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What Are We Doing?

By Joan LaRoche

Using Immigration and Naturalization Records

This was the topic presented by Peg Niedholdt after our September business meeting. Peg posed three questions at the beginning of her talk. “Where did our ancestors come from?” “Why did they come?” “How did they get here”? Those of us who are working on our family’s history search for answers to these the questions. Future issues of this newsletter will discuss tools to use to help you find family ancestors.

Tour of Historic Building

Our October business meeting was held in Laurium. After adjournment, members toured the old Calumet & Hecla Public Library Building. Recently purchased by the Keweenaw National Historical Park, this building will eventually become the Keweenaw History Center. Our genealogical society will have a permanent office at this center when it is reopened. We thank Abbey Sue Fisher, Chief of Museum, Archives, and Historical Services for giving our members such an extensive tour of this wonderful building. The library was the cultural center for the residents of the Keweenaw in the 1890’s until it closed in 1943.

Genealogy 101 Still a Hit

Peg Niedholdt, our society vice president, spoke at the October “Fourth Thursday in History” series sponsored by Keweenaw National Historical Park and Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections. This event, open to the public, took place at the Houghton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The audience was treated to an introduction to genealogy. Topics discussed included the value of starting with interviews of older family members, and collecting family artifacts, such as old passports, union cards, and old photographs to gain insights to family life. Genealogy is not just a collection of family names, it’s telling your family history.

Membership Renewal

Our society membership year is from October to October. Renew your membership today. Please send your dues in the amount of \$10.00 to HKCS.

Welcome New Members

Evelyn Maurer is one of our new local members. Two of the surnames she is researching are SOLMONSON and KAREAN. Evelyn's address is 59763 Tamarack Waterworks Road, Calumet, MI 49913; email is eviem@pasty.com. Her phone number is (906) 337-0113.

Sue Gross lives in Grass Valley, California. She is researching these surnames: GRANTZ (GRENTZ), ROM, FRANKOVICH. Sue's mailing address is 0737 Rainbow Ridge Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949-9406; email is svgross@infostations.com.

Joanne Palonen is also a new local member. The surnames that she is researching are Isaac KAARLELA (PIRTARILA), SANKALA. Joanne's address is 4335 superior Rd., Houghton, MI 49931; phone number (906) 482-7076; email is rudynjo@pasty.com.

Summary of a Finnish Genealogy Conference in Hancock, MI

By Peg Niedholdt

The Finnish American Heritage Center presented *RAPAKON TAKAA – Across the Pond: Genealogical Seminar on August 17, 2002*. I had the opportunity to attend this seminar. Here are some of the topics: The Finnish American Heritage Center holdings by Gloria Jackson – a detailed copy of the holdings will be kept with the HKCGS library at the LDS Family History Center. Doug Kartunen gave information on how to start your Finnish research, the suggestion to search for “moving certificates” needed to move between parishes, 2 routes of entry through Quebec, Canada (then overland by railroad) or New York, the Sukunimikartta (Surname Map) available on www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi/index.html, and the HisKi database (Finnish births, marriages, and deaths). Pasi Kuusiluoma gave an in-depth review of records available for research, Swedish was the language prior to 1880, Land Records started in 1540, families were recorded according to farm, Local Court Records started in 1620 with a lapse from 1714 to 1721 during the “Great Hate” (Russian occupation), Land Survey of Farms/History of Farms kept in District Offices is a great resource for genealogists, and genealogically pertinent records of Finland start in 1540. Leif Methner discussed various Internet search methods; he recommends www.genealogia.fi/indexe.htm, The Genealogical Society of Finland. This was a well-presented seminar and it was great to hear our fellow genealogists from Finland talk about their experiences. Great work FAHC!

Genealogy Definitions

Pugger: usually a child whose job it was to walk on clay until it was reduced to a smooth, even substance used to make bricks.

Ostery or osthouse: an inn

Ostiller: an innkeeper

Outner: a stranger

Reference: A – Zax, A comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians, by Barbara Jean Evans, 3rd edition, Hearthside Press, 1995.

