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EDITORIAL NOTES

** This is the beginning of our new year and that means DUES TIME!!! Mail your \$9 to Clarence Parkison, 1023 Camella Drive, Livermore, CA 94550

** Our new officers have been duly elected and sworn in by the time this is delivered to you. Shirley Terry has been re-elected as President and RoseMarie Wade as 1st Vice President; Art Skinner and Bill Wolcott will share the 2nd VP; Carrie Alexander is our new Secretary and Dixie Newberry our Corresponding Secretary. Clarence Parkison remains as Treasurer.

** A great big thank you goes to June Duffey, Carmella Orham and Judy Williams --out-going officers who's hard work and kindheartedness was appreciated by all. Thanks to Shirley and RoseMarie too, for the year past and the one to come.

** Welcome New Member Barbara Barton, 2813 Superior Drive, Livermore, CA 94550

ODDS AND ENDS

** From June Duffey: an article from "Early American Life" entitled "The Mystery and History of your American Surname".

"... Surnames have been in general usage in Europe for about a thousand years, and they were drawn from four main sources: location of dwelling, occupation of the father, his baptismal name, or his nickname. . . . names have been misspelled and changed to fit American speech and thus have lost their ethnic identity.

Occupations that no longer exist can still be found in lists of English names. TIMONER was an ancient word for the steersman on a barge. CONDER was the man who stood on a high bank and spotted schools of fish for men with nets along the shore. GARTHWRIGHT, a name most often corrupted to Garthwaite today, was the name of the man who made wooden barrel hoops. SCRIMSHER and SCRIMSHAW both come from "Scrimgeour", title of the fencing master who taught young men to use the sword and epee. FARRIER is all but forgotten as the man who shod horses. The French name PINCHOT is from "Painchaud" (hot bread) - a name for a baker, and the latter spelling is still found in rare instances.

Nicknames, especially German nicknames, show a lusty sense of humor. Witness these surnames found in current German and American telephone books: HASENORL -- rabbit-ear; ZIEGENBEIN -- goat leg; EISENBARTH -- iron beard; MUCKENFUSS -- gnat's foot; FINKBEIN -- sparrow leg; ESSKUCHE -- cake eater; GANSAUGE -- goose eye, a name that amused H.L. Mencken. Then there were names from habitually used expressions, like WAISSNICHT - "I don't know"; NIMMNICHT - "I take nothing" and LEIBUNDGUT - a Swiss-German name, meaning "Life and Good" (fortune). This name has spawned dozens of American forms: Livingood, Lovingood, Livigood, Lovigood, Lavengood, Lavenguth, Livegood, Leibengut . . . etc. German names have not been greatly changed over the centuries in Germany, but in France laws were passed to prohibit the use of offensive and undignified names, and for that reason we find far fewer surnames that describe some characteristic of an ancient French ancestor. Bastard, on the other hand, and Batard and Batardon, are names worn without shame or apology, meaning just what you expect, one born out of wedlock. The stigma against that state is greater in America than in France.

Locational names were not restricted to the name of a village, township, or parish in which the family dwelt, but they often designated a specific spot in the community. ATWELL is from Atte Welle - "at the well" - the spring where the community drew water for family needs. Or the name could have been ATWATER from Atte Water. "At" names were legion in the records of early England, but many have disappeared or been changed. . . . In some instances a locational name fixed the occupation of the family as well as the place of residence." For example: BOURLAND - "bour" is an obsolete French word for peasant, and "land" is from lande, indicating the property of a noble family. "Thus those who lived on the bour lande were serfs who tilled the soil for a feudal baron, and some took that as a surname in the 10th or 11th century."

** PORTER PLAN: If you would like to participate in a plan to locate PORTER ancestors, please prepare Family Group Sheets, say before 1900, and send to: Homer W. Porter, 6354 Elder Grove Dr., Dallas, Texas 75232. There is no cost or obligation for the research, however, please include an SASE. Should material be found that appears applicable to your family, then we will appreciate reproduction costs of 50¢ for each sheet, which amount will be in Homer Porter's reply to you. All letters will be answered. One final suggestion - make follow-ups at six month intervals to see what may have come in since your last inquiry.

** From Clarence Parkison: an article from "Dayton Daily News" Feb 16, 1983, entitled "County Government".

"County government developed as a local administrative unit for state governments. The county finds its roots in the English shires, the administrative districts established by English kings. In fact, such familiar county officers as the sheriff (originally "shire reeve" or chief officer of the shire) and the coroner (meaning "officer of the crown," eventually a shire official whose duties included presiding over inquests into wrongful death) owe their titles and many of their duties to the medieval English tradition.

