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*Editorial*

As you will notice, starting with this issue, we have changed our publication method from expensive printing to lithographing. Our cost should be reduced to cost of paper, stencil, and a fair share of the maintenance cost.

As a result, we can buy more books and journals, and can increase the size of the TRACER with little additional cost. We are indebted to Terry Fox for his generosity in allowing us to use his equipment. Terry, as you know, is the husband of our capable recording secretary, Sandy Fox.

In making this change, less emphasis need be placed on advertising and more on genealogical aids, profiles and family histories.

While genealogy is not a part of my religious faith, I believe we should all leave behind us a personal history for our grandchildren. With all of the talent and intellect in our organization, who knows how famous our descendants may become!

With this in mind, I am asking each of you to submit a profile for publication in the TRACER. This can be the starting point for your own personal history as well as a beginning of a family history. As I so well know from a lifetime of publication, starting to write is the hardest part. After that, a page a day will soon transform your work in genealogy into an interesting family document, rather than merely some dry facts on a chart.

If we can work out an economical method of duplication and binding, we can place the cost of a family history within easy reach. If anyone needs help in starting a history or a profile, I will be glad to help you.

I hope each of you is keeping back copies of the TRACER in some form of binder. We are planning to print a hard printed cover with each volume.

### Meet Our Members

Editor's note: In our last issue, due to my "goof", page 7 was omitted. This section consisted of profiles and is included here. These profiles might be considered good examples for writing your own.

She is to blame for it all! Meet your Second Vice President, and Program Director:

Olivette Chinn is an Executive Secretary at LLL, having started there in 1956, after moving here from Albuquerque, NM, where she was Supervisor of the TS Weapon Data Index at Kirtland AFB. Prior to that she was a medical secretary at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque. (And before that? That's a long story.)

After a fruitless search of headstones in France, she decided to enroll in a genealogy class to learn how to REALLY search for ancestors. Chabot did not offer a class, but Mr. McCarty told her if she could find a qualified instructor, he might schedule an evening class. Mr. Ed Pyle was "found", and "Voila!" there was our class, and now our genealogy club.

Her main interest is "grandmothering", with needlework and reading following, and a yen for flying which is squelched. (She does hope to go up in a balloon someday.)

States being researched are VA, PA, KY, OH, IN, IL, and TX.

Willis "Bill" Wolcott, is your First Vice President. "I was born in Oklahoma, reared and educated in Nebraska. In 1948 my wife, Bea, and I moved to California. After thirty-three years of teaching high school mathematics, coaching athletics and counseling, I retired in 1970. Now, I am busier than ever with golf, stained glass, caning, genealogy, camping, and family (a daughter, three sons, and three grandchildren). All my hobbies will get a work-out in September and October, when Bea and I take off in our fifth-wheeler for Kearney, Nebraska to attend my 50-year high school class reunion.

"Incidentally, we will stop in Salt Lake City for a few days going and coming, so if you want us to check on any genealogy facts at the Mormon Library, please let me know about it."

Patricia Saltgaver, your Librarian. "I was born and lived most of my first 22 years in Redlands, Southern California. I met my husband, Ron, behind a math book at the University of Redlands, where we both earned degrees in mathematics. I acquired my college spending money working in the school library. While Ron achieved his masters degree in Boulder, Colorado, I worked as a catalog sales clerk for Sears. We have spent the past eleven years in Livermore, where I have enjoyed being a wife and mother. Ron works for Tymshare, Inc., a computer firm in Cupertino. We have two daughters, Delores 10 and Susan 6.

"Besides genealogy, I enjoy working as a volunteer math tutor in my daughters' classes, square dancing, 4-H advising in knitting and photography.

"I first became interested in genealogy about five years ago. Since then, I have learned that I am related to our Best Man and to our dentist, as well as to many other interesting people."

Judy Yvonne (Banks) Williams, your Corresponding Secretary.

"I was born in Charleston, Mississippi, County, MO. I attended High School in Charleston, then moved to Hayward, CA, where I attended Chabot College. My business career began in 1967 at LLL. In 1969 I married Donald O. Williams, Jr., from Oakland, CA. In 1972 I "retired" from the Lab to stay home to raise our daughter. We now have two children, Shawna and Shane. I am a charter member of the association.

"My main genealogical interests are in the families of: Banks, Blackburn, Boatwright, Cates, Gilliam, Smelser, Teel, and Myers."

Meet the indispensable man in our organization; your efficient and hard-working Business Manager and Treasurer, and well as our Parliamentarian:

Arthur Lee Skinner was born in McLennon Co., TX, city of Waco, to Washington Lee Skinner and Mamie Elizabeth Robertson Skinner. His family moved to a farm when he was five years old, and he spent the rest of his childhood on a farm in Fannin Co., TX.

"I enrolled in the United States Army and served at Fort Sam Houston before World War II. I married Mildred Hitch, and we were sent to duty in Hawaii, where we were when WW II started. From there I went to the South Pacific and spent three years. After going back to the U.S., we were sent to Germany, where our only daughter, Mary Sue, was born at Nuremberg. We then went back to the States for two years, then to the Philippines, the States, Germany, and the States, to retire after 30 years service.

"I accepted a position with LLL and recently retired from there after 15 years.

"I have plenty of hobbies in addition to genealogy to keep me busy: a large garden and fruit trees, fishing, bowling, golf, amateur radio operator (WB6GCZ), duplicate bridge, and hunting.

"I have been interested in genealogy for about a year, and I plan now to do some travelling and picture taking of the Skinner Homestead, etc."

