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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, July 9, 1998
at the Bellevue Regional Library
(7:00 p.m. Supply Table open)

Topic: "German-Russian Research - An Overview"
Speaker: Dale Lee Wahl

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: Special invitations were extended to large numbers of German families to come to Russia in the 1760's and early 1800's. During their stay in Russia, the largest concentrations of German communities were in the regions of the Black Sea and the Volga. With the changing of the status of the German Citizen in the 1870's, the numbers started to trickle from Russia to other countries - primarily to the United States and Canada. In the middle 1880's the numbers became very significant and lasted for several more decades. Many of the "German" settlers of this state were actually "German Russian" and today, many of these settlers' descendants are unaware of the Russian part of their families German history. Actually, there are parts of Russia where this German Russian research is easier than most places in this country.

Dale Lee Wahl is a member of Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS), American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR), and Glueckstal Colonies Research Association (GCRA). He is a GRHS Clearing House Founder and Leader and Chairman of GRHS Village Research Project as well as a committee member of the GRHS Records Retrieval/Archives Acquisition Committee. He is a Founding member of Germans from Russia (GR) Digital Library called the 'pixel' (a.k.a. odessa). Specializing in Black Sea/South Russia GR research, Dale will talk in general terms to all geographic groups of the Germans from Russia. Please join us.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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TAKING A RESEARCH TRIP? Are you taking a research trip this summer? Please remember EGS if you do. We would love to hear about your trip in the form of an article (1-2 paragraphs) for this newsletter. And we would also appreciate it if you could bring back 10-20 brochures from repositories/museums etc. that you visit. We will place them on our "sharing" table at the meetings. Please see page 11 for information about newsletter submissions. Thank you in advance!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - PETER ROBERTSON

By the time you read this letter, the summer solstice will have come and gone, and many people will be engaged in appropriate summer activities.

For some, such activities will include taking a break of some length from the routine generally associated with the school year. For such people, such a period represents a chance to conduct a genealogical expedition to acquire more information on ancestors. For others, such a period provided an opportunity to plan ahead for the next nine months that commence in September.

However, EGS itself keeps active even in the summer as a glance at other articles in this newsletter would indicate. For example, several EGS members, including myself, attended a meeting on 17 June at the National Archives facility in Seattle to express our support for retaining such a resource in our region. Your Board will continue to plan events and provide programs for people to attend in order to further enhance their genealogical skills.

There is also a need to develop an Education Committee to plan genealogical educational programs to benefit genealogists on the Eastside. In particular, we need the assistance of someone with an administrative educational background to lead the effort. But, other people are needed as well. If this opportunity is something that interests you, please call me at (206) 236-2473 or e-mail me at pnrmerc@earthlink.net. Please note, however, that I will be on a trip outside the region pursuing ancestors during the period 12 July to 2 August.

Peter N. Robertson

GET WELL SOON Get well wishes are sent to Carl Cason, Frank Fisher, and Mary Ellen Scott's husband, Del. We hope you are all feeling better soon.

IN SYMPATHY EGS would like to extend sympathy to Alex Waters and his family on the passing of his wife, Evelyn, on May 27, 1998. Alex asks that any memorials in his wife's name be sent to the Puget Sound Blood Bank in Seattle. If you wish to send condolences, Alex's e-mail address is aeh2os1@juno.com

WANTED! FOLK FOR EDUCATION One of the major areas of focus for EGS is the education of EGS members, as well as general residents of the Eastside communities, in matters and skills relating to genealogy. Our monthly programs are a major part of this effort. However, there is considerable potential in developing seminar type programs geared to various skill levels and areas of interest.

The Board would like to reconstitute the Education Committee under the leadership of someone with administrative managerial experience in education and supported by persons knowledgeable about genealogical principles and techniques. Naturally, there are challenges involved, but the reward of enabling people to improve their genealogical skills is significant.

If you would like to take part in this effort, please call Peter Robertson at (206) 236-2473 or e-mail at pnrmerc@earthlink.net. He will be out of town from 12 July through 2 August.

EGS BULLETIN BOARD NOW AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL The EGS Board has decided to make available, on a trial-basis, the EGS *Bulletin Board* newsletter in an electronic format (via e-mail) to the first 50 interested members. During the trial period, you can receive both the printed form and the electronic form. We will try this for several months and at the end of the trial period, will survey participants. At that time, if we decide to continue offering the e-mail version of the newsletter, members will be asked to choose to receive either the printed version or the e-mail version.

