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NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 20, 1992

PROGRAM: JARGON & TOOLS GENEALOGISTS USE

The panel of speakers from our own SRVGS membership and their topics are:

MARILYN FULLAM, the "Cousin Chart";
MARY McNAMARA, the "Family Group Chart";
SHIRLEY TERRY, the "Ahnentafel";
CINDY WHEELER on the "Soundex".

Broaden your understanding of the terms you encounter in genealogical research and learn how you can better make use of these tools in your own work.

---Sandy Aberer and Bette Kot, Program

LAST MONTH

by Jane Steiner

Allison Voight Hamaker, a young and enthusiastic speaker gave many excellent suggestions on writing the stories of your relatives' lives. She was one of eight children and has six children of her own, so the family becomes a very large group when they meet annually to camp together.

Her father was not a talkative man, and she realized that she knew very little about his early years. So she made a list of 84 questions to take to the family camp and asked him 10 or so each day. These started by going through the various places he had lived through his life.

Then she made a list of questions for her grandfather, who is 89. But when she called to ask if she could come and ask him some of them he said "no" -- each time she called. Finally her grandmother said to come anyway and as the two women talked, her grandfather would get involved. He did.

She asked each of them to read and correct the first drafts, feeling that she could easily have

gotten some of the facts wrong. Then she produced the final copy, added pictures, and had it printed or photo copied and bound.

She always uses archival-quality supplies in these books because she wants them to last for many, many years. Some she puts into a hard cover using acid-free "boards" for the front and back covers and the spine. She gets pieces of leather on sale at a leather store or uses closely woven fabric and clues the three board pieces to the material, folding and gluing the material to make neat corners. Finally she adds colorful "end papers." She had samples of the various bindings and covers she has used.

She has culled her two lists of questions and developed a *generic* list of 70 questions which were included in her handout. Beside these her handout contained tips on organizing the text material, obtaining the necessary supplies, and making a hard cover.

I couldn't help but envy Allison for getting started on these life stories while she was so young. I wish I had done so while my parents were living.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 14 - **Wednesday 10AM East Bay GS Meeting**, Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Av, Oakland. Panel: "Roundtable on Ohio" with Helen Hawkins, Jane Cassidy & others.
- 15 - **Thursday 1-3PM Mt Diablo GS Meeting** at Home Federal S&L Meeting Room, 1938 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Speaker: Vlad Shkurkin "Tuscarora Connection".
- 17 - **Saturday - 8AM-4PM SEMINAR** at the Concord FHC, LDS Church, 3700 Concord Blvd: two-hour class on "Preservation" by Julia Purdie and a 4-hour class on "Organization of your Genealogical Records" by Bette Kot. Co-sponsored by CCCGS & the FHC. Bring a sack lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Cost \$10. For information call: Susan 510/372-6996 or Leigh 510/254-9024.
- * 20 - **Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Meeting**; 12:30PM ROOTS III group [see p27]
- * 21 - **Wednesday 10AM German Interest Group**; 10AM Irish Interest Group; 1PM California Interest Group [see p27]
- 24 - **Saturday 9:30AM - 1PM National Archives Workshop** [see p29 for complete schedule].
- 27 - **Tuesday SRVGS Library Trip** [see p27]; 9AM-12 National Archives Workshop [see p29]
- * 28 - **Wednesday 10AM Publishing Interest Group** [see p27]
- 31 - **Saturday 10AM-noon PAF User's Group**, Concord Family History Center, 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord. No meeting in November; next meeting will be on December 5.

NOVEMBER

- * 3 - **Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Board Meeting** at Frances Lloyd's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!
- 7 - **Saturday The SRVGS-CCCGS jointly-sponsored Seminar** has been postponed to Feb or Mar.
- * 10 - **Tuesday 10AM Southern Interest Group** [see p27]; 7:30PM Livermore-Amador GS Meeting at Congregation Beth Emek, 1886 College Av, Livermore. Call Jolene Abrahams 447-9386.
- 12 - **Thursday 7:30PM Contra Costa GS Meeting**, City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr, Concord. Program: Richard Boucher "General Ramblings of a French-Canadian".
- 14 - **Saturday 9AM-4PM Scandinavian Research Seminar**. Speaker Carl-Erik Johansen at Ampex Cafeteria, 401 Broadway, Redwood City, \$17 before 4 Nov, \$20 at door. Make check payable to San Mateo Co GS; mail to SMC GS - Scandinavian Seminar, PO Box 5083, San Mateo, CA 94402-0083. For information call 415/329-9941.
- * 17 - **Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Meeting**. Speaker: Barbara Edkin "Getting the Most Out of Census Records"

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A BIT OF HALLOWEEN HISTORY

The origin of Halloween was probably the 2000-year-old Celtic Feast of the Dead. The feast began on Oct 31, the eve of winter and of the Celtic New Year. The Celts thought this night a "crack in time" when the dead could revisit the living.

