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THIS MONTH - June 19, 2001 MEN IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 1890

Jane Steiner, one of our members, will be our speaker on the topic of "Men in San Francisco in 1890". She was the director of the CGS 1890 voter registration project - 57,000 entries. Jane is well known in genealogy. For over 20 years, she has served the California Genealogical Society as its president, vice-president, treasurer, newsletter editor, program chairperson and chairperson of its annual Family History Fair. She was also involved in the move of the Society's facility from San Francisco to Oakland.

Jane has been very active in our SRV Genealogy Society as Recording Secretary (90-91), reporter for the newsletter since 1992, and was one of the primary persons in the publishing guide for family historians. The money raised from this project was used to start the book collection at the Danville Library and to fund the storage units for the Audio Cassette Library Collection.

LAST MEETING- May 15, 2001 SHOW AND TELL - By Members of the Society

Notes by Lee Schlenker

I love a nice story or a great story told by someone who is passionate about what they are telling you. Our May speakers were just that, plus they had wonderfully found treasures linked with a story!

(1) Millie Freitas told of her Portuguese grandfather and his brother arriving in San Francisco with the rumor that they jumped ship. So the search was on to find out where they had disappeared. The 1900 census proved to hold some clues and she found one or the other working in the San Joaquin and San Ramon Valleys. There were 11 children born to the Noyas. The term "val" (valley) came up often in Millie's research - but which "val"? In talking with cousins, an only sister was found. In talking with other folks from the area, helpful hints came about. Her search took her to Massachusetts and the state of Washington. She ran across an envelope addressed to John Noya, RFD, Merced, CA. Millie wrote to churches and county recorders, and finally the burial plots were located. Millie's advice: Look closely at items in your research.

(2) Marilyn Tanner brought a pewter presentation goblet from the Civil War which was given to her by a cousin insisting she should have the direct "Tanner" side of the family heirloom. The goblet was extremely black with age.

In cleaning the goblet with the traditional cigar ashes mixed with linseed oil, the name of a Capt. Davenport appeared. In NARA, she found his pension records for the 75th Ohio regiment (which turned out to be sort of a renegade regiment). From the Internet, she found a long article on the activities of the Regiment as a separate group that destroyed stores for the blockade runners in Florida. Capt. Davenport was shot in the thigh, taken prisoner in South Carolina, released in 1865 to return home and marry his sweetheart. He applied for his pension in 1889.

(3) Rae Atwood shared a spoon with a small paper attached. The story goes that a bank in Walnut Grove (south of Sacramento) called one day regarding a safe deposit box which they had in her husband's grandfather's name. He had died in 1943 and would they be interested in the contents? Their first thought was, "how much are WE going to owe on this box, from 1943?". The bank waved the charges and inside the box were insurance papers, rings, inverted cameos, a spoon matching her mother-in-law's silver set and a spoon wrapped with a small piece of paper. On this paper was a brief lineage history and the women's

names to whom the spoon had been passed. Upon talking with an antique dealer, Rae got the year the spoon could have been made (1773) and the maker. From the 1900, 1910 and 1920 San Joaquin County census birth records, and books, she could trace her in-laws to the East coast and into Plainsfield County, Connecticut where she searched cemeteries to verify grave markers. She was able to trace backward to the Mayflower. All this research finally lead her to Lodi cemetery, and then to the local paper archives where she found a trial regarding Levi Atwood not being paid for land usage. That was a "big deal" in Lodi at the time. Rae showed a 50th anniversary picture of the relatives and she stated that one of the rings found in the safe deposit box was worn in that anniversary picture. So, from this small slip of paper which someone cared enough to write down information and attach it to a spoon, came wonderful information with a lot of digging.

4) Barbara Johnson shared an engraved presentation spoon in a beautiful red velvet box. She wrote to a cousin inquiring about the spoon and received a newspaper clipping regarding the presentation of the spoon. It belonged to Elijah Cundey, her great grandfather. Since her own father had his father's Civil War Pension Records she managed to find the cemetery where Elijah was buried but there was no headstone, only the plot number marker. So, the idea was to properly mark the grave with a headstone. However, a signature was needed from the deed holder of the family cemetery plot.

