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Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday, monthly
 7:30 Pleasanton Library

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WE WELCOME YOU

Dear Readers: We have decided to call this the "Biographical Issue" because so many interesting stories have come to our attention during the past few weeks. Thanks to the Livermore Herald, we have the story of Mr. MOUTEROT. Now retired, we won't forget his figure of authority as he walked the streets of Livermore in his police uniform. I'm sure he made a point in knowing everyone in our, then, small town. Donald FOXWORTHY has sent us another article---this time it is about his mother who, as a musician, has touched many lives. from the time she was a teen-ager playing for the silent films in Pleasanton, and later, when she was the organist for St. Michaels in Livermore. Finally, there is John TAYLOR. A request for information on him from Mrs. Jack R. DENNY of Scio, Oregon. Our research showed that he farmed the "Big Field" east of town that later became the Naval Training Base during WW II, then, after the war, the Standard Oil Research and Development Lab, and finally, it is now the site of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. We hope that you will enjoy meeting these people. Our membership has been saddened by the sudden death of Chuck MOORE, Virginia's husband for thirty eight years. An avid horseman, a great gardener, and a really great guy----"see you later, Chuck!".

 PLEASE NOTE: Our library has been moved to the Pleasanton Library building--- 400 Old Bernal Ave, Pleasanton California

 MEETING PROGRAMS for

10 July: to be held at the Pleasanton Library building
 14 August: A meeting of sharing
 11 September: A picnic dinner meeting and installation of officers at Shirley Terry's home.

 QUERY-----

MURPHY I wish to locate anyone
 SCANLON having any knowledge of
 COPPINGER Cathrine Elizabeth MURPHY
 FALLON SCANLON, d/o John J. MURPHY
 and Ellen Nora COPPINGER.
 Catherine said to be a
 cousin to William FALLON of
 the FALLON Ranch in Livermore.

Linda E. SCANLON-BRYSON 1804 204th Place SW
 Alderwood Manor, WA 98036

NEW MEMBERS---WELCOME!!!

Linda E. SCANLON-BRYSON
 Stephen R. RENOUF
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Calendar of Bay Area Genealogical Events

July through October, 1990

Sponsored by the "FRIENDS OF THE ARCHIVES at San Bruno" for the benefit of Societies and their members in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

These are the events that had been input to the calendar as of June 16, 1990. The calendar is updated frequently, and is accessible on-line by computer modem. LAGS members can call George Anderson, 846-4265, for more information on modem access.

The Calendar format, reading left to right, gives weekday, date, abbreviation of organization, type of meeting, then the meeting information: title, speaker, location, time of day, cost.

Organization abbreviations are mnemonic:

*FR/ARCHV	= Friends of the Archives	*SONGS	= Sonoma County GS
*BAJGS	= San Francisco Bay Area Jewish GS	SPNGS	= Spanishtown GS
CGALL	= California Genealogical Alliance	*SRVGS	= San Ramon Valley GS
*CGS	= California GS	*STNGS	= Stanislaus County GS
*CCCGS	= Contra Costa County GS	YOLGS	= Yolo County GS
*EBGS	= East Bay GS	*ARCHSTAF	= National Archives Staff
*FUNDA	= Los Fundadores	*SUTRO	= Sutro Genealogical Library
HAYGS	= Hayward GS	*MAYDS	= Mayflower Descendants Society
*LAKGS	= Lake County GS	*SCARCH	= Society of California Archivists
*LAGS	= Livermore-Amador GS	*FHCSF	= San Francisco Family History Center (San Bruno)
*MARGS	= Marin County GS	FHCMP	= Menlo Park "
MERGS	= Merced County GS	FHCSC	= Santa Clara "
*NVGBS	= Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Soc	FHCSJ	= San Jose "
*GASAC	= Genealogical Society of Sacramento	*FAMRTS UG	= Family Roots Users Group
*SCHGS	= Santa Clara County Historical and GS	*PAF UG	= Silicon Valley PAF Users Group
*SCZGS	= Santa Cruz GS	*ROOTS UG	= Bay Area ROOTS III Users Group
*SMCGS	= San Mateo County GS	*=	Calendar and Society data received
*SOLGS	= Solano County GS		

Type of meeting abbreviations: GM = Regular General Meeting CIG = Computer Interest Group SPL = Special Event WKSHP = Workshop UG = Users Group

JULY 1990:

Thu 5	SCZGS		No meeting scheduled.
Mon 9	ARCHSTAF		"Basic Genealogy Workshop" by Claude Hopkins. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9am-12:30. \$7.50. Call 876-9009 for reservations. (rcd 23 Jan 90)
Tue 10	LAGS	GM	"Grand Reopening of LAGS Genealogical Library." For July only, the meeting will be at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, 7:30pm
Wed 11	SMCGS	GM	"Sharing Your Genealogical Treasures" by members. Ampex Auditorium, 401 Broadway, Redwood City, 7pm (rcd 14 May 90)
Wed 11	EBGS	GM	Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, 10am. Pre-meeting 9am, research exchange. (rcd 22 Jan 90)
Thu 12	CCCGS	GM	Concord City Council Chambers, 7:30pm (rcd 28 Jan 90)
Sat 14	CGS	CIG	300 Brannan St, SF, 11am
Sat 14	CGS	GM	"Establishing an Archive in Your Home" by Mary-Ellen Jones, archivist, Bancroft Library, ret. 300 Brannan St, SF, 1:30pm (rcd 17 Feb 90)
Sat 14	PAF	UG	Silicon Valley PAF Users Group, 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara, 9-11am. Call Mary Nordin, 408/578-4619 for info. (rcd 25 Jan 90)
Tue 17	ARCHSTAF		"Preservation Workshop" by Jane Klinger-Freeman. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9am-12:30. \$7.50. Call 876-9009 for reservations. (rcd 23 Jan 90)
Tue 17	SRVGS	GM	Danville Women's Club, 10am

Wed 18	GASAC		No scheduled meeting
Thu 19	SCHGS	GM	SC Public Library, 7-9pm
Thu 19	NVGBS	GM	Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, 7:30pm
Sat 21	LAKGS		No scheduled meeting
Wed 25	MARGS	GM	"Same Name Ancestors" by Janes Dennis. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Las Gallinas Av, San Rafael, 7:30pm (rcd 7 Mar 90)
Thu 26	SOLGS	GM	No scheduled meeting
Sat 28	SONGS	GM	No scheduled meeting

