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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all our members and non-members had a wonderful Holiday Season. The Board has been busy implementing new ways to make our club more beneficial to all of us. If anyone has any suggestions or constructive criticisms that will help our club, please feel free to call any Board member and let us know. The more you put into your club, the more you will get out of it. Working together we can really make our club worthwhile to all of us. I wish all of you lots of success in your genealogical adventures.

Acting President
Sharon Geier

EDITORIAL

As we start a new year, we can be proud of the accomplishments of the past year. Our membership has grown rapidly and our activities and abilities have increased at a fantastic rate. Materially our library and our programs have grown at an equally rapid rate.

We cannot rest on what we have done but should set goals that challenge us to the limits of our abilities. To become complacent is to stagnate and die. Such is the life of all organizations and individuals.

An important goal I believe we should set is the preservation of our records both at the local level and in a form and place for posterity the years we have spent and the information we have gathered should not be lost due to our lack of foresight.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. During the absence of Bill Wolcott, Sharon Geier and Sandy Fox will be acting Presidents. Have a good time in Arizona, Bill.
2. The art auction scheduled for February has been postponed due to conflict in timing.
3. Five new books have been ordered and will soon be on our library shelves.
4. Ed Pyle has agreed to head the Records Preservation Committee and to study the most effective preservative technology available. Let's all give Ed a helping hand.
5. A Committee has been appointed to study the pros and cons of joining the Friends of the Livermore Library and will present its report at the January meeting.
6. A trip to Sutro Library has been planned (see Art Skinner's editorial).

7. The overhead projector has been ordered and will be available for our next meeting.
8. Tracer circulation--We are exchanging newsletters with the following:
 - a. Ancestry House, a quarterly which covers Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, and Missouri. It has free queries.
 - b. Speaking Relatively which covers Ohio and has free queries.
 - c. Hamilton County, Ohio. This is a chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Association. They have a will index, surname index and first family index and list of their members.

HELP A MEMBER A MONTH

Mrs. Judy (Banks) Williams, 1944 Mars Road, Livermore, CA 94550

I am trying to find information on my grandfather, Lem Banks, and my great-grandfather, James Banks. James was born (according to 1880 Oregon County, MO census) ca 1851 in Alabama. He died before 29 July 1896. His wife was Elizabeth born ca 1855 in TN. She also died before 29 July 1896. They had 9 children:

1. Sally A. born 1870 in TN, married Tom Sisk
2. Margaret, b 1872 in TN
3. Jinnetty, b 1874 in TN
4. John, b 3 April 1876 in TN, m Barthena Bates, d 18 July 1915
5. Lemuel, b 1878 in TN, m Mary Ann Teel 25 July 1896
(my grandfather)
6. Joe
7. Leonia
8. Martha, m Alec Van Winkle
9. Wiley, b 6 Jan 1888 in AR, d 15 Dec 1958 in Salt Lake City, UT, m Parthena Wheat

I have no information on Lem other than he was born 1878 in TN (1880 Oregon Co., MO census) and that he died in 1911 and is buried in Duty Cemetery outside Walnut Ridge, AR. My father, Luther Elmer Banks, was the only child to survive and he died in 1949. I have Lem's marriage license, that is how I know his parents died before 1896.

I have checked the following sources:

1. Wills and land records in MO and AR
2. No birth and death records
3. I have checked some MO and AR census records but I have not had a chance to check census indexes.
4. Mormon Temple records in Salt Lake
5. Placed an ad in the Helper

This is as far as I know how to go. I would appreciate any help or suggestions.

Ed. Note: Please give her your suggestions in writing. (I will need your help next month.) Let's all join in and help Judy with her problem.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Edith Jensen will be our speaker for January 28 at the Livermore Library. Edith is an accomplished genealogist who has done extensive work in England and Scotland as well as in Virginia and many southern states. She is an excellent speaker so let's all give this meeting a high priority.

