

# SAN RAMON VALLEY

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### THIS MONTH

Wearing costumes and using actual artifacts, Danville residents Joan and Don Kurtz will speak on PIONEERS TO CALIFORNIA VIA SHIP OR WAGON. They will compare and contrast the pioneers' journey to California by ship around Cape Horn and by wagon across the desert.

— Shirley Siems Terry

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### LAST MONTH

Reported by Jane Steiner

Ronald G. Domer is a Civil War buff and, being from Tennessee, is naturally interested in the Civil War history of that area. In his talk, "The Control of East Tennessee," he compared the bloody battles of the Civil War in that area with the scenes we have seen from Bosnia.

The population of East Tennessee was divided in their loyalties. The country people, who were the majority, were unionists, but the city people were strong southern sympathizers. On Knoxville's main street both flags were flown—one at each end of town—and there was recruiting for both armies. It took two referendums before Tennessee voted to secede. Southern sympathizers felt that secession was legal—it had been voted on; but the unionists considered the secessionists to be traitors. Two brothers or a father and son might be on different sides.

Two railroads running through Knoxville and Chattanooga, major arteries for Confederate supplies, gave Tennessee great importance in President Lincoln's mind. Pro-Union sympathizers tried to burn the railroad; seven of the eight bridges were burned. The Confederates arrested hundreds whom they thought were responsible and took others as political prisoners.

In 1863 the Federal Army under Gen. Burn-

side occupied Knoxville. Confederate sympathizers were turned out of their houses which were to be used by Union officers.

In the Knoxville Library there is an eye witness account written in the 1880s by a man whose father was a lawyer. He had been seven years old when he came home one day to see two army wagons at his house loaded with his father's books. The Confederate sympathizers were taken by train into Knoxville, searched, and their valuables taken.

Confederate sympathizers' names were published in the newspaper; Confederate neighbors turned in Union neighbors and vice versa; both armies foraged and took supplies from civilians, and both sides suffered many casualties. Smallpox and Typhoid were endemic and bands of outlaws robbed and terrorized the people. It was the "worst of times."

The Army of Tennessee was commanded by General Braxton Bragg, one of the most controversial generals of the war. He was always looking for a slight, he blamed his subordinates for any problems, and his subordinates' reports could contain nothing negative. His officer corps soon broke into pro-Bragg and anti-Bragg units. The anti-Bragg unit was larger.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## JUNE

## SRVGS EVENTS

17 TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m., General Meeting, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd, JOAN & DON KURTZ on PIONEERS TO CALIFORNIA VIA SHIP OR WAGON.

24 TUESDAY - 9:00 a.m. Library trip to U.C. Bancroft and Doe Libraries.

## OTHER EVENTS

10 TUESDAY - 7:30 p.m. at the Livermore-Amador Gen Soc. MOLLY LOCKLIN on VIDEOTAPING YOUR FAMILY RECORDS at Congregation Beth Emeck, 1886 College Ave., Livermore. For info call David Abrahams at 447-7589.

12 THURSDAY - 7:30 p.m. Contra Costa Co Gen Soc presents a mystery speaker at the Community Meeting Room, Concord Police Station, 1350 Galindo St., Concord.

26 THURSDAY - 7:30 p.m. the Livermore-Amador Gen Soc Computer Interest Group presents JENNIFER BJORK on THE WORLD FAMILY TREE PROJECT. The L-AGS website: <<http://www.california.com/~lags/lags.html>>.

27 FRIDAY - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. National Archives Pacific Region, 1000 Commodore Dr., San Bruno. Workshop on CENSUS INFORMATION: A POTPOURRI FOR RESEARCH, JACKIE JOHNSON, TERRIA BREWER and ROSEMARY KENNEDY. \$15 in advance; \$20 at door.



