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EDITORIAL NOTES

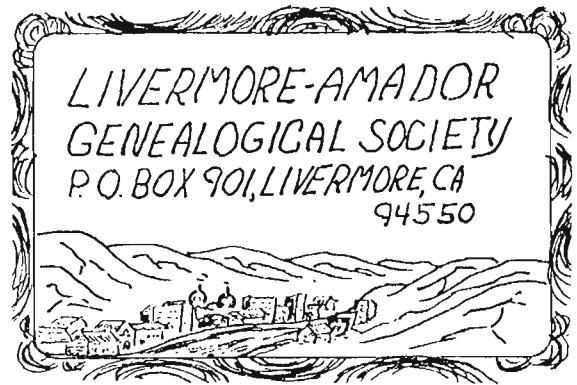
"Though a good deal is too strange to be believed, nothing is too strange to have happened." Thomas Hardy

I ran across an October 1984 issue of **Forbes** Magazine that reminded me of the "Common Surnames" item we mentioned in our Sp-Summer 1985 issue of the Tracer. This special issue had "The 400 Richest People in America" - The Forbes Four Hundred. I wondered if any of the 400 had surnames that were common in 1790 - after checking, I found that about one half of the names are included on this list: Adams, Brown, Davis, Hill, Johnson, Moore, Reed, Smith, Thompson, and Williams. Don't know if there is any connection. The magazine also includes a short biography on each person and a section on family fortunes. An interesting fact was brought to **Forbes** attention by a reader about "The Rich List of 1845" by Moses Yale Beach. It was a guide to the wealthiest people in New York City. It is reprinted in this special issue and includes small biographical sketches of those listed. If you think your ancestors might have been wealthy and living in New York at this time, it's a good idea to take a look. The article, written with the help of City University of New York historian Edward Pessen and the genealogy staff of the New York City Public Library about Beach and his early list is also of interest. I plan to leave a copy of it in our library.

March Meeting On SATURDAY

Date: March 15
Time: 2 PM
Place: Livermore Library
Speaker: Elizabeth Zilen
Topic: Research in Ireland

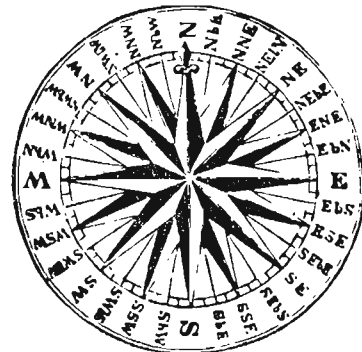
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Our Corresponding Secretary and Tracer Board Member Dixie Newbury has designed this logo for our group. We think it is quite good and thank Dixie for her efforts in our behalf.

Society News

Next Meeting: February 10
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Hacienda Business Park
Speaker: Betty Kot
Topic: Genealogical Indexing





AN IDEA THAT WORKED



BY HARRIET ANDERSON

When I was a girl, my grandmother used to tell me often how much she missed her brother, Niels. Grandma Hansen had come to America from Denmark in 1888, a few years after her brother had left for Australia. At least, I always remember that she said it was Australia, but others in the family say they remember it was New Zealand. The only evidence we have in writing is a newspaper article about a family reunion in Iowa in 1935; it says that Niels Peter Nielsen went to New Zealand.

Since we became interested in family history about ten years ago, we have pretty well tied up the loose ends in Grandma Hansen's family. The remaining mystery was Niels. Where did he go? Did he have any descendants? These questions became more interesting a year ago when we learned that our people-to-people travel club, the Friendship Force, was planning an exchange with New Zealand in April. We signed up to go and dashed off a letter to the New Zealand National Archives. The answer was courteous, but unhelpful about our Niels Peter Nielsen. Time was running out, so in January we made a quick trip to Salt Lake City to see what we could find about Niels' supposed immigration to Australia or New Zealand. We could stay only four days, and on the fourth day I found the first clue in the Hamburg passenger lists: on July 4, 1885 Niels Peter Nielsen sailed on board the "Procida" for Hobart, Australia. So I was right - he had gone to Australia and not New Zealand! From his birthdate and other data shown, we knew it was the right Niels, but our time was up and we had to come home.