In the 9th century, the church Christianized the feast by naming Nov 1 the Feast of All Saints (or All Hallows) and Nov 2 the Feast of All Souls. Children would go "a-souling" or begging for sweet soul cakes in return for prayers for the dead -- probably the origin of "trick or treat."

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And HAVE YOU WRITTEN up your own childhood Halloween doings to add to your archive of family stories?

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SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

CALIFORNIA - Meets 1PM on the third Wednesday at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). Next meetings: October 21 & November 18.

GERMAN - The group will meet 10AM each 3rd Wednesday (only if it follows the general meeting) at Shirley Terry's, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon (829-7787). Next meetings: October 21 & November 18. Call Shirley to confirm.

IRISH - Meets 10AM each third Wednesday of the month at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). Next meeting: October 21 & November 18.

PUBLISHING - Meets on the last Wednesday 10AM. Next meeting: October 18 at Shirley Terry's, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon (829-7787). Contact Jane Steiner 283-0867. Note our most recent published author on page 33.

ROOTS III - Meets 12:30PM on the third Tuesday at Montair School, Room 301. Bring a "brown bag" lunch. Please do not park in school parking lot. Next meeting: October 20. Contact Cindy Wheeler (743-1322).

SOUTHERN - Meets 10AM each second Tuesday. Next meeting: November 10 at Bea O'Rand's, 16 Ashford Ct, Alamo (837-1760). Topic: Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma & Texas.

ATTENTION INTEREST GROUP CHAIRPERSONS: Please report programs and changes to Wendy Habermehl 829-8339

◀ RESEARCH HELPS ▶

TIPS FROM MEMBERS

FROM NANCY WILLIAMS - A free genealogical column (queries) is published from time to time in The Kentucky Advocate newspaper. The column is called "Looking Back". Address: The KY Advocate, 330 Fourth St., Danville, KY 40422. They are also looking for photos that are older than 25 years that show people or places in Boyle, Mercer, Lincoln, Garrard or Casey counties (KY). Include any information available about the photo, including names of those pictured. They welcome family portraits, street scenes, photos of buildings or houses that are now gone. They cannot reproduce newspaper clippings. Photos will be mailed back if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included.

MAP SOURCES

You can obtain several publications from the US Geological Survey by calling the USGS hotline: 1-800-872-6277 (1-800-USA-MAPS). All are free of charge.

A 12-page booklet "Maps Can Help You Trace Your Family Tree" is an introduction to what a genealogist needs to know to access not only USGS maps, but also maps in the Library of Congress, National Archives, and others sources.

An 18-page booklet listing "Map Information Sources" gives addresses and phone numbers of many commercial firms and professional societies. Some of these offer historical and specialty, as well as foreign maps.

At the same time, you can ask for any state index and price list for the USGS topographical maps. [Editor's note: Although they say to allow 6-8 weeks to receive your mailing, mine arrived in just one week.]

EARLY MAPS: When shopping for maps, ask for the earliest ones made, not the latest, suggests Elsie Savell, NGC [via NNY-BBS July 1992]. Earlier maps have fewer superhighways and shopping centers obscuring the terrain.

the best for genealogical and historical purposes. Sometimes the actual buildings of our ancestors are on them and old cemeteries are clearly marked even if the church buildings have changed denominations through the years. Every water source that existed at the time the map was made -- springs, creeks, ponds, not to mention big rivers are on the maps. Sometimes they will even show windmill-wells and flowing wells. [from USGS & Elsie Savell on NNY-BBS]

IN HONOR OF COLUMBUS DIARY OF COLUMBUS IN SPANISH RECORDS.

The University of Florida is computerizing the records of 10 Spanish noble families to make the documents available for study.

Michael Gannon is director of the Institute for Early Contact Period Studies which is overseeing the effort to copy onto optical disks millions of pages of historical documents dating back hundreds of years.

