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Errata: We regret that some issues of the Roots Tracer were printed without proper credit for the article "The Importance of Portraits" in the Winter issue. This article was found in Victoria magazine, August 1989.

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WE WELCOME YOU

FAMILY REUNION IDEAS  
by Shirley Siems Terry

Summer reunion time is just around the corner. The usual advice of planning six months to a year in advance is advisable for large gatherings or for scattered families. This gives time to locate and notify everyone so they can plan vacations.

However, we have been involved in three recent very successful reunions planned only a few weeks or months in advance. All were pot-lucks and planned around the announced rare visit home of relatives coming from afar and involved groups numbering about 50 members. The sites for two of the above were a hospital community room and small-town community hall, both arranged by local relatives at nominal expense. The third reunion site was a country park with a large pavilion and no reservation system. Several people simply arrived early on Sunday to lay claim, hang signs, etc. All sites had sinks, stoves and electrical hook-ups for appliances as well as adequate parking.

The key to any family reunion is planning with the location being one of the major concerns. Notify everyone as soon as possible of any costs involved, when & who to pay. Bright colored t-shirts or other printed mementoes must be ordered in advance. A list of hotels/motels in the area with prices, phone number and reservation deadline should be sent to out-of-towners.

Activities should be geared to the weather, reunion location and ages of attendees. The usual ball games and relay races are great for parks, but more sedate games will have to be planned if inside. Kids can have fun and learn about their family if given sheets with photocopied pictures of homes, heirlooms, ancestors, aunts, uncles, etc. to connect by drawing lines to answers in middle. If you arrange tours of ancestral homes, cemeteries, etc., a sheet of pictures could be given to fill in locations. How about a Bingo sort of game requiring signatures of: First cousin, Teacher, Californian, nurse, Farmer, Family member with largest number of children in attendance, Jr High student, Red-haired cousin, Came by train, etc. There should be several possibilities for each. Give prizes for all who finish. Participants can be told to pay attention and learn all they can about the family to help when sheets are passed out after ceremonies and food. Parents and grandparents should not be allowed to help.

Additional ideas include name tags, display tables or boards for family pictures, sing-a-longs, skits, a special theme or color scheme, sign-up sheet with name, address and phone. Have someone tell of the family ancestry, post a large family tree or ask older members to stand and share a family memory or story. Don't forget your camera, or even better, your video camera.

Take a supply of family group sheets with your name and address to be filled out and sent to you. Follow up on renewed interest in the family by publishing a family newsletter or recipe book.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society publishes survey of Pleasanton and Dublin cemeteries.**

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March 5, 1990

Members of the local genealogical society announced the publication this week of the first complete list of all gravestones in Pleasanton and Dublin cemeteries. Genealogists value gravestone inscriptions as hard data about their ancestors. Local historians also find cemetery compilations useful in research.

Called "Cemeteries of Pleasanton and Dublin, California: Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery, St. Augustine's Catholic Cemetery, and Dublin Cemetery," the 138-page book was published this week by the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, known as LAGS. A dozen members of the society worked for over a year to gather and organize the data and prepare it for publication. The book is on sale for \$14. postpaid from LAGS, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551.

Although the project team members concentrated on gravestone inscriptions, they were also able to locate burial and mortuary records and include them in the book. In all there are 4668 entries in the every-name index; a few hundred of these are duplicate entries representing, for example, a mortuary record and a burial record for the same person, but with variant spellings of the name. The index contains 1719 different surnames.

One of the objectives of the cemetery survey was to ensure that the published list preserved the kinship groupings of the gravestones, to allow genealogists to infer family relationships when these were not explicit in the inscriptions. Some cemetery lists fail to preserve such information, considered vital to sound genealogy.

No previous published inventory of St. Augustine's Catholic Cemetery is known to exist. In 1935 the Daughters of the American Revolution published surveys of Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Dublin Cemetery, and in 1976 Jean B. Fallows published a survey of Dublin Cemetery. The DAR listings are available at local historical societies, but the only known copy of the Fallows publication is on microfilm at the Mormon Family History Center in Salt Lake City. Since 1935, ten stones in Dublin Cemetery and one stone in Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery have disappeared through vandalism and other causes. The new LAGS book incorporates these "lost" inscriptions and adds several thousand others for those who have died since 1935.

Conducting a cemetery survey is an often-tedious chore, involving many hours on hands and knees trying to decipher inscriptions nearly illegible from age. Acid rain in recent years threatens rapid obliteration of the data on the stones.

