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USING IGI BATCH NUMBERS TO LIMIT SEARCHES

MARCH 2007

The IGI or International Genea-

logical Index is a part of the Family Search databases available at www.familysearch.org. It is composed of information from two sources:

1. **Individual Submissions**—of families or specific records which are processed by the computer and assigned a Batch Number and a film number for the microfilm of the original entries.

2. **The Name Extraction Program**—in which volunteers have extracted information from microfilms of original parish records and other vital records from around the world. Each group of parish records is then assigned a Batch Number by the computer. There is usually one overall number (or a few consecutive numbers) for each parish, and this number is preceded by a 'C' for christening records or an 'M' for mar-

riage records.

It is possible to use these Batch Numbers to do a Surname Search of a particular parish's christening or marriage records and thereby refine your search results to just one parish.

- Begin by going to the Family Search website at www.familysearch.org.
- Click on the SEARCH tab
- Select IGI SEARCH from the column of available searches at the left.
- Fill in the Region/Country/County information
- Enter a Surname in the Last Name search field. If it is a very common surname you might want to enter a name in the First Name field also. You can check 'Exact Spelling' and search 'All Events' or just

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WMGS MARCH MEETING—TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

The March meeting of the Western Montana Genealogical Society will be held on Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the **small** downstairs meeting room at the Missoula Public

Library. The program will be our annual "Brick Wall" meeting where members and guests are asked to bring a genealogy problem to be discussed.

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In The Mail



BIG SKY ROUNDUP, Montana State Genealogical Society, % Terry Atwood, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59602; www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsg JAN 2007.

2007 Conference Changes:

1. We will have the registrations without the cost of meals. Meals will be listed separately. All members will be told they have to decide what meals they would like to attend.
2. Change the value of the Early Bird Refund amount. We could do a basic registration refund not including meals.
3. The last session on Saturday would end by 2:00 pm so attendees will be able to start home before it gets too late.

FADED GENES, Lewis & Clark Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5313, Helena, MT 59604; www.rootsweb.com/~mtlcgs/index.htm, Dec. 2006. See "How American States Got Their Names", "Twelve Steps to Genealogical Fitness", and "Miscellaneous Internet 'Age' Related Stories."

FAMILY CHRONICLE April 2007. This issue features *Revolutionary War Records* giving the best places online to find information on your Patriot or Loyalist ancestors. Also see articles on "English Baptism Registers", "Cluster Genealogy: An Essential Tool For Research", "Building a Family History Website Made Easy", "Stating a DNA Project", "The Truth Behind the Family Legend", "Where Did This Come From" which explains how to document your family heirlooms, and "Genealogy Web Sites Worth Surfing."

GEN-BUG NEWS, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, % Parmley Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings MT 59101; Jan. 2007. See "The Genealogy Angel."

INTERNET GENEALOGY March 2007. This issue features 23 Websites to Fire UP Your Family History, as well as articles "What is This Gedcom?", three articles on "Finding and

Using Old Maps", "Blogg Your Genealogy", "Deciphering Old Handwriting", "Bringing the Back of a Photo Into the Digital World" (see FotoTagger in Bits & Bytes for free software for this), and "It's Not On the 'Net: Now What?"

JEFFERSON COUNTY GENEALOGY NEWS

Feb. 2007. They are collecting Jefferson Co. High School Annuals at the Boulder Public Library. The 1917-1933 editions have been indexed and the index to the pictures Ahl-Glenn is included in this newsletter.

NGS NEWSMAGAZINE, Vol. Jan/Feb/Mar 2007. This issue is loaded with great articles, including "Putting PERSI to Work for You" (remember PERSI is accessible through Heritage Quest Online e-Database at the Missoula Public Library and although I have been told that at-home access will be discontinued it was still available as of 3/8/07), "Finding an Ancestor's European Origins", and "Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History."

NGS QUARTERLY, Vol. 94, No. 4, Dec. 2006. Interesting articles are "Validating Inferences from Records", "Uncovering Ancestors by Deduction", and Namesakes, Name Changes, and Conflicting Evidence."

TALES & TRAILS, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, % The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court St., The Dalles, OR 97058-2270; Jan. 2007. "Dallesport, Wash., Has Had Three Other Names" is a history reprinted from the Jan. 5, 1940 *The Dalles Optimist*. Also, "Lone Pine Cemetery" lists burials of this cemetery of Hartland/High Prairie, Klickitat County, Washington.

