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THE WORLD OF GENEALOGY

RON BREMER of Salt Lake City will present a mini-seminar for beginning and advanced genealogists. He is the author of THE COMPENDIUM OF HISTORICAL SOURCES and has personally visited the major genealogical record centers in every state and province in North America. He suggests that we come prepared to ask questions about our research problems. Members who heard him when he spoke to our society a few years ago know that he is not only most informative but also very entertaining!

Mr. Bremer needs a full TWO HOURS for his presentation so be sure to arrive well BEFORE 10:00 (the Club House will be open at 9:30). We will have only brief announcements (5 minutes max, says Carol) before the seminar begins.

LAST MONTH

by Christine Scott

"I had a dream...", Gene Thomas said when he explained the creation of "LIFESPAN-Family Video Portraits." In his dream he was doing interviews with elderly people. He saw himself sitting with a video camera talking and he had a clear picture of how he was going to do it. He got very positive feedback from his friends, and also his accountant who encouraged him.

First a meeting is set up with one group in the family -- brothers and sisters, or sons and daughters -- at which time the interview is held. An effective way of doing this preinterview is by placing a conference call. What do they want to know about this individual or about certain periods in the senior's life such as the time before the children were born? It is important to determine who is going to watch the tapes. This preinterview takes an hour to an hour and a half. Because of his personal approach and preparation, Gene Thomas becomes a part of the family process.

He attempts to make the recording an unnoticed activity and he insists the subject and the recorder are the only ones present in the room

during recording. For open and productive responses by the subject it is essential to obtain his or her trust. Mr. Thomas considers it a privilege to do this kind of work.

In a straight interview, taping time can take from two to four hours in addition to research and set up time. Two VHS tapes and a master tape are made. The master tape is stored in a safe place by LIFESPAN.

Mr. Thomas feels that a written family history doesn't provide the same personal impact as an oral interview. Although active as a photographer, producer and director of television documentaries, commercials and specials for Public Broadcasting, he finds that his oral interview program is his most rewarding work.

[Further information may be obtained from Mr. Thomas at 415/454-6610]

FUTURE MEETINGS

JEANETTE MOSES, Program, announces the following schedule for 1995:

JANUARY - see page 38

FEBRUARY - Paul Mueller, German Research

MARCH - Christine Rose, Bounty Lands



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

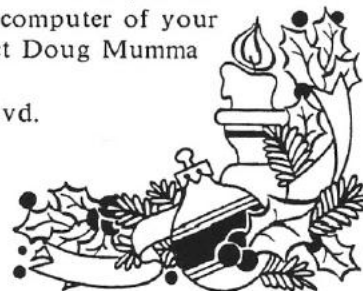


NOVEMBER

- * 8 TUESDAY 10am Southern Interest Group [see p.39]; 7:30pm Livermore-Amador Valley GS, Cong Beth Emek, 1866 College Av, Livermore; David Abraham reports on his "English Research Trip"
- * 10 THURSDAY 10am Irish Interest Group [see p.39]; 7:30pm CCCGS meeting speaker is Robert Westby of the County Recorder's Office.
- 12 SATURDAY 9am-3:30pm San Mateo Co GS HANK Z JONES, Jr Seminar at Ampex Cafeteria, 401 Broadway, Redwood City, CA. Topics: "When the Sources are Wrong;" "Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine Emigrants;" "I Don't Chase Dead Germans - They Chase Me!" Registration at the door (8:15am) \$22. Send to SMC GS, PO Box 5083, San Mateo CA 94402-0083. For further info phone Doris M. Newbery (415/591-1797); Also on Saturday, Marin Co GS All-day Seminar at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Las Gallinas, San Rafael. CHRISTINE ROSE will present four topics: Military Records, Estates, Court Records and Bounty Land Records. Cost is \$30 at the door. For info: 415/892-6676.
- * 15 TUESDAY 10am SRVGS Meeting; 12:30pm ROOTS Users' Group; German Interest Group [see p.39].
- 17 THURSDAY 7:30pm L-AGS Computer Interest Group at LDS Church, 905 Mocho St, Livermore. Topic: INTERNET, how to access it with or without a modem or computer of your own and how it can help you do your genealogy. For information contact Doug Mumma 510/447-5164.
- 26 SATURDAY 10am-noon PAffers United at Concord FHC 3700 Concord Blvd.
- * 29 TUESDAY - SRVGS Library Trip [see p.41]

DECEMBER NO MEETINGS (except below) & NO NEWSLETTER

- * 6 TUESDAY 10am Annual Holiday Party & Cookie Exchange (see below).



