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THIS MONTH - JUNE 18, 2002

In the Public Domain: Homesteads and Other Federal Land Records

Unsettled federally owned land is said to be "in the public domain". From 1785 to 1934, the U.S. Government distributed more than 1 billion acres of public land into private ownership by means of military grants, cash sales, homesteads and other land grant laws. This presentation follows the paper trail of federal land records from survey plats to tract books, to land-entry files, to land patents. Discover the ways that these records can tell you not just **where** your ancestor lived, but also **HOW** they lived.

Barbara Leak has been studying genealogy for over 15 years. She has attended several national conferences and was named to the Honor Roll after successfully completing the National Genealogical Society's home study course. In 1998, she received a Distinguished Service Award from the California State Genealogical Alliance.

LAST MEETING-MAY 21, 2002

INSIGHT PRESENTATION

Speaker -SRVGS Members, Notes by Betty Vail

SRVGS members shared serendipitous experiences that led to significant breakthroughs in their genealogical research.

Bob Kay received a second invitation to a family reunion. He had ignored the first invitation. Although he had never heard of the person who had sent the invitation, he and his wife decided to attend. They learned many interesting facts about the Wright family, including the fact that Phil Harris, the entertainer, was a part of it. The matriarch of the family took them under her wing, helping them research in the county courthouse and locate obscure family graveyards.

Barbara Dittig was attending a convention in New Orleans where she picked up a book of ships' passenger lists and discovered the names of her husband's ancestors who had come from Germany. Several years later, while volunteering at the Special Olympics International in Salzburg, Austria, they decided to take the train and then rent a car to visit the small eastern German village that had been his ancestors' home. Although few people spoke English, they were very helpful, finding church records.

Frank Williams related the story of how he rediscovered Anneke Jans, a Dutch ancestor who once owned 62 acres on Manhattan Island. As a small boy he

had been at his grandparents' home when two New York lawyers tried to convince them that they could inherit millions if they became a party to a suit against Trinity Church that they claimed had been given the property illegally. (This, of course was a scam). Years later Frank was in the Mayflower Library when a lady sitting at his table happened to mention Anneke Jans. She gave him an article about Anneke which renewed his interest in this ancestor. The problems with Anneke's estate started lawsuits which lasted for 225 years in the New York courts. New York state finally passed a law against any further action regarding this farm.

Marilynn Tanner's husband inherited a pedigree chart which gave her a start in her interest in the Tanner family. She might not have learned much more about the Tanner family except that she happened to be on a tour of the new San Francisco library when she discovered an 1850-1870 Saint Louis city directory that listed her husband's ancestor, James Tanner. She found that he had been a river boat captain and had, in fact, died on the river. She wrote to the library and received back an obituary. And from the obituary she was led to more information about the family and also to an interest in the history of river boats.

Sharon Clay related three genealogical

breakthroughs that she attributes to plain dumb luck. On a society field trip to the Santa Clara library, Sharon related to her car pool group that there was an Orange Clay in her husband's line. A few months later, Dorothy Stanton, who had been in that group, found an article in a national genealogical magazine about other people named Orange. She gave the article to Sharon, who wrote to the author. The author responded that she had heard from someone else who had Orange Clay in HER family. She enclosed the address for this person and Sharon called her. This led to much information about Orange Clay and other Clay ancestors. Then, a visit to this lady in Ohio, led to a person who had been researching the Devol family line (another of Sharon's husband's ancestors) for 40 years. The Devol family history was published a couple of years later, leading to a very complete Devol family history (with references). Another time Sharon was in a county clerk's office in a small Illinois town and struck up a conversation with another person there, who she discovered was researching the same family. Later they met to compare notes and found that some of their information differed. The young woman supported her data with massive docu-mentation and presented copies of this documentation to Sharon equivalent to a large notebook before she left the area. Then, about 20 years ago, while researching in Michigan, Sharon found that the town where her grandmother lived was now a ghost town. A relative told her about a book on this town and she contacted the author. She was able to obtain several copies of the new edition of the book that had all kinds of information about her ancestors, and the history of this town. So, this past year, when she ran across the birth and marriage certificates of her grandmother, with different town names on each, she knew that the town where her grandmother grew up, actually had 3 different names and all of these places were the same town.