AUGUST 1990:

Tue 2	SCZGS	GM	Central Library meeting room, 224 Church St, Santa Cruz, 1pm.
Wed 8	SMCGS	GM	No scheduled meeting
Wed 8	EBGS	GM	Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, 10am. Pre-meeting 9am, research exchange. (rcd 22 Jan 90)
Thu 9	CCCGS	GM	Concord City Council Chambers, 7:30pm (rcd 28 Jan 90)
Sat 11	PAF	UG	Silicon Valley PAF Users Group, 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara, 9-11am. Call Mary Nordin, 408/578-4619 for info. (rcd 25 Jan 90)
Sun 12	CGS	SPL	"Researching Illinois" by Mary Sweetman. 300 Brannan St, Suite 409, SF; 1-4pm (rcd 16 May 90)
Tue 14	LAGS	GM	1886 College Ave, Livermore, 7:30pm
Wed 15	GASAC		No scheduled meeting
Thu 16	NVGBS	GM	"Resource and Evidence" by Lindsey S. Reeks. Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St, Napa, 7:30pm
Thu 16	SCHGS		No scheduled meeting
Sat 18	LAKGS		No scheduled meeting
Sat 18	STNGS	GM	"German Research" by Michael Palmer, GGSA. Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and K St, Modesto Alto, 7:30pm
Tue 21	SRVGS		No scheduled meeting
Wed 22	MARGS	GM	Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Las Gallinas Av, San Rafael, 7:30pm
Thu 23	SOLGS		No scheduled meeting
Sat 25	SONGS		No scheduled meeting

SEPTEMBER 1990:

Thu 6	SCZGS	GM	Central Library meeting room, 224 Church St, Santa Cruz, 1pm.
Sat 8	FR/ARCHV		"GENEALOGY IN HISPANIC HERITAGE" by Evelyn Martinez. Beginning workshop. Lecture ties in with the Sept 16 celebration of Mexican Independence from Spain. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9-12. Call 876-9009 for reservation. \$10, pay at the door. (rcd 28 Dec 1989)
Sat 8	CGS	CIG	300 Brannan St, SF, 11am
Sat 8	PAF	UG	Silicon Valley PAF Users Group, 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara, 9-11am. Call Mary Nordin, 408/578-4619 for info. (rcd 25 Jan 90)
Tue 11	FUNDA	SP	"Genealogy for Hispanics" by Evelyn Romero Martinez. Biblioteca Latino America, San Jose City Branch Library, Locust St, 6-8pm. Contact Linda Ortiz. (rcd 21 Feb 1990)
Tue 11	LAGS	GM	1886 College Ave, Livermore, 7:30pm
Wed 12	SMCGS	GM	Ampex Auditorium, 401 Broadway, Redwood City, 7pm
Wed 12	EBGS	GM	Gladys Hanson, archivist from San Francisco Library. Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, 10am. (rcd 15 May)
Wed 12	ARCHSTAF		"Chinese Immigration Records" by Neil Thomsen. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9am-noon. \$7.50. Call 876-9009 for reservations. (rcd 23 Jan 90)
Thu 13	CCCGS	GM	Concord City Council Chambers, 7:30pm (rcd 28 Jan 90)
Sat 15	STNGS	GM	10th Annual Heritage Hunting Seminar, with Christine Rose, Carlton Smith, Joyce Buckland, Jane and Carlyle Parker. El Vista Chapel, LDS, Modesto, 9am-3pm. \$17.50. Details later.
Sun 16	CGS	SP	"Researching New York" by Stanley Ross and Jim Schuyler. 300 Brannan St, Suite 409, SF; 1-4pm. (rcd 16 May)
Tue 18	SRVGS	GM	Danville Women's Club 10am
Wed 19	GASAC	GM	Southgate Public Library, 6132 66th Ave, Sacramento, 12 noon
Thu 20	SCHGS	GM	SC Public Library 7-9pm
Thu 20	NVGBS	GM	"State Archives in Sacramento" by Joseph Samora, Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St, Napa, 7:30pm

Sat 22 FR/ARCHV LECTURE, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9-12. Call 876-9009 for reservation. \$10, pay at the door. (rcd 15 Nov 1989)
 Sat 22 SONGS GM Santa Rosa Jr. College, Room 1786 Shuhaw Hall, 1pm
 Wed 26 MARGS GM Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Las Gallinas Av, San Rafael, 7:30pm
 Thu 27 SOLGS GM "Using the Personal Ancestral File" by Thatcher E. Johnson, Fairfield Senior Center, 7pm (rcd 29 Jan 90)

OCTOBER 1990:

Thu 4 SCZGS GM Central Library meeting room, 224 Church St, Santa Cruz, 1pm.
 Sat 6 STNGS GM "Negatives from Old Photos." Homewood Village Club House, 2000 Mable, Modesto. \$2.50 per exposure.
 Tue 9 LAGS GM 1886 College Ave, Livermore, 7:30pm
 Wed 10 SMC GS GM Ampex Auditorium, 401 Broadway, Redwood City, 7pm
 Wed 10 EBGS GM Mormon Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, 10am. Pre-meeting 9am, research exchange. (rcd 22 Jan 90)
 Thu 11 CCCGS GM Concord City Council Chambers, 7:30pm (rcd 28 Jan 90)
 Sat 13 FR/ARCHV DOUBLE HEADER!!
 "FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE LDS LIBRARIES -- LOCALLY, AND PREPARING TO GO TO SALT LAKE CITY" by Bette Kot. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9-12. Call 876-9009 for reservation. \$10, pay at the door. (rcd 15 Nov 1989)
 "RESEARCHING YOUR EAST AND WEST GERMAN ANCESTORS BY CORRESPONDENCE" by Doris Newbery. 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 1-4. Call 876-9009 for reservation. \$10, pay at door. (updated 27 Feb 90)
 Sat 13 PAF UG Silicon Valley PAF Users Group, 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara, 9-11am. Call Mary Nordin, 408/578-4619 for info. (rcd 25 Jan 90) Alto, 7:30pm
 Tue 16 ARCHSTAF "Spanish Land Grant Records" by Claude Hopkins. No. California District Court Case Records pertaining to Spanish Land Grants in No. California. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9:30am-noon. \$7.50. Call 876-9009 for reservations. (rcd 23 Jan 90)
 Tue 16 SRVGS GM Danville Women's Club, 10am
 Wed 17 GASAC GM Southgate Public Library, 6132 66th Ave, Sacramento, 12 noon
 Thu 18 SCHGS GM SC Public Library, 7-9pm
 Thu 18 NVGBS GM Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St, Napa, 7:30pm
 Fri 19 ARCHSTAF "Military Records" by Rose Mary Kennedy. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9am-1pm. \$7.50. Call 876-9009 for reservations. (rcd 23 Jan 90)
 Sat 20 LAKGS GM Lake County Museum, 3rd and Main Streets, Lakeport, 1pm.
 Wed 24 MARGS GM Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Las Gallinas Av, San Rafael, 7:30pm
 Thu 25 SOLGS GM "The National Archives and Its Resources" by Rosemary Kennedy. Fairfield Senior Center, 7pm (rcd 29 Nov 89)
 Sat 27 FR/ARCHV DOUBLE HEADER!!
 "AVOID THE CROOKED PATH! -- GETTING RESULTS, NOT FRUSTRATION" By Christine Rose. Identifying the problem, achieving results, preponderance of evidence, etc. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 9-12. Call 876-9009 for reservation. \$10, pay at the door. (rcd 15 Nov 1989)
 "REPUBLIC OF IRELAND SEARCH AND STRATEGY" by Sandra Shafer. There ARE records: how to find them, based on trips to Ireland and research from California. National Archives, 1000 Commodore Dr, San Bruno, 1-4pm. Call 876-9009 for reservation. \$10, pay at door (rcd 28 Feb 90)
 Sat 27 SONGS GM Santa Rosa Jr. College, Room 1786 Shuhaw Hall, 1pm

15 June 1990

Dear Friends and Members,

We are excited to report the recent move of our society's genealogical collection from the Carnegie Building in Livermore to the reference section of the Pleasanton Public Library where it is on loan to the Alameda County Library. We retain ownership and will continue to add to the collection as in the past using our old cataloguing system. The drawback, here, is that our books will not be added to the county catalogue so there will be two catalogues and locations to check. Pleasanton Library Manager, Don Nunes, is very pleased to have us in his library and has promised that they also will be buying more genealogy books. The library will be adding security strips, providing new binders, boxes etc. to make our collection look better. Our library committee and volunteers will help with this work to speed up the process.

The Pleasanton Library has one micro-fiche/film reader with a second reader/printer on order. They have the CA Death Records Index 1950-1986 and CA Marriage Index 1980-85 on micro-fiche. In addition, they have an electric typewriter and two computers w/printers available for patron use which should be booked in advanced. Their IBM has Word Perfect and Apple IIe has Appleworks.

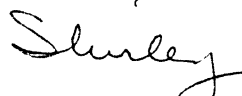
You will no longer be able to take books out on loan, but this is far outweighed by the much better facilities and hours. (Library is open MTWT 10-9, F&Sat 10-5 and Sun 1-5.) We are pleased L.A.G.S. members will be allowed to take books out of the library for cheaper photocopying, if returned that day.

Our club library was officially named, The Gayle Pipes Memorial Library, to honor a founding member who died in 1982.

We thank our library committee, George Anderson, Virginia Moore, Marge Harter and Liaison Judy Person (Pleasanton Reference Librarian and L.A.G.S. member) for all their hard work in making this move happen so quickly after the final decision. Other members helping were: Linda and Chris Kelly, Harriet Anderson, Dorothy Helms, Kathleen Elm, Joe Ales, John Stroud and Don Johnson.

To help you get acquainted with your library's new location, we will hold our July 10 general meeting at the Pleasanton Library. After a brief meeting, we will adjourn to the reference section. Please come. It will be fun.

Sincerely,



Shirley Siems Terry
L.A.G.S. President

L-AGS MEET THE MEMBERS
LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

MY NAME IS: Burna Krugler Jamieson
I WAS BORN: 5/15/30 in Williston, North Dakota

MY SPOUSE'S NAME IS: Bruce White Jamieson
HE WAS BORN: 11/25/25 in Claremont, Minnesota

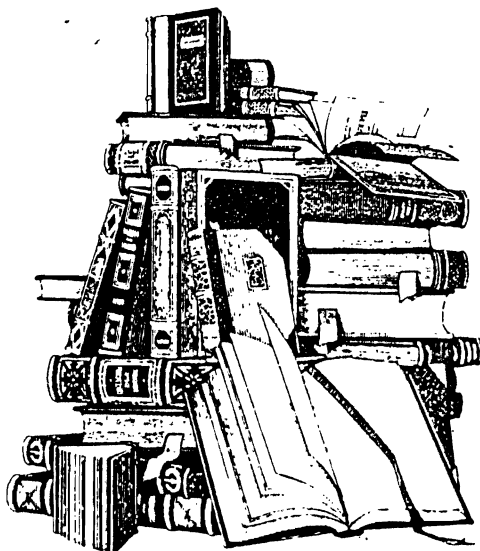
WE WERE MARRIED: 8/19/51 in Bemidji, Minnesota

I GREW UP IN: Williston, N.D. (1930-1939) and Bemidji, MN (1939-51)
MY SPOUSE GREW UP IN: Minneapolis, MN
U.S. Navy 1944-46

WE LIVED IN: We both graduated from Bemidji State College in 1951.
We taught the 1951-52 year in Werner, Dunn Co., N.D.
From 1952-59 we lived in Humboldt Co., CA, in Maple
Creek and in Arcata.
We lived in Byron, Contra-Costa Co., from 1959-62.
In 1962 we moved to Livermore where we lived until
January, 29, 1990, when we moved to Tracy, CA.

