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MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual membership dues is \$10.00 per year for a single membership and \$15.00 per year for a family membership. The dues is due at the September meeting. Please send your membership dues to Membership Chairperson c/o The TriState Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 21902, Bullhead City, AZ 86439.

PRIMARY PURPOSE

The TRI STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY was established in 1990 as a non-profit organization to promote interest in genealogy/history, and to provide fellowship and help among those interested in these subjects.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held from September thru May on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon their local time at the Laughlin Library, 2840 South Needles Hwy, Laughlin, Nevada Our meetings are open to the public and no dues are required to attend.

Some meetings will be held at other locations. These meeting will be scheduled, announced at meetings and corresponded to members before that meeting is held. There will also be a calendar of meetings posted to our web page.

MEETING MINUTES

Tri-State Genealogical Society Minutes of the Meeting October 13, 2007 Clark County Library Laughlin, Nevada

Meeting called to order at 10:10 A.M. President Susan Zmrzel welcomed 9 members and 5 guests.

Minutes of Sept 8, 2007 read by Secretary Patti Goodman. Motion approved by Ruth Colvin and Seconded by Andrea Wetzstein.

Treasurer's Report read by Mary Moffett. Motion to approve made by Mary and passed by a majority of the membership. Treasurer's report accepted and filed for audit.

Committee Chair reports:

Membership- Ruth Colvin passed out more name tags.

Publicity and Programs Paul Rogers resigned and Andrea Wetzstein will take over as chairman.

Newsletter Editor states Next newsletter due in November.

Tri State Gen Web Page Chairman Andrea Wetzstein gave update on our web page.

Susan and Andrea need help on Genealogy oriented "Talking loudly in the Library " program on Nov. 7th . Also they are going to Kingman to photograph the Mountain View Cemetery to post on Find a Grave.

New Business: subscriptions renewals for Libraries.

Discussion on joining into Federation of Genealogical Societies. Approved and Passed.

Plenty of handouts were passed out.

Christmas Party to be discussed at our Nov. meeting.

Meeting closed at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted. Patti Goodman Secretary

The Tri-State Genealogical Society
Minutes of the Meeting
November 10, 2007 Clark County Library, Laughlin, Nevada

Meeting called to order at 10:12 A.M. Nevada time. There were 10 members and 2 guests present. Everyone was welcomed by president Susan Zmrzel.

Secretary Patti Goodman read the minutes off the Oct. 13th meeting and the minutes were accepted as read.

Ruth Colvin Membership Chairman reported that we have 17 members.

Publicity and Program Chairman Andrea Wetzstein reported on her trip to Prescott and the club requested that she submit her gasoline bill due to the fact that it was a fact finding trip to also gather options for our club.

Treasurers report read.

We will now be able to download the newsletter from the web page.

The Christmas Party will be Dec 8th and a list was passed around and everyone signed up to bring a dish to share and a gift.

Susan spoke about the group that went and did a lot of work on photographing the graves in Kingman, and all the plans to do a lot more of this and putting them on Find a Grave.

Mary Moffatt gave a report on the Federation of Genealogical Societies and will be our delegate and will be updating us on Insurance cost from the Federatrion.

Patti gave an update on the P.O. box for the club and it was voted to get a small box and 3 keys for \$47:00.

The discussion on How to help Golden Shores Library get their Genealogy section started was tabled for the time being.

Meeting closed at 12:08.

Respectfully submitted Patti Goodman

The Tri-State Genealogical Society
Minutes of the Meeting
December 8, 2007 Clark County Library, Laughlin, Nevada

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m... We had a good turnout for our meeting and 2 visitors. President Susan welcomed all members and our guests.

Minutes of November meeting were accepted and will stand as read. Treasurer Report read by Mary stated balance of \$881.36 as of 11-30-07. Treasurer's report will be filed as read. Mary also paid for the post office box and now all our mail will be sent there.

Membership chairman Ruth Colvin stated we had 18 members.

Publicity and Program Chairman Andrea Wetstein gave her report and all club information will be posted on clubs web page from now on. Andrea is also working on getting a speaker for one of our meetings.

Meeting closed at 11:15 A.M. and we proceeded with our Holiday party.