Twelve members of LAGS participated in the Pleasanton-Dublin cemetery project. Leader of the group was Beverly Schell Ales of Pleasanton, assisted by Margaret Fazio, Marge Harter, Lisa Newby, Art Skinner, Clarence Parkison, and Billy and Lorraine Green of Livermore, and Marilyn and Tom Fullam of Dublin. George and Harriet Anderson of Pleasanton edited the book.

Valley residents will recognize in the book dozens of family names that have become familiar as local place names, for example, Apperson, Bernal, Bollinger, Bonde, Donlon, Dougherty, Fallon, Gale, Hansen, Kolln, Koopmann, Mendenhall, Mohr, Murray, Neal, Nissen, Norris, Orloff, Rose, Stanley, and Vargas.

Places of birth documented on the gravestones include the Azores Islands, Spain, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, England, Ireland, Scotland and many states of the United States. At least one 49er is memorialized: "Charles C. Garthwaite, born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on March 11, 1818, died December 19, 1887. A Pioneer of 1849."

LAGS was founded in 1978 "To provide an opportunity for exchange of genealogical information and to assist members in their research."

Membership is open to anyone interested in family history. Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Emek, 1886 College Ave., Livermore.

LAGS has published four other books in recent years. Companion to the new volume is the 1988 book, "Livermore Cemeteries," containing 5800 names of persons buried in Livermore cemeteries. Also available from LAGS are: "LAGS Surname Index," listing names being researched by members of LAGS; "Ten-Year Cumulative Every-Name Index and Index to Major Subjects for The Livermore Roots Tracer'," an index to the LAGS quarterly publication; and "The Bookshelf," a catalog of books in the Gayle Pipes Memorial Library, the society's genealogical library.

1887 TAX ASSESSMENT LIST  
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I do hereby certify that I did between the second Monday in May and the first Monday in August A.D. 1887 make a True list of all the taxable property within the limits of the Town of Livermore, Alameda County, State of California: That the foregoing is such list and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge information and belief.

Wm. Jas. COLLUR Town Assessor  
of said Town of Livermore  
dated at Livermore August 15th  
1887

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**1990 LECTURE SCHEDULE**

All lectures this year are scheduled on either the second or fourth Saturday of the months the Archives is open for genealogical research (closed from Memorial Day to Labor Day and on weekends of National Holidays), from 9 am to 12 noon, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno. Call 415/876-9009 for reservations.

Except where noted, the price of each lecture is \$10. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "SAN MATEO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY" with the notation: "FRIENDS". Payment at the door is preferred. All proceeds will be used to augment the genealogy holdings of the Archives.

In addition, the Archives is scheduling a number of lectures by members of their staff on Federal Record holdings of the Regional Archives at San Bruno.

JAN 27 "PERSONAL, PRACTICAL GENEALOGY" by Bette Kot. These lectures are for  
 FEB 10 both beginners and those whose research data is in an unmanageable  
 FEB 24 state (in other words, all of us). Bette Kot has a post-graduate  
 MAR 10 degree in Library Science, has been a highly popular Genealogy  
 instructor for over 10 years, and is a professional genealogical  
 researcher. \$10. per lecture, or \$35. for the set of four.

MAR 24 "MAPS! YOU CAN'T GET THERE AND THEN FROM HERE AND NOW WITHOUT THEM"  
 by Judy Svoboda. Types of maps, where to find them, how to use them  
 to enhance what you have or to uncover other records. Judy Svoboda  
 has pursued genealogy for over 15 years. She has lectured  
 extensively for the past 12 years at local colleges, adult education  
 centers and senior centers on numerous topics, especially land  
 records and migration patterns.

APR 14 Good Friday weekend. No lecture.

APR 28 No lecture in deference to the Arlene Eakle seminar scheduled by the  
 Santa Clara County GS.

MAY 12 "RESEARCHING BRITISH FOREBEARS" by Barbara Myers. Records of England,  
 Scotland, Wales: where they are, how to access them by mail, what  
 they contain. Barbara Myers is a vivid lecturer, and has in-depth  
 British research experience.

MAY 26 Memorial Day weekend. No lecture.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST: The Archives is not open on Saturdays.

SEP 08 "BEGINNING WORKSHOP IN HISPANIC HERITAGE" by Evelyn Romero Martinez.  
 Mrs. Martinez is an eighth generation Californio and a descendant of  
 Pio Pico, the last Mexican governor of California before it became a  
 state. She is a recognized California history specialist; an author,  
 editor, and publisher of numerous books, articles, and newsletters;  
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 Clara; and an enthusiastic advocate of encouraging students' interest  
 in hispanic family history.



