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NEXT MEETING: MARCH 16, 1993

PROGRAM: Dr. MURIEL JAMES will be the guest speaker at the March meeting of the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society. Her talk is entitled "Historical Research as Applied to Genealogical Research." An international lecturer and psychotherapist from Lafayette, she is the author of seventeen books including *Born to Win*. She reports that her interest in genealogy is leading her writing in new directions and has made a considerable difference in her life.

An acknowledged pioneer in Transactional Analysis and Gestalt techniques, Dr. James currently lectures and leads workshops. In an effort to help people learn more about themselves she has done extensive research in many fields including history, communications, human relations, religion and, most recently, genealogy. A prolific reader and writer, Muriel James will alert us to new challenges in our genealogical research and writing.

-- From Sandy Aberer and Bette Kot, Program

LAST MONTH

by Sandy Kimball

JUDY SVOBODA packed a significant amount of solid, useful information into her 45-minute talk before the Society on February 17.

Using overhead projections to illustrate her talk on "Migration Patterns to the Mississippi before 1850" she gave Society members the following hints for tracking elusive ancestors across the country.

1. Before looking for the trail your ancestor traveled, determine what you know about that individual.

A. Locate the ancestor as to specific time and place.

B. Define the ancestor as to occupation, worth, religion, marital status, where he was born, when and where his children were born.

C. Define the locality where your ancestor lived. What was the climate and the topography like? Are there large rivers? Was it part of bounty land? Who originally claimed the land? Was it part of a large land speculation?

D. Define the ancestor's neighborhood. Who laid out the town? Who were his neighbors and the original settlers. Were ethnic groups evident? Where were neighbors and their children born?

E. Define the time period.

What transportation was available at that time? Was the economy depressed? Were there wars? What was happening in the country at this time?

2. To Look for Trails

A. Get a map that shows topography, which is very important. Bear in mind that ancestors always took the easy way. Find out what the technology of the time was. Were axles high enough to go over stumps in a trail? What was the time frame?

B. What were the ancestor's self imposed determinators? Was the route cheap, easy, fast, safe, short? To illustrate this point, Judy then showed a number of old maps and gave

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

- * 9 - Tuesday 10AM Southern Interest Group [see p.61]; 7:30PM Livermore-Amador GS at Cong Beth Emek, 1886 College Av, Livermore. Program: High Tech and Genealogy. For more info: Jolene Abrahams 447-9386.
- * 10 - Wednesday 10AM Irish Interest Group [see p.61]; 10AM East Bay GS will meet all day at the National Archives. Contact Josef Schmitt 510/532-5947 or June Lindquist 510/524-6685.
- 11 - Thursday 7:30PM Contra Costa Co GS Meeting: Oliver & Rachel Krieger Holmes tell of trip to Russia which included family history research on German/Russian ancestry.
- 13 - Saturday 9am-4pm GERMAN RESEARCH SEMINAR by Friedrich Wollmershauser, researcher at Univ of Munich, at Ampex Cafeteria, 411 Broadway, Redwood City; \$20 at door. For information contact San Mateo Co Gen Soc (SMCGS), PO Box 5083, San Mateo, CA 94402.
- * 16 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS General Meeting; 12:30PM ROOTS III Interest Group [see p.61]
- 18 - Thursday 1-3PM Mt. Diablo GS. Call Charles Sipple 228-4076 for meeting place. Speaker: Richard Boucher "French-Canadian Connections."
- 20-21 Saturday & Sunday California Genealogical Society 8th Annual FAMILY HISTORY FAIR at Concourse Exhibition Center, 8th & Brannan Sts. San Francisco. Schedule and Registration Information flyers available at SRVGS meeting.
- 23 - Tuesday SRVGS Library Trip [see p.63]
- 27 - Saturday 10AM PAF Users' Group, Family History Center, 3700 Concord Blvd., Concord.
- * 30 - Tuesday SRVGS special one-time Scandinavian Interest Group [see p.61]

APRIL

- * 6 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Board Meeting 10AM at Frances Lloyd's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!
- 8 - Thursday 7:30PM CCC GS, City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr, Concord. Jon Heilbronner will speak on maps.
- * 13 - Tuesday 10AM Southern Interest Group [see p.61]; 7:30 Livermore-Amador GS Meeting.
- * 14 - Wednesday 10AM Irish Interest Group [see p.61]; 10AM East Bay GS at the Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Av, Oakland. Contact Josef Schmitt 510/532-5947 or June Lindquist 510/524-6685.
- * 17 - Saturday 9AM to 4PM - ARLENE EAKLE SEMINAR See enclosed flyer and below.
- * 20 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Meeting. Speaker: Bette Kot.



