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TUESDAY, APRIL 17, NEXT GENERAL MEETING

10 AM, DANVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB
242 W. Linda Mesa Avenue, Danville, (415) 837-1165

Peggy Frazier, program chairperson, announces that . . .
CARLTON M. SMITH will be the speaker. He will display and explain his "Historiographs," a wonderful idea for incorporating history into your family genealogy and for placing your ancestors in historical perspective. "Smitty" as everyone calls him will bring copies of his Historiographs which members may purchase during the break. Chart I covers the early period (1620-1800), Chart II covers the late period (1801-1890). Smitty will be traveling from Santa Rosa.

*****see you the 17th*****

MARK

YOUR

CALENDAR

OBTAINING ORIG APP FOR SS NO.

To obtain a xerox copy of the original application for a Social Security number which gives, in the applicant's handwriting, his birthdate, birthplace and parents' names, send a copy of the death certificate (xerox copy will do) together with the Social Security number to SSA-L997, SSN Process Branch, 300 No. Greene St., Baltimore, MD 21202. SASE not needed.

KINKO'S OPENS NEW STORE IN WAL CRK

Those of you desiring to duplicate anything at a very reasonable cost (compared to competitors) might be interested in Kinko's second store in this area. Located at 1902A Mt. Diablo Blvd, Walnut Creek, it is open 7 days a week. Plenty of parking in front; close to Buick agency and freeway onramp. Copies were 2 1/2 cents each during March. Needless to say, the cost of our last newsletter, run off by Alice Wade, was very reasonable.

FEE SCHEDULE AT CALIF VITAL RECORDS

Member Nancy Williams thought you might be interested in the current fee schedule of California's Registrar of Vital Statistics. Legislation effective January 1, 1987, increased fees for searches and certified copies.

BIRTHS \$11.00 (\$4 of this fee is transferred to the State Children's Trust Fund)

MARRIAGES \$11.00

DIVORCES \$11.00 (\$4 of this fee used by Judicial Council for Family Conciliation Programs)

DEATHS \$7

If the exact date of event is not known, the fees specified above include a basic 10-year search. Each additional 10-year search is \$7. One Certified Copy or Certification of No Record is included in the fee. Processing time of requests for vital statistics records is averaging approximately 4-6 weeks. Further information may be had by calling Customer Service Unit (916) 445-2684.

GRANDMOTHER MADE HER OWN PIE CRUST

Grandparents make their own pie crust, smell of Blue Grass and drive large American cars. Or they are patient with science projects but not much on chit-chat. Or adore you unconditionally and buy you presents when you get your braces off.

But what about before you knew them, when they had brown hair and got in trouble for staying out late and fell in love for the first time? Were they always sweet and sensible or cool and crabby?

Have your children grown to know their grandparents before they are gone? Some youngsters know more details about grandparents' house--the deer head with the

glass eyes in the study, the stacks and stacks of National Geographics stored in a spare bedroom--than they know about them.

Perhaps grandparents have been big family photos. Generations in stiff collars and serious faces stare from the top of the piano, giving a sense of heritage but no real information. At the time you visited them last perhaps you didn't care to know more, and by the time you did you were thousands of miles away, and those grandparents were dying off.

Is genealogy too often a mere collection of names, marriage information, birth dates and notations about participation in wars? Perhaps we should attempt to flesh out personalities to make our ancestors real people. They laughed, argued, suffered, cried, ate too much, burped, and screamed. It's extra work to fill the gaps with details but worth it. Having an ancestor with a defined personality generates a warm and affectionate feeling for those who have gone before us. May we all be treated so kindly by those doing genealogy work in the year 2100.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Barbara Kay Anderson, Pleasanton