Hobart is in Tasmania, a state of

Australia, but a separate island south of the mainland. To me, Tasmania has always been like Timbuktoo - so remote it might as well be on the moon. One friend even thought I was talking about Transylvania, where Dracula lived. But by a long-shot coincidence, I have a Norwegian cousin living near Hobart! He is Thoralf Naess, a former whaler who settled in Australia after World War II. When we decided to go with the Friendship Force to New Zealand, we immediately wrote Thoralf that we were planning to come to Tasmania. Now we learned that Niels Peter Nielsen had also gone to Tasmania. Could it be that in this remote corner of the world I also had Danish cousins?

When we returned from Salt Lake City, we decided we would have to hire a professional genealogist in Tasmania if we were to be sure of learning if Niels had living descendants, and of locating them before we arrived if he did. This turned out to be a wise decision. We wrote to the president of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania explaining our problem and the deadline we were facing.

Within a month we had a letter from Theo Sharples, a professional genealogist in Hobart. She had already placed an ad in the local paper and had had several responses from relatives by marriage of Niels Peter Nielsen. They all stated that Niels had indeed come to Tasmania, had married and raised a family, and then about 1900 had gone with his family to New Zealand. So all of us were right - it was BOTH Australia and New Zealand.

Mrs. Sharples had some leads to pursue in New Zealand, so we autho-

rized her to proceed. Since it was too late by then to hear from her again before we left for New Zealand, we gave her our itinerary and asked her to write to us someplace along the way.

When our group landed at Wellington, New Zealand, the local tour director announced that there was someone waiting to see Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. I thought, "How nice of our Friendship Force hosts to come to the airport to meet us!" But it was not our Friendship Force hosts, it was Nielsen cousins, "long-lost" and now found!

Still another improbable coincidence had occurred: Mrs. Sharples had decided to place an ad in the newspaper in Palmerston North, New Zealand, where Niels and his family were thought to have lived. Who should be the newspaper proofreader who had to approve the ad, but the husband of one of my cousins - the only one of these cousins who has been actively working on the Nielsen genealogy!

Five of my relatives, including the family genealogist, met us in Wellington. They had spent several days trying to find out exactly where and when our group would arrive, and then had driven over two hours to meet the plane. We spent a very enjoyable evening together. We learned that our original question, "Did Niels have any descendants?" was in hindsight almost laughable - there are more of that family in New Zealand than in Denmark and America combined!

We learned that one of Niels' seven children - amazingly, the oldest one - is still living. She is Mrs. Grace Cox, born in 1893. We decided that after our Friendship Force home-stay we would try to break away from the group tour long enough to see her. We did just that. While the rest of the group spent the night at Rotorua, enjoying a traditional Maori feast, we rented a car and drove (on the left

side of the road!) to Mount Maunganui on the Bay of Plenty. There we met Aunt Grace, my mother's first cousin. It was worth the whole trip to New Zealand to see how delighted she was. She said again and again, "I always wondered if I had American relatives, but I never thought I would get to meet them."

Grace lives in a rest home near her daughter, Pearl Bridger. We were invited to spend the night with Pearl and her husband Nelson, and the next morning made the white-knuckle drive back to Rotorua to rejoin our group.

As our tour proceeded through New Zealand and then through Australia, and as others of the Nielsen clan heard of our presence, there were more reunions at airports and hotels. Our traveling companions soon got caught up in this stay-tuned-for-the-next-exciting-chapter family reunion. Even when we arrived in Fiji, where as far as I know there are no Niensens, they asked, "Where are your relatives, Harriet?"

Our visit with Thoralf Naess and his wife Elsa was heart-warming. Because Tasmania is so far from anywhere, only one other relative - a niece on a business trip - had come to see them in all the forty years they have lived there. Nor have they been able to return to Norway for a visit. We were happy to write to Thoralf's aging brothers and sisters, whom we have met in Norway, that he and Elsa are well, and that they have lost none of the famous Norwegian "Vaer saa god" hospitality.

We also visited Theo Sharples in Tasmania. She gave us the Nielsen documentation she had been saving for us, and we settled accounts. Her total fee for time and expenses was less than \$50.

We learned a lesson in genealogy from this trip: even confirmed do-

it-yourself genealogists are sometimes wise to get professional help. We almost decided not to retain a professional genealogist in Tasmania, because we believe in doing the work ourselves - hiring someone to do research for you is like hiring someone to play your golf game for you. We could have written more letters and even made phone calls to Tasmania (at great expense), but we almost certainly would have failed to find the Nielsen relatives in time. Our trip would have been exciting even if we had not found them. But with Mrs. Sharples' responsive and resourceful help, we turned an exciting trip into one that was truly unforgettable.



