

SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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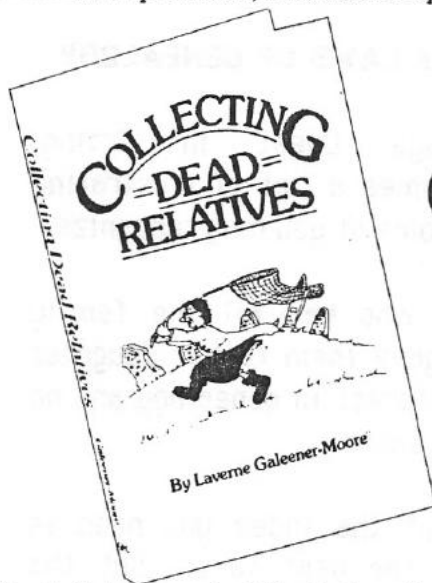
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Loretta Vranesh, President

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, NEXT GENERAL MEETING

An uproarious, irreverent romp through the field of genealogy!



COLLECTING = DEAD = RELATIVES

By Laverne Galeener-Moore

For the first time...a book that looks on the comic side of genealogy!

Here you'll meet the people and situations you're already familiar with, or about to become familiar with — the BORE, the BLUEBLOOD, the OLD MASTER, and the BRIEFCASE MAGNET, and a clutch of dissembling officials, wet-nosed beginners, and tongue-clucking haridans — but this time the meeting will drive you wild with laughter.

You'll learn about the latest techniques employed by county clerks in repelling genealogists, about projector fatigue, and about acceptable and unacceptable behavior in graveyards.

You'll read about the sins of the D.A.R., research trip survival tactics, sadism in the county courthouses and the National Archives, the banality of workshops and seminars, the proper etiquette in prying information from reluctant relatives, and much, much more!

Guaranteed to keep you sane and keep you laughing!

"Outrageous! I love it! Laverne Galeener-Moore is a genealogist after my own heart — witty and irreverent — with family skeletons that can dance with mine."

— Myra Vanderpool Gormley
Syndicated Columnist
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

155 pp., paperback, 1987. \$8.95



The "Old Master"



The "Briefcase Magnet"

Now that all the trick-or-treaters have returned to their haunts for another year, we can take time to stuff our turkeys and ourselves in the coming holidays. However, before we do that, let's all take time to attend the next stimulating meeting which promises to be the highlight of the year. As you can see from the insert, Peggy Frazier, program VP, has arranged to have author Laverne Galeener-Moore be our speaker. Need we say more. Plan to be with us.

Next
Meeting

PEGGY FRAZIER ANNOUNCES PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

Peggy is continuing to arrange programs which cater to the wants and needs of the membership as reflected in last Fall's survey. We will devote our time at the January meeting to hearing from members interested in organizing and establishing special interest groups for in-depth study. There will be a coordinator present to explain the operation and goals of each interest group:

Computer Interest Group; Southern Interest Group with emphasis on Tennessee; German Interest Group; Getting Something Into Print Group; Reestablishing the Irish Interest Group.

Anyone interest in any other interest groups should contact Patti Erickson, 229-0889.



SPECIAL NOTICE

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AND NO NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER

WOMEN'S LIB NOT NEW

Did you know that in Scotland women's lib is nothing new? Women keep their maiden name legally and that is the way it appears on all legal documents. (McHenry Co. IL Gen. Society, 3/95)

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH HELP IN ENGLAND

If you need professional research in England, you may write to Mrs. Sue Carsey, 81 Coldyhill Lane, Newby, Scarborough YO 12 6SE, England. She specializes in the North of England. Background: Professional genealogist, teacher in Adult Ed College, Chairman of local Family History Society. She can also supply maps and photographs of places of ancestral origin. If interested in purchasing her services, write to her for a "no obligation" quotation and send the details of your problem. (Bluegrass Roots, Vol. 13, Fall 1986)

INEVITABLE LAWS OF GENEALOGY

From Heritage Quest in Orting, Washington comes a list of frustrating experiences some of you may recognize:

The relative who had all the family photographs gave them to her daughter who had no interest in genealogy and no inclination to share.

