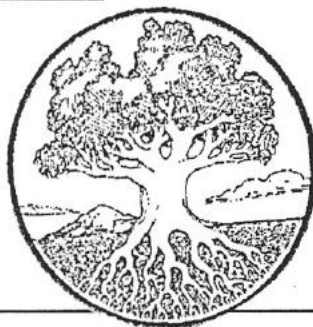


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TIME LINES -WHAT ARE THEY, AND WHY USE THEM

Virginia Kysh graduated from BYU, majoring in Elementary Education and minor in Library Science. She has served in the Antioch Family History Center for many years in charge of training staff and teaching classes at the center. She is a member of NGS and UGA. Her talk to us on the 19th will be about how valuable Time Lines can be in doing your genealogy. Where do you start? What should you include in your Time Line? Why use them? How do you find the information? Which software composes them?

LAST MEETING-February 19, 2002

Collateral Research - by Pamela Bell Dallas

Notes by Lee Schlenker

Pamela Bell Dallas has served on the board of several societies: is the current V.P. of the Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley; Education chair for the Roseville Genealogical Society; Regional Director of the California State Genealogical Alliance, and past President of Placer county Genealogical society as well as a member of our society.

The term "collateral" means: related by descent from a common ancestor in a different line; supporting; secondary. Pamela discussed how we should conduct this collateral research. When you hit that "brick wall" and just can't move forward, you have to seek out other avenues of information which will, hopefully, lead you to what you're looking for on your ancestor(s). Above all, is the fact that it is time consuming, you need diligence and a lot of patience.

Pamela suggests that we use the "bullseye" approach which is to research the immediate family, then collateral families, then allied families, neighbors, social and business associates, and enemies. She suggests we research from the Family Group Sheet and not from your Pedigree Chart. This will help you to keep better tract. Remember, you may not come from that particular side of the family, but you never know where it might lead you.

Many states had Marriage Applications which preceded the Marriage License and there is a host of information on this application. These applications were required by many states starting about 1900 or later. Often times they will list the applicant's mother's maiden name (what a clue if needed!) Pamela couldn't find the marriage application for her grandfather and grandmother but she

knew they were married in a county in Indiana, so by looking up the marriage application of the great uncle, she found out the information needed. Or if you follow the witnesses who signed the marriage License it could lead you to what you might be looking for.

Records of a sibling can lead you back to that missing ancestor. You need to remember most relatives were not isolated in life. There were neighbors and other relatives. These neighbors often lived and moved in a cluster. Check the City Directories and the Census. Never overlook a person who says your ancestor was born in one particular county and another who says that they were born in a different county. Perhaps it's a clue.

Pamela was fortunate enough to have a deceased relatives's cousin from the first side of the family holding onto some handwritten documents of family history and insurance applications which turned out to be a wealth of information on her missing ancestor.

Land records are a great source. You might find and ancestor's neighbors land record but not one for your own ancestor. Perhaps the neighbor might have mentioned your ancestor by full name (which you didn't have); or mentioned the original county where they all once lived; or mentioned a new wife. But you need to read all this carefully. Take into consideration the "time" element of the record (before a birth, before and after a death, a marriage).

Obituaries are a good source if you know the city or county where your ancestor died. You can scour every paper published in that area for information.

Military records, usually contain details of the person, or Pension Records (e.g. letters requesting an increase in pension money).

There are Church Records, Tax Lists, County Histories, Newspapers, Wills, Cemeteries and the list goes on. In one of these avenues you should be able to find something of value. There is a trail of some sort. But you need to be resourceful and diligent in your quest. Re-analyze your researched material and re-verify the information. And remember to always document all of your sources.

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

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We have 184 members now.