The search was on to find a living relative. Almost everyone was deceased, but the cemetery gave her the name of Ellen McCoy, the last person interred in the plot. Going through the census led to 13 McCoy's who might "fit the bill". Barbara sent her information to these 13 names hoping to solicit a response. And a response came from the widow of Ellen's grandson who lived in New Jersey. Her son actually lived in Sacramento. Through this Barbara received the signature which the cemetery required. A new headstone was installed and the cemetery sent her pictures of it.

5) Marilyn Tanner brought with her a picture of a 150 year old trunk with it's key. It was her turn to be the custodian of the trunk. She knew only that in 1871 it had come from Norway. It was dated 1848 with a saying inscribed on it and some initials, but they just didn't "ring a bell" with Marilyn. So, she started her search in Minnesota asking for any deeds for the family name Torrison, and finally turned up land deeded to a Swenson (her grandparents) which was the unknown family name. She hired a professional genealogist to aid in her search in Wisconsin and found birth registration for her father, land deeds and a place of burial (cemetery) which was taken from his land to become

a community cemetery. Her advice: Take heart and keep looking.

6) Vern Segelke brought in a handmade nurse's uniform (hat included) which belonged to his aunt from the 1920's. She was born in a small town in Colorado and she had always wanted to be a nurse. She went to school at Johns Hopkins and ended up in Modesto for her nursing career. His aunt was the person who readily doled out the family history. Vern, being younger, didn't focus on these tidbits of history which were being given freely. And, as the years have gone on, he regrets not sitting down to take more notes on all this information she gave out.

SRVGS May 2001 Treasurer Report

by Nancy Alexander, Treasurer 2000-2001

Fund Balances: 5/31/01

General Fund	2677.85
Hospitality Fund	70.78
Publications Fund	666.07
Special Projects Fund :	500.00
N.A.R.A. Fund	0.00
Cassette Tape Library Fund	118.85
Library Fund:	
Prior Year Gifts & Donations	188.80
Current Year Donations	276.00

Overall Total Balance: \$4498.35

NEW MEMBER:

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I AM THANKFUL:

For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.

For the lady behind me in church that sings off key, because it means that I can hear.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have transportation.

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Deadline to put information in newsletter is the last Thursday of the month.

SRVGS CALENDAR-June 2001

5 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting and pot luck lunch at the Lloyd's home, 210 Town and Country Drive, in Danville. This is an annual joint meeting of outgoing officers, new board, committee persons and members.

19 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting at LDS Church, 2949 Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, Alamo. From I-680 freeway, take Stone Valley Road east.

21 Education Class 10:00 a.m. "Getting Around the History Center". Conducted by Pat Isom at the Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley road. An introduction to Library catalogs,, IGI, Ancestral File and other resources at the FHC.

26 Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. Departure Time for the Library Trip to the California State Library History Room at 900 N St., Sacramento (phone 916- 654-0261) and California Archives at Tenth & O Sts. (phone 916-653-7715). Carpools will meet behind Albertson's, off Diablo Road in Danville. The Library Trip Coordinator is Michael Fiorenza. If you sign up for a trip and wish to cancel, please call him at 820-8294. If an earlier departure time is desired, it will be announced at the general meeting.

JULY 2001

3 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting

17 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting at LDS Church on Stone Valley Road. Subject: DNA & Genealogy.

24 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Library trip to the University of California North Regional Library Facility in Richmond, CA.

SRVGS Special Interest Groups: JUNE - 2001

BRITISH - This group will not meet in June, July or August. If there is a renewed interest, they will meet again in the fall. The contact person is Suzanne Johnston, phone 838-8682.

CANADIAN/FRENCH CANADIAN - This group will not meet during June, July or August. The contact person is Clarice Hart. You may phone her at 743-9245, or e-mail WRHCGH@aol.com.

