Louis mid town.

Bob Carmody
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With Sympathy...

Our heartfelt condolences go out to member Martin Enoch on the loss of his daughter, Mrs. Elaine Siporen, who passed away on 8 June 2001 in California.

Creating the Wolf Family Chronicle, 4th Edition

By Ernest Wolf

Early in 1998, the German town of Schlüchtern sought out the still surviving Jewish residents who had either fled the country during the 1930's or had lived through confinement in concentration camps. Once an address list of nearly 50 names had been compiled, invitations were sent out for a one-week visit during August of that year. Nearly 50% of those on the list accepted, making the trip with companions (husbands, wives, some children, friends) so that about 50 guests were present for the occasion. Eighteen, or 36%, turned out to be part of the Wolf family, which had roots in the town going back over 300 years. This led to the updating of the family chronicle.

Three editions of the chronicle had been published previously. The first one was created in 1931 and printed in 1932 in Schlüchtern. The second edition was published in 1955 in England, and the third edition had the data gathered in the U.S. but was also printed in England, in 1980. While the first two editions were in German, the third edition appeared in English.

All of these earlier editions were limited to publishing only names, dates of birth, marriage and death, and little else besides an introductory text with some family history. The major challenge to obtaining updated data for the fourth edition was literally finding family members who were now scattered in over a dozen countries and 25 U.S. states. An earlier address list could not be found, even one used only twenty years previously.

Fortunately, we have today the World Wide Web/Internet to use to find "missing persons." Naturally, known relatives were contacted with the request to pass back contact information known to them, and repeated requests usually resulted in widening the net. A "volunteer" was recruited from each branch of the family to track persons in that branch. We plagiarized the questionnaire forms used by my mother's family twenty years earlier, seeing no need to reinvent the wheel, so to speak. We also adopted the same numbering system that was used in that family's chronicle update. As the data started coming back in, it was evident that several large holes remained in our net.

A major breakthrough came when we learned that the Belgian and Israeli telephone directories were available on the Internet. There was family listed in the 1980 book living in Antwerp, but no contact information was available from any known family member. It turned out that the Belgian Internet telephone directory was available in French, Flemish and English. Addresses for matching family names were

More on the Carnovsky Family

I read with interest the clip on the Carnovsky family in the June publication of *Generations*. The article in the *N.Y. Times* was written by Stanley Karnow, also a cousin to Morris Carnovsky, which he did not know before contacting me. Stanley is a Pulitzer Prize winner for writing a book on Vietnam. Also, the Karnofsky tie with Louis Armstrong is my grandparents and my father and his siblings. I have a lot of information on this, that is, if someone is interested in it. I also have information on Morris Carnovsky. His widow still resides in Connecticut.

With best wishes,

Jacob L Karno
Pres, JGS of New Orleans
25 Waverly Pl.
Metairie, LA 70003



downloaded and used for a general mailing, and one of those addresses proved to be a winner. This Belgian branch originated with a mother with four children, all of whom escaped to and survived in Vichy, France after the Germans invaded Belgium. Today they have over 100 descendants, some again living in Antwerp with others now scattered in England, France and Israel. One of the four children who survived now has 57 grandchildren.

We found another family member, born in Israel and now living in Connecticut, through an Internet search; he helped with many further contacts in Israel as well as the U.S. As a result of this contact, we came into possession of a book that is a true treasure: the printed reproduction of the handwritten correspondence between Theodor Herzl, the Grand Duke of Baden, and the German Emperor between 1896 and 1904, with the aim to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Also included is correspondence with the Russian Tsar.

A Sabra family member currently living in the U.S. helped with additional Israeli contacts by using the Israeli Internet phone directory, *Beseq*. We needed the Sabra since that directory is only published in Hebrew.

One surviving family group of three gathered in Santiago, Chile in 1940, then multiplied. Again through e-mail contact and follow-up with one individual in that large group, we obtained information on about 50 Chilean relatives who are descendants of these original three. The prior chronicle editions had no information about the existence of this large group.

In the end, we collected over 180 addresses for currently living relatives, with more than 100 having e-mail addresses that facilitated ongoing communications. We collected essays and photographs to add to the new book, and created contact lists to

(Continued on back page.)

Steerage Conditions

Last Part

This is Part IV of the article on steerage conditions that began in the April issue. This report was posted on the Internet at <www.balchinstitute.org> the website for The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, 18 South 7th St., Philadelphia, PA 19106.



Medical Care

"Hospitals have long been recognized as indispensable, and so are specially provided in the construction of most passenger-carrying vessels. The equipment varies, but there are always berths and facilities for washing and a latrine closet at hand. A general aversion to using the hospitals freely is very apparent on some lines. Seasickness does not qualify for admittance. Since this is the most prevalent ailment among the passengers, and not one thing is done for either the comfort or convenience of those suffering from it and confined to their berths, and since the hospitals are included in the space allotted to the use of steerage passengers, this denial of the hospital to the seasick seems an injustice. On some lines the hospitals are freely used. A passenger ill in his berth receives only such attention as the mercy and sympathy of his fellow-travelers supplies."