## JULY

## SRVGS EVENTS

1 TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting, 210 Town & Country Dr., Danville. Everyone welcome.

15 TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd., DON'T LET YOUR HEIRLOOMS END UP IN AN ANTIQUE STORE.

21 MONDAY - 9:00 a.m. Library Trip to Solano. (Not open on Tuesday.)

## OTHER EVENTS

10 THURSDAY - 7:30 p.m. Contra Costa Co Gen Soc. Community Meeting Room in the Concord Police Station, 1350 Galindo Street, Concord.

11-12 FRIDAY-SATURDAY - American Heritage Conference. See details below.

23-27 WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY - AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOC GERMANS FROM RUSSIA, Golden Gate Chapter & the CA District Council 29th International Convention, Hyatt Hotel, 1740 North First St., San Jose, CA 95112. 408-993-1234.

22 TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m., Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. N. SAN DIEGO CO GEN SOC presents Wendy Elliott on HOW TO KEEP PUBLIC RECORDS OPEN. Contact Everett Ireland, PO Box 500407, San Diego CA 92150-0407.

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## COMING EVENTS

## AMERICAN HERITAGE

"Everton's Genealogical Helper" and the Utah State Folklore Department are co-sponsoring the Kinship Conference American Heritage on the Utah State University campus in Logan UT. For information call Cam or Tamisa at 1-800-538-2663 or Everton's at 1-800-443-6325 or go to <<http://www.everton.com/kinship.html>> on the Internet.



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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

GERMAN - No meetings at present.

SOUTHERN - There will be no meetings until September.

IRISH - Will meet at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 11 and July 9, at Patty Erickson's, 10 Ridge Pl., Pleasant Hill.

CALIFORNIA - Will meet with the Irish group.

MAC COMPUTER - Will meet at 1:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 18, at Manny Lindner's, 32 Corte Nogal, Danville.

PUBLISHING - Meets when needed. If you would like help with a publishing project, call Jane Steiner at 283-0867.

ROOTS USERS - Official Comsoft Roots III/IV users will not meet this month.

MIDWEST - No July or August meeting. Call Louise Ford (376-4587) for the date of the next meeting.

INTERNET - Needs leader. No meetings until September.

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(LAST MONTH continued)

Nathan Forrest, the finest cavalry commander in the war, was frequently at odds with Bragg, and when Bragg had him transferred, Generals Longstreet and Pope became leaders of the anti-Bragg movement.

A petition was written to Jefferson Davis to remove Bragg from command, and though it wasn't sent, Davis heard about it and went to Bragg's headquarters to meet with the corps commanders, asking each what he thought of Bragg. Each said he was brave, but had lost the confidence of his men and should be removed. However, Davis didn't remove him. The very popular Pope was reassigned to Mississippi, almost causing a riot; Hill was transferred to Virginia; and brigades were moved from one division to another, causing much dissension.

Bragg at times postponed attacks until it was too late; when Longstreet requested reinforcements to help regain Chattanooga, Bragg replied that he couldn't spare the men.

In late 1863, following bloody battles, the Union armies held both Knoxville and Chattanooga. With Grant approaching from the West and Sherman from the North, Bragg was forced to retreat to northern Georgia, leaving Eastern Tennessee to the Northerners and the road to Atlanta open.

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REMINDER: THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS HAVE PERSI (PERIODICAL SOURCE INDEX) FROM THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, FT. WAYNE, IN. IT'S IN THE MICROFICHE COLLECTION.

— Dorothy Stanton

## BOOK REVIEW

by Dorothy Stanton

REVOLUTIONARY WAR BOUNTY LAND GRANTS Awarded by State Governments by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996, 2nd printing, 1997; 608., hard-bound.

The Federal government's bounty land awards are indexed at the National Archives but if your soldier was in a state militia, you have to search elsewhere. Here's a well-researched, scholarly book (the author's name guarantees that) to make that search easier for you.

The states wanted to reward their soldiers, not only guaranteeing support for their cause (no victory, no land), but also to make sure that their western boundaries were occupied by trained military men. In his introduction, Mr. Bockstruck explains the bounty land policy of each of the 13 original states, how much was awarded and where it was located. The exceptions are Delaware, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont because they lacked vacant land. Connecticut's policy was to award land, not to its military personnel, but to the citizens who suffered war damages and loss. Also, there are caveats; e.g., NC gave land to surveyors, chain carriers, so bounty land awards are no guarantee of Revolutionary War service.

