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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When you met in family gatherings during the Holiday Season, I hope you took time to record more information about each family member to add to your genealogical collection. Perhaps you picked up a few more clues from older family members that will bridge a gap for your effort to reach the whole.

One bit of business -- PLEASE WRITE TO: James W. Moore
Asst. Archivist
National Archives
Washington, DC 20408

and protest their cut-off of in-library loan of National Archives microfilm from Fort Worth, Texas. The distance from our valley to San Bruno hampers us when it comes to using their services. Some of us haven't the time to go to San Bruno. Get as many of your friends as possible to write also - give them addressed, stamped cards for speediness!

The Board members of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society hope you had a very Merry Christmas with your loved ones, and a Happy, Happy New Year.

Hope to see you the 4th Monday in January 1982.

Frances Fowles Samans,
President

LIBRARY NEWS

by Lucile White

The following items have been added to the library since the last issue of the Tracer was published:

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ASSOCIATIONS, Volumes I & II, 14th Edition, Editors: Yakes and Akey. Donated by Art Skinner.

GUIDE TO REFERENCE BOOKS, 8th Edition, by Constance M. Winchell. Donated by Art Skinner.

CATALOG OF BELL & HOWELL PHOTO COPIES 1979-1980. This includes microfilm of newspapers of some cities and towns all over the world, some very old. Also includes periodicals and indexes. Donated by Ed Pyle.

DICTIONARY OF EVENTS - A HANDBOOK OF UNIVERSAL HISTORY, Compiled by G.P. & G. H. Putnam. Donated by Gayle Pipes.

Library News Cont.

AN INDEX TO THE WILL BOOKS AND INTESTATE RECORDS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. 1729-1850. Donated by Margaret Fazio for her winning in the \$15 book drawing at the monthly meeting.

THE ANZA EXPEDITIONS TO ALTA, CALIFORNIA 1774-1776, by Janet Newton. Donated by Frances Samans.

MARRIAGES OF SUSSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA 1754-1810, by Catherine L. Knofr. Donated by Lucile White.

ROSS COUNTY OHIO 1810 TAX I Donated by Lucile White

"Genealogical Helper" Magazine, Nov/Dec 1981 Issue

So far, only one book has been added to our library through the lucky drawing. Ed Pyle has offered to combine his winnings with somebody else in order to purchase a better book than the \$15 given. If you have won the jackpot and are interested in Ed's offer, please contact him.

Barbara Dittig has kindly consented to be the Assistant to the Librarian. She has spent many hours recently catching up on some back work that had been neglected. Thanks so much Barbara, for all the help.

NEW PHONE NUMBER for our library and Lucile: 443-7095.

MEET THE MEMBERS

My name is Joan Miramontes-Wondra-Bokanich. I was born, reared and educated in Oakland, CA, as well as our children. My husband, George, was born in Colorado but moved to Oakland, CA, when he was seven years old.

My mother, Lucia Guadalupe Miramontes, was born on 30 July 1895 in Santa Cruz, CA, to Lucia Higuera and Crisanto Miramontes. Being a member of LOS CALIFORNIANOS, I have traced my ancestry to three soldiers who arrived in Baja California in the year 1732. Each soldier was with the de Anza party from Spain.

My dad was born 20 Oct. 1883 in a small town of Ashford in Fond du Lac County in Wisconsin. His name was Martin Anthony Wondra. He was the seventh son and had two younger sisters. When he was six years old his parents brought the children to Oregon by covered wagon and then settled in San Jose, California. His father's name was Wenceslaus Wondra. He had left Bohemia, now Czechoslovakia, in 1850 as a young child with his parents. They all settled in Ashford, Wisconsin. He married Maria Gibisch in 1872. She was

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born in Germany in 1849. Wenceslaus' parents names were Anton Wondra and Mary Smefall. His wife's parents names were Mathias Gibisch and Mary Stenbach. They also arrived from Germany in the 1800's. I wish to research Anton Wondra, Mary Smefall, Mathias Gibisch and Mary Steinbach.

I will be working on my husband's family in the future. I have been gathering information and whenever we have a family gathering I start filling out the "family sheet".