The project will take a

decade even though it takes less than 30 seconds to copy each page. The Spanish records are a treasure of information for researchers and has already uncovered an abstracted diary of the 1492 voyage of Christopher Columbus which had never been cataloged.

For more information, contact Michael Gannon, 424 Little Hall, U of FL, Gainesville, FL 32611 [From The Chronicle of Higher Education, Jan 22 1992 "Information Technology" by David L. Wilson via CSGA n/1 Feb-Mar 92]

DIGITIZING SPANISH DOCUMENTS

In a recent issue of *Computer Currents*, Barbara and John McMullen reported on a project to preserve more than eight million fragile documents, volumes, and maps that relate to Spain's exploration of the New World. The IBM Spain Scientific Center in Madrid, in collaboration with the Ramon Areces Foundation and Spain's Ministry of Culture, is using image processing to scan the fragile handwritten documents into digitized image which are then stored on optical disks. The information can be retrieved and displayed on an IBM PS/2.

In order to improve readability, the software will permit zooming in on a section of a document or changing contrast. Arthur Hill, the IBM spokesperson, said "This collaboration by IBM is being done for research purposes and is not a commercial project. It is a big job and will take many years to complete. The work completed by 1992 will be demonstrated during the events celebrating the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to America." [from NGS/CIG Digest May/June 1990 via CCCGS CIG Aug 91]

HISPANIC RESEARCH - A list of publications and research services is available from Hispanic Family History Research, 4522 Indian Hill, Riverside, CA 92501.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

[For those in favor of turning Columbus Day into Indigenous Peoples Day]

US 1492 POPULATION: How many Indians were there estimated to be in the continental US when the white man arrived? An educated estimate was once made by statistician Henry R. Schoolcraft in the 1850's. He came up with the estimate of 240,000. Today his estimate appears very conservative, for many families practiced agriculture, and could produce enough food on ten acres for a survival diet, which was about all many Indian families expected. The Columbia encyclopedia estimates there were 900,000 Indians north of Mexico in 1492.

[From the Out West newspaper 1992 via The Root Digger Qly, Fall 1992]

HISTREE: For those interested in Native American research, a list of publications is available from Histree, 23011 Moulton Parkway, D-12, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. This company also has a large collection of maps available for purchase.

INDIAN RECORDS: Although your American Indian ancestors are obviously not eligible for inclusion on the Ellis Island wall, many of their records are now housed in the National Archives Branch in Fort Worth, TX. Material on the five major US tribes are included. You need to check the jurisdiction of these important records before requesting information from the

Archives at PO Box 6128, Fort Worth, TX 76115. [Decatur IL GS July 91 via CCCGS N/L Oct91]
TRACES, INC P.O. Box 226B, Harrison AR 72604 is offering a trip to "Find Your Indian Princess", Oct 26-29. Includes admission to Cherokee Cultural Ctr. Cherokee Natl Hist. Soc., Fed'l Records Ctr, Ft Worth, and help from Native-American Research Specialists.

[CSGA N/L Sep 92]

WAS COLUMBUS REALLY A NORWEGIAN?

Norwegians have been miffed for centuries about Columbus stealing credit from Leif Ericson for discovering the New World. Now a Norwegian maritime history writer says it really makes no difference because Columbus may have been Norwegian.

Tor Busch Sannes' book "Christopher Columbus -- A European from Norway?" suggests that Columbus was a Norwegian nobleman named Christopher Bonde who discovered America in 1477, not in 1492. Sannes does not claim to have definitive proof but cites a series of coincidences, historical fact and imaginative interpretation he hopes historians will investigate further. [from an AP story by Doug Mellgren Mar 6, 1991]

NORWEGIAN RESEARCH

The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has published the 7th edition of the book "How to Trace Your Ancestors in Norway. It is free and may be obtained by writing Norwegian Information Service, 825 3rd Av, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10022. [from SMC GS Oct 91]



LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

● SRVGS LIBRARY TRIPS by Cindy Wheeler

The October library trip will be to the California State Library in Sacramento. Interested members can meet to carpool at 8AM in back of Lucky's on Diablo Road, Danville on Tuesday, October 27. Those living north of Danville may call Mary Jo Hosteny (932-2244) for an alternate carpool site. An interest list will be circulated at our October meeting. This month only, if you are unable to attend or would like to carpool, please call Carol Glover at 829-7207. Likewise, if you find you aren't able to come (after signing up) please let Carol know so that the group doesn't wait unnecessarily.

