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• PROGRAM: MARCH 15, 1994

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH CONFLICTING EVIDENCE?

Mrs. Bea Hicks from South San Francisco will be our speaker. She is a native of New York, transplanted to California. She has a Certificate of Completion from the National Genealogical Society's Education Division -- and takes great pride in having been an "A" student, only wishing she had enrolled for the course before doing any genealogical research.

Our speaker belongs to several Heritage Societies. She is an active participant in all of them.

Frances Becker, Program

• LAST MONTH

by Betty Vail

Several members of SRVGS shared some of their frustrations and triumphs while searching for elusive ancestors. They also illustrated the importance of luck, persistence and family treasures.

MANNY LINDNER and SHARON CLAY stressed the part luck has played in their research. Manny described how a sentence casually added to a letter led to the grandfather he had been trying to find for years and enabled him, at last, to get beyond the barrier of the Holocaust. Sharon credited both luck and networking for the discovery of a Revolutionary ancestor named Orange Clay. On a Society library trip Sharon mentioned him to Dorothy Stanton who

remembered an NGS article titled "A Basket of Oranges." The author helped Sharon place an orange on her family tree.

To MARY JO HOSTENY genealogy is "a series of little steps." She recounted how, with hard work and a bit of luck (finding an index to the Irish book collection while in Salt Lake), she discovered a distant Irish ancestor. Mary Jo reported enthusiastically, "I only have 163 years to go to bridge the gap."

WIN KYNETT and ALICE WADE shared family treasures. Win displayed a reversible coverlet made either in Ohio or Indiana in 1843. It is in surprisingly good shape -- except for a bit of fringe sampled by his dog. Alice read some fascinating entries

from her grandmother's 1868 diary, a record of the family's trip from Elizabethtown, New York through the Panama Canal to San Francisco and then by train and stage coach to Forrest Hill.

KATE PRUENTE ended the program with an account of the progress the Sonoma Genealogical Society has made, including new members, interesting speakers, frequent bus trips and classes. Volunteers are also alphabetizing old funeral home records.

• COME TO THE FAIR!

Reserve April 15 & 16 for the California Genealogical Society's 9th Annual FAMILY HISTORY FAIR. This year it will be held at the Fashion Center, 8th & Townsend Streets, San Francisco.

[[See FAIR on page 70]]



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MARCH

- 11 FRIDAY 9am-1pm National Archives Workshop at San Bruno: "Passenger Arrival and Naturalization Records." Contact Rose Mary Kennedy 415/876-9009.
- * 15 - TUESDAY 10am SRVGS Meeting; 12:30pm ROOTS Users' Group [see p.63]
- 17 - THURSDAY 1-3pm Mt Diablo GS at Civic Bank of Commerce Comm Rm, 1940 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek. Topic: "German Migrations to America" Paul Hawkins.
- 19 - California Mini-reunion of Orphan Train Heritage Society of America (OTHSA) in Sacramento. For information contact Eunice Reeser 934-7107.
- 20 - SUNDAY 1pm Bay Area Jewish GS at Jewish Community Library, 14th Av at Balboa SF; program by Loren Bailik, Heir Tracer. Contact Bob Weiss 415/424-1622.
- * 21 - MONDAY SRVGS Library Trip [see p.65]
- * 26 - SATURDAY 9am-3pm Family History Seminar sponsored by Danville LDS Stake and SRVGS at 655 Old Orchard Dr, Danville. Pre-register (until March 15) \$5/person. At door \$8 (register at 8:30am). For more information call Evelyn Bentley 838-9618 or Helen Houssian 932-1944.
- * 30 - WEDNESDAY 10am Publishing Interest Group [see p.63]

