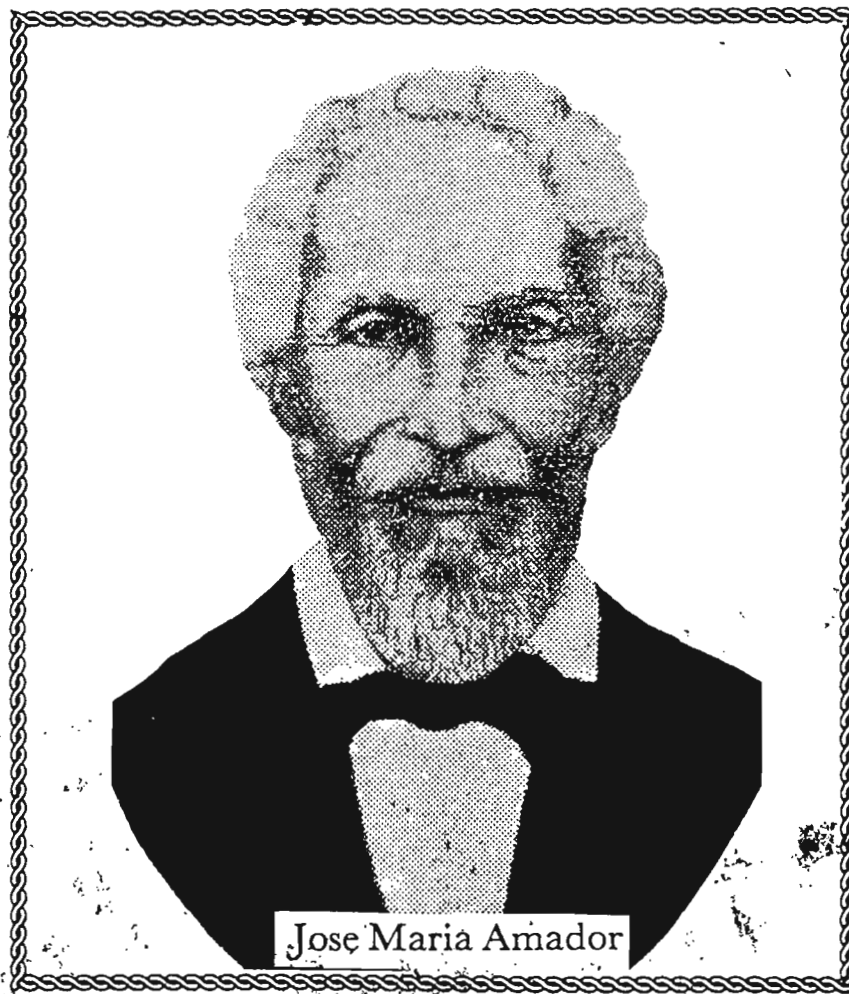


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EDITORIAL NOTES

I was rereading BRING OUT YOUR DEAD, The Great Plague of Yellow Fever in Philadelphia in 1793, by J.H. Powell, 1949, and ran across some interesting ideas in this piece of research. It is based primarily on Dr. Benjamin Rush's papers and letters as well as The Federal Gazette, published daily during the fever and other letters and dairies of the time.

According to Prothonotary Charles Biddle, who tried to ignore the horrid facts, "all the thousands who had died were only foreigners, interlopers, strangers; that no more than 80 citizens of Philadelphia had perished, and most of these were foreign-born." No one believed it. Mathew Carey's account of the dead was printed in his print shop with new editions coming out regularly was more honest. "He counted 4,044 dead and named them. Yet even this was not the whole, for nearly everyone could mention others who were not named in Carey's book."

"Nor did numbers alone tell the story. Doctors, ministers, merchants, lawyers, these of the city's great were among the dead. And hundreds upon hundreds who were merely names, and countless nameless children, laborers, servants, artisans of all trades, Negroes known only by a nickname -- Carey's list was a cross section of Philadelphia. . . . Carey's figures show half the houses closed, half the inhabitants fled; probably more than five thousand perished in the city alone."

"What shocked people was a sudden mass of death (not death itself), the uneasy fear that would forever after go with living in a city." "For return the fever did, in 1794, and 1796, and 1797, and 1798, and for many years thereafter. Seven great plagues

and many lesser visitations came to the city in the course of a generation, and as the nineteenth century wore on yellow fever spread to countless American towns and states, to Baltimore, Mobile, New Orleans, to most of the settled parts of the land south and west."

"Much literature distorted rather than illuminated the truth about the disaster of 1793. . . . But men do not learn from history; and the sentiments customary among historians rarely permit them to indulge in austere observation. It was tradition, not truth, which grew into literature, tradition American and optimistic. So irresistible were the currents of nationalistic thought that the great French doctors, the Santo Domingan volunteers, the failure of Americans and the successes of the refugees at Bush Hill, were all but forgotten."

I suppose my point in relating this interesting story is this. If you have early ancestors that cannot be traced during a certain period of time, and when you do find them several are missing, you might consider looking into the area of their origin and see if some epidemic may have occurred. Digging into history by writing to an historical society and asking about this kind of thing may prove to be very exciting. Old newspapers would facilitate this investigation and you might find a list of the dead, buried, I might add, without benefit of obituary and possibly without tombstone.



SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome New Members

And speaking of tombstones and endings, this is my last Tracer. I've recently gone back to teaching and no longer have the luxury of free time in which to formulate my thoughts on much of anything. **Someone new will need to come forward to take over this job.** I have enjoyed my turn as editor. I took it willingly for the possibilities of sharing my new discoveries with others. I am hopeful that one of you will step forward and do it for the same reason. As editor, you have control over what goes into the Tracer. It's a creative job with lots of rewards. There are many who help put the Tracer together, so you won't have to do it alone. Perhaps we can try **visiting** editors for awhile so those interested can try it and see if they like it. **We'll need you before January when the next Tracer comes due.**

Margaret Fazio, Editor
July 1981 - Oct 1986

**ATTENTION ALL GENEALOGICAL
SPEAKERS**

The California State Genealogical Alliance is preparing to publish its third biennial "Speakers' List". This publication serves to help both speakers, who wish to have societies know of their availability; and genealogical societies, who wish to have more variety in their programs. All speakers who wish to be included in the booklet please contact Gladys Muller, Speakers' List chairman, 8136 Edmaru Ave., Whittier, CA 90602. Everyone who responds will be sent a fact sheet to complete in January for inclusion in the booklet.

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New Members are encouraged to contact Membership Chairman Vern Barr (443-1157) to receive your L-AGS Library Card which allows you to use the L-AGS Library located at the History Center (Old Carnegie Library) 3rd and K St., Livermore.

Our Handbook is being revised at the present time. Be sure to pick up a packet of information from Virginia that will advise you of the Surname & Locality Index Cards that are being revised right now. You'll want to add your surnames to the list.

NEW MEMBERS are also encouraged to submit a **Meet The Members Profile** for the Tracer so that we can make our readers aware of the surnames you are researching. Any Member who would like to submit a Profile is welcome to do so. Ask for a "Profile" sheet if you need direction, there should be one in the packet for new members, and mail your completed story to me, Margaret Fazio, at 454 Dover Way, Livermore, CA 94550, 415-443-2576, I'll see that the next Editor gets it.

QUERY CORNER

Next Meeting: November 10, 1986

Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Hacienda Business Park
Topic: Rhett Williamson will speak on genealogy software for computers. Comparing his Family Roots with the new Mormon software.

December Meeting

Date: December 8, 1986
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Hacienda Business Park
Topic: Show & Tell

The L-AGS Library could use volunteers to act as docents. If you are interested in spending some time during the week or on a Saturday or Sunday once a month, give Louise Throop a call and find out what slots are available. Remember, if there's no docent present, no books can be checked out. (447-6421)

ATTENTION

It's Dues Time Again!

Our year runs from September to September. If you haven't paid up this will be your last Tracer. If there's a question as to your standing, call Vern Barr and check to see if you're on the newly paid list. (449-3046)

Alex Haley TV Program

If you've got an exciting, dramatic story of a discovery and re-uniting of foreign, blood cousins then you may be interested in his deal. Send in a synopsis and if it's accepted you'll get a \$5,000 "Finders Fee". For more info: Alex Haley, P.O. Box 1828, Knoxville, TN 37901.

Can someone help me out?

William Riley Bruner (6/17/1844 9/8/1920) and **Martha A. (Robinson) Bruner** (4/3/1853 - after 1920) Their last know address was 2403 E. 5th, Long Beach, CA, but family stories are that Martha went to live in Redlands, CA. Funeral was held by J.J. Mottel in Long Beach and is interred at Long Beach Crematory. NEED: Obit on William, and date of death & obit on Martha.
Daniel Bruner (2/26/1843 - 5/22/1930) 2nd wife **Helen M. (Steele) Bruner** (? - after 1930) In 1923 they lived in Redlands, CA. He died at Soldier's Home in Los Angeles. Was buried with 1st wife in Centralia, Washington. NEED: Obit on Daniel and date of death, etc. on Helen.
Richard D. Stoneking; 5205 N. Wyandotte, Gladstone, MO 64118

Correspondence

Before we can do much real genealogy we must write letters. You will be writing letters to many people, most of whom you won't know, so learning to write effective letters is a most important step. In the following information is an example of how to write effective letters, where to send them, and what to ask for. We will begin with suggestions for effective correspondence. These rules are important so read them well, they may be the most important rules you learn.

SUGGESTIONS FOR EFFECTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The "Seven C's" of successful letter writing are:

1. CLEAR in appearance
2. CLEAR in expression
3. CONCISE in wording
4. CONVINCING in tone
5. COURTEOUS in manner

6. CORRECT in form, grammar, and spelling.

7. COPIES of ALL letters written for Enclosure File.

USE good judgment in choice of those with whom you are to correspond.

THINK the letter through before you begin to write, and make an outline of the information and procedure involved. "Think and hour - write a minute" could be a good rule in corresponding.

USE printed forms such as pedigree chart, gr. charts, work copies only, if they are appropriate for the information that you ask for, or for sending the information to make a search possible.

OFFER to pay expense that may be involved in money and time.

IF appropriate, offer to give information in return for what you ask for.

ALWAYS send a return **SASE** - self-addressed stamped envelope .
WHEN writing to foreign countries obtain an "international reply coupon" from the post office for return postage.

