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THIS MONTH - October 19, 2004

"...BUT A WOMAN'S JOB IS NEVER DONE"

Alison K. Douglas will be our speaker this month. She has been "doing genealogy" for over a dozen years now. She has a degree in Social Demography, which has been very useful in pursuing some of the "Whys" of genealogical research. A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she has lived in the Bay Area for the last 20 years. Her areas of special genealogical interest are Milwaukee, and Louisville, Kentucky.

Alison Douglas will discuss a survey she has researched of what our female ancestors did for a living instead of (or in addition to) the "keeping house" noted in the census; how to find out what they did; what their options would have been; social attitudes towards women working and how things changed through-out the first 300 years of American history.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

America Moves West: 19th Century Westward Migration

Speaker: Chuck Knuths

Reported by: Lee Schlenker

This month speaker was Chuck Knuthson, who covered the 19th century westward migration. He came to us wearing many different "hats" in his life so far. He is now working toward his certification as a professional genealogist. His talk covered who came West and how, when, why and what mode of transportation they may have used - from the settling of Jamestown in 1607 to the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869.

After the English settlement of Jamestown in 1607 and for the next 200 years there was an influx of immigrants who inhabited the 1,000 miles (from Maine to Florida) along the East Coast making it their home. England said they should only inhabit those 1,000 North/south miles; so people did just that! Between 1750 and 1915 more than fifty million immigrants arrived in the U.S. with forty million making it their home.

Manifest Destiny in 1845 was a phrase, popular with supporters of expansionism, which contended that it was the United States' destiny, a

God-given right, to build up a democratic nation, and to overspread and possess the whole of the continent, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. And so it began.....

There was overland migration routes such as the **Lewis and Clark Expedition**, 1803-1806, exploring a water routes from the Missouri to the Pacific Ocean and back. This opened up a water route from east to west. (Their mileage count from point A to point B was only 40 miles off as to what it actually is.) There was the **Oregon-California Trail** (aka Overland Emigrant Trail) in 1843 from Independence, Missouri to California or Oregon (2,000 miles). Fort Hall in southeast Idaho is where the trail split - northwest to Oregon by way of the Snake and Columbia Rivers, or southwest via the Humboldt/Truckee Rivers and the Sierra Nevadas to California. This last route was the hardest. There was the **Santa Fe Trail** from Franklin, Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico (1,000 miles). The **Mormon Trail** (1846-1847) from western Illinois to Salt Lake

Valley (1,300 miles). By 1869 more than 70,000 Mormon pioneers crossed the plains to settle in the Salt Lake Valley. It was the mid-way point between the Missouri and the Pacific making the journey easier, safer and swifter for other emigrants. A ferry boat service was established on the North Platte and Green Rivers.

The **Butterfield Overland Stage Company** was established during this time and for \$200.00, one way, you could travel from St. Louis to San Francisco in about 22 days. The **Pony Express**, established April, 1860, delivered mail and the news between St. Joseph, MO and San Francisco, CA (2,000 miles) but closed up in November, 1861 when the telegraph came into existence. The first **Transcontinental Telegraph** signal was from N.Y. to S.F. on October 24, 1861. (In 1841 it took 3 months and 20 days for news of President Harrison's death to reach Los Angeles. In 1865 the news of Lincoln's assassination was flashed across this continent in a matter of minutes.) Then the first **Transcontinental Railroad** came into existence when in 1863 the Union Pacific (west) and the Central Pacific (east) joined those 2,000 miles at Promontory Point, Utah. The Central Pacific used thousands of Chinese to work the route from the west; the Union Pacific used thousands of Irish, German, Italian and freed black slaves to work their route. The fare from Omaha to Sacramento was \$40 for immigrant class, \$80 for second class and \$111 for first class. Travel time was cut from months to about 7 days.

The travels by sea came in the mid-1800s. In 1849 some 777 ships departed from Atlantic ports to S.F. via the **Cape Horn Route** (approx. 15,000 miles taking up to 8 months). Ship travel was dangerous with fierce storms, bad water, poor food, frayed nerves, cholera and scurvy. The **Isthmus of Panama Route** was the quickest to California. The Isthmus was 5,300 miles with travel time 2-3 months. Ships landed on the eastern coast at Chagres then traveled 50 miles overland to Panama City on the west. Travel was first by canoe, then by horse and mule taking about 5 days. As the demand increased so did the cost: \$200-\$400 plus the overland trip at \$40-\$50. In 1855 the Panama Railroad service began and for \$25 adult passengers (half price for children under six) could ride from ocean to ocean in 3-4 hours. The Panama Route was still risky - cholera, yellow fever, dysentery and malaria took their toll. The

Panama Canal was not completed until 1914. The **Nicaraguan Route** which was 500 miles north of Panama and was 170 miles wide but offered more of a water route; used from 1851-1855 (first-class was \$180 and steerage was \$75). The **Mexico Route** from 1850-1851 a 213-mile wide passage where the problem of cholera existed.