Reviewed by George Anderson

Heritage Quest, subtitled **The International Genealogy Forum**, published bimonthly by Heritage Quest International Genealogy Forum, Leeland and Stephen Meitzler, Owners; Drawer HQ, Orting, WA 98360-0040. Paper cover, 8.5x11 inches, staple bound. Indexed, illustrated. Sample issue has 119 pages. \$25. per year.

The Brothers Meitzler have donated Issue #1, September-October, 1985, of this new periodical to the L-AGS library.

Features in the first issue include *Research in the Georgia Land Grant Records*, *Yankee Hog Thief* ("The fascinating story of a southern family and Yankee antagonists..."), *Miniature Dictionary for Genealogists*, *Tracing your English Ancestors*, *Genealogical Indexing*, and six others. There are columns by Margaret Audin, Bette Miller Radewald,

Loren V. Fay, Arlene H. Eakle and Frederick Walter Hilbig. Each issue will contain queries, classified ads, book reviews and a complete surname and locality index.

A promising attraction of **Heritage Quest** is an index to articles in other periodicals. The publishers will even supply a copy of any non-copyrighted article listed in their index, upon request and payment of a fee. The author of the article receives a token royalty for each copy made.

Heritage Quest will probably have tough sledding for a few years. If the publishers intend to compete with **The Genealogical Helper**, they will have to do better than this first issue. If they want to fill some other niche, they will have to make it clearer to prospective subscribers like me just what that niche is.

If you think you might be interested in a subscription to **Heritage Quest**, you can examine Issue #1 in the L-AGS library.

Genealogy Digest, subtitled **America's Quarterly Genealogy Guide**, published quarterly by the Genealogy Club of America, 420 South 425 West, Bountiful, UT 84010. Paper cover, 8.5 x 11 inches, stapled. Typeset, printed in full color on glossy paper. Illustrated. Sample issue has 62 pages, no index. \$15. for one year, \$25. for two years.

The publishers donated a copy of Volume 16 #3 Summer 1985 to the L-AGS library. The cover of this issue is marked "Special Issue: NGS Conference 1985" and may not be typical of most issues.

Articles in the sample issue are *Growing Up with a Nanny*, *Discovering a Love Story*, *The Family Registry*, *A Historical View of Salt Lake City, Utah*, *An Introduction to*

the LDS Genealogical Library, and
Sources: Primary or Secondary.

Regular departments in *Genealogy Digest* include *Famous People* (the sample issue has a profile of Abraham Lincoln, complete with a chart of his ancestors for 9 generations back), *Buried Treasures* (poignant or humorous stories found in old documents), *Bookshelf*, *Grandma's Kitchen* (old recipes), *Fast Facts*, *What's in a Name*, *Research Tips*, *Ancestral Exchange*, and *A Stitch in Time* (stories about heirlooms).

This magazine is slick in format but somewhat slack in editing. In the *Research Tips* department there is a collection of short paragraphs lifted from other sources, most with attribution. One of them mentions some Scottish information that *will* become available in 1984 - either a mistake in the date, or an uncritical printing of a very old story. Similarly, the first query in the *Ancestral Exchange* is so garbled that the editors must never have looked at it.

The donated issue of *Genealogy Digest* is available for examination in the L-AGS library.

FOREIGN

RESEARCH

TIPS

MARIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

FRENCH ANCESTRAL LINES: A new family newsletter which includes about 100 French-Canadian families. For detailed information send a SASE to: Mrs. Maryann Schicker, P.O. Box 13548, St. Louis, MO 63138.

SCOTLAND MAPS: Maps of crofting townships, farm districts, and villages in Scotland as they existed in the 19th century are available from a cartographer in Scotland. The maps are taken from the original surveys which are kept in the National Library of Scotland. Write: P.J. Adams, 8 Rutherford Folds, Inveryries, Aberdeenshire Scotland AB5 9JH. (From Clark Co. WA Gene. Soc.)

SCANDINAVIAN RESEARCH: An internationally recognized genealogist and historical research for Scandinavian countries is: Carl M. Ringen Gunderson, 2140 S. Bentley Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025. (Submitted by O'Lillian Levine)

ONTARIO RESEARCH: Mr. Ted Wallace, 21 Southglen Road, Brantford, Ontario, Canada N3R 6Z8, has written that he is willing to give assistance in search Ontario records. He is not a professional, but does this as a hobby. Enclose two I.R. coupons or some money to cover postage.

