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Immigrant Ancestors Project

The Immigrants Project team members have moved into beta testing phase. The batches containing documents of German immigrants are given to the volunteers who are working on data extraction. Before they are given documents to extract each volunteer is trained through the online tutorials. As a confirmation that the volunteer is ready for extraction work, each volunteer is asked to take an online test. If a volunteer shows satisfactory skills they are assigned to a supervisor, genealogy-trained students of Brigham Young University, who are assisting the volunteers. The BYU student-extraction supervisors check each entry for accuracy before completed files are added to the Immigrant Ancestors Database.

The Center has also provided the Extraction Software as a tool to aid the volunteers in the process of extraction. The software can be downloaded from Immigrants web site <http://immigrants.byu.edu>.

Currently the center is developing a searchable database that will contain the extracted immigrant data. All data will be available to the public on Immigrant web site. This task should be finished by the end of 2002.

Visitors to this site who would like to contribute funds to support our efforts or who would like to work as volunteers on an aspect of the project are encouraged to send us an e-mail.

(Phase I) Emigrants in German Archives Project:

Since 1996 the students and faculty of the Emigrants in German Archives team have been gathering information about genealogical documents in German archives. The goal is to produce a one-volume guide to the locations of these records. First, surveys were sent to all of the church, national, state, and local archives in Germany. To date 90% of the replies have

been translated into English and compiled into articles about each archive that describe their services, jurisdictions, and collections. During recent months German archives have begun to receive copies of these articles. Archivists are being asked to proofread the articles about their archives, making corrections and additions as needed. So far about 30% have submitted new or changed data. The finished product, *Immigrant Records in German Archives*, should be available by the end of 2002. This book will allow researchers to isolate the location of records from any community in Germany west of the Oder/Neisse Rivers. A later volume will deal with records in Danish, French, Polish, and Russian archives that cover persons living in areas of historical Germany.

(Phase II) British Immigrant Ancestors:

Begun in 2002, the British Immigrant Ancestors phase uses English local records to identify 4-6 million immigrants to the Americas before 1940 and include their names and vital information in a web-based database.

(Part III) Southern Immigrant Ancestors:

Also begun in 2002, the Southern Immigrant Ancestors phase uses French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish local records to identify 4-6 million emigrants to the Americas before 1940 and include their names and vital information in a web-based database.

Family History Services Project

The Family History Services project is working to create an index of every name that appears in approximately 1,500 family files compiled by the

Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Family History Services of Brigham Young University between the mid 1930s and the late 1980s. The names and individual information (including associated names, places, and dates) are included. It is expected that many individuals will be able to locate their ancestors using this reference and avoid duplicating research.

Due to the nature of this project, it will take several years to complete. However, both print and microfiche copies of the indexes will periodically be made available to the public as enough names are compiled to warrant publication.

Huguenot Database

The Huguenot database is being created to produce an Internet-based resource for individuals interested in Huguenot history and genealogy. The project is in the beginning stages. The database is being refined to accept extracted information and then present it in a user-friendly format. Information is first being collected from American colonial records referencing French-speaking immigrants. The project proposes to add data from extant records in European locales where Huguenot originally took refuge. Extraction is currently underway and expected to continue indefinitely. Once initial extraction and organizational issues are resolved, the database will be made available to the public. Volunteers will then be invited to participate in the project by helping with the location and extraction of documents.

MII Project

The MII project, directed by Fred Woods, is an extension of the Mormon Immigration Index CD released by the LDS Church in July 2000. This CD contains LDS immigration history for the years 1840-1890. It links LDS passengers and voyages with over 1,000 first-person accounts. The current project contains immigration history for the years 1891-1925 and will link all known first-person accounts of

Latter-day Saints with their respective passenger and voyager lists. If you would like to submit a first-person account, please send it to:

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Annotated Baptismal Records of the Dead in Nauvoo, Illinois, 1840-1845

The title of the six-volume set being published by the Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University is *Annotated Baptismal Records of the Dead in Nauvoo, Illinois, 1840-1845*. The volumes were compiled by Susan Easton Black and Harvey B. Black and are available for purchase from the Center for Family History and Genealogy.

The multiple volume set represents years of extraction, interpretation and editing. The volumes reveal the names and vital statistics of those who served as proxy for baptisms for the dead in Nauvoo, Illinois from 1840-1845. They also reveal the names and vital statistics of deceased persons for whom proxy baptisms were done. Dates of baptism, officiators, and sources of original holographic information are also available in these volumes. For more information visit: familyhistory.byu.edu.

For more information about any of these projects, contact the Center for Family History and Genealogy at (801) 422-1968 or visit familyhistory.byu.edu.