GERMAN - This group is currently scheduled to meet 10 a.m. June 27 (fourth Wednesday) at the home of Marilyn Tanner, 140 Warfield Drive in Moraga. If you need directions or if you regularly attend, but cannot attend this meeting, please phone 376-6733. Her e-mail address is jtanner@nothingbutnet.net

IRISH & CALIF. - Meets June 13 and July 11, (second Wednesday of month) at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Patty Erickson, 10 Ridge Place in Pleasant Hill. Phone (925) 229-0889. Her e-mail address is russpat@netvista.net

NEW ENGLAND -This Special Interest Group will meet Monday June 18 (third Monday) at one p.m. at the home of Jean Hunt, 2173 Myrtle Beach Lane, at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Phone Jean Hunt at 552-6564, or e-mail JHunt88961@aol.com. Please bring a list of New England Genealogical books, magazines, CD's to share information from. Also list on paper, your goals for finding a New England Ancestor, Who? Where? When? And Why you are looking where you are? This group will not meet in August.

PENNSYLVANIA - This group will not meet during June, July or August The contact person is Barbara Johnson. Phone 837-2153 or e-mail Bjohnson@peoplepc.net.

PORTUGUESE -Meets third Tuesday of month after the general meeting. Bring a bag lunch. Confirmation of the meeting will be announced at the general meeting. The contact person is Millie Freitas, phone: 837-2483

SCANDINAVIA - Those persons interested in Scandinavian research will not meet as a group. They will form e-mail groups for each country. The contact person is Marilyn Tanner, phone 376-6733 or e-mail jtanner@nothingbutnet.net.

SOUTHERN - This group will not meet during June, July or August. They will meet again in Sept. at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road, Alamo (second Tuesday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. The contact person is Frances Becker, phone 934-4962.

PUBLISHING - A future meeting will be scheduled as interested persons express a need. The contact person is Jane Steiner, (510) 436-7849.

INTERNET - Interested users communicate via e-mail. Members should contact Robert daRoza, vrdaroza@ix.netcom.com to be included.

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP - This is a genealogy software users group for PC's. Their primary focus has become the use of MASTER GENEALOGIST. The group often meets after the General Meeting. The contact persons are either Bob Heacox, riponolive@worldnet.att.net; or Dorothy Stanton, dpstant@hotmail.com. MAC users do not currently have an active user group of SRVGS members.

OTHER EVENTS: JUNE-OCTOBER 2001

12 June, Tuesday The Livermore Amador Genealogical Society (LAGS), meets 7:30 p.m. at Beth Emek, 1866 College at South M St., Livermore.. Jana Black will speak about the USGenWeb project. She is coordinator for the Marin County site.

13 June, Wednesday, The San Mateo County Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. at Central School, 525 Middle Ave., Belmont. Ron Willis will speak about Restoring and Preserving Old Photos.

14 June, Thursday. The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at LDS Church, 3700 Concord Ave., in Concord.

15 June, Friday A workshop will be held at the National Archives in San Bruno from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The subject will be Military Records- Part II, Spanish American War to Viet Nam. Class fees are \$15. To reserve a space, Call Rose Mary Kennedy at (650) 876-9009.

21 June, Thursday. Mount Diablo Genealogical Society regular meeting 1 to 3 p.m. at Civic Bank of Commerce, 1940 Tice Valley Blvd., in Walnut Creek

23 June, Saturday. Annual meeting of California State Genealogical Alliance from 9:30 to 3 p.m.. This meeting is hosted by Sonoma Co. Genealogical Society and will be held at the LDS Church, 5301 Badger Road, Santa Rosa, CA.

31 July-August 3 - Provo Utah: Brigham Young University's Annual Genealogy and Family History

Conference. Fee for four day conference is \$165.

Housing on BYU campus is \$15 per person per night. See flyer on bulletin board or check website for more information: <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal/>.

23-25 August, Journey to the Past on Board the Queen Mary, Long Beach California. 14th Annual Seminar on Genealogical Research of England, Ireland Scotland and Wales. Sponsored by the British Isles Family History Society. For information see the flyer on the bulletin board, or check <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa>.

12-15 September. FGS Quad Cities Conference - Davenport, IA. Check the FGS website at <http://www.fgs.org>. or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

22 September. Saturday. The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will sponsor a seminar featuring Grace-Marie Hackwell "Researching the Civil War".

27 October Saturday. NGS Regional Conference, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA. Speakers will include Curt Witcher and Cyndi Howells.

