

SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER
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THIS MONTH

by **Claudia Mortensen**

BEYOND CENSUS BY BARBARA EDKIN

Barbara Edkin has been President of the California State Genealogical Alliance, President of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society as well as being involved as a member of several other genealogical societies. She has been doing personal research for over 30 years and has been involved with the genealogical community for over 20 years. She will speak on the subject BEYOND THE CENSUS, giving us an educated look into what we can do to expand our census research.

LAST MONTH

by **Jean Hunt**

The SRVGS Mini Fair was a resounding success. We thank all the Vendors who participated and thank them especially for the items donated as door prizes for our members. The door prize from Nakamura's Family Tree Video was especially generous.

If you missed the Mini Fair you will be able to visit many of these same vendors at the California Genealogical Society's Fair at the Alameda Fair Grounds, Pleasanton, CA April 9 & 10.

If the Membership enjoyed this Mini Fair then we can consider placing it in the program plans for 1999-2000. Let us know.

ASK YOUR DENTIST!

Do you have a family tradition that says one of your ancestors was a Native American? Well the proof may be in your mouth, and your dentist can tell you. A little Bump on your maxillary first molars is called a Carrabelli's Cusp. This is the sixth tooth from the center of your front upper teeth. People who are strictly of western European origin have this bump on that tooth. People who have Native American (Indian) heritage are missing this cusp. The sides of their maxillary first molars will be smooth. Please note! People who are of Asian heritage will also be missing the cusp. This may

be yet another proof that Native Americans originally came to the North American continent over a land bridge thousands of years ago. Thanks to Dr. Vernon Nesmith, DDS of Wichita Falls, Texas for furnishing the information. Information found at <<http://www.wf.net/~jyates/teeth.htm>>

From the San Mateo Co. Gen. Soc. NL, 16:7, July/Aug. 1998

JUST KIDDING...

Its thought that you can use flour to dust old, old tombstones so you can read the inscriptions. Just be sure to use plain flour. Don't ever use self-rising in a cemetery!

From Odom Library "Family Tree," Dec 1997/Jan 1998

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MARCH

- 2 Tuesday Board Meeting - 10:00 am. Carol Thompson's home. 308 Hartford Road, Danville. All Members welcome.
- 9 Tuesday - 7:30 pm Livermore-Amador Gen. Soc. Congregation Beth Emek, 1886 College Ave, Livermore
- 16 Tuesday - 10:00 am General Meeting 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon, Our guest **Barbara Edkin** will speak on "Beyond Census".
- 23 Tuesday - 9:00 am Library Trip. Santa Clara City Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. (408) 98-3097. 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.
- 30 Tuesday - 10:00 am Member Education Class. "Libraries & Archives of the Bay Area & Greater Bay Area" by Mary Jo Hosteny. At the Lloyds home, 210 Town & Country, Danville. Phone 837-9382.

APRIL



- 6 Tuesday - 10:00 am Board Meeting at Frances Lloyd's home, 210 Town & Country, Danville. All members welcome.
- 9&10 Friday-Saturday - California Genealogical Society Fair. Alameda Fair Grounds, Pleasanton.
- 27 Tuesday - 9:00 am Library Trip. National Archives, San Bruno (650) 876-9009

Tools & Trades of Our Acestors Peddler

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|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Hawker | Peddler | 6. Higgler | itinerant peddler |
| 2. Tranter | | 7. Jagger | Fish peddler |
| 3. Colporteur | Book Peddler | 8. Sutler | Peddler in an army camp |
| 4. Duffer | Peddler of cheap goods | 9. Pedlar, Anwalt | German |
| 5. Fogger | Low class | 10. Pendedor, Ambulante | Spanish |



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SRVGS Home Page

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

SRVGS TREASURERS REPORT

FUND BALANCES (2/28/1999)

