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JANUARY 29, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING

The January Meeting will be a half day meeting held at the RI State Archives. There is usually good on-street parking around the area on Saturday mornings and parking will be available at the lot next to the Archives at a charge. (Two hours free.)

9:45 A.M. at the RI State Archives. 337 Westminster Street, Providence, RI

10 A.M. - a BRIEF business meeting followed by

10:15 A.M. **Cherry Bamberg** on "Blacks in the 1774 Census." She will speak on "Identifying People of Color at Warwick in the 1774 R.I. Census." Her talk will explain the importance of the original census for research on black and Indian families, the sources that exist for documenting their lives, and the difficulties unique to this area of genealogy. The general discussion will be richly illustrated with examples of specific individuals and families. As we see how the lives of the blacks and Indians were interwoven with those of white residents, our picture of Warwick on the eve of the Revolution will become fuller and more realistic.

Then **Ken Carlson**, of the archives staff, discusses the new aspects of the Archives and his own work on filling in the 1850-1853 gap in state records.

The Archives have been closed on Saturdays for a while but will be open just for us. We are welcome to stay and do research until 2 P.M. After the program, members can have their bag lunch at the archives when they wish to eat, continue to do research (until 2.p.m.), go out for lunch and come back to the archives, or leave for home – a flexible schedule.

The March 12th meeting will be held at the Newport Public Library. They have free parking in their lot and there is on-street parking around the area as well. The woman who wrote *American Jezebel*, Eve

LaPlante, will be our featured speaker. Her book is on Anne Hutchinson. Gail Gardiner is putting this meeting together and, Helen thinks, has another speaker from an Anne Hutchinson group. This will be an all day meeting with lunch.

Helen Smith asks where you would like to go in the fall (2005) on a **bus trip**. We can offer NEHGS in Boston, the CT State Library and CT. Historical Society in Hartford, and Ellis Island in New York. Or...? Just let Helen know at hhsctc@aol.com or at 530 Reach Drive, Jamestown, RI 02835-2233.

For those interested in **RIGS Membership pins**: We have a new batch, so they are available at \$6.00 per. These were made by the company who made the originals and seem identical thereto. Order from Membership Chair, Bill Caswell, or RIGS.

Don't forget the NERGC meeting! March 31-April 3, 2005. Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine. Remember that we are sponsoring one speaker, Ranger John McNiff of the Providence Roger Williams Monument on the subject "The First Settlers of RI or the Twelve First Families." Registrations are going well and the Elizabeth S. Mills' luncheon is sold out.

OTHER DATES TO SAVE:

April 27th – RIGS Bus trip to Worcester, MA

Sunday, May 15th. Wickford. Despite the confusing notes in the last two newsletters, your Board decided and voted that it could not move our annual meeting from Sunday to Saturday at this time. Your usual notices will reflect this.

1-4 June 2005 - NGS (National Genealogical Society) Conference in the States and GENTECH Conference, Tennessee Crossroads, Nashville, TN.

Tom Clarke advises that the following **tapes** of lectures given at our meetings are available directly from him at 217 School Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852-1818:

- Sources for Mass. Research - **Ruth Wellner**
- Finding Rhode Islanders Who Migrated to New York – **Karen Livesey**
- Twig and Turf; Legalese for the Genealogist – **David Dumas**
- Connecticut Research - **James Leatherby**
- The American-French Genealogical Society – **Jan Burkhart**
- What to Expect From a Professional Genealogist – **Ann Lainhart**
- Irish Genealogy - **Janice Duffy**
- What is a Swamp Yankee? - **Marian Harris**
- Fun in the Sun; Colonial Rhode Islanders in the Caribbean - **David Dumas**
- Searching for Your Native American Ancestors in Southeastern New England - **Maureen Taylor**

NGS New Address: NGS began moving into new headquarters last week. As a result there may have been a short disruption in services. Updates on their status will be posted at NGS. The Society's phone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same; the Web site is <http://www.NGSgenealogy.org>. The new mailing address is: National Genealogical Society, 3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300; Arlington, Virginia 22204-4304

New Editor for the NGS NewsMagazine. NGS is pleased to announce that beginning January 2005, the editor of the NewsMagazine will be Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, CGRS and CGL. As noted earlier, they plan to deliver the NewsMagazine on schedule in 2005.