KEEP a copy of **every** letter that is sent out. (Computers do have advantages in storage)

RECORD your correspondence on a "calendar" and put your copy of the letter in your enclosure file with the enclosure number on it. Be sure to record both "sent" & "rcvd" information on your calendar so you can see what's owed at a glance.

GIVE plenty of information for identification of the person about whom you are writing, but do not clutter with unnecessary information.

BE persistent in your letter writing, and do not hesitate to write again to the same person, if in your judgment it seems desirable.

DON'T be afraid to try writing to anyone or place - even if it's never been tried. You might get lucky.

AFTER receiving information, acknowledge it by sending a letter

thanking the party. Thank them regardless if they could furnish the needed information or not. DO not ask others to compile information which is accessible to you and which you can do yourself. BE as prompt in your reply as you wish your correspondent to be with you.

READ your letter again. Would you answer it if it were sent to you? If your answer is yes, then mail it with confidence.

-----taken from 1978 ditto,
author unknown
(Next issue, sample letters)

Computer Method of Dating

(Editor's Note: No, we aren't starting a lonely hearts club.)

The use of 2 alpha characters to represent the months, as used in the computer method of using 8 characters for the listing of dates is as follows:

JA-January, FE-February,
MA-March, AP-April, MY-May,
JE-June, JL-July, AU-August,
SE-September, OC-October,
NO-November, DE-December.

After a little practice you will remember these, after all there are only 12 not like the 50 state zip abbreviations. (Chicago Gen. Soc.)

California Genealogical Society

What: Grand Opening of New Library
Where: 300 Brannan St. & 2nd St.
Suite 409, San Francisco

When: Sunday, November 9, 1986
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 PM

Refreshments and music will be provided for the enjoyment of all.



Reviewed by George Anderson

Our persuasive ex-president, Rose-Marie Wade, has increased the holdings of our library another five books this quarter, using the simple technique of writing to publishers and asking for donations of their wares. Four of the books are histories of the Old West, commissioned by Wells Fargo, and the fifth is a new genealogy primer.



1. Wells Fargo in Colorado Territory.
2. Wells Fargo & Co. in Idaho Territory.
3. Portland: Wells Fargo's Hub for the Pacific Northwest.
4. Salt Lake City: Wells Fargo's Transportation Depot during the Stagecoach Era.

These four books are all written by W. Turrentine Jackson, Professor of History at the University of California at Davis. All were published by state historical societies; funding from Wells Fargo is acknowledged in some of them - presumably it was there in all of them. The books vary in size: the Portland book is small and slim with 41 pages while the Idaho book is a respectable quarto with 120 pages. All are richly illustrated with old photographs, etchings, maps and Wells Fargo flyers. As befits the profession of the author and the mission of the publishers, all of the books are scholarly in nature, with hundreds of source citations given in the notes. However, only the Colorado book has an index. All four books are handsomely typeset with attractive soft covers. The address for ordering (prices not known) is: Wells Fargo Bank N.A., History Department No. 921, 475 Sansome St., San Francisco, CA 94111.

As to genealogy, you would have to dig hard to find it in these books. If your ancestor was a stagecoach driver or robber, a banker, a silver baron or a politician, you might find his name or even a picture in one of these books. Otherwise, you will have to be satisfied with plain history - but that's not such a bad option when the subject is that favorite symbol of the Old American West: the Wells Fargo stagecoach.

All four of these books are now in the LAGS Library in the Carnegie Building in Livermore.

Climb It Right, a Hi-Tech Genealogy Primer. 1985. By John and Carolyn Cosgriff. Published by Progenesys Press, P.O. Box 2623, Christiansburg, VA 24068. Soft cover, 8 1/2 x 11 inches, 112 pages, indexed. Price \$14.95.



The "Amador" In Our Name

The authors describe themselves as follows: "John is a reference and research librarian at Virginia Tech University, Carolyn heads a Virginia genealogy research company; both are genealogy teachers."

Climb It Right is a good introductory textbook of genealogy and a good permanent reference book. "Hi-Tech" it really isn't, in spite of an 8-page chapter entitled "Computerization" and occasional references to such things as automation in libraries. There is nothing wrong with what is said in the chapter on computers, and its length is about right for a book of this level, but there is little except sales appeal that justifies putting the buzzword "hi-tech" in the book's title.

The strong points of this book are several. It does emphasize that computers are a natural tool for the genealogist. It offers handy lists of: references, interest groups, source addresses, and periodicals. It presents a helpful summary at the end of each chapter. It is well-organized, touches on all the important subjects, has a good index and table of contents, and is brief enough to invite reading by all, not just beginners. On the negative side, I thought it was long on platitudinous advice, and it is totally lacking in any kind of illustrations.

On balance, I found **Climb It Right, a Hi-Tech Genealogy Primer** a useful book, worth reading by novice and veteran alike.

Climb It Right has been added to the LAGS Library in the Carnegie Building, Livermore.

The name Amador is common throughout our area as well as in a northern California county of that name, and it all started with one family.

Pedro Amador was a Mexican soldier who came with the adventurer and explorer, Portola, in 1769. His son, Jose Maria Amador, was born at Mission Dolores (now in downtown San Francisco) in 1794. As a young man, Jose became a Private in the army at the Presidio of San Francisco. He traveled all through northern California with the army and later became Majordomo at Mission San Jose.

