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NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 19, 1991

PROGRAM: "RESEARCHING from a DISTANCE"

Speaker CHRISTINE ROSE, C.G., F.A.S.G., a full-time Certified Genealogist, is an elected Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, an honor bestowed by peers and limited to 50 in the United States. She is a resident of San Jose, CA and has been active in genealogy for thirty years. She's the winner of the prestigious Donald Lines Jacobus award for two genealogy books; is the compiler of numerous genealogies and articles; a national lecturer; a past Director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and a columnist for the FGS FORUM; Trustee, Association of Professional Genealogists; and is a member of many genealogical societies.

Mrs. Rose's subject is of benefit to all genealogists and she has a wealth of information to impart.

-- Patricia Monteath, Program

JANUARY MEETING

by Ardith Steger

HOW I FOUND MY FAMILY; HOW YOU CAN FIND YOURS

What a labor of love! Our January speaker, Wilbur Duberstein, has spent many hours tracing his family -- in the U.S., Russia and Sweden.

When he was 12 years old he attended a family reunion in Brooklyn. Most of the relatives attending were in New York City.

In recent years he developed a curiosity as to where his family was "before New York". In the search, he learned that his Grandfather came to the U.S. in 1880 with two brothers.

The culmination of his long search resulted in a reunion in 1989 in New York with 250 Dubersteins! He began by contacting the eldest living relative of each sub-family.

Along with names of people, direct lines, family groups, etc. many other bits of information surfaced:

* In German, "Duber" means oak, while "stein" means stone.

* Wilbur's great grandfather sold wood and stone, and made oak barrel staves. His great-great grandfather's brother owned a brewery.

* One inventive ancestor created the ice cream cone. He also changed his name to DUBEY.

Thank you, Mr. Duberstein for an inspiring story. Let's hope Mr. D's family continues this exciting precedent. Now that all the hard work has been done, it'll be easy for another "committee".

[See p. 53 for more from Mr. Duberstein]



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- * 12 - Tuesday 10AM Irish Interest Group [see p. 49].
- 13 - Wednesday 10AM East Bay GS Meeting, Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave, Oakland. Topic: "Making the Best of your Library Research Time" by Ken Miller, Asst Dir. of the Family History Library.
- * 14 - Thursday 10:30 & 1PM German Interest [see p. 49]; 7:30PM CCCGS Meeting, Concord City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr. Topic: "Probate" by Judy Svoboda.
- 18 - Monday 7:30PM Bay Area Jewish GS, Cong. Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Ave, Palo Alto; Topic: "Records & History of Jewish Cemeteries in the South Bay Area" by Wayne Rose, Admin. of Home of Peace Cem., established 1853 in San Jose.
- * 19 - Tuesday SRVGS Meeting: 1PM ROOTS III Group [see p. 49].
- 20 - Wednesday 12 noon Gen Assn of Sacramento, Southgate Public Lib, 6132 66th Ave; "Scottish Research in America" by Colt Pierson. For info: 446-5715; 7PM Concord FHC Lecture [see p. 51]
- * 21 - Thursday 9:30AM Southern Interest Group [see p. 49]
- 23 - Saturday - All-day Seminar on Genealogical Research in Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia by Daniel M. Schlyter & Shirley Siems Terry. American Legion Hall, 15th & H Streets, Sacramento. \$15/\$17.50; 10AM PAFfers United, FHC, 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord; 1PM Solano Co GS, Santa Rosa Jr College, Lark Hall, Room 2004, "Using Newspapers in Genealogical Research" by Virginia Hershey
- * 25 - MONDAY 8AM SRVGS Library Trip [see p. 51]
- * 27 - Wednesday 10AM Publishing Interest Group [see p. 49]



