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Mrs. Judy Williams, Query Editor,		
1944 Mars Rd, Livermore, CA 94550.		
\$1/Query for Non-members.		

Will Review Published Items In Exchange For Copy For Our Library.

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Hacienda Business Park Community Room, Suite 107, 4637 Chabot Drive, Pleasanton.

New dues schedule payable July 1 of each year:

Member	\$10	Contributing	\$25
Family	\$15	Supporting	\$50
Senior/Student	\$5	Life	\$100

New Mailing Address
P.O. Box 901
Livermore, CA 94550

New Library Address
Livermore History Center
East Room
Old Carnegie Library
3rd & K Streets
Livermore, CA 94550

For More Information Call:
Virginia: 447-8316
RoseMarie: 447-6861
Margaret: 443-2576

EDITORIAL NOTES

I just read an article on "The Last Ferry on the Wabash". It told about the Darwin Ferry, owned by local farmers. It allows them to farm on both sides of the river in Illinois and Indiana, when the bridge is 45 miles away. Ferries have run at Darwin since 1818. . . . Could this provide a clue to someone's missing ancestor who's not in the right county?

Welcome New Members

Susan Junk, 1295 St. Mary Dr., Livermore, CA 94550, 415-447-4561
Karen Johnsen, 3246 Harvey Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, 415-426-0563
Norma Sue Overturf, 589 So.M St., Livermore, CA 94550, 415-447-4669

New Members are encouraged to contact Membership Chairman Vern Barr (443-1157) to receive your L-AGS Library Card which allows you to use the L-AGS Library located at the History Center (Old Carnegie Library) 3rd and K St., Livermore.

Our Handbook is being revised at the present time. Ask to see a copy of someone's so you'll be apprised of the Bylaws, and the Surname & Locality Index Cards (see page 102 _____ this issue).

New Members are also encouraged to submit a **Meet The Members** Profile for the Tracer so that we can make our readers aware of the surnames you are researching. Any Member who would like to submit a Profile is welcome to do so. Ask for a "Profile" sheet if you need direction and mail your completed story to me, Margaret Fazio, at 454 Dover Way, Livermore, CA 94550, 415-443-2576.

SOCIETY NEWS

Congratulations to our New Officers 1986-87

Virginia Moore President
Vern Barr 1st Vice-President
Bill Wolcott & Art Skinner
2nd Vice-President
Dixie Newbury
Corresponding Secretary
Clarence Parkison Treasurer
Marilyn Fullam Secretary

Next Meeting: August 11, 1986

Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Hacienda Business Park
Topic: Show & Tell and Swap Meet
Bring Books, Maps, Forms or Newsletters to Sell or Loan
Proceeds to donate or keep!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: Saturday September 6
Time: 12:30 PM
Place: History Center Park
3rd and K St. Livermore
Topic: Swearing in of Officers
Bring a bag lunch and visit our L-AGS Library

The L-AGS Library and the History Center and the Art Gallery have been newly carpeted and revitalized. Be sure to drop in and give a look see. Marge Harter and Virginia Moore have done lots of hard work in our library and it shows. Thanks to all of you who helped move our belongings during the redecorating. And thanks to Barbara Bunshah of the Heritage Guild and to all those members who have volunteered as docents, for making our library work.

ATTENTION

Everton Workshop Oct 25
San Lorenzo Community Church, 945
Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo, CA.
Co-sponsored by Contra Costa, Ea
Bay, and Hayward Genealogical
Societies. Pre-registration: \$20,

This includes a one year subscription to the GENEALOGICAL HELPER magazine. Registration at the door : \$25. A lunch, prepared by the Church ladies, will be available for \$6.50.

The genealogical computer program developed by the Mormon Church is now available for \$35. For an order form, write:

Ancestral File Operations Unit
Genealogical Department
50 East No. Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

MEET THE MEMBERS

Madge Boblenz McDonald

Off and on for some years I have been interested in family history, but it was not until several years ago when a cousin gave me considerable information from her researching, that I really got serious.

