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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for the many phone calls received following our August meeting - it seems that not only the Board is excited about the ideas and plans for the coming year. As the new President of our Association, it is heartening to know that so many are looking forward to putting the ideas and plans into action. It is action that will count and the cooperation of all to make them worthwhile.

Specifically for now we need your white elephants for the Sept. 20th and 21st yard sale at Gayle's house. More markers and sellers are needed. Large items can be picked up by Bill Wolcott - phone him soon for he will be going on vacation. His phone number is 447-4216.

We look forward to seeing you at the yard sale and at the next meeting.

Fran Samans, President

EDITORIAL

Support your fund raiser September 20th and 21st.

Due to the success of our first white elephant sale and the generous donation of many valuable and collectible items, we are planning a yard sale -- or let's call it a "flea market" due to the wide variety of items available.

The sale will be held at 764 Jensen from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 20, and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Sunday, September 21.

We ask each and everyone of you to donate items that you no longer use. Look through your house during fall house cleaning and see what you can donate to your organization.

Come to your sale. Take half an hour or more over the weekend and come by. You may find just the item you have been looking for. We have plenty of parking space on the corner of Harvard and Jensen.

This is an easy and enjoyable way to raise funds for books for our genealogy library and equipment needed by our organization. Let's see you all at the flea market.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Your Board recommends that a counselor be selected for each new member in order to help the new members with genealogical problems and to acquaint them with the many services the organization renders.
2. Due to a fiscal year conflict, a change in our by-laws is necessary changing the audit dates to January and July of each year. Such a change will be voted on by the membership at our next regular meeting.
3. Plans are under way to carpool to Bancroft's Library on Wednesday, September 24. We will leave the Springtown parking lot (by the recreation center) promptly at 9:00 am. It is suggested that we brown bag our lunch. We hope to inspect the Draper tapes during this trip.
4. Fran Samans has received a large number of requests for help with genealogical problems and is setting aside the first Thursday of each month to help members. If you have problems, take advantage of Fran's generous offer and make an appointment with her starting October 2. Her phone is 447-0761.
5. Recommendations will be made at the regular meeting on the choice of a new name for our organization.
6. Quarterly dues are again current and Art Skinner will be happy to receive your check. As a suggestion, why not save time for you and Art both by making semi-annual or annual payments. Mail them if you like to: Art Skinner, 1277 Hillier, Pittsburg, CA 94550.

7. Fidelity Savings has donated some excellent lithographs for sale by the Association. They would make excellent Christmas presents. Better look them over.
8. Disbursement has been made of one hundred dollars for a microfiche carrier for the Livermore Library. This attachment for the microfilm printer-reader should be very useful to genealogists.
9. If you have any extra copies of past issues of the Tracer, we would appreciate receiving them at the next meeting. We need at least two complete sets.
10. Lucile White has accepted the position of Chairman of the Books Selection Committee for our Association.

LIBRARY NOTES

by Lucile White

We have received several new additions to the library this past month.

PENNSYLVANIA IN 1780 Compiled by John D. & E. Diane Stemmons. This is a statewide index of Pennsylvania tax lists.

INDEX TO HATHAWAY'S REGISTER Compiled and published by Worth S. Ray. James Robert Bent Hathaway published the Register, beginning in 1900. It was crowded with valuable North Carolina historical and genealogical data, mostly abstracted by the editor from public records. By having the index in our library, we can check it to see if the Register has any data that we are interested in. Some of the larger libraries have the Register.

EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY PALATINE EMIGRATION by Walter Allen Knittle. A study of an episode in the history of the American Colonies as the Palatines migrate from the Rhine Valley through England to America. Included are several lists of names, compiled from the Public Record Office and elsewhere, of those Palatines who settled in the American Colonies.

TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED TENNESSEE PENSIONERS-REVOLUTION WAR OF 1812 by Zell Armstrong. Compiled from published government lists of 1812, and other dates, the list of heirs, and other sources.

Catalogue of Genealogical and Historical Works, from the Library of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1940. This was donated by Fran Samans.

Genealogical Helper for July/August 1980.

The catalogue for 1976 of The New England Genealogical Association. County and personal histories which they will loan to members and their friends. Donated by Fran Samans.

DIARY AND CORRESPONDENCE OF SAMUEL PEPYS, Secretary to the Admiralty in the reign of Charles II and James II. Volumes I - IV.