QUEBEC: Birth records since 1926 can be obtained (for \$2.00) through Vital Statistics, Dept. of Social Affairs, Quebec City. Prior to 1926, there are no centralized records for the province. The Province of Quebec is divided into 24 districts. With the correct place of birth of a person, the branch offices operating in Quebec can identify the district and then write the prothonotary of the Superior Court at the Court House of that district. If a Catholic, it is necessary to furnish the name of the parish where he was baptized with approximate date of birth. They charge 20¢ for each year they search and 50¢ for a certificate. (No. Central North Dakota Gene. Record)



St. Michael's Cemetery Part IX

Ferrario, Carlo Nov 4 1878 - Apr 14 1952
Gardella, Charles A. 1884 - 1968
Gardella, Camille 1890 - 1959
Boragni, Peter 1865 - 1939
Boragni, Anna 1865 - 1942
Lima, Annie 1902 - 1938 Mother- Nov 19 1902 - Feb 7 1938
Lima, Marianna 1863 - 1951
Grandmother Sept 23 1863 - Jan 20 1951
Lima, James B. Oct 17 1897 - Apr 25 1982, husband & father
Kelly, Lucie L. 1907 - 1978
Kelly, William J. 1896 - 1968
Kelly, Marcella 1899 - 1941
Kamp, Robert Hayden Calif Tec 5 372 Engr Gen SVC Regt WWII
Sept 20 1920 - Apr 29 1964
Regan, John E. 1893 - 1941
Regan, Asta M. 1893 - 1978
Viale, Joseph L. 1916 - 1972
Viale, Lola M. 1917 -
Viale, Mary C. 1917 - 1945 daughter
Obert, Peter 1888 - 1942 father
Moy, Cyril 1902 - 1953
Moy, Katherine T. 1901 -
Moy, Kassy 1932 - 1940
Silva, Chester J. Mar 2 1911 - July 31 1941
Silva, John M. Dec 11 1851 - Apr 11 1938
Silva, Frances M. Nov 10 1870 - Nov 24 1953
Smith, Albert C. 1908 - 1974
Smith, Mary F. 1918 - 1978
Smith, Ann - Marie July 4-40
Smith, Charles D. 1872 - 1956
Smith, Marian D. 1883 - 1939
Murray, Teresa J. 1872 - 1958
Murray, Peter J. 1869 - 1938
Coelho, Maria V. 1858 - 1939
Coelho, Jose S. 1871 - 19_
Silva, Mary V. 1884 - 1938
Silva, Manuel M. 1877 - 1957
Oliveira, Joseph H. 1877 - 1938
Oliveira, Frances A. 1889 - 1977
Twohey, James D. 1881 - 1947 father
Twohey, Rose A. 1884 - 1945 mother
Twohey, Philip D. A.B. USAF Aug 23 1922 - Apr 20 1974
McCormick, Sandra Elizabeth Apr 26 - 27 1946
McCormick, John Joseph Nov 23 1909 - Aug 6 1973
McCormick, Elizabeth Mary Apr 10 1911 - July 23 1979
Bettencourt, Grace E. 1903 - 1978
Bettencourt, Thomas C. 1900 - 1959
Baptista, Mary G. 1884 - 1949

