

# BOUSE GENIES

## ON THE ROAD

With Jim & Bonny McDaniel

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### RECORD KEEPING

The bane of a genealogist in a rig is keeping enough of your research with you. Most of us do have a computer program with our ancestry recorded on it. We have found it helpful to have this as full as possible with details but, of course, you might have other info that is raw research that does not fit in, at this time, with your program. We have set up some WordPerfect documents with info transcribed from our notes on land, marriage, cemetery and other records. We have hard copies of these in our files also. Some other bits and pieces are entered into a spread sheet database for reference. You can even scan your maps into a program.

Make sure you have made at least two back-ups of all of this computer work. Your basic genealogy software program and any database or word processor or other material. One back-up should stay in the rig with you. It is best to put it in a fireproof safe, if possible, so it is somewhat protected from water and fire. The second copy should be sent or kept somewhere else. If you still have a land based home, then leave it there. If not, then give copies to a trusted relative or store them in a safe deposit box. Be sure to up-date them on your next turnaround. Another warning: try to make these back-ups on CDs and a backup drive.

But what about other research? We find the following system works for us. It might be too cumbersome or not inclusive enough for you, but it will give you some idea of what we do.

**FILES:** We put some of our folders in the portable plastic file boxes available now. They come in two sizes, have a handle to carry them with. We prefer the larger one that is about ten or twelve inches. It will hold about twenty folders and we have one for Jim's family and one for mine. They are always in our coach and fit under our dining table, although I have been known to store them in the shower at times!

If your files are quite thick (over forty pages) try to skinny them down a little. Remove any information that does not seem to link to your family or is duplicated elsewhere. Keep everything as lean and meaningful as possible.

On a couple of our longer trips where we were going to be researching many more lines we removed my quilt fabric tubs and substituted some plastic file boxes of about thirty inches deep. They weighed about the same as the fabric so we were even with the load factor. Most office supply chains carry these for about \$10 and they have a snap-on lid. We bought ours in two different colors so we could remember which had the McDANIEL side and which had the SCHOFIELD side. It always helps to aide the ol' memory tracks!

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**BINDERS:** We have done away with binders as our main source of filing our family info. We did find them to be a bother while we were on the road and opted for the small plastic file boxes instead because nearly all libraries don't allow binders. We find it handier to just take in some loose family group sheets or other info on what we are researching. Jim is always a good 'gopher' and will go back to the car and retrieve any other info we need if we didn't start out with enough. Binders also have a habit of being put on top of the car and then forgotten...and they tend to slide off after you attain highway speed! However, you could still use one and just take out the pages you need in the library or archive and put them back in once you return to your vehicle. If you are going to be taking a subway or bus into the library (which you might have to do if you are in Washington, DC), then the type of binder that zips up is good. It can be put into a locker once you reach the library. Rental on a locker is usually quite reasonable (\$1 or less) so this is an option. However, do not carry original documents or photos in this binder. You still might leave it on the subway or somewhere.

**NOTEBOOKS:** We use the standard spiral notebooks with the 8 1/2 x 11' paper. These work best as the pages don't come out accidently (and end up under a library table), but I can still remove pages to leave notes for Jim (Please photo copy this stack...I'll be back in ten minutes, etc) or to tear out strips to use as bookmarks.

We do find it helpful to have at least two of these notebooks with the surnames marked on the front in black markers. It keeps the notes a little more organized and is easier when I get back to the rig and want to transcribe some of the info I found that day.

**WORKSPACE IN YOUR RIG:** This is also a problem in an RV. We have a thirty-two foot Class A motor home (without slide-outs) which is rather small for a full time rig but we get along with it. It had a permanently affixed table and two chairs and the table could be extended. It was too small un-extended and too large extended so we removed the top and had a table built that was just right for my desktop computer and printer-scanner-copier. There is plenty of room underneath for the two file boxes I mentioned in addition to the expandable file box with our bills, insurance, etc. in it. Jim has a small table with his laptop on it also. We devote one of the overhead cabinets to our genealogy books, binders, maps, etc. and we get along fine with that much, although it does seem that we always receive at least one email while we are out that requests info on a family line we don't have with us (except the bare bones info on the computer programs). We have a file cabinet in our storage space in Chico, California and we retrieve and trade files at times so we can work on other lines. I also have a couple of portfolio-type cases that have specific papers in them for my genealogy speeches, seminars, and lessons that I give while we travel and a book I'm working on. I just find a little place here and there to stash these or keep them in the 'toad'.

