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NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 17, 1992

PROGRAM: GETTING THE MOST FROM THE CENSUS

Speaker BARBARA EDKIN reports that several years ago she was looking for an inexpensive hobby and settled on genealogy. Since that time she has had more surprises about this undertaking. Having learned some things the hard way, she decided to join the Contra Costa Genealogical Society and began going to workshops. One of the topics which fascinates her is the census records and she will share some of her discoveries with us.

— Sandy Aberer and Bette Kot, Program

LAST MONTH

by Christine Scott

Marilyn Fullam, Mary McNamara, Shirley Terry, and Cindy Wheeler, members of SRVGS, were speakers for the program discussing jargon and tools genealogists use.

Marilyn explained the use of a "Cousin Chart". To use it one must know a common ancestor. Are you a fourth, fifth or seventh cousin? Are you a third or sixth cousin once removed? The term "once removed" indicates two different generations. It was suggested that we think of these as descendant relationships. Marilyn says these charts point to some interesting

cousin relationships.

"Family Group Chart" was the title of the presentation by Mary McNamara. This chart is headed by the husband with his important dates and names of his parents, followed by his wife with similar information. Next the children are listed. At the bottom are the reference notations.

A variety of family group charts are available. Some charts are drawn sideways, while others provide room for the references at the top of the front side and [Continued on p. 42]

MARK YOUR CALENDAR**NOVEMBER**

- * 10 - Tuesday 10AM Southern Interest Group [see p37]; 7:30PM Livermore-Amador GS Meeting at Congregation Beth Emek, 1886 College Av, Livermore. For info call Jolene Abrahams 447-9386.
- 11 - Wednesday 10AM at Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Av, Oakland. For program contact Josef Schmitt 510/532-5947 or June Lindquist 510/524-6685.
- 12 - Thursday 7:30PM Contra Costa GS Meeting, City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr, Concord. Program: Richard Boucher. "General Ramblings of a French-Canadian".
- 14 - Saturday 9AM-4PM Scandinavian Research Seminar, sponsored by San Mateo County Genealogical Society. Speaker Carl-Erik Johansen at Ampex Cafeteria, 4001 Broadway, Redwood City. \$20 at door. For information call 415/329-9941 or Patty Erickson at 510/229-0889.
- 14 - Saturday Monterey Co GS "Ancestor Roundup", Hartnell College, Salinas, CA. Some speakers: Dwight Radford, Karen Clifford, Linda Avakian, etc. Receive college credit, large syllabus, breakfast & lunch. Vendors. For information contact Bettyann Hedegard 408/422-1304.
- * 17 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Meeting; 12:30PM ROOTS III Interest Group [see p37]
- * 18 - Wednesday 10AM German and Irish Interest Groups; 1PM California Interest Group [see p37]
- 19 - Thursday 1PM Mt Diablo GS in Friendship Rm, HomeFed Bank, 1938 Tice Vly Blvd, WC.
- * 24 - Tuesday SRVGS Library Trip

DECEMBER

- 1 - Tuesday 10AM Annual SRVGS Cookie Exchange at Frances Lloyd's - (Instead of the monthly Board meeting). Get a head-start on your cookie-making. Share yours (maybe an old family recipe?), sample others', take home an assortment of what's left, and ENJOY!
All members welcome!
- 5 - Saturday 10AM-noon PAF User's Group, Concord Family History Center, 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord.



NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER
NO NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER

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COMING EVENTS

During the week of DECEMBER 5 look for the PBS presentation "Celebrating the American Family", a documentary hosted by Jill Eikenberry and Michael Tucker, which traces the evolution of the American family. To complement the program, MCI Telecommunications in cooperation with the National Genealogical Society is offering a brochure "Branching Out: Tracing Your Family Tree". To receive a free copy, dial 1-800-950-4TREE. Requests can also be made by sending a 52-cent-stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to MCI "Family Tree," c/o Karen Heyison, 1200 South Hayes St, Arlington, VA 22202.

SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

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

GERMAN - The group will meet 10AM each 3rd Wednesday (only if it follows the general meeting) at Shirley Terry's, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon (829-7787). No meeting in November or December. Next meeting: January 20. 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: November 18.

PUBLISHING - Meets on the last Wednesday 10AM. No meeting in November or December. Next meeting: January 27 at Bea O'Rand's, 16 Ashford Court, Alamo. Contact Jane Steiner 283-0867.

