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The Amador Genealogical Association invites you to become a member.

These projects are promoted by the Amador Genealogical Association:

Surname Registry
Field Trips
Coordinated car pooling to
Genealogical Libraries
Speakers
Genealogy related subjects at
most meetings.

Purposes

To share and aid each other in our search for ancestors.

To learn more about sources available for genealogy research.

To exchange information with fellow members.

Members willing to loan personal reference material to fellow members

Personal library index

Club library

Pooling of funds through dues to purchase books and subscriptions to genealogical periodicals of interest to members.

Workshops

Opportunities for family research through AMADOR GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

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Editorial

During our November meeting we had the pleasure of listening to one of Ed Pyle's typically fine presentations. His discussion on family organizations and how they may help genealogists is worthy of careful consideration by those of us interested in tracing our own genealogies and family histories.

Ed pointed out that the advantages of a large, well organized family unit. He has contributed a twenty page manual to our genealogy library which covers the main factors in establishing and operating family organizations. Included in this publication are a constitution and by-laws for a family organization, as well as a discussion of the advantages of the incorporation of a family unit. For those of us who belong to family organizations, as well as those working alone, this manual is worthy of careful reading.

One of the major points is the multiplication of effort through cooperation. Another is the division of family branches among relatives. Most of my own genealogy has been obtained in this manner.

All it takes to start a family organization is two people. Many organizations exist only by mail and some of the members have never met.

Why dont each of us consider starting a family organization this spring?

News of Other Organizations

by Judy Williams

The Los Angeles City Historical Society is seeking descendants of the founders of the Pueblo De Los Angeles in 1781.

The founders were: Pablo Rodriguez, Jose Venegas, Jose Moreno, Felix Villavicencio, Francisco Sinova, Basilio Rosas, Alejandro Rosas, Antonio Navarro and Manual Camero.

The descendants will be recognized at a special celebration during the Los Angeles Bicentennial in 1981.

Forms for documentation of descent are available by writing to the Los Angeles City Historical Society, P.O. Box 41046, Los Angeles, Ca. 90041.

The Genealogical Committee of the Conference of California Historical Societies will publish the 2nd edition of the Directory of California Genealogical Societies in May 1979. The supply of the directory published in November 1977 is now depleted. Your society is invited to up-date any new information before May 15, 1979.

This second edition will include a listing of California Family Organizations. We feel this will be of service to genealogists in California and elsewhere. Encourage your members, and others, to submit their California based family organizations information for the 1979 directory.

We invite you, your family and friends to participate in the Conference symposiums and workshops. There is an increasing interest in our historical and genealogical activities. Consult the CCHS Historian and Newsletter for dates and details.

For directory registration information write to:
Mrs. Marie E. Northrop, CCHS Genealogy Chairperson
5356 Hillmont Ave. Los Angeles, Ca. 90041

Upcoming Events

Our next meeting, January 22 will be held at 7:30 PM at the LDS Cultural Hall, 950 Mocho. The program will be a sharing event. Lets all go prepared to tell about some our best "finds" last year. There will also be a vote on the legal disbursement of the funds from our art auction.

Olivette Chann, our program chairman, is requesting suggestions for programs in the future. If anybody has a special idea for a speaker or other program, please tell Olivette about it.

Genealogical Aids and Notes

How to Preserve old Newspapers and Clippings:

1. Dissolve a Milk of Magnesia tablet in 1 quart of Club Soda overnight. 2. Pour into a large tray or pan and soak the clipping for an hour. 3. Remove from tray and dry. This CANNOT be done to handwritten articles, only printed matter or papers written in permanent ink. You might test a corner of the paper first.

Maine Genealogical Society publishes queries of members free in their Newsletter. Membership is \$5 a year. (P.O. Box 221, Farmington, Me. 04938)

The new address of the Irish Genealogical Society is 7A Duke of York Street, St. James Square, London SW1Y 4LE, England.

From Hayward Area Genealogical Society;

The New York census of 1800 and the 1793 roll of the New Jersey Militia is now available at the Hayward Genealogical Society. If you are unable to visit, information may be obtained by sending a SASE to the Society at P.O. Box 754, Hayward, Ca. 94543.

by Judy Williams

If anyone is doing research in Preble County, Ohio, I know a nice lady who is willing to help there. She is in charge of the West Alexandria Archives. She sent my name on to a lady in southern California who is also working on the Reichard family. That lady phoned me long distance last night and we found that we are related. It was a very exciting phone conversation.

by Doris Burnett

Queries

Ruth Dierks, 1120 North "P" Street, Livermore, Ca. 94550

William Alvin Nelson B. 30 Aug 1834, Jackson Co. Mo. His brothers were Jessie, Robert S. and James T. Nelson. William Nelson married 18 Nov 1858 to Sarah Lavina Hudgings at Ash Grove, Green County, Mo. Need his parents.

