

SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday June 16 General Membership Meeting

Speaker: Jim Tackitt--photographer extraordinaire; specialist in old photography, tintypes, daguerreotypes, photo restoration. Said Tackitt in the Contra Costa Times interview January 1, 1987, "Photography can be like reading a detective story. Lighting, type of photograph, portrait pose, clothes are clues about when the photograph was taken." Jim is past president of Contra Costa County Gen. Society. His 30 years of experience in genealogy have given him expertise in Kentucky and Virginia research. More than 700 people subscribe to his magazine of genealogical research on descendants of Tacquett families from France. We are lucky to once again have Jim as our guest speaker.

BRING AN OLD PHOTO FOR IDENTIFICATION
AND A LITTLE DETECTIVE WORK
BY JIM TACKITT

SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE

PLUS YUMMIE, YUMMIE, YUMMIE

-- OUR LAST MEETING WAS A SMASH HIT

On Tuesday, May 19, thirty-nine members browsed through genealogical materials brought by other members. A previous request had gone out that urged each to bring one or more items that were especially helpful for research in a given section of the U.S. or Europe. A different table was provided for each different geographic area. One table was set aside for items that members wished to sell at bargain prices. Not much talking during this part of the gathering but a lot of reading and copying down of

publishers' names and addresses. Then, too, owners of certain items, when approached, answered questions for further clarification of item usefulness. A **catered lunch** was served at 11:45. Round tables encouraged social mixing and stimulated conversation--or was it the wine and coffee? See what you missed if you didn't attend! **Luncheon Committee:** Helen Roach, Bill Allen, Delores Hucklebone, Margaret Jensen, Aleta Johnson. **Dessert supplied by:** Diane Anderson, Patty Connett, Margaret Jensen, Ruth Krummes, Julie McLaughlin.



BILL'S BULLETIN BOARD

(The secret to perpetual youth is
to use a youthful picture)

TRIP TO SALT LAKE LDS LIBRARY SCHEDULED BY EAST BAY GS

With Betty Kot, CGS Librarian and San Ramon Valley Gen. Soc. member, as guide and consultant, the East Bay Gen. Society is sponsoring a trip to the LDS Library in Salt Lake City on November 11-17. Betty is planning to hold a one day workshop as a pre-trip planning session for anyone going to Salt Lake. The date has not been set yet, nor has the cost been announced. More later as the info comes in. Are you interested in going. Members from our group who went last year had great praise for the intensive study and time spent on the trip.

NEW PODIUM FOR PRESIDENT

At the next meeting, take a close look at the nifty, collapsible metal speaker's podium that President Loretta Vranish is using. It was a gift; one that was needed for some time.

MT. DIABLO GEN. SOCIETY TO MEET JUNE 18, ROSSMOOR SHOP. CENTER

Max Coppage, President, invites anyone and everyone to the Mt. Diablo GS meeting at 1-3 pm, Home Federal Savings Building, Rossmoor Shopping Center.

Max indicates that Genealogical Books in Print, 6818 Lois Drive, Springfield, VA 22150, is printing the 1787 Bicentennial Census of Virginia in booklets by county at reasonable costs. You can write to the above address for a list of counties and costs per booklet.

A Sleeping Relative is a nap kin

SHOW & TELL IN SAN MATEO

How's this for a program idea: At their July 8 meeting, members of the San Mateo Gen. Soc. have been invited to bring grandpop's old buggy whip, great Uncle Charlie's Civil War sword, or Aunt Nell's wedding dress . . . some kind of family heirloom . . . and give a 5-10 minute talk about it. The talk should include these points: Where did it come from, to whom did it belong, how it came into your possession, special significance to family history.

FRIDAY

JUNE 19

VISIT TO

CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Need a ride? Be sure to put up your hand at the June 16 meeting.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Tuesday, July 7

Yes, there will be a meeting in the month of July.

GOT AN IDEA?

Peg Frazier, program vice-president, is bubbling with ideas for meetings for this coming association year. She would like all of you to do some pre-thinking. Be prepared to indicate on a pass-around sheet, at the June 16 gathering, four geographic areas, either in the U.S. or foreign countries, in which you have great interest. Peg would like to invite speakers who are specialists in the areas which have high interest.

OUR TREASURER IS MOVING

John Watson, our newly elected treasurer, is moving in July to Los Angeles to be closer to his family. Our president will be looking in your direction very soon for John's replacement.

BY-LAWS PROPOSED CHANGE

At the Executive Board meeting Tuesday, June 2, there was lengthy discussion about the date for auditing our books and the date for the required annual meeting. The change will state that the Treasurer shall make all financial records available for audit *within six weeks after* the Annual Meeting. This change (in italics) will be voted on at the September meeting.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Those of you visiting the Heritage Collection of genealogical materials at the CC County Library in Pleasant Hill may not be aware that there is a committee overseeing this collection. Appropriately, it is called the Committee of the Heritage Collection; it meets at least four times yearly to recommend purchases and make suggestions to the Librarian for utilization of the collection. There are 12 memberships, with new members sought from the ranks of genealogical societies in the County. Members serve for two years on the committee. Betty Zilen is the present coordinator. Our organization will be appointing a representative to this committee very soon.

SAN MATEO COUNTY GEN. SOCIETY TO SPONSOR EVERTON WORKSHOP

The San Mateo County Gen. Society is sponsoring an Everton Workshop, Saturday, 12 September 1987 in the AMPEX Cafeteria, 401 Broadway, Redwood City. Cost: \$20. Mr. & Mrs. Everton will bring 3 sets of the Root Cellar and Family File--to be set up in an adjacent room while the lecture is going on. Registration blanks will be available at our own meeting, June 16, or you can call 593-6348 for further info.

COMPUTER CERTIFICATES -- UGH!

California now requires \$15 for copies of birth certificates. When I recently requested one for my wife, I was shocked to receive what appears to be a large bank check. Info on the certificate: name, birth date, sex, county of birth, surname of mother, date filed. You also get at no charge this statement, "This computer generated abstract of birth is official document #12057." P.S. For \$15 my wife's first name was misspelled.



COULD THIS BE YOUR GRANNIE?

What a delight it would be to have an ancestor like the one described in the poem by Jenny Joseph, a Britisher. The poem is called Warning:

When I am an old lady I shall wear
purple
With a red hat, which doesn't go and
doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy
and summer gloves,
And satin sandals, and say we have no
money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I
am tired
And gobble up samples in shops and
press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public
railings
And make up for the sobriety of my
youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's
gardens
And learn to spit.
...
But maybe I ought to practice a little
now
So people who know me are not too
shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old and start to
wear purple.

If genealogy is a disease you catch, may
there never be a cure!