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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is always fun but can be hectic with vacations, visitors, etc. (not to mention children). Fall schedules usually bring more organization to our lives. This should prove true with IAGS as well. We're all ready to get down to work. Aren't we?

Board meetings are scheduled for 11:45 a.m. the first Monday of each month at Fidelity Savings & Loan. Attendance by the six elected officers is necessary to carry on IAGS business affairs. We would also like to encourage our committee chairmen and especially our newsletter editor, publicity chairman and librarian to attend these meetings. Your input would be of great help.

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COVER PHOTO: Dr. John W. Robertson and his staff of nurses. Hydropathic Building, Livermore Sanitarium.

The Livermore Sanitarium, built in 1895, was located at College and L Streets. It was a hospital for mental disease and nervous disorders. Dr. John Robertson was its founder and according to the "Midwinter Herald" of Jan 25, 1896, "He had been forced to recognize the fact that nervous dyspeptics, neurasthenics, as well as many forms of general disease, could not be satisfactorily treated at their own homes, surrounded by family influences and familiar associations but required for their successful treatment, not only isolation, with proper diet and hygienic surroundings, but, above all, climate and sunshine, with proper outdoor air and amusements." Livermore Valley met all these specifications. The Sanitarium provided service to the entire Pacific Coast as well as to many eastern states until the 1960's, when it was destroyed due to the high cost of taxes on land with vacant buildings. The Sanitarium had closed down approximately 6 years previously, ca the mid-1950's. (Information courtesy of Ann Doss of the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society and Elliott Dopking. Photo courtesy of Elliott Dopking.)

SOCIETY BILLBOARD

Dues were payable as of July 1. \$9 per year. Mail your check to Clarence Parkison, 1023 Camelia Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. Make checks payable to L-AGS. The Roots Tracer mailing list will be revised as of Nov. 1, so please get your dues paid so you won't be dropped from the mailing list.

-----The Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society, located on the County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, is planning to begin a "Family History Case" display at their Museum. If any of you have family artifacts that you would consider making available for display to the ALVHS, please contact Ann Doss, Curator, at 462-2766 or drop her a note at PO Box 573, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

-----GRAPHOANALYSIS: Our August meeting was a novel one. One of our members Rhoda Laughy, is certified in Graphoanalysis, the science of determining personality traits from handwriting. It is akin to applied psychology -- it has nothing to do with fortune-telling. Rhoda did a presentation based on her expertise and using transparencies made from old letters of some of our members' ancestors. Here are some of Rhoda's comments: Instead of "penmanship" it's really "brain writing" and as such, the formation of the letters is an indication of thinking patterns. For instance, pointed m's and n's can indicate a very sharp mind that is quick to grasp ideas. Rounded m's and n's indicate a more deliberate, stone by stone building-type mind. The intelligence is no greater or less, just the manner of using it.

A downward slant to the cross of a t can indicate a sarcastic attitude. If the t isn't completely crossed it indicates procrastination. A one stroke t where the cross bar is attached to the stem, shows initiative and a t with no lead-in stroke shows a tendency to get right to the point and not beat about the bush.

Pointed s's show a person who makes up their mind and won't be influenced by anyone else. A hook on an s shows persistence. A printed s in handwriting shows artistic flair. A Greek e in handwriting shows literary ability. A long tail on an e at the end of a word shows caution. Small, crowded writing shows concentration. Writing that is all spread out with distance between each letter shows a person who is out in the open. Large space between words indicates a generosity to self.

Now, check some of your own ancestors handwriting and see if you can verify what you've been told about ole' Aunt Bessie! Thanks for a unique presentation, Rhoda.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Welcome New Members: Ann Brand, 1729 Helsinki Way, Livermore, CA 94550; and Arleen Wood, 555 Ontario Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. We look forward to reading your "Meet The Members" article.

To those of you who still haven't turned in an article for the Meet the Member Section of our Quarterly, please get busy - we'd like to know you better and possibly give you a hand.

If any of you have data that you feel would be good material for sharing with the rest of us, please get it to me at the meeting or mail it or give me a call 443-2576. I can use all the help I can get. If you'd like to help with the Tracer, please give me your name and an idea of what you'd like to do - it may be something you enjoy doing already and would just

be sharing what you already know. If you're interested in Cemeteries and need an excuse to visit one of the local ones, let me know. We've completed Roselawn and have just about finished collecting St. Michaels. There are still two cemeteries in Pleasanton and Memory Gardens on East Ave. left to do. There are also Mortuary records at the Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton and the early Pharmacy records that are available for copying here in Livermore. So, if you'd like to help collect information for those people looking for their ancestors in this neck of the woods, please let me know.