Our daughters have often asked about our families. I felt it was the time to start doing something about it. I have not been doing genealogy very long, but it is amazing how one path will lead to another. And, of course, there is such excitement when you find something. The biggest excitement was finding my mother's true name. She always called herself Lucille and also, she never mentioned that her mother's name was "Higuera". She had always told us as children that her mother's name was Lucy "Cole". And that there are three ways to spell Wondra: Vondru, Vondre, and Vondrevitz. It really is fascinating.

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EDITORS NOTE:

Three new members to add to the mailing list.

Welcome: Terrance McCune, 968 Cayuga Drive, Livermore, 94550, 455-0871 and
Gina Froehlich, 1459 Heather Lane, Livermore, 94550, 449-0739
Margaret Malone, 1045 El Dorado, Livermore, 94550, 455-6460

If you are a new member, be sure and pick up a copy of our "Meet the Members" format and leave your name and address with me so that I can put it in the Tracer and be sure that you receive your copy of the next Tracer.

VALLEY ROOTS

Dublin, Alameda County California

Featured on our cover is a photo of Green's Store 1914. It is still existing near the intersection of Dublin Blvd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. along with Old St. Raymond's Church, Murray School and Alamilla Spring.

The following is an article written by Arline Butterfield for The Valley Times, October 11, 1981, entitled: "Dublin's sleepy history: Sort of a gold hush".

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"It was along San Ramon Valley Boulevard's route, 209 years ago in the spring of 1772, that Lt. Pedro FAGES and Fr. Juan CRESPI rode with 16 soldiers and muleteers, looking for a land route to Drakes Bay (San Francisco Bay) from San Jose.

They passed through peaceful Indian villages, and through the green fields, lush with the grasses and wild poppies that abounded in the region. The poppies were used for their narcotic effect by the Indians to kill pain, and the leaves were eaten for

Then in 1824, 157 years ago, Maria AMADOR, formerly a Mexican soldier stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco, and also previously the Majordomo at Mission San Jose, was rewarded for his years of service to the Mexican government, and was granted four square leagues of land (16,517 acres) in the valley.

He acquired another 2000 acres which included Alamilla Spring which still contributes its hopeful waters to Dublin, and can be seen today behind the "76" gasoline service station at the historic intersection.

Amador built a two-story adobe home 16-feet long and other adobe buildings. According to "Dublin Reflections", by Virginia Smith Bennett, Amador had 150 Indian and Mexican workers in his employ, close to 400 horses, about 14,000 cattle, as many as 4,000 sheep and some pigs on his lands. His Indian workers made soap, saddles, blankets, harnesses and farming tools in adobe shops on the ranch. Almost three decades passed in the sleepy valley.

Then in 1852, two Irishmen, Michael MURRAY and Jeremiah FALLON, along with Fallon's wife, Eleanor Murray Fallon and their young son, came to the Valley. The families had been part of the Donner Party, but had left it to take their own route west. Later the two men were in the third rescue party to reach the ill-fated group who perished in the High Sierra.

Fallon and Murray bought 1,000 acres of land from Amador, each building a wooden home for his family.

The next year James DOUGHERTY and William GLASKIN bought 10,000 acres from Amador for \$2.20 an acre. The Dougherty family lived in the Amador adobe for many years. Later, Dougherty acquired land which included Gold Creek, about a mile south of Dublin's well-known junction.

The first school in the Valley, Murray School, was built 125 years ago. It was built on Flamagan Lane, was moved to Dublin Canyon Road in 1860 and averaged 45 students each year until it closed in 1952. In 1976, when

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Highway 580 was widened, the school was moved to its present location on Donlon Way, in "Heritage Center". It was restored on the outside and is used as a museum by the Dublin Historical Preservation Association.

John GREEN bought Michael Murray's property in 1857. The next year several farmers moved to Dublin, rented land from Dougherty and started raising grains. Green built a general store. This was the stagecoach stop for many years between San Jose and between Oakland and Stockton.

