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NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 17, 1991

PROGRAM: CIVIL WAR: "THE CALIFORNIA HUNDRED"

Few Californians are aware that citizens of their state fought in the Civil War. Many Union patriots in California, not content with the home guard duty offered by the State Militia, joined a unit formed in San Francisco that would go east and become a distinctive unit within the Massachusetts Cavalry: the "California Hundred."

Speaker ROY H. WELLS holds the rank of Corporal in the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry, Co. A, National Civil War Association [see page 22]. He serves as Editor of the organization's monthly newsletter, the NCWA Dispatch. As Corporal he will be speaking in his dress uniform complete with rifle and saber. His talk will cover a historical overview of the company he represents and will give us insight into the soldier's life during the Civil War, pointing out the similarities and differences between Grey & Blue camp life.

When not involved in Civil War re-enactments, Mr. Wells is a Marketing Manager with Vitalink Communications Corp. in Fremont. He and his wife Louise (who, as a member of the NCWA, serves as Company Cook for the 2nd Massachusetts) live in Milpitas, CA.

JULY MEETING

by Ardith Steger

One of my favorite meetings is one which offers the opportunity of getting to know members better. The July meeting was such a meeting -- PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS -- some simple, others quite complex.

MARILYN FULLAM chaired the program. She reported attending a seminar on Publications in 1987. The message: "Stop talking about it. Do it!"

PAM DALLAS who says she's been really active for only 1 year, told about a box of treasures found in Florida following a family move from Indiana. How many such boxes get lost in the shuffle? After her organizing and

editing she photo-copied the results for all interested family members. And, INTERESTED they were!

A true labor of love occurred when MARGARET JENSEN prepared for publication the diary of her mother-in-law. A portion of the diary included a 1925 trip to California, told in 3rd "person" -- the family dog! Margaret's family moved to Walnut Creek in 1938, where she met her husband.

In response to appeals from counties in Tennessee for family stories (to be compiled into a county history) DOROTHY STANTON replied with three (500 words each). She served as "ghost-writer" for two as contributions by her

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 10 - Tuesday 7:30PM Livermore-Amador Valley GS Meeting, 1886 College av, Livermore. Topic: "Oral History" by Rose Marie Wade
- 11 - Wednesday 10AM East Bay GS Meeting, Mormon Center, 1780 Lincoln Av, Oakland. Topic: "Sources & Evidence" by Lindsay Reeks.
- 12 - Thursday 7:30PM Contra Costa Co GS, City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr, Concord. Topic: A book, "Civil War Records -- A Useful Tool" by the author, Sherry Harris.
- * 17 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS General Meeting; 1:00PM ROOTS III Group [see p. 19]
- * 18 - Wednesday 10AM Irish Special Interest Group; German Interest Group [see p. 19]
- 19 - Thursday 1-3PM Mt. Diablo GS, Home Fed'l S&L Meeting Room, 1938 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek.
- 21 - Saturday 10:30 AM UCB Library Gen Interest Group, Rm 105, Doe Library; 9AM to 3PM Stanislaus Co GS 11th Annual HERITAGE HUNTING SEMINAR at LDS Church 731 El Vista Av, Modesto. Cost: \$20 payable to Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County. Mail to: Heritage Hunting Seminar, c/o GSSC, PO Box 4735, Modesto, CA 95352. More info: Susan Park (209) 521-9830.
- * 24 - Tuesday SRVGS Library Trip [see p. 21]
- * 25 - Wednesday Publishing Interest Group [see p. 19]; Down payment due on Salt Lake Trip [see p.21]
- * 27 - Friday - DEADLINE FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
- 28 - Saturday 10-12noon PAFFERS UNITED (PAF Users Group) Concord FHC, 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord
- 30 - Monday 2-4PM Genealogy Class by Bette Kot, Lafayette Community Center (935-0170) Classes run weekly to Nov 18. Seniors, \$5; non-seniors \$35. [see p. 22]

OCTOBER

- * 1 - Tuesday SRVGS Board Meeting, Frances Lloyd's, 210 Town & Country Dr., Danville. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!
- 9 - Wednesday 10AM East Bay GS Meeting, Mormon Center, Oakland. Topic: "German Emigration Patterns" by Arthur Flegel, C.G.
- * 15 - Tuesday SRVGS Meeting. Topic: "Swiss & Bavarian Ancestors" by Norma Gessel.
- 19 - Saturday 8:30AM to 4PM FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR sponsored by Santa Clara Family History Branch Library & Silicon Valley PAF Users Group at Santa Clara Stake Center, 875 Quince Av, Santa Clara. Classes, workshops & demonstrations. Advanced registration (by Oct 1): send \$8 to LDS Library Seminar, P.O. Box 70057, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. At door, \$10. All genealogists welcome.



