

SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER

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THIS MONTH

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ROBERT WENDLINGER: "Memory Triggers for Your Family History"

Mr. Wendlinger has had a long and successful career in the fields of organizational and interpersonal communications. He directed worldwide internal communications at the world's largest bank, co-authored a well-known college textbook on business writing, and contributed chapters on communication to several books. He has also been an adjunct professor in the MBA program at St. Mary's College in Moraga. He is the developer of the Memory Triggering Process. He will speak on ways to recall important memories for yourself or for interviewing other family members.

LAST MONTH

Reported by Jane Steiner

Muriel James has recently published her 19th book, *Religious Liberty on Trial*, and is working on her 20th. This energetic lady really knows how to get a job done, and she enthralled the society members with her talk about two case studies of her ancestors, showing how important it is to place them into the history of their times.

She said that *everybody* has an interesting history--a personal history, which merges into local history, into a country's history and even international history.

She first learned of Hanserd Knollys when doing research for her niece, who wanted to join the DAR, and needed help in researching a *Knowles* family who settled in Hampton, New Hampshire in 1660. Muriel found a microfilm of an old parish record that showed a John Knowles was baptized by his father, the Rev. Hanserd Knollys, in Lincolnshire, England. She wondered how a man whose last name was Knowles could have a father whose name was Knollys, and if *this* John Knowles was the same one who lived in Hampton, NH in 1660.

In searching further by going to Lincolnshire, England, she learned that there were at least six different spellings of the name. Some original documents even spelled the name differently in the same document.

Hanserd Knollys lived most of his life in England during the religious turmoil that continued through the 17th Century; he only lived in New Hampshire three years—from 1638-1641. He went to New England during the great migration when it is estimated that twenty thousand people emigrated between 1625 and 1643. In 1640 one town's records in Connecticut contained the following: Voted that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Voted that the earth is given to the Saints. Voted that we are the Saints.

At the British Museum Library she located a short autobiography written by Hanserd Knollys 20 years before he died. A guard stood by her side the entire time she worked with this treasured document. From it she learned that some later documents were wrong. One in New Hampshire stated that he had one child. In his autobiography, he stated that he had ten children.

He lived from 1598-1691, attended Cambridge, and was ordained as a priest in the Church of England, but disagreed with some of their rituals. People who disagreed with the Church were severely punished. For instance, at one time, there was a rule in England that you couldn't meet with more than five people unless they were family

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

SRVGS EVENTS

- 21** TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m., General Meeting, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon
- 28** TUESDAY - 9:00 a.m., Library trip to Sutro Library in San Francisco. Meet in the back parking lot of the Lucky store on Diablo Road in Danville or in the upper parking lot of the Orchard Nursery in Lafayette at 9:30 a.m. **Call Vern at 838-8570 to be added to the list or to cancel**

NO MEETING OR NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

SRVGS EVENTS

- 1** TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m., Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's, 210 Town & Country, Danville. All members are welcome. **NOTE: this Tuesday is before Labor Day.**
- 15** TUESDAY - 10:00 a.m., General Meeting, 7777 Norris Canyon Road., San Ramon.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SOUTHERN - Meets 2nd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. No meeting in July. Next meeting **September 8**. Call Frances Becker, 934-4962, for information.

IRISH - Meets 2nd Wednesday, at the home of Patty Erickson, . Next meetings: **September 9 & October 14**. Call Patty at 229-0889.

CALIFORNIA - Meets with the Irish group.

MAC COMPUTER - Meets the Wednesday after the general meeting, 10:00 a.m., Place to be announced.. Call Barbara Dittig, 648-9364, for information.

PUBLISHING - Meets quarterly. Call Jane Steiner, 283-0867 for details.

ROOTS USERS - Learning to use Palladium Ultimate Family Tree, will meet in Room AB, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, , following the general meeting.

INTERNET - Interested members should contact Robert daRoza by e-mail, vrdaRoza@ix.netcom.com, to be added to the SRVGS list.

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SRVGS NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please check the Calendar page for Interest Group information and for the library trip. In September we should be able to return to a normal newsletter, now that we have some volunteers to work on it (see this page). We all thank them.

Also I want to thank **Victoria daRosa** for the excellent job she did filling in at the June meeting. We were sorry to hear of the bad foot fracture that kept her from the board meeting. We wish her a speedy recovery!

This month, the board approved the budget for 1998-99 prepared by **Quentin Alexander**. Take a look at it on the next page.

In August **Patty Erickson** will be preparing the 1998-99 membership directory. **Be sure to get your dues to her** so your name will be included. Have you changed anything, e.g. your e-mail address?

Our new directory will contain a list of the titles (with call numbers) to be found in our SRVGS collection at the Danville Library. We hope to get our allotted shelves labeled soon so the books won't be so hard to locate. Please give members of the book committee any suggestions for titles you would like to see on the shelves.

Program Chair **Claudia Mortensen** would like to have your suggestions for the 1998-99 speakers' schedule. Contact Claudia ((736-1112).

