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Editorial Notes

We would like to welcome the following new members:

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We look forward to reading about your research in "Meet the Members" sometime this year.

News from Alan Cranston regarding Senate Bill 905 (S.905), the proposed National Archives and Records Administration. You'll be happy to know that S.905 was approved for favorable reporting from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on November 17, 1983. He is a co-sponsor of this bill, and is convinced that the National Archives would be better managed and better able to fulfill its responsibilities if independent of GSA. Restoring the National Archives as a separate entity would, he believes, not only ensure the integrity of archival programs but encourage the Archives' cultural and educational functions.

If you'd like to browse through the Sutro Library and see what's there without driving to San Francisco—be sure and ask Lucile White to show you the Sutro "new arrivals" list. In it you'll find the latest additions to Sutro's shelf list. The Livermore Library has a microfilm of the shelf list, but it must be viewed in the library. You can check out the "new arrivals" list and take it home to study. Write down those books that look interesting and order them on an inter-library loan.

For a more updated microfiche of the Sutro Library shelf list you can order it from Sutro on an inter-library loan from the Livermore Library. The library has the equipment to view this microfiche.

Odds and Ends

From Katherine Van Metre of the East Bay Genealogical Society, a couple items of genealogical interest.

"If you say 'My ancestors were English', you mean Norse-Irish and Anglian-German added to the original Celts. Plus a shot of genes from the Roman Legions who were here for 500 years,—and their Spanish mercenaries. Put in a dash of Norman French from William the Conqueror, and you come from pure English stock." (Stanton Delaplane's column of 10 July 1983)

"One out of every three marriages in this country 200 years ago was of the shotgun variety. Or so the historians estimate. In the previous century, only one out of 10 was a must marriage. Likewise, in the subsequent century. Today, that statistic is back up again—to maybe one out of four. Theorists explain it simply: Whenever the society seems to be coming apart, premortal sex increases considerably. (L.M. Boyd's Grab Bag)

Dear Friend in Genealogy:

I cordially invite you to join in subscribing to the Disney Family Bulletin. The Disney Family Bulletin is published quarterly, and contains an assortment of information. Each issue of approximately 20 pages features such source materials, as census lists, marriage records, cemetery inscriptions, etc. and a query section open to members. I hope that you will accept my invitation to join at \$10 per year.

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NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Compiled by RoseMarie Stickney Wade

Prologue

The Journal of the National Archives, Vol. 15 No. 2 features Sources at the National Archives for Genealogical and Local History Research: Revolutionary War Pension Applications: A neglected source for social and family history and the Archivist's Perspective: Archivaphobia: Its causes and cure.

Genealogists' Exchange

September 1983; Georgia Genealogy, a listing of Georgia Genie columns. Fram Across The Pond, a list of foreign genealogical organizations & national archives. Piece of The Past-I can't find them in the census--but I know they were there.

Heritage Book News - No. 28

Visiting Friends-a guestroom exchange network which would be very useful for traveling genealogists is operated by Visiting Friends, P.O. Box 231, Lake Jackson, TX 77566. The fees are nominal & locations are available nationwide. Travel can be for any purpose.

Marin County Genealogical Society Quarterly - Vol. VI No. 3

A list of newspapers that run columns pertaining to genealogy. This is a good way to find living descendants of your ancestors. Queries are usually free. List includes columns in the following states: Texas, West Virginia, Missouri, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, East Central Nebraska, Washington and Indiana.

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento Quarterly - Vol. 6 No. 4

Americians On The Move have in past issues looked at the establishment of the colonies of Virginia, Maryland and the Carolinos and in this issue move on to the last of the original southern colonies, Georgia. Vol. 7 No. 1-has a full page chart showing the census information and census available at the National Archives in San Bruno and the LDS branch library in Sacramento.

Speaking Relotively - Vol. 7 No. 5

Three pages on naturalization including clues to place and time of naturalization and reference sources.

Chicoga Genealogical Society newsletter

Includes a couple of pages of German Interest Group news in each issue.

The Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly-The Report - Vol. XXIII No. 3

Genealogy, Computers, and You by David A. & Ellen T. Berry.

The Ohio Newsletter - Vol. XIV. No. 8

Genealogy and Adoptees written by Rose M. Rombeiro, following the search and finding of her cousin Mikey, presents one side of an issue that has gained nationwide attention in the last few years. The NEWSLETTER will provide space for other views on this issue. Vol. XIV No. 9 carries a brief description of House Bills 84 & 147 pertaining to adoptees.

The Sonoma Searcher - Vol II No. 2

The Pennsylvania German Society, located in Lehigh County, PA, has begun a project to identify the place of origin of each person listed in Strassburger & Hinke's Pennsylvania German Pioneers, 1954, 3 Volumes, send your information and the source of it to the Pennsylvania German Society, RD #1, Breinigsville, PA 18031. (From Newsletter of the Gen. Society of PA and Chicago Sen. Soc., July-Augus 1983.

Missouri

State Archives, P.O. Box 778, Jefferson City, MO 75101 will search their records for the cost of material. Write for information on costs and a copy of their holdings for the county you are interested in researching.

The Missouri State Historical Society has on microfilm the West Plains Journal Newspaper collection. Dates, volume and issue number aid researchers.

Birth & death certificates went up to \$4. Bureau of Vital Records, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Bushwackers & Rock Thumpers

is a periodical published three times a year, Spring-Summer-Autumn covering the five Missouri counties of Barton, Botes, Cedar, Dade and Vernon.

A wealth of information for genealogists with roots in the 5 county area will include births, deaths, marriages, funeral records, deed & probate records, obituaries, family histories & newspaper abstracts, etc.

A question and answer section in which an attempt will be made to answer your questions that relate to this area will be included. Queries about your ancestors from these counties are free to subscribers & we will publish ancestor charts as space permits. A check for \$10 to Bushwackers & Rock Thumpers, Wilma Lothrop, Publisher, Box 280, Sheldon, MO 64784 will bring a full year's subscription. Back issues for 1983 are available at \$4 each.

Ohio

The cost of birth & death certificates went up to \$3. 620 Ohio Department Building, 65 So. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

Virginia

The Fairfax County Library will search the records of 97 county cemeteries for \$1 and a long SASE. Give name and approximate date. One name per request. Write: Fairfax County Central Library, 3915 Choin Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA

Passenger Indexes

All restrictions have been lifted on access to name indexes to passenger arrival records in the custody of the National Archives. Among those indexes now available to researchers for the first time are the following: Baltimore, 1897-1957; Gulfport, Mississippi, 1904-1954; New Bedford, Maine 1902-1954; New Orleans, Louisiana 1900-1952; New York 1902-1943; Philadelphia 1883-1948; Portland, Maine 1893-1954; and Providence, Rhode Island 1911-1954.

Germany

A German-American Research and Documentation Center is being established at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Research materials in the form of books, official documents, diaries, and arts and crafts will be placed in the collection. The center will be set up to assist researchers in tracing their family roots in the Germanic countries of Europe. Write: The University of Wisconsin Foundation, 702 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53706.

New York

The Syracuse Herald American-Stars Magazine publishes a genealogical column by Horriet B. Hall. Queries may be submitted of 30 words or less, typewritten or printed, with a central or upstate NY connection, including a name and a date. Send queries to Genealogy, Syracuse Herald American, P.O. Box 4915, Syracuse, NY 13201.

Georgia

Marie DeLamar & B. Rothstein; 1006 6th Avenue, Albany, GA 31701. Free queries will be printed on those who were born, married, died or lived in Georgia.

Our Ancestors; 1775 Alvarado Terrace SW, Atlanta, GA 30310 accepts general queries and one printed weekly.

The department of Archives & History, 330 Capital Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA 30334 has a family exchange file. They will send you five special cards to fill out and to be filed in the Archives. Researchers can order copies of the cards on file on one surname for a fee of \$2 and a large SASE.

