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NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 19, 1993

PROGRAM: "PRINT, PUBLISH, PRESERVE"

Our Publishing Interest Group will share some of the self-publishing facts they have learned from the thirteen members who have published material. Have you wondered what you are going to do with all the data you've gathered over the years? Would you like to hear about some of the options you have? Do you know what some of the new technology have to offer? Be sure to come and learn how you can print and publish to preserve your family history.

LAST MONTH

by Jane Steiner

"Is there a heritage society for you?" Ellen Duell, former state regent for the DAR in California, was more than well-versed in the lineage societies that are a phenomenon of democracies. That, she said, is because we don't *really* want to be *equal*.

Most of the societies were formed in the latter half of the 19th Century and early 20th Century. After the 100th birthday of the country people became very patriotic.

The first society, in 1867, was formed by Charles Henry Browning, who published a book, "Americans of Royal Descent" as a retirement project. However, the lineages in the book

were questionable and are *only* accepted by the society of that name.

At the September meeting, Mrs. Duell covered some 40-plus of the organizations -- everything from D.A.R. to Descendants of Disreputable Ancestors (didn't last long!).

Did you think this was the full list? No way. Mrs. Duell said there are 123 lineage societies. Some have good points, some have bad points, but there is value here for a genealogist. They provide access to research. A lineage society, unlike a genealogical society, covers all of the United States.

Life memberships can vary from \$35 to \$300. Some have headquarter buildings; some have libraries and/or

museums. Some offer scholarships or grants or sponsor historic preservation of buildings. Some are easy to get into, some are so difficult, you daren't even ask if it is possible. When joining, send only one thing for documentation--not two! And never send in an original document!

If you didn't find a society in her list that would fit your qualifications, check the Encyclopedia of Associations at your public library. Under the section, "Veterans", Hereditary and Patriotic Organizations," there are 595 organizations listed!

[Some of the organizations covered by Mrs. Duell are listed on the last page of the newsletter]



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



● OCTOBER

- * 12 - Tuesday 10AM Southern Interest Group [see p.31]; 7:30PM Livermore-Amador GS Meeting, Congregation Beth Emek, 1866 College Av, Livermore. For program information, call Jolene Abrahams 447-9386
- * 13 - Wednesday 10AM Irish Interest Group [see p.31]; 10AM East Bay GS Meeting at Oakland Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Av, Oakland. "Mortuary Records Research" by Alan Fisher of Albert Brown Mortuary.
- 14 - Thursday 7:30PM Contra Costa Co GS Meeting, City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr. Concord. "Skeletons in the Family Closet; How to Write Your Family's Biography," by Floyd Cooper.
- 16 - Saturday CGS Fall Luncheon & Antique Photo Show 11:30AM at Ft Mason Officers Club, Bay at Franklin Sts, SF; Walking Tour of Historic Ft Mason starts at 10AM. Meet at Officers Club. For reservations or information call the CGS Library at 415/777-9936. ALSO The Oktoberfest 1-9PM at the New Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton; \$10/adults.
- * 19 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Meeting; 12:30PM ROOTS Users' Group [see p.31]
- 21 - Thursday 1-3PM Mt. Diablo GS, Civic Bank of Commerce Community Rm, 1940 Tice Vly Blvd, Walnut Creek. Panel on Genealogical Travels, US, Canada, Germany, Ireland & Russia.
- 23 - Saturday 8:30AM-4PM Dr George Schweitzer Seminar, sponsored by GS of Stanislaus Co. at Modesto Centre Plaza, Pistache/Ginkgo Rm, 1000 K St, Modesto. Topics are German Research, Virginia Research, Major Genealogical Sources, and a separate Question & Answer Session. Contact Don Wilson 209/869-3966. Also: Santa Clara Family History Center Seminar 93 [see below]
- * 26 - Tuesday SRVGS Library Trip [see p.33]
- 30 - Saturday 10AM-noon PAF Users Group at Family History Center, 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord.