General Fund Balance: 2,133.01

Hospitality Fund Balance: 310.00

Publications Fund Balance: 952.88

Special Projects Fund Balance 200.00

Tape Library Fund Balance: 163.20

Library Fund: Prior Year Gift &

Donations: 0.00

Current Year Donations: 130.54

OVERALL TOTAL BALANCE: 3,889.63

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had an excellent turnout for our February "Mini-Fair." Thanks to the efforts of Program Chair **Claudia Mortensen**, we had a good variety of vendors who showed us some interesting new genealogy-related tools to help our research. Also, several lucky SRVGS members got to take home some great door-prizes very generously donated by the vendors. For those of you who missed the meeting, you'll be able to find most of the same vendors at the CGS Fair on April 9 & 10 at the Alameda Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. In March, our Nominating Committee will be starting its work in order to present us with a slate of officers for our 1999-2000 Board. We want to thank **Millie Freitas** for agreeing to be the "member-at-large" on the Committee. All of us enjoy the benefits that membership in our society brings us; however, someone has to do the work of making sure all these benefits continue. We hope you will give some thought to what you can do to help and will say "yes" when the Nominating Committee contacts you. By taking on a job, you'll not only help our society but you'll learn more about the world of genealogy. And, besides, it's a good way to get to know some very nice people!

Dorothy Stanton

CONDOLENCES

*SRVGS Wishes to express its sincere sympathy to Sue Hughes
for the loss of her son Christopher Donald Hughes*

February 4, 1998

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Alpha Quincy

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VITAL RECORDS INDEX

NORTH AMERICA ON CD-ROM

From Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter-Oct 31, 1998

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly referred to as "the Mormons," has now started shipping their new "Vital Records Index-North America" CD-ROM disk. This may well be the most important new CD-ROM of 1998 for anyone searching for ancestors within North America. The label on the disk set says, "These CDs contain information taken from a partial collection of birth, christening and marriage records of the United States and Canada. These records cover approximately 257 years, from 1631 to 1888, containing about 4 million names."

For any one new to genealogy, I should point out that the records of the Mormon Church are not limited to information about Mormons. They gather information from all the old public records they can find, regardless of the religious preferences of the people listed. You will find Protestants, Catholics, Jews and others all listed together, and you will rarely find any mention of the religion of the individuals mentioned.

I had a chance to use the new CD-ROM set this week. I'm impressed. The following description of the data is extracted from the user's manual included on the CD-ROM disks:

The Vital Records Index-North America on compact disc (CD) contains information taken from birth, christening and marriage records from selected states and provinces of the United States and Canada. Some names found in the Vital Records Index may also be found on the International Genealogical Index (IGI).

This index includes:

1. Records that cover approximately from 1620 to 1888.
2. Approximately 5 million people on seven compact discs (six marriage CDs and one Birth/christening CD).
3. The name of the individual, the parents' names when available, the date and place where the birth, christening, or marriage was registered, and the name of the individual's spouse.

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LATIN TO ENGLISH NAME TRANSLATIONS AND OTHER NAME PRACTICES

From bl-30.rootsweb.com Jan 17, 1998

					'Pet Names'
Aegidius	Giles	Lucas	Luke		
Agneta or Ana	Agnes	Ludovicus	Lewis	Abrigail	Abby
Alberedus/Aluredus	Alfred	Marcus	Mark	Adaline	Ada, Lena
Alecia/Alicia	Alice	Mauritius	Maurice	Adalaid	Addy, Adele, Dell,Della,
Alionora	Eleanor	Misericordie	Mercy		Heidi
Aloysius	Lewis	Natalis	Noel	Alberta	Allie, Bert, Bertie
Andreas	Andrew	Pero	Piers	Alexandra	Alex, Alla, Sandy
Anna	Anne, Ann, or Hannah	Petrus	Peter	Alice/Alicia	Allie, Elsie, Lisa
Antonius	Anthony	Radulphus	Ralph	Ann	Annie, Nan, Nana, Nancy
Carolus	Charles	Seisillus	Cecil	Belinda	Bella, Belle, Linda
Coleta	Nicholas (fern)	Sidneus	Sidney	Elizabeth	Bess, Bessie, Beth, Betsy
Emilia	Emily	Silvanus	Silas		Betty
Etheldreda	Audrey	Umfridus	Humphrey	Bridget	Biddie, Biddy, Bridie
Eugenius	Owen	Villefridus	Wilfred	Camille	Cammy, Millie,
Galfridus/Gaufridus	Geoffrey	English name abbreviations		Caroline/Carolyn	Carol, Carrie,
Godefridus	Godfrey or Geoffrey	Xpr	Christopher		Cassie,Lynn
Gulielmus	William	Jas	James	Cornelia	Corny, Nelle, Nelly
Hadrianus	Adrian	Dy	Dorothy	Faith	Fay
Helena	Eleanor or Helen	Em	Emma or Emily	Frances	Frankie
helias/Helyas	Ellis	Jno	John	Genevieve	Eve, Jenny
Henricus	Henry	Jonth	Jonathon	Hannah	Nan, Nanny, Johannah,
Hieronymus	Jerome	Jos	Joseph		Susannah
Hugo	Hugh or Hugo	Josh	Joshua	Jane	Janie, Jean, Jennie,
Homfridus	Humphrey	Alc	Alice		Jessie
Imania	Emma	Hon	Honour	Janet	Jessie, Jeanette
Jacobus	James or Jacob	Wm	William	Joan	Nonie, JoannaJohannah,
Jocosa/Jodoca	Joyce	Mart	Martha (beware		Jody, Hannah
Johanna	Joan/Jane/Jean/Janet		misreading Mary)	Polly	Mary/Mary Ann
Johannes	John	Tam	Tamsin or Thomasin	Peggy	Margaret
Lionhardus	Leonard	Xian	Christian	Molly	Mary
				Jack	John

