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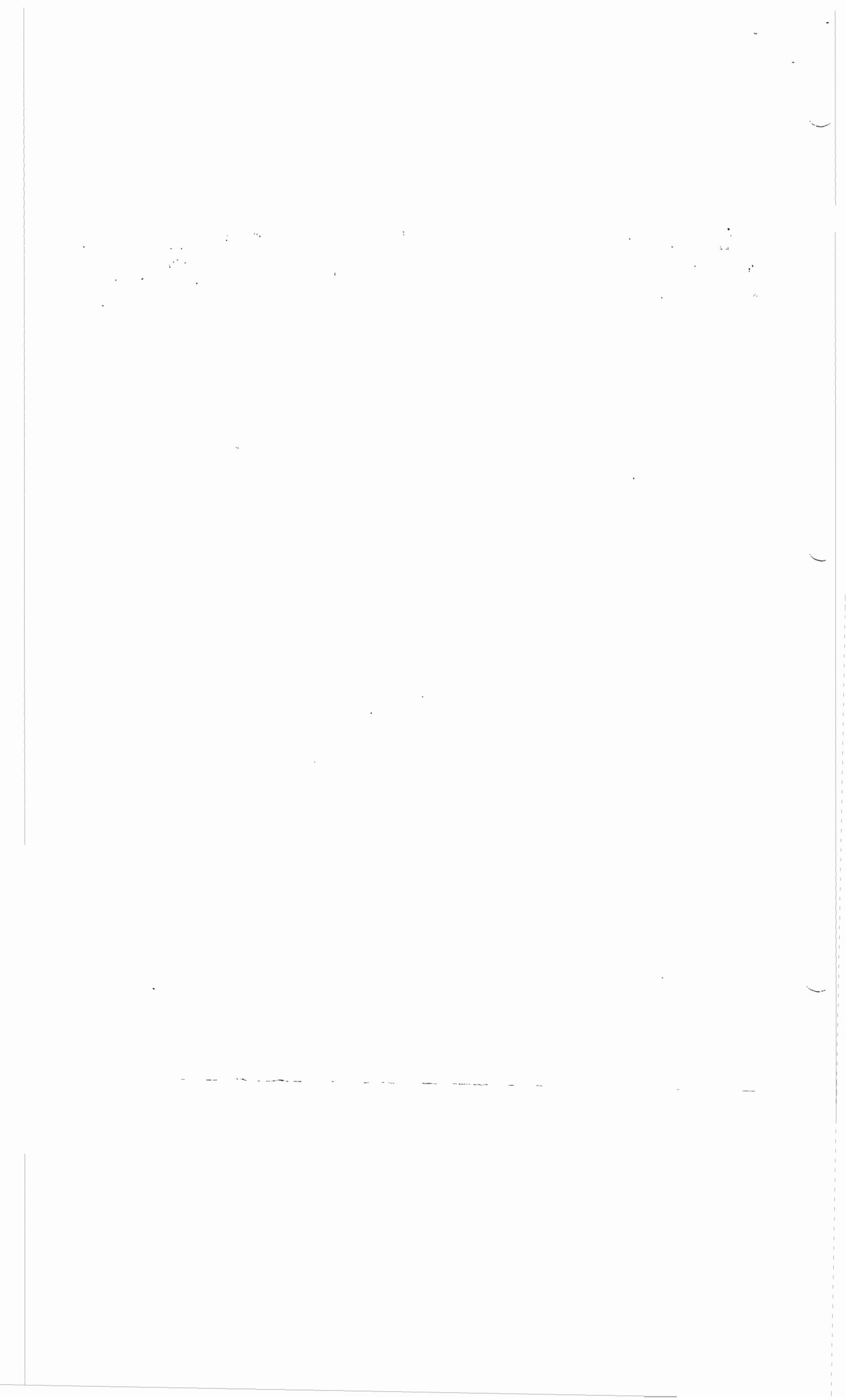
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Those doing genealogy in New England states and Canada will be pleased to hear the following recommendations recently made at a meeting of representatives of archives and genealogical societies, called by the governors of the New England states and premiers of the Eastern provinces of Canada.