For his service to the army he was given, in 1835, a Mexican Land Grant of four square leagues which became known as Rancho San Ramon. He built his first settlement around a spring called Alamilla which, still flowing, is surrounded by modern civilization. This first settlement was called Amador, later it was known as Dougherty's Station when a Mr. Dougherty bought the ranch of the Amadors. Now it is called Dublin, located in the northern part of the Amador Valley.

It is said that Jose Amador had three wives and 37 children, but it is known that he died in Gilroy in 1883.

- by Dixie Carter Newbury





St. Michael's Cemetery Part XII

Row 20 E (continued)

unknown, Sharon Ann Nov 1953
unknown, James Theodore 1952
Silva, John 1875 - 1953

Row 19 E

Davey, John H. 1863 - 1950
Coronado, Julia R. Jan 8 1937 - April 29 1949
Male, Arthur R. April 1-2 1949
Male, James A. March 8-9 1951
Dougherty, James M. Aug 15 1908 - Dec 5 1966
Farrario, Frank May 16 1885 - Nov 16 1947
Young, Margaret Mabel July 24 1913 - Dec 22 1946
Gonsolves, John E. Oct 24 1946 (2 days old)

Row 18 E

Welch, Annette Jan 31 1893 - Feb 26 1946
Bush, Roy Price 1889-1946
Bush, Katharine F. 1889 - 1968
Casse, Jean Nov 23 1883 - Sept 20 1945
Randall, Velma M. 1905 - 1945
Brown, Frank F. Jan 1 1870 - June 3 1945
Holman, Frances C. 1882 - 1945
Dougherty, John F. Oct 31 1948 aged 71y 9m 3d
Stein, Philip Joseph Dec 28 1944
Klein, Peter T. 1880 - 1944
Whalen, Joseph L. 1933 - 1944
Brown, Frederick 1869 - 1942
Weiss, Geraldine 1820 - 1942
Agala, Joanna Benita April 3 1880 - Dec 6 1942
Musselman, Stella no dates
Flessatti, Alesandro Dec 18 1887 - June 10 1943
Mitchell, Leona 1914 - 1943
Soares, Maria E. 1858 - 1948
Irachet, Jean July 24 1868 - Feb 25 1944

Row 17 E

de Paoli, Guido 1898 - 1940
Nye, Mary I. 1883 - 1940
Nye, Harlow A. 1888 - 1950
Johnson, Ramona F. 1874 - 1942
Andrichi, Peter no dates
Felix, Toney Mar 6 1903 - July 18 1977
LeClair, Albert C. 1867 - 1937
Leal, Sabina Feb 14 1893 - May 4 1964
Burns, Thomas died Dec 19 1947
unknown painted on slab of concrete ? 1866
Cruz, Adelaide wooden cross & letters no dates
Barthe, Mark Oct 31 1869 - Dec 7 1938
Brier, Helen 1908 - 1939

St. Michael's Row 17 E Continued

Bento, Manuel J. 18887 - 1970
Bento, Barbara S. 1881 - 1972
Rigdon, Cecelia 1907 - 1939
Silvas, Carmelita 1881 - 1952
Section 17-20E Row 11
Ivancza, Josephine 1883 - 1979
Croak, Patrick no dates
Mingoia, Roma M. July 17 1909 - Sept 17 1980
Gallagher, John L. 1910 - 1982
Gradt, Frank H. 1909 - 1982
Horsey, Irene C. "Mom" 1906 - 1983
Graff, Reginald C. 1915 - 1984 Hus/Father
Section 17-20E Row 10
Azevedo, Frank E. 1897 - 1975
Azevedo, Emily B. 1907 - 1974
Steward, Earl M. 1901 - 1980
Henriques, Manuel F. 1901 - 1974
Henriques, Clara G. 1908 -
Sandoval, Guillermo V. 1896 - 1974
Sandoval, Maria R. 1901 -
Caldas, Mario 1880 - 1973
Connor, Charles B. 1902 - 1973
Connor, Violet 1904 - 1981
O'Grady, Wm. J. 1899 - 1978
Hollum, Kathryn A. 1923 - 1972
Sandoval, Antonio R. Texas Tec 5 USA WWII
Mar 28 1923 - Mar 17 1973
Wiley, Mary Jane rube "Y.L.I." 1931 - 1972
Renteria, Carlos H. Apr 8 1931 - Oct 18 1972
Button, Iris M. 1926 - 1972
Button, Albert W. 1897 - 1975
Hachman, Clarence W. 1905 - 1972
Cassell, Henry M. 1898 - 1972
Cassell, Anita S. ----- - -----
Hachman, Herbert G. 1904 - 1972
Hachman, Rose 1904 - 1917
Callaghan, Lincoln 1909 - 1972
Maffey, Anthony N. 1909 - 1972
Seilheimer, Lucille E. Dec 13 1902 - Aug 7 1976
Volponi, Henry F. 1913 - 1973
Furst, Veronica 1918 -1974
Martinez, Isabel Lisa 1962 - 1977
Biasatti, James 1892 - 1981
Biasatti, Lucia 1897 - 1974
Caldeira, Tony R. 1906 - 1974
Caldeira, Catherine M. 1910 - -----
Queheillalt, Arnaud 1877 - 1974
Silva, Manuel 18844 - 1981
Silva, Mary 1893 - 1972
Gardella, Frank M. 1899 - 1981
Sec 17-20 E Row 9
Bianchi, Josie F. 1914 - 1972

