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We look forward to reading about your roots  
in "Meet the Members" some time this year.

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### IN MEMORIAM

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Virginia, Minnesota  
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Duluth, Minnesota

Father of member RoseMarie Stickney Wade

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## ODDS AND ENDS

**Family Trails** is a weekly column that appears in the Sunday edition of the Omaha World-Herald. It is a service which is intended to assist individuals who are researching their personal family history. Queries should be in regard to individuals who were early residents of either Nebraska or Iowa. **Please indicate your relationship to the person you are seeking and include an approximate date and place of residence.** Queries will be selected for publication and will be edited to fit available space. There is no charge for this service but you should include a stamped envelope (not self-addressed) for any necessary correspondence. Mail for the column should be addressed to Mrs. Lesta Westmore, P.O. Box 4244, Omaha, NE 68104

**Worthington Descendants** is a newsletter published quarterly that deals with all branches of the Worthington surname and its many allied lineages. It contains a free query column, heraldry, military records, abstracts, wills, deeds, ancestral charts, tombstone inscriptions, family history and pictures. Subscription rate is \$12/year. For more information write: Frances Brengle, 6619 Pheasant Road, Baltimore, MD 21220

## San Francisco Vital Records 1776 - 1906

Hidden away in an obscure corner of City Hall is the San Francisco Historic Records Index.

The Index is what its name indicates -- an index. More significant is the key to the Index -- the reconstruction of records burned in the 1906 Hall of Records Fire.

The Index is not available. Public access to the initial installment should begin in mid-1986.

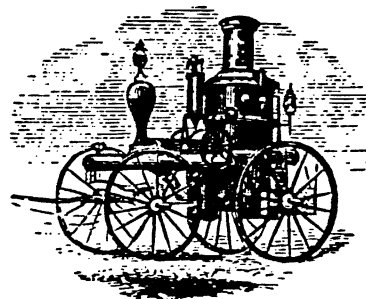
Why a two year wait? Because 1) The Index, while under the direction of the City Hall Historian, is operated under private sponsorship, not by a Foundation or corporation but by regular poor folks; Proposition 13 and life-crisis demands on the Public treasury require that funding for these genealogical luxury fringes come from outside, private sources, and 2) The Project, wholly volunteer staffed, needs more hands, your hands, to speed the indexing and reconstruction.

You get nothing for nothing. If you are content to just sit back and wait while we bust our behinds to get your relative's records reconstructed, we fondly hope you are ultimately disappointed.

If however you agree San Francisco is a grand old city and you and I can make a difference, won't you join us a few hours each week?

For more information write: San Francisco Historic Records Index, City Hall - Room 167, Mezzanine, San Francisco, CA 94102 or drop by Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

Under the auspices/protection of Gladys Hansen, City Archivist; with the cooperation of the City and County of San Francisco.



STEAM-ENGINE.



**The Friendship Force** A new club recently formed in the Bay Area will be of interest to readers of The Livermore Roots Tracer who wish to gain a deeper appreciation of their overseas roots, and at the same time contribute to world understanding and peace. The club is the private, non-profit organization called The Friendship Force of the Bay Area, a local chapter of the worldwide Friendship Force. The Club sponsors foreign exchange visits for people of all ages, one or two week visits to foreign lands, with the visitors living in the homes of the hosts and taking part in their everyday activities. The travelers, or "Ambassadors", as the Friendship Force calls them, pay for travel expenses, but not for living costs during the stay with their hosts. After the visit with their hosts, the ambassadors can travel independently in the host country if they wish.

In turn, local club members play hosts to Ambassadors from other lands, not necessarily the same people or even people from the same country that the local club had visited.

The objective of the club is to put into action the belief that "A world of friends is a world of peace." We helped organize The Friendship Force of the Bay Area earlier this year. We have already enjoyed being host for one week to a couple from Daegu, South Korea. The experience is one we will always remember with fondness.

The first trip of the Bay Area Club will be next April to New Zealand, Australia, or elsewhere in the South Pacific, the exact destination yet to be decided. We hope to take part in this exchange and to realize two longstanding genealogy goals - to visit Harriet's Norwegian kin in Tasmania, and to locate descendants of a Danish relative, "udvandrer til New Zealand."

If you would like to learn more about The Friendship Force call us, George & Harriet Anderson, at 846-4265, or call one of the other officers of the Club: Gerry Earnest (364-4133), or Melenie Dickinson (595-8760)

George and Harriet Anderson

### Illinois State Archives hos

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.

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)

State Census 1865 (unindexed). Will search for a specific person if township and county location is given.

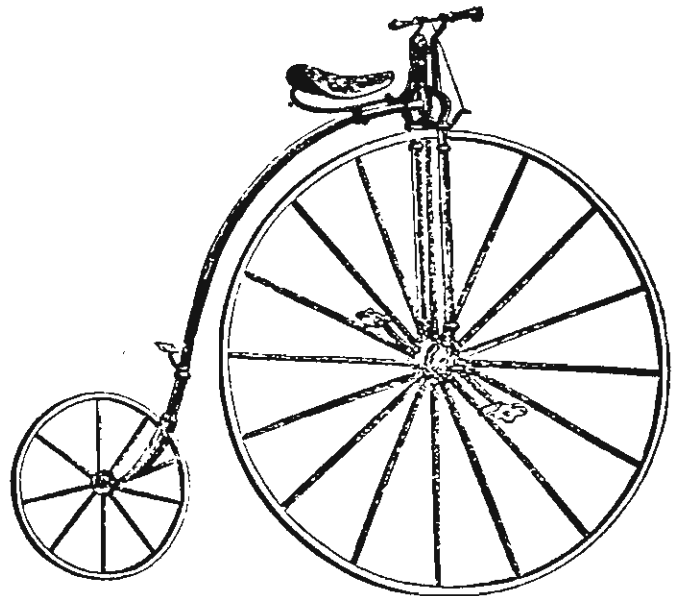
Will search 1850 and 1860 Census if two names are given with county location.

1880 Soundex; will search when head of household is provided. Also, will search 1880 Census schedules for two individuals if township is provided.

1900 Soundex and 1910 Miracode indexes can be searched for head of family if a given location is provided. Mortality Schedules: Will search unindexed 1870 and 1880 if township location is provided.

The services of the Archives are provided with no charge. However, correspondent 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 SASE. Wait for a reply before submitting a second request.

Iroquois County Gen. Society



**The Hessian Gambit**, San Francisco Chronicle, July 22, 1984  
(submitted by Ruth Dierks)

The women of the Colonies were not above using seduction to find a husband and, coincidentally, gain a defector from the enemy. Because of such scheming, many an American today is descended from a Hessian soldier and a daughter of a Pennsylvania farmer.

The Hessian (German) troops, hired by the British, had been sold by their rulers for cash and compelled to fight for a cause in which they had not the least bit of interest.

In "The Hessians" by Rodney Atwood, Friedrich von der Lith describes a colonial custom many young German soldiers found most enticing:

"A young man when he first comes into a house is invited to dinner in a friendly manner. If the master of the house has one or more daughters, after the table has been cleared, he offers that stranger should also stay at his place and pass the night in bed with his daughter. The offer is, quite naturally, seldom refused . . . this wonderful practice is called in English "bundling" . . . the only inconvenience of it is that the stranger, as soon as he has lain together with the daughter of the house and if such a night has consequences, must either marry the young lady or at least support her, together with the child."

