

SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER

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3rd Tuesday of month
(except August & December)
Danville Women's Club House
242 W. Linda Mesa Avenue
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NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18, 1990

PROGRAM: BRITISH RESEARCH

Speaker JOYCE BUCKLAND is the publisher of the newsletter "The English Researcher." She has had ten years' experience in genealogical teaching and professional research, including several research trips to England, Canada and Sweden. In her spare time, she has founded a family association. She comes to us from Sacramento where she belongs to Sacramento Genealogical Society. Even if you aren't presently involved in English research, you will learn much from hearing an experienced genealogist talk about her research techniques.

JULY MEETING

At our last meeting, MARILYN FULLAM spoke on the topic "How to Make Your Genealogy a Welcome Legacy (or How to Keep Your Research from Ending up as Land-fill!)" She cited the dangers of continuing to do research and expecting your heirs to understand (or even appreciate) your collection of papers. Unless you put them into some meaningful permanent form, such as a book, they may be thrown out. Marilyn showed some examples of ways to get your work in order, including the collection of documents and written material she is putting together for her children. She plans to publish it later, but in the meantime, it is in a form that can be understood and passed on in the family.

The interchange which followed her talk was similar to the exchange of information (methods, sources, encouragement) which takes place at each meeting of the SRVGS Publishing Interest Group. [See page 19].

Quote: "I don't want anyone to say when I'm gone that they don't know because they forgot to ask me."

-- Agnes Vanderburg, Native-American oral historian, citing her reasons for teaching teen-agers about her people.

Program Chairperson PAT MONTEATH announces the rest of the year's "don't miss" programs on page 23.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- * 11 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Irish Interest Group; 1:30PM Southern Interest Group [See p.19]; 7:30PM Livermore-Amador GS Meeting: a picnic dinner & installation of officers at Shirley Terry's home.
- 12 - Wednesday 9AM to noon, National Archives Workshop [see p.22 for fall Archives schedule]
- 12 - Wednesday 10AM East Bay GS Meeting, Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Av, Oakland. Speaker: Gladys Hanson, SF Library archivist.
- 13 - Thursday 7:30PM Contra Costa Co GS, Concord City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr. Speaker: Mary Ellen Jones on "Family Archives".
- 15 - Saturday 9AM-3PM Stanislaus Co GS 10th Annual Heritage Hunting Seminar, with Christine Rose, Carlton Smith, Joyce Buckland, Howard Nurse, Jane and Carlyle Parker. El Vista Chapel, LDS, Modesto. \$17.50 Call Mildred Starr (209) 522-8868 for more information.
- 15 - Saturday 8:30AM-4PM Mission Oaks Gen. Club Seminar: "They Came by Ship"; featured speaker, Jayare Roberts at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. \$18 at door.
- 16 - Sunday 1-4PM CGS Meeting, 300 Brannan St, Suite 409, SF. "Researching New York" by Stanley Ross & Jim Schuyler.
- * 18 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Meeting; 1:30 SRVGS ROOTS III Group [see p.19]
- 20 - Thursday 1-3PM Mt. Diablo GS, Home Fed'l A&L Meeting Rm, 1938 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Program: Sharing "Problems and Solutions".
- 22 - Saturday Volunteer Training at the National Archives [see p.22]
- 27 - Thursday - Down payment due for Salt Lake City GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TOUR Oct 28-Nov 4. Call Frances Becker (934-4962 for details.
- 29 - Saturday 10AM "PAF Unlimited" at Concord LDS, 242 Clayton Rd.; 2-4PM at same address: Open House for new Concord Family History Center. [see p.21]
- 29 & 30 - Saturday & Sunday "Celebration of 100 years of German Clubs in SF" Includes Parade up Market, Food, Bands from Germany, Dancing. \$15/person. Kate Prunte will have info at Sept. meeting.