ROOTS III - Meets 12:30PM on third Tuesdays at Montair school, Room 301. Bring a "brown-bag" lunch. Please do not park in school parking lot. Next meeting: November 17. Contact Cindy Wheeler (743-1322).

SOUTHERN - Meets 10AM each second Tuesday. Next meeting: November 10 at Bea O'Rand's. Topic: Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma & Texas. October's topic will be rescheduled in January. Contact Bea O'Rand 837-1760.

Jan 12 PA, DE, MD Linda Hyde.

RESEARCH TIPS & TIDBITSFROM SRVGS MEMBERS

FROM DOROTHY STANTON:

Does anyone have family connections in FILLMORE COUNTY, MN? I found, at a Friends of the Danville Library book sale, a Fillmore County History, published 1984, which contains much (667 pp. indexed) information on current and past families residing there. Give me a call (after Nov. 11) if you are interested in it.

"PILGRIMS & INDIANS"

[and other Immigrants]

QUOTE: "More than an upper-crust few can boast their ancestors arrived on the Mayflower. Genealogists estimate that up to 20 million Americans can claim links to the first Pilgrims."

[US News & World Report, Nov 27, 1989]

A HOLIDAY GIFT - FROM YOU TO YOU

Thinking of joining National Genealogical Society? New memberships will be accepted at the old dues rate of \$30 through Nov 1992. Membership brings you 4 NGS quarterlies edited by Gary and Elizabeth Shown Mills, book rental, and bimonthly newsletters which will now include the Computer Interest Group Digest. The Sept-Oct N/L includes an article on "preponderance of evidence", Timesaving macros for the MAC, reviews of Genogram, & Family TreeMaker software, genealogy news around the country, etc. A real bargain! Address: NGS, 4527 17th St, North, Arlington VA 22207-2399.



LIBRARIES & ARCHIVESNOVEMBER LIBRARY TRIP

by Cindy Wheeler

The November library trip will be to the Sutro Library in San Francisco on Tuesday, November 24th. Interested members should sign up at the SRVGS meeting in November or call Cindy Wheeler at 743-1322. Carpools will meet at 9 am behind the Luckys Store on Diablo Road in Danville. Those living north of Danville call Mary Jo Hosteny (932-2244) for an alternate meeting place. Once you've signed up, please call Cindy if you find you are unable to attend.

OCTOBER LIBRARY TRIP

Five members of the SRVGS went on the October library trip to the Sacramento State Library. Marilyn Fullam found a marriage she had been searching for for eight years and Jane Steiner found what she needed to start the 1890 Great Register Project.

NO LIBRARY TRIP IN DECEMBER.
IN JANUARY WE WILL BE VISITING
THE SANTA CLARA LIBRARY.

NEW INDEX AT SUTRO - If you're researching late 19th century ancestors, check the new AIS Index to the 1891 Enumeration of Males over 21 in the state of Tennessee. This listing is a good 1890 census substitute and the index is helpful if you're not sure where they were living at that time. However, there are some gaps in the index; if you know what county your male lived in, you'll want to check the county enumeration. I did not find my gt-grandfather in the index even though I had already found him in the Carroll Co published enumeration. Most counties have been published separately. [Dorothy Stanton]

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

From FRANCES LLOYD - On your next trip to San Bruno Archives, ask an Archives Volunteer or Staff to show you how to block your copies. Your copied census page can be a bit (or lots) smaller than the printed page and have a white border rather than black -- Saves lots of toner (as much as 10-15 pages worth) and gives you a white border that looks much better. Plus, gives you a place to write the series, roll number, etc.

1920 CENSUS ERRORS - J. Carlyle Parker, university archivist at CA State Univ, Stanislaus, has discovered an error in the 1920 US Federal census microfilm catalogs published by the National Archives (Microfilm Publication T625, roll 126) and the Family History Library Microfilm 1820126). Under California, the catalogs describe that roll as containing: Shasta Co. (EDs 96-100, 101-104 and 106-113) and Sacramento Co. (EDs 126-135, 69-77, 82-85, and 136-138). The microfilm actually contains: Sacramento Co. (EDs 86-125).

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

NEW SERVICES - At the LDS Family History Library and its Family History Centers, a pilot program for the International Floor only: Questions concerning international references will be answered "to the best of our ability."