The medieval practices distinguished clearly between a shire or county, which assisted the king in performing such tasks as tax collection and the administration of justice, and the town or borough which had a royal charter (decree) making it a self-governing community.

COUNTY REORGANIZATION GLOSSARY

<u>Date of Origin</u>	<u>Historical Institution/Office</u>	<u>Modern Day Equivalent</u>
603	Scir; Shire; Conte	County
693	Heretoga; Comite	Count
787	Scirgerafa; Shire-Reeve	Sheriff
12th Century	Sheriff's Assessor	Auditor
12th Century	Sheriff's Receiver	Treasurer
12th Century	Sheriff's Recording Clerk	Recorder
1194	Crowner	Coroner
1195	Keeper of the Peace	Sheriff's Deputy
13th Century	King's Court of Common Pleas	Common Pleas Court
13th Century	King's Court Clerk	Clerk of Courts

13th Century
1327
1362
14th Century
14th Century
15th Century

King's Court Attorney
Justices of the Peace
Court of Quarter Sessions
Highway Surveyor
Parish Constable
Clerk of the King's Peace

Prosecutor
County Commissioners
Board of Commissioners
Engineer
Township Constable
County Clerk

** From Wisconsin State Genealogical Society via Waconda Roots & Branches:
Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents become greater with each successive generation,
but cousins get removed.

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

compiled by RoseMarie Stickney Wade

** Genealogical Assoc. of SACRAMENTO News: very interesting series "Americans on the Move", also a short history on early California schools.

World War I males 18-45 were required to register for the draft -- whether they served or not. There are 24,000-30 draft registrations at the Archives Branch, The Federal Records Center, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30044. Filed by state, draft #s can be checked if you send name, town, county, state of the person of interest and \$5.00.

** SANTA CLARA Historical & Genealogical Soc.: Lists Spanish-American War Veterans buried at Oak Hill Cemetery; the 1900 Great Register of Santa Clara County and Naturalization papers on microfilm at San Bruno Archives.

** Diablo Descendants - CONTRA COSTA CO - April newsletter has list of publishers with questionable business practices. You may want to check this list.

** Gen. Soc. of STANISLAUS COUNTY: has a bibliographic Guide to English Genealogical Research.

** 1983 National Jewish Seminar in Genealogy is slated for 31 July to 4 Aug. at the Ramada Inn in Beverly Hills, CA. Registration forms may be obtained by writing JGS Summer Seminar, P O Box 1245, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

** CHICAGO Genealogical Society newsletter: free books to write for - "Tracing Your Ancestors", British Tourist Authority, 680 Fifth Ave., New York, New York 10019; and "Tracing Your Swedish/Norwegian Ancestry": Genealogical Aids, Passage Tours, 412 South 9th St., Minneapolis, MN 55402, ATTN: Norwegian Heritage Dept. A 7 page list of German Translators in Winter Issue of Chi. Gen.

** Guide to Genealogical Sources at PA State Archives by Robert Dructor lists misc. and microfilm holdings which include passenger lists, vital statistics, naturalization, military, pension, church, cemetery and land records. Order from PA Hist. & Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

** The Genealogists Exchange has a regular column "In the Spotlight" that centers on a genealogical magazine not produced by a genealogical society. April 1983 reviews Genealogy Digest - The Consumer Roots Report.

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** THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS: A CELEBRATION OF THEIR ART 1683 - 1850. This exhibition can be seen at the M.H. DeYoung Memorial Museum in San Francisco from 2 July to 3 Sept. 1983, celebrating a nationwide observance of the arrival of the first German immigrants to America, and the many more who followed. In this 300th anniversary year those of you interested in their German ancestry will enjoy this exhibit.

** The Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society Museum will be host to other Alameda County historical organizations during the Alameda County Fair, 25 June through 10 July (except July 4th). Participating organizations: Dunsmuir House & Gardens, Camron-Stanford House, Livermore Heritage Guild, Mission San Jose Museum, East Bay Negro Historical Society, Hayward Area Historical Society, Washington Township Historical Society, and the Piedmont Historical Society. Among the displays will be rare antique tea cups, antique toys and games, Livermore Brick Works, History of San Jose, History of the Concannon & Wente Wineries and a 1920's kitchen.

BY NEWS

by Lucile White

Recent additions to the library:

DAR PATRIOTIC INDEX, VOL II by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Contains new lineages accepted since 1966, additions and corrections to Vol. I.