OCTOBER

- * 2 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!
- * 9 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Irish Interest Group; 7:30PM Livermore-Amador GS Meeting, 1886 College Av Livermore. Speaker: Kate Prunte on German Research.
- * 11 - Thursday 10:30AM SRVGS German Interest Group [see p.19]; 7:30PM Contra Costa Co GS meeting.
- 13 - Saturday 10AM-5PM, LAGS-sponsored Everton Workshop [see below]; 9AM-4PM Friends of the Archives "Double-Header" [see p.22]; CGS Fall Luncheon & Book Sale [see p.24]

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Some calendar items extracted from "Friends of the Archives" CONSOLIDATED GENEALOGICAL CALENDAR received via Peggy Frazier's MODEM]

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EVERTON WORKSHOP

On October 13, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society is sponsoring an all-day (10AM-5PM) "Family Tree Climbing" workshop by Everton Publishers to be held at the Pleasanton Library. Topics include: "Beyond Vital Records", "Unusual Record Sources", "Finding Your Female Ancestors", "Immigration, Emigration, & Naturalization". The leader of the workshop is Floren Preece [see *Gen. Helper* July-Aug 1990 for an article on Research in State Land States by Mr. Preece and his wife]. The cost of the workshop (\$18.50 pre-reg; \$20 at the door) includes a year's subscription to *Genealogical Helper* (regularly \$21/yr), membership in Everton's International Genealogical Society, and many discounts. Contact Shirley Terry (829-7787) for more information.



SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

- GERMAN** - Meets second Thursday of each month 10:30AM at Kate Pruenste's, 91 Madera Ct., Danville (838-9873). First meeting October 11. At 1:00PM on same day, Kate will continue her "German for Genealogists" at \$10/3 classes. This series will alternate between Christening, Marriage & Death Records. Call Kate a week prior to class. For those interested in learning more German, Kate is also teaching a Beginning German class this fall through the San Ramon Valley Community Center.
- IRISH** - Meets 10AM each second Tuesday of the month at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). First meeting: Sept. 11. Subjects to be discussed at the September meeting include the proposed Irish Research trip, now just 12 months away, and the new book by Marilyn Yurdan, "Irish Family History".
- PUBLISHING** - Meets 10AM fourth Wednesday of each month. First meeting, Sept. 26 will be at Frances Lloyd's, 210 Town & Country Dr., Danville (837-9382). Contact Marilyn Fullam (828-1873) for future meetings.
- ROOTS III** - Meets 10AM first Wednesday of each month and 1:30PM on the third Tuesday at Sandy Aberer's, 110 El Nido Ct, Diablo (837-8271) or call Shirley Terry (829-7787). Bob Heacox will continue as mentor. The group may split into "complete novice" & "continuing beginner" if there is enough interest.
- SOUTHERN STATES** - First meeting Sept. 11 at 1:30PM will be a trip to the Pleasanton Library to use the LAGS genealogy collection now housed there. Meet to carpool at Fran Lloyd's by 1:15PM, 210 Town & Country Dr., Danville (837-9382)
- Contact Patty Erickson (229-0889) for information about other interest groups.

SPECIAL INTEREST RESEARCH HELPS

SOUTHERN RESEARCH:

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Indexing last year's newsletter revealed a paucity of material on research in southern states. This issue attempts to make up for it!]

- **EARLY VIRGINIA LAW OF PRIMOGENITURE** - You may be out of luck if you're counting on a will to reveal the name of a widow or eldest son of a man who died in Virginia before 1786. According to Robert Young Clay of the Virginia State Archives, "Prior to 1786 a will in Virginia did not have to name the wife or eldest son. Their inheritance was set by law--the widow receiving her 1/3 dower and the eldest son receiving the other 2/3, unless specified otherwise in the father's will."

The goodies for the first born boy didn't stop there. He also received his mother's share on her death. Next in line, if the eldest son had died, was not the second son but the eldest grandson of the whole blood. If a deceased male was unmarried, his heir-at-law was his eldest brother, not his father or uncle.

[from May 89 GS of Stanislaus Co. Newsletter]

- **"GOLDMINE" IN SUMNER COUNTY TENNESSEE** - Sumner County, which was the parent county of much of middle Tennessee, has published an index to the original court records dating from 1786 to 1840. These records which include wills, lawsuits, estates, marriage bonds, etc. were

transferred to the State Archives when a new courthouse was built in 1840. They remained uncatalogued until 1984 when the present Sumner County Archivist, Shirley Wilson discovered them and led a group of volunteers in indexing the records. They were then micro-filmed and a computerized index was prepared and published. They are available on micro-film at the TN State Archives in Nashville and the Sumner County Archives, 155 East Main Street, Gallatin, TN. [From Middle TN Genealogical Soc. Fall 1988] FRANCES BECKER reports that the loose records have been indexed by surname in Sumner County, TN: Index to the Loose Records 1786-1930 by Shirley Wilson, (order from Richley Enterprises, 106 Leeward Point, Hendersonville, TN 37075, \$45 includes shipping or call Fran Lloyd, Genealogical Resources). You can also write the Sumner Archives, have them check your surname in the index and quote the cost of copies.

