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The election of officers was held in February and they are planning a great year!!! The members of our executive board are:

PRESIDENT: Edna Cooper phone: 224-7060  
VICE PRESIDENT: Paula Honerkamp Phone: 224-7463  
SECRETARY: Starlene Mitchell Phone: 224-4107  
TREASURER: Denise Smith Phone: 224-1014  
DIRECTOR: Nancy Lowe Phone: 224-0231  
DIRECTOR: Gayle VanCamp Phone: 224-2130  
Stephen Miller will serve on the Board in the capacity of past-president.

We have added their phone numbers in case you would like to contact them. They are a very enthusiastic bunch of genealogists and would welcome your comments.

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GOOD NEWS

There has been interest shown in purchasing a microfilm reader for RAWLINS LIBRARY. We need your opinion on our contribution to this purchase. It will be a topic of discussion at our coming meeting. Your comments will be welcome on this subject.

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THE TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE have met following the two society meetings. If you are a subscribing member of either genealogical societies and wish to share your information please contact us. Also if you have books that you wish to donate or lend our library, please let us know. Serving on the committee are: Joanne Fix 224-2612 Genny Ziegler 224-4403  
Nancy Lowe 224-0231 Gayle Van Camp 224-2130 Edna Cooper 224-7060  
Creta Moe 224-2147- We are always open to suggestions.

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Have you read the 1900 Census as yet?? Those of us who have, have learned some interesting facts about our family lines. The South Dakota census is available at the Historical Resources Center. If you are interested in other states, you can check the index available in our collection for the correct microfilm to order. Rawlins Library will order the microfilm for your use, but you must return it to the library each day. Readers are available at the State Library from 8:am. to 5:pm. on working days only. Wouldn't it be nice to have a reader at Rawlins Library where it would be available evenings and weekends??

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ATTENTION!!!!!! TENNESSEE ANCESTOR HUNTERS !!!!!

Laura Glum is receiving the TENNESSEE ANCESTOR MAGAZINE which is published quarterly. One of the projects of the group from 1915 to 1921 was contacting Civil War veterans for information which is now being published in their magazine. Call Laura if you would like to have her search the information for your family line. Laura Glum phone: 224-2670

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SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens group ~~xxxxx~~ took a trip to the Historical Resources center in February. It was great fun helping them to find themselves and tjeir families in the census record. Everyone found something that they hadn't known. Next class will be March 10, 1979 at 2:00 pm. at the Senior Citizen Center, come and join them if ~~xxxxx~~ you'r the right age!!

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AROUND THE AREA

Minnesota Historical Society is devoting the month of March to programs on "The Immigrant Experience". The six part lecture series will deal with immigrants who settled in Minnesota and their effect upon the state. Some of the groups that will be included are Germans, Scandinavians, South Slavs, Finns, and Italians.

Aberdeen Area Genealogical Society is planning a state meeting for March 31. Each local society has been asked to contribute to the general meeting. Discussion will center on the possibility of a State Society. More information will be available at our coming meeting.

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BOOK CORNER

A history of Hand County, South Dakota entitled BRING ON THE PIONEERS! is now available for purchase. It can be ordered from History Book, P.O. Box 129, Miller, South Dakota 57362 for \$17.50. The book is indexed.

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COMING UP

The Saturday workshop at The Historical Resources Center will be March 24 Call Laura Glum 224-2670 if you wish to attend.

March 14, is our next meeting. Dennis Walle from the State Archives will be the speaker. Come and find out how South Dakota is keeping our past and present records.

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Those of you who have paid your dues will find your new membership cards enclosed with this newsletter. If you don't find your card, you either haven't paid your dues - or Edna forgot to put it in--

See you on the 14th.

EDJ (March )

THE PIERRE FORT PIERRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
YEAR 1979 VOLUME 4 NUMBER 3 BOX 925 PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501

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Spring came; Didn't like the weather, so left. Sounds about like last year. Summer stayed so long, Fall didn't have a chance.

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The April meeting was spent getting ideas on what you would like to have for programs for the year. We hope to have the year set up by the next newsletter.

The meeting at Aberdeen was very informative and we are more in favor of a State Organization now. It would help in getting State and Federal legislation passed by keeping us informed on the issues so that we can contact our elected representatives. The society would not be joining as a whole, only individual members. They would like to have the headquarters and most meetings centrally located which would have most traveling the same distance. Joanne and Edna did enjoy sitting out the snow storm out in Aberdeen that night..... Edna plans for any emergency More details available upon request!!!!!!!