APRIL

- * 5 - TUESDAY 10am SRVGS Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!
- * 12 - TUESDAY 10am Southern Interest Group [see p.63]; 7:30pm Livermore-Amador Valley GS meeting at Cong Beth Emek, 1866 College Av, Livermore.
- * 13 - WEDNESDAY 10am Irish Interest Group [see p.63]; 10am East Bay GS at Oakland Mormon Center. Program: Jolene Abrahams on Adoption Research.
- 14 - THURSDAY 7:30pm CCCGS Meeting, Concord City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr. Speaker: Gene Fortine of Gen'l Soc of Mayflower Descendants.
- 15 & 16 - FRIDAY 12pm-8pm & SATURDAY 9am-5pm Ninth Annual CGS Family History Fair, 699 Eighth St, SF. [see pages 61 and 70 for details]
- 19 - TUESDAY Arlene Eakle Seminar at Santa Clara GS More info later
- 22 - FRIDAY 10AM-12 noon NA Workshop: Basic Part II - Beyond the Census: correlating other resources and research aids available in Archives
- 23 - Sacramento German GS Seminar "Solving Your German Research Problems" with Larry Jensen at Northminster Presb Church, 3235 Pope Av, Sacramento. Non-members pre-reg by April 7, \$18 (\$24 w/lunch). Send check payable to SGGs to Charlotte Alexander, 4641 Nickels Way, Sacramento 95864. For info: Ralph Ruff 707/448-5565.

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● IF YOU'RE TRAVELING

- MARCH 16 at Lancaster PA, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society's 16 Annual Genealogy Conference. For information contact Lola M. Lehman at 2215 Millstream Rd, Lancaster PA 17602-1499.
- APRIL 30 at Conference "Finding & Recovering Our Hispanic Heritage" by Buscando Nuestras Raices at Golden West College, 15744 Golden West St, Huntington Beach. See Editor for application.
- MAY 21, 22 Southern California GS 25th Annual Jambo-ree, Exhibition Bldg, Pasadena Center. For info write c/o
- PO Box 4377, Burbank CA 91503 (818) 843-7247.
- JUNE 12-17 Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University. For details write to Dr. Joan Mitchell, IGHR, Samford University Library, Birmingham AL 35229.
- 23 JULY 1994 Saturday, Four Corners Ancestor Fair in Fayetteville Arkansas sponsored by the Washington Co [AR] Historical Soc, for anyone with ancestors in the four state area of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Contact the Society at 118 East Dickson St, Fayetteville, AR 72701 (501/521-2970).

SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

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

GERMAN - Meets at 12:30 following the general meeting at Barbara Johnson's, 616 Camino Amigo, Danville (837-2153). Bring a bag lunch

IRISH - Meets 10am each second Wednesday of the month at Carol Glover's, 333 Goshen Ct., San Ramon (829-7207). Next meetings: March 9 & April 13.

PUBLISHING - Meets on the last Wednesday 10am. Next meeting: March 30 at Bea O'Rand's, 16 Ashford Ct, Alamo (837-1760). Contact Jane Steiner 283-0867.

ROOTS USERS GROUP - Meets 12:30 on Tuesdays following the general meeting at the Danville Women's Club House. Contact Sandy Kimball (945-0277).

SOUTHERN - Meets 10am each second Tuesday. Next meeting: March 8 at Patty Erickson's, April 12 at Nancy Williams', 516 McBride Dr Lafayette (283-6135). Contact Bea O'Rand 837-1760.

UNITED KINGDOM - Research in England, Scotland, & Wales. Next meetings: 1:30PM Monday March 21 at Patty Erickson's, 10 Ridge Pl, PH; 1:30PM Monday April 25 at Maryhelen Ewing's, 1033 Upper Happy Valley, Lafayette. Contact Ron Skilton 254-6989.

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

RESEARCH INFORMATION

● TIPS FROM MEMBERS FROM ALICE WADE:

Germanic Genealogists, 170 N. Ranch Rd, Monaca PA 15061 has files on German families. Send all the information on the one you are trying to find out about. If you can tell the date, they will tell you where they were located. If they have more information, they will send it to you.

● LAWS OF MIGRATION

A 19th century cartographer in England's War Office, Ernest George Ravenstein, formulated the following "Laws of Migrations" which may help you track down elusive ancestors.

- 1) The majority of migrants go only a short distance.
- 2) Migration proceeds step by step.
- 3) Each current of migration produces a counter current.
- 4) Females are more migratory than males within the country of their birth, but males more frequently venture beyond that county boundary.
- 5) Most migrants are adults; families rarely migrate out of the county of their birth.
- 6) Migrants going long

distances generally go by preference to one of the large centers of commerce or industry.

7) The natives of towns are less migratory than those of rural areas.

8. Large towns grow more by migration than birth rate.

9) Migration increases as industries & commerce develop & transportation improves.