Due to a number of member requests, they also are putting "Queries" back in the NewsMagazine in the first quarter.

NGS HIRING FOR TWO POSITIONS

The search for **NGS Executive Director** will begin in January. At the recent board meeting they also made some very important decisions for the long-term success of the National Genealogical Society. They have now "righted the ship financially" and are ready to hire an Executive Director. Their goal is to have the Executive Director in place by the Nashville conference.

The search for **NGS Director of Information Systems** in the first quarter. "We also recognize that the NGS website (<http://www.NGSgenealogy.org>) is our greatest untapped asset. We plan to hire a director of information services in 2005 to oversee the web site, the Bible and family records project, and other technology issues."

FGS and/NEHGS Accepting Lecture Proposals for 2006 Conference: The New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies are accepting Lecture Proposals for the FGS/NEHGS 2006 Conference to be held August 30 through September 2, 2006. Submissions must be received by 7 January 2005. For details, visit the FGS Web site at <http://www.fgs.org/>.

The **NEHGS Library** has just released its winter schedule of free "**Genealogy in a Nutshell**" lectures. Mark your calendar now to attend these informative and fun talks! Additional information on these lectures will be included in future issues of eNews. All dates and speakers are subject to change; visit www.NewEnglandAncestors.org for the latest info.

All lectures take place at 10:15 a.m. at the NEHGS Library in Boston. Advance registration is not necessary.

- January 12, 15 - **Writing Your Family History** – Barbara Mathews
- January 19, 22 - **African American Mariners in the Age of Sail** - Dr. Julie Winch
- January 26, 29 - **The Great Meadow: Husbandry in Colonial Concord** - Dr. Brian Donahue
- February 2, 5 - **Getting the Most from NEHGS: CD-ROMS** - Michael J. Leclerc
- February 9, 12 - **Having Fun with Family Photographs** - Maureen A. Taylor
- February 16 - **The History and Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society** - Peter Drummey
- February 23 - **A Short History of Boston** - Dr. Robert Allison
- March 2, 5 - **Ancestors on the March: Researching Revolutionary War Soldiers** - David A. Lambert
- March 9, 12 - **Getting the Most from NEHGS: The Library** - NEHGS Panel

- March 16, 19 - **From Hovels to Castles: Finding Your Irish Ancestor's Dwelling Place** - Marie E. Daly
- March 23, 26 - **The Art and Antiques of NEHGS: a Connoisseurship Tour** - Marieke Van Damme
- March 30, April 2 - **Researching New Brunswick Ancestors** - George F. Sanborn, Jr.
- April 6 - **Genealogical Walking Tour of The Boston Public Library** - Henry Scannell
- April 13, 16 - **The Best Genealogical Sources in Print** – Gary Boyd Roberts

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

NARA'S most frequently requested records in the National Archives can be ordered online. The National Archives and Records Administration has made all of their form requests available online at

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/orderonline.html.

The site requires that you register as a user and that you pay with a credit card. Using Order Online, you can order copies of passenger arrival records; copies of specific pages from the Federal census; copies of Eastern Cherokee applications; copies of Federal land entry files, Federal military pension files for the Revolutionary War through the Civil War; and military service records for the Revolutionary War through the Spanish American War. The archives will continue to accept paper forms. Paper forms can be ordered by e-mail to Inquire@nara.gov. or by calling the toll free number, 1-86-NARA-NARA (1-866-272-6272).

STUART.CULY@NARA.GOV writes of a special: National Archives **WORKSHOPS for Teachers and Genealogists**. For Further Information: (866) 406-2379.

