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Upcoming Meetings

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

Guest Moderator
Gene Schneider

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001

October Meeting
**An Armchair Tour
of Historic
Jewish St. Louis**

Guest Speaker:

Linda Meckfessel Keonig

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001

Meetings Held At:

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Jablon Youth Lounge
United Hebrew
Congregation
13788 Conway Road

REMINDERS:

**JGS Discussion Group will
NOT meet in September
because of the holidays.**

Our NEW Website:

www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis

September Meeting

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.

Webmaster Joel Shedlofsky will show how to navigate the new website. Eunice Solomon, chair of the Marriage Indexing committee, will update us on the group's work. Sylvia Jaffe, Library Committee co-chair, will discuss the work that her committee has been doing. As well as acting as moderator, Gene Schneider will talk about the new Surname Research project.

This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about on-going activities of the JGS and how they might benefit your research efforts.

Ellis Island in One Step

★Update★

Many people had trouble accessing the One Step Ellis Island Search Form with the address provided in the last *Generations*. As it turns out, it was the fault of Steve Morse's server. He has now corrected the problem by creating an alternative (mirror) site. The address of that alternate site is:

<<http://home.pacbell.net/spmorse/ellis>>

Dr. Morse has continued to expand and refine the abilities of his search form so that you can look for an ancestor with nothing more than a first and last initial. You can specify gender, age, ethnic group, year of the voyage,

October Meeting

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**"An Armchair Tour of
Historic Jewish St. Louis"**

We would surely all agree that the St. Louis in which our parents and grandparents lived was an extremely different landscape from the leafy suburbs where we live and worship today! Most of us have heard stories about the old neighborhood but probably are only vaguely aware of where it was.

Now that we have discovered the names of some of our ancestors, we need to put them into the context of the city and its institutions where they prayed, worked, and were buried.

Linda Meckfessel Koenig owns her own company that designs and executes tours of this area. For the last four years, she has very successfully led specifically Jewish oriented tours for a wide variety of organizations. The research she has done to learn about the last 200 years of St. Louis history has turned up fascinating and little known facts about our community.

Linda is a lively speaker who will put some very familiar spots in our town into an entirely different perspective. You won't want to miss this program!

etc. Using this site instead of the actual EIDB allows you much more flexibility.

So, if you have been frustrated with the EIDB, give this wonderful search form that Dr. Morse created a try.

President's Message

July and August Meetings

Our July meeting featured Cynthia Millar of the St. Louis Public Library who discussed the vast genealogical holdings at the main library. We appreciated the numerous handouts detailing the genealogical collection at that facility. If you have not been to this library, then be sure to go. Utilize the wonderful resources and marvel at the architectural beauty of the building.

Also, my appreciation to our August speaker, Douglas Bernstein of Creve Coeur Camera. He provided a lively discussion while educating members on the restoration, preservation and media conversion of photographs and film. Mr. Bernstein helped to answer that extra question in genealogy research: now that I have this visual information, what do I do with it?

New Website

Have you recently accessed our website: <www.jewishgen.org/jgs-StLouis>? Hopefully, our server problems are behind us and we are on our way to establishing another resource for you, our members. Of course, we have the usual items, such as meeting notices, membership information, etc. However, one of our goals is the establishment of a list of who in our St. Louis society is researching what family. It's happened more than once; two members are researching the same ancestry and yet they are unaware of this common thread. Soon, you will be able to input the inquiries for your family. Our web troops, consisting of Gary Kodner, Gene Schneider, Joel Shedlofsky, Patti Labell and Ilene Murray, are busy bees creating and building a foundation of information for this dynamic site. Please contact our Webmaster, Joel Shedlofsky, at <jtz007@mail.connect.more.net> for any comments or suggestions.

Indexing Projects

Each month I have been requesting help for two of our high priority projects, marriage and death record indexing. Unfortunately, the response has been less than satisfactory. Our small group of volunteers wears many hats, and frankly, it's not fair for them to be doing all the work. All I ask is a minimum of 4-5 hours a month for a few months. In return, you'll get to touch original records and learn of various types of information they contain. For example, not all data appears on a computer due to data entry space and time limitations. Think of these records as a treasure house of local historical facts. Join with others on a committee, make some new friends, and discuss your research problems. The more you contribute, the more you'll learn!