A Tidbit: California gold was discovered in 1848; word didn't reach the East Coast until 1849 and migration started. The fortune-seekers went mainly by overland because it was cheaper and they could haul their supplies with them. The rush peaked in 1852 with \$81 million in gold extracted.

Chuck Knuthson suggests when researching we start with the known (you) and work back to the unknown (your ancestors). You need to become very familiar with the events of the day in the area where you ancestors lived and worked. Check gazetteers, old newspapers, even old letters if that's possible. If you think you have lost your ancestor, look for names that are familiar within their neighborhood. Many people moved with friends, neighbors, relatives at the same time or even a year later. Check the census and who appears in that particular neighborhood with your ancestor. Prior to the mid-1800s, people generally moved in some type of a group. And they rarely remained in one place or location. A compiled genealogy, even if it's not your line, can be helpful as a locator for finding that lost relative. Ethnic and religious affiliations often moved together. Check maps, land records, vital records, lists/indexes of wagon train, ship and railroad passengers. Often times the name of someone's general delivery unclaimed mail was published in the local newspaper searching for this particular person. There are Pioneer Societies: Society of the California Pioneers, Oregon Pioneers, and Sons/Daughters of the West that are worth checking if you know your ancestor was a pioneer. Cyndie's List has migration routes, roads and trails also.

Mr. Knuthson gave us a great outline handout along with an extensive bibliography and it is well worth borrowing that list if you couldn't attend his talk.

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The "Visitation of God" as a cause of death reminded me of the most common cause of death listed in a mortuary whose records I transcribed. Nearly half of the people died of the same thing -- "complications."

To survive, simplify!

Thanks to: Mabel Phillips in Missouri

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**SRVGS CALENDAR OCTOBER 2004**

5 Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. The Board Meeting will be at the home of Carol Huvane in Walnut Creek.

19 Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo. From I-680 freeway, take Stone Valley Road east 2 & 1/2 miles.

25 Monday – 9:00 a.m. The Library Trip will be to the Sutro State Library in San Francisco (415) 731-4477. It is located at 480 Winston Drive (behind the Stonestown Shopping Center). If possible, visit the website (www.library.ca.gov) for "California State Library - Sutro" to see that they have one of the largest genealogical collections west of Salt Lake City. As with all the libraries we visit, the head librarian is notified of our group's visit and is prepared to be of assistance.

Carpools meet behind Albertson's, off Diablo Road in Danville. Carpools leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. Sign-up can be made at our general meeting or call the Library Trip Coordinator, Louise Ford by 5:00 p.m. the day before the trip to either add your name or cancel if necessary. Her phone number is (925) 376-4587.

Please note that this trip is on a Monday.

26 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. A Member Education class will be presented by Ron Frye at the Family History Center (FHC) on Stone Valley Road. From 10:00 a.m. till noon, Ron Frye will present **GENEALOGY RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET**. Please up at the General Meeting.

For further information you may contact Carol Huvane, Member Education Coordinator. Phone 947-5669 or e-mail Tomcarhuvane@aol.com

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2 Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. The Board Meeting will be at the home of Bob Dougherty - 11606 Amarillo Ct.

16 Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. General Meeting will be at the LDS Church, 2949 Stone Valley Road. The speaker will be Richard "Dick" Finn. He will be speaking about The Tri-Valley Heritage Families Project.

Due to Thanksgiving, there will not be a Library trip in November

SRVGS Special Interest Groups
October/November - 2004

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP - They plan to meet Tuesday, October 19 after the general meeting at about 12:30 p.m.. They will meet at the home of Peggy Dearman, 749 Morninghome Road 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 is the contact person for the group. Phone 837-1621 or e-mail dearman@pacbell.net

GERMAN – A home group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 27 (the fourth Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Fran Schweitzer – 2493 Lariat Lane, Walnut Creek. Please let the hostess know if you do not plan to attend or if you need directions. An Oktober Fest is being planned for November 17th.

