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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Saturday, 17 January - Beginning Genealogy classes by Bette Kot at the
Saturday, 24 January Castro Valley Adult School, 19722 Center Street,
Castro Valley. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost is \$25.
- Tuesday, 20 January - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10 a.m., Danville Women's Club building, 242
Linda Mesa, Danville. Speaker: Kevin Bender
"Home Video Family Albums".
- Friday, 23 January - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY library trip
to California Genealogical Library, 300 Brannan St.,
San Francisco. Carpools meet at Alpha Beta rear
parking lot 8:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 28 January - Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society, San Francisco
Federal Savings and Loan, 1600 Olympic Blvd., Walnut
Creek, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Speaker: Jim Dennis "Same
Name Ancestors".
- Saturday, 31 January - Computer workshop sponsored by ComputerRooters,
at RE-ED West Center, 1150 Eastern Ave., Sacramento
from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pre-registration fee of \$10
is available until January 23. Mail checks to
ComputerRooters, P.O. Box 161693, Sacramento 95816
- Wednesday, 11 March - LDS Library, Salt Lake City trip March 11-March 17
led by Bette Kot. Cost of \$325 includes transporta-
tion, hotel and a "Get Ready to Go to Salt Lake"
workshop. For sign-ups and more information call
Frances Becker at 934-4962.

Our November meeting: Mrs. Edith Thomas spoke to our group about the research facilities of the Mayflower Library in Oakland. This library has a large selection of books on New England history as well as many family genealogies, and a microfiche of all the genealogies at the Sutro Library. Many of her comments were generalized for any researcher, i.e. "You are the most important person on the Genealogical Chart. Start by getting all your vital statistics and records and do the same for your parents and grandparents." She said that a good motto to keep in mind at all times is "Don't believe it, prove it!" Mrs. Thomas is available for help in proving your descent from a Mayflower Family especially if you are interested in becoming a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. The Mayflower Library is open on weekdays but it is recommended that you call first to ascertain times. The number is 451-9599.

Our January meeting: Thanks to the home video revolution, the opportunity exists to watch your family history pass before your eyes on your own TV. The visual and audio records of a family-old photos, home movies, videos, tape recordings, interviews-can be woven together with narration and music to create a permanent full color and sound VHS, Beta, or 8mm THIS IS YOUR LIFE! home video. Award-winning video producer Kevin Bender of Coyote Productions of San Francisco is introducing this new concept to the Bay Area. "The idea is to create an entertaining and moving video that shows the history of a family, the story of one person or a married couple," Bender says. "It's the ideal memento to pass on to future generations who want to know about the family, but may never have had the chance to know them personally. The subjects come alive on these tapes. It's a family album you can watch on TV." Mr. Bender's interest in family album videos arose when his grandfather died. "We had a wealth of photos and movies, and some audiotape interviews I had done with him about his life. I put them together in a tape for my family that started with my grandparents' parents in Kansas in the 1880's and ended in San Diego last year. It was a great experience for me to delve into the family so deeply and I thought other people might appreciate tapes like this." Come to our January meeting to see how this is done.

NEW MEETING PLACE

Our meeting place is now the Danville Women's Club building, 242 Linda Mesa, Danville. From Highway 680 head west on Diablo Road, Turn right at the signal at Hartz, take first left (Linda Mesa). Building is at 242 Linda Mesa - approximately 2½ blocks from Hartz with spacious parking in the rear.

CLASSES

Beginning and intermediate genealogy classes by Bette Kot will be held January 27 through March 23 if there is sufficient interest. Sign up at our January meeting

BRING A GUEST

January is "Bring a Guest" month - good time to get a friend or neighbor interested in doing their genealogy.

IRELAND TRIP

Mr. John F. Roake (our May 1985 speaker) of the Irish Genealogical Research Institute is offering a genealogy research/sightseeing trip to Southern Ireland. The group leaves SF airport Saturday, June 13. Cost of \$1,297 includes air fare, full Irish breakfast daily, dinner each evening (except in Cork and Dublin), medieval banquet, complete sightseeing with a professional Irish driver/guide, hotel for 8 nights and a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone. Areas to be visited are Shannan, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Cork, Waterford, Dublin and Galway. Arrangements can be made to stay on after the tour. Contact Mr. Roake at 574-3312.