- SEP 22 to be announced
- OCT 13 "FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE LDS LIBRARIES -- LOCALLY, AND PREPARING TO GO TO SALT LAKE CITY" by Bette Kot. Maximizing the value of the local Index (IGI) and Catalog (FHLC). Using them and other resources to increase your research success in SLC. Bette Kot's qualifications described above also include leading research tours to SLC.
- OCT 27 "AVOID THE CROOKED PATH! GETTING RESULTS, NOT FRUSTRATION" by Christine Rose, C.G., F.A.S.G. Identifying the problem, achieving results, "preponderance of the evidence", etc. Christine Rose is one of less than 50 U.S. professional genealogists elected to the Fellows of the American Society of Genealogists. She has contributed numerous articles to genealogic journals; has published two books on the ROSE family line; is editor, with her husband, of The ROSE Family Newsletter; and was the 1987 winner of the prestigious Donald Lines Jacobus award.
- NOV 10 "RESEARCHING YOUR EAST AND WEST GERMAN ANCESTORS BY CORRESPONDENCE" by Doris Newbery. The various kinds of records existent in different areas of Germany, where they reside, how to obtain them. Doris Newbery has been an active genealogist for over 25 years, has conducted research in Germany, taught German genealogy workshops, taught basic genealogy for Girl Scout Leaders, and has published a book on her German family lines. She is 1990 president of the San Mateo County Genealogical Society.
- NOV 24 Thanksgiving Weekend. No lecture scheduled.
- DEC No lectures scheduled in December.

NOTE: The Friends of the Archives has developed a CONSOLIDATED CALENDAR OF GENEALOGICAL EVENTS FOR THE SF BAY AREA, which now is available on the COMMSOFT Bulletin Board System. It contains all meetings, speakers, etc. for all Bay Area Genealogical Societies providing input.

Societies will be able to enter additions and changes as soon as they occur, and to extract printouts for their newsletters and for posting on their bulletin boards. For individual access, consult your local Genealogical Society for instructions. The only access charge is your local telephone call.

An abbreviated version of the Friends' Lecture Series, above, is contained in this calendar. Changes and additions will be posted on this online Calendar rather than being printed and mailed, to save postage expense.

YOUR FUTURE FAMILY HISTORIANS will be grateful to you if you have a photocopy of your 1990 census. Your data will not be released for at least 75 years. And in filling out your census form, the use of full names, not initials, will also be a blessing.



## HONORING WILLIAM FOXWORTHY

William Earnest Foxworthy, the compiler's father, is the subject of this sketch. He was the son of Freeman Leroy Foxworthy and Serena Ellen Furr. His place of birth was Newtown, Fountain county, Indiana.

Data from the family bible indicates William was born 18 March 1889. A copy of his record of birth from the Fountain-Warren County Health Department in Attica, Indiana (Book No. H-1, page no. 4) states the day of birth to be the 19th of March and his parents were Freeman and Serena.

William's Certificate of Death (File 63-067285) from the State of California shows his date of birth to be 18 March 1887. The Certificate of Marriage (No. 17-002441) from the California State Board of Health indicates he was 25 years of age at the time of his marriage in 1917, which would make the year of his birth 1892.

In a letter to the compiler, dated June 2, 1983, Mr. C. T. Babers General Manager-Industrial Relations, the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, states that: ". . . At time of employment Mr. Foxworthy reported Newtown, Indiana, as his birth place and March 18, 1892, as his birth date. . . ."

On the 15th day of September 1917, William was married to Gertrude Fallon. The Rector of St. Francis de Sales Church, 634 Hobart Street Oakland, California, performed the ceremony. The witness to the marriage was William L. Warner.

The following obituary appeared in the LIVERMORE HERALD and NEWS on June 14, 1963:

## W. E. FOXWORTHY SERVICES FRIDAY

Recitation of the Rosary will be held at the Chapel of Callaghan Mortuary Monday evening at 8 p.m. for William Ernest (sic) Foxworthy who died in Livermore early this morning.

He was 76 years old and a native of Newtown, Indiana. For thirty years an employee of Southern Pacific Railroad, he retired in 1945 (sic).

A resident of Livermore for 50 years, he was the husband of the late Gertrude Foxworthy, and is survived by children Thomas Foxworthy of Castro Valley, Mrs. Margaret Fullenwider of Livermore, Donald Foxworthy of New

Jersey, Mark Foxworthy of Castro Valley, Charles Foxworthy of Livermore, Mrs. Mary Rasmussen of Livermore; brother Roy Foxworthy of Attica, Indiana; niece Betty Roundbush (sic) of Livermore; 21 grandchildren.

He was a member of the Livermore Eagles Aerie 609.

Interment will be in St. Augustines Church (sic) in Pleasanton, following 9 a.m. services in the Chapel of Callaghan Mortuary.

