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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have launched slowly into the objectives of our Association for the coming year.

Wednesdays have been set aside to go to places where genealogical help can be found. Several members went to Bancroft Library, U of C Campus, Berkeley and to the L.D.S. Library in Oakland. National Archives in San Bruno and the Alameda Court House are next in line.

Beginning in October, the first Thursday of every month has been set aside for personal help with genealogies. A phone call will set up your time and date. Call 447-0761.

Our programs are excellent. Should you have a suggestion, put it into the suggestion box at the regular meetings. Several suggestions have reached the Suggestion Box and your board is taking them under advisement. We need your suggestions to aid us in making this Association a better one.

A list of members who will help newcomers is growing and some have already been assigned on the basis of location. Put your name in the list if you are willing to help a newcomer.

Your Board is excited about the objectives and we hope you share our enthusiasm.

Fran Samans, President

EDITORIAL

Now is an excellent time to summarize our Association's goals for the rest of the year. First, we urge each member to stop wherever you are in your research. Make a copy of your pedigree chart, place it in a legal size envelope, and file it in our genealogical library. Place your surnames on the outside of the envelope. By doing this, you will preserve your records and will help others in their work.

A second goal is the indexing of appropriate parts of the Draper tapes which are being generously donated to us by Fran Samans. This project has excellent fund raising possibilities and should really put our organization on the map.

Goal number three is better utilization of the genealogical tools that we have available--more visits to courthouses and Libraries, better contacts with patriotic genealogical organizations and other genealogical resources.

A fourth goal is to increase personal help for new members by appointing a counselor for each new member.

A fifth endeavor is to increase membership through a vigerous ongoing membership drive. We should emphasize that payment of dues is not required from senior citizens on fixed incomes.

We should continue our fund raisers. The Flea Market was not only very successful financially, but also helped bring our group closer together socially.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our $100.00 share of the microfische carrier has been paid. The carrier is on order and will be in the Library in 3 to 6 weeks.

2. The trip to the Bancroft Library was a great success. We had five members plus Fran's house guests, Dorcus and Albert Evans. Many thanks to them for being so gracious in helping members with questions regarding genealogy in England. The Library has microfilms of old newspapers from all over the country. The Draper microfilms had been moved to the main Library so we did not get to view them.

3. Janeva Hotz, a new member, has perfected a new type of family group sheet. Frances would like the Association to see about copywriting it for her if she is willing.

4. It was moved that the Association join The Cultural Arts Association. There is no cost involved but it may be beneficial as far as the mailing of The Roots Tracer goes.

5. The Board agreed to the purchase of the following books: Directory of Genealogy Societies in the United States and Canada, A descriptive list of the Draper Manuscript collection, and a subscription to Ancestors Unlimited.

6. Rosemarie Wade will contact Ancestors Unlimited to find out about cost and schedule of various other organizations' trips to Salt Lake City to the Mormon Library.

LIBRARY NOTES

by Lucile White

The following material has been obtained for our library this past month:

MISSOURI-A HISTORY OF THE CROSSROADS STATE
This is several brief histories by different authors, copied and combined into one binder.

SOME EIGHTEENTH CENTURY TRACTS CONCERNING NORTH CAROLINA - With an introduction and notes by William K. Boyd.
Includes: Information concerning the Province of North Carolina sent to emigrants in Scotland.

THE SHENANDOAH - Early settlements along the Shenandoah River in Virginia.

The articles mentioned above were loaned to us by Fran Samans and copied for us by volunteers, bound into binders for use in our library. Many thanks to Fran Samans and others for these additions to the library.

THE MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY Vol. 46 #3 Aug/1980. A journal of family history in Colonial England.
Donated by Pat Saltgaver. Thanks, Pat.

THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS by A. C. Quisenberry - A brief history of Great Brittian's attack on New Orleans.

Marriage Record of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1704-1733, Chester County, Pennsylvania

Pioneer Period & Pioneer People of Fairfield County, Ohio by C. M. L. Wiseman. Early settlers of various townships.