10) The major direction of migration is from agricultural to industrial or commercial centers.

11) The major causes of migration are economic.

When researching, use law #1 to spread out from the known parish or town to a radius of about 10 miles. About half the migrants into towns come into this radius and about a quarter of migrants come from between 10 and 20 miles.

Draw a line on a map and research the small towns along that line if a place of birth and final destination are known but there is a gap in the middle. People may migrate, but they often go home again even if only to marry or to have their children. Alternatively, they may go back only a step. Females often moved to

become domestic servants in the nearest town or large house, so continue searching locally for them but extend your search to neighboring counties for males.

Law #4 points you to that missing child, now grown up, who has fled the nest. Of course you will find exceptions to these rules, but if you consider them carefully, you will see their value.

[Contributed by Kate Prunte from Tuolumne Co FHC N/L Nov 92]

● IMMIGRANT ARRIVALS

From 1840 to 1860 the following numbers of immigrants arrived in the US:

2,900,000 from Ireland
1,500,000 from Germany
420,000 from England
180,000 from France
40,000 from Scotland
30,000 from Scandinavia
30,000 from Switzerland
20,000 from Belgium
20,000 from the Netherlands
15,000 from Italy
15,000 from Wales
5,000 from Poland

[CSGA N/L Nov 92]

- LLOYD BOCKSTRUK offers this bit of immigration trivia: If your forebears arrived before 1776, they are colonists, and

if they came afterward, they are immigrants. The difference is that tracing all the descendants of an immigrant couple is more in the realm of possibility.

[Family Tree column in Dallas Morning News Sept 93]

● THE AULD SOD

March is the month when many Americans of Irish descent get interested in tracing their roots. As with any ethnic group, the best place to begin research is at home in this country. A trip to the "old country" will be more profitable if you do your homework; you need to know the town/parish they came from. Following are some suggestions for where to begin (check the FHL, Sutro and National Archives, and local genealogical societies).

1. Letters of Intent ("first papers") and Naturalization papers sometimes list a birth place.
2. Immigration and Passenger lists and indexes.
3. Church records-- be sure to note godparents on christenings; they're often relatives.
4. Obituaries, cemetery and death records.
5. Military Records, especially early pension applications.
6. Local Histories in the area they settled.
7. City directories for an occupation.
8. Wills and estate settlements--often there was family left in Ireland who were contacted. Be sure to look for all of the connecting paper-work.
9. Land records occasionally list a place of origin on deeds and power-of-attorneys.
10. Vital Records--Births and marriages often name a parent.

[Most items taken from an article in SMCGS N/L Mar 94]

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● LESSER KNOWN IRISH SOURCES

1. Field Books of the Griffith's valuation. Some were done before the famine hit hard. These books are important as the person listed in the Field Books may have been gone when the actual Valuation took place. The books are available in the Valuation Office, Ely Place, Dublin.

Also remember that about 10% of the population at the time would have been in work houses, asylums or hospitals. These people would not be included in the valuation because they were not taxable.

2. Trinity College, Dublin owned about 1% of the land, particularly in County Kerry. There are manuscripts in Trinity College with information about their holdings.

3. O'Connell Tribute is a list of people who contributed money to honor Daniel O'Connell for his role in Catholic emancipation in the early 19th century. It lists by parish the contributors. Available in the National Archives (Ireland).

4. Catholic Qualification Rolls. Catholics who wanted to buy land or become lawyers had to take an oath of allegiance to the state. Time period is 1790s. List is also at National Archives.

5. The Test Book 1775-1776. List of Catholics who took an oath of allegiance. This is found in the 59th Report of the Deputy Keeper of Public Records in Ireland.

6. Convert Rolls, compiled by Eileen O'Byrne. Published in 1981 by the Irish Manuscript Commission. 1981. Lists 3000 Catholic names. Time period is 1703-1793.

7. British Parliamentary Papers (8 vol.) relating to the Irish famine. Many pages had names of people who died. [Try large

university libraries].

[From Notes taken at a lecture given by Dr. Kevin Whelan of University College Dublin, Ireland. Printed in Chicago GS N/L Oct '93]

Editor's Note: Presbyterians (and others not Church of Ireland members) were in the same boat as the Catholics as far as the Test Act, etc., so some of the same records might apply to them.

