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NEXT MEETING: January 16, 1966

Are you like Opus from the comic strip "Bloom County" who was arrested for "DWC" (driving without a clue) when he tried to access the Information Superhighway? George Anderson has some answers for you. He will explain how to access the Super-Highway for genealogy. This should be a great program. Some of you may remember George from his presentations on Scandinavia. Bring your questions and information on this timely subject: The Internet.
--Jeanette Moses

LAST MONTH by Christine Scott

Joseph A King, author of seven books and fifty articles for journals in the USA, Canada, England and Ireland, spoke about Irish emigration with an emphasis on Cork. His talk was based on his newest book IRELAND TO NORTH AMERICA, EMIGRANTS FROM WEST CORK.

This area in the most southern part of Ireland, the Mizen Head and the parish of Schull, endured very hard times before the great famine. Since potatoes were virtually the only food for the masses of Irish people, the failure of the crops in the 1820's and 1830's led to great suffering. Absentee landlords owned most of the land. They sublet to tenant farmers who, in turn, sublet to smaller farmers who eked out their existence on just one acre of potatoes.

Officially the land was sublet to individuals in the English manner, but on the Mizen peninsula in Schull Parish, the ancient Gaelic system of "rundale" still prevailed. The land was held communally with the extended family consisting of great grandparents and as many as four generations. Genealogists should be aware of this

information since only the senior name was listed. Land on the Mizen was measured in "gneeves." Pasturage available for grazing 100 cows equalled one "ploughland" or "townland." Land that served eight cows was one "gneeve".

An adult male could earn only about 4-9 pounds a year; unemployment was common. The dwellings in Schull Parish, as well as the rest of Ireland, were hovels made of stone and mud without windows. If the family had a pig, it was sold to pay rent, due twice a year on Gale Day. Although 80 to 85% of the Irish were Catholic, Protestants also had to tithe to support the Church of Ireland. The rector, an absentee landlord, was guaranteed 850 pounds a year.

In 1831 a severe failure of the potato crop and a cholera epidemic led to anti-tithe agitation. The fall of 1845 yielded a meager potato crop; in 1846 the failure was total. Ironically from 1846 to 1848 exports from Cork of cattle and butter actually rose dramatically. "It has been estimated that Irish food production was more

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY



SRVGS EVENTS

- 16 10:00 a.m. SRVGS Meeting, Danville Women's Club House, 242 W. Linda Mesa Ave., Danville, CA.
George Anderson will talk about the Internet.

23 Sutro Library trip. Details on page 44

OTHER EVENTS

- 12-19 The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. See page 43.
13 12:30-2:30 p.m. San Mateo Gen Soc "Courthouse Research." SHCGS Library. \$7.00 per class or \$21.00 if you sign up for the 4 class series.
14 Contra Costa Gen Soc 7:30 p.m., Concord Residential Club, 2141 California Street, C Concord. Show and Tell program--Saints and Sinners in your background.
16 7:00 p.m. The Livermore-Amador Gen Soc Computer Interest Group will sponsor a series of 10 classes on "How to Get All You Can Get Out of 'Personal Ancestral File's Genealogy Software Program." Classes will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning January 16 at , at the LDS Church, 950 Mocho Street, Livermore. Non-members are always welcome.
18 7:30 p.m. Santa Clara County Hist & Gen Soc. Renee Tully will speak of her experiences as a holocaust survivor and her search for family.
19-20 New England Hist Gen Soc conference at the Sheraton Long Beach Hotel, 333 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA. See page 43 for details.
27 1:00 p.m. Sonoma Co Gen Soc "Before Plymouth Rock --The English and Dutch Roots of the Mayflower Pilgrims," by Don Dickenson. General Meeting held at at Lark Hall, Santa Rosa Jr College, Rm 2009.



FEBRUARY



SRVGS EVENTS

- 6 10:00 a.m. SRVGS Board Meeting at Francis Lloyd's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.
20 10:00 p.m. SRVGS Meeting, Danville Women's Club, 242 W. Linda Mesa Avenue, Danville, CA.
27 Stanford University Library trip. See page 44.

