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## This Week's Articles

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### **The Granite Mountain Records Vault**

by Donnie Boursaw

*The GMRV, with the assistance of the Genealogical Society of Utah and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City Utah, assembles, maintains, and preserves the largest genealogical collection in the world.*

<http://gentod.com/genweekly.mv?cd=1157>

### **Steps in Identifying Old Photographs**

by Gena Philibert-Ortega

*We now live in a time where a vast many resources exist that can help us identify and date old photographs. Yes, it's difficult when there is not a name on the back of the photo, but it is not impossible. The following are some steps to consider in identifying your old photos.*

<http://gentod.com/genweekly.mv?cd=1149>

*Editor Note: For additional reading, you may wish to review these past articles from the GenWeekly Archive.*

### **A Thanksgiving Heritage**

<http://gentod.com/genweekly.mv?cd=460>

### **Proving a Mayflower Member**

<http://gentod.com/genweekly.mv?cd=324>

**Of Death, Pictures and Remembrance: What a Kodak Commercial Says To Us All**

<http://gentod.com/genweekly.mv?cd=836>

**Forensic Genealogy: Seeing With New Eyes**

<http://gentod.com/genweekly.mv?cd=628>

**“Vault Film 2,945,348, Please.”**

<http://gentod.com/genweekly.mv?cd=356>

## **What’s New in Genealogy ... Today!**

The articles in this section do not require a subscription, however, some of the resources they mention may.

**A First in Irish Genealogy** - The World’s First Podcast on Irish Genealogy and Family Heritage has been launched. (Source: Genealogy News Center, 16/Nov/2006)

<http://gentod.com/archive.mv?cd=1161>

**150 WWII Ration Book Images Added (1940's)** - This week we added 150 images to the Registry of War Ration Books. This database is updated weekly and now contains over 1,200 listings. (Source: Index of War Ration Books, 15/Nov/2006)

<http://gentod.com/archive.mv?cd=1146>

**52 Old Business Cards Added** - This week we added 52 images to our Business Card Collection database. Included is a group of business cards from a Chicago area printer, all from the 1950's. (Source: Business Card Collection, 14/Nov/2006)

<http://gentod.com/archive.mv?cd=1152>

**105 Funeral Cards Added (1891-2002)** - This week we added 105 images, ranging from 1891 to 2002, quite a few of which are from New Jersey. Many from the 1930's and 1940's. The Funeral Cards Online index is updated weekly, and now has over 20,200 listings. (Source: Funeral Cards Online, 13/Nov/2006)

<http://gentod.com/archive.mv?cd=1158>

**20 Vintage Mug Shots Added (1905-1991)** - This week we added 20 mug shots to our Ancestral Criminal Records database. There are now 121 mug shots in this collection spanning from 1905 to 1991. (Source: Genealogy Data Store, 10/Nov/2006)

<http://gentod.com/archive.mv?cd=1147>

## Recent News

### **Family Health History Focus on Alaskan Native and Appalachian Communities**

As part of the effort to educate all Americans about the importance of knowing their family health histories, Acting Surgeon General Kenneth P. Moritsugu, M.D., M.P.H., today announced two new outreach projects involving Alaska Native and urban Appalachian communities. "This is not just knowledge for knowledge's sake. Knowing your family health history can save your life, as well as the lives of those you love," Dr. Moritsugu said. The recently redesigned tool, "My Family Health Portrait," is available in English and in Spanish at <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov>.

Building upon the foundation laid by the Surgeon General's Family History Initiative, NHGRI today named two new Family History demonstration projects - focused on Alaska Native and urban Appalachian populations. The one-year projects, each of which will receive \$100,000, will develop community-based models to increase awareness among the public and health care professionals about the value of family history information in promoting health and preventing disease. The goal of the project is to determine what resources and technical assistance will be needed to support providers in using family history to identify patients at risk for chronic diseases and motivate them to make lifestyle changes. (National Institutes of Health, press release. November 15, 2006)

### **Ancestry Offers On-Demand Publishing of Custom Books**

Utah-based Ancestry.com has launched a new product, saying this week that it will begin on-demand publishing of custom books based on the 200,000 most common last names in the United States. The firm, which provides an online family history research site, said that the new on-demand books will tell stories about particular last names, based on the firm's database of historical records. The firm said each book will be approximately 90 pages, and include family facts, historical timelines, and facts. (techrockies.com, Salt Lake City, UT. November 15, 2006)

### **Historic Arizona Cemetery Offering Free Guided Tours**

The final resting place of Jacob Waltz, known as the legendary "Lost Dutchman," is at the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park, along with other famous and not-so-famous people who make up some of Arizona's rich history. In the coming months, you can take a free, guided tour of the 107-year-old Smurthwaite House and spend time in the seven historic cemeteries that make up the park. Volunteers with the Pioneers' Cemetery Association will lead the tours. The Phoenix landmark is normally open by appointment only. The park, at Jefferson and 14th avenues, is a facility of the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. Tours are scheduled next from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 25 and Dec. 30. Details: (602) 534-1262 or [www.phoenix.gov/PARKS/pioneer.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/PARKS/pioneer.html).