Web Resource

Here is a new Jewish Web Site that I learned about via my e-mail. "May I invite you to visit my recently upgraded Jewish Genealogy Informational Web site at <<http://Jewishwebindex.com>> which is a compendium of many thousands of links and bits and pieces of information ...all related to Jewish Genealogy research. I would welcome your comments and criticisms and any links you have found. Nearly every week more links, bits, and pieces of information are added. Ted Margulis, Palm Desert, CA"

Jerry Goldberg,

JGS of St. Louis President

A Few Interesting Websites

New York University's Center for Advanced Technology (CAT) in collaboration with American Jewish Historical Society and The Center for Jewish History has put up a database representation of Jewish athletes, containing also some genealogical information. The earliest entry seems to be for the year 1890 about the Canadian figure skater Louis Rubinstein. Entries state sport, country represented, years competed, career highlights, birth and death date, origin of the athlete, career statistics, sometimes photographs and excerpts from articles and further links concerning the athlete.

The URL is <www.jewsinsports.org/jewsinsports/>

"The Internet - with its scores of databases, easy access and relatively quick response time — is helping many armchair historians gain glimpses into their pasts." You can read an interesting N.Y. Times article entitled "The Search for the Family Tree Moves **a**

Discussion Group News

The JGS of St. Louis Discussion Group will not meet in September as the meeting date falls on Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement.

The Discussion group meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month in the United Hebrew Library.

Members are encouraged to attend and to participate in the informal group discussion session. Genealogical successes are shared. Genealogical problems are solved. A genealogical subject is featured at each session.

The share and care program promotes a closer relationship between members.

For further information call Shirley Finger, 314-994-0318 or Marianne Goldstein, 314-989-1519.

to the Web" By Corey Kilgannon at:
<www.nytimes.com/2001/07/01/technology/01GENE.html?ex=995075591&ei=1&en=03392f720abcb76f>

Research Hints: Newspapers

By C. Edwin Murray

Besides looking for marriage records at courthouses and city halls, make sure that you check newspapers for articles about weddings. Sometimes an article will not only give you a good description of a wedding, but will list relatives (and how they are related and where they are living) and friends of the bride and groom.

Here's an example from *The Jewish Voice*, a St. Louis newspaper, Volume 1, No. 2, 13 January 1888.



"After a comparatively quiet society season, the Concordia Club was on Thursday, 5th inst., the scene of a very fashionable event in the marriage of Miss Carrie GODLOVE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. GODLOVE, of Whittemore Place to Mr. I. HAHN. The halls and parlors were beautifully decorated, rare and costly flowers being arranged in pretty designs. Prompt to the hour announced Rev. Dr. M. SPITZ the officiating Rabbi took his place at the improvised altar, and after a short but feeling talk to the young couple, performed the marriage ceremony, which forever joins two true and loving hearts for a journey through life's troubled sea."

"There were a great number of ladies present, and elaborate and expensive costumes were rather the rule than the exception. Space prevents us mentioning any but that of the bride who wore a pure white faille Francais en traine, the back falling in unbroken folds from the waist line. The tablier shirred across the hips, was covered with alternate puffs and rows of shirring to within twelve inches of the hem, where it was finished by a box plaited flounce into which fans of knit plaits were inserted. Montant corsage finished with point lace; the demisleeves were met by long white gloves, the veil of tulle was confined to the hair by pearl pins. In her hand she carried a bunch of lilies of the valley."

"At the close of the ceremony the wedding march was given by Schoen's Orchestra, when all returned to the dining-room where Mr. WORMSER, caterer of the club had prepared a banquet, which was indeed complete in all its details. Mr. and Mrs. HAHN left early for New Orleans on their bridal tour, and on their return they will make their home with the bride's parents on Whittemore Place."

