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THIS MONTH

by Jean Hunt

NEW ENGLAND RESEARCH Presented by Jane Knowles Lindsey

Since 1989, Jane has served two three year terms as Trustee for the New England Historic Genealogical Society. She is a member of the Mayflower Society and several other societies. Since 1982, Jane has focused primarily on her own research as well as helping friends find their ancestors. She visits Salt Lake City twice a year and for her family research, has been to all of the New England States, Ohio, Virginia, Nova Scotia and Quebec. She especially enjoys researching French Canadian lines. One of the things she will emphasize is how to save time doing research in New England and what to do before you go.

LAST MONTH

by Jean Hunt

Mr. Jeremy Frankel, author, cartographer, professional genealogist and specialist in Jewish genealogical research speaking on genealogical research at UC Berkeley can now add lecturer to his many talents of which the SRVGS was most appreciative.

Mr. Frankel first shared several ways to travel to Berkeley and the problems of taking BART or driving and parking and getting on to the campus.

His information pass outs included a good map entitled "Map of the Libraries" from the Library Services depicting the campus and it's libraries, a "Libraries fall hours 1998 schedule". Also included was a "Shopping Bus Daytime Perimeter Route and Schedule" and finally the "Melvyl System Catalog's two page explanation of how to use "Melvyl".

The "Melvyl System" lists library materials at the 9 campuses of the University of California system, The California State Library, the Graduate Theological Union, California Academy of Sciences and a number of other specialized collections. It includes information on periodicals at UC, California State Universities, Stanford, the California State Library and a

and a number of the state's research institutions.

A second catalog system is known as GLADIS and can only be accessed on campus at Berkeley.

MELVYL features sophisticated search capabilities including combined (boolean) searching, key word searching, truncation, and limiting by date, language, form, and campus and also provides access to dozens of databases and on line catalogs from research institutions around the world. It does not list circulation informations for UC Berkeley.

NOTE: Access to MELVYL is also available using the MELVYL System via the Web. telnet.melvyl.ucop.edu

You don't have to go to UC Berkeley to use the catalog, you can go to your local California County Library and use it's County Library Electronic Catalog. The library system is quite easy to use and help is available. When using the Library's online public access catalog system, log onto other west coast library systems and one of them will be MELVYL.

MELVYL has the usual basic search methods used at public
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR**OCTOBER**

- 6 Tuesday - 10:00 am Board Meeting** at Frances Lloyd's 210 Town & Country, Danville. All Members welcome.
- 13 Tuesday - 7:30 pm Livermore-Amador Gen. Soc.** Gary Drummond will present "The Adventures of Livermore Area Residents during the Alaskan Gold Rush, 1897 -1906
Location: The Old Chapel, First Presbyterian Church, Fourth & "K" **NOTE:** The change in locations is for October only.
- 20 Tuesday - 10:00 am General Meeting** 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon Topic: " New England Research presented by Jane Knowles Lindsey.
- 26 Monday - 9:00 am Library Trip. National Archives, San Bruno.** 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 Lafayette. **Call Vern at 838-8570 to be added to the list or to cancel.**
NOTE: This trip will be on a MONDAY

- 27 Tuesday - 10:00 am Member Education Classes. "Basic Genealogy and Documentation Workshop"** by Frances Lloyd at 210 Town & Country, Danville. Bring bag lunch.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Tuesday - 10:00 am Board Meeting** at Frances Lloyd's 210 Town & Country, Danville. All members welcome.
- 17 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting** at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.
Topic: "Southern Research" by Electra Price.

DECEMBER

- 1 Tuesday - 10:00 Member Education Class. "Introduction to the Family History Catalog"** by Pat Isom at the Family History Center, Stone Valley Road and Smith Road, Alamo, CA. **NOTE: Cookie Exchange has been moved to December 8th.**

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Family 20.00		Lucy Carver 837-3146		Donations:	1,210.68
MEMBERSHIP YEAR JUNE 1 -				Current Year Donations:	243.00
MAY 1				OVERALL TOTAL BALANCE:	5,442.71

SRVGS NEWS

Presidents Message

This month, again, we are enjoying the results of work from several of our members. **Verne Segelke** and the Education Committee (**Patty Erickson & Carol Glover**) have set up a schedule of Member Education Classes starting on October 27 with the Basic Genealogy & Documentation Workshop by **Frances Lloyd**. On December 1, **Pat Isom** will give an Introduction to the Family History Library Catalog. See the details on the calendar page.