**TAKING BREAKS:** I consider the time taken away from research to be time well spent. Research is so intense that you need time to reorganize your thoughts. Also, a few days spent at the campground to organize your notes and get everything ready for the next archive or library assault is well worth it. On the days when you drive out into the country for some cemetery tramping, try to find some blatant touristy thing to do. Visit historic spots (you'd be surprised at the genealogical and family history things this can give you); stroll down some old town streets (please don't miss the old gold rush town of Dahlonega if you are doing research in northern Georgia); or go see a movie or eat in a cozy restaurant. Never feel embarrassed about asking local people for help in your research. Old general stores, books shops, post offices, little museums and other places in your travels usually have people willing to help you find cemeteries and history. Sometimes we have stopped people on the street or on remote dirt roads and been rewarded with information or directions. Don't be shy. We work at a disadvantage because of our California license plates and some doors are shut in our face because of it, but we still put on our best smiles and try again. It does seem that California's reputation is known, and exaggerated, all over this country.

Taking along a lot of genealogy "stuff" while you travel does sacrifice some space but we feel it is really worth it as it makes the trip so much more interesting. When we think of all the places we went to in the past and didn't even realize at those times that some of our ancestors had been there at one time, we are grateful that we are now engaged in this fascinating hobby. It really brings this country to life. Happy hunting!



The more unusual a surname, the more ways it could be spelled.

Have birthday parties for your ancestors and invite family members to celebrate and remember.

# From the Computer Desk -

## HOW TO INPUT NAMES IN YOUR GENEALOGY PROGRAM

By Carol Brown [From SKP Genies Newsletter May/June 2005]



All of us using genealogy programs have worried over the way to input names. What do you do when you only know the first or last name of an individual? What do you do when you know the sex of a child but have no name?

Here are some suggestions that might help. Some people do like the idea of a name such as "unknown", but you have no idea who will see a printout of your data, so some way to identify first and last names is essential. In the following cases **JOHN**, **JANE** and **SMITH** are to be replaced by the name that you know.

- (1) You know the persons last name, but not their first name. Enter **UNKNOWN SMITH**
- (2) You know the husband's name is **JOHN SMITH**, but you don't know the wife's name. One thing you don't do is label his wife **MRS. SMITH** or **MRS. JOHN SMITH**. Never use the married name for a woman when entering her name in a genealogy program. It should always be her maiden name in these programs. Enter her name simply as **UNKNOWN**.
- (3) You know the wife's name but not the husband's. Enter his name as **UNKNOWN**.
- (4) You know the person's first name but not their last name. Enter **JANE** or **JOHN UNKNOWN**.
- (5) You know a person does not have a middle name or initial when others in the family do. Enter **JOHN NMI SMITH**. (nmi = no middle initial)
- (6) There is a child in the family who probably died young without a name and you aren't sure of the sex. Enter **BABY SMITH**. You will have to specify the sex in the program and the default is female. Make a note in the notes area that you are not sure of the sex.
- (7) There is a child in the family who probably died young without a name and you are sure of the sex. Enter **SON** or **DAUGHTER SMITH**. This will assure that the sex of the child is carried on, even when that identifying field is not printed.

This method of naming should also be used when you are writing the information on family group sheets and ancestry charts.



Web sites come, move, and go on a regular basis. These URLs were current at the time of publication and are subject to unannounced changes.

