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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Society has again been experiencing a membership surge. More members are also expected as a result of the beginners course to be conducted by Ed Pyle in March, April, and May (6 pm - 4th Monday of each month prior to regular meetings). The course each session will be followed by a discussion period - and is free and in time for summer vacation searches.

The 1910 census will be available in the fall (1982) in the Regional Archives Branch at San Bruno.

The National Archives, Washington, D.C., has asked that \$5 be submitted when applying for a copy of a military record service, related records or for passenger arrival records.

Do you have a question regarding genealogy? Are you stuck? A question box is provided at each meeting. Hopefully, questions asked will be answered at each meeting should there be any time. Or, you can call me personally.

Those of us in our Society who have conducted genealogical courses and seminars are excited about helping to produce a forthcoming beginners genealogical manual. Chaired by Ed Pyle, we members will help in this endeavor, either by contributions regarding genealogy or by questions. We do need your help. Ask Ed how!

If you can type in your spare time, we are looking for you to help in producing another type of a book--please contact me if you are willing.

Perhaps it is time that we begin to collect National Archives Census films to add to our Library. We can put them out on loan and use the microfilm reader at our local libraries. Please consider the possibility in place of a book selection. They are \$15 each and are available for purchase.

It is interesting to know that several people in our Society have discovered that they are related. This does show that the North, South, East, and West do meet. Stuck on a geographical area? Try looking in the local library under geograph. Stuck on the history of an area you are working in? Try looking in the History Section.

May we all have good hunting.

Frances Fowles Samans, President

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Editorial Note: Our last issue was misdated "Winter 1982" it should read "Winter 1981".

LIBRARY NEWS

by Lucile White

Recent Additions to the Library are:

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES, VOL. II by David E. Gardner & Frank Smith.

WAR of 1812 BOUNTY LANDS IN ILLINOIS from U.S. General Land Office.

KENTUCKY MARRIAGES, 1797-1865 by G. Glenn Clift.

KENTUCKY OBITUARIES, 1787-1854 by G. Glenn Clift.

PLANTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH - 1620-1640 by Charles E. Banks.

ATLAS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, 1861 by H. F. Walling.

GENEALOGICAL HANDBOOK OF GERMAN RESEARCH by Larr O. Jensen.

THE CENSUS OF THE TERRITORY OF KANSAS, 1855.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HANDBOOK.

GENEALOGICAL HELPER, Jan/Feb 1978.

GOOD-OLD-DAYS-THE MAGAZINE OF HAPPY MEMORIES. Issues March, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 1981. Donated by Edith Guido.

CHICAGO GENEALOGIST - Spring 1978. Periodical donated by Sandy Fox.

Series from THE YANKEE. A New England Magazine, donated by Rosemarie Wade. Indexed by Lucile White.

The Three Volumes of Diary and Correspondence of Samuel Pepy's, which were donated by Frances Samins have been repaired by Gayle & Alice Pipes and now are available to be used by the members.

There is a great deal of interest among our members about a book which was recently published, OHIO MILLS AND ESTATES TO 1850, AN INDEX, by Carol L. Bell C. G. It covers 60 years and 83 counties and should prove very helpful. Volunteers have contributed to the purchase price of \$52.00. If you wish to contribute toward the purchase of an expensive book, speak up at the next meeting or get in touch with other members interested in that area.

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: The Holdings for our L-AGS Library have been newly indexed. Each member will be receiving a copy. Anyone wishing to check out a particular book off this index at the monthly meeting, should feel free to call me and request it in advance. In that way, I will be able to bring it to the meeting for you.