Supporting a wife and family was not a problem for a Hessian soldier who decided to stay in America. Congress offered a sergeant who deserted from the British Army 400 acres, two oxen, two cows and four hogs.

In March of 1778 officers and privates alike were seeking permission to marry American girls. The Pennsylvania Dutch families must have had myriad attractive daughters because there are many marriages recorded during, and just after, the Revolutionary War.

Of the 29,875 Hessian soldiers who participated in the Revolutionary War, only 17,313 returned to Europe. A small number were killed in battles, but the rest succumbed to America's attractions -- the women and the land -- and remained.

**Genealogy; A Guide To The U.C. Berkeley Library**, by Barbara Lee Hill & Bette Gorrell Root, is now available. It is a guide written just for genealogists, to the research collections of the fourth largest academic library in the nation. The guide will explain how you may use the West Coast's largest research collections of catalogs, bibliographies, indexes, maps, atlases, government documents, newspapers and periodicals. A special section covers the Bancroft Library and its superb collections. Examples of useful publications are cited throughout the text. A subject, author and title index is included in this 60-page publication by the U.C. Berkeley Library Associates. For your copy send \$3.50 to: The Library Associates, 208 Main Library, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720

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## SOCIETY NEWS

It's Dues Time Again! Our year runs from July to July. Fill in the attached form and return to Clarence. If we don't hear from you by November 1, this will be your last issue of The Tracer.

Have you ever wanted to trace your lineage on a chart without following the usual pedigree procedure? Well the Beedle System lineage charts allow you to jump from ancestor to ancestor regardless of which line is being followed - male or female. For example, the Beedle Chart allows you to show lineage from a daughter to her mother to her mother's father to her mother's father's mother, etc. (See Sample Chart) Rhett Williamson of our group gave a presentation on this system at our September meeting. He has been able to show 52 generations on just 7 sheets (8½x11). Each chart shows 12 generations. For more information on this system write: Walbruk Books and Genealogical Supplies, 6338 Marysville, Browns Valley, CA 95918, and ask about The Beedle System.

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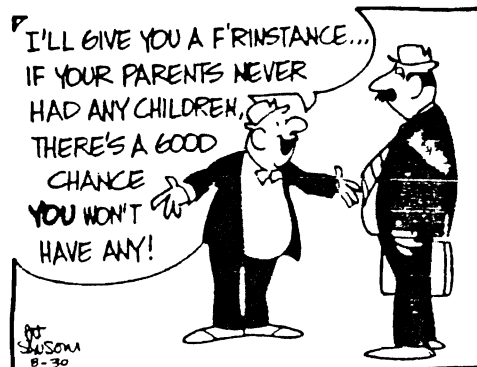
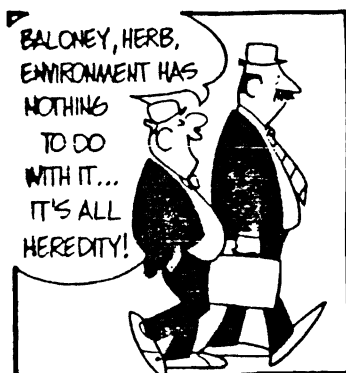
B = Born  
W = Where  
Occ = Occupation  
Md = Married  
To = Name of Spouse  
D = Died  
Ref = Reference

1. File the lineage charts in alphabetical order by surname, but write the name in full: Direct Lineage of: Sarah Ann Smith.
2. The first square will list person who begins each ancestral line. The ensuing squares follow the Patrilineal line. (Father - grandfather, etc.) Each female ancestor on the chart will appear in her husband's square by name only. For her complete information, refer to her lineage chart. (Example: Sally Jones page 1).

1	FITZPATRICK JAMES HETT WILLIAMSON	2	PAUL BARNARD WILLIAMSON
B	20 OCT 1937 Occ	B	14 FEB 1891 Occ
W	NEW ORLEANS ORLEANS LOUISIANA	W	BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA
Md	24 AUG 1963 Age 25	Md	27 JUNE 1923 Age
W	HOUSTON HARRIS TEXAS	W	NIXON TEXAS
To	RUTH JANE DRISCOLL	To	EDNA MARIE TALLEY
D	Age	D	14 APR 1955 Age
W		W	NEW ORLEANS ORLEANS LOUISIANA
Ref		Ref	
3	SAMUEL KENNARLY WILLIAMSON	4	DR. SAMUEL THOMAS WILLIAMSON
B	19 JULY 1862 Occ	B	Occ
W	BULLOCK COUNTY ALABAMA	W	
Md	14 JULY 1887 Age	Md	Age
W	LETOT TEXAS	W	
To	EUGENIE LETOT	To	MARY LOUISA MITCHELL
D	6 NOV 1940 Age	D	Age
W	SAN ANTONIO TEXAS	W	
Ref		Ref	
5	JAMES E WILLIAMSON	6	
B	Occ	B	Occ
W		W	
Md	Age	Md	Age
W		W	
To	ELIZ ANNE KENNARLY	To	
D	Age	D	Age
W		W	
Ref		Ref	
B	Occ	B	Occ
W		W	
Md	Age	Md	Age
W		W	
To		To	
D	Age	D	Age
W		W	
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# Born Loser



## GENEALOGICAL AIDS

### Die Pommerschen Leute

More frequently than not, when we write to a genealogical source in Europe they are not able to help us. One, we may not be giving them the most accurate information by which to help us or, two, the information just is not available to that particular source. Further, they most often will recommend that we contact:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Genealogical Department, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

The Genealogical Department of the Mormon Church has microfilmed many of the most important records in many nations. This had been going on in Europe for many years before the War and is continuing now. To make this collection available to researchers, they have established branch libraries. These may be used by anyone interested in genealogical search. Most of these branch libraries are small, usually located in meetinghouses. Each branch library contains a select group of books, microfilms, and microfiche; several reading machines, and a copy of the card catalogue of the library in Salt Lake City. From these the researcher can find the records of interest and then order the rolls which contain these records. A fee is charged for the handling and the films are to be used at the branch only.

Most branches are open several days a week. Some may be open evening hours. Your public library should be able to tell you the location of those in other states. It is a good idea to contact the library to identify the hours before your visit.

### The Main Library - Utah

Open to the public, no fees or charges. Over 1,000,000 rolls of microfilm, 40,000 added each year.

Does not provide a research service but will advise. There seems to be four different indexes available:

Temple Records Index Bureau - 30 million names;  
Family Group Records Archives - 7 million;  
Microfiche Index to 28 million names;  
GLC Computer Access System - newest part being added to each year.

## Avoiding Problems With Microfilm Orders

Temple Library  
Oakland, California

Normally it takes about one month for film to be received. If you have not, within one month, received our card notifying you of the film's arrival, call the library at 931-3905 and ask the Salt Lake Desk if the film has been received. Have ready your NAME and the DATE you ordered the film.

The library cannot take responsibility for failure of the Post Office to deliver mail on time or for patron mistakes or omissions.

On the day your film arrives we send you a postcard containing the following data:

- a. The last date the film will be available for you to use unless the loan is renewed.
- b. The film number and the CALL NUMBER under which it will be filed in the Salt Lake Film Cabinet.

The day following the date shown under (a.), we will pull the film from the cabinet and return it to Salt Lake unless the loan has been renewed.