OUR CHILDREN: Bruce Michael b.4/8/55 Eureka, CA
Mary Dawn b.10/15/58 Eureka, CA
Robert Shearer b.2/14/61 Stockton, CA
Nancy Lynn b.6/12/62 Minneapolis, MN

HOW YOU BECAME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY: In my junior year in high school I had an American History teacher named Edna Mickelson who offered 5 points extra credit if we would work on our family tree. I wrote my paternal grandmother but didn't get the information in time to get the extra credit points. That is, however, how I first heard about and became interested in my ancestors who had settled in New Amsterdam. I had kept history notebooks and loved Caddie Woodlawn and Laura Ingalls Wilder's books from fifth grade on, and I think anyone who loves history is a natural for genealogy. I have only recently begun doing actual genealogical re search, so I'm really a novice.



OUR SURNAMES INCLUDE:

MY FATHER'S SIDE:

KRUGLER/WARNEN - Indiana(1878), So.Dak., Iowa,& Montana; I can't find the emigrants who should have come from Germany (although my great-grandfather lists his parents' birthplaces as being "France" in the 1880 Census.)

TREASTER/BOWELL/KYLE/DUTCHER/LEWIS/BROWER/BOGARDUS - Mont.,N.Dak.,So.Dak.,Kansas (wherever the good life called and/or the government opened up new land in the last third of the nineteenth century); Green Co., Wisconsin (last half of the nineteenth century); Fayette Co., Pennsylvania (17?? to late 1800's); Centre Co., PA (17?? -); New Amsterdam and Holland (Bogardus, Brower, and Dutcher); England and Wales (Smith, Stowe, Kyle, Lewis); and Germany (Treaster).

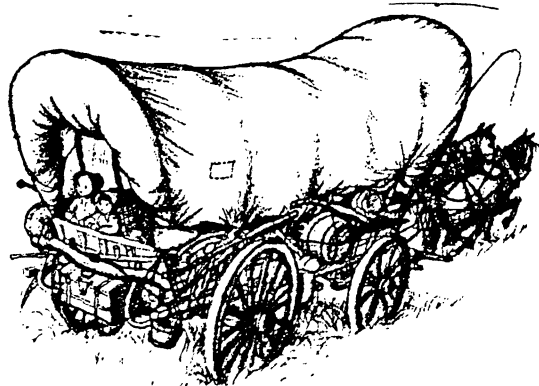
MY MOTHER'S SIDE: My mother and her family came to this country in 1906 from Sweden. Her name is BERTA MARIA SVENSSON, changed at Ellis Island to Bertha Marie Swanson. Her father was Johan Svensson and her mother Elisabet Svennsdotter. They were from Vasterbottenland and Jamtland in the northern part of Sweden. My cousin's son has traced the paternal side back to 1660 and is working on the maternal side.

MY SPOUSE'S FATHER'S SIDE: JAMIESON/BOYLE/SHEARER/RUSSELL - Scotland (Lanarkshire 1850's; Wigtownshire 1811; Stirlingshire 1832) Minneapolis, Minnesota from 1885 to the present.

Tulloch/ROSE/FORBES/McINTOSH - Scotland (Invernesshire 1848; Nairnshire 1813 (possibly 1789) and Minneapolis 1885-present.

MY SPOUSE'S MOTHER'S SIDE - WHITE/McGEE/CAVEN - England; Galway Co., Ireland 1822; Jefferson Co., New York 1837; Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisc. 1846 on; Dodge Co., Minnesota 1880-
DUNCAN/EDMONDS - Scotland (?); Dodge Co., MN 1863- ; Minneapolis.

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Fire insurance companies have been publishing maps of towns and cities for many years--perhaps the earliest in the United States was made in Charleston, South Carolina in 1788 by the PHOENIX Fire Company of London. With the growth of cities in this country, fire insurance companies produced maps to indicate the type of construction of the buildings, the location of water mains, and to show streets, buildings, etc., for the purpose of rating fire insurance for any building owner in the community. By 1840, the introduction of lithography made possible the inexpensive printing of maps in quantity and many companies began distributing such maps. One firm, the SANBORN Fire Insurance Company of New York City, and later, Pelham, NY, formed a special map company in 1876 and soon dominated the industry. Highly detailed, some 12,000 United States and Canadian cities were mapped between 1867 through 1950. Thus it is possible for the genealogist to find the exact location of an ancestor's house. These maps can be found in the Periodical Room of the Oakland Public Library, as well as other libraries around the country.

FLEMISH ANCESTORS

from the American-Portuguese
Genealogical Society

In my genealogy are the following names said to be of Flemish origin: Dutra (from van Hurtere), Goulart (from Govaert), Rosa (from Roos, Roose, Koosen, Roosens or Rooze), and Silveira (from van der Haegen). The translation of most Flemish names into Portuguese names is apparent. However, I was puzzled by the derivation of Silveira from van der Haegen.

While I was in Antwerp, Belgium (once a part of Flanders) for medical care, I asked what was the meaning of haegen (or van der haegen). Someone pointed to green hedges and said they were called haegen. Van der Haegen literally means of the hedges. Silveira I knew meant green shrubbery and thus one puzzle was solved.

In the Atlantic Ocean between North America and Europe lies the Archipelago of the Acores (Azores). The Acores which means hawks consist of nine islands. These islands were discovered by the Portuguese about 1427 and colonized about 1439. The names of the individual islands are Santa Maria, Sao Miguel, Terceira, Graciosa, Sao Jorge, Pico, Faial, Flores and Corvo.

The Azores were settled by people from the Portuguese mainland, mainly the provinces of Alentejo and Algarve. The Portuguese Crown had difficulty in peopling islands distant from the Portuguese mainland. Prince Henry the navigator was a son of King John I. Prince Henry's sister Isabella married Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy of which Flanders was a part. Duchess Isabella encouraged people from Flanders to settle in the Azores between 1450 and 1500. The inhabitants of Flanders (now divided among three nations, Netherlands or Holland, Belgium and France) were called Flemings. The Portuguese name for Flemings is Flamengos.

In the latter part of the fifteenth century the Azores were known as the Flemish Islands and Faial was early called New Flanders or Isle of the Flemings. Flemish who settled in the Azores were Jacome de Bruges (Josse van den Berge) who went to Terceira, Jorge d'Utra or Dutra (Josse van Hurtere) a nobleman who went to Faial and Guilherme Silveira (Wilhelm van der Haegen) a nobleman who went to Sao Jorge.