Mrs. Betty E. Angell, Lafayette

Mrs. Ruth F. Garner, San Ramon

Mrs. Janet C. Gartland, San Ramon

Mrs. Kathleen (Patty) Hart, Danville

Hazelle M. LaFortune, Danville

Jack and Ruth Maloney, Clayton

Priscilla Dietrich, Danville

Bill S. Farmer, San Ramon

Patricia Mae Johnson, Danville

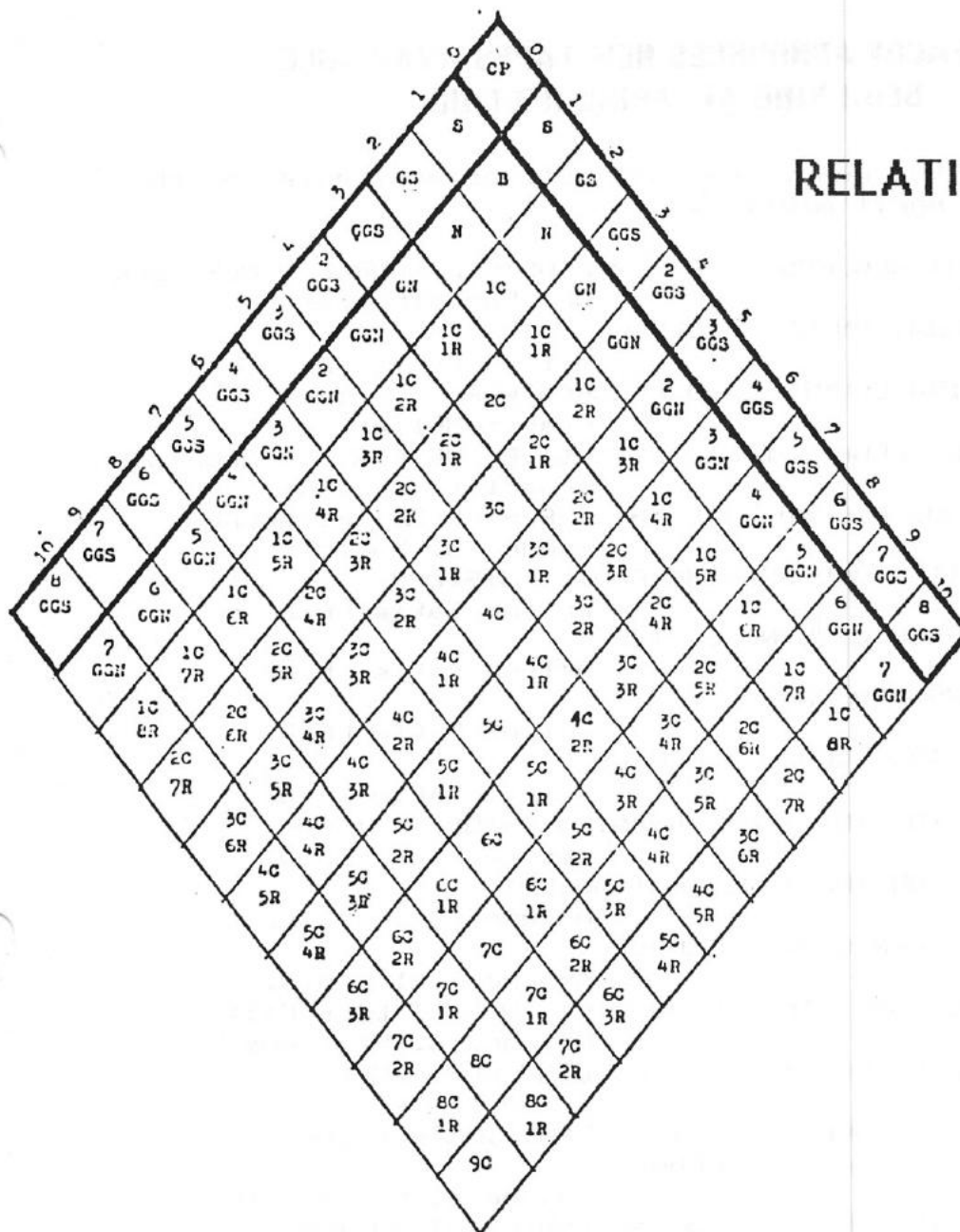
Jane M. Nowicki, Walnut Creek

Betty Timmers, Lafayette

Virginia S. Meadowcroft, Orinda

Membership Chairman Frances Lloyd announced at our last meeting that our Society now exceeds 100 members and continues to grow. Our present facilities are adequate but becoming a wee bit

