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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you ever purchase a book, pamphlet, or a family history with great hopes and expectations that this new information would give you that long, last link to an ancestor that you have searched and researched for many year years? Then you finally receive what you ordered and find out it is of no value to you.

If this has happened to you, as it has to me, and if that information is gathering dust on your bookshelf, doing no one any good, why not consider loaning or donating that extra pamphlet or information to our club library, where other genealogists might benefit from its contents? Although we have almost filled the beautiful book shelf that Kent White made (from tree to shelves), we are still growing and could use any genealogical information that you might contribute to share with others.

It would be nice if our club had a duplicating machine of our own and the club, working through our Record Preservation Committee, could help you protect, preserve and share your genealogical information with others.

-- Bill Wolcott

EDITORIAL

In looking **back** over the history of our genealogical association it is interesting to observe the chain of events that have lead us to where we are at present.

Olivette Chinn, wishing to learn more about genealogy, found Ed Pyle and persuaded him to teach a genealogy course in adult education at Livermore High School. Ed put in many long inspiring hours in teaching us the essentials of genealogy until a motion was made that we start our own genealogical association.

Now, after years of research, all of us must turn again to Ed Pyle to show us the way to preserve our records for the future.

We know this is a heavy burden to place on the shoulders of a very busy man and each of us should appreciate his willingness to help. Perhaps if we had listened a little closer during Ed's lectures we would not at this point be found with such a task. It is vital that each of us help and cooperate with Ed in any way we can.

Many thanks, Ed, for all of the devoted hours, the knowledge and the wisdom you have contributed to the growth of our organization as well as our individual intellectual maturity.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Our thanks to Dr. June Harris Carter for contributing the Carver Family historyto our Genealogical library.
- 2. The membership will be asked to discuss the possibliity of changing our monthly meeting date to Tuesday or Wednesday evening and earlier in the month since we are excluding many potential members and speakers by meeting on Monday.
- 3. Bring your check book to the next meeting. Check with Art Skinner to see if you are paid up and eligible to vote at the next meeting.
- 4. The nominating committee will report at the March meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are fortunate in having A. Maxim Coppage as a speaker for our March meeting. He will discuss "who we are and where we come from" using our new overhead projector.

Max has written some new books and will have them on display. Let's give this meeting a high priority since most of us remember his interesting talk on Southern genealogy last year.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations early for the Second World Conference on Records at Salt Lake City in August.

Write: World Conference on Records; Church Gen. Dept.; S O E North Temple; Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

DON AND DOT BEVARD:

To write this is a labor of love. Sharing a little of the true enjoyment we have experienced in our family history search. A side benefit and thrill is having put related families in contact or turning up with information on anothers family that they never knew about or had been unable to locate.

DOROTHY HORN BEVARD b Hugo, Okla. to JAY HUGH AND ALVA RAINES HORN. JAY HUGH was a Holiness preacher. Dot has one brother and one sister.

Don & Dot Bevard (con't.)

DONALD BEVARD is a twin b 1928 in Denver, Colo., to ALBERT and AGNES BARKER BEVARD. Agnes left Albert cal934 with the five children. They never saw their father again.

In 1941 each child recieved \$1.00 in a Christmas card. They wrote thank you notes to Albert in Bernalillo, New Mexico. These notes were in Albert's sisters' belongings when she died in December 1978 - (we had found the aunt in October 1977). These notes were postmarked 13 Jan 1942. Albert died 15 Jan 1942. It is doubtful that he ever read the thank-you's.

In 1948 the boy next door married the girl that "knew he would" when they met in 1939 in Denver, Colorado. Poor Don never had a chance. He lived in the apartment house with Dot's maternal grandparents so he knew all of Dot's family for years before Dot moved to Colorado.

In 1977 our children Christina 24, Greg 22, Jay 20 were all college students. Dottie had retired physically-but driving the family bananas with boredom mentally so the students, en mass, said, "you parents have always said we have Indian heritage-prove it-then we will be eligible for grants for college expense". The challenge was made and the search started.

Our family history records were few, some incorrect and very incomplete on's mom had given wrong names for her mother and grandmother and some fairytale about her father; this was not by accident. She has since corrected the facts when documents were presented and is finally glad we are "digging in the old dirt". It even prompted her to attend to some old legal business.

Now in 1980 an incredible amount of time, energy and travel have been devoted to corresponding, searching and meeting hundreds of lost kin. We have documents of births, marriages, divorces, deaths, pensions, etc. A collection of pictures that allows us to see kinfolk that departed long before we arrived. Each item in our files has a story. We have spent days at archives and libraries. Visited D. C. and countless county and state offices searching.

Finding Don's aunt VIOLET BEVARD COOK MEYERS after 43 years; Violet had assisted with Dons' birth. She held him while they waited 1 hour, 20 min., for the afterbirth that was the unsuspected twin. Thoughts of Violet are bittersweet. She was a sweet little old lady that loved us dearly, but she had sadly kept family history she could not bring herself to speak of before she had a stroke and died in Dec 1978. Violet had married her mothers brother, 44 years her senior. She never had children. Her mother, a brother and maternal grandfather had been victims of Huntington Chorea: a familia disease that strikes between 20 and 40 years of age. We have obtained death records proving this insidious disease on the COOK side of the family. Violet never learned family heritage is okay to pass on the painal as well as the good. What a pity,

Our family surnames include: Bevard, -Barker, -Cook, -Hambige or Hambidge, -Ingram, -Clay, -Sutton, -Hulsey, -Horn, -Tucker, -Raines, -Shoop, -Slee, - & Cantrell.