The Livermore Library has micro film of the early Livermore newspapers. This work was done by the Livermore Heritage Guild. We'll try to get a copy of the exact films they have at issue.

The hours of the Mormon Library in Oakland are: Closed Monday; TWTU 9 am - 9:30 pm; FRI 9 am - 5 pm; SAT 12 - 5 pm. The address is 4780 Lincoln Ave. and the phone number is 415-531-3905. Take the Warren Freeway off of the MacArthur Freeway and the Joaquin Miller exit off the Warren Freeway. Turn left and go over the overpass. It appears on your left immediately.

Sutro Library in San Francisco is still at the U.S.F. campus and will not be moving in the immediate future. We will keep you posted.

LIBRARY NEWS

The L-AGS Library is located at 791 North N. Street, Livermore, and open almost any time. (442-7095)

The following books and material have been added to our library since the last Tracer was published:

New Arrivals in American Local History and Genealogy at the Sutro Library. List for winter 1982.

Fact sheet on doing research in Denmark. Donated by A. A. Gross.

WHO'S WHO IN THE EAST: A 1979 list of prominent people in the eastern United States. Donated by Ed Pyle.

A booklet on how to trace your ancestors in Norway. Donated by A. A. Gross.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN INDIANA by Margaret R. Waters. 300 names of soldiers not listed in the Roster of Soldiers and Patriots buried in Indiana.

- PIONEER WOMEN-VOICES FROM THE KANSAS FRONTIER, by Joanna L. Stratton. Autobiographical stories written by many pioneer women who civilized the frontier of Kansas. Donated by Dorothy Bevard.
- KENTUCKY AND HER COUNTIES. Written by Wendell L. Rone, Sr. On loan from Lucile White.
- PIONEERS OF MAINE AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1623-1660, by Charles H. Pope. Reprinted in reduced size. Donated by Lucile White.
- HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY-American Imprints Inventory. A check list of Michigan Imprints, 1796-1850.
- HISTORY AND TALES OF A PIONEER, by John S. Blue. A narrative of migration from Virginia to the "Sod House Frontier". Donated by Olivette Chinn.
- ANNALS OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD, MASS. by Jacob B. Moore. Written in 1824. Reprinted in reduced size 1982. Donated by Lucile White.
- GENEALOGIES OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF THE ANCIENT COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, by Jonathan Pearson. Written in 1872. Reprinted in reduced size 1982. Donated by Lucile White.
- NEW YORK MARRIAGE LICENSES, A supplementary list published by the NY State Library. A Booklet. Donated by Sue Lay.
- OHIO WILLS AND ESTATES TO 1850; An index by Carol Willsey Bell. A comprehensive index to the probate records in Ohio. Purchased and donated to the library by the following members: Ed Pyle, Clarence Parkison, Margaret Fazio, Lucile White, Barbara Dittig and Ruth Dierks.
- PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA-MARRIAGE LICENSES PREVIOUS TO 1790. Reprinted in reduced size. Donated by Lucile White.
- ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA NOTEBOOK, compiled by A. Maxim Coppage, III.
- CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DIRECTORY - 1981, edited by Charles B. Brownson. A book identifying the "experts" in Washington, D.C. Donated by Ed Pyle.
- WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN POLITICS-1977-1978, Edited by Jacques Cattell Press. Donated by Ed Pyle.
- Cataloging and Classification - A workbook on cataloging in the library. Donated by Ed Pyle.
- Three booklets of autobiographical articles written by a local class; Intervals, Our Potpourri, Down Memory Lane. Donated by Frances Samans.
- Genealogical Helper, Jul/Aug 1982.

Booklet on tracing your Swedish Ancestry. Donated by A. A. Gross.

The Report - Ohio Genealogical Society. Spring 1982.

Rosemarie Wade has accumulated and donated many small items on doing research in various states. These have been filed and are available at the library.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the library recently.

MEET THE MEMBERS

I am Carmella C. (Crosthwaite) Orham born on July 28, 1948 in Berkeley, CA. I met a sailor on Treasure Island, fell in love and married him on February 15, 1969 at St. Patrick's in San Francisco. The lucky man who won the cigar was Edward L. Orham born in Great Falls, Montana, on May 13, 1947. We have no children.

