
Organizational Meeting Held

Meeting at the Danville Library on 15 January, Jean Blackmur welcomed twenty five people who met to discuss plans for organizing a genealogy society. Those present completed questionnaires which were designed to help the group become acquainted with each other's level of experience, interests and offers to help.

Half responded that they were new to genealogy, whereas the other half represented those with modest to considerable experience. All expressed a desire to meet regularly to learn more about genealogy, to exchange information, to join with others in visits to genealogical libraries, and hopefully, to find others with some commonly shared ancestors, resources, and geographic locations.

Jean explained that the group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (though possibly not in the summer). The group will function under the leadership of a Steering Committee until by laws can be adopted and officers elected later in the Spring.

Marian Marquardt volunteered to prepare a membership list, along with surnames being searched, for distribution at meetings.

Marilyn Fullam offered to serve as Secretary-Historian. She will take minutes of our meetings and send out a monthly newsletter.

Diane Anderson offered to explore and assist with copying.

The 24 January issue of the SAN RAMON HERALD had an article written by Charlotte Orren about our starting a genealogical society. Members mentioned were Diane Hayes, Diane Anderson, Marian Marquardt, Mary Ella Parrott, Patty Erickson and Jean Blackmur. She also mentioned Elliott Wooley's remarks about the LDS (Mormon) genealogical activities and services, especially in Oakland.

SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

Newsletter of
SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, 14 February - Contra Costa County Genealogical Society
7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, Parkside Dr.,
Concord
Lindsey Reeks, speaking on "Sources and Evidence"
- Tuesday, 19 February - San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society (that's us)
10:30 a.m. upstairs meeting room, San Ramon Valley
Library, 555 South Hartz Avenue, Danville
A. Maxim Coppage, author/teacher/lecturer, speak-
ing on "Migration Patterns - To and Within the
United States"
- Saturday, 2 March - California Genealogical Society
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. USF, Harney Hall, Room 127,
Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco
Seminar on "Pennsylvania Research" conducted by
Helen L. Harris, C. G. (specialist on Pennsylvania
and Ohio)
Information: CGS, telephone 989-5441

Thanks to Dorothy Stanton, Beginners to Genealogy met on two Tuesdays, 22 January and 29 January at the Danville Library to learn how to get started. Dorothy showed ancestor charts, favorite useful resource materials, and how to research the U. S. Census. Now beginners....get started. You are on your way to becoming your "Family Historian!".

On Saturday, 19 January, fifteen members of our fledgling society carpooled to the L.D.S. Library in Oakland. Library Director Ernest Henderson gave a two hour informational talk on the resources of the L.D.S. Library and how to access them.

19 March our speaker will be Bette Root Kot on "Keep It Organized".