1. Index vital records and possibly having them filmed and available on loan.
2. Have a yearly meeting of representatives of archives and genealogical societies to discuss problems.
3. Tie roots search to tourism, making facilities and materials available.
4. Appoint a person in each state and province to be a contact with the Chief Executive, cutting red tape, whenever genealogists rights are denied.

Accessibility of records has always been a problem to the genealogist. It is hoped that every state will participate since our problems are the same as those of the north eastern area.

It was good seeing old members among the new members. We miss you when you don't attend our meetings.

Frances Samans

EDITORIAL

From time to time every organization should look over its history and see where it has been and where it is going.

In the few short years your society has been in existence, it has grown in membership over five fold.

We have, through fund raisers and community activities, provided funds for the acquisition of a reader-printer which is not only the largest and most versatile of its kind but capable of accepting microfiche and any type of microform.

We have established a genealogical library which has a holding of over three hundred well chosen sources of genealogical information and which has been selected to supplement and compliment local libraries.

Volunteer speakers have spoken at and are available for the local schools. Adult education courses have been and are given each year for those who wish to learn to find their roots. An overhead projector has been purchased for teaching purposes and the convenience of our speakers.

A computer based surname and location list has been established in order that we may help one another and so that we may cooperate with other organizations. We have established a car pooling system to permit low cost visits to genealogical libraries in the Bay Area.

Our newsletter, The Livermore Roots Tracer, has achieved not only Bay Area wide circulation, but is being received by genealogical societies and libraries as far away as New York City. Its Associate Editor has received Bay Area wide compliments for the excellence of its Genealogical Aids section. It is perhaps the most comprehensive of any Bay Area newsletter.

Well, enough of patting ourselves on the back. What does the future hold for us. What steps can we take to help ourselves and our community in the many facets of genealogy? Shall we sponsor periodical group trips to Salt Lake City or join those already arranged by other societies? Shall we exchange surname lists with more societies? Shall we start genealogical oriented fund raisers such as microfilming or publishing Bible and Graveyard records? What contributions can we make to

genealogy by indexing the Draper manuscripts?

Many exciting and interesting pathways lie before and it is up to us to choose. It is time for each of us to give this matter serious considerations and come up with some ideas for new endeavors or changes that we can make to better fulfill our purpose. Submit your ideas during our business meetings each month or outline them in writing to your president.

Without progress, all organizations tend to stagnate and eventually wither away.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A budget based on FY 79-80 expenditures was proposed -- 10% Speakers Expense, 8% Postage, 70% books and journals, 12% paper, stencils and supplies.
2. The Society's By-laws and standing rules are being amended, subject to membership approval, to permit more flexibility in membership dues, budgeting and expenditures.
3. To reduce postage expense, the Tracer for the month following the annual meeting will be handed out at the monthly meeting, i.e., at the March meeting you will receive the April issues. Members not present can pick up a copy at either the Livermore Library or our Genealogical Library. We will try this for awhile and see if it works out.
4. A major portion of the uncommitted funds on hand was allotted for books recommended by the Book Selection Committee.
5. Two meetings per month are being planned for the future. Fran Samans will plan a day meeting at the Livermore Library to accommodate those who cannot attend the regular monthly night meetings.
6. An evening class will be taught in the Livermore Library this spring.
7. A brochure for new members is being prepared which will acquaint them with all of the various services offered by the Society and how to use them.
8. A White Elephant and Crafts Sale is being planned for early May. Start saving your white elephants and collectibles.
9. There are 8 items ordered and as yet have not been received.
10. The next board meeting will be at Fran Samans, 7:30 PM, Wed., March 4, 1981.

LIBRARY NOTES

by Lucile White

We have received the following:

Genealogical Helper Jan/Feb 1981 - Periodical
Ohio-Cross Road of our Nation, Oct/Dec 1980 Vol XXI #4 Periodical
The Report from the Ohio Genealogical Society, Summer 1980
Vol XX #2 Periodical

The following were donated by Jan Hotz:

The California Register - 1962, The Social Blue Book, for California's prominent citizens.
The Rise and Fall of the Plantation South by Raimondo Luraghi
New insights into the cultural development of the Old South
The Growth of Southern Civilization by Clement Eaton
A summary about life in the Old South.