● IMMIGRANTS ALL

● **CORNWALL** - An article in the Cornwall Family History Society Journal (June 93) describes the establishing of a data bank of individual biographies on Cornish immigrants to the US. Anyone with knowledge of a Cornish immigrant can send details to Moira Tangye, Murdoch House Adult Education Centre, Cross Street, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 2BU. [FGS Forum W 93]

● **ITALIAN PROJECT** - The Sons of Italy and the Italian Catholic Federation are co-sponsors of a project to preserve the history and culture of Italian immigrants to California. They are specifically interested in people who settled in the Northern California areas of Pittsburg and Monterey. They are looking for family group sheets, stories, photographs, nicknames... The information will become part of a computerized database. Primary contact is Rosemarie Capodicci, 1155 Santa Ana, Seaside Ca 93955; phone 408/899-2112.

[CCCGS N/L Feb '94]

● **SONS OF NORWAY** - The Sons of Norway International can be contacted at: Fraternal/Heritage Department, Sons of Norway, 1455 W. Lake St. Minneapolis MN 55408.

- **DANISH HERITAGE** - "American Dane" is published by the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St, Omaha NE 68131-3844. "Den Danske Pioneer" is the oldest Danish-American newspaper in the US. It is published every two weeks with English & Danish articles. More info from Bertelsen Publishing Company, 1582 Glen Lake Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195. The only Danish weekly in the US, since 1882, is "Bien." For more information write 1527 W. Magnolia Blvd, Burbank CA 91506.

[Odom Fam Tree Feb/Mar '94]

- **THE ARMENIAN** Genealogical Society, formerly at Claremont College, is now the Armenian Genealogical Records Search Foundation, 410 E. Sumac Av, Provo, UT 94601. [CSGA N/L Nov 93 p.10]
An article on Armenian-American Archival Resources by Dr. Charles Dickson appears in the May-June 1992 issue of Genealogical Helper.
- **TURN VEREIN** - The Oct-Dec 1993 issue of "Der Blumenbaum" from Sacramento German Gen Soc, contains a comprehensive treatment of the social-cultural-athletic organizations called Turn Vereins. The history of the movement, which started in 1811 in Germany, is covered for the European associations, followed by a detailed history of the Sacramento Turn Verein. A listing of the Sacramento members from 1874-1885 is included with birth dates, occupations, date of joining, death date and end of membership.
[From IGS N/L #116 via CCCGS N/L Jan 94] For more on the Turner Societies, as they were called in the US, see p.66 under INDIANA.
- **TRANSPORTATION REGISTERS - IRELAND TO AUSTRALIA** - Records of convict and the Free Settlers who were the wives and children of the convicts from Ireland to Australia are available to researchers with indexes. Transportation began to the Colony of New South Wales in 1788 and ended in 1868. Approximately 160,000 men and women were transported in this period.
IBM Australia and IBM Ireland have created a database and index which provides one or more reference numbers to the records held on 105 microfilms. These films are available in the State public libraries of Australia and several genealogical societies such as the Society of Australian Genealogists in Sydney. These records relate only to Irish people transported directly from Ireland.
You may write to Society of Australian Genealogists, Richmond Villa, 120 Kent St, Sydney NSW 2000 and the Genealogical Society of Victoria, 5th Floor, 252 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000.
[The Irish at Home and Abroad Newsletter vol 1 #2 Fall '93 via CSGA N/L March 94]

• CATALOG WITHDRAWAL?

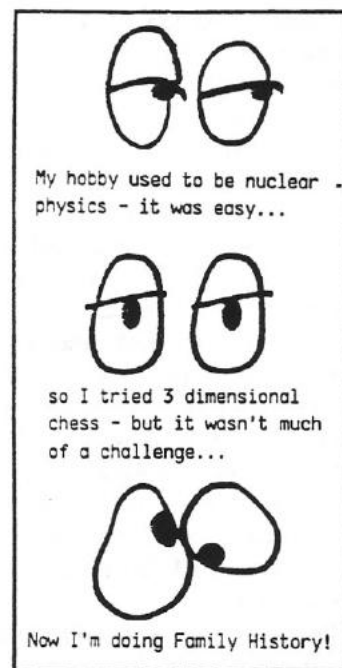
If you miss having your mailbox crammed with holiday catalogs, the following are free and contain sources to help with immigrant searches.