MARCH

- * 5 Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's; ALL MEMBERS WELCOME! 1PM ROOTS III [see p.49]
- 9 - Saturday 11AM CGS Computer Interest Group, 300 Brannan, SF, "SESAME" by Howard Nurse; 1:30PM CGS Meeting
- * 12 - Tuesday 10AM Irish Interest Group; 7:30PM Livermore-Amador GS, 1886 College Ave, Livermore.
- 13 - Wednesday 10AM East Bay GS
- 14 - Thursday 7:30PM Contra Costa Co GS Meeting
- 16 - Saturday All-day "Workshop on Families" Santa Clara HGS; All-day "Ancestor Safari" with Dr. Geo Schweitzer, Sacramento City College Student Center. 916/428-2245; Friends of the Archives "Black Studies Workshop" by Wendy Elliott at LDS FHC in San Bruno, 876-9009 for info and reservations.

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



DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS
January to May 31 - \$6.25

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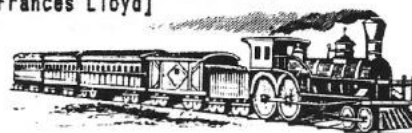
ORPHAN TRAIN RIDERS to Meet in CA

In 1991 the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, Inc., will host a gathering of Orphan Train Riders, families, friends and interested persons at a location yet to be chosen in California.

If you have information to share about an orphan in your family born during the years 1850-1930 that might have been one of the Orphan Train children, please contact OTHSA at 4912 Trout Farm Rd., Springdale, AR 72764.

If you would like to be informed of when and where the CA meeting will take place, please write and request to be notified of this event. To receive a sample issue of the Orphan Train newsletter, CROSSROADS, send \$3.00 to the address above.

[From Sequoia GS N/L Dec 1990;
Contributed by Frances Lloyd]





SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

- GERMAN** - Meets Thursday, February 14 10:30AM at Kate Pruenste's, 91 Madera Ct., Danville (838-9873). At 1:00PM on same day, Kate will conclude her "German for Genealogists" class. Call Kate a week prior to class. At this meeting, members will decide on future dates as Kate expects to be moving.
- IRISH** - Meets 10AM each second Tuesday of the month at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207).
Next meetings: February 12 and March 12.
- PUBLISHING** - Meets 10AM fourth Wednesday of each month. Next meeting, February 27 will be at Dorothy Stanton's, 501 El Capitan Dr., Danville (820-3757). Contact Marilyn Fullam (828-1873) for future meetings.
- ROOTS III** - Meets 1:00PM first and third Tuesday at Sandy Aberer's, 110 El Nido Ct., Diablo (837-8271). Next meeting: February 5 & 19; March 5 & 19. **BEGINNERS?** Sandy will take a poll at the next General Meeting to see how many would like a Beginner's Class. If you can't be at the meeting but are interested, call Sandy.
- SOUTHERN** - Next meeting: 9:30AM THURSDAY February 21 to go to Sutro Library. Call Frances Lloyd 837-9382 if interested.

RESEARCH HELPS

TIPS FROM SRVGS MEMBERS

SCOTTISH RESEARCH:

In Scottish records (probably English too) showing the relation of person and place, the preposition is very important.

OF denotes landowner

IN denotes a tenant

AT (or no prep.) denotes a cottar or farm laborer.

For example: "Charles of Glasgow"; "Charles in Glasgow"; "Charles at Glasgow".

[From Peggy Frazier]

Peggy says she wishes she had known this at the beginning of her Scottish research!

GOLD RUSH RESEARCH SOURCE:

A collection of publications listing burial/cemetery records in the Mother Lode area of California is available from Herzog/Landrith, P.O. Box 4842, Auburn, CA 95604. Counties included are Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Sierra, & Yuba. Madera, Tuolumne, Madera & Humboldt will be added soon. The collection contains "thousands of entries which represent the statistics of those who may have followed the Gold Rush Trail and died here." Also included are the Placer County Hospital/Death Register covering the years 1866-1915 and an 1851 listing of gold miners in Yuba county. All books are indexed.