GUIDE TO THE DRAPER MANUSCRIPTS by Josephine L. Harper - a general finding aid for the entire collection of Draper tapes.

INDEX TO GENEALOGICAL PERIODICALS by Donald L. Jacobus - Indexes of surnames, places and subjects taken from publications of historical societies in book or pamphlet form.

GENEALOGICAL PERIODICAL ANNUAL INDEX VOL 13,14,17 by Laird C. Towle - Key to locating surnames in genealogical literature.

GENEALOGICAL HELPER May/June 1983 Periodical

SUTRO LIBRARY NEW ARRIVALS, Winter 1983

HISTORY NEWS, for state and local history, 11 issues for 1982/1983 Periodical
Donated by Fran Samans

DAR MAGAZINES, VOLS: Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec 1982, Jan, Feb. 1983 Donated F. Samans

GOOD-OLE-DAYS, Magazine of happy memories Mar, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, 1981 Donated
by Edith Guido

THE LAST OF THE CONQUISTADORS 1713-1784 by Omar Englehart - A biography of Junipero Serra, one of the founding fathers of California. Donated by Shirley Terry who bought this book in New Jersey at a library book sale.

ORIGIN & EVOLUTION OF ILLINOIS COUNTIES by Jum Edgar. - History of the boundaries of counties of Illinois. Donated by June Duffey

250th ANNIVERSARY OF WINCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS by Whitney & Littlefield
Donated by Sue Lay

KINGSTON, N.H. Early Vital Records Donated by Lucile White

CEMETERIES OF MORGAN COUNTY OHIO - Malta-Morgan Townships, Donated by L. White

INDEX OF ESTATES OF THE UPPER OHIO VALLEY by E.B. Uams, Extracted from the
1937-1938 New York Record

PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, VOL I, II, III - Information taken from the PA Gen.
Magazine and the PA Magazine of History and Biography - by Don Yoder

TENNESSEE AND KING'S MOUNTAIN PAPERS - Draper Collection, Calendar Series
Vol 3, Publications of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

SEVENTEEN SEVENTY-SIX, VOL II, No 1 Compiled by William Yaates - A quarter-
ly of genealogy, pedigree charts series. Donated by Bill Wolcott and
Barbara Dittig

THE PRESTON AND VIRGINIA PAPERS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION OF MANUSCRIPTS
Calendar Series Vol 1 Edited by Lilo M. Quaipe Publications of the
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

BERKELEY COUNTY VIRGINIA Newspaper and maps Donated by Barbara Dittig

** The Librarian will be happy to bring any special books to the meet-
ings to be checked out if you will call in advance and request them. Please
feel free to do this as she is not very good at guessing what others might
like to use.

** Remember, the library is open at all times and all members are wel-
come to come and browse anytime. A special welcome to those members that have
never visited the library located at 791 North N Street, Livermore (443-7095).

UP-COMING EVENTS

-also 1984 MAY 23 - 27 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The National Genealogical Society has scheduled their fourth Conference
to be held in SAN FRANCISCO in May of 1984. The Napa Valley Genealogical and
Biographical Society will be the local hosts. It will be held at the Sheraton
Palace Hotel. The Napa folks extend an invitation to any individual or group
who might be interested in working on this project, to volunteer their services
to the LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, Napa Valley G & B Soc., PO Box 385, Napa,
CA: 94559. Is anyone out there interested in helping?????? Let's let Shirley
Terry know about it.

Did you know that Microfilm of Tennessee newspapers can be obtained
via inter-library loan from the Tennessee State Library at Nashville.
(Mid-Missouri Gen. Soc. via Sonoma Co. Gen. Soc.)

VALLEY ROOTS

by Dixie Newberry

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH

The Feast Day of St. Michael, the Archangel, is September 29, and on that date in 1872, the first building for the Catholic congregation of Laddsville was blessed. However, since there was not a permanent pastor, the building was seldom used. Only when the pastor from Mission San Jose came to Laddsville, did they services. The building was a 25' x 50' frame affair constructed on land donated by Alphonso Ladd, and was located where the Kinney Shoe Store is now on First Street. The church was granted Parish status on August 24, 1878, at which time Father Powers became the permanent pastor.