Members **Robert daRoza, Marilyn Fullam, Carol Glover, Marcia Mimnaugh and Helen Odegard** attended the June 16 meeting held at the National Archives regarding changes there. The genealogical as well as the Chinese communities were well represented. We'll have a report at our July meeting. Check this page for ways you can contact the NARA on this subject.

During our August break, some members will be traveling, researching in courthouses, archives, etc. For "stay-at-homes," don't forget the wonderful resource we're lucky to have in our own backyard--the Danville Stake Family History Center. SRVGS Member **Pat Isom** is now in charge. Other members are volunteers and eager to help you make use of its facilities: the computer indexes, film and fiche readers and copiers. You can read those courthouse, church and cemetery records, etc., conveniently close to home on microfilm ordered from the Salt Lake City Family History Library. Check the new hours on this page.

Have a wonderful summer!
Dorothy Stanton

NEWSLETTER

In September our newsletter will be in the hands of **Jean Hunt, Suzanne Johnston, and Pat Isom**. We thank them for volunteering. Other contributors will be **Shirley Terry and Don Gotthold**. We could use more volunteers as "back-up." Our list of reporters (program write-ups) has dwindled to **Jane Steiner, Betty Vail and Frank Williams**. We'd like to add some more names to the list so we won't miss a program.

The newsletter committee will meet at Jean Hunt's home on July 14 at 1pm. Tell the gatekeeper (Crow Canyon CC) you are from SRVGS. Call Jean (552-6564) for directions.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

To keep informed on space planning at the Archives and its effect on the San Bruno branch, check the NARA's website or write them to be placed on their mailing list. The website address is

<http://www.nara.gov/nara/spceplan.html>
or send e-mail to space.plan@arch2.nara.gov

Write: Space Planning Team
Room 4100 (NPOL)
NARA
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

DANVILLE FHC HOURS

The new expanded hours for the Family History Center in the Alamo LDS Building, Stone Valley & Smith Roads are:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday- 10am to 4pm.
Tuesday & Thursday - 7 to 9 pm

IN OUR SRVGS LIBRARY COLLECTION:

R929.37473 Doherty *THE SETTLERS OF THE BEEKMAN PATENT, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, Volume I, Historical Records*, by Frank J. Doherty. Pleasant Valley, NY; 1990. 818 pp.; indexed.

Subtitled "An Historical & Genealogical Study of all the 18th Century Settlers in the Patent," the purpose of the work, according to the author, is to assemble all the information he could find about the area; the Patent, the lease system, the roads, and early town records. He has written what he calls "an historical/genealogical account of everyone who came to the Beekman Patent before 1800."

SRVGS BUDGET FOR 1998-99

Category	Description	1998-99 Budget
	General Fund Balance Forward	\$1,368.85
	Dues Income	\$2,400.00
	Other Income	\$100.00
	Total General Fund Income:	
	Total Hospitality Income:	\$360.00
	Total Publications Income :	\$150.00
	Total Special Projects Income:	\$200.00
	Total Tape Library Income:	\$150.00
	Library Fund: Gifts & Donations	
	SRVGS Funds from Prior Years:	\$1,210.68
	Current Year Donations:	\$100.00
	TOTAL INFLOWS	\$6,039.53
OUTFLOWS		
	Facility Rentals	\$400.00
	Liability Insurance	\$350.00
	Library Acquisitions	\$1,200.00
	Membership Committee Expense	\$600.00
	Miscellaneous	\$250.00
	Total Newsletter:	\$1,200.00
	Monthly Program Costs	\$400.00
	Post Box Rental/ Postage	\$15.00
	Publications: Book Sales Expenses	\$15.00
	Publicity	\$40.00
	Society Memberships	
	Conf. of Calif. Historical Societies	\$35.00
	Federation of Genealogical Societies	\$45.00
	Calif. State Genealogical Alliance	\$20.00
	Total Society Memberships:	
	Tape Library Expenses:	\$100.00
	Taxes	
	California Sales Tax	\$15.00
	Total Taxes	
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$4,685.00
	Net Inc./ Exp.	\$1,354.53

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME to

- Henry R. COUNIHAN, 5011 Rahlves Dr., Castro Valley 94546-2545; tel: (510)538-5948
- Susan HANCK, 3613 Sugarberry Ln., Walnut Creek 94598; tel: 933-9505
- Stella LARNED, 124 Marsh Pl., San Ramon 94583; tel: 837-0328
- Gerald MARTIN, 124 Wilton Pl., San Ramon 94583; tel: 828-4310.
- Laura OSBORN, 2635 W. Mystic Mt. Dr., Tucson, AZ 85742.

LIBRARY TRIP: The July 28 trip will be to Sutro Library. See the Calendar page for details.

CONDOLENCES

SRVGS wishes to express its sincere sympathy to the family of **William Farmer**. Bill, who died May 28, was a member for a number of years. He had been researching his Kentucky families.