Arranged alphabetically by name of bounty land recipient, each citation gives the name of the state, date of the act under which award was made, military rank (explained in the introduction), number of acres awarded and to whom awarded (if other than the soldier). At the end is an index to Heirs, Representatives, and other Assignees.

## SRVGS NEWS



**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Thank you for electing me your president. I'm looking forward to working with the new board which includes a few new faces along with those of old friends. I'm especially pleased that CAROL GLOVER has agreed to be "next in command" for a second time. Four years ago I moved to Louisiana after four or five months into my term as president and left her to finish out the term. I've promised Carol that I will not move for at least a year.

Having been a member of local societies all over the country, I can tell you that this society has more to offer than most. The San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society offers you wonderful speakers, library trips to many different genealogical collections, a number of special interest groups and a great newsletter, most on a monthly basis (except August and December). In addition we offer education in the form of classes taught by knowledgeable members and our great cassette library with nationally known genealogical speakers. And because of all these things, I believe our members know more about genealogical methods and resources than the majority of amateur genealogists in the country. I urge you to make use of these opportunities where knowledge and enthusiasm are generated. In the process you'll also make some new friends.

— Shirley Siems Terry

**PROPOSED LIBRARY SCHEDULE 1997-98:**

- July 21 Monday Solano County, Vacaville  
(open Mondays and special days)
- Sept 23 Sutro Library, San Francisco
- Oct 28 Sacramento State Library & Archives
- Nov 25 Federal Archives, San Bruno
- Jan 27 Oakland Main Library  
(history room)
- Feb 24 Sutro Library, San Francisco
- Mar 27 Napa Genealogical Society Library & California Genealogical Society Family History Fair  
(to be scheduled)
- Apr 28 Wednesday Federal Archives  
(some may wish to stay until evening)
- May 26 Oakland Family History Center
- June 23 TO BE DETERMINED

— Vern Segelke

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In a cartoon a professional genealogist leans at a perspiring client as he says, "The first thing we found is that we did your grandfather's genealogy in 1937 and he never paid his bill."

**BEGINNER CLASS:** On Thursday, June 26 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at FRAN LLOYD's, 210 Town and Country, Danville, the Education Committee will present a workshop on ORGANIZATION AND BEGINNING GENEALOGY. Bring a lunch. Sign up at the General Meeting or call Fran if you expect to attend. (837-9382.)

— Vern Segelke

**JUNE LIBRARY TRIP:** We will be going to the Bancroft and Doe Libraries this month. As usual we will meet in the rear parking lot of the Danville Lucky Market on Diablo Road and the upper parking lot of the Orchard Nursery in Lafayette at 9 a.m. Sign up at the General Meeting. Call me if you did not have a chance to sign up for the trip or find you cannot go. (837-4444)

— Manny Lindner

**MEMBERSHIP CARD:** If you are planning to go on a genealogical expedition and need a card to prove to county clerks or librarians that you really are a genealogist, contact our new Membership Chairman, PATTY ERICKSON, 10 Ridge Place, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-1609. Please send a SASE with your request.

**GENEALOGICAL HELPER:** JIM and IRMA DOTSON need a new home for their ten-year collection of the Genealogical Helper magazine. You can call them at 820-8344.

**LIBRARY BOOKS:** Although we have purchased 30 books, only the following 11 are now on our shelf at the Danville Library.

1. **Cite Your Sources: A Manual for Documenting Family Histories and Genealogical Records.** Richard S. Lackey. University Press of Mississippi. 1980.
2. **International Vital Records Handbook, 3rd Ed.** Thomas J. Kemp. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1994.
3. **The Genealogist's Address Book.** Elizabeth Petty Bentley. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1991.
4. **State Census Records.** Ann S. Lainhart. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1992.
5. **Print, Publish, Preserve.** San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society. SRVGS 1993.
6. **The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America and Maps.** Everton Publishers, Inc. 1991.