● NOVEMBER

- * 1 - Monday 1:30PM United Kingdom Interest Group [see p.31]
- * 2 - Tuesday 10AM SRVGS Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!
- * 9 - Tuesday 10AM Southern Interest Group [see p.31]; 7:30 LAGS Meeting [see Oct 12].
- * 10 - Wednesday 10AM Irish Interest Group [see p.31]; 10AM East Bay GS Meeting [see Oct 13]
- 11 - Thursday 7:30PM Contra Costa Co GS meeting, City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr, Concord. Topic: "Starting & Managing a Family Newsletter" by Dorothy Koenig.
- 17 - Wednesday - 9AM-4PM Bus Trip to Sutro Library sponsored by Acalanes DAR. Cost \$20, bring bag lunch (beverages provided). Call Lynn Sullivan, 256-6955, for more information. Reserve by Nov 1.

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- **SEMINAR 93 "Tracing Your Family History Around the World"** on Saturday, October 23, is sponsored by the Santa Clara Family History Center at 875 Quince Av, Santa Clara. Registration (\$12 at the door) starts at 7:30AM. The Keynote Address at 8:15 is by Prof. William Hartley of Brigham Young University. There will be 6 class periods 9AM to 4PM with over 40 classes to choose from (a sample registration form will be posted at our Oct 19 meeting). In the past, this has been an excellent seminar, well worth the trip to Santa Clara. Some seminar teachers: Judy Svoboda of SCH&GS;

Bob Weiss of SFBA Jewish GS; Art Flegel, Germans in Russia; Clyde Janes, Sutro; and many PAF experts. For more info phone the FHC at 408/241-1449 or write to Seminar, PO Box 70057, Sunnyvale CA 94086.

- **"THE SWORD AND THE CROSS, The Hispanic Era in the San Ramon Valley from 1772 to 1830"** is the title of the exhibit which opened last month at the Village Theatre Gallery, 233 Front St in Danville. It will continue Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 5PM, through October 23.

SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

CALIFORNIA - Meets with the Irish Group [see below].

GERMAN - Contact Barbara Johnson, 837-2153, if you are interested in a German Group.

IRISH - Meets 10AM each second Wednesday of the month at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). Next meetings: October 13 & November 10.

PUBLISHING - Meets on the last Wednesday 10AM. The group will rest on its laurels until January. Contact Jane Steiner 283-0867 for meeting place.

ROOTS III - Meets 1-3PM on Tuesdays following the general meeting at the Danville Women's Club House. Contact Sandy Kimball (283-8677).

SOUTHERN - Meets 10AM each second Tuesday. Next meetings: October 12 at Bea O'Rand's, 16 Ashford Ct, Alamo; November 9 at Maryhelen Ewing (283-1304) 1033 Upper Happy Valley, Lafayette. Contact Bea O'Rand 837-1760.

UNITED KINGDOM - The newly formed United Kingdom Interest Group will meet Monday, November 1 at 1:30PM at the home of Ron Skilton, 19 Martha Rd, Orinda. The group had its first meeting on September 30. Anyone with research interest in England, Scotland, & Wales is invited to attend. Call Ron at 254-6989 for directions or more information.

ATTENTION INTEREST GROUP CHAIRPERSONS: PLEASE REPORT PROGRAMS & CHANGES TO WENDY HABERMEHL 735-0737

RESEARCH INFORMATION

● GENERAL HELP

● RULES FOR GOOD DOCUMENTATION

1. Document as you go.
2. Enter notes in a consistent format.
3. Use confidential information with discretion and sensitivity.
4. List all sources found.
5. Identify conflicting or missing information.
6. Avoid using unusual abbreviations.
7. Indicate additional research where needed.
8. Strive to obtain primary sources for each event.
9. Indicate the location of lengthy documents, rather than restating.
10. Welcome input and constructive review of your documentation.
11. Identify all researchers' contributions including your own. Use your name, not "I" or "me."
12. Recognize that good documentation requires a process of continuous refinement.

