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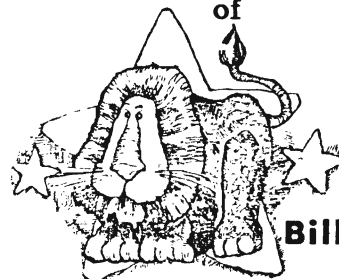
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EDITORIAL NOTES

We would like to welcome new members:

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New members are encouraged to contact Membership Chairman Barbara Dittig (447-2701) to receive a copy of the L-AGS Handbook. It contains a phone list of the members, the By-Laws, and the holdings of the L-AGS Library. It also contains a "Meet The Members Profile" sheet that the Tracer would like you to write up and submit to the Editor so that we can publish it in the quarterly and make our members aware of the surnames you are searching.

SOCIETY NEWS

A big thank you goes out to all those members who worked at the Festival in October. The map of the world display with different colored pins to place for different generations of ancestors received a lot of praise from those who participated. The idea of "involvement and participation" of the community was a great idea Dixie Newbury, thanks!

Our new Secretary is Marge Harter taking over for Nancy Graham whose calendar conflicted with our change of meeting day. Thanks anyway, Nancy.

Our L-AGS Surname Index is available at meetings. See "Bookshelf" for a review.

National Archives (new) Form # 80 for copies of Veterans Records is now available at our L-AGS Library - 791 North N Street, Livermore, CA, thanks to member Bill Wolcott.

We have a new "Family Pedigree Chart" available at meetings for \$1 that displays a quick summary of one's knowledge of one's ancestors and the proof of the information as derived from primary sources. This Chart by Chet & Geri Young Explorations of Claremont, Calif. is unique in that it displays not only the direct ancestors, but all

the children of the first four generations of families. Be sure to take a look at our next meeting. (See Page 108 for a copy of the "Family Pedigree Chart").

ODDS AND ENDS

A new Genealogy Society is forming in San Ramon Valley. They held their get acquainted meeting on January 15 in the upstairs meeting room of the San Ramon Valley Library, 555 South Hartz Avenue, Danville, Calif. at 10:30 A.M. . For more information contact: Mrs. Jean Blackmur, P.O. Box 537, Diablo, CA 94528, 415-837-2952.

DID YOU KNOW

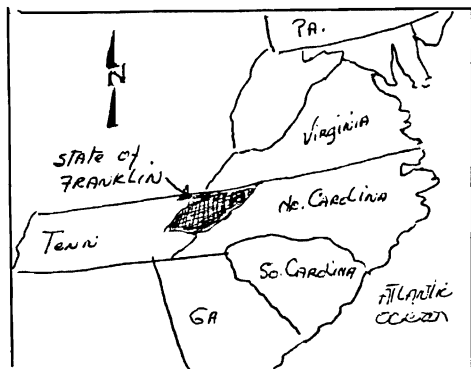
The records of the family of Confucius, kept private for 2400 years, will be made available to all scholars who wish to use them, the China Daily reported yesterday. The 9100 volumes, kept at Confucius' birthplace at Qufu in eastern China, record births, deaths, marriages, rituals and business of his descendants, who are named Kong. (S.F. Chronicle, October 4, 1984)

If there is no estate record for the decedent, but you think or know they owned land, check the deed records. It was legal for many years for the heirs to assume ownership of the farm and sell it at their leisure. The date of their deed would show you an approximate date of death.

If the heirs owned the farm together and could not agree on how to sell it or divide it, then one of them might have filed a partition suit in common pleas court. This should also give an approximate date of death. [Taken from "When your research predates vital records" by Henry Timman via Genie Gems, Jackson County Iowa.]

There once was a state in the U.S. named Franklin, after Benjamin Franklin. It was organized between 1784 and 1788, and had its own Governor, John Sevier, and its own Constitution. However, it was not admitted to the Union. In 1784, North Carolina ceded part of its lands to the federal government, but before Congress voted, N.C. retracted the offer. In the meantime, people in the area were without state

and federal protection, so they set up the State of Franklin with Jonesboro as the capitol. Members of Congress as well as Representatives of N.C. opposed Franklin being admitted into the Union as a state. In 1788, N.C. regained control of the area and pardoned the leaders of the separation movement. North Carolina once again ceded its western lands to the U.S. in 1789 and in 1796 Franklin became a part of eastern Tennessee and John Sevier became the first governor of Tennessee. (submitted by member Dixie Newbury via Pinckney Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society)



GENEALOGICAL AIDS

Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) is a non-profit, volunteer organization, whose central purpose is to improve the adoption experience for all involved: adoptees, birthparents, adoptive parents, and professionals involved in adoption.

PACER provides information on adoption as a life-long experience; on the impact of the search and reunion experience; educational programs for adoption agencies, Planned Parenthood groups, social service groups and other professionals; training programs for volunteers interested in working with PACER; referrals for counseling around the adoption experience for all those involved.

PACER presently has nine support groups for triad members. This includes separate groups for adoptees, birthparents, adoptive parents, and also triad groups for all members to meet together and hear each others' experience. Members are welcome to visit any of the groups they wish.

For more information, call PACER in Oakland at 415-444-3018 or write to PACER at 477 15th St., Room 200, Oakland, CA 94612, or contact Colleen Houlihan, 415-848-8071.

FEATURE

An Idea That Worked - A Creative Process

Margaret Stoneking Fazio

Member Marilyn Fullam related to me an idea that produced exciting results. She was interested in the home where her grandfather had lived and died. The property was no longer in the family. She addressed a letter to "Occupant", c/o the address of the old house and asked if she might pay them to take a photo of the house for her. What she received really thrilled her. The "Occupant" not only sent several photos of the house, but also sent a history of the house as well and said no pay was necessary, they were glad to help.

(If any of you have an "Idea that worked" please call (443-2576) and tell me about it or jot it down and mail it to 454 Dover Way, Livermore, CA 94550, and we'll keep this space occupied with new ideas to try.)

Give Your Child A Bit Of History, by Brad Rovanpera (Valley Times, Nov.1984)

"The Birth of your child is, let's face it, a historic event. Not only for you, but for your child as well. Most couples today recognize that it's a special moment in their lives, but perhaps they fail to see how it fits into the "Big Picture."

One day your child will ask about his/her beginnings. There will be the usual awkwardness about the biological part, but probably not a word about the historical.

A wonderful way to help your child understand the world in which he or she was born is to assemble a time capsule.

