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THE AMADOR GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER

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Teaching beginning and continuing education in genealogy.
To aid each other in our search for ancestors.
To learn about resources available for genealogy research.

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Editorial

"The deaths you died I have watched beside,
And the lives you have lived were mine." by Kipling

The holiday season is a good time to look backward, not only to the traditions that our ancestors have passed down to us but to their lives and the pathways they followed.

Those of us who have Mayflower ancestors should look at the hardships of a long sea voyage, an escape to freedom, and survival in a cruel environment.

Others of us can see our forebears fighting for our freedom in the Revolution and finding their way through the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky, Tennessee and beyond.

In the space age, it is difficult to visualize some of our parents traveling by river boat and covered wagon from Kentucky to Missouri or from Illinois to Utah.

These backward glimpses of our ancestors give us a profound insight into our history and a deep respect for the past.

Note-The following poem may sound a little trite but the more you read it the more sense it makes.

Your Own Proud Family Name

You got it from your father, it was all he had to give.
So it's yours to use and cherish, for as long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you, it can always be replaced,
But a black mark on your name, Son, can never be erased.
It was clean the day you took it, and a worthy name to bear.
When he got it from his father, there was no dishonor there.
So make sure you guard it wisely, after all is said and done,
You'll be glad the name is spotless, when you give it to your son.

Author Unknown

New Members

We wish to extend the hand of friendship to these new members:

Charles A. Cowan 859 South 11th Street, Livermore
Gail Fairfield 2333 Woodthrush Way, Pleasanton
Margaret Fazio 454 Dover Way, Livermore
Claudia E. Lautenslager 949 Belores Street, Livermore
Gloria Martin 2751 Crellin Road, Pleasanton
Betty Rochin 1191 South Livermore Ave. Livermore

and to wish them success and adventure in their search for their ancestors. Each of us is ready and willing to help you with your research.

Board Announcements

Your Board of Directors wishes to announce:

1. We are buying new books and journals at each of our board meetings. Let us know your wishes.
2. We are forming a Records Preservation Committee in order to index and microfilm available, important records and to insure the preservation of the records that we have compiled over the years.
3. We recommend that our by-laws be amended to state: A non-resident membership is hereby established, carrying all of the privileges of membership with the exception of voting rights, for a fee to be established yearly by the membership.
4. We plan to start a Help-a-Member-a-Month program. Each month we will ask the entire association to devote time and effort in order to help a member who is "stuck" on some particular area.
5. We are forming a Translation Committee to help members with foreign correspondence. We have many foreign specialists in our organization and have access to many more. Who will volunteer to chair this committee?

We join with the entire membership in expressing our sincere appreciation to Gloria Martin, who did such a superb job of preparing the lengthy October newsletter. Thanks, Gloria.

Upcoming Events

Our speaker for the November 27th meeting will be Ed Pyle, who will speak on tracing your ancestors through their migration routes. This is an area in which Ed has specialized and we should give it a high priority. Our meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M., following Ed's 6:30 class in Essentials of Genealogy at the Livermore Library. In addition to a sharing period, two membership presentations will be made.

Plans are underway to purchase an overhead projector and have it available for our next meeting in January.

There will be no meeting scheduled for December but the Tracer will publish an abbreviated Christmas edition. Let's have your contributions. They make our newsletter.

An art auction is scheduled for February and we have asked the Friends of the Livermore Library to co-host this event.

Library notes

by Pat Saltgaver

Please add the following new books to the list published in last month's newsletter:

Pioneer Families of Missouri by Wm. Bryan & Robert Rose
Early Families of Eastern & Southeastern Kentucky by William Kozee
Guide to Genealogical & Historical Research in Pennsylvania by
 Floyd C. Kenstine 1978

"The Reporter" Ohio Genealogical Society Vol. 19, 3, 1979

Lucile Hitch and I have surname listings for sale at 75¢ a piece. Few surname cards have been highlighted with yellow and filed which is now at the library; Lucile Hitch's home, 791 North 4th Street.