NEW BOOKS—MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ireland and Irish Emigration to the New World from 1815 to the Famile, by William Forbes Adams, 929.3089 ADAMS

Books You Need to Do Genealogy in Ontario— an Annotated Bibliography, by Ryan Taylor, 929.3713 TAYLOR

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

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Wed. CLOSED

Thurs. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Sat. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NANCY SHRADER

MALL HISTORY DAYS

History Days went well - . We had a nice display and some great books: DAR, 1930 Census and Germans From Russia information in addition to flyers, websites, Family History Pamphlets (they were popular) and other varied handouts. We've compiled an info sheet about things to remember for the next History Days. Thank Judith Field, Peggy Harris, Bonnie Schuster, Sidney Reynolds, Teresa Woomer and Nancy Shrader for staffing the table.

PROGRAMS

I talked to WMGS members while at the History Days about the problem of finding programs. It was suggested that we pass around a paper or take notes from a discussion about geographic areas of interest and historical areas of interest. If we knew more specifically what members were researching, we could have a direction for finding programs. It would be nice if every attendee was able to answer those questions. So, we'll try really hard to get some specifics from them. Other program ideas included contacting local museums: esp Historical Museum at Ft Msla and the Military History museum. A suggestion was given to hear some talks about various wars (and how they affected the civilians). We still haven't had a western US Native American talk about

tribal genealogy. Last but not least, it was discussed that the Sept meeting (and perhaps every Sept meeting if it works out well) could be a detailed tour of the Montana Room in our very own library.

MAY ELECTIONS

We're still looking for a president. I'm trying to instill the idea that lots of things have been well-organized recently, so that a president should be able to just slip into the job.

MAY PROGRAM CANCELLATION

My friend Pam called me last night to say that she couldn't give the May program. After I send you this email, I will forward the email that she wrote this morning to the Missoula DAR chapter for me. Maybe something will develop.

Bits & Bytes



Canadian Genealogy Centre at Library and Archives Canada

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/index-e.html>

The Centre includes all physical and online genealogical services of Library and Archives Canada. It offers genealogical content, services, advice, research tools and opportunities to work on joint projects, all in both official languages. Click on DATABASES to see Birth/Marriage/Death Records, Census, Immigration, Land, Loyalist, Military, Naturalization, and People records.

FotoTagger This is a free software program which "allows you to add "tags" to your digital images and add a linking line which points to a specific person." This software does NOT change your original photos, but rather creates a separate, imbedded jpeg file which contains the annotation tags. You can open the picture in any viewer and not see the tags. You can share the tagged photos with someone who does not have the viewer by merging the tags with the photos. See *Internet Genealogy* Mar 2207, p. 42 for more info or download at:

[Http://www.fototagger.com](http://www.fototagger.com)

ANCESTRY.COM NEWS

COMING SOON TO ANCESTRY.COM

- **Drouin Collection**

This collection of records, acquired from the Drouin Institute in Canada with cooperation from the University of Montreal, is considered to be the best genealogical resource for French-Canadian research. It contains the names of 37 million people collected on church records in Quebec, Ontario, and other U.S. French regions from the late 1600s to the 1940s.

- **Southern Claims Commission Records**
Roughly 220,000 claims filed by former slaves and former slave owners who sought compensation for property seized by the Union Army
- **Freedmen's Bureau Marriage Records**
Marriage records for thousands of former slaves from 17 Southern states

NEW DATABASES

Nevada Marriage Index, 1956-2005

This database contains an index to marriages for Clark County, Nevada (including Las Vegas) from 1956-1966 (with a few marriages from earlier and later years). The database also contains a statewide index to marriages from 1966-2005. Information available in the database includes: names of bride and groom, marriage date, and marriage place.

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- Names of bride and groom
- Marriage date
- City or county of marriage
- Officiant*
- Date marriage was recorded*

- City or county of recording*
- County book and page number
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All of the above information may not be available for every marriage. Records from Clark County for 1956-1966 also contain an image. Some information for these records, such as the county book and page number, may only be obtained by viewing the image.