OTHER EVENTS

- 10 12:30-2:30 p.m. San Mateo Gen Soc class, "Sharing Your Information." SHCGS Library. \$7.00 per class or \$21.00 if you sign up for the four class series.
10 8:00-4:00 p.m. Commodore Sloat Chapter of DAR & Monterey CA FHC presents A Genealogist's Toolbox: 30 classes, syllabus, more to follow. Contact Karen Clifford (408) 373-5206. \$20.00 includes hot lunch & syllabus.
29-March 2 1630 Mary & John West Country Worldwide Conference. San Francisco airport. See page 44 for details.

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NEW YEAR'S TRADITIONS

On New Year's Eve, it was the custom in Scotland to welcome the "first foot" over the threshold who brought a piece of coal which signified that for the year to come, the grate would burn red with warmth and cheer and would fuel all the myriad things required of domestic life. A peg was poured, and the toast "Lang may your lum reek" was given the recipient of the gift. If the "first foot" to cross the home's threshold after the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve was dark haired, it would bring good luck. Light haired people didn't appear to

be a bad omen, but the Scots were wary of redheads.
(SHCGS Newsletter, Vol 13 Issue 7, Jul-Aug 1995 p. 120)

Redheads are both ordinary and special. This slender slice of the genetic pie accounts for only 2-3% of the world's population. As difficult as redheads are in terms of nationality and religion, they give the appearance of family connection. Were we to examine their distribution from a bird's eye view, we would see that the greatest number of them are in northern and central Europe, the British Isles (the most numerous in Scotland). About 11% of Scots are redheads.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- GERMAN - Meets at Barbara Johnson's, 616 Camino Amigo, Danville, (837-2153) every month after the SRVGS meeting. Check the calendar.
- IRISH - Meets at 10:00 a.m. each second or third Wednesday at Patty Erickson's, 10 Ridge Pl., Pleasant Hill (229-0889).
- CALIFORNIA - Meets with the Irish Group.
- MAC COMPUTER - To be announced. Contact Barb Dittig (735-9610).
- PUBLISHING - Meets on the last Wednesday 10:00 a.m. when needed. If you would like help with a publishing project, contact Jane Steiner (283-0867)
- ROOTS USERS - Official Commsort ROOTS III/IV Users - Meets 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays following the general meeting at Ruth Pfeiffer's, 59 Mariposa Ct., Danville (837-5-60).
- SOUTHERN - The date and place for the meeting will be announced.
- UNITED KINGDOM - No meetings until further notice. Any members willing to help with program planning for 1996 please call Ron Skillton 254-6989.
- PLEASE REPORT PROGRAM CHANGES TO WENDY HABERMEHL (735-0737)

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 than sufficient to feed the native population" if it had not been exported.

During the years of the Great Famine the Catholic and Protestant pastors became "embroiled in bitter religious controversy." Food was used as a way to acquire new converts known as "souters," people who traded their faith for a bowl of soup. In one instance a Protestant pastor was accused of spending the money sent for the relief of the destitute to build a church, using converts as laborers. Those who were converted soon returned to previous parishes when the famine was over.

The decrease in fares on the timber ships returning to the New World from 1830 to 1850 made it possible for mass emigration to British North America. This was followed by another migration to Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Minnesota, following the rivers and pines. In two or three additional generations the families of the first Irish emigrants settled in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. King referred to these movements as "chain migrations." The population of Ireland from 1841 to 1871 dropped from over nine million to a little over three million.

IRELAND TO NORTH AMERICA EMIGRANTS FROM WEST CORK has a heavy genealogical data base which may be helpful to those searching for their Irish ancestors even if they can't find the baptismal records. Mr. King has located the parish and the townland of each of his great grandparents without these records. He encouraged Society members not to give up in their search for their Irish ancestors.

Mr. King noted several magazines which are

very helpful in doing Irish research: IRISH ROOTS and IRISH HOME AND ABROAD. The Irish section of the Minnesota Genealogical Society publishes a first class newsletter listing the Irish Genealogical and Historical Research Centers. There is a nationwide project to computerize all the genealogical records in Ireland. A booklet about the progress of this computer project can be purchased from the Minnesota Genealogical Society for \$2.00.