JANUARY 1995

- * 3 TUESDAY 10am SRVGS Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!
- * 10 TUESDAY 10am Southern Interest Group [see p.39]
- * 12 THURSDAY 10am Irish Interest Group [see p.39]
- 14 SATURDAY - Seminar by Helen F. M. Leary sponsored by GS of Stanislaus Co.
- * 17 TUESDAY 9:30am-2:30pm SRVGS Meeting: Leland Meitzler of Heritage Quest (see below).

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SPECIAL EVENTS

COOKIE PARTY - Instead of a Board Meeting in December, SRVGS will hold our annual Holiday Cookie Exchange. Bring a batch of cookies to Frances Lloyd's, 210 Town & Country Drive, Danville and (if there are any left) you get to take home a mixture. No time to bake? -- Come and enjoy the treats & good company anyway!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
 and
 HAPPY 1995!



HERITAGE QUEST WORKSHOP - Our January Meeting will be a full-day Workshop conducted by Leland Meitzler of Heritage Quest. We will start at 9:30 to give you time to look over the books and materials he will bring with him. The first lecture will be from 10:00 to 11:30. Bring your lunch; SRVGS will supply tea, coffee & dessert. The second lecture will be from 12:45 to 2:15 followed by a final time to buy books, etc. Topics will be announced in the January newsletter.

SPECIAL INTEREST STUDY GROUPS

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

GERMAN - Meets after regular SRVGS meeting at Barbara & Jack Johnson's, 616 Camino Amigo, Danville (837-2153). Next meeting November 15; the Johnsons will report on their trip.

IRISH - Meets 10AM each second THURSDAY of the month at Patty Erickson's, 10 Ridge Pl, Pleasant Hill (229-0889). Next meetings: November 10 and January 10.

PUBLISHING - Meets on the last Wednesday 10AM when needed. If you would like help with a publishing project, contact Jane Steiner 283-0867.

ROOTS USERS (Official Commsoft ROOTS III & IV Users' Group) - Meets 12:30 on Tuesdays following the general meeting at the Danville Women's Club House (\$3/fee for rent). Contact Sandy Kimball (945-0277).

SOUTHERN - Meets 10AM each second Tuesday. Next meeting: November 8 at Nancy Alexander's; January 10 at Maryhelen Ewing's. Contact Bea O'Rand 837-1760.

UNITED KINGDOM - Research in England, Scotland, & Wales. Meets fourth Monday at 1:30pm. No meeting in November. Next meeting: January 23. Contact Ron Skilton 254-6989.

PLEASE REPORT PROGRAMS & CHANGES TO WENDY HABERMEHL 735-0737

RESEARCH INFORMATION

● MILITARY RECORDS

- **WWII PRISONERS OF WAR** - Approximately 120,000 prisoners of war are listed on a computerized database which gives name, rank, serial number, branch of service, date reported missing, state of residence, race, when liberated, country detained by, and prison camp. You can have this searched for a fee; write Cambridge Statistical Research Associates Inc, 760 Wheeling Av, Cambridge OH 43725. [also see p. 42]
- **WWII Cemetery Records** - A microfiche register of 134,548 veterans who died and were buried in American military cemeteries overseas is available at the National Personnel Records Center, American Battle Monuments Commission, 20 Massachusetts Av NW, Washington DC 20314; or call 202/272-0533 for information.

● IMMIGRATION

- **SHIPS TO AMERICA** - The Peabody Museum of Salem is an excellent source of photos of ships. Send them as much information about your ship as possible (name, shipping line, commission date, sailing dates, etc.), and they will send xeroxes of their pictures so you can pick the views you like. They will then sell you 8x10's for \$15. Contact: Kathy Flynn, Peabody-Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem MA 01970. Limit requests to 3 ships at a time.