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ANCESTORS ON TV?

KBYU-TV and Roots author Alex Haley are involved in an exciting TV project on family history. ANCESTORS, a prime-time series for PBS, will document individuals' searches for links to their ancestral past. The Family History Library is providing technical assistance and consultation.

ANCESTORS will focus on the rich dramas that unfold as a result of family history research. The programs will feature stories and storytellers with the ability to capture imagination and bring family history to life. KBYU-TV is currently in the process of conducting a nationwide search for such material and hope YOU will be able to assist in this exciting endeavor.

If you have an interesting story to share, please contact: KBYU-TV, BaBette Davidson, Project Dir., Ancestors; or Marci Brown, C-302 HFAC, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602; (801) 378-0050. [From David M. Mayfield, Dir. Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah]

SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

CALIFORNIA - Contact Carol Glover (829-7207) if you are interested in a study group on research in California.

GERMAN - The group will meet 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10AM at Shirley Terry's, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon (829-7787). Next meeting: September 18. Call Shirley to confirm.

IRISH - Meets 10AM each 3rd Wednesday of the month at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). Next meeting: September 18. For more information, call Patty Erickson (229-0889).

PUBLISHING - Meets on the fourth Wednesday 10AM. Next meeting: September 25 at Jane Steiner's, 1010 Hunsaker Canyon Rd, Lafayette (283-0867). Jane expects to have completed the Civil War Diary she's been readying for publication.

ROOTS III - Meets 1:00PM on first & third Tuesdays at Sandy Aberer's, 110 El Nido Ct, Diablo (837-8271). Next meeting: September 17. Any one interested in a BEGINNING ROOTS3 group, please meet during the break at the Sept. General Meeting. There are 3 members who have expressed interest in getting started. Bob Heacox has agreed to start the class if 5 sign up. If you have questions before the meeting or wish to enroll, call Sandy or Bob (209) 599-4256.

SOUTHERN - If you're interested in a group on research in Southern States, contact Dorothy Stanton (820-3757) or meet at 9:45AM (before the meeting) Sept. 17 to decide a time & place.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Contra Costa Co GS is forming a study group on research in ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES. If interested in joining, call Joyce Dye (935-8189) or Mary Smits (283-2338).

RESEARCH HELPS

● TIPS FROM SRVGS MEMBERS

- From JANE STEINER: While researching the background of a Civil War diary she's transcribing for publication, Jane discovered some wonderful Civil War sources to go along with this month's topic [see next page].

[OTHER NEWSLETTERS: permission to copy.]

- From DOROTHY STANTON: Did you know that when you order a military pension file from the National Archives, you receive 15 pages of "selected" papers? I sent for a file after finding a likely name in the Civil War Pension Index at San Bruno. When I decided that he was probably "my" soldier (I was fishing), I requested a quote for the "complete file". There were 57 more pages in the file! Some were merely administrative, but others contained a reference to a middle name, plus a letter from the commanding officer reminiscing about the battles they were in and telling what happened to some of the other soldiers who were in the same unit. Obviously, it wasn't a genealogist who did the "selecting"! [P.S. The poor man never was awarded his pension; the government reply was always "soldier's name not found on company rolls"!]