### *Internet Sites to Find Books Online*

- GOOGLE BOOKS** [www.google.com/books](http://www.google.com/books)  
Use the Advanced Search feature to find a book on your topic of interest. If you find a book, enter words or a name in the Search In This Book field
- WORLD CAT** [www.worldcat.com](http://www.worldcat.com)
- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS** [www.lib.utexas.edu/books/etext.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/books/etext.html)



## *PRESERVING YOUR STORY*

By The Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, WA

### *GETTING STARTED*



- Block you life into manageable pieces (decades are good).
- Identify five or six significant events or items per decade. Write them on 3"x5" cards and store in a recipe box.
- Regularly (daily) pick out a few cards which interest you the most (they need not be in chronological order.) Take the cards with you and in the morning, over coffee, or any time you have a few minutes write a brief summary (50-100 words) on the card. Return the completed cards to the box at the end of the day.
- Periodically look over the completed cards to determine if: (1) you would like to write any additional detail, or; (2) other events or items are brought to mind.
- Look through your family photographs to see if you have pictures associated with the events. Place the completed cards and pictures together in your safety deposit box.
- Once a year take the items from the safety deposit box and use the information (just the way we did in high school and college) to write a personal history. Depending upon how many cards were completed it will be a collection of memories or a complete book.
- Give copies to your family members, present a copy to the local genealogical or historical society.
- Even if you do not write any more detail, your family will find a wonderful treasure when they open your safety deposit box.



## *THE GENIE'S LAMP*



By **Bonny McDaniel** [From SKP Genies Newsletter Sep/Oct 2005]

### *THE TRAVELING MAN*

Some genealogists have the mistaken notion that people did not travel great distances 'in the old days'.

However, there are many instances of men who traveled 100 or more miles on a regular basis.

First, we have to acknowledge that there were some 'super highways' in the eastern third of our nation. These were the rivers, creeks, bays, ocean, and lakes that made travel fairly fast and easy for many. If your ancestor was one of the 'landed gentry' and had enough money to afford sound, fast horses then he could ride or drive great distances. There are many instances of the upper classes driving 200 miles to attend a ball or party!

Many preachers walked many miles every month...my husband's ancestor, Rev. Reuben Dooley first walked from Bedford County, VA to Madison County, KY and then from there to Preble County, OH where he lived. When his wife died in the early 1800s, he then walked 500 miles back to Kentucky to remarry.

John McDaniel walked and rode many times from Orange County, VA to Orange County, NC and did land business in both counties for several years.

Many of the 1849 Gold Rush people made their way to California and then back to their homes in the mid-west or east and some did it several times.

When trying to determine if two people of the same name can both be your ancestor if they are far apart, don't discount the idea just based on the distance factor.





## THE RULE OF "G"



By Barbara A. H. Nuehring [From SKP Genies Newsletter Jul/Aug 2005]

Can a second cousin, once removed, return? If the cousin is doing genealogy research, let us hope that the answer is yes!

As genealogists we know that it is all about relationships—but, who exactly is a second cousin, once removed?

The Encarta® Reference Library 2004 Dictionary says a cousin is: 1) uncle's or aunt's child: a child of somebody's uncle or aunt — also called first cousin. 2) distant relative: somebody to whom somebody is related through the brother or sister of a grandparent, great-grandparent, or even older ancestor. The dictionary also defines removed as: distantly related: separated from somebody to a specified degree by birth, adoption, or marriage.

The number of cousins and the degree of removed can be quite confusing. But, as complex as relationships are, there is a very easy way to figure it out. If your lineage database doesn't do it for you, just apply *The Rule of "G"*. Simply count the number of "g"s in grandparent, great-grandparent, great-great-grand-parent and so-on. The number of "g"s is the key that tells what number of cousin you are. For instance, you and your cousin have the same great-grandparents. Count the "g"s—voilà, you're second cousins!

Oh, but what if your cousin is of different generation? In other words, your cousin is removed from your common ancestor by an additional generation or more. Count the "g"s of both lines. The number of the closest generation to the common ancestor is the "cousin number." Removed is determined by calculating the difference between the number of "g"s of the closest generation and that of the furthest generation. For instance, your great-grandparents are your cousin's great-great-grandparents—that makes the two of you second cousins, once removed.

Gee, wasn't that easy! Now, if we can just get those cousins interested in the "G" word — Genealogy.