[Contributed by Jo Bolenbaker from Silicon Valley PAF Users Group 1993 Edition.
[May be freely copied for non profit use.]

● LAND RECORDS -

Many researchers don't bother with land records, thinking they will only give locations of land. But remember, land was the most valuable possession our ancestors had, and even if they didn't leave a will, the land titles were transferred eventually to heirs. The descriptions from deeds east of the Mississippi River are fascinating. They refer to other people's boundaries, old trees, rocks, creeks, etc., but most important are the names of people living near your ancestor. Families living near one another were often related. Be sure to read these deeds entirely because they often list the children, spouse, siblings, even parents. Clues are often given as to where they lived. Don't overlook these hidden treasures!

[Frontier Researchers GS. R Smith AR 1990 via SMGS 10:7 Jul 92]

- DEEDS - Usually a deed that is sold will be found in the index under the name of the owner who sold it ["grantor"]. If the land was sold to settle a lien, the owner's name will not be in the index, but under the commissioner's name (the person whom the court appointed to handle the sale) as the grantor.

[VA Appalachian Notes May 91]

● ANCESTRAL DOLLARS

Before Congress passed the Subsidiary Coinage Law in 1850, much of American domestic business was transacted with Spanish or other foreign coins. Accounts, however, were kept in either U.S. or British reckonings. The following table of values is valid for all American and British pound systems.

1 q.(farthing) = \$0.0025
4 q.(farthings) = 1 d.(penny)
12 d.(pence) = 1 s. (shilling)
20 s.(shillings) = 1 pound

[Decatur IL GS N/L 5-6/1992 via CCCGS N/L 10/92]

- The VALUES of our ANCESTORS' DOLLARS as compared to those of 1991 is enough to make one weep! These figures were compiled by Matt Conner of the US Dept of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of Living Conditions Statistics. They appeared in the Nov 25, 1991 issue of Forbes Magazine.
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| 1820-1850... | \$13.28 |
| 1850-1875... | 13.14 |
| 1875-1900... | 12.85 |
| 1900-1925... | 11.38 |
| 1935 ... | 9.91 |
| 1945 ... | 7.56 |
| 1955 ... | 5.08 |
| 1965 ... | 4.31 |
| 1975 ... | 2.53 |
| 1985 ... | 1.26 |

[Lake Co GS N/L XV:3 via CCCGS Oct 92]

● U.S. RESEARCH

- **CALIFORNIA** - The 1902 Special Census for the City of Oakland is on film at the Oakland Family History Library. The reason for this census is unknown; it reads like an index because it was merely a "head count" and is only a list of names. However, if you have need to locate ancestors that you believe lived in Oakland in 1902 and have been unable to find them anywhere else, this "list" may be of use to you.

[East Bay GS N/L 9/10 93]

- **KENTUCKY** - Western Kentucky Journal will begin publication in 1994. The first issue will contain material on the counties of Caldwell, Crittenden, Henderson, Union, Webster, Hopkins, Lyon, Livingston, and Trigg. Write Brenda Joyce, 300 West Water St, Newburgh, IN 47630-1158.

- **MARYLAND** - "Associators of Frederick Co, MD" in Vol 10 & 11 Maryland Historical Magazine, contains a list of men who gave their support to the American Colonies during the Revolutionary War. This list is a proof of patriotism that will be acceptable to the DAR for membership. [SMCGS 7/93 via CSGA N/L Oct 93]

- **PENNSYLVANIA** - The Register of Wills office, 182 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107, has announced that research work performed by Register of Wills employees will now cost \$15 per estate for mail order requests. A smaller fee is charged for work done in person over the counter. The Philadelphia Recorder of Deeds Office charges \$2 per page for deeds and an additional \$2 for

certification. The address for this office is Room 163, City Hall, Philadelphia PA 19107.