This early congregation consisted of Irish, Italian, Portugese and a few Spanish families. Some names were Fallon, McCollicr, Regan, Murray, Scullion, Doolan, May, Kiely, O'Brien, Callahan, Moran, Mulqueeney, Basso, Nickerson, Serpa, and Bettencourt. Later came the names Doucerty, Greeley, Gallagher, McKeany, Twohey, Connelly, Kelly, Egan, Grassi, Cardella, McGlinchey, Rose, Peralta, Concannon, Raboli and Minoggio.

By the late 1800's, the congregation had out-grown the little church and a fund-raising began for a bigger church building. Church socials, bazaars and dinners were organized which were very popular with the citizens of Laddsville and Livermore, and enough money was raised to begin construction. The new building was started in July 1890, on the site of the former church, it having been moved to the back of the lot to be used as an annex. Dedication for the new church was March 17, 1891.

The Gothic style building was of Oregon pine on a brick foundation, 56' x 108' and could seat 500 people. The roof was 70' high and the belltower rose 148 feet with a bell that weighed 1,875 pounds and was said to have a beautiful, sweet tone. The interior of the church was varnished redwood, the pews were of white cedar, the walls were plastered with a sand finish, and the ceiling was blue. Tall, narrow windows had a stenciled design surrounding them and stained glass windows were a gift of the Mulqueeneys, Mr. McKeany, the Concannons, and Mrs. Hupers. Two large chandeliers, each with 32 gas lights, were used in addition to 32 smaller gas lighted fixtures. The altar was white and gold with an altar cloth consisting of 30 yards of gold lace belonging to Father Powers. The ladies of the church made the white linen top cloth. Above the altar was a painting, from Italy, of St. Michael the Archangel.

The \$30,000 building was dedicated with a gala celebration attended by a large crowd. Father Powers was the parish priest until 1915 when Father Donald McKinnon was installed.

On a particularly warm day, August 14, 1916, sparks from a nearby shop lodged in the shingles of the steeple setting it on fire. The fire company ladders were too short for a bucket brigade to reach; the steeple collapsed inward setting the interior on fire and the building was destroyed.

***Cover Photo: St. Michael's Church Burning 1916 -Elliott Dopking ***

IMPORTANT UP-COMING EVENT!!!!!!! The Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, Modesto, California is holding their 3rd Annual Heritage Hunting - a genealogical research Mini-Course. It will take place 17 September 1983 and cost \$20 (prior to 10 Sept) and \$25 at the door. It will feature Pauline Priest who's topic will be Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky; Constant E. Vaughn who's topic will be Mid-West, Illinois, Ohio and Missouri; and VAL D. GREENWOOD who's topic will be Research in American Genealogy. Sign-in is at 8:30 AM with the first lecture beginning at 9:00 AM - 10:30AM - the lectures are repeated at 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM. Lunch from 12:15 to 1:30 is Brown Bag or nearby restaurants. If you did not get a registration form at the June meeting, pick up one from our Librarian Lucile White at our Genealogical Library at 791 North N St. Livermore.

MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

Marjorie Haley Harter - I was working at the Livermore Library that I decided that the time had come to start "tracing my roots." It was the dedication and delightful enthusiasm of the members of this society that convinced me that doing my own family history could be an exciting and rewarding pastime; and I am finding that to be true, even though I am still strictly a novice at it.

I was born August 31, 1925, in Kingsdown, Ford County, Kansas, where I grew up along with my two brothers. My husband, James Gould HARTER, was born in Dodge City, Kansas. We were married in Kingsdown in 1947 and moved to Morrisville, Pennsylvania, where we lived for thirteen years and where our three daughters were born. We have lived in Livermore since 1960.

My father was Velma Stevens HALEY, who was born in Columbus, Illinois in 1893. His grandparents, James HALEY and Sarah Jane ADAMS, came over from Ireland about 1850 and settled near York, Pennsylvania, where my grandfather, Robert Grove HALEY, one of seven children, was born in 1859. As a young man, my grandfather moved to Illinois where he married Laura Cecilia RUTLEDGE, whose parents were Benjamin Franklin RUTLEDGE and Mary Ann RUTLEDGE (maiden name) of Baltimore, Maryland. My father, his three brothers and two sisters were all born in Columbus before the family moved to Kansas in 1902, first to Kingman and Haskell Counties and then to Ford County. There they settled permanently, and in 1922 my parents were married and established a home in Kingsdown where they lived for the rest of their lives.

