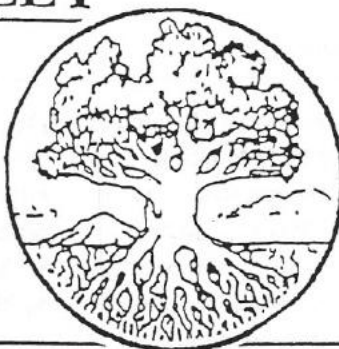


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QUILTING AND GENEALOGY CAN GO HAND IN HAND

Fran Schweitzer is a member of this society and has been researching family as long as she has been quilting. Her long love for fabric and an involvement in sewing switched to quilting in the early 1980's when quilting was revived. It became an intense pastime. She will give us a brief review of fabric, followed by her family connection to her ancestors through the quilts. Fran would like to invite members who have an old quilt (especially a documented one) to bring and share with the group.

LAST MEETING- January 16, 2001

German Genealogy Research

Notes by Frank Williams

Mr. Heyse gave an interesting talk on attempting German and Bavarian research, and provided a handout that would be very helpful to anyone starting such a project. He began with the sensible suggestion to contact all living American and German cousins, to see what records and information they might have. Even a few names and dates can provide a start for you.

Armed with a name and hopefully a German home town, you can use the LDS online and History Center facilities to good advantage. He cautioned there are many duplicates in German village names, so knowing the state name and that of a neighboring village is very helpful in narrowing the search.

It is important also to understand that modern Germany has far smaller boundaries than it had in the Second empire, from 1871 to 1918. In those days, the Second empire included parts of today's Poland, Lithuania, Denmark, France, Belgium, and Russia. The LDS Family History records for these areas are filed under the present nation's names. A very good map in the handout shows these areas.

Once the History Center has yielded its secrets and a location is known, the next step is to try writing the local church office. Better yet, if you have a friend who can speak German, is to try a phone call since letters often aren't responded to for several months. You can also locate a German genealogist researcher through the Internet. (Note: one of our past speakers cautioned that any

foreign researchers you hire should be given specific instructions and limits on time spent, to avoid a large bill.)

Mr. Heyse strongly suggested that research is much easier (and more enjoyable) if you can do it on the site yourself; especially in a country where wars and political changes have made searching more difficult. The language barrier can often be overcome, and with limited time you can still learn much. Perhaps a German-speaking friend can write out a description of the documents you want to search for, and why you want them; and you can present this to make the task easier.

He noted that the German language taught in American schools is usually Fraktur; but the majority of German public records are in "alte schrift" (old script) or in gothic script. Church records are in Latin or Roman script. This is one argument for seeking help from a German genealogist or genealogical society rather than hoping to get help from local records keepers if you do not have the time to learn something of these languages.

He suggested looking for concentrations of the family name in town records, but cautioned that the IGI is not much help for this where a common name is involved, because of the many duplications of village names. However, he did suggest searching for name-village concentrations in the current German telephone book (Teleauskunft - online)

In most towns, the Standesamt record (located at the Rathaus, or city hall) has detailed birth to death records from 1875 on. Both the family and town have a record. Parish records should show baptism, confirmation, marriage, death, and burial location. They often also note the date of emigration. U.S. church records are usually more complete, and will show immigration date and possible the old country church and city. In Bavaria, Regensburg has central records for all Bavarian Lutheran churches. There is also an Internet site for Oberpfalz Catholic records.

President's Message - February 2001

by Barbara Dyer

The February general meeting will be conducted by Francie Lloyd because I will be in Catonsville, MD outside Baltimore for the 90th birthday of my maiden aunt. She is the senior member of my mother's FORD family. With her living on the east coast, I visit only about once a year and each time I think "this may be the last time". I will spend the visit reminiscing with her, asking questions, hoping to garner new bits of information that will give leads to our ancestors' history. Fortunately, her memory has remained sharp despite her failing physical health.

In this same FORD family was a small Bible, which I had never seen but was reported to be just a small missal owned by a young woman, Sarah Ford, in about 1844. The way it was described to me led me to believe it did not contain family records. After several unanswered requests for copies of the frontis piece on which her name was recorded, I finally made a visit to the distant relative who lives in Lexington, MA and now owns the Bible. To my amazement, there was the record not of Sarah, but of her brother, my great great grandfather, Ebenezer and his wife and children. For years, I had been hunting for some kind of record of Ebenezer's death. Family tradition said he had died on shipboard rounding Cape Horn en route to the California gold fields. In the Bible it was recorded "died San Francisco 1853, cholera".