Historians and eternalists have used time capsules for years as a means of letting future generations know what life was like in a given era or year. The formal capsules are traditionally made of a torpedo-shaped tube that is filled with artifacts and then sealed and lowered into the ground, with instructions to open in, say, 100 years.

The time capsule concept is a perfect way of bringing your child in touch with the world at the time he/she was born. There are several ways of putting a capsule together, and the only limit is your imagination (and storage capabilities).

To start a time capsule, begin with the actual day your child was born. If it has yet to happen, you can plan ahead to collect newspapers, magazines and other historical remnants that won't be available afterward. If the day has passed, try to contact the newspaper's circulation department to see if you can buy old copies.

Worthy artifacts would include a copy of your local newspaper, the New York Times (it's available locally now), issues of Time and Newsweek magazines that are on the newsstand, and the monthly issue of Life magazine. Another addition would be the top single and/or LP on the record charts (Billboard magazine lists these on a weekly basis).

Of course, you'll want to include the edition of your local newspaper that publishes the birth announcement (if your paper prints those items). Also invest in an extra copy of your baby's birth records from the county -- this will not only be of interest to your child one day, but will be an important document to have if he/she ever wants to travel abroad.

Everyone takes scads of pictures of their newborns, including the actual moment of birth. Few parents, however, take into account that their children may like to have a set of these pictures. It's a good idea for the first few weeks or months to have duplicate prints made of special photos and then put them into a special album you can give your child one day. This, too, can go into the time capsule.

Branching out into more esoteric territory, parents can add an innumerable collection of artifacts spanning the entire first year of their baby's life. It may be prudent to restrict your collectibles to the actual calendar year, as that number will always mean something to your offspring.

For instance, you can start by purchasing a proof set of coins for the year from the U.S. Mint. A proof set is a collector's edition of uncirculated coins minted and usually costs around \$11. If you are unable to purchase a set directly from the mint (orders are usually stopped by mid-year), you can wait until next year and buy the set from a local coin dealer.

Along these lines, if a special commemorative coin is issued the year your baby is born, this would be a nice addition and heirloom to add to

the time capsule. This year, for instance, the U.S. Mint made available two silver dollars and a gold \$10 piece in observance of the Los Angeles Olympic Games. These are still available from the mint and at some banks and savings and loans.

Commemorative postage stamps for the year are also available. The U.S. Postal Service offers a set of all stamps issued in a given year the following January, and it usually sells for around \$12.50."

submitted by Beverly Schell Ales

(A lot could be done with these same ideas for a gift to an older or younger relative or friend: finding coins that highlight dates in their life; stamps that do the same; Xerox old newspaper or magazine events that they have lived through; photos of them growing up to the present. Ed.)

More Notes From the S.F. Conference:

"Locating Revolutionary War Ancestors, An Overview of Resources" by Alexander White III

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

- I. Population in U.S. circa 1776
2.8 million = total population
1.4 million = males

Median age in 1776 = 16 years
700,000 males eligible

How many served in the War?
estimate 200,000-320,000

If you had an ancestor in the U.S. ca 1776, chances are they did "some kind" of service.

- II. Nature of the cost of the war to the population.

How many sacrificed their lives?
25,000-26,000 died

How did they come to lose their lives?

- A. Primary killer -disease

Outdoor encampment during summer weather often in climate, poor hygiene and health habits.

- B. Secondary killer - prisoners of war

Ugly aspect of war = politics & economics; problem of feeding your own army with poor roads or no roads made caring for POW difficult. Normally, POW's were "paroled." They signed an oath

that they would not bear arms again until exchanged, then they turned them loose until both sides had enough to exchange. The British believed that "parole" was for soldiers and the Americans were rebels and often they didn't wish to distinguish our rebels with "soldier" status.

The British put American prisoners on old ships in New York and Charleston ports. There was no exercise, poor food, and little sunshine.

C. Death in battle - third killer
6,000 died on land
1,500 died at sea

Total death toll = 25,800
One percent of all Americans who served in the war died. (1.6% were lost in the Civil War)

Up-Coming Record Inventory

Local genealogical societies all over California are beginning the biggest cooperative effort ever undertaken to track down and inventory little-used records of historical and genealogical value. We in L-AGS were among the first to agree to take part in the search.

Our first task will be to scour our area for all non-governmental records that would conceivably be of interest to historians and genealogists. Typically we will be looking for records of churches, lodges, cemeteries and mortuaries, but we are being asked not to overlook more remote possibilities such as the records of service clubs, museums, commercial firms, schools, and private libraries.

After we have located a set of records, we will compile an inventory of them on a standard form. We will **not** copy the records, but will describe the contents in brief: number of pages, dates covered, type of information included, etc.

Our inventory of records is the first of three stages in the state-wide project. Stage two will be compilation and publication of the inventories, and stage three will be photocopying of those records judged worthy of preservation on microfilm. Stages two and three will run concurrently.



Three organizations are sponsors of the California program for records discovery and preservation. The California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA), a mother organization for local genealogical societies, is recruiting and coordinating the efforts of local societies. The Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) is carrying out the microfilming at its own expense. The California State Archives is preparing to take responsibility for a master collection of the microfilms. In return for our help in the project, GSU will donate a copy of the microfilm for our area to the library.

L-AGS will begin its work by a publicity campaign to attempt to get the attention of every person who has custody of or know of the existence of historical records. We hope to have such individuals come forward with their information. Enlisting the help of sister organizations such as historical societies and library auxiliaries is essential in this phase.

We will couple the publicity with detective work by L-AGS members, who will visit churches, mortuaries, and all other institutions likely to have documents of interest. L-AGS leadership will organize teams of members for this task, and CSGA will send an instructor to Livermore to conduct training sessions.

It is not often that we have a chance like this to refill the well of data from which we as genealogists draw. We hope that all members of L-AGS will take an enthusiastic part.

The following is a list of examples of records and repositories that we wish to compile:

- a. Repositories: private homes, veterans organizations, commercial businesses, community service organizations, fraternal orders, mortuaries, libraries, schools, museums, cemeteries, churches.
- b. Records: unpublished family histories, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, Sunday School records, meeting minutes, sexton records, burial permits, cemetery plot maps, cemetery lot purchases, student registrations, PTA records, historical scrapbooks, albums, business records, tax assessment books, water works street books, jail registers, book of arrests, abstracts of mortgages/deeds, abstracts of

title, lists of incumbrances, newspaper indexes, obituary indexes, great registers, land patents, city directories, diaries, yearbooks, unrecorded deeds and wills, family genealogies, family bibles, list of citizens for military duty, citizenship and naturalization papers, discharge papers from military service.

