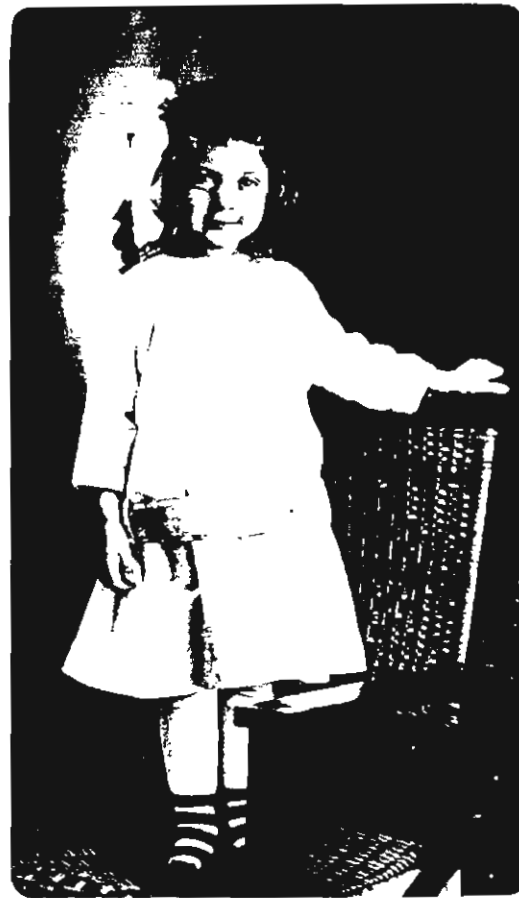


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7:30

Pleasanton Library

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PROGRAMS TO COME

9 January; An extended business meeting
to discuss by-law changes and
the library.

13 February; Marilyn FULLUM will speak on "How
to Keep Your Genealogy From Ending
Up As Land-fill!!!"

Methods Used In Finding Elusive Ancestors
Shared by L.A.G.S. Members
12 December 1989 Meeting

Marilyn Fullum advised tracing siblings' American death records to find that often elusive town of birth. She was trying to find a town of origin for her Polish-German ancestor. Finally one brother's marriage record said "formerly of Trzciano W.Prussia" [now Honigfelde Poland]. Dedicated PERSISTENCE paid off for Marilyn when she located her ancestor's obituary in microfilmed San Francisco newspapers. She had to go through 16 years of daily newspapers which took her three years intermittent research, but finally found the Irish town where her gr.gr.grandmother was born before coming to San Francisco via New Orleans & Mendocino Co. CA.

Marge Stout joined Germans from Russia Society to trace her father's family who came to the U.S. 100 years ago. Through society contacts, she has traced five families through Russia & Germany. Marge also shared that she has taped her Father's stories and published a first edition of two copies before he died. She is preparing to publish a second edition of 100 copies soon.

Deanna Carlson had gotten back to France with her family, but wanted to flesh out her dates and places with more personal information. She wrote for MN Probate Records. The records on one collateral relative who was murdered furnished leads on females in the family and gave a list of living brothers and sisters and children of dead siblings. One interesting aspect was that two brothers, in signing their surname, used different spellings. Deanna says Probate Records often provide interesting details to those who study them carefully, i.e. her great-grandfather, known to be blind late in life, owned a gramophone and 80 records.

Linda Kelly was having trouble finding where her great-grandparents were buried. She had a vague recollection of her Great-Aunt Mamie's funeral and knew the cemetery where that burial had taken place. She checked that cemetery and found both sets of great-great grandparents and her great-grandparents as well as other relatives. The cemetery's initial response was free as they had an index. They gave her charges for further information and even directed her to specific mortuaries for further information.

Ann Homan had a grandfather who was a doctor and owned a drugstore in Buffalo NY about 1855. She wanted to find out more about his education. She wrote to the University of Buffalo and they sent a graduation certificate of 1857 along with information giving all the requirements needed for that degree. She learned that one of his teacher's had been the doctor who signed his death certificate.

George Anderson had an ancestor known to be a Presbyterian minister in Ireland. He wrote to the University of Glasgow where his ancestor had lived in the 1730's and was sent information about the ancestor's education confirming his hunch.

submitted by Shirley Terry

17 Nov. 1989

L-AGS MEET THE MEMBERS
LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

MY NAME IS: MARJORIE ANN STOUT, maiden name, JERGENTZ
I WAS BORN: The 4th generation to be born in Calif.
DATE: 21 April, 1939 PLACE: OAKLAND, CA

MY SPOUSE'S NAME IS: NORMAN DAVID STOUT
HE WAS BORN: DATE: 24 SEPT, 1932 PLACE: BERKELEY, CA
WE WERE MARRIED:

DATE: 6 NOV, 1972 PLACE: Oakland, CA, at an East
Bay Regional Park

CITY, COUNTY, STATE

I GREW UP IN:

RESIDED: Hayward Calif. 1st 18 years, then San Jose, CA (2 years),
Pleasant Hill, CA (2 years), Indianapolis, Indiana (2 1/2 long years),
Union City, CA (7 years) and Livermore, CA (17 years).

SPOUSE GREW UP IN: Berkeley, Maryland,
WE'VE LIVED IN: UNION CITY & LIVERMORE, CALIF.

NAME.	D.O.B. & PLACE OF BIRTH
MY CHILDREN ARE:	
PAMELA JENE (TALBOT) AKERS.	14 AUG. 1960, CASTRO VALLEY, CALIF.
WILLIAM AVEY TALBOT JR.,	12 MAY 1962, MARTINEZ, CALIF.