Indiana

The Indiana Historical Society has indexed all 92 Indiana county histories and the Allen County-Fort Wayne Library is copying and distributing the indexes.

Genealogical Aids

Elderhostel

What began as an innovative experiment at five New Hampshire colleges which hosted 200 people in the summer of 1975 has become an international educational phenomenon serving over 70,000 older adults in the U.S.A., Canada, and abroad.

In browsing through the 1983 Elderhostel catalog of hundreds of classes on many areas of interest offered at over 600 colleges/universities and independent colleges this year, we found numbers of helpful classes to the amateur genealogist.

Dalhousie University Halifax, Nova Scotia	"Regional Roots" - an examination of immigration and settlement patterns, local & family history in Nova Scotia.
Memorial University of Newfoundland	"Patterns of Settlement in Newfoundland" - comprehensive information concerning migrations from the British Isles to Newfoundland.
California State Univ. Fresno	"Armenian Culture in America" - first 100 years of Armenians in California.
University of Maryland College Park, MD	"How to Use the National Archives" - when, how & why we use the National Archives in general research.
Brigham Young Univ. Salt Lake, Utah	"American & British Genealogy & Research Workshop" - Learn to use existing tools of methods, procedures & sources in finding your roots. "Genealogy Workshop" - A beginners adventure into tracing ancestors through special indexes & genealogical tools.
Green Mt. College Vermont	"Fundamentals of Genealogy & Historical Research" - Basic geography & use of maps, use of census, wills, military papers, birth, death & marriage records.

These were some of the classes offered relating to this great "love of our life" -genealogy!

My husband and I attended the University of Maryland in College Park, MD this summer for one week, ate meals in the college cafeteria and slept in the college dorm. We shared this experience with 47 other "older adults" (at least one of a couple or each single must be 60 years of age) from all over the United States. The entire group attended three classes together; 1) "History and Geography of Washington, D.C.", 2) "History of the American Theater" and 3) "How to Use the National Archives". The College Park campus was located seven miles from Washington, D.C. and our classes included field trips to the Archives, Library of Congress and most of the tourist spots in Washington. A number of the students in the class were, as we were, incorporating the Elderhostel week with researching family in the Maryland area. This year the week's fee for one person of \$180 included classes, board (17 meals) and the college dorm room. We felt you can't beat that for value!

If you are interested (no requirements except the one of age 60 or over) in receiving a catalog re this program write to:

Elderhostel
100 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

Tell them June Duffey sent you!

VALLEY ROOTS

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Arraya Sanitarium (Cover)

Dixie Carter Newbury

On the 4th of November 1916, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors awarded the contract for the construction of the first building of the county hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis. The setting, chosen with the aid of Supervisor Heyer, was to be in the hills above the Cresta Blanca Winery five miles south of the town of Livermore.

The awarding of the contract was much welcomed by the townspeople as it meant that jobs would be available--first in the construction of the institution, and, afterward in the maintenance of the hospital.

Dr. Arthur Smith was the first Superintendent followed by Dr. R.S. Carey assisted by S. D. Stuart. Later, Dr. C.A. Wills and S.H. Thompson were at the hospital. Mr. Ernest Ray Dopking was the bookkeeper at one time. Other doctors connected with the hospital were G.F. Rogers and Chesley Bush. A home was built on the grounds for the hospital superintendent.

The patients wrote and published a weekly periodical named "The Stethoscope" which kept an account of the patients, friends, relatives, and the daily workings of the hospital.

There were medical, surgical, clinical, and nursing facilities for 260 patients. There was a post office, radio station KADV, a library, fire department, water wells, and the usual maintenance shops. The children were provided with instruction from grade school through high school and there was an adult education program available, plus occupational therapy programs and rehabilitation counseling.

Transportation from Livermore to the hospital was provided by E.L. LaMott of the Overland Garage with Adolph Loertz as driver.

Adjoining the sanitarium was the Del Valle Farm which was an institution for "delicate and undernourished children".