My father is Fredric C. Crosthwaite born on April 30, 1926 in Johnstown, CA to Frederico and Sophie (Smith) Crosthwaite. The surnames and their locations on my father's side are:

Crosthwaite: Athy. Co. Kildare, Ireland; Providence, R.I., San Diego, CA; Ensenada, Baja CA; England.
Lopez: San Diego, CA
Pedrin: France; Ensenada, Todos Santos, Baja CA.
Smith: Germany; Sonora, Mexico; Lakeside, CA.
Peralta: Spain; Mexico; Alta & Baja CA.
Carrillo: Spain; Mexico; Alta & Baja CA.
Ortega: Spain; Mexico; Alta & Baja CA.
Gonzales: Spain; Mexico; Alta & Baja CA.
Dominquez: Spain; Mexico; Alta & Baja CA.
Arrellanes: Spain; Mexico; Alta & Baja CA.

My mother is Ruth Belknap Bates born on June 21, 1929 in Chula Vista, CA, to John and Elizabeth (Belknap) Bates. The surnames and their locations on my mother's side are:

Bates: Chicago, IL; CA.
Belknap: Iowa; N. Dakota; Mass.; Ohio; Wisconsin.
Edwards: NY; Michigan; Illinois; Ohio; Louisiana; N. Dakota
Holliday: Kentucky; Baltimore, Maryland; TN; IL.
Frye: Virginia; England.
Spears: Virginia; Kentucky
Robertson: Virginia; TN; KY; IL.
Powers: NY; IL.
Worth: ME; IL.

My husband and I have also been working on his family's genealogy. His family surnames and their locations are:

Orham: Great Falls, Montana; Oierhavn i Hardanger, Norway.
Bann: Belt, and Great Falls, Montana; Jeziarnen, Schitzer District
Germany.
Rockey: Indiana; Germany
Kuhns: Indiana; Germany
Wilhamson: Mundhem, Norway
Gorkhalson: Mauranger, Norway
Gudat: Boehesha, Russia; Montana
Feldt: Montana; Stockholem, Sweden

My first interest in family history was sparked by my Great-Grandmother Smith. It was she who explained to me why I had been baptized in the Spanish tradition at Mission San Luis Rey and why I should be proud to be a native Californian. As I grew up I learnt much more about our family through other family members. To my amazement I was surrounded by a colorful family history on both sides. Then eight years ago, after attending a few DAR meetings, I was asked to join. Why not I thought, getting my paperwork together would be a piece of cake. Ha, I am still working on those papers!

The reasons I continue to work on my genealogy is first, to establish an accurate family record which will preserve the memory, traditions and heritage of my ancestors for other generations that follow. Secondly, to enhance my personal knowledge of history. Thirdly, to satisfy this odd fedish to have all data in chronological order. The last reason is a purely selfish one. I have found through genealogy new friends and pen pals which otherwise might not have been. This last reason has opened many doors to me that have given many hours of pleasure and learning.

CANADIAN RESEARCH

Compiled by RoseMarie Stickney Wade

Some of your research in Canada will be very much like researching in the United States and as you go back it will be very British oriented and if you go farther back it will be very French.

Organizations: Nearly all of the provinces have genealogical and historical societies. You might want to send a query to their publication and see if you can find someone else working on your line.

The LDS Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, have microfilmed land records, church records and census. They are set up by provinces, county and within the counties-townships (if they exist).

The Public Archives of Canada is the equivalent of our National Archives. They have many public records on microfilm and many of these are available on inter-library loan. They have published "Tracing Your Ancestors In Canada".

The Ottawa branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society has published articles on doing research at the Public Archives in Canada. They have one microfilm which is an index to their ship passenger lists. It is not a large list, partly because they didn't keep them and secondarily because a lot of the people who went to Canada came from the states and the other reason being that many people who came to Canada were already members of the British empire--they were English, Scotch, Irish and when they came to Canada they were still British subjects. They were naturalized only if they were Germans, French, etc.

Maps and Gazetteers: The government in Canada has produced a Gazetteer for every Province and the territories. These are available from Information Canada 171 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0S 9.

Atlases: County atlases were compiled from assessment roles. They show land boundaries, including lots with the persons name written in the lot. These were published mainly in the late 1800's. A local genealogical society would know if they are available for the area you are looking.