I am Madge Boblenz McDonald, born in Melrose, Iowa in April of 1921. I am the youngest child of Carl Lothar Boblenz and Henrietta Casebolt.

Henrietta was one of six children of Renick Casebolt and Rachel Morrison, both of whom were born in Pochantas County Virginia, which later became West Virginia. The Casebolt family moved to Iowa from West Virginia in 1877. Upon arrival in Lucas County Iowa, Renick purchased land north of Russell. The most probable reason for them coming to this area was that Rachel had a sister who had earlier settled in Lucas County.

Rachel's parents were Thomas Morrison and Sarah Ann Dearing, also of Pochantas County Virginia. Thomas Morrison was a well known millwright in his area. Thomas was the son of James Morrison and

Elizabeth Callison who was James' second wife. James was a private in the Revolutionary War. He raised a very large family. Sarah Ann Dearing was the daughter of John Snedigar and Betsy Dearing. Records are not too clear, but it is believed that Sarah Ann was born before John and Betsy were married.

Henrietta Casebolt met Carl Lothar Boblenz at the home of her sister in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was 22 or 23 when they met and he was 25 or 26. He had emigrated from Jever, Germany shortly after his 18th birthday in order to avoid the compulsory draft in Germany. A family who had come from his town had sponsored him and they lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa. His father was Henrich Boblenz a professor of languages in the high school in Jever. His mother was Jenny Thon, the daughter of Sixt Armin Thon and Louise Hey.

Sixt Armin was an artist -- oils and water colors and Louise Hey was a pianist. Sixt Armin Thon's parents were Theodor Thon and Karoline Rohn. Louise Hey's parents were Wilhelm Hey and Charlotte Roth. Wilhelm Hey was a chamber musician of Weimar.

Henrich Boblenz's parents were Johann Georg Boblenz and Henrietta Ernestine Friedrich. Johann Boblenz's parents were Jacob Traugott Boblenz and Ernestine Marie Schmidt. Henrietta Friedrich's parents were Carl August Friedrich and Karoline Dorothe Wittich. The earliest date I have for these ancestors is 1765. There are no known male ancestors by the name of Boblenz that are descendents of this family line in Germany. All of the great-and great-great grandparents on my father's side were born and lived in the general area of Weimar, Germany.

Excerpt from:

LA MERICA

Images of Italian Greenhorn Experience

by

Michael La Sorte

"Like other European immigrants, thousands of Italians Americanized their surnames or took new ones, and transformed given names into English equivalents. Some of these changes were deliberate and permanent; some "evolved" through accident or circumstance; others were "immigrant names" assumed temporarily out of expediency.

The most common form of surname modification was to drop letters by one of three basic processes.

Syncope involves the removal of letters from the middle of the name, one of the vowels of a diphthong for example: Cuomo to Como; Buono to Bono; Coviello to Covello. When several letters were dropped, the simpler name might still retain an Italian character: Bardo from Bernardo. Internal transformation took place also through phonetic respellings that conformed to American patterns: Ritzo from Rizzo; Ameche from Amici; Pulise from Pugliese; Lulio from Luglio. Some alterations, even dropping a single letter, changed the entire character of the name: omitting the "i" from Contestabile (pronounced ContesTAbile) produced ConTEstable, which is American in both appearance and pronunciation.

The second process, **apocope**, involves dropping of the last part of the name: Bartolomeo to Bartolo. This practice was seen most often when the name was long and composed of two or more identifiable words: Presto for Prestogiacomo; Passo for Passalacqua; Trenta for Trentadue; as well as Loy for Loiacomo.

In **apheresis**, the first part of the name is removed: Teodoro to Doro; Lapisarella to Carrell. Occasionally, the preposition (da, de, di, d') or the article (li, lo, la) that constitutes the first part of many Italian surnames was dropped: Rocca for La Rocca; Verde for Lo Verde. But more likely the two parts were merged into one word, especially when an apostrophe was involved: D'Amato became Damato; Dell'Aquila became Dellaquila."



William Mendenhall's Linage

John Mendenhall m Elizabeth
Maris b 3 Feb 1665

John Mendenhall b 3 Apr 1688
m Susannah Pierson

Stephen Mendenhall b 19 Oct
1721 m Sarah ?