## ABCs

## U - V - W - X

by Maryalice Gordon [from the SKP Genies Newsletter  
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**U** is for **UX** or **UXOR**, Latin for wife, used in legal documents. Many older documents will list the man of the house and his wife as "Stephen Smith et ux" indicating Stephen and Mrs. SMITH. This can make identifying "Mrs. SMITH" and also making sure that you have the correct "Stephen" very difficult. Look for other legal transactions. Try to read the entire document looking for given names and identify how they relate to "Stephen".

**V** is for **VALUE** your history project as a significant contribution in your lifetime to future generations. Someday one of your grandchildren or great nephew/nieces will be overjoyed to find your research!

**W** is for **WILL**. If you value (see above) your research, be sure a copy of your main research is in the genealogy society's library where you live (you don't have to be a member), and in the counties where your ancestors lived. Write out these instructions and talk to all those who may take care of your estate.

**X** is for **XENOPHOBIA**, "a fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything foreign or strange" says my dictionary. This is not good for a genealogist. Finding and identifying strangers and foreigners may lead to more about your family. Immigrants rarely traveled alone. Can't find your ancestor? Check out some of his friends.



A census taker walked up to a woman who was sitting on a porch. After introducing himself, he said, "How many children do you have?" The woman answered, "Four." The census taker asked, "May I have their names, please?" The woman replied, "Eenie, Meenie, Minnie, and George." Confused, the census taker said, "May I ask why you named your fourth child 'George'?" "Surely, because we didn't want any Moe."

## DIGGING DEEPER

By Carolyn H. Brown [From SKP Genies Newsletter Jul/AUG 2005]

### FAMILY STORIES

Most of us have at least one family story that has been passed down through many generations which connects us to a famous person or to a significant event. Have you tried to prove whether the story is true or not, or have you just accepted it as fact? Most of the time part of the story is true, but many times someone in the family heard the name of a famous person and decided that since the surnames are the same, then we must be related. Also, the name of a distant ancestor might be the same as that of a famous person, and an assumption was made that they were the same person, when in fact they were not.



It is up to us to try to prove that these family stories are correct, and to stop the advancement of the tales if they are not. I have one of those cases in my SPRAGGINS family. My family is descended from a William SPRAGGINS who was in Charles City County, VA in the 1700's. A descendant of John ROLF married a William SPRAGGINS who could have been in this family. One of my cousins was totally convinced that we were descended from John ROLF. I have discovered that there were at least two branches of the SPRAGGINS family in Virginia, and there are several William SPRAGGINS in both lines. In order to prove or disprove our family legend I had to research every SPRAGGINS I could find in Virginia. I had to identify which William SPRAGGINS was living where, whom they married, and who their children were. Needless to say, I am not descended from John ROLF, so I have put one family story to rest.

Another story in my family stated that "Samuel BOATFIELD died when a tree fell on him". I have three generations of Samuel BOATFIELDS in my family and I did not know to which one this statement applied. Two of the Samuels lived in Pavilion, NY and one in Devonshire, England. Research in New York did not provide any information about such an event. However, a search in the English death records listed the cause of death for that Samuel Boatfield as "died when a tree fell on him". I now know when he died, and a cousin in England found a newspaper article about the accident.

Research that family story. You might be surprised at what you will find.



### GERMAN SURNAMES SAME AS GERMAN TOWNS

By Barbara Jacobson [From SKP Genies Newsletter Jan/Feb 2004]

We had hit a block wall when it came to finding information on Great Grandfather OHE from Germany. Everyone told me that he wouldn't speak of his life before coming to America in 1867. Then I came across an article in the Heritage Quest Issue 67, Jan-Feb 1997, which explained that some German surnames were the same as the town name where they were born.

The article suggested that you write to a newspaper in that town and ask them to print an inquiry in exchange either for money or for a follow-up report on the results. Luckily the following address for a newspaper in the Ohe area was included. I wrote in English:

Hern CHEFREDAKTEUR  
K.H. Tang  
Pinneberger Tageblatt  
Damm 9  
25421 Pinneberg  
Germany

I am searching for information about my great grandfather, Henry William Conrad VON DER OHE. I am writing to you because, I understand, there was a hamlet of Ohe in the jurisdiction of Pinneberg and wondered if there

was a connection between the town and my Great Grandfather.

