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TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Barbara O'Rand, program chairperson, announces that Barbara Langlois, former mayor of Lafayette, will be our speaker this time. Her topic: Organizing Family History, with an emphasis on the family reunion. She spoke to us in 1986 and was well received. Barbara has a new twist in her approach to doing family history research. So be sure to circle your calendar NOW. She's a real "don't miss." YP O'Rand has already scheduled for our October meeting that dynamic speaker Philip Breck who will make a presentation on the importance of New England Research.

*****see you the 20th*****

CHECKBOOK SHOWS \$1,048 BALANCE

Although our Treasurer is in Europe (at her own expense, of course) until November, she indicated to Pres. Fullam before she left that our Society's cash balance, now that dues have been collected, is \$1048. That looks like a nice balance, but in reality it will have to be stretched to fulfill the adopted budget.

CAROL SUTFIN PASSES AWAY

Perhaps some of our members may not know that Carol Sutfin who attended our July meeting passed away in August after a short illness. Jess, her husband, has also been a regular member as well. Carol was on the hospitality committee. A donation to a worthy cause will be made in her memory by your Society.



*Next
Meeting*

SPECIAL INTEREST GRPS TO CONTINUE

As you will recall, we had special interest groups going before our August interlude. Some were more active than others. Some people could not attend their first choices because groups met on the same day of the week or month.

Perhaps this time around, you will have a chance to attend a second "first" interest group for a first time. Dates selected before adjournment were these:

Irish --Sept 21
Publishing --Sept 28
Southern--Sept 29
German--Sept 20

Time and place will be announced by Pres. Fullam or committee chair Patty Erickson at our next meeting.

SURNAME INDEX STUDY COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT BY PRES. FULLAM

An interest has been expressed by several members that a surname index reflecting the research areas of our own members be prepared for publication and sale. Local societies, such as the Contra Costa Gen. Society and Marin County Gen. Society, have prepared indexes.

Since there are pro's and con's on the usefulness of such an index, Pres. Fullam would like to have a small committee study the advisability of making a recommendation to our Executive Board to proceed or not with such a major project. Marilyn will solicit your help at our next meeting. She sees one meeting as adequate time to make a recommendation.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

New members in June were: Ardith Osborn Steger, 163 Roan Drive, Danville (837-4306) who is researching Bindewald (Germany) and Steger (Colorado & Austria).

Jean A. Elie, 3095 Sweetbrier Circle, Lafayette (284-1686) who is researching Barton (Illinois) and Clark (Iowa).

RON BREMER ENTERTAINS AND EDUCATES AUDIENCE IN CONCORD

At the August meeting of the Contra Costa County Gen. Society, which your editor attended, Ron Bremer, editor of Genealogy Digest magazine and author of Compendium of Historical Sources (this \$100 book is in Sutro Library), gave a performance worth paying a good price. But it was free. Although Bremer lives in Salt Lake City, he travels throughout the U.S.

(oops!)

giving lectures and workshops. He is fantastic! A combination of huckster, comedian, and TV Bible-thumping minister, he gave quite a show.

Following 30 minutes of rapid-fire genealogy questions and as equally rapid, complete answers, he launched into his presentation which was structured on three lists: The "worser," the "bester," and the "best."

Discounting the usual resources most of us are prone to use first which are on his "worser" list, he ultimately gave us his suggestions for good research:

Judicial court records
Property records
Probate records
Vital records
Church records
Fraternal records
Alliances (immigrant aid societies)
Life insurance companies
Military records
Newspapers

SURVEY REVEALS MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Bea O'Rand and Frances Lloyd tallied information given by members in the 1988-1989 SRVGS Directory and reported their findings to Pres. Fullam at the recent Exec. Board meeting. Here are the highlights:

USA - North	26
Mid	12
South	25
Early Cal.	2
Britain	17
Germany	7
Canada	7

If these same figures are divided into the 1987-88 study groups, possible numbers for each group would be these:

Irish	12
Southern	70
German	10

Areas for new study groups might include these:

Penn.	20
New Eng.	70
New York	23
Mid USA	45

Additional groups might be formed for special interest areas in addition to present ones: Handwriting, Newspaper Research, Documenting, Family Reunions, Research Correspondence, Personal/Current Archives.

CENTENNIAL OF OKLAHOMA LAND RUN OF 1889 TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR

The Logan Co. Gen. Society in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and the State of Oklahoma will be celebrating the Centennial of the Land Run of 1889. As a part of that celebration the Logan Co. Gen. Society will be issuing "89er" certificates to those who qualify. Certificates will be issued by April 22, 1989; cost will be \$5 each. To qualify, the applicant must be a descendant of an "original 89er" or one who came to Oklahoma and settled land before September 1891. Land involved means all of the "Unassigned Land" in Oklahoma. Anyone wishing to submit an application should see Bill Allen at the Sept. meeting. This project by the Logan Gen. Soc. should prove to be a tremendous source of gen. information.

