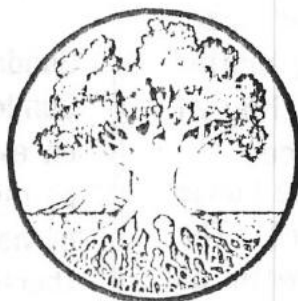


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TUESDAY, MAY 17, NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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

MEMBERS TO "SHARE THE WEALTH" AT MAY MEETING.

Maps Periodicals Catalogs Regional Books How-To
Charts Computer Software

Many of us have a number of genealogical materials which we treasure. Possibly some are unfamiliar to others who would welcome a chance to examine them and discuss their merits. In addition, we may have some things which we no longer need and would like to sell. If you have questions, call member Jean Blackmur who is the originator of the "share the wealth" faire, 837-2952.

SHARE ITEMS: Mark clearly with your name, and if possible, where and how they may be obtained.

SALES ITEMS: Mark with a price and register with the Treasurer who will handle the transactions for you. (If you have several things to sell, you may wish to bring a card table on which to display them.)

MARK

YOUR

CALENDAR



A great many prominent family trees were started by grafting.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR NOW--MAY 21

If you have ever read any of Dr. George K. Schweitzer's ten genealogy books or heard him lecture, you've probably already mailed in your reservation for the Saturday, May 21 session of the Calif. State Gen. Alliance annual meeting to be held at the Elks Lodge Hall, 3994 Willow Pass Road, Concord. The lecture and meeting will be \$15 with an optional luncheon for \$8.50. If interested, mail your check, payable CCCGS, to Contra Costa County Gen. Society, P.O. Box 910, Concord 94522. Deadline is May 10.

USING THE GERMAN INDEX

Have you contributed information to the German Genealogical Index, P.O. Box 10155, Minneapolis, MN 55440?

The Index is a project to enable genealogists and local historians to find others researching the same surnames and/or localities in all areas of German-speaking Europe. By pooling resources and sharing data the researcher is able to benefit from the experience of others, thus avoiding duplication of effort and expense. Another important function of the Index is to preserve valuable gen. data which otherwise might not be published. Participation is open, free of charge, to anyone who has data for the Index. Care to contact the Index now that you've read these few teasers?

SOUTHERN INTEREST GROUP MEETS

On May 19 at 10 a.m., Barbara Irwin's house on 712 Via Hermosa, Danville there will be a meeting. Barbara will share her library of books and materials for research in the South.

HEAR YE, HEAR HE. COME TO CGS FAIRE SUNDAY, JUNE 26

THE CALIF. GEN. SOCIETY is trying Sunday this time for its fabulous faire. Sunday has been especially popular for such an event in southern California. There will be more space this year since the faire will be held at Benj. Franklin School in SF where there are many rooms and lots of parking.

But it will be a "bring your own" bag lunch affair or you may buy a bag lunch there if you sign up for it in advance.

WRITERS WORKSHOP

The Orange County Gen. Society recently invited a professor from Long Beach City College to give a workshop in writing the historical part of family research. He reviewed basic writing principles; had people bring family histories and stories already written (or to be prepared by workshop time); and had participants read them aloud for constructive criticism or distribute copies to workshop members.

The publications subgroup of our own Society at one of its meetings a couple months ago did about the same thing, and participants felt the experience was very profitable. Of course, there were only ten people in attendance, which brings up the point of this article. If our members feel there is a genuine need for a workshop similar to that of the Orange County group, they should let officers on the Executive Board know about it. After all, our Society is supposed to serve the needs of its members. So speak now . . .

Misers aren't much fun to live with, but they make wonderful ancestors.--anon.

PRE-TWENTIETH CENTURY LAND MAPS

Holdings by the Library of Congress of pre-twentieth century land ownership maps include 1,449 county maps. The library publishes LAND OWNERSHIP MAPS: A CHECKLIST at \$5.50 which is available from the Library or Gov. Printing Office. The Library also has 1,269 county land ownership maps contained on microfiche at \$2 each fiche (\$10 min. order). Another microfiche collection is entitled "Ward Maps of U.S. Cities" and includes 232 pre-twentieth century ward maps for 25 major cities, available through the Library's Photoduplication Service at above price. For further info write: Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington D.C. 20540.

MORE ON THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AS A SOURCE OF GENEALOGY INFORMATION

The local History and Genealogy Reading Room is on the second floor of the Thomas Jefferson Building, Room LJ 244. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Volumes from the Library's general collections may be paged from and used in the Reading Room. In addition to these works, there are some 10,000 indexes, guides, and other reference works available in the Reading Room. Most special catalogs and indexes are arranged by family name.

The reference collection and catalogs in the Reading Room are intended primarily to facilitate research in the U.S. rather than foreign local history and genealogy. Research in foreign genealogy or local history should begin in the Main Reading Room, Thomas Jefferson Building, at the Computer Catalog Center and the Main Card Catalog.

If photocopies of items in the Library's collections are desired, the specific pages and material to be copied must be cited. As an example of the costs that may be involved, the charge for preparing an unbound photocopy of a 200-page book is about \$50. To copy a typescript volume of the same length, with writing on only one side of each leaf, would cost twice as much. Packing and mailing charges are additional and will increase with the distance from Washington.