[Odom Family Tree Aug/Sep 93]

- **WISCONSIN** - James L. Hansen, Reference Librarian for the State Historical Society of Wisconsin announced that the following county records have now been indexed:

Monroe Cemetery, Marriage
Jackson Cemetery
Juneau Cemetery
Sheboygan Cemetery
Manitowoc Naturalization
Kewaunee Cemetery

For further information contact the: State Historical Society of Madison, WI 53706-1482

[GGSA N/L Sept 93, via CSGA N/L Oct 93]

● OTHER COUNTRIES

- **CORNWALL** - The Ross Collection of more than 1000 items on Cornwall (vital records, parish registers, Bishops transcripts dating from 1500, etc.) has been donated to the Southern California Genealogical Society. The collection includes a microfilmed all-county index to marriages by both groom and bride surnames. At this time there is no public access to the collection, but written queries may be sent to the SCGS Research Team, PO Box 4367, Whittier CA 90607-4367.

[CSGA N/L Sept 93]

- **GERMANY** - As of July 1, 1993, all German postal codes changed from 4-digit to new 5-digit ones. The Immigrant Genealogical Society has prepared a booklet containing names and addresses of 1,224 German Archives and 333 Genealogical and Historical Societies showing their new postal codes. To order a copy, send \$5.00 plus \$1.25p/h, (CA residents add \$0.41 sales tax) to Immigrant Genealogical Society, PO Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510.

- **HUNGARY** - Groups are forming to assist those with Hungarian research. In Ohio, Kathy Karocki, 124 Esther St, Toledo, OH 43605, wants to start an organization and would welcome inquiries. On the West Coast, the Hungarian/American Friendship Society of Sacramento offers free help and advice as part of the membership privileges (\$5.00 dues). Contact Douglas P. Holmes, Director of the Society at 916/489-9599.

[FGS Forum, Summer 1993]

- **IRELAND** - Irish World, a heritage services company, has opened its new family history centre, Heritage World, in Donaghmore, County Tyrone. Located in the old national school-house near historic Donaghmore High Cross, it will be the first of its kind to employ the latest ISDN technology to facilitate access to genealogical information. Via a telephone & computer link-up, searchers can be connected to Heritage World's database from anywhere on earth to find out more about his/her Irish ancestors. At present, this data-base comprises some 5 million records relating to family history, including civil and church registers, gravestone inscriptions and census returns, all augmented by local information pertaining to parishes and townlands throughout Ulster. Someone whose ancestors came from Ireland will be able to establish a visual link-up via computer screen to consult a variety of records relating to their ancestral area. As well as facts and figures, the data will also incorporate maps and photographs of interesting sites, monuments and natural features. Soon, three dimensional holographs will also be transmitted worldwide. [IRISH ROOTS 1993 No.3]

LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

● OCTOBER LIBRARY TRIP

The October library trip will be to the California State Library in Sacramento on Tuesday, Oct. 26th. Alternate transportation methods will be offered. Those members wishing to go by train may leave from Martinez at 8:35AM, arriving at Sacramento at 9:55AM. Return trip will leave at 5:55PM, arriving at 7:04PM in Martinez. Those going by car will meet at 7AM at the Lucky parking lot on Diablo Rd in Danville. Those leaving from points north may call Mary Jo Hosteny at 932-2244 for instructions. A clipboard will be passed around at the October meeting and Mary Jo will then coordinate the members going.

The CA State Library is a valuable source of state-wide newspapers, both daily & weekly, as well as the Great Registers, CA censuses, county histories, & the DAR extraction library. [Also, see below]

● CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES' GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

[RECORDS MARKED WITH * ARE AVAILABLE ON MICROFILM]

1. * CENSUS SCHEDULES: 1852 State, 1860 and 1880 Federal. Filed alphabetically by county name. 1852 D.A.R. Index on microfilm, 1860 printed index and 1880 soundex are available.
2. * COMMON SCHOOL REPORTS 1862 to 1960. Filed chronologically and alphabetically by county name. Includes school districts, student attendance figures, grades taught length of school year, school finances, names of teachers and condition of schools.
3. * MILITARY RECORDS 1850 to 1945. Filed by company name, type of document and chronologically thereunder. Includes organization papers, correspondence, election of officers, muster rolls, loyalty oaths and invoices relating to independent Militia Units, Indian Wars, Civil War,

Spanish American War, World War I and World War II. Name index for Civil War Volunteers, 1861 to 1867 is available.

