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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Meets at 7:30 pm Tuesday, January 8, 1991 at Congregation Beth Emek, 1886 College Avenue, Livermore. Attorney Wilbur Duberstein of San Ramon will speak on "Records and Recollections," concerning legal records of use to genealogists. Non-members are welcome. For information, call 447-9386 or 846-4265.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – *Note change of regular meeting date for February only:* Saturday, February 2, starting at 10:00 am at the Pleasanton Library, corner of Bernal and Old Bernal Avenues. Betty Kot, professional genealogist from Vallejo, will teach two classes: "How to use the International Genealogical Index (IGI)," and "Preparing for a genealogy trip." Admission is free. There will be a lunch break between the classes. Participants are invited to bring lunches. Non-members are welcome. There will be no meeting on February 12. For information, call 447-9386 or 846-4265.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lucille Breskin
 Louise Converse
 Inez Griffith
 Art & Rita Langhorst
 Wm. & Faith Steinkraus

Claire Comstock
 David Curry
 Elmond E. Halbrook
 D.H. Lindsey
 Jeanne Tanghe

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Surname(§) and Locale(§) of interest _____

WE WELCOME YOU

DUES

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

EXCITING is the only word that comes to my mind when talking (or thinking) about LAGS during the past four months.

At the October Arts Festival we used our large world map with colored pins to help people locate their birthplaces, their parents', grandparents', and great-grandparents' birthplaces. The idea was to draw in the young children to make them aware of their family backgrounds. We were delighted to see many "older" youngsters enjoying our map as well. As a result, we had 35 people show interest in our group by signing up for more information. Ten of those people came to our October meeting and became new members of L-AGS. Welcome to all of you! Moreover, during the months of November and December, our membership grew by another 8 budding genealogists! Many thanks to all who gave their time, energy and talents.

The Everton Workshop in October was a big success, with 70 in attendance. A few of these fine folks also joined L-AGS.

The guest speaker at our October meeting was Katherine Fuente. She spoke on German genealogy. Now you know, not everyone has ancestry back to Germany. But every person at the meeting took notes on what she said. She gave good basic information that could be applied to any research. For our November program, two of our members, George Anderson and Beverly Ales, brought their cameras and copy stands in order to make copies of our old photos. Rhett Williamson had an exciting surprise when he removed an old photo from a frame. He found another family photo hidden behind the first photo!

At our December meeting, we called upon several of our members to answer new members' (and some "old" members) "burning questions" about how to start their genealogy search. We will continue this in January.

We plan to hold a mini-workshop on a Saturday sometime this next Spring.

In addition to our fine speakers, we have been delighted with the sharing of our members. Some have brought heirlooms and others have shown us what you can do with memories and memoirs: Marge Stout is putting a family recipe book together; Linda Kelly showed us her "Legs of Man" coat of arms; Jolene Abrahams allowed us how you can't sneak up on her when she has her grandfather's double-barrel shotgun - with a hole in the middle of the side of one barrel.

If you would like to share something at our meetings, please call Program Chair Harriet Anderson, or Jolene. We have enough time at our meetings to let three people each take five minutes to share an item or exciting experience with us.

On a sad note, long-time member Art Skinner passed away and will be greatly missed. Another passing was Jim Harter, husband of Marge Harter. We hope Marge will be able to rejoin us soon.

Now for some items requiring follow-ups. Several of us have tried to locate members' Profile Sheets and queries with no success. So it looks like we will have to start over. I can't stress how important these items are to have on file (and to have at our meetings and at our library). We will have a separate mailing of this with a new membership list and any other important papers. Also, L-AGS owns a Vu-graph projector (for projecting large transparencies). If anyone knows where it is, please contact either Harriet Anderson or Jolene, as we would like to have it available at meetings.

L-AGS has a few changes at the helm:

President	Jolene Abrahams	447-9386
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Corresponding Sec.	Marge & Norm Stout	455-6847
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	Virginia Moore	447-8316
	Judy Person	846-6972
	Marge Harter	447-6669

If you have information to pass on to our membership, but can't reach the right person, please call Jolene Abrahams.

*The Best for the
coming year!*
Jolene Abrahams

L-ags MEET THE MEMBERS
LIVERMORE AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

MY NAME IS: PEGGY JOYCE SIASON

I WAS BORN: DECEMBER 26, 1936 At Parent's home 3 miles east of Karnak, Ill.
DATE PLACE

MY SPOUSE'S NAME IS: ALFRED ALLAN SIASON

THEY WERE BORN: APRIL 15, 1938 Children's Hosp. San Francisco, Calif.
DATE PLACE

WE WERE MARRIED: NOVEMBER 7, 1964 CARMEL, CALIF.
DATE PLACE

CITY COUNTY STATE

I GREW UP IN: On a farm 3 miles east of Karnak, Ill. Pulaski County in Southern Illinois.

SPOUSE GREW UP IN: San Francisco, Calif.

WE LIVED IN: San Francisco, Dublin, and Pleasanton

OUR CHILDREN:
NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

VIKKI LYNN SIASON

APRIL 7, 1967

Children's Hosp. San Francisco, CA.