- **CENSUS SUBSTITUTES** - Check Everton Publishers' Compendium of Vital Records for a listing of material that has been published to substitute for missing Federal census records and to cover the periods before formal census records. Tax Lists, especially the Personal Property tax lists in Virginia can be used to trace families. Another example is the list of "passports" issued to those who had to pass through Indian land or territory owned by

[SOUTHERN HELP cont'd]

Spain. See PASSPORTS OF SOUTHEASTERN PIONEERS 1770-1823 by Dorothy Williams Potter, Gateway Press, Inc. Baltimore 1982, (in Heritage Collection, Pleasant Hill Central Library) which covers Indian, Spanish and other Land Passports for TN, KY, GA, MS, VA, NC & SC. In seeking the required passports, the applicants were expected to furnish references of good character from local officials or others in a position to vouch for them.

- **NEW HELP IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE RESEARCH** - Many (most?) families who settled west of the Mississippi after leaving VA & NC, passed through Middle TN and (if you're lucky) left records behind them. A new (3 years old) genealogical society, Middle Tennessee GS, is publishing many of these records. The new editor of their quarterly is a familiar name in TN research: Barbara Sistler (husband Byron is on the Board). The most recent edition has TN Supreme Court Records, Minutes of Superior Court of NC & Mero District, Revolutionary, 1812 & Civil War Records. Address: P.O. Box 3016, Nashville, TN 37219-0016. Membership \$10/yr. A real bargain!

- **KENTUCKY NEWSPAPERS** - The microfilmed newspaper holdings of University of KY are now available for out-of-state interlibrary loan. Write Interlibrary Loan, M. L. King Library, U of KY, Lexington, KY 40506-0391.

- **GEORGIA VITAL RECORDS POLICY UPDATE** - Contrary to some recent misinformation, GA's county vital records (death, applications for marriage and marriage certificates, divorces, dissolutions of marriage & annulments) are accessible to the public. There is a fee to obtain copies of records. Indexes may be searched under the supervision of the county record custodian. The state office of vital records maintains a microfiche reader, indexes of death records (1919 to present) and marriage and divorce records (1952 to present). Birth indexes are not available for public use. Call (404) 656-4750 for an appointment.
- MORE ON GEORGIA** - The GA Dept of Archives & History, 330 Capitol Ave., Atlanta GA 30334 will send you free (for a SASE legal size) a copy of their new pamphlet "Documenting Marriage in Georgia". The publication summarizes Georgia laws relating to marriages through 1900, the records that were created and other details [from *Diablo Descendants* Aug 1990]

MISCELLANEOUS RESEARCH HELPS

CALIFORNIA VITAL STATISTICS MOVES - The California State Dept. of Health Services, Office of the State Registrar has moved its office from 410 N Street, Sacramento, to 304 S Street, Sacramento, as of 1 July 1990. The new mailing address is:

State Department of Health Services
Office of State Registrar
304 S Street
P.O. Box 730241
Sacramento, CA 94244-0241

Hours for conducting research are the same as before, 8AM to 4:30PM. Research time may be reserved on an hourly basis, after 9AM until 12noon and from 1PM to 4:30PM. The first hour in the morning is open to the public on a first-come, first-in, basis. Researchers are allowed only twenty minutes of research time and may request (on payment of certificate fee) to look at one document.

Parking is available on the street and the meters take 25 cents per half hour. As this new location is somewhat away from the busy center of the city, it is usually not difficult to find a parking space.

[From JOYCE BUCKLAND, CSGA N/L AUG 1990]

- **CHEROKEE STRIP** - The 100th Anniversary of the Cherokee Strip Run will be 16 Sept. 1993. Cowley Co GS, Box 102, Arkansas City, KS 67005, is helping to collect copies of documents, photos, stories, etc., of anyone who participated in the run. A publication is planned if enough material is received. The material will be on file at the Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum, Arkansas City, KS, for reference.

- **KANSAS GERMANS?** - The Kansas City Archives has German Alien Registration Records for 1918 for the state of KS. Records include much genealogical data and often a photo. Write to: Kansas State Historical Society, Memorial Bldg. Topeka, KS 66603 for information about this source. [from SMCBS March 1989]

- **TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS** - The easiest way to obtain US Geological Survey Maps is to call their number in SF (705-1010) and ask for the index and price list of the state in which you are interested. I received my packet on NC & TN the day after calling. A form and detailed instructions for ordering maps are included.

