



Tree Climber

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RECIPES FROM THE SMOKY VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK!

JANET FLICKINGER'S CORNBREAD SALAD

3 (8 oz.) boxes of Jiffy Cornbread Mix	1 cup Miracle Whip plus 1 Tbls. Sugar
1 diced green pepper	2-3 diced tomatoes
1 diced onion	6-8 pieces cooked, crumbled bacon

Bake cornbread according to recipe, cool and crumble by hand. Add: green pepper, onion, Miracle Whip and sugar. Stir thoroughly. Cool in refrigerator. Before serving, add tomatoes and bacon.

(You can make a smaller batch with 1 or 2 mixes; just adjust other ingredients in proportion.)

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE FROM MARY DOUGLASS

2 cans sweet potatoes (or 1 40 oz. can)	1 beaten egg
½ cup sugar	¼ cup melted oleo
1 tsp. vanilla	½ tsp. salt

Mash sweet potatoes and combine with rest of ingredients. Pour into a greased 8x8 pan or a 1.5 quart baking dish.

Topping

½ cup brown sugar	1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
1/3 cup flour	1/3 cup melted oleo

Mix topping and spread thickly over sweet potato mix. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

CRANBERRY JELLO SALAD FROM MARY DOUGLASS

1 (3 oz.) box cranberry-raspberry or raspberry Jello prepared as directed on box. When thickened but not fully set, stir in 1 (16 oz.) can of whole berry cranberry sauce (1/2 cup walnuts optional).

ENJOY!!

2012 New Year's Resolutions Goals

By Sandy Farrell, SVGS Newsletter Editor

Every year I find myself making the same “resolutions” that never seem to get resolved!

1. Get Organized: I have a shelf full of “Organizing” books, and all the containers, label makers, etc. that the books tell me I need! I have 3-ring binders with clippings of organizing articles that I have saved for the last mmm years... and they are all organized
2. Lose Weight: I now have 4 different-sized “collections” of clothes, but I am not sure where they are! I put them in suitcases, garbage bags (labeled of course... remember I have a label maker), totes; but I DID take photos of what I put in each container and put the photos on my computer. Uh.....
3. Organize Photos: Scan all of the pictures that I have in various boxes and albums into my computer... of course, I will have to organize all the photos on the computer, too!
4. Family History/Genealogy Organized: Well, I watched some YouTube videos to show me how, but now I can't decide which one I should use!
5. SVGS Newsletter Published In a Timely Manner: Well, that is a new one. I finally figured out the mechanics of a newsletter, and am now working on finding articles! I have probably read thousands of Blogs, Articles, and Newsletters... checked out hundreds of websites... and gotten so side-tracked as I was led from one to another (like Hansel & Gretel... where were they from? And when were they born? And their parents were?) that I completely lost track of what I was supposed to be doing... But I did find some wonderful information that I will get out to you this year! Just as soon as I find where I saved it on my computer!!!

OBITUARY HUMOR

A woman goes into the local newspaper office to submit an obituary for her recently deceased husband. The obit editor informs her that the fee for the obituary will be 50 cents a word. She pauses for a moment then says, “Well then, let it read, ‘Billy Bob died’.” Amused at the woman’s thrift, he says, “Sorry, ma’am, there is a seven word minimum on all obituaries.” Only a little flustered, she thinks it over and then says, “In that case, let it read, ‘Billy Bob died, golf clubs for sale’.”

BIRTH RECORD SEARCH: A Different Approach

-Ancestry Insider

Try searching for hard-to-find ancestors without using names. Instead, use birth dates, places and other details, then review results carefully. You could discover your ancestor – maybe the whole family – was recorded with a misspelled moniker.

This appears to have been a very short-lived program. The dates were 1937-1939. It seems to be a forerunner of Social Security. Apparently the State of Kansas gave the elderly a "loan" in exchange for the deeds to their homes.

NOTICE OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE LIEN
SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS
Beginning September 1937

Last Name	First Name	Case No.
Agle,	Ella	83777
Albright,	William C.	82496
Alderson,	Chris	82497
Allen,	Marion	83029
Allgood,	John	82828
Allison,	Cora B.	83030
Anderson,	James N.	82483
Anderson,	Anna Louisa	82485
Anderson,	Oscar E.	82495
Anderson,	Lydia	82498
Anderson,	Carl Alfred	84224
Anderson,	Albert Nathaniel	84753
Anderson,	Carl F.	82484
Anderson,	Carl J.	82486
Anderson,	Henry William	84225
Anderson,	Charles W.	87392
Archbold,	George	82819
Archbold,	Emma	85963
Armstrong,	William	82820
Ashton,	Hannah	83778
Austian,	Joel F.	83464
Avery,	Dewit	83074
Bagley, Sr.	James H.	82500
Baker,	Jack	83761
Ball,	Thomas A.	83992
Banks,	Cynthia	82499
Barbour,	Martha E.	83993
Barnes,	Francis M.	82488
Barnett,	Noah	82821
Barnett,	Francis	84956
Barr,	Alice E.	83779
Beck,	William	83538
Beebe,	George W.	82489
Beeson,	Margaret A.	83539
Bell,	Sam R.	82822