Services which will be provided:

- * Read and interpret a FAX from LDS FHC patrons [there is a charge for FAXing the material].
- * Locate and read a problem entry on a film when necessary.
- * Help with locality i.d. problems.
- * Give general advice on how to proceed with research.
- * Give advice for record types to search.

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* **Emphasize teaching the FHC staff how to assist patrons through the questions we receive.**

The FHL will **NOT** do research or search through records for information. They **WILL NOT** answer US/Canada, British, Pacific or Oriental questions.

This service may be accessed via a toll free number available to FHC patrons. The FAX number is **NOT** toll free.

The Software Support Line will answer questions related to downloading and retrieving information, and submissions for the Personal Ancestral File, and Family Search. Hours are: Mondays, 8:30-4:30 MST; Tues through Fri, 8:30AM-8PM. Outside Utah 1-800-453-3860, Ext 2584. Dial Direct 1-801-240-2584.

[UGA N/L Fourth Qtr 1992 via CSGA N/L Sep 1992]

MILITARY RECORDS - The FHL has more than doubled the size of its collections of military records. Most are copies of original records microfilmed at state archives or purchases from the National Archives. These records are listed in the FHL catalog under the heading **UNITED STATES - MILITARY RECORDS - PENSIONS**. Two significant collections are:
* **Veteran's Administration Pension Payment Cards 1907-1933.** These are for veterans who were in the regular military establishment and disclose veteran's ;unit of service, disability, rate & date of pension, and date of death.

* **Disapproved Pension Files of Navy Dependents 1861-1910 and Index.** Each Navy widow's or dependent's pension application file has been copied on microfiche (7,034). An index (on 15 microfiche) is also available. Information includes names, residences, and vital dates; property lists; family records, such as Bible pages, affidavits of witnesses; summary of military service; death & burial info.

[News of FHL Vol 2, No 1]

BOOK REVIEW

by Mary Jo Hosteny

CONFEDERATE RESEARCH SOURCES by James C. Neagles. Pub. by Ancestry, Salt Lake City, 1986. Soft cover, 286 pp.

This is a very efficient guide to archive collections on the Confederacy, written for those descended from men who fought in the Civil War on the side of the South. It points out what Confederate records exist and where they are located, with a section for each of the eleven Confederate states as well as the territories and border states that provided support to the Confederacy. In addition to descriptions of the records in the state archives and libraries, there is also a comprehensive description of the Confederate records housed in the National Archives. A helpful source for Confederate research.

PLANNING AHEAD

March 20-21, 1993, San Francisco. The CGS's 8th Annual Family History Fair will be held at the Concourse Exhibition Center. Doors open to the public Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday 9 am to 4 pm. Details from David M. Adams, Chairman (415-474-2868 or CGS, PO Box 77105, San Francisco 94107-0105 [Forum, Fall 1992]

GERMAN EMIGRATION

A new publication entitled *Emigration Records from the German Eifel Region, 1834-1911* is available from the McHenry Co Soc, P.O. Box 184, Crystal Lake, IL 60014-0184. Send \$15.00 plus \$1.75 p & h.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

CLAY, SHARON 7400 Highland Oaks Dr., Pleasanton 94588 (462-4518). Researching: NELSON, MI; CLAY, OH.

HAREID, CATHY 2156 Myrtle Beach Ln., Danville 94526 (820-4756). Researching: TIBBITS, NY; MUNOS, RUSSIA.

FJELD, RAWLEIGH CONDRA 2112 Myrtle Beach Ln., Danville 94526 (837-2243). Researching: CONDRA/CONDREY, VA, TN, KY.

JOHNSON, HELENE 538 Silver Lake Dr., Danville 94526 Researching: BROWNE, NO. TX, COLE, SO. TX.

MORTENSEN, CLAUDIA 360 Bridgeside Cir., Danville 94506 (736-1112) Researching: ROSE, KY, VA; KIDWELL, KY, VA.

SCOTT, JOAN PO BOX 424, DANVILLE 94526 (820-1679). Researching: SLEZIN, CAN. & POLAND; LABOSKA/JABLONSKI, CAN. & AUSTRIA.

SKILTON, RON 19 Martha Rd., Orinda 94563 (254-6989) Researching: SKILTON, BRITAIN; QUINLAN, BRITAIN.