SAVING STONES

In the February, 1988 AMERICANA magazine appeared an article "Saving Stones" in Connecticut towns. You may be interested since we had own speaker recently share her experiences in the graveyards of California's gold country.

It seems these days in a few Connecticut towns gravestone fanciers need a keen eye to tell a fake from an original. To protect old tombstones from deterioration caused by weather and pollution like acid rain, the Association for Gravestone Studies is replacing the most significant stones with concrete replicas. The copies are so realistic that people do rubbings of them.

The innovator of concrete replicas is a sculptor from Holland, Massachusetts, who hit upon a plastic capable of producing a nonstick mold, which does not damage the monument. He uses ready-made concrete and applies carbon black, a paint additive, to give the replicas a weathered appearance. The originals can then be removed to a local museum, if desired. The stones chosen for duplication may be the only surviving samples of a particular design, the oldest stones in the cemetery, or those of prominent people. Duplication can be done for as little as \$200 - \$300 per stone.

SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY
3RD ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON

MAY 17TH at 11:45 AM
Danville Womens Club

Oriental Buffet Catered by KING TBIN of Danville
includes beverage, dessert and gratuity

Cost: \$8 per person

deadline

Make your reservations early - no reservation accepted after May 9th. Mail your check along with the bottom of this form to:

Marjorie Stenger
933 Kirkcrest Road
Alamo, CA 94507
Phone: 837-1498

THERE WILL BE NO PROGRAM SPEAKER FOR THIS EVENT. INSTEAD WE WILL "SHARE THE WEALTH" HAVING BOOK TABLES SET UP ON THE PATIO. THERE WILL MUCH TO SHARE AND SOME BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS FOR SALE. A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE USUAL TIME OF 10 AM WITH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1988-89. IF YOU HAVE A BOOK OR INFORMATION THAT YOU FEEL MAY BE HELPFUL FOR OTHER GENEALOGISTS PLEASE PLAN TO SHARE. CONTACT JEAN BLACKMUR AT 837-2952 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Please reserve _____ places for me at the 3rd annual May luncheon of the San Ramon Valley Genealogy Society. Enclosed is my check made out to **SRVGS** in the amount of _____. (\$8 per person).

Name _____

Phone _____

Member of SRVGS ☐ YES ☐ NO

Name of your guest (s)

See above for address

The beautifully home crafted 27" by 54" accent rug on display at the last meeting will still be available at this coming meeting. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. However, this is the last opportunity to buy a chance because the goal has almost been reached. Therefore, a lucky ticket will be drawn at the May meeting.

GRIMES REPORTS MAY LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS STILL TAKEN

Luncheon Chairman Arlene Grimes reports that 26 people have already paid for the annual May luncheon. She will continue to accept reservations up to Friday, May 12. Mail your check for \$8.50 directly to Arlene, 2365 Harbor View Drive, Martinez 94553. Make checks payable to: SRVGS. Reminder to those coming--bring any cut flowers you may have in the garden to decorate tables.

QUERY . . .

Will the person interested in Hickman County, Tenn. please contact Dorothy Stanton, 820-3757. She has many printed records and histories for this area.

HOSPITALITY OR NO HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE--THAT IS THE QUESTION

Since few members have expressed an interest in volunteering for the Hospitality Committee, which provides hot water for tea, makes coffee and bakes sweets, the Committee may disappear. That means no "goodies" or refreshments during the break. So the first time you see an empty kitchen, you'll know the reason. If, however, anyone would like to volunteer to chair this committee (primary responsibility is to bring pots and take them home each time), then speak to the President--SOON.

Your annual dues of \$12.50 for a single membership, \$18 for a family, are now due. The By-Laws say that June 1 is the deadline for paying your money. If by July 1, you have not paid, your name will be dropped from the membership roll and, therefore, from the directory which Carol Glover, Membership Chairperson, will be preparing.

A form for membership renewal is enclosed in this newsletter. Carol Glover is trying out the idea of providing an envelope for you to use to return checks for renewals: Carol Glover, SRVGS Membership Chairman, 333 Goshen Court, San Ramon, CA 94583. You may also give your checks to her at the May meeting. But--do remember--do pay--mail your check today.

VOTING FOR 1989-90 OFFICERS

Voting for 1989-90 officers will take place at this month's meeting. Nominations have closed and the candidates below are slated to be voted on. New officers will take office immediately and a "new administration" will assume the leadership of our organization. Bea O'Rand, however, will be out of town at the time voting takes place.

President -- Bea O'Rand
1st VP -- Frances Lloyd
2nd VP (Program) -- Martha Banner
3rd VP (Membership) -- Carol Glover
Recording Sec -- Alice Wade
Corres. Sec -- Jo Bolenbaker
Treasurer -- Jess Sutfin



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES? IF NOT, USE THE FORM BELOW

SRVGS dues are now due and payable for the June 1, 1989-May 31, 1990 membership year. Please complete this form for our 1989-90 membership directory.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Please list two surnames being researched for individual membership or four names for family membership so that they may be listed in the directory's surname index.

(1) _____ Locale and yrs _____

(2) _____ Locale and yrs _____

(3) _____ Locale and yrs _____

(4) _____ Locale and yrs _____

Individual membership \$12.50 _____ Family Membership \$18.00 _____

Please send this form and your check, payable to SRVGS, to: Carol Glover,
333 Goshen Court, San Ramon 94583.

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