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Baptista, Joseph S. 1871 - 1946
Viale, Rosa Oct 29 1884 - May 31 1954
Viale, Louie Oct 16 1881 - Feb 22 1961
Viale, Frank July 23 1904 - Sept 6 1969
Viale, Adelia Nov 25 1914
Viale, Attilio Sept 21 1921 - July 30 1960
Viale, Mary E. Baby 1947
Eyherabide, Mary 1892 - 1946
Eyherabide, Jean 1885 - 1976
Eyherabide, Jean Louis 1943 - 1963
Gourdou, Jean 1891 - 1974
Gourdou, Jeanne 1905 - 1971
Thome, Manuel M. Oct 31 1867 - Feb 6 1947
Thome, Maria G. July 29 1879 - Mar 25 1970
Laplacotte, Firmin 1893 - 1946
Laplacotte, Henri 1896 - 1947
Bourdieu, Paul Oct 19 1887 - Mar 15 1954
Bourdieu, Alice Jan 13 1888 - Apr 5 1965
Frevola, Rachele Mar 10 1890 - Apr 8 1944
Frevola, James V. Mar 22 1881 - Oct 18 1965
Lescure, Alfred B. 1887 - 1942
Lescure, Marie C. 1889 - 1971
Brinegar, Giles E. May 14 1861 - Oct 28 1944
Brinegar, Sarah A. Sept 1 1860 - July 15 1947
Kuhnel, Mary 1870 -
Kuhnel, Rudolph 1860 - 1953
Rogers, Margaret June 23 1879 - Dec 24 1940
Rogers, Owen July 25 1875 - Oct 10 1942
Garbini, Gaetano 1856 - 1945
Garbini, Emma 1865 - 1941
Caratti, John J. 1891 - 1950
Caratti, Marie 1895 - 1979
Canziani, Marie E. June 1946
Gomes, Mary Ann our darling daughter 1938 - 1948
Gomes, Mary 1879 - 1956
Gomes, Agnes 1878 - 1957
Gomes, Amelia 1907 - 1967
Gomes, Anthony 1906 - 1980
Gomes, Frank 1877 - 1952
Gomes, Joseph 1949
Gomes, Frank 1873 - 1952
Jason, Louis 1887 - 1968
Jason, Frances 1899 - 1950
Androws, John 1904 - 1966
Young, Fred S. Mar 27 1882 - Mar 31 1951
Young, M. Josephine May 27 1888 - Oct 17 1964
Rasmussen, Jesse M. Calif PFC Co C 82 Inf WWI
June 23 1896 - Sept 14 1955
Garbini, Doris R. Feb 1 1923 - Apr 1 1970
Garbini, Louis V. 1894 - 1947
Silva, Joseph Q. Mar 28 1878 - Dec 3 1949 (same stone as
Rose below)

St. Michael's IX continued

Serpa, Rose Silva Nov 28 1889 - Dec 26 1975
Woods, Ellen Frances Nov 20 1889 - June 20 1949
Woods, Frank J. Oct 24 1892 - Mar 22 1964
Raineri, Ben A. 1879 - 1948
Raineri, Marietta 1884 - 1970
Jensen, Louise K. 1908 - 1972 mother & grandmother
Victorine, Mary Nov 12 1876 - Aug 5 1961
Victorine, John S. Apr 10 1868 - Aug 28 1949
Rafael, John Sept 10 1864 - July 27 1943
Rafael, Mary E. Apr 3 1874 - May 18 1955
Stefanoni, Alice 1895 - 1958
Stefanoni, Enrico 1887 - 1942
McElroy, Henry C. 1885 - 1972
McElroy, Mary 1889 - 1952
Genoni, John 1890 - 1952
Genoni, Mary 1896 - 1972
Walker, Robert H. 1917 - 1953
Walker, Daniel R. 1952 -
Moy, Francis L. Apr 22 1904 - Sept. 5 1973
Moy, Annie M. Aug 15 1892 - Dec 23 1970
Moy, Rose B. Jan 1 1900 - Jan 22 1964
Moy, Eugene J. Sept 26 1913 - Jan 23 1974
Lemos, John S. Apr 10 1888 - May 24 1976
Lemos, Catherine V. Feb 10 1898 - Sept 22 1974
Sandoval, Rueben Ray June 12 1954 - Jan 19 1966
Rodrick, Ida A. Sept 19 1888 - Sept 3 1969
Rodrick, Antone J. Mar 27 1878 - June 8 1972
Medeiros, George J. Feb 22 1914 - Jan 22 1979
Teja, Jose A. 1909 - 1967
Castillo, Mariano Z. Jr. Calif Pvt Inf WWII
Dec 4 1924 - Jan 9 1970
Thornton, Francis Calif Tec 5 USArmy WWII
Oct 16 1915 - Aug 4 1967
Lambaren, Harold Mar 3 1943 - Aug 20 1967
Sanchez, Harry Calif Pvt Co F 22 Engineers WWII
Jan 11 1892 - Oct 12 1967
Coates, Eleanor H. 1916 - 1967
Pajari, Walter V. Oregon AVN Cadet Army AF WWII
June 9 1915 - July 29 1968
Gregory, Lynette Ann 1948 - 1967 daughter
O'Shea, Emmett J. 1902 - 1978
Guido, Augustine A. Aug 25 1911 - Sept 2 1968
Orzanco, Mary Alice 1967
Marsh, Mary G. April 21 1967
Dias, Annie Dec 7 1919 - Dec 14 1966
Soto, Salvador Aug 6 1910 - Nov 13 1966
Wittman, Carl L. Apr 10 1894 - May 12 1965
Wittman, Elizabeth T. Jan 31 1898 - July 29 1969
Manganaan, Saturnino Feb 8 1905 - Feb 9 1965 brother
Robles, Michael A. Nov 13 1908 - May 8 1964
Lagomarsino, John B Aug 30 1890 - Apr 2 1964
Lagomarsino, Maddalena Feb 8 1892 - Feb 27 1972