● CIVIL WAR RESEARCH HELPS

- **CONFEDERATE SOLDIER IN YOUR ANCESTRY?**
The Confederate Veteran, reprinted in 50 volumes plus a 3-vol index is the largest and best source of information concerning the Confederate soldier ever published. The 40 year run, from 1893 to 1932, contains material not available anywhere else: approximately

20,000 pages of text and over 4,000 photographs; the largest collection of biographical sketches and personal experiences of Confederate soldiers available. Of special interest are the obituaries (often with photographs) of veterans. The index has over 500,000 entries including every name, place, and battle listed in the Veteran. Available through Broadfoot Publishing Co, Rt. 4, Box 508-C, Wilmington, NC 18405. They offer a complete catalog. [From Civil War Genealogy Newsletter Summer 1990, published Bi-Annually by Grace-Marie Moore Hackwell, 53 North Drive, Freedom, CA 95019; via Solano Co GS whose editor notes that the 40-vol set plus index is available at the Capital Area Joint Genealogical Library located in the Genealogy Room of the Carmichael Public Library in Carmichael, CA. Does anyone know of a more local source?]

● PHOTOS OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

The July/Aug 1989 SRVGS newsletter reported on the project by the U.S Army Military History Institute to secure a photo of every CW soldier (Union and Confederate). If you have one (wartime or after -- he doesn't have to be in uniform), write: Michael J. Winey, Curator, Dept. of the Army, US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks PA 17013-5008. You'll be sent a special franked mailer. They will copy and return your photo plus a free 8x10 reprint of it. They will also check their files for photos if you are looking for an ancestor. Send name, state, birth & death dates -- as much as is known to help identify the soldier.



CIVIL WAR RESEARCH

In doing some in-depth Civil War research, I have discovered some repositories that may be new to you.

First, in California, is the Wyles Collection in the "Special Collections" Department at the Univ. of Calif., Santa Barbara Library

The late William Wyles began collecting books in 1927, primarily materials on Abraham Lincoln, whom he admired greatly. Born in 1857, he grew up with people who remembered Lincoln, and his admiration grew with his collection. He succeeded in purchasing most of the books on Lincoln that were in print during his lifetime. He soon ran out of space in his home for these books.

He discussed the problem with the President of the then Santa Barbara College, and an agreement was made. The College agreed to house and catalog the collection, making it available to students. Wyles would continue buying books to add to it.

The Civil War was a natural adjunct to the Lincoln collection, and he made extensive purchases in that field as well as on the American Westward Expansion.

Mr. Wyles died in 1946 and deeded the collection to what was now the University as well as the remainder of his estate to maintain it. The collection now numbers 38,000 volumes including the periodical publications of major Civil War historical societies. And the Univ. continues to add to it. His special interests did not have rigid boundaries, and the collection includes much American and Afro-American history.

The UC Library is available to State residents as well as the students during normal college library hours. These include evenings, Saturdays and half-days on Sunday while school is in session. It is staffed by student-aides on weekends. There is no fee to use the library, and the staff will make photo copies for you at ten cents each.

To get to the University Library, from Hwy. 101, take the UCSB/Airport off ramp. There are gates at the Univ. entrances where the attendant will give you a campus map and directions. There is a parking fee. If you are planning a visit there, be sure that it is not between school sessions.

Second, is the Civil War Library and Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is operated by a private membership organization, chartered in 1886, and dependent on memberships, volunteer workers, and donations. There is a \$5 fee for visitors, but it is well worth a visit when in Philadelphia.

Housed in an old, 3 1/2 floor house, it is literally filled with books and memorabilia of the Civil War--both north and south. You are given a 7-page guide to the exhibits in the various rooms so that you have an idea of what some of the items are that are displayed. There is a large table in the library where you can sit

and look through books. They also have a photo copy machine for which they charge 25 cents per copy. The hours are 10 to 4 Mon-Sat. They might be willing to do some research by mail (for a donation).

The Civil War Library and Museum, 1805 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Phone: (215) 735-8196.

Finally, The U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which collects and preserves books, papers, and artifacts from all wars and military history--over one million items.

Original source materials such as diaries, letters, memoirs, photographs, etc. are located in the Manuscript and Photograph Departments. The Library contains published books, pamphlets and periodicals.

A library clerk can enter your ancestor's regiment number in a computer and print out a complete bibliography of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts pertaining to that unit. From then on, it's a do-it-yourself retrieval of the materials housed in the library. However, nothing is to be re-shelved. Their personnel does that which probably accounts for the fact that I was able to find by call number all 13 books and pamphlets listed on my bibliography exactly where they belonged.

This type of bibliography may be obtained by mail also, as many of the books are available at other libraries.

Photo copies are ten cents each here with a limit of 100 in a year. In the Manuscript Department photo copies are \$3.50 for the first ten, then ten cents each up to a limit of 100. That may possibly be their photo copy fee for mail requests.