You can buy individual volumes. Or you can have a surname search made of the entire collection for \$8.00 for each surname spelling. Send a Large SASE.

[From Bill Allen, who received the information with a report from a researcher he paid to work on a gold-miner ancestor of his. Your W/L Editor has the booklet listing the cemeteries and will be glad to check it, if you want to find out which ones are included.]

OLD DEEDS:

If you've attended workshops on plotting out old deeds by using a protractor, you may have been disappointed to find that your old "metes & bounds" deed does not mention the number of degrees. I found help in *THE SOURCE*, Ed. by Arlene Eakle & Johni Cerny [Ancestry], page 220 where the degree equivalents are given for the 32-point compass card used in early (especially Virginia) surveys. The 90 degrees from North to East, divided into eight parts (approx. 11°15' each), can be translated as follows:

"north" (N) = 0°;

"north by east" (N by E) = 11°;

"north northeast" (NNE) = 22°;

"northeast by north" (NE by N) = 34°;

"northeast" (NE) = 45°;

"northeast by east" (NE by E) = 56°;

"east northeast" (ENE) = 67°;

"east by north" (E by N) = 79°

"east" (E) = 90°

Sometimes the angle will be designated "NE by N½ N" meaning halfway between NE by N and NNE. Of course, this still doesn't tell you where the "rock between the two white oaks" is, but it clears up *some* mysteries.

I recommend the entire chapter "Land and Tax Records" (pp. 217 to 254) by William Thorndale. It covers peculiarities of land

records in detail for each state, as well as information on bounty lands and military warrants.

[From Dorothy Stanton]

EDITOR'S NOTE: We would like to make "Tips from SRVGS Members" a regular feature of our Newsletter. If you have discovered a shortcut, a new source or research technique that would be helpful to others, please pass it along to me. One of the reasons for belonging to a genealogical society is to receive help with our research -- so we don't each have to "re-invent the wheel!"

HELPS FROM HERE & THERE

➤ MENTIONED AT THE JANUARY MEETING:

The book Bette Kot reviewed was *Genograms* by Emily Marlin.

The charts presented by Jo Bolenbaker (from our mail) are from Chet & Geri Young Explorations, 1901 Morgan Ave., Claremont, CA 91711. They are pedigree charts which allow space for siblings of each person on the lineage. They sell for \$1.50 each plus postage. At the next meeting Jo will take a count to see if there is interest enough to purchase 50 as a group in order to get them for .75 per chart (wholesale group rate).

➤ BEGINNER'S CLASS OFFERED:

The Lafayette Senior Citizens' Center, 500 St. Mary's Rd., will offer a Beginning Genealogy Class by Bette Kot on Wednesdays 9-11AM, starting April 17 for six weeks. Cost \$5 (total) to Seniors.

➤ YOUR FAMILY HEALTH TREE:

A recent Ladies' Home Journal contained the following item: "Learning more about Grandmother and Aunt Maud may keep you healthy. Researchers at the Univ. of Utah at Salt Lake City and the Baylor College of Medicine at Houston say that charting Family Health Trees to detail your family's medical history can pinpoint who's at higher risk for such serious problems as heart attacks, strokes and cancer. To obtain the forms needed to complete your own family health tree, send a check for \$5 payable to Cardiovascular Genetics Research Clinic, U. of Utah, 410 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City UT 84108". [From Diablo Descendants, Jan 1990]

➤ On the same subject: The January 28, 1991 issue of "U.S. News & World Report" contained several pages on "Your Health History: Tracing your family's medical tree may well save your

life." The four-page article contains a chart and suggestions for creating a medical family tree. Also included: a questionnaire called "The Longevity Test" based on government studies and New York City cardiologist Elliott Howard's work with his patients. The article concludes: "Once you know what medical history your parents have bequeathed you, the next step is in your hands. You can't chop down the tree, but you can plant your own."