Please print the following article in your newspaper. I will be glad to furnish an update on the responses I receive.

Looking for information about mysterious Great Grandfather Henry William Conrad VON DER OHE. Born in Germany May 5, 1846. Immigrated to United States at Age 21. He refused to speak about his past life. If you have information about him, please write to me: [I included my address.]

Thank you very much. Barbara JACOBSON

About 3 months later I received a large brown envelope from Meinhart and Ilse VON DER OHE who live in Hamburg. It included a family tree that goes back to the 1400's, a picture of the OHE family crest, and 2 photos of the old 1752 OHE homestead. They also sent a short story about some of the OHE's.

What a jackpot of information it was! A bonus came out of this and that is a friendship with Meinhart and Ilse.

By the way, I did send a report to that newspaper telling how much they helped me by printing that inquiry.



## TIPS:

When photocopying information from a book, copy the title page of the book and make sure it has the library where it is located on it. It will be an easy reference when documenting your sources, or when you need to review the book again.

Carry a sheet of colored paper (yellow or green) to project microfilm records on when they are faded and hard to read. It works!

Guardianship records may show court-appointed guardians of minor children in cases where property was involved. Their inheritance would thus be protected if the mother remarried, in which case the property would belong to the new husband.

Until 1906 local courts granted citizenship and recorded the naturalization papers. After 1906 the federal courts became responsible.



## BEGINNERS' PITEALLS FALLS

by Carolyn H. Brown

### MY ANCESTOR WAS BORN IN OREGON IN 1830.

If you are looking for records of Oregon in 1830 you would not be looking for the state of Oregon, but for the Oregon Territory. This applies to almost every state in the Union. You need to know when the state became a state, and how the area was identified before it became a state. Was it part of another state, or was it within a larger territory?

Also, you might be researching one of the several areas which belonged to two states at various times. There is an area in southern Ohio/northern Kentucky which was transferred between the states as the Ohio River changed course. One of these cases involves an area that has been a part of two states and four counties.

The area of what is now Dutchess Co., NY was part of Vermont at one time. It all depends on the time frame you are researching as to where the records will be held. Knowing the history of the area in questions is a must when doing genealogy research.



Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.



## **GENEALOGICAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Christmas is not too far away and now is the time to start planning for those special people who are your "genie buddies". Do you have someone on your Christmas list who is really "into" genealogy research? Then here are some helpful hints on what to give them:

**A TRIP** - One of the fun places to visit at Christmas time is Williamsburg, Virginia. Williamsburg puts on a big Christmas show throughout the whole town. Most homes are decorated in 18<sup>th</sup> century style. No store bought decorations here. While you are there take a research trip to the *College of William and Mary Library*. Also

visit Jamestown and *The Library of Virginia* which are not too far away. You could visit some of the old southern plantations while you are in the area. If an ancestor came into the US through Ellis Island. A trip to New York City might be just the thing. Salt Lake City would be an excellent choice, but schedule it for sometime other than the Christmas holidays. Check with the Family History Library to make sure they are open when the individual plans to go.

**GENEALOGY WEBSITE SUBSCRIPTION** - Give a subscription to a genealogy website such as Ancestry.com, genealogy.com, Footnote <[www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com)> or Kindred Konnections at <[www.mytrees.com](http://www.mytrees.com)>. Just remember that those traveling might not have sufficient access to the internet to take full advantage if it.

**GENEALOGY PROGRAM** - (1) Legacy Family Tree <[www.legacyfamilytree.com](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com)> (1) Deed Mapper, <[www.icn.com/deeds/](http://www.icn.com/deeds/)> (2) Ani Map <[www.goldbug.com](http://www.goldbug.com)>, (3) Geneweaver <[www.geneweaveronline.com](http://www.geneweaveronline.com)> and (4) Clooz <[www.clooz.com](http://www.clooz.com)>. There are a lot more to chose from so check out <[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)>.