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The State Library has an order of microfilm dealing with the state of Wisconsin, but they have been unable to learn who ordered it. Since it is there, they have suggested that anyone in our group who might be interested in that area take advantage of the mixup and come up and use the film. It must be returned May 10, so don't hesitate if you are interested. The rolls include the following information:

ROLL 26-- Histories of the counties of Jefferson, LaCrosse, and LaFayette, including the area around Lead.

ROLL 29-- Histories of the counties of Vernon and Walworth

ROLL 33 -- Genealogical records of Columbia, Sauk, Adams and Richland Counties.

ROLL 39-- Portraits and Biographical Records for Walworth, Jefferson, Waukesha, and Portage Counties.

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#### A R O U N D T H E A R E A

The Aberdeen Area Genealogy Society are finishing their project of indexing all the cemeteries in Brown County. They have checked all available records as well as the tombstones in the cemeteries and have an extensive list of names, which they plan to publish in book form as soon as the project is completed.

The MINNESOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY have completed their project of indexing the 1870 census for the state of Minnesota. The index, started in 1970, contains more than 450,000 names. It will be available on microfilm at the Minnesota Historical Society Division of Archives and Manuscripts.

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READING CENSUS FROM OUT - OF - STATE ? ? ? ? You may pick up

census forms for 1880 and 1900 census at Rawling Library.

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### SHAKING THE BRANCHES !!

PAT ENGBERITSON -- has really been shaking the branches recently!! After searching for years for Samuel Woodward's parents, she found them and their birthplace through the 1850 Iowa census, the index of which is conveniently located at the Rapid City Public Library. The Rapid City Library also has 5 volumes of AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by Hinshaw, an excellent source for those seeking Quaker ancestors because the Quakers did not give their records to civil authorities before 1850. The minutes of their meetings include arrivals and departures of the Friends. Although Pat did not find her Quaker ancestors, the BENBOWS, in these volumes, a letter to the Friends Historical Library in W Swarthmore, Pa. brought a response from a helpful librarian who searched the North Carolina records to find Carver BENBOW, his wife, her parents, and all of his children up to their arrival in Iowa in 1871.

EDNA COOPER -- found the trip to the State Genealogical Meeting in Aberdeen last month to be more than profitable. While checking through the genealogy prepared by Bud Schaffer of Aberdeen, she found the surname SPARHAWK, another spelling of SPARROWHAWK, a surname in the COOPER family lines. Further investigation revealed the 2 SPARHAWK's to be sisters and brought enough information for Edna to update her records with 3 sheets. The SPARHAWK on the COOPER line married the first COOPER who came to America in 1636. The other SPARHAWK sister married an Adams who were the ancestors of two UNITED STATES presidents!!!!

Genny Ziegler -- made a trip to Grandma Ada and found a genealogical bonanza in a book "THE ZIEGLER FAMILY and RELATED FAMILIES IN PENNSYLVANIA". The book was written by a cousin, Gertrude (Trudy) MOHLIN Ziegler of Zelienople, Pennsylvania who has documented the work and includes all branches of the family, even John and Genny ZIEGLER and family of Pierre!!!! WOW!

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### BOOK CORNER

Our library continues to grow with gifts from our generous members. PAT ENGBERITSON gave us THE INDEX TO QUESTIONNAIRES OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS from the manuscript section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. This is the index that is being published in the TENNESSEE ANCESTOR MAG. With Pat's gift, we now have a copy on hand for future reference.

Have you checked out state notebooks?? We have put together pamphlets of information pertaining to genealogical research in various states. You will find notebooks for Arkansas, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia on the shelves of our collection at Rawlins Library. We also have notebooks on Canada and U.S. Federal records.

State Archivist, Dennis Walle, our guest speaker for the March meeting, presented us with a copy of the GUIDE TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA ARCHIVES RESOURCE CENTER. The Guide lists the local records that will be stored at the center.

Two new reference books of general interest added to our collection are:

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BOOK CORNER CONTINUED:

169 PLACES TO CHECK FOR GENEALOGICAL SOURCES: by Dr. George K. Schweitzer  
published in 1978

GENEALOGICAL BOOKS FOR RENT: By Rasmussen, published in Gillette, Wisconsin.

