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NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 18, 1992

● PROGRAM: "FINDING THE ANSWERS -- SUTRO & BEYOND"

CLYDE JANES, our February speaker, has both a professional and personal interest in genealogy. The written questions submitted by SRVGS members at the January meeting will form the basis for his presentation. Do formulate any "nagging" questions for his expert help during the informal period following his talk. We are indeed fortunate to have such a well informed guest speaker.

Professionally, Mr. Janes is a librarian at Sutro which houses the largest collection of genealogical material west of Salt Lake City. For the beginner, there are guides, indexes, bibliographies and even how-to books. More than 10,000 family histories, over 40,000 titles including vital records and extensive rare literary collections are all housed near San Francisco's Lake Merced in the Sutro branch of the State Library.

Mr. Janes has traced his family as immigrants from England and Germany, as settlers in the eastern states during the early 1700's and as pioneers along the Oregon Trail within seven years of the first wagons to use the route.

"There are no two ways about genealogy," Janes said. "People are either addicted or they don't understand it at all." Clyde Janes lives and breathes genealogy. He will share his love of lineage at our February 18th meeting.

-- Sandy Aberer, Program

● LAST MONTH

by Ardith Steger

[My thanks to Manny Lindner for taking wonderful notes of this meeting.]

Our speaker, George Anderson began his presentation with the surprising remark that, in spite of his name and the subject title, he is not Scandinavian at all -- but of Scottish ancestry by way of Ireland! His delving into this research was prompted by his wife's Norwegian ancestry. He said that similar methods applied to the other Scandinavian countries.

His excellent hand-out gave the basic steps

for beginning your search in this country. His first recommendation is to use the help available, on Thursdays, at the Oakland Family History Center in the person of Laila Joplin (Finland) and, Esther Colwell (other Scandinavian countries). Before crossing the ocean, consider a trip to Salt Lake where most Scandinavian records are available on microfilm under one roof!

Using the overhead projector, Mr Anderson illustrated his interesting talk with some of the family sources that led him and his wife to Norway, then showed some of the discoveries (family members & places) located there.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 12 - **Wednesday** 10AM East Bay GS Meeting, Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Av, Oakland. Program: Ron Willis of Willis Photo Lab on photo restoration and interpreting old photographs.
- 13 - **Thursday** 7:30PM Contra Costa GS Meeting, City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr, Concord. Program: Cathi Ryan, consultant at Oakland FHC, on basic German research in the US before "crossing the waters".
- * 18 - **Tuesday** 10AM SRVGS Meeting; 1PM ROOTS III Interest Group [see p. 39]
- * 19 - **Wednesday** 10AM Irish Interest Group; 10AM German Interest Group; 1PM California Interest Group.
- 20 - **Thursday** 1-3PM Mt. Diablo GS Meeting, Home Fed'l Bank Mtg Rm, 1938 Tice Valley Blvd, WC. Speaker: Bette Kot "How to Build Your Own Genealogical Library."
- * 25 - **Tuesday** SRVGS Library Trip [see p. 49]
- 29 - **Saturday** 9AM-3PM Marin Co GS German Seminar: lecture by Henry Z. Jones on German Palatine Research, at United Methodist Church, 1473 S. Novato Blvd, Novato. Pre-reg. \$12 (by Feb 22) to MCGS, PO Box 1511, Novato 94948; or \$15 at door. For info call Jerry Lynn Smith 415/897-3476.
- 29 & March 1 Irish Arts Foundation 1st Annual Celtic Music & Arts Festival for S.F. Arcady & Altan Festival Hall at Ft. Mason, 61 Roselyn Terrace, SF 94118 (415/751-4883)

MARCH

- * 3 - **Tuesday** 10AM SRVGS Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.
- * 10 - **Tuesday** 10AM Southern Interest Group [see p. 47]; 7:30PM Livermore-Amador GS Meeting,
- 11 - **Wednesday** 10AM East Bay GS Meeting at Mormon Center, Oakland.
- 12 - **Thursday** 7:30PM Contra Costa Co GS Meeting, City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr., Concord. Topic: "Catholic Parish Records in the US" by Michael McLaughlin.
- * 17 - **Tuesday** 10AM SRVGS Meeting Panel on Irish Research.
- 27 - 28 Friday Noon-8PM and Saturday 9AM-4PM California Genealogical Society's 7th Annual Family History Fair, St. Mary's Conference Center, SF. Brochures available at SRVGS meeting.