MEET THE MEMBERS

James Owen Schuyler

I was born in Whittier, California on 9 July 1924. My wife Leose M. Brown was born in Glendora, California on 15 June 1925. We were married in Covina, California 10 Sept 1948 and have three married children. We first lived in Watsonville and since 1950 in San Carlos.

My father Harry A. Schuyler was born in Rome, Michigan on 22 Aug 1888 and died in Whittier on 21 Nov 1980. He came to California in 1916 and managed a lemon ranch in East Whittier. He married my mother at Hayward, California on 30 Oct 1920.

My mother Edith Craig Owen was born in Hayward on 25 Dec 1896. Her mother, Ethel May Craig, was born in Brantford, Ontario, Canada on 31 Jan 1875 and died Santa Cruz on 4 Nov 1962. My mother's father was William Blackwood Owen born in Eden Township, Alameda County on 15 Oct 1871. His father was William Owen who was born 10 March 1840 in County Anglesey, Wales and came to Alameda County about 1851. William Owen married Sarah Elizabeth Blackwood on 29 Aug 1863. Sarah Elizabeth was born in Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan on 26 April 1842 to William Clark Blackwood and Elizabeth Judith Woodward. William Clark Blackwood purchased in 1862 property in Eden Township and developed fruit orchards.

I joined the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society because I am working on a genealogy of the Owen siblings and their descendants who settled in the San Francisco Bay area. William Owen's siblings who came to America were: Owen R. who married Mary E. Murphy; Catherine who married Andrew Judson Taylor; Maggie who married William Ludwig; and Elizabeth who married Jay H. Dutcher. For some period of time all of the above siblings lived in or near Livermore.

Richard and Faye Hodges Burns

Elva Faye Hodges, born Dec 1942 in Hohenwald, Tennessee, is an office clerk at K-Mart in Livermore. Richard Anderson Burns, born June 1941 in Gary, Indiana, works in the Chemistry and Materials Science Department at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He and Faye were married in Walnut Creek, Calif. in Aug 1967. They live in Livermore (415-447-8139) and have three sons: Eric Richard born May 1969; Richard Scott born Feb 1971; and Kenneth Richard born June 1975 - all born in Livermore.

Faye has one sister and two brothers. Her father, the late Dewey Hodges, was born Apr 1922 in Athens, Alabama. Her mother Elva Ilene Davis was born Nov 1920 in Athens, Alabama. Faye's paternal grandparents: Johnnie H. Hodges, born in Alabama and Lula E. Lewter, born in Tennessee. Faye's maternal grandparents: William Franklin Davis, born Warren Co. Tennessee and Mary Elizabeth Brooks, born Lincoln Co. Tennessee.

Other surnames of interest in Faye's family are: Boyd, Turner, Barnes, Snow, Buchanan, Gatlin, Brown, Grimmatt, Branch, Willson, Wilson, Mills, Gates of Tennessee and Northern Alabama.

Richard Anderson Burns is the oldest of two sons and one daughter born to Anderson Long Burns (born Dec 1916 in Hebron, Indiana) and Thelma Marguerite Irwin (born Feb 1918 in Beatrice, Nebraska). He has two half-brothers and one half-sister by his father's remarriage to Viola Yarnell (born Oct 1919 in Gary, Indiana). Richard's maternal grandparents are Lena Laura Baugh, born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois and Clarence H. Irwin, born in Tabor, Iowa. Richard's paternal grandparents are Gertrude Belle Foerster (born in either Chicago, Ill. or Calif.) and Charles Wesley Burns (born in Hebron, Ind.).

Surnames of interest in Richard's family include: Robertson of Calif., Stinson of Mich., Parrish of Texas, Miller of Tenn., Barnes of Vir., Goff, Deaver, Gilmore, Thornton and Potts of Ind., and the Secomb's and Boswell's of Ill..

Richard's parents divorced when he was 4 years old and his mother avoided any talk about his father. So he resolved to find his father while serving in the Army. Upon release from the service, he located him via inquiry to the police department in the town where his parents last lived together. Upon finding his father he has discovered a new heritage.



VALLEY ROOTS

St. Michael's Cemetery Part VI

Callaghan, Mary Elizabeth

Callaghan, Michael G.

Callaghan, Patrick C.

Callaghan, Daniel J.

Callaghan, Philip P.

McGlinchey, Eugene 1896 - 1941

McGlinchey, Francis 1896 - 1969

McGlinchey, John Francis, Jr. Aug 26, 1899 -April 26, 1978

McGlinchey, Ruth F. 1894 - 1983

Callaghan, James E. 1880 - 1950

Callaghan, Julia F. 1878 - 1971

Murray, Lucille "Lucy", our Mama, July 7, 1907 -July 18, 1979

Murray, Raymond "Buss", our Daddy, Jan. 2, 1901 - June 26, 1949

Rehder, William C. 1903 - 1960

Rehder, Laura B. 1914 - 19__

Rehder, Robert L. 1938 - 7 months old

Muller, Joann Feb. 26, 1942 - Oct. 1, 1942

Mueller, Lt. Franklyn W. U.S.A.F. 1922 - 1944

Mueller, Louis B. 1885 - 1952

Mueller, Bertha M. 1892 - 1942

Mueller, Roland W. 1921 - 1931

DeWitte, Keith J. 1962 - 1983

Calderoni, Charles died Aug. 23, 1940, age 39 years

Calderoni, Filici(?) died Jan. 29, 1941, age 91 years

Calderoni, Saraeina died Aug. 19, 1941, age 81 years

Calderoni, Louis died Nov. 23, 1969, age 86 years

Chaparteguy, Marcel Oct. 25, 1921 - July 29, 1957

Clark, Rose 1889 - 1957

Sawyer, Clarke J., our son, 1953 - 1957

Roque, Alijandra (?) May 15, 1888 - Dec. 29, 1957 Native of Loogromblon, R.I.,Citizen USA