Waltham, MA. The National Archives-Northeast Region is offering free workshops for teachers and genealogists during the winter and spring of 2005.

The National Archives is registered with the Massachusetts Department of Education and can offer 10 Professional Development Points (PDPs) to MA teachers. For more information about this program, please see the Educators' pages at www.archives.gov/northeast. The workshops will be offered at the Regional Archives building, located at 380 Trapelo Road in Waltham, MA, according to the following schedule. Workshops are open to anyone interested.

Teacher Workshops:

- Thursday, January 13, 6:30 pm. African-American Research
- Thursday, January 27, 6:30 pm. Archival Research
- Thursday, February 17, 6:30 pm. Customs House Records Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. Census Saturday
- March 5, 12:00 noon. Immigration and Naturalization Thursday

- March 10, 6:30 pm. Application of Research Methods Thursday,
- March 24, 6:30 pm. TBA
- Thursday, April 28, 6:30 pm. Revolutionary War (and later) Records
- Thursday, May 12, 6:30 pm. America on the Homefront, WW II
- Thursday, May 26, 6:30 pm. Local History in Federal Records
- Thursday, June 16, 6:30 pm. Application of Research Methods

Genealogy Workshops

- Tuesday, February 8, 1:30 pm. Records Relating to African-American Research Tuesday,
- March 8, 1:30 pm. Documenting Our Mothers Tuesday,
- April 12, 1:30 pm. Census Records Tuesday,
- May 3, 1:30 pm. Immigration and Naturalization Tuesday,
- June 7, 1:30 pm. Military Censuses in the 20th Century

Tours of the archives will be given at 1:30 pm. prior to each genealogy workshop. Space is limited to 20 participants. Call (866) 406-2379 to register and for more details. There is no fee.

ACPL's ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER.

The Allen County Public Library's Historical Genealogy Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana is pleased to announce their electronic newsletter, "Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library." Each month learn about new acquisitions, department special events, featured sources, Web sites and much more! We will keep you up to date on our outstanding temporary location where the books and microforms are on open stacks available for your perusal. Information about the construction at the old library site and our plans for moving back in 2 years will also be included. There are two ways to subscribe. Visit the Friends of Allen County Web site at <http://www.FriendsOfAllenCounty.org> and fill out the subscription form at the bottom of the page, or send an e-mail to: genealogygems-subscribe@friendsofallencounty.org.

The NGS GENTECH 2005 Conference will be held 1-4 June 2005 in Nashville, Tennessee, in combination with NGS's 27th Conference in the States.

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society have reached an agreement to hold a statewide genealogical conference in Pittsburgh on **September 29 and 30, 2006**. For three centuries the common-wealth of Pennsylvania was one of the most populous states in the United States - meaning many family historians can track their ancestry back to Pennsylvania. Specifics as they relate to the program will be announced in 2005. Conference planners, John T. Humphrey and Barbara Braden Guffey, have noted the program will feature presentations that will discuss all aspects of Pennsylvania research along with computer and Internet topics. And not-to-be-missed methodology lectures. Mark your calendars now; again the

dates are September 29 and 30, 2006. Watch the Societies' Web sites for more information –<http://www.wpgs.org>. and <http://www.genpa.org>. - John Humphrey

NEHGS Library Winter Hours Begin December 1

Winter hours at the NEHGS Research Library in Boston will begin on December 1. During this time the library will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday. The library will be closed on Sundays and Mondays. Winter hours will stay in effect until April 1, 2005. For a complete list of library hours and holiday schedules, visit <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2246558&s=32433571>.

In a message dated 10/21/04 8:55:33 PM Eastern Daylight Time, EducationandTours@nehgs.org. writes: **Research Week in Washington, D.C.**- March 13-20, 2005 The National Archives, (NARA), and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library, two of the top genealogical repositories in the United States, are collaborating on a special week at the National Archives In Washington, D. C. NEHGS staff members will be at the two sites all week to help you with your research and provide personal consultations.