ARLENE EAKLE SEMINAR

SRVGS is pleased to announce that Arlene Eakle will be our speaker for the April 17 Seminar we are co-hosting with Contra Costa Co GS. The following information from Barbara Edkin of CCCGS will introduce Dr. Eakle and explain why we are so pleased:

Arlene Eakle is the president and founder of the Genealogical Institute, Salt Lake City, and a professional genealogist with more than 25 years experience. She holds both a MA and PhD in English History from the Univ of Utah, an associate degree in nursing (Weber SU) and attended the Newberry Library (Chicago) Community & Local History

Course. She was the first American genealogist to receive the highest award given by the Institute of Heraldic Genealogical Studies, Canterbury, England (1988). She also is a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (1987), and received the Award of Merit (1984) by the Federation of Genealogical Societies for her work in editing *The Source*. She was one of the founders of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

A prolific writer, she has more than 30 titles on her publications list, including (with Johni Cerny) *The Source*, a best seller, *Family History for Fun and Profit*, and (again with Johni Cerny), *Ancestry's Guide*

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SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

CALIFORNIA - Will combine with the IRISH group at 10AM [see below]

GERMAN - The group will not meet until further notice. Contact: Shirley Terry.

IRISH - Meets 10AM each second Wednesday of the month at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). Next meetings: March 10 and April 14.

PUBLISHING - Meets at 10AM on March 24 at home of Sheila Fass, 24 Via Barcelona, Moraga (376-1304). Take Moraga Rd to Rheem, left on Rheem, 3 blocks to Via Barcelona on left. Contact Jane Steiner 283-0867 for more information about group.

ROOTS III - Meets 12:30PM on March 16 (after the general meeting) at Frances Lloyd's, 210 Town & Country Dr, Danville. Come prepared with ideas for a permanent site for this group. A coordinator is also needed.

SCANDINAVIAN - See details below.

SOUTHERN - Meets 10AM each second Tuesday. Next meetings: March 9 at Dottie Richardson's 284-4566; April 13 at Nancy Williams' (283-6135); May 11 at Kitty Goodholme's (735-1402). Contact: Bea O'Rand 837-1760.

UNITED KINGDOM - Those interested in joining an Interest Group covering research in England, Scotland & Wales will meet after the next general meeting (March 16) to choose a meeting date & time. Call Frances Lloyd (837-9382) if you can't be at March meeting and are interested.

ATTENTION INTEREST GROUP CHAIRPERSONS: PLEASE REPORT PROGRAMS and CHANGES to WENDY HABERMEHL 829-8339.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

● SCANDINAVIAN GROUP

From Carol Glover:

A special one-time meeting of members interested in research on Scandinavian ancestry will be held March 30 at 10AM at 333 Goshen Ct, San Ramon. The meeting will consist of sharing of materials & techniques and general problem-solving.

An Introduction to the Riches of Scandinavian Records:

- NORWAY - The 1801 Norway Census lists farm names, occupants, relations of occupants, ages, marital status and position. If currently married or previously married, it will list which marriage. Children are listed as to which marriage. This census has been indexed. After 1801, most of the Norwegian Censuses contain very little genealogical information until 1865. Norway has census records as far back as 1667. [North Central IL GS June 91]

- SWEDEN - The Swedish Federation of Genealogical Societies will answer any questions about Swedish genealogy & give information about professional genealogists. The SFGS was formed in 1986 and includes more than 80 of the 120 societies that exist to help in Swedish research. They do read and write in English. Their address is Sveriges Slaktförshaförbund, Box 15222, S-161 15, Bromma, Sweden.

[Champaign Co IL GS Fall 1992]

● FROM HERE & THERE

● GERMANY - NEW CODES

Starting 1 July 1993 there will be a new five-digit zip code system replacing the system of adding a "W" (West Germany) and "O" (East). So far, it is known that the first digit for Saxony will be a zero, and a nine for northern Bavaria and Thuringen.