An excellent source for history and genealogy during the period 1659-1670 in England. This is a valuable and rare set of books. I can't find a publishing date but they are very old and the bindings are peeling when used. Gayle Pipes has kindly volunteered to have these books recovered for us. Until this is finished the books will not be used for research. We are very fortunate to receive this fine set of books and we owe Fran Samans much appreciation for donating them to our library. Thanks so much, Fran.

Jerri Young recently gave me the book, ANNALS OF OSAGE MISSION - The story of southeast Kansas by W. W. Graves. This is a very good genealogical source for those who moved to Kansas very early. I was so fascinated by the story and the amount of genealogical information in this book, I decided that I had to index it. This has been completed now and anybody that would like to borrow the book and index is certainly welcome to do so.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Margaret Fazio

I was born in San Francisco, California on November 18, 1941, third child out of five born to Floyd and Esther (Jerman) Stoneking of Pittsburg, California. They named me Margaret Louise and called me Peggy. My parents came to California in 1936 during the Depression. They were both born and raised in Woodbury County, Iowa. Their parents were also born and raised in Iowa (Linn, Ida, Plymouth Counties).

I graduated from high school in 1959, and from college (SFSState) in 1964. I married Donald Fazio (born Council Bluffs, Iowa) in 1964 as well, and got my General Secondary Teaching Credential in 1965. I taught high school in Vallejo for two years (U.S. Government) before starting a family. We have two daughters, Jennifer, age 13 and Rachel, age 11. Both attend Junction Middle School this year.

I've been doing Home Teaching for the Livermore School District since 1970. In May 1979, I decided to teach a unit on Genealogy to a student I had at the time. I was referred to Judy Williams by the Livermore Library, and made arrangements to drop by her home for an informative visit. At the last minute, my student backed out, but I went anyway, and I haven't put it down since that time. I took to this business like a fish to water. I use the "shot gun" approach and am working on all my families and my husband's families at the same time. Some of the surnames on my father's side are: Stoneking, Mahan, Scott, Martin, Howard, Parcel, Conley, Pratt. On my mother's side: Jerman, Kellner, Frey, Weaver, Ballou, Flathers, Woods, Menke. My husband's mother's family is out of Dodge & Saunders Co. Neb. and includes the names: Holtz, Gracy, Gibbs, Conrad, Schmidt. My research into Italy hasn't paid off as yet, but when it does I hope to find information on: Fazio, Misagno, Vitale, Russo.

I've been fortunate to have a friend who comes from Germany. She has helped me with my German correspondence. I also have a friend who is fluent in French and I hope to take her up on her offer of help on my Quebec ancestor named Germain (Jerman).

I have found this research to be a most rewarding work. Not only because of the kind and helpful folks I've met, but because it breaths life into the history of mankind and that is very satisfying to me.

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Compiled by Rosemarie Stickney Wade

Diable Descendants newsletter - Contra Costa County Gen. Soc. Aug. 1980 Roots and Shoots annual seminar of the Napa Valley Gen. and Biographical Soc. will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 at Holiday Inn in Napa. Contra Costa County Pioneer Cemetery Records, Vol. I is now for sale. Three pages of C. C. Genealogical Soc. membership roster with addresses and phone.

Speaking Relatively - East Cuyahoga County Chapter of Ohio Gen. Soc. Sept/Oct. 1980. Military Records Sources - Robert Gienke has some information about locating more recent service records. Copies of old news clippings regarding Eli N. Kizer who died near Springfield, Ohio 1877. Collins family bible record. Was your ancestor at Valley Forge with Gen. George Washington the winter of Dec. 1777 - June 1778? Their names are now being searched for and verified for inclusion in an honor roll to commemorate their service. Info sent to: Mr. Homer F. Dean, 76 Baylee Rd., North Weymouth, MA 02191. Genealogical queries with Texas connections are sought for free publication in five East Texas newspapers. Write to "Kissin' Kuzzins" to: Carolyn Ericson, 1614 Redbud Street, Nacogdoches, TX 76961. Additions and corrections to membership roster 1980-81

Hoenstine Rental Library Penn. Genealogy & History, 414 Montgomery Street (PO Box 208) Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 has a 1978 guide to Gen. & Hist. Research in Pennsylvania - 606 pages for sale or rent. They also have the 1972 paperback edition at \$9.

Richardson Family Researcher & Hist. News - June 1980

An aid for the Richardson-Moore & allied families of Deatherage, Eastham, Buck, Lovell, Chrisman, McCarty, Dale, Downey, Gross, Moore, Murphy, Hite, Calmes, Waller, Wilburn.