NEWSLETTERS & QUARTERLIES RECEIVED BY MEMBERS:

Pat Saltgaver: "Mayflower quarterly"  
"Hamilton Family Newsletter"

Margaret Fazio: Mercer County Ohio Gen. Society

Nancy Graham: "Hawkeye Heritage", Iowa Gen. Society

Members are glad to share their publications with each other. If you belong to a group and receive a newsletter or quarterly and don't mind sharing, let the Tracer know, so we can let other members know and share the information.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Nancy Lea Graham, bor 18 Mar 1938, Iowa City, Iowa, single, no children. Parents: James Thaddius Graham and Anna Marie Thompson Graham. One brother, James Timothy Graham, born August 17, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I moved to California in 1959. My Mother, Father, brother and his family now live in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Surnames on my father's side are:

Graham	Linn Co. & Butler Co., Iowa; Tuscaranas Co., Ohio
Bannister	Butler Co., Iowa; Tuscaranas Co., Ohio
Bates	Butler Co., Iowa; JoDavies Co., IL; New York State
Cannon	Butler Co., Iowa; Illinois; Arkansas
DeNips/DeWitt	Butler Co., Iowa; Illinois
Harlan	Butler Co., Iowa; Ohio
Crissinger	Butler Co., Iowa; Pennsylvania

Surnames on my mother's side are:

Thompson	Linn Co., Iowa; Pennsylvania
Fisal/Pisel	Linn Co., Iowa; Pennsylvania
Null	Linn Co., Iowa; Pennsylvania
McDonald/McDonall	LaFayette Co., Wis.; Ireland
Butler	" " " "
Hanrahan	" " " "

About 8 years ago I went to visit a friend, he had his genealogy papers spread out on the table, we started talking about genealogy, it sounded interesting to me, so he gave me a chart to fill out, while trying to fill in the chart I realized how little I knew about my family, so I started writing to my relatives and it wasn't long before I was totally hooked on genealogy. However it wasn't until about 4 years ago that I discovered the Oakland LDS Library and all the help that is available thru periodicals and organizations.

My greatest find has been finding my Harlan line published back to 1625.

Nancy L. Graham, 3844 Pestana Way, Livermore, CA 94550 415-455-8261

Meet the Members cont.

My name is Diane Lyn Thompson. I was born in Modesto, CA, and moved to Livermore when I was 6 months old. My husband is Franklyn Owen Mueller and he was born and raised here in Livermore. We have two boys, Franklyn Herold,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years old and William Howard,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years.

I have always been interested in family history and have wanted to research my father's line as he passed away when I was 8 years old. I got a big push a few months ago when a box was found in my mother's closet. It was full of old letters from my Grandmother to my father. They contained a wealth of family history, names, and dates. I have been busy since trying to organize all of this information.

My father was Howard Abraham Thompson, he was born in 1909 in West Sparta, Livingston, NY. The Thompson family is known to have resided there for close to 200 years coming from New Jersey sometime after 1795. His mother was a Stevens residing in the same county. Other family surnames off these two lines are Barkley, Coon, Hill, Hulet, Morse, Sharpe, Voorhers, and Walker. Most were in the NY area in the 1800's and 1900's, except for Anne Sharpe who was born in England in the early 1800's and Voorhers who came from New Jersey in late 1700's.

My mother is Lillian Juanita Mobley, she was born 1913 in Laverne, Harper, OK. Her father born in Williamsport, Lycoming, PA. He ran away from home to be a cowboy and met his wife, a Hopper, in OK. She was born in Aurora, Lawrence, MO. The Mobley family was known to be in MO, PA, and IN. The Hopper family was in MO, KY, and VA. Some surnames off both lines are Brown, Elder, Gallentine, Laws, McFalls, and Watts.

I am not making a definite search of my husband's line but do keep my eyes open for names which I give to my sister-in-law, Kathy Benapf, who is researching the family.

I love researching my family and found myself totally addicted to it. Sometimes my husband accuses me of eating, breathing, and sleeping genealogy. My ancestors have become so real to me and I feel I know them all so well and have come to love them as people not just names.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Welcome to the following New Members:

Nancy Graham	Marcia Brandt
Wanda McFadden	Helen Sperry
Evelyn Wright	Suzanne Lay
Teri Harrison	Diane Mueller
Carmella Orham	

Be sure and send in your "Meet the Members" profile sheets so that we can let others know who you're looking for.