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members or members of the church of England. Yet the intolerant authorities might also be punished. At one point he sued the Army of Charles II and won his case!

He knew Hebrew, Greek and Latin, and translated books from those languages into English, so was rather sophisticated for his time, and he became one of the first English Baptist ministers. As an early non-conformist, he was jailed many times, the last one when he was 84 years old! His theme was tolerance, believing basically, I am free to believe what I do, and you can believe what you do. His ideas were comparable to other non-conformists of the period.

Luther, who lived from 1483 to 1546 said, "Furthermore, every man runs his own risk in believing as he does, and he must see to it himself that he believes rightly. As nobody else can go to heaven or hell for me, so nobody else can believe or disbelieve for me." John Locke, 1632-1704 said, "New opinions are always suspected and usually opposed, without any other reason, but because they are not already common."

Another ancestor, her grandfather, John Saylor Marshall, MD, had been dean of Northwestern Medical School, yet his father was a blacksmith! As she researched, she learned that in old times, blacksmiths could pull teeth.

In 1901 Marshall was asked by the army to start an army dental corps. He was sent to San Francisco and was there during the earthquake of 1906. While there, the Army gave him permission to teach at U.C. Medical and early Dental School in San Francisco.

Muriel is co-authoring a book with the archivist of the University of Maryland, who is studying the history of the dental corps. So she is passionately researching Marshall's life, but has not been able to find information earlier than 1592.

Last month she went to England again and visited Crabtree Farm, the Marshall family farm in the village of Hastingleigh in County Kent. While there, she went to the local pub for lunch, and a man who recognized that she was an American, asked her why she was there. She mentioned the farm and her ancestor and discovered that he was the present owner! He took her to the farm, and she went into the very house where her grandfather had lived. The beamed ceilings were lower than ours because the people were shorter. She looked out the same windows that they had looked out, saw the same rolling hills they saw, saw sheep and a few cattle and horses, similar to what they must have seen. From another window she saw the same little church where

the family worshipped. Later went there and saw the head stones of her ancestors. She said her feelings while there were so intense that she is considering being buried there.

Muriel suggested thinking of your ancestor and history as a picture and a frame. The ancestor can be the picture *or* the frame, but put them together. They *belong* together.

ARDITH STEGER suggests the following book to help you with the historical context of your family history: *The Timetables of History; A Horizontal Linkage of People and Events* by Bernard Grun. Ardith says her copy is softbound but she is willing to lend it on a limited basis. The title might also be found at local libraries.

MORE SRVGS AUTHORS

At the June 29 meeting of the Publishing Interest Group, **Barney Rubin** told of his experiences getting his finished family history published. He found a new local publisher. Be sure to give him a call if you plan to do any publishing soon. The title of Barney's book is *THE RUBIN FAMILY*. He expects to have copies by July 16 and will bring it to the July meeting.

Jim Dotson sent copies of reviews of two of his most recent books.

THE ARMANS OF BELMONT & MONROE COUNTIES OHIO, WETZEL COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA AND RELATED FAMILIES BUCHNERS AND HERMANS 1997 (reviewed in Collin County TX GS Newsletter Vol. 16, No. 7); and *JOHN FIESS AND KATHARINA MOSER, THEIR ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS* 1996 (reviewed in the above publication and in the March-April 1997 issue of Genealogical Helper}. We'll post the reviews at the July meeting.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE SRVGS COLLECTION

The SRVGS Reference Book Holdings at the Danville Public Library now has the following recent additions:

R929.10285 Howells, Cindi *NETTING YOUR ANCESTORS: GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET*;

R929.373 Shaefer, Christina K. *GUIDE TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES*;

R929.1 Mills, Elizabeth Shown *EVIDENCE! CITATION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FAMILY HISTORIAN*;

R929.3489 Stevenson, Joseph Grant, *DANISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH; VOL. I: PARISH REGISTERS;*
VOL. II CENSUS RECORDS;
VOL. III PROBATE INDEXES
VOL. IV MILITARY RECORDS.

R929.3415 Ryan, James G. *IRISH RECORDS: SOURCES FOR FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY*

The following books are being catalogued and may be shelved before the end of the summer:

Vincent, Timothy Lattila and Rick Tapio, *FINNISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH*

Ryskamp, George R., *FINDING YOUR HISPANIC ROOTS*

Filby, P. William, *A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AMERICAN COUNTY HISTORIES*

Moulton, Joy Wade, *GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN ENGLISH REPOSITORIES*

Bentley, Elizabeth Petty, *DIRECTORY OF FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS*

Croom, Emily Anne, *THE UNPUZZLING YOUR PAST WORKBOOK*

Hone, E. Wade *LAND & PROPERTY RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES*

Thomsen, Finn A. *SCANDINAVIAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH*

Thomsen, Finn A. *GENEALOGICAL GUIDEBOOK AND ATLAS OF SWEDEN*

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES? This may be your last newsletter!

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