➤ MYRA ON COMPUTER

Myra Vanderpool Gormley's column, "Shaking your family tree" was a genealogy column in many papers across the country. A few months ago it simply was not there anymore. . . Her column can now be found on "Prodigy", a computer service provided by Sear, Roebuck and IBM. [From CSGA N/L 8:11 Dec 1990]

The NGS N/L, Vol.16, No. 5 says: "In her online column she helps members learn how to trace a family history, describing methods of research, types of records, who has custody of them, and how to get around problems in dealing with marriage, divorce, land, and probate records. PRODIGY users will find a new column each Sunday in the Homelife Club, and Ms. Gormley will also answer questions on the Homelife Bulletin Board, where her ID is EXPT03B. To read her column, [JUMP]:gormley, or genealogy.

➤ POLISH RESEARCH

An ancestor index card file is housed in the Library of the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 60622. You may enter your ancestors or request (SASE) a search of the index (limit 5 surnames per request). The Polish Genealogical Society may be reached at the same address.

➤ HOLOCAUST MEMORIALS

The organizers of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is scheduled to open in Washington in 1993, are looking for holocaust artifacts -- documents, letters, diaries, works of art, articles of clothing, photographs and the like -- and for people with memories of the event.

Curators are hoping that survivors, rescuers and liberators will come forth and testify about their experiences. Anyone with a contribution should write Curator, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2000 L Street N.W., Suite 717, Washington, DC 20036 [From Personals by Leah Garchik, SF Chronicle 26 Sept. 1990 via EBGs N/L Nov/Dec 1990]



LIBRARY INFORMATION

FEBRUARY LIBRARY TRIP

MONDAY! MONDAY! MONDAY! MONDAY!

The SRVGS library trip will be on Monday, February 25 to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in California Library located in the Financial Center Building on the corner of 14th and Franklin, Oakland. There is a public parking lot across the street, as well as street parking. The library is open from 9 until 4 on Mondays, and is the repository for the East Bay Genealogical Society Library, as well as a good source for Massachusetts research, plus a large collection of "Mayflower Genealogies".

Meet 9AM MONDAY behind Lucky's on Diablo Rd., Danville. For a ride from the Walnut Creek area, call Mary Jo Hosteny at 932-2244.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The Mayflower Library's collections are not limited to New England sources only, since descendants were spread over the entire country. The East Bay GS collection also has a wide range of subjects.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY UPDATES

COMPUTER SHY?

Don't be put off by the fact that the new CD-ROM system at the LDS Family History Centers in Oakland and Concord require the use of a computer. They are very "user-friendly" --no more complicated (in fact, probably less so) than the catalogs you use at the local library. Simply slide the compact disks into the slot (marked by an arrow) and the screen tells you exactly what to do next! And they won't go to the next step until you're ready. You don't even have to know how to type; "hunt and peck" works just as well. Since the disks are "read only", there's no way you can harm the information on them -- unless you happen to sit on them, maybe!

The information available on the CD's (known as "FamilySearch") include the Ancestral File, the International Genealogical Index (IGI), the Family History Library Catalog and, now, the Social Security Death Records.

Concord FHC has two computers available for patron use; the Oakland FHC has 4. Call ahead to reserve a time to use them. Staff members at each library are available to help. Concord's number, 686-1766; Oakland, 531-3905.

CONCORD FHC SPEAKERS

The Concord Family History Center plans to have a guest speaker on genealogy-related subjects each third Wednesday of the month. This month the talk will be on February 20 at 7PM at 3700 Concord Blvd. at the back of the building. Call the library for topic.

FHL NEW ACQUISITIONS:

U.S. STATEWIDE DEATH FILES
NEW DEATH RECORDS & INDEXES FROM ILLINOIS - The Family History Library now has a copy of the alphabetical index to all registered deaths in Illinois between 1916 and 1938. This index usually provides the name, gender, race date and place of death, filing date, and certificate number. The index is available on 191 microfiche (#6016862). [Available in Oakland]

The death certificates are also available on several hundred microfilm. The March 1990 edition of the Family History Library Catalog lists the certificates from 1916 through 1930. In the next few years, additional records to 1940 and certificates from Chicago from 1923 to 1945 will be filmed.