As told by "Dublin Gold", the story of Gold Creek, by Dan MOSIER and Page FINNEY, gold was discovered in Dublin in 1871 by Neal F. TAYLOR and Timothy COX on February 8, 1871, in a wooded gulch a little more than one mile south of Dublin. Consequently, there was the Dublin gold rush, which was not fabulous. A miner's camp was set up on the ranch of Dan McCRAW in Pleasanton. The creek gravel was panned for gold, with flakes and dust being found. Fifteen to 20 claims were staked with each miner being allotted 50 by 100 feet. The Alameda Advocate reported that the diggings were abandoned by the next spring. Explorer, gold seekers, pioneers, and finally farmers came to Dublin's valley with hope in their hearts. The Dublin gold rush didn't pan out, but the golden fields yielded their bounty."

In November 1981, Dublin citizens voted to incorporate into a city.

GENEALOGICAL AIDS

Compiled by RoseMarie Stickney Wade

Major Genealogical Collections

The Western Reserve Historical Society has announced that as a result of the Society's receipt of John Hyde Gehrung bequest of a quarter million dollars, the United States Federal Population Census Schedules, dating from the first 1790 census, to 1900, are being purchased for the Genealogical collection of the History Library, consisting of more than ten thousand rolls of microfilm. This will make the Society the third repository in the United States to own the schedules. The Fort Wayne Library in Indiana and the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, Utah, have complete schedules.

Western Reserve Historical Society Library 10825 East Boulevard; Cleveland, Ohio 44106. The collection includes family and local histories for the US and Canada. Has many manuscripts for Ohio and microfilmed records. Members may use the collection free of charge. The public may use the library for a daily fee. Staff will answer brief queries.

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Genealogical Society of Utah 50 East North Temple; Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150. The genealogical collection is international. The Library has over 300 branches throughout the world and a list of accredited genealogists for the US and many foreign countries. Stacks are open. The library is open to the public without charge.

Allen County Public Library 90 ... street; Fort Wayne, Indiana 46902. Their Genealogical collections ... in scope and includes many records for Canada. They have many census indexes, in addition to the full set of federal census records, 1790-1900. The library is open to the public without charge. Some stacks are open. There is a local emphasis on Indiana materials. Staff will answer brief queries and for a nominal charge make photo-copies of materials. Staff does not do research but can recommend genealogists for Indiana.

Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library; Provo, Utah 84602. The Genealogical Collection emphasizes local history in the US, England, Continental Europe, Scandinavia and Canada. They have many family histories and microfilms. Staff will answer correspondence but does not do research.

Newberry Library 60 West Walton Street; Chicago, IL 60610. The Local History and Genealogy Collection is international, including material from the US, Canada, British Isles, and Western Europe. Most of the stacks are closed and the collection is noncirculating. Emphasis is on US Local history. Compiled indexes to family sketches in all local histories it acquired until about 1917. The library is open to the public.

National Archives (C3A) Pennsylvania Avenue at 8th Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20408. Records of major genealogical value at the National Archives are US federal census schedules, military records, and passenger lists. Many of these may be used at the Archives branches. The Archives and its branches are open to the public. For a listing of many records of genealogical value in the National Archives see Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives, by Meredith B. Colket, Jr., and Frank E. Bridgers (Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1964), and Lest We Forget by June Babbel (Annandale, VA 1976).

National Genealogical Society Library 1921 Sunderland Place, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20036. The collection is international, but emphasis is on the US. It circulates to members only. The library is open to the public and there is a charge for nonmembers.

Library of Congress 1st-2nd Streets, S.E.; Washington, D.C. 20504. The Genealogy and Local History Collection is international. The staff answers brief queries but does not do research. Most of the stacks are closed. The library is open to adults. Catalogs of family and local histories in the collection have been published and are available at most libraries.

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National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library
1776 D Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20006. Their collection is national. Staff will answer brief queries but does not do research. There is a charge for the use of the library by nonmembers. The library is open to the public except during the month of April.

New York Genealogical and Biographical Society 122 East 58th Street; New York, New York 10022. The collection is national but emphasizes the eastern states, New York City, and New York. Stacks are open to members and they may also use the microfilm and manuscript collection. Staff will answer one brief query if the correspondent encloses a self-addressed stamped envelope (a good genealogist will do this with all initial correspondence). Staff does not do research but upon request will provide a list of people who do.