The September trip to the Mayflower drew only two people, neither of which had ever been there before! Both Jo Bolenbaker and Cindy Wheeler found New England items of interest and felt the trip very worthwhile. The library was easy to find and parking was right across the street! Also, BART stops only a couple of blocks away at the City Center. The staff was very helpful and there's a great deli upstairs for lunch! Consider a visit if you've never been there.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

SRVGS member Arlene Grimes received, from a friend in the building trade, a copy of an ad in the Daily Pacific Builder (Mar 4, 1992) requesting bids on the

"CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES. Project comprises construction of 4 to 6 story building, approximately 430,000 square feet floor area, over one level of underground parking and service facilities."

Arlene thought other genealogists might like to look forward to a Class A building and Parking if this is still in the California budget!

● NATIONAL ARCHIVES 1992-93 WORKSHOPS

The National Archives-Pacific Sierra Region is presenting a series of genealogical workshops. All will be held at the Archives, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno. Enrollment is limited. For reservations contact Rose Mary Kennedy at (415)876-9009. Single part workshops are \$10; two-part workshops are \$25.

October 24 9:30AM - 1:30PM
"Building on the Basics: Intermediate Genealogy, Part I"

by Annette Lutnesky Perry, Genealogist, Library, Teacher [see Nov 7 for second part]

October 27 9:00AM - noon
"Military and Merchant Marine Records" Rose Mary Kennedy & Neil Thompson, Archives Staff
November 5 9:00AM - noon
"Preserving Your Paper Heirlooms", Jane Klinger, Conservator

November 7 9:30AM - 1:30PM
"Building on the Basics: Intermediate Genealogy Part II" Annette Lutnesky Perry
February 26, 1993, 9:00AM - noon "Using National Archives Regional Sources: A Basic Workshop" Rose Mary Kennedy
Dates to be announced -

"Greasing the Wheels: Advanced Genealogy (part I and part II) Annette Lutnesky Perry
May (date & time to be announced) - "Chinese Family History: Finding Personal and Business Records" Waverly Lowell, Director, Pacific Sierra Region

June 18 9:00AM - 1:00PM
"Passenger Arrival and Naturalization Records" Rose Mary Kennedy

August (date & time to be announced) "Using National Archives Regional Sources: A Basic Workshop" Rose Mary Kennedy

ARCHIVES NEWS: All 544 rolls of "The General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934" have now been received through donated funds and are available for inspection.

- FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RESEARCH OUTLINES - If you've been using the FHL series of Research Outlines for each state (available for about \$12.50 for the entire set from the FHL), you know how helpful they are. They were designed to guide the genealogist through the major sources available as well as to give addresses of other major repositories of information for doing research in an individual state.

The FHL has now expanded these outlines to include countries and topics beyond the US. Recently sent to the Family History Centers are research outlines on England, Latin America, Norway, the Philippines, and How to Use LDS Records. The FHL has given permission for these to be copied and sold at cost by the Centers. Ask for copies pertaining to your areas of interest at local FHCs. [CSGAN/L Oct 1992] Editor's note: They have them in the Oakland FHC.

NEW IGI - The February 1992 edition of the US/Canada and British Isles IGI has arrived in Oakland FHC. Other areas are still the 1988 edition (as of Oct 7) but new sections are arriving weekly.

● **SOLANO CO GS LIBRARY**

has a new book compiled by member Luverne Harstine. "DAR New Ancestor Records April 12, 1983 - October 13, 1991". The records were taken from all the DAR magazines between the dates above and put on computer by Luverne. The 155-page book is the only one printed. The library is located in the Old Town Hall, 620 Main St. in Vacaville, open every Monday (except federal holidays) and every 3rd Saturday 10AM-2PM. Closed from Thanksgiving through New Years Day. [SCGS N/L Aug-Sep 1992]

- **CGS LIBRARY** - On Sunday, November 1, the CGS Library, 300 Brannan St, SF will be open to Beginners: people who want to trace their family history but don't know where to start. Assistance in using the library will be provided by CGS members. The day will be free for members and \$5 for non-members. Call the library (415/777-9936) to reserve a space. [from Jane Steiner]

● **BOOK REVIEWS**

by Mary Jo Hosteny

- **CRADLED IN SWEDEN** by Carl-Erik Johansson. Pub. by Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, UT, 1972. Soft cover 8.2x11, 205 pp. 3rd ed, 1981.