HOW YOU BECAME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY: MY MOTHER HAD WRITTEN DOWN
FAMILY INFORMATION TO GET A BEAD FROM CAMPFIRE GIRLS WHEN SHE WAS A
YOUNG GIRL. SHE INTERVIEWED HER GRANDMOTHER FROM DENMARK & LATER
INTERVIEWED MY FATHERS FAMILY, FROM GERMANY, VIA RUSSIA. THE STORIES
HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN TO ME. BUT A DEEP BURNING OF QUESTIONS KEEP
KNAWING AT ME. I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THESE PEOPLE, THEIR
CUSTOMS, FOODS, MUSIC, WHAT THE POLITICAL TIMES WERE LIKE IN THEIR
COUNTRIES WHEN THEY LEFT. WHY THEY WOULD WANT TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES,
PARENTS, FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND GO TO A STRANGE, NEW COUNTRY, NEVER TO
RETURN TO THEIR HOMELANDS AGAIN. I LOVE AMERICA, SPECIFICALLY
CALIFORNIA SO MUCH, IT IS HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHY SOME ONE WOULD
BE IN SUCH PAIN OR FEAR THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO OR HAVE TO LEAVE WITH
THE CLOTHES ON THEIR BACKS & A FEW POSSESSIONS. LEAVE ALMOST ALL
THEIR POSSESSIONS, ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK & THEIR LIVES THAT THEY KNEW AND
SEEK OUT A NEW LAND, HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD.

(WHAT I HAVE DISCOVERED ABOUT THE ABOVE IS A STORY IN ITSELF)

MY FATHER'S SIDE: (Germane from Russia)

JERGENTZ, GUSTAV ALBERT, b. 31/3/1910. Moorhead, Minn. 162
 JERGENTZ, REINHOLD, b. 29/3/1881. Aigenfeld, Okne, South Russia.
 JERGENTZ, JOHANN, b. 1850 (about). Russia/possibly Hungry/Germany
 MAIER, MARIA, b. 15/8/1884. Friedenstahl, Bessarabia, Russia
 MAIER, JOHANN, b. 15/8/1858. Friedenstahl, Bessarabia, Russia
 MAIER, PHILLIP, b. 29/9/1821. Fredrichsfeld, Russia
 LANG, JOHANNA, b. 1823. Gluckstahl/Odessa, Russia
 LANG, GEORGE JACOB, b. 1/4/1791.
 LANG, JACOB FRIEDRICH, b. 11/5/1761. From Enderbach, Waiblingen,
 Wuttenberg, Germany, by way of Podolia, Poland, leaving 1804
 LANG, JOHAN JACOB, b. about 1745. From Enderbach, Waiblingen,
 Wuttenberg, Germany
 SAUTER, ANNA KATHRINA, b. 13/7/1796. Heiningen, Wuttemberg, Germany
 RUHLE, REGINA BARBARA, b. 19/11/1759
 RUHLE, JOHAN GEORGE b. about 1730
 WAGNER, SOPHIA, b. about 1745
 BARBARA, CHRISTINA, b. about 1735
 KELLER, GOTTLIEB, b. 8/4/1839. Waterloo/Odessa, Russia
 KELLER, DOROTHEA, b. 7/7/1859. Waterloo or Friedenstahl, Russia
 STAPPEL, CHRISTINA, b. 1836. Malojaroslawetz II, Bessarabia, Russia
 STAPPEL, GOTTLIEB, b. 25/12/1807. Werda, Prussia, Germany
 NETZEL, ANNA DOROTHEA, b. 25/11/1812. Strelitz, West Preussen, Germ.
 MORITZ, MAGDALENA, b. 25/12/1818. Col. Rastatt, Odessa, Russia

MY MOTHER'S SIDE:

LEIBE, ROBERTA PAULINE, b. 4/1/1911. Los Angeles, CA, USA
 LEIBE, ROBERT PHILIP, b. 14/12/1885. Mt. Eden, (Hayward) CA, USA
 LEIBE, FRANK JOSEPH, b. 22/7/1852. Baden, Germany
 LEIBE, FRANK b. 1825
 ZUMSTEIN, ANNA, b. 26/6/1852. San Francisco, CA.
 ZUMSTEIN, PHILLIP, b. 14/May/1834. Barvaria, Germany
 HUFFMAN, female b. about 1811 Germany
 GAPP/GAPP/GABB SUSAN, b. New York, USA
 BORRE/BORREE GERTIE CHRISTINE, b. 6 Sept. 1889. Cull Canyon (Hayward)
 CA
 BORRE, JACOB NIELSEN, b. 15/2, 1854. Gallehus. (Near Tonder)
 Schleswig-Holstein, Denmark
 BORRE, CHRISTEN/KRISTEN, b. 12/5/1822. Skaebaek, Denmark
 BORRE, NIELS TIMMERMAN, b. 20/9/1794. Skaebaek, Denmark
 BORRE, CHRISTIAN NIELSEN, b. 24/7/1735, Skaebaek, Denmark
 BORRE, CHRISTEN, b. about 1715 or earlier Gjesing, Denmark
 JACOBSDATTER, GYDE KIESTINE, b. 5/4/1812. Visby, Denmark
 ANDERSDATTER, ELLEM MARIE, b. 3/3/1799. Skaerbaek, Denmark
 NIELSEN, JACOB, b. 11/5/1781. Visby, Denmark
 PETERDATTER, JORGENSEN,
 BOYSDATTER, SILLA MARIA, b. 14/4/1781. Brede, Denmark
 MADSDATTER, ANNA CATHRINE, b. 1756. Skaerbaek Denmark
 JORGENSEN, ANDERS, b. about 1675. Sonder (South) Skaebaek, Denmark
 CHRISTIANSEN, NIELS, b. about 1825 Denmark
 NIELSKONE, ANNA MARGRETHE, b. about 1825 Denmark
 NIELSEN, PETER, m. 4/10/1755 Brede, Denmark
 FRIEDRICHS, MARIE PETERS, b. 1727 Brede, Danmark
 PETERSEN, FREDERICK, b. about 1700. Svenstrup, Denmark
 NIELSES, SINNET b. Denmark
 PETERSEN, NIS, d. Bylderup, Sollingvra, Denmark 25/12/17-- 80
 . years, 31 weeks, 4 days
 FREDERICKS, CATHERINE d. 1789. Brede, Denmark
 ANDERSEN, ANDERS,
 GUNDER LENE b. Swanstrup, Denmark d. 83 years
 JORGENSEN, Jens Nielsen, resided in Osterby, Denmark about 1825-1875