Is there someone that you have not interviewed, who may have a piece of information that would save hours of fruitless research or who could add meat to the bones of your genealogy? If there are no elders to interview, is there someone who knew your family who could add the perspective of an outsider? Maybe we are lulled into thinking there is plenty of time or maybe we think we are too busy, only to miss the opportunity.

Don't put it off. One bonus of such interviews is the chance to become better acquainted with a relative we might otherwise know only on a superficial level.

SRVGS February 2001 Treasurer Report

by Nancy Alexander, Treasurer 2000-2001

Fund Balances: 1/31/01

General Fund	3281.41
Hospitality Fund	70.78
Publications Fund	966.07
Special Projects Fund :	200.00
N.A.R.A. Fund	0.00
Cassette Tape Library Fund	85.85
Library Fund:	
Prior Year Gifts & Donations	203.80
Current Year Donations	276.00

Overall Total Balance: \$4883.91

Special Request

Barbara Dyer

It has been requested by several SRVGS members that persons, male and female, refrain from wearing perfumes, after shaves and other scented lotions to meetings, classes, library trips and wherever members assemble. This is a serious problem for some people who can have life threatening reactions to certain airborne chemicals. It can be a lesser, but still annoying, problem to others who must sit beside someone who has become immune to the scent and does not realize how excessively it has been applied. This is a request made with sincerity and not meant to offend. When I requested that members use the microphone at meetings for those of us with hearing loss you have graciously complied. I hope you will treat this request with the same respect.

Research Tip

Keep a record of EVERYWHERE you search - the place and the record source, even if you don't find anything about your ancestors in the resource. (This applies to indexes, printed genealogies, original records, etc.) Why? Valuable time is wasted in repeated or retracing your steps. Also, when you want to double-check previous findings or weren't quite finished with researching, you know exactly where to start the research on your next visit. Make sure you always record the name of the library, town, courthouse, museum, etc., as well as the document source. Nothing is worse than having a source and not remembering where you found it.

Earlene Scott, Ancestry Weekly Digest 3 February 2001

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Deadline to put information in newsletter is the last Thursday of the month.

SRVGS CALENDAR- February 2001

- 6 **Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting** at home of Carol Thompson, 308 Hartford road in Danville.
- 13 **Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. Member Education Class**, "Genealogy on the Internet" at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road. **Sign up in advance.**
- 20 **Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting** at LDS Church, 2949 Stone Valley Road on Smith Road, Alamo. From I-680, take Stone Valley Road east.
- 22 **Thursday - 10:00 a.m.** An introduction to area libraries for genealogical research will be presented by Vern Segelke at his home, 1121 Camino Tassajara, in Danville. This is just southerly of Diablo road. This class will be oriented to the less experienced researcher. Please sign up at the general meeting, or phone Vern at (925) 838-8570.
- 27 **Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. Library trip to the Pleasanton City Library.** It is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Phone: (925) 462-3535. The extensive genealogical collection of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical society is held there. Car pools will meet behind Albertson's off Diablo road in Danville. Note that the Library Trip Coordinator is Michael Fiorenza. If you sign up for a trip and wish to cancel, please call him at 820-8294.

March 2001

- 6 **Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting**,
- 6 & 13 **Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to noon** "Genealogy on the Internet" at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road, Alamo.. Sign up at the general meeting. Check about the availability of these classes at the Feb. 20th general meeting.
- 20 **Tuesday 10:00 a.m.** General meeting at the LDS Church, Alamo. Member education class to be announced.

- 27 **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** Library trip to Sutro in San Francisco..

SRVGS Special Interest Groups: February

We are pleased to announce that 4 new Special Interest Groups will begin to meet this month. See details below.

BRITISH: The first meeting of this new group will be Wednesday, February 14 (Second Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m. at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road, Alamo. If you want to do research after the meeting at the FHC, you are encouraged to bring a lunch. The contact person is Suzanne Johnston, phone 838-8682.