Advantages of the e-mail version are: the electronic version will arrive about one week earlier than the printed version; it will cut down on printing and mailing costs to EGS; it will allow you to decide what parts of the newsletter you would like to print on your own printer; and depending on what software you use for your e-mail, the Internet links listed in the newsletter will be "hot" - you will be able to click on them as listed in the newsletter and go to that site.

If you would like to receive this newsletter during the trial period, please send an e-mail to Kim Nichols, newsletter editor, at nichols@nwlink.com

EGS MEETINGS COMING UP

♦ 13 August

Speaker Chris Webber on "Heraldry - How it really works"

HERITAGE QUEST RESEARCH LIBRARY FIELD TRIP: The EGS Midwest Interest Group is going on a research trip to the Heritage Quest Research Library, now located in Sumner, WA. The research trip will include a brief orientation to the library, and then time to independently research. The trip will take place on Wednesday, July 22, leaving Bellevue at 9 am and returning mid-afternoon. The library has a \$4 day use fee. There is still space available for interested EGS members to join us. If you would like to go, please call Kim Nichols at 425-402-9050 by July 12th.

NEWBERRY LIBRARY NOW HAS SEARCH SERVICES: The Newberry Library in Chicago now has a Friends of Genealogy group to assist the library in various tasks. One of these is staffing the Quick Search services offered to genealogists who are unable to use the Newberry's resources in person. The first search option includes census index, census (when exact citation is known), Chicago city directory, and Chicago death/obit searches. The second option is a search of the Cook County birth and death indexes (1871-1916), Chicago phone directories, and the ordinance townland survey of Ireland maps. Each search requires a completed request form and \$7.00 fee. The forms are available through the Newberry Library website (<http://www.newberry.org>) or from the Library's Local and Family History Section, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago, IL 60610-3380.

OREGON USED BOOK STORE: If you are in southern Oregon this summer, drive off I-5 at Canyonville and look up the Canyonville Books and Videos shop at 430 South Main St. This used books store advertises its specialties as Genealogy, and the Oregon and Applegate Trails. The store is open Sun. - Fri. from 10-5; the phone is 541-839-6110. This information was found in *The Used Book Lover's Guide to the Pacific Coast States* by David and Susan Siegel; there are also similar guides to New England, Midwest, South Atlantic States, Mid-Atlantic States, and the Central States.

ANOTHER USEFUL BOOK FOR TRAVELERS: An unusual book that may be helpful to travelers is *Overnight or Short Stay at Religious Houses Around the World* by Col. James J. Hughes. He and his wife discovered through their extensive travels that visitors are welcome at 2202 religious houses of 25 denominations in Canada, Mexico, the USA, and 62 other countries. The traveler's religious preference is irrelevant. The Houses provide good meals, safe and attractive rooms and surrounds at a most reasonable rate. To obtain this index, write Col. Hughes at PO Box 2286, Bloomfield, NJ 07003; the cost is \$19.95 for the 154 page book, postage paid.

CANADIAN CENSUS DECISION MAY EFFECT AVAILABILITY TO RESEARCHERS: Have you ever used the 1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901 census records in your quest to find your ancestors living in various parts of Canada? Census records have been a gold mine for people researching their family history. They are an important link to the past, a cherished part of our heritage.

This valuable research tool may be lost due to a decision by Statistics Canada with the prompting of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. Statistics Canada has decided that the 1911 census is the last one which will be made public. The 1911 census, which normally would have been released to the public in 2003, will not be available to researchers. This same ruling applies to all subsequent census records held by Statistics Canada. What normally happens is that the 1911 census records would be microfilmed and transferred to the National Archives of Canada, held by them until the expiration of the 92 years following the taking of the census (2003) and then released to the public. Statistics Canada has decided not to transfer these records to the National Archives, circumventing the 92 year rule prescribed by Regulations made under the Privacy Act.

Although reasons are far from clear for this decision, Statistics Canada's stand on this issue may be partly due to a belief that a guarantee of confidentiality will make it easier to ensure cooperation during further population enumerations. If you would like to express your opinion on this matter, you can write to:

Dr. Ivan Fellegi, Chief Statistician, 120 Parkdale Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6; Hon. John Manley, PC, MP, the Minister of Industry, The House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6; Hon. Shelia Copps, PC, MP, the Minister of Heritage, The House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6 (*Ancestry Daily News*, May 26, 1998).

NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society as a result of members' recommendations, or donated by EGS members, were added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library since the last listing in the June newsletter:

- ♦ *Finnish Genealogical Research*, by Timothy Laitilla Vincent and Rick Tapio, 1994. R929.107204 VIN
- ♦ *Michigan Censuses, 1710-1830, Under the French, British, and Americans*, by Donna Valley Russell, 1982. R929.3774 MIC
- ♦ *West Virginia Genealogy: Sources and Resources*, by Carol McGinnis, 1988. A detailed guide to genealogical sources and resources in West Virginia - what is available and where they can be found. R929.107207 MCG
- ♦ *Mayflower Increaseings*, by Susan E. Roser, 1995. Provides a summary of all that is presently known about the passengers of the Mayflower for the first three generations in America. R929.1 ROS
- ♦ *Cherokee Connections: An introduction to genealogical sources pertaining to Cherokee ancestors*, by Myra B. Gormley, 1995. R929.108997 GOR
- ♦ *Old United Empire Loyalist List - The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists, 1784-1884*, 1993. Names of the family heads of over 5,000 Loyalists of the American Revolution, with residence, military service, and family relationships, and another 2,000 with similar information, plus a large historical section. R929.3713 UNI
- ♦ *Huguenot Research Sources*, by Arlene Eakle, 1993. R929.1072 EAK
- ♦ *Scotch-Irish Who Came To America: A genealogical history*, by William P. and Mary Durning, 1997. R929.108991 DUR
- ♦ *Hispanic Surnames and Family History*, by Lyman D. Platt, 1996. A study of Hispanic surnames during the 20th century in Latin America and the United States, including bibliographies. R929.40946 PLA
- ♦ *Palatine Roots: The 1710 German Settlement in New York as Experienced by Johann Peter Wagner*, by Nancy Dixon, 1994. R929.40946 DIX
- ♦ *History of Norwegian Immigration to the United States: Up to 1848*, by George T. Flom, 1997. R325.2481 FLO

Just arrived at the library: *Passenger and Immigration List Index: 1991-1995 Cumulated Supplements*. Part of a guide (3 volumes) to published records of more than 2,410,000 immigrants who came to the new world between the 16th and mid-20th centuries, edited by P. William Filby and Paula K. Byers, 1995. Ask at the reference storage area for these volumes.

Do you have a genealogy-related reference book or CD to donate to the growing collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or have a suggestion for one? If so, let the Book Acquisition Committee know by calling the acquisition chair Margery Perdue at 425-643-3502.

CLASSES OFFERED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES SEATTLE BRANCH: NARA's Pacific Alaska (Seattle) branch is offering classes in Introductory Census and Military research in July. The census class will be offered July 14th and the Military class on July 21st; both classes are held from 10 am to noon in the conference room at the Archives, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle. Requested donation \$5 and you must pre-register by calling 206-526-6501 extension 115 by July 7th. These classes will only be taught if a minimum of 10 participants register by July 7th.

CLANS OF IRELAND: The magazine, *Irish Roots*, issue 2 of 1998, seems to have put to rest the confusion about the Clans of Ireland. The magazine indicated that Clans of Ireland is now a voluntary organization and receives no government assistance. Anyone planning a clan gathering should contact the organization's registrar, Ms. Nuala Cassidy-White. Her e-mail address is Families.United@connect-2.co.uk The chairman, Dr. Margaret A. Tierney can be contacted at Grange Clare, Kilmeague, Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

ELDERHOSTELS OFFERED BY MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY: The MOHAI is offering two different Elderhostels. The first, which runs August 16-22, is *Ho for the Klondike! Gold Rush Seattle*. The second, which will be offered in October, is *Life on the World War II Homefront*. For information, call 206-324-1685. You may register either as a commuter or as an overnight guest.