PLANNING AHEAD

- April 29 - May 2 1992 National Genealogical Society Conference in Jacksonville, FL. For conference brochures, send name & address to 1992 NGS Conference, 4527 Seventeenth St, North, Arlington VA 22207-2399.
- May 16 - **Saturday** One-day seminar sponsored by Contra Costa Co GS at Presbyterian Conference Center across from Todos Santos park (center of town) in Concord. The speaker will be ELIZABETH SHOWN MILLS, C.G., F.A.S.G., Editor of the Nat'l Gen Soc Quarterly. Topics: "Finding & Using Birth, Marriage & Death Records Prior to Vital Registration"; "Sweet Potato Simon & White Potato Willie: How to Get More Out of Censuses Than You Ever Dreamed Possible"; "Hidden Clues and Pitfalls in Your Ancestor's Land Records"; "Using Tax Rolls to Prove Births, Deaths, Marriages, Parentage, and Origins". Fee for registration prior to May 1 will be \$15 for CCCGS members, \$17.50 for non-members; registration at the door, \$20. For more info contact Sue Swindell 372-6996 or Barbara Edkin 625-0601 (evenings).

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● MODERN SECRET OF LONGEVITY

The results of Univ of Michigan Survey Research Center in 1988 shows that regular volunteer work, more than any other activity, dramatically increased life expectancy!

The study of 2,700 people in Tecumseh, MI over a 10-year period were particularly significant for men. Those males who did no volunteer work were 2.5 times more likely to die during the study than those who volunteered at least once a week. These findings were further supported by additional research at Yale, the University of California, Johns Hopkins, the National Institute of Mental Health and Ohio State.

[From San Luis Obispo Co GS N/L Spring 91]

Keep this in mind when the SRVGS Nominating Committee gives you a call!



SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

CALIFORNIA - Meets 1PM on the third Wednesday at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). Next meetings: Feb 19 and Mar 18.

GERMAN - The group will meet 10AM each 3rd Wednesday at Shirley Terry's, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon (829-7787). Next meetings: Feb 19 and Mar 18. 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 meetings: Feb 19 and Mar 18.

PUBLISHING - Meets on the fourth Wednesday 10AM. Next meeting: Feb 26 at Margaret Jensen's, 2424 Pine Knoll Dr. #7, W.C. (Rossmore) 935-1200. For future meetings, contact Jane Steiner 283-0867.

ROOTS III - Advanced Group meets 1:00PM on first and third Tuesdays. Next meeting: Feb 18 at Shirley Terry's (829-7787). Beginning Group meets first Tuesday 10AM. Contact Cindy Wheeler (743-1322).

SOUTHERN - Meets 10AM each second Tuesday. Next meeting: Mar 10 at Peggy Dearman's, 749 Morninghome, Danville (837-1621). For future meetings, contact Dorothy Stanton 820-3757.

RESEARCH HELPS

● TIPS FROM SRVGS MEMBERS

● FROM JANE STEINER:

RE CIVIL WAR COMPUTER RECORDS - While taking an Elderhostel course recently, Jane inquired at Antietam about the computerized records. She learned that recent newspaper articles were a bit premature in reporting that they were available there and at Shiloh.

The project is a joint effort of the National Archives (documents), the Gen Soc of Utah (development of the database), and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (volunteers to input the information). The National Park Service will provide direction and supplies. It is expected to take at least three years to enter the 3.5 to 5.5 million names (both Union and Confederate).

Access to the database will be through computer disks available at every national park cemetery and CW battleground and at each of the Nat'l Archives regional branches. The database will be incorporated into the FHL's Family Search program.

[To volunteer or for info contact FGS Business Office, Attn: Civil War Soldiers Index Project, P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385.]

- FROM MARILYN FULLAM: Writing for the federal government employment record of an ancestor, Marilyn was advised by the Treasury Department office in New Orleans that records were maintained for only three years. To check further they suggested that she send date of birth and social security number to: General Services Administration, National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Personnel Records) 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis MO 63118.