Through sharing their adventures, the speakers illustrated how important it is to take a chance and invest time and money on any lead however tenuous. Share family names with other people interested in genealogy, follow through on hunches, and spread the word about your research.

With Sympathy

We have received word about the death of Margaret Cole Jensen on May 11, 2002. Margaret was a former member of our society and the Contra Costa Genealogical Society.

Diana Hancock's husband passed away on June 1st. They moved to Lake Wildwood in 2000. She was membership chairman of our group before she moved. Services will be in Nevada City on June 8th.

President's Message - Jun 2002

by Frances Lloyd

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the honor of serving as your president. The time and energy each of you spent working for our society is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank each of you for making this another outstanding year for the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society. Looking back, we have had educational programs and informative special interest groups, instructive classes and successful trips to research facilities and libraries. Our members have been kept up to date by our great newsletter. We have been well fed and our library collection has grown - its hard to work on an empty stomach! Our "passing the clip boards" skills has vastly improved. What a great group you all are - fun too!

A huge "Thank you!" to each of the board members and committee chairmen for their involvement this past year. Our officers were: 1st VP, Barbara Dittig; 2nd VP, Louise Ford, Bob Kay, Vern Segelke; 3rd VP, Barbara and Jack Johnson; Recording Secretary, Virginia Rood; Corresponding Secretary, Audrey Morgan; Treasurer, Marilyn Tanner; and Parliamentarian, Barbara Dyer. Committee chairmen were: Alliance and Bay Area Genealogical Consortium Representative, Susan Swindell; Auditor, Fred Potter; Cassette Library Chairman, Betty Vail; Family History Center Liaison, Pat Isom; FGS Delegate, Dorothy Stanton; Freebie Basket carrier, Frank Williams; General Education Class Coordinator, Helen Odegard; Historian, Carol Glover; Hospitality, Peggy Gierke, Sue Hanck, and Ginnie Meyer; Library and Archives Trip Coordinator, Michael Fiorenza; Library Book Collection, Jack Johnson, Ed O'Donnell, and Dorothy Stanton; Newsletter Editor, Sharon Clay; Newsletter Publication and Distribution, Lucy Carver and Barbara Dittig; Newsletter Program Reporters, Lee Schenker, Jean Hunt, Jane Steiner, Betty Vail, and Frank Williams; Newsletter Calendar, Vern Segelke; Publicity, Ed O'Donnell; Special Interest Group coordinator, Carol Huvane. Special Interest Group chairmen were: German Research, Fran Schweitzer; Internet, Robert DaRosa; Irish Research, Patty Erickson; TMG, Peggy Dearman; Portuguese Research, Millie Freitas; Publishing, Dorothy Stanton; Southern Research, Suzanne Johnston. A special "Thank you" to Pat Isom, Ron Fry, Jeannette Holmes, and Suzanne Johnston. You have made us feel most welcome. Thank you for your kindness and help.

A reminder to all outgoing board members and committee chairmen - if you have not already done so, please send me a brief report of your activities and any information and materials that go with your job. (Continued on page 3)

President's Message Continued.

My best wishes to the new board members and committee chairmen. Barbara Dittig conducted the board meeting this morning. It was a productive morning with old and new board members and committee chairmen sharing ideas and planning for the coming year. I'm looking forward to it - from the back of the room!

SRVGS CALENDAR JUNE 2002

4 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting. This is a joint Board Meeting of the outgoing and incoming Board Members and committee chairpersons. It is held at the home of Frances Lloyd, 210 Town and Country Drive, in Danville. Lunch follows the meeting.

18 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting at the 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 Barbara Leak. The topic of her presentation will be "Homesteads and Other Federal Land Records, In the Public Domain".