4. *PRISON RECORDS 1850 to 1945.

Filed numerically by inmate and chronologically. Includes San Quentin and Folsom Prison Registers inmate photographs, reward and commitment papers, inmate case files (samples) and pardon files. Prison registers have name indexes, 1850 to 1930.

5. SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURT CASES 1850 to 1970. Filed numerically by case number. Includes transcripts and opinions. Plaintiff and defendant name indexes, 1850 to 1930, are available.

6. *ELECTION PAPERS 1850 to date. Filed chronologically. Includes nomination papers, initiative petitions, election returns and campaign statements.

7. *ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 1850 to 1960. Filed alphabetically by company name. Includes company name, purpose, place of business, names of officers and amount of capital invested. Business name index is available at the Secretary of State's Office.

8. *TRADEMARKS 1861 to date. Filed numerically by trademark number and chronologically. Includes name of claimant, type of product, label specimen or written description and occasionally business address. Claimant and trademark name indexes, 1861 to 1910, are available. Secretary of State's Office has a trademark index which contains 1861 to date.

9. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS 1885 to 1968. Filed by type of profession and alphabetically by name thereunder. Includes biographical sketches, correspondence, photographs and newspaper clippings (samples) relating to: Architectural Examiners, 1901 to 1947; Civil and Professional Engineers, 1930 to 1966; Cosmetologists, 1918 to 1960; Dental Examiners, 1885 to 1959; Medical Examiners, 1902 to 1968 and Social Work Examiners, 1940 to 1967.

[From CA State L&A via SCCHGS 35:10]

● SANTA CLARA CITY

LIBRARY at Homestead will be undergoing a major building renovation/repair project this fall. Large portions of

the library including the SCCHGS genealogy collection will be closed while this is going on. The expected date range of the closure is October 4 through December 31. Contact the library before planning a visit (408/984-3235). Judy Svoboda reports that some of the most used materials, e.g. passenger lists, etc., have been moved to the main room for use.

● OUT-OF-STATE NATIONAL ARCHIVES-GREAT LAKES REGION,

7358 S. Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL 60629 has WWII draft registration cards for men who lived in ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN, OHIO, and WISCONSIN and who were born between April 28, 1877 and February 16, 1897. These men were 45 to 64 years of age when they registered on April 27, 1942. Men who had already enlisted in the Armed Forces and were serving on April 27, 1942 would not have registered. The cards are not service records and no photographs are attached. Cards for Michigan men may only be searched by a researcher in person. [Chicago GS N/L Sept 93]

- NEW YORK CITY - If you would like to register your New York City Area ancestors with the NY Public Library, send a request and a SASE to: History and Genealogy Section, New York Public Library, Fifth Ave. and 42nd St, New York, NY 10018. In return you will receive special 3x5 cards to write information about the ancestors you are researching. There is no charge to enter information into the file, but you must use the forms provided by the library. [Zion IL GS via Chicago GS N/L Sept 93]

- **OHIO - STATE LIBRARY** - If you send the name of the county, and the settler's name you are researching (one county and one surname per letter), the staff at the State Library will check their indexes for your name and send you notification of the number of pages they have found, and costs to copy this information for you. Send requests to: State Library of Ohio, 65 LS. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

[Eastside GS Bulletin Bd Mar 93 via Chicago GS N/L Sept 93]

- **OHIO UNIVERSITY** - Alden Library on the campus of Ohio University is an excellent place to do genealogical research. Ohio University is the regional archives center for the area. They have a large collection of county, township, and city records from southeastern Ohio. Check with Ohio University Library c/o Archives and Special Collections, Park Place, Athens, OH 45701-2978 (614/593-2710).