Martin Mendenhall b 21 Feb 1767
m Abigail Mills b 27 Dec 1767

William Mendenhall b June 1794
m Sarah Peterson

Founder of Livermore
William M. Mendenhall b 22 Apr
1823 m Mary Adelaide Allen

taken from The Mendenhalls. A
Genealogy by Henry Hart Beeson,
1969.



William and Mary Mendenhall



St. Michael's Cemetery Part XI

Row 14W

M.C. MulQueeney - Meyn - Windeler Plot
MulQueeney, Michael C. 1881 - 1934
MulQueeney, Gladys W. 1888 - 1974
MulQueeney, Lesta Marie 1912 - 1919
Meyn, Bernard 1854 - 1939
Windeler, Adolph F. 1856 - 1941
Windeler, Caroline S. 1864 - 1941

Beigbeder, Catherine d. Jan 21 1920, Native of France
Beigbeder, Frank 1871 - 1944 "Father"
Beigbeder, Roy 1904 - 1973

J.E. Kiely Plot

Kiely, John E. 1871 - 1912 "Father"
Kiely, Augusta 1872 - 1921 "Mother"
Kiely, Edwin no dates
Kiely, Margaret T. Sept 4 1900 - Mar 6 1982

Serpa Plot

Serpa, Mary 1888 - 1923
Serpa, Deloras M. 1911 - 1924
Serpa, Joseph 1884 - 1954

N. Ratti Plot

Ratti, Angela 1862 - 1925
Ratti, Nicola 1859 - 1939
Ratti, John P. 1886 - 1946
Ratti, Nick 1902 - 1938
Ratti, Lawrence 1905 - 1938

John Vukota Plot

Vukota, John 1864 - 1934
Vukota, Margurite A. 1879 - 1973
Vukota, Mary Edna 1912 - 1926
Vukota, Francis W. 1915 - 1974

M.G. Bettencourt Plot - no markers

Beraudiere Plot

Beraudiere, John M. Oct 23 1857 - Dec 8 1929
Beraudiere, Marguerite Jan 3 1856 - July 16 1923
Beraudiere, Claude A. Jan 8 1897 - Oct 20 1975
Bogni, Marie Jan 19 1895 - April 22 1983

Row 15 E

Seeband, Walter F. Calif Tec 5 USArmy WWII
April 27 1910 - Oct 17 1971

Peters, Antone 1877 - 1927
Peters, Mary I 1878 - 1945
Crohare, Joseph 1904 - 1925
Crohare, Mother 1871 - 1947
Crohare, Father 1866 - 1958

St. Michael's XI continued

Row 15 E continued

Crohare, Charles 1901 - 1951
DePaoli, George J. July 4 1907 - Oct 2 1974
Kelly Plot
Kelly II, Charles Bertrand Oct 30 1927
Sobrero, Baby Girl Nov 24 1958
Kelly, John J. Calif PFC USArmy WWI
Oct 1 1891 - July 19 1972
Kelly, Laretta Veronica Aug 29 1898 - May 7 1980

Flanagan, Mother and Father - no dates
Mack, Michael Francis Nov 17 1928
Zurini, Vincano - no dates
Bird, P.J. 1845 - 1929
Robinson, William Edward born Lowell, Mass
Nov 25 1852 - Jan 18 1929

Faulkner, G.W. 1929
Schoeningei, William A. 1869 - 1929
Goodfield, Abraham J. 1908 - 1930
Guanziroli, Antonio Mar 21 1850 - May 28 1930
Native of Milan, Italy
Porta, Emilia Jan 20 1930 - Jan 21 1930
Porta, Maria Dec 5 1931 - Dec 6 1931
Piquemal, Jean Marie 1877 - 1929
Olsson, John H. 1853 - 1929
Claverie Plot
Claverie, Jacques 1856 - 1941
Claverie, Rose 1866 - 1929
Claverie, John 1886 - 1939
Claverie, Cecile 1893 - 1957

