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President's Message

I have always thought this club was something special, and now I know it. Just think! You elected me to be your president, and the first month you have given me a vacation with double the pay. Now, that is what I call a club. When I run out of gas, money and kinfolk to stay with, I will return to my duties as your president.

If I direct our club like other groups that I have directed, you will find out that I like member-participation. Being a former teacher for thirty-three years, I'm sure I will continue that goal I had--having each member present participate at least once each meeting. Some of the possibilities are reports about genealogical libraries in our area, book reviews of books in libraries in and near Livermore, a report by each member on his/her research (similar to George Parks from Stanford, telling of his research in Germany), preparing publicity for the newspapers every week, and submitting reports for the Roots Tracer.

If the Executive Board approves some or all of these types of activities for our club, I will start to work, with your help, in September. Working together, we can make this club an exciting and worthwhile tool for your special research.

Wish me luck on my personal research in Salt Lake City.

Bill Wolcott

## Editorial

The old order changeth and giveth way to new-Tennyson  
During the past three years many of us have been either studying genealogy for the first time or learning new and better ways to take advantage of our previous experience.

Now is the time for us, as an organization to draw upon the expertise we have gained during this period. In so doing we can help each other and ourselves.

While we have failed to reach the membership numbers we had planned, we have experienced an internal growth and unity of purpose seldom seen in the larger, more impersonal organizations.

We should take advantage of the combined knowledge of the members, through more workshops, by using the locality and surname indexes when we visit libraries, and by helping one another with individual problems.

## Board Announcements

The following appointments have been made: Publicity: Barbara Dittig, Reference Librarian: Pat Saltgaver, Circulating Librarian: Lucile White, Car-pool Co-ordinator: Muriel Camozza.

The purpose of naming both a reference librarian and a circulating librarian was to allow Pat more time for referencing new books and collecting personal indexes and other non-circulating material, as well as updating the locality and surname register.

Lucile, who owns a small rest home, always will have someone on duty, so our genealogical library, which is rapidly increasing in size, will be open to us at all times. Her address, which is centrally located and convenient to most people, is 791 North "A" Street, Livermore. You are always welcome.

For a trial period the business sessions at the regular meetings will be held every other month, subject to the approval of the membership. Eventually, business sessions may be called only when the necessity arises. This means that we will not go into formal session each meeting but start with the sharing session.

The board urges each of us to list the books we are willing to loan each other with Pat Saltgaver and we will publish the lists in the Tracer.

Plans are made to take individual photos of each member during the June meeting.

Ed. Note-I know not what others may do but I am going to get my hair trimmed so I won't look so much like an old goat.

The board would like to have your opinions about paying expenses of outstanding speakers, if necessary.

Library Notes

by Pat Saltgaver

The library has just received six new books and one new periodical.

Handbook for Genealogical Correspondence

The United States Census Compendium; A directory of census records, tax lists, poll lists, petitions, directories, etc, which can be helpful in locating ancestors.

Handy Book for Genealogists

Missouri Cousins by Maxim Coppage III

The Researchers Guide to American Genealogy by Val Greenwood

Master Lists of the Arkansas Confederate Troops, Vol.I by Sharon Lee Pompey

Family Heritage (A Periodical)

Other books are on order.

If you missed the talk given by Geraldine Davis about Sutro Library, our genealogical library has a tape of the presentation. We also have a partial transcript of the talk.

Becky Ohle has volunteered to make additional photocopies of our surname list. This will make it possible for each member to have a copy. Thank you, Becky.

I will not be at the June meeting but Lucile White will have all of the latest material for you to be using, I will have those books until June 22, when I will be leaving. If you would like any books, let me know and I will see that it gets to the meeting. I will be in Salt Lake City July 7-15, but am leaving the library material with Lucile White for your convenience.

Editor's Notes

The following books are on order and may be here for the June or July meeting:

Lost Links by Elizabeth, Frances and Ethyl Moore  
Revelant, an LDS Pamphlet  
American Library Directory  
Genealogical Books in Print  
Surnames in Ireland  
Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Edited by Hinke  
Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor

### Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will be June 24th at the Livermore Library. It will be a non-structural workshop. Bring your surname and locality index cards for updating, your pedigree charts and anything else you wish. We will be working together in a social, informal way, on our genealogies and family histories. Refreshments will be served, so lets all have a fun time.

Plans are under way to ask companies that have had windfall profits from Proposition 13 to make donations for microfilm equipment for the Livermore Library. Newer members may not be aware that the organization has contributed \$500.00 toward the purchase of a reader printer.

### Genealogical Aids

Irish roots- With the enormous popularity of Roots, everyone, it seems, is backtracking a path to the origins of their family history. If your family tree took root in Ireland, chances are that you can trace the family name to an Irish coat of arms, and upon proof of lineage can obtain the coat of arms representing your family name.

During the Medieval Age in Europe when landed noblemen were ruling and often warring with one another, coat of arms were the shields of armor used in battle to distinguish armies, and became the ensignias symbolizing a particular family. Designs and inscriptions on coats of arms are different for each family, and usually represent some event or trait unique to the family.