Land Records: In Canada land was relatively cheap and nearly every male had some land. Land records in Canada seem to go back farther than most other records. Three methods were used in laying out the land. In the Eastern extreme part of Ontario they used the Signal. Rivers were the only means of transportation and under the Signal system people were given lots and it was usually a very narrow piece of land which would come down to the river, on both sides of the river. This system was used until the British took over Canada. The French and Indian War ended in 1763 and it was about this time you will notice a change in the land system, except in Quebec and Nova Scotia. The British used the English method of dividing up the land. The land was divided into Townships, the townships were cut up into concessions and the concessions were divided into lots. The lots were from 100 to 200 acres. Usually a whole lot went to an individual. This system was used in the Ontario area over into Manitoba. The western provinces of Canada were laid out like the range and township systems used in the United States.

Grants and deeds: A land grant is a transfer of land from the government to the individual. The deed is when the individual gives it to someone else. The land grants began in 1764.

Reference Books: A revised edition of The Canadian Genealogical Handbook, Wheatfield Press, Box 205, St. James Postal Station, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J 3R4. The Handbook is by Eric Jonasson. Your Ancient Canadian Family Ties by Reginald Oliver.

Addresses: Consult the directory of Historical Societies and agencies in the United States and Canada in your local library. Public Archives of Canada, 395 rue Wellington, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3. Canadian Historical Association, National Capital Commission, PO Box 81, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3. The above information was taken from notes taken at the 1981 Arizona State Genealogy and Family History Conference, 1981 and How To Find Your Family Roots by Timothy Field Beard.

CALNDAR DATING

Lucile White

Until September 1752, the Julian, or "Old Style" calendar was the legal standard. The year began on March 25 instead of January 1, as it does under the Gregorian or "New Style" method, and March was known as the First Month, April the second, etc. Sometimes dates falling between Jan 1 and Mar 25 are given in both old and new style, as 9 Mar 74/75.

WORKING RELATIONSHIP

Many of us in America have surnames that are derived from the occupations of our ancestors: Millers, Carpenters, Smiths and Wrights (including such specialists as Goldsmith and Cartwright), Cooper, Plumber, Clark (a clerk or scholar), a soldier who was specifically an Archer, and so on and so on.

Think what our descendants might be surnamed if we still did this. In A.D. 2182, at a party, we meet John Anchorman, Bill Fundraiser, Richard Analyst, Mauréen Sitcomstar, T.V. Pitchman, Charles Pundit, Mabel Keypuncher, Philip Pornseller, Sylvia Spokesperson, Lloyd Lobbyist, J. P. Ombudsman, and so on and so on. ---James Alexander Thom in Nuggets.

PLEASE NOTE: On Tuesday, November 16, 1982, from 1:30 - 3:00 PM, there is going to be an "Open Workshop". It will be in the meeting room of Fidelity Savings and Loan in the New Lucky Discount Shopping Center between North L and North Livermore Ave. This will be a chance for us to get acquainted with each other, ask specific questions (hopefully we can help each other) and share in ways of finding information. Bring whatever you are working on and join us. Coffee is available.

APPRECIATING GENEALOGICAL NEWSLETTERS & QUARTERLIES

or

"The Farmer Point of View"

Margaret Fazio

From The Marin Kin Tracer: Other excellent publication! Included is a page on the names and addresses of Family Associations. I saw two that could apply to me "Robinson and Purcell" -- also saw a "Wade" and a "Bell", two surnames that members in our group are researching. If you're new to genealogy, or need something new to try and want a good connection, Family Associations can be a great boon to your research. They may have your line all completed all ready, or at least be able to steer you in the right direction by putting you in touch with someone who is also searching your line. Just write and tell them who you're looking for and ask if they have any possible leads for you. They don't expect you to join if they aren't including your line in their organization. They'll usually write back (especially if you've included a SASE) and give you the particulars of their organization and also an idea of whether or not they will be of benefit to you. This list of Family Associations is a regular feature in The Marin Kin Tracer and you'll want to check it quarterly to see if they've run across any associations with surnames you're researching; or check out some of the back issues at our L-AGS Library (791 North N St. Livermore, CA 94550).