RELATIONSHIP CHART



B = Brother or Sister
 C = Cousin
 CP = Common Progenitor
 GGN = Great Grandnephew
 or Great Grandniece
 GGS = Great Grandson
 or Great Granddaughter

GS = Grandson or
 Granddaughter
 N = Nephew or Niece
 R = Times Removed
 S = Son or Daughter

HOW TO USE THE RELATIONSHIP CHART

This chart should help to demystify relationships within a family.

The block at the top of the diamond is labelled CP or Common Progenitor, the ancestor from whom two relatives descend.

The top columns on each side of the diamond are outlined in heavy black lines--each block is labeled, S for GRANDSON, 2GGS for 2ND GREAT GRANDSON, etc., down to the 8th generation. The column on the opposite side of the diamond is similarly labeled.

To determine relationship between two members of the family find your designation on the lefthand column. If, say, you are the grandson of the common progenitor you fall in block #2. If your relative is a greatgrandson of the common progenitor he will fall in block #3 or the righthand column.

Follow the intersecting lines from the two columns to the point where they meet within the diamond. In this example the lines cross at a block marked 1C/1R indicating that you and your relative are FIRST COUSINS, ONCE REMOVED.

BOB HEACOX ANNOUNCES NEW TAPES AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT APRIL MEETING

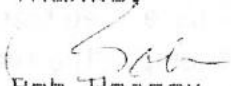
Here is a list of the new tapes that will be available for the first time at our April meeting.

- C-18. COURT RECORDS AS A GENEALOGICAL SOURCE (NEW YORK CITY) Dr. Kenneth Scott
- C-19. EVALUATION OF EVIDENCE Milton Rubincam
- C-20. MAKING COUNTY LAND RECORDS WORK FOR YOU Gladys Muller
- C-21. LAND RECORDS-THEIR EXTENSIVE USE FOR GENEALOGISTS Scharlott Blevins
- C-22. CENSUS RECORDS AND THE EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER Sandra H. Lauebking
- C-23. WRITING AND SHARING FAMILY HISTORY Arlene Eakle Ph.D.
- C-24. FINDING MISSING LADIES Arlene Eakle Ph.D.
- C-25. USING NEWSPAPERS Arlene Eakle Ph.D.
- C-26. PRE-1820 CENSUS RECORDS Arlene Eakle Ph.D.
- C-27. HOW TO FIND B M & D DATES PRIOR TO 1900 Arlene Eakle Ph.D.
- C-28. TRACING THE IMMEGRANT ANCESTOR Arlene Eakle Ph.D.
- C-29. AMERICAN COURT RECORDS Arlene Eakle Ph.D.
- C-30. NEWYORK STATE RESOURCES IN SALT LAKE CITY Raymond G. Matthews
- C-31. PROBLEM SOLVING IN CANADIAN GENEALOGY J. Reisinger
- C-32. WHAT IS NEW AT ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION RECORDS Eugene M. Fitzpatrick
- C-33. WRITING AND PUBLISHING FAMILY HISTORIES (unknown)

All but one of the tapes reported missing in the February Bulletin have been returned. Number M-8, "Researching New England and Mayflower Ancestry" is still out. Thanks to all who helped round up the strays.

However, we now have three NEW strays! Makes me wonder if everyone understands the check-out procedure. It's easy: (1) write your name, address, phone No., and sign the 3X5 card, (2) donate one buck, (3) bring the tape back the next meeting.

Thanks,


Bob Heacox

IRISH CORNER

(or "A Little Education Never Hurt Anybody")

The term "Scotch-Irish" is peculiarly American and has never been recognized in Scotland or Ireland as a distinctive race-name, nor does it denote a mixture of Scottish and Gaelic-Irish blood. The term "Ulster-Scot" is more applicable to the descendants of early Scotch Presbyterians who emigrated from Scotland to settle in the Province of Ulster in Northern Ireland during the 17th century, and were unmixed with other races when many of them moved on to the American colonies.