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NANCY LOWE - - has several good sources to share if you just call her at 224-0231. She has the index to her 30 volumes of MISSOURI PIONEER by Mrs. Howard Woodruff. Each volume costs \$5.00 to purchase. The index will tell you which one you may need. She also has MARRIAGES PUBLISHED IN THE WAUKESKA, WISCONSIN NEWSPAPERS from 1863 - 1881. For those searching in Virginia, Nancy will share information found in THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INQUIRER. She also belongs to the Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society for those who are interested in the state.

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#### NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE from the TRI-STATE TRADER

Do you have a Civil War veteran from Ohio in your family pedigree? Two historians, Howard C. Aley of Youngstown, Ohio and William G. Burnett of Cleveland, Ohio are seeking letters, diaries, and newspaper clippings relating to soldiers from the Western Reserve who served in the Sixth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry during the Civil War. The two men are writing a history of the unit from the time it was formed in October, 1861 through its accompaniment of General Grant's departure after the surrender at Appomattox Court House. Persons having material of interest to the gentlemen may contact Aley at 212 Brainard Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44512 or Burnett at 31507 Drake Drive, Bay Village, 44140.

The Kentucky Historical Society is computerizing history beginning with the state's cemetery records. The 60,000 names in Whitley County are the first to be recorded with first and last names, middle initials, birth and death dates and location of cemetery in which the person is buried being fed into the computer for storage. Eventually, more than seven million names will be held but it will be many months before assistance can be provided to genealogists. When the project is completed, the exact location of all family cemeteries and burial sites in the state will have been compiled as well as the genealogical information found on the tombstones.

Did your ancestors come to America from the Palatinate? If so, you might be interested in the organization, PALATINES TO AMERICA, which was organized in July, 1975. Members receive a quarterly journal, THE PALATINE IMMIGRANT, and a quarterly newsletter. Four generation charts are accepted by the group as well as names for a surname index. Dues are \$6.00 a year with a family membership available for \$7.00. The group also charters regional chapters. More information is available from the secretary, Mrs. Margaret Dieringer, 138 S. 5th St., Greenfield, Ohio 45123.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Gayla Nieminen--114 North Central, Pierre, telephone 224-0226  
Nola Houghland--720 West Capital, Pierre, telephone 224-7233  
Mary E. Rasmussen--Box 906, 720 West Dakota, Pierre, telephone 224-8160





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On this 4th of July, the United States of America will be 203 years old. Many towns and churches in South Dakota are celebrating are preparing to celebrate their centennials. Our society is 7 years old. We are young but we should be thinking of the future. Write in your diary every day. Give your children a copy of your history, along with a copy of your genealogy. "Today is Tomorrow's History "

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP  
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We presented our First honorary and life membership at the June 13th meeting, to Dayton Canady. He has been a great help to our society and has given a lot of his time in letting us have our monthly meeting at the Historical Resource Center for a number of years. He has also set aside a Saturday afternoon once a month for us to do research, besides helping individual members with their research problems.

Dayton gave a talk on the Historical Resources Center, which holds the following items of genealogical value:

Census Cards - County Atlases - County Histories - Maps - WPA  
County Courts House Inventories - South Dakota Post Office Cards -  
39 Volumes of the History of South Dakota - Telephone Books - Index Cards to  
the Newspapers on Microfilm ( of which there are 10,000 rolls) -Department  
of Interior Indian Affairs records on microfilm - State Legislature Journals  
that are indexed - Newberry Library index - Catalog of Western History -  
Annual and Bi-Annual reports of State Agents - Photo Files - Biography  
Publications - Grave Registrations of the WPA - Pioneer Daughters Files-  
City Directories - Complete set of the South Dakota Blue Books -  
Organization Records and Personal Papgrs. There are many family genealogy  
books, too, which may hold information useful to you in searching your family  
lines.

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June 9, 1979 found members attending the Historical Records Preservation Conference in Pierre. We wish more had been able to attend. It is hoped this will be an annual, if not a semi annual meeting so maybe next time around you will be ~~xxx~~ able to attend. We heard talks on Government, University and College, Religious Institutions, Business Organization and other Institutional records. Native American, Woman's and Family and Individual Records in the State of South Dakota. After the talk on State and Local Records we are sorry to see Dennis Walle, move to Alaska. ~~XXXXXX~~ He had the enthusiasm that we need!!!