"Among those present at this happy marriage feast were Mr. and Mrs. Moses GODLOVE, parents of the bride, Mr. Louis GODLOVE and his intended, Miss Lillie ISAACS, Mr. Jacob GODLOVE, Mrs. J. W. MOORE, of Moulten, Iowa, Miss Beccy HAHN of Memphis, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. M. N. SALE, Mr. and Mrs. Charles HELLMAN, Mr. and Mrs. Julius STRAUSS, Mr. S. A. RIDER, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. SPITZ, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. SALE, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. SCHOEN, Mr. and Mrs. Joe BAUM, Mrs. I. SALE, Mr. and Mrs. LIEBER, Mr. and Mrs. I. FULD, Mr. and Mrs. L. HELLMAN,

(Continued in next column)

Synopsis of July Program

By Eunice Solomon

Genealogical Collection at the Downtown Library

Presented by Cynthia Millar

The library has census records for the entire country but not for all census years. Passenger lists from major ports are limited by date:

New York	1820-1902
Boston	1820-1891
Baltimore	1820-1891
Philadelphia	1800-1882

Filby's Passenger List Index is available and the Morton Allan Steamship Directory. The library has a source book of Jewish genealogies and family histories. They have a few Yiskor books.

The census, passenger lists, and newspapers are located in the microfilm room in the basement, which is called the first floor.

The downtown library has a reciprocal borrowing agreement with all libraries in the area. This includes the County system and independent libraries such as Kirkwood. You must have a library card from one of them to borrow books from the library.

Local information can be found in:

Phone books	(early years are in bad condition)
Registers of birth	1870-1909
Death Records	1850-1909
Marriages	1804-1960
City Directories	1821-1860 (on microfiche) up to 1980 (on microfilm)

Maps and Gazetters cover the world. Everyone should look at the Compton and Dry map of St. Louis in 1875. It is a painstaking drawing of every street and building as they looked at that time.

Parking is sometimes a problem. There are meters around the library, which are free on Saturdays. Parking lots are several blocks away.

The library's website is <www.slpl.lib.mo.us>.

Wedding, (Cont'd)

Mr. and Mrs. S. WINTERS, Mrs. B. HELLMAN, Mrs. R. LONG, Mrs. J. ISAACS, Misses Bella MORSE of Denver, Colo., Tillie FULD, Hannah SCHOEN, Carrie SCHARFF, Pauline ISAACS, Franc SALE, Tillie HELLMAN, Tillie EINSTEIN, Annie DONNELLY, and Messrs Aaron RIDER, Julius and Morris GERSTEL, I. A. SCHOEN, Ben HURST, Louis ALSBERG, R. M. SINGER, Eugene ISAACS, Simon SALE, S. N. FREDMAN, Lee SALE, and Joe SCHOEN. The telegrams of congratulation were many, and the bridal presents handsome and costly."

If someone in your family has saved the telegrams and congratulation letters associated with the marriage, they also might give clues to names of relatives and where they were living

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.

STELLMACHER	Cartwright in German; a maker of carriages or one who sold them.
STEUER	Tax or duty in German; a collector of taxes or duties.
STICKER	A worker with gold braid and lacing.
STOLLER	A cabinet maker or a carpenter; from the Ukrainian and Russian "stolyar."
SUKENIK	A dealer in cloth.
TABACHNIK	A seller or manufacturer of snuff.
TALESNICK	One who sells or makes prayer shawls. Also appears as Talisnick, Talisman.
TALMACH	From the German word "Dolmetsch" which means interpreter. Also appears as Tolmach, Talmadge.
TAMBOR	From the Yiddish for drummer.
TARGOWNIK	Merchant or market man in Polish.
TAXIN	A person who levied the government taxes on meat, milk, bread, salt, etc. Also appears as Taksen.
TEIG	A baker. Also appears as Teigman.
TELLER	This is the dish that identified the barber-surgeon in eastern Europe as the striped pole in front of the barber shop does today. Therefore, the name was taken by a barber-surgeon.
TENDLER	A dealer in secondhand furniture or clothes. Found predominately among Galician and Austrian Jews. Also appears as Tandler.
TESSLER	A carpenter in the Ukraine.
TISCHLER	A carpenter or a cabinet maker. Also appears as Tishler.
TOPOREK	From the Polish "Topor" which means axe. Toporek means little axe. The name was taken by a butcher or a carpenter.
TRUBNICK	From the Yiddish for chimney sweep.
TUCHMAN	From the Yiddish for cloth merchant.
TULMAN	A milliner or dressmaker. From the German word "tull" (lace).
TYGEL	From the Polish word for crucible and the name was adopted by a goldsmith.
VIGODA	From the Polish "Wygoda" which means inn or tavern. Jews were almost always in charge of these establishments which were found all over Poland. Also appears as Wigodar, Wigodney.
WAGNER	From the German word for cartwright and was adopted by a person who makes wagons or coaches or a driver of wagons or coaches.
WALKER	A person who scours, cleanses, and thickens woolen cloth. Thickening is done by moistening, heating, and pressing. The occupation is known as a fuller. The "W" is pronounced as a "V."
WAPNER	A dealer in lime and is from the word "Wapno" (quicklime).
WARNIK	From the Ukrainian for an operator of salt works.