Boyle, Richard Jan 9 1825 - Mar 22 1964
George, John 1900 - 1958 "Father"
Falsarella, Baptista July 15 1888 - Nov 11 1942
Falsarella, Caroline Nov 1 1893 - June 21 1954
Falsarella, Rosie Aug 6 1922 - Oct 5 1926
Peters, William J. 1913 - 1968

Row 15 W

Fallon Plot
Fallon, Daniel N. Feb 4 1893 - June 19 1977
Fallon, William J. 1896 - 1927 "Father"
Fallon, Anne C. 1855 - 1928 "Mother"
Fallon, William T. FP3 USNavy WWII Korea 1927 - 1980
Sister Nora 1880 - 1953
Brother John F. 1887 - 1951

Rochin, Conception Dec 8 1898 - June 27 1965
Rochin, Gregory A. May 25 1891 - Feb 5 1960
Rochin, Francis A. 1918 - 1940

St. Michael's XI continued

Row 15 W continued

Luigi Volponi Plot

Volponi, Father 1859 - 1943

Volponi, Mother 1860 - 1956

Volponi, Louis Jr. Aug 25 1889 - Dec 18 1937

Volponi, Giovanni "Uncle John" 1853 - 1926

Volponi, Phillip F. 1899 - 1964

F.L. Rochin Plot

Rochin, Baby Joseph - 1928 - 1928

Rochin, "Father" - 1901 - 1953

P.Minoggio Plot

Minoggio, Philip Sept 25 1897 - Mar 15 1958

Minoggio, Protasio "Father" 1863 - 1932

Minoggio, Caterina "Mother" 1859 - 1928

Minoggio, John M. Jan 29 1893 - Oct 12 1947

Minoggio, Mary J. Mar 2 1889 - Mar 28 1963

Gomes Plot

Gomes, Mervyn E. Jan 7 1919 - Sept 19 1929

Gomes, Clara W. "Nana" Sept 28 1891 - Aug 9 1982

Gomes, Manuel C. Jan 24 1878 - Sept 22 1954

A. Miranda Plot - 3 sealed graves, no markers

J.J. Sousa Plot - 2 or 4 graves no names or dates

Sousa, Jose Joaquim June 5 1888 - July 18 1929

Sousa, Edith R. - no recorded dates

Leonardo, Jose Joaquim Aug 12 1864 - May 8 1959

Gomes, Rosa S. March 17 1871 - Oct 11 1951

M.J.Goni Plot

Goni, Martin J. "Father" May 12 1884 - Nov 19 1928

Goni, Frances L. "Lita" Feb 14 1898 - Dec 6 1980 "Mother"

Row 20 E

Metrogen, Elizabeth 1955 - 1957

Romero, Rubel Nov 16 1892 - Dec 6 1956

Hurley, Nellie 1870 - 1956

Harris, Christopher Lee 1956 - 1957

Cervantes, Flora Mar 6 195_ (Callaghan Mortuary)

Smith, Dorothy D. June 18 1896 - July 2 1956

Filyau, James Berton 1902 - 1956

Higuera, John D. 1895 - 1955

Stankey, Joseph 1874 - 1937

Stankey, Sarah 1874 - 1955

Raul, Anna 1882 - 1955

Garcia, Mary J. Aug 22 1927 - May 17 1955

Imlig, Anna Jan 16 1912 - June 13 1954

Duran, Peter R. 1928 - 1956 "Padres y Familia"

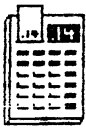
Vaglianti, Frank 1859 - 1950

McNeil, Rod - no dates

Schenk, Lucy 1870 - 1951

de Luca, Constantino 1888 - 1951

Frates, George Joseph 1931 - 1951



HOW TO FIGURE THE PROBABILITIES



BY GEORGE ANDERSON

Several years ago when I was compiling the vital statistics on my Great-grandparents Anderson and their 13 children, I was struck by a pattern in some of the dates. Here are the 15 members of the family, and their dates of death - see if you can see the same pattern:

NAME	DATE OF DEATH
William (father)	24 Dec 1900
Eliza (mother)	25 Dec 1910
Mary Anne	4 Jan 1946
Joseph	2 Mar 1924
Ellen	1 Jan 1939
Jane	10 Dec 1927
Elizabeth	4 Jan 1937
John	23 Jul 1912
Robert	5 Apr 1945
William	10 May 1937
Sarah	24 Dec 1947
Johnston	22 Apr 1953
Rose	11 Dec 1926
Andrew	3 Jan 1949
Daniel	27 Dec 1896

What struck me was that 8 out of the 15 died during Christmas season, if that is taken to be Christmas Eve to Epiphany (December 24 to January 6).

I had read someplace that there is a well-documented surge in the death rate right after Christmas, especially among older people. The cause is thought to be the let-down that follows the Christmas high - the loneliness that follows the holiday reunions with family and friends. Supposedly the depression leads to a decreased will to live, and an increase in the collective death rate.

William Anderson's family does not fit this model, because the father, the mother and daughter Sarah died on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. But the clustering is so pronounced

that it does not look like chance either. To see how likely or unlikely this clustering would be by chance, I decided to calculate a few probabilities.

First I will give the results, and then, for those who are interested, the method of calculation.

If deaths are normally expected to occur at random times during the year, with no day or week or month having more deaths than any other, then the odds against 8 or more members of a family of 15 dying during Christmas season are more than 40 million to one!

There is an additional fact that makes the pattern even more striking. Four of the Anderson children (Joseph, John, William and Rose) emigrated to the United States while the others, including the parents, stayed in County Antrim, Ireland. None of the four who emigrated died during Christmas season. The odds against 8 or more members of the remaining family of 11 dying (by chance) during Christmas season are more than 1.4 billion to one.

All these numbers prove is that there was very likely something about the Christmas season in that part of Ireland that was unhealthy for that family. I have the documented cause of death for some of the family, and there doesn't seem to be any pattern there - it ranges from pleurisy to myocardial failure to cancer to apoplexy. Whether other families in that part of Ireland show more deaths around Christmas would be interesting to know.

Probability calculations are easy what is hard is knowing whether or

not the results mean anything. If you don't believe that, just remember the news stories about the 8 cases of cancer in a certain group, when the "normal" number is 4, and the dozens of scientists and lawyers who dispute what that means.

Here is the method of calculation for those who might have their own patterns to analyze. The length of Christmas season is roughly 2 weeks, or 1/26th of a year, so the probability of dying during that particular time, by chance, is 1/26. For a family of 15, the probability that 8 will die during that time is given by the so-called binomial distribution:

$$P(15,8,1/26) =$$

$$C(15,8) * [(1/26)**8] [(25/26)**7]$$

where

$$C(15,8) = 15! / (8!7!)$$

is the number of combinations of 15 things taken 8 at a time,

and where "*" means multiplication, "**" means exponentiation, and "!" means factorial, e.g.:

$$8! = 8 * 7 * 6 * 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1$$

To find the probability that 8 or more will die during the stated period it is necessary to find the sum

$$P(15,8,1/26) + P(15,9,1/26) + \dots + P(15,15,1/26).$$



George Anderson will be back with Bookshelf next issue.

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Erie Canal Workers' Records Available.

These records are available by sending a SASE with your reference question. Collections will be checked for you. The Canal Museum, Weighlock Bldg., Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse, NY 13202 or The New York State Archives, 11th Floor, Cultural Ed. Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230. . . . McHenry Co IL Gen Soc via Chicago Gen. Soc.

Did You Know on 1 Jan 1752, England adopted the Gregorian Calendar? Since March 25th was the first day of the year 1751 and December 31st was the last day of that year, there were no months of January or February or days one through twenty-four in March of 1751. Also to make up the 11 days of difference in the calendars, Parliament declared "the day following 2 Sept 1752 shall be 14 Sept 1752. . . . Helper via Chicago Gen. Soc.

Illinois

The Ill. State Gen. Soc. P.O. Box 157, Lincoln, IL 62656 has published a new book **PRAIRIE PIONEERS OF ILLINOIS**. It covers 1,000 pioneers who settled in Illinois before 1880. For price information, write the Society.