Garcia, Pablo Feb. 10, 1885 - Apr. 17, 1958

Ross, Johanna E., wife & mother, June 10, 1904 -May 15, 1958

Ochoa, Manuel G. 1893 - 1959

Unknown, Dorothy died Dec. ?, age 42 illegible

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Brunetle, Louis F. , father, 1892 - 1959
Chiarini, Vincenzo Sept. 16, 1888 - May 13, 1957
Murray, Michael R. April 27, 1872 - Sept. 17, 1941
Murray, Mary E. Sept. 3, 1876 - June 6, 1949
Murray, M. Ramona Dec 25, 1907 - Aug. 1, 1982
O'Rourke, Eugene Chase 1888 - 1957
O'Rourke, Vera Jean Elizabeth 1913 - 1942
O'Rourke, Lucille Marianna 1890 - 1943
Sachau, Anne C. 1914 - 1941
Bastian, Jose M. 1888 - 1958
Bastian, Mary A. 1901 - 1978
Morado, Anastacia C. April 27, 1864 - July 22, 1959
Gonzalez, Leonor P. 1885 - 1959
Herrera, Margaret M. Apr. 11, 1918 - Dec. 17, 1959
Lassen, Ruth E. , mother, June 30, 1909 - Aug. 24, 1960
Avilla, Joseph A. 1885 - 1961
Piscitello, V.
Mauchle, Alfred P. Aug 15, 1888 - Feb 23, 1956
Mauchle, Carrie C. Mar 16, 1894 - Apr 23, 1952
Pereira, Maria C., mother, 1864 - 1946
Pereira, Manuel E., father, 1864 - 1947
Pereira, Manuel, son, 1900 - 1958
Leonard, Marion J. Aug 16, 1890 - Jan 28, 1982
Viery, Joseph Y. 1886 - 1952
Viery, Emily D. 1892 - ___
Polomoni, Angelo Dec 3, 1887 - Jan 25, 1949
Polomoni, Katherine July 20, 1890 - July 7, 1954
Callaghan, Leo R. Aug 17, 1907 - Aug 20, 1979
Callaghan, Francis C. Aug 22, 1911
Murillo, Juana, mother
Murillo, John, father
Bauer, Michael, father, 1884 - 1965
Bauer, Catherine, mother, 1887 - 1950
Christensen, Mary E. Apr 18, 1887 - June 24, 1950
Christensen, Peter M. Apr 23, 1882 - Aug 9, 1956
Silva, Manuel C. 1869 - 1951

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Silva, Mary A. 1879 - 1953

Elb, John A. 1891 - 1954

Elb, Wilhelmine

Greci, Concetta Jan 9, 1894 - Oct 16, 1981

Greci, Gaetano Mar 21, 1892 - Apr 21, 1954

Roberts, Dr. E. Gwyn 1899 - 1955

Whalen, John Leo California Pvt. Btry F 17 Field Arty, WWI, Mar 25, 1897 - June 25, 1970

Zweck, Brother Mathias Mar 27, 1904 - May 11, 1959

Ruiz, Nellie I. Oct 14, 1889 - Feb 13, 1968

Ruiz, Antone P. June 1, 1885 - May 7, 1961

Casillas, Maximino Aug 21, 1901 - June 16, 1961

Loop, Rodger D., son, June 24, 1946 - Aug 2, 1961

Bowman, Mary S. Dec 8, 1885 - Jan 8, 1962

Lowe, Stephani Dec 15, 1960 - Feb 16, 1962

Cabbage, Harry Dec 16, 1888 - July 23, 1962

Hall, Elizabeth A. 1889 - 1962

Manganaan, Laureano G. July 4, 1903 - July 30, 1962

Berry, Everett B. Dec 23, 1902 - Dec 26, 1948

Berry, Fred A. June 4, 1865 - Feb 7, 1949

Berry, Mary E. Aug 12, 1877 - July 7, 1952

Murray, Peter M. 1896 - 1956

Silva, Thomas P. 1885 - 1949

Moura, Mecqulina R. Nov 11, 1861 - Aug 25, 1961

Labourdette, Peter July 4, 1873 - June 27, 1950

Labourdette, Mary Apr 11, 1884 - Aug 5, 1950

Nunes, Joaquin Apr 29, 1890 - Oct 7, 1950

Schriber, Frank J. 1874 - 1954

Schriber, Mary 1875 - 1957

Keoch, Edward J. Sept 9, 1870 - Nov 1, 1954

Keoch, Catherine J. Oct 9, 1874 - Mar 24, 1970

Cerruti, Peter J. Mar 22, 1905 - Feb 8, 1959

Dutra, Edward A. Apr 5, 1896

Dutra, Mary J. Aug 15, 1909 - Jan 18, 1963

Centoni, Elsie M. Oct 24, 1906 - Apr 23, 1961

Hammerel, Joseph P. Oct 23, 1888 - Oct 26, 1968

Hammerel, Mary A. May 25, 1890 - May 29, 1961

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Thelen, Catherine 1872 - 1961

Bowman, Howard T. June 5, 1912 - July 20, 1962

Dias, Joseph P. 1885 - 1962

Lopez, Juana Martinez Apr 29, 1901 - Feb 19, 1963



Roses in the Valley by Dixie Carter Newbury

Hundreds of acres of roses were once a common sight in the Livermore and Amador Valleys. A drive down Vasco Road, and along East Avenue, along Valley Avenue and Bernal street in Pleasanton was filled with the many colors of the roses grown commercially for the markets all over the world. Two companies were responsible for the beautiful flowers.

Jackson & Perkins was founded in Newark, New York in 1872, but the short growing season made it necessary for the company to seek a warmer climate. Already the world's largest producer of rose bushes for the home garden, Jackson & Perkins opened a subsidiary operation in Pleasanton in 1931. Here they cultivated some six hundred acres with several hundred more in Livermore. One of the roses, the Don Juan, became the Pleasanton city flower.

The other producer of rose bushes in the Valley was the De Vor nurseries. In 1937, George De Vor and his son Paul planted some 1000 acres in the gravelly soil of the Livermore Valley. At one time this nursery had five hundred acres planted behind what is now Jackson Avenue School in Livermore, and another five hundred acres near the airport. Still more were planted at the corner of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue in Pleasanton.

Today, the subdivisions and growth of both Pleasanton and Livermore have taken the place of the roses. Jackson & Perkins now have headquarters in Medford, Oregon. The De Vor nurseries still maintain greenhouses here but the growing of several million rose bushes each year is done in Chico and Wasco.



DAR Records of Valley Cemeteries in Sacramento State Library

submitted by Marilyn Fullam

"Vital Records From Cemeteries in Northern & Central California" Vol. IV

Alameda County: Centerville Cemetery
Irvington Cemetery
Survey Oakland and Vicinity

"Cemetery Records From California" Vol. III Northern California

Decoto Cemetery
Dublin Cemetery
Livermore Masonic Cemetery
Oakland - Old Lake Merritt Cemetery
On Road Between Pleasanton and Livermore
Pleasanton Cemetery
San Lorenzo Cemetery



Jackson & Perkins Rose Garden.