NEWS CONCERNING THE ARCHIVES: There is a great concern about the possible closure of our Sand Point National Archives Branch. Supposedly the reading room where we all use the census microfilms will not be closed but hard-copy material might be moved to another one of the 13 regional centers. If you are worried about this possible change in the status of our branch, and you should be, you need to take some action before August 1 when the rough draft will be written on how to deal with space usage problems. A meeting was held June 17th at which it was suggested that people make their comments known in writing to:

John Carlin, Archivist of the United States
Room 4100 (NPOL), National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

or by e-mail: space.plan@arch2.nara.gov And what might be the most important part of your letter is the copy you send to our United States Senators and Representatives. They will be working the budget for the Archives and need to know how you feel. (Submitted by Marty Gale, EGS Vice-President)

UPDATE ON THE 1930 FEDERAL CENSUS: The 1930 Federal Census will be released for public perusal on April 1, 2002. That's the good news. The bad news is that there are only about 10 states that have been indexed and they are in the South. The enumeration maps, which are in color, will be available, and may even be available in hard-copy format.

SPEAKERS AT HERITAGE QUEST RESEARCH LIBRARY: As part of the grand opening of HQRL, the following speakers will be presenting at the library (909 Main St. #5, Sumner, WA): Janet Baccus, July 9th, 10 am on "Covering the Basics, Tools of the Trade;" Donna Potter Phillips, July 10th, 10 am on "Have you thought of this?" and book signing of her book *Heritage Hunting* from 11 am to 4 pm; Leland Meitzler, July 11th, 9-10:15 am on "Finding Vital Records prior to 1910 Part 1," from 11 am to 12:15 on "Finding Vital Records prior to 1910 Part 2," and from 1:30 to 2:45 pm on "Finding the Women in your Pedigree;" Cyndi Howells, July 12th, 1-4 pm signing her book *Netting Your Ancestors*. For more information/directions call the library at 253-863-1806.

TEN PRECEPTS IN TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE: Simply stated, these are your tenets:

1. Assemble all of the clues that are already available through family, memory, etc.
 2. Establish the locale from which your family came and where it has been located in the time frame with which you are concerned.
 3. Consult all of the available records to get additional information which will improve your accuracy.
 4. Keep an open mind: beware of preconceived solutions to your puzzles, as they occur.
 5. Resolve as many gaps in the family tree as possible.
 6. Make detailed notes of the information you gather.
 7. Group your information by families and individuals in the line you are following.
 8. Make an early decision on what you hope to accomplish - state your purpose for all of this effort.
 9. Set up a system for the archival preservation of any original documents and portrayals (pictures, paintings, silhouettes, etc.) which come into your possession.
 10. Get rid of your other hobbies and interests, they will only get in your way of accomplishing this project.
- (From *aRoundtheTable*, a publication of the Genealogical Roundtable, June 1998).

WEB SITES TO INVESTIGATE:

- ♦ "Beginner's Guide to Family History Research," a complete book available on-line or available for purchase.
<http://biz.ipa.net/arkresearch/guide.html>
- ♦ 1895 US Atlas, shows locations of towns no longer in existence.
<http://www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm>
- ♦ Checklist of Home Sources, an extensive list of records you can search.
<http://www.rootscomputing.com/howto/checkl/checkl.htm>

GRAVESTONES OF UNION CIVIL WAR VETERANS: Finding the graves of 166,000 Union soldiers of the Civil War has become easier thanks to the new National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M1845, Card Records of Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca. 1879-1903 (22 rolls). A law passed by Congress on 3 February 1879 allowed the government to provide gravestones for soldiers buried in private cemeteries. As a result of this law, the Cemetery Branch of the Office of the Quartermaster General - on office within the War department - began keeping a card record of headstones (gravestones) provided for Union Civil War soldiers.

The card records reproduced in M1845 consist of 3 by 4 inch cards arranged alphabetically by surname, then by first name. The cards include some or all of the following information about each soldier: rank; company and regiment; place of burial, including the cemetery's name and the community, county, and state in which it is located; grave number, if any; date of death; name of contractor who supplied the headstone; and the date of the contract under which the stone was provided. Most of the burials occurred in private cemeteries, probably in the county of the soldier's last residence. Some burials were made at National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. The gravestones were provided by the Federal Government between ca.1879 and 1903 under contracts entered into with private companies.

M1845 is available for public viewing at the National Archives in Washington, DC as well as at the local branch in Seattle (located in Cabinet 11, drawer 4). (From *The National Genealogical Society*, May/June 1998).