The Kin Tracer also features a page of addresses of Newspapers across the United States who run a "query Column". The queries are usually free and can put you in touch with individuals in the area that you are researching. You may find kindly folks, like I have many times, who knew your ancestors or their children or married into the same family. Just sit down and formulate a query being as specific as possible about what you want help with. You can even say "Need Help" in your query and give some data on a particular ancestor in a particular place (usually in the area of the newspaper) at a particular time. Then wait and see what happens - it may take some time, but it is a seed waiting to grow. Our Roots Tracer is running a Query Section for the first time this issue. Why not try submitting your query for the next issue, deadline December 15. Read over other queries that you find in other magazines, newspapers and quarterlies if you're a little timid about writing one. Be sure and follow the rules established by the Query Editor regardless of where you submit it.

The Marin Kin Tracer was used as an example for this article, but, keep in mind that we have lots more examples in our L-AGS Library. If you regularly read the query section of the quarterlies and newsletters of the areas where you're researching, you may be able to ANSWER a query for someone else, or at least write to the person and ask if they found out anything that could help you.

It seems to me that you've got to look at these kinds of research tools as a form of farming. All the letters you write to family associations and to people whose names you've gotten from queries in newspapers, magazines, etc., are like seeds being planted -- the more you plant, the greater the potential yield. Now, they won't all germinate and grow. However, if you plant none, your yield is apt to be nil. And if just one grows to maturity -- you feel like it's harvest time and you'll survive another winter!

Farmers also plant by the phases of the moon. This instinctive knowledge put man-the-farmer in balance with the laws of nature. You've heard of "a time to sow and a time to reap". Well, maybe you don't get off on being equated with a farmer, but, if your genealogical life needs order, before you pooh-pooh this notion, try it for yourself and see how it works.

The New Moon to the Full Moon: (Also called Waxing Moon or Light of the Moon). It is a time of new beginnings. This is the time to "plant your seeds" - write those letters to new sources! Try something new! Farmers used this time to plant annuals that bear above ground crops.

The Full Moon to the New Moon: (also called Waning Moon or Dark of the Moon), is the time to finish off things that you've already started, follow up on your leads, bring things together or to a close. Farmers used this time to pick the fruit, to prune and to plant bulbs and root crops, biennials and perennials.

So, if you want to balance out your correspondence and gain some order in your genealogical life (some of us have a bit of chaos), try emulating the farmer and plant your seeds (letters) with the New Moon and reaping your harvest, and tidy your ground (desk and files) with the Full Moon. And think of our L-ACS Library as a SEED STORE. Happy Farming.

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

by Patty Rueppel Robins and Margaret Fazio

OHIO VITAL STATISTICS - The August Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter reports that the cost of vital statistics ordered from the Dept. of Vital Statistics, Columbus, OH has increased to \$3.00 each. At this time it is up to individual counties whether or not they increase their prices. There is a bill pending in the Ohio legislature which would raise prices to a mandatory \$8.00 each. (Taken from Stanislaus County Genealogical Society.)

LAND RECORDS: A new fact sheet detailing a variety of land records and research services is available to the public. Send SASE with request for "BLM Eastern States Land Records" fact sheet to: Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management, 350 S. Market St., Alexandria, VA 22304 (East Cuyahoga Co Chap of Ohio)

Two more items from East Cuyahoga Co.: Need some help on research in the Chicago area? A very helpful 14-page book of CGS member Loretto Dennis Szucs, COOK COUNTY RESEARCH (CHICAGO AREA): NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM! is available from the Illinois State Genealogical Society, PO Box A631, Decatur, IL 62525 for \$3 plus \$1 shipping and handling charges.

Gone West? A name and place index to the 1889 edition of Theodore Roosevelt's "The Winning of the West" referring to hundreds of pioneers during the Revolution and up to 1807 may be secured from National Genealogical Service, Box 4443, Arlington, VA 22204 for \$2.00.

From Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society: EARLY SETTLERS PROJECT AND CEMETERY PROJECT are both underway and making progress.

From THE HAWKEYE HERITAGE of the Iowa Genealogical Society. Cemetery Directory of Amish and Mennonites in Iowa, Johnson and Washington County, by Mary A. Gingerich, Rt. 1 Box 235, Kalona, IA 52247. They first came to Iowa during 1846 and by 1872 there were 2,400 Amish and Mennonites in the State. In 1949, the Mennonite Historical Society copied all Amish and Mennonite tombstone data in Johnson County, Iowa. An effort has been made to identify each individual. Data may include names of parents, maiden names, causes of death, children and spouses.