For further details, contact Fran Schweitzer (925) 935-5744 or e-mail FranSchw@pacbell.net

IRISH – Their typical meeting dates will be October 13 and November 10, (second Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Patty Erickson, 10 Ridge Place in Pleasant Hill. Phone (925) 229-0889 or e-mail russpat@comcast.net to verify these times.

SOUTHERN – They are scheduled to meet on October 12, (the second Tuesday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Dorothy Humpal, 666 Paradise Valley Court (Crow Canyon Country Club) in Danville. Her phone no. is 735-3310. The contact person is Dorothy Stanton, Phone 820-3757 or email dpstant@hotmail.com.

New persons interested in attending should contact Dorothy Stanton for information.

INTERNET – Interested SRVGS members that are also Internet users communicate via e-mail. The coordinator is Jack Johnson. Phone 837-2153 or e-mail jackmj@earthlink.net

Member Internet users may join this group by sending an email request. Please use "SRVGS Internet User" as a subject line.

CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

13 October, 2004 Wednesday

The San Mateo County Genealogical Society has invited John Soennichsen to speak about *A History of Angel Island* at their general meeting. The meeting will be held 7:30 pm at the Peninsula Community

Foundation, 1700 South El Camino Real in San Mateo. John Soennichsen has been the historian for the Angel Island Association for the past ten years. (650) 572-7272 or www.smcgs.org for further information.

14 October and 11 November

(2nd Thursdays) The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will hold its regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at LDS Church, 3700 Concord Blvd in Concord.

16 October, 2004 Saturday An annual fall one day seminar will be held from 8:15 am to 4:30 pm at the LDS Church, 3700 Concord Blvd. near Farm Bureau Road in Concord. More than 30 classes. Bring your own lunch. The pre-registration fee is \$15 prior to September 30.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND LATE RENEWALS

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WEBSITES TO TRY

Linkpendium – www.linkpendium.com

This website has almost 850,000 links to genealogy websites. Websites can be accessed by surname or by state. No countries are listed as yet but this website is growing daily. The developers of the site started the Roots Web site with which many of us are familiar.

Our Time Lines – www.ourtimelines.com

Have you ever wondered what events happened during your ancestor's lifetime or even your own life time? This website is really easy to use. Just type in the name of the person and the beginning and ending dates. The time line is immediately created. You can create a version which is printable. It is very interesting to see all the events that have happened during the person's lifetime.



Ride Needed

Melissa Bernadou, one of our members, would like to attend our meetings but she needs a ride. She lives in the Senior Center at Fircrest and Alcosta Blvd. in San Ramon. If you would like to offer your services, Please call her at 925-828-7006.

If any other member, needs a ride to our meetings Or other functions, please contact a Board Member.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION--

This month our Member Education class will be given by Ron Frye at the Family History Center in Alamo where SRVGS meets for the general meeting. We offer six committed people this two hour class using FHC computers; Ron will present his popular class GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET, Tuesday, October 26, 10 am. You must SIGN UP for this class at the general meeting.

In September our group changed the way we SIGN UP for classes. We have to get used to signing up at the special table set up for this purpose. Sign ups are to be done before, during and after meetings for all trips, classes and needs of the group. Please use this method and/or tell us what you think about it.

Remember October is Family History month. The California Genealogical Society offers library use on a free basis all month as mentioned in a previous newsletter. (www.calgensoc.org). .. you MAY still be able to register (though you will not receive a libabus) for "DIGGING FOR YOUR ROOTS", Oct. 16th, at the Concord Family History Center. Ask for a form with inquiry phone number at the FHC, Alamo.

Are you aware that the web site of Family Tree magazine offers many excellent forms for downloading? <http://www.familytreemagazine.com> Categories in which to download forms are General Research, People and families, Census forms, and books and articles with multiple form choices in each of these categories. Incidentally, I was not aware of this form source until I took Harry Baggett's class last year, USING COMPUTERS FOR GENEALOGY. Since the fall 2004 class does not meet until Oct. 26, check to see if enrollment can still be made at the San Ramon Valley Center of DVC. Use CIS-055N 9087 to look up the class on the website <http://www.srvs.net>.

Please remember to communicate your specific needs concerning education to me or another board member...and let us know if the "SIGN UP" mode is working out for you.
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"NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLE"

The General Register Office in England is offering a website to order Certificates for births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales. The site address is www.gro.gov.uk.