BOYSBATTER, Margrethe, resided in Osterby, Denmark about 1825-1860

MY SPOUSE'S FATHER'S SIDE:
See Norman Stout's file
STOUT,

THORPE,
OWEN,
JEWELL,
BOLLEN,
VAUQUELLIN,
VAN PRINCIS, VON PRINCIS, PRINCE,
BEE, GEE, KEE,
BONHAM,
FULLER,
LOTHROP,
HOWSE,
DUNN,
DRAKE,
WALKER,
STEPHENSON,
DOVER,
CLARK, BEEBE,
SAGE,
WILSON,
HALL,
DEPRIEST,
DUNCAN,
MUSICK,

MY SPOUSE'S MOTHER'S SIDE:
GOLDSTEIN,
LEMBERGER,
HERING,
KING,
MILES,
WALDRON,
MC CLURE,
STEWART,
KELLER,

COMMENTS: WHEW!



Roberta LEIBE and Gustav JERGENTZ
wedding day--21 August 1934

Cover Photo

Roberta (Pauline) LEIBE
JERGENTZ__mother of
Marjorie JERGENTZ STOUT



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REINHOLD JERGENTZ AND MARIA MAIER
married
16th of DECEMBER, 1906
CAMPBELL COUNTY,
SOUTH DAKOTA

MEET THE MEMBERS PROFILE

The Wares are a LAGS family membership. Norma Harris and Robert Allen Ware were born in 1925, Norma in Manhattan, New York, New York and Bob in Takoma Park, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. Both attended Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Maryland where they established a dating friendship. After graduation in 1943, Norma entered Swarthmore College and Bob enlisted in the Navy. They engaged to marry in 1945 and were married in 1946 after Bob's discharge from the Navy. Between 1946 and 1948, Norma was employed by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Bob was a student at the University of Maryland.

In 1948, both became employees of the University of California, Los Alamos at their Z-Division laboratory on Sandia Army Base at Albuquerque, N.M. (see historical notation below). Bob continued his undergraduate studies at the University of New Mexico while employed at Sandia. Norma terminated her employment at Sandia when we started our family. Robert Bruce was born in 1952 and Barbara Allen in 1954.

Sandia transferred Bob to their facility at Yorktown, Virginia in 1956. In 1959, they transferred him again to their Livermore laboratory. We arrived in Livermore on December 16th, which was 30 years ago as we submit this profile.

Norma reentered the job syndrome in 1970 as an employee of the Livermore School District, mainly to stiff-arm the college tuition bills that were accruing on a regular basis. She retired in December, 1987. Bob retired from Sandia in January, 1988 with 39 years and 8 months of service. It is to Sandia's credit that they were able to survive his tenure.

The current family status is: Norma and Bob are owners/partners of a business, the Las Positas Technical Services Co.; Bruce is a continuing scholar at Oxford University, Oxford, England, and is currently lecturing at the University of Texas; Barbara married Douglas Brenzel, a descendant of an old Livermore family, and they are the owner/operators of the local Snap-on tool franchise.

Bob is the family historian and performs the research and documentation functions. Norma, an insatiable traveler, tags along tying up loose ends and otherwise maintaining things in proper order. Our research and travel include libraries and archives in London, Oxford, York and the shires of England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Dublin and Kilkenny, Ireland and Washington, D.C., in addition to those in California, Oregon, South Carolina and Virginia.

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The surnames we are researching are Brooks, Butler, Murphy, Ross, Ware, Watson, and Wiles. The Brooks, Butlers, Ross, Watson and Ware families were all colonials who established landholds in Virginia and South Carolina prior to the Revolutionary War. Each family has members that are recorded as soldiers and/or patriots during the war, commencing with the Ross family at Bunker Hill. In addition, the Wares participated in the French and Indian Wars

Other genealogists and historians have published the Butler and Ware lineages to the years 1100 and 1200 respectively. However, there is an undocumented gap between the years 1450 and 1650 which must be proven before we can claim that we are descendents of these early ancestors. Therein is the primary objective of our quest.

We find the computer to be an invaluable tool for the genealogist. We utilize the LDS program "Personal Ancestral File" Release 2.1 for our primary data base. It also integrates the notes composed in our word processing program into its data printing process which we find to be a maximum convenience. Currently, we are designing a program for a supplementary data base that will provide a file, sort and print capability for our research bibliography.

Historical Notation:

The University of California requested the Atomic Energy Commission to relieve them of the Z-division mission and management of its branch Sandia Laboratory. The AEC requested AT&T to undertake the management which they agreed to do on a no-fee basis effective November 1, 1949. The laboratory was subsequently renamed Sandia National Laboratories which is more definitive of its characteristics as a multi-based, federally owned, national resource.

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(N.B. HOLMES)	H. RIEDEL	Jno. McPHEE
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Street names are records of the past

By Michael Campbell
Staff writer

You can learn a lot about a community by studying its street and place names. Signposts not only give directions and mark corners, but in many cases mark the past as well.

To a casual observer a street name is just another address, but with a little digging, you can find the kind of information that lets you read the signs like the pages of a history book.

Neal Street in Pleasanton is a reminder of one of the town's first settlers, a former sailor turned rancher who left his mark on a prosperous community, and whose life story is as exciting as an adventure novel.

Joshua Ayres Neal was a seaman who left his native New Hampshire in January 1847 on a ship bound for California. He spent 1848 working for a San Francisco merchant, and the following year tried his hand in the mines.

In 1850, returning from the gold fields, he found himself in the sparsely settled Livermore Valley. Looking for work, he was hired by Robert Livermore as *mayordomo*, or overseer, of Livermore's 8,000-acre Rancho Las Positas.

