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NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 15, 1991

PROGRAM: **SWISS RESEARCH**

by Norma Gessell

LAST MONTH

By Ardith Steger

You've always thought the Civil War took place "way far away"--between the North and the South--and that none of your California progenitors would have been directly involved? WRONG!

Corporal R. H. Wells, a member of the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry, Company A, of the National Civil War Association told us about the "California Hundred", our state's participants in that dreadful conflict.

Cpl. Wells, resplendent in his Union dress uniform, with wit and considerable knowledge informed us about the frequent reenactments of the Civil War staged by his organization, and many points of interest regarding the Civil War.

Loss of life was one of the greatest tragedies of that, as in all, wars. Because medical, communication, and transportation technologies were so undeveloped, more casualties were attributed to infections (resulting from poor surgical procedures or neglect) than from fire arms.

On the lighter side, Cpl. Wells related one of the "weightier" questions he has been asked: "Why were so many of the Civil War battles fought in National Parks?"

Do re-read your September Newsletter. Several additional articles pertaining to the Civil War were included--all making for good reading.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR**OCTOBER**

- 8 - Tuesday Livermore-Amador GS, Cong. Beth Emek, 1886 College Ave., Livermore. Beverly Ales: "Search for Danish Ancestors"
- 9 - Wednesday East Bay Gen Soc Meeting, Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Av, Oakland. Arthur Flegel, C.G., "German Emigration Patterns"
- * 15 - Tuesday 10am SRVGS Meeting. Come at 9:30 for coffee & "information exchange"; 1 PM Roots III (see p. 27)
- * 16 - Wednesday 10AM Irish Interest Group (see p. 27); 10 AM German Interest Group (see p. 27)
- 17 - Thursday 1-3PM Mt. Diablo GS Meeting, Home Federal S&L Meeting Room, 1938 Tice Valley Blvd, WC
- 19 - Saturday Family History Seminar, Santa Clara Stake Center, 875 Quince Av, Santa Clara
- * 23 - Wednesday 10AM Publishing Group (see p. 27)
- 26 - Saturday CGS Fall Luncheon and Book Sale at Fort Mason . Call (415)777-9936 for more information.
- 26 - Saturday 10-12 noon PAFFERS UNITED, Concord FHC, 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord

NOVEMBER

- * 5 - Tuesday 10 AM SRVGS Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's ALL MEMBERS WELCOME! 10AM Beginning Roots III (see p. 27); 1PM Advanced Roots III (see p. 27)
- 12 - Tuesday Livermore-Amador GS, Cong. Beth Emek, 1886 College Ave., Livermore. Bob Ware: "Research in England"

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

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Did you know...

Magnetized objects, such as color TVs, paper clips and car keys can destroy your disks. Even a telephone ring can be harmful.

SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

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: 10 AM Wednesday, October 16. Call Shirley to confirm.

IRISH - Meets 10AM each third Wednesday of the month at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). Next meeting: October 16 and November 20

PUBLISHING - Meets on the fourth Wednesday 10AM. Next meeting: October 23. Contact Jane Steiner 283-0867.

ROOTS III-Advanced - Meets 1:00PM on first and third Tuesdays at Cindy Wheelers, 110 El Nido Ct., Diablo (837-8271). Next meeting: October 15 at Shirley Terry's, 301 Almond Court, San Ramon. November 5 meeting place to be announced.

ROOTS III-BEGINNING Meets on first Tuesday 10AM at Cindy Wheelers, 266 Montego Dr., Danville.

SOUTHERN - Next meeting: Contact Dorothy Stanton, 820-3757.

OCTOBER LIBRARY TRIP

The October library trip will be to Sutro Library, 480 Winston Dr, San Francisco. Members will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22 behind Lucky's on Danville Rd. in Danville. For those wishing a ride from Walnut Creek or points north, please call Mary Jo Hosteny at 932-2244.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

WHEELER, Cindy, 266 Montego Dr., Danville, CA 94526

HABERMEHL, Wendy, 3168 Riviera Way, San Ramon, CA 94583 (829-8339). SCHUMACHER & HABERMEHL

SPECIAL PROJECTS
by Marilyn Fullam

Thanks to all of you who signed up for the LDS extraction project. We have 22 data card volunteers and 16 computer operators. The first group of data card extractors will meet October 9 for a training session. WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START!

NEW TAPES

The following tapes have been added to the SRVGS John Kopcie Memorial Tape Collection:

C-88 "Resolving Common and Unusual German Research Problems" by Larry O. Jensen NGS 1991

C-89 "Looking Beyond Tombstones in Cemetery Research" by Renee Jackson Smith NGS 1991

Donated by Shirley Terry:

C-91 "The DAR Library: Tapping the Collection Without Going to Washington, D.C." by Eric Grunset NGS 1991 and
C-92 "Basic Ref. & Res. Tools & Procedures for German/Slavic Research in Southern Europe" by Larry Jensen NGS 1991

SRVGS Speaker Tapes now available:

M-32 "Scottish Research" by Lindsey Reeks - May 1991

M-33 "Research in Germany" by Kate Prunte - June 1991

M-34 "Publish or Perish, Not You But Your Work" by Publishing Group - July 1991

TAPE REVIEWS
by Kate Pruenete

C-92 "Basic Ref. & Res. Tools & Procedures for German/Slavic Research in Southern Europe" by Larry Jensen - NGS 1991 (donated by Shirley Terry)

This tape literally put me to sleep. Although it's title is Germans in Southern Europe and Slavic Countries it was a rather dull talk on using gazetteers, German periodicals and books.

Possibly, it may be of some help for people looking into the above areas to know that much was compiled on their ancestors before they left Germany for the east.

When he gets to Ortsippenbücher, he's out of time.

Not recommended except for desperate cases. Before I'd listen to this again, I'd visit LDS and learn how to use the Schlüssel first hand.

WHAT IS PERSI?

The Periodical Source Index (PERSI) is a subject index to thousands of articles in genealogical periodicals and journals. It indexes over 2,000 periodicals; provides subject access to about 500,000 articles; includes nearly all English-language and French-Canadian periodicals; indexes articles by locality, surname, and research methodology. All local LDS Family History Centers should have a copy of PERSI.

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