TAPE LIBRARY

Check with Fred Potter for new tapes. Rental is \$1 per tape per month.

FREE BASKET

Contribute your "no longer needed" newsletters, books, catalogues, etc. Check to see if you can use something in our basket.

SURNAME FILE

Have you turned in your surname cards to Loretta Vranesh?

HERE AND THERE

VIRGINIA

- Any reference that a person was born in Virginia as early as 1728 or as late as 1863, could mean that he/she was actually born in No. Carolina or Ohio from 1728 to 1803 or Tennessee from 1760 to 1803 or Kentucky or Maryland from 1775 to 1792 or Indiana from 1787 to 1816 or Pennsylvania from 1752 to 1786 or West Virginia from 1769 to 1863 or Illinois from 1781 to 1816.

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CIVIL WAR REGIMENTAL HISTORIES

- Capsule Histories of every Civil War unit, Union or Confederate, are available at \$8 per unit from: John F. Walter, 79-13 67 Drive, Middle Village, NY 11379. Also available are Civil War Naval Histories at \$10 per ship.

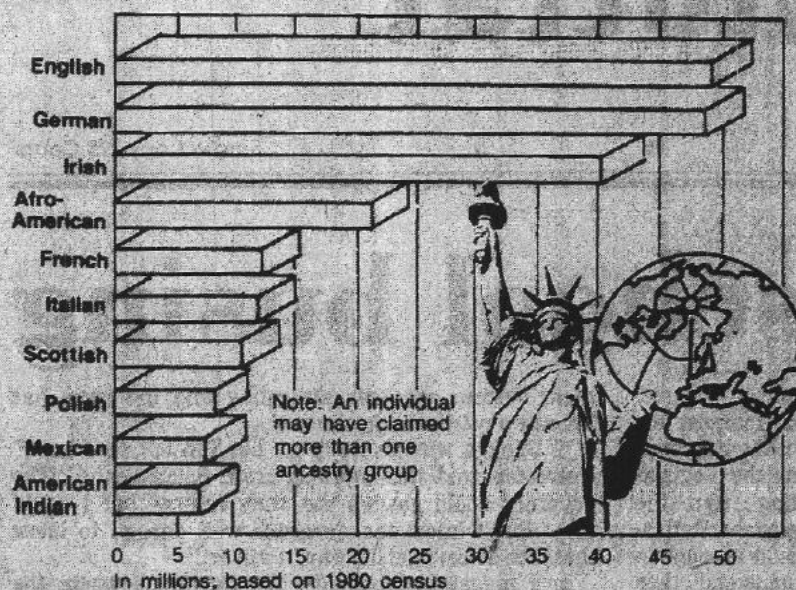
MENDOCINO COUNTY

- Mendocino County Library, 105 N. Main Street, Ukiah, Ca 95482 has (1) Mendocino County Cemetery Index, (2) Family Card Index (3) Palmer County History and Carpenter County History. They will check their files via mail. Don't forget to include a SASE and a donation.



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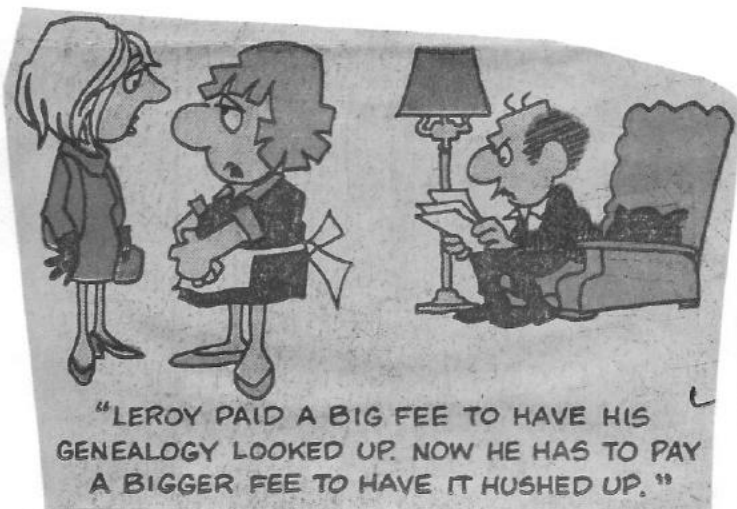
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