Since 1970 they have been building an oral history department, using Army War College students as the interviewers of retiring senior officers and civilians. They are currently collecting personal experiences via multi-page questionnaires from Army veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, is located near the junction of the PA Turnpike (Hwy. 76) and Hwy. 81. It is 30 miles due north of Gettysburg on Hwy. 34. The facility is open to the public from 8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri, except holidays.

--Jane Steiner

Other military history centers:

Naval Historical Center, Building 57, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374

Marine Corps Historical Ctr., Bldg. 58, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374

US Air Force Historical Research Ctr., Reference Div. Mitchell AFB, AL 36112

Office of Air Force History, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC 20332



LIBRARY TRIP SCHEDULE 1991 - 1992

DATE	TIME	DAY	PLACE
Sep 24	7:00AM	Tuesday	CA State Library, Sacramento
Oct 22	9:00AM	Tuesday	Sutro Library, San Francisco
Nov 26	9:30AM	Tuesday	Oakland Public Library, Oakland
Dec			NO TRIP
Jan 27	9:00AM	Monday	Mayflower Soc & East Bay GS
Feb 25	9:00AM	Tuesday	Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley
Mar 23	9:00AM	Monday	Solano Co GS, Vacaville
Apr 28	7:00AM	Tuesday	CA State Library, Sacramento
May 26	8:00AM	Tuesday	National Archives, San Bruno
Jun 23		Tuesday	OPEN

● SEPTEMBER LIBRARY TRIP

The September library trip will be to the California State Library in Sacramento. Members will meet to carpool at 7 AM in back of Lucky's on Diablo Road, Danville, on Tuesday, September 24. Those living north of Danville or Walnut Creek may call Mary Jo Hosteny (932-2244) for an alternate meeting place. For any information or inquiries about the trips, also call Mary Jo.

● FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY NEWS

- **OAKLAND** - The Oakland Family History Center will be closed October 5. **NEW ACQUISITIONS:** Old Parochial Register Index (on fiche), an index to christenings and marriages extracted from microfilms of the OPR (parish registers) of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and miscellaneous records kept by the Register General for Scotland at Edinburgh. The index for each county is subdivided into christenings and marriages arranged by surname and then chronologically. Some parishes go back as far as 1650. Fiche No. 1 for each county has a full set of instructions to be read before starting. [See "Genealogical Helper" May-June 1991 for more details on the index]
- **SALT LAKE TRIP** - A Genealogical Research Tour to Salt Lake is scheduled for Oct 27 - Nov 3, 1991. The cost of \$465 includes round-trip air, 7 nights at Howard Johnson's (next-door to the FHL) and more. Down-payment (\$200) due Sept. 25; final payment Oct. 12. Contact Frances Becker (934-4962) or Marie Pritchett (530-7525) for more information.
- **LIVERMORE LIBRARY** - The library's catalog is now available to dial-up customers via computer modem. Call 373-5500 for a brochure containing instructions.

● NATIONAL ARCHIVES

- **RENTAL PROGRAM** - On March 2, 1991, National Archives will make the 1920 census microfilm available to the public for the first time. And, the N.A. Microfilm Rental Program will rent copies made from the original silver masters. PMDS (Professional Mail and Distribution Services, Inc), the company now handling the rental program contract for the N.A. is taking advance rental orders starting Sept 1, 1991 so as to have them processed and ready to go as soon as they get the microfilm in March. Microfilm can be ordered directly by individuals or through local libraries. Interested individuals can request a copy of the Microfilm Rental Program brochure by writing to: National Archives Microfilm Rental Program, PO Box 30, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. [From Paradise GS N/L Apr 1991]
- **NATIONAL ARCHIVES TEST IMAGE STORING SYSTEM** - The Sept/Oct ('89?) issue of the National GS N/L has a fascinating article about the Optical Digital Image Storing System (ODISS) being tested by the Nat'l Archives. Over a million pages of military records of Tennessee soldiers of the Confederate Army have been placed in the system which will be available at the Nat'l Archives in Washington and the TN Archives. Studies will be made of its use and technology. If the results are positive, the process will continue. This system will allow researchers to scan the film, including tapping into it from remote places. Paper copies can be made and it will make access to records more easily available to all.
[From LAGS Vol VIII No. 2]
- **PLEASANTON LIBRARY** - The Dollarhide genealogy program is available on their IBM PC. It can be used for 1 or 2 hr blocks up to 4 hours/wk. Call to reserve. [MARILYN FULLAM]

[JULY continued from first page]

mother and sister in order to get more in print. They appear in a beautiful hard-bound volume.