NEW YORK RELATED WEB SITES

- ♦ Albany County, NY Hall of Records has a webpage with genealogical information and early naturalization record indexes listed for instant searching of names of those naturalized in early years. Readers can get record references there, and order actual record transcripts directly. The website is: <http://www.albanycounty.com/achor/> (From *The Lifeline*, Mar/Spr 1998).
- ♦ The Municipal Archives of New York City has a website at www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/doris/html/archives.html It includes a list of the Archives' holdings. Copies of the order forms for birth, marriage and death certificates can be ordered, as well as the application form for copies of NYC buildings. (From *Capital District Genealogical Society Newsletter*, May 1998).

DEAR ANCESTOR

Your tombstone stands among the rest;
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.
It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago.
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.

Author Unknown

FAMILY HISTORIES HAVE BEEN MOVED AT FHL: As of April 10, 1998, the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City has moved all of the family histories and biographies out of the main library building over to the West Wing of the 4th floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building (formerly the Hotel Utah). This move includes histories for all countries - U.S., Canada, British Isles, Europe, etc., as found in the Surname Section of the Family History Library Catalog. The reason for the move was to save space in the main library. The filmed copies of the family history books are still available at the Family History Library. If you want to save money while photocopying, go to the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, where it is 5 cents per copy. Copying at the FHL is 20 cents per copy. (From *UGA News*, May 1998).

RESEARCH TIPS: If your research in the United States pre-1850 pioneering period has hit a brick wall, you may want to try some creative thinking. Keep the following trends in mind when working on your research problems:

1. There are approximately three generations per century.
2. Average age for men to marry was 24. The rarely married before age 20.
3. The average age for women to marry was 20. The rarely married before age 16.
4. First marriages were usually between couples near the same age. Women generally outlived their husbands. But older widowers frequently married much younger women, who had never been married before.
5. Births generally occurred at two-year intervals. Frequently the first child was born a year after the marriage. As a woman aged, the interval between births grew slightly. Child bearing generally ended around 45.
6. Families and neighbors usually migrated together. Women rarely traveled alone.
7. Men usually married women from their neighborhood, but if a seemingly "strange" woman turned up, check the man's former home. Often men returned to their proper residence to find a wife.
8. If you can't find an old parent, chances are he/she "went West" with a son.
9. If you have a male ancestor born around 1840, strongly consider Civil War service.
10. Studies show that after 1850, Ohio pioneers frequently moved to counties in other states on the same latitude as their home county in Ohio.
11. If your ancestor has a virtue name (e.g. Patience, Silence, ...), consider a New England heritage.
12. Children were often named for grandparents.
13. Frequently middle name or even first name was the mother's or grandmother's maiden name, especially if the name was repeated through several related families. (From *The Irish History Forum*, May/June 1998).

ORPHAN TRAIN RECORDS: The home that sent children to the Orphan Train in the late 1850's has opened its records to the adult adoptees. Contact The New York Foundling Hospital Records Office, 1173 Third Ave., New York, NY 10021. You may also contact The Orphan Train Society of America, Rt. 4, Box 565, Springdale, AZ 72764. (From *Family Tree*, June/July 1998).

DEFINITIONS OF EARLY IMMIGRANT GROUPS

- Hessian:** German troops used by the British in the Revolutionary War. Many of these men deserted and remained in America.
- Huguenot:** French Protestants that fled from persecution, mainly from 1665 onward. They first went to Prussia, the German Palatinate and then came to America. Those in the French West Indies escaped to the southeastern coast of America. Others went to England and Ireland.
- Mennonite:** A Swiss Protestant group formed in 1525 and migrated to America by way of Alsace, England and Russia. They primarily settled in Kansas, Pennsylvania and Minnesota.
- Moravian:** The United Brethren is a Protestant group formed in Bohemia about 1415 and spread to Poland, Prussia, Germany and England.
- Palatines:** In 1688, Louis XIV of France began persecuting German Protestants from the west bank along the Rhine River. Queen Ann of England helped a group to come to America in 1708. More than 200 arrived in New York in 1710 and settled along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers.
- Quaker:** The Society of Friends was formed in England in 1648. Early restrictions brought them to New Jersey in 1675 and some 230 English Quakers founded Burlington, NJ in 1678. William Penn was granted the territory of Pennsylvania in 1681 and within two years there were about 300 Quakers living there.
- Scots-Irish:** The descendants of the Presbyterian Scots that had been placed in the northern counties of Ireland by British rulers in the early part of the 17th century. Most came to America from 1718 until the Revolution. They settled in Pennsylvania first then moved south and then westward to the frontier.
- Walloon:** From southern Belgium, the language of the Walloons is a French dialect. Cornelis May of Flanders, Holland and about 30 to 40 families came to America in 1624 and established Fort Orange. This town is now known as Albany, NY. (From *The Illuminator*, Vol. 13 1997 via *News from the Northwest*, May/June 1998).