CANADIAN/FRENCH CANADIAN - The first meeting of this new group will be Monday, February 5 (First Monday) at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Clarice Hart. Her address is 608 Serramonte court in Danville (Crow Canyon Country Club). If interested, please contact her at 743-9245 or e-mail WRGCGH@aol.com This group will also meet on March 5th at her home.

GERMAN - Meets 10 a.m. February 28th (fourth Wednesday) at the home of Barbara Johnson, 616 Camino Amigo, in Danville If you need directions or if you regularly attend, but cannot attend this meeting, please call her at 838-2153 or e-mail at Bjohnson@peoplepc.net.

IRISH & CALIF. - Meets February 14, (second Wednesday of month) at 10:00 a.m. at home of Patty Erickson, 10 Ridge Place in Pleasant Hill. Phone (925) 229-0889.

NEW ENGLAND - Meets February 20 (third Tuesday) at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jean Hunt, 2173 Myrtle Beach Lane in Danville (Crow Canyon Country club). Bring a bag lunch if you wish, since this is after the general meeting. The meeting time thereafter will be changed due to conflict with other special interest groups. The group will meet next on Monday, March 19th (3rd Monday) at 10:00 a.m. Phone Jean Hunt 552-6564.

PENNSYLVANIA - This is a newer group and will meet February 26th (4th Monday) at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Johnson, 606 Camino Amigo, in Danville. Phone 837-2153 or e-mail Bjohnson@peoplepc.net..

PORTUGUESE - Sometimes meets third Tuesday of month after the general meeting. Bring a bag lunch. Confirmation of the meeting will be announced at the general meeting. The contact person is Millie Freitas, 837-2483.

SCANDINAVIAN - Will meet Monday February 12 (second Monday) at 10:00 a.m. in Room A-6, at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road, Alamo. If you want to do research after the meeting at the FHC, you may want to bring a brown bag lunch. The contact person is Marilyn Tanner, phone 376-6733.

SOUTHERN - Meets February 13 (second Tuesday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Nancy Alexander, 50 St. Mark Court, in Danville. (925) 820-1593.

PUBLISHING - A future meeting will be scheduled as interested persons express a need. The contact person is Jane Steiner, 238-0867.

INTERNET - Interested users communicate via e-mail. Members should contact Robert daRoza, vrदारोza@ix.netcom.com to be included.

ROOTS/COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP. This is a genealogy software users group for Personal Computers. Their primary focus has become the use of Master Genealogist. It will be announced if the group will meet after the General Meeting. The contact person is Bob Heacox, e-mail: riponolive@worldnet.att.net. MAC users do not currently have an active user group of SRVGS members.

CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS:

13 February Tuesday - The Livermore Amador Genealogical Society (LAGS) meets 7:30 p.m. at Beth Emek, corner of College and South M. St. Livermore. For information call Debbie Pizzato, (925) 606-7466.

14 February On the second Wednesday, the San Mateo County Genealogical Society will meet at 525 Middle Road (Belmont Central School), Belmont. 7:30 p.m. Sandra Schafer will speak about "Twentieth Century Research." At the January meeting, Steven Friedman will speak about "Preserving Oral and Family Histories." For information call (650) 572-2929.

3 March Saturday California Genealogical Society presents a German Genealogy Seminar featuring Sabine Schleichert from Munich, Germany. This presentation will be from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Niles Hall in Preservation

Park, between 12th and 14th Streets in Oakland. \$15 for non-members if you pre-register. For further information, phone (510) 663-1358 Thursday, Friday or Sat. between 9 and 4.

17 March Saturday The San Mateo County Genealogical Society presents Myra V. Gormley from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, West 25th Ave. & Hacienda in San Mateo. 4 subjects will be covered - 2 in the a.m. and 2 in the p.m. \$21 for non-members. Contact John Glead at (650) 294-7580 or e-mail john.s.glead@worldnet.att.net.

17 March - Saturday Family History Day at the California State Archives in Sacramento. It is scheduled for Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Information: Calif. State Archives at www.ss.ca.gov/archives/archives_g.htm or Sacramento Genealogical Society at www.rootsweb.com/~carcsgs/rootcellar.html

24 March- Saturday The Sonoma County Genealogical Society presents a seminar in Santa Rosa featuring Helen Leary. The theme will be "Clutching at Straws and Other Last Ditch Efforts". Registration is \$18 for non-members. Call Audrey Phillips (707) 683-4492. Other info: www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/leary.htm.