Respectfully Submitted, Patti Goodman

Tri-State Genealogical Society
Minutes of the Meeting
January 12, 2008
Clark County Library, Laughlin, Nevada

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by President Susan Zmrzel. 7 members and 2 guests were present. Guests Melba Van Pelt and Claire Johnson introduced themselves.

Minutes of the December meeting were dispensed with due to the illness of secretary, Patti Goodman. They will be given at the February meeting.

Mary Moffatt gave the treasurer's report. Balance forward \$781.36, dues received \$10.00, disbursement for Family Tree Magazine 23.96. Balance on hand December 31, 2007 was \$767.40.

Ruth Colvin, membership chair, reported no change in membership.

Andrea Wetzstein, publicity and program chair, reported that she is working on a program for March 8.

Susan Zmrzel , newsletter editor, announced that the newsletter will be put onto the web page.

Andrea Wetzstein, WebMaster, reported that she will post indexes for the three magazines at the MCC library. She has posted some photos from cemeteries. She is also making changes to the web page.

Susan Zmrzel and Andrea Wetzstein discussed their cemetery project.

Susan Zmrzel said that Carol Leatherwood at MCC library has agreed to allow us to have the genealogy magazines purged from the collection and other genealogical materials not cataloged to donate to Topock

library. Shirley Fitzgerald said the materials we have given to Topock were appreciated.

Susan Zmrzel discussed materials available from Federation of Genealogical Societies which we could use in our Society. Shirley Fitzgerald made a motion to order the materials at a cost of \$19.50. Mary Moffatt seconded. Motion passed.

Andrea Wetzstein will pursue the possibility of our Society having a booth at Hardyville Days next October. She will also pursue having another event at Hastings as we have done in the past.

Ruth Colvin reported on her search for a gravestone of her husband's grandparents in Long Beach.

Future meetings were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Submitted by Mary Moffett

TRISTATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEB PAGE

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~azcanvtsgs/> Andrea Wetzstein is our coordinator. Please contact her at azgenealogy@mail-websites@yahoo.com with comments & suggestions.

ANCESTRY.COM DATA BASE DISCRPTIONS

About California Voter Registrations, 1900-1968

This database contains indexes to voter registration lists from various counties in California from 1900-1968. Information listed in these records includes: name of voter, age, address, occupation, and political affiliation.

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Historical Background:

The first voter registrations in California took place in 1866 as the result of a legislative act. The act called for "the registration of the citizens of the State, and for the enrollment in the several election districts of all the legal voters thereof, and for the prevention and punishment of frauds affecting the elective franchise." The voter registers are also known as the Great Registers. Prior to 1866, voter records consisted of county poll lists.

In 1872 another law required that counties publish an index or alphabetical listing of all registered voters every two years. This usually happened on the even numbered years.

In California, women were granted the right to vote in 1911. Therefore, the first year women will appear in the registers is in 1912.

About the Records:

This database consists primarily of the voter indexes published every two years, including indexes to the

Great Registers, to affidavits for registration, and to precinct registers.

Voter registrations were kept on the county level by the county clerk. Indexes to these records are organized according to county and voting wards and/or precincts. Within each precinct voters are listed alphabetically according to surname. Information listed about each voter may include:

Name

Age

Address

Occupation

Political Affiliation

Why Use Voting Records:

Voter registers are great records to use as "census substitutes", since they will usually contain the names of heads of households and other adults. They are useful when census records are either not complete or non-existent, and are usually available in between census years. Because voter registers were published on a fairly consistent basis and are generally state-wide, they are useful for tracking individuals over time and place.

ANCESTRY QUICK TIPS

Pet Cemetery Stone from Debbie

In his article, After the Brick Wall Falls, George Morgan mentions, "Brisco never had a grave marker. I ordered a gravestone for him, and some of my first cousins have contributed to its cost."

We faced a similar problem for one of my ancestors. My great-grandfather died young, leaving a large--and young--family with no money. He never had a gravestone. My mom and I wished to do something, but the cost of gravestones was far more than we wanted to spend. We ordered a gravestone for him from a pet supply catalog. It is a beautiful granite headstone with his name and life dates engraved quite professionally. At a cost of less than \$100, the marker is about one-third of the size of a traditional gravestone (much like the smaller tombstones you might see for children or infants). Except for the size, it is as beautiful and as professionally done as a more traditional and more costly grave marker.