If you wish to have us keep the film longer you may renew the loan for either one week (\$.25), two weeks (\$.50), or have the loan extended to six months from the original arrival date (\$1.00). In the event you are unable to get to the library you can renew the loan by mail. Send your check for the correct amount and enclose your name, film number, original order number and date it is due to go back.

However, to insure that we receive your renewal in time, you may also phone the library and give the Salt Lake Desk the above information and we will hold the film awaiting your check.

If you are going to be out of town about the time your film should arrive please let the Salt Lake Desk know and make arrangements to renew the film if that is necessary.

The responsibility to contact us about problems lies with you, the patron. Our library is responsible for any mistakes that we make regarding film ordering.

If you have any questions concerning our policies please ask for clarification from one of our staff members.

## Try To Know Before You Go

Proper German spelling for your locality;  
Parish for that locality - books at branch;  
Polish name of the city; each of these three is for a different index if the first one doesn't yield results.

### Did you know—or Helpful Hints—

All young men born between the years 1818 and 1843 were required to register for the draft for the Civil War. They were recorded according to their Congressional Districts. Most libraries can give you the district designation and the National Archives has the listings of names.

Until 1786, the Episcopal Church was the state church of Virginia. All children, regardless of religious affiliation, were required to be baptised by Episcopal ministers. Date of their baptisms, together with their names, date of birth and names of parents were recorded in parish registers. The same type of record was made of all marriages and burials. These church records are preserved at the Virginia State Library a Richmond. Some of these records have been printed. Two books that might be helpful in locating the proper parish are 1) Robert Stewart's Index to Printed Virginia Genalogie, and 2) E.G. Swem's Virginia Historical Index.

### Social Security

"How can I obtain information from the Social Security Administration on my relatives?" Social Security began in the late 1930's. Those who applied for an account number since that time will have an application on file which contains quite a bit of valuable information. To obtain this document, you must supply a photocopy of the death certificate of each individual for whom you make the request. Address your inquiry to your local Social Security Office (they will forward the request to the main office). Include the name and Social Security number of the person. Include a photocopy of the death record. State that you make the request under the F.O.I./P.A. (this refers to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Act which permits release of the data once an individual is deceased). Ask for a photocopy of the original application for Social Security number. The Social Security Administration is currently computerizing all the original

applications. You will receive either a photocopy of the original application or a photocopy of the computerized version. Included will be name, names of parents, date and exact place of birth (usually EXACT places of birth are given even for foreign birth!), residence, place of employment and the original has your relative's signature, as well! There is no cost for this service.

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### Fifteen Ways to Find A Maiden Name

1. Death certificates if within the past 100 years;
2. If more than 100 years, all her children's death certificates;
3. Newspaper obituaries;
4. Her children's marriage certificates;
5. Public church records found in libraries;
6. Unpublished records microfilmed at branch LDS libraries;
7. International Genealogical Index (IGI) on microfiche at LDS libraries;
8. Divorce papers from county courthouse where filed;
9. NEWSPAPER INDEXES by Anita Cheek Milner for records from burned courthouses and churches no longer in existence; local newspaper indexes;
10. County histories for biographies of individuals and their families;
11. Military pension information, widow's affidavits, bounty land warrants;
12. Published family genealogies, bibliographies in book form;
13. SURVEY OF AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL PERIODICALS INDEXES by Kip Sperry; also state and local historical society quarterlies;
14. Look for wills. Write local historical societies and ask for an index check;
15. Send out queries to periodicals and quarterlies in the areas where your ancestors were (also the MARIN IN TRACER).

Two other sources are 1) deeds and other land records; and 2) sometimes a census record will mention the mother-in-law.

Barbara Hill  
Contra Costa Genealogical Society



## MEET THE MEMBERS

### Jon and Gail Bryan

Gail Marian Voelker, born July 1940 in Schenectady, NY, is a computer tape librarian at Sandia National Laboratory in Livermore, California. Jon Burditt Bryan, born November 1940 in Scott City, KS, works in the Earth Sciences Department at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In 1969, he graduated from Kansas State University with his doctorate in physics. He and Gail were married in Livermore in December 1973. They live in Livermore, CA (415-447-9407) and have no children.

Gail is the younger of two daughters of Fred Voelker, born Feb 1901 in Schenectady, NY, and Marian Elizabeth Castel, born May 1907 in Gloversville, NY. Gail's paternal grandparents are George Voelker born Alten Kunstaadt, Germany and Lina Wunderlich born Selb, Bavaria, Germany. Gail's maternal grandparents are Burton James Castle born Schodack, NY and Sarah Hannah Stairs born Mayfield, NY. Gail's other surnames of interest include Geiger, and Geier of Germany plus Salsbury, Van Buren, Van Valkenburg, Vanderpool, Schermerhorn, Loop, Steenburg, Olmstead, Gorham, Van Alen, Verplanck, Van Vechten, Maynard, and Errie of New York State or nearby.

Jon is the oldest of three sons of John Arthur Bryan, Jr., born February 1911 near Modoc, KS and Myrtle Margaret Burditt, born April 1911 near Coldwater, KS. Jon's paternal grandparents are John Arthur Bryan, born near Mt. Ephraim, OH and Ora Wenona Jordan, born in Noble County, OH. Jon's maternal grandparents are Ira Thomas Burditt, born in Ross County, OH and Angie Christina Ellis, born in Verona, IL. Jon's other surnames of interest include "a Heinz 57 variety" of McVicker, Patterson, Hann, Oliver, McLaughlin, Taylor, Downey, Albin, Hoover, Schriver, Clark, Tracey, Finley, Hess, Hedrick, Harrah, Scott, Newton, Sullivan, Tuckwiler, Morehead, Pinneo and Marsh.

Jon began his "off and on" interest in genealogical research while writing a chapter titled "Family History" of his autobiography, a high school English class assignment. Later Gail "caught the genealogy bug" from Jon. Jon is still puzzling over a family tradition which says that he is related to ancestors of William Jennings Bryan but it is closer through the Jennings than the Bryan. So far they cannot

prove this. They were excited when Gail found that she had a common ancestor with President Martin Van Buren. Meeting some of Gail's relatives in Germany was very special. They are planning to eventually publish their findings using a home computer plus word processor. Currently Jon is starting to learn a new genealogical computer program called "Personal Ancestral File" from the Salt Lake Distribution Center.

## FEATURE

### An Idea That Worked - A Creative Process

Margaret Stoneking Fazio

There are times when no matter how many good ideas you have and act upon, none of them seem to work. Then there are times when one good idea lies dormant in the recesses of the mind for months or years and you finally drag it out and try it out, and lo and behold it ignites a string of exciting revelations. Well, I just had a string of exciting finds and they were ignited by an idea that I'd tucked away for a good year. Here's what happened to me.

I'd lost an ancestor in 1852 when he up and sold his property and disappeared from the county and the state of Ohio as far as I could tell. Did he die? That was possible but I had no way of knowing where. There was no Will in the original county, but that was no proof that he wasn't there in 1860. I finally went through the Census person by person to make sure he didn't move in with someone else. He was gone!! What I did know was that he had a baby son named after him, born in 1849,  $\frac{9}{12}$  years old on the 1850 Census. He also had two teenagers in 1850. My thought was to look up all the 1880 Soundex for the states west of Ohio until I found one of his children who would be grown by then. If I found the children, I figured I would find the parents. This thought I placed to the back of my mind for one of my trips to the Archives or Mormon Library. There the idea has rested for almost a year.

