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The Amador Genealogical Association invites you to become a member.

Purposes

To share and aid each other in our search for ancestors.
To learn more about sources available for genealogy research.
to exchange information with fellow members.

These projects are promoted by the Amador Genealogical Assoc.:

Continuously updated, computerized surname and locality index.
Beginning and continuing education in genealogy.
Genealogy related subjects at most meetings.
Co-ordinated car pooling to genealogical libraries.
Members willing to loan personal reference material to fellow members
Pooling of funds through dues to purchase books and subscriptions
to genealogical periodicals of interest to members.
Club Library---Field trips---Speakers---Workshops

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Editorial

In an earlier issue, we began publishing list of books owned by members who were willing to loan them to other members. The response by borrowers has been so overwhelming that we have decided to continue these listings. One book, for example, was borrowed by three different people in a two week period and other members are waiting to borrow it. By sharing our books we can multiply our library resources as well as our research efforts manyfold.

If you are willing to loan your books to other members please send a list to the Tracer in care of Lucile White. We will publish the list and make a copy available to our genealogy library.

As you purchase new books, let us know when you are ready to loan them. We would also appreciate a brief review of the contents.

The purpose of our organization is to help one another and this exchange of resources is one of the best possible ways.

Upcoming Events

The next regular meeting will be held May 21, not the fourth Monday, as usual. This earlier date is scheduled due to the upcoming holidays. The speaker for this meeting will be George Parks from Stanford, who has been invited to tell us about doing research in Germany. Plan to attend this meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the Livermore Library.

Meet Our Members

Meet Edith Rack Guido, who we welcome as a new member of our association.

I was born in Trenton, New Jersey and lived there until I was married and had three children. I worked for ten years as an assistant for two doctors, a general surgeon and an obstetrician. I really enjoyed the work. We later moved to Reno, Nevada where we lived for three years before being transferred to California,

and finally settled in Livermore, thank goodness. My children are grown now. Dick is 35, Mary is 30 and Dede is almost 18. My husband died suddenly four years ago and I remarried in Dec., 1978. We live in Springtown. I am active in the Women's Club, recently took up golf lessons, I also bowl and do ceramics. I have been working on my family tree for about four years, but seem to be "dead ended" at the moment. If anyone is researching in London, England or Bucks County, Pa., please HELP! HELP! I am tracing the families of Fields, Parker, Doyle, Kurtz and Blackford.

Edith Rack Guido

New Members

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members that have recently joined our organization. Donald Brevard, Dorothy Brevard, Edith Rack Guido, Revea Mayhew, Edna Murry, Becky Ohle, Ellen Opie and Elizabeth Stupfel are the newest members of the A.G.A. It is gratifying to have you with us and we hope that we can be of assistance to each other in our common goal of searching for ancestors.

Library Notes

By Pat Saltgaver

I am sorry I neglected to announce at our last meeting that I would be in Washington, D.C. for a week and that our library would be closed. I am back now and library use can resume as normal. I apologize for any inconvenience my absence might have caused.

While in Washington, I picked up information on the Library of Congress photo duplication service. If you need this service I will have the price list in the library.

I also visited the Library of Congress. While there I recognized again the importance of keeping an ear open. I overheard a lady say she was from Shippensburg, Penn. Since this is the birthplace of one of my Saltgavers, I started talking to her and learned that the president of their historical society is a Grace Saltgaver. I obtained her address and sent some information to her.

During the same conversation the instructor for the Shippensburg, PA genealogy class asked if I was familiar with the United States direct tax of 1798, sometimes called the window tax. Each property owner was taxed on the number of window panes in his home. (This led to the use of picture windows instead of pane windows). The lists show: Owner, name of occupant, size of house, material built of, stories, windows, lights, quantity of land and valuation. This list is arranged by state and then town.

Queries

Revea Mayhew

Benjamin Franklin Mahew (Mayhew) b. 1813 Va. In Hampshire Co., W. Va. (western District) in 1860 Census.
Need name of parents
Need maiden name of wife - Mary J. born 1826-27 in Va.

Nicholas Biser b. 1823 - Virginia. In Mineral Co., W.Va. (Cabin-run District) in 1870 Census.
Need name of parents

Arthur Allen b. 1814 - Virginia. In Mineral Co., W.Va. (Frankfort twp) in 1870 Census.
Need name of parents - Father foreign born.
Need maiden name of wife - Ghuly A. born 1828 in Va.