This would appear to be an invaluable source for anyone researching a Swedish genealogy. The Table of Contents, in lieu of an index, lists information on the language and country, names of

places and persons, the archival resources, feastdays, the handwriting, emigration, census and land records, court records and military records, and an extensive bibliography. The appendixes list Swedish Army units in several orders, probate records, and an index of all parishes in Sweden.

Irregularities in the printing process may make portions of some pages difficult to decipher. Nevertheless, recommended. Available from Genealogical Resources.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Jo was even thinking of us while on vacation in Chicago & Michigan and brought back some reviews of interesting books found in libraries there. See below. We'll have more in future newsletters.]

- **GENEALOGIST'S HANDBOOK FOR ATLANTIC CANADA RESEARCH** Ed. by Terrence M. Punch. Publ. by New England Historic and Genealogical Society, Boston, 1989, hard cover, 142 pp.

This hand little book for the eastern Canada researcher covers New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. It is intended to be a companion to the similarly named book for research in New England, and a guide to the location of records, repositories and genealogical societies in Atlantic Canada. Genealogists will find themselves tracking relevant church registers for their information since no provincial or municipal registration of vital events was required until the latter part of the 19th century. Also naturalization files do not exist in the quantity in which we know them, and there are few

military records for the colonial period.

Each section of this valuable little book is headed by a sketch of the province concerned and gives a brief history of it. The follows a listing of the major repositories of vital records, censuses, land, probate, church and cemetery records. A list of genealogical societies and libraries is given for the help of the researcher. Recommended.

● **COMPUTER CORNER**

FAMILYSEARCH AT HOME
FamilySearch is the CD-ROM system distributed by the LDS Church to its Family History Centers for use by patrons. The Church has also signed a distribution agreement with Dynix Corp., a library systems developer, to market FamilySearch to libraries and other institutions or organizations, including local user groups. The Church has now decided to distribute FamilySearch to individual users. They plan to sell a package consisting of the search software on floppy disks and the six or so Ancestral File CD-ROMs with special pricing on groups of IGI CD-ROMs and other products. Pricing has not yet been set.

[Gary Hoffman, Aug 92, via NNY-BBS]

MAC ALERT

When submitting information to Salt Lake for inclusion in the Ancestral File from a Macintosh computer, be sure to mark your disk in large letters in RED: "MACINTOSH FORMAT". This advice is from the FamilySearch Support Unit in SLC. The 3-1/2" disk can be either Mac or IBM format, and unless Macintosh is clearly marked, a processor will likely try to read it as IBM and cause the disk to be returned marked "damaged" or "unreadable".

[More COMPUTERS on p34]

NEW TAPESADDENDUM TO TAPE LIST IN 1992-93 S.R.V.G.S. HANDBOOK
Tapes Added to Library September 1992

- C-98 DEVELOPING A FAMILY ASSN & PUBLISHING A FAMILY MAGAZINE
 Triad FKCM 03 Mary McCollam Harter
- C-99 PRESERVING AND WEIGHING FAMILY TRADITIONS
 Triad FKCM 36 Marsha Hoffman Rising
- C-100 BY-PASSING OBSTACLES CONFRONTING YOUR SOUTHERN PEDIGREE
 Triad FKCM 55 Arlene H. Eakle
- C-101 PROBATE IN ENGLAND: BASICS FOR EFFECTIVE RESEARCH
 Triad DCA 12 Anthony J. Camp
- C-102 SCOTLAND: LAND AND CHURCH RECORDS
 Triad DCA 72 Patrick Cadell
- C-103 GEN. WRITING #1: HOW TO IMMORTALIZE YOUR RESEARCH W/O
 TOO MANY HEADACHES Triad DCA 1 Eliz. Shown Mills
- C-104 GEN. WRITING #2: HOW TO IMMORTALIZE YOUR RESEARCH W/O
 TOO MANY HEADACHES Triad DCA 121 Eliz. Shown Mills
- C-105 TRACING THE POOR AND LANDLESS IN IRELAND
 Triad DCA 149 Fergus Gillespie
- C-106 KENTUCKY LAND: DEEDS AND RELATED RECORDS
 Triad DCA 158 Ann Walcher Wellhouse
- C-107 THE PROFESSIONALS LOOK AT ADOPTION RESEARCH
 Triad DCA 174 Austin, Hinckly, Rising
- C-108 SOUTHERN MIGRATION TO MIDWEST
 Triad SPM 05 Lloyd DeWitt Bockstock
- C-109 VERMONT SOURCES: WHERE ARE THEY AND HOW DO WE USE THEM?
 Triad SPM 08 George Freeman Sanborn, Jr.
- C-110 RESEARCH IN PENNSYLVANIA
 Triad SPM 13 Antoinette J. Segraves
- C-111 THE AMERICAN LOYALISTS: EXILES OR REFUGEES?
 THREE GEOG. AREAS -- ONTARIO, MARITIMES & E.QUEBECK
 Triad ROC 06 E.Sewell, Betty ?, D.Martin,G.Rogers
- C-112 USING A COMPUTER TO WRITE AND PUBLISH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY
 HOW COMPUTERS & WORD PROCESSING SOFTWARE...FOR
 REPRODUCTION, PRINTING AND BINDING
 Triad ROC 38 Dr. Stanley Ames
- C-113 TRACING FAMILIES -- W. RESERVE IN OHIO BACK TO CT
 Triad ROC 43 Kip Sperry