Magazine Revue

By Jean Hunt

The January/February 1999 issue of *Heritage Quest* magazine, in the *Back to Basics* section has an article by Donna Potter Phillilps who writes on "Microform for Genealogists" pg. 35. A teacher of beginning genealogy classes, she often hears "What is a microfilm?".

She welcomes such questions because genealogists often assume that beginners somehow just know these terms that we bandy about so freely. She reports Webster's definition of microfilm is "a film on which documents, etc., that are photographed in a reduced size for convenience." Microfiche is defined as, "a film card on which many pages of greatly reduced copy are recorded."

Together, microfiche and microfilm are often referred to as *microforms*.

This interesting article goes on to explain in detail about microforms and how to use them. But don't stop here!

The feature articles in this issue are all about what important things are photographed for genealogist use and what they are and where they are.

The first of five feature articles on microform is "Using Microform Genealogy Collections" by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck who writes of a large number of collections in detailed description. Second is by Ora Kasten on "The Draper Manuscripts-An Important Genealogical Tool" Here you will find what the collection is all about. Third is "Microform Collections: Leaving Your Living Room" by William Dollarhide. He discourses on what *can't* be found in quantity on a computer using the Internet, but on primary sources found only; for the most part, in Federal, State and County Records, etc. He shares information on availability and guidebooks and catalogs for these records. Fourth is an article by Leland K. Meitzler "UMI Microfilm Collections". University Microfilms, better known as UMI has been producing microfilm collections for many years. Their collections are of most interest to libraries. However, keep in mind that libraries are the locations where genealogists often do their research. They produce genealogy and local history microforms, military histories, news papers, societies, state papers etc. Fifth is *Heritage Quest* Microfilm Collections by Brad Steuart. It is a large library of valuable genealogy information, much like a club you pay to join for discounted purchases and rentals. All in all this magazine is a must to read. Vol. 15 No. 1 Issue 79.

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4. Reference information that allows you to locate the original records on a microfilm.

This index is not complete. Your ancestor may not appear here even though you know he or she lived in a time and place covered by the index. The Vital Records Index will continue to be **updated**, adding millions of new names with each update. (For more details go to <http://www.ancestry.com/columns/eastman/eastOct31-98.htm>)

This particular set of CD-ROM disks is probably the biggest release of North American GENEALOGY records in electronic format of the year. So how much does it cost? You won't believe this: the price is \$19.00 U.S. funds. That's not much money for seven data CD-ROM disks and another disk with the software and user's manual!

If you would like to purchase a copy of the "Vital Records Index-North America," call 800-537-5971 from the U.S. or Canada. Callers outside North America can call 1-801-240-1126. FAX orders may be set 801-240-3685. You can specify a credit card number on any of these methods. Finally, you can send an order and a check by old-fashioned mail if you address the envelope to:

Church Distribution Center

1999 West 1700

Salt Lake City, Utah 84104-4233

U.S.A.