England

Birth, Marriage & Death Certificates can be ordered from St. Catherine's House in London, through an Agent, for \$10 each, by Air Mail. Write to: Mr. Robert M. Hines, 175 Mersham Rd, Thornton Heath, Surry, CR4 8NU, England. . Pass Genealogical Reporter

North Carolina State Archives

109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611 -- Staff will answer one question per person for \$5 and SASE.

**News of Other Organizations
continued..**

Pennsylvania Ancestors? The Whittier Area Genealogical Society members have compiled a booklet of nearly 1,000 computerized names of their Pennsylvania ancestors with county of residence and pertinent data. The booklet is available by mail from WAGS, PO Box 4367, Whittier, CA 90607, ATTN: PA Surname Book. Price \$2.25. . . Hamilton Natl. Gen. Soc.

French Canadian Lines The American-French Gen. Soc. specializes in French Canadian lines. They have the largest French-Canadian genealogical library in New England plus microfilm files of over 2 million Quebec marriages. If you are interested in learning more about the AFGS, send a SASE to: Membership Director, AFGS, PO Box 2113, Pawtucket, RI 02861-0113. . Pass Genealogical Reporter

Illinois The Illinois State Historical Library will look up and copy obituaries for 25 cents each. Send deceased person's name, date of death, and county lived and/or buried in. Enclose a SASE. The address is: Illinois State Hist. Lib., Old State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62706. . . Henry Co Gen Soc via Hamilton Natl Gen Soc..

Indecent Descent

I've traced back now to Henry I: *
My royal line I've mastered.
But I can't boast about it for
I come down through his bastard.
- Richard E. Coe

* For a comprehensive accounting of Richard I's numerous natural progeny, see the article titled "Royal Bye-blows" in THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC & GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, Vol.119, pg.96 (1965).

Maryland Research Dorchester Co. Maryland Gen. Soc. has a volunteer program in which members will do limited research in answer to queries about ancestors who lived in central Maryland. Send SASE to: Dorchester Co. Gen. Magazine, Rt. 4, Box 67, Madison, MD 21157. . Pass Genealogical Reporter

GENEALOGICAL TREES

Undoubtedly, you'll never see
A Poem like a family tree--
A tree that proves beyond demur
How imminent one's fathers were--
A tree whose branches boast the charms
Of mottoes, crest and coats-of-arms
In azure, argent, vert and gules,
According to heraldic rules--
A tree, the intimate "who's who"
Of those whose blood is purely blue--
A lofty, nobly spreading tree
Of lineage and pedigree
Where he that looks too closely for
A favorite progenitor
May find him hanging, stark and grim,
Suspended from a lower limb!

- The above poem was sent in by reader Art Neal of Arlington, Texas, who reports he found it in a file (author unknown) at the Connecticut State Library.

Iowa Fees

Iowa Birth, Death and Marriage records are now \$6 plus SASE. . . Hamilton Natl. Gen. Soc.

Canadian Census Returns THREE reels at a time may be borrowed for use by any library who participates in the Inter-library Loan arrangement. The Library request must be submitted by the borrowing institution on authorized forms to: PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A ON3
Microfilm copies of most census records may be purchased. The census records prior to 1851 only shows the names of heads of households & the total number of people in each household. . . .

POEMS from Second Boat, May '86

SURNAME AND LOCALITY LIST

Your Society maintains a computerized and alphabetized listing of the surnames members are researching as well as a location file of places being searched. This file has been made into a Surname Index which sells for \$4 to members and \$6⁰⁰+tax to nonmembers.

Through use of these listings we can help one another in our searches. Cooperation results in multiplication of endeavor many fold. By knowing who is working in the states you are, you will know who to turn to for advice.

To get your surnames included in the addendum to our Index, you must complete your index cards and turn them in to Bev Ales by ~~September~~ October.

The process of filling out the index cards can help you to visualize the extent of your surname collection as well as who was in what state and what county in what year.