### **Tennessee - Genealogy Center Dedicated in Germantown**

Germantown completed the transition Wednesday of an old children's theater to a collection of materials on history and ancestry. The suburb, along with a collection of groups including the Tennessee Genealogical Society, consummated their partnership with the christening of the new Germantown Community Library Regional History and Genealogy Center on Poplar Pike near the Norfolk Southern Railway crossing in Old Germantown. The Tennessee Genealogical Society will bring more than \$1 million worth of books and materials to the new library, part of the Germantown Community Library. The facility will be open today (Nov 16) from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday (Nov 18) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The regular weekly schedule will be 1 to 7 Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays. (commercialappeal.com, Memphis, TN. November 16, 2006)

### **Who's Who Among US Immigrants**

The ancestry of some famous Americans, including Tom Cruise, Halle Berry, and Donald Trump is revealed in immigration records released last week by a British genealogy Web site. The Web site [www.Ancestry.co.uk](http://www.Ancestry.co.uk) launched more than 100 million U.S. immigration records from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, showing a list of passengers on voyages from the British Isles to the United States between 1820 and 1960. The records show date, departure port, destination, age, nationality, occupation, accompanying family members and purpose of travel, among other criteria. The lists also reveal the journeys of Scottish men who became symbols of success in American business, including the founders of Buick, Campbell's soup and Forbes magazine. Liverpool became the most popular departure point for Irish and British immigrants in 1818, according to records from Ellis Island, the historic immigrant portal in New York harbor. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, OH. November 10, 2006)

## **Family Tree Connection**

This subscription database includes information indexed from a variety of sources such as Masonic rosters, school yearbooks, vintage telephone books, insurance claims, club member lists, church records and more.

### **Now, with over 720,000 records!**

This project is all about capturing details about the lives of your ancestors -- from their early years in school, through college and then in their careers and spare time (i.e. hobbies and group activities).

**New England Railroad Superintendents 1850 Members** - Reports and Other Papers of the New England Association of Railroad Superintendents from the Commencement of the Society to January 1st, 1850.

<http://www.gentod.com/click.mv?FTC=2678>

**Brattleboro High School 1926 Commencement** - B. H. S. Class of Nineteen Twenty-six, Graduation Exercises, Tuesday Evening, June Twenty-Two, The Auditorium, Brattleboro, Vt.

<http://www.gentod.com/click.mv?FTC=2677>

**Ninth Cavalry, USA, Fort D. A. Russell, 1910** - Illustrated Review, Ninth Cavalry, U. S. Army, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming. Written and Compiled by Medley & Jenson. Includes complete rosters with group photos.

<http://www.gentod.com/click.mv?FTC=2631>

**Cashmere Grotto No. 11 M.O.V.P.E.R. 1917 Roster** - History and Roster of Cashmere Grotto, No. 11, M. O. V. P. E. R. (Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm), Elmira, New York. Instituted Under Dispensation April 6, 1903. Chartered October 20, 1903. List of Members to January 23, 1917.

<http://www.gentod.com/click.mv?FTC=2321>

**Phi Kappa Phi 1935 Anniversary Program** - Phi Kappa Phi Anniversary Program, Tuesday, December 10, 1935. Student Assembly, 10 a. m., Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, Manhattan, Ks.

<http://www.gentod.com/click.mv?FTC=2676>

**Bethany High School 1921 Commencement** - Bethany High School Class of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Exercises of Commencement, on Friday evening, May the twenty-seventh, at eight o'clock, First Christian Church, Bethany, Missouri.

<http://www.gentod.com/click.mv?FTC=2675>

**28th Conference of Overseas War Work Secretaries** - Roster of the Members of the Twenty-eight Conference of Overseas War Work Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. November 27 to December 4, 1918. Columbia University, New York.

<http://www.gentod.com/click.mv?FTC=2599>

**Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1. I.O.O.F. 1905 Roster** - Constitution and By-Laws of Massachusetts Lodge, Number One, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Boston, Mass. Instituted March 26, 1820. Reinstated June 22, 1841.

<http://www.gentod.com/click.mv?FTC=2474>

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\*An annual \$29.95 subscription is required for full access, but you can search the name indexes for free.

## Upcoming Events

### **Pennsylvania – Library Offers Family History Workshop, Nov 18**

The Green Tree Public Library is offering a family history writing workshop November 18, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the afternoon. The program is free and no writing experience is necessary to attend, but registration is required. For information, see <http://gentod.com/calendar.mv?id=1429>.

### **Arkansas –Tour Features New Genealogy Room, Nov 20**

Tracing one's ancestry will be easier in Benton County with the opening of the new William Enfield Genealogy and History Room. The Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society invites the public to tour the new facilities, on November 20. For details, see <http://gentod.com/calendar.mv?id=1431>.

### **Massachusetts – Library Hosts “Digging For Your Roots” Workshop, Nov 30**

Are you interested in investigating your family history but don't know where to begin? The Hingham Public Library will offer a workshop "Digging for Your Roots," on Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 7 p.m. For more information on registering, see <http://gentod.com/calendar.mv?id=1430>.

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