He was buried in an old cemetery now closed to new burials so there were no cemetery rules that we had to deal with. That might be a concern for some cemeteries. Nonetheless, we thought this was an excellent way to remember and honor one of our family without breaking the family budget.

Here is a web page regarding pet & people memorial stones

<http://www.lasergraving.com/?gclid=CLrq2NeDnJACFRk0awodHCEk8A>

FROM EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and are copyright 2007 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

Footnote.com Launches the Largest Collection of World War II Photos on the Web
The following announcement was written by Footnote.com:

-Tens of thousands of photos and documents are made available for the first time on the web for historians,

genealogists and the general public-

Lindon, UT - December 6, 2007 – Footnote.com today announced the addition of thousands of US Air Force photos to their digital World War II collection. This release coincides with the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bombing, and contains tens of thousands of original World War II photos and documents from the National Archives. Among this collection are missing air crew reports, documents from allied military conferences and photos of Japanese air targets.

“They say that a picture is worth a thousand words,” says Russell Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. “What’s exciting about this collection of photos is they also include captions that tell stories of the people and events in the photos.”

Footnote.com has added these new pictures and documents as part of a much larger, ongoing effort to preserve the heroic memories and stories of the brave men and women that served in World War II and other wars.

“We are providing priceless content from our archives and libraries that is only a part of a much larger picture,” continued Wilding, “While this is an extensive collection of history, we understand that many people out there have valuable pieces of history in their personal record collections within their own homes. We encourage everyone to upload their own photos, letters and documents contained in their old shoeboxes.”

Footnote.com is leading the movement to preserve the documents and stories about World War II and invites everyone to join in this effort. Uploading photos and documents and creating memorial pages is completely free on Footnote.com. To view samples of these photos and other World War II documents, visit Footnote.com/wwii.php

About Footnote, Inc.

Footnote.com is a subscription website that features searchable original documents that provide users with an unaltered view of the events, places and people that shaped the American nation and the world. At Footnote.com all are invited to come share, discuss, and collaborate on their discoveries with friends, family, and colleagues. For more information, visit www.footnote.com.

February 05, 2008

**WorldVitalRecords.com Launches World Genealogy Collection
The following announcement was written by FamilyLink.com, Inc.:**

PROVO, UT, February 4, 2008 -- WorldVitalRecords.com (a service of FamilyLink.com, Inc.) released today its flagship product, the World Collection, an online genealogy database containing more than 1.5 billion names from 35 countries.

WorldVitalRecords.com’s World Collection launch includes significant collections from countries such as: England, Canada, Australia, France, Ireland, Scotland, Hungary, and Portugal.

“All over the world there are wonderful people who are digitizing and preserving historic records,” said Paul Allen, CEO, FamilyLink.com, Inc. “During the past year we have traveled and met with these content providers from more than a dozen countries. We are pleased today to announce that many of them have chosen to let us distribute their genealogical databases on the Internet.”

More than 20 companies have partnered with WorldVitalRecords.com to make this new collection possible.

They include Find My Past, Genealogical Publishing Company, Archive CD Books Australia, British Origins, Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild, Archive CD Books Canada, Eneclann, Quintin Publications, Gould Genealogy, Familias Argentinas, Godfrey Memorial Library, and Moravian Heritage Society.

“This is a very exciting announcement for our WorldVitalRecords.com members. As we enter our second year, we have accomplished much including having more than 24,000 paid subscribers, 2 million users on our We’re Related application on Facebook, and have announced 2 billion names in our two major content collections, the US and World Collection. The number two seems to be common theme in this announcement as we enter our second stage,” said David Lifferth, President, FamilyLink.com, Inc.

The World Collection includes birth, marriage and death records, census records, passenger lists, immigration lists, emigration records, foreign newspapers, cemetery records, reference materials, land records, family histories, historical records, city directories, business directories, township histories, civil service records, telephone directories, government records, war records, and maps, atlases, and gazetteers.