St. Michael's Sec 17-20 E Row 9 Continued

Garbini, Frank M. 1900 - 1971
Garbini, Mary 1904 - 1973
Malsam, Albert L. 1938 - 1973
Doscher, Henry Pvt USA Feb 21 1901 - Nov 1 1974
Lopes, Helen N. 1928 - 1973
Slolcis, Louis S. 1887 - 1973
Monger, Lyle A. 1942 - 1973
McGlynn, Wm R. 1891 - 1978
McGlynn, Mabel N. 1888 - 1973
Maestas, Maria Alfonsa 1895 - 1974
Hansen, Vera 1922 - 1972
Finster, Carl 1911 - 1971
Finster, Helen 1913 - _____
Martinez, Paul L. Cal PFC USA
Apr 28 1939 - May 26 1972
Lopez, Felix M. 1922 - 1972
Ziegeweid, Wilbur F. Wisc Sgt AAF WWII
Jan 25 1924 - June 6 1971
Noyes, Mary L. 1923 - 1972
Fallon, James E. 1889 - 1972
Fallon, Mary I. 1906 - _____
Ramos, John R. Cal A3C USAF
Sept 20 1937 - Sept 8 1973
Alviso, Albert Benton Cal T Sgt USA WWII
Nov 26 1918 - Mar 25 1973
Dillenberg, Natalie C. 1931 - 1973
Cisy, Edward Anthony Ohio Pvt USA WWI
Jan 4 1899 - May 13 1973
Cisy, Anna M. Mar 22 1897 - Oct 3 1973
Montano, Joseph T. 1956 - 1971
Montano, David S. 1954 - 1973
Holten, Jean M. 1931 - 1972
Camarata, Babe 1952 - 1973
Camarata, Peni 1952 - _____
Cefalv, Salvadore F. 1940 - 1974
Baxter, Lawrence Cal Sgt USA WWI
Aug 7 1894 - Aug 3 1973
Murphy, Wm. Chris 1917 - 1973
Oxsen, Eval 1915 - 1973

GENEALOGY & GENETICS

Family stability in Maine aids in study of genetic disease

Bar Harbor, Maine (AP)--Family trees in rural Maine sink deep roots, and that makes the state a good place for experts to dig up information about genetic diseases.

In their quest for clues, researchers at Bar Harbor's Center for Human Genetics have put together family trees of hundreds of names by poring over telephone books, going through public record and even visiting graveyards.

With pedigrees that extensive, "you're in a much stronger position to find out if a disease is genetic, and if it is, you can make a more definitive diagnosis," said Thomas Roderick, a center geneticist.

The center has found a peculiar prevalence in Maine of a rare type of hemophilia known as Christmas disease. After years of research, it established that almost 80 percent of the hemophiliacs descended from the same couple who came to Maine in the 1700s.

"People in Maine don't move a lot, it's not like Chicago or New York, so if you come onto something unusual, they will know where all the uncles and aunts and grandparents are, and we can collect fairly large chains," center director Melba Wilson said recently.

The center also has done major projects on cystic fibrosis, Down's syndrome and hemochromatosis, a disorder that causes people to absorb and store too much iron.

The center also provides information and advice to individuals and families who have or suspect they have genetic diseases. Once a disease is diagnosed, the stability of Maine's communities makes it easier to spread information among members of affected families.

One young man with severe eye disease came into the center with a small son, Roderick said. The man was worried that his son and any future children might end up almost blind like him.

With knowledge gathered during pedigree collection and a diagnosis, Roderick advised the man that none of his sons would be at risk, but that his daughters were likely to be carriers.

Unlike Bar Harbor's Jackson Laboratory, where research is largely confined to experiments with mice, the 17-year-old center limits its activity to gathering and comparing information on humans. The two facilities operate independently.

A family tree stretches several feet across a wall in the center's office, its myriad boxes and circles attesting to the complexity of the tracking process. The absence of names on the giant diagram keeps the records confidential.

In many communities, especially on islands, phone listings are dominated by two or three names, siad Roderick. That lets geneticists know it would be fruitful to look for a "founder effect" -- the appearance of a genetic disease among descendants of a common ancestor.

--The Herald, Oct. 3, 1986

RECORD GENETIC DISCOVERIES ALONG WITH DATES AND PLACES
By Victoria Wilson, Tri-State-Trader, 12/16/85

Do you have a widow's peak? How about freckles? Are there any dimples on your face or elsewhere, or is yours a hitch-hiker's thumb? If you do have any of these physical features do you know from which of your ancestors you got them?

These are some of the more common features that are inherited. Eye color, hair color and height are a few of the traits determined by what our parents and grandparents looked like. Other features can be from ancestors even farther back.

Pictures of all relatives and ancestors, direct and collateral, may reveal from where a certain facial or other feature you have came. Someone who doesn't look at all like anyone in his or her immediate family may discover a number of second and third cousins who could be almost his or her twins.

Other traits that can be passed from generation to generation are often things that can't be seen, such as color blindness or diseases like hemophilia (often called the bleeder's disease).

Hemophilia was called the Royal disease when Queen Victoria of England, as a carrier, passed the disease to one son, and two of her daughters became carriers causing three more hemophiliacs and four more carriers - who caused at least six more hemophiliacs. Because royalty usually marries royalty, the disease eventually affected all royalty in Europe.