As ranch manager, Neal was responsible for Livermore's 300

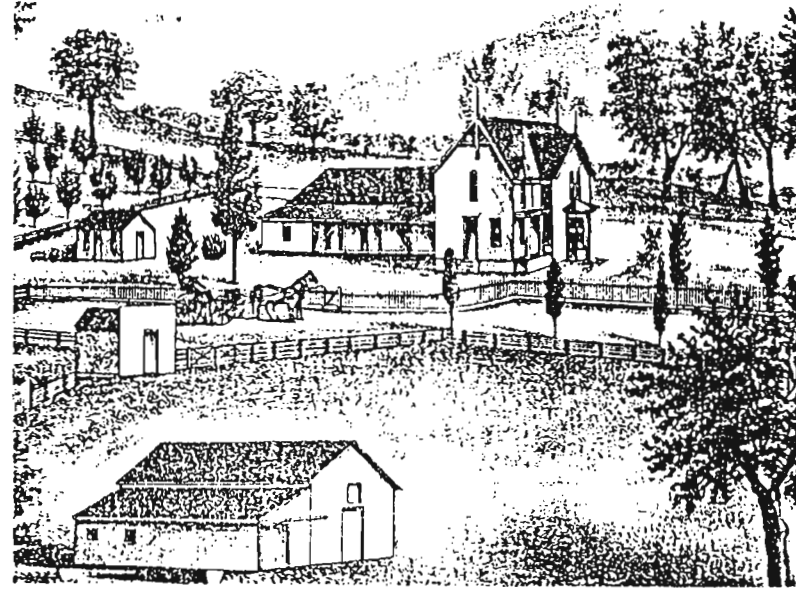
sheep, 1,000 horses and 4,000 cattle. Gold Rush California was as violent as it was colorful. Horse and cattle thieves were as plentiful as miners, and the crime was punishable by death. Neal's job headaches were more than just making sure the animals were branded and well fed.

In January 1855 Neal got word that three cattle thieves were seen in the Altamont driving off a portion of Livermore's herd. Neal quickly assembled 10 men and went in pursuit east toward the San Joaquin Valley. After a chase of 50 miles, over the Altamont and into the foggy San Joaquin River marshes, Neal and one of his vaqueros came upon the thieves and found them with 25 head of Livermore's cattle.

Neal and the ranch hands apprehended the men, recovered Livermore's stock, and headed for the nearest settlement in San Joaquin County.

Because of the uncontrolled crime in frontier California, lynch laws were common. Cattle theft was a serious offense. The alleged thieves — Salvador Valdez, a Californian, and Jose Stode and Juan Gonzales, Chileans — faced the death penalty.

Near Turner's Ferry on the San Joaquin River, 27 men were gathered together as a jury to try the



Pioneer Joshua A. Neal's Pleasanton home as it appeared in an 1877 Alameda County Historical Atlas. The house is still standing.

accused. During the speedy trial, Valdez confessed to a number of crimes, and acknowledged murdering seven people. Of the 27 jurors, 24 voted for immediate hanging.

Because of Robert Livermore's fame throughout the state as one of its first English-speaking settlers, news of the event spread. Both Neal and Livermore ended up in the newspapers of the day.

Through marriage to Angela Bernal, daughter of Augustin Bernal, Neal received a dowry of 530 acres. In 1863 he built a home in Pleasanton for his wife.

In 1868 Neal completed surveying his land, and sold building lots on what is now Main Street.

Michael Campbell is a staff writer with an interest in California history.

from the HERALD-Livermore

the bookshelf

Reviewed by George Anderson

One new book and three older donated books have recently been added to our LAGS Library collection.

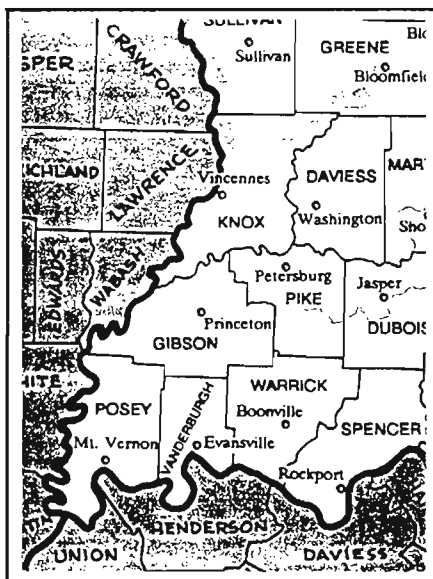
Ancestry's Red Book; American State, County & Town Sources. 1989. Edited by Alice Eichholz, maps by William Dollarhide. Published by Ancestry Publishing, Salt Lake City. 758+xli pages, 8.5x11 inches, hard cover, indexed. List price \$39.95. On order for our LAGS Library, but not yet delivered as of January 5, 1990.

The venerable **Handy Book for Genealogists** from Everton Publishers is the first book most genealogists buy and the one they use most often. There is now an upscale competitor, **Red Book** from Ancestry. The competition is head-on, because I see very little in the **Handy Book** that is not also in **Red Book**, in more detail. However, even though I have bought the **Red Book** for use at home, I am not throwing away my **Handy Book**, for several reasons. But first let me describe the **Red Book**.

Red Book starts with a 10-page review of types of sources for U. S. genealogy. There are generous lists of reference books and address lists of archives and libraries.

Next appear ten short sections each covering one more or less homogeneous region of the U.S., from New England, to Mid-Atlantic, to, finally, the New States, Hawaii and Alaska. Reviewing the geography, history and culture in each region gives perspective to the more detailed information presented later in the chapters devoted to individual states.