If you just want to look at a picture of historic ships, try a book such as Michael J. Anute's "Ships of our Ancestors," 1983 in your library.

[Kurt Baudendistel, soc.roots, Dec 93 via CCCGS N/L May 94]

- **NATURALIZATION CLUE:** Many immigrants filed their Declaration of Intent at the port where they entered the US. Prior to 1890, this was Castle Garden Island. Their records are at the Federal Records Center, Bayonne, NY. If arrival was prior to 1906, check the court nearest to where the immigrant settled. If the ancestor was naturalized after 1906, write Immigration & Naturalization Service, 425 I St NW, Washington, DC 20536. [From Forum Insider, Portland OR, Jan 92 via Chicago GS N/L Feb 93]
- **ALIEN REGISTRATION** - The Alien Registration Act of 1940 required all resident aliens to report each change of address within five days. Forms were available at local post offices and the penalty for non-compliance was a fine and possible imprisonment. The application form was two pages and asked for information on immigration (including date of arrival and name of ship), birth date and place, previous names, physical description, occupation. These records can be obtained via the Freedom of Information Act by writing to: Immigration and Naturalization Service, FOIA/PA section, 425 I Street NW, Room 5144, Washington DC 20536. Request form G639. [ZicronNote, XIV:3, via CCCGS N/L Oct 94]
- **THE JAPANESE AMERICAN** National Museum in Los Angeles is seeking memorabilia from that painful period in American history when American citizens of Japanese ancestry were deprived of their freedom. Reams of photographs, home-movie footage, albums, scrapbooks, journals, clothing and furniture have been brought forth already to be exhibited.

The exhibit, titled "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," will be displayed for one year starting November 11. It will depict daily life, and attempt to increase awareness of the bleak era, for the 120,313 Americans of Japanese descent who were incarcerated in more than a dozen camps between February 1942 and the end of World War II.

To donate internment camp artifacts, interested parties should first call the Museum at 213/625-0414. The Museum is located at 369 East First Street, Los Angeles [From SF Chronicle and LA Daily News via EBGs N/L Sep/Oct 94]

● AFC: CHRONICLERS OF AMERICA

Members of the American Folklife Center (AFC) search throughout the US for traditional culture and ways of life that have remained intact in this giant melting pot of a country: a Polish neighborhood in Chicago, a Mormon ranching community in Utah, the New Jersey Pinelands area, a South Georgia blues singer.

Created by Congress in 1976 as part of the American Folklife Preservation Act which says, in part, "...it is in the interest of the general welfare of the nation to preserve, support, revitalize and disseminate American folklife traditions and arts." The Folklife Act was a response to the troubling realization that America's rich heritage was slowly being lost to the rapid changes in modern life.

What's impressive about the AFC is that it has done so much with so little. Located in a small room in the basement of the Library of Congress in Washington, 15 staff members work to "preserve and present" traditional American ways. Their annual budget is under \$1 million, from which they must cover money for salaries of office and field workers and expenses of projects. "The American Cowboy" project, which created the largest collection of visual material ever created on the subject, was partly funded by contributions from American Technologies.

Each AFC project (so far there have been 15) yields a massive amount of documentation -- photos, notes, tape recordings, etc. Some of the material is archived in Washington, and some is given to the specific state or regional folklife specialist as invaluable reference data. Besides publishing its findings in book form, the AFC may also sponsor public exhibits of their work.

[From Chicago Tribune Magazine article by Russell Roberts "Looking for America" Feb 18, 1990]

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● ABBREVIATIONS FOR GENEALOGISTS

Initials after your ancestors' names may not be titles or degrees but they may provide useful information you had not expected. The following are but a few of the puzzling letters one may come across when reading old wills or other documents.