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

From the Editor's Desk...

Hopefully, your summer was filled with fun and creative ways to stay out of the heat! Our research trip east was very productive. I found many new documents in archives, libraries, and health departments, located tombstones of family members in several states, and, most important, met with cousins, some of whom I had only known through the telephone and by e-mail. It was wonderful to share information, pictures, and stories with these folks who were strangers a short time ago and who now feel so close.

As the school year resumes, think about taking a class, attending a conference, or learning a new technique to help you in your research. Ed and I are going to the FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) annual conference in Iowa in mid September and hope to bring back lots of good ideas from that. If you go anywhere or do anything you think our group could benefit from knowing about, please share with us. I look forward to hearing from you!

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New Member

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

Phyllis Milner

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 a member.

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>.

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.

Seeking information about an Abraham MILLNER (MILNER), who died on 21 April 1908 at the age of 92 in St. Louis. He helped establish the Moses Montefiore School, the first Hebrew school in St. Louis. Can call member Ed Klamen at (314) 863-5384 or contact me directly.

Bob Rodman
San Francisco, CA
(415) 479-2441

I am seeking information about a family named FONKATZ. Joseph and Lena and their children, along with her daughter Mary and Mary's husband Nathan BURG are listed in the St. Louis 1920 census. Researching: Joseph and his son Jake FONKATZ
Ava Miedzinski
17 Zeissner Lane, Spring Valley, NY 10977
a.miedzinski@att.net

I am seeking information about my ggg-grandparents and their families. Louis WOLFERNAN, b. 1836 in Kassel or Prussia (Kassel may have been in Prussia), married Mathilde SCHIELE in St. Louis, June 25, 1867. She arrived in US in 1850, first to Jeff City. They had, I think, 4 kids, including Esther, my gg-grandmother.

Researching: WOLFERNAN, SCHIELE, HOFHEIMER
Rob Lederer
149 W 13th St, #3R, New York, NY 10011
(212) 727 8592
roblederer@yahoo.com

My GGrandfather and GGmother Joseph and Lena FONKATZ were living in St. Louis from about 1915 to 1925 or 30... I think? My grandmother, their daughter, was disowned by them in 1920 at the age of 17 for marrying out of Judaism.

Children: Mary FONKATZ married to Nathan BURG
Ida FONKATZ (my grandmother)
Jacob FONKATZ
Anna FONKATZ
Sarah FONKATZ

I believe Anna and Sarah were the only children born and attended school there. I can't locate a "Fonkatz" anywhere in the USA. I believe they only used the "Fon" on the name of Katz for a while or for some unknown reason then dropped it.

Researching: Joseph, Lena, Ida, Jacob, Anna, Sarah FONKATZ or just KATZ. Mary & Nathan BURG.

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Joyful1z@aol.com (That's a #1 after the 1.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have already contacted the two Fonkatz families to tell them of the bizarre coincidence of them both contacting us at once, but if any of you have any information on this family, please get in touch with them!

Ready to Take a Class? Try One of These: For Beginners...