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In the May-June issue of THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER there is a notice as follows:  
"Please write your congressman. The veteran's Administration has ordered the National Archives to stop public access to the Civil War pension files". We have contacted one of our senators but have not received a complete report at this time. This item can be found on page 94 in the Helper)

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We have recieved inquires concerning the families of COX, GREENOUGH, CLAPP, CHURCHILL, INGLE OR ENGLE AND NEUBAUER. If these are your lines, please contact Edna Cooper, phone 224-7060.

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BOOK CORNER

PAT ENGELERITSON - has given us the book WALKING TRIPS IN NORWAY by N.Tjernagel. This is a description of Norway, its people, and countryside with illustrations written by a traveler on foot, traversing the countryside.

STEPHEN MILLER - has given us all of the South Dakota Telephone directories for 1977, a large addition to our collection.

We have received a Guide to the Archives and Manuscripts in the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay Area Research Center and a Guide to Belgian-American Rose arch Materials that is a special collection of that library.

As we receive more materials for our collection, we are made aware that we need more shelves. This is one of the topics we need to discuss at a meeting, of the Technical Services Committee. It will be held after our regular meeting on July 11.

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Edna Cooper visited the Genealogy section of the Newberry Library in Chicago. What a find!! Even if you only have a few hours, stop there. She found a whole book on the "Sparhawk" printed in 1892 ( see 1979 "no. 3 newsletter for more about the Sparhawk relationship), and information on the other lines of her family.

Even though she ended up going back to the hotel in Chicago's rush hour traffic, she stayed to hear John Adams, an anthropologist from South Carolina, who studied three family genealogy in Mass. from 1650's to 1775 a period of five generations. Some of his finds were that 55% of their spouses came from the same town, 80% from a radius of 14 to 15 miles and 20% came from a radius of 120 miles. He also traced the movements of the five generations. Only 16% were born in the same place in which the first generations was originally found, 27% in a radius of 14 to 15 miles and 43% were within 48 miles. In all there were less than 50% who stayed in one place for their whole life. Edna hopes to have more information from Mr. Adams to pass along in the future.

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AROUND THE AREA

The Naturalization papers of Union County have been alphabetized for ease in searching at the county Court House in Elk Point.

On July 1, the Rapid City LDS Library will be ready to serve the public with microfilm orders from the collection in Salt Lake City. They will have a complete index of all the microfilm in the Salt Lake City Library. It takes two weeks to receive the microfilm and there is a charge for its use. The library has 4 Microfilm readers and one Microfiche reader. The Library, which is located on the Canyon Lake Road next to the Senior Citizen Center, is open from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., Monday thur Friday and by special appointment at other hours. Laura Glum is in charge of the service for our Area and will have a copy of the microfilm index. For further information, Call Laura Glum at 224-2670

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Pat Collins Engesbritson - 813 Day Street, Belle Fourche ,So. Dak. 57717

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VICKSBURG GRAVES BEING MARKED

The VA is marking for the first time the graves of more than 1,600 Confederate soldiers killed during the Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi and buried in a special three acre plot in the Vicksburg City Cemetery on land owned and maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Congress authorized markers for Confederate graves in national cemeteries in 1906 and in 1929 for Confederate dead buried in private cemeteries. The graves in the Vicksburg plot have remained unidentified since 1863 except by locations on a cemetery map. States represented and the number of graves are Alabama, 177; Arkansas, 51; Florida, 20; Georgia, 284; Kentucky, 14; Louisiana, 431; Mississippi, 211; North Carolina, 3; Missouri, 72; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 183; Texas, 36; Virginia, 18; unknown, 162 plus. The three acre plot has been divided into sections representing each state to make it easier for visitors to locate the area where their kinsman is buried. --from the May 1979 issue of the VFW magazine

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COMING UP

The Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research will hold their workshop September 21 and 22 at the Senior Citizen Center in that city. Their guest speaker will be Paul Riley, State Archivist from Nebraska. Everyone who has been to one of the Rapid City workshops talks about them for years. They are very informative besides being a great social event..so plan on attending!!

Tentative programs for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogy Society for the coming year are these:

- July 11--William Honerkamp whose father wrote AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN, a history of the Piedmont, South Dakota area
- August 8--WHAT'S IN THE STATE LIBRARY, meeting in the South Dakota room at Rawlins Library
- September 12--Work session
- September (?)--Beginner classes
- October 10--German-Russian Records
- November 14--DAR
- December--No meeting--HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!
- January 9--Work Session

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NEW MEMBER

The Reverend Norman L. Jones- 317 S. Garfield, Pierre, S.D. 57501

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RE MINDERS

The August 8 meeting will be held in the South Dakota Room at Rawlins Library.

