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Message from the Prez

Well, this is something new! When I was president before (1999-2000) I never wrote a president's message. After Diane became Newsletter Editor, she made the next President (Karen) write President's messages. As your new Prez, I am looking forward to a summer of genealogy research, with trips to visit family members, libraries, and cemeteries, both local and distant. There might be some internet research too for the rainy days.

So how are you planning to add to your family genealogy? We can go thru our family database again and refine the to-do lists, however, there are other ways to generate new research leads: I have been using Google Alerts, Facebook, and Internet Searching (I use Google, but any search engine will do) to add research leads.



I've signed up for Google Alerts (<http://www.google.com/alerts>). You enter a Keyword (that is, a family surname you are researching). Then Google emails you links to various web sites with info on your keyword. I have set up alerts for Cryderman, Seguin, Asenlund, Åsenlund, Oslund, DeSensi, and DiVincenzo. I only get emails when Google finds something.

What I have discovered is: Kelly Cryderman is a reporter in Calgary, Alberta, so I get a Cryderman Alert almost daily. Also there are many places named Cryderman (streets and towns) and there are homes for sale in all these places! I have learned that Tyler Seguin is important to the Bruins in the playoffs! Also, there is a lot going on in Seguin, Texas! The Asenlund and Åsenlund Alerts have provided me links to relatives leading to additional genealogy info. One Cryderman Alert yielded a link to an obituary we did not have for a Cryderman in our files. The other Alerts have been unrewarding.

On Facebook, I listed all the Åsenlunds and examined what each was making public. Actually, I am friends with many, but I have been able to add several (distant) cousins based on what these searches have turned up. So, most Åsenlunds are a pretty friendly and open bunch of folks/cousins.

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The June 2011 newsletter is being edited and
formatted by Diane Oslund

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We need a volunteer to do the
September Newsletter so volunteer...

...NOW

Prez message continued:

Internet Searches are more difficult because there is so much stuff to wade thru if you just use a surname or location. But periodically I search, and keep refining my searches, adding and changing keywords, adding and changing locations, religions, nationalities, languages, and time periods to get the "best" link to appear at the top. Sometimes you get a gem worth the effort, just exactly what you need, but sometimes your eyes and fingers just get tired

Good luck in your Summer Researching...

FARTHEST BACK **1723 ITALY**

As you all may know I go to Salt Lake City every year with the Monroe Genealogical Society. A few years back I started researching my dad's side of the family in Italy. I started in a town called Rende and quickly lost them. They reappeared in a town called Rose, and once again disappeared. Finally, I found them in Luzzi, Cosenza, Italy. They stayed there for a few generations before moving on to Luzzi and Rende.

I become curious after gathering information on nine generations as to who these people were in Luzzi. My ninth great-grandfather was Domenico L'Orello. I tried to be satisfied with that, but as time went on I wanted to know more.

This is what I had in my possession. Domenico was born and baptized in Luzzi in 1723. He died there and is buried in the courtyard of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. He married a woman named Angela. The birth date was listed on his

death record. The Mormon records for this particular town only go back to 1809, however, by some chance of fate, Domenico's birth record in Latin was attached to his death record.

After much thought I decided to contact a lady at the Mormon library who translates Italian and ask her if she knew of anyone who might be able to look at the old records in the Church of the Immaculate Conception or go to the courthouse. She put me in contact with a lady who actually runs a business doing genealogy for Italian and Swedish records. Her name is Paola. The first thing Paola told me they would do was have someone in Naples check the census records for Luzzi. It is my understanding that there are some census records in a depository in Naples. We had no luck. Could not even find their name listed in the province of Cosenza. As of today we have received permission from the priest in the town of Luzzi to look at the church records. So I am waiting to see what they find out.

Submitted by: Elena Lovelace



My Wagstaff ancestral line

Who to pick, who to pick. I know this was my idea for something to write about so it should be easier than this to pick the oldest ancestor. It's just that I don't really want to

write about my oldest ancestor. George Valentine Cryderman was born in what is now Germany about 1723. He moved to the area that is now New York by the mid 1750's. When the revolutionary war broke out he was pro-British as were his four sons. The sons all fought for the British and fled to Canada at the end of that war. George died in or about 1780 and it is assumed he is buried in the Old Colonial Cemetery near Johnstown, NY with no marker as was the custom at the time for pro British people. They were usually buried in the dead of night so the 'Americans' would not disturb their graves. Since I have talked about my Cryderman line on numerous occasions I think I can find a different ancestor you haven't already heard so much about to talk about here.

I believe I have ancestors that fought on both sides of the Revolutionary war. The funny thing is they would both come from my maternal grandfather's ancestry. George Cryderman's son Michael (my ancestor) fought for the British. Now to find the one who fought on the other or the 'right' side.

To that end I have recently connected Thomas Wagstaff to one of my female lines.

Thomas Wagstaff was born in 1783 in England. He married Mary (surname not known) who was born 1786 also in England. They came to the U.S. On 14 November 1831 on the ship 'Ajax', arriving at the port of New York. Along with them came their children, George age 19, Thomas age 12, Mary age 9, Henry age 7 & Sarah age 6. According to the 1850 & 1860 census Thomas was an organ maker/builder. They settled in Pulteney Township, Steuben County, NY. Thomas died in 1865 & Mary in 1866. They are buried along with some of their descendants in Glen View Cemetery, in Pulteney, NY.