The portion of the index you need is continued in the next issue, but the publisher died prior to publication.

Your grandmother's maiden name for which you've searched for years was on an old letter in a box in your attic all the time.

John, son of Thomas, the immigrant whom your relatives claim as immigrant ancestor, died on board ship at the age of twelve.

The record you need for your family history was in the courthouse that burned.

INDIANA FAMILY EXCHANGE SERVICE

The Indiana State Library started a service called the "Family Exchange" about a year ago. It records family information in an effort to coordinate research efforts. Here's how it works:

Info is submitted on white 3x5 index cards by those desiring to share. These should be printed or typed. Info to include should be family name, address, phone number and date of submission. Through this program, researchers working on the same families will be able to work and share info. For more info write to the Indiana State Lib. 140 No. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204. (DuPage Co. IL Winter 87 Quarterly)

GEN-STORM METHOD APPEALING

This problem-solving technique in which a member submits a problem to the audience and members offer solutions seemed to be well received at our last meeting.

Now it is up to our members to submit their problems and to anticipate good suggestions for their solutions. We will have our Recording Secretary, Jo Bolenbaker, take notes on the solutions given and by whom so that the member requiring help can have the information to peruse at a later time. So we ask that as the membership is sharing possible solutions, please give your name so it can be recorded. (Pres. Vranesh)

BEGINNER? If enough interest, Bette Kot will offer a gen. class starting in Jan. Call her 531-0776.

WHAT IS A COUSIN TO YOU?

Q. What is my relationship to a second cousin, third cousin and first cousin once removed?

A. Your second cousins are sons and daughters of your father's and mother's first cousins. Similarly, your third cousins are the sons and daughters of your parents's second cousins. Your first cousins once removed are your father's and mother's first cousins. ("Mr. Fixit" col., Minneapolis Tribune)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

William Farmer, 2791 Dos Rios, San Ramon
Jane M. Nowicki, 2307 Quiet Place, Drive, Walnut Creek
Betty Timmers, 379 Castello Road, Laf.

1787 TAX LISTS FOR VA COUNTIES

From the Orange County Gen. Soc. newsletter comes an item that says 1787 tax lists for counties in Virginia are now being published county by county by Genealogy Books in Print, 6818 Lois Drive, Springfield, VA 22150. Lists include names of white male tithables above 21 and white males above 16 and under 21 and the name of the person chargeable with the tax. A father might not admit his son was 16 for a while to avoid tax, but he surely reported the truth when the son reached 21 because he was no longer responsible for that tax. All tithables will be shown in the household in which they resided, which might catch others such as sons-in-law.

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Special footnote to this edition of the newsletter. When I was about ready to print the completed newsletter, my computer suffered a programming glitch and swallowed my entire text. Appearing on the screen: Start Over.

So after another three hours of composing and printing each page as I went along, I finally took the pestle-up to the duplicating shop.

OREGON-CALIF TRAILS ASSOC.

Nancy Williams passed on two bits of information to you via the newsletter this month. The first involves the Trails Association (Independence, MO).

A recent letter to her stated that at the current time, OCTA is in the initial stages of a massive program called COED, Computerized Overland Emigrant Documents. This is a list, under about 30 or more headings, of people who did travel the Oregon and California Trails, kwith names gleaned from diaries, journals, newspapers clips, etc. The list will not be available for at least several years at the soonest. Don Buck, 1158 Ribier Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 is leading the project.

From Nancy's Watauga association bulletin came this notice:

Researching in Maryland? If so, please contact me, a Maryland resident who will answer questions free of charge--Duane Smith, President, Howard County Genealogical Society, 2806 Foxhound Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

VP Francis Lloyd indicated that many members have not picked up their yearly directory. She suggested that those of you not planning to attend the next meeting ask a friend to pick up a copy for you.