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CONFERENCES

January 12-19 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Howard Johnson Hotel, next door to Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Students will receive over 20 hours of classroom training, complete with study and research assignments, feedback from teachers in classes of 20-30 students. Request information from PO Box 1144, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

January 19-20 New England Historical and Genealogical Soc. Conf. Highlight speakers include Neil D. Thompson, editor of THE GENEALOGIST and Gary Boyd Roberts author of ANCESTORS OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS. . . AND PROBABLY YOU TOO. For more information call (617) 536-5740, ext. 202.

February 29-March 2, 1630 Mary and John, West Country Worldwide Conference, San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel.

March 8-9 12:00-8:00 p.m. CGS's Family Fair, San Francisco Concourse Exhibition Center. Contact: CGS, PO Box 77105, San Francisco 94107-0105. (415) 777-9936. Details next month.

SRVGS NEWS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to settle down to a genealogically successful New Year! In our membership we have many experienced researchers to aid new beginners. Let's continue to work together this coming year to achieve our individual goals and to strengthen our society.

I hope that we can expand our special Interest Study Groups to include the Mid-West and possibly some other areas. If you are interested, please call me. (837-2483). Be sure to use the "Dumb Question" box. All of us have learned from the questions that have been asked. Get your list of research material you are willing to loan to other members to Alice Tiso or Ardith Steger so that this project can be printed.

The cookies shared at the December Board Meeting were ALL delicious!! — Millie

NEW MEMBERS

Bruce L. Garner, 216 Midland Way, Danville, CA, (510) 837-9285, is researching Thielmann and and Foster in New York before 1921.

Betty Lou Jack, 3100 Wrangler Rd, San Ramon 94583, 936-6701, is researching Watkins and Lundy in Pennsylvania before 1920.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

R. Wade from Livermore to #2646, Viewpoint Resort, 8700 E. University Dr., Mesa, 85207-6805.

IN MEMORIUM

Those of us who knew Jane Arrol will want to see the tribute posted on the bulletin board. Written by her husband, John, it includes lovely pictures of Jane.

☞ CONDOLENCES ☞

The Society extends its sympathy to Jo Bolenbacker for the death of her husband, Phil, on Wednesday, December 27.

THIS MONTH'S LIBRARY TRIP

We begin the new year with a visit to the Sutro Library, one of the members' favorite destinations. Attendees will meet to carpool at 9:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot of Lucky's on Diablo Road, Danville. The Lafayette contingent will meet at the Orchard Nursery upper parking lot. Bringing a brown-bag lunch is advisable. Questions? Call Manny Lindner at 837-4444.

NEWS FROM SHIRLEY SIEMS TERRY

Shirley, back from Texas for the two weeks after Thanksgiving, attended the Cookie Exchange on December 5th.

Shirley won two writing awards in a contest at the Texas State Genealogical Society conference the end of October. "Publishing Family Newsletters" receive a first place award and will be published in the December STRIPES. Her Dank-roger-Siems newsletter "Branching Out" placed second to a larger family association publication. Congratulations, Shirley!

— Jane Steiner



TELEPHONE TREE

Congratulations also to JoAnne Tatum for completing the telephone tree. She was delighted by the way members agreed to participate as callers. We will probably have to use it some day to correct an egregious error in the newsletter.

Ed O'Donnell has done an excellent job as Publicity Chairperson. He has had several recent articles in the Alamo Magazine and corrected the misinformation in the Tri Valley Herald. Ed has also arranged for news items on Channel Three.

THE INTERNET

INTERNET??? www?? e-Mail?? Newsgroups? What are they? Why should I care? If I do care, what do I do? What do I need?