Fill out your 3x5 index cards like this:

Surname	Your Name
	Phone
	Address
State, County or Country	Dates people lived there



EXAMPLE

Jerman, German,	M. Fazio
Germain, Germaine	415-443-2576
	454 Dover Wy
	Livermore, CA
	94550
Montreal, Canada	1790's
Dubuque, Iowa	1820
Iron Hills, Jackson Co. IA	
1838-1875	
Woodbury Co. Iowa	1875-present

PLEASE list only one surname per card. Spelling variations may be shown. On one card you may list multiple locations and time periods (see example above). Feel free to use address stickers or stamp for your name. Cut and paste the surname information if that's easier.

Your cards will be filed in our master card file, which is available for searching in our library.

A Locality File is also available and a good source of reference for others working in the same area. Fill out Locality Cards as follows:

State or Country	Your name
County	& Address
Time Period - Surname	

EXAMPLE

OHIO	M. Fazio
Mercer Co.	454 Dover Wy
	Liv. CA
1831 - possible-	PARCEL
1836 Jefferson Twp.	PARCEL
1840 Jefferson Twp.	PRATT

On this card list only one State and County per card, but you can list multiple surnames. (See above.)

ODDS AND ENDS

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH fee for vital statistics records increased Jan 1, 1986. New fees: \$9 Birth Certificate; \$5 Death Certificate; \$9 Marriage Certificate; Other Records (paternity, adoption, amendment of a record, name change, etc.) \$16; Certified Copies of Documents \$4.

WHY WRITE DOWN YOUR OWN LIFE EXPERIENCE? According to Dr. S.W.Heath in The Skinner-Hope Family Record 1908:

"The great common people should record the experience of their own lives or have it done and leave it as material for future history and literature. When men and women begin to do this then they will begin and continue to live with their posterity. Would it not be a far better investment to write or have written by a competent biographer our life experience than to have erected over our grave a costly monument? What is there in our dead and decomposing bodies that we should show them such marked respect to the neglect of the more important life experience? No man lives a life that its experiences and lessons are not worth recording to be read by his posterity. Only those who have written or about whom records have been written are remembered. As Franklin has wisely said,
If we would not be forgotten,
As soon as we are dead and rotten
We must do something worth writing
Or write something worth reading.

submitted by Virginia Moore

(Editor's Note: And speaking of writing, the following is an example of the lost art of obituary writing.)

INTERESTING OBITUARY FOUND IN A PHOTO ALBUM IN AN ANTIQUE STORE

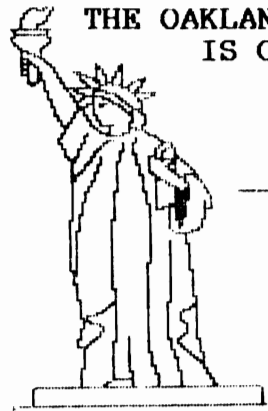
"SMITH-- In this city September 9, 1888, Alpha Raymond Smith, son of Thos. J. Smith of the Salinas Flouring Mill, aged 10 years 7 months and 6 days.

(Deceased had been afflicted from early youth with rheumatism, and for several months had been confined to his bed. The little fellow's sufferings were to him sore trials indeed, but he bore up cheerfully, and on the day previous to his death bade his parents, brothers, sisters, friends and attending physician good-bye, and thanked them all for their kindnesses to him during his sickness and also divided his playthings with his little brothers; then, with a sweet smile upon his face, he calmly looked forward to enter the "gates ajar," and heard while yet in the flesh the angels' sweet songs calling him home. Sunday afternoon he passed away, and on the following day his tired little body was laid at rest in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.)
submitted by Bev Ales

LIBRARY NEWS

More Volunteers are needed to sign up to act as docent for an afternoon in our L-AGS Library. It's a very good way to browse through our holdings and get going on something for yourself. Call Louise Throop to find out which days are available - 447-6421

THE OAKLAND MORMON TEMPLE LIBRARY
IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
AS OF JULY 1.







Main Overland Routes of the Colonial Period

from:
Abandoned New England