The hospital gained fame as a treatment center for tuberculosis but with the advent of "miracle" drugs after World War II, the need for long convalescence came to an end. The sanitarium closed in 1960.

Information supplied by Janet Newton, Barbara Bunshah, and the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society.

St. Michael's Cemetery, Part III will appear in the April issue.

Meet the Members

My name is Edith Vivian Hunt Brittain. I was born April 1, 1920 Slick Creek, Oklahoma, married August 17, 1938 at Davenport, Oklahoma to Woodie Leroy Brittain born September 15, 1920. We have one son, William Lee Brittain born October 28, 1942 in San Jose, California. We came to California in 1940. My father, James William Hunt born January 1, 1892 in Lexington, Texas and my mother, Ethel Modena Martindale born October 30, 1896, Whitefield, Oklahoma. My father's people Hunt, Purser, Hodges, Lee, Sykes, Bently, Barnes hailed from Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina and Georgia. My mother's people Martindale, Good, Jaggors (Jaggors), Harden, McDonald, Turman, Noe came from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Alabama.

My husband's family names include besides Brittain, Halstead, Rooks, Garriott, King, and Parks. There is a James Brittain, born 1709, emigrated from Wales about the beginning of the 18th century. He was lineal descendant of Sir William Brittain, also Alfred the Great by the House of Orange. James Brittain first settled in Virginia, afterward moved to North Carolina. His wife Mary Witty had 11 children, most of them born in North Carolina. Several members of this family went into Tennessee.

Mrs. Edith Brittain, 1372 Tulip Way, Livermore, CA 94550, 415-443-4055

Meet the late Elliott Hartman Dopking:

For those of you who never met Elliott, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to his genealogy. He shared his fine collection of old photos of the Valley with me for use on the cover of the Tracer. I happened to have had the forms that gave his family data some order. I was given the honor of sitting with him and recording his data from all sorts of wonderful sources that he had tucked away with care, as he was not only a fine photographer, he was in addition, a fine historian as well. He died on Friday, November 25, 1983, and I for one will miss the sharing we did together.

Elliott Hartman Dopking was born 16 May 1910, Point Richmond, CA. He was the only son of Ernest Ray and Edith Gibson Colquhoun Dopking who moved to Livermore, CA when Elliott was 3 years old. Edith Gibson Colquhoun was the daughter of Joseph Alexander and Joanetta McMaster Colquhoun. Joseph was a Civil War veteran and Mason. They came to San Francisco from Indiana in 1875, and were residing in Oakland when Edith and Ernest married in 1908. Ernest Ray Dopking was one of several children born to Edgar Alonzo and Chority Ann Hartman Dopking.

Edgar Alonzo Dopking and his brothers ended up in California working the mines. Edgar was born 31 Oct 1851 in Keeler Center, Van Buren County Michigan. His parents were Daniel and Hannah Daniels Dopking. Chority Ann Hartman was born May 1854 in Eddyville, Wapello County Iowa. Her parents were ___?___ and Annie Myers Hartman. Chority and Edgar were married Jan 1891 in Woodland, CA. Edgar's mother Hannah Daniels Dopking came to California in 1864, and died at his home in January 1897. She was born in July 1816, Burford, Ontario, Canada, to Henry and Esther Frazer Daniels who were both from New Brunswick and early settlers in Ontario in 1814. Daniel Dopking was born 26 May 1801, and married Hannah in July 1835 (his second wife).

Charity Ann Hartman's mother Annie Myers Hartman was born in Indiana in June 1830. She was the daughter of Francis and Chority Guillian Myers. Francis Myers was born in Kentucky in February 1806 and Charity Guillian was born in Virginia in January 1804.

Elliott Hartman Dopking married Pauline Difani of El Centro, CA. in the early 1940's during WW II. Their daughter, Susan Dopking Canfield, 1586 Helsinki Way, Livermore, CA 94550, would be glad to answer queries from anyone interested in these family names. Please include a SASE for her convenience.