In Vol. 16, No. 2, 3, and 4 of HAWKEYE HERITAGE are listed "norwegian Emigrants to America" edited by Gene C. Moln of Newportnews, VA, taken from AETTEBOK FOR VOSSESTRAND by Roald Lyngsvaer, published 1971. It is a compiled list of persons who emigrated from Vossestrand, Norway to America. Vossestrand is a region of Norway, located approximately 15 miles north of Voss and is composed of three subdivisions: Vinje, Myrkdalen, and Oppheim. The information contained: name and birth, year of the immigration, the spouse's name and year of marriage when given in the Aettebok. According to Moln, the Aettebok contains the names of and other information on the ancestors of these emigrants going back six, eight and sometimes 10 generations. So if someone finds an ancestor listed, it really opens his genealogical door.

Stanislaus County Genealogical Society: English Wills. This 62 page booklet is a must for the researcher who wishes to improve their understanding of the English Probate procedures. This special report by Mr. Peter Walne was commissioned by the Virginia Colonial Records Project and is published under the direction of the Library board of the Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA 23219 from whom you may order a copy for \$5.00 postpaid. They recommend purchase of this booklet by anyone who may require knowledge of how and where to begin searching for an English will.

Maryland - Research Sources of the Baltimore City Archives. A rich variety of materials is available for use by the genealogist at the Archives, 211 East Pleasant St., Baltimore, MD 21202. They include the WPA-HRS alphabetical name index to over 300,000 individual items. Indexed are all personal names appearing in these documents which include petitions, licenses, bonds, muster rolls, inquests, police & health reports, correspondence, and applications. Dates covered are from 1756-1938 with most items falling between 1810-1890. A second index relates to ship's passengers arriving in Baltimore from 1833-1866. Entries are arranged alphabetically by passengers last name and include names of accompanying passengers, age, marital status, occupation, nationality, name of vessel and date of arrival.

A pamphlet entitled "Research Resources of the Baltimore City Archives" may be obtained free from the above address. It outlines several other resources available.

1910 Census -- The 1910 Federal Population Census: A catalog of microfilm copies of the schedules is now available from The National Archives.

California Historical Society Library, San Francisco -- The following early California newspapers are on microfilm at the California State Historical Society in San Francisco: Alta California, San Francisco, 1 Jan 1849 - June 1891. Daily Morning Call, San Francisco, Jan 1887 - Dec 1902. San Francisco Bulletin, 1855-1874. Birth, marriage, and death notices compiled alphabetically by the DAR. Also available is the Boston Evening Transcript, 6 Jan 1894-30 April 1911.

The Maine Historical Society has inaugurated a "Genealogies in Progress" file which is intended to become a record of those persons searching for ancestors or descendants of particular early settlers in Northern New England. The file will enable researchers to identify others who are working on the same lines. Submit data on the lines which you are working on 3 x 5 cards to: Margaret J. McCain, Reference Librarian, Maine Historical Society, 485 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101.

Robert J. Wilson is collecting New York State Cemetary records. This collection currently includes records from 222 cemeteries in 22 counties. For further information about the collection and its availability, send a SASE to him at 169 Melody Lane, Tonawanda, NY 14150.

Nebraska State Genealogical Society. Through its Family Recognition Project they are issuing certificates to those who can prove direct descent from an ancestor in one of the following categories:

- First Family - Settled in Nebraska by 1867
- Pioneer Family - Settled in Nebraska between 1868 - 1879
- Century Family - Settled in Nebraska by 1880 or 100 years ago.

For application forms, send a long SASE to the Society c/o Family Recognition Committee (LLCGS), P.O. Box 30055, Lincoln, NE 68503. A fee of \$6.00 should accompany the completed application form.

The Rhode Island Historical Society recently announced completion of a major two-year project cataloging the records of the United States Custom House at Providence, RI. The thousands of documents, dating between 1789 - 1900, provide information on the fishing and whaling industry of Providence and will enable genealogists to more easily trace their seagoing ancestors. Inquiries about hours and availability should be directed to: The Curator of Manuscripts, Rhode Island Historical Society Library, 121 Hope St., Providence, RI 02906

A new National Archives publication "Guide to Records in the National Archives Relating to American Indians" is available for \$13.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Stock number is 022-002-00098-8

Did You Know??? Have you ever seen the word "cenotaph" on a tombstone? Webster says: an empty tomb or a monument erected in honor of a person buried elsewhere. This is proper to put on a stone, when an individual is buried with a person of a second marriage; if your name is on a stone somewhere else. One should add the death date plus this word "cenotaph".