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. Departure Time for the Library Trip. The trip will be to the Doe and Bancroft libraries on the UC Berkeley campus. 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. **Please note that this trip is scheduled on a Saturday. Being on a Saturday will allow easier and closer parking. Anyone with a handicap permit will be able to park next to the library building, "free".** Those persons with a photo ID will be issued a permit at the circulation desk for entrance to the Doe library stacks. The Bancroft library requires a photo ID plus a second ID.

JULY 2002

2 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting at Barbara Dittig's.

16 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. General Meeting at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road. Plan to attend this meeting if you have thought of publishing your genealogy material (who hasn't?). We expect this to be a worthwhile meeting.

Several members will give us the benefit of their experiences of printing and publishing.

23 Tuesday The Library Trip will be to the California Genealogical Society library in Oakland. This trip was

canceled earlier in the year, due to the fact that the library moved downstairs. Non-members of CGS will be asked for a user fee of about \$3. The coordinator is Michael Fiorenza, phone 820-8294.

SRVGS Special Interest Groups:**JUNE - JULY 2002**

GERMAN - Group members will meet on Wednesday June 26 (the fourth Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m.. This meeting will be at the home of Helen Odegard. Phone 932-6796 or email s_hodie@pacbell.net. Please let the hostess know if you do not plan to attend. No home meetings during July and August.

No Sacramento trip in June. Some members of this group will be carpooling to Sacramento on Tuesday July 23 to attend the general meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogical Society. The speaker will be Roger Minert. The topic will be "The Keeping of Vital Records in Germany," Church and Civil records. 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 or e-mail rbtshaw@pacbell.net.

IRISH - Their meeting dates will be June 12 and July 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

PORTUGUESE - This group will not meet until further notice. 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 NOT meet again until September. The 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. We wish to thank Robert daRoza very much for the time and work that has gone into being our Internet User coordinator. New coordinator is Jack Johnson 837-2153. jackmj@earthlink.net.

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP - They will NOT meet in June.. This is a genealogy software users group for PC's and does focus on the use of Master Genealogist. Peggy Dearman, 837-1621 or dearman@pacbell.net is the contact person for the group.

CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

- 11 June**, The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS) regular monthly meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the Congregation Beth Emek 1886 College Ave, Livermore. Subject of the meeting is "Sharing Genealogical Finds and Tips". Members will share their genealogical finds of this past year, and the clever methods they used to discover the material.
- 14 June**, Friday Rose Mary Kennedy at The National Archives, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno; will present a workshop on Military Records - Part I, Revolutionary War to Civil War. The time is 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Fees are \$15. To register and reserve a space, call (650) 876-9009.
- 19 July**, Friday Rose Mary Kennedy at The National Archives, will present Part II of a workshop on Military Records, The Spanish American War to Viet Nam. The time is 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.. Fees are \$15. To register and reserve a space, call (650) 876-9009.
- 20-23 June**, Thursday through Sunday The Annual Conference of California Historical Societies will be held at Kelseyville, CA in Lake County. Messages can be sent to Randy@pacific.net
- 7-10 August**, Wednesday through Saturday The Federation of Genealogical Societies and Calif. State Genealogical Alliance will host an annual convention in Ontario, CA. <http://www.fgs.org> for further information.

California Bill Limiting Access to Birth, Death Indices Pared to One Sentence, Likely to Clear Senate By DONNA M. BROWN, Family History Network

A California legislative bill designed to limit access to vital records indices would have cost taxpayers more than \$2 million in the first year and multimillions more annually, the California Senate Appropriations Committee reiterated Monday.

