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WHAT SIBLINGS WILL TELL YOU THAT YOUR ANCESTORS WON'T

Pamela Dallas feels that much of the fun of genealogy is that the search is never over. There is always more to find. And often, when you can't get information about your ancestors you can find what you are looking for by investigating their siblings. Pamela has served on the board of several societies and currently serves as V.P. of the Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley. She is Education Chair for the Roseville Genealogical Society, Regional Director of the California State Genealogical Alliance and Past President of Placer County Genealogical Society in addition to being a member of SRVGS.

LAST MEETING-January 15, 2002

Traditional vs Computer Research - by Kathy Castro

Notes by Frank Williams

Our speaker began by posing a compelling question about the way we do our research; since genealogy is a constantly changing, growing body of knowledge. Do we get better results by working on the Internet; or by concentrating on traditional research methods like using libraries, correspondence, and other available material? Is the Internet the one all-powerful tool that can replace all others?

Kathy was quick to add that obviously we ought to consider all possible approaches first, before rejecting some as not worth the time and effort. An example might be weighing what a fairly poor lead might produce against considerable time spent searching the Internet; as opposed to investing the same time at Sutro researching the files and shelves.

Her talk was on a comparison test she made between the time spent and results obtained while researching her father's Helmer ancestor line using traditional research methods; and a later research of her mother's Howard line done almost completely through computer sources. The goal was to see which was the most productive use of research time.

She first discussed her computer search for her mother's Howard line; which began with information from a friend that gave the name of a probable 3rd great-grand-mother, together with names of that lady's mother and father. Since a number of children were shown, Kathy decided to concentrate her research on computer surname lists; on which she posted queries. It was a wise move, as

the Howard name popped up all sorts of cross-marriages of siblings in the Howard and Sears families.

She next tried Internet data bases (such as the "Benson-Howard Data Base"); finding that they varied in credibility. Her conclusion: everything has to be verified from other sources. So, she made a plan to organize the growing heaps of data by graphing possible family ties by their locations, birth and death dates, repetition in different sources, etc. Using Cindy's List and the DAR Patriot's Index and other similar sources, she located additional data bases and mapped her findings on a large chart, showing the progress made on each potential name. When she finished her computer research as far back as she could go, she found the following results: 5 months of work had produced 42 new family lines, and 115 direct ancestors.

For comparison, she next went back over the work she had done, without computers, on her father's Helmer line. She had begun by gathering all her preceding work to see what she actually knew already or had access to. She had gathered family records, vital statistics, obituaries, newspaper clippings, photos, and letters; and then after analyzing this material she talked to her relatives. From them she got family stories (many turned out to be untrue), but she also found a family bible which added one generation to her records.

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Speakers notes - Continued:

She knew that her family members who first came to America were Palatines; Germans who had moved to England or Holland to escape religious persecution, and eventually came to America for the same reason. In a book called "Palatines In America-- Vol. 1" she found reference to Phillip Helmer, who was listed in the FHS General Index. That gave her the start of a possible connection to her father. Next, she searched long for another book "The Helmer Story"; which gave her leads to 3 generations of wives of Helmer relatives in Philadelphia; adding 100 years to the record.

Other Helmer material came from a finding that several Helmer men were well-known Indian fighters. In fact, they were featured in the book and movie, "Drums Along The Mohawk". With this material she was able to complete the line, tracing her ancestors all the way back to Germany.

Going back over this material, she found she had invested one year in tracing the Helmers by traditional methods; developing 13 new lines and 51 direct ancestors.

Her final conclusions were that using the computer does not necessarily give better results. She believes a use of combined resources is the answer; using computer data bases first; then following up to check accuracy with other sources. She says "Instant gratification on the Internet is usually false! Good or bad genealogical methods will determine good or bad results!" Her final admonition: "Go To Salt Lake!"

MEMBER INFORMATION

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

Treasurer's Report- January 2002

by Marilyn Tanner

Beginning Balance:	\$5780.16
Income:	\$ 15.00
Expenses:	171.23

Fund Balances:

General Fund	4208.47
Hospitality Fund	150.78
Newsletter: Postage...ytd.	(408.00)
Printing...ytd.	(295.94)
Publications Fund	665.07
Society Memberships	(80.00)
Special Projects	500.00
NARA Income	97.00
Cassette Tape Library Fund	142.79
Library Fund	638.76

Current Total Balance	\$5623.93
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CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2002

5 Tuesday- 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting at the Lloyd's home, 210 Town and Country Drive, in Danville. Members Welcome.