During the summer, I had an opportunity to go to the Mormon Library in Oakland and while there for an only hours work, I found the 1880 Soundex for Iowa and decided to try the name and see what I found. Well, not only did I find the baby who was now in his 30's, but I found another child age 28, born the year that my ancestor sold the property. Both had the same last name, with father born in New Jersey, mother born New York, plus the elder man had the same first name as my ancestor. I caught

fire, whipped out the 1880 Census and looked up both men for their particulars--maybe the parents would be there with them or next door, but no luck on that point. My hour was up and I had to dash but at this point my creative juices began to boil. I decided to write for land records in the county where I found the almost positive sons. Because my ancestor had owned property in the previous state that he had resided in, I figured he would probably put that money back into property when he arrived at a new residence. That proved to be true and the Recorder's office sent me the first positive proof that my ancestor was actually living in that county where I had found the sons. I received three land records. First one showed that he bought his first piece of land in 1864, (will solve the mystery of where he was from 1852-1864 some other time). Second one showed that he purchased more land in 1868. Third one showed that he sold the lands that he owned to his sons, except for the piece that had been given to one of his step sons. The Census and land records did not show the two teenage sons of 1850. I believe that another shot at the Soundex for the 1880 Census in another state between Ohio and Iowa might show the teenage sons and prove to be the residence of my ancestor from the years 1852-1864. Now, I'll just have to remember not to wait too long before I act on that notion.

Still that isn't all. I was so thrilled with the land records for the proof that they gave me that I was on the right track, that I kept right on going with my creative thought process. Another piece of evidence from land record three was that my ancestor was still alive in 1870 when the land record was recorded. That prompts me to get back to the library or archives to look at the 1870 Census in the township county in Iowa where the land was purchased in 1864 so that I can see if I can actually find my ancestor and his wife listed.

The next thing to do was to write to the County Clerk and see if I could find a Will for my ancestor, estimating that he probably died between 1870 and 1880, sickness could have prompted him to sell the land to his sons in 1870. I also asked for marriage records for the two sons, estimating their marriage dates from the 1880 Census data which gave the age of their first child. I received the marriage record of the older son along with his Will and the information found on his death certificate. But no marriage record was available for the younger son. Perhaps he married in the next

county, I'll try writing the closest one to see. Also, no Will was sent for my ancestor. But figuring that the Clerk might have been confused about my request, seeing as that the son and the father have the same name, I wrote back one more time. Since my ancestor sold his property to his sons in 1870, it's possible that no Will exists. However, I'm hopeful that something comes from one last try. Even if no Will materializes, I have lots of information on the son who married, had his family and died in this county. It's possible that I may be able to find a living descendant of this man who might know a lot of family history. I want to check the 1900-1910 Census for him.

One more thing to check on is the county history. Perhaps my ancestor ran for office or was prominent in some way. It's not a bad idea as my ancestor was a Justice of the Peace in Ohio. If that's the case, his biography might be written up in a county history. I could also see if a local newspaper existed between 1870-1880, if so I would pay a local person to look through the 10-year period for me for an obituary. A better bet would be having someone look up the son's obituary, he died in May 1918 perhaps there's mention of his father.

I've no doubt that once the creative juices begin to cook that many exciting finds boil up to the surface. I can't be sure that the year of dormacy wasn't part of the creative process. If this creative process is like a stew, then perhaps the dormacy was a process as well, like a marriage of flavors. I just don't want to forget to put in the new vegies that I've planted in my mind and that reminds me, a good cook keeps her mind on her stew. I'll have to remember that.



## Iroquois Trails

Submitted by Dixie Carter Newberry

"The principal villages of the Iroquois, in the days of aboriginal dominion, were connected by well-beaten trails. These villages were so situated that the central trail, which started from the Hudson River at the site of Albany, passed through those of the Mohawks and Oneidas; and, crossing the Onodaga Valley and the Cayuga country, a few miles north of the chief settlements of these nations, it passed through the most prominent villages of the Senecas, in its route to the valley of the Genesee River. After crossing this celebrated valley, it proceeded westward to Lake Erie, coming out upon it at the mouth of Buffalo Creek, at the present site of Buffalo." The villages of the tribes were located where water was abundant, and the trails connecting these villages followed creeks and rivers, sometimes going to places where it was easier to ford a waterway or else crossing larger bodies of water by canoe. At Tonawanda Creek, this main trail branched; one trail going northwest to Canada, the other was in a southwest direction to the site of Buffalo.

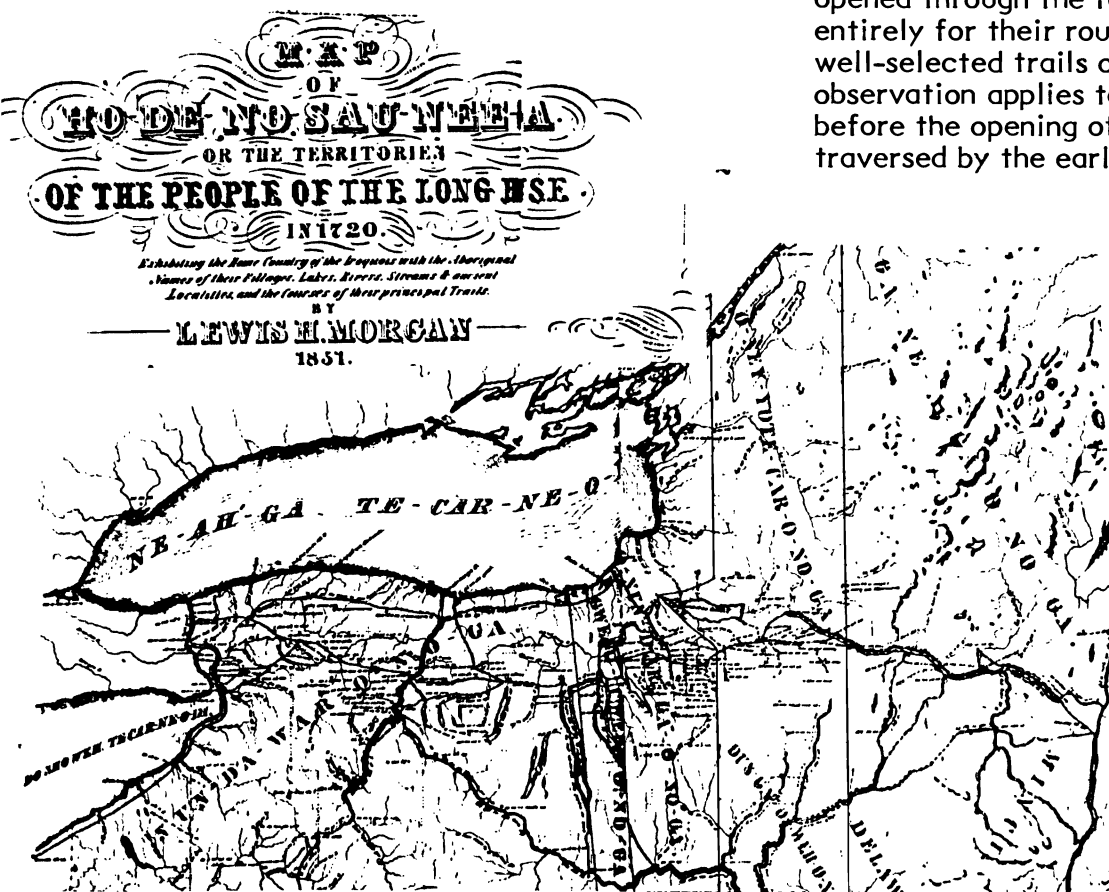
The Central trail went through almost endless forest and was usually 12 to 18 inches wide and deeply worn in the ground.