While doing genealogical research it might be wise to fill out a second pedigree chart showing each ancestor's name, age at death and cause of death, plus any known disease.

Often symptoms of a disease don't surface in a person until he or she has grown older and has already had children and even grandchildren. And some diseases skip generations only to turn up in an unsuspecting person 50 years later. Frequently, a simple blood test can determine if a person is a carrier, important before there are descendants, but possible only if the person knows to ask a doctor for such a test. One of Adoptees rights organizations biggest wants today is not necessarily the names and addresses of blood relatives, but a correct medical history. It could make a difference between life and death.

As you can see, you are tiny pieces of every ancestor put together in a special way to make you. What you look like and how you feel (health-wise) was in many ways determined long before you were born.

A family history that includes pictures and medical facts can be invaluable to you and your descendants. Be sure to include these in your genealogical search.

(Thanks, Harriet Foster.)

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The following is from the Frankford, S.D. Centennial Book. (Thanks, Mary Your

CONTENTS OF MILITARY MICROFILMS ON FILE AT SAN BRUNO ARCHIVES

As a volunteer research assistant at the San Francisco Branch of the National Archives, in San Bruno, I have noticed that most of the patrons don't even know that there are military records at San Bruno. Unfortunately, those who do find out about them often go to the other extreme - they overestimate the scope of the holdings. To help explain what is there and what is *not* there, and additionally to help guide users to the most important records from a genealogy standpoint, I have put together a booklet on the subject. A copy of this booklet, entitled "Military Records at the San Francisco Branch of the National Archives," is in our LAGS Library at the Carnegie Building in Livermore. A copy is also available in the reading room at the San Bruno Archives.

A summary table from this booklet is reprinted below. It shows that San Bruno has an excellent collection of records for the Revolutionary War, a fair collection for the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Indian Wars, and a poor collection for the Civil War and later times. For genealogy, the pension and bounty land records are usually the most productive.

George Anderson

WAR	NO. OF REELS	NARS NUMBERS	TYPE OF RECORD	COMMENTS, LIMITATIONS
Revolutionary War	1159	M860, M879, M880, M881	Service	Army, Navy et al., indexed.
	2670	M804	Pension, Bounty Land	Indexed on film and in book.
	138	M246	Muster Rolls	Lists of soldiers in each Army unit.
War of 1812	234	M602	Service	Index <i>only</i> , volunteers <i>only</i> .
	14	M848	Bounty Land	Indexed.
Mexican War	14	T317	Pension	Index <i>only</i> .
Indian Wars	12	T318	Pension	Index <i>only</i> .
Civil War	31	M275	Service	Union and Confederate, Navy <i>only</i> .
	8	M533	Service	California <i>only</i> , index <i>only</i> .
	1	M548	Service	Nevada <i>only</i> , index <i>only</i> .
	118	M123	Census of Union Veterans & Widows of Union Veterans (1890)	<i>only</i> for Kentucky through Wyoming (Alabama-Kansas missing).
Other (1842-1890)	3	T135	Muster rolls, etc.	no index.
General Records	81	M233	Enlistments	Regular Army <i>only</i> , separate index each year.
	10	M690	Muster rolls, etc.	No index, Regular Army <i>only</i> .



FAMILY REUNION GUIDEBOOK

Free from Better Homes & Gardens Family Network, P O Box 10237, Des Moines, IA 50336. (Fr. Can. Heritage Society of Michigan)

MISSOURI

The Missouri State Archives handles all of its genealogical correspondence with request forms. To obtain forms write to: The Missouri State Archives, P O Box 778, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Include a SASE. They also have a Publication Guide to County Records on Microfilm. Out-of-state residents may receive a copy by sending a self addressed 9 1/2 X 12 1/2 envelope with \$1.39 postage to the above address. (Minnesota Genealogist)

CALIFORNIA

The California State Library, Sacramento & Sutro in San Francisco branches, have new microfilms of the Index to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Pioneer Roster, which includes residents in California before 1870. (Santa Clara County Hist. & Gen. Soc.)

California State University in Hayward has the microfilm for the Hayward Daily Review from April 19, 1895 - February 1986. Copy charges are 25 cents per page. Cal State Hayward, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd, Hayward, CA, 94542.

Veterans Home of California will do a record search on relatives who were residents

of the Home and who died prior to 1945. Information is in the Great Registers and Medical Records. If Home Members died after 1945, the Medical Records Statistical Office must be contacted. These later records may still be considered confidential. The Records give name & address of next of kin (or friend), date & Place of enlistment, discharge, rank, company, regiment, vessel, length of service, cause of discharge, battles or engagements. The cost of the search is \$15 (make checks payable to Museum Fund), if no record is found there is no charge. Contact Dept of Vet Affairs, Veterans Home of CA, Yountville, Napa Co., CA 94599. (Sacramento Gen. Soc.)

Sutro Library in San Francisco has received 26 city directories and a great many county and regional histories on microfilm for Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, No. Carolina, So. Carolina, Michigan and Illinois. Most are for Michigan and Illinois. These lists are in file boxes on top of the pamphlet file, facing the census indexes. (Santa Clara Co. Hist & Gen. Soc.)