Shirley Terry has placed our society information on the Federation of Genealogical Societies' listing at the Ancestry website. You can find it at

<<http://www.ancestry.com/societyhall/pages/socha503/>>

The library Committee, chaired by **Jack Johnson**, will be meeting in October to select more books for our collection at the Danville Library. The other committee members, besides **Jack & myself**, are **Frances Lloyd** and **Helen Hubbard**. You can contact any of the committee with your suggestions. As we announced at the September meeting, the subscription to "Genealogical Helper" has started and can be found in the Periodical Collection. **Jack** reports that it appears to have been used - by some of our members, we hope.

We'd like to welcome the California Genealogical Society to the East Bay. **Jane Steiner** announces that CGS is moving in October from its San Francisco location to the Latham Office Building at 16th. & Telegraph in Oakland. The annual CGS Family History Fair will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on April 9 & 10, 1999. San Francisco's loss is our gain!

Dorothy Stanton

*The San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society
sends their deepest sympathy to the family of
Ruth Phelps
Who passed away September 7, 1998*

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libraries i.e. author, subject and title and it also has much more.

Mr. Frankel suggested using other searches besides the above to find information you might not have thought of, such as newspapers (Doe Library), maps and gazetteers as old place names have often been changed and new names or spellings are now in use. This would give a location to look in if your old place name is found. Insurance maps are generally used primarily for industrial purposes but even these can be of value to a researcher.

Use key words in your searches. It will cut down considerably on the overwhelming amount of material that will be presented to you to choose from.

If you are on campus on a Monday or a Thursday, The Book Store (located on the first floor of the Main Library) has sales of discarded books from the Library and real gems can sometimes be found for astonishingly low prices.

At the information desk of the main library on Bancroft, you can get (free of charge) a reference card that will provide you entry for a year. Mr. Frankel has purchased two other cards to help him with his researching at Berkeley. One a discount copying card since copies there cost \$.25 each. The other is an Alumni Card, purchased at the Alumni House on campus. This card allows you to check out up to 20 books at a time with indefinite renewals. It cost \$40.00/yr.

Mr. Frankel shared many stories of his personal family search and the unusual places he sometimes found his material.

The last story was of looking under such subjects as American pilots in World War I because a friend of his was searching in that area and had come to an absolute standstill in her research, with no idea where to proceed to. He had brought with him a book he had found in Berkeley on that subject and started reading from it. It turned out to be about the grandfather of one of our own; Claudia Mortensen, who's gasp of surprise and excitement echoed what all of us there felt for her and the wonderful gift of information Jeremy gave her. Thank you Jeremy Frankel.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SOUTHERN Meets the 2nd. Tuesday of the month at **Frances Becker's** home, 3264 Eccleston Ave.

Walnut Creek. 934-4962. **10:00 am. October 13th.**

IRISH & Meets the 2nd. Wednesday of the month at the home of **Patty Erickson**, 10 Ridge Place,

CALIFORNIA Pleasanton 229-0889. **10:00 AM. October 14th.**

MAC COMPUTER

GROUP To be announced at the General meeting.

PUBLISHING Meets quarterly. To be announced. For more information call **Jane Steiner**, 283-0867.

ROOTS USERS For those learning to use Palladium Ultimate Family Tree. Group meets after the General Meeting in room AB. 7777 Norris Canyon Road.

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

1998-1999 LIBRARY TRIPS

Nationaal Archives, San Bruno	October 26, 1998
Soc. of Mayflower Descendants	November 24, 1998
Library, 14th. St., Oakland	
Calif. Genealogical Soc. Library	January 26, 1999
(subject to change)	
Sutro Library, San Francisco	February 23, 1999
Santa Clara City Library	March 23, 1999
National Archives, San Bruno	April 27, 1999
Oakland Fam. Hist. Center	May 25, 1999
Sacramento State Library &	June 22, 1999
To be scheduled	July 27, 1999
Archives	

WELCOME REJOINED MEMBERS

Sandra Cesped, Jeanette Holmes, Howard Nemir and Cindra Wheeler.

WILL LOAN TO FELLOW MEMBERS

I purchased an IBICO binding machine to use for my family booklets. It binds with spiral or wire combs & makes a nicely finished booklet. You will need to furnish your own combs and covers from Office Depot. If interested call Jo Ann Tatum 837-3533

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**Don Allen**

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BOOK & MAGAZINE REVIEW

by

Suzanne Johnston

BRITISH ORIGINS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS

1629-1775

By William Dollarhide

Published by: Heritage Quest

P.O. Box 329

Bountiful, UT 84011-0329

\$12.9 plus \$4.50 for shipping and handling

This book provides guidelines that will help in locating a British ancestral home. The book clearly illustrates the locations in England where the emigrants lived prior to coming to America, with maps. Excellent sources help locate county, parish or village where a particular surname occurs in Britain, and includes an extensive bibliography of books and microfilm sources available in this country that can be used for further research in British records.