Reviewed by
George Anderson

THE SOURCE; A GUIDEBOOK OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY 1984. Edited by Arlene Eakle and Johni Cerny. Published by Ancestry Publishing Company, P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. Hard Cover, 8½ x 11 inches, 786 + xii pages, indexed, illustrated, \$39.95.

This is such a valuable book for genealogists that I decided to pay it the ultimate reviewer's compliment - I ordered my own copy. In spite of the stiff price and in spite of the fact that our society library and the Livermore Library will both have a copy, I feel it is a book I need to keep close at hand if I want to improve my research.

The principal attraction of this book is its depth. Each chapter is practically a book in its own right, written by an authority on the subject. The chapter on American Court Records, for example, is 65 pages long, and the pages are large and set in 10 point type. **Sixty-two** types of courts are listed! Many of these, like the "courts of leftenancy", I had never heard of. There is a checklist of 81 documents that are produced by probate courts - enough to make you want to quit before you start. For this chapter alone, there are 54 annotated citations (some of them multiple) keyed to the text, plus a bibliography of 143 entries, some of them also annotated.

These statistics give some idea of how comprehensive **The Source** is. But it is also reader-friendly. Each chapter begins with a page containing two charts. The first is a matrix showing at a glance what kind of information is in the various types of records covered in the chapter. The second is a guide entitled "Could you use this chapter?" Giving for each group of records a list of "Clues that indicate you should consult these records." For instance, there is the amazing clue in the chapter on American Court Records: "Did your ancestors live on a stream or river that emptied into the sea? Perhaps their legal matters were handled by admiralty courts."

Now for the bad news. Appendix G is "Genealogical Societies of the United States." Guess which local society is missing? The editors have covered themselves for this grievous error by citing their source, so I decided to buy the book anyway.

I tested the index by looking up "leftenancy" (not listed) and "admiralty" (listed). For this it flunked, but on closer study it passed easily. There are over 6000 entries in the index. There is also a bibliographic index of about 1200 entries, listing authors and titles not cited in chapter bibliographies.

The Source is an admirable book. In our house it will sit figuratively next to the encyclopedia and the unabridged dictionary.

Incidentally, "leftenancy" is not in our unabridged dictionary!

KEITH KINFOLKS; DESCENDANTS OF JAMES KEITH, SR. FROM 1720 TO 1979. 1979. By Larry King, author and publisher, 100 Longview Drive, Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075. Hardcover, 7 x 10 inches, 363 + xvi pages, illustrated, indexed, \$25.

This book is very much like **A Bedwell Family** by the same author (see last issue of *Roots Tracer*). **Keith Kinfolks** is an attractive, well organized work containing an even greater number (16,500) of indexed names than the *Bedwell* book. I find that the same critique offered for the *Bedwell* book applies to this one, so I will limit this review to listing the surnames most frequently cited in the book, to allow readers of this quarterly to note any of interest: **Alderman, Bishop, Bolt, Brown, Bruce, Buckner, Chapman, Cole, Daily, Dorsey, Duncan, Eanes, Fitzwater, Gearhart, Grayson, Harman, Harris, Holcomb, Howell, Hylton, Jarvis, Jeffers, Kincaid, King, Kirby, Knowles, Legg, Logan, Loving, Lunsford, McGaughey, Moles, Moody, Morris, Mosely, Motley, Neal, Osborne, Owens, Patterson, Phillips, Poff, Pratt, Quarles, Ramsey, Reed, Rollins, Rountree, Rucker, Semones, Shipman, Slaughter, Slusher, Smith, Sowers, Spence, Sprinkle, Sutphin, Taylor, Tilson, Turman, Weddle, Weeks, Whalen, Williams, Wingate, Woodruff, Woods.**

Surname Journals

Woodson Watcher Plus Allied Lines. Editor: Marilyn Goza Longobardi. Published by Claudette's, P.O. Box 37010, Bloomington, MN 55431. Soft cover, stapled, 8½ x 11 inches, indexed, 3 issues/year, \$12/year. Sample issue had 42 pages, including 23 pages of readers' contributions and 5 pages of queries.

Pack/Peck/Peek Pioneers. Editor not named. Published by Claudette's (see address above). Soft cover, stapled, 8½ x 11 inches, 3 issues/year, \$10/year. Sample issue had 46 pages without an index of contents, but with much biographical data with source citations, plus contributed research results and queries. There is an unsigned letter from the editor, leaving his or her name a mystery.

Reep Family Review. Editor: James W. Reep. Published by The Reep Family Association, P.O. Box 113, Bladensburg, MD 20710. No cover, stapled, 8½ x 11 inches, \$5/year for 2 issues plus a special issue for each biennial reunion; sample issue had 20 pages with photos but no index. This journal is more polished than most in the reader appeal of its contents, perhaps reflecting the ten years of experience of its publishers.

The Ballew Family Journal. Editor: Sandra Ballew McMillan. Published by The Ballew Family Association of America, Inc., 2711 Leslie Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA 30345. No cover, stapled, 8½ x 11 inches; sample issue had 28 pages, unindexed. Covers 15 variant spellings from Balew to Blue. Sample issue contains an editorial, club news, list of reunions, book news, and 14 pages of research results from members.

Surname Index

Genealogical Surname Index of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society, 1983-1984. 1983.

Compiled by Richarad and Audrey Soll. Published by Whittier Area Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 4367, Whittier, CA 90607. Soft cover, stapled, 8½ x 11 inches, price not listed. Contains an alphabetical list of 1605 ancestors of members of WAGS, each keyed to the descendant member, a city, county and state or country, and a date. Names and addresses of 223 Society members are listed.

Livermore - Amador Genealogical Society Surname Index. 1984.

Published by L-AGS, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94550. Soft cover, 8½ x 11 inches, staple bound, 39 pages, indexed, \$4 for members, \$5 plus .95 postage for non-members. California residents add 6.5% sales tax.

Members of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, most of whom reside in the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin in the Livermore and Amador Valleys of Southern Alameda County, California, have compiled this book of surnames involved in their collective ancestry.

Seventy-eight members contributed names to the book. There are 3290 entries. Each entry starts with the surname; entries are listed alphabetically by this name. In most cases, the surname is followed by a locale (state and county, or country and province) where the person or family is known to have resided, and a dated time period for this residence. Geographical entries from all over the world appear; most are **not** from California. Each entry is keyed to the person who contributed the information, and the name and address of this person is listed in an appendix. When multiple occurrences of surnames and variant spellings of the same surname are accounted for, there are 1319 different surnames, from Aarskog to Zerbe, included in the book.