Genealogical Aids

Searching for ancestors that lived in San Francisco
By Doris Burnett

You will find no documents in S.F. dating before April 18, 1906, the date of the great earthquake, as all records at the City Hall were burned. There was a big scandal after the earthquake because of the way San Francisco City all had been constructed. When the earthquake knocked the dome down everyone could see that the round parts were nothing but wooden barrels.

Marriage records are kept at city hall, at the rear of the main floor. These are filed chronologically and are open to the public. If you wish to obtain a copy of one of these records, the clerk at the desk will make a copy for the \$3.00 fee.

Citizen ship papers are retained at the Superior Court in San Francisco. One man on the fourth floor is in charge of these and he will check the files for you. If you insist he will show you the original papers, which are kept in a balcony and are off limits to the public. These can be copied, but cannot be photo-copied.

Birth records can be found across the street from San Francisco City Hall, at 101 Grove Street. One of the staff will look up the record and send it to you for the \$3.00 fee.

The City Directories for the Bay Area are kept in the Main Library at the Civic Center Plaza Square, near the City Hall. An attendant at the desk on the main floor can direct you to their location. These directories can tell you the man's name, address and occupation, also the name of the wife and children. There is a directory for each year. I found when tracing my father this way, his original name was spelled Spielmeier. Each year he dropped a letter until the name became Spilmer. Telephone books from all of the United States and many foreign countries are located in the same room as the San Francisco Directories.

The original cemetery for San Francisco was located where Geary Street and Masonic Avenue now are, and where the large Sears store now stands. The remains from these graves were dug up and placed

in one grave in a cemetery in San Mateo. All cemeteries for San Francisco no are located in Calma, nearby. Names of these cemeteries may be obtained from a S.F. telephone directory.

By the time you have been through all of these buildings, you are searching for a place to eat. In the same Plaza Square is the State Department Building (the largest building around). The elevator can take you to the basement to a very nice cafeteria.

Civil War Searching

The magazine, "Civil War Times Illustrated", has an offer for back issues, beginning with the 1960 to 1974. Most copies are \$3.00 each. The April 1979 issue lists the contents of each magazine. I will bring this issue to the May 21st meeting so anybody interested may examine it.

Pennsylvania Ancestors

Mr. Schuyler C. Grossman, Box 43, Rehrersburg, PA. 19550, writes a genealogy column for three newspapers including, at no charge, queries from people searching for PA. ancestors. He does request that the inquiry is brief and include at least one date. The newspapers mentioned are: Lebanon Daily News, The Press and Journal of Middletown and The Chronicle of Elizabethtown. If you wish to obtain a copy of the paper your inquiry appears in, Mr. Grossman will send you a copy for \$1.00.

Canadian Research

If you are needing help for Quebec, Canada ancestors, write to Pere Antoine Loiselle, 5375 Avenue, Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He charges only \$3.00 for a family search and is most generous with his help, according to the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society.

England Trip

From Gayle Pipes

The Office of Continuing Education at San Jose State University is sponsoring a two week trip to England to travel and study. They will be using major genealogical resources in and around London, including trips to Oxford, Cambridge, Greenwich and Chartwell. The total cost is \$695., which does not include air transportation, which will average about \$450. for the round trip. This course includes tuition and instruction material, a single private room with breakfast each morning, bus travel to other areas and a Thames boat trip, admission fees to libraries, museums and exhibits, genealogical text and study material. If anyone wishes more information about this trip, the article will be kept at the A.G.A. library.

Car Pools

By Lucile White

If you are planning a trip to any of the genealogical libraries and have room for a passenger, please notify the car pool coordinator, Lucile White, phone 455-0550. There seems to be more

riders and fewer drivers since the current gas problem. We should carry as many riders as possible to help the energy situation, and the fellow researcher appreciates the opportunity to use the out of town facilities. Any rider who is needing a ride, please contact Lucile so she may know what is needed as well as what is available.

Nomination of Officers

The nomination committee gave their recommendations for officers at the last meeting. This list included: Bill Hallcott for president, Sandy Fox for 1st V. President, Kathy Bonapfl for Recording Secretary and Rosemarie Ado for Corresponding Secretary. Nominations from the floor name Gayle Pipes for 2nd V. President and Sharon Geier for 1st V. President.

The election of officers will be held May 21 at the next regular meeting. New officers are expected to take over for the June meeting.

Every one should make a special effort to attend the election and to vote for their choice of candidates. Those who are behind in the paying of their dues should bring that up to date so that we will be eligible to vote.