The T.S.C. committee will meet after the July 11 meeting...usual meeting place \*\*\*\*\*

Beat the heat at Rawlins Library basement July 11--see you there--  
EDJ (July)

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The summer slump is over. We are calling it a slump because a request for materials from some of our more dedicated genealogists elicited responses like, " I think it is in the basement someplace," " Oh, that's in a box under another box that has canning jars in it," and " I am sure I will be able to find that when i do my fall cleaning." This, our first newsletter for the fall season, serves as a notice that it is time to get back to work!!!

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Our August meeting was a workshop. Several guests attended and showed an interest in learning about methods of research and record keeping: therefore, we are planning a series of lessons for this fall. We hope to start Beginner Lessons in September followed by Intermediate in October and Advanced in November, if there is a demand for them.

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#### M E E T O U R V I C E P R E S I D E N T

PAULA JEAN THOMPSON HONERKAMP was born in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota and grew up in the little town of Caputa which is located 13 miles east of Rapid City. She attended a country school for the first eight years of her education. After her graduation from high school in Rapid City, she attended Black Hills State College at Spearfish, South Dakota. Paula married Bill Honerkamp who had grown up near Piedmont, South Dakota. Bill was in the Navy so they spent the first years of their marriage traveling before coming to Pierre, in January, 1972. Bill is now Director of the State Division of Tourism Development. They have three daughters, Marnie who is 8 years old, Andrea who is 5, and Cory Marie who is 4. Paula, who has been working on her genealogy for less than two years, has 84 names on her steadily growing list. Some of the surnames are: SCHEIBLE - SCHRENT - BRUDE (German) THOMPSON - YUDEL (Scottish) Brubaker (Swiss Mennonite) Bassett - HALE or HALE - HAIL - FLOWERS (English) TARPENNING - MERRILL and POGUE or POGUE - PAGE.

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Our gifts to Rawlins Library for the purchase of a microfilm reader have been placed in a special fund. MaryBeth Waldoch, the librarian, has been looking over a variety of readers and will decide upon the appropriate one to be purchased. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the fund may make out a check to Rawlins Library, designated for the purchase of a reader, and present the check to MaryBeth.

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In our last newsletter we reported on an item in THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER that stated the National Archives had been ordered by the Veteran's Administration to stop allowing the public access to Civil War Pension Files. Senator McGovern investigated this matter at our request and informs us that item is an error. There has been no such order issued and the public still has access to the Civil War Pension Files.

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SHAKING THE BRANCHES

EDNA COOPER - has been sorting through letters that were stored in an old trunk at her great aunts' house. One of the discoveries was the correspondence started by her Grandfather Stevens when he left home at the age of 20 years. Every week he sent a letter home until his death in 1976 when he was in his 80's. After the death of his parents, he had continued to write weekly to his sisters. Edna's great aunts, who had kept all the letters.

JIM and GAYLE VAN CAMP - have added Susan Renee to their family group sheet. Susan joins her sister ~~Sharon~~ Sarah.

STEVE and FLORAMAY MILLER - have added Martin Earl to ~~their~~ their family sheet. Martin is the little brother of MaeAnn.

DENISE SMITH \* is looking forward to the end of September as her father Royce THOMPSON and his sister Lynette THOMPSON Johnson will be here for their 50th high school reunion from Pierre. ~~Denise~~ Denise plans to do some verbal shaking of the branches and if possible tape recording. Aunt Lynette last year sent Denise a written history of the ~~family~~ life in South Dakota.

THOMPSON

!!!!!! G O O D N E W S !!!!!!! A T L A S T !!!!! I T'S HERE !!!!!!!

The long awaited Surname Index is ready for purchase. The cost is \$2.00. If ordered by mail the cost is \$2.50. Contact Edna Cooper at 813 Harney Court Pierre, South Dakota 57501 or call her at 605-224-7060 to purchase your copy.