Treasurer's Report- March 2002

by Marilyn Tanner

Beginning Balance:		\$5623.93
Income:	\$ 41.50	
Expenses:	166.28	

Fund Balances:

General Fund	4240.56
Hospitality Fund	150.78
Newsletter: Postage...ytd.	(503.05)
Printing...ytd.	(344.76)
Publications Fund	665.07
Society Memberships	(100.00)
Special Projects	500.00
NARA Income	97.00
Cassette Tape Library Fund	154.79
Library Fund	638.76

Current Total Balance	\$5499.15
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CALENDAR MARCH 2002

5 Tuesday- 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting at the Johnson's home, 616 Camino Amigo, 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 Virginia Kysh.

21 Thursday - 10:00 a.m. Member Education Class, ANY CORRECTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE GENERAL MEETING.

"City Directories, Voter Registration and Newspapers" will be presented by Carol Glover at her home. The address is 333 Goshen Court in San Ramon. Please sign up at the general meeting or call 829-7207.

21 Thursday - A special Orientation visit has been arranged at the Danville Public Library, 400 Front Street. Those members of SRVGS who are interested will meet at the library at 10:00 a.m. at the front desk when it opens. A two-hour Orientation will show us how that library can help us with our genealogical research. Yee Sen Lee-Wolfe, Adult Services Librarian, will give a tour of the location of the various holdings, the Internet equipment and its use in genealogy, and the procedures to obtain reference materials from other libraries throughout the USA. There will also be an orientation on the use of the Genealogy resources at the Contra Costa /Pleasant Hill Library Heritage Room and how their Genealogy resources can be accessed. Jack Johnson will demonstrate the use of the Family Tree Maker Computer procedures and resources. Those wishing to stay can sign-up to use the CD's and other facilities.

26 Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. Departure Time for the Library Trip. The trip will be to the Sutro State Library, 480 Winston Drive in San Francisco. Phone (415) 731-4477. Carpools 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 or e-mail mfiorenza@earthlink.net. You should also feel welcome to call him if you wish to add your name to the library trip roster.

APRIL 2002

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

16 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road. The speaker will be Mr. Lynn R Owens of Livermore. The topic of his presentation will be the Civil War.

18 Thursday - The Education class will be on Probate Records by Dorothy Stanton at her house 501 El Capitan, in Danville. Her phone number is 820-3757.

23 Tuesday - Library trip. It is scheduled to go to the National Archives in San Bruno. The new 1930 United States Census is to be available.

SRVGS Special Interest Groups: MARCH - 2002

GERMAN - This group will be carpooling to Sacramento on Tuesday March 26 to attend the general meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogical Society and hear another presentation by Dr. Roger Minert. 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 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 March 13 and April 10, (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. The group is currently inactive.

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 will meet March 12 and April 9 (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 will no longer 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. If you are interested in publishing, please plan to attend our July general meeting.

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

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP - They will meet Tuesday, March 19th after the general meeting at about 12:30 p.m. at the home of Peggy Dearman, 749 Morninghome Rd., in Danville.. 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, 837-1621 or 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

9 March Saturday Family History Day at the California State Archives, 1020 O Street, Sacramento. 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission. Genealogy and Historical mini classes plus demonstrations.

12 March, Tuesday (Also the 9th of April) The Livermore Amador Genealogical Society (LAGS), meets 7:30 p.m. at Beth Emek, 1866 College at South M St., Livermore...The March meeting will have Jackie Pels, author and publisher. The April meeting is to have DAR members speaking about their trip to Salt Lake City.

16 March Saturday The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will sponsor an all day seminar featuring Christine Rose, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.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

21 March 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 "Sharing Your Research Trip".

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/

20 April Saturday The Tuolumne County Genealogical Society will sponsor its annual spring seminar featuring Stan and Rocky Lindaas. Prior Registration required. \$25 registration fee for non-member. Salad buffet included. Contact Kate Prunte (209) 536-0574 or e-mail thegenie@inreach.com. Subjects include Emigration, Immigration, Southern Research and WWI Draft Registration.