Red Book devotes most of the remaining 750 pages to chapters on individual states, an average of 15 pages per state. I studied the fourteen-page chapter on Indiana in some detail because some of my ancestors were early settlers



Section of Indiana map in Ancestry's Red Book, actual size.

there. (In fact, one was the same age as Abraham Lincoln and was a contemporary of his in southern Indiana. I doubt very much that they ever met, but when I want to drop names, I say truthfully that my great-grandfather used to talk about Lincoln.) In the Indiana chapter there is first a summary of state history, then sections with the following titles:

- Vital Records
- Census Records
- Local History
- Maps
- Land Records
- Probate Records
- Court Records
- Tax Records
- Cemetery Records
- Church Records
- Military Records
- Periodicals, Newspapers, and Manuscript Collections
- Archives, Libraries and Societies
- Special Focus Categories (Black American, Native American, Other Ethnic Groups)
- County Resources.

These sections, except the last, vary from one paragraph to one page in length. The County Resources section is 6 1/2 pages long,

and resembles the familiar table in the **Handy Book** that lists pertinent facts about each county in the state. The contents of the table are: map coordinates, name of the county, address of the courthouse, date the county was formed, parent county or counties, and earliest dates for birth, marriage, death, land, probate and court records.

Finally in the Indiana chapter, there is a state map with counties outlined and labeled and with county seats also labeled. Large rivers are also named, and counties in neighboring states are labeled.

Reading a book like this always leads me to exclaim at some point, "I didn't know that!" One such point came when I read, "Indiana has the unusual requirement of having their county recorders maintain, for public use, bound volumes of all newspapers published in their jurisdiction." We have done research in courthouses in Indiana, but we didn't know enough to ask for newspaper files.

The information for other states is tailored to the local situation. For example, the Massachusetts chapter has a table of county resources, like that for Indiana, but also a much longer one listing the data for each town (township), because in Massachusetts, many records were compiled at that level.

I will keep my **Handy Book** because I am familiar with it and because it is more compact. The heart of both it and **Red Book** is the table of county resources. For Indiana, this table takes 6 1/2 pages in **Red Book** but only 2 1/2 pages in **Handy Book**. The type of information differs slightly between the two, but the quantity is about the same — the **Red Book** data is just more dilute. On the other hand, the narrative parts of the latter book are far more detailed and useful. On still another hand (I have many) the **Handy Book** has at least perfunctory information on selected foreign

countries. Which book has the more reliable information is another question — to establish that would take some research that I have not done.

With **Red Book**, Ancestry Publishing continues its winning streak started with **The Source** and **The Library**. All three are similar in format, purpose and quality, although the latest book is less well-written and has a cheaper binding (but not a cheaper price) than the first two. The first two books filled empty niches, but the third is attempting to fill a niche already occupied by a trusted old friend. It will be interesting to see what Ancestry does next in this series.



The Cotton Belt Railroad Depot in Grapevine, Texas

Grapevine [Texas] Area History. 1979. Charles H. Young, Editor. Published by the Grapevine Historical Society, Grapevine, Texas 76051. 548 pages, 8 1/2x11 inches, hardcover, indexed, illustrated. Price not given. Donated to the LAGS Library by Gary Drummond.

Most of us, if we have traveled much around the U.S., have been to Grapevine, Texas but didn't know it. Until the 1970s, Grapevine was an unexceptional rural town of about 3000 people just north of Dallas and Fort Worth. By 1977, over 17 million persons a year visited Grapevine for at least an hour or two. The reason for this spectacular change is that on January 12, 1974, the nation's largest regional airport, the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, opened *within the city limits* of Grapevine. We think things change rapidly in the Livermore and Amador Valleys, but just imagine what it would be like if SFO were suddenly to be transported to the flats north of 1580!

Grapevine Area History is one of a large number of local history books printed in recent years by Taylor Publishing Co. of Dallas. This company solicits interest among citizens of a community in having a local history produced, then if there is enough interest, helps organize the local effort, supplying all the needed technical expertise and eventually printing the book. I have been a contribu-

tor from afar to two Taylor books, and it seems to me to be a win-win proposition — the community gets a handsome book full of photographs, family histories and rapidly fading pioneer reminiscences, and Taylor gets a profit when they sell the books.

I get hooked when I look at one of these local histories. There is so much authentic grass-roots history, so much serendipitous stranger-than-fiction fact, that it is hard to put down. So it is with **Grapevine Area History**. Did you know, for instance, that Bonnie and Clyde made their most fateful mistake near Grapevine on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934? There it was that they shotgunned down two Texas Highway Patrolmen, an outrage that set off the manhunt (personhunt?) that soon did them in.

And did you know that Quo Vadis Quayle is the great granddaughter of Charles Quayle, who was born on the Isle of Man in 1800 and immigrated to New York in 1829? Quo Vadis, who is now Mrs. Burke, submitted one of more than 500 family histories in this book.

If you like to browse in local history, you can find **Grapevine Area History** in our LAGS Library. And if you would like to ensure that your family history gets into a local history book being produced in a community where your ancestors lived, you can contact

Taylor Publishing Co. to ask where they have writing projects now in progress.

How to Publish, Promote and Sell your Book; a Guide for the Self-Publishing Author. 1977. Compiled and Written by Joseph V. Goodman. Adams Press, Chicago. 65 pages, 6x9 inches, soft cover, illustrated, no index. \$3.00.

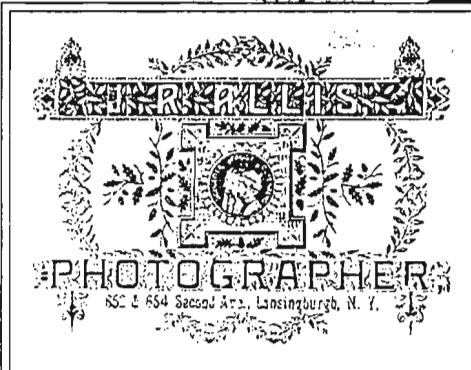
How to Publish your Own Book; a Guide for Authors who Wish to Publish a Book at their Own Expense. 1976. by L. W. Mueller. Harlo Press, Detroit, Michigan. 180 pages, 6x9 inches, soft cover, illustrated, bibliography, no index. \$4.95.