The term "Scotch-Irish" was coined in America in about 1750, to distinguish the Ulster emigrants of Scottish blood from the other Irish settlers in the colonies. It came into general use, instead of the term "Ulster-Scot," following the American Revolution. However, the colonial records prior to 1750 show that the Ulster-Scots who settled in America in the latter part of the 17th century and the first decades of the 18th century were universally called "Irish" by their English colonial neighbors, especially in New England.

The misrepresentation of their race as "Irish" on the strength of having lived in Northern Ireland was deeply resented on the part of the Ulster-Scots. One Presbyterian minister said, "We are surprised to hear ourselves termed Irish people, when we so frequently ventured our all for the British

Crown and liberties against the Irish Papists and gave all tests of our loyalty which the government of Ireland required..."

I don't know who my grandfather was,
I am much more concerned to know
What his grandson will be.

--Abe Lincoln

INTERESTED IN BOOKS ON IRELAND?

From the Ireland of the Welcomes magazine comes this ad:

"Free, interesting bulletins, fantastic savings, great books for your library or a perfect gift for your Irish friends. Write, stating your area of interest to--

Irish Books, P.O. Box 2388, Dublin, CA
94568-9991

ALSO

You may order books on Ireland and Irish genealogy from the Irish Castle in San Francisco, 474-7432. This store (close to the Hilton Hotel) is open 9-6 Mon-Sat, and 9-5 on Sunday. The two books mentioned by speaker Marilyn Fullam at our March meeting may be ordered there. Irish Genealogy-a Record Finder costs \$16.95 and Handbook on Irish Genealogy is \$9.95 plus tax. John Whooley at 621-2200, San Francisco Irish Center, is the book buyer for the Irish Castle. So give him a ring if you have questions about books, maps, charts, etc.

LEPRECAUNS SPOKE AT MARCH MEETING

Members Carol Glover, Patty Erickson, Helen Roach, and Marilyn Fullam who have been doing intensive work on their Irish ancestors gave a presentation at the general meeting, March 15. All seemed to agree that Irish research is quite frustrating since the Irish do not have very good records. After fires, floods, famines, invasions by Normans, Scots, and English, the Irish feel lucky to have as much information to share with their American cousins as they do. Marilyn Fullam felt especially strong about the idea of hiring a professional to do some preliminary research for you before you visit the emerald isle itself.

PLEASANTON WORKSHOP SUNDAY, MAY 22

Leland K. Meitzler, Managing Editor of Heritage Quest magazine and co-founder of Heritage Quest will hold a workshop on Sunday, May 22, beginning at 2 pm at the Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. Mr. Meitzler will speak on:

1. Home based genealogical research
2. Publishing your family history
3. Twenty-one little known tips for using the U.S. Federal Census records

Available for purchase will be: genealogical and local histories, tapes, computer software, pins, decals, cards. Orders will also be taken for personalized genealogy stationery and forms. This workshop is sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Gen. Society. Cost: \$5. For reservations: L-AGS, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94550.

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DER GERMANS ARE COMING MEIN HERR

Mt. Diablo Gen. Society will hold its regular April 21 meeting in the Home Fed Savings building (Rossmoor Shop. Center, Walnut Creek. Speaker: Mr. Tom Reitter; his topic: Birthplaces of German Immigrant Ancestors.

HI HO, HI HO IT'S OFF TO WASHINGTON WE GO--MAYBE

If you've been to Salt Lake City to do research, then you may want to stretch yourself just a little more. How about a trip to Washington, D.C. in October for \$260 airfare? Picture yourself at the National Archives, the D.A.R. Building, the Library of Congress. Or perhaps you'd like to rent a car and travel to Richmond, Virginia or to a few other places for gen. work. Well, keep an open calendar for this event, and it just may materialize if enough people are interested.