19 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting at LDS Church, 2949 Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo. From I-680 freeway, take Stone Valley Road east 2 & 1/3 miles. The speaker will be Pamela Dallas.

Feb. Calendar, Continued:

21 Thursday - 10:00 a.m. Member Education Class, "Libraries and Research Facilities in the Greater Bay Area" to be presented by Vern Segelke at his home. The address is 1121 Camino Tassajara, NEAR DIABLO ROAD. Please sign up at the general meeting or call 838-8570.

26 Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. Departure Time for the Library Trip. Car pools will meet behind Albertson's, off Diablo Road in Danville. The Library Trip Coordinator is Michael Fiorenza, phone 820-8294. If you sign up for the trip and wish to cancel, please call Michael. You should also feel welcome to call him if you wish to add your name to the library trip roster. We will be going to the California State Library, California Room on the second floor at 900 N. Street in Sacramento. Their phone number is (916) 654-0261. Holdings include newspapers, voter registration and vital record indexes. One block away is the California State Archives at 1020 "O" Street. Their phone no. is (916) 653-7715. Note early departure time of 8:30 a.m. We will leave Sacramento at 3:00 p.m.

MARCH 2002

5 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting at 210 Town and Country Drive, in Danville.

19 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting at LDS Church on Stone Valley Road. The speaker will be Virginia Kysh. The topic of her presentation will be Timelines.

21 Thursday - A special Orientation visit has been arranged at the Danville Public Library, 400 Front Street. See where our books are located, and the many CD's that are available, and how to access the information.

26 Tuesday - Library trip. It is currently scheduled to go to the Sutro State Library in San Francisco.

A Member Education class is to be given in March by Carol Glover. The subjects will include City Directories and Voter Registration.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
FEBRUARY - 2002**

GERMAN - This group will be carpooling to Sacramento on Tuesday February 26 to attend the general meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogical Society. Their meeting location is St. Mark's Church, on Lusk drive at St. Mark's Way. If you are planning on going, please call Fran

Schweitzer (925) 935 -5744. Further details to be announced at the general meeting. This group will likely do something similar in March to hear another presentation by Dr. Roger Minert. This group otherwise meets on the fourth Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at a member's home. New years Resolution: Let Fran Schweitzer or the hostess know if you do not plan to attend group meetings in our homes. The contact persons are Fran and Robert Schweitzer at rbschw@pacbell.net

IRISH & CALIF. - Their meeting dates will be February 13 and March 13, (second Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Patty Erickson, 10 Ridge Place in Pleasant Hill. Phone (925) 229-0889. Her e-mail address is russpat@netvista.net

NEW ENGLAND - The contact person is Barbara Dyer, bdyergen@aol.com or phone 820-9738.

PORTUGUESE - They sometimes meet on the third Tuesday of the month after the general meeting. Confirmation of the meeting will be announced at the general meeting. Bring a bag lunch. The contact person is Millie Freitas, phone: 837-2483

SCANDINAVIA - Those persons interested in Scandinavian research do not meet as a group. They form e-mail groups for each country. The contact person is Marilyn Tanner, phone 376-6733 or e-mail jtanner@nothingbutnet.net.

SOUTHERN - This group plans to meet February 12 and March 12. (Second Tuesday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road, in Alamo. The new contact person is Dorothy Stanton, Phone 820-3757 or e-mail dpstant@hotmail.com. Members of this group would also typically be contacted by phone.

PUBLISHING - A future meeting will be scheduled as interested persons express a need. The contact person is Dorothy Stanton, dpstant@hotmail.com

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

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP - They will meet Tuesday, February 19th after the general meeting at about 12:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Alexander, 50 St. Mark Ct., Danville. Phone 820-1593, or e-mail lxnancy@aol.com. Bring a bag lunch. This is a genealogy software users group for PC's and will focus on the use of Master Genealogist. Peggy Dearman, dearman@pacbell.net is the contact person for the group. MAC users do not currently have an active user group of SRVGS members.

CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

12 February, Tuesday (Also the 12th of March)
The Livermore Amador Genealogical Society (LAGS), meets 7:30 p.m. at Beth Emek, 1866 College at South M St., Livermore.

14 February, Thursday The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the LDS Church, 3700 Concord Ave., in Concord. A presentation will be about Researching Pony Express Riders.

21 February Thursday The Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. in the Santa Clara City Library meeting room, 3345 Lochinvar Ave.. The topic will be Scandinavian Research by Vaunden Nelson.

23 February, Saturday The Solano County Genealogical Society will meet. They will meet on the fourth Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive in Fairfield.

9 March Saturday Family History Day at the California State Archives, 1020 O Street, Sacramento. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission. Genealogy and Historical mini classes plus demonstrations.

16 March Saturday The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will sponsor an all day seminar featuring Christine Rose. Starting time is 9:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 25th and Hacienda in San Mateo. \$ 18 to \$ 25 registration fee. A deli lunch for an extra \$7. E-mail SMCGS1982@yahoo.com

23 March Saturday The Sonoma County Genealogical Society will sponsor an all day seminar featuring James L. Hansen, FASG at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa. Topics will include the Draper Manuscripts. \$ 15 to \$ 20 registration fee. Audrey Phillips, registrar (707) 763-4492 or go to www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/hansen.htm

13 April Saturday The Sacramento German Genealogical Society will present an all day seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the La Sierra Community Center in Carmichael. Trudy Schenk, AG will be featured. \$20 to \$ 35 registration fee. More information at www.sacgergensoc.org/

President's Message by Francie Lloyd

The San Ramon Valley Genealogical society interest groups were formed as mutual aid societies. Most are informal discussion, problem solving and sharing groups. All members are invited. Several researchers can cover any area more thoroughly than a single person wandering through stacks of books, records, maps and cemeteries. There may well be a member who has already "been there and done that" in just your area of research. Check them out!!

Thirteen of our members attended the Sacramento German Group's meeting last month. The Sacramento group meets on the fourth Tuesdays at the St. Mark's Methodist Church and our German Interest Group decided to make the trip. On the way, they visited a Sacramento Family History Center which is known for its extensive German collection. They had lunch at a nearby German hofbrau (in the private dining room!) And then went on to the meeting. All reports have been wonderful, and they hope to go again next month. Good idea! Our thanks to chairman Fran Schweitzer.

Who said the name of the group and the particular subject must agree? The Southern Group has been discussing the book *The Seven Daughters of Eve* by Bryan Sykes. Several members have sent matrilineal DNA to Oxford Ancestry. From this DNA sampling, Oxford Ancestry will determine which daughter is each one's ancestor. We all wait anxiously for the result - should take about 4 weeks. Frances Becker, long time leader of the group, will soon be moving to Hawaii. Dorothy Stanton has kindly agreed to assume leadership of the Southern group. Our thanks to both of these ladies for their dedication.

The Irish group continues to share their journals, books and insight. In addition to the usual birth, death marriage, church, tax, etc. records, they are encouraging each member to recreate their ancestors neighborhoods - why were they there and what were they doing? It is beneficial to look at the whole picture in any area, but it is necessary in Irish research. Group attendance averages eight - so you have eight new ideas to help you and they in turn will gain from your suggestions. Our thanks to Patty Erickson for chairing this group.

The California group meets same time, same place, and yes, some of the same people as the Irish group. This merger took place several years ago as an efficiency move. No, you don't have to be an Irish person - but it would be fun! The California people have been sharing discoveries in mother lode records, tracing overland and ocean arrivals, and being glad their ancestors came west so that they are here and not snowed-in in up-state New York.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical society members didn't spend a lot of time at home this past month - and February doesn't look much different. Our people are friendly and helpful. Who knows, you might make a wonderful connection to an illusive ancestor. Add to the traffic - attend an interest group meeting.

The nominating committee will soon be convening to fill their slate for next year's officers.

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President's Message - continued

I certainly hope that you are enjoying being a member of the SRVGS and will happily accept any offer they might make. They wouldn't ask unless they knew you could do it!