TAPE REVIEWS by SHIRLEY SIEMS TERRY

Listening to tapes is a wonderful way to learn good research techniques and special sources for specific areas. This batch of 16 new tapes includes three favorite speakers: Marsha Rising, Elizabeth Mills and Arlene Eakle. They are true professionals who speak to the tape audience as much as to those at the conference. The two tapes on "GENEALOGICAL WRITING ..." will be checked out as one since C-104 is really a continuation of C-103.

C-98 DEVELOPING A FAMILY ASSN & PUBLISHING A FAMILY MAGAZINE
Tape Speaker: Mary McCollam Harter

Mrs. Harter is not the best speaker and she gives more of her Henckel/Hinkel family history than we want to know, but the family has had a family organization for almost 100 years with a history of publishing. She gives information learned from years of experience regarding what works and what does not.

C-110 RESEARCH IN PENNSYLVANIA
Tape Speaker: Antoinette J. Segraves

Antoinette Segraves is an excellent, knowledgeable, clear, no-nonsense speaker who gives a comprehensive history of PA courts, churches, militia and where their records can be found. She also discusses the published PA Archives series.

C-111 THE AMERICAN LOYALISTS: EXILES OR REFUGEES?
Tape Speakers: Eliz Sewell, Betty ?, and Jerry Rogers

There is some background noise, especially on side one, which made it difficult to understand in my car due to road noise. When I gave it another try in the house (same recorder), it was O.K. Eliz. Sewell gives interesting definitions of Loyalists, Tories, etc. and speaks on Ontario research. Betty tells of hardships endured by the Loyalists who settled in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The Quebec speaker, Jerry Rogers, near the end of side one, was the best speaker. Introductions were by Dorothy Martin.

C-112 USING A COMPUTER TO WRITE AND PUBLISH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY
Tape Speaker: Dr. Stanley Ames

The 1990 Rochester conference program's description of this workshop stated: "The discussion of how the use of a computer and word processing software has revolutionized the editing and preparation of copy for publication. Tips on how to get 'camera-ready copy' which is set for reproduction, printing and binding."

This tape would be excellent help for those wanting to publish using word processing programs. Specific routines for WordPerfect users can be adapted to other software. Shirley has his book, "How to Write and Publish Your Family History Using WordPerfect."

SRVGS MEMBERSHIP NEWS

● WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

FIELDING, BETTY 3170 Plymouth Rd., Lafayette 94549 (930-8958).

HENRICKSON, HARRIETTE, 1253 Summit Rd, Lafayette 94549 (935-6280)

JAMES, MURIEL 725 St. Mary's Rd, Lafayette 94549 (283-2352)

McCUE, IRMA H. 2796 Tahoe Dr, Livermore 94550 (443-1512)

PEGUES, LESLIE 101 Madora Pl, San Ramon 94583 (803-1607)

PITT, CONNIE 4151 Suffolk Way, Pleasanton 94588 (846-0383)

SALTGAVER, PAT 777 Lido Dr, Livermore 94550 (443-0693). Researching: THOMAS, Rutherford Co, TN; COLLIER, Montgomery Co, TN.