Laclede County, Missouri Marriage Records 1849-1881, Published by the Laclede County Historical Society.

Journal of Genealogy, August 1980 - Dedicated to the pursuit of genealogical discovery.

THE REPORT - The Ohio Genealogical Society Vol. XX #2, Summer 1980

OHIO - The Cross Road of our Nation, Vol. XXI #3 Jul/Sept 1980

The June issue of RICHARDSON Family Research & History

Newsletter for July & August from North San Diego County, California

Newsletter for September, 1980 from East Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Newsletter for July and August from Contra Costa Gen. Society.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Chuck Cowan

I was born in Middletown, Ohio, in between two sisters. My parents, their parents, and so forth have lived in that area since 1800. I moved to California in 1953, graduated from UCLA in 1960, moved to Livermore and have been here eversince. I have 2 grown daughters by my first marriage and one daughter, Jennifer at home by my second marriage to Sherry (Mathews).

My interest in genealogy stems from my father and an uncle. Both of them collected dates and data, but never compiled it into a finished form. For a long time, I too only stored the information, but have now organized it in a reasonable manner and continued the research. Surnames on my side of the family are Cowan, Stokes, Hall, Earhart, Benham, Mix, Wilsoff, Russell, Shields. Surnames on my wife's side are Mathews, McKinzie, Cawley, Boyd, Beacom, Thornsburg.

On my fathers side, the Cowans have been traced back to 1774 in Berkeley County, VA (now W. VA) and then to 1753 in Hunterdon County, NJ. Here I've been stuck for a long time looking for the bridge across the Atlantic. We guess they arrived in one of the large migrations of Scotch-Irish to America between 1717 and 1729, but no proof yet.

On my mother's side, I have the Halls back to 1650 in NY and the Wilsoffs to the middle 1600's in NY also.

Genealogy is both rewarding and frustrating. Every little bit of information drives one on to the next quest as the total picture keeps unfolding.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Compiled by Rosemarie Wade

THE TRACER--Hamilton County, Ohio Vol 2 No. 1
New Members List and their Surnames; Continuation of Series on Civil War 1893 Reunion of Ohio 39th Regiment; Hamilton County Ohio Probate Court, Marriage Records 1820-25; Delphi Universalists Cemetery Records; Pottenger Pioneers in Ohio; Marriage Records of Squire Wilmer-Hamilton County Ohio; Microfilm Guide of the holdings of Kentucky State Library; The Symmes Family; Queries.

North Central Kansas Gen. Soc.-Summer 1980
Queries; excerpt from Cawker City, Mitchell County, Kansas, Nov. 16, 1876-The Echo, County Board of Commissioners meeting; listing of the newspapers on microfilm at the local genealogical society headquarters.

CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Presents a seminar on California Genealogical research Saturday, Oct. 25, 1980, 8:30 to 4:00 pm at Harney Hall at University of San Francisco. Four speakers--Gary Kurutz, Director of the CA Room at the CA State Library; Joseph Samora, Archivist at the CA State Archives; J. Carlyle Parker from Stanislaus State University speaking on CA Gen. Research & Marian Marquardt, speaking on solutions to problems encountered most often while doing San Francisco research. Full information on letters in our AGA library.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY GEN. SOCIETY, Concord, CA 94522
The Colorado Gen. Soc., PO Box 9671, Denver, CO 80209 accepts free queries from anyone for their quarterly publication, The Colorado Genealogist. September 27, 1980 the Lake County Gen. Soc. will present their 2nd annual seminar from 9:30 to 4:00 pm. Contact Lake County Gen. Soc. Box 1323, Lakeport, CA 95453 for details; Publication of Who's Who in Genealogy & Heraldry is projected for this December, edited and compiled by Mary K. Meyer and P. William Filby. There is an index for CCC Gen. Soc. newsletter (Diable Descendants) June 1977 through Dec. 1979). For 60 cents or 4 fifteen cent stamps to the newsletter editor, Barbara Hill, 858 Gelston Place, El Cerrito, CA 94530; Marin County Gen. Soc. is purchasing all the duplicate holdings of the CA Gen. Soc. for inclusion into their library, located in the Marin County Library room at the Marin Civic Center building.

