

# Family History Newsletter

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### Family History Group Meetings

The June meeting will be June 1, 2011.

## Tracing Your Family in Census Records

By Annette Fulford

My husband's great-great grandparents Wilhelm and Elizabeth HEIDRICH came to the United States from Germany in the 1870s according to family stories. The family went to Colorado first but eventually ended up in Minnesota by the time their youngest son was born in 1885.

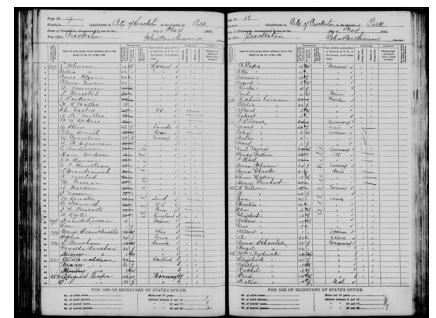
In the United States the government takes a federal census every 10 years. These records start in 1790. Some of the earlier census records are missing or have little information on the family. But starting in the mid-1800s they include information about the family, including full names and details on them. Most of the 1890 census was destroyed by fire so there will be a gap in information on the family. Only a fragment of these records are still available. See Ancestry.com at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=5445> for further information.

If you are fortunate, however, you can also locate your family the one of the many state census records too. These census records are taken every 10 years as well but usually five years after a federal census. Some states have kept their records, while others are no longer available. Be sure to check at Family Search Labs

<https://www.familysearch.org/> to see if the state records you want are online.

I found the HEIDRICH family in all the state and federal census records on microfilm at my local Family History Centre in the 1990s. I had to scroll through these records until I found the family. It's a good thing I wasn't searching for them in any online databases today, though. In each census record that I found them in their name was spelled different. To be sure that I had the correct family, I had to match up the family names and ages in each new record.

First I located them in Louisville, Bolder County, Colorado in the 1880 US Census. Their name was spelled correctly. The father William (Wilhelm) was listed as a Saloon-keeper. Next I located them in Crookston, Minnesota in the 1885 Minnesota State census, the year my husband's great grandfather, Theodore, was born. Their surname was spelled HYDRICK in this census.



"Minnesota State Census, 1885." index and images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/>: accessed 9 May 2011). entry for Wm Kydrick, age 46; citing

Census Records, FHL microfilm 000,565,734;  
State Library and Records Service, St. Paul,  
Minnesota.

With no 1890 US Census to search, I located them in the 1895 Minnesota State census. The family was farming in the area. This time the surname was spelled HEIDFRICH. In the 1900 US census they were still farming at Crookston, Minnesota, but their surname was spelled HEIDREICH this time. In the remaining census years, 1905, 1910 and 1920, their name was spelled the correctly.

This was not my only family to have their names spelled wrong in records. I wrote about my search for the LARWAY family records in June 2004. *The Name Game: How Many Ways Can Your Name Be Spelled?* is available at our local library in the genealogy section. So keep an open mind about the spelling of your family surname in documents, otherwise you might have a difficult time finding them!

### Free Census Resources

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca)

<http://automatedgenealogy.com/>

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

<http://www.freecen.org.uk/>

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

## Online Resources

### New at Ancestry

<http://www.ancestry.co.uk/>

Parish register entries for Liverpool, including both Church of England and Catholic parishes.

### Dead Pubs Website

<http://www.deadpubs.co.uk/>

Records historic information from diverse sources relating to pubs in London and much of the South of England.

### Research in Another Country

Have you ever tried to do research in another country and wondered where to start? Check out some of the many research helps at Family Search [http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/RG/frameset\\_rhelps.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/RG/frameset_rhelps.asp)

Cloverdale Library also has Research Guides for Canada online at

<http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/programs-services/4822.aspx>

## Family History Events

### Abbotsford Genealogical Society

- **Discover the Exciting Changes to the Family Search Website of the LDS Church** with Jean Evans, Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Program

Meetings are normally held at the Clearbrook Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

### BCGS

Meetings are at the Edmonds Community Centre, 7282 Kingsway, Burnaby BC. Visitors are always welcome.

- **Civil Registration Computer - Internet Researching - Tricks for Finding Elusive Ancestors**, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 7:30 pm. Fee: Free.

### Surrey Libraries

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month 9:30 – 10:30am.

- **Start Searching Your Family History** with Brenda Smith, September 19, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21, 2011, 5:30pm – 8:30pm. Fee \$100 for series.
- **Discover Your Past, Discover Yourself!: an Introduction to Family History** with Laurie J. Cooke, Saturday, September 24, 2011, 10:30am – 12:00pm. Fee: \$10.00.

Pre-registration is required – please check the Family History section of the Surrey Libraries website [www.spl.surrey.bc.ca](http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca) or call us at 604-598-7328.

### Vancouver Public Library

- **Resources for Discovering First Nations Heritage**, with Laurie Cooke, Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm in the Alma VanDusen Room, Lower Level, Central Library. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: Free.
- **Chinese Genealogy Research Workshop: Overview**, with May Yan, Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Alma VanDusen Room, Lower Level, Central Library. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: Free.