Staff from NARA and the DAR library will present orientations at the beginning of the week. Participants already familiar with these repositories will want to hear about changes and new accessions. Both repositories contain vast amounts of unique material not found in Salt Lake City, Boston, or elsewhere. For more information about this program, including registration fees, email Amanda Batey at tours@nehgs.org.

MORE from Databases on NewEnglandAncestors.org

genealogy@lb.bcentral.com. writes:

Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910

Added this week: Records for 1861. The latest installment in this ongoing database includes actual records from 1861 (vols. 141-149). The indexes, which were previously added to the database, include name of individual, town or village of event, year of event, and volume and page number of the original record. The records themselves typically include far more details.

For detailed information about this database, please refer to the link found on the database search page (see link below) titled "Introduction to the Massachusetts Vital Records 1841-1910 Database." A link to a chart displaying records currently available and those forthcoming is also available on this page. The Introduction contains information that will contribute greatly to the success of your searches and answers common questions about these records and our database. If you have questions that our article does not address, or if you are having difficulty with this database, please email webmaster@nehgs.org.

Search **Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910** at <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2287431&s=59629663>.

Alphabetical Index of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Recorded in Providence, Rhode Island

New Addition: Volume 13: Marriages, 1891-1900 Published by the city in twenty-five volumes from 1879 to 1945, this series provides names, dates, and the volume and page numbers of the statistic in the city records. We will continue to add volumes from this series to *NewEnglandAncestors.org* over time. Search *Alphabetical Index of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Recorded in Providence, Rhode Island* at <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2287447&s=59629663>.

Index to Maine Marriages 1892-1966, 1977-1996 and Index to Maine Deaths 1960-1996

These indices were created by the Maine State Archives. The marriage index and death index are in separate databases. The Archives' website stresses that "the index may not reflect the official information on the actual records and that the databases are available on an as-is basis. One may verify the official information by requesting a copy of the record in question."

To order a copy of a specific marriage record for the years 1892 to 1922, send an e-mail request to the Archives anthony.douin@state.me.us. The basic fee for searching and copying marriage records is \$6 for a non-certified copy and \$10 for a certified copy.

For marriage records for 1923 and later, contact Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data Research and Vital Statistics at 207-287-3181 or mail at 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

To order copies of a death certificate, contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0011. Telephone (207) 287-3181

NEHGS also has Maine vital records from 1892 to 1955, as well as some pre-1892 records on microfilm. For more information on NEHGS research and photocopying services, please visit <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2208094&s=32433571>

Adrienne Kernaghan has shared these two snippets: Ancestry.com has added **15 new city directories for Providence & vicinity** for the years 1886 to 1939. Very useful for folks researching more "recent" ancestors. (RIGS subscribes to this service for the Rhode Island Historical Society library.)

Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files are now available from HeritageQuest Online (RIGS subscribes for a subscription to this service for the Greenville Public Library). Testimonial: "I used it and found the original pension record for one of my ancestors. They display the original documents and you can print them to your local printer."

Date: Thu, 25 Nov 2004 17:33:05 -0400 From: **BLACKSHEEP ANCESTORS**
blacksheep.ancestors@gmail.com. "I just started a new website called Blacksheep
Ancestors. It's a Directory of Links for Prison & Convict Records, Court Records,
Executions, Famous Outlaws, Bandits & Criminals. I have some links that may be of
interest for Rhode Island. It's at http://blacksheepancestors.com/usa/rhode_island.shtml.
If you have a Blacksheep ancestor (or think you might have) be sure to check this site
out." - Tyler S. - BlackSheep Ancestors -<http://blacksheepancestors.com>.

