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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Saturday, 18 April - Santa Clara LDS Branch Genealogical Library "Genealogical Seminar", 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara. See bulletin board for details.
- Tuesday, 21 April - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10 a.m. Danville Women's Club, 242 Linda Mesa, Danville. Speaker: Bette Kot "Building Your Home Genealogical Library".
- Saturday, 25 April - Genealogical Association of Sacramento "Ancestor Safari '87" at Sacramento City College, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. See bulletin board for details.
- Wednesday, 28 April - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY library trip to LDS Library, Oakland. Library is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Carpoolers meet rear of Alpha Beta at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, 29 April - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Irish group, 10 a.m. at home of Patti Miller, 1857 El Nido, Diablo.
- Saturday, 2 May - Contra Costa County Genealogical Society "Dollarhide Workshop", 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Concord Holiday Inn, Diamond Blvd., Concord. For further details call 682-8240 or 934-4962.
- Saturday, 9 May - California Genealogical Society "Nick Vine Hall British Seminar", 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at University of San Francisco. See bulletin board for details.
- Wednesday, 13 May - Everton's "Family Tree Climbing Can Be Fun" workshop 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. Cost of \$20.00 includes one year subscription to "Genealogical Helper". For further information see flyer on bulletin board.

Our last meeting: Mr. Artel Ricks, former Western Regional Director of the National Archives and currently working with the Genealogical Society of Utah, gave us an interesting overview of the National Archives and what the LDS Church is currently doing worldwide for record preservation.

75-90% of the visitors to the Records Center in San Bruno come to look at census records. There are currently 45 billion pages on microfilm at the National Archives and its branches. The pages on film in one file drawer, would stretch 2,000 miles - genealogical interest items would only stretch 100 miles. If the paper on the films were laid end-to-end, it would circle

our earth 245 times. The draft registration cards from WWI to be refilmed. There are 24 million names. Biggest user of National Archives (after the government) is genealogists. Mr. Ricks pointed out that we have clout! Within a couple of years naturalization records in the National Archives branches will be available at Salt Lake City. Mr. Ricks also explained the coming use of laser recording for filming records.

The LDS at Salt Lake City has 1,300,000 rolls of film; 1,000 readers; averages 2,000 users per day; 200,000 books; 1,500 volunteer workers; 500 branch libraries; 88 million names on the IGI. Filming is now being done in 50 countries. Mr. Ricks told of helping the Hati government preserve their old records dating back to 1809. He also said we should thank Alex Haley "who has done more for genealogy than anyone else".

Our April meeting: San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society member Bette Kot, librarian at the California Genealogical Society library, will be our April speaker. Her topic is "Building Your Home Genealogical Library" which will help us answer such questions as what books are most useful to have at home and how do you decide which books are a good investment.

Our May meeting: Annual meeting, election and installation of 1987-1988 officers, luncheon, and regional area tables. Be thinking of your favorite materials (maps, books, periodicals) you could display so that others researching the same areas can see what is available. We will also have a sale table for genealogical items you no longer need and would like to sell.

Election

The May meeting will include election of officers for the 1987-1988 year. At the April meeting nominations may be made by the general membership from the floor provided each nominee is present or has given written consent to serve if elected. The offices to be filled are:

President
1st Vice President - Program
2nd Vice President - Membership
3rd Vice President - Newsletter
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian

Our Author

Peggy Frazier, SRVGS member, now has two books in print: "Delaware Advertiser 1827-1831" and "Missouri Ordeal 1862-1864 Diaries of Willard Hall Mendenhall". These books can be ordered through Carl Boyer, 3rd, P.O. Box 333, Newhall, CA 91322-0333. See bulletin board for form.

HERE AND THERE

CANADA

You can work all night at the Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Canada KIA ON3 by obtaining a pass, locker and key before the staff goes home at closing.

(Conn. "Nutmegger")

NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey State Library, 185 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608 says that their staff at the New Jersey State Bureau of Archives will check their "Family Surname Index File" if you will provide a long SASE.
(San Mateo Co. Gen. Soc.)

SURNAME FILE

We are starting our own surname index for the members' use. Following the example below use 3 x 5 cards only. Make certain each card has your name and address in the lower right-hand corner. DO NOT use address labels, gummed labels or paper glued to the card. We would like to have a card for each of your ancestors for whom you have, at least, the name, one date and one place of residence that can identify them. Use only one generation to a card - husband and wife should be on the same card. Type or block print, black ink only, capitalizing the surname and always using the surname first. Make a cross reference index card for the wife using her maiden name. We cannot file cards - example: _____, Elizabeth see William Green. There is no limit to the number of cards that may be submitted. Your cards can be updated at any time by submitting replacement cards with a note stating they are replacements. Please turn your cards into Loretta Vranesh.

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Cross Reference Card

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May Luncheon

The annual luncheon will be held at the Danville Women's Club immediately following our May business meeting. The membership (and their guests) are invited to attend. Cost is \$6.00 per person and reservations must be received by Tuesday, May 12, 1987. Make check payable to SRVGS and mail to Box 305, Diablo, CA 94528. Use form at bottom of membership dues form.

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1987-1988 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payable by June 1, 1987

Please complete as you would like to appear in the next membership roster.

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