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THE POST OFFICES OF MINNESOTA is a newly published book that will be a valuable research source. It contains post office names, dates of operation, first postmasters, and the disposition of discontinued post offices. The data are arranged by county but there is also an alphabetical list of post offices. An introduction explains how the book handles offices in counties that have changed boundaries or names and also lists the research materials used. Illustrations and maps are included, too. The book was published at Burtonville Md. and costs \$20.00.

Dayton Canaday has given us copies of the following dealing with genealogical Materials in the National Archives:

- REGIONAL BRANCHES OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES, descriptions and addresses
- RESEARCHERS GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
- MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
- GENEALOGICAL SOURCES OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
- GENEALOGICAL RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
- FEDERAL POPULATION CENSUS 1790-1890
- 1900 FEDERAL POPULATION CENSUS

DID YOU KNOW that JOHANSSON is the most common name in Sweden? There are 200,000 surnames in Sweden but 40% of the population share 20 of them and they all end in "son". The government encourages the changing of these common names and Swedish people can choose from a computerized list. The government prefers those names chosen from natural object but forbids those adopted from

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 Towns or railroad stations and frowns upon eccentric choices such as that of the gentleman who ~~wish~~ wished to call himself SNOVIT WHICH IS TRANSLATED in to Snow White. Two popular choices are Bergkvist (rock-twig) and Malmstrom (ore-river).  
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 \* C O M I N G U P \*  
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Starlene Mitchell will be speaking at our September meeting on her genealogical trip to the eastern part of the United States.

The topic for our October meeting will be German-Russian ~~xxxxxxx~~ research. Those members who are searching German-Russian lines are asked to bring their materials to that meeting. We hope to have a general sharing of source materials and research tips for those who are seeking more information about the ancestors of many of the residents of our state and neighboring states.

Beginner Lessons are tentatively scheduled for ~~Sept~~ Sept. 17 and 19 at 7:30 in the evening. There will be more definite information on this at the September meeting.

The Saturday workshop at the museum will be September 15 or 29. Check with Laura Glum at the meeting or call her 224-2670

Don't forget the Rapid City Genealogical Work Shop which is scheduled for September 21 and 22. Paul Riley, Assistant Archivist of the Nebraska State Historical Society will be the guest speaker.

Other presentations will be on Germans from Russia - Photography and Beginner's Orientation. Pre-registration charges ~~xxxx~~ will be \$10.00. Registration at the door will be \$12.50. Lunch on Saturday will be \$2.50 extra. It will all take place at the Senior Citizen Center 2900 Canyon Lake, Rapid City. By the way there will be a pot luck supper on Friday night 6.30 pm for the early arrivals. After the pot luck a slide show "Old Pedro On The Cheyenne" will be presented. Another guest at the workshop Sat. will be Florence Clint, the compiler of the AREA KEY SERIES. This series contains information such as maps, local library collections, newspaper files, church and cemetery records for a locality. She will have some of her AREA KEYS on display at the workshop as well as her three basic books GENEALOGICAL PRIMER FAMILY LINE and THE RESOURCES MANUAL. On Monday Sept 24, 1979 Mrs. Clint will be in Pierre. We are planning a general meeting of our group with her that evening at Rawlins Library. It will be a chance for us to become acquainted with her and the type of research she does.  
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September is a busy month with something for <sup>e</sup>very one to share in, come and join us. See you at the meeting and/or in Rapid City. That is one work shop you don't want to miss!!

E.D.J.

# THE PIERCE-FORT PIERRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

700 025, PIERCE, SD 57501

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The weather is ideal for work on your genealogy, with "old man winter" just around the corner! So get your Christmas cards out early (the mailman will like you too) -- and get to researching.

COME TO OUR NOVEMBER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH, AND BRING YOUR QUESTIONS.

## !!!! NOTICES !!!!

1. Check your Surname Index for RŮVAK. Add number 122 to the surname.
2. November 24 - date of the next Saturday workshop at the Historical Resource Center.
3. If you are interested in obtaining vinyl sheet protectors, 8½" x 11", punched for 3-ring binders, contact Starlene Mitchell, 224-4107. These are sealed on three sides, excellent quality, and will cost 30¢ each.

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## OCTOBER PROGRAM--

German-Russian research was the topic at our October meeting. Joanne Fix gave a brief history of the German-Russian people and discussed many of the sources available in this area for research. She also recommended membership in two groups, *The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (Lincoln, Nebraska)*, and *Germans From Russia Heritage Society (Bismarck, North Dakota)*.