The East Bay Genealogical Society accepted from Bill Sturm of the Oakland History Room of the Oakland Library the ALAMEDA COUNTY VOTER REGISTERS 1911-1928 (approximately 30 books). The East Bay Genealogical Society Library is now housed with the Society of Mayflower Descendants Library at 405 14th Street, Oakland, CA. (CA Gen Soc News)

CENSUS

The Bureau of Census has a new form and fee structure for the age and citizenship searching services provided by the Bureau. All expenses that are incurred in providing the transcripts of the census records subsequent to the 1910 census must be paid by the individuals who require the information. A full schedule for genealogical purposes, which consists of the complete line entry of data recorded for an individual, will be furnished on request at a charge of \$4 each. Request Form BC-600 from Personal Census Service Branch, Bureau of the Census, Pittsburgh, Kansas 66762. (Fresno Gen. Soc.)

MINNESOTA For the Minnesota 1840 Federal Census see the 1840 Federal Census of Clayton Co., Iowa. The enumerator included Present day Minnesota in his enumeration of Clayton County, Iowa.

MONTANA The 1860 Montana Federal Census is found in the Nebraska census under the "unorganized territory," which also includes what is now north-eastern COLORADO.

WISCONSIN 1820 & 1830 Wisconsin census records are with those of Michigan.

NEVADA 1860 census included in Utah census.

OKLAHOMA 1860 schedules for Present state of Oklahoma are with Arkansas, which was then Indian Lands.

WYOMING 1860 census are with

those of Nebraska.

COLORADO 1860 census for Colorado are in the Kansas Census. (East Cuyahoga Co. Chapter of Ohio Gen. Soc.)

AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Archives has published a catalogue for those researching Native American Indians. "American Indians" lists microfilm publications which you may obtain for \$2 from the Publication Branch, National Archives, Washington, D C 20408. (Fresno Gen. Soc.)

RUSSIAN, POLISH, JEWISH RECORDS

Records of ancestors who came during the 19th and early 20th century from the Russian Empire (including Poland-60% were Jewish) are sitting in a National Archive warehouse deteriorating while they are slowly being catalogued, translated, and indexed by a two-member volunteer team whose salaries are paid by contributions. Records include Photos, birth, marriage and death certificates, Passports and letters. Government funds are unavailable due to the unusual legal status of these records. Contact Consular Records Project, Jewish Gen Soc of Greater Washington, P O Box 412, Vienna, VA 22180 (Sacramento Gen. Soc.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Send a large SASE to Policy Search, American Council of Life Insurance, 1650 I Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 for a tracer form to

fill out to locate an ancestral Policy which conceivably could give added information to your lines. (Jotted Line via Sacramento Gen.Soc.)

SOUTH CAROLINA

The South Carolina Dept. of Archives & History, 1430 Senate Street, P O Box 11, 188 Capitol Station, Columbia, SC 29211 has wills, revolutionary war records, census records, computerized index, of surnames, Pre-revolutionary land records, and after the revolution the state land records, Plats, Grants & memorials, and equity records.

GERMAN RESEARCH

Researchers in German Genealogy are invited to submit data, free of charge for the German Genealogical Index. The index is cross referenced to enable genealogists to find others searching the same surname and/or locality. Write for info: GGI, Dept. LMHS, P O Box 10155, Minneapolis, MN 55440. (Kentucky Blue Grass Roots)

History sought

Editor: I am hoping that some of your subscribers will be able to assist me.

I am seeking family history information about the Jacob and Annie Richards Rees family. I know that some of their children lived in the Livermore area in the 1940s.

Jacob and Annie Rees were originally from Pennsylvania. Jacob was a child of Thomas Jacob Rees as was my grandmother Angeline Rees.

Nancy Smith Edwards
24 Miner St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702

CANADA

The 1891 Canadian Census has now been released by the Public Archives of Canada(395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3) and may be borrowed on interlibrary loan. A catalog of microfilm numbers is not yet available but your order will be processed if you give your librarian the Province, township and city you want. (The Quderkerk Family Newsletter via CA State Gen Alliance News)

MICHIGAN

Michigan Newspapers on Microfilm, 7th edition, Published by the Library of Michigan in 1985, lists the results of a massive statewide microfilming Project which was begun in 1962. For price and availability write to the library at P O Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909. Listed are 60,000 reels of 1,110 newspaper titles representing 292 Michigan cities and villages and 77 counties some going as far back as the 1840s. The films are available on interlibrary loan. (Nat'l Gen.Soc.)

IRELAND

Ulster Heritage, a new publication coordinated by Irish Genealogical Services and Historical Research Associates (121 Saintfield Rd., Belfast, No. Ireland BT8 4HN) will be published three times a year, subscription \$20. Included topics are previously unpublished Parish register extracts, census returns, and voter's lists. (CA State Gen. Alliance Newsletter via Maryland Gen. Soc.)

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

33) OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM - PART IV THE ALAMEDA COUNTY HISTORIES
BY William W. Sturm, Librarian, Oakland History Room

Histories of California counties are usually fat in size, old in years, and gorged with the richness of factual minutiae. Most of these histories were published between 1880 and 1920 and are affectionately known as "mug books", owing to the highly bewiskered condition of the portrait subjects. The Oakland History Room possesses most of the major histories of the California counties, and most of these histories are indexed by name of persons. Some of these names appear in the "local history index" in the Oakland History Room; others appear in a very useful book entitled An Index to the Biographees in 19th Century California County Histories, (Gale Research, 1979).

