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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Library recently received a gift when the Board of Directors of the Bargain Box approved our grant application for the purchase of a computer video projector. Help from local community organizations is what keeps us going and expands our visibility in the community. We thank the Bargain Box and their Board of Directors for their generosity.

Another recent grant from UNICO has enabled us to expand our Italian American Collection. Purchases with this grant include: *"The Italian 100"—a Ranking of the most influential, cultural, scientific figures — Past and Present; History of Italian Art, biographies of such famous sons of Italy as Andrea Palladio, Antonio Vivaldi, Galileo and Machiavelli*, just to name a few. In addition several tapes and videos relating to Italian genealogy have been purchased with these funds.

The Jenny Curry Memorial Fund has allowed us to purchase 46 additional CD-ROMS to aid researchers in their work. A few titles are: *Virginia in the Revolution; German and Swiss Settlers in America 1700—1800s; Irish Source Records; Ohio Soldiers World War I Military Records*.

The Captain William Hilton Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is underwriting the cost for our internet subscriptions to: Ancestry.com and Ancestry's census data and GenealogyLibrary.com. In addition they are donating funds to purchase the following books and CD-ROMs: *Bible Records from the Manuscript Collections of the New England Historic Genealogical Society; Battleground of Freedom—South Carolina in the Revolution; and Native Americans and African Americans in the Revolution*.

Our fundraising chairman Sandee Hanahan has been hard at work preparing grant applications to the Heritage Classic Foundation; the Hilton Head Island Foundation; Palmetto Conservation Fund and The Beaufort Fund. She is also chairing the Holiday Gala (see left) to be held November 8, 2001. If you can volunteer to be a hostess, prepare a dish, or help with any of the many activities for the festivities, please call Sandee at 689-2604. We're still trying to track down a World War I uniform for one of our *soldiers* to wear. We are greatly in need of silent auction items.

*Open House
at the
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Sunday,
September 9,
2001
3:00 – 5:00 pm*

*Bring your friends
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Eagerly Awaiting the 1930 Census

by Rhonda R. McClure

(reprinted from Genealogy.com)

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The time is growing close now to the release of the 1930 census. The 1930 census will be released at the National Archives in Washington, DC, and its thirteen branches on April 1, 2002. Soon after that, researchers around the country will have access to the films through their local repositories. But what can we expect to learn from the 1930 census? How easy will it be to search for a person in this census?

Questions of the 1930 Census

What most people want to know is what questions were asked on this census. More importantly, what new questions were included and what questions were omitted or changed. The 1930 census asked 32 questions and included three more columns than the 1920 census. There were changes to some of the questions from the 1920 census as well.

- Place of Abode - columns and questions the same as 1920.
- Name - no change from the 1920.
- Relationship to Head of Household - no change from the 1920.
- Home Data - Column heading changed from "Tenure" in the 1920, and in addition to asking if the home was owned or rented, there were three additional questions under this section. Enumerated individuals were asked the value of the home, if owned, or the monthly rent. They were asked if they owned a radio set and if the family was living on a farm.
- Personal Description - The 1930 census adds a column to record the age at the time of the first marriage. Of course this may not be the present marriage.
- Education - Similar to 1920, though it now includes college in the question about attending school and compressed the ability to read and write to one question.
- Place of birth - Lists the place of birth for the individual, the father and the mother. Did not require the native tongue after each one of these as the 1920 did.
- Mother Tongue - This new section was to be filled out only for those who were foreign born, and pertains only to the individual being enumerated.
- Citizenship - Does not include the year of naturalization. Asks if the individual can speak English.
- Occupation - No change from 1920.
- Employment - New section asking if the individual was at work "yesterday (or the last regular work day)" and, if not, the number on the Unemployment schedule. The Unemployment schedule is one unique to the 1930 census, due to the Great Depression, unfortunately it has not survived.
- Veterans - New section that asked whether the individual was a veteran and, if so, of which war. The war codes given to the enumerator included World War (WW), Spanish-American War (Sp), Civil War (Civ), Philippine Insurrection (Phil), Boxer Rebellion (Box), Mexican Expedition (Mex).
- Farm schedule - No change here, just the number where the individual appears on the farm schedule. The farm schedules for 1930 did not survive.