Society News

In October, several of our members attended the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society workshop in Concord. It was offered free to the public to encourage interest in genealogy and to provide a service to the community. It was well worth the drive. We were not only exposed to a wealth of information delivered by very friendly and helpful genealogists, but we were also able to observe a large society in action and pick up ideas on how to accomplish group goals. I especially enjoyed Mary Jo Barton's talk on "What to do When I reach o Deod End!" Mary Jo, if you're listening, would you consider coming to Livermore to deliver that same talk on a 4th Monday in 1984? I do believe our membership would enjoy it as much as I did.

Our November speaker was Ann Doss, curator, of the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society, who spoke on encasement of old documents. She has offered her services to any and all who have questions on acid free paper, mylar and protecting old books, and Livermore/Amador Valley history. Ann is a librarian with a great wealth of information that she's generously offered to share - 462-2766.

Borrowed from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Newsletter, August 1983

SEARCHING GUIDE

Here is o helpful searching guide that can be taped inside your genealogy notebook.

Most often used records are:

- A. Census and Indexes
- B. Vital Statistics - Birth, Death and Marriages
- C. Newspapers
- D. County Histories - Biographies
- E. Cemeteries - Tombstones
- F. Atlases - Maps - City Directories
- G. Local Library - Genealogy Library - Public Library
- H. Church Records
- I. Adjutant General - Grave Registration - Military Records
- J. Will and other Probate Records - Guardianships
- K. Deeds - Grantor, Grantee Indexes - Land Grants
- L. Pensions
- M. National Archives

If you want to find:

Birth Dates or ages	search	A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, L.
Morriage Dates	search	B, C, D, E, G, H, I, L
Death Dates	search	B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, K, L
Parent of a person	search	A, B, C, D, E, G, H
Wife's Maiden Name	search	B, C, D, G, H, L
Nativity	search	A, B, C, F, G, I, J, K, L
Locale	search	B, D, F, G, J, K
Children's Nomes	search	A, C, D, G, J, L
Military Records	search	C, D, E, G, I, L, M

Thanks to Ruth Anna Hicks who copies this from Smoke Signals. Vol. 10, No. 2., from the Blockhawk Genealogical Socieyt of Rock Island, Illinois.

HOW ADOPTEES CAN GET HELP

When an adoption takes place, the original birth certificate (frequently showing the father's name as "unknown"), and sometimes also the adoption records is sealed, making future access to them almost impossible. An "amended" birth certificate is issued, with all details identical to the original except that the adoptive parents' names are substituted for the natural parents'. Beginning in the early 1930s, the practice was implemented by state laws, and today there are only a very few states without "sealed records" laws on their books. And even in these states, access to the records is far from easy.

These laws are so written that an adult adoptee who would like to see his or her records can do so only after going through a process that usually involves a court order, plus the consent of the natural parents and sometimes of the adoptive parents as well. The number of people who have been able to accomplish this is still very small. But within the past five years or so the movement to bring about change and make it easier for adoptees to get their original records has greatly intensified. While most agencies are still giving adoptive and biological parents guarantees of anonymity (though usually not in writing), many are now telling parents that they can no longer **guarantee** it, since the child might someday have the means to find out-through future court decisions or new laws-the identity of his or her natural parents. In general, the adoption agencies are still resistant to easing accessibility to original birth records.

A large and active organization working to help adult adoptees is **ALMA** - the Adoptees' Liberty Movement Association. Founded seven years ago by a woman named Florence Fisher, who had spent 21 years in her ultimately successful search for her own natural parents. **ALMA** has some 10,000 members and chapters all over the U.S. Its objective is to raise the consciousness of the country to what it considers to be the injustice of the "sealed record." On a practical level, it gives active guidance and assistance to adoptees over 18, to natural parents seeking the children they gave up for adoption (if such children are over 18), and even to those adoptive parents who are able to understand their adult child's need and want to help. **ALMA** does not itself do the actual work of tracking down natural parents, but it gives would-be searchers concrete advice on how to proceed, how to track down clues, how to attempt to obtain original birth records through means other than court orders. And, almost as important, it provides continuing emotional support during their search. **ALMA** also maintains a Reunion Registry, in which searching adoptees and searching natural parents can record all information available to them (e.g., place and date of birth, child's sex, name of hospital, or any other kind of detail they may have). Many successful reunions have been effected by matching up information in this registry.