Unlike other European countries where coats of arms can be claimed by only certain families (usually those who can prove a blood line to royalty), Ireland will bestow arms to any person whose immediate or known ancestors bore a common surname and inhabited the same locality in Ireland. For a small fee, the Genealogical Office in Dublin will even undertake the search for documents needed for proof of line. To learn if you are entitled to "bear arms", apply for a confirmation of such arms to the Chief Herald at Dublin Castle, Ireland. Upon confirmation you will receive a coat of arms (resembling a plaque) and a pamphlet giving your family history and information about what the inscriptions on your arms mean.

Those who are interested in tracing their family history, the Federal government has published two free publications giving genealogical information. The first, Genealogical Records in the National Archives (63 7G) , describes libraries, societies and books helpful in tracing the history of a family. To obtain either publication send a postcard to: The Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Col. 81009.

### Genealogical Aids (Continued)

Do you have pictures of Confederate soldier ancestors, or do you want pictures of them? Write to Confederate Calendar Works, Box 5404, Austin, Texas 78763. This organization has, and is collecting enlarged images of individual soldiers.

Ed. Note- I have one of these calendars and it is quite well reproduced.

High School reunions- I recently made a trip to Bates County, Missouri, where I attended a 40th high school class reunion. Since my ancestors were pioneers there in the early 1800s, I found that I was related to almost 1/4 of the class. I picked up a reproduction of my great grandfather, William Woody, for two family histories. Class reunions are a good place to learn family history if you go back to the country of your "roots".

Gayle Pipes

### Book List

I have a few books to loan, since my wife is a professional librarian, I own many history books and the following genealogy books:

1. The Researchers Guide to American Genealogy-Val Greenwood
2. In Search of Your Family-by Harold H. Kelly
3. Family History for Fun and Profit-by Jones
4. Descendants of Gray, Pipes and Harmon Revolution Soldiers. From 1750-1960, many surnames, indexed, by Ellsberry
5. Descendants of Captain John Pipes, Jr. From 1710-1964, many surnames back to 1440
6. Descendants of Windsor and Abner Pipes, Southern Families, From 1710-1964
7. The Woody Family in America, 1642 to present,(in progress)
8. Descendants of John D. Woody (In press)
9. The Largest Genealogy-Southern and Germany, from 1544-1964, not indexed, many surnames
10. The Jackson, Waite and Hyden Genealogy, a New England Who's Who going back 12 to 13 generations to England and France. Connects with William the Conqueror, Charlemagne through the Warren line. Unindexed

Call Gayle at 447-5732 to arrange to borrow any of these books.

### Writing a Book?

A two-day seminar, under the sponsorship of San Francisco State University will be held June 23-24.

Donald M. Dible, author and publisher, will conduct the seminar about writing, publishing and marketing your own book.

This seminar is open to the public, and will be held at the St Francis Hotel between 8:30AM and 4:30 PM. You can register by calling 469-1100.

### The Last Word on Your Last Name

Lou Stein is a walking dictionary on family names. He says he has 10,000 stored away in his memory banks. Stein, who refers to himself as a "name historian", has been caught up for years in the fascinating search for the origins of family names. An authority in the field of onomatology, (a study on the origin of names).

Mr. Stein lists the most popular names. Some are surprising, others very predictable.

Smith ranks first, but there are 24 variations, from Schmitt to Smithe. The name means a worker in metals.

2. Johnson, is derived from John's son.
3. Brown, as in the color.
4. Miller, the occupation.
5. Jones, the Welsh form of Johnson.
6. Williams, from William's boy.
7. Davis, nickname of son of David.
8. Anderson, Andrew's son.
9. Wilson, Will's son.
10. Taylor, as in tailor of clothes.
11. Thomas, son of Tom.
12. Moore, as part of the terrain (Moor)
13. White, the color.
14. Martin, descendant of Martinus.
15. Thompson, son of Tom.
16. Jackson, son of Jack.
17. Harris, son of Harry.
18. Lewis, from Welsh nickname.
19. Allen, from Alan, a Scottish word.
20. Nelson, Scandinavian, son of Neil.
21. Walker, one who walked on wool to thicken it.
22. Hall, person who worked in hall of manor.
23. Robinson, son of Robin.
24. Green, the color.
25. Adams, son of Adam.
26. Baker, the occupation.
27. King, nickname of worker in king's household.
28. Roberts, as in Robert's son.
29. Phillips, son of Phillip.
30. Evans, Welsh form of son of John (Evan).
31. Turner, occupation, one who turns lathe.
32. Rogers, son of Roger.
33. Edwards, son of Edward.
34. Bell, could be one who lived near church.
35. Bailey, as in bailiff working in jail.
36. Fisher, as fisherman.
37. Bennett, diminutive of Ben.
38. Brooks, as in stream.
39. Foster, vulgarized form of forester, gamekeeper.
40. Butler, the occupation.