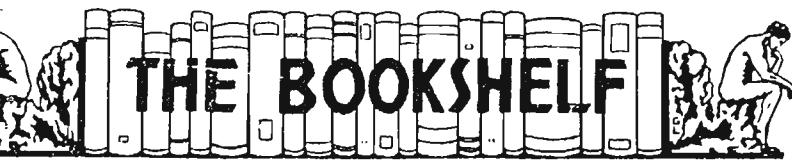
Considering that this trail had been used for many generations before the use of survey equipment, "it proved on the survey of the country, to have been so judiciously selected, that the turnpike was laid out mainly on the line of this trail, from one extremity of the state to the other . . . all the larger cities and villages west of the Hudson, have been located on it." This has shown amazing accuracy of the geographical knowledge of the Indian people. "The tide of population which has poured upon the west—mostly along the line of this trail—it is one of the great natural highways of the continent."

Another main route followed the shore of Lake Ontario from the valley of the Genesee River to Niagra, and into Canada. There was a trail from Rochester to the Allegany River leading to the southwest. The Conhocton trail and other smaller trails converged upon the Tioga River. "The convergence of so many trails upon this point, preparatory to a descent upon the south, through Pennsylvania and into Virginia on the west side of the Blue Ridge, rendered it an important and well-known locality among the Iroquois."

"Many of the early settlers of middle Pennsylvania, and nearly all of our people who located themselves on the fertile tracts spread out upon the Susquehanna, entered the country upon these trails, which were the only roads opened through the forests. They trusted entirely for their route to the well-beaten, and well-selected trails of the Iroquois. The same observation applies to the central trail, which, before the opening of regular roads, was traversed by the early pioneers of western New York, with their horses, cattle, and implements of husbandry. For many years this trail was the only route of travel. It guided the early immigrants into the heart of the country."

League of the Iroquois  
by Lewis Henry Morgan  
1st published,  
Rochester, 1851;  
2nd publishing,  
Citadel Press,  
Secaucus, N.J. 1962





# THE BOOKSHELF

Reviewed by  
George Anderson

A Narrative History of Contra Costa County (California). 1983. By George C. Collier, author and publisher (no address given). Soft cover, 8½x11 inches, 171 pages, illustrated, indexed, no price given.

Contra Costa County, California, today has the highest per capita income of any county in the state, and that despite large areas of relative poverty within its boundaries. That this area has always been favored, as a place to live and as a site for industry, is evident from A Narrative History of Contra Costa County, by George C. Collier. The narrative is an interesting one.

This history was not written as a source book for genealogy--the author states that "I did not intend this to be a story of people, cities or towns." Rather, he has produced a descriptive, anecdotal story, heavy on the fascinating details of Mexican land grant disputes. Residents of the Tri-Valley area will recognize the names of the principals in these disputes: **Castro, Berryessa, Moraga, Martinez, Alvarado, Briones, Peralta, Pacheco, Bernal, Livermore, Estuidillo, Amador, Alviso, Noriega, Marsh, Pico.**

The romantic names of the grants themselves are also familiar to us today: Rancho San Pablo, Rancho El Pinole, Rancho Acalanes, Rancho El Sobrante, Rancho San Ramon. Romantically named they may have been, but accurately surveyed they invariably were not.

The sad outcome of these disputes following the Mexican war was often that Mexican landowners lost their land to Anglo-Americans. As Collier explains, "The Mexican's ignorance of the English language and of the Anglo-American legal and business methods, coupled with their love of gambling and entertaining, was as much to blame for their ultimate ruin as were taxes, debts, land speculators and unscrupulous lawyers."

Mr. Collier worked for sixteen years in the Contra Costa County tax assessor's office in Martinez, so he is fond of exact legal descriptions of land, and of its pedigree of ownership. For genealogists studying the families of the Mexican rancheros, this is

important information, but when the narrative concerns industrial land, I find that such details detract from the story.

The tale of the tragic explosion that wiped out Port Chicago on July 17, 1944 is graphically told. Almost 5 kilotons of conventional munitions, accidentally initiated, caused damage as far away as Petaluma.

I had no reason to believe that any of my kin would be mentioned in this book, because only a few, far-from-notable ones lived there. But there on page 112, in a story about a murder case in 1899, is: "Hans Hansen, the hired man, was suspected of a double murder, but a note, presumably written by Mrs. Baago, was found, which cleared Hansen." This may not be my distant relative, Hans Hansen, who lived in the area at that time, but when I get time I will study the possibility.

This book is seriously flawed by minor errors, sometimes as many as five on a page. Also, the index provided by the author seems to be missing about twenty-percent of the person names in the book.

Our local history is as interesting as any in the country. Mr. Collier has done us a service by giving us A Narrative History of Contra Costa County.

Reviewed by  
George Anderson

A Bedwell Family. 1982. By Larry King, author and publisher, 100 Longview Drive, Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075. Hardcover, 7x10 inches, 377 pages, illustrated, indexed, \$25.

A Bedwell Family is subtitled Robert Bedwell, Sir: Fourteen Generations of his Descendants from St. Giles Parish, Cripplegate, London, England in 1635 to all the Fifty United States of America and many foreign countries in 1982. The publication announcement blurb, most of which I find accurate, reads "A Bedwell Family is a beautiful 7x10 inch brown cloth hard bound book attractively stamped in gold, with 384 double column pages in 10 pt. type on 70 lb. enamel paper, 3760 **Robert Bedwell** descendant family biographies, 143 portraits, a bibliography of copyrighted works from which much **Bedwell** information was taken, and a 15,770 all names index of **Bedwell** descendants and their spouses. The pleasing format, arrangement of information by generations, content, numbering system and many other

positive features make the book easy to use." The numbering system is indeed easy to use, but the numbers within a generation are assigned in more or less random order--with some added effort, the author could have improved on his systematics.

The most useful information that this review can give to readers of The Roots Tracer is the list of surnames frequently cited in the book. As given by the author, this list is: Adams, Adee, Alexander, Allen, Alumbaugh, Anderson, Andrew, Arnold, Atkinson, Baker, Bales, Bayer, Bedwell, Beeman, Bell, Bidwell, Bishop, Booker, Boone, Brewer, Brown, Burns, Buttler, Campbell, Casteel, Clark, Clarke, Coffin, Colbert, Cole, Collins, Cook, Cornett, Cox, Currey, Davis, Dodson, Driver, Duncan, Edwards, Enochs, Evans, Ferguson, Ferris, Fitzpatrick, Flynn, Foster, Franklin, Frye, Fuller, Gammill, Gardner, Gilbert, Goodman, Hale, Hall, Harrell, Harris, Hash, Head, Henry, Hicks, Hill, Hilton, Hines, Holmes, Hoover, Hopkins, Horne, Isaman, Jackson, Jenkins, Jewell, Johnson, Jones, King, Kirkpatrick, Lewis, Long, Madison, Martin, Mason, Milford, Miller, Moody, Morgan, Myers, McAllister, McClound, McKinnon, Nelson, Osborne, Owen, Padgett, Parsons, Peart, Peverley, Phelps, Phillips, Plude, Poe, Pool, Poole, Powell, Reeves, Riley, Roberts, Rooksberry, Russell, Sage, Schmitter, Scott, Smith, Snow, Stogner, Stringer, Tew, Thomas, Thompson, Towery, Trice, Turner, Tyler, Vaughan, Vaughn, Walker, Walters, Ward, Warrick, Watts, Waugh, Webb, White, Williams, Wilson, Wolfe, Wright, and 2500 others.