The following were donated by Gayle Pipes:

Foundations of the Republic by Herman S. Frey
These are copies of selected United States Historical Documents, including the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, the Bill of Rights, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and others.
The Campaign that Won America, the story of Yorktown by Burke Davis.
Based upon eye witness accounts recorded in diaries, letters, journals, memoirs and official documents.
Jamestown - The site of the first permanent English settlement in America--1607. Administered by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the National Park Service and the Jamestown Foundation.
Corridor Country - An Interpretive History of the Amador-Livermore Valley, by Reginald R. and Grace D. Stuart
East Tennessee History, Index and Vol. B, Reprinted from Goodspeed's History of Tennessee.

The following was donated by Murriel Camozzi:

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, June 1980, Vol 68 #2

The following were donated by Lucile White:

Berks County, Pennsylvania taxes for 1752, from Annals of Berk's County, Pa.
Shelby County, Kentucky Tax List for 1792, by Willis.
Kentucky's Active Militia - 1786, Compiled by Mrs. Jouett Taylor Cannon.
Macon County, Illinois Marriage Records - 1855, by Macon County Historical Society.
Scioto County, Ohio Marriage Records - 1806-1838.
Anson County, N.C. Abstracts of Early Wills.
Mecklenburg County, N.C. Abstracts of Early Wills.
Buck's County, PA Reformed Dutch Church Records - 1737-1772.
Daviness County, Kentucky Marriages - 1815-1840.

*****BOOK LOST*****

One of our books, Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor, by James C. and Lila Lee Neagles has been missing for some time. It was checked out, the card was left at the Library but not signed, so we don't know who has it. Please check to see if it just might be mingled among some of your other books. Thank you.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

My name is Mary Adelaide Brown Martz. I was born in Columbus, Ohio in the fall - October 2, 1921 while my father was working on his PHD degree. We did not live there very long as my parents had planned to become foreign missionaries - which they subsequently did when I was 6 months old.

I am married to William L. Martz, who works at LLNL as a Construction Inspector. We have three children, a son and two daughters; and 6 grandchildren.

I had two sisters, and I am older than both. We had a brother who died when he was six months old between my two sisters. The longest my family ever lived in one spot was in Virginia when Dad was professor at Emory and Henry College, near the Tennessee border. I was about 4 when we moved there and 13 or so when we left because of my Dad's being laid off. It was depression years and the college preferred Sociology classes to Physics, Astronomy, and Mathematics, which were his field.

My friends used to ask me if my father was a traveling salesman because we moved so often! I have lived in many states; Virginia, Arkansas, Alabama, New York, Mississippi, W. Virginia, Washington D.C., Ohio, California, as well as briefly in Rangoon, Burma when a child.

My father was born in Ft. Bragg, California and lived his early life until about age 25 in Oakland, California. At that time he went to the Bureau of Standards to prepare his Master's Degree where he met my mother, who was born and raised in Chevy Chase, Maryland, outside of Washington. Her father was in the State Department. My mother had lived in Chevy Chase, MD, a suburb of Washington since she was born - in fact she was born in that house.

My father, W. Byron Brown was son of Charles Brown and Minnie Arrabella Buzzell, both descendants of New England families. My grandmother's parents came across the country in a covered wagon; settled awhile in Nebraska and had experiences with the Indians. Charles was a civil engineer and seldom home. Minnie Arrabella was a missionary (home missionary) before they were married. She was older than most brides.

I haven't done much about locating my father's family as I have tried to locate records connected with my mother's in order to join DAR. That is the lineage leading directly to American Revolution, although there may be one on that side too. The fact that they settled around New England makes me think so.

