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SOME COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

These abbreviations might save you some space and time as you write your notes.

abt = about aka = also known as
 anon = anonymous app = appendix
 assn = association BA = Bachelor of Arts
 b = born bap = baptised bur = buried
 ca = about co/Co = county/County
 col = column d = died dau = daughter
 dept = department doc = document
 eg = for example esp = especially
 est = estate etc = et cetera exec = executor
 facs = facsimile fig = figure
 hist = history/historian ie = that is
 ibid = in the same place introd = introduction
 ills = illustrated/illustrator jour = journal
 JP = Justice of the Peace lic = license
 mag = magazine MA = Master of Arts
 Nd = no date Nn = no name Np = no place
 no/# = number PhD = Doctor of Philosophy
 pref = preface R = Range Rev = Reverend
 rev = revised rpt = reprint sec = section
 ser = series soc = society Tp = township
 trans = translator VR = vital record
 vol = volume yr = year

With the increased use of texting on cell phones you can expect thousands of additional abbreviations that will be used in the future in all kinds of correspondence. These are just a few examples that might help you.

The Genealogy Guild is open to anyone who has an interest in genealogy. Anyone, from novices to experienced researchers are welcome. Our next meetings will be held at 12:00 p.m. on December 10, 2009 and the 2nd Thursday of most months in the lower level of the DCHS. Please call 320-762-0382 for next meeting date and location.

WAYS TO CUT YOUR RESEARCH TIME

1. Read up on or talk to people who have used the facility before you. Take a class from trained experts in the field and that facility.
2. Become knowledgeable about the types of records you plan on researching prior to going.
3. Bring blank forms of records you plan to research. Saves you money and time if their equipment is not working.
4. Research a very limited number of people in any single visit. Prevents confusion. Make photo or photo copies of vital records/tombstones just in case you only have this one opportunity to visit the location.
5. Carry the needed supply material you need to complete the project. Pencils, pencil sharpener, notebooks, etc... Bring quarters in old film containers and crisp paper money to run the machines at the facility.
6. Wear clothing that fits the climate of your research area and stuff that has pockets to carry those odds and ends for getting the job done.
7. Make a good impression. Don't be rude, be courteous, be patient with facility staff. Take some time to talk to other folks using the same research area. They might be looking at your family or give you that all important clue that will give you a fresh road to go down in your research journey.