New York Public Library Fifth Avenue and 42nd Streets; New York, New York 10018. The Local History and Genealogy Department is open to the public but most of the stacks are closed. The collection emphasizes local history for the US and Great Britain and genealogies from all over the world. Staff does not answer correspondence but will send a list of genealogical researchers if correspondent includes a SASE.

Maryland Historical Society 201 West Monument Street; Baltimore, Maryland 21201. The genealogical collection emphasizes local history and genealogy of the eastern states with a strong collection for Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, but is national in scope. The library is open to the public by membership reading ticket or daily admission fee. Most stacks are open. Brief inquiries will be answered by the staff but they cannot do research.

New England Historic & Genealogical Society Library Their collection emphasis is on New England and New York, but includes Canadian and British materials also. The library is open to the public. Non-members must pay a daily fee. There is a lending collection for members of the society. Stacks are open to members and closed to non-members.

Additional libraries and their addresses can be found in:

American Library Directory (N.Y.; R.R. Fowker Co., published annually since 1944)

Subject Collections Ash, Lee, and Lorenz, Denis, comps. (N.Y. 1967).

The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy by Val D. Greenwood (Baltimore, MD 1973).

Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centers (Detroit: Gale Research Co.)

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If you do not seem to get an answer to your question perhaps you can plan a vacation around a visit to a city where there is a large library. Write ahead and ask about the genealogical collection in that particular library. When you get home share your findings with the rest of us.

Sources: The Genealogical Society of Utah; Searching for Your Ancestors by Gilbert H. Doane; The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy by Val D. Greenwood; and reference librarians of our Livermore Library staff.

Veterans Records: Did you know the cost for reproduction of each record file has been increased from \$3 to \$5? The price rise is the first in 5 years. The National Archives Central Reference Division receives more than 200,000 mail requests annually for files of veterans records, including pension files, bounty land applications, and military service records dating from the Revolutionary War to the early 20th century.

In a second change, a prepayment policy has been put into effect in order to reduce the administrative overhead of maintaining an extensive billing system. Customers are requested to send payment with their orders when the total cost is known. Payments can be made by check, money order, or Master Card or Visa Credit cards. In cases where the cost is not known, a price quotation can be obtained by requesting the order form for copies of veterans records -- NAF Form 26. Write to: Military Service Records (NNCC), National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

If you have in your ancestral lines a builder of covered bridges, drop a line to Miriam Wood, editor, SOBCA "Chatter", 3155 Whitehead Road, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Note from Gayle Pipes:

Isn't genealogy fun? The French philosopher Montaigne said "He who appreciates the past enjoys two lives". We as genealogists enjoy many lives and there is always before us an endless number to learn about and enjoy.

GLEANINGS FROM THE EVERTON WORKSHOP IN SANTA CRUZ
by Margaret Fazio

Mrs. Gay Kowallis was a very good speaker and teacher and impressed me with the following ideas. First, an idea on how to organize your research.

SET A GOAL - make it a date, a place, a relationship.

1. Decide which Record would give you this information.
2. Locate the Record.
3. Search the Record--Be Thorough- Don't discard it if the information isn't obvious.
4. Get a copy of the Record/or information.
5. Evaluate the information: Does it contain what you want? Does it contain related information that may provide a clue? For example with a Death Certificate: If the person died in a Hospital - write to the Hospital and ask for their record; if he died at home, there should be a home address, think on it for clues; a Doctor is listed, they keep records, perhaps a son took over the business and has his father's old records, maybe the Dr. is still living; a cemetery is listed, try writing for their records; a Funeral Home may be listed, try writing for their records.
6. Photo or Xerox the Record if you can
7. Use the information--on your Pedigree Chart, Family Group Sheet, Identity Graph, Family History.
8. SET A NEW GOAL

Idea Number 2, IDENTITY GRAPH (Example)

IDENTITY GRAPH

ANCESTOR Alice Parcel (Paschal. Parsel)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Source</u>
1. 4 Feb 1861	Birth	Benton Co. Iowa	Death Certificate, Obit.
2. 11 Aug 1879	Marriage	Harland, Shelby Co. IA	Newspaper Announcement, Death Record of Charles Mahin

The idea is to list all the facts you have on a given ancestor. This sheet should help you:

1. Establish a quick reference to your Source for a given fact.
2. Point out conflicting data between several related ancestors - for example, mother and child should be in the same place of residence at the child's birth.