When ordering, make sure that you specify "item #50029, North American Vital Records Index (1620-1888)."

REASONS FOR GENEALOGISTS TO BITE THEIR NAILS

A notice in the Savannah Georgian for 13 November 1828: "Married at New Orleans, Mr. Alexander Philip Socrates Amelius Caesar Hannibal Marcellus George Washington Treadwell to Miss Caroline Sophia Maria Julianne Wortley Montague Joan of Arc Williams, both of New Orleans.

Fro the Family Tree Topper Section A pg 2- Dec./Jan 1997/98

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SOUTHERN Meets the 2nd. Tuesday of the month 10:00 am at Claudia Mortensen's home, 360 Bridgeside Circle, Danville, phone 736-1112. **March 9, 1999.**

IRISH & CALIFORNIA Meets the 2nd. Wednesday of the month 10:00 am at the home of Patty Erickson, 10 Ridge Place, Pleasant Hill. Phone 229-0889. **March 10, 1999.**

GERMAN Meets Wednesday, **March 24, 1999** at 10:00 am at Dianna Hancock's home, 512 Zephyr Circle, Danville, phone 820-1424.

MAC COMPUTER GROUP Meets the 3rd. Wednesday of the month. 10:00 am **March 17, 1999.** Location to be announced.

PUBLISHING **April 15, 1999 - 10:00 am.** Meets at the home of Barbara Johnson, 616 Camino Amigo, Danville. Phone 837-2153.

ROOTS USERS For those learning to use Palladium Ultimate Family Tree. Group meets after the General Meeting in Room AB. 7777 Norris Canyon Road. **March 16, 1999.**

INTERNET Interested members should contact Robert da Roza by e-mail vrदारोza@ix.netcom.com to be added to the SRVGS list.

PORTUGESE ANCESTORY!!

A Special Interest Group is being formed for those researching their Portugese ancestry.

Our initial meeting will be on **March 16, 1999 at 12:30 pm** at CoCo's on Diablo Road, Danville right after the SRVGS General meeting.

Anyone interested, please call **Millie Freitas** at 837-2483.

OHIO COUNTY COURT HOUSE FIRES

Adams	Feb. 1910	Huron	1912
Ashtabula	17 Aug. 1850	Licking	recds from 1808-
Deleware	1835		1875 lost (Apr 1875)
Fayette	19 Jan 1828	Medina	1848, 1870, 1877
Franklin	1879	Monroe	recds from 1813-
Hamilton	1814, Jul. 1849,		1867 lost, 1867, 1905
	28 Mar. 1884	Paulding	1868
Hardin	ca 1854	Putnam	1864
Henry	April 1847	Trumbull	25, Mar 1895

From Florida Chapter OGS newsletter Nov-Dec 1995

CLUES IN MILITARY MARKER REQUESTS

Military grave markers are not provided unless requested by a survivor of the veteran. That request made for a deceased relative or ancestor could contain important genealogical information. A copy of the marker request can be obtained from: Office of Memorial Programs (403A), National Cemetery Systems, Department of Veteran Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20420.

(Niagara Co. NYGS, 19:2, 1997)

FAMILY GRAVES MOVED BY T.V.A.

Information on graves affected by the Tennessee Valley Authority has been gathered into an alphabetical listing including 30,630 graves. There is a second set of records of the individual Reservoir Cemeteries.

Eleven volumes covering the main channel of the Tennessee River from Kentucky Lake, Kentucky to Lake Loudon, Tennessee have been published.

A surname search of the volumes Complete TVA Burial Records can be made for \$5.00 per surname by writing to: Mountain Press, P.O. Box 400, Signal Mountain, TN 37377. (Odom Library "Family Tree," Dec 1997/Jan 1998 via H.A.G.S. Informer Vol 21:7 Jul 1998)

ON THE WEB

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEB SITE

Anyone interested in history of genealogy will find lots to explore at the Library of Congress website at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/>. As it is a constantly growing and changing site it is one to visit frequently.

A part of the site that changes daily is "Today in History." Each day several events are listed with brief details about the event and links to further information that often include photographs and images of original documents.