[The German Connection Jan '93, contributed by Kate Pruecht]

● ETHNIC GROUPS IN US

The long version of the 1990 census form, filled out by 1 in 6 households, asked people about their ancestry. The Census Bureau used their answers to estimate national totals for each group. The largest ethnic group was German-American -- 25%. The Irish are next: 1 in 6, followed by the English, 1 in 8; African American, 1 in 10; and Italian, 1 in 17. More than 12 million people consider themselves to be just plain Americans. These were followed (in descending numbers) by Mexican, French, Polish, American Indian, Dutch, Scotch-Irish, Scottish, Swedish, Norwegian, Russian, French Canadian, Welsh, Spanish, Puerto Rican, Slovak, "White", Danish, Hungarian, Chinese -- to name just those with more than 1 million members.

Thinking of visiting your Irish ancestral home? From Albuquerque, SRVGS member Margaret Dougherty sends us a report on her trip:

THE TRIP TO IRELAND

by Margaret Dougherty

Our daughter invited us to go with her to England this fall. The timing was such that it had to be fit in between selling our home in Dublin and moving to New Mexico, but we jumped at the opportunity. I told her that I certainly did want to visit Ireland, having researched that country for two years. We did spend four delightful days there.

We drove, well, I should say, our daughter drove from coast to coast along the narrow roads. She is left handed and used to a manual shift so she had much less of an adjustment to make than most. At least she didn't complain and "our Chauffer" really did do an excellent job for us.

As we drove to County Donegal, we stopped to visit a Family History Center in Sligo. These centers are run, for the most part, by volunteers and are operated on a shoestring budget. They were kind enough to give us a print-out of their "Dougherty" file, but unfortunately, none were of our family. Next, we visited the Center in Donegal. There, they are trying to expand it by getting all of their records on a computer base. As with the Sligo Center, they too are suffering from lack of funds and all their work is voluntary. I was glad that I had joined their society, at least it made me feel that I was contributing a little.

During this trip, we met Patrick Dougherty, who is a transplanted American. He is

trying to serve as a focus for research on the Doughertys in Ireland. I had corresponded with him earlier. He runs a bed and breakfast, complete with the flags of Ireland and the United States out front.

In 1994, he hopes to get a Dougherty Family Reunion going on Inch Island. I was able to get some information from him that might be a lead for me to follow but as yet, I haven't had a chance to pursue it.

Patrick lives on Inch Island and not too far from the ruins of a Dougherty Castle. We weren't able to get very close to the Castle ruins which happen to be located on the John Dougherty farm. The Castle itself is located in a pasture and even though the cows were friendly, the bull certainly wasn't! However, the bull didn't stop our picture taking, from a distance I might add. To top it all off, it happened to be pouring rain at the time so the going was a bit sloppy.

We found the Irish people eager to encourage historical research. Even at the service station, when the attendant found that we were working on our genealogy, he wanted us to sign his guest book. We also found that staying at bed and breakfasts was somewhat less expensive and quite comfortable; the hotels were just fine too.

We felt comfortable in Ireland; it is laid back and friendly. The weather was cool with rain a part of each day. The sun did come out now and then and everything is very green.

I didn't take time to go through the library and use the facilities available for research in Dublin on this trip as we didn't have that much time. It was really a "get acquainted"

trip and for the next time, I'll be able to plan ahead and accomplish much more. We really felt comfortable while there, accepted everywhere we went. All in all, it was a very delightful trip.

IRISH HERITAGE CENTERS

To join the Irish Family History Society, send \$20 (US) or 10 Irish Pounds [see "Ruesch" below] to Irish Family History Society, P.O. Box 36, Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland. You may also pay by VISA or Mastercard. Membership is for the calendar year and entitles you to a journal and 2 newsletters.

RUESCH

A reminder: If you need to send money overseas, the simplest & most economical way is to call Ruesch International Monetary Services, Inc. (800/424-2923). You tell them the country and amount needed, the name and address for the check, and your name and address. They quote you the US equivalent at the time of the transaction, plus service charge (\$2). When you send your personal check, you will receive by return mail the check in (for example) Irish pounds payable to the Irish Family History Society.

IRISH ROOTS - An excellent new publication is the quarterly *IRISH ROOTS*. Its articles focus on family history research in Ireland, plus some on Irish culture, history, and places of interest for the visitor to Ireland. You can ask John Powers or Marilyn Fullam to show you a sample copy. Subscription rate is \$13/yr. Send to Belgrave Publications, Belgrave Av, Cork, Ireland.



LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

● LIBRARY TRIP

The March library trip will be to UC Berkeley's Bancroft Library. Members can meet to carpool at 8:15AM in back of Lucky's on Diablo Rd in Danville on Tuesday, March 23. Those living north of Danville will be notified of each other for carpooling from Lafayette. Please call Cindy Wheeler at 743-1322 to join the group or to cancel. An introductory tour is planned for 9AM.

While not heavy in pure genealogy, this library and its companion Doe Library are noted for their collections of periodicals, books, maps, documents and newspapers. These often unexploited historical resources could be a goldmine for the adventurous genealogist. *Genealogy, A Guide to the UC Berkeley Library* can be obtained from the Contra Costa Co Genealogical Society, PO Box 910, Concord, CA 94522 (672-6366) for \$5 if you would like to find out more about this facility.

● MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS (Continued)

[Last month's newsletter covered NUCMC, a manuscript collection finding aid. There are two other major aids: NIDS, covered this month, and RLIN, to be covered in a future newsletter]

● NIDS - NATIONAL INVENTORY OF DOCUMENTARY SOURCES

NIDS is a newer data base, even broader in scope than NUCMC. It offers a description of specific collections that are found in the two hundred or so institutions which contribute to the compilation. Published by Chadwyck-Healey periodically since 1983,

NIDS is being produced on microfiche and is generally found in major university libraries' reference or microform departments, e.g. UCB.

NIDS has fewer restrictions on which institutions it will cover and has a wider range of record types. Federal repositories -- the National Archives, Library of Congress, presidential libraries and the Smithsonian -- are included. State Archives are not restricted as to what records are reported. As of 1984, NIDS & NUCMC are cross-referenced to show duplicate cataloging.

There are three primary indexes. The first two are in book form and cover the National Archives and the Library of Congress. The third, covering all other American archives, is on fiche and is continually updated. The index is also available on CD-ROM.

NIDS goes a step further than the older system. When you find a manuscript collection listed in NUCMC, you must contact the appropriate archive to get a fuller description. NIDS reproduces the actual finding aids, registers, and indexes of each repository. [For a fuller description of how to use NIDS, see National Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol 77 No 3, Sept 1989].

The information above covers the US NIDS. There is also one for the United Kingdom and Ireland which covers the Public Record Office; county, city, and borough records; and the libraries of Guildhall, Bodleian, and Trinity College, among others. Inventories are being developed for other countries worldwide.

● LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Starting January 5, 1993 seven of the 22 Library of Congress reading rooms will begin closing at 5PM on Tues & Fri. By reducing hours, the library hopes to concentrate staff time on retrieving and serving materials. The affected reading rooms are Local History and Genealogy, Microform, Science, Business, Newspaper and Current Periodicals, Law Library, and Main.

[*"American Libraries"* Jan '93 via Chicago GS N/L Feb '93]

● FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

● IMMIGRANT ORIGINS - A new addition to the FHL's series of Research Outlines is entitled "Tracing Immigrant Origins Research Outline". It provides general search strategies and basic records groups as well as suggestions for beginning research in various countries. It consists of 31 pages and costs \$0.50. You can get a copy at the Oakland FHC. If you order by mail, the minimum charge is \$2.00 per order. You might want to get (at .75 each) "United States Research Outline" and "England Research Outline". Order from the Correspondence Unit, Family History Library, 35 North West Temple St, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

[FORUM, Winter 92]

● WISCONSIN - According to the Jan 30, '92 issue of Catholic Herald, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the Genealogical Society of Utah will begin this spring to microfilm all pre-1921 sacramental records in all parishes of the archdiocese. This covers 20 counties in southeastern Wisconsin and 235 parishes. The filming project is expected to finish in 1993 or 1994.



The records will date from the founding of the parish through 1920.

[Walworth Co WI GS June 92 via Chicago GS N/L Feb 93]

- **EUROPE** - The following news is dated Winter 1991 so filming may have already begun: the agreements have been concluded to film vital and church records, 1800-1945 in Bulgaria; parish records, all religions, 1599-1896 in Czechoslovakia and Estonian Civil vital records.

[Chicago GS N/L Feb 93]

- **EXPANDED HOURS at CONCORD FHC** - Starting Feb 2, the Family History Center at 3700 Concord Blvd will be open Saturdays 9AM to 1PM. These hours are in addition to its Tuesday & Wednesday hours of 9AM to 9PM. Call ahead (686-1766) to reserve computer time. The library continues to add new books: *Records Offices -- How to Find Them* (British 942 J54g); *Revolutionary War Marriages from Maryland Revolutionary Records*; *American Naturalization Processes and Procedures* (973 P4n) are some of the recent additions. All new IGI fiche are now at the FHC.