William worked his adult life for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Livermore. He was forced to retire after suffering a massive stroke on V-J Day in 1945. He had nearly thirty years of service (May 1916 to January 14, 1946).

His responsibilities with the Railroad included the installation and maintenance of electrical signalling equipment over approximately forty miles of railroad track. The main rail system through the Livermore Valley was basically a single track operation. Accordingly, the movement of trains necessitated precision and dependable equipment, e. g., a West bound train would have to pull onto a siding of track in order for an East bound train to pass. Much of the rail system was inaccessible by automobile and this meant that access to the equipment had to be gained through use of a motor-powered, four wheel vehicle adapted to the gauge of the track. On several occasions the compiler accompanied William while "patrolling" the track. Sometimes an oncoming train required a quick exit of the vehicle from the tracks and on more than one occasion William had to jump from his "motor-car". Needless to say that was a harrowing experience and more so embarrassing trying to explain to superiors what had happened, i.e., a wrecked vehicle.

William or "Bill" as he was more often called was an avid sportsman and fan. His main interests were: raccoon ("coon") hunting in his earlier years; baseball and fishing during his retirement years.

His interest in hunting raccoons began as a youngster in Indiana. This continued because of a need in the Livermore Valley to protect chickens that were producing eggs for sale to the consumers. There were numerous chicken ranches in the Valley and periodically the raccoons would invade the coops and destroy many of the chickens.

Hunting "coons" required a trained hound which "Bill" would get from Tennessee. The hound would be about two years of age. It would not be allowed to become a pet since it would lose its instincts to

track a raccoon.

When a call was received from one of the chicken ranchers, Bill would set out after dark to hunt the raccoon(s). He would drive to the approximate location where the raccoon was seen or had left evidence of being there. The hound would be let loose and the hunter, usually with a companion, would start walking, using a kerosene lantern to see the way. One could usually hear the hound running about trying to pick up the scent. Before long the hound would start barking. This meant that he had "treed" a raccoon. The hound would continue barking until the hunter arrived. Using a battery flashlight to spot the eyes of the raccoon in the tree, the companion would hold the flashlight while the hunter loaded his .22 calibre rifle for the kill. Shooting the raccoon between the eyes usually meant sudden death and also provided protection against harming the pelt. Afterwards, the pelts were removed from the body and stretched onto a "hide-board" for curing prior to being shipped to a furrier to be made into a coat, cap, etc.

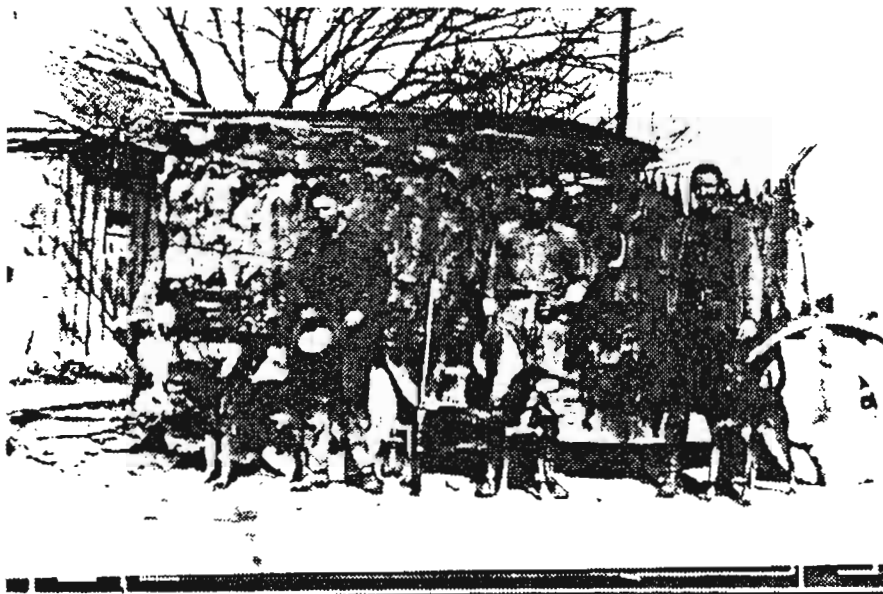
The accompanying photograph, taken circa 1930, shows the results of a weekend hunt. William can be seen in the middle with his hound. The person to his left is Harold Wright and the person to his right is Gilbert Wright. It should be mentioned that the negative of this photograph was found in the compiler's maternal grandmother's family bible by his eldest son, Paul, when he was about twenty years of age.