But **ALMA's** major concern is to get the "sealed records" laws off the books, and to this end they have now in process a class action suit, challenging as unconstitutional New York's sealed records laws in regard to adult adoptees. **ALMA** plans to pursue the case right up to the U.S. Supreme Court. A favorable decision by that court would have the effect, as a precedent, of invalidating similar laws in all other states.

ALMA is a nonprofit organization and is funded by the \$20 annual membership contribution, which is tax-deductible. Persons interested in getting help can write to **ALMA**, Adoptees' Liberty Movement Association, P. O. Box 154, Washington Bridge Station, New York, NY 10033.

(This article is several years old and the class action suit has probably been decided, if anyone knows, we'd like to hear about it. The dues may also have been changed.)

Set Up A Family Organization Wayne Ferguson

Your family has its own unique legacy of memories. Finding your "roots" can be a fascinating project. Those who like to unravel a good mystery or who like adventure will find this and more when doing their genealogy. Like most hobbies though, genealogy can be expensive and time consuming. However, unlike most hobbies, genealogy can help you qualify for income deductions providing you do it through a properly organized family organization.

The federal government, and most states, grant income tax exempt status to non-profit corporations established for the explicit and single purpose of tracing one's ancestry. These non-profit corporations are set up as family organizations. They function by gathering together as many as possible of the living descendants of an individual and encourage them to pool their efforts in doing their genealogy.

To launch the genealogical adventure of a lifetime just follow these steps:

Choose Your Ancestor; The ancestor must be in your direct line. They may be on your maternal or paternal line. Usually you choose the earliest person to whom you can trace a positive relationship. You then move forward as well as back from the individual in seeking that person's descendants and ancestors. This way you provide yourself with a complete family tree as well as the greatest possible pool of living individuals to ask for help and contributions towards seeking further information about your common ancestor and that individual's progenitors and posterity.

If you aren't prepared to find a few horse thieves in your line as well as some heroes and lots of just plain common people, you'd better stop here. For, there's no family that doesn't have some family skeletons lurking somewhere along the line. Personally I'd like to believe that some of my ancestors were pirates!

Get A List Of Your Relatives: Write to your known living relatives and explain your project to them. Ask for their help in providing time, money and information. Ask them to join with you in forming a family organization as a non-profit corporation to exclusively do genealogy.

Obtain Forms For Setting Up A Non-Profit Corporation: This can be done by writing to the Secretary of State in your state capitol and asking for information regarding setting up a non-profit corporation. If your state doesn't have a Secretary of State, write to the governor's office and they'll direct the letter to the proper governmental agency.

Draw Up Your Articles of Incorporation: Usually when you receive your forms from the state they'll have a sample set of Articles of Incorporation. These are very general and you'll have to adapt them to your purpose, e.g., to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the descendants and forefathers of John or Mory Doe.

If you have a relative who's an attorney and who'll donate their services in drawing up and filing the articles of incorporation so much the better. Or, with a little bit of effort on your part you can do it yourself. Just follow the instructions you get from your state, and when they're complete file them with the appropriate authority.

Some states require a set of by-laws as well as articles of incorporation. You should plan to draw by-laws to fit your own specific purposes and organization.

Now sit back and wait.

Be prepared to make some changes in whatever you file, even if your attorney relative has filed them. It often seems bureaucrats don't feel they have done their job properly unless and until they find something wrong with what you have submitted. Make the requested corrections, and if necessary, keep making them until they are accepted.

Once they've been accepted follow the instructions you receive from your state on how and where to file the approved articles. It's a good idea to file one copy of the certified articles with the County Clerk in your county even if it's not required.