AUTHOR'S NIGHT LECTURE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Noted California historian Richard H. Dillon will discuss "Books of the Mother Lode" as the next Author's Night Lecture at 7:30 PM, Friday, Feb. 29, 1980 in the LLL Auditorium. This will be a major fund raising event for FOL members and their projects. Mr Dillon, head of the Sutro Library in San Francisco, has written several award winning books about early California. These include Burnt-Out Fires, stories of the California Indian Wars; Exploring the Mother Lode Country; Fools Gold, the decline and fall of John Sutter; Hatchet Men, the Tong Wars of San Francisco; Humbugs and Heroes, lively episodes of early California pioneers; Legend of Grizzly Adams; and others. Many of these books are available at the Livermore Library. Details on ticket sales for the event will be in the local newspaper.

LET'S SPEND A DAY AT THE LIBRARIES!

Art Skinner

A bus-Bart-Muni trip is planned for Thursday, February 21, 1980. We will ride Bart Express U bus in. This leaves:

	4th Street & Livermore	7:56 AM
	Stanley Blvd. & Murrieta	8:00 AM
Pleasanton:	1st St. & Neal	8:08 AM
	Hopyard & Los Positas	8:15 AM
	Dublin & Regional Transit	8:23 AM
	Arrive Hayward Bart	8:48 AM

We will then board a Bart train for SF, debarking at Powell Street station. We will surface and catch a #5 Fulton Street Muni to Sutro Library. Those wanting to go to SF Public Library can get off #5 at Larkin Street or can go directly to Sutro and spend 3 or 4 hours since they open at 10:00 and then on return stop at SF Public Library. We will return home about 5:00 PM from Civic Center Bart Station--arrives back in Pleasanton about 7 PM.

LIBRARY NOTES

by Pat Saltgaver

"Welcome to 1980. May this be your year to unlock the secrets to your ancestors.

The Midwest Ancestry Quarterly is being sent to us in exchange for our monthly newsletter. This very interesting quarterly covers the areas of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Other new items in our library are:

Speed Indexing, by Michael Lewis Cook

"Genealogy & Ohio Valley Source Books", a catalog of Indiana books.

Address Book for Germanic Genealogy, by Ernest Thode includes form letters to German Church Parishes and to German Civil Registration Offices.

Johnston County Genealogical Society Newsletter (North Carolina) Dec 1978, March, June, Sept. 1979

Donated by Ed Pyle.

If you have donated material to the library and not received credit for it in the newsletter, please let me know. By the time materials reach me the original source may not be mentioned. All donations are greatly appreciated.

OHIO GENEALOGICAL AIDS

Since we have so many searches being made in Ohio the following article by Barbara Lambert of the Head Hunter may be of interest to many of us.

Genealogical Sources

Birth and Death Records

In 1867 the first widely used registration law went into effect. Look in the County Probate Court or the City Board of Health before December 1908. After 1908 the State Department of Health, Columbus, Ohio 43200. Death records give place of birth and parent's name.

Marriage Records

Generally begin in 1803; some however, begin from the territorial period (Belmont, Clarmont, Fairfield, Ross and Washington counties). The DAR have copied the marriage records of 72 of the 88 counties. Marriage records of Licking, Putnam and part of Adams were destroyed by fire. The early marriages were banns or by license. The earliest marriage record in 1788 provided for marriage by publication of banns in three worship services in the home towns of the bride and groom or publication of the marriage by judges in both towns, or by license issued by the territorial governor. The law also required that the minister, clerk or judge who performed the ceremony register the marriage with the probate clerk. Check with the Probate Office. Sometimes the minister or judge would save up marriages and enter them all at

the same time in the book, so the dates on the applications may be a year or so before the entry. In 1803 a marriage law specified the clerk of the court of common pleas should issue marriage licenses. Banns were permitted and remained legal up until 1951. In 1852 the probate courts were again re-established and at this time most of the marriage books were transferred from the clerk of common pleas. Not much information is given on the early marriages but in 1856 a law stated that ministers were to obtain and record information such as age, parent and occupation. Any marriages after 1949 may also be obtained from the State Health Department.

Church Records

The church records of Ohio are very few and scattered. Check Kirkham's A Survey of American Church Records for the best information concerning Ohio church records.

Deeds

May be located in the County Recorder's Office. Chancery Records (later known as real estate records) are found in the probate courts.