If you're searching for someone who once worked for **GORHAM SILVER**: There's a
good site which lists the names, etc., of many of the craftsmen who worked there in the
19th and 20th centuries: <http://www.owlbridge.com/roster.shtml>. Happy searching! - Peter
Follansbee

A GREAT MAP WEBSITE!:

<http://historical.maptech.com>. -RIGENWEB-D Digest -Volume 04 : Issue 603

Recognizing Excellence - FAMILY HISTORY WRITING – ISFHWE

December 1, 2004 – **The International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE)** is sponsoring its annual "Excellence in Writing" competition to recognize excellence in genealogical columns and articles. The contest is open to all members of ISFHWE, both published and unpublished authors. Entrants may join ISFHWE at the time of their contest submission. Contest entrants must be members of ISFHWE. The contest is judged by professionals in the fields of genealogy and journalism. The contest has four categories:

- Newspaper Columns (published in 2004)
- Articles (published in 2004)
- Genealogy Research Story (original, unpublished article)
- Want-to-be Writer/Columnist (original, unpublished material)

Winners in each category will be awarded a cash prize and a certificate. The awards presentation will take place at the Gala ISFHWE Awards Banquet to be held at the National Genealogical Society conference in Nashville, Tennessee, 1-4 June 2005. (Those unable to attend will receive their awards after the conference.)

Rules, information and entry form are available at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cgc/2005rules.htm> Entries must be RECEIVED by the coordinator no earlier than 9 February and no later than 23 February 2005. Entries must be mailed in time to make this deadline. Send entries (along with your check for the appropriate entry fee(s) and membership dues) to:

ISFHWE 2005
6584 Red Fox Rd.
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-1631

About ISFHWE:

Open to columnists, writers (published and unpublished), editors, and anyone interested in family history writing and publication, this organization was founded in 1987 and originally was named the Council of Genealogy Columnists. In May 2000 the name was formally changed to International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, Inc. (ISFHWE). Its primary objective is to encourage high standards in genealogical journalism.

An unsigned piece in newsletter@reply.myfamilyinc.com: "I decided to try some old technology. Among my long-deceased grandfather's things held by his last living son, we recently discovered an old scrapbook, filled with newspaper clippings of weddings, obituaries, and World War II notes on family members serving in the military. What a great starting point! Each week I take a single news clipping and try to match up the names to data I already have. I've noticed that pallbearers are very often nephews or grandchildren of the deceased person, and members of the wedding parties are often related." When there's a possibility that an individual is still addresses. I use Any Who (the AT& living, judging from dates, I go to two sources to locate mailing T white pages) for the U.S. <http://www.anywho.com/wp.html> and Canada 411 for Canadian relatives. <http://findaperson.canada411.ca>.

"Even though the clippings are old -- some of them dating back to the 1920s -- I start my search in the state I think they may have lived. I select three to six likely candidates, draft a letter giving them enough information so that they know it isn't a scam, request the information I'm trying to locate and give both my mailing and my e-mail address."

– A-nony-mousse

ANOTHER RESOURCE: URI'S LIBRARY

An article in the December 15th *Providence Journal* reminds us that "it is the largest public library in the state and that it is open to us and our needs. It can be accessed by Rhode Island residents, aged 18 and up, both directly and by interlibrary loans.

"Their holdings include more than a million books and many maps, government publications, microforms, and manuscripts for an additional 2.3 million items. The Special Collection room is only open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, but the rest of the library is usually open until midnight.

"Included are manuscripts and letters from the COLT family (US Rubber), the archives of the Episcopal Diocese of RI, an impressive cookbook collection, important periodicals, newspapers, and the papers of several RI political figures, including Governor Almond and Senators Pell and John Chaffee.

"Hours are Monday through Thursday 8 AM to midnight. Friday 8 AM to 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM, and Sundays 1 PM to midnight. Telephone: 401-874-2672. Copiers are available throughout the library." A word to the Wise: As with any

repository, do your homework before you go so that you know what you need. Comfortable – and quiet – reading spots are furnished and reference desk staff members (who work only until 9 PM) are very helpful.