Looking for marriages & death in New York City in very early days? For \$5.00 plus \$3.00 search and 20¢ per copy, total of \$8.20, New York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, New York, NY 10024, will search the New York Evening Post and any others of that time --- back to about 1820. They have the marriages and deaths indexed and give good service.

88 Ohio County Maps in State Book - A complete set of all 88 individual Ohio Counties. Format - 136 pages and large 22 x 16 inch double page spread size -- provides an east-to-read map book for the entire state. This frequently requested book is available to the general public by mail only. The book is priced at \$8.75 per copy plus tax. Make orders with payment to County Maps Div. C, 1486 Mulford Rd., Columbus, OH 43212. Allow 3-4 weeks delivery. With 85,000 miles of Ohio roads, these county maps prove there is life beyond the freeways!!

Genealogical Query Columns. The following is a list of newspapers that run columns pertaining to genealogy. This is a good way to find living descendants of your ancestors, often in the very same area your ancestors were from. Queries are usually free - usually advisable to send a SASE, send queries on 3x5 card and limit to 50 words or less.

IOWA

Dear Genie
PO Box 175
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Ancestor Queries
Mrs. Robert Handley
410 North First Street
Greenfield, IA 50849

Iowa & Nebraska

Family Trails
World Herald
c/o Lesta Westmore
PO Box 4244
Omaha, NE 68104

Illinois

"Kinfolk Korner"
Fern Lane Briggs
PO Box 329
Clinton, IL 61727
(Central IL)

Kansas

"Lost Ancestors"
Warren H. Fitch
810 Wilson
Chanute, KS 66720
(Southeast KS)

Maine

"Your Side of the Family"
The Courier - Gazette
c/o Lauralee Clayton
22 Main Street
Camden, ME 04843

Danish Immigrant Archives has been established at Grand View College,
1351 Grand View Ave., Des Moines, IA 50316. Send any materials to be
added to their files. Research is available.

The Texas State Library has an index of Texas deaths from 1903 - 1940
and an index of births for the same years. For 10¢ per sheet (minimum \$1.00)
you can receive all birth and death records for one surname only. Take
note of the dates and do not request for other dates. Write: Genealogy
Department, Texas State Library, Box 12927, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711

Are you searching for ancestors or anyone in California? Would you like to
know about others who may be searching the same surname. The Root Cellar,
Sacramento Genealogical Society, has started a Surname Referral File for
people researching surnames in California but not living in the area.
Their goal is to put you in touch with other people searching the same
surnames or family lines that you are searching. The file will be maintained

on 3x5 cards and will be searched whenever new surnames are received.
Write to: Root Cellar at 5240 Tyoga St., Fair Oaks, CA 95628 for
information and include SASE.

City Directories. What do city directories tell? City directories are a well-stocked storehouse of valuable genealogical data. They provide data during the 9 years between censuses. In addition, they give street addresses which could simplify a census search. By searching a series of directories it can often be determined when a family arrived in a city and when they left, when a head of the family died, and the type of business or work an ancestor was engaged in. For information and cost of this service, write to: George K. Schweitzer, 7914 Gleason Road, C-1136, Knoxville, TN 37919

Just for Fun: Taken from Missouri death records, about 1803. Cause of death: "don't know, died without the aid of a physician." Cause of death: "don't know, went to bed well, woke up dead." Primary Cause: blow to the head with an axe, Contributing Cause: "another man's wife." Cause of death: "worn out".

PLEASE NOTE: The program for October 25, 1982, will be given by Mrs. Robert Swadley. It is a slide presentation of State Period Rooms located within the DAR Museum in Washington, DC. These rooms are maintained by the individual states they represent and are a looking-glass of our heritage. Also, a short workshop on how to fill out forms for various genealogical societies.

VALLEY ROOTS

Margaret Fazio

While typing the Roselawn Cemetery Inscriptions, my curiosity was aroused by a family of five named Beck, who all died on the same date - March 1, 1910. I wondered what had happened to this family. The Inscriptions read: George L. Beck, Feb 2, 1869; Ella A. Beck, May 8, 1879; Harriet Beck, June 15, 1903; Erma Beck, September 15, 1905; Leonard Beck, Sept. 15, 1907.