KENTUCKY GENEALOGICAL AIDS

mentucky Historical Society; PO Box H; Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Sources for genealogical research in the library:

Tax lists, by county dating from the formation of the county. On microfilm The 1790 and 1800 tax lists have been published as "First Census of Kentucky and "Second Census of Kentucky".

U S Census, Kentucky 1810-1880. On microfilm. We purchase indexes when they are available. The 1900 soundex index and census now available.

Family files, includes various data arranged by family name.

Abstracts of wills, marriages, deeds, pensions and cemetery records, by county. Typescripts, film and books. No general index. Not all counties are complete.

Some church records. Manuscript, Typescript and printed.

Some Bibles and Bible records, by family name.

Published genealogies, biographies and biographical histories.

Regional collections; Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, the arolinas, Missouri, West Virginia, Georgia. Some material for other actions.

Kentucky county and state histories, some with biographical sections.

Newspapers on microfilm. Almost complete for Frankfort, early Lexington, scattering for other localities in Kentucky.

A large collection of historical and genealogical periodicals and with indexes when they are available.

Kentucky vital statistics, births, marriages, deaths (1852-1861*. Filed by county on microfilm and cards. Also 1874-1878 vital statistics on microfilm.

Portions of Draper and Shane papers.

Indexed rosters of Kentucky soldiers in the War of 1812. Civil War, Mexican War, Spanish American War and World War I.

Kentucky Conferderate Pensions. Available on film.

Map collection containing maps dating from the 1700's. Some county atlases published around 1880.

Land grant information is available by writing Microfilm Department at the above address.

There is no general index to Kentucky genealogical records. Aside from material filed under family names, it is necessary to know the county concerned when searching Kentucky records.

A list of researchers is available on request. S A S E.

Kentucky Historical Soc. Library Sources (con't)

have abstracts of many county wills and marriage records. The originals re on file in the county courthouse. If the records are not indexed you will have to hire a researcher to check them for you.

Birth and Death Records. No records were recorded in Kentucky until about 1852 and then only for ten years. A few records were recorded 1874-1878 & a few shortly after 1900. In 1911 the recording of births and deaths became a regular practice and has been continued to the present time. Official certificates since 1911 are filed with the Kentucky Dept. of Human Resources, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

The library is open 7 days a week-(8-4:30pm) except major holidays.

KENTUCKY LIBRARIES

Filson Club Library; 118 W.Breckinridge St; Louisville, Ky.40217. John Fox Memorial Library; D A R Shrine; Duncan Tavern St; Paris, Ky40361. Kentucky Historical Soc.; 200-202 Broadway; Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

KENTUCKY GEN. MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPERS

The Kentucky Genealogist; Box 4894; Washington, D.C. 20008. Falling Leaves; 1640 Newport Blvd; S-41; Costa Mesa, Ca. 92627. Bulletin; West Central Kentucky Family Research Association; P O Box 1465; Owensboro, Ky. 42301.

entucky Ancestors; Kentucky Hist. Soc; PO Box H; Frankfort, Ky 40601. The East Kentuckian; PO Box 107; Stanville, Ky. 41659.

KENTUCKY CENSUS & TAX LISTS AVAILABLE

1790 Reconstructed Census; 1794-1805 non-resident tax lists; 1796-1823 resident tax lists; 1800 reconstructed census; 1810 census index; 1830 census index; 1850 residents of Kentucky born in Tenn.

MORTALITY SCHEDULES for 1850-1860-1870-1880; 1810-1900 census for most of Ken

TAX LISTS for individual counties on various dates. See US CensusCompendium at our A G A Library.

KENTUCKY MILITARY RECORDS & BOOKS

Abstracts of pension papers of soldiers of the Rev.War, War of 1812, and Indian Wars, who settled in Kentucky-(at least 21 volumes). Washington, D C 1935, by Annie W. Burns.

REV. SOLDIERS IN KENTUCKY. Excerpted from Year Book, Kentucky Society, S A R, 1896. Gen. Pub. Co. 1959 Reprint. By Anderson C. Quisenberry. catalogue of Rev. soldiers and sailors of Commonwealth of Va. to whom land bounty warrants were granted by Va. for military services in the War of Independence. (Excerpted from Year Book, Ken Society, SAR, 1913. Gen. Pub.Co. by Samuel M. Wilson.

KENTUCKY BOOKS & PERIODICALS IN OUR AGA LIBRARY

Kentucky Land Grants, Part I and II, by Willard Rouse Jillson. arly Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky, by Wm. C. Kozee. The Register, Published by Ky. Hist. Soc. - 5 copies. Kentucky Ancestors, Publishes by Ky. Hist. Society. - 5 copies. Several newsletters from Ky Historical Society. Kentucky Gen. material can be found in many of the Ridgerunner magazines, and the Midwest Ancestree Quarterly.