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COME TO OUR ART AUCTION AND HAVE SOME FUN! HELP  
OUR FRIENDS OF THE LIVERMORE LIBRARY AND OUR GEN-  
EALOGICAL ASSOCIATION EARN MONEY FOR MICROFILM  
EQUIPMENT.

DON'T FORGET TO BE AT THE FORRESTERS HALL, AT  
THE CORNER OF 2nd AND SOUTH "J" BEFORE 9:00 PM  
ON FRIDAY, SEPT. @@. BRING ALL YOUR FRIENDS.  
NO PURCHASE REQUIRED.

SEE SOME BEAUTIFUL ART WORK, ENJOY SOME CHAMPAGNE  
OR PUNCH, HAVE A GOOD TIME, AND HELP THE CAUSE.

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EDITORIAL

Your Editor wishes to express his deep personal appreciation to Ed Pyle and Bishop Probst for making the cultural hall of the LDS church available for our meetings. This generous action will release funds we have been paying the library for a meeting room. These funds should be spent wisely in helping us trace our family histories, and aid the cause of genealogy.

A good way to get to the church is to go down First Street to Holmes Street, turn left on Holmes. Just after you have crossed the Arroyo Mocho bridge, turn right on Mocho St. You cannot miss the church, which is on your right at 950 Mocho St. (It is the second church on the right.) Ed Pyle will have the lights on for us.

Since the Hayward area Genealogical Association and the Contra Costa Association have offered to trade surname lists with us, it is important that those of us who have not turned in our surname and locality cards do so as soon as possible. It is important that we have localities and time periods being researched on each surname card, as well as a separate set of locality cards.

Most libraries are arranged by locality and time, so those of us who have submitted surname cards not showing localities and time periods being researched should contact Pat Saltgaver. She can then make up a computer listing for each member. As you discover new surnames, send a new card for each to Pat. Let's multiply our efforts through cooperative research; that's what genealogical associations are all about.

### President's Message

Because so many members were unable to come to the August meeting, I'd like to use this space to review a couple of points covered during that session.

We have received official permission to work on the historical papers now at Livermore City Hall. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to work on the papers was circulated during the meeting, but there were not many volunteers. Anyone else who is interested in helping out, please call me (443-1189) as soon as possible. Once we get past the sorting we've offered to do, we'll be free to start a surname index from the old tax records, which go back 100 years.

I also want to stress the importance of members' efforts toward a good turnout for the upcoming art auction. We are counting on each member to get at least 5 people to come. We have one member who has recruited 25 people! Remember, no purchase is required! All we ask is the \$1.00 donation to cover refreshment costs, and that guests stay at least until the "head count" is taken at the start of the auction. Circulate those invitations! (There are more if you need them). Don't take "Maybe" for an answer! See you there!

Our next meeting will be at the LDS church at 950 Mocho St., Liv., at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, September 25. We owe many thanks to Ed Pyle and to Bishop Harmon Probst for their efforts on our behalf.

In closing, I'd like to point out the real inspiration provided by Alex Haley's *ROOTS*. I just finished reading the book, for the first time, and I recently watched the television series for the second time. Mr. Haley's talent for making his ancestors "live again" is of course, exceptional, but his enthusiasm is contagious. I find myself anxious to get going on some of those family lines I've been neglecting. We all have interesting ancestors, if only we take the trouble to look!

### Meet Our Members

Editor's note: Due to the Art Auction, the TRACER deadline has been moved forward in time. Since only one profile has been submitted, profiles of members will be combined for September and October. Please write yours for the October issue.

### Library Notes by Patricia Saltgaver

Welcome back from vacation. I hope you all found lots of useful genealogical data.

I am planning three projects and need feedback from members on which one you feel should be done first.

1. Making a subject and locality cross index file for all of our books and periodicals. This would enable you to quickly locate all books in our Amador Genealogical Library.
2. Running a computer print out of our surname file so each member has a copy.
3. Running a computer print out of our locality file.

I am sorry that it is necessary to remind our members that order forms, articles, etc. in borrowed materials should not be removed or cut out. If you need an order form, please make a copy of it. Not only does removal of such items make it impossible for others to use them, but important information may be on the back.

Library materials which I bring to meetings circulate quite well, but I still have lots at home. I hope to see all of you soon at our club library.

#### News of Other Organizations

I am sure all of us received copies of the Napa program and that we all agree that the Napa Valley G&B has an excellent seminar planned. Those of you who wish to go should contact Kathy Benapfl or Lucille White, if you are interested in sharing a ride.

Contrary to the announcement, I do not believe that there is actually any deadline for registration. The date of the seminar is September 23.

In the future, this section hopefully will be written by Judy Williams, since she corresponds with the other associations.

Other associations, as well as ours, are moving their board meetings to earlier in the month, to enable them, and us, to keep each other informed of our programs.

Judy has suggested that we file a copy of each of our pedigree charts with the librarian, as other groups do. I will let her tell you all about that though, in next month's TRACER.

#### Upcoming Events

Of course, the main event in the near future, is the art auction on September 22. Let's not fall on our face on this one.

Our next meeting will be at the LDS church on Monday, Sept. 25. We will extract genealogical data from rare newspapers provided by Edith Brittain.

The speaker for October 23 will be Gary Drummond, author of

A GUIDE TO ARCHITECTURAL STYLES IN THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY. He will talk about the use of architecture in "dating" old houses, and about using county records in researching the history of a house or piece of property. He would like to make it a self-help program for anyone trying to research the history of a house.

There is a new book published by a New York group titled THE HOME RESEARCH GUIDE. It is a manual on how to find your own historical data. Authors are Ruth Goldstein and Roberta Kyle.