a.a.s. Died in the year of his/her age, e.g., died a.a.s 64 [anno aetatis suae]

d.s.p. Died without issue [decessit sine prole]

d.s.p.l. Died without legitimate issue [decessit sine prole legitime]

d.s.p.m. Died without male issue [decessit sine prole mascula]

d.s.p.m.s. Died without surviving male issue [decessit sine prole mascula superstita]

d.s.p.s. Died without surviving issue [decessit sine prole supersita]

d.unm. Died unmarried

d.v.p. Died in the lifetime of his father [decessit vita patris]

d.v.m. Died in the lifetime of his mother [decessit vita matris]

et al And others [et alia]

inst Present month or time [instans]

liber Book or volume

nepos Grandson

nunc Nuncupative will, an oral will written by a witness

ob He or she died [obit]

relict Widower or widow [relicta or relictus]

sic So or thus, exact copy as written

testes Witnesses

ult Last [ultimo]

ux or vx Wife [uxor]

viz Namely [videlicet]

[From GS of Siskiyou Co Fall 92 via The Redwood GS Nov 93, contributed by Maryhelen Ewing]

CENSUS ABBREVIATIONS

L. C. = Lower Canada or Quebec

U. C. = Upper Canada, an area roughly equivalent to the southern part of the modern province of Ontario.

do = ditto

IA in earlier censuses was Indiana not Iowa

AA in the birthplace column stands for "born at sea"

In 1900 & 1910 census:

Bo was a boarder

B was a brother

L was a lodger

R was roomer

LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

● LIBRARY TRIP

FROM MILLIE FREITAS (837-2483):

The National Archives in San Bruno will be our destination on November 29, 1994. Please note that the trip is scheduled for a week later than usual because of Thanksgiving.

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot back of Lucky's on Diablo Road in Danville. Those wishing to leave from points around Walnut Creek may call Mary Jo Hosteny at 932-2244 for an alternate carpool site.

The Archives has the complete census and Soundexes through 1920, a growing number of state and military records, limited area passenger lists and immigration records.

There will be no library trip scheduled in December.



NATIONAL GENEALOGY HALL OF FAME

ARCHIBALD F. BENNETT (1896-1965) has become the 9th American genealogist to be elected to the NG Hall of Fame. The announcement was made at the NGS Conference in Houston June 3, 1994. The Hall of Fame honors men and women of the past who made significant contributions to the field of genealogy in the United States. One person is elected annually. Mr. Bennett was nominated by the Genealogical Society of Utah in celebration of its centennial anniversary.

Mr. Bennett's achievements have deeply influenced genealogical research in the US and abroad. It was he who developed the genealogical records microfilming program of the LDS church. He began the system of branch genealogical libraries (now called family history centers) to make records available to researchers everywhere. More than 2000 family history centers now exist worldwide. For more than 30 years he was also head librarian of what is now known as the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

The Hall of Fame is located in the Octagon Room of Glebe House, headquarters of the National Genealogical Society in Arlington VA. Visitors are welcome to view the portraits and examine the works by and about those who have been elected.

● LOCAL LIBRARIES

- DANVILLE FHC - Mary Jo Hosteny reports an excellent turnout for the Open House and Dedication of the new Center.

Library hours have been announced as:

Monday 11am - 5pm; Tuesday 6-9pm; Thursday 1-5pm & 6-9pm. Wednesday & Friday by appointment (call Helga Cochrane, 820-5730). Hours may be modified as need arises.

The FHC will be closed Nov 24, Dec 26 and Jan 2.

SRVGS volunteers on Monday are Mary Jo Hosteny and Peggy Frazier; Ardith Steger and Claudia Mortensen are there on Thursday.

- CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CENTRAL LIBRARY in Pleasant Hill has some new items in the Heritage Collection. *Archival and Manuscript Repositories in California, a Directory* lists 822 repositories by city alphabetically. In addition, there are three indexes: the repository name, the county, and general subjects. Each entry includes street address, mail address, phone, hours of business, total volumes, inclusive dates of holdings, major subjects, description of holdings, restrictions and copying facilities [CCCGSN/L Nov 94]. The Heritage Collection also has the new D.A.R. Patriot Index. Plans are under way to allow access to InterNET at some branch libraries.
- PLEASANTON LIBRARY (L-AGS Collection) also has the new D.A.R. Index as well as the 1790 Federal Census (bought by Pleasanton Library League).
- SANTA CLARA Historical & Genealogical Society is requesting donations to purchase the 4-volume set by Virgil D. White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*. The set will be added to its collection at the Santa Clara Public Library. Donations can be sent to the Society at 1635 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara CA 95051.
- SUTRO LIBRARY will be closed Nov 11, 24 & 25 and legal holidays in December & January. Want to take BART instead of driving to Sutro? Take BART to Daly City, get a free transfer and take the #28 bus for only three stops; you'll be at Stonestown. Just walk down the hill a short distance and you're there.