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## RESEARCHING ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

**ILLINOIS:** The state of Illinois Historical Library will look up and copy obituaries for 25 cents each. Send a SASE along with the deceased person's name, date of death and county where he or she lived or was buried to: The Illinois State Historical Library, Old Capitol, Springfield, IL 67206.

(CSGA Mewsletter. Vol. 15, No. 4, April 1997.)

**KENTUCKY:** Indexes to selected Kentucky vital records are available for searching via the Internet. Data was acquired from Kentucky's state Offices of vital Statistics and is for non-commercial use only. Included in searchable files are the Kentucky Death Index for 1911-1992, Kentucky Marriage Index for 1973-1993, and Kentucky Divorce Index for 1973-1993. The address for this information is:

<http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec>

(The Livermore Roots Tracer, Vol. XVI, No. 2, April 1997.)

**MARYLAND:** The Maryland State Archives has the most complete collection of historical documents of any of the 13 original colonies. Included in its holdings are colonial and state records dating back to the founding of the colony in 1634, county probate, land and court records, and many other records relevant to genealogical research. They have a 24-hour FAX service enabling most request for copies to be delivered within 24 hours. To place an order or to obtain more information, call (410) 974 3914 or FAX (410) 974-2525.

<http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us>

(SMCGS News, Vol. 15-3, March 1979)

**MISSOURI:** Missouri Century Family Farms is a program that recognizes family farms that have been in the same family for over 100 years. It is administered by the MU Extension and Agricultural Information office at 105 Whitten Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia

[sittenbj@ext.missouri.edu](mailto:sittenbj@ext.missouri.edu) or contact Shirley Calvin at 537-882-8237.

(SMCGS News, Vol. 15-5, May 1997.)

**NEW YORK:** New York State queries have been archived. Mar Nozell has created a page where GEN-NYS-L e-mail archives from September 1996 may be searched by date, subject, or author within the month of the post. He says there are approximately 3200 new web pages available, or

queries. The URL is <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nozell/GEN-NYS-L/>

(SMCGS News, Vol: 15-5, May 1997.)

**NORTH CAROLINA:** A free catalog from the North Carolina Archives is available which takes particular note of titles of genealogical interest. Requests should be sent to Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

(Diablo Descendants, Vol. 12, No. 3, March 1997 via Odem Family Tree, VI:6.)

**OHIO** Vital records access is improving in Ohio with the availability of some copies at cost, microfilm in the Family History Library and indexes on the Internet. Death records (1908-1944) have been transferred to the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus where microfiche indexes and microfilm are available for in-person public use. For online access to see what is available, go to:

<http://winslo.Ohio.gov/ohswww/ohshome/html>

(The Livermore Roots Tracer, Vol. XVI, No. 2, April 1997.)

**VERMONT:** Of the 246 towns enumerated in the 1850 Vermont census, 18 entire towns representing 4250 households were not included in the A.I.S. Vermont census index. Those town include: Isle La Mott, Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, Mt. Holly, Barre, Berlin, Plainsfield, Roxbury, Hartford, Norwich, Athens, Brookline, Newfane, Townshend, Stratton, Wardsboro, and Brattleboro.

(Diablo Descendants, Vol. 12, No. 1, January 1997.)

**WISCONSIN:** After March 1, 1997, photocopies can no longer be made from microfilm copies of pre-1907 Wisconsin vital records at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the Area Research Centers. Anyone may still make extracts, abstracts or hand-written copies of the microfilm. Persons who wish a photocopy of a vital records from a pre-1907 film must order it from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics in Madison, WI, or from a local registrar (County Register of Deeds.) This also means that you are not allowed to make any additional copies for anyone else from your copy.

(Diablo Descendants, Vol. 12, No. 1, January 1997.)