- **GENEALOGY UNLIMITED** - (call 1-800-666-4363) excellent source of European maps, guides, as well as archival material.
- **PICTON PRESS**, PO Box 1111, Camden ME 04843-1111. Catalog "Germans to America, tools for genealogical research in German speaking

areas of the Old World and the New" includes immigration lists of Pennsylvania Germans, Palatine Families of Ireland & of NY, 18th Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace, Westerwald to America, Lutheran & Brethren records.

- **SRVGS** received a catalog from Genealogical Books in Print - NY Branch, PO Box 394, Maine NY 13802-0394. Their series of books *Genealogical And Local History Books in Print* are not only an excellent source of what's been published but are a useful bibliographical reference. G&LHBIP 4th edition (reprinted in 3 vol, 1732 pages) is \$35; The 1st 2nd Supplement to the 4th edition, and Second Supplement to the 4th Ed. are available for 1/2 price until March 31: \$9.95 each + 2.50 p/h for first book, add .35 for each additional book.

[See p.68 for more]



[From Perrott Society of England via Odom Family Tree, Dec 93/Jan 94 p.33]

*** LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES ***● MARCH LIBRARY TRIP
FROM MARY JO HOSTENY:

The library trip for March 1994 will be to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in California Library, 405 14th St. Oakland on MONDAY, March 22nd. Members will meet to carpool at 8:30am in the parking lot back of Lucky's on Diablo Rd in Danville. Those living north of Danville may call Mary Jo Hosteny (932-2244) for alternate arrangements. **PLEASE NOTE - THIS TRIP IS ON MONDAY!**

EDITOR'S NOTE: The East Bay Genealogical Society houses its library in the same location. Its collection covers all areas of research. I found some good Illinois sources there.

● SF LIBRARIES

- IRISH CULTURAL CENTER LIBRARY located at 2700 45th St. San Francisco (across the street from the SF Zoo entrance) is a small but useful library for anyone researching Irish heritage. The library houses "Irish" books, current newspapers for its member-supported club, but also includes sections on genealogy, history, Gaelic language and biography. Besides the basic sources on Irish research, it has some of the Civil Survey of 1654. If you have Irish relatives who were in SF in the 1930's and 40's, there are minute books from both the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Cork Social and Athletic Club.

They have the most complete run of the "Leader," a Catholic, Irish-American weekly newspaper edited by Father Peter C. Yorke that was published from 1902 to the late 1920's.

Unfortunately most of the papers from before the earthquake are gone. The collection of Irish newspapers also includes *Manchester Guardian Weekly* (largely Irish) and many newsletters with Irish content.

The periodical collection includes *Dublin Review* 1860-1968 (incomplete but not scanty), the *Journal of the Irish Historical Society*, *Ireland of the Welcomes* (indexed), etc..

The library is staffed by volunteers and is dependent on contributions and donations. Librarian Tom Carey has some experience in genealogy and suggests you try to visit the library on Thursdays when he is working. The hours are: Thursday-Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm; Thursday & Friday 7:30pm-9:00pm. Phone: 415/661-2700.

[Excerpts from articles in SMCBS N/L Mar 94 p.46 and CCCGS N/L Jul 93]

- SF THEATER & OPERA Folk in Your Family? The San Francisco Performing Arts Library and Museum, 399 Grove St in SF has files on theaters, opera houses -- many no longer in existence; plus performers with bios & photos; playbills and programs, etc. Call 415/255-4800 for an appointment to visit.

[From Joan's World columns by Joan Morris in Contra Costa Times 22 June & 24 July 1992]

● INDIANA

INDIANA University and Purdue University, Indianapolis, have announced a joint project to document the TURNER SOCIETY in the US. Turner societies were organized and flourished since the 19th century. They played an important role in reform movements,

such as abolitionism in the 1850s. Turners participated in the introduction of physical education to US public schools.

The purpose of this project is to locate published and unpublished records of Turner societies and make them available to researchers. Anyone who has any Turner records or can help locate them, is asked to contact: Eric Pumroy, Project Director, IUPUI Libraries, 755 W. Michigan St, Indianapolis IN 46202. Telephone: 317/274-0464 or FAX 317/274-0492.