[CCCCGS N/L Mar '93]

• ILLINOIS LIBRARIES

The Illinois State Library published two issues of "Illinois Libraries" dealing with genealogical holdings in private collections, university libraries, governmental agencies and public libraries. The second special issue was devoted to Illinois public libraries. These issues are no longer in print; however, the Illinois State Genealogical Society has obtained special permission to reprint them in one book. For non-members the price is \$12.00 postpaid. Order from the society: ISGS, PO Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195. [Chicago GS Feb '93]

BOOK REVIEWS

by Mary Jo Hosteny

- **EMIGRANTS AND EXILES - IRELAND AND THE IRISH EXODUS TO NORTH AMERICA** by Kerby A. Miller. Pub. by Oxford Univ Press, 200 Madison Av., NYC, 1985, soft cover, 684pp

From the early 17th century to the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1921-22, almost 7 million people emigrated from Ireland to North America. Emigration was at once a barometer of the economic and social changes taking place on both sides of the Atlantic and a major determinant of the modern shapes of North America and Irish societies. The Irish played an important role in the commercial and industrial revolution that transformed the North Atlantic world. One cannot study modern Ireland without realizing the importance of massive, sustained emigration.

The author treats 3 questions: first, how did the Irish emigrants look on emigration from Ireland? Second, what determined their attitudes? And third, to what extent did these attitudes shape their actual experiences of emigrant life in North America?

Today, most tourists think of Ireland as the "Emerald Isle" and wax eloquent about the loveliness of its countryside, but never see behind the facade of its eternal struggle to wrench a living from its inhospitable climate and soil. This is the story of that struggle. It is a scholarly book, not to be read over cursorily or in a couple of weekends. It represents 10 years of work and study on the author's part to understand fully and to present to the reader an understanding of the Irish "soul". It will not be everyone's cup of tea, but for those serious about their grasp of Irish life and

times, it is a must at least to read, if not to own.

- **THE PADDY CAMPS, THE IRISH OF LOWELL (Mass.) 1821-1861** by Brian Mitchell. Univ of Ill Press, Urbana, 1988, hb.

Historians interested in labor, and urban and economic history have looked to conditions in Lowell, MA, in their efforts to understand American industrialism. This book extends an extensive history of Lowell with a comprehensive coverage of the Irish influence on the development of the town, including Lowell in the 1820's, its mill and canal systems, the Irish in steerage, an Irish Shanty Town, etc.

- **IRISH IN NOVA SCOTIA?**

Those interested in tracing Irish ancestors who may have come to the New World by way of Nova Scotia, may be interested in Terrence Punch's book, *Genealogical Research in Nova Scotia* (Halifax: Petheric Press, 1983), which lists those ships, by year and port, for which passenger lists are available in print.

Also J.S. Martell's *Immigration to and Emigration from Nova Scotia, 1815-1838* (Halifax: P.A.N.S., 1942) and Mrs. R.G. Flewelling's continuation for 1839-1851 in the Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Soc, V.28.

NOT A review but just a mention of a good book for Irish researchers:

- **LAND OWNERS IN IRELAND - 1876** pub by GPC, 1988, hard cover, 325 pp.

Return of Owners of Land of One Acre and Upwards in the several counties, counties of cities, counties of towns in Ireland. It lists names of owners, addresses, extent of land and valuation thereof, originally published in 1876 in Dublin.

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several examples such as: If the ancestor settled in an upper county of the Carolinas or Eastern Tennessee, he probably came from PA down the Virginia Valley.

C. What were the politics of the area? Were there border disputes? To whom did they pay taxes? (Example of politics of the times: parts of north central area of Pennsylvania were claimed by Connecticut in the early 18th century. This resulted in many land disputes. You'll find Connecticut people in this area around 1790.)

Examples of typical migration. An ancestor moved to Pennsylvania, his son went to Kentucky and grandson wound up in Ohio. In New England, the coast was settled first, then the pioneers went down to Long Island and finally up the Connecticut river. (Residing along the coast and then moving upriver was a popular pattern everywhere.)