North San Diego County Gen. Soc. Sept. 1980
New Members list; from the Chicago Gen. newsletter comes news that the Gen. library in Salt Lake City now has the Cook County, IL marriage records from 1874 up to 1920. Birth & death records for the same period will be there in the near future. New books in the library.

Gateway Press
Sent a guide for authors--for your publishing needs.

Genealogical Gazette Sept. 1980
A brief summary of material covered at the World Conference on Records, held in Salt Lake City, Utah can be had by writing to the genealogical library in Salt Lake City, Utah; The Council of National Genealogical Society has voted to hold its National Convention in Georgia this year.

October 1980 -- On Oct. 25 - Nov. 1, 1980 Napa is sponsoring a bus trip to Salt Lake City Gen. Library for the week. Payment includes your week's lodging at the Temple Square Hotel, Salt Lake City, & costs approx. $215.00. Contact Marge Daugherty, President, for details, at PO Box 385, Napa, CA 94558 or call (707) 252-0235; East Bay Genealogical Society announces that they have bumper stickers for sale for $1.00 each reading, "Genealogists are always in a family way". Write Carolyn Sherfy, 918 Willow St., Alameda, CA 94501. The International Genealogical Institute, 2140 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704, announces their April 1981, Genealogical Field Trip to Great Britain, Wales & Ireland. This trip is planned for amateur genealogists and visits many areas of England, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, October 28, at 7:30 pm at the Livermore Library. Our speaker will be Mr. Dean Flint. He is an attorney and genealogist and will speak on "What to do when you walk in the Courthouse door". He gives examples of what kinds of records to expect from a typical county courthouse and how to find them.
He spoke at the March 1980 Contra Costa County Gen. Soc. Meeting in Concord, CA.

GENEALOGICAL AIDS

Immigration and Naturalization Records

by Margaret Fazio

Immigration statistics for the period of time between 1820 and 1910:

From Germany:	1851 - 1860	952,667
	1881 - 1890	1,452,970
From Italy:	1901 - 1910	2,045,877
From Russia:	1891 - 1900	505,290
	1901 - 1910	1,597,306
From Austria-Hungary:	1891 - 1900	592,707
	1901 - 1910	2,145,266
From Ireland:	1841 - 1850	780,719
	1851 - 1860	914,119
From England:	1881 - 1890	657,320

PUBLISHED LISTS:

+Lancour, Harold. Bibliography of Ships Passenger Lists, 1538 - 1825

*Miller, Olga. Migration, Emigration, and Immigration

*Greenwood, Val D. The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy

+Livermore Public Library
*Amador Genealogical Library

*Strassburger and Hinke. Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Vols. I and II

*Boyer, Carl. Ship Passenger Lists, Vols. I, II, and III

*Rupp, Daniel. Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants in Pennsylvania 1727-1776

CUSTOMS PASSENGER LISTS:

These lists were prepared by ship's masters, 1820 to about 1900 -- latest port 1902. The National Archives has originals for 7 ports; copies and abstracts for 71 ports, and State Department Transcripts for 47 ports. Some indexes to originals are available. Descriptions can be found in Greenwood, beginning on page 401.

IMMIGRATION PASSENGER LISTS:

Most ports begin in 1891 (earliest is 1883, Philadelphia). Records of 36 ports are in the National Archives and are held with a 50 year restriction. The information they contain is excellent, however, they are not very easily accessible. Customs Passenger Lists provide index to some in overlapping periods. Descriptions can be found in Greenwood, beginning on page 405.

CUSTOMS LISTS OF ALIENS:

These lists cover ports of Beverly and Salem, Massachusetts, 1798-1800, and they contain quite good information. They were published in their entirety in "New England Historic Genealogical Register", July 1952.

If you don't have enough information about your ancestor's immigration, then approach the research from the Naturalization process.