William Henry Hudgings B. 14 Nov 1812 Va?, son of Carter and Rachel (Maiden name unknown) Hudgings/engs/eongs. Rachel found in 1850 census of Monroe County, Tenn. Need parents of Carter and Rachel and where they lived in Va.

Meet Our Members

Doris Burnett who has contributed much time and effort to the Tracer.

I was born and raised in the Sunset district of San Francisco. We always had a great joke about the Sunset district, "The place where the sun never set, it's too foggy".

I worked in the accounting department of "Ma Bell" before marriage. I had only been out of California, to the snow country at Reno, twice on telephone company trips, before I was married.

In 1948 I met Bill Burnett at a roller skating rink. I was quite impressed as Bill danced on skates, (and still does). He was a sailor when we met. One year later we were married and ten days after that he was sent to an island called Saipan. I arrived there three months later and that started our great moving adventures. Our first two girls, Susan and Kathy, were born in Jacksonville Florida. Then we were off to the Orient's again, this time to the island of Okinawa. Next it was back to dear old California for four years and then to the Orient' again, Japan. Altogether we spent eight years overseas.

Our twin daughters, Rebecca and Roberta, were born in Japan. Roberta died in 1973.

Eventually Bill retired from the Navy, and we worked our way back to the Bay area, and to Pleasanton in 1968. Bill works for Loral Grove Ho spital as plant manager.

Our oldest daughter, Susan, is a nurse and is married to Donald Thompson. Kathy is a nursery school teacher and is married to Kevin Zollinger. We have two grandchildren and are expecting another one any day.

I got interested in genealogy three years ago when my daughter Kathy said, "Let's write it down". I only had one living aunt so we went to her first. This visit was one big surprise. She told me that my father's last name was not Spilmer, but Spielmeyer!! It had been a family secret. Now, three years later, I have three large binders full of my and Bill's genealogy.

I have done so many things that it is hard to list them all--- PTA, Political elections, election boards, Navy wives newspaper, arts and crafts, painting, sewing and reading as well as the American Cancer Society's Reach for Recovery program.

As a family we all love sports and camping. This year we all plan to go camping together at Lake Shasta.

Meet Ruth Dierks who was one of our founders and who played a major role in writing our association by-laws. She is also our historian.

I was born 7 July 1918 in my parents home which was located two blocks north of the Capitol Building in Salem Oregon. My parents were Grace Ellen Whitlaw and Leslie (NMN) Beach. When I was nine months old my father, who was a roving person, disappeared, leaving Mother to rear my older sister, Esther, and me. We moved quite often and if I had any "roots" they were in my grandparents farm at Falls City, Polk County, Oregon.

I graduated in 1938 from the high school in Willamina, Yamhill County, Oregon in three years. After graduation it was "go to work time" as the depression still had a hold on the country.

During World War II, while I was in the WAC Air Force and stationed in San Francisco, I married John Franklin Dierks, who was with the U.S.Navy. We were married 5 October 1944 in Shelton, Mason County, Washington. My husband retired from the Navy in 1961 at NAS Alameda, California. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii during the Japanese attack 7 December 1941. In 1949 we were fortunate to be transferred to Hawaii and lived there three years. After John retired from the Navy he attended college while I worked to help with expenses. Later he was employed by Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical, Inc. and is presently the manager of purchasing for their research plant at Pleasanton.

We have two children: Linda Lee, who is married and a registered nurse employed at Mt. Diablo Hospital in Concord. They have two little girls. Our son, John Eugene, graduated from San Francisco University with a degree in computer science. He and his wife live in Denver, Colorado and they have a girl and a boy. We were particularly happy to welcome a grandson as he is the only great-grandson out of seventeen great grandchildren in the Dierks family to carry on the name.

Since I was a teen-ager I have been curious about my ancestors. No one else in the family was interested, so I was lucky to be given pictures, newspaper clippings and other family mementos. Family members have a saying, "Don't throw it away--give it to Ruth".

Some family names I am researching are: Slinger, Jett, Johnston, Hudgins/engs/eongs, Meharry, Whitlaw/low/lee, Carter, Mills, Hagedorn and Reimers.

In Memoriam

We regret to report the sudden death of John W. Laughy at his home on January 7. He and his wife Rhoda were charter members of our association. John was a fine christian gentleman, loved and respected by all who had the honor to know him. He was a dedicated genealogist and writer. He has proved an inspiration to all of us in leaving behind a comprehensive personal history. The hearts of all of us go out to Rhoda in this time of sorrow.