AFRICAN AMERICAN DATABASES

Ancestry has added 500,000 names to its African American Databases in:

- Slave Narratives—life stories of 3500 former slaves
- US Colored Troop Records— of more than 178,000 men in U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War
- Freedmen's Bureau Records (1865-1874)
- African American Family History Books Online
- Freedman's Bank Records— o480,000 records of Freedmen's Savings & Trust
- WWI Draft Registration Cards— of nearly 2 million black men (ages 18-45) who registered for the draft in 1917-1918
- African American Photo Collection— thousands of photos showing African Americans throughout American History

Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934

The Hamburg Passenger Lists represent the fruits of a cooperative effort between Ancestry and the Staatsarchiv Hamburg and contain two groups of passenger lists: Direct Passenger Lists and Indirect Passenger Lists. Direct Passenger Lists include ships that left from Hamburg and went directly to their final destination. Indirect Passenger Lists include ships that left Hamburg and stopped at other ports en route to their destinations.

Looking For Revolutionary War Era Photos—Can you help?

From: THE LAST MUSTER <http://www.lastmuster.blogspot.com/>

POSTED BY MAUREEN A. TAYLOR
SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2007

It'll take an army of volunteers to find all the members of the Revolutionary War generation that had their picture taken. We need your help! If you own or know of a photograph of an individual who served in the American Revolution, was born during the War, or who was married to a soldier, please let us know. Your assistance is needed.

A full description of our project and several articles are online.

Here's what you can do to participate:

Look through your family photographs and see if you own any images that fit our categories. We've had fantastic luck tentatively identifying previous unidentified photographs. We do all the research.

Spread the word by telling your local genealogical society about this project.

Search local historical society collections for images that meet our criteria.

Email Maureen at photodetective@gmail.com for additional information.

Types of Photographs

We're looking for images that date from the beginning of photography such as:

Daguerreotypes (1839 to 1860s): The first photographs, daguerreotypes have reflective surfaces; you must hold the photos at an angle to see their images. Daguerreotypes are often found in cases.

Ambrotypes (invented in 1854): Often placed in cases because of their fragility, these glass images are backed with dark material.

Tintypes or ferrotypes (invented in 1856):

This third type of cased image is produced on thin sheets of iron.

Cartes de visite (CDV's) (introduced in 1854): Inspired by 19th-century visiting cards, these small paper prints usually measured 2 x 4 inches.

MAUREEN TAYLOR

Author of *Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs*, second edition (Family Tree Books, 2005), *Preserving Your Family Photographs* (Betterway, 2001) and *Scrapbooking Your Family History* (Betterway, 2003)

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'Christenings' or 'Marriages' (the later two will limit your results.)

- Hit SEARCH.
- Browse the search results for the parish you are interested in and click on one of the christening or marriage entries for that parish. This will bring up information for that person along with a list of Batch Numbers and time periods for each Batch Number.
- Click on a Batch Number and you will be returned to the Search Screen with the Batch Number and Region already filled in.
- Fill in a Surname and hit Search. The search results will be a list of all persons of that surname christened or married in the one parish referenced by the one Batch Number. (If it is a large parish you can try increasing or decreasing the last digit of the Batch Number to see other results if there is more than one Batch Number covering different time periods for the parish.) You can look at the results list individually now, or download the results to your computer (50 at a time) as a Gedcom file to import as a separate file into your genealogy program.

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Dues & Queries

Dues are \$11 a year for individuals and \$13 for families, which includes a Newsletter (Sep, Nov, Jan, Apr, & May) and membership in the Montana State Genealogical Society. Queries are published free for members, \$2 for non-members.

Submissions

We would appreciate any submissions of articles on genealogy for the Newsletter including *How You Solved It*, local pedigrees, book reviews of local history/genealogy books, and any genealogy news items.

Upcoming Conferences

May 16-19, 2007 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States, Richmond, VA "Rediscover Virginia."

Aug. 15-18, 2007 Federation of Genealogical Societies at Fort Wayne, IN, home of the Allen County Public Library genealogy collection.

Oct. 5-6, 2007 Montana State Genealogy Conference, Billings, MT. The keynote speaker will be Sandra Luebking from Illinois. The theme is "Where Did They Go?" and some talks will be on Scotch-Irish, Land Records, Migration Routes, and the National Archives in Denver.