The number of names indexed in this book is massive: over 15,000. If the number of people who have lived in the U.S. since the 1600s is half a billion, and if I know the names of 5000 of my own kin who have lived in the U.S. (a boastful guess), and if certain idealizations apply, then there is a 15% chance I will find at least one of these 5000 in A Bedwell Family. I found none, as expected.

A well-known name I noticed on skimming the biographies was that of Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas.

The impressive features of this book are the huge number of indexed names and the attractive format. I feel that Mr. King could have been more rigorous with documentation; for example, there are a number of statements like "It is unanimously believed by American researchers that . . .", but the names of the

researchers and specific citations are not given. There is a bibliography, but some of the citations, like "History of Oregon", are inadequate. I also found the author's frequent use of a semicolon where the rest of the world uses a comma to be distracting.

If my kin were in this book, I would be proud to own it.

#### BIBLE RECORD Family of Elihu and Mary Leach Bates

This is a very old Bible. It has been rebound. The front pages are missing, but contains "The Books of the Old Testament, The Books of the New Testament and The Books called Apocrypha". The introductory page of the New Testament says:

"The New Testament of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with Arguments, Prefixed to the Different Books, and Moral and Theological Observations Illustrating each Chapter, Composed by The Reverend Mr. Ostervald, Professor of Divinity, and one of the Ministers of The Church at Neufchatel in Swisserland. Translated at the desire of, and recommended by The Society For Propagating Christian Knowledge, London, Printed and sold by all the Booksellers in Great Britian, M,DCC,XCIX (1799)"

#### FAMILY RECORD OF ELIHU AND MARY BATES

Elih Bates, Senr (sic) married to Mary Leach September 7th 1797

1. John Adams born July 9th 1798 it being on Monday 2 o'clock P.M.
2. Elihu, Junr (sic) born August 27th 1801 at 7 o'clock P.M. Thursday
3. Mary Leach born November 2, 1802 6 o'clock A.M. it being on Tuesday
4. Henry Born Friday 25th Jany 1805 at 7 o'clock P.M.
5. Joseph Loud born 25 Novr 1806 8 o'clock A.M. on Tuesday

#### Deaths:

Mr. Elihu Bates Senr (sic) died April 25th 1821 aged 48 years and 8 months

Mr. Elihu Bates junr (sic) died August 30, 1821 aged 20 years and three days

#### Marriages:

(in very faded writing) Mary Bates \_\_\_\_ ly 10, 1825

Tucked within the pages was a printed spiritual exercise addressed to: My Dear Sister --Boston, May 24, 1838. On outer back page: Mrs. Mary Bates, Boston. The exercise is signed, personally by "your Friend and Pastor" R.H. Neate.

There's also a receipt from a Commercial Bank dated Oct. 5, 1840. A letter to "Dear Brother" saying Capt. Snow died that day (no date given) but asks to give love to Mother, Sister and Brother. Signed "yours" (no name).

If interested in this Bible it is in the possession of Richard Moore, 7483 Interlachen, San Ramon, CA 94583.

## NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

RoseMarie Stickney Wade

### Connecticut Society of Genealogists

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists is a non-profit organization which was founded in 1968. It has a world-wide membership of over 4,000 and is one of the largest Societies in the United States dealing exclusively with genealogy.

They publish a quarterly "Connecticut Nutmegger" of 184 pages per quarter. Half of the publication is devoted to queries from members who are entitled to three free queries per issue. The annual dues from May 1 to April 30 are \$20 in the United States with a registration fee of \$3 for new members.

A service they also provide for members is a research service. Several members will search for births, marriages and deaths in the town halls and State Library for a small fee.

The office is located at 2906 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

### MICHIGAN

The Michigan Genealogical Council is the coordinating body for the genealogical societies in the state of Michigan. Member societies operate independently, sending delegates or representatives to serve on the Council. There are presently 42 member societies. A copy of the list is available from the Council at Michigan State Library, Michigan Unit, 735 E. Michigan Avenue, Box 30007, Lansing MI 48913. The Council is in the process of publishing Michigan Surname Index with over 52,000 entries. For information contact Ruth Kennedy, P.O. Box 57, Birmingham, MI 48012.

Ohio Genealogical Society, June 1984

## CERTIFIED OR ACCREDITED GENEALOGISTS

The American College of Genealogists, incorporated in 1979, is accepting applications from individuals who wish to be certified or accredited as a genealogist.

The College is a national organization for genealogists of hereditary organizations and other persons who contribute to the recording of genealogies. Its members are, or have been practicing genealogists in chapter, state & national hereditary societies.

Individuals may join the American College of Genealogists as an accredited genealogist or as a certified genealogist. Members may be elevated to the status of "Fellow."

Inquiries may be sent to Richard E. Willson, Secretary, American College of Genealogists, P.O. Box 354, Ottawa IL 61350

## QUERY COLUMNS & FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

The Marin Kin Tracer Quarterly newsletter carries an ongoing list of Query columns and family associations from across the country.

### ILLINOIS

A Guide to County Records in the Illinois Regional Archives. \$12.50 (cloth) Post Paid, to Information Services/IRAD, Illinois State Archives, Archives Building, Springfield, IL 62756.

### WORKBOOK

Send \$6.75, mark envelope Workbook April 1984. Mail to Chicago Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 11600, Chicago, IL 60690.

### ARIZONA TERRITORIAL RECORDS

Prescott was the first Territorial capital with the military post of Fort Whipple nearby. The recently published Arizona Territorial Records may help you. Poll Tax Records 1873-1876, \$4.50; Methodist Episcopal Church Records 1890-1910, \$4.50; Bible Records of Sharlot Hall Museum 1775-1900, \$3.50; Marriage Records 1865-1895, \$7.95. All postpaid D.M. Whiteside, 501 Juniper Drive, Prescott, AZ 86301.

### TEXAS

Texas Veterans in the Mexican War, Muster Rolls of Texas Military Units, by Charles D. Spurlin. Ingmire Publications, 10166 Clairmont Drive, St. Louis, MO 63136.

Chicago Genealogical Society News

## GERMAN, IRISH & CZECH

The Chicago Genealogical Society newsletter carries a lot of information from their local interest groups.

## NORWEGIAN IMMIGRANTS

St. Olaf College Library, Northfield, MN has a valuable source for research of Norwegian immigrants. The Rowberg File is a collection of obituaries clipped from various Norwegian language newspapers. The file is indexed. This is part of a collection of the Norwegian American Historical Assn. sources. It begins in 1914 and continues through the 1960s. Obituaries are of persons of Norwegian birth and are from many states. Write St. Olaf College Library, Northfield, MN 55057.