Virginia Moore donated these two books to our LAGS Library.

Publishing technology is racing ahead at a furious pace, so from a technical standpoint these books are dated. But there is a lot more to publishing than the technology.

Mr. Mueller's book is much more attractive inside and out than Mr. Goodman's, so I would be tempted to practice what he preaches. If you plan to publish your genealogy — and you certainly should if you don't want your heirs to throw it all out — then these books may be just what you need to get started. If it inspires you, Mr. Mueller even tells you how to get on TV talk shows to promote your book, and how to arrange autograph parties!

The Importance of Portraits



Through the lens of a view camera, photographers began a chronicle of our life as a nation a century and a half ago. Their work, the portraits still preserved in our family albums, provides a touchstone for our individual histories. In Ardian Gill's family, for example, this luminous study of his mother, Sarah Geer Gill, as a young woman inspires him to recall for his own children their proud heritage: Sarah, now ninety-seven, is descended from two signers of the Mayflower Compact.

Sarah stood for this portrait attired in hat and coat, an oddity to us, accustomed as we are to more informal photography.



The composure of a past generation—the manners, hopes, and dreams of those who have gone before—is the legacy of our old photographs. "Resemblance," wrote a Chinese artist, "reproduces the formal aspects of objects, but neglects their spirit; truth shows the spirit and substance in like perfection." Revealed



SOME VALUABLE TIPS FROM GENEALOGICAL NEWSLETTERS

COLOR PHOTOS FADE--Future generations will not be able to see what we looked like when we were a child, graduated from high school, or were married because once a color photo fades it cannot be restored. One method of preserving these very important times in our family history is to copy them as black and white photographs. These can last for hundreds of years. Kodak says Ektacolor 78 and 74 prints are estimated to have a 10% dye loss in about 8 years and will suffer an obvious loss of contrast and shift in color toward red in about 16 years. By the time 30 or 40 years pass, the image deterioration will be very serious and nearly half of the original cyan dye will have faded away. from NTGA, Wichita Falls, TX

CZECH RESEARCHERS__If your ancestors were members of the WFLA, their obituary may have been printed in the publication, FRATERNAL HERALD (Bratrsky Vestnik). The home office is in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and they have the originals. Copies are also on microfilm at the Nebraska Historical Library in Lincoln, NE and the Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison, WI. They are available on interlibrary loan to your local library. from the Chicago Gen. Society

SHIP'S PASSENGER LISTS for the Port of New Orleans are now available at the Cape Girardeau Public Library, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. This is of special interest for descendants of German immigrants who settled in the mid-west, since many of them came through the Port of New Orleans. The library also has an index for the immigrants after 1850 through this port.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR TAXES: When Congress passed a law requiring the states to provide funds to acquire supplies to continue the war, on January 15, 1781, they supplied a source of information for present day genealogists. The taxes were to be "over and above" other taxes. You may be able to find your ancestor's name on the tax rolls if he owned the following articles or fit the taxable description: the time of servitude of all bound servants above the age of 14 years; all negro and mulatto slaves above the age of 12 years; all horses and mares above the age of 3 years; all horned cattle above the age of 3 years; plate and pleasure carriages; all lands held by deed, warrant, location or improvement; houses and lots of ground and ground rents; all grist, saw, fulling, slitting, hemp, oil, snuff and paper mills; all forges, furnaces, blpomaries, distilleries, sugar houses, breweries, tan yards, and ferries; all wares and merchandise; all professions, trades, and occupations (ministers of the gospel and schoolmasters excepted. from the Diablo Descendants, CCCGS

SENATE BILL 638 has been signed by Gov. DEUKMIGIAN providing for a new California State Archives facility.

LDS Family History Library

The new, 1989 edition of the Family History Library Catalog[™] can now be purchased on microfiche by individuals or institutions. The catalog is a tool that describes the holdings of the world's largest repository of materials of genealogical value. The library is eager to share the catalog to aid all researchers and to encourage them to send their completed research to the library.

The catalog has many uses. Since it refers to over 1.6 million microfilms of original documents and research materials — the equivalent of six million books — researchers may use it to plan effective trips to the library or to a family history center. The 1989 catalog is available for use at each family history center.

The catalog is in four parts:

- Surname section (lists more than 85,000 family histories and compiled genealogies)
- Author/Title section
- Subject section
- Locality section (lists all of the books and microfilms available in the library for each locality).

Each catalog section can be purchased separately, and the locality portion may be purchased by countries or states. Current prices are \$.15 per fiche. The complete catalog costs \$363.65. Ask for free order forms from the Family History Department, Sales Unit, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

U.S. Census

"Next year is the 200th Anniversary of the federal census. The United States was the first country to start and continue a census every ten years. Great Britain didn't get started until 1821. Next year is also another census year. After you complete the census forms, why don't you make a xerox copy for your files before you send it back in. The 1990 census will not be made public until 2062." (From "President's Message" by Jeanne Pramaggiore, *The Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter*, vol. 20, no. 7, July 1989. The Ohio Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield, OH 44906.)

The 1988 edition of the International Genealogical Index (IGI)[™] is now available in LDS family history centers worldwide. The new index lists the names of over 147 million deceased persons dating back to the early 1500s. It includes vital information indexed mainly from christening, birth, and marriage records.

The index is published by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS church), but the names are not limited to LDS church members nor their ancestors. The index does not list information about living persons, nor does it link records of related individuals. It does, however, list names of relatives such as parents or spouse. A reference "batch" number in each entry leads you to the original source of the information. Since the data has been indexed or submitted by many individuals, some entries contain errors.

Names in the International Genealogical Index come from three major sources:

- Most of the names have been extracted or indexed, by volunteers, from civil and church vital records
- Some names have been submitted by LDS church members
- Some names have been indexed from records of the LDS church.