16-19 May - NGS Conference will be in Portland, Or. Phone 1-800-473-0060 or see www.ngsgenealogy.org.

NEW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please make these additions and changes to your membership list

Change of e-mail address:

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Carol Huvane: tomcarhuvane@aol.com

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The Library..... by Jack Johnson

Did You Know??? The Society's reference book collection is housed at the Danville Library. Several years ago, the Society decided to acquire a collection of basic reference books for the use of its members. The next question was "Where to put them?" The Library Committee worked out a mutually agreeable Memorandum of Understanding with the Danville Library whereby the Library agreed to catalog, reference, shelve, and provide a standard security strip in the volumes; in return for which, the Society agreed to allow the general public to have access to them.

At the present time, there are 109 reference volumes, either on the shelf, or in various stages of cataloging. The Library committee will be meeting in February for the selection of additional volumes, and would be happy to receive suggestions for additions. Returning to the volumes on the shelf, at the present time, the SRVGS collection is shelved by catalogue number in the Reference Book section of the Library. For the most part, this is not a problem since most of the cataloguing numbers are similar, they are shelved together. Occasionally, however, as in the case of the Red Book for Funeral Directors and the Society's publication "Print, Publish, Preserve", some volumes are shelved elsewhere in the Reference Section. A quick look at a listing for the SRVGS holdings at the Danville Library will yield the catalogue number of the desired volume. The updated list is kept in a folder at the Family Tree Maker station, which brings us to another....

Did You Know?? The Danville Library, recognizing the growing interest in Genealogy, has acquired and installed a dedicated computer system for the Family Tree maker Archive Viewer, and all of the CD's, 232 of them, the Broderbund has available. The Library also has a commitment from the Town of Danville to acquire new CD's as they become available. Also, **Did you know**, the Society provides Docents to the Library for anyone needing help with the computer system, or Genealogy in general. At the present time, we have seven volunteers: Barbara Dyer, Bruce Garner, Sally Germain, Mary Jo Hosteny, Jack Johnson, Bob Kay and Claudia Mortensen. Some of us volunteer for one two hour period per week, some for every other week, and even once a month. The benefits are obvious: the pleasure of helping someone along with their family history research; promoting the SRVGS and its book collection; and, of course, at quiet

times, having the entire database to yourself. If you think you might be interested in volunteering with the docent program, two hours once a week or every other week as you may want to schedule, please contact Jack Johnson.

To re-cap: The Society has a fairly decent selection of reference volumes at the Danville Library. The Society's Library Committee would welcome any suggestions for acquisition or donation of your valued books. Also, the Danville Library has the complete Family Tree Maker CD collection, with docents available to help. Contact your Library Committee if you are interested in volunteering as a docent.

Tape Review by Sharon Clay

Have you ever wanted to win the Lottery, just so you could do nothing but genealogy? How about spending that time in the National Archives? That is the dream of Craig Roberts Scott, the presenter of tape C-159 "National Archives Finding Aids: Finding What?"

This tape refers to the National Archives in Washington D.C. If you go to Washington to check the census records, military records, or pension records - you are wasting your time (and money). You can check that microfilm at your local branch of the archives. Not everything that the Archives has is on film, nor has it been copied to be available in Salt Lake, or at your local branches of the Archives. There are original documents, the REAL PAPER stuff, in Washington. Do you have any idea what might be housed there? And then, how on earth do you find it.

First, have a research strategy. You need to know what you might be looking for. (1) What relationship does the person you are looking for have with the Federal Government? If they have no relationship, you don't need to look in the archives. Then, (2) what Federal office might have gathered information on your person? And, (3) where can that information be found? And (4) Where is that information housed. Not all Federal documents are housed in the archives. Some might be in Annapolis, with the Navy Department, or in the Department of Commerce.

Craig Scott takes you through some searches in varying indexes to the Archives to find some very vague information that might help you break down those stone walls that have been blocking your searches. He uses detailed Finding Aids and explains how to read these Aids and how to make the best use of your time if you make the trip to Washington.

I was amazed at what small details are still available, and actually retrievable in the Archives. You really need to go PREPARED. Checking this tape out from our tape library, might help you get an idea of how to search the Finding Aids, and the Indexes to find out if a trip is actually needed, saving you time when you go..