The Internet is a network of computers, worldwide, which allows the transfer of files of information from one computer to another. To access the Internet, you must use an access port, or service provider, such as Compuserve, Delphi, America on Line, or Prodigy, to mention a few, for a nominal fee, and the cost of the telephone call, (hopefully, local). Once on the Internet, you have access, depending on the service provider you are using, to Newsgroups, e-Mail, active "Chat" groups (ugh!!), some Bulletin Boards(BBS), and a variety of other things that are supposed to make your particular service provider attractive to you; i.e., games, travel services, electronic banking, freeware software, and an occasional computer virus.

To enter this wonderful world, you need a computer, either Macintosh or IBM/IBM clone, preferably with Windows 3.1 or Windows 95, so you can use the software service providers use for browsing the Internet. You will also need a modem to allow your computer to "talk" with the network. The faster your modem, the more satisfaction you will have. In the good old days a modem with a rating of 300bpi was deliriously fast. Now I have one rated at 14,400bpi and I wish I had a 28,000. In any case, the faster your modem, the faster you will be able to download the network graphics and text.

Now, what's the "Web", a/k/a the "www"? I don't know how to describe it other than it is a method of browsing, or searching, the Internet for information you might want to use. The Netscape Navigator is one of the more "user friendly" software packages for "browsing" or "surfing" the web. Believe me, there's a lot of information out there, and a lot of it might be considered junk, not related to your problem, and cause you to become discouraged and give up, but don't. As you become more experienced, you will begin to find some small gems of information that will help you to fill in your genealogical puzzle.

Newspapers are, in effect, specific bulletin boards on the Internet. If you have a question or need help in a specific area, you just have to post it in that specific Newsgroup. For example, one of the Newsgroups that I monitor and participate in is the one called "soc.genealogy.

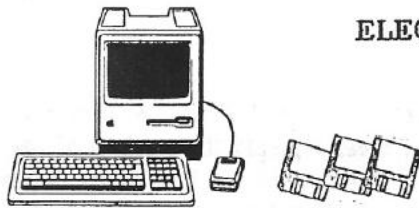
.nordic" dealing with Norwegian genealogy. Recently, someone posted the question of how he could have access to the 1801 Norway Census, or find someone to search it for him, noting that the nearest LDS library was several hundred miles away. Someone in Norway responded that the University of Bergen, Norway, has it "on-line" as a searchable database and provided the a www address for access. Another piece of information you can get from Newsgroups is the e-Mail address of the posters and answerers. This allows you to write them directly for specific queries. There are Newsgroups for practically anything; in the "soc.genealogy" subgroup. There are sub-subgroups for practically every country, culture or worldwide region

Bulletin Boards can be rather general, or very specific. My advice is just dial them up, sample what they have, and leave if it's not for you. You can find some interesting things on BBS's though. Recently, I was browsing a local BBS and ran across an extraction of names from a book on the history of Westport, New Zealand, extracted by the Computer Group of the NZ Genealogical Society. I downloaded for the file, expanded it, and browsed through it. Lo and behold!! I found reference to my great grandfather, John Thompson Crawford, relative to a petition he was filing in 1869. Needless to say, that focused my New Zealand search for a while.

Most service, AOL, Delphi, Compuserve, Prodigy, provide for e-Mail. If you can use it, it'll save you tons of time. Example: Writing to New Zealand to ask someone to search a local cemetery listing takes approximately six days in transit each way plus the time to do the job, and you have to provide a SASE with reply coupons or postage. But with e-Mail, I sent my query one evening and had my reply the next. As I said, "Wonderful." Also I used it to ask a contact in Trondheim, Norway to call an elderly kinswoman of mine to wish her a "God Jul". . . She was thrilled.

The purpose of writing this article is to pique your curiosity and interest in the Internet and all the other peripheral good times that computer communication can provide for you, and to encourage you to attend this month's general meeting where you can participate in a much more professional, precise presentation of what the Interest is all about.

— Jack Johnson



ELECTRONIC GENEALOGY

COMPUTER CLASSES

The San Ramon Valley Community Services Group offers a 4-weeks course which will include an introduction to WINDOWS, WORDPERFECT FOR WINDOWS, and LOTUS 1-2-3 for WINDOWS.