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## MICROFILM READER--

At our October meeting, the Executive Board, with approval of the general Society, voted to present to the Library Board our agreement to help with the purchase of a microfilm reader to be selected from those recommended by the librarian.

At the present time, contributions from our members amount to only half the sum we wish to provide. Fewer than one-third of our members have contributed; yet their contributions make up one-half of the total! Now that the microfilm reader is a reality, it is hoped the other two-thirds of our membership will come forward with their donations. Generosity on their part will assure reaching our goal without having to resort to a fund raising project or making up the remainder out of our never too plentiful treasury.

Recently we received 12 reels of census microfilm from the Historical Resource Center. These reels range over the years from 1830 to 1895 and contain mortality schedules, agricultural censuses, and regular census schedules for various South Dakota counties...more reason than ever to have a microfilm reader at Rawlins Library where it will be easily accessible to all.

Steve Miller continues to serve as the liaison between our group and the Library Board. Donations can be given to him or to Mary Beth Waldoch, Rawlins Librarian. Remember to make your checks payable to Rawlins Library with a notation that the contribution is intended for use toward the purchase of a microfilm reader.

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"THINK NOT THAT THE NOBILITY OF YOUR ANCESTORS DOETH FREE YOU TO DOE ALL THAT YOU LIST, CONTRARYWISE, IT BINDETH YOU MORE TO FOLLOWE VERTUE."

--PIERRE ERONDELL

RAPID CITY SEMINAR - NEBRASKA ARCHIVES

Attendance at the Rapid City Genealogical Seminar in September brought some helpful information with regard to materials in the Nebraska State Archives. Paul Riley, Assistant State Archivist, presented several interesting program topics. Some of the records stored in the Nebraska Archives include:

--The Nebraska United States Land Office records of which Nebraska has its own set. These include the names of all who tried to settle on Nebraska land whether they were successful in staying or not. A microfilm copy is also available at the Chadron State College library. (Mr. Riley reminded those using land records that if the homesteader was a Civil War veteran, he could subtract the time served in the military from the years needed to prove up his claim.) Requests for these records must include the legal description of the land.

--Census records including the 1856-57 territorial census which shows the head of the household; the 1885 census; and the 1860-70-80-1900 federal census enumerations.

--The 1886 and 1890 Nebraska State Gazeteer and Business Directories. These contain names of the farmers from the 1885 and 1890 censuses with their addresses and the counties of residence. (Names in the 1886 volume have been indexed.)

--The 1885 Atlas of Nebraska which is a good source for early counties and post offices.

--Nebraska Immigration Records Index, including the western tier of Iowa counties as well as the present State of Nebraska.

--The G.A.R. records which have roster volumes and also burial records of the Northern veterans.

--A collection of Nebraska newspapers some of which are indexed.

--A continuing collection of county records, especially tax records. (Mr. Riley recommended contacting the county offices before requesting an Archives search.)

--Church records to some extent, and cemetery records which are poor.

Mr. Riley said that the Nebraska State Archives also serves as the main genealogical library for the state. Anyone who wishes to contact them should write to the following address:

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
1500 R STREET  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68508

A minimum charge of \$2.00 is made for a successful search; however, no money should be sent until the Archives requests it because there is no charge if the search is unsuccessful. A 3-6 weeks response to letters can be expected.

If anyone wishes to make a visit to the Nebraska State Archives, the hours are found to be most agreeable, from 8-5 o'clock Monday through Saturday, and from 1-5 on Sunday, with Sunday hours in effect on some holidays.

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**WPA CEMETERY RECORDS--**

*Our new project of sorting the WPA cemetery records was received with great enthusiasm by the staff at Historical Resource Center. We are developing a form to be used by our group and hope to be able to set up a work schedule at the November meeting. In a preliminary investigation, additional cemetery and veteran's records were discovered that had been overlooked. Upon completion of the project we will have one copy for our library which will be of assistance in answering queries that come to the Society.*



MEET YOUR OFFICERS.....SECRETARY, STARLENE WHITMORE MITCHELL

Starlene was born at Auburn, Nemaha County, Nebraska on 31 January of the year Warren G. Harding was inaugurated President of the United States. She is the only child of Ruth Irene Harding and Milfred Odell Whitmore - and claims to be a nearly pure English left-handed Aquarius Cornhusker.