Individuals in the index are generally listed according to the place of their birth or marriage. Similar spellings are grouped together by a standard spelling.

The 1988 edition of the IGI has almost 40 percent more names than the 1984 edition. Individuals and institutions may purchase the index on microfiche. The 9,200 microfiche can be ordered as a set, or by region, county, or state. The cost is \$.15 per fiche. Free order forms are available from the Family History Department, Sales Unit, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.



R E S E A R C H A I D S

Period approximation chart

Date Wanted Birth	Known Information Age at dated event	Formula Subtract age from date Add 5 years to each side Search 11 year period
Birth	Marriage Date	Subtract 16 years from date Subtract 40 years from date Search period between dates
Birth	Birth or Christening of child: Female — only child	Subtract 16 years from date Subtract 50 years from date Search period between dates
Birth	Female — several children	Subtract 16 years from date of first child Subtract 50 years from date of last child Search period between dates
Birth	Male — only child	Subtract 16 years from date Subtract 70 years from date Search period between dates
Birth	Male — several children	Subtract 16 years from date of first child Subtract 70 years from date of last child Search period between dates
Marriage	Age at dated event	Calculate age 15 Add 25 years to date Search period between dates
Marriage	Birth or Christening of child: Only child	Subtract 34 years from date Add 1 year to date Search period between dates
Marriage	Several Children	Subtract 34 years from date of last child Add 1 year to date of first child Search period between dates
Death		Calculate birth date Add 90 years Search period between date last known alive and 90th year

Adapted from *Basic Course to Genealogy*, Vol. II by Derek Harland (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1958), 104-117. (Reissued in 1963 as *Genealogical Research Standards*); submitted by Arlene Eakle to *Roots Digest* Feb. 1986

Since so many dates are unknown, this will give you some ideas on approximating the correct date .

We often 'go back' 20-25 years from birth of first child to guess the age of the father, or go back some 22 years from his marriage date, if known, to get approximate birth date.



BERTHA, "CARRIE/CAROLINE OR "MAGGIE"/MAGDELINA,
"DORA"/DOROTHEA (KELLER) MAIER, sitting, JACOBINA,
"MARY"/MARIA, my mother, standing in the back.

This is a 24 x 19-inch framed (under glass) sheet of paper with colorful designs of a Family Record. This family record also has the pictures of the father and mother on the top.

The present owner is a dealer in the First Street Antiques, 605 Main Street, Martinez, CA 94553, (415) 228-7560.

Family of Henry & Lydia Pfalzgraf

H.W. Pfalzgraf

born 12 April 1860 New York

Married Kansas 29 May 1887

L. Herzel

born 22 April 1866 New York

Births	Eva Lillian	29 Apr 1888
	Justina Lucille	13 Nov 1889
	Oscar Henry	30 Mar 1891
	Ruth Laura	5 May 1892
	Elsie Vera	23 Feb 1895
	Theodore R.	29 Jul 1897

Marriages	Eva L. to Otto J. Swanson	27 Nov 1908
	Justina L. to Walter C. Schenk	30 May 1909
	Ruth L. to Walter H. Garratt	26 Jan 1913
	Elsie Vera to Wilfred Klindans*	9 Aug 1914
	Theodore R. to Lola Garren	Jan 1924

Deaths	Beth Kleindans*	12 Nov 1917
	grandchild	
	Justine Holland	9 May 1935
	Oscar H. Pfalzgraf	8 Apr 1941

Father died 24 Sep 1903
 Mother died 9 July 1951

* these spellings are as copied.

I was not able to ascertain the area of the United States that this was from. It was probably bought in an auction here in California but could have been purchased by the auctioneer in another area. The marriage in Kansas may help to locate the origin of this wonderful piece of genealogy.

I hope we can locate anyone who is doing research on this family.

Submitted by Beverly Schell Ales

Valley's genealogy groups can help find your family's history



Joan Hamblin

Shirley Terry has a gilt-edged leather Bible in her San Ramon home. Some of the pages are frayed, and some are missing, but the book holds a place of honor on a table in the living room.

"That looks pretty old," I observed

Shirley touched it, almost reverently. "Yes, a lot older than the 24 years I've had it."

"How did you get it?" I asked her.

"My mother brought it home from Nebraska. Her aunt had it stored in an attic, collecting dust for about 30 or 40 years."

The aunt had rescued it from her mother-in-law, who was about to burn a bunch of junk. No telling how long the mother-in-law had been storing it.

Shirley didn't know that opening that Bible years ago would lead to a time-consuming passion. Recorded in the book were her third great-grandparents, Samuel Powell and Sarah Root, who were married in 1831. That is a great-great-great! What Alex Haley would have done with that kind of a find!

Since then, she has corresponded with at least 350 relatives, has explored cemeteries in Ohio and Illinois, and knows all the ins and outs of U.S. census records from 1790 to 1910. She discovered a grave of infant Emil, a twin who had never made it into any family records. In the cemetery, he was tucked between his grandparents Powell.

"Another neat find was in Ohio. On a warm, humid Ohio afternoon, I found that the father of this baby was one of eight brothers, six of whom served in the Civil War. In this cemetery in Ohio was a plot with a circle of Civil War casualties. Three of the six brothers were buried in this circle."

Shirley was a founding member of the Livermore Genealogical Society, has been its president three times and is currently president of the society. She is also an active member of the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society.

"Shirley, if someone was just getting started on their family research, what would you tell them to do?" I asked.

"We're lucky. There are lots of resources right here in the Bay Area. There's the San Bruno National Library, where all the census records are on microfilm. There's the Mormon Family History Center in Oakland with census records before 1910. Sutro Library in San Francisco is a wealth of information — a good place for European ancestry searches. And close by, at the Pleasant Hill public library, is a whole section on California history.