INTERNET LINKS & REFERENCES**New Reference Pages for Genealogists on NARA's Site**

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) (<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/>) has added several new pages to its special reference section for family historians, including:

- ▶ Deaths of U.S. Citizens in Foreign Countries
- ▶ World War I Draft Registration Cards
- ▶ Pre-Federal Records

Besides these helpful reference guides, there are also links to a list of new NARA Microfilm Publications issued in 2000 and a link to a page maintained by the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society with a database called Great Lakes Vessel Enrollments, 1815-1915. All pages can be accessed through the main Genealogy page. For anyone interested in U.S. records, this page is a must-see!

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<http://www.ancestry.com/library/print/news/articles/3185htm>

ROOTSWEB'S GUIDE TO TRACING FAMILY TREES

This website has lots of links to other sources for genealogical research, and also a beginners guide to tracing your roots. Check out <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/>.

The Maritime Heritage Project (<http://www.maritimeheritage.org/>) focuses on the ships which brought people and supplies into San Francisco from the 1850's on. The material, including ships logs, news and lists of arriving passengers is easily searchable. The ship's log reports are full of fascinating information and include deaths and births en route. There is a prominent link to <http://www.pt5dome.com/PassHome.html> where you will find searchable lists of passengers bound for San Francisco transcribed from the *New York Daily Times*, 1851-56 and 1865-75. If you are lucky, you may find the same person leaving New York that you discovered arriving in San Francisco when searching at the Maritime Heritage Project.

Source: CSGA Newsletter

HEREDITARY ORGANIZATIONS ON-LINE**Daughters of the American Revolution**

<http://www.chesapeake.net/DAR>

General Society Sons of the Revolution

<http://www.exepc.com/drg/gssro.html>

Sons of the American Revolution

<http://www.sar.org>

General Society of the War of 1812

<http://LanClio.org/1812.htm>

Source: CSGA Newsletter

Nominations for CSGA Awards Sought

by Susan Swindell

Member societies have been requested to submit nominations for California State Genealogical Alliance Awards. These awards are designed to recognize outstanding accomplishments and contributions in the California historical and genealogical community. SRVGS members are asked to submit their recommendations for any of these awards to Betty Timmers, 379 Castello Rd., Lafayette 94549 (maryliztimmers@gateway.net)

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: Presented to an individual or organization in gratitude for duty performed in an exemplary and outstanding manner.

AWARD OF MERIT: Presented to an individual or organization, not necessarily a CSGA member society, in recognition of meritorious service or distinguished work in genealogy and family history.

PRESIDENT'S CITATION: Presented to an individual or organization whose contributions or service to CSGA or the genealogy community are singled out for recognition by the CSGA President.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD: Presented to an individual or organization by the recommendation of a regional director, in recognition of exceptional contributions to the field of genealogy and family history. An extra-mile effort to promote good will and improve services. Must be a member of CSGA.

FOUNDERS AWARD: Presented to the founding individuals who have established a genealogy society in the state of California.

PUBLICATIONS AWARD: Nominations for this award may come from individual societies to honor society editors for work on California society publications.

The CSGA Awards Chairperson requires the name and complete address of the person nominated, the name, address, and phone number of the person submitting the nomination, and a description of the contribution or reason for nomination.

Questions about CSGA and/or the awards may be addressed to San Francisco Bay Region Director Susan Swindell, 1238 Rolling Hill Court, Martinez 94553-4856, swindell@value.net.

Mentor Program by Barbara Dyer

One outcome of the October General Meeting which featured Special Interest Groups was the formation of a Mentor Program. Some members may or may not wish to participate in a SIG but are willing to extend their interest area to others outside the framework of a regular monthly SIG. These people could sign on as a Mentor. They would be willing to guide others needing help in a specific area of genealogy research but they would not do the actual research. There will be a sign up sheet at each meeting so that others may add their name to those willing to Mentor. A list of Mentors will be published in the Newsletter so that others can contact a Mentor for their assistance. The current Mentors are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Specialty Area</u>
Vern Segelke	Beginner
Sharon Clay	Swedish
Michael Fiorenze	Italian
Barbara Dyer	New England

UPDATE FROM THE FHC- Danville by Pat Isom

Two important Irish tax records are the *Tithe Applotment Books (1823-1838)* and *Griffith's Primary Valuation (1848-1864)*. Each contains a list of those who paid taxes, normally the head of the household. One surname index to these records is called the Householder's Index. By using the Householder's Index you may be able to find the parish, baronies, unions and counties where your surname is located. Then, check the Family History Library Catalog, to locate the tithe applotment records for the location you are searching. Then, in the FHL Catalog, look for Griffith's Primary Valuation records in the place search under Ireland - Taxation or Ireland - Land and Property. In the catalog entry, the records are listed by county and then by union or barony. Find the union or barony you need and write down the film number.