Sess. A Mon 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Feb 5-Mar 4 Grange
Sess. B Mon 7:00-9:30 p.m. Feb 5-Mar 4 Rm 400
(No class Feb 19)

Sess. C Wed 7:00-9:30 p.m. Feb 7-Feb 28 Rm 400
Sess. D Tues 7:00-9:30 Mar 5-Mar 26 Rm 400

A \$35.00 Textbook/Lab Fee will be collected at the first class. Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd., Danville 94526.

This class is sponsored by the SRVCS Group, 545 Sycamore Valley Road W., Danville, CA 94526, (510) 837-8235. Please call with questions.

FORT WAYNE LIBRARY CATALOG

The card catalog of the Allen County (Fort Wayne) Public Library is now accessible by computer modem. Set your software at 1200 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity. VI emulation, and dial (219) 424-1300. Press ENTER and CONTROL O twice to get the Welcome Screen, press CONTROL O to log off. There is no access charge, just the long distance phone call charge.

(SMCGS Newsletter Vol 13 Issue 9, October 1995, p. 158)



FAX COPIES

Remember to photocopy any documents you receive on FAX paper. When exposed to light, they start to fade immediately.

COMPUTER RECORDS IN DANGER

Over the past 30 years, many records have been collected and stored on computer tape. In the mad dash to produce even faster machines with fantastically expanded storage, one factor seems to have been forgotten. Many tapes made years ago cannot be run on present computers.

Census data from the 1960 census is stored on thousands of reels of old tape. The old file would probably disintegrate if run on the old machines on which it was created. The Census Bureau has Changed computers and tape drives 5 times since taking that 1960 census. Parts of the 1970 and 1980 census face the same problems!

Lesson Learned: Be sure to transfer your records to newer software programs when you upgrade programs, system or computer.

(SCGS ROOT DIGGER, December 1995, page 109.)

CIG

The CIG is the Computer Interest Group of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society. It meets the FIRST Saturday of ODD months, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Contra Costa Water District Building (unless otherwise notified - call 372-6996 for latest information. The following items are from the June 1995 edition of their newsletter.

The definition of an upgrade:
Take old bugs out, put new ones in.

Southern DOS:
Y'all reckon? (Yep/Nope)



MORE ON THE INTERNET

The astounding growth of sites accessible through the Internet (there are over 200 new sites announced every week) means that there is always something of interest to share. If you have the time and interest to explore for yourself, there are two sources I would recommend. First, try looking at the lists provided by the Netlink Servers:

URL gopher://honor.us.wlu.edu:1020/1

Use the "geographic" menu to narrow the focus for each state of interest. Second, you might look at the "Gopher Jewels" lists. The heading "genealogy" does not have much, but try "history" and "libraries and special collections": its URL is: gopher://cwis.usc.edu:70/11/Other Gophers and Information Resources/ Gophers by Subject/ Gopher Jewels - that is all one line, no spaces!

(CCC Genealogical Society Computer Interest Group, Issue 50, June 1995.)



NEW AT THE HERITAGE COLLECTION

R929.3763 Lowrie, W. & Mills, E.S. EARLY SETTLERS OF LOUISIANA FROM LAND CLAIMS IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

R929.3756 Camin, B. J. NORTH CAROLINA BASTARDY BONDS.

R929.3756 Camin, E. J. NORTH CAROLINA NATURALIZATION INDEX, 1792-1862.

R929.3764 White, G. CHARACTER CERTIFICATES IN THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF TEXAS.

R929.3764 Fredericksburg, TX Genealogical Society, GREENWOOD CEMETERY, FREDERICKSBURG, TX.

R929.37511 Ackerman, N. M. TAX ASSESSMENTS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE, 1816-1817.

R929.3794 Kot, E. G. CALIFORNIA CEMETERY INSCRIPTION SOURCES: PRINT AND MICROFORM.

R929.3755 Woodson, R. F. & I. B. VIRGINIA TITHABLES FROM BURNED RECORD COUNTIES 1770-1775.

R929.3445 Chamberlain, M. M. THE RHODE ISLAND 1777 MILITARY CENSUS.

R929.37514 Wright F. E. VITAL RECORDS OF KENT AND SUSSEX COUNTIES, DELAWARE 1686-1800.