1930 Soundex News

Since the partial soundexing of the 1880 census, we eagerly wait to see how much or how little of subsequent census years would be soundexed. Only the 1900 and 1920 have been completely soundexed. The 1930 is incomplete as well. There are only twelve states that were soundexed for the 1930 census. Two of these states had only a few counties soundexed. Those states that were soundexed were Alabama,

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Digital Sanborn Maps Online

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2001 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

Many genealogists have never heard of the Sanborn Maps. These maps of cities and towns can be a great genealogy resource. Founded in 1867 by D. A. Sanborn, the Sanborn Map Company was the primary American publisher of fire insurance maps for nearly 100 years.

Their maps were designed to help insurance companies estimate the potential risk for urban structures. These maps are gradually becoming available online.

The maps include information such as the outline of each building, the size, shape and construction materials, heights, and function of structures, location of windows and doors. The maps also give street names, street and sidewalk widths, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers. They often give textual information on construction details (for example, steel beams or reinforced walls) on the plans and indicate different building materials with shading. Extensive information on building ranges from symbols for generic terms, such as stable, garage, and warehouse, to names of owners of factories and details on what was manufactured in them. In the case of large factories or commercial buildings, the maps even record individual rooms and their purposes. Other features shown include pipelines, railroads, wells, dumps, and heavy machinery.

In most cases, these maps do not list the owners' names. However, if you have already found your ancestor's address in a city directory or elsewhere, you can now look at a map of his or her property by accessing the Sanborn Maps.

The Sanborn Map Company kept updating their maps every few years. In some cases, seven or eight different editions of the maps are available, showing both urban growth and even a limited amount of migration trend information. Sanborn maps are valuable historical tools for urban specialists, social historians, architects, geographers,

genealogists, local historians, planners, environmentalists, and anyone who wants to learn about the history, growth, and development of American cities, towns, and neighborhoods.

The Sanborn Map Company eventually was purchased by other companies and is now owned by Environmental Data Resources, Inc. You can still purchase copies of the maps directly from Environmental Data Resources at 1-800-352-0050 or at <http://www.edrnet.com/>. However, Environmental Data Resources' Web site only contains order forms, it does not contain images of the original maps.

A new Web site recently appeared, called Digital Sanborn Maps. It was created from Bell & Howell Information and Learning's microfilm collection of 660,000 Sanborn Maps, which were filmed from the Library of Congress collection. The Library's Sanborn collection includes all maps submitted to the Library through copyright deposit and a set of maps transferred to the Library from the Bureau of the Census. Maps from the Bureau of the Census include corrections issued by the Sanborn Company that were pasted over the original map sheet. These maps are now being added to the commercial Web site in a project that should be completed by the end of August.

This week I had a chance to try out the new Digital Sanborn Maps site and found that it is a great online resource. Remember that it is a commercial site. That is, you must pay to use it.

Digital Sanborn Maps will include maps for all 50 states plus the District of Columbia. Keep in mind that not all states are online at this time, however. The digitization of all the Sanborn Fire Maps should be completed by the end of August. The Web site lists states in alphabetical order on a drop-down menu. For instance, I selected Utah, and then a new menu appeared, ask-



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ing me to select a city or town. I selected Provo, and then a third pull-down menu appeared, asking which map I wanted to look at. The choices were Feb. 1888, Aug. 1890, Aug. 1900, Mar. 1908, Feb. 1925 and Feb. 1925-Apr. 1950. The months and years will vary from city to city, depending upon the dates that cartographers from the Sanborn Map Company visited the area.

Continuing with my search, I selected February 1888. Four "thumbnail" size maps appeared, each showing different areas of Provo. Each one was much too small to read. I clicked on one at random, and a larger map appeared, although still very difficult to read. However, it had options to display larger and more detailed images. I kept clicking and clicking. Every time I did so the map "zoomed in" and a more detailed image appeared, always centered on the point that I had just clicked. Soon I was looking at a very detailed map of 7th or Center Street, lined with many merchants. I noticed the following listings: Clothing Store, 1st Telephone Exchange (keep in mind that this wasn't long after Alexander Graham Bell's invention), a dress shop, a tailor shop, a variety store (with an ash pit out back), a dentist, and more.