Berg,	Mary	83465
Berg,	Carl K.	83663
Betterson,	George H.	83780
Bickert,	Charles	82501
Bier,	Anna	82812
Blair,	Homer	82813
Blair,	John W.	83781
Bloomquist,	Erick	82502
Blythman,	John	83468
Bolton,	George	85169
Bourbina,	Celia J.	83470
Boyer,	Charlie L.	85744
Brady,	Geraldine	84754
Brendle,	Frank	83540
Brockelman,	Allison	83031
Brodine,	Swan A.	86539
Brown,	Wilburn	83075
Brown,	James M.	83466
Brown,	May	83467
Brown,	George I.	85745
Brumbaugh,	James	83032
Brumfield,	Joseph	85170
Bucey,	Alice	85964
Buell,	Laura May	82487
Bugher,	David A.	83077
Burke,	Gurdon A.	82475
Burkland,	Ed	85965
Burns,	George	82490
Bush,	Frank	83469
Butler,	Joseph S.	83033
Caldwell,	Susan M.	82476
Calkins,	Carl B.	83471
Caprez,	Conrad	83472
Carlin,	Amanda	84226
Carlson,	Clara	82471
Carlson,	John J.	82506
Carlson,	Clara	83034
Carlson,	Sven A.	83541
Cassell,	George Phillip	82477
Cejka,	Petra	83076
Chapman,	Lovell	83473
Chelstrom,	Claus	82474
Chouteau,	Carrie	86540
Chouteau,	Carrie	87091

GenealogyInTime™ Magazine Lists the Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites

GenealogyInTime™ Magazine has put together a global list of the Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites. Others have compiled lists in the past, based on whatever criteria that each organization thought was appropriate, but the latest Top 100 list is the end product of an extensive and exhaustive evaluation of thousands of genealogy websites. The list and the accompanying article provide a considerable amount of insight into the genealogy industry. It can also help you discover some interesting new genealogy websites.

Shown are the Top 30. You can read the Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites at <http://goo.gl/HZcdD>

(The Top 100 list can also be downloaded as a pdf file.)

Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites

January 2012

from GenealogyInTime Magazine

www.genealogyintime.com

Rank	Website	Category	Country	Free Pay	Traffic Rank	Address
1	Ancestry.com	ancestral records	USA	pay	977	www.ancestry.com
2	MyHeritage	genealogy forum	USA	free	3,581	www.myheritage.com
3	FamilySearch	ancestral records	USA	free	6,504	www.familysearch.org
4	Find A Grave	cemetery/obit records	USA	free	6,685	www.findagrave.com
5	Geni.com	genealogy forum	USA	free	7,484	www.geni.com
6	Archives.com	search engine	USA	pay	8,593	www.archives.com
7	Genealogy.com	genealogy forum	USA	pay	10,825	www.genealogy.com
8	Ancestry.co.uk	ancestral records	UK	pay	12,058	www.ancestry.co.uk
9	GeneaNet	genealogy forum	France	free	12,480	www.geneanet.org
10	MyFamily	genealogy forum	USA	pay	14,977	www.myfamily.com
11	FamilyLink	search engine	USA	pay	19,477	www.familylink.com
12	Newspaper Archive	historic newspapers	USA	pay	26,652	www.newspaperarchive.com
13	FindMyPast UK	ancestral records	UK	pay	34,051	www.findmypast.co.uk
14	Ancestry.ca	ancestral records	Canada	pay	38,298	www.ancestry.ca
15	23andMe	family DNA testing	USA	pay	39,953	www.23andme.com
16	Genes Reunited	ancestral records	UK	pay	40,843	www.genesreunited.co.uk
17	Fold3	ancestral records	USA	pay	41,742	www.fold3.com
18	Ancestry.com.au	ancestral records	Australia	pay	43,486	www.ancestry.com.au
19	Eastman's Genealogy Newsletter	genealogy blog	USA	free	43,745	www.blog.eogn.com
20	GenealogyInTime Magazine	genealogy magazine	Canada	free	49,988	www.genealogyintime.com
21	Genealogy Bank	historic newspapers	USA	pay	51,322	www.genealogybank.com
22	Family Tree DNA	family DNA testing	USA	pay	55,922	www.familytreedna.com
23	USGenweb Archives	ancestral records	USA	free	61,607	www.usgwarchives.net
24	EllisIsland.org	ancestral records	USA	free	71,642	www.ellisland.org
25	Sysoon	cemetery/obit records	France	free	75,424	www.sysoon.com
26	Arkivverket Digitalarkivet	ancestral records	Norway	free	76,445	www.arkivverket.no
27	JewishGen	ethnic genealogy	USA	free	79,812	www.jewishgen.org
28	World Vital Records	ancestral records	USA	pay	90,053	www.worldvitalrecords.com
29	Tribal Pages	genealogy forum	USA	pay	96,771	www.tribalpages.com
30	Cyndi's List	genealogy links	USA	free	99,540	www.cyndislist.com