I decided to check The Livermore Herald newspapers that have been microfilmed and stored in our Public Library by the Livermore Heritage Guild. Sure enough, The Livermore Herald of March 5, 1910 reported a disaster in Wellington, Washington that claimed the lives of George L. Beck, his wife, three children, and an infant. Two trains, the Spokane Limited with 40 passengers and the west-bound transcontinental Fast Mail with no passengers, had been imprisoned in the snow since

Feb. 24, 1910. At approximately 4:15 AM, an avalanch swept both of the trains down the side of the mountain. There were 30 workmen who had been helping to dig the trains out that were also swept over the side of the mountain as they slept in one of the coaches.

George and his family were in route to California from their home in Marcus, Washington, where they had moved two years earlier. They were supposed to be coming by steamer, but had changed their plans at the last minute and John Beck, George's father, had not known his son was aboard the ill-fated train.

George L. Beck was born in Nevada 41 years ago, but was brought here (Livermore) by his parents as a young child. Mrs. Beck was, before marriage, a Miss Groser of Danville.

There were several businessmen in Livermore in 1897 - 1910 by the name of Beck: George and Madison Beck of Geo Beck & Co dealers in groceries, and hardware; and Beck and McKown, agents for Royal Fire Insurance Co. How or if these businessmen related to the late George Beck, I was unable to determine due to my limited research.

NOTE: You too can do this type of research by writing to a library in the area of your research and asking if they have microfilms of early newspapers, or an obituary file or cemetery file. Once you find out, you may be able to borrow the film on inter-library loan, pay for a local person to read it for you, or check to see if Salt Lake City has the newspaper on microfilm and borrow it through the Oakland Branch Library.

Please Note: There will not be a meeting on December 27, 1982 because of the holidays.

RELATIONSHIPS

Lineal: between persons who are in a direct line, for example: parent, child, and grandchild.

Collateral: between persons who are in different lines of descent from a common ancestor, for example: uncle, cousin, and niece.

BORNER

Where did the SEELEY family move _____ in 1880 when they lived in Lawrence County, Ohio and 1900. Family consisted of: Wallace, born about 1840, wife Melvina (Swift) born about 1845, children: Mary, Melvin, Ernest, and Gilbert.

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Who were the parents of Jane _____ that married William Riley WEAVER, about 1838 in Know or Hawkins County, Tennessee?

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Where were Harvey J. HELMS and Malinda HOOBLER married in 1855 during their move from Fountain County, Indiana to Livingston County, Illinois?

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Am interested in contacting descendants of Henry W. FREY, born 1846, Lancaster Co., PA; resided Iowa Co. IA 1870 - 1884; married 1874 to Carrie ? Marengo, IA; resided and died Jewell Co., Kansas 1887 - 1912, town of Mankato.

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Seek connection in PA: Sarah WEAVER FREY b 1820 Lancaster Co., PA, m 1844 David E. FREY, resided Penn Twp 1850, migrated Mahaska Co., IA 1854, had cousin named BURKEY, Lebanon, PA 1907 and friend M.S. WITTLE, Neffsville, PA 1914.

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Need Help. John WEAVER, Lancaster Co., PA married Miss Gertie (?) When? Children: Sarah Ann, 5 Nov 1820 (m David E. FREY 1844, Penn Twp 1850, Iowa 1854); John 1822 (shoemaker 1850 Penn Twp); possible Cyrus and George. 6 sons and 6 daughters. How many went to Iowa?

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MISCELLANEOUS QUERIES

Have two letters written by M. S. WITTLE (b 1 Jan 1837) in 1914 to Sarah FREY KELLNER of Kingsley, IA. He resided in Neffsville, PA between Litiz and Lancaster. He was former neighbor. Talks of death of wife. Will xerox 6 pages for cost and SASE.

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- 1842 - Margaret PRATT was in Mercer Co. Ohio (marriage Dec)
- 1850 - Margaret PRATT SUNDAY in Green Co., Wisconsin (Census)
- 1852 - Margaret PRATT SUNDAY PARC _____ in Mercer Co. Ohio (m Jan)
- 1853 - Margaret back in Wisconsin _____ (m Sept.)

Question: Does anyone know what _____ ion would have been used to travel back and forth over that distance???

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