

SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, 13 November - Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, 7:30 p.m.
Concord City Council Chambers. Speaker: Bette Kot
"Library of Congress Classification".

Tuesday, 18 November - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10 a.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo
Road, Danville. Speaker: Edith Thomas "Researching
New England Ancestors".

Wednesday, 19 November - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY library trip
to the California Society of Mayflower Descendants'
Library, 405 17th Street, Oakland. Carpools meet
at Alpha Beta, Danville at 8:30 a.m.

Our October meeting: Those members who are planning on putting together a family history or genealogy benefitted one hundredfold from our speaker, Barbara Langlois. Barbara graduated as a history major which she attributes for enhancing her interest in genealogy and old things.

Barbara has put together two different types of pictorial family histories for her grandchildren. She brought a sample of each and shared how she organized her material and pictures and finally printed the finished annals.

Some helpful hints she passed on:

Genealogy is not only from the past but for future generations as well. Therefore, you could start now to record and keep records and happenings of your own life. It is a great starting point.

Pick an event such as an one hundred year anniversary and use this as a goal for accomplishing your project.

Use of pictures makes your ancestors more real and interesting people and not just names on documents.

Include a preface, table of contents, an appendix with your documentation, samples of letters, diaries, etc., written in their own hand, maps, and pedigree charts used liberally and reduced in size to make relationships clear.

Barbara's presentation and examples of her work were an inspiration to many of us to complete - or to get started - and produce our own family chronicles.

Our November meeting: Edith Thomas of the East Bay Genealogical Society and the Society of the Descendants of the Mayflower in California will speak on how to do research in the Bay Area on New England ancestors. Mrs. Thomas' background also includes verifying documentation for lineage societies. Even if you have not yet identified a New England branch on

your family tree, you'll hear some good research techniques that will help you avoid mistakes - whatever the geographical location.

PROPOSED 1986-1987 BUDGET

INCOME:

Dues 70 members at 6-1-86	\$ 780.00
Dues additional members	150.00
Sales of printed materials	150.00
Rental of tapes	<u>30.00</u>

Total Income	\$1,110.00
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EXPENSES:

Newsletter	\$ 400.00
Books and publications	180.00
Membership directory and society brochure	100.00
Supplies for sales of printed materials	50.00
Supplies, other	50.00
Rent 10 months @ \$15.00	150.00
Guest speakers	100.00
Post office box rent	30.00
Membership CSGA	20.00
Other	<u>30.00</u>

Total Expenses	\$1,110.00
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Excess of Income over Expenses	-0-
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DECEMBER MEETING

No December meeting. Next meeting (after November 18 meeting) will be January 20, 1987.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter in December. The next newsletter will be mailed January 13, 1987.

JANUARY MEETING

January will be "Bring a Guest" (or several) month.

CLASSES

Genealogy classes by Bette Kot will begin January 27. These will be intermediate classes. A beginner refresher class will be held after the January 20 meeting.

LOST ADDRESS

We have lost the address of our new member Agnes Johnson. Will anyone who knows her address please call Marilyn Fullam at 828-1873.

GENEALOGICAL SPEAKERS LIST

The California State Genealogical Alliance is preparing to publish its third biennial "Speakers' List". All speakers who wish to be included please contact Gladys Muller, Speakers' List chairman, 8136 Edmaru Ave., Whittier, CA 90602

TIP FROM BETTE KOT

When sending for a certificate from a county clerk and you are not sure of the amount, make check payable to "County Clerk of _____ County", leave \$ box blank, and on dollars line write "For amount not to exceed ten dollars".

HERE AND THERE

PILGRIMS

- Descendants of approximately 25,000 Pilgrims and Great Migration settlers of 1620-1650 may now include as many as 100 million Americans. This progeny composes not only 40 percent perhaps of our population, but also the largest contingent of related individuals in the country. Almost anyone with over 100 seventeenth-century New England immigrant forebears is 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th cousin of anyone else with similar ancestry.

Gary Boyd Roberts, NEHGS
"Nexus" August 1986

IRELAND

In Ireland if a couple planned to sail from Dublin, check there for a marriage record. "The German Church" near the waterfront was a popular place for a quick marriage ceremony, before leaving for the "New World".

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BIRTHDATE

There is a simple method to calculate the approximate date of birth when the death date and age are known (such as on a tombstone). Subtract the days first, months second and years last. For example, to find the birthdate of someone who died 4 December 1866, age 87 years, 3 months, 9 days:

1. Subtract days: 4 December 1866 less 9 days =
25 November 1866
2. Subtract months: 25 November 1866 less 3 months =
25 August 1866
3. Subtract years: 25 August 1866 less 87 years =
25 August 1779.

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JEWISH GENEALOGY

The Western Jewish History Center of the Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell Street, Berkeley, CA 94705, houses a library of over 1400 titles covering many areas of Jewish settlement in the West as well as a representative selection of works relating to Jewish life throughout the United States and Canada. The Center is a genealogical resource for those interested in tracing their family roots in the Western United States and maintains a surname file index to its ever-growing collection of family and genealogical charts. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 849-2710.

SCOTS

"The Highlander", now in its 23rd year, is a magazine for Scots in the U.S. and Canada "who still have a bit of the Highlands in their hearts". One of the regular reports in this magazine is "Searching for Scottish Ancestors". Cost is \$10.50 for one year (seven issues). Contact: Circulation Dept., The Highlander, P.O. Box P440444, Chicago, IL 60644-9990.

Success is a journey, not a destination. Ben Sweetland

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!