EVIDENCE! CITATION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

by Elizabeth Shown Mills

Published by: Genealogical Publishing Company

100 N. Calvert St.

Baltimore, MD 21202

Price: \$16.95 plus \$3.50 for shipping

This is an excellent book focusing on the analysis and proper citation of one's sources. The author discusses direct and indirect evidence, the value of a variety of sources, and original vs. secondary sources. It concerns the proper citation of one's sources, including when to document, where to place citations, how much to cite, with examples. If you have ever tried to verify someone's else's work, you will realize the value in citing sources.

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

The Danville Library has an ongoing class in how to write your life history. It is presented by Margery Stout on a continuing basis. They are morning sessions 10:00-12:00.

For details contact the Community Center Office.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES - SAN BRUNO

Microfilm Room

To help people doing Census Research.

Demonstrate how to use the microfilm readers and how to obtain paper copies from the microfilm.

To answer questions.

Minimum Time - 4 hours, Once a week? Once a month?

Preservation

Want to handle old records? Get dirty? We will train you on preservation techniques.

Minimum Time - 4 hours, Once a week? Once a month?

The National Archives Pacific Region is looking for good people to be volunteers.

If you are interested, please call:

Rose Mary Kennedy (650) 876-9009

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LIBRARY

by Pat Isom

NAME INDEX TO GENEALOGICAL RECORDS COLLECTED BY S.C. DAR (6052835).

This index consists of 102 Fiche and lists over 25,000 names/events extracted from the S.C. DAR records. It lists in alphabetical order each name, a record description (probate, church, court, or other type of record), the date of the event, the event location, the FHL number of the microfilm where this can be found and the frame number.

The S.C. DAR Records are a valuable source to researchers and consist of 31 microfilm reels. This is a wonderful tool to access these records.

MEYERS-ORTS-und VERKEHRS-LEXIKON des DEUTCHEN REICHS (29 FICHE 6000029)

This is a universally used gazetteer (a dictionary of places) for German Research. Meyers gazetteer and commercial directory of the German Empire shows information concerning each place name, including churches, civil

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ON THE WEB HOME PAGES HIGHLIGHTED

The following is a list of some of the genealogy-related World Wide Web home pages that have been listed recently on <http://www.rootscomputing.com>. Some of these sites may charge a fee for their services:

California Genealogical Research for those searching for information on anyone who was ever in California:

<http://home.pacbell.net/inglis>

District of Muskoka, Ontario, Canada: <http://www.bracebridge.com>

Listing of the members of the 1843 Wagon Train to Oregon, the "Great Migration", with links to people and sites with more information about the "original" pioneers to the Oregon Country:

<http://www.peak.org/mransom/pioneers.html>

Links to Native American genealogy:

<http://192.41.11.174/distantc/Links/Ethnic/Native/>

From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter - September 28, 1998.

FROM SHIRLEY TERRY

I have added a page for SRVGS to Ancestry's FGS listings. Look for it at:

<<http://www.ancestry.com/societyhall/pages/sochall-503/aboutus.htm>>

You can access my L-AGS Tips of the Month column for October at:

<http://www.l-ags.org/tips.of.the.month.html>>

FAMILY TREE MAKER

If you own Family Tree Maker for Windows version 4.0, 4.4, or 5.0 and you have registered in Family Tree Maker Online you can get unlimited FREE online access to the data in Family Archive CD 231 which is the

Marriage Index Massachusetts, 1633 - 1850

(Family Archive CD 231)

FREE GENEALOGY CLASSES ONLINE

Includes Beginning Internet Genealogy & Tracing Immigrant Origins. This is something for researchers of all levels. <http://www.familytreemaker.com/university.html>

SAN MATEO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Presents

Rose Mary Kennedy

Saturday, November 7, 1998

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sam Trans Building

1250 San Carlos Ave, San Carlos, CA

Passenger Arrivals, Naturalization Records, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War Records in the

National Archives

Pre-registration by October 30th.

Members \$23.00, Non-Members \$25.00

at door \$27.00

See Registration Form on Bulletin Board

FREE GENEALOGY FORMS ONLINE

<http://www.genrecords.com/>

click on Freebies!