Fishing was another of William's recreational activities. After recovering from his "stroke", fishing proved to be a worthwhile outlet for him. It provided him with something constructive to occupy his time since he was so abruptly retired. Two of his favorite fish were striped bass and catfish. He would motor over to the nearby San Joaquin River and spend the day with one of his "cronies" fishing mostly for catfish, a boyhood favorite in Indiana. This fish usually did not exceed more than fifteen inches in length and weighed less than two pounds by comparison with those found in the Wabash River which were much larger. The limit for a day was fifty or sixty fish. After cleaning the fish and cooking them, Bill and his wife, Gertrude, would "feast" away on the catch. The compiler did not like eating catfish because there were so many bones. However, the compiler did enjoy the filets of striped bass which were akin to Alaskan salmon, i.e., so meaty, firm and delicious when baked.

Boxing was another sport which William enjoyed. He was a follower and an admirer of Max Baer who became the world's heavy-weight boxing champion on June 14, 1934 when he won the title from Primo Carnera. Max was quoted in 1934 saying that Livermore will always represent my real home. Almost a year to the day (June 13, 1935) Max lost his title to James J. Braddock, a journeyman fighter fresh off the relief rolls who had lost 21 of 80 fights.



William With Hounds



Gilbert Wright (l.) William (c.) Harold Wright (r.)  
circa 1930

Compiled by:

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Next up for Max Baer was the up-and-coming Joe Louis ("Brown-bomber") on September 24, 1935. The "Brown-bomber" gave Max the first real beating in his career, knocking him out in the fourth round.

Arthur J. Donovan, Jr., son of the famous boxing referee, in his book, "FATSO", states that, ". . . Once, when I was with my father at a boxing testimonial, I asked Max Baer, another tough old heavyweight, just exactly what Louis's jab felt like." "What did it feel like?" replied Baer, "It felt like a bomb bursting in your face." (Pages 80 and 81)

Just prior to this bout, a banquet was held in Livermore. The main entree was raccoon roasted on a rotisserie. The raccoons were furnished by William. Admiration for Max waned following his losses to Braddock and Louis. Baer had a tendency toward being a "play-boy" and that did not set too well with his local followers.

On Saturday, October 27, 1984 at the Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles Max Baer was inducted to the World Boxing Hall of Fame, along with Bob Foster, Jose Napoles, Bobo Olson and Emile Griffith. Baer finished his career with a record of 65 - 13, with 50 knockouts. He died in 1959 at age 50 of a heart attack in a Hollywood hotel, where he was staying while taping a television show with Red Skelton.

William was a great fan of the Oakland "Oaks" a local triple "A" baseball team until major league baseball came to the Bay Area. He then followed the play of the San Francisco "Giants" with a passion. Day or night he would have his radio tuned to the broadcast of the game. He would talk to his radio as if giving signals to the manager of the team and had one of his "cronies" believing that he got his message through. Whenever possible he would travel to Candlestick Park on the outskirts of San Francisco and watch the game. He would slowly climb what became known as "cardiac hill" to see the game despite his physical condition. In later years he had to be satisfied with listening to the radio broadcast of the game.

William also had a liking for harness horses. The compiler believes this interest to stem from stories about his great, great, grandfather, William Foxworthy, and his great grandfather's brother, Daniel Glascock Foxworthy who owned, raised and raced horses in Kentucky and Indiana, respectively. Bill used to talk about Sep Palin who drove the horse Greyhound. In 1938 Greyhound trotted a mile in 1:55½ minutes, a record that endured without serious challenge for 31 years.

An article appearing in "THE PRESS DEMOCRAT" of Santa Rosa, California, Sunday, August 6, 1939 headlined as follows: THREE HARNESS HORSES LOWER OLD MARKS. ". . . W. Foxworthy's El Venado twice turned the mile of the first division of the 2:14 pace in 2:03 to better his own former mark of 2:04½, paying practically even money in the mutuels on

both heats. Homer Rutherford was driving. . . ."

William was a life-long Democrat. He used to say that when he came to Livermore in 1917, he was the only registered Democrat in the city. Following the election of "F.D.R." in 1936, Bill and several of his Democrat "buddies" hired a bus and a band to serenade the city with "Happy Days Are Here Again". The band played especially loud and the bus moved slowly through those sections of the city where notable members of the G.O.P. - Republicans - resided. William had had the compiler distribute campaign literature with the slogan "Back on the Rocks With Landon and Knox". In later years some serious discussions were held with "grandpa" as William was to become affectionately known regarding his political point of view.

From the early 1930's to almost the time of his death, William was an avid gardener. He loved to raise vegetables and grow fruit. During the "Depression" years he cultivated nearly two acres of land situated between two railroad lines near Livermore and next to a railroad owned water tower. He had obtained permission from the railroad Company to use the acreage and in turn many employees took advantage of his produce.