Fresh Air

"After what has already been said, it is scarcely necessary to consider separately the observance of the provision for the maintenance of order and cleanliness in the steerage quarters and among the steerage passengers.

"The open deck has always been decidedly inadequate in size..."

Of what practical use could rules and regulations by the captain or master be, when their enforcement would be either impossible or without appreciable result with the existing accommodations?

The open deck has always been decidedly inadequate in size. The amendment to section 1 of the passenger act of 1882, which went into effect January 1, 1909, provides that henceforth this space shall be 5 superficial feet for every steerage passenger carried. On one steamer showers of cinders were a deterrent to the use of the open deck during several days. On another a storm made the use of the open deck impossible during half the journey. The only seats available were the machinery that filled much of the deck."

Occupancy Law

"Section 7 of the law of 1882, which excluded the crew from the compartments occupied by the passengers except when ordered there in the performance of their duties, was found posted in more or less conspicuous places. There was generally one copy in English and one in the language of the crew. It was never found in all the several languages of the passengers carried, yet they are

as much concerned by this regulation as is the crew. And if passengers of one nationality should know it, it is equally important that, all should."

In Summary

"Considering this old-type steerage as a whole, it is a congestion so intense, so injurious to health and morals that there is nothing on land to equal it. That people live in it only temporarily is no justification of its existence. The experience of a single crossing is enough to change bad standards of living to worse. It is abundant opportunity to weaken the body and emplant there germs of disease to develop later. It is more than a physical and moral test; it is a strain. And surely it is not the introduction to American institutions that will tend to make them respected."

"The common plea that better accommodations can not be maintained because they would be beyond the appreciation of the emigrant and because they would leave too small a margin of profit carry no weight in view of the fact that the desired kind of steerage, already exists on some of the lines and is not conducted as either a philanthropy or a charity."

A Personal Invitation

You are invited once again to join members Ed and Ilene Murray as they lead, for the second year in a row, the eighth annual St. Louis Genealogical Society's research trip to Salt Lake City, Utah from the 4th to the 11th of November 2001. Spend seven nights at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, adjacent to the Family History Library, and have six full days to work on your family history at the largest genealogical library in the world. Ed, a professional genealogist, genealogy instructor, and chairperson of the Education Committee for the St. Louis Genealogical Society, and Ilene, *Generations* editor, Publications Chair for the StLGS, and experienced genealogist, will be available each day for consultations and assistance.

The land package for this trip includes hotel room, tax, transfers between the airport and the hotel in Salt Lake City, research assistance, a pre-trip meeting, one group dinner, a lecture on immigration, and a donation to the St. Louis Genealogical Society. A group rate is available for airfare. For further information, contact the StLGS office, (314) 647-8548, or call Ilene and Ed directly at home at (314) 991-3593 or e-mail: <ilenemurray@mindspring.com>.

Ellis Island Database in One Step

Here's a wonderful one-step search engine for the EIDB until they get theirs in better shape. It was created by an ingenious man named Stephen Morse. <<http://sites.netscape.net/stephenmorse/ellis.html>>.

Wolf Family Chronicle... Continued

publish, so for the first time, all family members could choose to be in touch with everyone else.

All of the genealogical data was loaded into Broderbund's *Family Tree Maker*, and version 8.0 came out just in time to allow for our use of the new Publishing Wizard to create the genealogical text in easy to read form. Essays were created in MS Word, and photographs were managed using an HP ScanJet 5370 scanner and Canon "Office Ready Family Essentials" software. This software allows use of either MS Word or MS Excel and permits sizing and placing the photos on pages and adding appropriate legends.

The genealogical index was created automatically out of the Family Tree Maker files, although with the way we applied the numbering system, I had to get one of my sons to help change from a number defined index to an alphabetical index. Both MS Excel and MS Word were used for this transition, which eliminated the need to manually work through over 900 names. The contact lists were created from an MS Access database into which the information was loaded.

For those interested in what modern technology can do for this kind of project, you should know that all of the text and black and white photos were printed out of my computer onto hard copy that was then scanned and reproduced by a commercial print shop. Only the color photos were transferred to a CD-R disk that was given to the print shop (for this you need a CD-RW writer). The CD-R disk files provided much sharper reproductions of the color photos than copying from color prints produced by an HP DeskJet printer. The same shop did both the electronic printing and binding.

As is indicated on the reverse side of the title page of the Chronicle, Hardbound, Inc. did the printing and binding. Those of you who attended the May meeting had a chance to listen to Carol Berger, owner of Hardbound, Inc. She was a pleasure to work with.

(Anyone who would like more information on the Wolf family or on publishing a family history should contact the JGS and we'll pass your message on to Ernie.)



It's June!
Before you leave for your summer vacation, don't forget our Tribute Cards! What better way to help the JGS strengthen its library?
Contact Jean Heyman at (314) 434-2345 for more information.



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