The new L-AGS Handbooks are very nice. Old and new members should be sure to ask for your copy if you missed the last two meetings.

You'll want to get started on your Surname and Locality index cards for our library file. Instructions are in the new Handbook.

Ed Pyle's 2nd class on "Records, Reference, and Research" will be this month. He's devoting 1 class to each topic, with only three classes in all. So don't miss them if you want some special help. They'll be from 6 PM - 7 PM, 4th Monday, at the Livermore Library, preceding the monthly meeting at 7:30 PM.

A reminder that the May meeting is our Election of Officers meeting. Be sure to attend, we want everyone to vote!

#### VALLEY ROOTS

Fraternal Order of Eagles, Livermore Aerie No. 609, was founded 1 May 1904.

The Charter members were as follows:

George W. Molly	Fred Molly	George W. Beck	V. E. Mentling
W. P. Kaiser	Geo. Ipswitch	H. H. Burfeind	John L. Leal
Carl Graunita	F. S. Fennon	Norman McLeod	J. A. Thomas
F. D. M. Quinn	H. M. Schack	E. Rosenberg	J. P. Collins
M. B. Nunez	L. J. Van Horn	John R. Merchant	Frank Blondin
E. B. Henry	L. Grove	Charles Brown	George Coughlin
S. W. Onley	Herman Harms	George P. Egan	C. Goodyer
E. Horton	J. V. Perry	M. Pratt	C. L. Powell
Lee Wells	F. C. Nevis	Frank Frager	Henry Hupers
H. Reimers	M. Ramke	M. Thome	Walter Gorman
W. Winter	L. M. McDonald	Wm. H. Field	Thos. Twohey
Wm. Hachmann	Fred Crow	Alex Machia	Wm. E. Haney
Geo. Fisher	L. W. Lock	Dr. J. K. Warner	Albert Carnes
Max Berlin	E. J. Crosby	G. A. Borges	Joseph P. Twohey
Benj. Coughlin	V. L. Demorest	John W. Twohey	J. F. Coffaney
M. C. Mulqueeney	Robert A. Bonner	Thos. Zeigenfus	John Arbonaisen

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ITEM FROM JUNE DUFFEY: She is teaching in an ESL (English as a second language) class at 5th Street School. There are adult students enrolled who can write letters for members. The following languages are represented: Danish, Greek, French, German, Vietnamese, Chinese, Spanish, and Korean. If you're interested, give June a call.

GENEALOGICAL AIDS

compiled by Margaret Fazio

FROM THE MARIN KIN TRACER:

On the following page is a Family Household Census chart which can be used on every family in conjunction with the Family Group Sheet. In locating a family in the census for every 10 years, plus any state census in between, it is possible to pinpoint exactly where they lived, which gives you an area to check for county histories, probates, death records, etc. You will also pick up children that might have died young where there are no other records of their birth or death; you might also find aunts, uncles and even grandparents who lived with the family as was common in those days, thus giving you more clues to work with. A good example of this is found on the chart of Robert and Lucy Johnson, where I not only found Robert's father, but this chart gives a complete picture of the entire family considering that there were no records on file in the early years.

EXAMPLE: My great grandfather, Edward Wallace Johnson, died October 16, 1934, and his death certificate gave his father's name as Robert, and his mother's name was unknown. I also had a marriage certificate of Edward when he married Mary Isabel Rowan on February 12, 1880 in Red Oak Junction, Montgomery Co. Iowa. From his death certificate, I found he was born September 17, 1854, which meant he would have been around 26 when he got married. Now how to find his parents and siblings?

STEP 1: Since I knew that Edward married, lived and died in Red Oak, Iowa, I went to the 1870 federal census for Montgomery Co. Iowa to find him living with his parents as a 16-year old child. Since I already knew the town, this was easy, and sure enough, he was listed as Edwin W., age 15, born Ohio, with his parents, Robert and Lucy, and other brothers. (See #1) This also gave me the mother's name, both parents' ages and states of birth.