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LIBRARY TRIP SCHEDULE

Following is the tentative scheduling of library trips for the coming year. Departure time and place will be announced at the general meeting and in the newsletter just previous to each trip. If you have any questions, phone Shirley Terry, Library Trip Coordinator. We hope you will want to take advantage of these opportunities to research in various libraries as well as get better acquainted with fellow club members.

*8:30	Tues. Sept 27	Oakland Family History Center
*8.00	Tues. Oct. 11	Sacramento State Library
	Thur. Nov. 17	San Bruno Archives
	Dec.	NO TRIP
	Tues. Jan. 24	Sutro Library - San Francisco
	Tues. Febr. 28	Santa Clara Hist. & Gen. Soc. Library
	Thur. Mar. 23	Irish Library-Cultural Center S.F.
	Tues. Apr. 25	Ca. Gen. Soc. Library S.F.
	Tues. May 23	Bancroft/Doe Library Berkeley
	Tues. June 27	Contra Costa Co. Gen. Soc., P.H.
	by appointment	Livermore-Amador Gen. Soc.
		(space very limited)

* Meet behind Alpha Beta on Diablo Road. PLEASE BE PROMPT.

WHERE GO'EST THY NEWSLETTER

Pres. Marilyn Fullam at the coming meeting will solicit volunteers for a special committee which will probably have only one meeting. Purpose: To review the format of the newsletter. What special sections should it have? What guidelines should the editor have? What length should it be? Any new ideas?

Since the newsletter is the most expensive item in the Society's budget (xeroxing and postage), it should be worth the bucks we spend. Newsletters which receive awards are not the sole efforts of the editor who may sit at his computer waiting for the muses to fill his head with creativity. At the present, the newsletter is prepared reflecting the personality of its editor and the resources he has on hand for any given month. He may plagiarize from other newsletters, and he constantly solicits contributions from the membership but in reality, very little comes in. Since the newsletter is the sole means of written communication with its members and other societies with which we exchange newsletters, it should reflect the quality of its membership--polished and excellent in quality.

ANGUS BAXTER HERE IN MARCH, 1989

The Contra Costa and East Bay Gen. Societies are sponsoring an all day session next March at the Concord Elks Club (same place as one for Dr. Schweitzer) featuring the well-known author and lecturer in genealogy, Angus Baxter. Time: 9:15; Lunch: included in the ticket price; Cost: \$15 (tentative). A special flyer will be forthcoming prior to the event, but you may want to reserve the date now. No vendors will be invited, but gen. societies will be invited to have tables set up to share ideas and materials and to promote membership.

GEN STORM FIZZLING OUT--WHY?

What began as a great idea has fizzled out. Namely, any member who would like the entire membership in attendance at one meeting to make suggestions for solving a research problem could do so by just filling in a brief questionnaire. Basically, the questions asked were: What is your problem, and what research steps have you taken so far.

Pres. Fullam at our Sept. meeting will ask for opinions whether to continue to offer GenStorm as part of each monthly program.

JANUARY TRIP TO SALT LAKE PLANNED

Betty Kot is asking those of you who make longrange plans to start thinking about a research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City next January. It's a great time to go; the facilities are almost empty; the atmosphere is quiet; materials are on the shelves, not on someone's desk; microfilm readers are plentiful. If interested, call her at her new phone number in her new home in Vallejo: 707-554-4814.

NEW--A BOOK REVIEW SECTION BY DELORES HUCKABONE

Delores has volunteered to review each month a new publication in the field of genealogy and share her reactions with us via the newsletter and general meetings. Many societies in the state and across the country do such reviews and member reaction is always favorable. Most members simply do not have the time nor access to new materials to do reviews, so this service by Delores comes as a blessing. While she's recuperating from her coming foot surgery, she should be able to review quite a few new gems hot off the press.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

That "stepmothers" were sometimes called "mothers-in-law" in Colonial times? Or that the word "housekeeper" once meant "property owner"? Or that the word "infant" once meant any person under 21? Or that "tithings" once meant "towns"? Or that the word "mister" in the earlier days of America was applied only to men of wealth and/or education? (Virginia Appalachian Notes of February 1982)

A FLOPPY-DISK PROGRAM FOR CENSUS SCHEDULES OF 1880, 1900, 1910

Conejo Valley Gen. Society is offering for sale a floppy-disk program for IBM and IBM clones that will soundex surnames for the census schedules listed above. It is available for \$5 plus \$1.50 postage from CVGS, P.O. Box 1228, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

GENEALOGY CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

Bette Kot will again be offering Beginning genealogy classes on six Tuesday mornings between 27 September and 22 November. Intermediate class held Tuesday afternoons. Come to learn how to organize what you have and improve your skills at research by learning what is available and how to utilize local sources. Classes to be held at the home of Frances Lloyd, 210 Town & Country Drive, Danville. Call her at 837-9382 to reserve your chair. Minimum of ten required. \$40. includes handouts and individual consultation.

