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News & Events

From time to time, we are asked for suggestions on how to publish a family history. To help with this, I've put together an article filled with advice on this topic. To read it, go to www.libraryforlife.org/localhistory/, click on "How-to guides," and then click on "Publishing Your Family History Book."

Librarian Sara Allen has prepared a new, very easy-to-use index to all of the church records that we have on microfilm. It has been added to the "Index to Microfilm" binder available in the Microfilm Room.

Keep your eyes out, too, for Sara's article on SJCPL's microfilmed probate records, which will appear in the next issue of the *South Bend Area Genealogical Society Quarterly Newsletter*.

A New Year's Resolution for 1923

Are you one of the lucky people who has inherited the scrapbooks of previous generations? I am fortunate enough to be the caretaker for my great-grandmother's papers. Like many women of her day (she was born in 1883), she kept little albums filled with "wisdom" and poems from the newspaper, magazines, greeting cards... These little books really provide a window into the past. Some of the material there is quite dated, but some still seems timely today. In honor of the new year, here's one of my favorite nuggets from Grandma Wilson's scrapbook:

"How to be happy:

- "1. See something beautiful every day.
- "2. Learn something new every day.
- "3. Do a kind act every day.

"Try this recipe for happiness for the first week of the New Year, and, if it works, keep on through all the weeks of 1923."

New Items

We have several new items on microfilm that should be of interest to genealogists and historians:

- Records of the First Methodist Church of South Bend, 1834-1931. Purchased from the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City for the Library by the South Bend Area Genealogical Society.
- South Bend Intelligencer*, an early local general-interest newspaper, Nov. 1831-Aug. 1833
- Goniec Polski (Polish Messenger)*, a local Polish-language newspaper, Jan. 1934-Oct. 1940, Mar. 1945-Dec. 1964
- Varosi Elet (City Life)*, a local Hungarian-language newspaper, 1934-1953
- The Reformer*, a local African American newspaper, Sep. 1, 1968-Mary 30, 1971