The youngest daughter, Sarah is my

ancestor. She is the 1st. that I've discovered, to be divorced in my family. In fact she married 3 times and was divorced twice. I descend from her first marriage to George Green. George was a Civil War soldier. He was born in Orange County New York. I wonder if I'll find my American Revolutionary soldier in his ancestry? Alas with a name like Green I have been unable to find George's parents and siblings. I also have a couple more very common name lines that might have that elusive soldier ancestor. Guess I have to keep digging.

Submitted by: Diane Oslund



The Sweeds are a coming...

The furthest-back-ancestors-I-researched – my great-great-grandparents (or as Swedes might say “farmorfarfar och farmorfarmor” - far=father/mor=mother):

Lars Johnson – born January 1836, Sweden, died 17 April 1909, Pittsburgh, PA
 Hannah Pearson Johnson – born 23 October 1836, Akby, Sweden, Died 9 May 1904, McKeesport, PA

My line	Name	born-died	Spouse
Father	Martin Oslund	1919-2008	Anna DeSensi
Grandmother	Edna Johnson	1888-1948	Gustav Åsenlund/Oslund
Great-Grandfather	Martin Johnson	1864-1922	Bothilda Nilson
Great-Great Grandfather	Lars Johnson	1836-1909	Hannah Pearson
Great-Great Grandmother	Hannah Pearson	1836-1904	Lars Johnson

I was lucky growing up. I knew three of my grandparents and I also knew one great-grandparent. Also, I knew the names of all my great-grandparents. As Diane and I researched our families, we learned about ancestors further back. From family lore and some research I learned where my Italian ancestors were from. Also, I learned about my Åsenlund line from family lore and later from cousins in Sweden. But my other Swedish great-grandfather, Martin Johnson, was a mystery, except family lore said he was born in Sweden. But I did not know any more. When did he come to the US? Who were his parents? Where was he born in Sweden?

We visited McKeesport, PA, many times, researching my Johnson family in the McKeesport

Johanne Wolfgang Brautigam

The earliest ancestor that I personally researched, is Johanne Wolfgang Brautigam. When we were in Germany I was able to go to the Suhl area archives. The records were held across from the B&B that we stayed at in Suhl. All were in German, but with the help of a letter we had developed with the assistance of a German friend of Cindy, we were able to look at their books going back to the 1600s. I found a baptism record for Wolfgang Brautigam in Ottowindt, Bavaria, which is almost due South of Suhl. He was baptised in 1699. He is my fourth Great Grandfather.

Submitted by: Mike Brautigan

Heritage Center (<http://www.mckeesportheritage.org/>), the Carnegie Library of McKeesport (<http://www.mckeesportlibrary.org/>), and the McKeesport and Versailles Cemetery (<http://www.mckeesportcemetery.com/>).

We found obituaries, tombstones, census records, all helping to fill out the family, but no clues about parents, immigration or birthplace. In the Versailles Cemetery we noticed a tombstone for John Johnson near the tombstone for Martin Johnson and wife Bothilda.

Finally we ordered a death certificate for Martin Johnson. That gave us Martin's parents names: Lars Johnson and Hannah Pearson. (I am sure these are the Americanized versions of their birth names, most likely their names were Lars Johansson and Johana Persson/Pehrsson.)

From Hannah's obituary we learned the names of children of Lars and Hannah: Martin, John, Jennie Ackerman, Lizzie Gustafson, Josephine Kohler. (Great, now we had spouse names for the females!) Next we tracked down these children. We discovered that the Kohlers later lived in Washington, PA, with a brief time in Ohio, and when my grandparents married, they lived in Washington, PA, just a few blocks from the Kohlers. This was confirmed by Washington, PA, city directories and census records. Most of the Kohler children were born in Pennsylvania; later the Kohlers moved to Chicago, IL. Lars' and Hannah's other children lived, died and were buried in and around McKeesport, PA.

From the US 1900 census, we learned that Lars and Hannah immigrated to the US in 1880 and are naturalized citizens. Both can read and speak English, but cannot write it. They were married for 36 years (in 1864). Lars was a tube worker (worked in one the many mills in McKeesport, PA). Both sons, Martin and John were also tube workers in 1900. Their son Martin came to the US in 1872 at age 18.

We may have found a ship (the Main) passenger list for Lars and Hannah, arriving in New York on May 7, 1880, most recent port of Bremen, Germany, but the ship originated in Sweden, but there are some discrepancies, so this needs more research and analysis.

When I started, I knew the names of my Great Grandparents, so I added a generation to my line and added a few more questions. Yes, I still have work to do:

Is the Main the correct ship that Lars and Hannah came on?

Can I get additional information on Hannah concerning her birthplace in Akby (or Åkby), Sweden?

Was Lars born in the same place as Hannah?

Where were they married?

Can I learn the names of Lars' parents?

Can I learn more about Hannah's parents (Pear Pearson and Penmella)?

Can I get birth/baptism information on the children, since they were all born in Sweden?

Why did Martin come to the US when he was 18 in 1872?

For the questions that concern Sweden, the next question is: Will the Swedish pay sites have the information I need?

Submitted by: Chuck Oslund

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Looking Backward To Our Past