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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, 16 September - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10 a.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Speaker: Frank Glover, "Resources and Services in Genealogy at Sutro Library".
- Tuesday, 16 September - Six classes on the subject "Preparing Your Genealogy for Distribution" will meet at the home of Frances Lloyd in Danville from 1-3 p.m. If you have five generations of your family's history and would like to put something together for gift giving or check out some writing/publishing alternatives and make plans for future distribution, this group could be of interest to you. Bette Kot will be teaching the six classes and the cost is \$30. Call Frances at 837-9382 to reserve a chair.
- Tuesday, 23 September - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY library trip to Sutro Library, San Francisco. All interested meet in parking lot behind Alpha Beta, Diablo Road, Danville, to carpool at 8:45 a.m.
- Saturday, 11 October - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY library trip to the LDS Library, Oakland. Special orientation to the Oakland LDS Library at 10 a.m. The library will be open to the public from noon to 5 p.m. for research. Carpools depart from rear of Alpha Beta, Danville by 9:15 a.m.
- Saturday, 25 October - Everton Publishers workshop "Family Tree Climbing Can Be Fun" at the San Lorenzo Community Church 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details on bulletin board.
- Saturday, 1 November - Contra Costa County Genealogical Society workshop "Let's Begin Your Genealogy" by Bette Kot. Details on bulletin board.

Our June meeting: Our speaker was Ann Doss, curator of the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society Museum. She described methods and demonstrated techniques for preserving old papers, fabrics and other items that we might be interested in saving for future generations. She also shared hand-outs on the sources of materials that can be ordered. We thank Ann for a very interesting and helpful program, and, also, thank Lee Meola for arranging for Ann to speak.

Our July meeting: Our meeting was titled "Useful Tips and Unique Sources", all from our own members. We thank the following who shared with us:

- Jacque Baggett - A multi-generation family journal located; ("Persistence pays!")
- Frances Becker - Visits to the Fresno and Columbus, Ohio Genealogical Conferences.
- Patty Erickson - A book of township maps at Pleasant Hill Library; also Missouri sources.
- Margaret Jensen - Some imaginative uses of family heirlooms.
- Marilyn Fullam - A list of San Francisco records sources.
- Cliff Gant - County courthouses: use the general index to find what they have.
- Lowrey Jones - Results from Genealogical Helper "Root Cellar" listings.
- Win Kynett - A church memorial donation which led to a family contact.
- Harry Moses - The census and Quaker families.
- Dorothy Stanton - U.S. Geological Survey topographical maps.
- Loretta Vranesh - Carleton Smith's family journal idea; also using local genealogical societies (Berks Co., PA).

We did not tape this meeting so, if you were unable to attend, you'll have to check with the individual speaker if you'd like to know more.

Our next meeting: Frank Glover, Librarian at Sutro Library, will be speaking on "Resources and Services in Genealogy at Sutro Library. We in the Bay Area are very fortunate to live near one of the best genealogical libraries in the United States; we're doubly fortunate to have as librarian there Mr. Glover who is not only an interesting and articulate speaker but also an enthusiastic genealogist.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How did they do it? Some of our ancestors were wise and lived in one place or area all of their lives. Other ancestors had the urge to move on to new areas for many varying reasons. Having just made a total family move all the way from Lafayette to Pleasant Hill, I praise the simplistic, functional life style of my ancestors. Oh, that all of my possessions could fit into one covered wagon to be jostled to my next unbuilt home or be floated by raft/barge down, across or up some river dodging Indian arrows as I huddle panic stricken within the protection of my worldly possessions. Heaven forbid that my precious possessions should have to be left behind because there was no room for them or be left along the trail as excess baggage due to adversity which must lighten the load.

What would our ancestors think of us today with our wide choices of homes with family rooms, master suites with gorgeous bathrooms and one child to a bedroom - not to mention a bathroom for each child.

What would we think if we returned to the lifestyle of our ancestors? Our house structure would be built of the most available sources and resources; our insulation would be in the form of chinking; our central heating system would be the fireplace. Oh, the conveniences we would miss, just think of them!!!

Such marvelous improvements each generation has made for our present easy living conditions. Many, many thanks to each of those generations.

Patty Erickson

Classes

Bette Kot will offer a six session "Beginning Genealogy" series if there are 10 people interested and a meeting place can be located. Classes will be held on September 23, 30; October 7; November 4, 11, 25. The cost is \$30, which includes all supplies. Call Bette at 531-0776 for more details.

IN MEMORIAM

He had a newly discovered love for genealogy. He and his wife, Jeanette, generously offered their home for Bette Kot's classes. He shared his good humor and delightful observations at our meetings.

Genealogists treasure the unique qualities of those who have gone before us. We can be grateful for those which HARRY MOSES shared with us. Having suffered from diabetes for many years, Harry died this past summer. It was a joy to have had him among us and he will be sadly missed.

Our sympathy to Therese Kopcie whose husband died unexpectedly during the summer.

JUNE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please turn in to Dorothy Stanton, Program Chairman, the questionnaire published in our June newsletter. We need your help in scheduling program subjects and purchasing tapes.

COFFEE POT NEEDED

Do you have a large coffee pot (30 cups or more) you would like to donate to our society? See Patty Erickson.

SURNAME FILE

Turn in your surname index cards to Loretta Vranesh - see May newsletter for instructions.

PUBLICITY

The Valley Pioneer of July 16 had an interesting article about genealogy and our society through the eyes of our Katie Horton. If you missed the article, our Historian Marian Marquardt has a copy in our society scrapbook.

HERE AND THERE

SONORA, CALIFORNIA - Sonora City Historian, Pat Perry is trying to locate photos or information about 17 "missing" mayors. Information is needed on: Charles F. Dodge (1851-53 and 1858-59); George Washington Perry (1853-55); James Perry Clough (1853-54); R. R. Balls (1860-62); William Wyckoff (1864-65); Truman Crossett (1865-66); Casimer Labetoure (1866-67); John Larose Phelps (1870-71); Moses Hoyt Hyde (1871-73); John Austin Shoob Trout (1875-78); J. Frederick Sears (1882-83); Leonard J. Karl (1897-1900); Joseph Bray (1900); John G. Simpson (1930-34); Alonzo Elsbree (1934-38); Edward G. Wenzel (1940-42); Harry Wright Dunlap (1946-47).

OHIO - Grave registration file for soldiers buried in Ohio is indexed and a check of the index will be made and a copy of the record sent, if found. Send large SASE to Division of Soldiers' Claims, Ohio Adjunct Office, State House, Columbus, Ohio 43215

GERMAN RESEARCH - Researchers in German Genealogy are invited to submit data, free of charge, for the German Genealogical Index. The index is cross-referenced to enable genealogists to find others searching the same surname and/or locality. GGI, Dept. LMHS, P.O. Box 10155, Minneapolis, MN 55440. Kentucky Bluegrass Roots via Diablo Descendants