IMPORTANT QUESTION

In the October-December 2004 issue, the Editor of *The Saga of Southern Illinois*, Darrel Dexter, asks a question which should concern us all:

"If you could sit down in an interview with one of your ancestors and ask ... only three questions, would you really ask: 'When and where were you born?' 'When and where did you marry?' 'When and where did you die?'"

Mr. Dexter reminds us that "Our job as family historians is to find their *story* and record it." His advice? "Search out your ancestor's story by placing him or her in historical context." He reminds us that "every person's life has an interesting and important story to tell." Are *you* asking the right questions?

NOTED: The state of New Hampshire is now issuing birth certificates to adoptees. Can you learn the name of a natural birth parent?

JANE FISKE WRITES:

Edward Larkin of Rhode Island. Freeman of Newport 1655 and of Westerly 1664. The First Six Generations, by Elizabeth Brock Larkin (Saline, Mich.: McNaughton & Gunn, Inc., for Bruce D. Larkin, 2004). ISBN 0-9615790-4-8. 474 + xviii pages. \$50. + \$4. shipping. Order from Jane Fletcher Fiske, 44 Stonecleave Rd., Boxford, MA 01921 jffiske@comcast.net .

"Arthur E. Larkin and Elizabeth B. Larkin began gathering material for this genealogy in the late 1960s, seeking records in county courthouses, town libraries, and historical societies in New England, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and elsewhere, and in the National Archives. Mrs. Larkin continued the research after her husband's death in 1979, and had just finished the text at the time of her own unexpected death in April 2003. The book was brought to completion by Jane Fiske with the help of Bruce D. Larkin, John W. Fiske, and others.

"The genealogy begins with Edward Larkin of Newport and Westerly, Rhode Island, whose origins in England are presently unknown; he was a contemporary of Edward Larkin of Charlestown, Massachusetts, but no link between the two has yet been found. Six generations of Larkins are treated here, and seventh-generation children are listed when known. Sources used include land and probate records, vital records, and histories of places and other families. Contributions of other descendants with whom Mr. and Mrs. Larkin were in contact have been incorporated into the whole, and, like everything else, thoroughly acknowledged in footnotes. Several transcribed documents appear in the text, and others are in the seven-part Appendix.

"Maps and photographs of gravestones and documents are scattered throughout the book, and there are portraits of two individuals, one of them Arthur E. Larkin's great-grandfather, John Edward Larkin, in Civil War uniform with his arm in a sling. There is an every-name index. <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2353285&s=59629663>"

NEWS OF A MEMBER: **Michael Dwyer** is author of "John Mitchell of Block Island: Lost or Found" in *Roots*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (June 2002). He wrote Cherry Bamberg some news, including the fact that he was Vermont's Teacher of the Year for 2004.

The new **RIGS DELEGATE TO FGS**, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, is still Pat Wyatt of 38 Homeland Avenue, Narragansett RI 02882-3254. PwyattRIGS@aol.com. If you have questions or concerns that should be addressed in this forum, please contact Pat.

From: "Milne, Lorna: SEN (EDITED)<MILNEL@SEN.PARL.GC.CA
To: <CANADA-CENSUS-CAMPAIGN-L@rootsweb.com>
Subject: VICTORY

Dear friends:

It is my great pleasure to inform you that after years of negotiation I can finally announce that the government has my unqualified support, and indeed the support of the leaders of the Canada Census Campaign, the Canadian Historical Society and the Association of Canadian Archivists.

The additional 20 year rule that would limit our access to census records has been eliminated! There will be no restrictions to the use of census information 92 years after the date of the census. We were very concerned for a long time that the "opt-in" clause would destroy the census as a historical tool. That too has been softened by Statistics Canada. They have now conceded that such a clause could have detrimental effects on the historical record. As a result, they have agreed to review that section after 2 censuses have been completed.[She credits] "the hard work of Minister David Emerson, the minister now responsible for Statistics Canada. When I first mentioned this issue to him this summer he told me that he thought the census should be released, and he did not see why he couldn't resolve the issue quickly." He has lived up to his word. We can now guarantee that all census returns from 1911 to 2001 will be released in a timely manner. [We finally will be able] to gain real access to Canada's history.