Southwest Oklahoma Gen. Soc. PO Box 5044, Lawton, OK 73504 is preparing for publication Keys to Pedigree Records of Southwest Oklahoma.

North San Diego County Gen. Soc. newsletter July 1980.

List of new books in their library, 1980-1981 membership list.

Newsletter August 1980. A List of more new books in their library. For those of you who might find themselves in Southern Calif. this year I suggest you put the Carlsbad city library on your itinerary. The North San Diego County Genealogical Soc., Inc. meets on the 2 & 4 Tuesdays, 10 AM; 3rd Tuesday 7 PM in the library. NSDCGS library hours are the same as those of Carlsbad City Library. Society volunteers on duty Mon, thru Fri. 9-12 & 1-4 PM Sat. 9-1 PM.

The Report - Ohio Gen. Soc. Summer 1980 - Vol. XX No. 2.

If you are searching in Ohio be sure to read this quarterly. The Convention Report 1980; Pioneers of the First Families of Ohio; The First Families of Ohio Statistics; Rules for the first families of Ohio; Gottlieb Bunz; Ancestor Charts & book reviews.

Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Soc. Quarterly. July 1980. A hiking trip in the Sierra Mountains 1915; Teachers Certificates, 1878; Great Register-Santa Clara County - 1900 - Evergreen District; Pioneers of Santa Clara County; queries, quarterly exchanges, family exchanges, donations to the library, quarterlies purchased by the society.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The speakers at our monthly meeting, September 23rd, at the Livermore Library will be Art Skinner and Ed Pyle. They will discuss and demonstrate photographic methods of preserving and consolidating genealogical data. This should be an interesting and instructive meeting since both Art and Ed are well versed in this field.

For those interested in early U.S. photography, the Northwest Iowa "Root Diggers" reported that a Mrs. Apgar has a listing of early photographers in the U.S. and will check her list for you for names & addresses to see if a particular studio is still in existence or if its' files are kept somewhere new. Perhaps she can help you identify your old photos. Her address is: Mrs. R. Patton Apgar, 1100 W. Olive, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158 or Apgar Studio, 18 W. Main, Marshalltown, IA 50158

GENEALOGICAL AIDS

Early French Canadian Water Route to the Mississippi
by Margaret Fazio

While endeavoring to discover how my French Canadian ancestor got to the State of Iowa to mine lead with Julien Dubuque in the early 1800's, I stumbled upon an interesting and informative piece of research.

In Iowa history, Juliene Dubuque holds a rather unique position. He was a French Fur Trapper from Quebec who came to Iowa soon after the American Revolution (1790) to make his fortune. He managed to get the Indians in Iowa (Fox Tribe) to grant him the sole right to mine the lead on a creek that emptied into the west bank of the Mississippi. In 1805, Lieut. Zebulon Pike was commissioned to see if the source of the Mississippi was within the U.S. Territory recently purchased from Napoleon (Louisiana Purchase 1803). He met Juliene Dubuque who was mining lead in Iowa in the only white settlement west of the Mississippi. Dubuque died in 1810 and the Indians took over the mines once more. This land wasn't opened up for white settlement until after 1832 and the Black Hawk Purchase.

My next step was to investigate the route of Juliene Dubuque. If I could find his route from Quebec, it might prove to be the route of my ancestor. I discovered that Dubuque came down the Wisconsin River into the Mississippi. Now, I decided to follow the Wisconsin River and it was here that I found an interesting story of discovery.

It seems that earlier Frenchmen had heard indians tell of the "great water". As early as 1634, Jean Nicolet of Quebec set out on a mission of discovery and journeyed with Huron paddlers from their villages on Georgian Bay, and discovered land beyond the Straits of Mackinac. His voyage took him across Lake Michigan to the shores of Green Bay and part way up the Fox River. It was here that he was told by Winnebago tribesmen that he might find a river, three days distant in the west, which flowed into "the great water". Nicolet had already accomplished his mission and the season being late, decided to return home to Quebec to report his discoveries rather than investigate further.

Two other Frenchmen, Pierre Esprit Radisson and Medart Chouart Sieur de Groseilliers undertook four journeys into the little-known interior of North America between the years of 1652 and 1663. The journals of Radisson were written many years after the fact and were full of confusion and inconsistency. But, thanks to Samuel Pepys (of "Diary" fame), a friend and neighbor of Radisson's, the journals were deposited in the library at Oxford and document early French exploration in North America. Radisson and Groseilliers' route towards the "great water" was beyond Sault Ste. Marie to the western shores of Lake Superior. They also visited Green Bay shortly before 1660 and went south and west from there by way of the Fox and the Wisconsin Rivers.