## FOREIGN RESEARCH TIPS

**SWEDEN:** If you're a Swedish-American looking for your roots in Sweden, you can expect to find them almost anywhere. But the most popular areas are the counties of Gävleborg, Värmland, Östergötland, Älvsborg, Kronoberg, Kalmar and Jönköping, from which the largest number of emigrants came.

When they arrived in the US, the migrants looked for areas that resembled Sweden, and found them in the forested districts of the northern Middle West. It is estimated that about 29% of the present population of Minnesota is of Swedish descent. At the turn of the century Chicago was considered to be "the second largest Swedish city."

Other states where relatively large number of Swedes settled: Washington, Illinois, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

**Släktforaskarnas Hus** (the House of Genealogy) in Leksand, Sweden, contains parish records from every part of Sweden. But you must apply for access to them in advance!

**Släktforskarnas, P. O. Box 175. S-793 24 Leksand, Sweden Tel. +46-247 122 80, FAX +46-247 138 50.**

You can also find valuable information at **Utvandrarnas Hus** at the Swedish Immigration Institute in Växjö, which contains archives, collections and exhibitions, as well as in the Kinship Center in Karlstad with emigration research.

If you want to trace relatives who emigrated from Sweden to the US, the place to go is the **Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center**, where you'll find source material for family history and genealogy, as well as book collections, periodicals, manuscripts and photographs. **Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College. 639 38th Street, Rock Island IL 61202. Tel. (309) 794 7204. FAX (309) 794 7443.**

("A guide to Sweden," published in Sweden by Tax Free Shopping, 1996.)

**SCOTLAND:** When researching women in Scotland, look for their maiden names as that is what appears in all legal transactions, including death records. Their names at birth remain their legal names throughout their lives.

(*Diablo Descendants*, Vol. 12, No. 2, February 1997.)

**GERMAN IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA:** This is a surname index to the individuals listed in 30 monographs which Clifford Neal Smith has prepared from documents in European archives describing German-speaking emigrants from Germany, Great Britain, France, Switzerland, or Eastern Europe. Sometimes the immigrant's place of origin or birthplace may be mentioned. From Hessians who came to fight in the American Revolution to political activists from the 1848 revolutions, the lists vary in locality and time period. After you check the surname, a number will direct you to the monograph from which the surname was extracted. If your ancestor's name, place, and time period seem to match the title of the monograph, you might check to see if a local genealogical library has the paper or order it directly. **Sutro Library** has #9, "Emigrants the West-German Fuerstenberg (Baden and the Palatinate) to America and Central Europe, 1712, 1737, 1787, (46 pp.)

<<http://www.genealogy.com/gene/misc/wes/westland.html>>

(SMCGS News, Vol. 15-3, March 1997.)

**RUSSIAN DIRECTORIES:** If you are looking for a surname in a particular town in Russia, you should know that the Library of Congress has Russian business directories for 1895, 1899, 1902, 1911-12, and 1923. There is a business, **Fast Check Genealogy**, 8510 Wild Olive Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, that can search the directories to verify a surname in a specified town. They have connections with 30 previous Soviet archives and may provide help to obtain copies of documents. Note: Stanford's Hoover Library has some of these *Vsja Rossiia* and you may even search for them online using Stanford's Socrates catalog. You might want to visit the Hoover Library, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *ZichronNote Journal* of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish GS, published an article in the November 1996 issue, p 11, briefly describing the collection at Stanford.

(SMCGS News, Vol:15-6, June 1997.)

The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato — the only good belonging to him is underground. **Thomas Overbury**  
SMCGS, Vol. 15-6, June 1997.)