Obtain State Income Tax Exemption: Write to the agency responsible for collection of State Income Taxes. Ask them to send the forms for filing for a tax exempt status for a non-profit corporation. (Sometimes these will come with the forms for filing the corporation itself.)

Obtain Federal Income Tax Exemption: From the nearest office of the Internal Revenue Service obtain package 1023. Then file for exemption for your corporation under Section 501 (c) (3). Genealogy is listed as #094.

Keep Good Financial Records: If you have a relative who's an accountant and who will work with you, great! If not just set up your own simple bookkeeping system. You'll need at a minimum, a receipt book, a checking account and checkbook for the corporation, and a simple ledger to show all transactions. Your state may have specific requirements. If so they'll notify you when you obtain your incorporation papers or your tax exempt status. Make sure you keep copies of all receipts issued for money donated to the corporation, bills received, and payments made by the corporation. **Never** co-mingle your own personal finances with the finances of the non-profit corporation!

You'll be required to file tax returns, and possibly some other requested information, each year to make sure your expenditures are made only for the purpose for which your corporation is established. If your records are in good shape this will be a simple task.

Contact Your Relatives Again: Now that you have done all the hard work of getting the family organization started contact your relatives again. Let them know what plans the family organization has for obtaining additional genealogical information. Let them know that by contributing to the family organization they can get information about their ancestors, as well as income tax deductions.

You Can Have Your Family Organization Started - Keep It Going And Have Fun: Elect officers, organize family reunions, and put out a newsletter. One family of 8,000 living members has stayed in touch through their organization with a sixteen-page quarterly publication called "The Kinsman". Notices of births, marriages, biographical sketches and historical information are included.

Collaborate on designing and making a family flag to display later at reunions. It can bear a coat of arms (traditional or one you like). It can depict the meaning of your family name. Colors can be symbolic of the country your ancestors immigrated from.

So, turn explorer as you do genealogy while saving money. Start today and together with your relatives delve into a rich trove of family folklore!

Hayward Stake, Priesthood Genealogy Seminar, 1980 Syllabus
Used by permission of author: Ann Peaslee, Wayne Ferguson

Library News

We would be glad to review books, quarterlies or newsletters in our Tracer in exchange for a copy for our library.

New books have been ordered but have not been received as yet. Be sure to stop by and take a look at what we have so far.

Lucile White, 791 North N Street, Livermore, CA 94550, 415-443-7095

California State Library in Sacramento

Their holdings were inventoried in the November 1983 issue of the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County Quarterly newsletter. Excellent inventory of the holdings concerning California included:

- Federal & State Census
- County Histories
- Vital Statistics
- Manuscripts
- Pictures
- DAR Collection
- Newspapers
- Maps
- Periodicals
- Other selected genealogical sources
- Passenger Lists
- California Men in the Civil War

For more details on the above topics see Lucile White and check out the Stanislaus County Quarterly newsletter.

More information on the State of California holdings:

California State Library
California Section
P.O. Box 2037
Sacramento, CA 95809

Procedure for Encapsulation

Cut two pieces of Mylar one inch larger than the item on each dimension. Affix double-faced tape 1/2" inside the Mylar, being sure to leave enough clear space in the center for the item. Remove the protective covering from the tape. Place the item carefully in the area you have reserved, so that it does not touch the tape. Place the second piece of Mylar on top and smooth it down gently, working from the center out toward the edges, to remove as much air as possible. Rub the taped areas firmly. Trim the Mylar carefully, with sharp scissors or a paper cutter, cutting through the tape to provide quality adhesion.

Check the encapsulation in 250 years to see if it is still O.K.!

Where to Obtain Archival Materials

Hollinger Corporation
3810 South Four Mile Run Drive
P.O. Box 6185
Arlington, VA 22206

Talas
130 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10011

Send for their catalogue and price list. Both carry a full line of Permalife products.

Good idea to buy deacidified paper for your documents, pedigree charts, etc. Also acid-free boxes are available for storage. Artist Mart, Walnut Creek, San Francisco, Berkeley.

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