[Instructions courtesy of L-AGS Root Tracer, Autumn 94]

● IMMIGRANT MUSEUMS

- **BAY AREA PORTUGUESE MUSEUM** - San Jose will be the site of the Bay Area's first museum dedicated to the history and culture of the area's Portuguese community. The museum, located at Kelley Park, is expected to open in the fall of 1995. It will tell the story of the region's Portuguese immigrants who first came to California aboard whaling ships in the 1850's and became miners, farmers and fishermen. In addition to raising funds for the museum, the Portuguese Heritage Society is looking for donations or loans of letters, photographs, diaries, artwork and other historical artifacts.

[SF Chronicle, 19 Sept 1994 via CCCGS N/L Nov 94]

- **DANISH IMMIGRANTS** - The Danish Immigrant Museum has set up a computer network which will link people, families and artifacts as part of its function as an international clearing-house of information about Danes in America. Information from PO Box 178, Elk Horn IA 51531. Call 712/764-7225.

[From The Searcher via Odom Fam Tree Apr/May 94]

- **LITHUANIAN** - The Immigration History and Genealogy Dept of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture announces the formation of the Lithuanian American Genealogy Society. It is the first organization offered in the Chicago area for individuals interested in Lithuanian American family research. For more info call the Balzekas Museum at 312/582-6500

[Odom Fam Tree Apr/May 94]

● NATIONAL ARCHIVES

- **NA SAN BRUNO** will be closed Wednesday Evenings Nov 23, Dec 21, 28.
- **WORLD WAR II PRISONER of WAR** Records are in Record Group 389, Records of the Office of the Provost Marshall General. There are 24 volumes of alphabetical rosters of prisoners held by the Germans, 6 volumes of those held by the Japanese and 1 volume by neutral countries. To search, you need to know the service number, branch of service, place and approximate dates of internment.
- **ARCHIVES II** is now open. The immense task of moving records to the new Archives II in College Park, Maryland is over. As a general rule, material from before WWII remains in downtown Washington in Archives I -- all of

the military, census, passenger list, etc. Archives II contains maps, photographs, motion pictures, large memorabilia and the record of many contemporary Federal agencies. There is an hourly shuttle between the two buildings, available to researchers on a space available basis.

[soc.roots 28 Sept 1994 via CCCGS N/L Nov 94]

● NORWICH, ENGLAND LIBRARY FIRE

The October 5th, 1994, fire at Norwich Central Library claimed as its main casualty their very large and valuable collection of printed Norfolk material.

An October 6 newspaper article by Danny Penman stated that more than 350,000 books, many priceless manuscripts dating as early as the 11th century suffered water damage. A US Air Force memorial library was destroyed but the main concern is the collection of irreplaceable books, records and manuscripts housed in the county record office in the basement. The collection contains more than 2 million documents, including cathedral records dating back to 1090. The office was not damaged by fire but water leaked into the basement.

Conservationists have only a short time to start work on the books and paper -- air drying or freeze-drying them until the best option for preserving each item can be worked out.

[From soc.roots message by Brian Randell, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK via CCCGS N/L Nov 94]



● BOOK REVIEWS

by Mary Jo Hosteny

- **THE ENGLISH ANCESTRY AND HOMES OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS**, by Charles Edward Banks. Orig. pub. 1929, reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., 1989. Hard cover, 187 pp.
This little book deals with the Pilgrims who came to Plymouth on the Mayflower in 1620, the Fortune in 1621, and the Anne and the Little James in 1623. It endeavors to locate the English origin of the group of Separatists and Brownists, usually designated as the Pilgrims, who left England and settled in Amsterdam and Leyden between 1600 and 1620, covering over a hundred family names of persons belonging to John Robinson's church.
Sixty five passengers embarked on the Mayflower in 1620 at London in the middle of July, proceeded to Southampton Water, where they rendezvoused with the Speedwell bringing

the Leyden contingent. After two unseaworthy starts, the Speedwell was abandoned at Plymouth, those passengers wishing to go transferred to the Mayflower, arriving at Cape Cod on November 11th.

