<u>LOVELL'S DIRECTORIES –</u> A MOST VALUABLE GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE:

ABOUT LOVELL'S DIRECTORIES:

- ❖ There are now street directories from 1842 to 1999.
- ❖ Although there is an introduction in English, the site itself is in French, but high school French or a few checks with Google translation will make using it easy. However, even that is not needed if you use Steve Morse's One Step search page for the directories.

 www.stevemore.org
- http://www.stevemorse.org/montreal/montreal.html

The JGS-Montreal web site has links to these directories and many other useful resources for Montreal and Canadian research."

WHAT IS THE EASIEST WAY TO SEARCH LOVELL'S DIRECTORIES?

✓ Log onto:

http://stevemorse.org/

✓ This will take you to:

Webpages by Stephen P. Morse – Search Millions Of Original Documents

✓ Scroll down to:

Births, Deaths, and other Vital Records

✓ Then scroll down to and click on:

Montreal City Directories:

Searching the Montreal City Directories in One Step

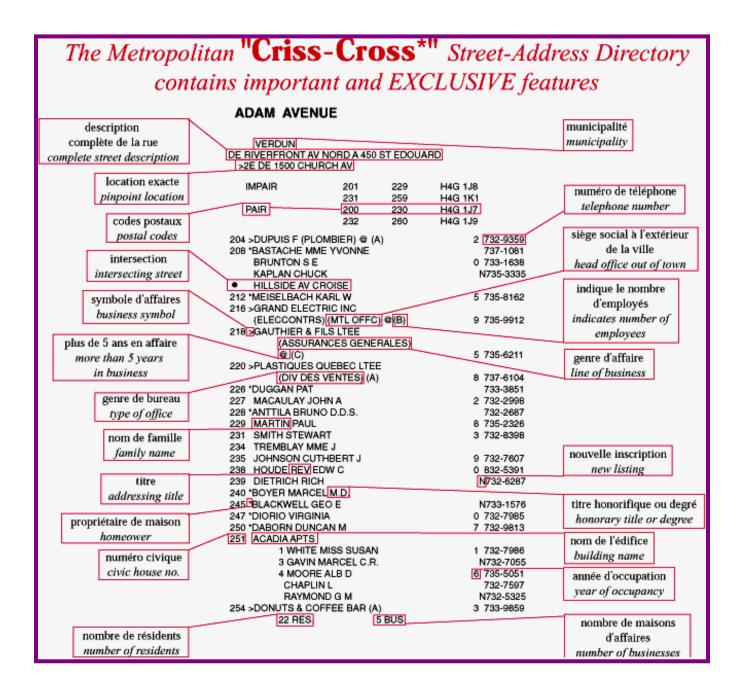
THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN LOVELL'S DIRECTORIES:

- 1. 1935-36 is the first year that an * (asterisk) next to the name indicates that this is the owner of the building.
- 2. The renumbering of the streets took place, first around 1906 when they divided Montreal into East and West
- 3. The second took place in 1926 when they extended St Lawrence down to the waterfront. None of this is mentioned specifically in the Lovells.
- 4. If you take an example of a person living on Sherbrooke Street at the corner of St Lawrence in 1905 and follow them through to 1906/7, you will see the change to East-West.
- 5. Same thing goes for 1926. If you look at the addresses on St Lawrence, corner Sherbrooke Street you will see that they are different from the previous year and that St. Lawrence starts around the de la Commune area instead of St Antoine area.
- 6. Street renumbering probably took place each year due to construction and development of streets.
- 7. 1935-36 was a minor year for street renumbering.
- 8. The major ones are 1906 and 1926. The list of renumbered streets for 1926 is shown in the 1927 directory pages.

LOVELL'S SAYS OF THEIR 'RED BOOK':

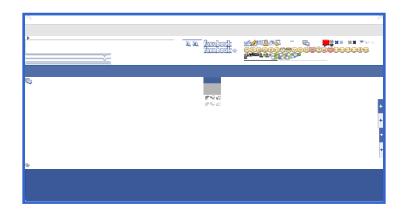
- It identifies callers who leave phone number only.
- It identifies as business or residential.
- It identifies callers who leave name and phone No. but not Company name.
- It obtains names of all firms operating under same phone no.
- It ascertains correct names on poorly written or misspelled messages.
- It decodes "blind" telephone numbers.
- It finds out names of advertiser in "blind" classified Ads.
- It authenticates phone solicitations. Ask for phone number, then verify.

THE "CRISS-CROSS" STREET-ADDRESS DIRECTORY:



AND NOW FOR...

FACEBOOK!



Facebook, Facebook Groups and individual searching:

- > A good example is one group called "Genealogy Bank", with 221 members.
- > Other groups with common interests in various shtetls or common family names are springing up every week.
- > Family groups "reunions" are becoming very common what better way to find relatives?
- > Study groups are springing up the latest one is "Where genealogy and spirit connect with Arthur Kurzweil, "Author of From Generation to Generation", given online at a specified time in time zones.
- Facebook is no longer a mere social networking tool for young people - it has fast become a very useful resource for genealogists, too.

http://www.facebook.com/home.php