New On The SVGS Book Shelves - 2012

FAM HIS 722	ALL ABOUT THE JUSTS
MA 5 23	THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS-READER
VA 57 8	MEN AND EVENTS OF REVOLUTION IN WINCHESTER & FREDERICK COUNTY, VA
RES 179	GENEALOGY 101
FOR CAN 25	PIONEER LIFE ON THE BAY OF QUINTE, CANADA
FOR SCO 27	EXAMINATION ROLL OF ARBROATH 1752-TOWN'S DUTY ROLL 1753
AM GEN 154	USEFUL TOIL-AUTOBIOGRAPHIES OF WORKING PEOPLE FROM 1820'S TO THE 1920'S
FAM HIS 723	WILLIAM TOLLE'S 1834 JOURNAL OF HIS TRAVELS FROM KY TO MO
FAM HIS 724	THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DONALD NORMAN SCHMITT
HER DAR 18	FORGOTTEN PATROITS, AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AMERICAN INDIAN PATROITS IN REVOLUTIONAR WAY
KS 0 125	LAND GRANTS LADIES-KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL WIVES
KS 0 124	1001 KANSAS PLACE NAMES
KS 100 91	INDEX TO OLD AGE ASSISTANCE FOR SALINA, KS
KS 100 92	SALINA, KS HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY, 1984 & 1985
OH 73 2	SCIOTO COUNTY, OH NEWSPAPER INDEX OF DEATHS AND MARRIAGES 1818-1865
OH 73 3	PIONEERS OF SCIOTO COUNTY, OH
OH 73 4	CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS OF SCIOTO, OH, VOL II, JEFFERSON AND VALLEY TOWNSHIPS
OH 73 5	CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS OF BRUSH CREEK TOWNSHIP, SCIOTO CO., OH
OH 1 17	BRUSH CREEK TOWNSHIP IN ADAMS, COUNTY, OH
OH 40 1	MONROE CEMETERY, JEFFERSON TWP., JACKSON COUNTY, OH
OH 31 2	INDEX TO SELECTED HAMILTON COUNTY, OH RECORDER'S BOOKS 1801-1820
KS 98 4	INDEX OF RUSH COUNTY, KS OBITUARIES 21 JUL 1867-16 JAN 1983
KS 43 V.4	COLLECTIONS OF SALINE COUNTY, KS BUSINESSES AND ARTICLES
KS 87 48	OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES IN THE DELPHOS REPUBLICAN 1940-1949
DE 2 2	CALENDAR OF KENT COUNTY, DE PROBATE RECORDS 1680-1800
FAM HIS 725	TWO HOUSEHOLDS: A KELLEY/HOGAN FAMILY HISTORY, VOL. 2
FAM HIS 726	JOHN COLTON FAMILY TREE

Grandma and the Family Tree

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed her of late, she is reading history or jotting down some date. She's tracking back the family; we'll all have pedigrees. Oh, Grandma's got a hobby; she's climbing Family Trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking and now, or so he states, that worst of all, he has to wash the cups and dinner plates. Grandma can't be bothered; she's busy as a bee, Compiling Genealogy, for the Family Tree.

She has no time to baby-sit, the curtains are a fright. No buttons left on Granddad's shirt, the flower bed's a sight. She's given up her club work, the serials on TV, The only thing she does nowadays is climb the Family Tree.

She goes down to the Courthouse and studies ancient lore; we know more about our forebears than we ever knew before. The books are old and dusty; they make poor Grandma sneeze, a minor irritation when you're climbing Family Trees.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far, Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR. A worthwhile avocation, to that we all agree; A monumental project, to climb the Family Tree.

Now some folks came from Scotland and some from Galway Bay. Some were French as pastry, some German all the way. Some went on West to stake their claim. Some stayed near by the sea. Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the Family Tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date or name, the rich, the poor, the in-between, all sleeping there the same. She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze that blows above the Fathers of all our Family Trees.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed in our kith and kin, who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through thick and thin. But none more staunch than Grandma, whose eyes light up with glee, each time she finds a missing branch for the Family Tree.