Census records from the UK comprise WorldVitalRecords.com’s largest database in the World Collection. These records include the 1851, 1861, 1881, and 1891, 1901 censuses. These records are the official civil registration records for England and Wales from 1837 to the present. All of these censuses will be periodically posted county by county throughout the year. These censuses include images, and also a key-word searchable index.

“Alongside birth, marriage, and death records, census records are the most important building block for family historians,” said Elaine Collins, Commercial Director, Find My Past. “We feel WorldVitalRecords.com is set for success, and we are excited to make our census records more accessible to an American audience who wouldn’t normally think of Find My Past as the first place to look for census records.”

The Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild (ISTG) lists is another large database containing almost 9,000 passenger lists and millions of names. The ISTG records include information such as surname, captain's name, port of arrival/departure, and name of the ship. These records are the result of the work of more than 500 volunteers over a ten-year period.

“I am very excited about this partnership. I remember when ISTG was one-year old, and everyone was supporting us. In return, I’m happy to partner with WorldVitalRecords.com because they provide a service that is affordable and easily accessible on the Internet,” said Patty MacFarlane McCormack, Founder, Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild.

The World Collection also includes newspapers from Australia, the Bahamas, Canada (over 80 newspaper representing all provinces), Chile, Ecuador, England, Ireland, and Mexico (more than 150 newspapers from 15 states).

Genealogical Publishing Company also adds more than 600 large databases to the World Collection including colonial and Irish genealogy, royal ancestry, and family history.

“We have been publishing at Genealogical.com for 55 years, and we look forward to expanding our work into new territories, such as WorldVitalRecords.com,” said Barry Chodak, President, Genealogical Publishing Company.

Individuals can access more than 5,000 genealogical databases, more than 2 billion names (these names are being added throughout the year), and the World Collection at <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com>.

February 06, 2008
Attention Mesa, Tempe and Scottsdale Newsletter Readers

If you live in Mesa, Tempe, or Scottsdale, Arizona, and if you would like to help define the future "look and feel" of one of today's fastest-growing genealogy and history web sites, you will want to read the following announcement from Footnote.com, followed by my own comments:

The Footnote team and special guest Dick Eastman will be in Arizona on March 18-20, gathering feedback on Footnote. The team will visit people in the Mesa, Tempe, and Scottsdale areas.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to let Dick Eastman and six Footnote employees into their home for an hour or so to ask some questions and observe how they use the site. Visits like these provide great feedback for us as we try to improve the site experience for our members.

If you live in one of these areas and are interested in being a volunteer (whether you use the site every day or have never used it before), please contact Elizabeth at elittle@footnote.com.

Comments by Dick Eastman:

These in-home visits are a fascinating experience. It may sound a bit scary to have seven people show up at your front door and then have them all watch as you use a computer. However, experience has shown that the results are worth it. The software developers gain valuable feedback that would be difficult to obtain elsewhere. Those we visited on previous trips all seemed to enjoy the experience. Each visit will last about one hour.

The software developers will ask you to use www.footnote.com, probably accessing some sections that are not yet visible to the general public. You will get an advance look at new web pages and services under development as the software developers record your comments and any difficulties you might encounter as you navigate the pages. Your feedback will then be used to improve the new services further before the public launch.

We are looking for a mix of computer skills. Ideally, we will find a few computer novices, a few computer experts, some genealogy novices, and perhaps one or two advanced genealogists. We would also like to find at least one American history expert who may or may not be a genealogist. The visits will be held during the daytime on weekdays. We can visit your home or your office, assuming your office has room for all of us.

For information about past in-home visits, look at:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2006/09/looking_for_a_f.html

I will be one of the people visiting you in your home. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you are a history or genealogy researcher living in the Mesa, Tempe, or Scottsdale area, and are interested in volunteering an hour of your time to help Footnote.com with this customer research, please contact Elizabeth at elittle@footnote.com

If you are able to volunteer, it's certainly an opportunity for you to make a difference with the Footnote.com web site.