My mother was Lucy Elizabeth MARSHALL, who was born in Greensburg, Kentucky, November 21, 1898. Her grandfather was William North MARSHALL and her father was John Bellfield MARSHALL, born November 21, 1863. Her mother, Lula Belle TRESENWITER, born March 27, 1868, was the daughter of John TRESENWITER, also of Greensburg, Kentucky. In 1905 my grandfather moved his family to Texas County, Oklahoma, where they lived until 1911 when they moved to Kansas, first to Fowler, where the last of thirteen children was born, then in 1915 to Minneola. There my grandfather died in 1920, but Western Kansas became a permanent home for all but two of this large family.

Although there are family histories for my mother's family and for both sides of my husband's family, there seems to be none for the HALEYS, so at the present time that is where I am concentrating my research,

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** My name is Virginia F. MOORE. I was born in Fresno, California, March 19, 1932. My husband, Charles F. MOORE, was born in Wilmington, CA, December 26, 1929. We have been married since 1952, and have one child. Her name is Catherine D. Harader, wife of Rolf Harader. They live in Eureka with our Grandson William Charles - "Willy", 20 months old. My husband and I have lived in Livermore for eight years. My family has lived in the Fresno area since the 1870's, my mother's side coming to California in the 1870's. My father's family came from Missouri to Fresno in 1881.

Our surnames include:

Father's side: Main, Fresno Co., Mo, IL, N.Y., CT.
Rice, Day - N.Y.
Hewitt - CT
Lynch, Howley - Canada, Ireland

Mother's side: Sullenger - Fresno, Napa, Mo, N.C.
Skinner - Napa, Ore., IL, S.C.
Reece, Van Hooser - IL
Rolin - Mo, N.C.
Fairchild, Hill - Napa, N.C., TN

Husband's Father's side: We know little past his Grandfather Joshua Settle
MOORE - ca 1880 Yolo Co. CA, TX

Husband's Mother's side: Dietz - Ariz, Ohio, Germany
Pierce, Cummings - Ariz, Vt, Ma.
Dunkley, Bowers, Brooks - Vt, Ma.

Virginia Moore 1849 El Padro, Livermore, CA 94550 415 - 447-8316

BOOK FUND DRIVE

The drive for donations to the library was a fine success with \$297.00 contributed. Most of this money has already been spent for books ordered, received and are now getting good usage by our members. Some of the books purchased with these contributions were: the 3 Vol. set of Pennsylvania Vital Records, Guide to the Draper Tapes, D.A.R. Patriotic Index, Vol. II, and 4 Vol. of Index to Periodicals, to help locate surnames and localities listed in published books and magazines. Other books are yet to be ordered.

We would like to thank every person that made a contribution. We can all take pride in our growing library.

QUERY CORNER

WAITS -- Message from Sue Lay for a member searching for WAITS. Look into Waitsfield, Vt area - there are lots of WAITS there!

Need information about Henry Clay MOSS, born 1868 Iowa and his sister Flora Emma MOSS, born 1871 Iowa. Both died Denair, California, Stanislaus Co. Lucile White, 791 North "N" St., Livermore, CA 94550

William Riley WEAVER married Jane _____ about 1838-9 Tennessee or Virginia. Their oldest child born Knox County, TN. Need Jane's maiden name and her parents. Lucile White, 791 North "N" St., Livermore, CA 94550

William HAWLEY, born about 1800 Montgomery County, VA, married Amanda WHALEN 1839 Pulaski Co., VA. She had 3 sons, Elizabeth and Mary, the Amanda died before 1850. Where did William go after that? Lucile White (see above)

Was Christina HICKMAN who married James KEELING 1790 Frederick Co. VA sister to Adam HICKMAN who lived Rockbridge Co. VA?? Lucile White (see above)

Jacob DECKARD married about 1780 in Botetourt County, VA, to Mary VANCE. Who were her parents? Lucile White (see above)

DID YOU KNOW The "Dutch" naming system went as follows:

The first son was named after the father's father
The second son after the mother's father
The third son after the father
The fourth son after the father's eldest brother???????

The first daughter after the mother's mother
The second daughter after the father's mother
The third daughter after the Mother
The fourth daughter after the mother's eldest sister?????

The German system used a middle name as their 'everyday' name. Example: If father's name is John, you could have sons by the names of John George and John Henry. Thus, they used the father's name as their first name and went by their middle name. Same went for the mother's" Anna Mary or Anna Helen. Both had the same first name. Always try to identify initials and nicknames. Another point is that John II did not always mean the son of John, but merely that the second might be a younger brother, cousin, uncle or nephew.

From -SE Neb. Gen. Soc; SW Gen. Soc. & Black Hawk Gen. Soc. and Ancestors Unlimited