[EBGS N/L Jan-Feb 94]

● KANSAS, MISSOURI & OKLAHOMA -

Naturalization proceedings from about 1848 to 1895 for Kansas, western Missouri and northern Oklahoma are indexed and housed at the Kansas City Branch, National Archives, 2312 Bannister Rd. Kansas City, MO 64121. [Victoria Co TX GS Fall 92 via CSGA N/L Feb 1993]

● MISSOURI

Genealogists throughout the country continue to be concerned about the historical records contained in the court-houses, churches and private homes after the Great Flood of 1993 ravaged the Midwest. The president of the Missouri State Genealogical Association, Mary H. Ray, reports that the news is encouraging in Missouri. Only three libraries sustained major damage, and one cemetery lost an estimated 716 caskets to the Missouri River, but fortunately that cemetery had been canvassed and recorded just in time. The University of Missouri's Western Historical Manuscript Collection staff has been aiding local historical

societies, libraries and individuals with information on salvage techniques. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Records Preservation and Access Committee is collecting information on other areas. If you have questions about an area, you can contact (send SASE) the FGS Business Office, PO Box 3385, Salt Lake City UT 84110-3385. [Gen Helper Jan-Feb 94]

• CANADA

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR - In late December 1992, the building housing the Newfoundland & Labrador GS was destroyed in a fire. Almost all the Society's material was lost with the exception of some census and cemetery records.

They are attempting to rebuild the Society's library with the assistance of fellow genealogists. The following items are needed: reference books, family histories, back issues of journals from other Societies, directories from SW England & Ireland, manuscripts or letters on Newfoundland families. Also, anyone who corresponded with the society in the past few months should write again. The address is: Newfoundland & Labrador Genealogical Society, Colonial Building, Military Road, St. John's, Newfoundland, A1C 209 CANADA. [Genealogy Club of Albuquerque N/L Feb '94]

• LIBRARY RESOURCES

- **FILBY'S PASSENGER LIST INDEXES** - *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, edited by P. William Filby, consists of three subseries totaling 10 volumes. Each subseries goes from A to Z and each has a subtitle which explains its contents.

1. The first is a guide to published arrival records of about 500,000 passenger who arrived in the US and Canada in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.
2. The second subseries is four volumes which adds about 650,000 records to the set.
3. The third subseries is three volumes, titled *A Guide to Published Arrival Records of More Than 1,775,000 Passengers Who Came to the New World Between 16th and Early 20th Centuries*.

In addition there are three additional annual volumes published since 1990. Be sure to check all sets and all supplements when you search. The format and use of these books is fairly simple: you look up the immigrant ancestor's name alphabetically. If you find an entry it will contain the following information: name, age, place of arrival, year of arrival, a code for locating the source of the listing, and the page number on which the person appears.

In the main entry for a family, all members of the family will be listed with an age and the relationship to the head of the family, as recorded on the arrival record. For persons listed who were accompanying someone else, a "SEE" reference is made, which refers you to the main entry.

The sources are listed at the front of each book in an extensive bibliography. These sources are listed in numerical order by the bold-print number as found in the citation.

CAVEATS:

1. This is an index to published passenger lists. Not everyone will be included and some will be listed more than once if their list was published in different sources.
2. Not all published lists have

been indexed -- at least not yet. To appear in the index, the lists were required to contain a minimum of six names on the list.

3. Be careful to check every conceivable spelling of a surname as the names were copied exactly as listed.
4. Lists of persons seeking naturalization or headrights are also included since these often indicated recent arrivals. In many cases the arrival date may actually be earlier.
5. As of the 1993 supplement, over two million passengers have been indexed. These include arrivals in Mexico and South America, as well as the US and Canada, although the Latin American records are mostly very early.

While obviously not a complete index to everyone who came to America, this series of indexes goes a long way toward closing the gap. It's certainly one of the first places to check for that immigrant ancestor.

[From an article by Laurel Drew, Special Collections Librarian for The Genealogy Club of Albuquerque in their February 1994 Newsletter. Thanks to Margaret Dougherty for sending it. If you would like to see the complete article, contact SRVGS Editor.]