STEP 2: Since the father, Robert, was listed as 63 years of age, I assume he probably died in Red Oak, Iowa, and I found in the Clerk's Office there an administration of his estate, dated 1875, which named his widow, Lucy, and his children, including Edward Wallace. Assuming this family had lived in Red Oak for 10 years prior to the father's death, I then went back to the 1860 federal census for Montgomery Co. Iowa. They were not found in the town of Red Oak as before, which meant I had to read the entire county to find them. This time they were listed in Frankfort Township, which listed Edward W. as 5 years of age, along with three sisters, who were named in the father's estate, plus a younger brother, John, who must have died young. (See #2) Also, his mother's name was listed as "Galuci", which was obviously shortened to just plain "Lucy".

KIN TRACER, cont.

STEP 3: Since there was a state census for Iowa in 1856, and again, I had to read the entire county of Montgomery, locating the family in West Township. This time the children matched the heirs named in the estate, and Edward W. was listed as 1 year old, born in Ohio. (See #3)

STEP 4: Because all the children were born in Ohio, and to complete a chart on this family, I then went to find them in Ohio for the year 1850. Since there is a printed index for 1850 Ohio, this would have been easy except for the fact that there were no less than 52 Robert Johnson's listed. And not knowing the county or the town, that meant that every listing for Robert Johnson would have to be checked, a very time consuming job! So, I grouped the same counties together that were on the same roll, and dragged my husband (who is not all that interested in genealogy) to the library, sat him down at the micro film reader and told him to look for a Robert Johnson with a wife named Lucy. At first he couldn't find it, he found it on the third roll, Jackson Co., Ohio, Washington Township. (If I had been doing this, it would have been at least the 10th name, for sure.) (See #4)

SOLUTION: Edward Wallace, of course, was not listed since he was not born till 1854. But the other children named in the father's estate matched up with the other census years, as did Robert and Lucy. The oldest daughter, Caroline, also showed up for the first time. And who else was living with them??? Another Edward, 80 years old, from Vermont, obviously Robert's father! This, of course, opens up several new clues to work with. Since Edward the grandfather was not listed in 1856, I can assume he probably died between 1851-1856, so probate records can be checked for those years, as well as working back through the census some more.

Another suggestion is, that if you are stuck with reading an entire county on a census, it is worthwhile to copy down all other families with the same name you are looking for, in the event you find out later they are related. Families often lived right next door to each other, and it will save you lots of time not have to go back and spend another three hours reading the same county over again. There are printed forms available for each census year, and they too are valuable to record exactly what is found.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Really enjoyed this lesson in mystery solving from Joy Lehmann, Editor of the Marin Kin Tracer. Keep up the good work Joy, and thanks.