FAMILY SEARCH

2008 FamilySearch Developers Conference

6 February 2008

Inaugural event launches the future of genealogy technology

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—FamilySearch announced today its first annual conference for software and Web application developers. The 2008 FamilySearch Developers Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, in conjunction with the Brigham Young University Computerized Family History and Genealogy Conference in Provo, Utah. FamilySearch engineers and community developers will discuss new FamilySearch Web Services (API) and share best practices from its application to a variety of popular software environments. Attendees can register online at <http://familyhistoryconferences.byu.edu/familysearch>.

FamilySearch now has a full platform for software developers—genealogy content, interfaces, tools, code, support, and training. This platform enables developers to launch a new business or boost their target markets by adding features that are programmatically linked to FamilySearch's expanding online resources. "Developers can produce solutions that integrate private, shared, and public data about living and deceased individuals, including rich stories, photos, audio, and video. FamilySearch is putting developers into the driver's seat to do what they do best—effectively create and deliver innovative products wherever there is a need and profit," said Gordon Clarke, FamilySearch Web Services Product Manager.

The developers conference is a milestone for FamilySearch, which historically has not shared technical information underlying its genealogy-related products and services. The needs of the genealogy and archives markets worldwide are diverse, numerous, and growing. "Industry needs are greater than any one entity can fulfill. In order to meet the tremendous needs in the marketplace, industry professionals and companies will need to work closely and collaborate on tools, standards, authorities, initiatives, and interfaces that reduce duplication and maximize returns while satisfying the customer," said Ransom Love, director of Strategic Relations for FamilySearch and the keynote speaker at the inaugural conference.

The 2008 FamilySearch Developers Conference provides a unique forum and opportunity for developers of genealogy-related desktop and Web applications to meet with other professionals who use similar development technologies to confront common technical challenges and share effective solutions. Conference attendees will learn about the new FamilySearch Web Services (API) from FamilySearch engineers and best practices from current community developers. The new FamilySearch Web Services provides developers access at the programmer's level so developers can ensure the data and functionality of their products and applications will interface transparently and effectively with FamilySearch and other industry applications as they are introduced or evolve.

The newly released FamilySearch Family Tree API and soon-to-be-released Record Search API will be main topics of discussion. Other popular topics will be how to read, write, combine, separate, and synchronize with new FamilySearch online resources, developer keys, tree cleaning, GEDCOM, and PAF. Professional software and Web application developers interested in attending can register online at <http://familyhistoryconferences.byu.edu/familysearch> or call 1-801-422-8925.

FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization that maintains the world's largest repository of genealogical resources. Patrons may access resources online at FamilySearch.org or through the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, and over 4,500 family history centers in 70 countries. FamilySearch is a trademark of Intellectual Reserve, Inc. and is registered in the United States of America and other countries.

Information on the Family History Library In Salt Lake City, Utah

Family History Library Building:

- Address: 35 North West Temple Street, Room 344, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150-3440
- Dedicated October 23, 1985
- 142,000 square feet on five floors
- Humidity, temperature, and lighting designed to protect the collection from deterioration
- Public phone number: 801-240-2584 or 866-406-1830
- FAX: 801-240-1794
- E-mail: [Click here to send us an e-mail at fhl@familysearch.org](mailto:fhl@familysearch.org)
- Website: www.familysearch.org

Background:

- Founded in 1894 to gather genealogical records and assist members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with their family history and genealogical research
- Largest library of its kind in the world
- Open to the general public at no charge
- Visited by an estimated 1,900 patrons or more each day

Records Collection:

- The collection includes over 2.4 million rolls of microfilmed genealogical records; 742,000 microfiche; 310,000 books, serials, and other formats; 4,500 periodicals; 700 electronic resources.
- The Ancestral File database contains more than 36 million names that are linked into families.
- The International Genealogical Index database contains approximately 600 million names of deceased individuals. An addendum to the International Genealogical Index contains an additional 125 million names. These names have been patron submitted or extracted from thousands of original birth, christening and marriage records.
- The Pedigree Resource File database contains over 80 million names that are linked into families.
- Records available are from the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Africa.
- In 2003, the collection increased monthly by an average of 4,100 rolls of film, 700 books, and 16 electronic resources.
- A majority of the records contain information about persons who lived before 1930.
- Approximately 200 cameras are currently microfilming records in over 45 countries. Records have been filmed in over 110 countries, territories, and possessions.