You know BARBARA DITTIG as the member responsible for mailing our society's newsletter, but she's busier yet starting up a newsletter for the MOCK/MACK family. She has located 7 MOCKS from San Francisco to Danville to Fresno -- among them BARBARA IRWIN, whose husband, Grant, has MOCKS in his line. Small world!

Although she was unable to be there, DIANA HANCOCK provided a fascinating account of 2 publications she has authored. Our editor, Dorothy Stanton, served as her proof reader and presented the books. The first publication, her father's line, was followed with a declaration, "Never Again." Then during her recent stay in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (during Desert Storm!), she wrote her mother's family genealogy. We hope she kept her own journal of that experience!

How often do we read a letter from a family member then discard it? Not BEA O'RAND! She saved letters from her son and decided to get them organized. Lots of work, but the price was right -- one copy. What an appropriate and unique Christmas gift!

Brief advice to budding or blooming publishers: 1. Be specific -- including the title; 2. Index your work; 3. Just use common sense -- which is surprisingly uncommon -- and get started! [see below]

● GENEALOGY CLASS STARTS Sept. 30

BETTE KOT will be teaching a class in personal practical genealogy [see details on Calendar for Sept. 30]. Put on paper what you know about your family, add to your knowledge by correspondence, census records and local libraries. The perfect gift for your children and grandchildren!

● WRITING CONTEST

The California State Genealogical Alliance is sponsoring a Writing Contest as a means of bringing to light and putting into black and white some of the "unpublished gold" buried in the genealogical records of its members. The categories are: "California History"; "Genealogical Education/Methodology"; "Family Incidents". Submission deadline for the Contest is on or before February 19, 1991. Contest Rules will be posted at the September meeting or may be obtained from SRVGS Corresponding Secretary, VIRGINIA ROOD.

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR ASSOCIATION

The National Civil War Association (NCWA) is a "Living History" Organization dedicated to preserving and portraying the American Civil War to keep alive the spirit and sacrifice of those times. NCWA members gather regularly to hold events that take them --and the visiting public -- back through the years. Its events are rewarding activities for all and a great way for families to combine fun and learning.

Events include battle reenactments, authentic encampments and many other exciting activities. The public sees how real men, women and children of the period dressed, lived and fought. The NCWA is also available for Living History presentations at schools and organizations.

Prospective members are encouraged to first attend an NCWA event, to learn more about the unit they are interested in joining. Membership forms can be obtained from the unit commander. For more information on any NCWA unit, group or upcoming event, send a SASE to:

The National Civil War Association

P.O. Box 70084

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

(415) 969-3766



MORE CIVIL WAR RESEARCH HELP

THE CIVIL WAR DESCENDANTS SOCIETY, PO Box 233, Athens, AL 35611 is offering help in family tree research questions or will send relevant addresses for further research. They will also supply military unit histories at \$10 per unit. Send name of the military unit and state served. If you don't know his unit, send his full name, state lived 1861-1865 (\$10/each ancestor). If you'd like a Certificate of Recognition to memorialize your soldier, citing you as his descendant, send his name & military unit (\$5).

CIVIL WAR UNIT HISTORIES

University Publications of America has launched a major 5-yr project to micropublish thousands of Civil War regimental-level histories and personal narratives. The first part, covering the Confederate and border states, was scheduled for May 1991. It will reproduce on 1,840 fiche approx. 720 titles from more than a dozen major libraries. Naval units are included, as are Union troops raised within the Confederacy. A printed guide will offer researchers detailed access. -- A library source to look forward to! [KY Hist Soc Bulletin, Apr 1991, contrib. by NANCY WILLIAMS]





SRVGS BOARD REPORTS

FROM BILL ALLEN, TREASURER:

SRVGS BUDGET FOR 1991-92

INCOME	
Membership Dues	\$1,350
Tapes	100
Miscellaneous	50
Special member donations (ca Ja/Fe 92)	493
	1,993

OUTGO	
Rent	\$ 500
Postage	400
Newsletter	440
Speakers	50*
Tapes	100
Society Memberships	40
P.O. Box Rental	8
Officer expenses	15
Member Directory	90
Miscellaneous	100
Contingency Reserve	250
	1,993

* Any expenditure beyond budgeted amount will come from Special Project Reserve Account (balance was \$383 as of July 2, 1991)
The above budget was adopted by the Executive Board at its meeting Aug 6, 1991.