Faial island has a village named Flamengos (Flemings) and on Terceira island is Ribeira dos Flamengos (Brook of the Flemings). On Sao Jorge island there is a village named Silveira after the Flemish nobleman Guilherme Silveira (Wilhelm van der Haegen) who settled in Sao Jorge. He later went to the island of Flores where he remained from some ten years before returning to Sao Jorge.

By Frances Sylvia Gracia

cover story

from the Alameda County History--1883

JOHN TAYLOR (deceased).—The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, is a native of Cayuga County, New York, where he was born in the year 1833. Losing his parents when yet a child, Mr. Taylor lived under the care of an uncle until old enough to do battle with the world. Having worked for some time upon a farm, in 1852 he emigrated by way of Panama to California, and on arrival in San Francisco, immediately proceeded to Sacramento, where he started a vegetable garden in January, 1852, and conducted it for two years. Mr. Taylor now returned for a short time to the Bay City, and finally crossed over to Alameda County, to Washington Township, where he worked on a farm for about a twelvemonth. He now rented a ranch near Dry Creek, which he farmed for one season, when he purchased a tract of two hundred and fifty acres situated between Niles and Mission San José, where he resided twenty years. He then disposed of the place, removed to the Livermore Valley, and, purchasing the ranch known as the "Big Field," there resided until his death, on August 7, 1881. Mr. Taylor married February 15, 1860, Miss Rachel A. Cheney, by whom there are seven children living, viz.: Alice A., Helen H., George K., Louisa M., Florence K., Mamie R., and Lillie. There are four deceased, whose names were: Thomas, Mary Ann, John, and Janie.

On August 7, 1881, a man named John Taylor was grievously assaulted by one Poblec, near Livermore, from the effects of which he died. He was duly tried before the Superior Court.



Thanks to Barbara BUNSHAH
and the History Center for
this bio.

John Taylor

the bookshelf

Reviewed by George Anderson

There are six useful books to review this quarter, all of them donated to the LAGS collection by generous members. Our library does indeed welcome donations — books are the usual gifts, but additions to the purchase fund will not be refused! Wavering donors are reminded that if a donated book is ever removed from our collection, it will be offered back to the giver.

Scottish Roots: A step-by-step guide for Ancestor-hunters in Scotland and overseas. 1981. By Alwyn James. Published by MacDonald Publishers, Loanhead, Midlothian. 183 pages, 6x9 inches, soft cover, illustrated, not indexed. £3.95. Donated to LAGS by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Johnson.

I wish I had Scottish ancestors, because this delightfully-written book makes research in Scotland sound so fascinating. Actually, I do have lots of that blood, but it came to me after several centuries in Northern Ireland, where tracing back is nearly impossible.

Alwyn James has no Scottish blood himself, but his wife does. One day with time on his hands, he volunteered to help her in her research. He writes, "Within hours I had contracted that appalling and increasingly common disease of ancestor-hunting, a disease for which there is no known cure. Ancestor-hunting ... has everything: the magnetism of the puzzle, the thrill of the chase, the challenge of the unknown — and the very real sense of exploring territory which has not been surveyed and measured, logged and plotted by all and sundry. Add to this the fact that it is your own ancestors you are identifying and learning about and you

will get an inkling of the power of the addiction." I can identify with that.

This is a beginner's book. First there is a chapter devoted to the usual wise advice, "genealogy, like charity, begins at home." Mr. James calls home "Base One." In succeeding chapters he takes us to the principal repositories of Scottish records. Base Two is New Register House in Edinburgh, Base Three is the Scottish Record Office nearby. All of the most valuable records — civil registrations and their indexes, censuses, parochial records, wills — are conveniently concentrated in these two buildings.



The remaining five chapters, occupying less than half of the book, cover libraries, local churches and museums, and the subjects of genealogy by mail, and writing up the research.

Mr. James employs a really clever device to illustrate how to use the New Register House records. He located two co-workers who had never studied their ancestry but wanted to begin. Each agreed to spend a week's vacation at the New Register House with Mr. James. The book then chronicles the steps these guinea-pigs went through — dead-end searches and all — to develop their family trees. One of the two found ten previously unknown ancestors in a week, but the other found 19, the earliest of whom was George Anderson! The author admits that these identifications, although mostly beyond doubt, were not substantiated by multiple pieces of evidence.

This is a good, basic book, fun to

read and full of anecdotes and Scottish lore. It is flawed by the lack of an index, and even more by the lack of a bibliography of more detailed publications.

Managing a Genealogical Project. 1988. By William Dollarhide. Published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore. 81+xii pages, 8 1/2x11 inches, staple bound, illustrated, not indexed. \$14.95. Donated to LAGS by Beverly Ales.

The author has high name recognition among genealogists because of his many publications and his frequent appearance on the lecture circuit. This is not a book on where to find genealogical information, but rather on what to do with it after it is found.

Mr. Dollarhide's main message is: good, retrievable documentation of genealogical "events" (births, marriages, deaths and residences) comes first and family group sheets, ancestor charts, and compiled results come later. Although this may seem obvious, he points out that all of the leading genealogical computer programs (except his, of course) are based on entering data on family group sheets.

The author's emphasis on retrievability of data leads to the need for indexing, which in turn leads to the need for a good numbering system. He devotes two whole chapters to this subject. He prefers the Ahnentafel system for ancestors and the Henry system for descendants, and describes a method he (and I also, independently) developed for combining the two.

I like this book. Mr. Dollarhide is not hesitant to proclaim dogma — for example, allow only one

size of paper in your files and give every sheet a number. I agree. I think legal-size paper should be against the law.

A nice feature of this book (and of other Dollarhide books) is the set of reproducible forms in the back. The author invites you to reproduce them for your use but not for sale.

Emigrants from Derry Port, 1847-1849. 1985. Dessie Baker, editor. Published by Closson Press, Apollo, Pennsylvania. 107+iv pages, 6x9 inches, perfect-bound, illustrated, indexed. Donated to LAGS by Marjorie Harter.

Derry Port was the escape hatch for hundreds of thousands of wretched poor fleeing to the New World from Donegal, Derry and Tyrone Counties, Ireland in the last century. This densely packed book lists some 8000 of the emigrants from that port during three peak years of the flood.