To reduce the effort in cultivating the land, he acquired a wrecked automobile and made a tractor out of it. He shortened the frame to the point that there was a direct coupling between the transmission and differential thus eliminating the drive shaft. He welded pieces of angle iron to the rims of the wheels which provided cleats for good traction. After his "forced" retirement, he restricted his garden to patches in his backyard and that of his neighbor's. The compiler as a youngster enjoyed the fresh vegetables and fruit but detested having to help with the weeding of the garden.

The next sketch will concern the compiler's mother - Gertrude Fallon.

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#### QUERY

SCHLINK Thomas SCHLINK, born c1840 in Germany, was in the Livermore area in 1890. Seeking any further information on him.

Pat GILLES 4 Stanford Place Champaign, IL 61820

EMMER Would like to hear from anyone with knowledge of the EMMER family who lived in the Michigan area in the 1850s.

Ella CARTER NEWBURY P.O. Box 443 Livermore, CA 94551-0443

# Names of the past echo in the town

## Colorful history secures Pleasanton's deep-rooted heritage

As Pleasanton looks forward to a bright future, the city still revels in the rich tapestry of the past.

While on an expedition searching for new mission sites in 1772, Spanish soldier Capt. Pedro Fages first sighted the Amador. Livermore Valley. Nearly half a century later, Jose Maria Amador in 1826 brought the first settlement to the valley that still bears his name.

The first settler in the immediate area of Pleasanton was Augustine Bernal in 1850. His adobe house — built on Foothill Road — is still standing there today.

Bernal quickly discovered that the land just west of Pleasanton was excellent for training and racing horses. A track was carved out and the now famous Pleasanton race track, which is still an integral part of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, was begun.

Also arriving in 1850 was John W. Kottinger, the man responsible for the naming of Pleasanton. Kottinger had hoped to name the town after his friend General Alfred Pleasanton. However a recording clerk's error in Washington resulted in a much more appropriate name.

In 1853, Kottinger was appoint-

ed Justice of the Peace for Murray Township (Alameda County). Because there were no public buildings or funds to construct a courthouse, court was held in Kottinger's home and prisoners were jailed in the corner of his Ray Street adobe barn. A tunnel ran from his house to the jail and a saddled horse was always ready should the need to escape the wronged outlaws occur.

By the mid 1850s, it was the bandits and desperados that gave Pleasanton its title of "The Most Desperate Town in the West." Main Street shootouts were not uncommon. Infamous bandits such as Joaquin Murrietta would ambush prospectors on their way back from the gold fields, then seek refuge in Pleasanton.

The desperate years lasted until roughly 1871, when things calmed down considerably in the little town of Pleasanton.

Ranchers and thoroughbred horse breeders came to Pleasanton, attracted by the favorable climate and abundance of water. They were soon followed by dairy farms, hop fields and vineyards.

Pleasanton was incorporated in 1894 and by 1900 was a thriving

agricultural community complete with the Bank of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Hop Co., the Ruby Hill Vineyard and three fancy hotels.

Hollywood discovered Pleasan-

other well known stars who graced the city. "It Ain't Hay," an Abbott and Costello film, was made at the fairgrounds in 1941.

Phoebe Apperson Hearst

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By the mid-1850s, it was the bandits and desperados that gave Pleasanton its title of "The Most Desperate Town in the West." Main Street shootouts were not uncommon. Infamous bandits such as Joaquin Murrietta would ambush prospectors on their way back from the gold fields, then seek refuge in Pleasanton.

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ton in 1917, using it for the backdrop for the film "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," starring Mary Pickford. Local children were paid \$2 a day as extras. Lillian Gish, Tom Mix and Buster Keaton were

brought fame and fortune to Pleasanton in the '20s after she built her magnificent home "Hacienda del Pozo de Verona" at the present site of Castlewood Country Club. What was planned to be a hunting lodge

for her husband became internationally known as a showplace for art, architecture and entertaining on a grand scale.

By 1930, enterprising men such as Henry J. Kaiser had determined the great potential of sand and gravel below the Valley's surface. Throughout the last half-century, the gravel industry has been one of the Valley's most enduring and profitable.

As the century progressed and businesses and professional people moved to town, the emphasis moved away from agriculture. Today Pleasanton manages to preserve its "turn-of-the-century" flair with the growth and progress that is necessary for the economic health of any community. More than 800 businesses and industries are presently located in Pleasanton.

It has been said that no city of any size is more blessed with recreational programs than is Pleasanton. Some 500 registrations are handled each year for a variety of activities ranging from softball and soccer to Little League baseball, junior football, golf, tennis, and swimming.