Our board meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10:00 a.m. You are most welcome to join us. Hope to see you on the 15th when we welcome our own Pam Dallas as our speaker.

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For the rest of the people involved in Special Interest Groups and the other necessary duties of the operation of this organization, please see your handbook.

Tape Review by Sharon Clay

My genealogical goal this year, is to get a good head start on *PUBLISHING* my many years of research. I figured it wouldn't be such a big deal - since I have a really good computer genealogy program - and it will do most of the nitty gritty stuff for me. But, I thought I'd check into some of the publishing tapes in our tape library just to make sure I was on the right track.. The first tape I listened to was:

C-95: Organizing Your Material - Turn a Pile of Notes into a Quality Finished Product - by Alecia Crane.

She starts out by asking you "What kind of genealogy are you going to write"? That, in itself got me to thinking. I have been in a quandary as to where to start. She does lay the groundwork for that. Then, she "gets out the notes" and starts with the actual organization of the material. She mentions names of quality genealogies to refer to as good examples. I am very grateful that I no longer have to worry about the complete format for putting together my genealogy. The computer software does this. I don't have to worry about superscript letters or subscripts. This tape is a little dated because it refers to "sending out your material on disk so that it can be printed with a laser printer." Also talks about typewriting, and dot matrix printers. But, it is good for basic planning and organizing.

C-201 Publishing A Genealogy Book Using Technology by Joan Lowry - was recorded at the GenTech98 conference so it is pretty current. She does bring up technical problems such as printing pictures with your text, and scanning maps and photos. Also, she deals with differences in copiers and final product. It is probably a good 2nd tape to listen to.

M-55 Print, Publish, Preserve is a tape of our own publishing group presentation. This should be your first tape to rent. Even if you've bought the book, it helps get you familiar with the vocabulary of printing a genealogy. It also starts you planning what type of publication you want to do.

It deals with the problems of "self publishing", whether it be a hard cover book, spiral bound, or notebook style; and formatting, layout and "run", plus a lot more..

C-196 Footnotes, Formats and FrouFrou: What You Really Need in your Written History by Helen F. M. Leary.

Good tape, but a little dated since it refers to formatting with a word processor or typewriter. What is FrouFrou? - the extra little comments that should not be put in a written history. "If you don't want to document, because this is only a story for the kids - then forget genealogy and write a story for the kids. Because that's all the value it is." Contains good information about documentation. Handouts would have been nice with this tape.

C-96: How to Prepare Your Manuscript for

Publishing - by Ann Hedge Hughes -. The First 15 minutes she refers to who she has written genealogies for. Then she goes into talking about writing your genealogy on a word processor. She does go into the actual formatting of the printed page. What size page is the best? how to go about the actual printing process, or layout of the pages? You could probably save time by referring to the SRVGS book "Print, Publish, Preserve."

These are only a few of the Publishing tapes that are available in our library. Check your handbook for a complete list.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In case you weren't aware, the events of Sept. 11th have also changed genealogy research. In an effort to help prevent identity theft, California State Senator Speir pointed out the Rootsweb based site with the California State Birth Records (Index) and indicated that it could be a dangerous link that would allow identity theft. By the time the news story was off the air, Rootsweb pulled the California State Birth Records Index as well as the Texas State Index. There are still sites where you can request birth records and pay a fee, but not where you can get the possible information you want right off the screen. Also, Governor Davis has "suspended the sale of birth and death records (indexes) (CD's) to private parties and ordered the State Dept. of Health Services to study whether new access policies are appropriate". *From CSGA Newsletter, Vol 20, No. 1, Jan. 2002.*

NEW COUNTY FORMED IN COLORADO

November 15th 2001 was the day that the city of Broomfield, Colorado officially became the first new county in the nation since who knows when. The new county is comprised of a geographic area previously in Adams, Boulder, Jefferson and Weld counties. The City & County of Broomfield becomes the 13th largest county in the state, and the first county in Colorado in nearly 100 years (since Denver) to become a combined city and county.

The existing Broomfield Municipal Court becomes a combined District, County and Municipal Court. The district Court becomes part of the state's 17th District.

From the Jan. 2002 Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter.