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TAPES IN OUR TAPE LIBRARY

Relating to research in the California State Library (since that's where the library trip is going this month.) Check out a tape or two and listen to it on your walkman on your walk or in your car while you are stuck in traffic. If you don't have a walkman - check out one of ours for only \$1.00 per month.

C-35 - General Resources in CA State Libraries - Sacramento & Suto by G. Kurtuz

C-120 General Sources in the CA State Archives by Joseph Samona

M-26 Untapped Sources in Local Public Libraries - by Bette Kot

C-147 -SSSHH!! Genealogical Research in the Law Library - by Helen F.M. Leary .

Next month the library trip will be to the U.C. Library - Richmond which is rich in newspapers. To prepare for this trip, consider listening to these tapes:

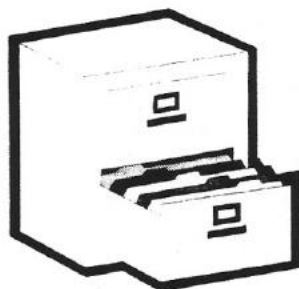
M-56 Newspapers as an Aid to Genealogical Research, by Marjorie Bell.

C-168 Using Genealogical Periodicals by Henry B. Hoff.

C-25 Using Newspapers by Arlene Eakle.

Tapes from conferences are a great way to expand your knowledge in a very inexpensive and effective way. (Besides, you don't have to store and file all that paperwork!)

INTERNET REFERENCES FOR YOUR FILES



Checking out these references almost kept me from getting the newsletter finished, I got so involved. They are wonderful links to great information. Bookmark them so you can come back often.

<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy>.

Then go to Part 2 for BOUNTIFUL information. The Clues to

the Federal Census is very interesting.

<http://www.amberskyline.com/treasuremaps> - there are lots of links on this website, but of particular interest are the on-line tutorials... "The How-to Genealogy Site". There are tutorials on "Getting Started in Genealogy", "Deciphering Old Handwriting", "How to do Tombstone Rubbing", and one on "The U.S. Federal Census".

www.familytreemagazine.com is another site with

multiple links, including a search engine for searching over 1 billion sites for your ancestor.

Another site for deciphering old handwriting:
<http://www.firstet.com/fv/oldhand.html>.

And if you still need help with European Genealogy consider the Genealogical Association of English Speaking Researchers in Europe:
<http://www.geocities.com/heartland/oaks/4642>.

Before you send to your state of choice for genealogical records, check <http://www.vitalchek.com> for the cost, telephone numbers, fax numbers and addresses. This site even provides a 1-800 number to see if there are any updates. Remember some records are kept by the court and other by vital records, and others by county clerk, while others you may have to send to the State Archives. Check before you send.

ALL BECAUSE OF A TAPE by Sharon Clay

Recently, I listened to one of our tape library tapes on Scandinavian Genealogy Research, and discovered an area that I had not researched - Probate Records. I e-mailed to my Swedish relatives about these records and they knew nothing about them, though they had the family tree back to the 1500's.

On my trip to Sweden this past month, I asked again, and was told by one relative that because they were so poor, our ancestors didn't have those records. However, while with the other side of the family, in the archives in Karlstad, we decided to check for the *bouppteckning record* for our common ancestor. There it was, beautifully bound in it's original condition, with my great grandfather's signature on the bottom. We were able to get copies of it, and my Swedish relative was like a kid in a candy store. He couldn't wait to show this to his researching cousin who also wasn't aware of this incredible find. They read the Swedish list of property with such glee, it was delightful to watch.

These ancestors lived in probably the poorest accommodations that were available at that time, yet there were six pages of property listed.

If I hadn't listened to that tape, even my relatives in Sweden would have missed this information. CHECK OUR TAPE LIBRARY!!!



SHOULD YOU SUBMIT YOUR DATA

Argument for: (1) While on a research trip to Salt Lake City one of the people on our tour was being transported to the hotel by the van when the back door of the van came open and his laptop and all his genealogy material was deposited on the freeway. He did not find this out until he arrived at the hotel. Everything he was going to work on while in Salt Lake was gone in addition to his laptop. Needless to say, he was sick!! Then he realized that he had submitted his information to a web site only the previous week. He logged onto that web site and was able to download enough of his family line to have information to work with while in Salt Lake. Without that help, he would have had a wasted week.