For those checking names in Alameda County histories, the four major works, in order of publication, are Halley's Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1876, Wood's History of Alameda County, 1883, Past and Present of Alameda County, 1914, by Joseph E. Baker, and Frank Clinton Merritt's History of Alameda County, 1928. Each of these histories has a very complete index, listing hundreds of names.

Each Alameda county history offers something different. The earliest, William Halley's 1876 account, provided a year by year chronicle of events, great and small, in Alameda County. In 1860, for example, we learn that "William Blacow, of Centreville, purchased of Mr. J. D. Patterson, of New York, a number of fine French Merino sheep, including the celebrated ram "Napoleon III" which have thriven finely, and done much to improve our flocks". Other items of equally weighty import receive Mr. Halley's omniscient attention.

Wood's heavy 1883 tome veritabily bulges with the political and civic histories of the various towns and townships of Alameda county. A table of all the county and Oakland city officers from 1853 to 1883 is featured and - ancestor hunters beware! - a section on the "criminal history" of Alameda county. An extensive section of biographical sketches appears at the end of Mr. Wood's work. Joseph Baker's history of 1914 is divided into two volumes, the first covering the history of the county, the second devoted to biographies of prominent persons. Baker's account is unique among the Alameda county histories in providing chapters on "Women's work, temperance, philanthropy, suffrage", "Art, literature", and "Amusement, lodges, societies, games". Finally, the efforts of Frank Merritt, divided, like Baker, into two volumes, historical and biographical, contain much information on the Oakland Police and Fire departments, Alameda county during World War I, and major events up to the year 1927.

With the increasing emphasis upon regional, as distinct from county, history, the age of the beloved "mug books" recedes into the mist of things past, as extinct as ostrich-plumed hats. For the genealogist, however, they shall remain perennially useful and sometimes unexpected sources of information.

SOCIETIËS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

- NEW ZEALAND:** - New Zealand Founders Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 2457, Wellington, New Zealand
- New Zealand Family History Society
P. O. Box 13-301, Armagh, Christchurch, New Zealand
- New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Inc.
P. O. Box 8795, Auckland 3, New Zealand
- NORWAY:** - Norwegian-American Museum, 502 W. Water Street, Decorah, IA 52101
- POLAND:** - Polish Archives, St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, MI 48033
- Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan
c/o Burton Historical Collection
5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202
- PORTUGAL:** - American-Portugese Genealogical Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 644, Taunton, MA 02780
- SWEDEN:** - (for Favlebord, Vasternorrland, Vasterbotten and Norrbotten)
Landsarkivet i Harnosand, Box 135, S-871 01 Harnosand, Sweden
- (for Jamtland)
Landsarkivet i Ostersund, Box 644, S-831 27 Ostersund, Sweden
- (for Stockholm, Uppsala, Sodermanland, Orebro, Vastmanland and Kopparberg)
Landsarkivet i Uppsala, Box 135, S-751 04, Uppsala, Sweden
- (for Ostergotland, Jonkoping, Kronoberg and Kalmar)
Landsarkivet i Vadstena, Box 126, S-592 00 Vadstena, Sweden
- (for Gotlan)
Landsarkivet i Visby, Box 142, S-621 00 Visby, Sweden
- IRELAND:** - Genealogical Office, Office of Arms, Dublin Castle, Dublin, Ireland
- Irish Family Names Society, P. O. Box 2095, La Mesa, CA 92041
- GERMANY:**
- Hesse: Hessische Familiengeschichtliche Vereinigung
Schloss, 6011 Darmstadt
- Hesse: Gesellschaft fuer Familienkunde in Kurhessen und Waldeck
Postfach 410328, 3500 Kassel-Wilhelmschoehe
- Hesse: Familienkundliche Gesellschaft fuer Nassau und Frankfurt
Niedervalldstrasse 5, 5100 Wiesbaden
- Lower Saxony: Genealogisch-Heraldische Gesellschaft
Theaterplatz 5, Koebellingerstrasse 59, 3000 Hanover
- Lower Saxony: Genealogisch-Heraldische Gesellschaft
Theaterplatz 5, 3400 Goettingen
- Luebeck: Arbeitskreis fuer Familienforschung
Wakenitzstrasse 19, 2400 Luebeck
- Oldenburg: Oldenburgische Gesellschaft fuer Familienkunde
Lerigauweg 14, 2900 Oldenburg
- Palatinate: Arbeitsgemeinschaft Pfaelzisch - Rheinische Familienkunde
Rottstrasse 17, 6700 Ludwigshafen
- Pomerania: Arbeitsgemeinschaft ostdeutscher Familienforscher
Erst-Moritz-Arndt Strasse 25, 5300 Bonn 3
- Rhineland: Westdeutsche Gesellschaft fuer Familienkunde
Loewenburgstrasse 18, 5300 Bonn 2
- Schleswig-Holstein: Schleswig-Holsteinische Gesellschaft fuer Familienforschung
und Wappenkunde, Gartenstrasse 12, 2300 Kiel 1
- Sudeten Area: Vereinigung sudentendeutscher Familienforscher
Juttastrasse 30, 8500 Nuernberg
- Westphalia: Westfaelische Gesellschaft fuer Genealogie und Familienforschung
Warendorferstrasse 25, 4400 Muenster