• MORE IMMIGRATION SOURCES

The following two sets of books on immigrants are published by Scholarly Resources, 104 Greenhill Av, Wilmington DE 19805-1897. Each volume is priced at about \$75 each, so you might want to look for them at a library.

- **ITALIANS TO AMERICA 1880-1899** Edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby. The four volumes (of 12 expected) now available cover New York arrivals, 1880-Oct 1890.

- **GERMANS TO AMERICA**
• *Lists of Passenger Arriving at US Ports, 1850-1893* by Glazier and Filby.
Volumes now available through Sept 1876.
- **THE FAMINE IMMIGRANTS: Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York 1846-1851** by Glazier & Tepper. Published by Genealogical Publishing Co. (7 vol). Includes only ships from Irish ports and surnames clearly "Irish."
- **THE SEARCH FOR MISSING FRIENDS: IRISH ADVERTISEMENTS PLACED IN THE BOSTON PILOT.** Ed. by Ruth-Ann Harris and B. Emer O'Keeffe is being published by New England Historic Genealogical Society. Three volumes (of a projected 9) are now available of this series of abstracts from the "Missing Friends" column of the Boston Pilot (used by immigrants to locate friends and relatives). The key information: county, township and parish of origin, ports of entry and destination, age, occupation. Vol 1 (1831-1850), Vol 2 (1851-53), Vol 3 (1854-56), approx 700pp hardcover \$45 each vol. plus \$4.50 p/h from NEHGS.
- **CZECH LISTS** - After years of research, over 20,000 Czech immigrants who arrived in New York between 1847 and 1869 have been identified. The results of the research have been published in "Czech Immigration Passenger List, Vol 14." Some 250 rolls of National Archives microfilm were reviewed and abstracted in the work of compiling this information. The book includes an alphabetical listing of those Czech immigrants giving names, ages, places of

origin, date of arrival, name of ship and destination. There is also a discussion on sources of immigrant ship data and pictures. Copies of the book are available for \$17.95 postpaid from Leo Baca, 1707 Woodcreek, Richardson TX 75082

[Czech Heritage Soc of TX via CSGA N/L Nov 93 p.11]



MORE IRISH SOURCES

- **TOMBSTONES of the IRISH BORN, CEMETERY of the HOLY CROSS, FLATBUSH, BROOKLYN** lists 5400 names with dates, ages, places of birth in Ireland, family relationships and more. 112 pages \$23.00 plus \$4.00 shipping. Checks payable to Joseph M. Silinonte, Address: McFadden, Murphy & Stack, PO Box 7497, Elmhurst NY 11373.

- **NORTHERN IRELAND** - The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland has produced a 20-page, illustrated guide book, briefly covering its collections, indexes and procedures. It is available free of charge from the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, 66 Balmoral Ave, Belfast BT9 6NY, Northern Ireland.

[Chicago GS N/L Feb 93]

- **IRISH BOOK SOURCE:** Send for the free catalog of Irish Books & Media, Inc, 1433 Franklin Av East, Minneapolis, MN 55404-2135
Samples contents:
- **FAREWELL TO FAMINE** by Jim Rees. In 1850, in the aftermath of the great famine, Fr. Thomas Hore led 1200 of his parishioners from his disintegrating rural parish in Co Wicklow to a new life in America. From Liverpool, with its anti-Irish sentiment, to the treacherous ocean voyage

to New Orleans, and on to Arkansas, Missouri and Wexford, Iowa, this story never loses sight of the human aspect of the disaster, tracing actual experiences of participating families. The author has met and interviewed descendants of these families, which splintered into different groups in America.

This is an indepth addition to the historical studies of Irish Americans who fled economic and physical ruin to become part of the settlement of the American frontier. (Paper, fully annotated with bibliography and appendix of 847 names of passenger and where they settled, color and b/w photos, 165pp \$19.95 + \$2 p/h for first book (.70 for each additional).

Other titles:

- **GROSSE ILE: GATEWAY TO CANADA 1832 - 1937** by Marianna O'Gallagher
Grosse Ile on the St Lawrence River served as a quarantine station for immigrants into Canada. This book follow its history from its beginnings during the cholera outbreak of 1832 to the building of a monument by the Ancient Order of Hibernians to commemorate the Famine-era arrivals who died there. Photos, illustrations augment the history. Appendices include letters written from Grosse Ile and lists of orphans. Paper, 185 pp \$16.95
- **FAMILY HISTORY PACK: HOW TO TRACE YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS** Nine fact sheets give concise instructions for steps to be taken to trace an Irish family history. Includes information on church and civil record sources as well as the Heritage Centers. \$4.95.
- The Quarterly **IRISH ROOTS**, published in Ireland, is available from the same source for \$15/year.