Gleanings---cont.

3. Help you plan your next research activity. Look at your graph and ask, "What's missing?"
4. This graph is also an excellent biographical sketch of your ancestor, if you're writing a family history one day.
5. It might be a good idea to figure out a Code for your Source column such as A - for Newspaper information; B for Birth Record; C for Census; D for Death Record; etc.

If you don't get around to making a form like this for yourself, we may have some run off on the mimeograph machine by our next meeting. If so, there will be a reasonable charge for the cost of the paper.

Another thought from Mrs. Kowallis: If you make it to Salt Lake City to use the Mormon Library there, consider stopping by Everton's Library and using their Indexes before you go to the Mormon Library. You may save yourself considerable time. The Everton Library has a copy of every item they have ever published as well as copies of books sent to them for review. It is a considerable collection, 3223 So. Main St., Nibley, Utah - 80 miles North of SL

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

by Patty Robins Rueppel

Northwest Iowa Genealogical Society - They received a letter from State Library of Pennsylvania (General Library Bureau, State & Local History, Harrisburg, PA 17120). It announced: "You may request your local library to borrow from the Inter-Library Loan Section (State Library of Pennsylvania, Box 1601, Harrisburg, PA 17105) microfilm copies of the following (2 rolls at a time): Federal Mortality Schedules for Pennsylvania 1850, 2 rolls; 1860- 2 rolls; 1870 - 3 rolls; 1880 - 4 rolls. Mortality schedules list persons who died during the 12 months preceding the taking of the census. Specify the county, township, city or ward.

Akron, Iowa is publishing a History Book in connection with their 1982 Centennial. The book will include a history of Portlandville, which later became Akron, and surrounding communities as well as Akron itself. This 500-600 page hard-bound book will have histories of families in the area. Many pictures have been collected and the book will contain 200-300. Books may be ordered in advance by sending a check or money order made out to "Akron Centennial Book", \$16.95 postpaid. Send the order to: Akron Centennial Book, Box 11, Akron, IA 51001.

All cemeteries in Sioux County have been indexed on 3 x 5 cards. Some work still needs to be completed before cards will be filed in a permanent location at Northwestern College, Mt. Pleasant, IA. Any questions concerning these cemeteries should be written to Bernette Sawyer, Cemetery Records Chairperson, 1541 Oak Street, Spirit Lake, IA.

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The Ohio Genealogical Society. Their Summer 1981 Report lists "Pioneer's of the First Families of Ohio" - Feb. 1808. In this report are statistics and some family bibles. Also the Ancestor charts from Fairfield County, Ohio Indenture. For the Report check our Livermore-Amador Library. This issue also has an excellent article on abstracting old newspaper data (deaths, marriages, legal notices, divorces, etc.) and how to go about publishing it. (Pages 64-66.)

The Ohio Genealogical Society, PO Box 2625, Mansfield, OH 44906. Their large and informative newsletter (located in our L-A Library) lists many varied services the different Ohio County Chapters offer. If your ancestors have any history there, the newsletter lists their addresses. Queries may be sent to: Query Editor, Box 2625, Mansfield, OH 44906. Please use a 3 x 5 card.

California State Library, Library-Courts Building, PO Box 2037, Sacramento, CA 95809. California State Census Records - 1852. This special California State census for 1852, the only census taken by the State of California, has been copied and indexed by the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, California Chapter, which placed one typewritten copy in the State Library. A microfilm copy is available for inter-library loan.

Federal Census Records - California 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900. These US Census population schedules for California and Soundex name indexes for 1880 and 1900 are available on microfilm. A printed index is available on interlibrary loan for 1850. 1890 census population schedules were destroyed by fire.

The Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Collection contains 180 typewritten volumes of California genealogical records. The State Library Newsletter (in our L-A Library) lists what information can be obtained from this group.