11 May Saturday The Sacramento GS and Root Cellars will present their spring seminar featuring Sandra Luebking. Registration begins 8 a.m. at Woodcreek High in Roseville. Further information posted on web site, <http://rootsweb.com/~carcsgs/rootcellar.html>

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

Tapes Available on Family Related

Challenges by Betty Vail

These tapes may help you further with collateral research.

C-42 SOLVING PROBLEMS USING RECORDS OF COLLATERAL RELATIVES by Marsha Hoffman Rising

C-59 FINDING FEMALES: NAME UNKNOWN, PARENTS UNKNOWN, ORIGIN UNKNOWN by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

C-83 TRACING ELUSIVE ANCESTORS: THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TOO POOR TO TRACE by Elizabeth Shown Mills

C-99 PRESERVING AND WEIGHING FAMILY TRADITIONS by Marsha Hoffman Rising

C-152 FINDING FATHERS: BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

C-138 CIRCUMVENTING BLOCKED LINES: STRATEGIES FOR THOSE YOU'VE GIVEN UP ON by Sandra H. Leubking.

C-151 FINDING ORIGINS AND BIRTH FAMILIES: METHODS THAT WORK by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

C-186 FINDING FEMALES: WIVES, DAUGHTERS AND SISTERS by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

C-191 BUT GRANDMOTHER NEVER CARRIED A GUN: LOCATING WOMEN USING RECORDS CREATED BY THE MILITARY by Marie V. Melchion

M-101 TRACING LOST PERSONS by John Ferris

By the way, have you checked the tape table lately?

Do you know what *ELSE* is on that table? What *TREASURES* are hidden in those binders? There are binders of handouts that might just make the tapes that you checked out much more meaningful. The tapes are coded with an "H" if there is a handout available. There is a binder of comments about some of the tapes. By reading the comment, you might save yourself the time of listening to the tape, or find out that the tape you have been thinking about is EXACTLY what you need for your research. There is also a binder that contains personal selections of some of the members of our group, that the owners are willing to lend or have you use. So **CHECK OUT THE TAPE TABLE** (and say "Hi" to Betty - she gets lonely back there.)

A Personal Experience:

by Sharon Clay

A couple of month's ago there was a recommendation in Ancestry Daily News that was passed on to you as a good idea. I decided to try it during this past month's visit to my 92 year old mother. Mom's memory is fading very fast, and she still has some of those photo albums on black paper, with unknown people in front of unknown houses, in unknown locations. I took my video camera along on my visit to her in Seattle. I hooked the camera to the back of the TV set with RCA cords (output from video camera to input plugs on TV). Then I ran a long corded lapel microphone to her collar. I focused on the first picture in the album, and it came up nice and large on her TV set. I could zoom in on

the faces, or on an individual person in a group. As I filmed, I asked her about the pictures, and recorded her narration along with the picture. Some of them she remembered, others she didn't. But, later, I did hear her telling her brother - "Oh, you should see what fun we had this afternoon, Sharon played old movies for me". She had no idea that it was her voice on the film or that it was pictures from her own album. Now, I have the pictures, and what stories she could remember, in her voice on film. I also plan to take the pictures she remembers on my digital camera and can then transfer the pictures to CD-ROM. I hope to do a little more each time I visit.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Francie Lloyd

While attending the California State Conference NSDAR, I was again amazed as the treasures held by this organization. The library holds the largest genealogical collection east of Salt Lake City. Though it is not a lending library and it is in Washington, D.C., most of the holdings are accessible by mail or Internet. The copying service will copy and send a limited number of pages from most of their printed holdings. **The three volume printed catalogue is available in the Heritage Collection at the Pleasant Hill Library.** The updated catalogue is available on line at the DAR web site: www.dar.org/library.

DAR has had a policy of collecting and publishing original source documents submitted by members for many years. These original documents are submitted apart from the documentation submitted for membership. They have been published as the Genealogical Records Collection. The lineage books contain pedigrees of early members. Many of these publications are available at Sutro Library and in other area libraries. The Lineage Books are now on line. Please use these with caution as many lines have been proven to be in error.