DID YOU ANCESTORS come from Germany, Poland, Russia or another northern or eastern European country? Would you like to know more about them? Five years ago The Museum of Hamburg History opened a Historic Emigration Office where the names of nearly 5 million persons who sailed from Hamburg for the New World between 1850 and 1914 are kept on microfilm. You need to supply only the name of your ancestor and the year of his emigration (although other details will be helpful and welcome). For a \$50 fee, you will receive a certificate with an excerpt of the original ship's passenger list containing your ancestor's personal data--age, occupation, marital status, number of children and city of origin, as well as the name of the ship, its destination and the date of sailing for the New World. Caution: If you provide the wrong year or no trace of your ancestor is found, the fee is earned anyway. Each year searched is \$50. Written requests are accepted with prior payment by cashiers check.

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#### MEETINGS SCHEDULE

10 April; Retired lawyer, William DUBERSTEIN of San Ramon will speak on Organizing Family Reunions.

8 May: LAGS member, David ABRAHAMS, will speak on Assembling a Family Album. The audience will be asked to share ideas on this subject.

12 June: Joseph KING of Lafayette will discuss portions of his book The Uncounted Irish in the Census with particular emphasis on those in the Livermore and Pleasanton areas.

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NEW MEMBERS--WELCOME!!

Catherine BONIVERT

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Margaret KAHL GREEN

Dorothy HELMS

Donald JOHNSON

#### ARE YOU AN ADMIRER OF EQUESTRIAN STATUES???

According to Civil War buff Bob MOOG who spoke at a recent meeting of the Contra Costa Genealogical Society, look for these features. First, note the position of the horses feet. If they are all on the ground it means the rider died a natural death. If one hoof is raised it means the rider died of wounds sustained in battle. If two hooves are raised it means the rider was killed in battle. This is an international code followed by all sculpters.

# the bookshelf

Reviewed by George Anderson

**Cemeteries of Pleasanton and Dublin, California: Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery, St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Dublin Cemetery.** 1990. Published by Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551. Project leader, Beverly Schell Ales. 138+vi pages, 8.5x11 inches, soft cover, spiral bound. Every-name index with 4668 entries. Illustrated. \$8.00 plus postage, if any, to members of LAGS; \$14.00 postpaid to non-members.

One reporter I talked to after our new cemetery book came out kept hinting that I must have a morbid fascination with death to work on a cemetery inventory. I suppose she was hoping for a catchy quote to help her "write bright" in her story — readers are assumed to have an attention span of five lines of type or less. As of this writing on March 12th, I haven't seen her story, so I don't know if I convinced her that we who worked on the book are not ghoulish-oriented.

LAGS members who helped write this book, besides Bev Ales, the leader, were Margaret Fazio, Marilyn and Tom Fullam, Billy and Lorraine Green, Marge Harter, Lisa Newby, Clarence Parkison and Art Skinner. Harriet and I edited the book.

In 1988 LAGS published a survey of the four cemeteries in Livermore. This new volume represents the completion of the undertaking: a survey of the three remaining cemeteries within our society's purview.

We concentrated on making a complete and accurate record of

all gravestone inscriptions in these cemeteries, but we were also able to locate burial and mortuary records and have included them in this book. Some of the burial records contain the

married name duplication. There are 1719 different surnames in the index.

We decided before we began that our book should faithfully describe family groupings of stones so that readers could infer kinships. Unfortunately, some cemetery books omit this valuable information. Another goal was to print dates and ages as given, without calculations by the transcriber.

No previous published inventory of St. Augustine's Catholic Cemetery is known to exist. In 1935 the Daughters of the American Revolution published surveys of Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Dublin Cemetery, and in 1976 Jean B. Fallows published a survey of Dublin Cemetery. These previous listings are available on microfilm at the Mormon Family History Center in Salt Lake City. When the old lists disagreed with our new survey, we went back to the cemetery and verified that our readings were correct. Since 1935, ten stones in Dublin Cemetery and one stone in Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery have disappeared through vandalism and other causes. The new LAGS book incorporates these "lost" inscriptions in addition to a complete list of all stones now in existence.

Places of birth documented on the gravestones in these three cemeteries include the Azores Islands, Spain, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, England, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland and many states of the United States. At least one 49er is memorialized:

No. 82  
 Date, January 21st 1899  
 No. of Lot 140 - S.W. 1/4  
 Name of Purchaser William  
H. Winslow  
 Amount, \$ 6.00

#### REMARKS:

*Miss Hannah <sup>nee</sup> Wiseman  
 Aged 52 years and 6 months.  
 Interred Jan 20th 1899.*

*Winslow Winslow aged  
 45 yrs killed by being  
 beaten on head with  
 an axe 7018th of May  
 and died at hospital  
 in Oakland May 12th  
 1909.*

**A sample burial record.  
 Pleasanton Memorial Gardens**

cause of death. An interesting example is shown in the excerpt on this page.

