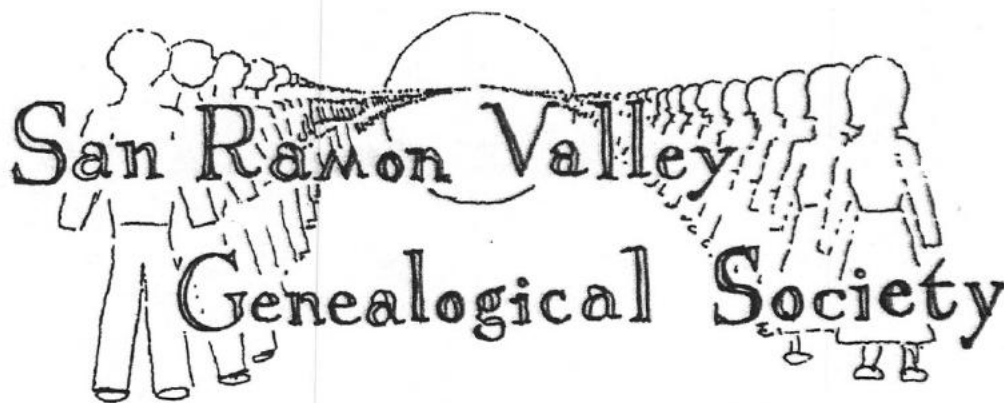




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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, 13 February - Contra Costa County Genealogical Society
7:30 p.m., Concord City Council Chambers.
Speaker: Frank Glover of Sutro Library.
- Tuesday, 18 February - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10:00 a.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,
1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Speaker: Paul
Graham on "Using the Computer in Genealogy".
- Saturday, 15 March - Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
2:00 p.m., Livermore Library, 1000 South
Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Speaker:
Elizabeth Zilen on "Research in Ireland".

Our last meeting: John L. Ferris, Private Investigator, gave a very informative talk on sources for tracing people. Some of the sources were state and federal agencies, bureaus, licensing agencies, and the variety of records in the city and county clerks' offices.

Our next meeting: Paul Graham will speak on "Using the Computer in Genealogy". Mr. Graham is a member of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society. He purchased a computer in 1980 and a genealogical program in 1983. Since then he's learned a lot about how computers can help genealogists. Even if you do not now own a computer---or do not plan to ever own a computer!---come learn about some of the ways computers are making research easier for genealogists.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February is the month of honoring two American Presidents. As school children we learned about their homes and families and their special qualities as extolled by historians.

Many of us have ancestors who played less famous roles, yet whose lives made our country a better place. Even their modest contributions to the growth of America's villages, towns, and cities are worthy of our recognition. Pioneers, farmers, teachers, deacons, soldiers, politicians,- the list of their various occupations is long. Often they made sacrifices, homes and families were threatened, patriotism tested, labor hazardous and security scant. Yet, with courage, faith and determination one

generation passed on to the next a legacy of not only survival but of improvements.

These are the leaves of our family histories. With research it is usually possible to discover facts and color, characteristics of the times, and details about their communities, their homes and their families. Genealogy is not only ancestry, but history too. Our forebears were probably some pretty caring, wonderful people, not presidential in stature maybe, but worthy, honorable human beings whom we can extoll for coming generations to appreciate and whose greatness is very personal because we've related.

Jean Blackmur

THANK YOU TO:

Win Kynett for taping our January speaker John Ferris.
Enteries in our letterhead/logo contest from David Gant, Lee Menola, Tom Fullam.
Mary Lou Victor for arranging our San Bruno Archives trip. Two carloads of members enjoyed Rosemary Kennedy's orientation and handouts, and a day of research at the Archives.
Fred Potter for being tape librarian.
Jim Dotson for printing services.
Max Coppage for bringing his genealogy class to our January meeting.

