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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank the 1980-81 Board Members who so faithfully helped guide our Society this past year. It is hoped that they will continue to be as active in the future as they have been in the past and I'm sure they will.

Our new name, Livmore-Amador Genealogical Society, coinciding with a new board, swings into usage beginning June 22nd, the fourth anniversary of the founding of our Society.

Our regular meeting, June 22nd, celebrates this 4th Birthday and the accomplishments achieved in those years. We have achieved the following:

1. Formation of our Society.
2. By-Law changes to best suit our needs.
3. Reduced dues to enable people to pay them and to induce more people to join.
4. Changed our name to best suit us.
5. Founded a a house organ (newsletter/quarterly) we can be proud of - serving members needs and alerting others of our accomplishments.
6. Founded our own library and it's well organized.
7. Instigated garage sales to help finance our ever enlarging library.
8. Instigated a transportation system enabling members to get to National Archives and libraries.
9. Help has been given to New Comers which has set them on the road to "learn how" to do genealogy.
10. We have conducted genealogical courses.
11. Our programs have been excellant.
12. Publicity alerting the public of our being is growing ever better.
13. Minutes of both Board and Regular meetings are in fine shape.
14. Financial records are up to date and in good shape.
15. Membership records are up to date and in good shape.

The 1981-82 Board Members are faced with a challenge which is wide open. Changes will be made as the year progresses as it often does with new blood; changes that will effect us all - with membership approval.

I am sure I speak for all of the newly elected Board Members when I say thank you all for your confidence in us. Together we will accomplish what you, the members, aspires to accomplish. We are open to suggestions. Please use the Suggestion Box.

Our June Meeting will be full, with Installation of new Board Members, recommendations from the Joint Board and actions, proposal of a by-law change, and a continuation of the hash session - sharing to enable those who didn't have a chance at the last meeting.

Each person is expected to come bearing a gift to exchange - paper clips, rubber bands, note paper, stamps, stamped envelopes - any item relative to genealogy.

To help celebrate, birthday cake and coffee will be served.

Come early, be counted -- and bring an interested friend.

Frances Fowles Samans

UPCOMING EVENTS

Something new is going to be added to the Roots Tracer. Beginning in the Fall Issue, we hope to include information of a genealogical and historical nature that will aid those who are searching for their ancestors in the Livermore and Amador Valleys.

Items such as local cemetery addresses and records, long-time local institutions, pioneer families, headline events from the past. These are the kinds of things we have in mind. If you have an idea of information you'd like to see in print or a specific project you'd like to work on, please let us know. This kind of research can be done by individuals or groups of individuals. If you have something already, let us copy it for the Tracer.

The list was published: _____ books since the last

CLARK'S MEMIOR, by George Rogers Clark, His experiences while serving as General for the United States

EXPLANATION OF THE MAP OF FEDERAL LANDS, by Manessah Cutler in 1787

"Genealogical Helper", Jan/Feb 1981

DIRECTORY OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES IN THE U.S.A. & CANADA, 1978

ATLAS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, 1876

PRIESTHOOD GENEALOGY SEMINAR, Syllabus of the Concord Seminar, donated by Gayle Pipes
INDIANA LAND ENTRIES, VOLS. I & II, by Margaret Waters
KENTUCKY MARRIAGES, CLARK COUNTY 1793 - 1799, donated by Barbara Dittig
VIEWS OF LOUISIANA, by Henry M. Breckinridge in 1811
MARYLAND MARRIAGES 1634 - 1777 by Robert Barnes
GENEALOGICAL & LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS IN PRINT 1981
MAYFLOWER FAMILIES, VOLS. I & II, Five generations of the following families: Chilton, More, Rogers, Eaton, Fuller, and White; by Lucy M. Kellogg
JOURNAL OF A VOYAGE TO NEW YORK 1679 - 1680, by Dankers & Sluyter
OHIO MARRIAGES From the Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly
SOUTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES 1688 - 1799, compiled by Brent H. Holcomb
CAVALIERS & PIONEERS, ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, VOL. I 1623 - 1666, VOL. II 1666 - 1695, VOL. III 1695 - 1732 by Nell M. Nugent
VIRGINIA MARRIAGES, Compiled by Cecil McDonald; VOL I - XXV 1700s; VOL. I - XII 1800 - 1825; VOL. I & II 1825 - 1850.
HISTORY OF THE LATE WAR IN THE WESTERN COUNTRY (War of 1812) by Robert B. McAfee
The Richardson Newsletter, Dec 1980
"DAR Magazines", Jan, March and May 1981
"Early American Life" Feb. and April 1981
"American History Illustrated" Jan, Feb and April 1981
all three magazines donated by Fran Samans
Thanks to each of those who donated to the library recently and to those who volunteered to make copies of the Virginia Marriages which Barbara Dittig loaned to us. This gives an excellent source for researching in that state.