Details on using the index and records are found in the FHL Catalog under the heading ILLINOIS - VITAL RECORDS.

Death records specifically for the Chicago area are available as follows:

ILLINOIS - COOK - VITAL RECORDS

County Clerk - county death records 1878-1920;
Coroner's Office - death records 1879-1904;
County Clerk - death record index (fiche) 1871-1916;

ILLINOIS - COOK - CHICAGO - VITAL RECORDS

Board of Health - city deaths index 1871-1933;
County Clerk - city death records 1878-1915;
County Clerk - out-of-town deaths 1909-1915
State Board of Health Chicago deaths 1916-1922.

OTHER MODERN STATEWIDE DEATH FILES Available at the Family History Library:

CA/State Registrar - death indexes 1940-1983;
DE/Bureau of Vital Statistics - deaths 1855-1910,
index 1855-1888;

HI/Dept. of Health - registers 1896-1903,
index to 1909;

ID/Dept of Health - certificates 1911-1937,
index to 1932;

KY/Bur. of Vital Stat. - b & d indexes 1911-1954;

ME/Div. of Vital Stat. - indexes to vital records
1892-1922;

MA/Sec. of Commonwealth - registers 1844-1899,
index 1841-1971;

NH/Reg. of Vital Stat. - index to pre-1900 deaths;
 NJ/State Library - death records & index 1848-1900;
 OR/State Library - index to death records 1903-1970;
 TN/State Bd of Health - death records & index
 1914-1970;
 TN/State Bd of Health - enumerator's deaths 1908-12;
 VT/Sac. of State - index to vital records 1871-1908;
 WA/Bur. of Vital Stat. - certificates, 1907-1952
 index to 1979;
 WI/Bur. of Vital Stat. - index & cert. 1862-1907.
 ["News of the Family History Library" July/Aug 1990]

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

WORKSHOPS: The "Friends of the National Archives at San Bruno" has put its Saturday workshops "on hold" until further notice. Call 876-9009 for further information. Frances Lloyd, our representative to the Friends, will announce any changes at the monthly meeting.

AT SAN BRUNO: INDIAN WARS PENSIONS APPLICATION INDEX Series T318 - 12 Rolls

The Indian Wars Series was created by an act of Congress beginning in 1892. The original act was for the benefit of veterans who served from 1832 to 1834 and their widows, if not remarried. Benefits were later extended to those who served between 1817 and 1898.

The "Index to Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1927", is a microfilm copy of alphabetically indexed cards listing name of soldier, name and class of dependent, type of service performed, rank, dates served, filing dates and locations, application, certificate and file numbers and bounty land information.

Indian Scouts and/or their widows also applied for and were granted pensions.

[From Frances Lloyd]

PROLOGUE GENEALOGY NOTES:

"Genealogy Notes", will become a standard feature of *PROLOGUE: The Journal of the National Archives*, according to an agency announcement. The series will concentrate on articles that offer practical advice to genealogical researchers and researchers interested in local history sources. The articles will attempt to simplify the researcher's approach to the billions of records in the NA system that relate to individuals who have had dealings with Federal government since its establishment in 1789. Many of the records that will be discussed in the journal have been microfilmed and are available for sale or for research use at the NA in Washington and in the 11 regional archives.

[From NIDS US N/L May 1990]

BANCROFT LIBRARY

[If you couldn't make the January library trip to UC Berkeley's Bancroft Library, you may want to go on your own sometime. JANE STEINER took notes at the UCB Library Genealogy Interest Group on January 9. The program was given by IRENE MORAN, Head of Public Service.]