**HELP A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND** - Maybe one of the older family members or friends needs help organizing family papers or old photos. Give some of your time by putting things in order and writing names on the back of photos. You just might find something you have been looking for all those years.

**GENEALOGY BOOKS** - There are thousands of books on genealogy and history. There is sure to be one your genealogy person has been wanting for a long time. Check out genealogical book stores on the web.

**GENEALOGY & HISTORY MAGAZINES** - Some years ago there were very few genealogy or history magazines. Now there are a whole lot. Your genealogy person will find one of the following a very welcome gift: (1) *Family Chronicle Magazine*; (2) *Heritage Quest*; (3) *History Magazine*; (4) *Family Tree Magazine* or (5) *Ancestry* <[www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)>.

**GENEALOGY JOURNALS** - There are several large genealogy related societies that have excellent quarterly journals, newsletter or magazines. Suggestions are: (1) *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly*; (2) *New England Historical Genealogical Society Register*; (3) *The American Genealogist*; and (4) *The Genealogist*.

**CREATE A FAMILY NEWSLETTER** - Share you research with the family and let them add to your current information.

**PUBLISH A FAMILY GENEALOGY BOOK** - If you have been working on your family research for a while and have over 100 individuals in a given family tree, it is not too early to share your information. Make a few more copies than you plan to give away, because others will see it and want a copy. Just don't make too many if you are planning to sell them.

**LOCAL GENEALOGY SOCIETY** - Does you genealogy researcher belong to the local genealogical society in the area they are researching. If not, a years subscription might be just the thing.

**NEEDLE WORK** - Make a family quilt or wall hanging.

**SCRAP BOOK** - Make a family scrap book of old photos, letters and other documents.

**FUN STUFF** - Mugs, tee shirts, signs and more try <[www.FunStuffForGenealogists.com](http://www.FunStuffForGenealogists.com)>.



It is okay to read the end of the book first. .. that's where the index is.

# BOUSE GENIES NEWS

by Carolyn H. Brown - Chairman

Our 2009-2010 season is about to start, and we have a lot on our schedule already. I am planning on starting the season by repeating all ten of the genealogy classes I taught two years ago. See the class schedule on this page.

Some of our members are already planning on attending the *Family History Expo* in Mesa, AZ on January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. We had a great time last year, and you don't want to miss an opportunity to hear some world class speakers. Some of us will be going over on Thursday afternoon, so we will be there for check in at 7:00 a.m. on Friday. The check-in lines can be very long so get there early. You don't want to miss the opening speaker.

Our biggest item for this season will be the *Genies in the Desert* Conference sponsored by the *SKP Genies* here in Bouse on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We, the Bouse Genies, have been contracted to provide the food for this event. The event is still in the planning stages, however here are some of the particulars.

The *Genies in the Desert* will start with coffee and pastry at 8:00 am both days. There will be two seminars followed by lunch and then two more seminars. On the Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> there will be one seminar to start the morning on using Ancestry.com. Then we will breakup into a workshop format. The library will be open for attendees to use the libraries computers, or they can access Ancestry.com with their own computers. They will also be free to use our books in the library. The library will be closed to the public. While this is in progress, there will be qualified genealogists available in the Community Building to review your research, answer your questions, and help you decide where to look next to get by some of those pesky dead ends. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by a presentation on using AniMap3.0 and more workshop time. You can attend either one or both days. There will be door prizes both days.

As Bouse Genies our only real involvement in this event is to provide the food, which the SKP Genies are paying us for, and to run a Bouse Genies sales table. All of our members will have to register and pay admission to attend. It would help if our members pitched in to help with setup and take down to make sure the tables are arranged as needed.

The Bouse Genies sales table can have lots of items on it to help us make money. We can sell water all day, cookies and drinks in the afternoon (money for which has been donated by one of our members). We can also sell our extra magazines, and other used or new genealogy related books. Any other new items that you may wish to donate to the cause will be accepted. We will discuss this at our upcoming meetings.