The book, LOCATING YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR is still missing. Would you please check your bookshelves to see if it might be among them.

Lucile White

MEET OUR MEMBERS

My name is June Carolyn Nelson Duffey. I was born the third girl in the family of Anna and Hjalmar Nelson of Chicago, Illinois, on June 4 1922. We were a close and loving family and I was the youngest child. My sisters were 8 and 12 years older than I, and my older sister did "practice teaching" in the Chicago public school where I was in her second grade class. I remember her taking me to children's theater productions at the Goodman Theater School in the Art Institute in Chicago.

I went to Carl Schurz High School in Chicago, North Park College and the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois. I taught elementary school in Arlington Heights, and Oak Park, Illinois before my marriage. After my marriage in 1947, I was home for 19 years and for the last 13 years have taught kindergarten and first grade in Livermore. I retired in December, 1980.

I am married to Charles Thomas Duffey, son of Charles and Marie Duffey of Chicago. He has worked as a mechanical engineer for over 30 years, 22 of which have been for Sandia Laboratories in Livermore. He retired in January, 1981. We have three children, two girls and one boy, who are young adults all living in Northern California. Our youngest son died of leukemia at the age of five in 1965. My husband and I met at the age of 17 and married in 1947, after he returned from the South Pacific in WW II. I finished college in 1944 and began teaching, and he went back to college for his engineering degree during the early days of our marriage.

My father, Hjalmar Nelson, was born in Chicago and began to work at the age of 15 for the Hanover Fire Insurance Co., along with his two brothers and one cousin. All of them worked over 50 years each for the insurance company. He retired in 1954, and moved to Vero Beach, Florida. He was one of seven children of Jens Nelson of Sonderborg, Denmark and Catherine Mommson of Fredericia, Denmark. They were married in Denmark and came to America on their honeymoon. Jens Nelson was a cabinet maker who made hand carved furniture. I feel fortunate to have a footstool, a wall hung ornamental matchbox and Christmas tree stand he carved. He was employed by Tobey Furniture Company of Chicago, and at one time was photographed in a magazine advertisement for the furniture company with his arm on a chair while he stood tall and proud above the caption, "As are _____ is the product!" As a young man, the son of Jens _____, he lived in Sonderborg, Denmark, located in Schleswig-Holstein territory that was part of the struggle between _____ and Germany. He learned Danish at home and at school, and from the age of 12 all his lessons at school were in German. My father told me that Jens walked 40 miles to Fredericia to find work.

My father's mother, Catherine Mommson, was the daughter of Martin Mommson and Caroline DuPont of Fredericia. Caroline DuPont was born on June 5, 1833, and I was named for her since my birthdate was June 4.

Caroline DuPont was the daughter of Pierre DuPont, a schoolmaster who originally was from the northern part of France, and settled in Denmark. He was married to his cousin

Catherine DuPont, whom I assume, was also from France.

My mother, Anna Sophia Felicia Gaul, was born in Ottawa, Illinois, the second daughter of Marianne Proehle and Jacob Gaul. Jacob had four children by his first wife, Maria Gerhardt, who died in childbirth with a fifth child. My grandmother, Marianne, had severe scoliosis (spinal curvature), which was subsequently passed on to her daughter (my aunt), and on to my aunt's daughter. My mother had no sign of it, nor do I, but there are indications of it in one of my daughters, and in my sister's daughter. This situation led to queries about our family members early in our marriage, and eventually to learning as much as possible about the disease. Marianne Proehle came to America at the age of five in a sailing ship, but returned to her home in Osterwieck-am-Harz, Saxony, Germany, and came back again later as an adult. Her parents, Christian Proehle and Johanna Fromknecht, remained in Germany, as far as I know, but seven of their children settled in Chicago, Illinois. When my grandfather, Jacob Gaul, died in an accident in 1887, Marianne moved from their home in Ottawa, Illinois to Chicago to be near her family, and raised her six children aged 20, 19, 16, 14, 4 and 3 alone.