My mother's mother, Mary Clarissa Hutchins, was born and raised in Lyons, New York. Her father was a minister, Cicero Mordecai Hutchins, and she had one sister and 2 brothers. She married a local attorney, Frederick George Van Dyne, who was born in Lyons also but raised in an orphanage in New York City. They moved to Washington where he attended law school, subsequently joining the State Department. She was the next to youngest of 5 children, Lulu Frances, the eldest, George Wheeler, Esther Hutchins, my mother Katharine, and Marjorie Clare. The family traveled to whatever location my Grandfather was sent, i.e., Jamaica, South America, France. In fact, they were living in Lyons, France, in beginning of World War I when the Grandfather had to come back to the U.S. on business. He worked so hard he became ill; my Grandmother had to leave the children and sail back to America alone, she was bringing him back to France when he died on board the ship. So my Grandmother raised them by herself. At that time my Mother was about 14 or 15. Presently, the only one still alive is Esther still living in the house in Chevy Chase. She is 86.

I have not begun to work on my husband's family. His mother's maiden name was Nagely, and both grandparents on both sides were from Germany. But most of them are all deceased so we don't have much of a handle to find out about the ancestors. My husband was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He has 3 brothers and 1 sister; he is the next to eldest. They all grew up in Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio.

I have been doing very slowly some of genealogy the last couple of years only. Look forward to doing much when I am retired and have not to work every day therefore, having more time.

I got started when I met Fran Samans because of her intense interest in the field. It just rubs off on anyone she meets.

I haven't worked long enough to have a very exciting find as yet. Mostly what I have found I already had heard about from my mother.

I feel we are all the product of our forebears; I think that is why I am interested in genealogy - although I started because I needed the documents for DAR.

(Editor's note: This information is an excellent profile and a step toward the beginning of a family history. Nice work Adelaide)

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Harpend Thistle, Ltd., a non-profit genealogical society, has announced a competition, the BOURLAND awards.

1st prize, \$500, for history book of family history published between 1 July 1978 and 30 June 1981.

2nd prize, \$200 to runner up.

Write them at PO Box 2072, Warner Robins, GA 31099 for information.

The LA City Historical Society is looking for descendants of the 11 founders of Los Angeles, California.

Santa Clara County Historical & Gen. Soc. Quarterly Oct. 1980
1879 Second Annual Grand Musical Festival; Great Register of Santa Clara County; 1900 Evergreen District; Early Settlers; Biographical Sketches; Queries; New Societies & Publications; Family Associations; Guidelines for Ordering Library Materials; Connecticut Sources in the Bay Area; How the genealogy room is arranged.

Genealogical Association of Sacramento P.O. Box 28301, Sacramento, CA 95828
is offering Ancestor Safari on Sat. Feb. 21, 1981 Genealogical Research; A mini-course on Trace Your Roots--Using resources available locally. Featuring: J. Carlyle Parker Course Objective: Upon completion of this mini-course, students will be able to use libraries more successfully in genealogical research. The Course covers: basic research principles, organizing data, the International Genealogical Index and the Temple Index Bureau, interlibrary loan systems and union catalogs, family histories, city & county histories, periodicals & newspapers, vital statistics, church, cemetery & mortuary records, census & mortality schedules, probates & wills, Indian records, the National Archives, passenger lists & naturalization records, correspondence, tax lists, military records, city directories, how-to books and much more. Individual counseling by arrangement for those who register before February 1 and who submit questions with their registration. This is a full day from 8:30 to 5:00 with special luncheon with genealogy related entertainment. \$6.00 for non-members, \$10.00 for this course plus one-years membership. For phone info call LaVonne Bouressa, 421-0913 or Maxine Roberts, 421-8332.