Another feature is "The Learning Page." *Pioneering Women in American Memory* is one item currently in this area. Another item that can be chosen at this part of the site is one titled *The Northern Great Plains, 1880-1920*. For anyone whose ancestors settled in this area, this feature will be of great interest. Of particular interest will be the photograph collections which include many photographs of early settlers, their homes, schools, work, etc.

There are many other photographic collections currently on the site and more planned for the future. Numerous maps and sound recordings, such as "Voices from the Dust Bowl 1940-41," can be found here.

The Library of Congress is a treasure house of our heritage, and through this site you will be able to access many of these treasures without making the trip to Washington DC.

(From Santa Clara Co. H&GS NL, 43:6, June 1998 via H.A.G. Informer Vol. 21, No 7 July 1998)

LSD FAMILY SEARCH ON THE NET

from Pat Isom

The Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is developing a new Internet service designed to help people find and share family history information.

A Beta test of the Family Search Internet Genealogy Service will be conducted beginning sometime in March 1999. When ready for testing, it can be found on the World Wide Web at www.familysearch.org. The web site will only be active for a few weeks.

IRISH ANCESTORS WEB SITE

The "Irish Ancestors" site is a comprehensive genealogical guide for anyone interested in exploring their Irish heritage. According to a press release from The Irish Times on the web, it's the only web site to have browse and search facilities for lists of Irish ancestry records. You can access the site at <http://www.irish-times.com/ancestor>. Note: while there is some free information here, some is fee based.

(The San Mateo Co. Gen. Soc. NL, 16:7, July/Aug 1998 via H.A.G.S. Informer Vol 21 no 7 Jul98)

SHIP SITES

There are at least three web sites that are particularly useful for information about the ships our ancestors came to America on. They are:

<http://www.fortunecity.com/littleitaly/amalfi/13/ships.htm>

<http://www.cimorellia.com/pie/emigrate/emigmenu.htm>

<http://www.CyndisList.com/ships.htm>

Also, the Dutch Emigration Trilogy currently has 300 links to passenger list information from 1620 until 1927 at their site:

<http://www.xs4all.nl/~mailme/jolanda/enmain.html>

(The PIPOST, St. Croix Valley GS NL, June 98 via H.A.G.S. Informer Vol 21 no 7 July 98)

BRADY CIVIL WAR PHOTOS ON-LINE

The National Archives and Records Administration has made available on its web site <http://www.nara.gov> its entire collection of Civil War era photographs taken by famed photographer Mathew Brady and his associates. The 6,176 photographs, originating as glass plate negatives, include portraits of well-known Union and Confederate commanders, Abraham Lincoln and his Cabinet officers, senators, congressmen and other noted personalities. They also document the ordinary soldiers, battlefield scenes, naval vessels, railroads, supply dumps and hospitals. (The PIPOST, St. Croix Valley GS NL, March 1998 via H.A.G.S. Informer Vol 21, No 4 Apr 98)

MISSOURI NEWSPAPERS

For those interested in Missouri newspapers on microfilm, the State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia, MO does lend out its newspaper microfilms through inter-library loan to all states. You have two weeks to view them. For more info on this you can write to this address: The State Historical Society of Missouri, 1020 Lowry Street, Columbia, MO 65201-7298; or call (573) 882-7083 or (800) 747-6366 or fax (573) 884-4950.

They have a book you can purchase that lists the newspapers available for each Missouri county (\$12-14) or they will copy pages from this book for 10 cents per page.

(Joan Brunner Miler <jmiley@ckt.net> via several sources via Contra Costa Co. GS NL, 12:12, Dec 97 via H.A.G.S. Informer Vol 21 no 2 Feb 98)

Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

YOU CAN HELP!

The Nominating committee is now working on lining up a slate for next years officers and committee chairmen so when they call you, please consider their requests in a supporting light.

Needed are Board members and especially a Recording Secretary (Takes minutes during board meetings) and 1st. Vice President (Substitutes for the President, reminds membership of meeting locations and times, makes reservations and trains to be the next President).

If there is a job that interests you, please call Victoria da Rosa at 820-7866 or vrdaроза@ix.netcom.com

Every time I think I know where they are, they move!