Ed. Note: Our new additions to the library is creating a great deal of interest. The library has been very busy lately, with many books out in circulation most of the time. The library has about 150 volumes, is open from 10 AM until 3 PM seven days a week at 791 North 4th Street. Visitors are always welcome. Non-member donations are appreciated.

We plan to add a listing of the genealogical holdings of the Livermore Library to our own.

The Livermore Library has on microfilm the holdings of Sutro Library. This film was kindly indexed by our Art Skinner.

Queries

Mrs. Susie Prohs, 1559 Archer Drive, Medford, Oregon 97501, looking for information about great grandfather, Daniel G. Legget who came from Tennessee in 1880 to Sutter Creek, Ca. (Amador County) He left six sons. Daniel Legget was related to Hamiltons and Elkins of Sutter Creek

Please call Rosemarie Wade 447-6861 or Gayle Pipes 447-5732 if you have Ellen Opie's address in Salt Lake City.

Oops, your editor goofed. I neglected to give Jim L. Tackitt, editor of Diablo Descendants, newsletter for the Contra Costa County Gene-Society credit for his fine article on the use of patents as a tool in genealogical research. Sorry, Jim. Feel free to use anything you wish from our newsletter. We would feel complimented.

Genealogical Aids

by Doris Burnett

Naturalization records- If you had an ancestor that came from a foreign country and became a citizen of the United States after Sept 26, 1906, you may be able to obtain information about that person by writing to U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C. 20536. Ask them for a few copies of form G-641 (Application for verification of information from Immigration and Naturalization Service Records). Make your letter brief, fill out the form the best you can and don't worry if you can't answer all of the questions. Send the form, along with \$5 check to the address mentioned above. An answer may be slow in arriving, maybe months. Remember Sept 26, 1906 was the day that the Federal Government took over the naturalizations of citizens. Before that date, it was taken care in any court, Federal, State or local.

Locality Searches

The read down of locations may sometimes be obtained from the Sociological Departments of local colleges and they should, also, be able to give some demographic indication as to where the original home of local inhabitants for their area came from.

For instance, in your listing, I find that you have obtained many areas in the United States where members have interests, but these can be combined and shortened so that books are not purchased which would be of little benefit to the whole membership. Here is how I would suggest that areas of interest be used:

First, outside of California, no books on the Western States need be purchased as most people spent only a generation at best in the region before moving to this state.

Secondly, books should be purchased for the Eastern States to the Mississippi River with some regard for those states immediately adjacent to the river on the west side.

Thirdly, some states were populated almost entirely from the overflow of older or adjacent states and by looking in one or the other, clues to families and locations should be apparent.

Fourthly, an understanding of geographical routes of migration will determine what states are linked together.

Here is my own listing based upon your listing-as shown on page 69:

- 123 Kentucky-Missouri-Oregon
- 101 Ohio
- 91 Tennessee-Arkansas-Mississippi
- 86 Indiana-Illinois
- 75 Pennsylvania-West Virginia
- 72 Virginia-North Carolina-Virginia (part)
- 60 New England (Maine-N.H.-Vt.-Mass.-R.I.)
- 46 Michigan-Michigan
- 28 New Jersey
- 25 New York
- 16 Maryland-Delaware
- 12 Texas

Iowa and Utah could be combined as there were many births and marriages in Iowa before pioneers came to Utah.

Kansas and Indiana could be combined as many "free-soilers" moved there to keep Kansas free.

There was a great deal of overlapping in all New England states.

Many Germans were born or married in Missouri and while many did not originate there, they made a mark in passing.

Much of Southern Ohio, Indiana and Illinois was populated from Kentucky and much of the northern parts of these states from Maryland.

Ed. Not Thanks, Max. We will appreciate any other suggestions you may have.

In Memoriam

Robert Blair

We have been advised of the untimely death of Robert Blair of Pleasanton, California. Robert made many valuable contributions to our organization and to our association library. He was a fine Christian gentleman, admired by all who had the privilege to know him.

Our hearts go out to his family in their time of sorrow. We trust that the history and the works of Robert Blair will be preserved for future generations.