Tax Records

Are to be found in the auditor's office, but not too many are available. Almost all of the early to 1838 records are in the Ohio Historical Society at Columbus, Ohio.

Probate

Originally the probate court in Ohio was established by an ordinance of the Northwest Territory in 1788. In 1803 when Ohio became a state the constitution abolished the probate courts and placed probate matters under the jurisdiction of the court of common pleas. In 1852 a new state constitution re-established the probate court as well as retained the court of common pleas. In the probate court records are: Wills, testaments, administrations, marriages, birth and death records, guardianships, the sale of land by executors, administrators or guardians, inventories and naturalization papers. Common pleas matters are appearance and trial dockets, journal and executor books.

It is possible to locate a marriage in the present day county, but a will might be found in the parent county. When corresponding with the probate clerks you must include the date of the will. All probate records are in the probate court's office after 1852. Early wills may be found in the office of the clerk of courts.

Township Records

Are in the possession of the township clerks. Few of the early records can be found.

Guardian Records

Prior to 1852 - in the common pleas journals and after 1852 they may be found in the probate court.

Cemetery Records

Nothing is kept on a county basis, with the exception of records of service men. The cemeteries and any other records pertaining are kept by the townships clerks. If the cemetery is large enough the records may be in the charge of a sexton, caretaker, etc.

Military Records

Try the Adjutant General's Office. They are supposed to have an index entitled "Grave Registrations". It lists soldiers of any war and gives birth and nearest of kin.

Census

There have been no state census. Ohio was made a state in 1803 and the first federal census was taken in 1810, but was destroyed by fire in the War of 1812. The federal censuses were taken on a township basis and the 1820 census is complete except for Franklin and Wood counties. The Temple Library was the 1820 through 1880 censuses available on microfilm.

Mortality Schedules are deposited at the Ohio State Library. Voter's lists exist for 1798 and 1799. Tax lists for 1804, 1806, 1810, 1817 and 1838 are at the Ohio Historical Society and the State Auditor's Office. The early tax lists are very good for finding people who spent only a few years in Ohio and missed the federal census.

Western Reserve Research

The Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 is a good place to do research for the Western Reserve area of Ohio.

County - Formed

Adams	1797	Clermont	1800	Franklin	1803
Allen	1820	Clinton	1810	Fulton	1850
Ashland	1846	Columbiana	1803	Gallia	1803
Astabula	1807	Coshocton	1811	Geauga	1805
Athens	1805	Crawford	1820	Greene	1803
Auglaize	1848	Cuyahoga	1810	Guernsey	1810
Belmont	1801	Darke	1809	Hamilton	1790
Brown	1817	Defiance	1845	Hancock	1818
Butler	1803	Delaware	1808	Hardin	1820
Carroll	1832	Erie	1838	Harrison	1814
Champaign	1805	Fairfield	1800	Henry	1820
Clark	1817	Fayette	1810	Highland	1805

Ohio County-Formed cont.

Hocking	1818	Mercer	1820	Ross	1798
Holmes	1824	Miami	1807	Sandusky	1820
Huron	1809	Monroe	1813	Scioto	1803
Jackson	1816	Montgomery	1803	Seneca	1824
Jefferson	1797	Morgan	1818	Shelby	1819
Knox	1808	Morrow	1848	Stark	1809
Lake	1840	Muskingum	1804	Summit	1840
Lawrence	1816	Noble	1851	Trumbull	1800
Licking	1808	Ottawa	1840	Tuscarawas	1808
Logan	1817	Paulding	1820	Union	1820
Lorain	1822	Perry	1817	Van Wert	1820
Lucas	1835	Pickaway	1810	Vinton	1850
Madison	1810	Pike	1815	Warren	1803
Mahoning	1846	Portage	1807	Washington	1788
Marion	1824	Preble	1808	Wayne	1808
Medina	1812	Putnam	1820	Williams	1820
Meigs	1819	Richland	1813	Wood	1820
				Wyandot	1845

Our co-founder and first President's new address is:

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Belle Mead, NJ 08502

Shirley, hope you received back copies of the Tracer and will soon be back in the Bay Area. Send us any material you wish to go in the Tracer.