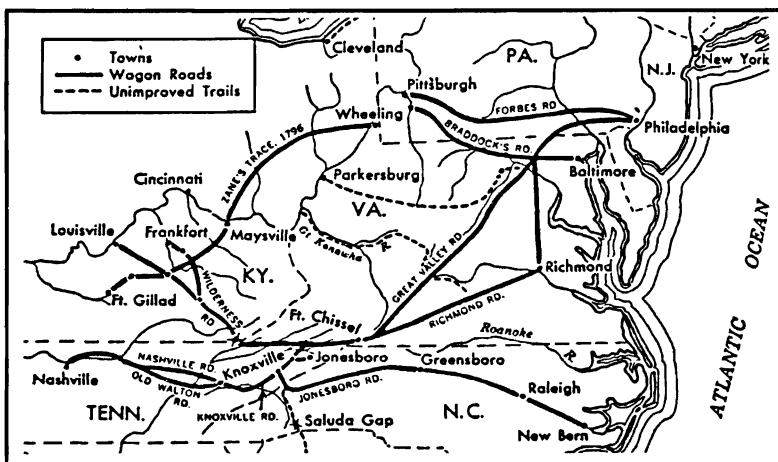
A two page introduction sets the historical stage and describes the methodology of collecting the data. Only the emigrants leaving on J. and J. Cooke ships — one fourth of the total — are included.

The main body of the book consists of passenger lists with names grouped by family. Ages of children and former place of residence are the only other data given. A placename index (in microscopic print!) gives the county for each place that the editor could positively identify. An every-name, full-name index completes the book.

U. S. Migration Patterns. 1987. By Wendy L. Elliott. Published by American Genealogical Lending Library, Bountiful, Utah. 29

pages, 8 1/2x11 inches, perfect-bound, illustrated, not indexed. \$5.95. Donated to LAGS by Virginia Moore.

The main value of this slim book is in the ten maps it contains, since the text is in double-spaced typescript with sparse details. Some of the maps are poorly reproduced, but if you have to try to track an ancestor who seemed



Early migration routes in the East (from U.S. Migration Patterns.)

to pull up stakes and move farther west every few years, this book will help you guess what routes he might have taken. However, you will probably find Chapter 13 of Norman Wright's book, "Building and American Pedigree," more helpful.

A useful appendix lists, for 123 small regions of the Eastern USA, the first date of settlement by each ethnic group, what their religion was, and where they had just migrated from.

U.S. County History Catalog. 1985. Published by Ancestry Incorporated, Salt Lake City. 61 pages, 8 1/2x11 inches, staple bound, self-indexed. \$5.00. Donated to LAGS by Virginia Moore.

Ancestry has its own motive for publishing this catalog of county histories, namely, to list the books that it will search for a fee, but the catalog also helps

our members determine what histories are available.

Not all county histories are listed, by any means, but only those meeting three conditions: 1) available at the Mormon library in Salt Lake City, 2) containing an index, and 3) containing biographies. Still there are over 3100 titles included, listed alphabetically by state and county.

Each entry gives the title, county, LDS library catalog number for the book, and LDS number for the microfilm. Almost all are on microfilm, so, with the help of this catalog, films can be ordered through the LDS Branch library.

Combined 1850 Census of Lamar and Red River Counties, Texas. 1985. Compiled by Skipper Steely. Published by The Wright Press, Paris, Texas. 223

+viii pages, 8 1/2x11 inches, hard cover, maps, self-indexed. \$20.00. Donated to LAGS by Virginia Moore.

Lamar and Red River Counties lie between the Sabine and Red Rivers in northeastern Texas, near where Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas meet. Since Texas was still an independent republic in 1840, the first federal census of these counties took place in 1850.

This beautifully printed book first presents an alphabetical index to all of the names in the 1850 census of the two counties. Not just the name, but the entire census line is given in this index. The second half of the book gives the same information, but preserved in the order recorded by the census-taker. A short historical preface helps the reader gain perspective from the census data presented.

GERTRUDE FALLON FOXWORTHY

The compiler's mother, Gertrude, is the subject of this sketch. The entry in her mother's bible indicates that she was born November 5, 1893. She was the youngest child of Daniel and Margaret REILLY FALLON. On September 15, 1917 she was married to William E. FOXWORTHY.

Gertrude lived all her married life in Livermore, California having been born in Pleasanton about six miles away. She gave birth to six children. Her Certificate of Death (6097 6519) gives the date as November 16, 1960 and the year of her birth, 1892.

The obituary appearing in the LIVERMORE HERALD dated November 19, 1960, page 2, states:

MRS. FOXWORTHY RITES SATURDAY

Requiem High Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church Saturday for Mrs. W. E. FOXWORTHY of 1786 Fifth St., who died here on Wednesday.

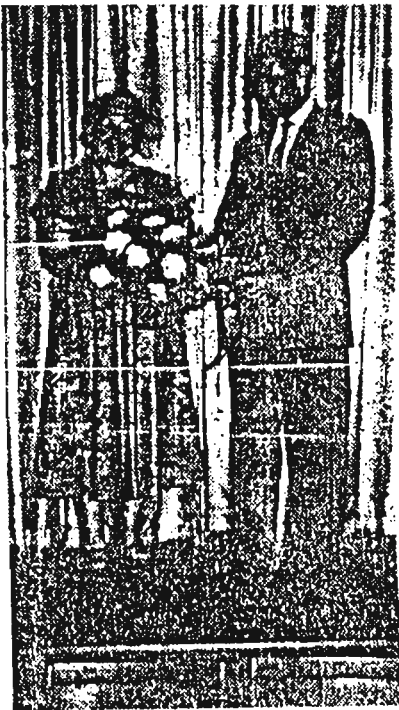
A native of Pleasanton, 68 years of age. Mrs. FOXWORTHY was a member of the pioneer Fallon family which settled Dublin, and the granddaughter of Jeremiah FALLON, a member of the DONNER Party.

Formerly an employee at Arroyo Sanitarium (sic), Mrs. FOXWORTHY was organist at St. Michael's Church for many years and was a member of YLJ, Catholic Ladies Aid, St. Michael's Mothers Club, and Alameda County Employees Association.

She is survived by her husband, and six children: Thomas and Mark of Castro Valley; Donald of San Lorenzo; Mrs. Margaret FULLENWIDER of Fallon, Nev.; and Mrs. Mary RASMUSSEN and Charles of Livermore.