U.S. CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

The United States Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/soldiers.htm) is a computerized database that contains brief facts about Union and Confederate soldiers and sailors during the Civil War. The records of 5.4 million soldiers are currently being added to the site. A search feature allows the user to search by name, regiment, or state. The original records are housed at the National Archives, with some copies in the FHL. Regimental histories, historical information and links to descriptions of 384 significant battles are included. Additional information about soldiers, sailors, regiments, and battles, as well as prisoner-of-war records and cemetery records, will be added over time.

Canadian Research from Dorothy Stanton**Rare Immigration Records Now Available on Microfilm**

The Archives of Ontario is please to announce the availability of rare immigration records. These have been known as the Toronto Emigration Office Records, or more informally as the Hawke Papers and they date from 1831-1892.

This important collection is now part of the Archives' larger collection of Provincial Immigration Records (RG 11). It includes official correspondence and records which document assistance provided to immigrants in the form of transportation, food, and shelter. Of particular note are records of assistance provided to widows, orphans, and others who fled to Canada during the difficult Irish famine time period. Earliest in date are financial records containing accounts of A.B. Hawke, Peter Robinson, Alexander McDonnell and others.

While the records originate mainly from the Toronto and Kingston emigrant offices, records of arrivals and destinations pertaining to other locations are also included. Some registers document the arrival of young children, including "Bernardo's Boys", who were among the more than 100,000 British Home Children sent to Canada between 1870 and 1940. These papers will be of immense value to genealogists and scholars studying immigration patterns and conditions of life in nineteenth-century Ontario.

As of February 1, 2001, microfilm of these important records will be available to the public in one of two ways:

- (1) in person, in the Main Reading room of the Archives of Ontario (77 Grenville Street, Toronto, Ontario) on self service microfilm. Information about the opening times of the main reading room are available on the Archives of Ontario Web page at: <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/about/locate.htm>.
- (2) On interloan from the Archives of Ontario to your local library. To find out more about the Archives Interloan program and to determine what is available for loan, check the online Interloan catalogue at: <http://www.Archives.gov.on.ca/english/interloan/i-immigration-t.htm>

For more information about the records and to see samples of original pages, visit the Archives' website at: <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/interloan/hawkes.htm>.

Note: The Archives of Ontario is not able to conduct research.

When Opportunity Knocks, Are We Ready?

It has been said that "luck is when preparation meets opportunity". When it comes to genealogy, we ever know when opportunity will strike. We could be called out of town on business for family, or for any other reason and find ourselves in the vicinity of a facility that hold relevant records. Or maybe another family member will have the opportunity to check a record collection that is unavailable to us. There are any number of ways opportunities can present themselves, so why wait until it's too late to see what you might find?

Here is my "Opportunity Plan".

- Step 1:** Go through my files and assess what information I need for each family.
- Step 2:** Gather ideas on what records could contain the information I need and note where I can find them
- Step 3:** Although I have already done this for some lines, what I have done is scattered in the various files I have for each family. In a "genealogical emergency" it would take time to gather it

together. To solve this, I am creating a new, centralized "wish list" so that I can quickly and easily see what information I need for all of my research.

- Step 4:** I will use this information to prioritize and create better research strategies, which will also be documented and kept with my wish list.
 - Step 5:** I will make sure all of my Online Family Trees have the most current information in them, including notes like the above-mentioned time line. I will also post my wish list and new research strategies on my MyFamily.com site so that others can access it anywhere via the Internet.
 - Step 6:** I will go through my wish list and start knocking off anything I can, using home sources, correspondence, the Internet and my local library.
- With these steps taken, when opportunity knocks, I will be ready to welcome it with open arms!

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