Northwest Iowa Rootdiggers

## CANADA

The 1891 Canadian Census will be released early this year. Canadian researchers can receive a limited amount of free research aid by writing: **Quebec Ancestors**, l'Arbre Historique Enn., 610 Prevoist, Trois Reviers Prs., Quebec, Canada GBY 4A5.

## DANISH-AMERICAN

Grand View College, 1315 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50316 and the Danish-American Heritage Society have a project underway to locate, preserve and prepare a listing of Danish-American archival materials.

## SCOTCH IRISH by Louis B. Wright

In the cultural development of Colonial America, the Scots were among the most significant groups of the non-English elements of the population after the turn of the eighteenth century. These Scots were of various kinds: Lowland Scots, Highlanders, and the Ulster Scots.

Interest in the Scots in America has produced a vast and growing literature in which there is much confusion of both act and terminology, much romance, and not a little nonsense. First of all, the term Scotch-Irish has sometimes led to misunderstanding. Many assume that Scotch-Irish means people of mixed Scottish and Irish blood, whereas historically it means people of Scottish descent residing in Ireland before their emigration to America. In many colonial records these people frequently were simply called "Irish," a designation that has misled more than one unwary genealogist. They had little or no Celtic Irish blood in their

veins, and almost invariably they were Protestants, usually Presbyterians. During the whole of the Colonial Period, only a handful of Catholic Irish came to America, and at the end of the Revolution Catholics of all nationalities in the new nation numbered hardly more than 24,000. The great influx of true Irish into the U.S. was a nineteenth-century phenomenon. Because of this confusion of terminology, the term "Ulster Scots" will make clearer the origins of the people now commonly denominated as "Scotch-Irish."

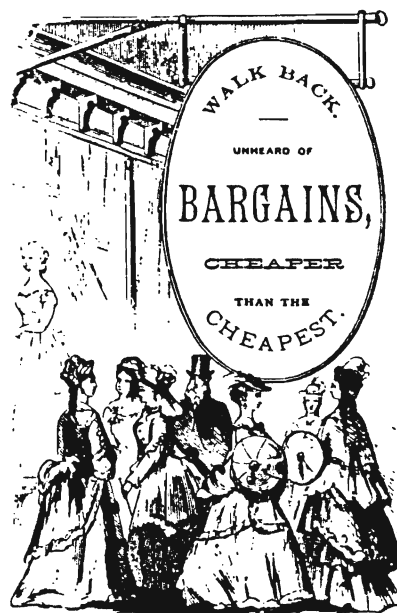
The Cultural Life of the American Colonies  
reprinted by Genealogical Assn. of Sacramento  
Summer 1984

## COPELAND COUSINS REUNION

Descendants of Thomas Copeland and his wife Margaret Langeton Copeland held a reunion at Del Valle Park, Livermore, CA. Thomas & Margaret settled on property at the end of Ruess Road in the 1870s.

Anyone with stories, memories or pictures of members of the Copeland family that they would like to share, please write Earlene Walker, 3873 Union Street, Fremont, CA 94538.

Livermore Heritage Guild (California)  
August Newsletter





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 3rd Stockton Green Thumb Workshop

October 20, 1984  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LDS Stake House  
Brookside (between Pacific & Pershing)  
Stockton, California

Some of the topics for discussion are Computerized Genealogy; Southern States Research; "AIS", How to Use It; Researching Your Latin Heritage; "ABC's" for Beginners; U.S. Census; Family Histories in Print; Family Trees Done Easily; "PAF" LDS Computer Genealogical Program; Researching in New England States, Miscellaneous Records; Immigration Patterns; Family Associations;

Pre-registration of \$10 per person or \$15 per couple, late registration post-mark 2-15 October \$12.50, all others \$15.

Lunch will be served for \$2.50, soup-sandwich-salad & cookies.

Mail check or money order to:  
Laura Thomassen  
1934 Laredo Circle  
Stockton, CA 95209

### California Genealogical Society Fall Seminar

Saturday, November 3, 1984  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cowell Hall  
at the University of San Francisco

Pre-registration fee \$15  
At the door \$20

Mail to:  
California Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 42637  
San Francisco, CA 94101

## VALLEY ROOTS

### Pioneers

#### Dixie Carter Newbury

The old town of Laddsville saw the beginnings of the Presbyterian church society as early as 1866 when the Reverend W.W. Brier came from Centerville twice monthly to preach to the small congregation. When the Central Pacific Railroad was completed in 1869, the town of Livermore came to be. This brought many settlers to the valley and the congregation grew with people like Willard S. Kingsbury and his wife Helen. He headed the Collegiate Institute. Frederick A. Anthony was a tinsmith and his sister, Mrs. Flora S. Bias. Then there was Morton P., Scott and his wife Margaret J. Scott, Horace R. Huie and his wife Margaret, and Owen Owens. All these people signed the paper of organization on February 11, 1871.

The town of Laddsville was destroyed by fire later in 1871 so the small congregation met in the Collegiate Institute out on College Avenue, but, wanting a more central location, they later held their meetings at the Exchange Hall.

The congregation continued to grow and it wasn't long before they wanted a building of their own. By November 1873, enough money had been raised to begin construction and a contract was awarded to Freeman, Conkite, and Harriman. Two lots on the corner of Fourth and K Streets had been donated by A.D. Spivalo and the church bought a third lot.

Trustees in charge of the building included Daniel Inman, County Supervisor and member of the Legislature, Wm. M. Mendenhall who laid out the town of Livermore, Hiram Bailey who came in 1855 as a carpenter and by 1865 owned a large acreage of wheat, Jesse Bowles, a farmer and stockman, F.A. Anthony who, by now, owned a hardware store, and a miller, C.J. Stevens.

Building progressed with only one set back—a windstorm on the night of January 15, 1874 blew down the framework and they had to start all over again. In time the work was completed and the church was dedicated July 26, 1874 with Reverend C.W. Anthony as pastor.

The building is still being used, with several structural changes, as the Memorial Chapel and is the scene of many weddings of Livermore young people.



VALLEY ROOTS (continued)

**St. Michael's Cemetery - Part V**

Power, Patrick (Rev) - 1879-1915

Kellin, K.J. - no dates

Fath, Fred'ck William - 1 Feb 1867-15 Oct 1886 1st born in Laddville,CA

Hupers, Andrew M. - 1870-1900

Hupers, Juliana - 1838-1912

Hupers Plot: F.H.H., E.G.H.,G.W.H. individual stones -no dates

Sangmaster, George - 1868-1938

Blondin, Joseph - died 11 Mar 1889, aged 12 years

Blondin, Louie - died Sept 1888, age 6 months

Blondin, Josephine - wife of Joseph, died 16 Aug 1889, aged 31 years

Blondin Plot: L.B., J.B., J.B., F.B.,J.G. - individual stones - no dates

Mourterot, Bernard - 6 Nov 1867-14 Sept 1946

Mourterot, Mary - 22 April 1882-22 March 1943

Brown, Adam M. - 1834-1911, Native County Antrim, Ireland

Brown, Catherine - died 18 Dec 1928, Native of Ireland

Moretti, Jean P.- 1819-1889 ( "Morette" on stone)

Neuburger, Martin - In Stiiil, iingen, Baden, Germany - 12 Nov 1820-28 Oct 1882

Donohue, Annie, Native of County Donegal, Ireland - died 4 Sept 1908, aged 65 years

Aguerebere, Francisco - Father

Aguerebere, Marie - Mother

Aguerebere, Baptiste

Aguerebere, Amanda

Aguerebere, Frank

Owen, Willie

Stone: J.A.W.R. - no dates

Logan, Mary Louisa, born in Sonoma County, CA - 27 May 1828-26 April 1900, 72 years

Merchant - Clark Plot: one stone "Mother"

Guirado, Mrs. B. - died 6 Aug 1915, 64 years, 5 months, 22 days

Guirado, Benj. - died 22 July 1903, 58 years, 3 months, 19 days

Laffaille, Marcel - nè en France, en 1864, décede' a Livermore Le 30 Mars 1911, Regrétté de son,  
Espouse et ses enfants - P.P.L.