The Jesuit Missionary Claude Allouez left from the St. Lawrence in 1665 on the long hazardous journey to Chequamegon Bay on Lake Superior - the most remote of the northwest missions, 3 weeks from nearest countryman at Sault Ste. Marie. It was here that some Illinois Indians told him of a great river called the "Messipi".

Another missionary, Jacques Marquette, in 1668, left Three Rivers on the St. Lawrence and came to his first post in the western country - Sault Ste. Marie at the foot of Lake Superior. Here he met Louis Jolliet a veteran voyageur. Marquette also heard a wandering Shawnee Indian speak of "a great river which, coming from the Illinois, discharges its waters into that (the South) Sea". To Marquette, as to all French mapmakers, the South Sea was the sea that would lead to China. He had hopes, stubborn and false, that a water route would be found through the new continent. Marquette was moved to the lonely station at the far end of Lake Superior; he succeeded Allouez at the mission on Chequamegon Bay. He journeyed with the indians across the wilderness peninsula to St. Ignace on the extreme northern edge of Lake Michigan. It was here in 1670, that Marquette was named chaplain of an expedition led by Louis Jolliet who's job it was to do a thorough mapping of the interior country and most urgent and practical of all, the discovery of the Mississippi River.

On May 17, 1673, Jolliet, Marquette and 5 companions in two bark canoes, set out across Lake Michigan, into Green Bay and up the Fox River. They carried their canoes across the mile-wide watershed at the portage and made their way down the Wisconsin River. On June 17, 1673, they entered the Mississippi and "its' mood was majesty". They travelled southward for a month and turned back near where the Arkansas River joined the Mississippi. They didn't wish to encounter the Spanish. The return voyage was tedious and toilsome against the water's flow. So they altered their route by travelling the Illinois River, across the portage to the Chicago River and then to Lake Michigan. They arrived at DePere, at the mouth of the Fox River and the head of Green Bay late in September - 4 months and 3,000 miles later.

After 1673, the Fox-Wisconsin waterway became an important route for fur traders and continued to be the main passage through the area during the near century that the region still remained under the sovereignty of the French, and for many years beyond that. After that, the British, with the aid of their American colonists, won the French and Indian War (1758 - 1763) and took over the territory. After the Revolution, the Americans took over. But only after the War of 1812 did the U.S. make its' authority complete in this territory. The army erected Fort Crawford at the mouth of the Wisconsin, Fort Howard at

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the mouth of the Fox, and later, Fort Winnebago in between, at the portage. Then the army laid out a military road to connect the three forts. Meanwhile, from 1818 to 1836, the area was governed as a part of Michigan Territory. In 1836, the Wisconsin Territory was separated from the Michigan Territory and became a state twelve years later.

The American interests in lead mining took off in 1826, many years after the death of Dubuque, in the rivers that feed into the Mississippi on the eastern side. It centered around the Fever River of Wisconsin and Illinois. Permanent towns that developed were Galena (Ill.), Platteville, Dodgeville, Wiota and Mineral Point (Wisc.). In the 1830's Cornish miners came up the Fever River to mine. By the 1840's the lead mines reached their height of production. The road from Dodgeville through Mineral Point to Galena (now &S 151) became the most busy and vital highway on the frontier. Disappointed Swiss farmers from Selkirk Colony came down the Mississippi to the busy lead diggings. Irish immigrants came too. The town of Galena was the commercial depot where ore wagons unloaded ore for shipment on steamers. The lead production burned out in 1847 and folks either moved on west or turned to farming and stayed.

The probable route my ancestor took from Quebec to Iowa was down the St. Lawrence and across, somehow, to the Georgian Bay, through the Straits of Mackinac across Lake Michigan to Green Bay, up the Fox River, portage to the Wisconsin River and from there, either overland to the lead mining towns of Wisconsin and Illinois or to the Mississippi and down stream to Galena or Dubuque. Since my ancestor owned farm land in Jackson County Iowa in 1838, it can be assumed that if he mined lead across the Mississippi in Galena, he left before the business burned out. He most definitely didn't mine with Juliene Dubuque, as he was dead before my ancestor was born in Canada; but perhaps one of my ancestor's relatives mined with ole! Juliene. There's still many mysteries to solve here.

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