Copies of membership applications are usually available, by mail, to members and prospective members. They may be viewed on microfilm or microfiche in the Seimes Microfilm Library, a department of the DAR Library.

DAR is the largest women's lineage society. Its library and museum are outstanding; its accomplishments are amazing.

Have you thought about the benefits of belonging to a hereditary society or explored the information they hold? Societies come in all sizes and requirements. There are military, ethnic, geographic, and patriotic societies. There are old and new societies. Most are lineal and some include collateral lines. Some have open membership; some are by invitation only. There are men only, women only, and coed societies. Although some accept legal adoptions, most do not. Eighteen is the minimum age for most; some have junior

members. Some are separate children's organizations. Some offer scholarships to members, children of members, or other applicants. There are "First Families" of here and there societies. What they have in common are records - some open and some closed. Joining societies may not have been your direct ancestors goal, or yours, but how about Great Uncle John or Great-Great Aunt Elizabeth. Besides, societies have libraries - some open and some closed, some small, some large, and some very large.

The following list is from the Hereditary Society Blue Book, 1994, Robert R. Davenport, Editor, GPC, Baltimore. Over one hundred fifty societies are listed, and there are many societies which are not listed. Take a look next time you are at the library.

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts was founded in 1637. Members, men only, are direct descendants of a former member of the Company whose service dated prior to 1738.

Welsh Society of Philadelphia was founded in 1729. Members are of Welsh birth or descent. There are Welsh or Saint David's Societies of ...

Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia was founded in 1747. Members are Scots by birth or descend from a person born in Scotland and are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are Saint Andrew's Societies of ...

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890. Members have proven direct descent from a man or woman who aided in the cause of American Independence.

Sons of the Republic of Texas was founded in 1892. Members descend from an ancestor who was a resident and loyal citizen of Texas before Texas became a state.

Children of the Confederacy was founded in 1896. Members, infancy to twenty-one years of age, descend from someone who served honorably in the Confederate Army, Navy or civil service, or are children who descend from members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, founded in 1894, or the Sons of Confederate Veterans, founded in 1896. Lineal and collateral descents are accepted.

National Society of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers was founded in 1901. Members descend from an ancestor who was in Utah prior to 10 May 1869 - completion of the railroad.

Presidents Letter (Continued)

Descendants of the Illegitimate Sons & Daughters of the Kings of Britain was founded in 1950. Members descend from an illegitimate son or daughter of a King, an illegitimate son or daughter of a child of a King or an illegitimate child of a grandchild of a King of England, Scotland, and/or Wales.

National Society Descendants of Early Quakers was founded in 1980. Members descend, lineal or collateral, from an early member of the Society of Friends throughout the World.

Associated Daughters of Early American Witches was founded in 1987. Members descend from an ancestor who was accused, tried, or executed for the practice of witchcraft prior to 31 December 1699.

National Order of the Blue and Gray was founded in 1990. Members descend from an ancestor who gave service to both the Federal government and the Confederate government.

Have fun!

(Editorial note: Don't forget to check last month's newsletter (February 2002 for the websites of some of these organizations.)

IRISH RESEARCH

from the <http://www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ireland>

Irish Christian names can cause confusion amongst those descendants who search for their ancestors. In part this confusion can arise because we spoke Irish, we had dialects (and still have), our Parish registers were written either in English or Latin so there could be variation from one place to the next as to how a name was spelled or a diminutive for a particular name.

Some would say that confusion with our names is a result of Anglicization, particularly when speaking of surnames. However, few fail to realize that names, which they may consider to be typically 'Irish', were not Irish to begin with - that they were introduced names. The Christian name of Patrick is probably one name, which is most commonly associated with Ireland. The Irish abroad have long been known as 'Paddy' because of St. Patrick the patron Saint of Ireland. However, the name Patrick is an introduced one, brought in with the English and Welsh who came with the Normans to Ireland. In the Ormonde papers there are many English and Welsh carrying this name but there are few native Irish with the name. In ancient times, Irish people had one name and this name may have come from a distinguishing characteristic of the person. There were no surnames.