GOODHOLM, KITTY 213 Majorca Dr., San Ramon 94583-4594 Researching: SMITH, VA. 7 CLAPSADDLE VA. & PA.

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SRVGS BUDGET FOR 1992-1993INCOME

Membership Dues	\$1,992
Tapes	120
Miscellaneous	150
	\$2,262

OUTGO

Rent	\$ 500
Postage for newsletter	400
Newsletter Duplication	500
Speakers	400
Tapes	150
Society Memberships	20
P.O. Box	7
Officer expenses	10
Mbr. Directory	100
Miscellaneous	50
Contingency Reserve	125
	\$2,262

Note 1 - Tape expenditure beyond income is covered by the 1991-92 income carryover.

Note 2 - SRVGS Special Projects Fund Reserve remains at \$383.

[Budget adopted at the June 1992 Executive Board meeting.]

HELP FOR CONFEDERATE RESEARCH - Tracking down Confederate soldiers can be a trying experience, so this information regarding the Hill College Confederate Research Center should be helpful.

The research Center and Museum includes over 3,500 books, brochures and pamphlets on the Civil War, particularly Confederate military history

Among the reference books here are "The Official Records," Southern Historical Society Papers" and "The Confederate Military History" There are capsule histories of each of the 3,200 Confederate regiments and special units plus Confederate ships.

The microfilm collection at the Center includes the index of each Confederate state; all service records of the 1860 census reports for Texas counties, post returns from US forts in Texas from 1848-1861 and an information file on Texas/Confederate soldiers.

In the Archives are original letters, documents, maps and photos as well as an extensive file of magazine and newspaper clippings and subscriptions to 55 magazines involved in Southern and military history.

For more information about the collection and its research fees, write: Confederate Research Center, Attn: Peggy Fox, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, TX 76645. [CSGA N/L Aug 1991]

FROM WIN KYNETT - Win found an article in the Miami Co [IN?] GS newsletter that explains some of "those pesky words":

When Great Grandfather was leaving a country permanently to settle in another, he was an "emigrant". While in the process of leaving, he was "emigrating". When he arrived at the new location where he intended to settle, he was an "immigrant" and, when we speak of his coming to the new place, he was "immigrating". Should his journey have been because of war, political unrest, or other

oppressions, his leaving one country for another made him an "emigre". If there was a little gypsy in his soul and he moved from one place to another without settling, he was "migrating". Got that?

"WHAT'S IN A NAME

-- WHEN IT'S GERMAN?"

Suffixes on German surnames often provide clues as to where those ancestors' homes were.

- bach, Southwest Germany
- ingen, Wurttemberg, Baden
- burg, throughout Germany
- inski, Upper Silesia
- haus, Westphalia
- reuth, Bavaria
- ecke, Hessen, Thuringia
- ski/zke, East Pomerania

[Gen Guild of LaSalle Co Hist Soc via LAGS V4]

LAST MONTH [cont. from p. 35] some use the back for additional information. A pocket book size chart which is convenient to use has room for residences.

The use of "Ahnentafel" (a type of pedigree chart) was explained by Shirley Terry. A numbering system is at the center of this chart. "Ahnentafel" is a German word meaning ancestor. Beginning with yourself as "1" your father will be twice your number or "2" and your mother will be twice your number plus one or "3". Males have even numbers and females have uneven numbers.

Cindy Wheeler discussed the "Soundex"-a system for locating ancestors on census records from 1880, 1900, 1920 and part of 1910. Names and other data in these censuses were copied onto file cards, then were alphabetically coded for each state for each census. To use these indexes the surname must be coded with a coding guide. With the Enumeration District, line number and the page number from the index, the family can be found on the census.

OCUPSYSHUN - CENCUS TAKER

[To get you in the mood for this month's program]

OCUPSYSHUN -- Cencus Taker: "I am a cencus taker for the city of Bufflow. Our City has groan very fast in recent years and now in 1865. It has become a hard and time consuming job to count all the peephil. There are not meny that can do this werk, as it is nessessarie to have an ejucashun, wich a lot of pursons still do not have. Another atributeart needed for this job is good spell-ing. for meny of the peephil to be counted can hardle speak inglish, let alon spell their nanes!!!" [from Jackson Co GS N/L Mar 89 via The Root Digger Qtly Winter 89]



HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY 1993!

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