My mother's father, Jacob Gaul, came to America, sometime before 1867, with two brothers, Philip and John. Like my paternal grandfather, he was a cabinet maker, and my antique walnut kitchen table with square nails in it was made by him for my grandmother Marianne. He did beautiful inlaid woodwork represented by a checkerboard I have, and a sewing table in my sister's home with the name "Maria" inlaid on the surface. All of these things of the past make these people long gone seem very real to us.

My husband and I were working on his parents' families also. His mother was the daughter of St. Louis, the daughter of Peter Henry Feagan, a salesman for L. Cohen Wholesale Grocers, and was an international checkers champion of his day, and Mary Ann Carroll. Peter Henry Feagan was the son of Henry Feagan of Watertown, Wisconsin, and Mary Kell, born in Ireland. Mary Ann Carroll was the daughter of James Carroll, born in 1841 in Ireland, and Bridget Duffy, born in 1845, in Bollinacorrige, Rathdrum, County Wicklow, Ireland.

My husband's father was Charles William Duffey of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who descended from John William Duffey of Hagerstown, Maryland. John William was the son of William Stanislas Duffy and Eliza Frances Stake, both of Hagerstown. My husband's great-grandfather, William Stanislas, was the son of John William Duffy, born about 1798, somewhere in Ireland and Mary Smith, about whom we know nothing. Great, great grand-

mother Eliza Stake was the daughter of Elie Stake of Williamsport, Maryland and Ella Monahan of Ireland.

My husband's father, Charles William was descended on his maternal side from Margaret O'Brien of Ottawa, Canada. Her parents were James O'Brien of Tipperary-Munster Co., Ireland, and Johanna Daly of Carlow, Leinster Co., Ireland.

I began studying our family years ago when my mother would tell me about the family "treasurers", a chime clock, a ring, a table, a lamp, or her life when she was a little girl. Later, when I had a home of my own and my mother had died, I was given some of the old family "things". My mother was a "saver" and so am I, and our old Tiffany leaded glass lamp, from my parents first home in 1908, is now in our living room, and is treasured beyond belief, and has been rescued more than once from the play of active children over the years.

Barbara Dittig has urged me to begin genealogical study in earnest, and after one visit to the Amador Genealogical Association meetings and a trip to the L.D.S. Library in Oakland, I was hooked! We haven't found our ancestors to be great artists, authors, senators or great framers of the Constitution, but they seem to be representative of the great body of immigrants who became one with their new country - even to changing the spellings of their names to become more "American". We stand in awe of their survival at all under difficult living conditions, and find we want to learn everything they have to share with us of their lives and times!

GENEALOGICAL AIDS

Research in Nebraska

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Information Source: Nebraska State Historical Society,

Evertons' Handy Book for Genealogists, and America Moves West
by Riegel

HISTORY -- Nebraska was originally part of the Louisiana purchase of 1803. From 1812-34, it was un-organized territory. The first settlement was established in 1823 (Bellevue) about ten miles below present day Omaha, on the Missouri River. In 1834, it was cut into three parts and placed under the jurisdiction of Arkansas, part under Michigan, and part under Missouri. Nebraska was organized as a United States Territory and officially opened for settlement in 1854. This territory included the northeastern corner of Colorado, parts of Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota (north from the 40th parallel to Canada and west from the Missouri River to the Continental Divide).

According to Everton's HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS, many Germans settled Nebraska in the 1850's. Twenty years later a larger number of Germans came out of Russia and settled Lancaster and nearby counties. Many Scandinavians settled after the adoption of the Homestead Act of 1862. Most of today's Nebraskans are of German, Czech, Swedish or Russian descent.

The full settlement of the great plains waited until after the Civil War, when an increasing number of immigrants entered the central area of Kansas and Nebraska. Many Civil War veterans were able to secure cheap land as well.

Nebraska is now 1/5 th of its original size. It was reduced to its present size in 1861 with the creation of Colorado and Dakota Territories. On March 1, 1867, Nebraska became a state and ninety-three counties were organized over the next seventy years.

The Nebraska State Historical Society publishes "Nebraska History", a quarterly which contains articles about Nebraska's history. There is a section on new arrivals in genealogy. Subscription to this magazine is available for an annual membership fee of \$5.00. The complete series of "Nebraska History" may be purchased from Xerox University Microfilms, 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106.

The following outlines published and non-published materials and related reference tools available at the Nebraska State Historical Society.

CENSUS: Federal censuses are available on microfilm for 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020. Special enumeration for 1885 as well as the 1880 census for Civil War Veterans and Widows.