Members of the L-AGS have published this book with the hope that, both within the society and among the external readership, researchers with previously unrecognized common interests can be brought into contact.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Compiled by
RoseMarie Stickney Wade

Civil War Soldiers

The U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013, is collecting identified photos of Civil War Soldiers. They also have a wealth of information on U.S. Military Units, etc. (Gen. Soc. of Sacramento)

Family Group Sheet Registration

The Genealogy Department of the LDS is now offering a service called "Family Registry". It is free and open to anyone in genealogical

research. To participate, a research-coordination registration form must be filled out. The form can be picked up at any LDS Branch Library or obtained by writing (include SASE) the Genealogy Department Family Registry, 4th floor, West Wing, 50 E. North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

California Magazine Collection

A comprehensive listing of California Magazines in the collection of the California Section of the California State Library. Compiled by Thomas M. Fante, CA State Library Foundation, 1984. Microfiche edition at 42x.

The General Magazine Index offers the following:

1. Coverage of the years 1844 - 1983
2. A list of over 4,000 titles
3. Statewide coverage including: over 1,000 San Francisco titles, over 600 Los Angeles titles, over 100 titles from the cities of San Diego and Oakland and nearly 50 titles from the cities of Long Beach and San Jose.

The index is arranged in four sections: Alphabetical List of Magazines; Index by Date of First Publication; Index by Place of Publication; and General Subject Index. Cost is \$12.50. California State Library Foundation, P.O. Box 2037, Sacramento, CA 95809

Maps

Genealogy Unlimited, Inc. has a very complete collection of European maps. They have detailed maps of current West and East Germany. Their East European maps include maps of the former areas east of the Oder/Niese which were "Germany". For more information write: Genealogy Unlimited, Inc., 789 S. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60090

Revolutionary War Service Records

These are now available at the National Archives Branch in San Bruno. The following microfilm is available:

M804 Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800 -1900. 2,107 rolls.

who served in the American Army during the Revolutionary War. 1,097 rolls.

M860 General Index to compiled service records of Revolutionary War Soldiers. 58 rolls.

Prologue

The Journal of the National Archives, Fall 1984, Vol. 16 No. 3 has a wealth of information on the Revolutionary War Records. Articles include: The Daughters of Liberty, The History of Women in the Revolutionary War Pension Records --Revolutionary War Pension Records and Patterns of American Mobility, 1780 - 1830 -The Continentals of Peterborough, New Hampshire: Pension records as a Source for Local History --and the archivist's perspective Charting a New Land; Map making and the Congress from 1774 -1861. (Note: you can check out this issue of PROLOGUE from our L-AGS Library).

The Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives was one of thirty seven titles selected by the Reference Sources Committee of the American Library Association's Reference and Adult Services Division as an "Outstanding Reference Source for 1983." The Guide was cited as "a basic source for any genealogical collection." (Nat'l Gen Soc Newsletter) - Note: We have a GUIDE in our L-AGS Library.

Swedish Parliament

The Swedish Parliament has ruled that a husband may be called by his wife's surname and vice versa. Couples who opt for different surnames have a choice as to which name to give their children. If the parents don't notify officials of their choice within 3 months after the birth of a child, the child will automatically be given the mother's surname. (Clark Co. Gen. Soc.)

Illinois

The Illinois State Archives has: A. An index file of 1810 - 1855 Illinois State and Federal Census. They will search the index for two persons for one census year in a specific county location. B. Index for 1860 census. They will search for two individuals in designated county. Will also search unindexed 1860 and 1870 census for two names in a township/county location. (no cities). C. State census 1865 (unindexed). Will search for a specific person if township & county location is given. D. Will search 1850 & 1860 census if two names are given with county location. E. 1880 Soundex. Will search when head of household is provided. Will also search 1880 census schedules for two individuals if

township is provided. F. 1900 Soundex & 1910 Miracode indexes can be searched for head of family if a given location is provided. Mortality schedules, will search unindexed 1870 & 1880 if township location is provided.

The services of the archives are provided with no charge, however, correspondents must:

1. Ask for only one or two items at a time.
2. Designate a specific record.
3. Provide complete names of Persons (no more than two).
4. Enclose a **Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE)**.

Wait for a reply before submitting a second request.

Railroad Pension Records

May be obtained by writing: Railroad Retirement Boards of the U.S.A., 844 Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611. They will answer queries if enough information is given. (Gen. Society of Sacramento).

France

It is possible to buy inventories and printed index lists published by the Archives of France by writing to the Documentation Francaise, 29-31 quai Voltaire, 75340 Paris CEDEX 07, and for a certain number of inventories out of print, to Kraus-Thomson Organization Ltd., FL. 9491 Nedel Liechtenstein.

The National Archives of France will undertake to answer a specific question by mail, such as "What was the birthplace of Jean Favier who emigrated to the U.S. in 1896 from Le Havre?" They will not, however, do any pedigree or genealogical work beyond that.

If you have a French ancestor who emigrated early in this country's history, or if you think you might have noble ancestry, write to Les Vieux Noms de Franche, 12 rue Caumartin, Paris 09, France. (The Marin Kin Tracer)

Arkansas

The Arkansas Genealogical Society, 1200 "A" Street, Little Rock, AR 72205 welcomes copies of your family records such as Bible records, newspaper clippings and information you would like to see preserved. They are filling the gap in

information from 1880 census and 1914 vital records. Share your information with them and they may turn out to be a good source of information for you. (Gen. Association of Sacramento)

Ohio

If you think your early Ohio ancestors may have received their Ohio lands from the U.S. Government there is a simple way to find out for sure and - if they did - obtain a copy.

The auditor of the state of Ohio will search their index of land patents for SASE. Send your ancestor's name, possible location and date to: Auditor of State of Ohio, P.O. Box 1140, Columbus, OH 43216. Once you have received the information from the state of Ohio confirming that your ancestor did receive an original land patent, send all the information you received along with \$4.25 to the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 350 S. Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304.

After you receive a copy of the original land patent, sometimes additional information may be obtained from the land entry files by writing to: General Branch (NNFG), Civil Archives Division, National Archives & Records Service (GSA), Washington, D.C. 20409. (Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter, October 1984.)

A five page listing of libraries, archives & societies which have material of interest to genealogist is available for a SASE from the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, 800 Vine Street, Library Square, Cincinnati, OH 4502-2071.

Alabama

New arrivals at Sutro includes the 245-volume set of Pauline Gandrud's Alabama records.