We have never had a conference like this in Bouse, and we can learn from this experience. If the SKP Genies do not want to do it again here in Bouse, maybe next year we will host one ourselves.

The Quartzsite Volunteer Club Fair will be held on November 7, 2009 from 10 AM until 2 PM at the Quartzsite Senior Center. Several of our members have said they will work a table for us. I will have the copies of the flyer for the event. Dennis will keep us posted as the time draws nearer.

## *Bouse Genies 2009 Meeting Schedule*

The last meeting for this summer session will be Sep 11, 2009. Our Winter schedule starts on September 25th. This sets the winter schedule through the rest of the year as: Oct 9 & 23; Nov 6 & 20; Dec 4 & 18. This schedule works out great for both Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks.

## *Genealogy Classes 2009 Schedule*

The genealogy classes will start on October 16, 2009, and will continue on every other Friday between our regular meetings. The first class will be *Beginning Genealogy*. All classes are scheduled to start at 10:00 and end at 12:00 noon, unless the attendees chose to modify the start and stop time. They will be held in the Bouse Community Building. Please sign up at our meetings or in the Library after October 1, 2009. Class 2 is *Computer and*

*Genealogy on the Internet.* The date is currently set for October 30, however there may be an issue with accessing the Interest, which has not been finalized at this time. Class 3 is on *Census Records and Social Security Records* is scheduled for November 13, 2009. There will not be a class on November 27, 2009. Class schedule will be posted in the library in late September. For more information contact Carol Brown <geniecarol@gmail.com>. The classes will run until April 2, 2010 as the holidays will interfere with the schedule. Cost per class will be \$5 per person. All proceeds go to the Bouse Genies. Cost for all handouts will be taken from the class income.

## *BOUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET NEWS*

We are back to normal, and better than normal with Ancestry.com in the library. The T1 line is up and running. We are also able to take our personal computers into the library and get on Ancestry.com from our laptops. The first time you access Ancestry.com the librarian will provide you with some special codes you will need. You can set this up as a favorite or bookmark and then can access it without assistance. Access is router specific, so you can only access Ancestry.com at the library when the library is open.



### *FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK*

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We are starting to get our winter residents and visitors back, and I would like to welcome all of you for another very busy season in Bouse. The genies were not quiet during the summer. Though we did not hold every meeting as originally scheduled, and some of our meeting had just a few members in attendance, we did get 3 new members. In June Sharon MCLEAN visited with us and joined. In July Nadine and Steve BOUSE from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relatives of the Mr. BOUSE for whom our town was named, visited us and joined as our newest members. Welcome to all of you! We are glad to have you with us.

You will be seeing a lot more about the *Genies in the Desert* Conference 2010 in Bouse in the coming months. We will need your help to make this all come together.



### *CAROL'S RAMBLINGS*

Genealogy is not a hobby, it's a way of life.

Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough we're all related.

Research: What I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing.

Do I even want ancestors? Some I found I wish I could lose.

If you are having problems in your research, find a relative to help you.



### *What's Happening?*

As we travel around to get away from the summer heat in Bouse it often puts a genealogical learning opportunity right outside our front door. Here are some conferences and seminars that are happening—just down the road:

#### **GERMANS FROM RUSSIA HERITAGE SOCIETY**

9-13 September in Rapid City, South Dakota  
Info is at: [www.grhs.org](http://www.grhs.org)

#### **WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

11-13 September in Spokane, Washington  
Info is at: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs)

#### **POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

18-19 September in Schaumburg, Illinois  
Info is at: [www.pgsa.org](http://www.pgsa.org)

#### **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BRITISH GENEALOGY**

5-9 October in Salt Lake City, Utah  
Info is at: [www.isbgfh.org](http://www.isbgfh.org)

#### **CZECHOSLOVAK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

14-17 October in Independence, Ohio  
Info is at: [www.cgsi.org](http://www.cgsi.org)

#### **NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY & CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

24-25 October in Oakland, California  
Info is at: [www.calgensoc.org](http://www.calgensoc.org)



Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem  
leads to two more!