● MORE ON SCANDINAVIAN RESEARCH

- LUTHERAN RECORDS - Since the merging of the American Lutheran church and the Lutheran Church of America to become the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), microfilm records for the Lutheran churches in the Midwest area are no longer housed at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA. Write to the ELCA, Church Records Archivist, 8765 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631 for information on rental procedures and fees. However, microfilm records of dissolved congregations are still at Wartburg Seminary. Contact the Rev. Robert Weideraenders, Archivist, 33 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA 52001 [Palatines to America, Vol XI #6 via Chgo GS N/L Jan 92]

- HUSFORHORSLANGDER - Swedish Clerical Survey Records or House Examination Rolls [mentioned by George Anderson last month].

The Swedish Lutheran Pastor was required to visit each household yearly to test their knowledge of catechism and the scriptures. The record usually contained the names of each family member with date and place of birth, relationship, date of death and also arrival and departure dates. The forms vary from time and parishes, but most contain the same facts.

The records have been microfilmed and most are available through the Family History Library. If one knows the parish or village of the ancestor, one can often trace the family back one or more generations. It is especially helpful, for patronymic surnames were widely used in rural areas in Sweden. Look for the province, then the parish or town in the FHL Catalog to obtain the microfilm number to order. [From article by Joyce Senne, Manasota FL GS N/L Oct 90]

● **FINNISH** - A Finnish-American Historical Archives is located at Suomi College, Hancock, MI 49930. Contact Dr. Marsha Pentti about available archive research services.

● **DANISH** - An national campaign is underway to obtain funds for a Danish Immigrant Museum to be built in Elk Horn IA. The museum will honor the more than 360,000 Danish immigrants by telling their stories and preserving the Danish heritage. Contributions of \$200 or more will permanently place the name of a designated immigrant individual or family on the museum's Wall of Honor along with personal data. Donors are encouraged to submit a brief family history on a form that will be supplied by the museum. These histories will be on file and can be viewed by visitors to the museum. For more info contact the Danish Immigrant Museum, PO Box 178, Elk Horn, IA 51531 [From FGS FORUM Winter 1990]

● **FREE CATALOG** - A number of Scandinavian [and many other countries] maps, atlases, dictionaries, and general reference books are available from Stevenson's Genealogy Center, 230 West 1230 North, Provo UT 84604.

● HELPS FROM HERE & THERE

● **POST OFFICE BARGAIN** - The Post Office now offers "flat rate envelopes" for \$2.90 priority mail or \$13.95 for Express Mail. Cram all you can into the designated 9½"x12½" envelope for one price.

● **COMPUTER NETWORKS** - There are many computer Electronic Mail and Bulletin Boards services available to the genealogist which can provide an electronic version of the post office [or the queries section of *Genealogical Helper*]. The article mentioned by Don Gotthold at our January meeting is one compiled (and copyrighted) by Brian Mavrogeorge from the NGS National Conference in Portland, 1991. It treats the subject of Bulletin Boards in general, gives specific samples of queries and lists various BB and software and well as some commercial sources.

Ask Don to let you borrow the article to read. Or send for NGS tapes as follows, both by Brian Mavrogeorge:

T-60 "Tafel, Technology, and Third Cousins Once Removed"; F-106 "Electronic Queries and Research: Computer Bulletin Boards" Order from Von T Productions, 219 Broadway, Suite 418, Laguna Beach, CA 91651. Each tape is \$9.50 plus \$1.50 s&h.

● LOCAL BULLETIN BOARD ACCESS -

"NO-NAME-YET" Genealogy Bulletin Board can be reached via your computer at 827-5714 where a menu will help you 'log-on'.

SENIORNET - Seniors can receive an introduction to computers at a SeniorNet in Orinda Senior Village. For information, call 254-5939.

● LOST SOMEONE?

● **HELP FROM THE POST OFFICE** - If a person or business you are looking for has filed a change-of-address with the post office, you might get that information by filling out a form and paying a \$1 fee. The PO keeps change-of-address cards for one year. Your name will be kept on file and is available to the person you are looking for if he/she asks the post office for a list of people who requested the change of address information.