A four week course in beginning genealogy, "Tracing Your Family Tree," taught by Sylvia Jaffe, is being offered free to members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of St. Louis affiliated with United Hebrew Congregation. The course is also free to those who join in September.

Sylvia and her husband Art were the founders of the JGS and are also past presidents of the society. Ms. Jaffe's articles on genealogy have appeared in local and national publications. She has been a guest speaker on "How to Trace Your Family Tree" at organizations and Houses of Worship. Ms. Jaffe also spoke on "Jewish Genealogical Resources in St. Louis" at a national genealogical conference.

Where: Library at United Hebrew
13788 Conway Rd.
When: Four Wednesday afternoons in October:
October 3, 10, 17, 24
12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Cost: Free to members

If you are not currently a JGS member, the dues are \$20.00 per individual or \$35.00 for two people in one household.

Complete the form below to enroll in the afternoon course. Registration must be received by September 29th. For further information call Sylvia at 314-434-8392 or email: <Letvak@aol.com>.

For Those Who Have Been At It A While...

Once again, the St. Louis Genealogical Society is offering a workshop on Writing Your Family History. Led by Ann Fleming, CG, (and JGS member) and Edward (Ted) Steele, this will be a "highly interactive workshop during which you will learn how to develop and publish your personal family history."

The workshop will be taught in four classes.

- Session 1: The Big Picture: Introduction, Focus/Content, and Publishing Basics
- Session 2: The Details: Guidelines, Appearance, and Documentation
- Session 3: Final Copy: Editing and Proofreading and Indexing
- Session 4: Publishing: Book Layout, Publishing Alternatives, Marketing and Distribution and Conclusion

Where: St. Louis Genealogical Society Office,
4 Sunnen Drive in Maplewood
When: Four Wednesday evenings in October:
the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th
6:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$35 for StLGS members
\$40 for non-members.

Space is limited, so if you are interested, call the Society office at 314-647-8547 to enroll.

For Those Who Want More Class Time...

Florissant Valley Community College offers genealogy classes which are taught by JGS member Ed Murray. Ed is a professional genealogist, retired teacher, Education Chair of the St. Louis Genealogical Society, and genealogical speaker. The three classes that currently have space are as follows:

Beginning Genealogy

When: Thurs. evenings: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
7:15–9:15 p.m.
And: Two field trips: Sat., Oct. 20 (St. Louis Co. Library)
Sat., Oct. 27 (St. Louis City Library)
10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Cost: \$50

Death Records, Obituaries & Probates

When: Weds., Oct. 3 & Sat., Oct. 6
1 p.m.–4 p.m.
Cost: \$10

Preserving Your Family History

When: Thurs., Nov. 15 & Thurs., Nov. 29
7 p.m.–9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$12.50

All classes are given on the Florissant Valley Community College Campus. For more information, or to enroll, call Patsy O'Connell at (314) 595-4237.

Please use this form for the **JGS Beginning Genealogy Class**.

Mail to: Betty Schneider, JGS treasurer, 1001 Pocono Trail, Ballwin, MO 63021

PLEASE PRINT:

Name(s) _____

Joining Check enclosed: \$ _____ Member

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

Library Corner:

Art and Sylvia Jaffe, Library Chairmen

We often hear from members that they are not native St. Louisans and are researching surnames in areas other than the City of St. Louis or the state of Missouri.

A great resource is available to these researchers in the JGS of St. Louis library housed in the United Hebrew Library. The JGS of St. Louis section is located in the center of the library. Signs designate the area. The JGS library is for reference use only.

The resource? Newsletters published by Jewish Genealogical Societies in the United States and abroad. The newsletters are in notebooks. Each notebook bears the title of the publication, as well as the JGS area in which it is published. The notebooks have been categorized and are in alphabetical order according to state. Each newsletter contains valuable information that will prove helpful to the researcher. JGS newsletters contain information on individuals, as well as research sites in the area, plus much more. Helpful research articles are featured.

Newsletters: In notebooks shelved on bottom shelf, marked "Reference 929 Newsletters." Categorized alphabetically and numbered. Please replace in numbered order.