(2) Have you ever submitted one of your family names and found a link to information you have not had? Has this broken down one of those "stone walls" that has had you blocked for years. If you have, you realize that *someone* took the time, and the courage to put that information online for you to obtain. You were, no doubt, grateful.

Argument against: There are many people who collect information to use or sell. It doesn't take much to get your phone number, e-mail address, address, and even birth date. Twenty dollars will buy the Social Security number of anyone. With just that information an identity thief can destroy your credit rating and possibly even give you a criminal record. Cleaning up credit problems can take years, and cleaning up a criminal record can take a lifetime.

Personal Web pages and Home pages can give a criminal all sorts of major information: full names, birth dates, family histories, occupations, education levels, interests, and so on. All it takes to get a birth certificate is a name, a birth date and a birthplace. From there obtaining a copy of a Social Security card or driver's license is easy.

Some people will say that this information has been available for a long time. Public records are - PUBLIC. However, now it takes a complete stranger only a few minutes to obtain that information even though he may be thousands of miles away.

How can you protect yourself?

According to an article by Tanya Kelley, in *Genealogical Computer*, Fall 2000, she suggests "the first thing to do is use a password when logging on to your computer". And she suggests you "use a password that has no logical pattern - long, random strings of numbers, symbols, and letters, both uppercase and lowercase are best."

Another way is to use firewalls. These are commercial products available at computer supply or electronics supply stores. This are made by companies such as Norton or McAfee.

Destroy (shred) paperwork such as credit applications that contain person information about you. Don't leave your outgoing mail in a mailbox that is available to

someone passing by - send it from a mailbox or post office. Never put personal information on the Internet. Limit access to your computer files, and be aware of what you are offering when filling out forms on the Internet.

I recently was tempted to enter a contest that was offered on a commercial Web Page. When I had to fill out my name, address, phone number, e-mail address and birth date, I changed my mind. The contest wasn't that important.

If you decide to submit your family tree to a commercial site, format it so that living relatives are not listed with private information such as birth dates. Protect them the way you would want to be protected. Check you own name occasionally on a site such as "Ancestry.com" or Google.com, or familytreemagazine.com. Find out who has put YOUR information on the net. Check your credit record on a regular basis. It has been reported that an identity thief uses your identity for 14 months before being detected. Monitor any new accounts or new charges. Be sure to check your credit card bills for unexpected or unknown charges. Watch your mail - if it stops coming, someone may have put in a change of address form for you to get your mail delivered to a location where someone else will have access to it.

"If the worst does happen, the first thing you should do is get in contact with the fraud department of the credit bureaus: Trans Union, Equifax and Experian. They can place a fraud alert on your file and advise you of your choices." Then contact all your banks, telephone company, creditors and local utilities to stop any unauthorized charges. Advise the Social Security Administration of your situation and request a new Social Security number. AND, file a complaint with your local police, and possibly even the FBI".

Now, it's up to you. If you have obtained links from information on the Net, let me know. I haven't put my family line there, but I have certainly received a lot of information from others who have put my relatives and ancestors there. I am grateful, but not brave.

MAPS ONLINE

Sites where you can find maps of populated areas include: www.topozone.com - which includes every USGS map available for the contiguous United States, in varying scales. It also includes non-populated locations such as cemeteries, creeks, and other landmarks not shown on maps and many other sites. www.mapquest.com. And www.mapblast.com are good for getting driving directions and road conditions. <http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html> - is the USGS Geographic names Information Search site.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE DIGITAL WORLD

by Sharon Clay

Before I left on my recent research trip, I bought a digital camera, then purchased the video "Digital Imaging for Genealogy", produced by The Studio, in order to be fairly knowledgeable about how to use my camera and produce pictures that I could eventually use in a book on my family.