Their skills were wide and varied, from Carpenter to Cook, And one (Alas) the record shows was hopelessly a crook. Blacksmith, weaver, farmer, judge, some tutored for a fee. Long lost in time, now all recorded on the Family Tree.

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more. She knows the joys and heartaches of those who went before. They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept, and now for you and me. They live again in spirit, around the Family Tree.

At last she's nearly finished and we are each exposed. Life will be the same again, this we supposed! Grandma will cook and sew, serve cookies with our tea. We'll all be fat, just as before that wretched Family Tree.

Sad to relate, The Preacher called and visited for a spell. We talked about the Gospel and other things as well. The heathen folk, the poor, and then-- 'twas fate, it had to be, Somehow the conversation turned to Grandma and the Family Tree.

We tried to change the subject. We talked of everything. But then in Grandma's voice we heard that old familiar ring. She told him all about the past and soon was plain to see. The Preacher, too, was nearly snared by Grandma and the Family Tree.

He never knew his Grandpa; his mother's name was... Clark? He and Grandma talked and talked, outside it grew quite dark. We'd hoped our fears were groundless, but just like some disease; Grandma's become an addict... She's hooked on Family Trees.

Our souls were filled with sorrow. Our hearts sank with dismay. Our ears could scarce believe the words we heard our Grandma say, "It sure is a lucky thing that you have come to me. I know exactly how it's done... I'll climb your Family Tree.

Author: Unknown

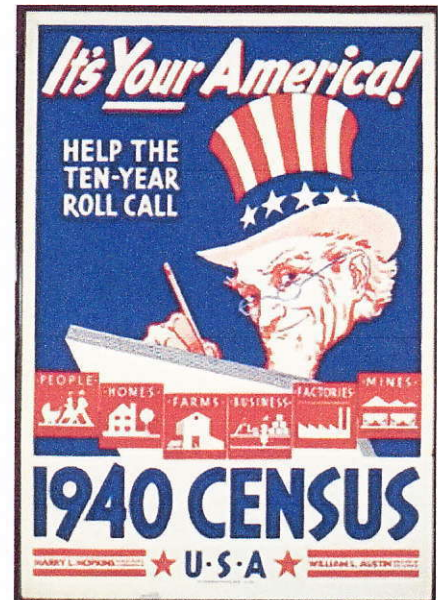
Is It April 2nd Yet?

By Ruth Stephens of Ruth's Genealogy, who explains what she plans to do on that date (or soon after).

Less than 3 months until the 1940 Federal Census is released!

Who will you look for and how many of your Sick Days at work will you need to use? I have created a [new page](#) at Ruth's Genealogy for my list of ancestors and locations to search, so that I may better plan my debilitating illness!

Actually, I'll probably wait a few days to take ill, as I expect the Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org websites to crash promptly at 9:01 AM (Eastern Daylight Time) on 2 April 2012...



FamilySearch Ushers in New Year with 119 Million New, Free Records from 33 Countries

FamilySearch was extra busy during the holidays. It added 119 million new, free records online (about 64 million indexed names and 55 million browsable images). This latest round of record updates makes 1008 historic record collections online boasting 2.58 billion searchable names and 466 million digital images of historic documents. The numbers are actually very staggering and very exciting for family history enthusiasts! Search the records online now at FamilySearch.org.

Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Family History Center Premium Websites Portal at Family History Centers has been recently enhanced, and ArkivDigital Online is now available. ArkivDigital is the largest online private provider of Swedish church records and other historical records. The collection contains newly photographed color images of the original documents. The Ancestry.com Library Edition is also available.

PROGRAMS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS THROUGH MAY 2012

Monthly meetings are held the second Saturday of each month from September to May at 2:00 P.M. in Community Room 208 at the Smoky Hill Museum Building

January 14, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

John K. Burchill, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at KS Wesleyan University, will be giving a presentation called "Anti-Horse Thief Societies in the State of Kansas".

February 11, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Merle "Boo" Hodges will have a presentation on Salina's Camp Phillips.

March 10, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

Ron Weddle will be demonstrating how to use Excel with our genealogy.

April 14, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

Jettie Condray, Curator of Ottawa County Historical Museum, will speak on the Museum, Indian attacks in and around Ottawa County, and George Washington Carver.

May 12, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

Lu Adams presentation on Mother Bickerdyke . Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke's heroic efforts as a nurse on the Civil War battlefield earned her great affection from veterans. Later she was a pensioner and advocate for the veterans.