TRACING YOUR MEDICAL FAMILY TREE BY MELISSA GLIM

Here's how to proceed: First make a list of all your biological relatives - siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and so on. Concentrate first on finding health and medical information.

Next decide what kind of information you want to collect. Start with the basics, such as birth date, number of children, and if the person is dead, the age, date, and cause of death. Ask if the person experienced any illnesses and at what age they were diagnosed. If your family is a cultural melting pot, you may want to ask about each person's ethnic background.

Ask about lifestyle factors related to health - smoking, drinking, diet, exercise. What about work conditions? (For example, exposure to asbestos). The best way to start is with a questionnaire. Begin to interview your relatives in person or by phone. Reunions are a great place for interviews. You may need to ask others for information about those who are dead. Public records, newspaper obituaries, and death certificates are sources of information.

Once you have put your information together, look for patterns. Some people find it helpful to make a chart tree. Count how many people had a particular condition. The more people who had it the higher the likelihood that it has a hereditary component. That means that future generations have a higher than average risk for developing the condition. Next, look at the age at which people developed the condition.

Once you have put together your information and identified any trends, share your charts with your doctor. You may also want to share your information with your relatives so they can benefit from it too.

If you are adopted you may want to enlist the aid of an adoptees' service to locate biological relatives. (Excerpt from *Diabetes Self-Management Magazine*, Nov/Dec 1997 pg. 12 via *CCGS Newsletter*, April 1998).

INTERNET SITES WITH ACTUAL RECORDS

- ♦ <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery> This is called the Tombstone Transcription Project, where cemeteries from all over the U.S. have been registered. They are listed by state and then counties. Some counties are not yet participating, but some have many records and you can look at the indexes online for your surnames and ancestors. In some cases it lists people that own cemetery books and will do lookups for genealogists.
- ♦ <http://www.lofthouse.com/USA/Utah/boxelder/cemetery/cemetery.html> This has sexton records for the Bear River City cemetery in Box Elder County, Utah from 1888 to 1997.
- ♦ <http://www.pcu.net/web/mendon/cemetery.htm> Sexton's records from Mendon, Utah.
- ♦ <http://www.rootsweb.com/~pabutler/1803slip.htm> The 1803 tax list of Butler Co., PA (Not available at the Family History Library). This site is an example of what dedicated extractors are doing to make their work available to the public.
- ♦ <http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/big/eng/WIL/ship1635.txt> An example of British records offered by the Genuki project. This is a "Ship Money List" of Kingsbridge Hundred, in 1635 and which appeared in the newspaper "The SWINDON (Wiltshire) Advertiser" on Nov. 7th and 14th, 1885. The Ship Money was a kind of tax. It has an alphabetical list of names, with some occupations, etc. and the parish the taxpayer lived in.
- ♦ <http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/big/eng/CHS/wills/index.htm> Index of wills at the Cheshire Record Office, with links arranged alphabetically. The index supplies name and occupation, type of probate records, and surviving relatives. (From *UGA News*, May 1998).

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEBSITES

- ♦ Pathfinder for Women's History Research in the National Archives and Records Administration Library, <http://www.nara.gov/nara/naralibrary/alic/wmenbib.html>
 - ♦ National Women's Hall of Fame, <http://www.greatwomen.org/>
 - ♦ Women in American History by Encyclopaedia Britannica, <http://women.eb.com/>
 - ♦ Selections from the National American Woman Suffrage Association Collection 1848-1921, Library of Congress, Rare Books and Manuscripts Collection, <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/naw/nawshome.html>
 - ♦ Women's History from the Library of Congress, <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/mchtml/womhm.html>
 - ♦ Newsday Direct/Women's History Month Program, <http://www.newsday.com/nie/whm/whm.htm>
- (From *Ancestry HomeTown Daily*, March 11, 1998).