In 1905 U.C. bought the Bancroft collection, which was collected from 1832 to 1918 and numbered 60,000 volumes. The 1906 earthquake destroyed six major record repositories, but Bancroft had made abstracts of many of the records they had contained.

The Bancroft Library has a regulated reading room for about 30-35 people, and students and faculty have priority use. Mornings, especially Monday, are the least crowded. A registration card, good for two years, is required (bring 2 forms of ID, one with a photo attached). No pens or carrying cases, etc. may be brought in.

Some of the holdings:

- *US Census records (1850-80) for various western states; 1900 & 1910 for CA only
 - *1852 CA census and index (copied by DAR)
 - *Some small local censuses before 1852
 - *Many collections of family papers; e.g. Hilgard, Wm. Keith, Hearst
 - *Index to grantees of land records of CA
 - *Index to grants 1850-1894
 - *Index to witnesses.
 - *Newspapers -- SF & Bay Area (may not be complete)
 1. Microfiche index of CA information file (at Sacramento, but Bancroft has many)
 2. SF 1904-1959
 3. SF Chronicle 1950-80 (also in Newspaper room)
 - *CA Pioneer Register, 1543-1848 (1769-1800 residents)
 - *Index to CA Hist. Society Quarterly
 - *Guides, Vol 1. Index of Western States; Vol 2 Mexican papers (these are also available in "General Reference" and in some public libraries)
 - *California Gold Camps (well indexed)
 - *Index to biographies in 19th c. CA county histories;
 - 2 vol Spanish settler families 1769-1852
 - *Diaries and Journals - many originals
 - *Some City Directories, espec. SF and East Bay
 - *Telephone books 1911-on are housed in Richmond (can be rec'd in 24 hours)
- About 99% of the printed materials are in GLADIS (computer catalog) and manuscript holdings are being entered. Start at the card catalog, then GLADIS. There are 9 microfilm readers, but no reader/printers. Xerox policy: No bound manuscripts, but loose pages are OK; no copies of actual photos.

BOOK REVIEWS IN BRIEF

By Mary Jo Hosteny

- **THEY CAME IN SHIPS** by John P. Colletta. Ancestry, Salt Lake City, UT, soft cover, 68pp, 1989. \$5.95.

A very good synopsis of methods to follow in researching ancestors who came to this country in ships, whether steam or sailing vessels. Extensive bibliography.

- **PROBATE JURISDICTIONS: WHERE TO LOOK FOR WILLS**, 3rd ed., compiled by Jeremy Gibson. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1989, soft cover, 62pp. \$7.50

Lists procedures of where to look for wills, glossary of terms used, for England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland only.

- **MARRIAGE, CENSUS AND OTHER INDEXES FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS**, 3rd ed. Jeremy Gibson, GPC, 1989, soft cover, 44pp. \$6.50

Lists sources of indexes for marriages, censuses and other indexes for England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

- **WRITING THE FAMILY NARRATIVE** by Lawrence P. Gouldrup. Ancestry Inc., \$10.95, 1987, 156pp., soft cover. Self help for the family editor.

- **COUNTY COURTHOUSE BOOK** by Elizabeth Petty Bentley. Soft cover, 386pp., GPC, 1990. \$25 (limited supply, then \$29.95 regular price).

Lists 3,351 county courthouses for all 50 states and US territories with their current addresses and phone nos., dates of

organization, names of parent counties, former names, custody and dates of coverage of land records, naturalization records, vital records, probate records, types of services available and their costs.

[All above books and booklets are available from Genealogical Resources: Frances Lloyd 415/837-9382 or Bette Kot 707/554-4814. Bette & Fran offer local genealogists a service which can save you, at least, the postage on your book purchase.]