Rites will be at 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, with interment in a family plot at St. Augustine's Cemetery in Pleasanton. Rotary (sic) will be recited Friday at 8 p.m. at the Redwood Chapel of Callaghan Mortuary.

The story of St. Michael's Parish, "PEOPLE BRICKS & TIMBERS" published in 1978 commemorating the 100th anniversary contains the following on page 55 regarding Gertrude:



1957

"During the early 1940's, the St. Michael's Choir was similar to our local fire department - all volunteers, except our organist, manager friend, and director, Mrs. Bill FOXWORTHY. 'Gertie' as she was lovingly called, never missed a performance despite her hectic life as the mother of six children. I always felt a special tribute should be paid to Gertie's family for their untiring faith and devotion to St. Michael's Choir.

"The 10:30 Mass on Sunday was our time to sing to the Lord. Some Sundays we had many singers, and other Sundays maybe only one or two would show up. Gertie played for all the Masses, funerals, weddings, and holy days. The organ was manually pumped and it took strength as well as musical talent to play it.

"There were many ladies in the choir over a period of 10 years, but I don't recall any male members, perhaps others can. I do remember Matie CLARK, Estelle VOLPONI, and Elizabeth ROBERTS. They were our stars."

The foregoing were the reminiscences of Loree CORNWELL about Gertrude FOXWORTHY.

(Note: Estelle VOLPONI told the compiler that George SERPA and Elywn MULQUEENY were male members of the choir and Virginia RABOLI was the alternate organist.)

On page 128 of the above publication, there is a picture of several members of the Y.L.I. (Young Ladies Institute) at a banquet in 1946 celebrating their 50 years of being an organization at St. Michael's. Seated second from the right at the foreground table is "Gertie". On her right is Matie CLARK and on her left is Estelle VOLPONI, two of St. Michael's Choir "stars". The other "star" Elizabeth ROBERTS is not in the picture, or she is hidden by other members.

Gertrude was also the organist for the St. Michael's School Children's Choir during the latter part of the 1930's. One of the outstanding male members of the choir later became a college roommate of the compiler. His rendition of the hymn "MOTHER of CHRIST" always gave Gertrude so much satisfaction that she felt the time she devoted to rehearsals with the children more than compensated for her time. They were more like cherubs in her mind because of their angelic voices. SISTER MARION, O.P. was the choir director.

Many an evening was spent with other musicians and vocalists at the Foxworthy home during the 1930's with Gertrude leading the group. Songs of the era and earlier were played and sung. It was such a joy to see so much derived from music during a rather depressing part of our lives. It provided an opportunity for people to forget for a few hours their trials and tribulations.

When asked what she did as a child, Gertie's usual response was

that she practiced the piano and organ. Since she was the youngest in the household, chores were not too great. In later years her musical gift brought many satisfying moments to her. One memorable occasion was the night in the late 1930's when Gertrude was the accompanist for Estelle VOLPONI who was appearing on an amateur hour radio program originating from Oakland, California. The compiler can still hear Estelle's rendition of "AVE MARIA".

In her late teens Gertrude played the piano at the local cinema in Pleasanton, California. This was prior to the advent of the "talkies" so the appropriate musical scores had to be provided by a live musician. There was music for the villain with his usual black hat and for the heroine dressed in her finest topped with a bonnet. Such were the days.

Gertrude worked as a postal clerk in Pleasanton during the tenure of her father as the Postmaster. She would often tell us children of her remembrances of Phoebe APPERSON HEARST who in 1896 built a 450-acre estate called Hacienda del Pozo de Verona. Mrs. HEARST'S husband, George, was a U. S. Senator from California. "Mom" would relate what a regal scene it was to see Mrs. HEARST arrive at the train-station in her horse drawn coach. There Mrs. HEARST would catch the train for the trip to San Francisco. "Mom" told us of the gifts that Mrs. HEARST gave to the postal clerks at Christmas.

During the early 1930's the family owned a Model "T" Ford which Gertrude had learned to drive. Frequently on a Sunday afternoon she would take several of us to visit Grandma Fallon who lived about five miles from our home. Things were fine until one evening as the compiler's father was on his way home from work and another automobile ran into the Model "T". That was the end of "lizzie". William endeavored to teach Gertrude the intricacies of driving an auto with a standard transmission. Gertrude could not get the hang of having to use the clutch when shifting gears. After numerous attempts, both William and Gertrude gave up. That ended her driving days. Perhaps if the automatic transmission had been invented, then her desire to drive might not have been lost. Her penchant for travel did not wane though. She would use the passenger train for trips to San Francisco and Nevada.

Sometime after our entry into World War II, Gertrude so to speak was "drafted" to work at one of the local hospitals. It was difficult to get help in those days because of gas rationing, the war effort, etc. etc. Reluctantly she agreed after much prodding by the hospital superintendent. He was even willing to provide transportation for her. She had not worked outside the home since she was married. However, the older children were on their own and only the youngest were at home and they were in school. She enjoyed working at the hospital and felt that she was making her contribution to society. Fortunately for Gertrude she was employed because in late 1945 when her husband suffered his "stroke" it literally took an act of Congress for William to get a re-

tirement pension since he lacked six months of fulfilling the mandatory thirty years of service. After a year or so the Railroad Retirement Act was modified to allow a pension on disability grounds. Gertrude continued working until her retirement at age sixty-five.

During her retirement she would travel to visit her married children who lived away from Livermore. She would go here and there whenever the urge hit her. William had a life-time pass for passenger train travel which included his wife and members of his family under twenty-one years of age. Unfortunately Gertrude only enjoyed about three years of her retirement when she developed a heart condition which eventually took her life.

The accompanying photograph was taken of Gertrude on Easter 1944. The compiler had sent her a lily plant while he was in the Service. Behind Gertrude was her ever "faithful" piano and her gallery of photos of her children.

In 1957 Gertrude was honored by the Livermore Eagles (a fraternal organization) as "Mother of the Year". Presenting her with a bouquet of flowers was her son, Charles.