SHARING

Many of us have books and other research material which might help other members. We would like to list some each month to be brought to the next meeting. They will not be loaned out but may be consulted at the meeting. If you are unable to come and would like to consult them later, phone the owner so the materials can be brought to another meeting. Let Marilyn Fullam (828-1873) know what you can share.

Dorothy Stanton (820-3757) will bring to the February meeting:
Chicago Ancestor File - listing and addresses of those researching Chicago area ancestors.
Erie County, New York 1880 Atlas - indexed as to land-owners and biographical material.
Catalog of Microfilm Holdings of Tennessee State Archives - lists films available on inter-library loan.

CLASSES

Creative Writing with Nan O'Connell at the Livermore Recreation Center Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon.

Beginning Genealogy with Bette Kot at Shannon Community Center, Dublin starting April 8. Classes will be for six weeks, on Tuesdays, from 2 - 4 p.m. Fee is \$30.00. Contact 829-4932.

Max Coppage teaches genealogy classes in Martinez at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for those 60 years or over.

IDEAS

Do you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for our monthly meetings? If you do, contact Program Chairman Dorothy Stanton at 820-3757.

LIBRARIES

California Genealogical Society Library, 870 Market Street, San Francisco is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4 and Saturday 10-3. There is a \$5 user fee which can be applied toward membership. First Saturday of each month there is no charge

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Library, located in the Livermore Historical Society Building, Third and K Streets, Livermore is open Wednesdays and Sundays 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Reference only.

THE JOINER by Mary-Ella Jones Parrott, Joiner

The ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY of MASSACHUSETTS was founded in 1637 after seven "train bands" had been formed to protect the new colonials. Each band had a captain, lieutenant and ensign who had to be trained (and future officers as well). So it was decided to form a school for officers based on the St. George (Artillery Guild) formed in 1537 and later known as the Honorable Artillery Company of London. Membership is limited to 550 active members and others by right of descent. THE NATIONAL SOCIETY WOMEN DESCENDANTS of the ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY was founded in 1927 and is open to women of lineal descent by invitation.

HERE AND THERE

SCOTLAND

- Maps of crofting townships, farm districts, and villages in Scotland as they existed in the 19th Century are available from a cartographer in Scotland. The maps are taken from the original surveys which are kept in the National Library of Scotland. Write: P. J. Adams, 8 Rutherford Folds, Inverryries, Aberdeenshire Scotland AB5 9JH.

(Clark Co. WA Gen. Soc. and
Livermore Roots Tracer)

MISSOURI
ILLINOIS
IOWA

The Lewis County Historical Society has collected vital statistics on all families who ever resided in either Lewis or Clark County beginning in 1819. More than 60,000 group sheets have been compiled. Some data also concerns residents of Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Marion, and Wells Counties in Missouri; Lee and VanBuren Counties Iowa; and Hancock and Adams Counties in Illinois. For information send long SASE to: Lewis County Historical Society, 614 Clark Street, Canton, MO 63435.

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NEW MEXICO
ARIZONA
SOUTHERN COLORADO
UTAH

- Once a potato cellar, the Menaul Historical Library has now sprouted into perhaps the most singular Presbyterian archive on earth. The library is located at Albuquerque's Menaul School in Bennett Hall and periodically publishes the Historical Review, which details the rich Presbyterian history in the Southwest. Among the holdings are records from the many mission schools and churches in the area and on microfilm "Home Mission Monthly" 1887-1923.

(Presbyterian Survey, Oct. 1985
submitted by Sharon Krider)

VIRGINIA

- Max Coppage, 2225 Hillsborough Ct. #3, Concord, CA 94520 is editor of "Virginia Settlers" a newsletter devoted to Virginia families, vital statistics, research tips, census lists and queries.

NEBRASKA

- "Nebraska: A Guide to Genealogical Research" by Georgene Morris Sones reviews many different records made about Nebraskans, including land and homesteading, naturalization, and state and school census enumeration records. Contact Nebraska State Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 756, Alliance, NE 69031.

(Gen. Soc. of Morongo Basin
via Calif. State Gen. Alliance)