VALLEY ROOTS

Brick Making -- An Industry of the Early Days

compiled by Dixie Newbury

Plentiful deposits of good clay found in the Livermore and Amador Valleys was the raw material for the brick making industry in the early days of the towns of Pleasanton and Livermore. As early as 1870 a brickyard was known to have been operated by Alexander Esdon at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Livermore Avenue in Livermore and enough bricks were fired in a crude kiln to build the two-story Farmer's Union Building.

By 1889, the Remillard Brick Company was established northeast of Pleasanton on the Southern Pacific tracks. It had an out-put of 20,000 bricks a day. The Johnson Building in Pleasanton is a good example of the Remillard product. The bricks did not have a trade name on them.

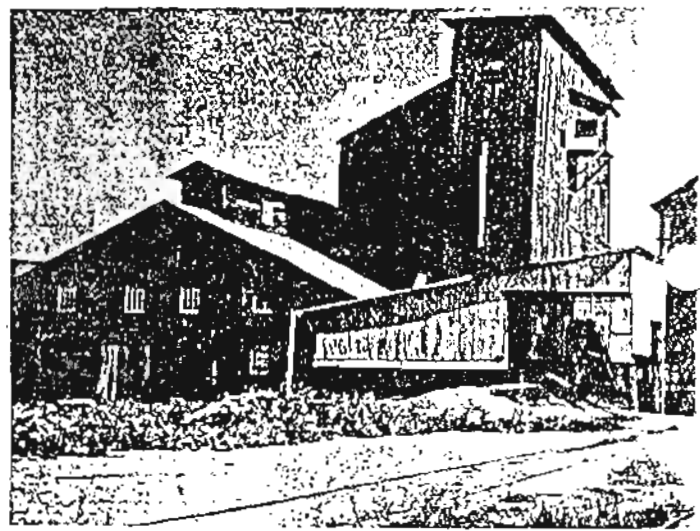
Magnesite is another deposit found in the hills south of Livermore and was used in the manufacture of fire brick as a source of heat for the firing process. In 1910, the Livermore Fire Brick Works was built in the west end of Livermore using clay found on the property. In the beginning, the plant was operated by F.A. Bishop. In 1918, the W.S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing Company bought the plant. Clay from Amador and Placer counties was mixed with the clay found on the property to form fire brick, face and ornamental brick, hearth and mantel tile, and terra cotta.

According to a report by Dan L. Mosier, this company shipped bricks

and fire clay to the Philippines for the construction of a factory there. The superintendent was Charles Turner, and some 75 men were employed to get out this order.

By 1950, the only remains of this once thriving area was a huge warehouse used as a second-hand store. Today, it is the site of an attractive collection of stores called the Brickyard Shopping Center and appropriately constructed of red brick.

from the files of the Heritage Guild and a report by Dan L. Mosier



OLD BRICKYARDS ACROSS FROM VALLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

What's In A Name?

The town of Sunol was named for one of the original grantees of the Rancho el Valle de San Jose, but that was not its first name. In 1772, when the Fages - Crespi expedition came through the valley, they camped in the area of Sunol and called it Santa Coleta. Not only that, but Kilkare Road was not the original

Valley Roots continued

name of that lovely lane either. Earlier it had been known as Glen Avenue.

John Kottinger's home town was known as Alisal, meaning sycamore, before he named it after Union General Alfred Pleasonton. Later it was misspelled to Pleasanton.

For a time in the late 19th century there was some question as to what the final name would be for the settlement which had sprung up in the area of Jose Maria Amador's land holdings. Dougherty's Station is found on some maps, but eventually the name Dublin won out.