[Editor - More on Maps next N/L]



LIBRARY INFORMATION AND UPDATES

LIBRARY TRIPS SCHEDULE - 1990-1991

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Sep 25	9:00AM	Tuesday	Sutro Library, San Francisco
Oct 23	9:30AM	Tuesday	Oakland Public Library, Oakland
Nov 27	8:00AM	Tuesday	San Bruno Archives, San Bruno
Dec		NO TRIP	
Jan 22	8:00AM	Tuesday	Sacramento State Library Sacramento
Feb 26	8:00AM	Tuesday	Mayflower Soc & East Bay GS Oakland
Mar 26	9:00AM	Tuesday	Solano County GS, Vacaville
Apr 23	9:00AM	Tuesday	Bancroft-Doe Libraries, UC Berkeley
May 28	8:00AM	Tuesday	San Bruno Archives, San Bruno
Jun 25	9:00AM	Tuesday	Sutro Library, San Francisco

SEPTEMBER TRIP

The September library trip will be to SUTRO LIBRARY, 480 Winston Avenue, San Francisco. Members will meet at 9 a.m. back of Lucky's, San Ramon, Alcosta exit off of #680, on Tuesday, September 25th. You might like to prepare for the trip by consulting the Sutro Library catalog at the Pleasant Hill branch of the Contra Costa Library system on Oak Park Blvd. The Heritage Collection there also has a list of the new book acquisitions. Please call Mary Jo Hosteny for information or inquiries about rides - 932-2244.

For those living north of Danville or Walnut Creek, an alternate meeting place can be arranged by calling Mary Jo.

► OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

There are 2 brand-new Minolta viewer-printers at the Oakland Public Library, Main Branch, E. 14th St. and the lake, in the newspaper room on the 2nd floor. Find your article, push a button, and pay at the desk on your way out!

[Contributed by Mary Jo Hosteny]

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Carol Glover reports finding the CA death index in SF now includes the decade to 1989. However, in updating the previous decades, it appears that the data has been made more uniform. This eliminates the mother's maiden name on some of the earlier decades that used to include it. Maybe some other libraries will hold onto the earlier editions of the fiche a little longer.

► NEW CONCORD FHC: YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to the Open House of the new Concord Family History Center.

Patron Services Coordinator Ruby Rossberg announces that this is a walk-through of the facility located at the rear of the LDS Church at 3700 Concord Blvd. near Farm Bureau Rd. [from Danville take #680 to #242, exit at Willow Pass (Market) and

take Clayton Rd. to East St., jog left to Concord Blvd.]

The Center will be open, starting October 2, on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9-9. At first, the holdings will consist mainly of microfiche of the IGI, the Family Registry, and the Catalog of the Salt Lake Family History Library. The Center has film borrowing rights from Salt Lake. They hope to increase their holdings and will be happy to accept any donations relevant to genealogy, family history and research. Our support of this facility will benefit us all.

► FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY HOLDINGS

ENGLISH MARRIAGE RECORDS - The Family History Library has a large collection of English marriage records and indexes, including:

Boyd's Marriage Index, Series I, II, and III (1500 to 1837)

Phillimore Parish Registers Series of Marriages (1538 to 1837)

Church of England and nonconformist records of marriage licenses, bonds, affidavits (allegations), and banns (1538 to 1900)

County marriage indexes (1538 to 1837)

Indexes to civil registrations of marriage certificates (July 1837 to December 1980)

[FHL ENGLISH RECORDS cont'd]

These records are listed in the locality section of the Family History Library Catalog under the country, county, or parish. For example, under ENGLAND, STAFFORD -- CHURCH RECORDS is a description of 458 rolls of microfilm from the Church of England's Diocese of Lichfield (1636 to 1880) and 266 rolls of microfilm of Bishop's Transcripts of various deaneries (1612 to 1880)

[from *News of the Family History Library*, Vol. 1, No. 3 (Nov-Dec 1989), published by the Family History Dept. of the LDS Church]