Moving to side streets, I found many dwellings, barns and coal sheds, hay sheds, and water wells listed. I guess a fire insurance company was concerned about flammables, such as coal and hay, as well as the location of water wells. I saw a few names of buildings, such as the Excelsior Livery and the Proctor Academy.

Of the maps of Provo that I looked at, only a few had the merchant's name, and none of the dwellings listed the names of the owners.

I then switched to a 1948 map of Alameda, California. This later map showed quite a contrast: instead of the livery stables and coal bins of 1888 Provo, I was looking at a California city in the midst of creating an urban sprawl. The streets were no longer laid out in a grid fashion; residential neighborhoods often had curving or even oval streets. Alameda also had numerous housing projects. Still, the information displayed was similar: each building was labeled as to its purpose with a few showing company names.

The maps are displayed in any regular Internet browser. The maps have been tested with both Internet Explorer and with Netscape. It should also work well in America Online and other browsers that are based upon Internet Explorer. There is no need for any other image-viewing program. If you wish to download a PDF version of your selected map sheet, simply click on the Download Map button and follow the menus. A PDF map will be displayed, and you can save that to your hard drive and print it later on your local printer. In order to view and print PDF maps, you will need to use Adobe Acrobat. This is a free program available for Windows, Macintosh, Linux and several versions of UNIX at: <http://www.adobe.com>

Keep in mind that some of these maps are large and detailed. While they are always in black-and-white, many of the maps contain large images and may take a while to display if you are using a dial-up modem to access the Internet. I used a cable modem during my testing and found that most maps displayed within 2 or 3 seconds. A few of the largest ones required ten seconds. I suspect you will need to multiply those numbers by five or ten if you are using a dial-up connection.

You are legally able to use these maps for your own personal use, such as viewing them for personal genealogy research. However, Bell & Howell Information and Learning's agreements with Environmental Data Resources, Inc. (EDR), the owners of the Sanborn Maps, gives limited rights which do not include reproduction of images outside of Digital Sanborn Maps. Accordingly, you must obtain permission from both Bell & Howell and EDR before you may use these images in books or in magazine articles.

Access to the Digital Sanborn Maps is on a subscription basis. In fact, access is quite expensive, and I suspect that only a very few private individuals will ever obtain

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Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of information on various lineage societies and requirements for membership. This information was provided by permission. Visit the National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons at www.magnacharta.org for a download of their application form and further information.



National Society Magna Charta

Dames and Barons®

About the Society

The National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons was instituted in 1909. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization composed of over 16,500 ladies and gentlemen throughout the world. With Divisions in 31 States and with 24 Chapters or Colonies, it provides information and education concerning Magna Charta at meetings during the year. Their website at www.magnacharta.org includes a listing of the 2001 meeting dates, detailed purposes of the Society, membership information including lineage forms which can be printed or downloaded. The Society also provides excellent Educational Tours. The next Tour will be in July, 2001. Annual Luncheons are held each year with the next luncheon scheduled for April 16, 2001 in Washington, D.C.

The Society maintains an office which is normally open from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. during the week. However, the street address is not listed on their website.. There is an answering service on the telephone, and if you ask for a return call the Society requests you accept a collect call. You may also write to the Society at the address below or send a fax to the fax number below.

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P. O. Box 4222, Philadelphia, PA 19144

Electronic mail

General Information: magnacharta@magnacharta.org

Webmaster: webmaster@magnacharta.org

Membership Information

Eligibility for enrollment as a member in this Society is based upon lineal descent from one or more of the twenty-five Sureties for the Magna Charta or from a Baron, Prelate, Knight or other influential person present on the field of Runnemede in June 1215 on behalf of the Charter. Membership is by invitation only.

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Enrollment provides life membership for a Primary Member and qualified successor. A primary member will also receive an insignia, scroll pin and hand painted certificate of membership. A successor will receive an announcement and may purchase the insignia, scroll pin and hand painted certificate. Rosettes and Barons Bars may be purchased by either Primary or Successor Members. The lifetime enrollment fee for membership is currently \$200.00 with an additional \$35.00 if requesting a large insignia rather than small at the time of enrollment.

