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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, 13 March - Contra Costa County Genealogical Society
7:30 p.m., Concord City Council Chambers.
Speaker: Mr. Lindsay S. Reeks "Researching
On Site in England and Scotland".
- Saturday, 15 March - Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
2 p.m., Livermore Library, 1000 South Liver-
more Avenue, Livermore. Speaker: Elizabeth
Zilen "Research In Ireland".
- Tuesday, 18 March - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10 a.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,
1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Speaker: Philip
S. Breck "Genealogy, the Roadway to History".
- Tuesday, 25 March - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY library
trip. By special arrangement, Oliver Hayward,
Librarian at the Mayflower Library in Oakland,
will open the library to our group from 10 a.m.
to 1 p.m. There is only room for 10 members
and sign-ups will be taken at our March 18th
meeting. We will carpool to Oakland.
- Tuesday, 8 April - "Beginning Genealogy" classes with Bette Kot
(our able Education Chairman) start today at
Shannon Community Center, Dublin. The class
will meet for six weeks from 2 - 4 p.m. Fee
is \$30. Contact 829-4932 for registration.

Our last meeting: Our February speaker was Paul Graham who shared with us some very helpful information about how the computer can be used to organize and store genealogy records. He brought with him his computer, samples of printouts of several programs and shared with those present a listing of genealogical software available for various computer models. We all gained some insight into the tremendous time-and-labor saving possibilities of the computer as well as the potential for linkups with libraries and other information sources.

Our next meeting: Mr. Philip Stiles Breck will be speaking on "Genealogy, the Roadmap to History". Mr. Stiles has led a number of genealogical field trips to the United Kingdom. He is well acquainted with research in New England, New Jersey, and New York and has tips for beginning as well as seasoned genealogists. He has written several family histories and serves as President of Informedia Corporation - sponsor of Genealogical Notepad, an international computer conferencing service for genealogists.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have just been talking with a friend about genealogy.... (what else?!). The friend asks, "so how can I get started tracing my ancestors?" My answers:

Be sure that you have time to get involved, and if you do, read some sort of "Introduction to Genealogy" to find out what the hobby is all about.

So, it grabs you and you do want to give it a try,---take the first possible opportunity to get into a beginner's genealogy class, probably sponsored by your community's adult education program or a genealogical society. Expect to get immediately involved with the class, following up on the teacher's suggestions.

Become a member of at least one local genealogical society and faithfully attend all meetings, taking advantage of informative speakers and helpful newsletters.

Become acquainted with genealogical libraries and resources in the area. It usually takes several visits before you are familiar with what they offer for your needs.

Attend special workshops and hear experts on your special areas of interests.

This is a hobby where one never knows all there is to know, which is exactly what makes it such fun. Like detectives, we are puzzle-solvers, picking up clues, searching for new evidence, new sources of information. For most of us, once we START tracing our ancestors, the question becomes, "how can we ever STOP?"

Jean Blackmur

1986-87 OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee would like to hear from any member who would be willing to serve in an office for our society's 1986-87 year. Offices are: President, Program Chairman, Membership Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Our society can only be as good as the time and effort the members are willing to contribute. Contact Nominating Committee Chairman Patty Erickson at 934-9063.

TAPES OF SPEAKERS

Thanks to Win Kynett, members are able to rent tapes of our speakers. If you have had to miss hearing one of our speakers or wish to hear what was said again so you can take notes, cassettes are available at the cost of \$1.00 per month rental. See Fred Potter for these and other cassettes in our growing collection.

SUTRO LIBRARY

Sutro Library's new hours are: Monday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

THE JOINER by Mary-Ella Jones Parrott, Joiner

The NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF COLONIAL WARS is an organization for women descendants (lineal) of participants in any of the Colonial Wars from the settlement of Jamestown May 13, 1607 to the Battle of Lexington April 19, 1775. This includes privateersmen as well as Colonial officers, members of the Council or Body of Assistants. The Society collects and preserves records relating to the American Colonial Period and of the service of men who assisted in the establishment, defense and preservation of the American Colonies.

NEW MEMBERS TO ADD TO YOUR SOCIETY ROSTER

William R. Allen, 331 Eton Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 934-0316
Charles Graves, 19 Woodford Drive, Moraga, CA 94556-2426 376-6866
Ruthella Gard-Pfeiffer, 59 Mariposa Court, Danville, CA 94526
James Cobb, 932 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA 94526 837-6768
Evelyn McCauley, 11317 Green Road, Wilton, CA 95693 916-687-6719
Rose Marie Wade, 962 South G Street, Livermore, CA 94550 447-6861

HERE AND THERE
WISCONSIN

- The Oshkosh Public Library has started a card file of Wisconsin ancestors. They would like a card for every Wisconsin ancestor for whom you have, at least, the name, one date and one place of residence that can identify them. See Marilyn Fullam for more information.

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- A quarterly newsletter on these surnames is available through the editor, Maxim Coppage, 2225 Hillsborough #3, Concord, CA 94520. Cost is \$8.50 per year. The spring issue was 8 pages of information on these surnames from Mississippi, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, etc.

ELDERHOSTEL

- Beginning in June 1986, an introductory course in genealogy will be included in the Elderhostel Program sponsored by the Santa Rosa Junior College. Five 1½ classes will be conducted during the week of June 8-14 by Alliance President, Carlton M Smith. The hostel will be located at the Angeles Center in Santa Rosa. A copy of the Elderhostel (for active seniors over 60 years) catalog and registration application are placed in over 17,000 libraries in the United States and Canada. To be placed on the free catalog mailing list, send name and address to Elderhostel, 100 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116

(Alliance Newsletter,
January 1986)

VIRGINIA

- The Virginia Room of the Jones Memorial Library 434 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24504 specializes in history and genealogy. Research services are available by mail at \$5.00 per hour plus costs for copies and postage. Interlibrary loan services are available and Virginia county records and other materials and books may be ordered.

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