The Soundex Index to the 1880 Census lists all families with children under 10 years of age. The Soundex Index to the 1900 Census is complete. The Society has prepared an index to the 1860 Census and an alphabetical list of all farmers and businessmen in Nebraska in 1886 serves as a partial index to the 1885 Census.

Microfilm copies of these censuses are also available on inter-library loan to libraries from the National Archives' records centers, with the 1885 census available from the Federal Archives and Records center.

In addition, county enumerations for 15 counties in eastern Nebraska, were published in 1932-1942 in the Nebraska and

Midwest Genealogical Quarterly. These census enumerations are indexed in the 2nd volume of Donald Lines Jacobus' Index to Genealogical Periodicals. They include the 1854 census and 1855 Census for Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Otoe, Cass, Douglas, Washington and Dodge counties; 1856 Census for Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Otoe, Cass, Lancaster, Clay, Dodge, Platte, Cuming, Douglas, Washington, Burt and Dakota counties; 1865 Census for Otoe and Cuming counties; 1869 Census for Stanton and Butler counties.

LAND RECORDS--The U.S. General Land Office Tract Books for Nebraska are also available on microfilm. They describe the acquisition of land from the federal government, the date, legal description, type of acquisition and the final certificate number. This information may be sent to the National Archives, Washington, D.C., 20408, whose files include the application and verification that the individual applying for the land was or intended to become a U.S. citizen, was of proper age, etc. Since there is not an index, location of an individual in these records requires an approximate legal description of the land although in some cases the post office address may be sufficient.

NATURALIZATION RECORDS --An index to pre-September 1906 naturalization records of Nebraska as well as some counties in Iowa was prepared by the W.P.A. in the 1930's. A microfilm copy of this index is available for use. In Nebraska naturalization records were created in the county district courts. Originally the courts retained these records. Occasionally, local courts have transferred their records to a state repository or perhaps to a court.

The index covers the files of the courts in Nebraska and western Iowa and some files in eastern Iowa. Reference leaflet No. 3 gives more information about these records.

MILITARY RECORDS -- U.S. Military records are federal records preserved in Washington or other federal records centers. However, the state records of military organizations and veterans organizations, kept by the State Adjutant General, can be very helpful. The Nebraska State Historical Society is preserving the membership files of the Nebraska Dept. of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans organization for Union Civil War veterans. These records have been microfilmed and a surname index is available.

Another useful index is the Civil War Veterans buried in Nebraska which is available on microfilm. This alphabetical card file lists the military unit in which the veteran served, date of death, place of burial, and often lists the place and

date of birth.

In addition to these records and the 1890 Census mentioned earlier, there are also records of Spanish-American War veterans and scattered published books on WWI and WWII. A series of rosters were published by the Nebraska Adjutant General and the Secretary of State in 1887, 1888, 1893, 1897, 1915, and 1925. All except 1925 are arranged by State of enlistment. The 1925 roster is arranged by the county of residence in Nebraska.

NEWSPAPERS -- The Society has nearly 20,000 rolls of Nebraska newspapers on microfilm dating from the territorial period to the present. All newspapers on microfilm at the Society may be purchased and information on ordering microfilm copies of a specific newspaper will be provided when requested. Reference Leaflet No. 4 lists those Nebraska newspapers which have been indexed, not including the Newspaper and Information Index (items since 1950). A Guide to the Newspaper Collection of the State Archives, Nebraska State Historical Society is also available for \$4.00.

In addition, a few scattered papers during a thirty year period from the establishment of Nebraska Territory have been partially indexed.

OTHER RECORDS & MANUSCRIPTS -- For the non-governmental records, such as church and school records, letters and dairies, etc., The Guide to the Manuscript Division of the State Archives, Nebraska State Historical Society is available for \$10.00.

VITAL RECORDS -- A list of records for early eastern Nebraska can be found, in book form, in the Historical Society Library or The Nebraska & Midwest Genealogical Record. For other early Nebraska marriage records it is necessary to contact the office of the County Judge in the county where the marriage took place, or to find the information in church records. After 1867, these records list the parents of the contracting parties. After 1909, marriage records may be obtained from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Department of Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Ne. 68508. The fee is \$3.00 per record. Divorce records are on file with the Bureau as well as in the office of the Clerk of District Court where the divorce was granted.

LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORIES -- The Society Library has an extensive collection of Nebraska state and local histories. Reference Leaflet No. 5 lists general references to Nebraska state history. The centennial and bicentennial celebrations

The Centennial and Bicentennial celebrations in local communities has stimulated the writing of many additional local histories and Reference Leaflet No. 6 is a selected bibliography of those written from 1967-1969. Many Nebraska family histories and biographical accounts are also on file.

OTHER REFERENCE MATERIALS -- Nebraska maps, atlases, directories of all types, photographs and other special collections of valuable reference materials are available to persons who visit the Library. Included in the collection are state censuses, census indexes, local and state histories, biographical albums, family histories and historical societies quarterlies. Reference Leaflet No. 7 lists general genealogical reference items and reference Leaflet No. 8 is a bibliography of genealogical periodicals located in the library.

STAFF REFERENCE SERVICES -- The Nebraska State Historical Society Staff will check its name indexes and will copy information which is specifically cited in these indexes. Specific requests for copies of information and obituaries from its newspaper collection will be copied when name, place, and date is indicated. For "mail-outs" to cover the cost of postage and handling, the minimum charge is \$3.00, for Nebraska residents and \$5.00 for out-of-state residents for up to five specific items of information returned via 1 or 2 pages of xeroxing or photocopying. Please send no money until they request it. We can then specify the exact charges based upon the information available. They do not inter-library loan their materials. Reference Leaflet No. 9 lists genealogists who will do research. Reference Leaflet No. 10 lists genealogical societies in Nebraska and 11 lists local historical societies. Reference leaflets will be sent if specifically requested. No. 11 lists special indexes to reference materials at the Society available on microfilm.

If you would write directly about what counties you need help with, they will direct you to the proper source. Write The Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R Street, Lincoln, Ne 68508.

Our Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Library, at 791 North N Street, Livermore, has a copy of the above mentioned reference leaflets, available to our members for reference.

Congratulations to Judy and Don Williams on the birth of their daughter Sheri Deanne, born June 14, 1981. We've missed your typing on the Tracer Judy.

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Our Society's Library, located at the home of Lucile White, 791 North W St., Livermore, Ca 94550, is the resting place of many Quarterlys and Newsletters from other Genealogical Societies in the United States.

These publications are filled with interesting ideas, genealogical articles, local cemetery records, old church records, and Queries of members trying to locate ancestors in the area of the group publishing the quarterly/newsletter.

If you have ancestors who lived in a particular area, be sure and check the auarterlys and newsletters we have on that area. You may find a contact living in the area you are researching who is working on the same line as you. You may make contact just by answering a Query or by placing one yourself.

The following is a list of the publications we receive. Many of our members belong to various State organizations on their own. If they will let me know which ones, we can run a list of them in our next issue.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
HAYWARD AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
EAST CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO CHAPTER O.G.S.
NORTHWEST IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF SACRAMENTO
EAST BAY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
NORTH SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
HAMILTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MARIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Richardson Family Researcher and Historical News
Genealogical Gazette (Genealogical news 7 happenings
in the Bay Area and State)

Many thanks to Elliott Dopking for the photo on the cover of our new Quarterly. We hope to put his collection of old photos of this city and valley to good use on the covers of future Tracers. We appreciate your willingness to share, Elliott.

GENEALOGY

Smith names, Fry names
Dead and gone and dry names!

Old names, bold names.
Hard to spell and cold names!

This is what I used to think:
Those silly people eat and drink,
Who study family histories,
Place, dates, and mysteries,

Loves and heartaches;
Wheel on Grandma's cart breaks.

Babies teething,
People --- living, breathing.

Now I know what joys are found
In searching volumes leather bound
And finding that a wholesome life
Was lived by Great - great - grandpa's wife.

These are sign names,
Make -me-laugh or cry names.

James : dry names
When I : 're my names.

by Sherry Orrock
from "Improvement Era, Sept. '67

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The L-A Genealogical Society meets the 4th Monday of each month, except December, at 7:30 pm, Livermore Library.

Dues are \$9 per year, payable July 1 of each year. Dues may be mailed to Treasurer Clarence Parkison, 1023 Camelia Drive, Livermore, Ca 94550. A subscription to the Roots Tracer is included in the annual membership fee.

The Roots Tracer is published quarterly. Deadlines for the Tracer are: Summer Issue - June 15; Fall Issue - Sept. 15; Winter Issue - Dec. 15; Spring Issue - March 15.

Board Meetings are held at 4 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at President Fran Samans home at 5126 Peony Drive, (Springtown) Livermore, Ca 94550