Other classes in the greater Diablo Valley are those listed below. Since these classes have different programs, fees and goals, it would be best to call for full information.

Pleasant Hill High October (daytime) Teacher, Julie Purdy, 933-0655 (after 6 pm)
Del Valle High, continuing, (evenings) Teacher, Robert Moog, 938-8391
Pleasant Hill Adult Center, September (daytime) Teacher, James Dennis, 932-4423
Martinez Senior Center, (evenings) Teacher, A. Maxim Coppage, 825-9796

MISSING (?) KENTUCKY RECORDS... When receiving a reply from KY county courthouses says that the records are "missing", write to the Kentucky Archives in Frankfort. While some records are missing, many have been moved to the Archives because the local courthouses do not have the space or the facilities for the records. Many records have been microfilmed.

With changes in county clerks, the present clerk may not be aware that those records have been moved to Frankfort. Write to: Kentucky Dept of Library and Archives, 300 Coffee Tree Rd., P. O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602, when courthouses are unable to locate the records you need. (Our own California Archives have similar situations as probably do other states.)

DUPLICATING WORRIES SOLVED AT ONE STOP IN WALNUT CREEK

Kinko's has opened a new store in Walnut Creek at 1910 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Personally, I like this store for my genealogy needs because of the hours and days it is open: Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. And, if you don't want to run off the work yourself, very courteous, helpful young people will do the job for you--providing, you come back later to pick it up. Parking is plentiful and in front of the store.

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"SHARE AN ANCESTOR" FORMAT FOR NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Almost all of us have an ancestor or two about whom we are most eager to tell their story. They may not have been governors nor presidents, but all were probably pioneers or innovators in their own time. All probably endured hardships which in 1988 would not be tolerated nor even undertaken. At any rate, at the September meeting, there will be a signup sheet for a maximum of five people who will be invited to speak no more than five minutes about their special ancestor. Any heirloom or "stage prop" you may have will obviously add that special "something" to your presentation. So...start thinking; which special grandfather or grandmother or uncle or aunt or "kissing" cousin would you like to share?

Generationen-Übersicht mit Ahnenziffern

I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	Generation VII.	VIII.	IX.	X.
1	2	4	8	16	32	Ahnenanzahl 64	128	256	512
1	2	4	8	16	32	64/65	128-131	256-263	512- 527
					33	66/67	132-135	264-271	528- 543
				17	34	68/69	136-139	272-279	544- 559
					35	70/71	140-143	280-287	560- 575
		9	18	36	72/73	144-147	288-295	576- 591	
					37	74/75	148-151	296-303	592- 607
					38	76/77	152-155	304-311	608- 623
			19	39	78/79	156-159	312-319	624- 639	
					40	80/81	160-163	320-327	640- 655
		5	20	41	82/83	164-167	328-335	656- 671	
					42	84/85	168-171	336-343	672- 687
			21	43	86/87	172-175	344-351	688- 703	
					44	88/89	176-179	352-359	704- 719
					45	90/91	180-183	360-367	720- 735
			11	46	92/93	184-187	368-375	736- 751	
					47	94/95	188-191	376-383	752- 767
				24	48	96/97	192-195	384-391	768- 783
					49	98/99	196-199	392-399	784- 799
		6	12	50	100/101	200-203	400-407	800- 815	
					51	102/103	204-207	408-415	816- 831
			26	52	104/105	208-211	416-423	832- 847	
					53	106/107	212-215	424-431	848- 863
		13	27	54	108/109	216-219	432-439	864- 879	
					55	110/111	220-223	440-447	880- 895
				28	56	112/113	224-227	448-455	896- 911
					57	114/115	228-231	456-463	912- 927
			14	58	116/117	232-235	464-471	928- 943	
					59	118/119	236-239	472-479	944- 959
				30	60	120/121	240-243	480-487	960- 975
					61	122/123	244-247	488-495	976- 991
		7	15	62	124/125	248-251	496-503	992-1007	
					63	126/127	252-255	504-511	1008-1023

A GERMAN VISUAL MAY BE HELPFUL

Member Shirley Siems Terry thought the little numerical chart she found in the back of a German Ahnenpass was a very good visual for understanding the Ahnentafel/numbered ancestor charts.

INDIANA 1860 CENSUS INDEX... The Indiana Historical Society has computerized the entire 1860 census for the state and placed an every-name index (including age, birthplace, township, county, and census page number) on microfiche.

You can purchase the fiche for \$5 a sheet. A cost schedule is available. For further info and a price sheet, write: Indiana Historical Society Library, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202. (from Gen of Santa Cruz NL May/June 1988).

OKLAHOMA ARCHIVES RECEIVES OFFICIAL LAND SURVEYS... The Federal Government has turned over the official land surveys of Oklahoma which have been in storage for over 100 years. The original 2,000 plants and 235 volumes have been reproduced on 8,000 microfiche which researchers now have access to the the Oklahoma State Archives, Oklahoma State Library, 109 Capitol, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. (The OK State Library maintains the Archives.)