Massachusetts

Vital records before 1841 are found in the local cities or towns. Many of these have been published. Records from 1841 to 1890 have been transferred from the registry of Vital Records to the State Archives in the State House, Boston, MA 02133. This is the result of a new law passed by the state of Maine. Records from 1891 to the present are in the registry of Vital Records, 150

Temont Street, Rm V-2, Boston, MA 02108. The same bill has provided for restrictions to be lifted on vital records held in local cities including adoptions and out-of-wedlock births. (Clark County Gen. Society Newsletter--March 1984)

Virginia

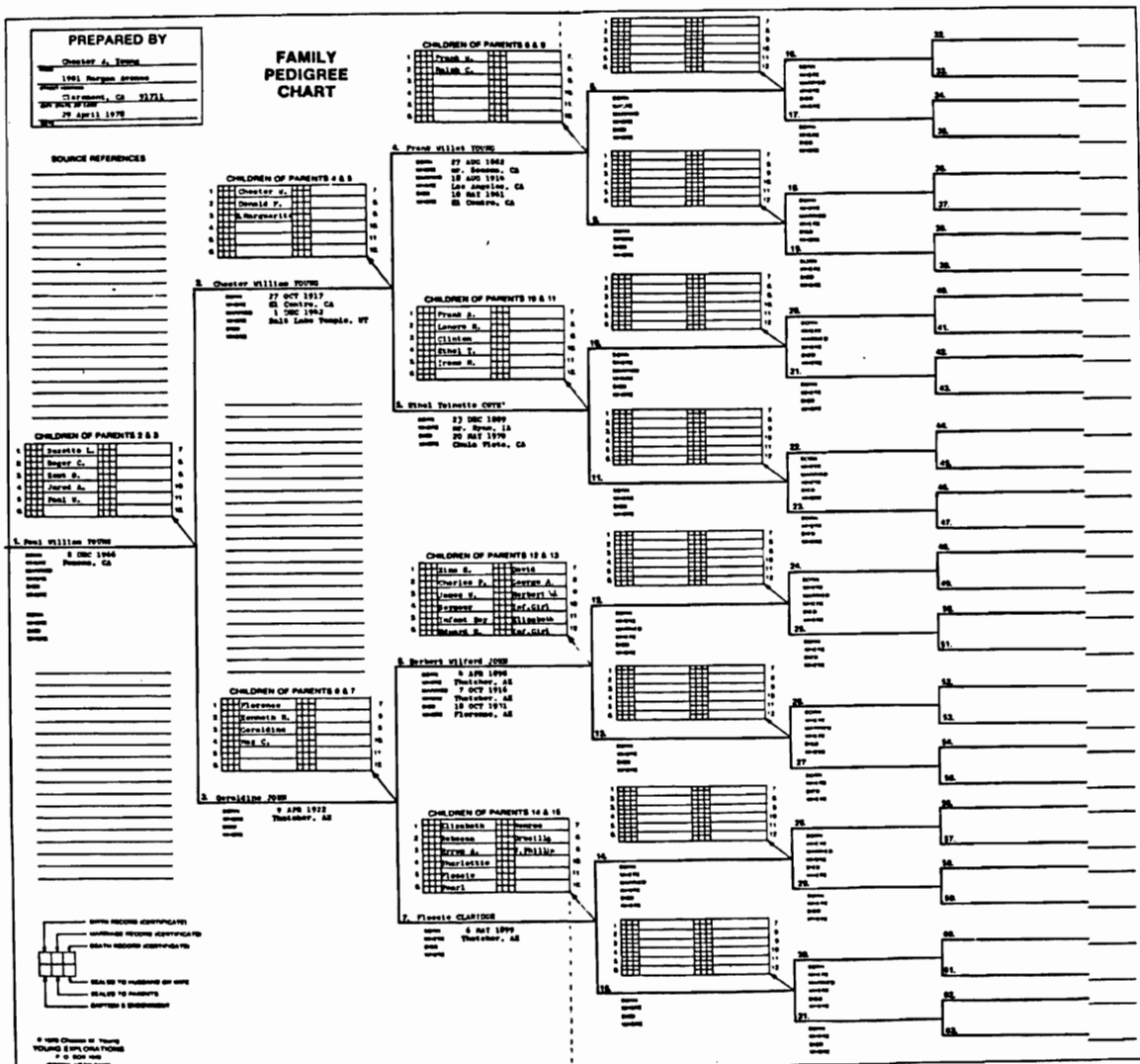
The Virginia State Pension Act was enacted before the Federal Pension Program and paid a larger amount than the Federal Program for Revolutionary War Soldiers or their widows. There were 465 Revolutionary War Soldiers or their widows who signed for Virginia State Pensions. Contact the Virginia State Library, Archives Division, 12th & Capitol Streets, Richmond, VA 23219. (San Joaquin Gen. Society, Vol 5 No. 5, 1984)

Irish

The genealogical office has moved from Dublin Castle, Ireland to: Genealogical Office, c/o National Library, Kildare Street, Dublin, 2, Ireland.

Witches

A society has been formed to exchange data and to provide the true story of the New England witches. For information write: New England Witchcraft Descendants, 1907 Burnwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21239.



LIBRARY NEWS

Compiled by
Lucile White

The updated L-AGS Library book list was recently printed and has been distributed to some of the members. The list gives a complete listing of our current holdings but does not give information about the donations which I wish to do here. This list covers the past years contributions to the library. Names of some donors may not be known or listed. If your donation is not acknowledged here please notify the librarian. All donations are greatly appreciated and many thanks to donors.

donated by Louise Throop
Pedigrees of Descendants of the Colonial Clergy,
by the Society of Descendants of the Colonial
Clergy. 1976.

Supplement to the 1976 Bicentennial Register of
Pedigrees of the Descendants of the Colonial
Clergy. 1978.

donated by RoseMarie Wade
The Sigma Chi Fraternity Manual & Directory.
1922.

California Blue Book. 1903. State Roster.

donated by Frances Samans
History News Magazine, 4 issues 1984, 6 issues
1983.

D.A.R. Magazines, June, August, October 1983;
January, March, June 1984.

National Genealogical Society Newsletter,
January 1984, March 1984.

donated by Barbara Barton
Santa Clara California Seminar Syllabus. 1984
reprint.

donated by Lillian Wilson
The Backtracker, published by the Northwest
Arkansas Genealogical Society Vol 10 # 1,2,3,4;
Vol. II #1,2,3,4.

donated by Marilyn Fullam
San Francisco California, Supplemental
Naturalizations, to and including June 1, 1923.

donated by Dorothy Esteban
Narrative History of Contra Costa County. by
George C. Collier.

donated by First Presbyterian Church
History of the First Presbyterian Church of
Livermore.

donated by Larry Barr
De Witt County, Illinois. Plat Book Landowners,
1894.