This is an interesting and fascinating study of the Pilgrims, giving as much of their English ancestry as several years of research could ascertain. Well indexed.*

- **NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES Prior to 1700** by Clarence Almon Torrey. Pub. by GPC 1985, 4th printing 1992. Hard cover, 1009 pages.

This is a giant of a book. Rated as one of the genealogical masterpieces of the 20th century, Torrey's compilation is a nearly comprehensive listing of, and bibliography for, the married population of 17th century New England. It is also a summary and index of the best genealogical scholarship for the period.

It was acquired after Torrey's death in 1962 by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), and has been used since that time on an almost hourly basis to identify and find source for the Pilgrims and Great Migration immigrants, their children and grandchildren. It lists birth and death dates (if known) of both husbands and wives, the wife's maiden name, the marriage date or birth year of first child, and all residences of every couple. For anyone with New England ancestry dating before 1700, it is a MUST.*

- **BERMUDA SETTLERS OF THE 17TH CENTURY**, by Julia E. Mercer. Pub GPC 1982 & 1992. Hard cover 276 pp.

This little book was compiled by GPC from genealogical notes originally published in "Tyler's Quarterly" between 1942 and 1947. It consists of abstracts of the earliest known records of Bermuda settlers and forms a supplement to John Camden Hotten's "Original Lists of Persons of Quality" - the classic source book on 17th century British immigration to the colonies. Excellent index.

- **ENGLISH ESTATES OF AMERICAN SETTLERS, 1800-1850**, by Peter Wilson Coldham. American Wills and Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Pub. by Gen. Pub. Co., Inc. 1981. Hard cover, 103 pp. This is the third volume of abstracts from the Probate and Administration Act Books of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC). It marks the completion of a series covering the period from the founding of the first American

plantation to the eve of the Civil War. The text is an alphabetical listing of settlers dying in the colonies who owned property in England, and is amply indexed as to executors and locations.*

* Preceding 4 books available from Genealogical Resources (Frances Lloyd (837-9382) or Bette Kot (707/554-4814).



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Looking for a gift for a genealogy friend or yourself? Here are two ideas.

- Don't forget, our own *SRVGS PRINT, PUBLISH, PRESERVE* is still available for \$7.00 (includes tax) if you buy it at the meeting or from one of the Publishing Group members. If you want it sent by mail, add \$1.50 per book. Contact Jane Steiner (283-0867) or Dorothy Stanton (820-3757). Get a copy now and you'll be ready for that New Year's resolution to get your family history into print at last!



For a "fun read":

- **PSYCHIC ROOTS** by Henry Z Jones Jr, 1993. Published by Genealogical Book Company, 1001 N. Calvert St, Baltimore MD 21202; 236pp, softcover, \$14.95. ISBN 0-8063-1388-9 or contact Genealogical Resources (see above).

Hank Jones doesn't advocate using a crystal ball to do your family history research; he emphasizes that nothing replaces well-documented research in (preferably) primary sources. He quotes Pasteur's "in the field of study, chance favors only the prepared mind."

However, in exploring his own fascination with Palatine German research, he found many instances of "fortuitous discovery." Was it coincidence, intuition, a hunch, or just dumb luck that led him to a particular place, record, or person? He invited some fellow genealogists to share their experiences as well. Mr. Jones' flair for the dramatic (he spent 20 years as an actor in movies and TV) make these stories fun to read.

Psychic Roots, says Helen Hinchliff in her foreword, shows how *feeling* about one's ancestors as well as *thinking* about them

usually results in a more successful search. In exploring all possibilities, Mr. Jones touches on such topics as synchronicity (events that happen simultaneously with no apparent causal connection but with deep significance for those who experience them)--the chapter is subtitled "You Make Me Feel So Jung"; numeracy (the mathematical probability of having a connection with any person you may happen to meet); intuition (a seeming sixth sense that a record will appear where it may or may not belong); genetic memory (the possibility that we inherit from our forebears some of the facts about our heritage). At whatever level you choose to explore the subject, *Psychic Roots* offers some illuminating insights and makes fascinating reading!