William Mendenhall originally called his settlement in the east end of the valley Nottingham because of the mistaken notion that his friend Robert Livermore had been born in Nottingham, England. In the 1930's there was interest in naming the town Baerville, since it was the home of world championship boxer Max Baer. In the end the boxing enthusiasts lost and the town retained the name Livermore.

taken from

Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society Newsletter August 1985

LIBRARY NEWS by Marge Harter

Those of you who have not yet visited the L-AGS Library at its new location in the History Center (Old Carnegie Library), 3rd and K Streets, Livermore, might find it worthwhile to stop by and take a look.

For the past two months or so the library has been open for reference only. The books are processed and shelved, the periodicals in place and the card catalog up-to-date.

When space becomes available the vertical file, as well as the club copy machine will be moved in. The copy machine will be available for use by club members at a cost of 10 cents per copy.

The new books reviewed in the Fall issue of the Tracer are now on the shelves.

If you have any questions about the library, please call Virginia 447-8316 or Marge, 447-6669.

MEET THE MEMBERS

John R. Stroud was born in New York City in 1927. He grew up in Golden, Colorado; Casper, Wyoming; Whiting, Indiana; and Independence, Missouri. He came to Livermore 30 years ago. Retired from the LLNL (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) last year. He's married to Rosemary nee **Hartlieb**. Second marriage for both; John has four children and Rosemary has two.

Parents: **Paul W. Stroud**; born Cucamonga, CA 1902, grew up in Pomona, CA. **Pearl E. Reynolds**; born Chicago, IL. 1903, grew up in Pomona, CA. They live in Livermore and will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary next summer.

Ancestors: **Stroud Side**
Grandparents: **Wallace M. Stroud** born Oshkosh, Wisconsin 1866, and **Alice E. Cook** born Napoleon, Missouri (now called Oak Grove, MO near K.C., MO) 1868. John has names of the **Stroud** line back 7 generations to about 1740 in America. Three generations

lived in Willsboro, N.Y. on Lake Champlain. Maiden names of wives were **McClary**, **Lee**, **Sturtevant**, **Bileath**, and **Beal**. There is no record of arrival but family tradition says a **Stroud** came from England.

He has a book on the **Lee** family which traces them back to 1620 in Farmington, Connecticut.

He has yet to find anything on **Alice Cook's** father. Her mother was **Cinderella Moote** whose parents were **Daniel Moote** born 1823 in Canada and **Elizabeth Sourwine** born 1825 in Germany.

Reynolds Side:

Grandparents: **Henry P. Reynolds** born Texarkana, Texas 1869, and **Hulda Theresa Gustafson** born 1881 in Sweden.

Henry P. Reynolds parents were **David Richard Reynolds** born 1839 in either Tennessee or Alabama, and **Judith Elizabeth Holder** born 1843, probably in Somerville County Texas. Her parents were **Presley Holder**, believed to be from Ireland, and **Mary Lonacre**, believed to be from Alabama.

David Richard Reynolds parents were **Henry Reynolds** born 1800 in Kentucky, and **Mary Brown** from Virginia whose mother was believed to be half Cherokee.

John got started in genealogy three years ago when his 30 year old son got into the old family Bible and started asking questions. That got him interested, but he's only scratched the surface. For example, He went to the DAR Library in Washington with three hours to spend. There is a whole shelf of books on **Reynolds**, so he looked at the few **Stroud** books.

His most exciting find so far was in the National Archives -- a petition for a pension from John

Stroud describing his service in the Revolutionary War.

He hopes to go far enough to qualify his daughter for DAR and, if possible, trace the **Reynolds** side back to arrival in America.

LaVerna (Lee) Mae Arnold Meola was born 5 January 1925 in Cleveland, Ohio. She lived there until 1942. Her first husband was **Richard Christopher Brown**. He is the father of Lee's seven children - 4 boys and 3 girls.

Parents: **Charles Clayton Arnold** born Shreve, Wayne Co. Ohio, and **Claire Anne Probst** born Pennsylvania raised in Akron, Ohio.

Grandparents: **William Marion Arnold** born St. Joseph County Indiana, and **Laverna Edna McConkey** born Wayne County Ohio.

Christian Probst and **Mae unknown maiden name**; second wife also named **Mae**. Birthplaces unknown.

McConkey's go back to Washington County Pennsylvania circa 1810. **Arnold's** still having trouble. My grandparents were married in Wayne County Ohio in 1881, but I'm having trouble finding them after that.