A drastically pared-down version of Senate Bill 1614, initiated by California Governor Gray Davis' administration and carried through the Senate by Jackie Speier, D-San Francisco/San Mateo, was moved off of the Appropriations Committee's suspense calendar on Monday as amended 30 May. A Senate vote on the bill, which is now one sentence long, is a formality. The bill simply declares lawmakers' intent to "enact legislation to protect the confidentiality of birth and death record indices." Because the shortened version of the bill is likely to pass a full vote of the Senate, Gov. Davis' administration will have an opportunity to beef up the language during the Assembly process, Speier's staff director Richard Steffen said in a telephone interview on Tuesday. If the piece of legislation is rewritten and passes a vote of the full Assembly, it will be sent back to the Senate to repeat the hearing process.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society announced 18 May that they had teamed up to deliver a joint resolution and petition to the Senate opposing the bill. "... both organizations consider these records to be primary to the pursuit of discovering an individual's heritage and history; in fact, central to the human need that answers the yearning deep inside each of us to know who we are and from where we came," the petition argued.

Steffen said a desire to curb identity theft and misuse of vital records is the driving force behind Senate Bill 1614 which, in its previously amended form would have:

* Exempted comprehensive indices of birth and death records from the Public Records Act and prohibited sale by a government agency.

* Required the State Registrar, by an unspecified date, to establish separate incomplete electronic indices and make these available electronically to county recorders' offices statewide.

* Required these indices to be available for public viewing at the State Registrar's office and in county recorders' offices at computer terminals designated for this purpose.

Opponents of the bill are credit bureaus, newspapers, genealogists, and others who rely on the public records of others for legitimate reasons.

Internet Links

For Scandinavian products -crafts, decor, food, jewelry, fashion, music and historical collections - try The Northerner: <http://www.northerner.com>

For access to old news, old processes such as how to make cheese, handmade parchment & vellum, interesting old recipes (46 pages) how to make soap (13 pages & 33 sites), tanning, how to make butter and lots of links that might add interest to your family histories - links to the Civil War, the Oregon Trail, Country Folks Magazine. Try "The Old Timer Page - The way we used to do it" <http://waltonfeed.com/old/>.

Here is a site for those who may be interested in researching maritime connections. There is a wealth of information on Lloyd's, shipping companies, crew and passenger lists, transportation of convicts from the UK to America and Australia, plus very useful guides to research and further contact addresses and links. <http://www.port.nmm.ac.uk/> or consider also: <http://www.port.umm.ac.uk/search/genealogy>. This will bring up almost 90 references which may be helpful.

The National Genealogical Society now has available a free online bi-monthly newsletter - Upfront. This will bring you the latest genealogical news, information about upcoming events and brief articles to help you with your genealogical research. To subscribe: 1) Send a blank e-mail message to: NGS-L-request@rootsweb.com. 2) To subscribe, type only one word in the body of the message: subscribe. 3) to unsubscribe, type only one word in the body of the message - unsubscribe.

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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 and this newsletter.

GRANDMA'S BIRTHDAY CARD

by Dorothy Baker

Grandma's birthday card surfaced several years after my father died when I was searching a box trying to find information to start my family history.

It was a 3x5 index card with a list of the birth month and day of each member of my Dad's family - NO years. I knew all on the list but two - Dorothy and Priscilla. My Mother couldn't help me identify them so I went to my Dad's sister, my Aunt. She said "Well, Dorothy is you." but it couldn't be because (1) - it wasn't MY birth month or day. And (2) my sister, who is eight years older, wasn't on the list. My Aunt then said she didn't know who they were.

So, I laid that aside and started other searches. Several months later, I went over to Olivet Cemetery to photograph my Dad's family grave site. To my amazement, only one name appeared on the stone - my grandfather's. I thought my grandmother was buried there, also. So, I went to the office. They were very helpful and gave me a list of the people who were buried in that plot -ELEVEN.

Four of these people I didn't know at all and were not related I found out later. The other seven were members of my Dad's family. There was my grandfather, my grandmother, her brother - Theodore, his wife - Edith, her mother and Dorothy, Theodore's youngest daughter who died at the age of 8 of acute meningitis following tonsillitis. I also found Priscilla, but not in the grave. She was the oldest daughter of Theodore. Her name was on the record as the person who buried her father. So, where was she now?