[CCTimes Consumer column by Barbara Kaufman]

● **PHONEDISC** - Last year's speaker, Wilbur Duberstein mentioned a nation-wide phone listing on computer whereby he was able to trace family members. According to the Immigrant GS of Burbank CA, one such listing is "Phonedisc" from a MA firm which has put over 90 million listed phone numbers (plus many listed & unlisted addresses) on two CD-ROM discs.

Although Phonedisc is quite expensive (\$1850), you can use it for free at some libraries. Call Phonedisc at 617/639-2900 for a nearby location. The Sept IGS N/L notes that the Central LA Public Library has a set and will respond to your request with a surname printout for a \$5 search fee plus 25 cents per page of printout.

SRVGS member Shirley Terry found an article on the subject by John Movius in *Der Blumenbaum*, SGGs N/L, which gives a local northern California source: the Redwood City Public Library, 1044 Middlefield Rd. The article details some of the uses which can be made of the features of the Phonedisc system, but since it's copyrighted, contact Shirley to see the publication. It's quite possible that there are many more local sources since both newsletters were written. If you find one, please notify the SRVGS N/L editor so we can pass the word along.

► **CONGRATULATIONS!** to SRVGS members BEA O'RAND and JANE STEINER, who have completed and published books. Both are transcriptions of diaries of a family member -- too simple a description for all the hard work involved! Bea's is pre-WWII England and Jane's is CW.



LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

● FEBRUARY LIBRARY TRIP

FROM MARY JO HOSTENY: The February Library Trip will be on **Tuesday, Feb 25** to the **Santa Clara Public Library** at 2635 Homestead Rd in Santa Clara. We will meet behind Lucky's on Diablo Rd in Danville at 9AM. If you have any questions call Millie Freitas, 837-2483, or Mary Jo Hosteny, 932-2244.

● LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

ELECTRONIC ACCESS - An article entitled "Library of Congress to Open Collections to Local Libraries in Electronic Access Plans." appeared in the September 1991 issue of **American Libraries**. The article was written by James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress since 1987. The article is interesting because it explores the methods the Library of Congress is using to make its collection more accessible to people throughout the country.

"In **American Memory**, which was inaugurated in 1989 on a six-year pilot basis, we have begun a radically new project still in the developmental stage. American Memory will move beyond providing our bibliographical materials by actually delivering electronic copies of some of our unique collections. By converting collections of artifacts into electronic format, American Memory constitutes a first step in the library's long-term effort to share our collections -- especially primary source holdings -- via technology with local library users from Maine to California.

American Memory will deliver electronic collections in two ways: initially, in the form of compact discs and videodiscs at workstations in local libraries and schools; and, in the future, as an online service. Photographs and graphic art, motion pictures, recorded sound and music, broadsides and manuscripts, and books and pamphlets will be included. In addition to catalog records and finding aids, the system offers original texts in machine-readable form and facsimile pictures of many manuscript items. American Memory will begin by offering collections from at least three different time periods but will emphasize the 1880-1920 that shaped the 20th century. Among the series planned are "African-American Pamphlets from the Daniel A.P. Murray Collection, 1820-1920," "California as I Saw It: First-person Narratives of California's Early Years, 1849-1900", "The

Life of a City: Paper Print Films of New York City, 1897-1906," and "The Nation's Forum: Early Sound Recording of America's Leaders, 1918-1920."

We are testing early prototypes of **American Memory** at 11 libraries and educational institutions across the country: The University of Nevada at Reno; the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis; Andrew Carnegie School, Orangevale, CA; Northwestern University, Evanston, IL; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Willamette University, Salem Oregon; Washoe County (NV) Library; Binghamton (NY) High School; Oakton High School, Fairfax County, VA; West Virginia University, Morgantown, WVA; and Brigham Young University, Provo, UT." [Chgo GS N/L Nov 91]

● GENEALOGY INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

Genealogy from the Heartland: A Catalog of Titles in the Mid-Continent Public Library Genealogy Circulating Collection compiled by Martha L. Meyers and Kermit B. Karns, 1990 ed., cost \$10, is available from the Mid-Continent Public Library, Genealogy & Local History Dept North Independence Branch, Spring and Hwy 24, Independence, MO 64050. According to the preface, the collection was established in 1984. The majority of the books are acquired by the American Family Records Assn. through donation. These books are then given to the Mid-Continent Public Library which then shelves them on the open shelves. The library does loan out these materials via the inter-library loan system. The collection is still growing; anyone interested in donating new or used books can send them to Martha L. Meyers at the library's address listed above. In fact, libraries have been sending duplicate copies to this library in Missouri.