There are 4668 entries in the every-name, full-name index, representing at least 4000 different persons, after accounting for variant spellings and maiden-

"Charles C. Garthwaite, born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on March 11, 1818, died December 19, 1887. A Pioneer of 1849."

**Rose Hill Cemetery.** By Lew Crutcher, Traci Gibbons and Nancy McKay. Published by East Bay Regional Park District. 36 pages, 6x9 inches, soft cover, illustrated. Donated to LAGS by Bev Ales.

Coal mines in the Bay Area? Many local residents would be surprised to hear that coal mining was once a major industry in this area. The fact is that the Black Diamond Mines, near Antioch, produced over 4 million tons of coal between 1860 and 1900.

Later the same small region produced 2 million tons of special sand used in making glass and foundry



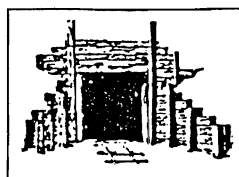
molds. Now over 3700 acres of the mining region have been incorporated into Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, part of the East Bay Regional Park District.

Miners working these shafts lived in five small towns, now completely disappeared. All that remains is a small cemetery, sadly vandalized but still evoking powerful memories of the lives that ended here a century ago.

The park district pamphlet donated to LAGS by Bev Ales reminded Harriet and me that we had always wanted to visit Black Diamond Park. It was a beautiful day in early March, so we said, "Why not today?" Off we went over Morgan Territory Pass, with blossoming almonds lining the road, through Clayton, over Kirker Pass, and out Somersville Road to the park.

We fixed on the cemetery as the destination for our hike. It lies

seven-tenths of a mile from the roadhead and 280 feet up, according to my topo map. When we arrived we stood for awhile absorbing the beauty of the springtime scenery in the park



below us. The views are very similar to those in Sunol Park — steep green hills, wooded on the north slopes only.

Most of the gravestones in Rose Hill Cemetery bear Welsh names. Some have epitaphs in the Welsh language. And some reveal that the deceased had been born in the same region in South Wales where my own coal-mining Jones and Watkins ancestors had lived.

Even if you don't plan to visit Black Diamond Park, you will enjoy reading the Rose Hill booklet. Eleven of the most interesting stones are described and illustrated with rubbings. Biographical information from other sources is included to add historical perspective. This is local history of the most vivid kind.

**"Our Crowd": The Great Jewish Families of New York.** 1967. By Stephen Birmingham. Published by Harper and Row. 404+xi pages, 6x9 inches cloth-bound, illustrated, indexed. Donated to LAGS by Bev Ales.

As I recall, this book was on the bestseller list for a long time after it was first published. It is a spell-binding collection of ethnic essays, rags-to-riches parables, personality profiles and quirky anecdotes, all knitted together with a genealogy so tangled that it would blow a fuse on Roots III. The author is a well-known novelist and master story-teller. "Our Crowd" is hard to put down.

**The American Counties.** 1972. By Joseph Kane. Published by The Scarecrow Press, Inc. 608 pages, 6x9 inches, clothbound. Donated to LAGS by Virginia Moore.

Here is a very useful addition to our LAGS library. Every county in every one of the 50 states is listed alphabetically in one list with the following information: name; exact date of establishment; area; population in 1970, 1960 and 1950; county seat; county slogan; origin of name, and if a person, biography of eponym; references to county histories.

The introduction (21 pages) is a goldmine for trivia buffs. Mr. Kane must be a statistician, because in this section he massages the county data to a pulp. It reminds me of James Kirkpatrick's recent observation, "A statistician with a database is a child in a sandbox."

When your family trail leads you to a new county, turn to this book for education and amusement.

**Descendants of Samuel Sturtevant.** 1986. By Robert Hunter Sturtevant, 3001 Inverness Drive, Waco, TX 76710. Self-published. Approximately 450 pages, 8x11 1/2 inches, cloth-bound, illustrated, indexed. Donated to LAGS by the author.

This massive, expensively-bound book is arranged by generations and each person in a generation is given a sequence number. There are no page numbers. The names in the 5700-entry index are then keyed to the generation and sequence numbers.

Samuel Sturtevant, the progenitor of this clan, was born in England about 1624 and came to the Plymouth Colony in 1639 or 1640. Among his descendants, the author has found *sixty-nine* variations on the spelling of Sturtevant!

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