R929.3 Faust, A. B. LISTS OF SWISS EMIGRANTS IN 18TH CENTURY TO AMERICAN COLONIES.

(Contra Costa County Gen Soc Vol. 10 No. 11 November 1995 page 96)

ENGLISH DEATH DUTY REGISTERS

The Estate Duty Office has both the registers and an index into the Registers. the index has been filmed by LDS and can be found with film numbers from 1419473 - 1419486 for the Administrations index - Prerogative Court of Canterbury. The County Courts indexes begin with film no. 1368372.

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NEW BOOKS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

THE WAY THINGS WERE by Margaret Posehn describes the Sloat and Cromberg lumbermill towns of Plumas County 1850-1945. The book also contains photographs of many of the people and headstones of the Cromberg Cemetery. Many personal histories and obituaries are included. The cost is \$30 plus tax (\$2.33) and postage (\$4.00) if mailed. Contact Margaret Posehn P O box 1099, North Highlands CA 95660-1099, (916) 332-6077.

INDEX TO THE GREAT REGISTER OF SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA may be ordered by mail or purchased from the Solano County Genealogical Society. It will help fill a void left by the missing 1890 U. S. Federal Census. Cost \$12.00 plus tax (\$.87) and postage and handling (\$2.50). Contact Solano County Genealogical Society, Inc. P O box 2494, Fairfield, CA 94533.

INDEXES

New books by Virgil D. White published by The National Historical Publishing Company, 209 Green-son Hollow Road, P O Box 539, Waynesboro, TN 38485. Check the notice in the "freebie" basket for other books printed by the company.

INDEX OF U. S. MARSHALS 1789-1960 prepared from records located at the National Archives. \$35.00

INDEX TO INDIAN WARS PENSION FILES 1892-1926 contains over 50,000 entries. \$87.00.

INDEX TO MEXICAN WAR PENSION FILES is an index to the pension applications based on service in the Mexican War in 1846-1848. \$65.00.

INDEX TO TEXAS CSA PENSION FILES contains over 54,000 application for Confederate pensions. \$55.00.

REGISTER OF FLA. CSA PENSION APPLICATIONS contains apx. 13,000 applications or Confederate pensions and has both an index for veterans and widows. \$36.00.

NEW RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

The Family History Library has published two new research outlines that describe the methodology, major resources, and archives used for doing research. Ireland Research Outline (48 pages) and Germany Research Outline (52 pages). 75 cents each.

MARRIAGE WITNESS INDEXES

You are invited to contribute contribute to a useful research tool: Marriage Witness Indexes for the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia.

The witnesses to a marriage may be friends, workmates, neighbors or relatives of the bride and groom, and it sometimes happens that family or local knowledge, however tiny, can help the holder of the certificate or the inquirer. Sometimes the witnesses have photographs not kept by the bride and groom. Signatures can be compared.

It often happens that unmarried siblings are witnesses, who appear in no other document. Sometimes a pocket of people bearing the surname sought, appear in another state or country, thus broadening the search for missing forebears.

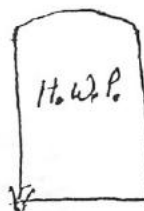
Searches can be requested at a cost of NZ 50 cents per surname plus a long SASE. The New Zealand Genealogical Society holds the master Index and Ted Wildy of NZGS is the supervisor of this project with international input. For submission forms and information, contact Ted Wildy, 167 Carlisle Road, Brown Bay, Auckland 1310, New Zealand.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



SAY IT AINT SO!

After eight years of searching the Parish Record for a name to match the initials H.W.P. on a stone slab in his church, the Rev. Philip Randall now retired from the parish of Eye, Peterborough, England, solved the mystery. The initials stand for Hot Water Pipe.

(The Family Tree, August/September 1995 page 7A)

A WORD OF WISDOM

Uncle Dodd Buckner advises there is an easier way to get your family tree researched - simply run for president.

(Contributed by Alice Wade from Dec. 1995 "Burton
Hills Better Homes and Gardens")