Genealogical Gazette January 1981, Vol. 3 No. 1.
Contra Costa County Gen. Soc. meets the second Thursday. East Bay Gen. Society meets second Wednesday. Napa Valley Gen. Soc. meets third Tuesday. Roots & Gold Dust Gen. Soc., El Dorado County meets fourth Thursday. Sonoma County Gen. Soc. meets fourth Saturday. Marin County Gen. Soc. meets fourth Monday. The former editor of Genealogical Gazette is newly elected president of Napa Valley Gen. Soc. and Janette Reynolds has taken over as editor of the Gazette. Congratulations to both of you. March 12 "Great-great-grandfather and the Mystery of the Missing German Army" will be the topic of a program presented by Mr. George Buffington for members and visitors of the Contra Costa Gen. Society in Concord. April 25 Napa Valley Genealogical Soc. will present an evening with Willard Heiss. A certified Genealogist and expert in the field of Quaker research, the Old Northwest and many other areas. Author of several genealogy columns, including "Ancestoritis" and "Whos Your Hossier Ancestor?" This will be his only speaking engagement in the Bay Area at this time. The Nat'l. Genealogical Society in conjunction with the Georgia Gen. Soc. will present its first annual Gen. conference in Atlanta Georgia May 7-9, 1981. This annual event will be a traveling conference each year.

The Family Tree by Howard V. Fausey, editor; 450 Potter St.; Wauseon, Ohio 43567 is a national directory of local researchers. A new quarterly whose purpose is to make known the names of people who do research. Researchers are invited to submit their listings. Charge for listing is \$10.00. At the present time the publication is mailed to two hundred and fifty genealogical societies. Copies to individuals is \$2.00 postpaid. The first copy is in our library.

Mr. Philip G. Brown; 665 River Road; Fair Haven, N.J. 07701 is searching for MERCLERODE MEIER (MYERS:) descendants -- family whose ancestors came from Lebanon County, PA.

The Livermore Heritage Guild located in the Carnegie Building History Center is planning a Heritage Quilt Show and Sale the weekend of March 21 and 22 at the Barn. They have also approved funds to microfilm the Livermore Echo (newspaper) from 1887 to 1919. To be added to the microfilmed collection are other rare local papers, partly those given to Janet Newton by the late H. J. Callaghan and other sources. Since many are dates which are not in any other collection known to exist they are especially valuable to historians--and I would think, a source for genealogists. The microfilming will be done by the Bancroft

Library. The guild would be happy to receive contributions toward the continuing expense of having this copy work done.

Hayward Area Genealogical Society meets the 25th (Wed.) of Feb. program to be announced. Jan. 1981 newsletter -- has 2700 surnames indexed and filed from nine volumes of mortuary records. They are in the process of sorting and filing obituary notices. Special funds for the purchase of a film reader for the HAGS Library are being boosted by two on going projects of recycling glass jars and bottles and another member is collecting newspapers. Getting to Know You column by Rosemarie Viera Quinn, Genealogy as Old As History; Savage Family Roots; LDS Library is popular.

Contra Costa County Gen. Soc. Diabole Descendants newsletter Feb. 1981. The 3rd edition of Genealogical Books in Print is now available. Pre-publication prices are \$17.50 hardbound & \$12.50 paperbound until Feb. 12; after Feb. 15 prices are \$20. & \$15. Include \$1.00 for postage/handling for the first book and 50¢ for each additional copy. Order from Genealogical Books in Print, 6818 Lois Drive, Springfield, VA 22150; for anyone searching French or Acadian ancestors a Mrs. Janet Jehn edits the Acadian Genealogy Exchange, 863 Wayman Branch Road, Covington, KY 41015; Index to the 1980 issues of Diablo Descendants newsletter is available for three 15 cent stamps, write Barbara Hill, 858 Gelston Place, El Cerrito, CA 94530 (SASE not needed). A list of persons who died as a Result of the Great Earthquake and Fire in San Francisco on April 18, 1906 is available for \$3.00 from the SF History Room, San Francisco Public Library, Civic Center, San Francisco, CA 94102. California residents should include 6% sales tax; residents of Bart counties should include 6½%. Alabama Soc., Daughters of the American Revolution, has published A Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots in Alabama.

Carolyn Sherfy is leading her 2nd genealogy study tour to Salt Lake City April 27 - May 3, 1981. Write for an application to the following address:

Carroll Travel Service
1412 Park Street
Alameda, CA 94501
Phone (415) 523-0768

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our monthly Tuesday night meeting will start at 7:00 pm and will begin by a tour of the Livermore Library. Demonstrations will be made on how to use the new reader printer, the microfiche carrier, the ROM index, the Sutro Library Index and the Bayliss interbay book locating system as well as a general orientation in how to use the library for genealogical research.