I was surprised to hear that digital photographs have a life span of possibly only a year, when printed with a color ink jet printer, and that acid free inks and paper should be used when printing out the photos. I checked with my local professional photo supply expert and was told that not only should I use acid free ink, but that I should have a completely separate printer for this ink because it could totally ruin a printer used with other inks. I checked with 3 different archival suppliers and they had not heard of acid free inks or photo paper and that ink jet ink is not archival. I was told that printing photos with a color laser printer would have them last longer than with an ink jet. Further research led me to MIS Associates on the web at <http://www.tssphoto.com>. They do have archival inks and cartridges available but only for certain HP and Epson printers. On their web page they indicate that the viscosity of this ink is different than regular ink and that the final product varies depending on the paper used. They list papers that produce unacceptable quality products, and they also state that the cartridges should only be used by someone who is knowledgeable about using the printers and this type of ink. Another company that supplies archival ink is Lyson Ltd. Their products are available by mail. You can order them through The Stock Solution at 801-363-9700. Again, the inks are available only for certain printers, not all ink jet printers.

The Stock Solution also handles a few acid free archival photo papers. Archival Products (www.archival.com) does handle archival photo paper, but not inks.

According to an article by Mary-Ellen Jones, retired archivist, The Bancroft Library, in the Fall 2000 issue of *California Historian*, Epson could not give her information on the permanence of photos printed with their ink jet printers. Their information states that their prints "will last and last" and are "fade-resistant for years to come".

Preserving the photos onto CD or floppy disk or other methods of storage is also an unknown for length of time. I was told by my photo expert that using a "cheapie" CD can be a waste of time, and that I should use a more expensive CD. Someone else said it doesn't matter, once the photo is burned into the CD it is there, and basically indestructible. Also, who knows how long this technology will also be available to read those images.

"Permanence of digital photography is far from assured. Keep this in mind when creating your family photo archive."

ENEMIES OF DOCUMENTS

You've collected treasured mementoes of your family and placed them carefully in a cardboard box, tucked them carefully under the bed, or even in a closet only to come back a year or two later to find them damaged or destroyed. Just like storing those treasured quilts in a plastic bag, what did you do wrong?

Damage to documents can occur from careless handling, improper housing and storage and irreversible conservation techniques. These are some of the reasons your mementoes may have been damaged:

- Light - moisture - heat - cold
- Temperature extremes and fluctuations
- Vermin, fungus, mold, dust, dirt, insects
- Residual chemicals (photographs)
- Rubber bands, masking tape, scotch tape, magic mending tape, rubber cement, Elmer's Glue-All
- Paperclips (except stainless steel and plastic)
- Acidic adhesives (they migrate through to the image)
- Atmospheric gasses - acidic mat board, lamination
- Wood storage cabinets, glassene envelopes
- Acidic envelopes of any kind, Post-It notes
- Non-Archival vinyl album pages - also known as Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC). This becomes brittle, wrinkles, shrinks and damages contents. It emits chloride gas which causes photographs and printing to stick to inside of page and transfer image from document to vinyl, causing irreversible damage to original.

How to prevent your documents from destruction:

There are many resources available to help you preserve your treasures. The following are available from Light Impressions Corp (see reference on page 4)

1. Mounting techniques - Aid for family archivist. How to mount newspaper clippings, letters, photographs, cards and other items which can strain a family album.
2. Care and storage of color slides - How to protect preserve and store color slides
3. Tips for proper negative storage

There is also a packet of documents which accompanied a series of lectures on the preservation of documents given at the California State Archives. For the complete list contact the Archives at: 1020 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, phone (916) 653-8654 or see their web page at www/ss/cagov/preservation-home.htm.

Source: "Family History Passes on Identity" by Mary-Ellen Jones *California Historian*, Vol. 47, No. 1, Fall 2000.

MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL APPLICATION 2001-2002

It's time to renew your membership and pay your annual dues which support our educational programs, and provide knowledge to find our ancestors. Please fill out this form and send it with your check made payable to SRVGS to: P.O. Box 305, Diablo, CA 94528-8308..

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e-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

\$ _____ Dues: \$15 Single: _____ \$20 Family: _____

\$ _____ donation for Library resources additions, if desired.

\$ _____ \$1.00 Donation suggested for National Archives Record Administration (NARA)
Records microfilming project\$ _____ \$2.50 added, please if you desire a handbook/directory sent to your address
and cannot pick one up at a meeting._____ If you DO NOT wish a Handbook/Directory, please check here so we won't print unneeded
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