Thanks to Mary Tom for this information

California Great Register of Voters for 1890

The above is now available in the Genealogy Room at the Pleasant Hill Library in Contra Costa County. You can find it on the California shelf (at the end of the CA books). It would be helpful in placing male in California in 1890 – the year that census records are missing. Thanks again to Mary

Ask Genie

Dear "Genie"

I have been searching for my birth grandmother for about 20 years. All I know of her is that she was 26 years old in 1911 when my father was adopted from an orphanage in Hinsdale, IL and that her birthplace was Russia. Her name was "Stella Sholti (Schlota)"-- that is exactly the way it was typed on my father's adoption papers.

I think that she may have been a German from Russia as many of them came to the US in the late 1800s and her surname whichever spelling it was, or even if it was the more common "Schulte" is German, not Russian.

I have talked to the historical society in the county where the orphanage records have been stored ever since the orphanage closed and they have the same information that I have and not any additional. When I was in Chicago I looked through all the city directories for that time period. She doesn't appear in the Ellis Island records, nor does anyone with a version of her last name.

I have not found her in any census records. Dear Genie, please gaze into your crystal ball and see if you can help me. Thanks so much!

Sincerely,

Ann Porcella, SRVGS member

I have not been able to help Ann find her grandmother. I did send her query to someone who is not a member, and to date have not heard back from them. If anyone has suggestions for Ann, please let her know.

Genie bdittig@comcast.net

President's Message – October, 2004*By Marilyn Tanner*

Earlier this month I had the fun of helping Junior Girl Scout Troop 346 of Moraga with their Heritage badge. It's a real challenge to get girls of this age interested in a project that's not completed in one meeting.

The first thing we did was try to fill out their Pedigree Chart: their name as #1, then parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Several only knew their grandparents as grandma and grandpa. I then got them started on a Family Group sheet for their parents, listing brothers and sisters. They would continue on their own from there on.

As you can imagine, several were completely disinterested. At this point, I passed around my large pedigree chart, a fancy marriage certificate, birth, death, naturalization papers and a picture of the ship my great grandfather came to America on. (This I found on the web.)

This opened things up and the stories of families came out. A lively discussion occurred. We talked about games our parents and grandparents might have played, what they wore to school, and favorite subjects in school as possible things to include in their report for Heritage badge.

If you have the opportunity, do volunteer to help a leader with this badge. A little preparation on your part will make "genealogy" an interesting project for the troop and maybe later in their lives they will come across their report and get interested in really researching their family.

"Mom-opoly"

For my mother's birthday, my sister and I created a board game, "a la Monopoly", based on our childhood. The spaces on the board were labeled with the names of families and businesses from our old neighborhood, and with penalty zones like "Go to Your Room". We also created chance cards containing memories that either moved your playing piece forward or back a space. We play this much-loved game at every family get-together.

Kathy Bacil Orleans, Ontario, Canada

Family Circle – 9/7/04

October is Family History Month:**Ten Easy Projects to Celebrate**

– Juliana Smith

editor of the Ancestry Daily News

Since October is Family History Month, it's also a great time to work some family history projects into our to-do list. For those of you who may be looking for some ideas, here are ten to get you started:

1) Write a Biographical Sketch and Share it with Your Family. What better way to introduce your family to a favorite ancestor than to share his or her life story? Who knows--you may inspire another family member to help in your search for more information!

2) Share a Story from Your Childhood with a Child. My daughter loves hearing stories about when I was little. I've decided that this month we're going to take some time and document some of these stories together. She loves making little "books," so I'm going to ask for her help in creating a storybook for one of my childhood stories. Besides helping with her composing, handwriting, and drawing skills, it will show how fun it can be to preserve memories. Hopefully she'll begin preserving some of her own in this way as well, now and in the future.

3) Record the History of Your Heirlooms. As I was dusting some of the figurines I have in my china cabinet, I was once again reminded of where I got these treasures. It's always a time of reflection on the people who gave me many of these items as gifts, the trips where I bought some of them, or on the original owners of those that are heirlooms. If something happened to me, or if my memory failed (which it so often does these days!), many of these stories could be lost. Another goal for the month is to record the origins of these things, so when it comes time for my daughter to inherit them, she'll also inherit the stories behind them. This could be done fairly easily now with a notebook and a pen, or on my laptop. I can take photographs of them or describe them, and then include the story.