FAMILY HOUSEHOLD CENSUS

NAME JOHNSON, Robert and Lucy

# 4	# 3	# 2	# 1	(not verified)
Census Year <u>1850</u>	State <u>Ohio</u> Census Year <u>1856</u>	Census Year <u>1860</u>	Census Year <u>1870</u>	Census Year <u>1880</u>
State <u>Ohio</u>	State <u>Iowa</u>	State <u>Iowa</u>	State <u>Iowa</u>	State <u>Iowa</u>
County <u>Jackson</u>	County <u>Montgomery</u>	County <u>Montgomery</u>	County <u>Montgomery</u>	County <u>Montgomery</u>
Twp <u>Washington</u>	Twp <u>West</u>	Twp <u>Frankfort</u>	Twp <u>Red Oak</u>	Twp <u>Red Oak</u>
P.O.	P.O.	P.O.	P.O.	P.O.
Roll/Page <u>604</u>	Roll/Page <u>107 Vol. 5</u>	Roll/Page <u>476 Vol. 50</u>	Roll/Page <u>Vol 128 p. 1175</u>	Roll/Page
List residents:	List residents:	List residents:	List residents:	List residents:
<u>Robert (42) VT</u>	<u>Robert (49) VT</u>	<u>Robert (55) VT</u>	<u>Robert (63) VT</u>	<u>Robert died 1875</u>
<u>Lucy M. (32) Mass.</u>	<u>Lucy A. (38) Ohio</u>	<u>Galuci M. (43) Mass</u>	<u>Lucy (42) Mass.</u>	<u>Lucy (63) widow</u>
<u>Caroline (15) Ohio</u>	<u>(Caroline not listed)</u>	<u>(Caroline not listed)</u>	<u>(Caroline not listed)</u>	
<u>Marinda (13) Ohio</u>	<u>Marinda (18) Ohio</u>	<u>Marinda (22) Ohio</u>	<u>Marinda not listed</u>	
<u>Savilla (8) Ohio</u>	<u>Savilla (14) Ohio</u>	<u>Savilla (18) Ohio</u>	<u>(Savilla not listed)</u>	
<u>Mary (6) Ohio</u>	<u>Mary (10) Ohio</u>	<u>Mary (15) Ohio</u>	<u>Mary not listed</u>	
<u>Charles (1) Ohio</u>	<u>Charles (6) Ohio</u>	<u>Charles (10) Ohio</u>	<u>Charles (21) Ohio</u>	
<u>Edward (80) VT</u>	<u>(Edward not listed)</u>	<u>(Edward not listed)</u>	<u>(Edward not listed)</u>	
	<u>Gilbert (4) Ohio</u>	<u>Gilbert (8) Ohio</u>	<u>Gilbert (18) Ohio</u>	
	<u>*Edward W. (1) Ohio</u>	<u>*Edward W. (5) Ohio</u>	<u>*Edwin (Edward) (15) Ohio</u>	
	<u>Wm. Clayton (27) Eng.</u>	<u>John (3) Ohio</u>	<u>(John not listed)</u>	
	<u>(Laborer)</u>		<u>Henry (7) Iowa</u>	

Gen. Aids, Cont.

From the EAST CUYAHOGA COUNTY CHAPTER OF OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

"Abstracting Wills:"

1. Name of person, place (county, town, formerly of . . .)
2. Name of wife - or "un-named"
3. Children, names (minors)
4. Date Will was written
5. Date Will was proven (watch for the date "court term", which might last several months, starting in . . .)
6. Witnesses, usually, people in close contact with deceased
7. Codicil

There would be no guardian for the children unless there was real property. Under the guardian appointment act, a child could choose own guardian.

A holograph will is written in the testator's own handwriting, no witnesses needed usually. A nuncupative will (oral will), needs witnesses. Nowadays, there is even possible a video-taped will. A will must be probated where the property is. Bond may be set at twice the value of property appraisal.

"Why Do We Do It?," is another interesting article in the Jan/Feb 1982 issue of "Speaking Relatively; and an article entitled: "Early City Directories As A Genealogist's Tool". If you're interested, check our L-AGS Library.

HOW TO READ A WILL

1. Note page number and book number so you can easily return to it if necessary.
2. Note the date.
3. Note the name of the person selling the land and the person buying the land. Are they relatives? In-laws? (Sons-in-law were given land by their fathers-in-law sometimes.) Check the names of the witnesses to the deed. Are they related to buyer or seller?
4. Note the location of the land. If it is near a creek or river, it will often tell you whether it is the north, south, east, or west side. This location will be important for you to tell your family from other families of the same name. The deed will often tell you whose land it borders. Those neighbors will often be relatives either by blood or by marriage. People didn't and couldn't travel far to go courting in those days.
5. The wife's name usually appears on the deed.

Gen. Aids, cont.