Queen Maedbh was just that - Queen Maedbh.

Cúchulainn the mythological hero, however, was known as Setanta before he changed his name to Cúchulainn having killed the hound, which guarded the forge of Culainn, and he guarded the forge until a replacement hound was found. People had names such as Donn - a brown haired person; Colm was a dove like person; Diarmaid was someone without envy.

There are thousands of names recorded in the Annals, the lives of the Saints and the Martyrologies. Christianity brought few of these in. We had names such as Dubhdabhoireann - the black haired person from two rough districts or Cúganmhathair - the hound without a mother. Christianity introduced 'Mael' and Giolla' as parts of names - so: Maelíosa is servant of Jesus; Maelmhuire is servant of Mary; while Giollaphádraig is devotee of Patrick. The Norsemen introduced names such as Olaf (Olave, Olive); Magnus (Manus); Renald; Lochlain (Loughlainn, Loughlain) and Roderick (Rory). The Normans introduced many of the names, which we consider to be typically Irish to Ireland. They spread throughout the whole country, from Antrim to Kerry and from Mayo to Wexford, north, south and east and west they settled in with the Irish.

English officials complained at the time that the Normans were more Irish than the Irish themselves. The Normans gave us: Anna, Agnes, Alice, Catherine, Cecily, Eleanor, Evelyn, Honora, Isabella, Joan, and Margaret. From these we have other names which are the Irish form of these names such as Úna a form of Agnes. The Normans gave us Benedict, David, Edward, Gerald, Geoffrey, Henry, Hugo (Hugh), James, John, Matthew, Maurice, Michael, Myles, Nicholas, Oliver, Piers (Peter), Philip, Raymond, Richard, Robert, Roger, Simon, Stephen, William and Walter.

During the middle Ages Norman and Irish Lords brought in other names from the Western Islands and Highlands of Scotland. Names such as Alasdair (Alexander), Coll and Randal. At this time also, the church began to insist on the names of well-known saints being given to children so we have Angela, Barbara, Clare, Gertrude Monica, Teresa and Ursula. Also, men's names such as Alphonsus, Augustine, Bartholomew, Bernard, Christopher, Dominic, Francis, Paul and Vincent.

After the Hundred Year War, the English began to have more influence in Ireland; typical English names were introduced such as George, Jasper, Victor, Wilfred, Valentine and Sydney, Arabella, Belinda, Charlotte,

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Matilda, Pamela and Sophia. The English immigrants also used names from the Old Testament, we also had Quakers introducing these names: Elizabeth, Ester, Judith, Rebecca, Sarah, Susannah, Abraham, Ebenezer, Isaac, Joshua, Moses, and Samuel.

Legal Officers and Landlords tried to reduce Irish names to some form, which they could understand so names, changed. Those in authority were not all to blame either. The Irish did their own thing with names also - they gave male names to females and vice versa, they used diminutives instead of the given name, they had their own variations on any name which would seem to be absolutely unrelated to the original name, they spelled names differently in different areas or pronounced them differently resulting in strange spelling for the same name when written phonetically.

Check out this web page for wonderful links to Irish research:

<http://www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ireland>

Another great web site for Irish links is:

<http://www.standard.net.au/~jwilliams/irelinks.htm>. It is a Genseek Genealogy site, with about 100 links to other Irish or Ireland sites.

TIPS FOR THE CARE OF WATER-DAMAGED FAMILY HEIRLOOMS AND OTHER

VALUABLES From the web site of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) <http://www.fema.gov>

Following a disaster, people often lose family heirlooms and other valuables to water damage. FEMA has obtained general information/recommendations from the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) and the National Institute for the conservation of Cultural Property (NIC) for homeowners regarding the recovery of water-damaged belongings.