Sutro Library Speaker

By Muriel Camozzi

Geraldine Davis, genealogical librarian from Sutro Library was the guest speaker at a special meeting of the Amador Genealogical Association on May 5, 1979. Members and guests were presented a fact filled talk on the holdings and use of Sutro Library. Many Thanks to Olivette Chinn for arranging this very worthwhile program and to Geraldine Davis for coming so far to address us.

Sutro Library is a branch of the California State Library located on the campus of the University of San Francisco at 2495 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Calif. It specializes in genealogy and local history for states other than California. As a state library its basic function is to back-up city and county libraries.

I Sutro Collection

- A. Principal strength in the Sutro collection is for Europeans who came early to this continent to the eastern seaboard. English, Dutch in N.Y., Germans of Pa. & Va., Swedes in N.J. & Del., Scots & Scotch Irish, Welsh and French Huguenots.
They are also acquiring material on the following:
Blacks, Indians, Spanish language groups, Armenians, Greeks, Italians, Jews, Czechs and Norwegians. (Do not have extensive holdings for these groups. Emphasis will be on their lives in this country.)
- B. Types of material (Sutro Library specializes chiefly in American genealogy.

1. County and city histories
 2. Town vital records
 3. Marriage records
 4. Will abstracts
 5. Cemetary records
 6. Deed abstracts
 7. Military lists
 8. DAR lineage books
 9. Church & Parish records
 10. Passenger lists
 11. Census
 12. Family Histories
 13. Indexes, Periodicals & Bibliographies
- (Note: They do not have all these records for all places.)

II Inter-Library Loans

- A. You may ask your local library to request a book from Sutro
(Note: Livermore Library has list of Sutro holdings on micro film compiled 1973)
- B. Sutro will accept subject requests through local libraries.
Give name, approximate date and specific place.
- C. Name requests
They will check Indexes of non-circulating local histories.
If book is not indexed and does not circulate they will suggest you visit library.
Must have subdivision of large cities. They will check a city directory, but not a whole series.
- D. Subject requests

They will check local history and card catalogues and will send or copy what seems appropriate.

III Using Inter-Library Loans

- A. Send subject requests through local library when possible.
Subject requests from libraries take precedence. Books can only be sent to libraries not to individuals.
- B. Simplify questions, be brief and specific. Who-When-Where
- C. Let library know what sources you have seen.
- D. Ask only a small number of questions in each request.
- E. Copy citations accurately. When working in library or micro film, use care in recording so when you request titles they can be identified and verified by Sutro staff.

For additional information see Amador Genealogical Assn. library where the complete presentation will be available on tape and typewritten copy.

The book list this month comes from Jerree Young, who has offered to loan any of her material to other members. Jerree can be contacted during evening hours at phone number 447-7761.

Computer printout of all name of Welch
Welchs' in Early Census

The U.S. Census Compendium by Everton Publishers, Inc.

Tracing Your Ancestry Logbook by F. Wilbur Holmbold

Searching For Your Ancestors. 4th Edition by Gilbert H. Doane

Prologue - The Journal of the National Archives. Issues: -

Summer Vol. 9, No. 2
Fall Vol. 9, No. 3
Winter Vol. 9, No. 4
Spring Vol. 10, No. 1

Annals of Osage Mission by W.W. Graves 1934

History of Osage Mission 1600-1895, now St. Paul-Hosho
County, Kansas. No index

Oneida County (formerly Tryon) New York. The Battle of Oriskany
by Gerald Patterson. Amer. Hist. illustrated July 1976 Vol 1 #4

Selected Maps of States & Territories
Special List No. 29 National Archive 1971

How to Climb your Family Tree by Harriet Stryker-Rodda

Genealogy and Local History by Walter H. McIntosh

Genealogical Helper by Evertons. All issues of 1977 and 1978

Genealogists Bookshelf Catalog

Genealogist Encyclopedia by I.G. Pine

Genealogical Research Essentials by Norman E. Wright & David Pratt

Journal of Genealogy - 1976: Sept, Dec. 1977: June, July, Aug, Sept
1978: Mar, Apr.

The Genealogy Organizer by Chloe Slack. A Permanent Pedigree
System that Never Needs Revising or Changing.

The Atlantic Bridge to Germany by Charles M. Hall. Vol III Bavaria

The Formation of the Union. National Archives Publication 70-13
Copies of 38 early documents 1774-1790.

Cartographic Records of the General Land Office. Special List
No. 19 compiled by Laura E. Kelsey. National Archives 1964

The Bookmark Catalog - 1977

British History Illustrated - England Under the Normans 1066-1154
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American History Illustrated - National Historical Society
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