We have the following:

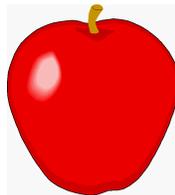
- California: Los Angeles *Roots Key* (1)
Orange County *Shorashim* (2)
Sacramento *Nizkor* (3)
San Diego *Discovery* (4)
San Francisco *Zichron Note* (5)
- Colorado: *Chai* (6)
- Connecticut: *Quest* (7)
- Wash., D.C.: *Mishpacha* (8)
- Florida: Miami *Branches* (9)
Greater Orlando *Etz Chaim* (10)
Palm Beach *Scattered Seeds* (11)
Southwest *Mishpochology* (12)
- Georgia: *Yichus Y'all* (13)
- Illinois/Indiana: *Illiana Morasha* (14)
- Louisiana: New Orleans *Bayou Branches* (15)
- Massachusetts: Boston *Mass-Pocha* (16)
- Michigan: Detroit *Generations* (17)
- Missouri: St. Louis *Generations* (18)
- Nevada: *Southern Family Legacies* (19)
- NJ, Bergen Co.: *Yichus; The Gatherers*; Central NJ (20)
- New York NY City *Dorot* (21)
Long Island Lineage (22)
Rochester (23)
- Ohio: Cincinnati *Ancestry* (24)
Cleveland *Kol* (25)
Columbus Historical Society (26)
- Pennsylvania: Philadelphia *Chronicles* (27)

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Last Call to Salt Lake City

There are still a few rooms available if any JGS members would like 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>.



L'Shanah Tovah

*Have a sweet and
bountiful new year!*



Library (Cont'd)

- Texas: Dallas Journal Historical Society
Houston *Dor-Dor* (28)
- Wisconsin: *Family Finding* (29)
- Mixed States (30)

Issues From Abroad:

- Argentina: *Toldot*; Roman Numeral 1 (I)
- Australia: *The Kosher Koala* (II)
- Brasil: *Geracoes* (III)
- Germany: *Stammbaum* (IV)
- Great Britain: *Shemot* (2 notebooks) (V)
- Israel: (VI)
- Switzerland: (VII)

From time to time, the number designation might change. However, the notebooks will always be in alphabetical order. Some newsletters are not current. However, the newsletters will be contacted and asked to bring newsletters up to date.

Synopsis of August Program

By Eunice Solomon

Photographic Preservation By Doug Bernstein

Doug, the manager of Creve Coeur Camera's Ladue Crossing store, emphasized that genealogy is not complete without family pictures. History is forever but photographs are not. Deterioration occurs if pictures are not cared for properly. Color processing is not as stable as black and white. Old black and white photos may still be OK while newer color photos have started to fade. Each picture should be identified with name, location and date. There was a time people made a social event of having their photograph taken in a studio. They wore their best clothes, even if 20 years old. People who did not have nice clothes to wear were lent garments by the photographer.

The best way to restore an original print is

to make a negative from it, then a new print. Display the copy and store the original and negative in an archival album or box. Never laminate a picture. Keep pictures away from excess heat, cold and humidity. Never store in a basement or attic. Never use rubber bands, paper clips or anything made of PVC to store pictures. NEVER store pictures and newspaper articles together. A framed picture should never touch the glass. Use a mat. Store photo albums and videos vertically.

Creve Coeur Camera does all of its own work; never sends anything to another photo lab. They do a great deal of work with videos from adding sound to transferring 8mm film to tape.

Some Laws of Genealogy

1. No one in your family ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, was never sued, and was never named in wills.
2. Yours is the only last name not found among the three billion in the Mormon Archives in Salt Lake City.
3. You learned that great-aunt Matilda's executor just sold her life's collection of family genealogical materials to a flea market dealer somewhere in New York City.
4. The ancient photograph of four relatives, one of whom is your ancestor, has the names of the other three written on the back.

(From the Champaign Co. Genealogical Society, February 1994)

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Remember someone for the High Holy Days with a Tribute Card! What better way to help the JGS strengthen its library?

Contact Jean Heyman at (314) 434-2345 for more information.



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