

POCATELLO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

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(There is a charge for the actual information.)

The digital images, on scotlandspeople.gov.uk, the official Government source of genealogical data for Scotland, are of deaths and burials contained in the Old Parish Registers of Scotland (OPRs). The OPRs are the records which the Church of Scotland kept of births and baptisms, banns and marriages and deaths and burials for the 300 years before the start of the civil registration...

Geneally.com is a new dedicated genealogy and family search engine, built from the ground up to create a useful resource for anyone researching their ancestry. Check out the beta site at <http://www.geneally.com>.



Orphan or adoptee - Seemingly, the ultimate brick wall, since the parents' identities may be unknown or purposely concealed.

- amended or delayed birth certificates
- apprenticeships
- censuses
- family interviews
- guardianships and orphans court records
- message boards and support groups
- newspaper adoption notices
- orphan train records
- orphanage records

Problem Ancestors -Cheat Sheet. (Continued on next page)

Immigration Explorer - The New York Times has added a fantastic new interactive map which displays historic U.S. immigration patterns since 1880; what countries the immigrants came from and how much of the population (per county) that they represent. It's a great tool to watch the migration of specific ethnic groups across the United States over time. <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html>

Source: [Kimberly's Genealogy Blog](#), About.com:Genealogy, Friday, March 13, 2009

Michigan Death Certificates 1897-1920 Going Online - The Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan are uploading about one million death records from 1897-1920 to their "Seeking Michigan" website. Currently about 250,000 death certificates have been made available on the website with more being added in the next few weeks. You can download copies of the currently available death certificates for free at: [Michigan Death Records 1897-1920](#)

Source: [Genealogy Roots Blog](#), Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Problem Ancestors - At one time or another, we all run into certain ancestors who cause us genealogical grief. When you encounter one of these problematic people, use our cheat sheet of suggestions.

Black Sheep - The proverbial skeleton in the closet—a convict, outlaw, madam, pirate or other "colorful" character.

- coroner and funeral home records
- court records
- FBI, prison and institutional records
- marriage and divorce records
- message boards
- newspapers and obituaries

Census evader - This individual or family makes an appearance in certain federal enumerations but not others.

- city directories
- Soundex indexes to 1880 and later censuses
- state and territorial censuses
- tax lists

Drifter - Moves around more than a band of gypsies. Shows up in different states and localities; never seems to stay put for an extended period.

- censuses (check birthplace fields)
- city directories
- deeds and land records
- migration and boundary-change maps
- social histories

Fleeting female - She might be the mother whose maiden name eludes you, or the daughter whose marriage you can't pin down.

- court records
- convent records
- marriage and divorce records
- military pension files
- naturalization papers
- newspaper society pages
- records of her husband and siblings

Mystery immigrant - Your missing link to the old country. You might know approximately when he came, but can't retrace his journey or pinpoint his town of origin.

- alien registrations
- censuses (check birthplace and language fields)
- church records
- emigration lists
- ethnic newspapers
- naturalization papers
- newspapers' ship arrival notices
- passenger arrival lists