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The Amador Genealogical Association invites you to become a member.

Purposes

To share and aid each other in our search for ancestors.
To learn more about sources available for genealogy research.
To exchange information with fellow members.

These projects are promoted by the Amador Genealogical Association:

Surname registry	Personal Library Index
Club library	Speakers
Field trips	Workshops

Genealogy related subjects at most meetings.
Coordinated car pooling to genealogical libraries.
Members willing to loan personal reference material to fellow members.
Pooling of funds through dues to purchase books and subscriptions
to genealogical periodicals of interest to members.

Newsletter--Livermore Roots Tracer

Opportunities for family research through the

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Editorial

We are pleased to announce that Lucile White is our new associate editor. She will be replacing Jerree Young, who due to increasing job and family responsibilities has resigned. Jerree will continue her excellent work as a member of the editorial staff.

The purpose of the Tracer is to act in the interest of the membership as a whole and to try to present an impartial view of events of interest to all of the members.

It has been suggested by several members that we include the minutes of the board meetings or at least the discussions of the board of directors. Furthermore, we have been asked to publish periodical reports of the various committees.

This additional information will increase the size of the Tracer and may not be of interest to everyone, but will tend to reduce the length of the business meeting sessions.

Perhaps this matter should be a topic of discussion at our next general meeting. There is a trend toward more openness in all organizations and corporations. Several books have been published on these matters.

News of Other Organizations

Due to the late publication date most news of other organizations is now history. As you probably know, the newsletters from other organizations are kept on file in our genealogical library.

Library Notes

by Pat Saltgaver

Have you seen a copy of our surname printout? Our genealogical library still has several for loan. You might even find a new cousin by checking the list. I did! Also use the locality printout to check for others searching in the same geographical area. Help each other by searching for other's surname while you look for your own. For example, I have a book from Sutro Library on Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. I checked the locality listing and found W2 (Lucile White) is looking for Hoobler (Hubler) and W4 Bill Wolcott) is looking for Mitchell. As I read the portions of the book I am interested in I jot down any facts I find on these other names. It doesn't take much time. When I finish the book, if it is not due, I call Bill or Lucile and let them know that I have it and they can use it. This same method works when searching censuses. Give it a try. Several of our members already do this. If you are having difficulty reading a name on the computer printout give me a call as I have the original cards. Some of the surname cards also contain additional information.

Livermore Library now has Interlibrary loans with the National Archives in San Bruno. This procedure is the same as that for Sutro Interlibrary loans.

Editors note- The association is deeply indebted to Pat Saltgaver for all of the hard work she has done on the surname printouts, as well as the valuable computer time. As you find new surnames submit them to Pat for continuous updating.

Dues

Arthur Skinner, our business manager wishes to remind us that dues payment time is here again for most of us. The February 26th meeting would be a good time to bring along the checkbook.

Meet Our Members

Meet Sharon Geier, our hard working circulation manager.

I was born in Bisbee, Arizona, Cochise County. My father, uncles and grandfather all worked in the copper mine there. When I was three years old we moved to California. I grew up and attended school in San Pablo and El Sobrante, California. I went to Contra Costa College, then worked as a secretary for two years until I met my husband, Dave. He was born and raised in Illinois. He belongs to the Operating Engineers and is a crane operator. We have lived in Livermore for almost eight years with our three sons, Vance age 13, Lon age 12, and Troy age 8. We have all been involved in scouting, soccer and school activities.

I became interested in my family history when I read my great grandfather's diary he wrote while serving in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was Postmaster of the Brigade. He talked about such things as seeing General Sherman resting under a tree and hearing the news about Abraham Lincoln being assassinated. This really got me interested in finding out about all of my family.

Editor's note-Those of you that have not submitted profiles are encouraged to do so as soon as your time permits.

Upcoming Events

We have an excellent display at the Amador-Livermore Historical Society exhibit at the Alameda Fairgrounds at Pleasanton. It can be seen Tuesday through Friday from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Members who have not seen this exhibit are urged to do so.

Since we have funds on hand you are invited to submit lists of books and journals which you would suggest for our library.

At our last regular meeting, the membership voted to contribute at least \$500.00 toward the purchase of a microfilm reader printer. A very successful fund raiser on February 9 by the Friends of the Livermore Library make the purchase of this piece of equipment possible in the near future.

On February 26th, Mr. Robert Lindquist of the Valley Portrait Studio will talk to us about ways to preserve our family photographs. Mr. Lindquist will make negatives from your old tintypes, treasured old photographs or snapshots and print them any size you want, either black,&white or sepia. If you have any special heirlooms you have questions about, please bring them so you can benefit from his experience. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the LDS Cultural Hall, 950 Mocho.

by Olivette Chinn

Genealogical Aids and Notes

from Bill Wolcott
Phone #447-4216

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Livermore

I have the following books in my genealogy library. You are welcome to check them out.

