

SAN RAMON VALLEY

GENEALOGICAL

SOCIETY



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TUESDAY, OCT. 18, NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Barbara O'Rand, program chairperson, announces that Philip Breck will be our speaker this time. His topic: a real "don't miss"--The importance of New England Research. In our own personal research we may think that we have no ancestors from New England, but wait ... Mr. Breck may have another viewpoint.

VP O'Rand has already scheduled for our November meeting "share an ancestor with others" day. The first five people contacting VP O'Rand who have an ancestor whose life or place in history would be interesting to the membership will prepare a 3-5 minute presentation. If speakers have a relevant picture, heirloom, gadget or gadget to share also, it will be surely appreciated by the audience. More details from Bea later ...

*****see you the 18th*

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Helen Ravenscroft, 9115 Tangerine Street,
San Ramon, 829-0221; researching surname
Ravenscroft in U.S. & England and Pehrson in
U.S. & Sweden

Carol Taft, 201 Dolcictact, Danville,
838-2917; researching surname Kleinpeter
in Illinois and Reno in Illinois

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YOUR

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS

Turkey in October? Member Prisilla Dietrich has moved to Turkey; she's willing to do research for anyone with Turkish roots. No joke!



Hoover to speak. On October 27 at 7 p.m. Dublin Library Community Room, a computer interest group of the Livermore-Amador Gen. Society is having Henry Hoover of Computer Rooters in Sacramento as its speaker. Mr. Hoover is also the system operator of the Dynasty genealogy bulletin board. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the Livermore Amador Gen. Society.

CALENDAR FOR SAN RAMON GEN. SOCIETY SPEC. INTEREST GROUPS

German - October 18, 1 p.m. at Kate Prunte's home: 91 Madera Court, Danville.

Southern - October 26 at 10 a.m. Anne McCracken's home: 2125 Oneida Circle, Danville. Topic: County records.

Irish - November 3 at 10 a.m. Bill Allen's home: 331 Eton Court, W.C.

Publishing - November 9 at 10 a.m. Frances Lloyd's home: 210 Town and Country Drive, Danville

Roots - November 14 at Jean Blackmur's home: 1941 Alameda Diablo, Diablo



*At our October meeting Pres. Marilyn Fullam will give a 30 second thumbnail sketch of her visit on October 11 to the Sacramento State Library

*If you are one wishing to share an ancestor at the November meeting, call Bea O'Rend, program person, at 837-1760. Deadline: November 1.

*"Tips on the LDS" is a workshop Friday, November 4 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. sponsored by Calif. Gen. Society in San Francisco. Info on the best use of resources at the Oakland and Salt Lake City libraries will be presented. Cost: \$10 for CGS members, \$15 for non CGS members. Bring a lunch. For further info, call 777-9936.

*Shirley Terry reminds everyone that Thursday, November 17 is our Society's trip date to the National Archives at San Bruno. Need a ride? Meet behind Alpha Beta on Diablo Road in Danville at 8 a.m.



AAUW GENEALOGY GROUP MEETS

Our members have been invited to attend any of the AAUW Gen. Society's meetings which are held regularly the 4th Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m. This group is about three years old.

On October 24 at the regular meeting, to be held in the Community Room, Homestate Savings and Loan Co. building, 44 Center Street, Moraga (in Rheem Valley Shopping Center), Beverly Strisower will give a presentation on her recent trip to Washington, D.C. where she visited the National Archives Library, D.A.R. Library, and other surrounding libraries.

KOT GIVES QUICKIE LECTURE

At our last meeting Betty Kot gave a two minute talk on hints to heed when deciding to hire a professional to help you do some research. Tidbits of the presentation:

Expect to pay a pro a fee

*Expect to share all of research you've already done on the problem

*Expect to get a written report but agree on this point in advance

*Don't expect results from the pro when you've already had failure after years of personal research

*Expect to pay a pro a professional fee. This may range from \$10-15 a hour or it may be less depending on the needs and qualifications of the researcher. Some

A LITTLE BIRD JUST TOLD ME

An anonymous tipster just called to say that the Calif. Gen. Society has already booked their facility for their 1989 Annual Faire. The old school in SF was not too popular this year, so CGS is upscaling their location next year. The Faire will be held at the Conference Center in St. Mary's Cathedral. There's plenty of parking underground and the facilities are clean, spacious and modern. It's a little early to

circle your calendar, but this fourth annual Faire will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17, 1989. If you've not yet rubbernecked your way around the new Cathedral, this will be an excellent opportunity to play the part of a tourist while attending an excellent genealogy event.

PUBLISHING GROUP ACTIVE THIS YEAR

The Publishing interest group is off to a flying start this year. Attendees have come up with a specific agenda to tighten up and enrich each meeting. Their purpose: To encourage writing. Their motto: Stop talking about it, do it. Their goal: To bring to each meeting something members have written since the previous meeting (ten minute limitation on each presentation and constructive critique to follow).

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

At a recent meeting of our San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society, Frances Becker handed Shirley Terry a copy of the 1988 Directory for the California Alliance of Genealogists to take to her Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Library. Naturally, Shirley had to thumb through the book which has a page on each California genealogical society in the Alliance that submitted information this year regarding their officers (and their addresses), libraries, interest groups, meeting times and places. Shirley was curious to know if the South Bay (Cities) Genealogical Society that she joined twenty years ago while living in Redondo Beach was still active. At that time, South Bay members were "Associate Members" of the TRW club and jointly published a newsletter called "The Headhunter."