TEN TIPS FOR THE HOMEOWNER:

1) If the object is still wet, rinse with clear, clean water or a fine hose spray. Clean off dry silt and debris from your belongings with soft brushes or dab with damp cloths without grinding debris into objects.

2) Air dry objects indoors if possible. Sunlight and heat may dry certain materials too quickly, causing splits, warpage and buckling.

3) The best way to inhibit growth of mold and mildew is to reduce humidity. Increase air flow with fans, open windows, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers.

4) Remove heavy deposits of mold growth from walls, baseboards, floors, and other household surfaces with commercially available disinfectants. Avoid the use of disinfectants on historic wallpapers.

5) If objects are broken or begin to fall apart, place all broken pieces, bits of veneer, and detached parts in clearly labeled open containers. Do not attempt to repair objects until

completely dry or, in the case of important materials, until you have consulted with a professional conservator.

6) Documents, books, photographs and works of art on paper may be extremely fragile when wet; use caution when handling. Free the edges of prints and paper objects in mats and frames, if possible. These should be allowed to air dry. Rinse mud off wet photographs with clear water, but do not touch surfaces. Sodden books and papers should also be air dried, or may be kept in a refrigerator or freezer until they can be treated by a professional conservator.

7) Textiles, leather, and other "organic" materials will also be severely affected by exposure to water and should be allowed to air dry.

8) Remove wet paintings from the frame but not from the stretcher. Air dry, face up, away from direct sunlight.

9) Furniture finishes and painting surfaces may develop a white haze or bloom from contact with water and humidity. These problems do not require immediate attention. Consult a professional conservator for treatment.

10) Rinse metal objects exposed to flood waters, mud, or silt with clear water and dry immediately with a clean, soft cloth. Allow heavy mud deposits on large metal objects, such as sculpture, to dry. Caked mud can be removed later. Consult a professional conservator for further treatment.

Because this information is general, FEMA, AIC and NIC strongly recommend that professional conservators be consulted as to the appropriate method of treatment for historic objects. Professional conservators may be contacted through the FREE Conservation Services Referral System of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, 1717 K Street, NW, Ste. 301, Washington, DC 20006; (202) 452-9545; fax: (202) 452-9328. Based on a complete description of the artifact, a computer-generated list of conservators will be compiled and grouped geographically, by specialization and by type of service provided.

National Archives Recover Stolen Documents

The National Archives and Records Administration announced that it has recovered 59 historical records that were taken from the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives in Philadelphia, PA and subsequently sold to manuscript dealers and collectors. A former National Archives employee was charged with the theft of government property. Value of the theft is approximately \$200,000.

Some of the properties stolen were seventy-one Presidential pardons signed by many different presidents; two dozen other historical documents relating to land grants and to the slave trade and approximately 316 photographs taken by astronauts in space and on the moon.

The loss of the documents was discovered in March 2000, when a National Park Service employee notified the National Archives that a possible item from its holdings was for sale on eBay. Then four documents were discovered as being for sale on eBay. To date, 59 documents belonging to the National Archives have been recovered. Efforts to locate the remaining items are continuing.

From Ancestry Daily News 2/14/2002

Research Hints

Occasionally, I find information relating to a collateral family, or family of the same surname as one of mine, but not related, and know I've run across someone in the past researching that name. I think "I wish I could remember who that was." Now, I keep a card file (recipe size cards) with the name and e-mail address of the researcher, and pertinent information about the name(s) they're researching. That way, I'm able to pass on anything I find that might be of interest to them.

Joyce Clark - Smultron.com - Internet Board.

Warning: Genealogy SCAM

Beware of a company called One Great Family. If you find an Internet company who advertises one thing and doesn't come through, or charges you for products not received, notify the Complaint Center of the FBI, <http://www1.ifccfbi.gov/index.asp>.

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