---Dorothy Stanton



FROM OUR MAILBOX:

SRVGS has received notice of several new publications:

- *The Foreign-Born Voters of California in 1872, Including Naturalization Dates, Places and courts of Record* compiled by Jim W. Faulkinbury; 1100+page compilation on microfiche contains information for nearly 62,000 foreign-born citizens who registered to vote in 1872. Order from compiler, PO Box 60627, Sacramento CA 95860. \$45.00 + \$3.49 tax.
- Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society announces the publication of a new *Surname Book* containing 5861 surnames documented by LAGS members. It contains separate indexes for surname, locality and soundexed surname. It was compiled by Beverly Schell Ales, George & Harriet Anderson. The price is \$16 postpaid. A diskette (IBM or Macintosh) containing all of the data is available for the same price. Order both for \$22 postpaid. Send order to LAGS, PO Box 901, Livermore CA 94551-901
- ANCESTRY announces *U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal and State Sources, Colonial America to the Present* by James C. Neagles. 441pp 8-1/2x11", \$39.95 plus shipping & handling. Send order to PO Box 476, Salt Lake City UT 84110-0476 or call 1-800/262-3787. For anyone doing military history research this book contains a wealth of information on the records and where to find them.

COMPUTER NEWS

- ROOTS IV Version 1.1, the new update from COMMSOFT (free to registered users) includes the new InterGED version of GEDCOM. It will allow transfer of data between traditional line-age-linked programs and the newer event-linked software with source documentation and multimedia files. COMMSOFT plans to release the InterGED specification (fully compatible with GEDCOM) so it can be used by other developers. It will be available for download from CompuServe, GENie, COMMSOFT's BBS and other bulletin boards participating in the National Genealogy Conference. For more information contact: Wendy Whipp, COMMSOFT Inc. 707/838-4300 or InterGED Coordinator, COMMSOFT Inc, POB 310, Windsor CA 95492-0310.
 - FAMILY TREE MAKER For Windows has been updated: Version 1.01 and a Deluxe CD-ROM Edition 2.0. The latter includes a FamilyFinder Index of over 150 million names, plus an interactive Genealogy "How-To" Guide on CD-ROM. FTM 2.0 will store any kind of information -- even photos and Video Clips. It will interact with your photos on Kodak Photo CDs as well as those you scan yourself. These can be incorporated into the beautiful boxed charts it creates as well as family histories. The upgrade is \$34.99. The list price for new purchases is \$69.99 (most dealers will have it at a lower price, e.g. Costco for \$50.) For more information call 510/794-6850 or write Banner Blue, PO Box 7865, Fremont CA 94537.
- [See the NGS/CIG Digest Sept/Oct 1994 for reviews of the preceding software plus a listing of PAF Utilities and an On-line Services comparison of costs and features.]
- MAP PROGRAM FROM GOLD BUG - "Ani-Map, County Boundary Historical Atlas" is a Windows-based program that shows US counties as they existed every year from the beginning of their formation up to the present time. In the November CSGA Newsletter, Karen Clifford says, "I took the program with me on my portable computer while researching in Virginia and North Carolina and they helped me more than any book could in the amount of time I had available in those facilities. They were most helpful in those areas prior to 1790." It can be purchased two ways. 1) The Basic Package includes the main program (US maps and tutorial plus one state region of your choice)

for \$39.50. Additional regions are \$15 each. 2) The Master Package includes the maps for all 48 states (no Alaska & Hawaii) for \$95.00. Region #1 is MA, RI, CT, MD, DE, ME, NH-VT, NJ, NY, PA, VA-WV. Region #2 includes AL, FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN. Region #3 is IL, IN, IA, MI, OH, WI. Three other regions cover the remaining states. Prices include postage & handling. CA residents, add 8.25% sales tax. You can use VISA & Mastercard. Order from The Gold Bug, PO Box 588, Alamo CA 94507 (510/838-MAPS). E-Mail: goldbug@aol.com



HOLIDAY PHOTOGRAPHY

Family gatherings at holiday times offer opportunities to record our families with candid photographs. Not only will you enjoy remembering precious times, but future generations will thank you.