## MORE RESEARCH TIPS

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### NEW HOURS FOR ALAMO FAMILY

**HISTORY CENTER:** The new hours for the FHC on Stone Valley and Smith Roads, Alamo:

Sunday: 5 - 7 pm  
 Monday: 11 am - 5 pm  
 Tuesday: 11 am - 5 pm & 7 - 9 pm  
 Thursday: 6 - 9 pm

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**ROYALTY AND NOBILITY:** A database with sources included is now available on PAF or GEDCOM disk. (Second Edition by Jon Schweitzer of LAFHC.) The database contains 5500 names from the period 200 AD to 1550 AD. Most are verified by the Salt Lake Medieval Families Unit. Contact Jon Schweitzer, 15553 Otsego St., Encino, CA 91436. CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 15, No. 1, Feb. 1997)

**INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND FORMS FROM SALT LAKE DISTRIBUTION CENTER:** It's a good idea to ask for a copy of the available information guides from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City Distribution Center, no charge, at 1-800-537-5950 (U.S. or Canada) or outside U.S. or Canada 1-801-240-1174. The Family History Publications List #34083 is free. There are guides to Ancestral File, FHL Catalog, IGI, Social Security Death Index, Parish and Vital Records List, PAF Brochure, AIS Census Indexes (all free). FHC Address Lists are available also. For a minimal charge, you may obtain print versions of the United States Research Outline, U.S. Military Records, Using the FHLC, Guide to Research, and Tracing Immigrant Origins. The Individual State Research Outlines are available in print or online (New York and New Jersey are not available online) at <http://hipp.etsu.edu/pub/genealogy/LDStext/> (SMCGS News, Vol. 15-4, April 1997.)

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You might be an educator if:

- You believe that "shallow gene pool" should have its own box on the report card.
  - You think people should be required to get a government permit before being allowed to reproduce.
- (America Online KDGMARY, May 22, 1997.)
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**COUNT ON 2000 CENSUS SHORTER, LESS NOSY:** Recent Congressional budgets have steadily squeezed Census Bureau resources and capabilities.

Instead of trying to locate every American, the bureau is proposing to actually count 90 percent of the approximately 4,000 people in each census tract and then to use statistical sampling techniques to describe the demographic characteristics of the rest.

The number of questions will be down from 38 in the 1990 census.

The short form will contain the fewest questions since the 1820 census. The bureau said that most Americans will be asked just six questions - name, age, sex, relationship to others in the household, race, Hispanic origin - and one economic question - whether homes are owned or rented.

Here are years in which questions on different subjects were first asked.

1790: Race, gender  
 1800: Age  
 1840: Veteran status  
 1890: Language spoken at home, year of entry  
 1930: Value of home, rent  
 1940: Plumbing facilities, house heating fuel, income  
 1960: Vehicles available, bed rooms, years last worked  
 1970: Hispanic origin  
 1980: Shelter costs, telephones in unit, condo minimum status  
 2000: Grandparents as caregivers  
 (Contra Costa Times, April 15, 1997 p. A21.)

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If you would like the maiden name of all married women to appear in the US Census for the year 2000, write to Mr. Harry Scarr, Acting Director of the Census Bureau, Dept. of Commerce, Washington DC 20233. Send copies of your letter to all your US Senators and Representatives.

(Pomona Valley Genealogical Society, February 1997.)

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**COMPUTERS AND GENEALOGY:** For *The Perfect Marriage of Computers and Genealogy*, a catalog published by Moobasi I, Inc. write to PO Box 241983, Charlotte, NC 28224. (CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 15, No. 5, May 1997.)

(BOOKS Continued from page 4.)

7. **U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal & State Sources, Colonial America to the Present.** *James C. Neagles.* Ancestry, Inc. 1994.
8. **The Center: A Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Capital Area.** *Christina K Schaefer.* Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1996.
9. **The Redbook Directory of Morticians, 54th Ed.** National Directory of Morticians. 1989.
10. **Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1920.** *William Thorndale and William Dollarhide.* Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1997.
11. **United States Cemetery Address Book.** *Elizabeth G. Kot and James D. Kot.*

— Jack Johnson

## ON THE LIGHTERSIDE

### FALSE PRETENSES?

The law against obtaining husbands under false pretenses enacted by the British Parliament in 1700 was "That all women of whatever rank, profession or degree, who shall after this act, impose upon, seduce and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects, by virtue of secret paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, iron stays, bolstered hoops or high heeled shoes, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors, and the marriage under such circumstances, upon conviction of offending parties, shall be null and void."

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