[Muskingum OH GS N/L 6/7 93 via Chicago GS N/L Sept 93]

- **PALATINES LIBRARY MOVES** - The Palatines to America Library has moved to Saylor-Ackerman Hall B-15, on the campus of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. The library specializes in German-speaking immigrants. The collection includes ancestor charts contributed by Society members since 1975 as well as many bound volumes concerning immigration and family history of the colonial-era immigrants from the Palatinate and later arrivals from all of the German-speaking areas of Europe.

For information about the Palatines to America genealogical society write: Palatines to America, Capital University, Box 101-P, Columbus, OH 43209-2394. [Extracted from Odom Family Tree, Aug/Sep 93]

- **VIRGINIA** - The Virginia State Library and Archives, 11th St at Capitol Square, Richmond, VA 23219-3491 (phone 804/786-2332) will assess a research service fee of \$10.00 (paid at the time of inquiry) for replies to all out-of-state requests for research services effective 1 Aug 1993. The research process includes: locating the information or records desired, examining the material for content, determining the method or reproduction, marking of material for reproduction (if necessary), and preparing a reply or order form.

The fee covers up to 30 minutes of staff research and 3 copies if information is found. If more than 3 copies are made, or if copies from microfilm are required, a bill will be included with the response. If extended in-depth research is required, a list of professional researchers familiar with the printed and manuscript material in the collection will be furnished.

All visitors are welcome to use, free of charge, the printed and manuscript resources of the VA State Library & Archives during the hours of 8:15AM to 5PM, Monday through Saturday, except legal holidays. An experienced professional staff is available to answer questions and to provide assistance in using the resources. [Commonwealth of VA, State Library & Archives]

BOOK REVIEWS

- **GOLD SEEKER: ADVENTURES OF A BELGIAN ARGONAUT DURING THE GOLD RUSH YEARS**, Yale University Press, is the memoirs of Jean-Nicholas Perlot. Perlot left Paris in 1850 to join a French company bound for the gold fields of California. His journal is articulate,

objective and absolutely fascinating. He spent most of his gold seeking years around Mariposa. His view of the times and peoples of the area make it seem as though the reader was there. His description of his first view of the Yosemite Valley is beautiful.

When the gold rush was over Perlot settled in Portland, Oregon and gives a very interesting description of that frontier town.

Perlot's account of his Gold Rush experience was printed in a small edition for family and friends in Luxembourg about 1897. A copy was discovered in Seattle in the 1930's. In 1953 it was donated to the Bancroft Library and Helen Harding Bretnor became interested and translated the account. [Have your local library locate a copy through inter-library loan.]

Reading this account by Jean-Nicholas Perlot will give you a very good idea of what the Gold Rush in California was really like. Highly recommended.

[Review by MARILYN FULLAM]

- **VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS**, by Beverly Fleet.

The original 34 volumes reprinted in 3 volumes. GPC, 1988, hard cover, V.1, 828 pp, V.2 607 pp, V.3, 652 pp.

Vital records of birth, marriage and death, tax lists, court orders, militia lists, wills and deeds, these books are the result of extensive research in county courthouses, municipal and state archives, and private collections. This is a major genealogical resource for early Virginia, with an extensive index for each volume.

[This book was found on the shelves of the Solano Co GS Library--next month's library trip destination. MARY JO HOSTENY reviewed it and 7 more] TO BE CONTINUED!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

4 October 1993

Dear Fellow Members:

As announced in September, I must resign as President effective October 20 because my husband has been transferred to Louisiana by Chevron. We are renting out our home for the fifth time in 22 years, and may move in for a sixth time next Fall. The nominating committee was warned that I might be moving sometime this year, so it is not a total surprise. Carol Glover will be stepping up as President and the board has filled the resulting 1st VP slot by selecting Bea O'Rand according to our by-laws. The 2nd and 3rd vice presidents do not move up as each job has it's own important duties which need continuity.