WEILAND, CAROLYN W. 1156 Running Springs Rd #7, Walnut Creek, CA 94695 (939-2332). Researching: SANDERS & HENRY, TN; OTT & TISON, AL.

● ADD RETURNING MEMBERS TO YOUR DIRECTORY:

EWING, MARYHELEN 1033 Upper Happy Valley, Lafayette 94549-2829 (283-1304)

KURY, MARY C. 3575 Old Blackhawk Rd, Danville 94506 (736-6236)

● CHANGE ADDRESS FOR:

HABERMEHL, WENDY 4220 Canyon Crest Rd West, San Ramon 94583 (829-8339)

● SAN FRANCISCO 1890 GREAT REGISTER

FROM JANE STEINER: The California Genealogical Alliance has asked the genealogical societies in California to help index the 1890 Voters' Registers for their various counties to help replace the 1890 Census.

The California Genealogical Society is planning to index the San Francisco County Great Register. Since San Francisco had more residents than the entire rest of the state, CGS is asking for help from other societies. The 1890 register is contained on five rolls of microfilm (not 70, as previously thought) of printed cards made from the original registers.

The indexing will be done at the CGS Library, 300 Brannan Street (at the corner of 2nd St) in San Francisco. It is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9AM to 4PM. A computer will be set up next to a microfilm reader so that the keyboard can be used in front of the film reader. Volunteers for the indexing

should be typists but need not be computer literate. Some proof readers will also be needed.

If you would like to help with this project, please call the CGS Library during the hours they are open (415/777-9936). You may volunteer for a half or full day.

We hope to have the project under way by the end of October or first of November. Societies that furnish volunteers will be mentioned in the credits.

● NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S MESSAGE

NO NEWSLETTER? - The Post Office returned to us one badly-mangled September newsletter -- the return address was still there but not the address label, so we have no idea whose it was. If you do not receive your newsletter in the week following the second Tuesday, please call Barb Dittig or Lucy Carver [see p. 26].

INDEX - We still have some 1991-92 Newsletter Indexes left from the September meeting. You can pick one up at the October meeting or send the editor a SASE [enclose a loose 29-cent stamp to cover cost of printing].

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER - Marilyn Fullam will be completing and editing the Nov/Dec issue. Please get items to me before October 18. I'd like to give Marilyn a nearly-completed newsletter disk. After October 18, anything for the newsletter goes to Marilyn.

● A NEW BOOK

Congratulations to SRVGS member JIM DOTSON on the completion and publication in September of *RICHARD DOTSON (1752-1847) AND HIS DESCENDANTS* by James M. Dotson and Barr Wilson (who lives in WVA). Containing 440 pages (6x9), 21 photos, and 3 maps, it is indexed (7000 names) and off-set printed on acid-free paper, softbound with perfect binding. The book is about Jim's Revolutionary War patriot ancestor born in Frederick Co. VA, who moved his family to present day Doddridge Co, WVA. He had three wives and fourteen children. Eleven of the fourteen chapters of the book trace known descendants.

This is Jim's second genealogy book, the first being *Dotson Land Grants 1804-1865*. Jim also assisted in the publication of his wife Irma's *San Ramon Branch of the Southern Pacific*. The Publishing Interest Group has followed with great interest Jim's progress from electronic scanning of typewritten text through the selection of

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printer and final results. He survived the failure of the hard-drive on his older Mac earlier this year because everything was backed-up on floppies.

Jim has presented a copy of both of his books to SRVGS. If you would like a copy of his latest for your own, he is selling it for \$20 -- obviously, not a profit-making venture! But he has the satisfaction of a job completed and WELL-DONE.

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● NEW on NNY-BBS

From CCCGS-CIG (October 1992): As of the twelfth of August, Douglas Smith at NNY-BBS is receiving eight new echo areas. Typing in the Area number at the Message Area prompt will get you into them. The areas are as follows:

43 REUNIONS Announcements of family reunions

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46 TEXAS_REUNIONS From TX State GS

47 TSGS_GENE - Texas State GS

48 TRAIL - Oregon Trail

49 NZ GENEALOGY - New Zealand Genealogy

50 PAF - PAF Users Group

Doug has also added SPANISH.GEN (area 41) with Spanish as the basic language and secondary languages of Portuguese and English.

GENEA.BNL (area 42) is also new. It covers Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland. It is a multi-lingual echo, and English is NOT the primary language.

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