- Another Newsletter is THE IRISH AT HOME AND ABROAD, A Newsletter of Irish Genealogy and Heritage (PO Box 521806, Salt Lake City UT 84152), a fact-filled 16-page quarterly, available for \$15/year. A copy of the premier issue is \$3.



BOOK REVIEWS

by Mary Jo Hosteny

- *IN SEARCH OF SCOTTISH ANCESTRY* by Gerald Hamilton-Edwards, 2nd ed., Genealogical Publishing Co, 1986, hard cover, 252 pp. [Available in Pleasanton Library Genealogy Collection]

This has been the standard guide for Scottish family historians since its first publication in 1972. This new edition is enlarged in format, taking the reader from his first inquiry to immersion centuries back in an absorbing and often lifetime hobby. This is the most useful and most comprehensive guide to the methods and peculiar problems of the seeker of Scottish history, and proceeds through the customary channels of family history, civil registration, parish registers, etc., and concludes with the available information in the Scottish Record Office, scots Heraldry, and the Lyon Office. Societies and Libraries, and other sources such as bank records, life assurance records, tontines, annuities, etc. There is an extensive index.

- *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JEWISH GENEALOGY*, Vol 1 - Sources in the U.S. and Canada. Ed. Arthur Kurzweil & Miriam Weiner. Pub. Jason Aronson Inc., Northvale, NJ, 1991, hard cover, 226 pp. (Available in Pleasanton

Library Genealogy collection)

This is the first in a 3 volume set as a definitive guide for helping the Jewish family historian find source material. The articles gathered represent the work of experts who provide detailed descriptions of the information that exists, and how to gain access to it. They include advice on how to locate and decipher immigration and naturalization records, and directions for using the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Canadian source are explored in the last chapter.

- *HISTORIC NEWFOUNDLAND* by Harold Horwood and John de Visser. Oxford Univ Press, Toronto, 1986, Hard cover
"Newfoundland history is that of a people struggling against just about everything - storms and icefields, pirates and privateers who wanted to rob them of their meager earnings, Dutch and French raiders sent to wrest their country from them, and last of all, their own 'home' government in far-off England, where Newfoundland was regarded not as a suitable place for settlement so much as a massive fishing station to be exploited."

In this book of photographs the author portrays the vast sweep of history from Newfoundland - from the Norse settlement in 1005AD to the modernday province whose people are blending their traditions of the sea with the challenges of modern industry.

This is not strictly speaking a genealogy book, but a valuable and beautiful addition to the library of anyone of Newfoundland background.

• TAPE REVIEW

by Kate Pruenete

C-87 BASIC PROCEDURES IN GERMAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

1. Some initial feed back -- disappears quickly
2. This is a very basic tape. I'd recommend it for anyone --beginner & beyond -- doing German research (especially if they haven't attended my lecture!)
3. The disadvantage was that Jensen was giving a slide presentation and the listener cannot see the slides. Also lots of "ah"s.
4. I learned several things listening to the tape: a. A gazeteer is more helpful than I initially thought. b. There is a very detailed map of Germany (over 670 pieces) on LDS film which I've never used and sounds good except you'd either have to be in SLC to have immediate access or wait for film. c. Only 15% of German towns had a parish (Lutheran or Catholic) church.
5. I'd say it was somewhat overwhelming for the beginner. Gets into research; the things make sense. For the non-beginner, who is having trouble locating information, it reminds you of all the records that do exist.

Good basic guidelines.

• COMPUTER TIP

REDUCE ELECTRICITY -

Do you leave your computer on all the time? According to Pacific Bell it costs you about \$140 per year to leave on a computer monitor continuously. Their tips (aimed at their employees): (1) turning off your PC will not shorten equipment life as long as it is left off for at least one hour; (2) dim the monitor screen if leaving for a shorter time (85% of electrical consumption is from the monitor).

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