1. Some descendants of Captain John Gorham of Plymouth Colony in New York State and the Western Reserve. by King and Daniels.
 2. Mayflower Descendants in Cape May County, N.J., 1620-1920 by Paul Howe. Indexed
 3. Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Eaton, Fuller, and White Families. Indexed.
 4. Walter Marrayman of Harpswell, Maine and his Descendants. By Rev. Charles Nelson Sinnett. Indexed
 5. Genealogy of the Quaintance Family in Virginia and Kentucky, 1719 to 1968. By A. Quaintance Indexed
 6. Genealogy of the Quaintance Family in Ohio and Other States, 1719 to 1971 by A. Quaintance
 7. Wolcott Genealogy, 1144 to 1900 by A. Rudd. Not indexed
 8. Genealogy, Heraldry and Local History by Genealogical Book Company, Catalog #231
- Hammond's Complete World Atlas by C.S. Hammond. Indexed
10. Handy Book for Genealogists, 1971 by George B. Everton, Sr.
 11. Webster's Geographical Dictionary. A reference source of geographical information by A. Merriam Webster.
- If you think any of the above listed books will help you, just let me know.

Genealogy Class

Chabot College will be holding a course in genealogy this spring. The first class is scheduled to be held March 21st at 7:00 PM at the Chabot Valley Campus. Before the classes begin a series of articles on genealogy will be published in the local newspapers. These articles are required reading for anyone taking the class. There will be two field trips made during this course, one to the LDS Library in Oakland and one to the San Francisco Historical Library. No pre-registration is required. Katherine Rich will be the instructor. Anyone interested in this class should be watching the newspapers for the forthcoming articles and more information about the class.

Our thanks to Barbara Dittig for this information.

from Doris Burnett

Surname exchange- William A. McCormick, 38623 Lancaster, Livonia, Michigan 48154 will be glad to exchange surnames with anyone who sends along a S.A.S.E. I recently sent him some names and received ten names and addresses in return.

I have written to all of these names that he sent and have received replies from about half of them. One does sound very promising, and I hope we can connect as they have recently published a book about their Burnett Roots, which have been traced back to Ireland and Scotland. I have ordered the book.

Recently we sent \$50.00 to the Central Bureau of Genealogy at the Hague in Holland. The money did seem like a lot but Bill's uncle shared the expense. Our reply came a few days ago, taking the de-Hollanders back to 1766 giving birth, baptism and marriage dates.

Editor's note- This illustrates the advantages of family organizations.

from Lucile White

Anybody that is looking for hard to find records might be able to find them through the MCC files at the LDS Library in Oakland. This is a list of each county in the U.S. and their records that are available in Salt Lake City. They can be ordered and used at the Oakland Library. Any film can be rented and used for two weeks but it does take a while for them to get here. Many of the states have a wealth of information, other states, especially the midwest, have very little information available through these files. One example of information obtainable through this source is, Fredrick County, Maryland: Census 1790 through 1890, Deed records 1748-1851, Evangelical Church records 1742-1887, German Church records 1753-1900, Lutheran Church records 1767-1854, Marriage records 1779-1797, Presbyterian Episcopal Church records 1726-1863, Probate records 1750-1852, Wills 1744-1925, Cemetery records, directories, history and biographies.

Editor's Notes

A new registration of Americans of Prominent Descent is being published by Sue Morton O'Brien of Chicago. This work will list anyone's name who had ancestors of importance here or abroad before 1865. Linages range from 5 to 35 generations. Since the cost is rather high I suggested we ask the Livermore Library to purchase it. Having your name included in this register costs \$50.00 plus costs of genealogical verification.

Due to a goof on my part the surname index for Volume I of the Tracer was not published last month. You will find it following this issue. I suggest that you file it at the end of Volume I.

The Cost of Producing the Livermore Roots Tracer

We have had several recent queries as to the cost of the Tracer. Due to the generosity of Sandy and Terry Fox in providing labor, duplicating equipment and ink, our monthly cost have been reduced to \$3.64 for print stencils and \$4.80 for paper for a total production cost of \$8.44 per month.

Mailing costs are offset by your monthly stamp donations, so a firm figure is not available for that part. Since we mail to other associations, a monthly donation of 35 cents to the stamp box would offset the predicted mailing costs of \$7.20.

When All Else Fails Try the Newspapers

The Oakland Tribune's "Action Line" helps locate relatives in the Bay Area, and through other papers over the county. Note the example shown below from the Oakland Tribune.

Grandpa's War Stories Verified

As a child in St. Louis 60 years ago I was captivated by vivid stories related by my grandfather, George Thomas Mattingly, who served in the Civil War. Also, I recall that my mother and I attended meetings of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and had a great time singing songs and telling tales of the Old South. I would like to revive my link to my ancestral past by rejoining the United Daughters, if the organization is still active. What information can Action Line provide?

Sarah M. Fraser
San Leandro, California

Mrs. Fraser: We are pleased to hear that through the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va. (328 North Blvd., Richmond 23220) you were given the name of Mrs. Kenneth Fitzgibbons of El Cerrito, who is the state president of this organization.

But more importantly, through the Richmond office you were able to confirm some of your grandfather's war stories. Not that you didn't believe him. One thing you did not know was that he was born in 1845, and thus was a teen-ager during the war. He served in the 1st Mississippi Calvary and the 10th Kentucky Mounted Infantry. As he said, he did, indeed furnish his own horse and servant, was promoted from private to lieutenant, and was wounded in the battle of Shiloh. Like most Confederate soldiers he was never discharged, but simply sent home with his mule and gun, and told to take up farming.