I went to Sutro and searched the directories and telephone books. I found Theodore in them from 1899 to 1936. I also found Priscilla. She lived with her father in 1936 on Fell Street in San Francisco. Theodore died in 1937. I followed Priscilla's records until 1943, then they stopped. But, I picked up another piece of information - "Teacher - Public School" appeared after her name.

I wrote to San Francisco Unified School district. They were helpful but couldn't find that she taught in the city. SO, I wrote to the Board of Education of California. They sent me her teaching history.

She taught in Fairfield, San Francisco and Los Angeles: General Elementary 1932

General Secondary - 1947 - converted to life 1954. Secondary School Administrative Credential in 1954 - converted to life 1965.

So, now I knew she was in southern California. What do I do now? I told a group of our members about my dilemma. (Continued on page 5)

(Grandmother's Birthday Card - Continued)

One said, she would look up Priscilla for me on her computer because at that point in time I didn't have a computer.

When she got back to me - Good News and Bad News: the "good" news was she found Priscilla's name on the Internet; the "bad" news was Priscilla had died in 1989 in Huntington Beach.

But, my search was not ended. I wrote to California for her Certificate of Death. On it, was a name and address of a person in Newhall, CA that "buried" her. So, I wrote to THAT person.

After eight long months, I received a large envelope. In it was a letter from the daughter of the person I wrote to - Cynthia. She was the God-daughter of Priscilla. She said that Priscilla was a very good friend of her mother and became a very important part of THEIR family. Cynthia also included pictures and articles about my Priscilla. She told me that Priscilla became principal of a Jr. High School in Van Nuys.

So, after a long search, I found my second cousin. But those names on my grandmother's birthday card still hold a mystery that will never be solved.

(1) Even after I showed her picture to my aunt, why did she deny even the existence of Priscilla who was 9 years older than she.

(2) Why did Priscilla move south and leave our family?

(3) Why did Priscilla tell her "new family" that her extended "real" family were all dead.

The ironic part of all this is that three of us became elementary school teachers. We would have had a lot in common with Priscilla.

MAP CD DONATION by Betty Vail

Several years ago at one of our society meet-ings, Marilyn Tanner won a CD called "HISTORIC MAP LIBRARY" United States and Canada Before 1800". Marilyn donated it to our cassette library, but it has only been checked out once. The board has agreed to donate it to the Alamo Family History Center. Not only will the CD get more use, but also members will get help using it. It contains 230 black and white maps showing regions, states, forts, battlefields and cities. Some examples are Atlantic colonies 1650, Illinois Mississippi river Settlements 1784, Maryland and Virginia 1650 and Connecticut 1796. If you are trying to locate a town or fort that has disappeared from modern maps, this disk could be very helpful.

Genealogy Tid-Bits from Legacy News 6/15/01

Any Family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples.

A non-productive research trip: a "Bad Heir Day"

Note to Digital Camera Users

by Sharon Clay

Like most digital camera owners, I print my own pictures on my deskjet printer. I noticed last week that the pictures of a trip to Sweden printed out last year were already fading. Even though I had used their ink tanks and photo paper. I called the printer manufacturer and was told that there is no industry standard for inkjet inks for longevity, and that they will fade (But, I was surprised that they faded so badly in only one year - and in an album generally out of the light?) This is a LEXMARK printer. I have heard that Canon or HP may last longer, but if you have taken pictures with your digital camera, you may want to have them professionally printed, but also consider saving them on your hard disk or on a CD. I have had other digital photos professionally printed and they came out much better. And probably less expensive considering the cost of the ink and the paper.

Treasurer's Report- March 2002

by Marilyn Tanner, SRVGS Treasurer

Beginning Balance:	\$5269.39
Income:	27.00
Expenses:	251.30
Fund Balances:	
General Fund	4170.08
Hospitality Fund	150.78
Newsletter: Postage...ytd.	(707.05)
Printing...ytd.	(491.94)
Publications Fund	703.67
Society Memberships	(100.00)
Special Projects	500.00
NARA Income	0.00
Cassette Tape Library Fund	176.79
Library Fund	642.76
Current Total Balance	\$5045.09

More Tid-Bits:

Genealogists live in the past lane.