Patron Resources:

- 202 patron computers
- 509 microfilm readers
- 36 microfiche readers
- 28 microfilm and microfiche copiers
- 4 microfilm scanners
- 15 book copiers
- Seating capacity for 396 at tables
- Orientation and research classes

Personnel:

- Currently 125 full-time and part-time professional staff

- Approximately 400 trained volunteers

Family History Centers:

- Family history centers are branches of the Family History Library.
- Over 4,000 family history centers operate in more than 88 countries.
- Local family history centers are staffed by helpful volunteers.
- About 100,000 rolls of microfilm are circulated to family history centers each month.

WEB PAGES TO TRY

To find a Family History Center near you visit “Find a Family History Center” page of FamilySearch.org at http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp

To look at the Family History Library Catalog online go to http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp

Family Search Labs—Records Search
<http://search.labs.familysearch.org>

Family Search Labs—Future Tools To Dig Up The Past
<http://labs.familysearch.org/blog/>

World Vital Records—member Pat Coburn suggested this web page. She loves <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/default.aspx>

I WANT TO VOLUNTEER!!!

Below are some web pages where you can volunteer your time.

<http://raogk.org/>

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness--Would you like to volunteer? Please read our Frequently Asked Questions for Volunteers before doing so. See how our volunteers have helped others.

<http://www.usgenweb.org/>

Welcome to The USGenWeb Project! We are a group of volunteers working together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States. This Project is non-commercial and fully committed to free genealogy access for everyone.

<http://www.familysearchindexing.org/en/index.jsp>

Volunteers extract family history information from digital images of historical documents to create searchable indexes that assist everyone in finding their ancestors

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

UK and Ireland Genealogy. There are a number of high level areas on the GENUKI pages marked **Job Vacancy** where we currently have pages with minimal information and no-one with direct responsibility

for their development. We would like more volunteers to come forward to maintain these pages and preferably host them. More information about what this involves is available online. If you want to volunteer or have more questions about adopting an area, then please contact Brian Randell.

<http://www.iigs.org/translators/index.htm.en>

International Internet Genealogical Society Translation Team---We will undertake to make translations of as many relevant transmissions as we can, for whatever purposes become relevant to the IIGS™, and between as many relevant languages as we can. To do this properly, we will need many volunteers from all over the world.

<http://www.immigrantships.net/>

Welcome to Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild--we are dedicated to helping you connect with your past. You may be working on your family tree, looking for ancestors who left their homeland long ago or hoping to reunite with an adopted child, a birth parent or siblings; we offer many resources to help you in your search. In keeping with our mission to bring our ancestors home and reunite our families, The Adoption Experience is a new addition to ISTG.

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

Walk a cemetery in your area, take photos and document them to Find A Grave.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/lookups.htm>

Lookups & Free Searches by Volunteers

Also check with your local and state libraries to see if they need a volunteer.

A LITTLE HUMOR

Member Pat Coburn sent me this information of A Little Humor

1. My family coat of arms ties at the back...is that normal?
2. My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated
3. My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
4. Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
5. My hobby is genealogy; I raise dust bunnies as pets.
6. How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE??
7. I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.
8. I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged
9. I'm searching for myself; Have you seen me?
10. If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help...
11. Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem, leads to two more!
12. It's 2008... Do you know where your-Great-G Grandparents are?
13. A family reunion is an effective form of birth control
14. A family tree can wither if nobody tends it's roots
15. A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away
16. After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted
17. Am I the only person up my tree... sure seems like it
18. Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples
19. Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?

20. FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
21. Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but I love it
22. Genealogists are time unravelers
23. Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... I seek!
24. Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people
25. "Crazy" is a relative term in my family
26. A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor
27. I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand
28. I should have asked them BEFORE they died!
29. I think my ancestors had several "Bad heir" days
30. I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNE flower
31. Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards, as progress
32. Share your knowledge, it is a way to achieve immortality
33. Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
34. it's an unusual family tree
35. sent to me by a friend from her granddaughter :)

Cora age 6 had to state in school what her parents do.
She said that she lives with her grandma and grandpa.
Grandpa cleans the church and grandma looks up dead people
....she is a genie thing :) :)