CLEANING MOTHER'S HOUSE

Were you e-mailed the story that appeared in *Ancestry Daily News* on January 2nd. It was a fictional story about a lady involved in genealogy who died, and her family, not involved or interested in genealogy, who came in and cleaned her house. It spawned a discussion at our board meeting in January, and again in February, and it made many of us think about what will happen to our material after our demise. In *Ancestry Daily News*, of 1/16/2002, Michael John Neill discussed the subject of preserving our own family history.

PLAN EARLY

It is never too early to think of planning for the "disposal of your genealogical material. It may appear morbid on the surface, but reality indicates we might not have as much time to plan and organize our material as we would like.

CULTIVATE POSSIBLE DONATION "SITES"

Your family members should be aware of your interest in genealogy. Do any of them share your interest especially ones of a younger generation? Have you considered cultivating other family members' interest in genealogy? They might even help you with your research before you leave this life.

IS IT WORTH SAVING?

Is it simply undocumented claims, copied from books and downloaded from Web sites? Have you thought to double check and validate what you find? Hastily compiled material, "copied and pasted" from Web sites or lifted from compiled family histories may serve only to frustrate future researchers. This is even more true if little time is spent documenting and analyzing what is obtained. Have you ever been tempted to "throw" out an entire published source because it is riddled with errors and undocumented claims? Will your greatgrandchildren treat your "copy and paste"

masterpiece any differently? Better leave them a little that is documented than a lot that is not.

DO YOU KNOW WHO WILL WANT IT?

Planning to leave your material to someone in your will is great, but will that person or organization even want your material? Ask them first! Many libraries and archives are under a crunch for space and may not be able to accept every donation they are offered (even if they would "love" to have the material).

CLIPPINGS ORGANIZED?

Is there any rhyme or reason to how your newspaper clippings and photographs are organized? Have you taken the time to categorize and preserve these materials in a way that will maximize their longevity? Acid free materials are available and can extend the life of some paper materials. In some cases, you may wish to photocopy clippings onto acid-free paper. But remember that you need to also think of a place for these things to go after your demise.

HAVE YOU DONE SOME PUBLISHING

Consider submitting an article on one of your family groups to a local genealogical society quarterly or newsletter. County and local periodicals frequently are begging for material for publication. These periodicals are indexed in PERSI (The Periodical Source Index), providing greater access to your material. Some of these quarterlies and newsletter are eventually micro-filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah for the Family History Library providing an added level of permanence. While publication of part of your material is not the same as having it all saved indefinitely, it is a great start. Also, organizing material for publication frequently makes it easier to spot gaps in research. The downside: locating more material means there's more to organize and preserve.

GOT A BOOK?

Have you considered publishing a book on one of your families. The task may seem huge, but there are ways to make it smaller. Solicit help from other family members or focus on one ancestor and a limited number of generations. Document as much as possible and include this documentation in the book. Many software programs will create a "skeleton" book, and this should be the starting point, not the final product.

Consider donating copies of your book to local libraries, historical societies and genealogical libraries in those areas where your family lived. Also consider

donating to the larger and national genealogical libraries such as the Family History Library, the Library of Congress, the Allen County Public Library, the Newberry Library, and others. However, it is best to contact the library before donating the publication to maximize the chance that they will be able to use your donation. Some may have specific bindings required before they consider a donation. You may wish to consider hard-binding copies for library donation. This will help the books handle patron usage and increase their shelf life.

In writing your family history you should include adequate margins in case a hard binding ever becomes necessary. Consider using an archival quality paper. Title your book in a way that makes sense and clearly states the purpose. More specific suggestions can be found in Pat Hatcher's book, "Producing a Quality Family History" (or in the SRVGS book "Print, Publish, Preserve").

CYBER PUBLISHING

Putting material in digital format is an excellent way to share it with other living family members. Many family historians want to share information with future generations as well. Sending out digital copies of information is a great way to get it to modern-day relatives. We still don't know whether or not our great grandchildren will be able to read the CD we created. Paper is still a great way to go. Those with the funds may even wish to have their material microfilmed.

BEFORE YOU GO?

To be absolutely certain who gets your material, consider making donations before your demise instead of after. You won't be around to control things after your death and the heirs or the court may be more concerned with a \$2000 insurance policy than with your thirty-five years of genealogical work.