De Witt County, Illinois Cemetery Inscriptions.

donated by June Duffey
Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin, Spring,
1984.

donated by Shirley Terry
Immigration, as a factor in American history, by
Oscar Handlin.

A History of the Newspapers of Ann Arbor,
Michigan, by Louis Doll.

Upstate, Records and Recollections of Northern
New York, by Edmund Wilson.

Tales of the Tepee, by Edward E. Dale.

donated by Lucile White
Ashleys of the Old Colony, by Robert E. Ashley.
Frederick County, Virginia Marriages, 1771-
1825, by Eliza T. Davis.

Some Nebraska Marriages, abstracted from the
Nebraska & Midwest Genealogical Records.
Morgan County, Ohio Marriages, 1819-1841.
Cemeteries of Morgan County, Ohio.

donated by Ruth Dierks
North & South Carolina Marriage Records, by
William M. Clements.

donated by Virginia Moore
Ashe County, North Carolina, Unrecorded, by
Bettye G. Morley.

donated by Carrie Alexander
Gateway to the West, Ohio, September 1967,
January 1968, January & October 1969, July
1976, April & October 1977.

The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War, by
military experts.

Transportation and the Early Nation, by Allen
County, Indiana Historical Society.

The Gillespie Newsletters for 1984.

donated by Larry King
A Bedwell Family, by Larry King.

dnated by George Anderson
Hans Nikolaisen Holts (1801-1879).

donated by George & Harriett Anderson
Our Anderson & Martinson Ancestors.

A Slice of Danish Life, probate proceedings for
Christiane Pedersdatter.

The family of Amour Flake & His Wife, Nancy
Golding Flake.

History of the Martinson Family in Norway &
America.

donated by Margaret Fazio & Bill Wolcott
Pomerania, It's People and It's History, by LeRoy
Boeshlke.

donated by Bill Wolcott & Barbara Dittig
Seventeen Seventy-six, compiled by Williams
Yates (south).

donated by Bill Wolcott
The Family of Egle.

Donations from the book sale of L-AGS

Delaware, A Bicentennial History, by Carol E.
Hoffecker.

Saints and Strangers, by George F. Willison.

Stars in the Water, by George E. Condon.

California Heritage Quilt Project

Work has begun on the **California Heritage Quilt Project**, a statewide effort to search for and register quilts brought to California before 1945. The Project will include a series of 'Quilt Days' held throughout the state. These days will serve to locate and register quilts for the Project. Owners of quilts made or brought to California prior to 1945 are being invited to bring their heirloom treasures for a team to record owner and maker data, physical condition and aspects of design. Sometimes quilts of simple design and a variety of scrap fabrics can yield valuable information for quilt historians. All quilts of the period will be welcome for registration. The Project is also gathering information for an eventual book and two major museum shows.

The **California Heritage Quilt Project** hopes to encourage families to enjoy and retain these special heirloom quilts. It is not the purpose of the project to provide appraisal or valuation of quilts and not to act as brokers.

The inaugural "Quilt Day" is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 1985, in Sacramento, California, at St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way. Over fifty 'Quilt Day's are being scheduled and one will be held in your area. For further information please contact:

California Heritage Quilt Project
P.O. Box 270
Mill Valley, California 94942

Genealogy - Begins as an interest
Becomes a hobby
Continues as an avocation
Takes over as an obsession
and in the last stages
is an incurable disease?

(Trail Breakers Clark Co. Gen. Soc.,
Vancouver, WA. via SE Neb. Gen.Soc.)



QUERY CORNER

Need death date of **Harrison Huling**. Wife, **Lucretia Edwards Huling** died in 1862 near Maquoketa (Jackson County), Iowa. Rumored H. Huling went to California sometime after her death and died there. Any information would be appreciated.

Janice Slack
4232 Campton Road
Eureka, CA 95501

In 1877 my paternal grandmother **Anna Kahnk Lambrecht** with five children, ages 14 to 5 left Schlswig Holstein Germany for America. Her two brothers and sister lived on farms about 20 miles northwest of Omaha, in Washington County, Nebraska. My father was seven years old at the time.

When I was a child I remember my father spoke of the small village they left. He spoke in German. He told of having to take a small ship to Hamburg as the canal was too small for a large ship to navigate.

Does anyone know the name of such a village? Looks or sounds a little like "Verden" but that isn't it.

Please write:

L.C. Nielsen
5624 Corby Street
Omaha, NE 68104

Native Daughters of the Golden West

The Native Daughters of the Golden West have a Pioneer Roster to register individuals who came to California and those born in California up to and including the year 1869. Dorothy Collier Romo will be glad to receive the filled in form which is on the reverse of this page.

Dorothy C. Romo
1836 D Central Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

(See Reverse for Form)



PIONEER ROSTER

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

NOTE: The registration of Pioneers of California includes those who came to California and those born in California up to and including the year 1869.

NAME in full _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Married _____ Unmarried _____ Date/Spouse's Name _____ Place _____

Date of Arrival in California _____

If overland, Name of Trail _____

If by sea, Name of Vessel _____

States lived in before California _____

Places and Years of Residence in California _____

Profession/Occupation _____

Public Offices Held _____

Where Educated _____

Names & Addresses of Children _____

Date/Place of Death _____

Information Given By _____

Address _____

Date of Registration _____ Submitted by Parlor Name/No. _____

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: Interesting facts about early history; names of parents/grandparents.

This is an enlarged copy of the sheet used for the Records Inventory & Microfilming Project. It is being included in the Roots Tracer to be used if you are the custodian or guardian of any genealogical or historical records. Maybe you have a family bible, collection of something noteworthy or have written a family history. Don't forget that you are also a repository. Fill out this form and bring to the next meeting. (Editor)

RECORDS INVENTORY & MICROFILMING PROJECT

G.S.U. FILM # _____



COUNTY _____

(if more than one, name each county; if state-wide write "STATE")

RECORD TYPE _____

RECORD CUSTODIAN NAME _____

RECORD CUSTODIAN ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

LOCATION OF RECORD _____

LOCALITY OR AUTHOR _____

TITLE _____

IDENTIFYING #, VOL #, OR LETTER _____

INCLUSIVE DATES ON RECORD (From/To) _____

REMARKS _____

ALLIANCE COPY

Project number

Record lister (society and individual)

Date listed