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FROM MARY JO HOSTENY,
MEMBERSHIP:

Please restore to your 1991-92 membership list the following names:

CORTESSIS, Phoebe, 1624 Reliez Valley Rd., Lafayette, 94549 (933-6211)

WADE, Rose Marie, 961 South G St., Livermore 94550 (447-6861)

Please welcome new members:

BURNETT, Larry, 2868 Harrison St., S.F. 94110 (415-647-0637) Researching surnames LUCAS (Ont., CN) and WILLIAMS (Ontario)

DALLAS, Pam [in directory]

PRUDAMES, Ida & Mott [in directory]. Mr & Mrs Prudames are researching the family names of McCALL (IRE), BRYANT (ME, OH, IN), BURNHAM (NY) and DORRANCE (CT).

As of September 3, SRVGS has 122 members.

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FROM SHIRLEY TERRY,
TAPE LIBRARIAN:

The following tape, a donation of the German Interest Group, has been added to the collection:

C-90 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN EASTERN GERMAN RECORDS by Larry O. Jensen SPM 15

Your donations for tape rental go directly to purchase of more tapes. More should be arriving soon. Please contact Shirley if you are interested in reviewing any of the tapes for the newsletter.

QUERY FROM SHIRLEY: Did anyone borrow her North Central Kansas Genealogical Society newsletters, "Waconda Roots & Branches"? She may have loaned them at a German meeting. If so, please give her a call so she can stop searching!

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EXTRACTION PROGRAM

There will be a brief description of the Records Extraction Program for the Family History Library at our next general meeting. Members who missed getting their names on the volunteer list will have the opportunity to sign up then.

CONDOLENCES

The Society wishes to extend their sincere sympathy to JIM and IRMA DOTSON on the death of their son, Terence, in August.



DRUM BARRACKS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

The Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington commemorates California's role in the War Between the States. The museum is located on the site of Ft. Drum, a tent encampment near San Pedro, where planning took place for "The California Column's" march (2,300 men) to repel Confederates along the Rio Grande. CA involvement in the CW included the approximately 17,000 California volunteers who enlisted on the side of the Union -- at least 500 of whom fought with Second Massachusetts Calvary from 1863 until the end of the war. The Drum Barracks is the only intact U.S. Army building in So CA from the CW era. The museum is located at 1052 Banning Blvd, Wilmington, CA 90744. Phone (213)548-7509.

[From Fedco Reporter via CSGA N/L March 1991.]

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CIVIL WAR
COMPUTERIZED DIRECTORY

For those who missed the presentation by Education Chair FRANCES BECKER at our July meeting, JANE STEINER has written up the information about Civil War Battlefields' computerized directories. [see next column] 

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► Was your ancestor in the Civil War? It is estimated that half of all Americans have relatives who were.

In case you missed the recent AP article, the National Park Service has a computerized directory of all 3.5 million Civil War soldiers. The computers are expected to provide names, home states, regiments, soldiers' ranks and whether they fought for the North or South.

"It won't prove that your great-grandfather fought at Gettysburg, but it will tell you what regiment he was in and if that regiment fought at Gettysburg," said John F. Peterson of the park service's computer division in Washington.

The computers will provide brief information on the 7,000 Civil War regiments and units, and information on many of the 10,500 battles, skirmishes and engagements, he said.

Computers are eventually to be installed at all 28 Civil War sites that the National Park Service operates in 21 states and the District of Columbia, but this fall the directories will be tested at Antietam Nat'l. Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland, and the Shiloh (Tenn.) Nat'l. Military Park.

The Genealogical Society of Utah and the Federation of Geneal. Societies are entering the names which will save the government \$4.5 million!

--Contra Costa Times 7/15/91



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