Houghton County Birth Records

This is a continuation of the Houghton County Birth Records (1867 - 1880) transcribed from Family History microfilm # 1008256. The first list appeared in our June 2002 newsletter. If you want the entire birth record of any one surname that appears below, for a fee of two dollars, we will provide you with the information. Mail your request to HKCGS (our address appears on this newsletter masthead). Write "Attention Avis West" on your envelope, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Name			Birthdate	*Page	Comment
Hodge	William		Dec 2 1867	4	
Henwood	Emma	O	Aug 24 1867	4	
Sullivan	John	P	Dec 25 1867	4	
Sidnam	Freddie	J	Jun 13 1867	4	
Miller	Mary		May 1 1867	4	Indian
Been	Mary	Winefred	Sep 15 1867	4	
Madagami	Edward		Apr 7 1867	4	Indian
Hand	Katharine	Elizabet	Apr 5 1867	4	
Naganob	Mary		Apr 26 1867	4	Indian
Bendery	Jacob		Apr 26 1867	4	
Macauly	Helen		Jun 13 1867	4	
Frazier	Mary		Aug 8 1867	4	Half Indian
Borlonean	Joseph		Aug 27 1867	4	Half Indian
Chalifin	Thomas		Oct 1 1867	4	Half Indian
Gendron	John	Baptist	Oct 7 1867	5	Indian
Gendron	Margaret		Oct 7 1867	5	Indian
Picard	Martha		Dec 1 1867	5	Half Indian
Floyd	George		Mar 17 1868	1	
Kelly	Thomas	F	Jan 23 1868	1	
Schutz	Eliza		Mar 21 1868	1	
Sullivan	Michael		Nov 15 1868	10	
Sullivan	Ellen		Aug 2 1868	10	
Attikonce	Basil		Jan 26 1868	5	Indian
Omaiawigigis	Louisa		Jan 18 1868	5	Indian
Forcier	Mary	Jane	Jan 23 1868	5	Half Indian
Madigami	Samuel		Mar 2 1868	5	Indian
Bachant	Alexander		Mar 5 1868	5	Half Indian
Leclaw	Michel		Mar 6 1868	5	Half Indian
Measas	Louisa		Mar 8 1868	5	Indian
Papin	Sarah		Mar 7 1868	5	Half Indian
Head	Charlotte		Jul 10 1868	5	Red Indian
George	Mary		Jul 8 1868	5	Red Indian
Fiosh	Henry		Aug 26 1868	6	Indian
Voakis	Frank		Aug 15 1868	6	
Harid	Charles	Wm	Jul 5 1868	6	
Sarazen	Joseph		Oct 1 1868	6	
Picor	Joseph		Aug 23 1868	6	Quarter Indian
Fish	Edward		Jun 22 1868	6	
Rubilliard	Divin		Jun 15 1868	6	
Arbour	Matilda		Sep 10 1868	6	

*Refers to the page number in the microfilm record

Census Records of Other Countries

Great Britain

A Census was first taken in Great Britain in 1801, but the census from 1801-1831 no longer exists, with a few exceptions. Part of the 1851 census is on CD-ROM. The 1901 census is available this year and online on a limited trial basis at www.census.pro.gov.uk. The 1930 census was destroyed by fire and the 1941 census was not taken due to World War II.

Canadian Records

The records for 1842, 1848, 1850, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901 are available on microfilm from the National Archives of Canada. They can be ordered by interlibrary loan. The 1871 census is available free on the Internet. The Family History Library in Houghton has the Canadian census of 1881 on CD-ROM.

Italian Records

Sporadic Italian census records exist from 1693 – 1757.

Germany

Very complete records for 1939 are available.

Genealogy Tip

A great way to learn and to make connections on the Internet is to subscribe to one or more genealogy mailing lists. You can network with others researching the same name or geographic location by posting a message or asking a question, and often there is someone on the list who is more than happy to help. Among the most popular mailing lists are those sponsored by Rootsweb, which include lists for specific surnames and for virtually any location in the world (especially good for non-local research, and international research in particular).

To subscribe, go to <http://www.rootsweb.com>. Under “Mailing Lists”, click on “Index (Browse all lists)”, which will bring you to a choice of headings: Surname, USA, International and Other. These, in turn, are broken down further, and instructions are provided on how to subscribe. Words of advice or caution: first, a busy list may inundate you with e-mail and can get very time consuming. This leads to caution number two: save a copy of the subscription confirmation you receive by e-mail. Besides telling you how to post messages, it tells you how to unsubscribe.