The California State Library offers genealogists more services and information than these listed. The newsletter with additional information is in our L-A Library.

Helpful Hints from Ohio

Have you had trouble finding your ancestor's name with the spelling you normally use? In early Lancaster and York Counties, PA, the census of the Germanic population was recorded by descendants of the Irish pioneers who had great difficulty with German names. They wrote down what the name sounded like to them, phonetically! Pronounce the listed name and the wanted name aloud, to check for a matching sound if possible.

Have you ever wondered why your ancestor wasn't listed in his father's will, when you know he was still alive? Your ancestor may not necessarily

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have been disowned. Write to the county where the family lived and ask the County Clerk if your ancestor was listed in the Deed of Gift Book. Many times children were given land as a wedding gift. The children who received the inheritance during the parents' lifetime were sometimes left out of the will.

SAVE TIME!! You can obtain a copy of "Birth, Marriage, Divorce, Death -- on the Record" for \$2.50 from Reymont Assoc., 29R Reymont Ave., Rye, NY 10580. This directory lists 200 official sources of personal and family data. They show the agencies to contact, how far back their records go and what copies of records cost.

Irish Research - Irish roots traced by Genealogical Office, Dublin for \$2.75 per hour. They must have ancestor's full name, year they left Ireland, occupation and precise name of town emigrated from. Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2, Ireland.

UPPER CUMBERLAND GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION, Cookeville, Tennessee November 1961 Has many cemetery and graveyard extracts from White, Putnam and Overton Counties. They also include "Extracts from Eastern Cherokee Enrollment Files". In June 1906, Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 to be used in payment of claims arising out of treaties of 1725-36 and 1847 between the United States and The Eastern Cherokee. Claims were made to all Eastern and Western Cherokee Indians who were alive on 28th June 1847. They could establish their names as members of the Eastern Cherokee Tribe or as descendants of such persons. Also included in this issue is an annotated article on William McCormick Tennessee Pioneer and Indian Fighter. He was a Revolutionary Soldier from Berkeley County Virginia.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER: The Indiana Historical Society will host the National Genealogical Society's 2nd National Conference on May 12-15, 1982 in Indianapolis. For more details see the December issue of National Genealogical Society Newsletter.

Jacksonville, IL Area Genealogical & Historical Society have specialized in collecting and indexing cemetery readings in the West Central Illinois Counties of Morgan, Cass, Scott, Greene, Pike, Calhoun, Sangamon, and Macoupin. Anyone interested in further information write to the Society at PO Box 21, Jacksonville, IL

For information concerning: Genealogy: A Basic Course, write to: National Genealogical Society, Education Division, Dept. 210, 1921 Sunderland Place, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

NAPA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: The Napa Valley Genealogical & Biographical Society announces their publication of Ancestor Tables (more than 4,000 names) is still on sale \$10 plus 60 Sales Tax. Add \$1.50 postage and handling. Order Dozens of Cousins from the Society, PO Box 150 Napa, CA 94559

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SOME GENEALOGICAL PITFALLS AND FALLACIES

All living persons have the wherewithal to pursue this hobby, namely; ancestors.

- I. All that finds its way into print (past and present) is not necessarily true. Family histories in general are the least trustworthy sources for establishing lines of descent (same error repeated by all copiers).
- II. The information on lineage papers of hereditary societies and L.D.S. Family Group sheets is not infallible. Check original sources.
- III. Don't confuse people with same surname living in same locality and living at same time.
- IV. Beware of Family Traditions (check it out). Use as clues or leads to reliable records.
- V. Generalizing is a temptation for the inexperienced genealogist.
- VI. Don't jump to conclusions.
- VII. Check surnames under all possible spellings.
- VIII. Don't believe everything you hear.
- IX. Beware of interpreting titles and relationships in past as we would today; ie, Mrs. used to mean a mark of respect only.
- X. A knowledge of history will be of great help.
- XI. Land records are generally accurate.
- XII. Be a Doubting Thomas.

--Unknown Source

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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.

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Board Meetings are held at 4 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Fidelity Savings in the Lucky Discount Shopping Center, Livermore, CA.

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