Can a first cousin once removed...RETURN?

Many a family tree needs pruning.

I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.

POSTING OBITUARIES IN THE HOMETOWN BY Jolynn Winland

When a loved one dies in an area other than the one in which he was born, be sure to have his obituary printed in the newspaper of the town of his birth. My cousin died in south Florida at the beginning of March. The local newspaper wanted an astronomical amount of money to print even a basic obituary; money that the family did not have to spare. Being a genealogist, I know how important a published obituary can be for future generations; plus I just believe that everyone deserves that last hurrah.

My first step was to have the obituary published in my hometown's newspaper in West Virginia; we're a very small community and they will print them for free. I then called the Brockton Enterprise in Brockton, Mass., which is where my cousin was born, and found that they also printed obits for free. Naturally, I sent one out.

One of my cousin's survivors was a daughter that we didn't know the whereabouts of. After this obit was printed in the Brockton Enterprise, my cousin's widow received a phone call from that lost daughter, who had been living in Brockton all along. And another cousin found their way through cyber-space to us as a result of reading the obituary.

More than likely, had we been able to print the obit in the Florida paper, we would have never considered printing in the Brockton paper, as my cousin had not lived there for several decades. I will certainly do the same for any other family members that pass away from now on; and bless those newspapers who still provide this service free!!

ADDED NOTE: A couple of good sources for locating local newspapers are:

newspapers.com <http://www.newspapers.com/>

and NewsLink <http://www.newslink.org/menu.html>.

From Ancestry Weekly Digest 30 March 2002

MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL APPLICATION 2002-2003

It's time to renew your membership and pay your annual dues which support our educational programs, and provide knowledge to find our ancestors. Please fill out this form and send it with your check made payable to SRVGS to P.O. Box 305, Diablo, CA 94528-8308.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

e-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

\$ _____ Dues: \$15 Single _____ \$20 Family

\$ _____ Donation for Library resources, additions, if desired.

\$ _____ Donation for National Archives Records Admin. (NARA) Records
microfilming project (\$1.00 suggested)

\$ _____ \$2.50 added please, if you desire a handbook/directory sent to your address
and cannot pick one up at a meeting.

_____ Check here if you DO NOT wish a Handbook/Directory, so we won't print unneeded copies.

\$ _____ Total amount of check

TAPE REVIEWS: by Sharon Clay - March, 2002.

C-64A - BEYOND THE BASICS: TEACHING ADVANCED GENEALOGY

by Anne Dallas Budd

This tape had not been checked out of our tape library in 10 years. I wondered why. There is a bibliography hand-out, so if you check out the tape, be sure to get the hand-out. However, there isn't much reason to check out the tape unless you plan on teaching advanced genealogy. And then, you'd better know everything you want to teach, because this tape doesn't tell you what "advanced genealogy" subjects would be. It does clue you in to: (1) where you should look to have your copies run, who should be in charge of running your copies; (2) How do you get your clients? (3) How do you weed out the people taking your class that are not "advanced". (4) How do you obtain a place to teach - community activities or community college level, etc.

If you are thinking about teaching "advanced genealogy" this might give you some hints about the "business", but it is not for people who want to learn about genealogy.

C-64B BEYOND THE BASICS: TEACHING ADVANCED GENEALOGY

by Marcia Hoffman Rising

This tape also hadn't been checked out in 10 years. It does have a 5 page handout, which is quite helpful. It does deal more with "what is considered advanced genealogy" than tape A. She offers a quiz that is interesting and challenging. (It is printed, with answers in the handout). It is more informational about how to weed out the beginners from the advanced researchers, and what you should teach them. This presentation is referred to often in Tape 64A, and although it is 10 years old, it is still quite relevant. I was challenged by the quiz, and decided that I need more tapes or classes. I might save myself a lot of research time if I knew where I should be looking for my information. It also made me realize (again) that my Family History needs more than pedigree charts and family group sheets.

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