[Chicago GS N/L Dec 91]

● ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The Missouri Historical Society and the Univ of MO-St. Louis have cooperatively established the St. Louis Historical Research Center, scheduled to begin operation in September 1991. Based at the Historical Society's recently completed library and research facility, the new center will sponsor research on the history of St. Louis and regions that have had historical significance to the St. Louis metropolitan area. [From *History News*, Sep/Oct 91]



1920 CENSUS "THE FOURTEENTH NUMBERING OF THE PEOPLE"

On Monday, March 2, 1992, the records created by the 1920 census enumerators and the more than 106 million people they counted will be opened for viewing at the National Archives in Washington DC and at the twelve facilities of the National Archives Regional Archives System.

For the 1920 census, enumerators were instructed to ask for the year of arrival of every foreign-born person. If the individual came to the US on more than one occasion, enumerators were to list the year of first arrival. The 1920 census was the first to collect data regarding the naturalization of foreign-born persons of both sexes and all ages. Previous censuses had only gathered the information for males of twenty-one or older. The 1920 census was also the census to ask naturalized citizens for the year of final naturalization.

[From an article by Kellee Green in Summer 1991 issue of *Prologue*]

● NATIONAL ARCHIVES - SAN BRUNO

From Waverly Lowell at San Bruno comes word that, to deal with the expected heavy use of the 1920 census, patrons will be limited to two hours on microfilm readers when others are waiting. The Archives is open on Wednesday evenings and, depending on the number of additional volunteers available, will be open on two Saturdays a month. Call the Archives to confirm -- or to volunteer.

● NATIONAL ARCHIVES CATALOG

The *1920 Federal Population Census: A Catalog of National Archives Microfilm* is now available. The catalog lists the roll-by-roll contents of the schedules and Soundex for each state and territory enumerated [saves time at the Archives by planning ahead]. The introduction explains how to use the records, reproduces sample forms used in compiling the census, lists the counties and cities for which enumeration district maps are available, and tells how to order microfilm copies of schedules and Soundex. To order the catalog, send check for \$2 plus \$3 handling & shipping to: National Archives Trust Fund, Publications Services, 1W-1, National Archives, Washington, DC 20408.

● SOME CENSUS RESEARCH HELPS

- CENSUS DATES - If you're perplexed because ages listed on a census appear to be "off" by a year, you should know that census enumerators were told to record the ages "as of" the official census date--not the "visit date." These official census dates were: the first Monday in August for 1790-1820, June 1 for 1830-1900, and April 15 for 1910. While not all enumerators followed these instructions, you should keep these dates in mind, particularly if you run up against an age inconsistency. [from GS of Stanislaus Co N/L]
[Editor's Note] The date for 1920: January 1; for 1930-90: April 1.
- AGE SEARCH - The US Census Bureau's Age Search function is being relocated from Pittsburg KS to Jeffersonville IN (effective 1 Aug 1991) Applications for Age Search should be directed to: Bureau of the Census PO Box 1545, Jeffersonville, IN 47131 [HAGS via SMCOS]
- CIVIL WAR HELP in 1910 Census - Be sure to check to see if the box titled "Whether survivor Union, Confederate Army or Navy" has been filled out on the original census enumeration for your ancestor. If yes, and you are not sure from which state he would have enlisted check earlier censuses to see if any of his children were born around 1858-1865. Check their birth places and this will most likely be the same state from which their father joined the army. [From "Civil War Genealogy N/L", Summer 1990 by Grace-Marie Moore Hackwell via Solano GS Qtly Winter 91.]
- NEW INDEX - The Sistlers of Nashville are preparing an index to the 1880 CENSUS of TENNESSEE. The completed twenty-one separate county books listing names of all residents--not just heads of households contain: name, age and race of each person, arranged generally by family group, with page number from the original schedules. Prices vary from \$11 to \$27 for each county. Send SASE for price list to Byron Sistler & Associates, 1712 Natchez Trace, PO Box 120934, Nashville TN 37212..
- TO FIND A NUN in the Soundex: code the word "Sister" as if it were her surname. Use S236 plus her religious name. [Contrib. by Nancy Williams from NW MO GS N/L, M-J 1991]
- ENGLAND - The 1891 Census for England and Wales was slated to be released January 1, 1992.