I know my Mother's family came from Germany before 1917 so I can remember my father being angry about Grandpa Chris and the "Brown Shirts". I do know my Mother was born in Pennsylvania, but I have no idea where as yet.

Richard Christopher Brown was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents: **Franklin Richard**

Brown and **Edna Louise Freese** both born New York City. Grandparents: **Franklin Brown** born England and **Violetta Timpson** born New York City. **Christopher H. Freese** and **Carolina Hassig** both born New York City.

I have been doing genealogical research only a year. I got started because my children wanted a **real** family tree.

I think finding some of the printed excerpts from letters and diaries of Christmas Eve 1775 that tell of

Washington crossing the Delaware River, on his way to the battle of Trenton, at "**McConkey's** Ferry", has been my most exciting find. I haven't tied him in yet, but it's nice to know one of the **McConkey's** were around even then.

Knowing where we come from is only part of the fun. The greatest fun is greeting and getting to know something about them -- so they become "someone" and not just a statistic of births and deaths and begots.

QUERY CORNER

Am trying to locate **Effe Simpson**. In 1977 she lived at 13425 Apaloosa Dr., Lakeside, CA. **Effe** is my second cousin and according to a Salt Lake City Genealogical Center record, she has our great grandfather's family Bible. Information in this Bible could help me trace back my family history.

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Looking for information on **John Poblitz**. From Probate Records and County Recorder, was a property owner in Nov 1869 and also Feb 1883 in Livermore. His place was referred to as the **Poblitz Ranch**. He could not read or write and was declared incompetent on Sept 6, 1915 after he suffered a stroke. He died in Livermore Jan 30, 1925. He had 3 wives, **Alice Taylor** - mother of Ernest and Arthur; **Annie Bangs** and **Florence** _____. I need confirmation and dates on these wives before I can use this information.

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Rules for Teachers, 1872

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes. or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good book
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity, and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

DELAWARE: research is available through the Historical Society of Delaware, 505 Market Street Mall, Wilmington, DE 19801.

LUTHERAN CHURCH ARCHIVES: This church was formed in 1960 with the merging of the American Lutheran Church (Midwest German congregations), the Evangelical Lutheran Church (Norwegian-American Lutheran congregations) and the United Evangelical Lutheran congregations (Midwest Danish Lutheran Congregations), then in 1963 they were joined by the Lutheran Free Church (The Norwegian-American Synod). These church records have been microfilmed and can be rented for \$4.00 a roll. Write for a catalog to Archives of the American Lutheran Church, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. Archivist, Mr. Robert Wiederaenders (From the Immigrant Genealogical Society News).

PENNSYLVANIA: The city archives of Philadelphia has discovered two errors in the Filby Index to Naturalizations for Philadelphia Courts. The Filby Index is based on the WPA Index to Naturalizations, which was compiled in the 1930's. Entries listed as D.C. for the years 1860-1874 may have taken place in the Philadelphia County District Court rather than in the United States District Court. The second error also originated with the WPA index. The WPA did not have access to the Petitions of naturalization of the Quarter Sessions Court, Courts of General District of the Northern Liberties, and the District of Spring Garden and

Kensington. The city archives is currently in the process of indexing these records. For information contact Allen Weinberg, Archivist, Philadelphia City Archives, Rm. 522, City Hall Annex, Juniper & Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19107. (From PA. Gen. Soc.)

CALIFORNIA, ALAMEDA COUNTY: The Alameda Historical Society Museum will soon have a set of Alameda birth and death records for the years 1870-1904.

CALIFORNIA PIONEERS: For burial places of early California Pioneers, check the Sutro Library Card File entitled "Book of the Dead" -14 cemeteries are listed with deaths from 1848.

IRISH RESEARCH: The United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116 is open Wednesday thru Saturday 1:30 -4:30 P.m. and Wednesday thru Friday evenings 7:30 -9:30 P.m. The director is Patrick Dowling. The library houses essays, poems, novels, etc. written by or pertaining to the Irish. A collection of books of genealogical interest includes a list of all Famine Immigrants, County histories, family genealogies and some church records. (From Lake OGS).

NAMES: Middle names were first used as a status symbol by German nobility in the 15th century and were not common in the U.S. until after the American Revolution, when it was fashionable to use the mother's maiden name.