Laffaille, Victoire - 1867-1955

Walters, Mrs. R.L. - 1878-1913

Weber, Maria Julia - 1858-1920 "Mother"

Lorrain, J.

Amador, Mary J. - 17 March 1853-6 March 1923

**St. Michaels Cemetery - Part V (continued)**

Amador, Mathew - 16 April 1892-25 Nov 1892

Flynn, O. - "Father" and "Mother"

Shea, G./C.

Egan, M.

Ryder, T.

Dario, Louis - Native of France - 17 April 1853-28 May 1904

Dario, Josephine - Native of France - 12 Dec 1855-28 March 1937

Raymond, Carmelita - 1887-1919

Silva, J.P. - died 24 April 1908, aged 74 years - "Mother"

Keerans, Michael Jr. - 13 April 1889-11 Nov 1907, son of Michael and Agnes Keerans Gorman,  
Walter -1817-1901

Gorman, Bridget - 1832-1900

Gorman, Walter, Jr. - 1876-1918(?)

Gorman, Elizabeth - 1861-1925(?)

Wilson, A.

Dunlea, Ann Hannora, wife of Michael - 6 Dec 1895, aged 57 years 11 months, Native of  
County Kerry, Ireland

Dunlea, Mary Agnes - daughter of Michael and Ann H. - 26 April 1899, aged 23 years, 16 days,  
Native of Alameda County, CA

Harron, Bernard - 1870-1935

Harron, Annie - 1873-1959

Nolan - nothing more

Fitzpatrick, Timothy G. - 1854-1936 (in Regan Plot)

Faulkner, Catherine - 1870-1958 Mother

Faulkner, Mary - baby daughter - 1899-1903

Faulkner, John V. - 1902-1942

Faulkner, William B. - 1866-1931, Father

Faulkner, Mary E. - 1904-1924, Daughter

Faulkner, Elizabeth - died 24 Feb 1878/1898 ?

Faulkner, James - died 31 May 1910, Native of Ireland

McMurray, Hugh - 1874-1901

McMurray, James - 1881-1904

Caisel - nothing more

Homen, Antonio - died 31 Dec 1916, aged 56 years

Doolan, Father, Mother, Brother

Doolan, M. Plot: Katie Emily Doolan - 6 May 1867-3 June 1885, age 18 yrs, 28 days

Rooney, John - 8 Dec 1918, aged 34 years

## QUERY CORNER

**Nancy Lillian Bruner** b 14 Dec 1877 Audubon City, Iowa, m 14 Mar 1900 Audubon City, Iowa. She married a man by the name of **Victor E. Gearhart** or **Gearheart**. They had three children, **Lenora**, **Fred**, and **Roy**. Victor died about 1940 and was reported to have been buried either in California or in Pottawatomie County, Iowa. However, negative results in a cemetery book for that county. Would like to learn where she died and was buried.

**Inez Mae Bruner** b 27 Mar 1887 Audubon County, Iowa, m 23 Sep 1906 Audubon County, Iowa. In some places her name is listed as Ina Mae. She married a **Charles R. Wissner** or **Wisner**, or **Wieser**. I have found all spellings. They had children named **Gertrude** and **Clifford**. It is believed that they settled in the southern part of California, possibly in the San Diego area. However, this has not been proven. I did hear that Clifford and Gertrude never married and they both have died.

Richard Stoneking  
5205 N. Wyandotte  
Gladstone, MO 64118

Seeking information on descendants of **John Wesley Morgan**, b May 1837 Lee County Illinois; married **Carline Brimmer** 1863 in Iowa; resided Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, near Kirkwood, Tehama County, California 9 November 1906. Issue: **John Wesley**, **Joanna**, **Charles**, **George**, **Nancy**, **Albina C.**, **Daniel E.**, **Lucy Jane**, **Alice**, **Rebecca M.**, **Bertha**.

Who were the parents of **Nancy Stull** b ca 1805 in Ohio (where?), m ca 1826 Ohio (where?) to **Edward Morgan** of Fayette County, Ohio; resided in Vermilion and Lee Counties, Illinois; d 10 April 1863 Franklin Grove, Lee County, Illinois?

Want proof that **Willa Miner Morgan** b 14 January 1783 Virginia, d 11 December 1850 Fayette County, Ohio, married **William Morgan** b ca 1778 Virginia, is the daughter **Willa M. Morgan** that **Anthony Simms Davenport**, Pickaway and Ross Counties, Ohio mentions in Will dated 2 September 1834.

Who was **Rachel Morgan** that married **Thomas Chenoweth** 19 September 1811 Fayette County, Ohio?

Mary Morgan  
Box 85  
Quimby, Iowa 51049

Wish to make contact with descendants of **Richard and Sarah (Sally) Sheldon Cook** b Rhode Island settled Norwich Chenango County New York ca 1800.

Children: **Nathan**, **Cyrus**, **Nancy** m **David Cartwright**, **Cyrene** m **Amasa Ballou**, and **Nelson** resided Cayuga County New York in 1859.

Margaret Fazio  
454 Dover Way  
Livermore, CA 94550

Help wanted on the descendants of three **Flake** sisters:

**Sarah Jane Flake** b 1835, m 1857 to **Joseph C. Wood**. Lived in Mercer County, Illinois. Children: **Sarah A. Wood** b 1858; **William H. Wood** b 1859; two others, names unknown. **Sara Jane Wood** lived somewhere in Iowa in 1890, d by 1902.

**Elizabeth Ann Flake** b 1841, m 1861 Mercer County, Illinois to **John H. Wood** (brother to Joseph, above); in 1880 lived in Fremont County, Iowa; in 1900 in Woodbury County, Iowa. Eleven children, including: **Hattie M.** (married **J.A. Morris**, children: **Ben**, **Owen**, **Eva**, **Donald**, **Dewey** b 1900), **Charles E.** (child: **Elma**, b 1899), **Christopher N.** (child: **William**, 1900)

**Mary Margaret Flake** b 1843, m (1) 1861 Mercer County, Illinois to **Martin Hicks (Hix)**, m (2) 1883 Warren County, Illinois, to **CYRUS AMES**. In 1908 **Mary Ames** was living somewhere in Iowa. She had several children of each marriage.

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Need information on **James Brown** b ca 1885 California. Lived in Washington in early 1900s, also in Oregon and Alaska.

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Need information regarding **Jeremiah Wade**. Lived Bedford County, Virginia 1770s-1780s. Believed to be father of **Jacob**, **Issac** and **Joshua** all of whom were in the Revolutionary War.

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