NATIONAL ARCHIVES WORKSHOPS **FALL SCHEDULE 1990**

[A]=Archives Staff; [F]=Friends of Archives

SEPTEMBER

12 Wed 9-12 "Chinese Immigration Records" by Neil Thomsen. [A]

22 Sat 9-4 DOCENT/VOLUNTEER TRAINING [see below] Free.

OCTOBER

13 Sat Double-Header: 9-12 "Finding Your Way Around the LDS Libraries - Locally, and Preparing to Go to Salt Lake City" by Bette Kot [F]; 1-4 "Researching Your East and West German Ancestors by Correspondence" by Doris Newbery. [F]

16 Tues 9:30-12 "Spanish Land Grant Records" by Claude Hopkins. Northern California District Case Records pertaining to Spanish Land Grants in No. CA. [A]

19 Fri 9-1 "Military Records" by Rose Mary Kennedy [A]

27 Fri Double-Header: 9-12, "Avoid the Crooked Path! Getting Results, Not Frustration" by Christine Rose. Identifying the problem, achieving results, preponderance of evidence [F]; 1-4PM "Republic of Ireland Search and Strategy" by Sandra Shafer. There ARE records; how to find them, based on trips to Ireland and research from California. [F]

NOVEMBER

7 Wed 9-12 "American Indians, Northern CA and NV" by Kathleen O'Conner. [A]

10 Sat - Archives Closed

16 Fri 9-1 "Basic Genealogy Workshop" by Rose Mary Kennedy [A]

DECEMBER

12 Wed 9-12 Merchant Marine Records" by Neil Thomsen [A]

All workshops at 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno. Call 876-9009 for reservations. Pay at the door: Friends of the Archives workshops are \$10 each; Archive Staff workshops are \$7.50.

FRIENDS of the ARCHIVES

ARCHIVES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The popular "Saturdays for Genealogists" at the National Archives in San Bruno is in danger of being discontinued if not enough volunteers are available. Volunteers are also needed during the week.

A full day Seminar and Hands-on Training for all current and would-be volunteers is being offered Saturday, September 22, 9AM to 4PM at the Archives. Topics to be covered are: Records at San Bruno, How to Use Them, Finding Aids, "Little Known Facts", Film Copiers, etc.

What's Required? A firm commitment of 4 or more hours a week at a scheduled time for at least 6 months.

What's in it for you? A microfilm reader reserved for volunteers, limited free paper/film copies, discounts on the Archives Lecture Series.

Call Rosemary Kennedy, 415/876-9009 to sign up. They MUST know the class size before-hand to reserve equipment.

KEEP THE ARCHIVES OPEN!!!

BOOK on UC BERKELEY LIBRARY

As announced at a recent SRVGS meeting by Frances Becker, the book GENEALOGY - A GUIDE TO THE UC BERKELEY LIBRARY by Barbara Hill, is available from the Contra Costa Co GS for \$4 per copy. Contact Barbara Edkin (625-0601) for information on how to obtain a copy.

According to Barbara, this is a 75-page book which makes the huge library less intimidating. The card-file catalog referred to in the book is now on computer but the information is easy to translate to the new system.

The book can also be checked out from the Central Library, Pleasant Hill. However, if you plan to use Doe & Bancroft Libraries much, you'll want your own copy.

[MORE ON LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES ON PAGE 24]



SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS

FUTURE PROGRAMS

PAT MONTEATH, Program, announces the following speakers for the year:

October - Mary Ellen Jones, "Family Archives"

November - SRVGS members, "Share an Ancestor",
& "Solving Problems"

January - Wilbur Duberstein, Attorney

February - open

March - SRVGS members report on research.

April - Lindsay Reeks "Scotland"

May - Book Exchange & Luncheon/Installation
of Officers

The following budget was submitted by Treasurer JESS SUTFIN and approved by the Board.

BUDGET 1 JUNE 1990 thru 31 MAY 1991

RECEIPTS & EXPENSES (BASED ON A MEMBERSHIP OF 100)

CASH ON HAND 1 JUNE 1990

BANK	\$ 299.71	\$ 299.71
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RECEIPTS:

DUES	\$1360.00
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DONATIONS:

USE OF TAPES	75.00
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INFORMATION TABLE	35.00
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CASH (DONATED)	75.00
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\$1545.00

\$1844.71

EXPENSES:

NEWSLETTER	\$ 430.00
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STAMPS	310.00
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RENT,

DANV WOMENS' CLUB	400.00
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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY	90.00
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SPEAKERS	100.00
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LUNCHEON	30.00
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SUPPLIES (BROCHURES)	25.00
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POSTAL BOX RENTAL	6.50
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REPRINTS, INFO TABLE	35.00
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RESEARCH TAPES	30.00
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CA STATE GEN ALLIANCE	20.00
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BOOKS, DONATED TO