NATURALIZATION:

The first foreigner known to be naturalized in the colonies was in 1673 in the colony of Maryland. The First British Naturalization Act in 1740 required 7 years residence in the same colony and an oath to be taken before a magistrate. Lists from some of the colonies were published in "The Publications of the Huguenot Society of London" Vol. 24 (MD, 1743-53; Mass, 1743; NY, 1740-70; Pa, 1740-72; SC; VA)

Between the years 1777 and 1790, naturalization was handled by individual States. Other significant events in the history of naturalization records were the US Constitution, Article 1, Section 8; the First US Act, 1790, requiring white people to have two years' residency; and the Fourteenth Amendment, which defined Federal citizenship and helped in making people to take naturalization more seriously.

The Papers: "First Papers" - Declaration of Intention, which is not required today.
"Final Papers" - Included a petition, containing an Oath of Allegiance, and a certificate to the applicant and a stub.

Date to Remember: 27 SEPTEMBER 1906
This date marks the creation of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization (now called Immigration and Naturalization Service).

LOCATION OF RECORDS

Pre-1906: The National Archives has some records for five states only (Maine, Connecticut, Massaschusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island). These records are kept mostly in courts where the record was granted or where the Declaration of Intention was filed. These may be two different courts. Many of the records were indexed by WPA, Historical Records Survey. Some records from the Federal courts are in the regional archives.

1906 and Later: These records, also, are found mostly in courts where the record was granted or where the Declaration of Intention was filed. Some of them may be found in the Regional Archives. There is a master card index in the office of Immigration and Naturalization Service,

Washington, D.C. 20536. This index will be checked for a $5 fee. Send form N585, which is obtainable from any office of the Service. Upon finding the entry, the INS will give you the name of the court where papers are filed. A good reference source are the tables in James and Lila Lee Neagles, Locating Your Immigrant Ancestors, Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1978, beginning on page 66.

Copying the Records: There were strict restriction on the copying of records until December, 1972. Now, the only restriction prohibits the copying of certified copies of documents. (See Neagles, pages 58 - 59).

Naturalization Records will tell the name of the port and date of arrival of the alien into the U.S.

U.S. Census records will tell if person was foreign born (1850); if mother or father was foreign born (1870); if a male and a U.S. Citizen 21 years and above (1870); place of birth of father & mother (1880); The 1900 Census has three columns titled "Citizenship". The information contained in these columns include the year of immigration, the number of years in the U.S. and their status as a naturalized citizen (yes or no).

Homestead Applications were available only to citizens and those who had applied for citizenship. Copies of an individual's naturalization proceedings are kept in Homestead files.

Passport Applications gave the date and place of arrival for naturalized citizens. Sometimes they gave exact date and place of birth of the applicant, along with his wife and minor children accompanying him. Though not required in early periods, passports were often obtained by immigrants returning to their homeland to prevent drafting into the homeland's army. There is a 75 year restriction on these records. For more information, see the description in Greenwood, pages 412-413.

It might be well to remember that children under 16 years of age acquire citizenship through the naturalization of their parents and, between 1855 and 1922, a woman automatically became a citizen either by marrying a citizen or by the naturalization of her husband.

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Some tips on getting information out of England from Rusty and Skipper Evans, recent guests of Fran Samans.

First, you need to know the area or county of your ancestors.

If you're interested in obtaining information on land sales, Tithe Registers (early income tax), births and deaths and marriages too, I believe, the best place to start is to write to:

Chief Archivist
Archival Office
County Town (check map - equivalent to State Capitol)
County, England

For more recent records on Land, try : Land Registry
County Town
County, England

2. If you know that your people were Church of England, try:

Vicar
Vicarage
Name of Village
County Town (nearest village)
County, England

3. If your ancestor was born at sea, write to:

Chief Archivist
Archival Office
Stepney, England

4. If in Scotland, try: Minister
The Manse
Name of Village
County Town (nearest village)
County, Scotland

5. If you had ancestors who were Masons try: Chief Masonic Lodge
Longacre
London WC1
England

6. If your ancestor was in mining, look to Cornwall and the northern areas of England. China clay was mined in Redruth, Cornwall, England.

Thanks for the tips Rusty and Skipper. It sure was nice meeting you.