-Hon. Lorna Milne

We quote a bit from this bill, S-XXS (HAS NOT YET BEEN PASSED), because it is so important to all who have Canadian ancestors or who do Canadian research:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATISTICS ACT "18.1 (1)The information contained in the returns of each census of population taken between 1910 and 2005 is no longer subject to sections 17 and 18 ninety-two years after the census is taken.

(2) The information contained in the returns of each census of population taken is 2006 or later is no longer subject to sections 17 and 18 ninety-two years after the census is taken, but only if the person to whom the information relates consents, at the time of the census, to the release of the information ninety-two years later.

(3) When sections 17 and 18 cease to apply to information referred to in subsection (1) or (2), the information shall be placed under the care and control of the Library and Archives of Canada. . . ."

SEN. MILNE LAUDS MINISTER EMERSON'S WORK ON RELEASE OF HISTORIC CENSUS RECORDS

"OTTAWA – November 2, 2004 – This afternoon the government announced long-awaited legislation that will govern the release of census information. . . .

"Under Bill S-XX Canadians will have unrestricted access to all censuses taken before this date immediately upon the 92nd anniversary of each census. This is the kind of access that Canadians deserve and have been fighting for since 1998."

The government bill follows the release of the 1906 census in January of 2003, and a government commissioned expert panel that found that there were no legal barriers to the release of historic census information.

"Minister Emerson decided from the outset that he was going to solve this issue quickly and with common sense," Milne revealed. "He was able to quickly identify the fundamental needs of both Statistics Canada and Canada's researchers. This bill accommodates both sets of needs".

In addition to Minister Emerson and Senator Milne, the Canada Census Committee, the Canadian Historians Association, and the Association of Canadian Archivists all endorse this bill without amendment.

"With that kind of support, I would hope that the bill would pass through both Houses of Parliament quickly," said Milne. For more information, please contact Jeff Paul at 613-947-9744 or 613-715-2965. [Will our RIGS Canadian members please apprise us if and when this bill is finally passed?]

This is lot of space devoted to a Canadian problem but we will all be affected by this eventually and it is not yet "a done deal." We might tell you about the US bill, HR10, but this bill has been quoted in many places and by the time you read this, it will be too late. [More later on HR10.]

LOST IN THE TRANSLATION?

Free online multidirectional dictionaries in seven languages -- Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Translates up to 20 words at a time.
http://www.langdy.com/dacc_g.htm.

RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine, 17 November 2004, Vol. 7, No. 46.

TRANSLATING POLISH by Gayle Schlissel Riley, researching Tarnobrzeg, Poland: <http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Tarnobrzeg>.

"I also use Poltran for translations in Polish. I am very happy with job it does and it is easy to use and free. <http://www.poltran.com/>"

RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine of 24 November 2004, Vol. 7, No. 47.

SMILE FOR THE DAY

"Uncle Ray Lubow" writes: On a headstone in Mount Sinai Memorial Park in Los Angeles: Helen Lois Schultz Nee Jacobs A very special person whose greatest joy was giving of herself. She is fondly remembered as a most gracious, devoted and special wife, mother, grandmother, friend and for correcting everyone's grammar. Does she lay or lie here?

May 25, 1914 March 16, 2001 - RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly

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Do **YOU** have: an under-used or undisclosed talent or some spare time that you might like to volunteer to RIGS? We aren't necessarily looking for a Treasurer or an Editor for the RIGS Reporter. Could you handle our publicity? Could you write something for either ROOTS or the REPORTER? Could you...? Give Lee Dursin a call to discuss what you might do! (401-949-0645)

If you have more than one address, would you please be sure the membership chair has the correct one. It costs us \$3.75 for each R. I. ROOTS returned.

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