6. Sometimes a deed will give genealogical information, such as "John Jones, son of Samuel Jones" to identify him clearly from other John Jones in the community.
7. A man, in deeding land to a person, will often give his relationship, such as "Out of love and affection I deed 50 acres of land to my son Henry". This is proof of relationship and is valuable.
8. Possible proof of relationship may exist in a deed which states that John Smith deeds to Seth Smith 70 acres of land on Bear Creek, said land being part of an original survey for George Smith. This may be three generations of Smiths.
9. Begin reading the deeds from 1800 back in time to line up children's names, who they married, other pertinent data.
10. When a person died, his land was divided among his heirs according to the laws of the state if he died intestate (without a will).
11. You can determine when a person comes of age or when he dies from the deeds. An administrator will handle the disposition of the land when a person becomes deceased.
12. You will want to order the copies of the deed books themselves and not the indexes if you know a person was in the county at the time.
13. In early America and until the 19th century, nearly EVERY one who lived to maturity can be found in land records. These records are frequently one of the very few records in existence for early settlement periods. The older the deed, usually, the more genealogical information it contains.
14. A HEADRIGHT GRANT was 50 acres of land granted to those who paid the passage for someone else to come from the old country. This was to attract settlers. A person got 50 acres of land for each person whose passage he paid. In Virginia, for example, there were headright grants from 1623.
15. Land records will exist when other records do not; therefore, they are valuable genealogically to establish where a person was at a given time.

(Extracted from "Searchers & Researchers", of Ellis County Genealogical Society, Waxahachie, TX 75165, Vol. IV, Issue 1.) from Feb. 1982  
Ancesters Unlimited, Napa, CA.

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

by Patty Robins Rueppel

SANTA CIARA CO. HISTORY & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is planning to host an Everton Workshop this year. It will probably not occur before Summer. They will let us know when. Also, POLISH RESEARCHERS: Several research aids are available from Thaddeus J. Obal, 73 Hillside Ave., Hillside, New Jersey 07642 --- write for details.

STANISLAUS CO. GEN. SOC. has published a "union List of Census Schedules on Microfilm available in the Central Association of Libraries", that's in Modesto. See their publication in our L-AGS Library, if you're interested. Also, The American Library Directory, has the addresses of just about every library in the U.S., so if you need an address, check with our Reference Librarian at the Livermore Public Library.

FAIRFIELD CO. OHIO MARRIAGES are recorded in Deed Books A & B, Fairfield Co. Recorder's Office, Fairfield Co. Courthouse, Lancaster, Ohio. For further information, send 50¢ and SASE to Fairfield Co. Gen. Soc., PO Box 203, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

WILLIAMS CO. GEN. SOCIETY was formed in May 1981 and will accept free queries. Write Williams Co. Gen. Soc., Box 293, Bryan, Ohio 43506. Also, in the same area, Mrs. Pam Lash has a newspaper column, "Roots & Shoots" and will accept free queries. Her address is 420 Oxford Dr., Bryan, Ohio 43506.

SENECA CO GEN. SOC. was also organized in May 1981. Their materials are located at the Tiffin Seneca Public Library, 77 Jefferson St., Tiffin, Ohio. They have Tiffin Directories dating back to 1859; newspapers on microfilm from 1832, and the Seneca Co. Census from 1820-1890

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. The N.G.S. Council approved San Francisco as the site of the 1984 annual N.G.S. Conference in the States. The Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society will provide local arrangements support, supplemented with a team effort by other genealogists from California and around the nation. California currently has more N.G.S. members than any other state in the U.S.

STANISLAUS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. Prices Going Up! Some new fees . . . Iowa - certified copies of marriage and birth and death records are increased from \$2 to \$4. Indiana - State Board of Health will charge \$4 for each search of the records of the Division of Vital Records, if a record is found one certificate will be issued without additional charge. Texas - now charges \$3.00 New address is: Division of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, TX 78756. New Jersey - now charges \$4.00 Address is Division of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Room 111, City Hall, Newark, NJ 07102. Michigan - now charges \$10 per certified copy, second copy same record, \$3.00.

News, cont.

**CHICAGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.** Remember to order your I.S.G.S. Surname Index. This book is an alphabetical listing of 10,000 ancestors of members of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, each with at least one event (date & place). The ancestors are coded so that persons can easily contact the submitters. \$8.00 plus \$1.50 shipping to: Illinois State Genealogical Society, PO Box A 631, Decatur, IL 62526

We like to think of genealogists as people with ethics. Genealogy is not immune from the con-artist. There is a new organization acting as a genealogist "Better Business Bureau", that may help eliminate these people. International Genealogy Consumer Organization, 4329 S. Stafford Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119. Subscription to their quarterly Report is \$12.00.

The Jackson County Genealogical Society, PO Box 471, Independence, MO 64050 has a Research Assistance Council and they are available to help out-of-staters.

OOOPS!!! - - - Are you looking for a name beginning with the letter "O" in the 1880 census Soundex for Illinois? It was recently discovered that over 1,000 cards were overlooked when the microfilming was done, specifically soundex codes O-2 to O-240. Permission was given to Nancy Grabb-Frederick to copy the information. This information is not available from any other source. Write Nancy at 1209 Maple Ave., Evanston, IL 60202 for \$15.

**OHIO STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** announces that the official roster of first families of Ohio Pioneers will be available in a few months. It will list alphabetically approximately 2500 pioneers, proven to date, with names of the members - descendants, counties and dates of settlement.

Birth and Death Certificates. Alameda County birth and death certificates now may be obtained on a walk-in basis from the Alameda County Health Care Agency's Vital Registration Bureau at 499 Fifth St., Room 404, Oakland, California - from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. This department also has certificates issued before 1920 for the city of Alameda and West Oakland. For information call 874-6395. Birth & death certificates issued prior to 1980 may be obtained on a walk-in or written basis at the County Records Office, 1225 Fallon St., Room 101. For information call 874-6395. Berkeley records may be obtained on a walk-in or written basis at the Berkeley Health Department's Vital Registration Bureau, 2180 Milvia St., Berkeley. For information call 644-6489.

News, cont.

HAYWARD AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. 8 1/2" x 11" paper Mandatory. The Federal Courts of the United States have made 8 1/2" x 11" paper the standard size for court use & have directed the elimination of the 8 1/2" x 14" legal size in use by most lawyers. The change is based on recommendation of the Archivist of the United States and the Court Administration Committee. Effective at once, all revised or reprinted forms stored in the Administration Office warehouse will be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. After Jan. 1, 1983 only 8 1/2" x 11" paper will be accepted in the Federal courts.

The MINNESOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is compiling a list of all Minnesota cemeteries by county and township. For information contact Ella Johnson, Box 18006, St. Paul, Minnesota. Olmstead County Genealogical Society, Rochester, Minnesota 55510

Sonoma County Cemetary Records are now available in the San Lorenzo Library Genealogy Section.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706, holds one of the largest genealogical collections in the country. It is not limited to Wisconsin history and genealogy. Among items available on microfilm are many Wisconsin newspaper publications, and some from out of state newspapers.

Also available on microfilm is the INDEX TO THE FEDERAL CENSUS OF WISCONSIN 1820 - 1870. It contains nearly two million entries on 261 rolls of microfilm.

When ordering, indicate the census year and the first several letters of the surname needed. The entries give names as reported in enumeration plus county, township, or community of residence and page citation to records as organized and held by the State Historical Society. These items are available through interlibrary loan. For more information concerning holdings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, please write to above address.

\*\*\*\*\*"Old genealogists never die and lose their census!"  
From the newsletter of the International Professional Genealogist.

COVER PHOTO: No. 1 Joint Union High School (first such high school in the State of California), Livermore, CA. Taken about 1910, and located on the block between 7th and 8th Streets and South G and South H Streets, where the Recreation Center is today. Thank you Elliott Dopking for the photo and information.

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\*\*\*\*\* Start thinking up some QUERIES! We hope to initiate a Query Column beginning with the Fall 1982 Tracer. Instructions will be in the Summer 1982 Issue.

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