Library Notes  
by Patricia Saltgaver

Have you checked our AGA library recently? If not, you are not alone. I have had the library for over a month, and no one has called or come by. The periodicals and books have been purchased with your money, so why not use them? As you start working in an area give me a call, and I can tell you what we have that might help you and also let you know if any other member has books to loan on the subject. I will welcome any suggestions on how I can make the library more accessible to you.

Shirley Terry has loaned the following to our library:

1. Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly  
for 1969-1971 (9 issues)
2. Gateway to the West, (ohio) 1970 (4 issues)
3. Central Illinois Genealogical Quarterly  
for 1968-1969 (5 issues)
4. Pennsylvania Genealogy Magazine for 1970
5. Index to 2000 names in 1881 book DANVILLE MON-  
TOUR. PA.

If you have ancestors in any of these areas, spend a little time reading these. They may be checked out through me in the same manner as other library materials. Thank you, Shirley!

Genealogy books in the Livermore public library are shelved in three areas. On the South wall are books dealing with specific genealogy information. These are checked out at the reference desk for one week. General how-to-books are shelved in the stacks under 929. Books on Heraldry are in the 745 section. Genealogy reference books which do not circulate are filed under 929, in the reference section. Also, do not forget to check the card catalog for states, nationalities, and personal name entries.

There are some very good state histories filed with the general history books. I have found the bi-centennial histories on each state very helpful.

The Livermore library also has a microfilm of Sutro's card file, and receives updates to the file. Interlibrary loans are still being processed, but the cost has gone to 25¢ a book.

Another library to consider is San Francisco Public Library. Pat Lundberg and I traveled there by BART, getting off at the Civic Center station. It is only a block from the station. They have a good size genealogy department and a detailed card catalog, with surname index.

We could still use more cards in our surname and locality file. If you have been putting off doing yours, take the time and do it now. An added benefit I found when I did mine was that it organized my material. Now when I get a new magazine or book, I just pull by duplicate card for that area, and all the names I need to search are at my fingertips.

Happy hunting! I hope to hear from each of you this month.

Editor's note: At the July Board meeting, several new genealogical books were ordered. These include The Atlantic Bridge to Germany series. If you have books you want ordered, better let your board or your editor know.

### News of Other Organizations

We have made contact, and are exchanging newsletters with several nearby genealogical associations, and we will keep you informed of their meeting dates and programs.

The distinct possibility exists that we can work out time sharing agreements on duplicating equipment, microfilm and microfiche reading and recording equipment, as well as books and journals and speakers. With this purpose in mind, attempts are being made to develop a cooperative association of Bay Area genealogical groups.

### Up-Coming Events

Dr. James McFarlane of the Mayflower Society will speak at our July 24 meeting. His topics will include that Society and his own work in genealogy.

For the August 28 meeting, a problem-solving and experience-sharing session is planned. Bring your problems, your successes, and your friends. Let's show new members, old members, and visitors what our organization is all about.

By the way, don't forget your checkbook at the July 24 meeting. Many of us owe this quarter's dues, and Art Skinner will be glad to receive your check.

Since Shirley Terry gave us a gavel and Art Skinner a sounding block, we trust that Kathy B. will be able to better maintain order and gavel some of us "loudmouths" to order. Seriously, the noise level is too high in our meetings, and too often we are out of order.

On Friday, September 23, 1978, at 7:30, our organization will sponsor an art auction at the Lakeside Club's Hall in Livermore. If we can arrange a seated audience of 125 at auction time, we are

assured \$500.00. If we have fewer people, we will receive 20% of the sales. Now is the time to start planning on how to bring 4 or more friends to the auction. Here is a chance to buy our microfilm reader or other needed genealogical tools. Arrangements are being made by Sandy Fox. Details will appear in our next issue.

President's note: If we hope to make a success of this project, we're all going to have to make a real effort to get people we know interested enough to come to the auction. Sandy assures me that no one is required to buy anything at the auction, so start now on a list of friends to bring. This may be the only opportunity to come along for a long while, for us to get some much-needed equipment.

### Genealogical Aids and Notes

\* Few aids or notes were received this month. Feel free to submit anything you come across that might be valuable to someone else's research efforts.

\* Judy Williams wishes to remind us that the Ridge Runner, to which we subscribe, is carrying trade research ads. See ad below:

TRADE RESEARCH. I believe your Ridge Runner readers would be very interested in a new project I have undertaken. I am acting as a matchmaker for people who want to trade research hours. The registration fee is \$2.00 plus 2 SASE's. For this fee you may list up to ten areas where you wish help. Many of my traders are at a point where they need help in a specific county. If you have access to microfilm of original census or need census records, please list those separately. Sandra W. Arnold, 5801 Centralia Road, Richmond, VA 23234.

This system might be worth while in our association, as well as in cooperation with other associations.

\* If you have Johnson or Johnston surnames, you may wish to purchase Johnson Gleanings from William Yates, P.O. Box 7151, Murray, Utah. Call Judy Williams for further details.

\* Since you are paying, through your dues, for the TRACER, why don't you submit queries or problems you may be having in your research, and they can be run in the TRACER.

\* After Mrs. Samans' interesting lecture to our June meeting, on patriotic societies, you may be interested in your ancestors' war records. Next month the TRACER will run some helpful information on early wars in America.

*In Memoriam*

*We regret to report the sudden death of William Lewis "Bill" Green, Jr.. He was a fine Christian gentleman, who was respected by all who were privileged to know him. As a dedicated and enthusiastic genealogist, he served as our first Association Representative. Our association and our community are richer for his efforts, and will suffer from his passage.*