● **TAPES TO ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY LISTING**
by Shirley Siems Terry, Tape Librarian

COMMERCIAL TAPES

- C-90 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN EASTERN GERMAN RECORDS
Larry O. Jensen SPM 15
- C-91 THE DAR LIBRARY: TAPPING THE COLLECTION W/O GOING TO
WASHINGTON, D.C. Eric Grundset NGS 1991
- C-92 BASIC REF. & RES. TOOLS & PROCEDURES FOR GERMAN/SLAVIC
RESEARCH IN SOUTHERN EUROPE Larry Jensen NGS 91
- C-93 FRONTIER GENEALOGY by James L. Hansen NGS 91
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by Elizabeth Shown Mills NGS 91
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A QUALITY FINISHED PRODUCT
by Alecia Crane NGS MN
- C-96 HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MANUSCRIPT FOR PUBLISHING
by Ann Hedge Hughes, NGS MN

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- M-35 CIVIL WAR by Roy Wells 9-91
- M-36 SWISS RESEARCH by Norma Gessell 10-91
- M-37 CHANGES IN GEOGRAPHY AFFECT GENEALOGY 11-91
by John Heilbronner, Maps Unlimited of San Ramon

● **PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NAMES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

KARLENE ALTEMUS, 738 Glen Rd., Danville 94526 (837-3048)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

NANCY H. GRIFFIN - 105 Van Buren St., Novato, CA 94947 (897-8199)

LINDA HYDE - 7163 Kingston Pl. Dublin, CA 94568; (829-6559).

Researching: CRANE, RUSSELL in OH, IL, 1800's

MARY C. KURY - 3575 Old Blackhawk Rd., Danville, CA 94506; (736-6236). Researching: STUYVESANT, CROWNINSHIELD, DENVIR in MA, MO 1800's

PATRICIA YELLOWLEY MARTIN - 941 Maricaibo Pl, San Ramon, CA 94583 (838-9096) Researching: YELLOWLEY, YUETTEN in VA, Scotland, IL 1800's.

JOHN POWERS - 651 Doral Dr., Danville 94526 (838-2341). Researching POWERS, RACE in IRE, NY 1800's

● TAPE REVIEWS: NEW TAPES

- C-95 "ORGANIZING YOUR MATERIAL: Turn a Pile of Notes into a Quality Finished Product"
Speaker" Alicia Crane Williams

Reviewed by Jane Steiner

After stressing the importance of doing **something** with your research, Ms. Williams discusses various types of genealogies, explaining each in detail. This is a talk of basics; whether to use Register or Record form --both are explained-- various ways to handle biographical information, numbering systems, final typing or printing, the importance of referencing the facts, footnotes and bibliographies, and finally, proofreading -- several times by more than one person, ideally another genealogist and also an English major for correctness of grammar, spelling, etc. The facts should be proofed against the original documents, the dates should be checked to see if they are correct and logical, and the text for comprehension and sense. Indexing is the last quality control, and is best if done from the final draft.

She suggests books or articles to help with any or all of the above; and she gives names

of several excellent genealogies as models. She also gives her check list of 10 places or records to do research for every individual in your genealogy. If you follow her advice, you'll know you have an excellent genealogy.

- C-96 "HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MANUSCRIPT FOR PUBLICATION"

Speaker: Ann Hege Hughes

Reviewed by Marilyn Fullam

After a very lengthy introduction, Ms. Hughes, who is employed at Gateway Press, turns out the lights and turns on the overhead projector. While this is a very informative type of lecture, it leaves much to be desired when you are just listening to the audio portion.

The major portion deals with the placement of the typing on the page, fold outs, maps, charts, index layouts, end sheets, etc. -- the cosmetics of the manuscript.

She also touches on marketing and the rest of the tape is a question and answer session where we hear the answers but not always the questions.

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