WRAPPING IT UP?

There is a great deal that can be done to preserve your family history. All these take time and forethought. Some ways to increase the chance your family history material does not end up at the end of the driveway for the garbage man the day after your funeral: Organize your material; publish in small chunks; cultivate history-friendly relatives.

If nothing else, make sure that you have identified as many people in photographs as you possibly can.

Originally appeared in *Ancestry Daily News*, Jan. 16, 2002. Titled: *Preserving Your Past*, by Michael John Neill.

IT'S ON THE WEB

A new online service from the Wisconsin Historical Society allows you to order a search of Wisconsin's pre-1907 birth, marriage and death records over the Internet. After receiving your order and credit card payment via a secure Web site, the Society's genealogy staff will search the records you specified and send you photo copies of their findings. Most orders are currently being mailed within a few days of receipt. All orders are guaranteed to ship within 4 weeks. The cost is \$15 per request, plus tax, with Wisconsin residents and society members receiving a substantial discount. For more information, contact the society's Online Genealogical Research Service at <http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/genealogy/ogrs/index.html> or e-mail Michael Edmonds, Deputy Director, Library/archives Division, Wisconsin Historical society, at miedmonds@mail.shsw.wisc.edu.
From SMC GS Newsletter, Vol. 19-10, Page 187, Nov-December 2001.



Website for the American Revolutionary War Soldiers & Their Descendants: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ars/index.htm>. This provides an alphabetical list of RW Soldiers along with an e-mail address for the descendant of that soldier who provided the information. Easy instructions are provided so that visitors to the site can submit their own ancestors also.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR): <http://www.dar.org>, and DAR library: <http://www.dar.org/library>. (From article by Cyndi Howells in *Heritage Quest* in Jan/Feb. 2001 entitled "Lineage Links Revolutionary War").

National Sons of the American Revolution: <http://www.sar.org>. (From SMC GS Newsletter Nov-Dec. 2001)

An interesting web site with many, many links is: Progenealogists. Although this is a for-profit organization they do list many links for checking free: <http://progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>.

If you need marriage information for Illinois - check: www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/genealogy/marrsrch.html.

SAD NEWS

Winston (Win) Kynett, a life member of SRVGS, passed away in November. For years he provided the expertise to tape our speakers at our meetings, and many of the tapes in the tape library were made because of Win. To the best of our knowledge, he left no family.

EDUCATIONAL REFERENCES:

You finally found a great web site, but bad news - it's in another language and you can't read it. Good news: That's where *freetranslation.com* can help. The site translates Web pages from Spanish, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, or Portuguese into English.

You no longer have to spend big bucks to have an encyclopedia at your fingertips. Log on to www.britannica.com for access to the entire contents of the renown Encyclopedia Britannica.

Universal Currency Converter: www.xe.net/ucc. This will make it easy to find out the value of a dollar in a number of foreign currencies.

Are you traveling and would like to find an Internet cafe in the cities you are visiting. Plan ahead and check: www.cybercafe.com and search for cafes that offer public Internet access using this directory.

Above resources from "Blink Magazine" Summer 2001.

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First Class Mail

WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION

Did you know that all males born 12 Sept. 1873 to 12 Sept. 1890 were required to register for World War I? There were three separate registrations. On 5 June 1917, the first call went out, and the second registration occurred on 5 June 1918. Supplemental registration occurred on 24 August 1918. Then a third registration occurred on 12 September 1918. Non-citizens were required to register as well. If you know the full name and address, street address in a large city or smaller area of the county or town where the draft board would have been, you can get a photocopy of a person's WWI draft registration. It will show his name, address, age, date of birth, race, citizenship, present occupation, employer's name, place of employment or business, nearest relative's name and address, height, build, eye color, hair color, physical disqualifiers, date of registration and signature. Send for form at the National Archives, Atlanta Branch, 1775 St. Joseph Ave., East Point GA 30344. Cost is \$6.00 per request. It helps to send the birthdate.

You can also see a copy of the card by ordering a film from the FHL. Check the catalog.

Source: SMCBS Newsletter, Vol. 19-6, Page 107, June 2001..