

UNDERSTANDING THIS BOOK

Everyone in this book is assigned an indexing number. This number may include Roman numerals, alphabetic letters, and Arabic numerals. All husbands and wives share the same indexing number.

Johann and Susanna Thiessen had thirteen children. Each child is assigned a different Roman numeral according to the order of birth. Their grandchildren are numbered according to the order of their birth in each family by adding a capital alphabetic letter to their parent's number. The first child born to Johann and Susanna's first child is therefore, given the number IA. The second child of Johann and Susanna's tenth child is numbered XB. The next generation is numbered in the same manner except Arabic numerals are added. The fourth generation is numbered by adding small alphabetic letters. Thereafter each succeeding generation is numbered by alternately adding an Arabic numeral and a small alphabetic letter.

The indexing number assigned to my Great Grandchild is (XC1a1). This indicates that she is the first (1) child of the first (a) child, of the first (1) child, of the third (C being the third letter of the alphabet) child of Johann and Susanna's tenth (X) child. Since there are five digits in Alicia's index number, this indicates that she is the ~~sixth~~^{5th} generation from Johann and Susanna Thiessen.

Every member of the family tree who is 18 years old or older is given a separate listing. The key to understanding the information listed in this book is given below:

Indexing Number

Husband's Full Name	<u>MARRIED</u>	Wife's Full Name
Birthdate	Date	Birthdate
Birthplace	Place	Birthplace
Date of Death or Present Address		Date of Death or Present Add.
Place of Death or Occupation		Place of Death or Occupation

	<u>CHILDREN</u>	
Number Full Name	Birthdate	Date of Death