National Archives & Records Administration & Immigration & Naturalization Services Sign Agreement

College Park, MD... On Friday, Sept. 4, 1998, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) signed an agreement with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to transfer temporary non-security classified Alien Case Files from all NARA facilities, except the San Bruno, California regional records facility, to NARA's Lee's Summit facility in Missouri. These are records still under the legal control of the INS. This agreement does not affect INS records that are permanently accessioned at any of NARA's regional archival facilities or at the National Archives at College Park. Those records will remain at their current locations.

The agreement will centralize approximately 350,000 cubic feet of temporary records currently stored in 12 regional facilities and two national centers into the new records center facility in Lee's Summit. This streamlined approach was initiated by INS and will improve records management and customer service on these records. Such improvements include an automated tracking system and a 24-hour internal turn-around time for Government and the taxpayer. The decision to relocate the Alien Case File records is consistent with NARA's space planning decision to implement changes in records center facilities separate from archival record relocations.

The Alien Case Files in the San Bruno regional records facility are currently interfiled with permanent Chinese Exclusion Act records. A careful review of these records is required to separate the permanent documents from temporary files, and Alien Case Files will not be moved from San Bruno until the review is completed. While this situation has occurred with Alien Case Files at other locations, the volume of Chinese Exclusion Act files in San Bruno is greater than in all other regions combined. Alien Case Files from these other
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TO SPILL THE BEANS

(From the Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly)

We were working on our family tree when our visitors arrived. "On my mother's side", I explained, "we're tracing the McNeills, Scots, who came to Carolina in the 1700's". "Fascinating" said the visitor. "I have Scots in my family too, the McBeans. They dropped the 'Mc' and were just known as the Beans".

How interesting" I said. "From Scotland" he said, sipping a Scotch, "the Beans migrated all over the world and became quite famous". Well I said, somewhat miffed, "the McNeills were pretty hot stuff. There was...". "I recollect" he interrupted, "hearing about an ancestor who fled to Peru after being persecuted by the British. Family's still there. The Lima Beans".

"Fascinating" I said, but the McNeills...". "Then there was John Paul Bean who commanded a frigate in the War of 1812. His male descendants have all been Annapolis graduates. A patriotic bunch, those Navy Beans".

"Now listen here" I protested. "There was McTavish Bean" he persisted, "a mercenary for a Polish Count in 1774. Stayed in Warsaw and started a line that exists to this day. Perhaps you've heard of them, the Pole Beans"? "Then of course" he went on, "there was the German branch, industrialists famed for their elegant automobiles, the Mercedes Beans".

I don't believe this" I said. "You just don't know Beans" he said. "Lady Flora Dora Bean is immortalized in Madame Tussaud's London Wax Museum. She is known as the Wax Bean. Great Uncle Amos settled in Mexico where he perfected chili con carne. But he hated the Mexican heat and moved his family to icy Alaska. We call them...".

"The Chilly Beans"? I guessed. "Of course. I might add that Beans have always integrated fully with native culture. A branch of the Beans intermarried with a fine Cuban family - the famed Garbanzo Beans - and with a Mandarin line in China - the Soy Beans. Then there are the Black Beans in Swaziland - all of noble birth - and the Scots-Sioux line descending directly from Crazy Horse - the Red Beans".

"Your trying to tell me that every last Bean was a paragon of virtue and nobility"? I asked. "Well" he said sheepishly, "there was Machine Gun Bean, a gangster. He got the electric chair. Odd thing though. The power failed just as they threw the switch. They had to make repairs before electrocuting him. We have a

offices, and jurisdictions. It is printed in old German font, and lists places as they existed in the German Empire from 1871 until World War I.

Use the guide/key to abbreviations and lexicon format on file in the FHC file (German section). The Guide will show you how to unlock the information in the gazetteer.

locations will be screened in Lee' Summit and any Chinese Exclusion Act documents found will be returned to the appropriate regional archives.

(from NARA records Adm. News Release 98-141P)

little joke in the family about him, The Refried Bean".

"This is going too far". "No, I could tell you stories" he said. "The Swaziland Beans still stalk lions with spears - The Beanstalk, we call it. Then there is my idiot brother, the Bean Dip and his ugly wife, the Bean Bag and his maddening children, the Bean sprouts and the annual family dance, the Bean Ball...".

"Stop, stop" I cried! "I'll never mention the McNeills again"! "Oh he said downing his whiskey and rising to depart, "I nearly forgot the French branch of the family". "I never heard of any French Beans" I said. "Of course not" he said. "They changed their name to Legume".

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