D. What was the time frame? Examples: after King Philip's War, settlers went back to their old homes. Vermont was part of New York until the 1770s but separated after the Revolution. Because of political problems, the Mohawk Trail in New York was not used much until the Erie Canal opened. The south was not settled as early as other places, because the Spanish occupied it. Also, the Five Tribes owned the land initially. But when migration began, pioneers often took the Tennessee River to the Ohio River to the Mississippi River to the Arkansas River. -- the cheapest way to go.

E. Look for socialistic movements and social experiments in the Midwest such as the New Harmony community.

F. Check agricultural censuses to see what crops your ancestors grew.

3. Finally, put yourself in your ancestor's shoes. Place him at the trail head and figure out his probable route. Look for similarities between where he came from and where he went -- similarities such as climate, soil, crops, language, dialects, vocabulary, jobs, religion, ethnic groups, town names, architecture and interior design.

Sketch this probable trail on a map. Then check records left along this trail. (As each generation moved approximately 150 miles, you need to measure mileage and then circle likely places on your map.)

Investigate courthouses, newspapers, manuscript collections, museums and libraries (look especially for "loose papers"). Check surname files, county histories, trail societies, railroad, canal and river groups and Chambers of Commerce.

Before you embark on this trail of records, list all your surnames in problem areas, all maiden names, spouses names, children's spouses' names, and names of witnesses and sponsors. Alphabetize the list and carry it with you.

Among books of maps recommended by the speaker were: Roads to Destiny, Douglas Wiatley, NY 1970; Voyagers to the West, Bernard Bailyn; and The Expansion of New England, Lois Mathews Rosenberry, 1909.



● WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

GROTEFEND, FRANCES SEITS, 531 Indian Home Rd, Danville (837-2549). Researching SEITS/SEITZ in OR and ID; HOOVER, in OR, both 1800's.

SCAMMELL, J. WALTER, 430 Crest Av, Walnut Creek (939-3733. Researching SCAMMELL, Canada & England; STEWART, PA & Scotland.

RESTORE TO DIRECTORY: PRUDAMES, MOTT & IDA, 2065 Cactus Ct #4, Walnut Creek (935-8303)

● THE GREAT TOMBSTONE MYSTERY

The Tuolumne County Genealogical Society was given, anonymously, a tombstone. In two phone calls, the mystery was solved by Kate Prunte. What would you have done? Drop Kate a post card with your solution. Prize? Self-satisfaction!! Here's what she had to work with. Please note, the inscription was in Italian and this is the translation:

To the Memory of
Antonio Calcagno
native of
Fontaneto Po'Italy
Died in S.F.
on 24 May 1903
at the age of 32 years
May his soul rest in peace.
His brother and sister
erected this monument
as a sign of their affection.
Giovanni Tomaghelli
1864-1929

We'll publish the solution next month -- Kate's and yours. [Kate says Sandy Aberer is not eligible for this competition!]

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to *Research*. Her work is professional, researched, and presented in a concise and useable manner. We will have a table of her publications for sale, as well as both video cassettes she's made on doing genealogical research.

We have chosen topics that will be of help to all of you, no matter what your level of expertise. The topics chosen are: *Are Your Immigrant Ancestors on Microfilm?*, *New Immigration Sources*, *Migration Patterns Into the Central US* and *Tracing Ancestors Who Lived in Cities* (the latter will also incorporate information on occupations and employment of your ancestors). Hand-outs will be

provided, but no taping of the seminar will be allowed. There will be two topics in the morning and afternoon with a break between, and a lunch break of an hour or so.

Since the seminar is co-sponsored, members of either society (if registering before April 9) will have a discounted charge of \$15.00 (no, if you are a member of both it doesn't go any lower!), while non-members have a pre-registration fee of \$17.50, and the at-the-door charge, member or not, is \$20.00.

[Editor's Note]

- A WORD TO THE WISE:
Seating at the Village Theater is limited (about 250).
CCCCG has over 250 members

& SRVGS has close to 150; other societies and libraries will receive flyers. Send in your registration promptly to avoid disappointment!

● WORDS FROM WIN

[Win Kynett says our Newsletter needs more humor. He's been collecting some items. We'll try to include a few each month. Thanks for the smiles, Win!]

● You find that data you searched for for twenty years. Then Grandma pipes up, "I knew that! Why didn't you ask me?"

● Chances are you'll stumble on to something. Keep going. No one ever stumbled on to anything while sitting down!

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