Browsing through her South Bay folder, a name, other than her own, jumped off the membership list. Could it be the same Diana Hancock? A quick phone call confirmed that our own Diana Hancock became interested in genealogy about twenty years ago after attending a noon club where she worked at TRW! We wonder if any of Diana and Shirley's ancestors crossed paths in Nebraska or Germany. After all, it is a small world.

BOOK REVIEWS BY HUCKABONE

Member Delores Huckabone has volunteered to review books for our consideration--to read, borrow or buy. Thanks so much, Dee, for saving us the time and effort. This will be a new, monthly treat appearing in the Newsletter. Here are her first two reviews.

BOOK REVIEW

Forest County, Pennsylvania Cemetery Inscriptions, comp. by Eugene F. Throop, 1987. This compilation was completed in 1978 and includes 57 cemeteries in Forest County and 8 others on the south and west border in Clarion and Venango Counties. There are more than 6500 inscriptions listed in alphabetical order with surnames printed in bold. The index lists all those other names found on headstones including maiden names, in-laws and aliases. He also includes a list of abbreviations and their meaning as he found them written in the inscriptions. He has noted whether or not there is an epitaph but not the wording of the epitaph.

At the beginning of the book the author has written a paragraph on each cemetery which includes a code number and a location number. He gives detailed directions to the cemetery, notes on the its condition and other details about its history or unusual circumstance. In some of these paragraphs he has listed foreign language inscriptions found within the cemetery. Elsewhere in the book is a detailed map with the numbered location of each cemetery, also a brief chapter on the history of Forest County.

This book has two appendices, one for Holeman-Watson Cemetery, the other contains Forest County Mortality Schedules for 1850-1880.

The publisher is Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, MD 20716. The book is in paperback with 157 pp. at a cost of \$10.00. If you think you may have ancestors listed in this book, please give me a call and I will look for the name before you decide to buy the book. (830-8641)

BOOK REVIEW

Cite Your Sources: A manual for Documenting Family Histories and Genealogical Records, by Richard S. Lackey, 1980. This is the first book I've read that actually shows how to document genealogical data. It gives specific, uncomplicated examples for each entry and covers everything from federal census records to oral interviews. Regardless of one's goal even if simply "for the children", the author states that our work should be done at a scholarly level with precise, accurate and consistent documentation to withstand the most critical investigation. He warns against lying and writes that in the event of questionable information we should always include footnotes explaining our reason for doubt. He even emphasizes the importance of documenting one's note-taking following the same simple rules of what, where, when and how. There are two full pages listing accepted, most commonly used genealogical abbreviations. One reader said she found the book wanting in that it did not tell her what to do about information found in the IGI. Since the IGI is simply an index to the original document, I don't feel this is any great draw-back on the part of the book. This book is small enough to carry whenever you are on a genealogical endeavor. It has a complete and easy to use index. I wish I had found this book earlier and strongly recommend it to the beginning genealogist. I know that I will use Cite Your Sources many times in the future and that any other family historian will find it a valuable tool as well. The book is published in paperback by University Press of Mississippi at a cost of \$7.95. It is also available through Genealogical Resources by calling Frances Lloyd.



*GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF UTAH MICROFILMING UPDATE....

The following information was included in the March/April 1988 Newsletter of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

The following records are being filmed:

Alabama-Confederate Pensions at the Alabama State Archives - filming has been completed.

Alabama-Dallas and Loundes counties - in progress

Georgia-National Archives-Atlanta Branch - 24 million WWI draft cards. Filming has been complete for states alphabetically up to California.

Illinois-Death records to 1938, Illinois State Archives - in progress

Illinois-Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago - filming in progress of the 444 Catholic churches and cemeteries.

Illinois-National Archives-Chicago Branch - 1 and 1/2 million W.P.A. Naturalization Index cards for Cook County, northern Illinois, northeastern Indiana, eastern Iowa, southeastern Wisconsin - filming has been completed.

Indiana-Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Diocese of Evansville - filming completed.

North Carolina-Confederate Pension records - filming in progress.

New Jersey-Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark - filming of parish registers has been completed.

New York-National Archives-New York Branch, Bayonne, N.J.

Naturalization Index for New York - filming in progress.

Pennsylvania-Allegheny County deeds and naturalization - filming has been completed.

Pennsylvania-National Archives-Philadelphia Branch-Naturalization Index - filming in progress.

Washington, D.C.-National Archives-Passport Applications - filming in progress. *****

*Some interesting census hints from the June 1988 newsletter of the Christian County[^]Genealogical Society...

You will find the 1820-1830 Wisconsin Federal Census Records with those of Michigan.

The 1860 Nevada Census records are included with those of Utah.

The 1860 Wyoming Census records are included with those of Nebraska.

The 1860 Colorado records are included with those of Kansas.

*Notes 'N' Notes, St. Louis Genealogical Society, Vol. 20, #6, 6/88
Births, deaths and marriages in the city of NEW YORK are indexed according to locality (borough) in which they were initially files. The 1890 New York City (Manhattan only) Police Census can also be searched for a fee as well as City Directories for Manhattan and Brooklyn. The Manhattan Directories go back to 1873 and the Brooklyn directories start in 1796. The necessary forms to apply for these vital records are available from City of New York, Department of Records and Information Services, Municipal Archives, 31 Chambers Street, Room 103, New York, N.Y. 10007.
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*P.O.I.N.T.: Pursuing Our ITALIAN Names Together. A California based organization, its surname list contains over 2000 names including towns, provinces and regions of origin when available. The organization's magazine is published quarterly and contains news items besides the surnames. If looking for an Italian ancestor you may want to contact: Thomas E. Militello, M.D. Editor, 6932 Crest Road, Ranch Palos Verdes, CA 90274