"But first, interview that Great Aunt Martha. By next year, she might not be here to talk to. Or if she is, she might not remember the things you want to know. Take a tape recorder as well as your pencil."

That reminded me of an assignment my now 19-year-old daughter

had when she was in the seventh grade. Her teacher had assigned everyone to interview an older family member. Janee decided to interview my father.

Since we couldn't do it in person, she queried him over the telephone and tape-recorded it. Less than two years later, he developed Lou Gehrig's disease and couldn't talk. And two years after that, he died.

I asked Shirley what kinds of things you'd want to find out from Great Aunt Martha.

"Names, dates and places. Names and dates are not enough. Bare bones are not enough. Get some details. Put some meat on those bones."

"What if you can't find anyone who knows anything, and you aren't lucky enough to be given a family Bible?" I asked.

"Then start finding birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates. Marriage certificates often include the parents' names. One step leads to another."

Shirley told me that information is available at county courthouses, which you can write to, and, for a fee, officials will send you back copies of the certificates.

While you're waiting for the answers, make a list of all the people who knew your parents, grandparents or great-grandparents. Then visit the ones you can, and phone or write to the ones you can't visit. Take notes or tape-record the information. These people might also have photos, documents, correspondence or other things that would include your ancestors.

And make a visit to that cemetery where your grandfather is buried. You'll be surprised at the thrill it will be to see that headstone! You'll wonder what is happening to you. Why would seeing a grave-stone be so exciting? It just could be that the dates on the stone represent the bookends of grandfather's life — birth and death.

Want to start digging? If you've got names and places as far back as 1910, you might find your family in the U.S. Census. The San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society is making a trip to the San Bruno National Archives tomorrow. Meet at the south side of the Lucky's parking lot in San Ramon, after you exit off Interstate 680 at Alcosta Boulevard. Look for a blue van. But call Shirley Terry first (829-7787) to make arrangements.

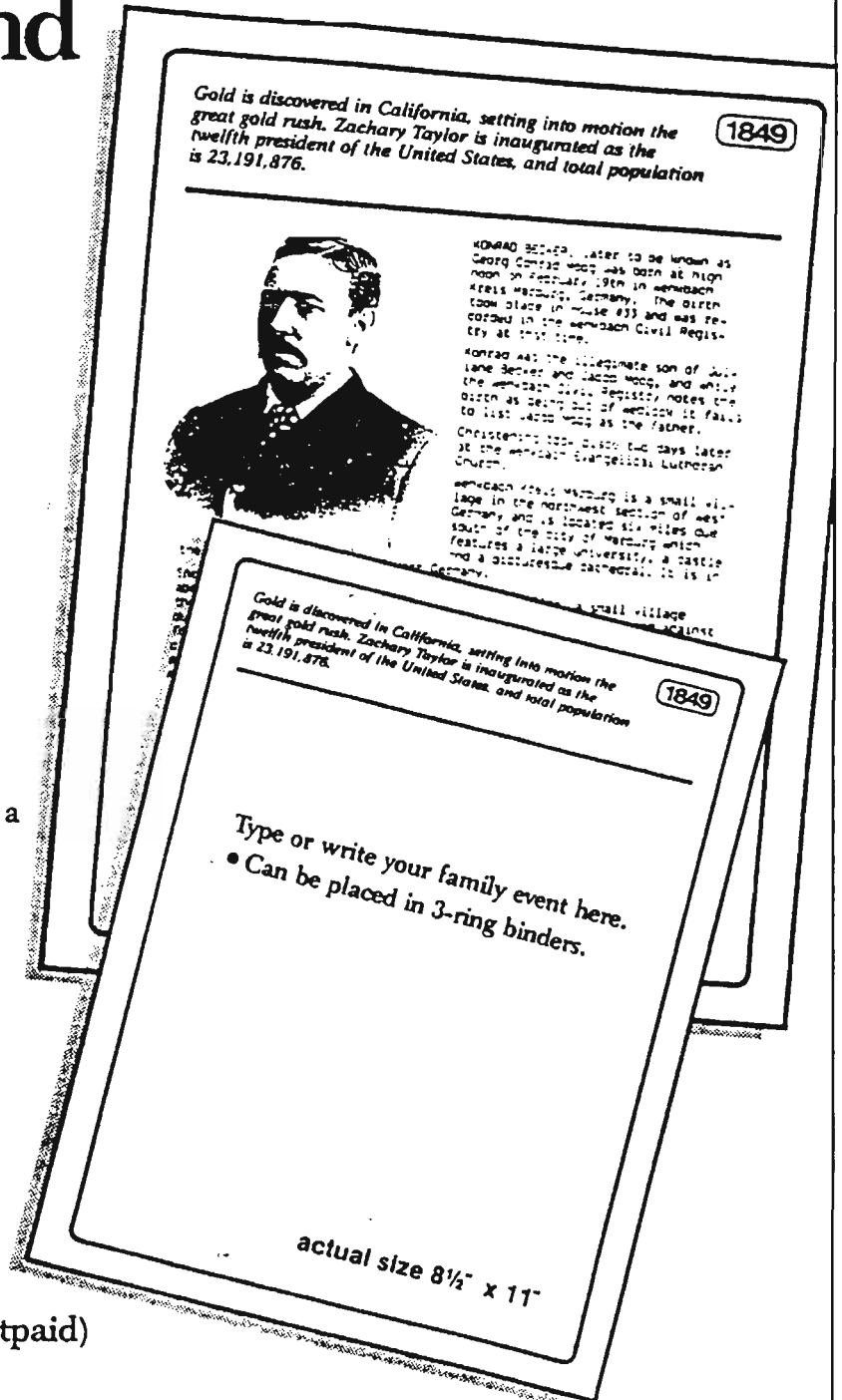
The local genealogy group has information-packed meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Danville Women's Club, 242 West Linda Mesa Ave. The next meeting on Oct. 17 will feature Jane Cassidy.

Want more information? Call Barbara O'Rand at 837-1760

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