I was really looking forward to serving as your President this year and hate to leave before my term is finished. SRVGS is truly a wonderful group of people with lots of willing workers. Our Historian, Barbara Johnson, volunteered to assume the additional duties of Publicity Chairman after Dave Browne's recent resignation. Wendy Habermehle is still on the job as Special Interest Coordinator. (She just moved and changed phone numbers).

I urge all of you to become more involved in your society by attending meetings and volunteering your help when needed. As with everything, the more you put into it, the more you get in return. The purpose of all our meetings — general and special interest — is to encourage and inspire you in researching and preserving your heritage.

My address down in "alligator country" will be 8 Mary Hughes Court, Houma, LA 70363. I'll look forward to Dorothy's wonderful newsletter to keep track of what's going on in the Bay Area while I'm gone.

Your friend,

Shirley Siems Terry

● WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

- ARMSTRONG, Suzanne, 874 Holly Hill Dr, Walnut Creek 94596 (937-8560). Researching: ARMSTRONG, PA; HECK, Chicago IL.
- CLAPP, Janice, 21 Queensbrook Pl, Orinda 94563 (254-5159). Researching: MANN, CA & MO; CANE, CA.
- HUGHES, Sue, 2757 Canyon Creek Dr, San Ramon 94583 (837-8369). Researching: HUGHES, San Francisco CA; MATHER, MA.
- CORRECTION: Wendy HABERMEHL's phone number is 735-0737.

- THANKS to PATTY ERICKSON for taking on the extra job of planning new One-day Special Interest Groups. Contact Patty if you'd like to have a meeting on an area of research not yet covered.
- FROM THE PUBLISHING GROUP: The publication date and availability of *PRINT, PUBLISH, PRESERVE* will be announced at the October meeting and in the November Newsletter.
- FROM THE EDITOR: My thanks to SRVGS members for your kind expressions of sympathy after the death of my father on September 19 in Chicago. --Dorothy Stanton

● ORGANIZATIONS COVERED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 United Daughters of the Confederacy
 National Society of the Sons of the American
 Revolution (not Sons of the Revolution)
 National Society of the Daughters of the Amer.
 Rev. (in 30 years had over 10,000 members)
 Children of the American Revolution
 Order of the Crown in America
 Magna Charta Dames
 Plantagenet Society
 Society of the Descendants of the
 Knights of the Garter
 Colonial Dames of America
 Daughters of the Republic of Texas
 National Society of the Daughters of 1812
 National Society of New England Women
 Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century
 Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors
 Descendants of the Signers of the
 Declaration of Independence
 Lords of the Manor in New York
 Lords of the Maryland Manors
 Descendants of the Colonial Clergy
 Order of Colonial Physicians and Chirurugiens
 General Society of Mayflower Descendants
 Welcome Society of Pennsylvania
 Society of the Ark and the Dove (Maryland)
 Society of the Mary and John
 Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

Order of the Crown in America
 (descended from Charlemagne)
 Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry
 Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims
 (any ancestor in America before 1701)
 Daughters of American Colonists
 We The People (group of organizations)
 Flagon and Trencher
 (Descendants of Colonial Inn Keepers)
 Colonial Dames of the XVII Century
 National Huguenot Society
 Daughters of Colonial Wars
 Society of Descendants of Washington's
 Army at Valley Forge
 Order of the Crown of Charlemagne
 in the United States of America
 Descendants of Illegitimate Sons and Daughters
 of the Kings of Britain ("The Royal Bastards")
 Descendants of the Loyalists and Patriots
 (Must be descended from *both*)
 Los Californianos (Descendants of
 men in Portola and Dianza expeditions)
 Association of Daughters of
 Early American Witches
 Descendants of Vikings
 Descendants of Disreputable Ancestors
 (Didn't last long.)
 In fact, descendants of almost anyone or anywhere

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