The enrollment process begins when a member of the Society completes a Proposal Form. After the Proposal Form is submitted to the Society, the candidate will be sent a work sheet or lineage form which should be completed and returned with supporting documentation or copies of references to support his or her lineage. As of December 4, 1998, new lineage forms have been added to the site which will be used for the purpose of establishing descent from a qualifying ancestor. Our candidates for membership are encouraged to use the forms to compile their information. Following approval of the candidate's qualifications by the Council, the candidate will be sent an invitation to enroll as a Primary Member of the Society. If the candidate wishes to accept the invitation, the candidate should submit the enrollment fee which is currently \$200.00 (\$235.00 if requesting a large insignia rather than small). The candidate will be enrolled as a Primary Member in the Society and the payment of the enrollment fee will be acknowledged. Each new Primary Member will receive an insignia, scroll pin and hand painted certificate of membership.

A new Primary Member may nominate his or her qualified successor who upon approval by the Council will be enrolled as a member without payment of an additional fee. A successor will receive an announcement and may purchase the insignia, scroll pin and hand painted certificate. Each new Primary Member is entitled to appoint one successor.

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their own subscriptions. The Digital Sanborn Maps are also just one of many research tools available at the site. Most of the subscribers to Bell & Howell Information and Learning's online Web site are libraries and research institutions. Perhaps a few well-funded genealogy societies will obtain access to these maps, but I suspect that most researchers will obtain access at a large city library or at a university library. The Web site does not give pricing information. Instead, you can send an e-mail asking for a price quote to match the services that your organization needs to access.

Editor's Note: Looks like the Heritage Library's Funds Development Committee needs to write another grant for funding this service.

Other Interesting Internet Sites to Visit include:

Early American Trails and Roads - Summary paragraphs and map sketches of a group of early American trails and roads. This site introduces students and family historians to early American migration patterns:

<http://www.geocities.com/gentutor/trails.html>

Genealogy Graphoanalysis Service - a commercial service designed to add invaluable information to a family book by using the handwriting of an ancestor. The owner/operator of this Web page is a Certified Graphoanalyst and claims to be able to give an accurate comprehensive report on the personality of an ancestor, based upon that ancestor's handwriting: *<http://handwriting.bizhosting.com>*

"Some notes on medieval English genealogy"—resources, including a brief guide to sources, collections of links to source material online and family histories online: *<http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk>*

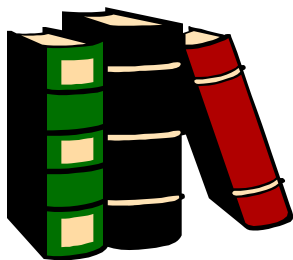
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Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (counties of Bell, Floyd, Harlan, Kenton, Muhlenberg, Perry, and Pike), Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia (counties of Fayette, Harrison, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, and Raleigh). When working in those states that have not been soundexed, the use of city directories will play an important part. After locating your ancestor in the city directory, you will then need to turn your attention to the geographic descriptions of census enumeration districts that are found in the NARA micropublication T1224 *Descriptions of Census Enumeration Districts 1830-1950* on 156 rolls of microfilm. Those pertaining to the states in 1930 can be found on rolls 61 through 90.

The great countdown has begun as we look forward to the release of the 1930 census. While some of the farm and unemployment schedules no longer exist, I think we will find the information on our ancestors in 1930 interesting. I know that I will be saddened as I look at my ancestors in this census if I discover they were unemployed. This was such a hard time for almost everyone. I am interested to see if any of my ancestors did have a radio. I figure I can use them as the excuse for the televisions in my home today.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>September 9</i>	<i>Open House at the Library 3:00 — 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>September 11</i>	<i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society meets at the Library — 10 a.m.</i>
<i>September 12-15</i>	<i>Davenport, Iowa—FGS “A Heartland Genealogy”</i>
<i>September 17-23</i>	<i>Dublin, Ireland—4th Irish Genealogical Congress</i>
<i>October 9</i>	<i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society meets at the Library — 10 a.m.</i>
<i>November 8</i>	<i>Annual Heritage Library Gala — “Honoring Our Military Past” — 6 - 8 pm</i>
<i>November 10</i>	<i>Ft. Lauderdale — Genealogical Society of Broward County All Day Seminar</i>
<i>November 13</i>	<i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society meets at the Library — 10 a.m.</i>
<i>November 14</i>	<i>Capt. Wm. Hilton DAR presents “Women in the Military” — 1 p.m. (public invited)</i>