When taking photographs, keep these tips in mind:

- * The photographs should be numerous, fun, and show both special occasions and your everyday life.
 - * Capture people, places and things, such as your house and car.
 - * Make sure you have pictures of each family member (the family photographer sometimes is left out). As family history researchers, we all can attest to the frustrating experience of finding information about a person's life, but not locating any photographs of them.
 - * Try to catch a person's personality. If a person has a big laugh, take a picture when they are laughing.
 - * Show action shots in addition to posed pictures, such as people cooking, barbecuing, playing games and sports.
 - * Take pictures during meals, particularly for special occasions.
 - * Show a person's hobbies, both when they are doing what they do and, if appropriate, what they have collected.
- Be sure to include everyday shots, such as writing bills, doing laundry and washing dishes. These aren't glamorous shots, but they will give future generations a great look at how you lived your life at a particular time.

[Adapted from the book *How to Outlive Your Lifetime!* by Tim Polk (softcover \$10.95, Family Life Intl, Sunnyvale CA) To order, call 408/730-0831. Via SCCH&GS Sep 94]



SRVGS MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS:

ATWOOD, Rae E. - 36 Pembroke Ct, Moraga 94556 (376-7527). Researching: DEUAURS, San Francisco, Merced; ATWOOD, Tauton, MA.

DITZLER, Paul - PO Box 114, Alamo 94507.

KING, Marilyn - 144 Draeger Dr, Moraga 94556 (376-1193). Researching: DOYLE Leysburg, Bedford Co PA prior to 1856; ROLAND Co Cork? Ireland mid-1800's, Fitchburg MA prior to 1870, San Jose CA 1870 on.

MORSE, Joyce N. - 1031 Harness Ct #79, San Ramon 94583 (806-9320). Researching: SWOPE, KERN.

SHIRLEY, Jim & Pauline - 2476 Prosperity Way, San Leandro 94578 (510/481-2500). Researching: MARSDEN & THORNTON in Yorkshire, England; PASS & OVEREND in Cheshire, England.

CORRECTIONS

Please correct your directory as follows:
ALEXANDER, Nancy - Phone # 820-1593
IRWIN, Barbara - Phone # 939-8522

ADD to LIBRARY Listings:
Concord Family History Center - 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord; Phone 510/686-1766. Hours: Tues & Wed 9-9; Sat 9-1:30.

Danville Family History Center, Stone Valley & Smith Rds (Supervisor Helga Cochrane, 820-5730). Hours: Mon 11-5; Tues 6-9pm; Thurs 1-5pm and 6-9pm (as of 11/01/94).

REMINDER : There will be no NEWSLETTER in December. Please look ahead on the Special Interest Group calendar and note the meetings early in January. The deadline for items for the January 1995 newsletter is the Board Meeting JANUARY 3. Earlier is better. -- the Editor.

MILITARY SERVICE

If your ancestor was born between the dates listed in the first column below, he may have served in the conflict listed in the second column.

BORN	CONFLICT	DATE
1616-1656	Bacon's Rebellion	1676
1639-1743	Intercolonial Wars*	1689-1765
1713-1743	Pontiac's Rebellion	1763-1765
1720-1763	American Revolution	1775-1783
1740-1791	Indian Wars	1790-1811
1762-1794	War of 1812	1812-1815
1762-1812	Blackhawk War	1832
1796-1828	Mexican War	1846-1848
1806-1849	Civil War	1861-1865
1848-1880	Spanish American War	1898
1859-1884	Philippine Insurrection	1899-1902
1865-1898	World War I	1914-1918
1891-1924	World War II	1941-1918
1900-1936	Korean War	1950-1953
1916-1956	Vietnam	1965-1973

*The major wars of the colonial period were: King William's War (War of the League of Augsburg), 1689-1697; Queen Anne's War (War of the Spanish Succession) 1702-1713; King George's War (War of Austrian Succession), 1744-1748; French and Indian (Seven Years) War, 1754-1763.

[From several sources. Be sure to check the Research Outline "U.S. Military Records" available from the Family History Library.]

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