Starlene went to work in the hometown abstract office at \$10 for a 6-day week next day after high school graduation (lucky girl, they said) and has been addicted to typewriters ever since. She was appointed State Social Security Administrator for South Dakota in 1969 and is nearing 25 years of service with this state government.

She likes sewing, writing, cats, wine, earth colors, political novels, rainy days, organ music, photography...hates crowds, pink (except in sunsets), messy desks, Chinese food, card games, water sports.

Husband "Mitch" is Paul Wilson Mitchell, civilian U.S. Corps of Engineers, retired. They "gypsied" all the way from Ft. Peck to St. Louis during the years of the Missouri River Pick-Sloan Plan, finally coming over the hill to Pierre on Christmas Eve, 1950, to settle down with a dam called Oahe.

The Mitchells are blessed with three children, grown, married, and now self-supporting (at last! Starlene says) - Paul W. Mitchell Jr., Keystone, SD; Ellen L. Mickelson, Lead, SD; Valerie H. Ward, Apple Valley, MN; four grandchildren, and a great grandson newly arrived.

"Genealogy was an inevitable hobby," our secretary says, "stemming from a life-long fascination with history. But as with so many others, real effort came too late to gather the priceless information lost with the deaths of my old timers."

Surnames of particular interest are:

ADAMSON	WILSON	WATERS	BIVENS	HODGKINSON
HARDING	HEATH	FROST	TREACY	WALKER



BOOK CORNER

At the Rapid City Seminar we purchased a Bibliography of Genealogical Materials in the Rapid City Public Library. Acquaint yourself with the materials available from a wide variety of states and then plan a day of research. Materials on micro-film are available there for your use, too.

We also purchased a copy of the talks given by Clifford Neal Smith at the 1977 Rapid City Seminar. Mr. Smith spoke on Federal Land Records, Bounty Land Warrants, and Colonial Land Grants. Another topic he presented dealt with church migrations of all religious groups in the United States, their emmigration from Europe, movement within this country, and location of records for each group. A third subject was with regard to Germany and German migrations. Mr. Smith spoke of "all kinds of Germans," their homelands, communities of settlement within the United States, and the sources of assistance in this kind of research.

Following the seminar in September, one of the speakers, Ms. Florence Clint, was a guest of our society in Pierre. Ms. Clint is gathering material for her area key series and was interested in the research materials available here. She presented to our group a copy of her New York State Area Key.

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- 131 Dakota Belle Loers, 422 South Brule, Pierre, SD 57501, phone 224-7842
- 132 Marilynrae Mathews, 140 Lakeview Court, Pierre, SD 57501, phone 224-4016
- 133 Beverly L. Smith, 207 North Harrison, Pierre, SD 57501, phone 224-4529
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- 135 Mary Jane Moser, 1210 North Euclid, Pierre, SD 57501, phone 224-1984

SHAKING THE BRANCHES

PAT ENGBRITSON--continues to make great discoveries on her Quaker lines. She recently discovered that the County Library of Cheyenne, Wyoming has Quaker records and will lend them on inter-library loan. Pat has requested the records from North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. As long as she retains the books, she has offered to search for any of our group who had Quaker ancestors in those states. (The volumes contain minutes of the meetings; this means they will list births, deaths, marriages, reprimands, and removals of the Friends.) If you would like to have Pat search for your Quaker relatives, write to her at 813 Day Street, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

STARLENE MITCHELL--has been having a fantastic time transcribing a hoard of many old letters recently discovered, all written among her ancestors in southeastern Nebraska during the period from 1865 to 1907. The handwriting is difficult to read, she says, but oh, so interesting! Complications are bleeding of ink through the paper, phonetic spelling according to the English accent, little or no punctuation, and the 18th century penmanship. Copies will be kept with the originals by the Nemaha County (Nebraska) Historical Society. The letters tell a multi-faceted story of the times, events, and personal lives of these early day pioneers and farm settlers of her maternal lineage.

LAURA GLUM-- provides several items of interest. She will be going to Rapid City on December 8th for a genealogical seminar and learning session in connection with the holdings of the LDS Branch Library there. Laura will give a report on this at the January meeting. If at another time several members of our group would be interested in going to Rapid for a day, the man in charge of the library would be glad to meet with them and review the LDS indexes. Laura also announces that the Historical Resource Center now has the microfilm of the 1870 Dakota Territory Census...this includes what is now both North and South Dakota.

GOING ON VACATION...

NEXT NEWSLETTER IN 1980...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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