Following the tour, we will have our regular business meeting. On the agenda will be several important suggested changes in our By-laws and standing rules. Since many of us are behind in our dues, let's all give Art Skinner a check so we can vote on these important changes. Instead of a speaker, we will have a longer sharing session since many members have indicated that they have made interesting developments in their research.

This will be followed by a question and answer period because many of us have problems with our searches. I suggest you write out your questions so if they are not answered at the meeting, they can be at a future date.

GENEALOGICAL AIDS

by Margaret Fazio

Diane Decker of 18541 Greenridge Ct., Castro Valley, CA, has 2 old books c Bates and Cass Counties (Missouri, I believe). In one of the books the names of the people are listed. The years involved are 1883-1913. If you'd like to ask her to check a name for you, drop her a line with a SASE.

Ruth Dierks reports that there is an excellent article on naturalization records in the Nov./Dec. 1980, "The Genealogical Helper", page 73. If you'd like to obtain a list of the naturalization records that The Federal Archives & Records Center, (5000 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144) have, plus an explanation of the kind of searches they will conduct--write and ask for the list. Or, check the Nov-Dec 1980 Helper article entitled "Here & There" p. 73.

STATE ARCHIVES REFERRAL LIST

Alabama Department of Archives & History, 624 Washington Avenue,
Montgomery, AL 36130, Phone: 205-832-6510

Alaska State Archives, Pouch C. Juneau, AK 99801, Phone: 907-465-2275

Arizona Department of Library, and Public Records, 1700 West Washington,
Phoenix, AZ 85007, Phone: 602-271-4479

Arkansas History Commission, 300 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: 501-371-2141

California Office of the Secretary of State, California State Archives,
1020 O. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone: 916-445-4293

Colorado Department of Administration, Division of State Archives & Public
Records, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203, Phone: 303-892-2055

Connecticut State Library, Archives, History & Genealogy Unit, 231 Capitol
Avenue, Hartford, CT 06115, Phone: 203-566-3690

Delaware Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs, Bureau of Archives &
History, Hall of Records, Dover, DE 19901, Phone: 302-678-5314

Florida State Archives, Department of State, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL
32304, Phone: 904-487-2073

Georgia Department of Archives & History, 330 Capitol Avenue, S.E., Atlanta,
GA 30334, Phone: 404-656-2358

Hawaii Department of Accounting & General Services, Archives Division, Iolani
Palace Grounds, Honolulu, HI 96813, Phone: 808-548-2355

Idaho State Historical Society, Division of Manuscripts & Idaho State Archives
610 North Julia Davis Drive, Boise, ID 83706, Phone: 208-384-2120

Illinois Office of the Secretary of State, Archives Division, Archives Building
Springfield, IL 62756, Phone: 217-782-4682

Indiana State Library, Archives Division, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis,
IN 46204, Phone: 317-633-6730

Iowa State Historical Society, Division of Historical Museum and Archives, East
12th Street & Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319, Phone: 515-281-5113

Kansas State Historical Society, 120 West Tenth Street, Topeka, KS 66612,
Phone: 913-296-3251

Kentucky Department of Library & Archives, Division of Archives and Records,
851 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40601, Phone: 502-564-3616

Louisiana Secretary of State, Archives and Records Division, PO Box 44125,
Baton Rouge, LA 70804, Phone: 504-389-5256

Maine State Archives, Augusta, ME 04330, Phone: 207-289-2451

Hall of Records Commission, PO Box 828, St. John's Street and College Avenue,
Annapolis, MD 21404, Phone: 301-267-5915

Massachusetts Secretary of State, Archives Division, State House, Boston, MA
02133, Phone: 617-727-2016

Michigan Department of State, Michigan History Division, State Archives Unit,
3405 North Logan Street, Lansing, MI 48918, Phone: 517-373-0512

Minnesota Historical Society, Division of Archives & Manuscripts, 1500
Mississippi Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, Phone: 612-296-6980