4) Create an Heirloom. Among the treasures I have that are not included in my china cabinet are the crocheted blankets from my grandmother, a framed cross-stitch from my sister, some pieces of embroidery from my Aunt Chula, a crib made by my Uncle Paul, paintings by my mother, and a pottery jewelry box painted by my daughter. Use a special talent that you have to create an heirloom for your family. If you're an artist, paint an ancestor, a living family member, a family home or ancestral town, a

pet . . . anything or anyone that appeals to you. It's your handiwork and that's what will matter most to the recipient. If you have a knack for photography, take photographs and have them framed. Or how about a scrapbook of a family reunion, vacation, or some other special event? Anything you create yourself has a piece of you in it, and it's something your family will always treasure.

5) **Cook up Some Family Recipes.** I have a number of family recipes that are favorites and it's time to start cooking them. While I'm at it, it would be a good idea to commit some of these recipes, which are primarily stored in my head, to paper. Recipes can be recorded on word processing documents (with any family stories that might go with them), and then bound in project folders to create simple family cookbooks. These could make great Christmas gifts--and you are taking steps to preserve an important part of your family's heritage while you're at it.

6) **Make Copies of Family Photos.** As the family historian, you have probably collected a number of ancestral photos. Why not get some copies made to share with other family members. (Stick them in a frame and you got yourself another great gift idea!)

7) **Pass Out Family Trees.** With today's genealogical software and your family data, it is fairly easy to print out a family tree that is suitable for framing. Family Tree Maker 11 has a number of templates that you can use in creating a keepsake family tree for your family. If your file is too large, there are also services, such as Ancestry's Heirloom Family Tree, that will print it for you.

8) **Write a Letter and Spread Some Goodwill.** Have you had a good experience with your local librarian, archivist, or county clerk? Why not write a letter to that person's supervisor, letting them know you appreciate the service you've received? They'll probably remember it the next time you ask them for help. It will also serve as a pleasant reminder to that institution that family historians are a part of their clientele and their needs should be considered when it comes time for assessing collection needs.

9) **Volunteer.** There's no better way to build "family history karma points" than to volunteer to help others. There are a number of online transcription projects that are always looking for help. Rootsweb.com is a great place to start your search for them. Also, genealogical societies are leaders when it comes to records preservation. They are always in need of volunteers to help with projects. Plus, it's a great way

to connect with other researchers in your area. If your schedule won't allow you to get involved with a large project, try Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness, or simply share some of your expertise by answering someone's question on a mailing list.

Alamo FHC can definitely use volunteers.

You can help them, other genealogists and yourself.

Call today 925-947-5669. Alamo FHC hours:

Mon., Tues, Wed. 10am-4pm Tues., 7pm to 9 pm

10) **Create Some Memories to Preserve Your Family History.** Don't forget that the root of Family History Month is family. Spend some time with your family and friends and create some memories that will last long after Family History Month is over!

Let's Communicate!

If you would like to receive information from our SRVGS group or share information with our "group", join the Internet Special Interest Group by contacting Jack Johnson 837-2153 or email him at jackmj@earthlink.net. Please use "SRVGS Internet User" as a subject line.

Program Committee Wants YOU!

The Committee is looking for members who would like to share a unique or unusual discovery they have made in their search for a "lost" relative. They would like to plan a program around these "discoveries" early next year. If you have a story to tell, contact Ed Mason at 838-7848 or email him at edmason@sbcglobal.net.

SRVGS Audio Tape Library

Remember that we have an excellent tape library. Member can "rent" a tape at our monthly meeting for just \$1.00, take it home, listen to it and return it the next month. The list of tapes is in our Membership Handbook. CD's of our monthly speaker will soon be available.

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

Members are encouraged to submit articles for the Newsletter by mail or e-mail to Coordinator.

Our Genealogical Search goes on...

I started out calmly tracing my tree
To find, if I could, the making of me
And all that I had was Great Grandfather's name
Not knowing his wife or which way he came.

I chased him across a long line of states
And came up with pages and pages of dates
When all put together it made me forlorn
I'd proved poor Great Grandpa had never been born.

One day I was sure the truth I had found
Determined to turn this whole thing upside down
I looked up the records of one Uncle John
But then found the old man to be younger than his son.

Then when my hopes were fast growing dim
I came across records that must have been him
The facts I collected then made me quite sad
Dear ol' Great Grandfather was never a dad.

I think maybe someone is pulling my leg
I'm not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree
I can't help but wonder if I'm really me? -Anon.

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