LIBRARIES (LOCAL)	50.00
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DUES, REFUNDED	38.00	(\$1564.50)
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PROJECTED CASH BALANCE:	280.21
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SPECIAL FUND (AUCTION EFFORT)	
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& PART OF GEN'L FUND	\$ 383.00
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

from CAROL GLOVER

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS:

LEE LOWERY, 1860 Tice Creek Drive #1412, Walnut Creek, (939-3453) - Researching the HURT family of MO, VA, TN & CA and the LONG family who were possibly in VA before the late 1700's and later CA, MO, and TN;

SHEILA PASS, 24 Via Barcelona, Moraga, (376-1304) - Doing research on the PASS and SITZMAN lines who were in Germany prior to 1865.

PLEASE ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY:

FRED POTTER (Charter Member) 910 Diablo Rd. Danville, (837-4139). Fred is not a new member, of course; the P.O. lost his renewal check and his listing was omitted from the new handbook. We're glad you're not lost from us, Fred!

1990-1991 MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

The new SRVGS Handbook is ready and will be distributed at the September meeting. It includes addresses and phone numbers of members, a list and information on all Bay Area libraries with large genealogical collections and an updated catalog of the John Kopcie Memorial Tape Collection. Due to an error at Kinko's, we have a large supply. Think about keeping one at each telephone! Don't forget to pick them up.

AN APPEAL FROM OUR HISTORIAN, SANDY ABERER

Please help the historian collect newspaper articles from your local paper about our society members. Our scrapbook has lots of room for pictures of our speakers and accomplishments of our members. This is very important to the historian since I am the new "novice" historian, beginning record keeping and only subscribe to one newspaper.!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

"An Appeal" from your newsletter editor: Please send your notices, articles, etc. to me the week before the board meeting (1st Tuesday). To get the N/L mailed on schedule, only small additions and corrections can be made after the meeting.

NEW TAPES CONTRIBUTED

Two new audio-cassette tapes have been added to our John Kopcie Memorial Tape Collection for member use:

C-56 "Irish Research" by Bruce Elliott

C-57 "Polish Research" by Edward Peckwas

The first tape was contributed by the Irish Interest Group who listened to it at one of their meetings. All present agreed that it was the best and most complete coverage of the subject and belonged in the society's collection. The second tape was contributed by Marilyn Fullam. She has written a review of the talk which will be printed in the October newsletter.

PLAN AHEAD - SPECIAL EVENTS

September 13 - Saturday CGS Fall Luncheon and Book Sale. Duplicates, out-of field titles, donated volumes to be auctioned. Luncheon speaker: Judy Svoda. Ft. Mason Officer's Club, Bay at Franklin. Call 415/777-9936 for reservations.

October 20 - Saturday 9AM-4PM "Preservation Workshop" all-day seminar with 3-hour morning session on preserving photos, 3-hour afternoon session on preserving documents. Led by Loren

Pignolo, San Francisco photo conservator and Nancy Harris, conservator with UCB Doe Library. Held at Multi-Purpose Rm, Adult Education Center, 1700 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Cost \$15. Sponsored by Contra Costa Historical Society. For information call 939-9180 or 254-2295.

October 27 - Saturday 9AM-4PM Seminar by Henry A. Jones. "Four Palatine Lectures: Lessons Learned, When Sources are Wrong, The Irish Palatine, Later Immigrations." Harney Hall, Rm 127, USF. \$25 Non-members at the door. Advance registration available. Information: 876-9936.

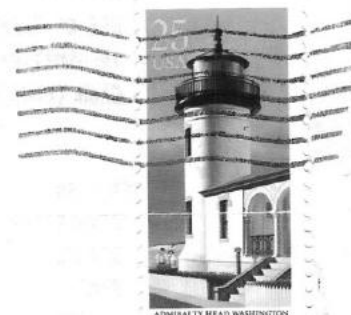
November 3 - Saturday Dr. George K. Schweitzer all-day seminar in Redwood City. \$20

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NEWSLETTER INDEX

Your newsletter editor hopes to have an index of the 1989-90 newsletters (Vol. V) available at the September meeting. If you save your newsletters, the index will help you locate articles. You can pick up a copy at the meeting or send a SASE to the editor [address on p.18]

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