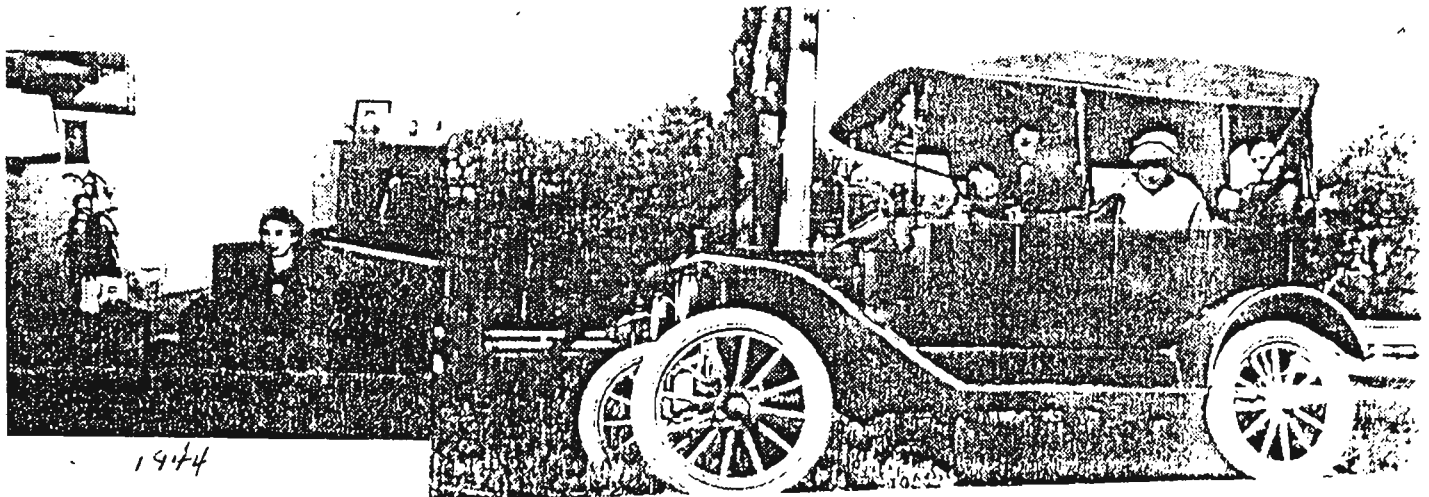
Another photograph shows Gertrude with her brother, August, in a Model "T" sedan, probably the one she first learned to drive. The other person in the back seat of the auto is not known.

The following is taken from Flora HAINES LOUGHEAD'S book, "Dictionary of Given Names", page 165:

"Gertrude (Teutonic) Spear maid: armed for battle.
. . kindness like their own Gertrude
Inspired those eyes affectionate
and glad
That seemed to love whate'er
they looked upon".

Thomas CAMPBELL

The next sketch concerns the compiler's paternal grandfather, Freeman Leroy Foxworthy.



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Livermore man looks back 90 years

By Susan Young
Staff writer

As a boy growing up in Livermore, Bernard Mourterot would ride his horse from his family's farm in Springtown to the Fifth Street school in downtown.

"There was a barn next door to the school, so we would put the horses in there for the day while we were inside getting an education," said Mourterot, 90. "In those days, everyone had horses and wagons to get around in."

Mourterot's father, Bernard, came to Livermore from France in 1894. It was here that he met and married Mary Blondin. The couple lived on the family farm in North Livermore. Mourterot was born in the same farmhouse where his mother was born.

"I was only about 6 when the earthquake hit, but I remember seeing the flames over the hill and all our relatives from San Francisco coming to stay with us," said Mourterot.

While he attended fifth, sixth and seventh grade at Fifth Street School in town, his earlier school years were spent at May School, out in the country, north of Livermore.

The schoolhouse looked like it was out of a western movie set, with a pasture on the side for the students to turn their horses out in and a ringing bell to let the children know it was time to come into the building.

Childhood prank recalled

"Miss Jackson, one of the teachers, was just a little woman and we would cut the bell rope so that when she would give it a good jerk, she would fall down," said Mourterot.

Only a handful of farm children

attended the school, not even enough to have a basketball team.

"It was a good life growing up here — milking the cows, driving the horses and cattle — the kind of life a lot of people dream of having. There were no strangers here. Most people worked out on the ranches and everybody knew everybody else."

On Saturday night, there would be dances in town. One of the favorite hangouts was Sweeney's Opera House on the corner of First and McLeod streets.

"Every New Year's Eve there was a masquerade ball with everyone in costume," said Mourterot, smiling at the memory. "Here was this room filled with people you knew, but you couldn't recognize a one of them."

Local boys out for fun

If there wasn't a dance being held in town, the local boys would ride their horses over to Pleasanton, Niles or Greenville for a good time after a hard day on the farm.

The ranchhands would work on several of the big ranches in the area. During harvest time, the workers would go out with the harvesters pulled by four- or six-horse teams.

"I remember Silvan Bordes out on Vasco Road would take out five strings of horses — 30 horses in all — to work the fields. Now there was a sight to see."

At that time, Mourterot said, the farmers and ranchers never paid cash for anything in town. They would keep tabs in the stores, then pay off their debts when the hay and grain was sold after the harvest.

"You could also take your extra milk down to the Fred Young cream-

ery and he would give you \$5 a can for it. There were a lot of dairies then, the Holdeners dairy by where the hospital is now and the Frisman brothers had a dairy over by the golf course."

Mourterot eventually gave up ranching and farming to go to work in the magnesite mines 35 miles up Mines Road.

During the early days of the mine, the ore was brought down by horse and wagon, but trucks were used during the time Mourterot worked in the mines. It would take an hour and a half to drive their cars up to the mines, but the roundtrip time for the trucks carrying the ore was about 10 hours.

Miners would set the charges to blow up the mining area and then dig for the mineral used for furnace linings and to make carbon dioxide.

"The best part was that you didn't have your boss sneaking up on you. It was dark down in the shafts and everyone had to wear a helmet with a light on it, so you always saw that light coming at you," said Mourterot with a laugh.

On May 13, 1925, Mourterot and his wife Clara built an "auto court" by old Highway 50 with rooms to rent, a gas station and restaurant. It is now the El Dorado Motel on First Street. The vineyard owners survived Prohibition from 1920-1933 by selling their wine to the churches for sacramental wine and selling their grapes to the public.

The Mourterots sold the auto court in 1953 when old Highway 50 was moved and became Interstate 580. Mourterot then went to work for the police department until his retirement.



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