TAPE REVIEW

By Marilyn Fullam

- Tape #C-22 - "Census Records and the Experienced Researcher" by Sandra H. Luebking

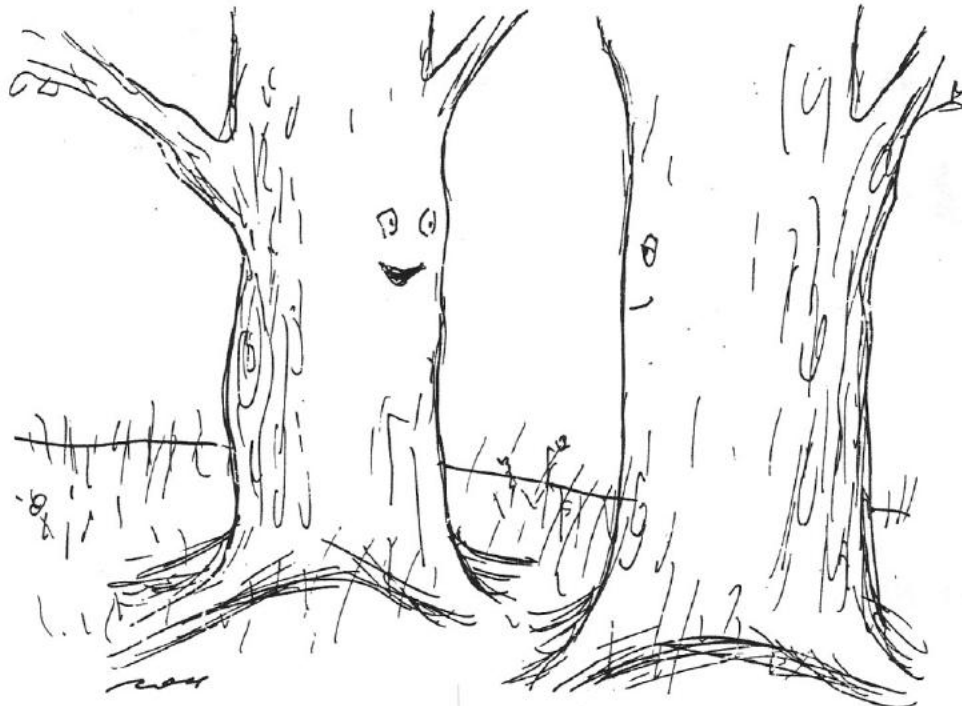
This tape covers the census years of 1880, 1890, 1900 and 1910 and gives the experienced researcher some more ways to find that elusive ancestor.

You will learn of the 1910 Soundmaster; the 1880, 1900 and 1910 Visitation Maps for Chicago; Street Index to Selected Cities for 41 cities, etc.

Ms. Luebking also tells of things such as the 1880 Soundex for Illinois missed filming all the O's; 20% of those in the 1900 Census are not listed in that Soundex; why only 21 states were soundexed for 1910.

This tape is a little gold mine for the experienced researcher.

[Cartoon below was sent to Pat Monteath by January speaker, WILBUR DUBERSTEIN.]



"Yes, it is comforting to have roots."

SRVGS Member Peggy Dearman challenges you to CHART THIS FAMILY!

HIS OWN GRANDFATHER?

Wm. Harmen, a resident of Titusville, Pa., is reported to have committed suicide a few days ago as a result of a melancholy conviction that he was his own grandfather. He left the following singular letter:

"I married a widow who had a grown-up daughter. My father visited our house very often, fell in love with my step-daughter and married her. So my father became my son-in-law, and my step-daughter my mother, because she was my father's wife. Sometime afterward my wife had a son. He was my father's brother-in-law and my uncle for he was the brother of my step-mother. My father's wife, i.e., my step-daughter, had a son. He was, of course, my brother and in the meantime my grandchild for he was the son of my daughter. My wife was my grandmother, because she was my mother's mother. I was my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time and as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, . . . I am my own grandfather."

"The Republican," Danville, IN (Hendricks Co.) Thursday, May 18, 1893; page 4, col.5.

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