HOW YOU BECAME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY

My Mother has always kept family history and pictures. I have copies of most everything except some pictures. Up till now I did not have time to even attend meetings but am excited about learning how to organize my information. I also have time now to attend the meetings.

OUR SURNAMES INCLUDE:

MY FATHERS SIDE DOUGLAS AND WOMACK
MY MOTHERS SIDE STEWART AND HEIDEMAN
MY SPOUSES FATHERS SIDE SIASON (Philippine Born)
MY SPOUSES MOTHERS SIDE LOZADA (Philippine Born)

COMMENTS:

YOUR NAME JOYCE SIASON
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PHONE PLEASANTON, CA. 462-9536

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LIVERMORE, CA. 94550

Sutro Library Trips. An alternate transportation scheme.

Since Sutro Library's hours are now limited to M-F, 10-5, here's a way to spend the whole day without having to drive in evening traffic.

One can ride the BART Express Bus from the Wheels/BART transfer points in Dublin, Livermore or Pleasanton to BART Bayfair Station. OR

Drive to Bayfair (I park back by Montgomery Ward's loading dock).

Take BART to Embarcadero Station, get off and get a transfer from the machine for 85¢, then go up one level to MUNI METRO and take the "M" car to Stonestown Shopping Center, getting off at Winston Avenue. Sutro Library is at 480 Winston Ave., which is down past Nordstrom then a couple blocks west, on the right side of the street.

The big advantage (besides ecology and beating traffic) is that you can stay until Sutro closes at 5 without spending the rest of evening in traffic. The disadvantage is that this trip takes a bit over two hours, rather than the bit under two hours it takes to drive. Still, you can read or work on your genealogy on public transportation.

--Judy Person

, two new books in the Pleasanton Library's collection which may be of interest to LAGS members:

BOOK OF IRISH NAMES: First, Family and Place Names. Coghlan, Ronan. Names are given in Irish with English translation and the derivation and history of each name. There is a pronunciation guide, and coats of arms with the explanation of family names. It's in the Reference genealogy section at Pleasanton Library (R929).

SHERIFF HARRY MORSE AND MURRAY TOWNSHIP DESPERADOES (1850-1870). By John Sandoval. No date. Self-published.

The wild and woolly days of the early European settlement of our valley are captured by Sandoval. When bandits couldn't find enough victims in the Sierra mines, they came down to harrass the locals, and lawlessness reigned. Mr. Sandoval, an ex-reporter and local historian, makes easy reading with his lively, entertaining columns in book form. If this book had an index, it would be perfect, and as it is it's a delight, adding color to our local history collection (R979.4).

Judy Person

From Lee N. McLAIRD, writing in the Archival Chronicle, December 1990, comes the warning on "Preservation and the New Technology."

Does videotaping offer the solution to the problem of fading color in family photographs? Not necessarily. Videotape records images as magnetic patterns, and is vulnerable to changes in the magnetic field. Its plastic case and tape cannot withstand extremes of heat and cold. Mechanical problems in rewinding and fast forwarding can damage the tape. Even if the tape is protected from all these hazards, there remains the question of hardware--will VCRs remain substantially the same thirty or fifty years from now?

L-Ags MEET THE MEMBERS

LIVERMORE AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

MY NAME IS: DAVID H. LINDSEY

I WAS BORN: 2 AUGUST 1921 HEADRICK, JACKSON CO., OKLAHOMA
DATE PLACE

MY SPOUSE'S NAME WAS: MARY FERN GLEESON

SHE WAS BORN: 02 JANUARY 1929 KRUM, DENTON CO., TEXAS
~~THEY WERE~~ BORN: DATE PLACEWE WERE MARRIED: 18 AUGUST 1946
DATE PLACE

CITY FREDERICK COUNTY TILLMAN STATE OKLAHOMA

I GREW UP IN:

TIPTON, TILLMAN CO., OKLAHOMA

SPOUSE GREW UP IN: TIPTON, TILLMAN CO., OKLAHOMA

WE LIVED IN: NORMAN, OK ; FT. WORTH, TX ; SAN FRANCISCO ;
LIVERMORE

OUR CHILDREN:

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH
PATRICIA	30 MARCH 1948	NORMAN, OK
DAVID	15 OCTOBER 1954	FT. WORTH, TX
SUSAN	04 JUNE 1957	SAN FRANCISCO
DEAN	05 JANUARY 1960	LIVERMORE

HOW YOU BECAME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY

INTERESTED SINCE MY TEEN YEARS.

OUR SURNAMES INCLUDE:

MY FATHERS SIDE LINDSEY, EVERS, CAWLEY, LESSLEY, SIMPSON
 MY MOTHERS SIDE HURST, BURNS, GULLETT, CRUTCHFIELD
 MY SPOUSES FATHERS SIDE GLEESON, MOORE
 MY SPOUSES MOTHERS SIDE MURRAY

COMMENTS:

I HAVE A SECOND WIFE. SHE IS NOT THE MOTHER OF ANY OF
MY CHILDREN AND IS NOT AT THIS TIME INTO GENEALOGY.YOUR NAME DAVID H. LINDSEY
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LIVERMORE UNION HIGH SCHOOL NO. 1

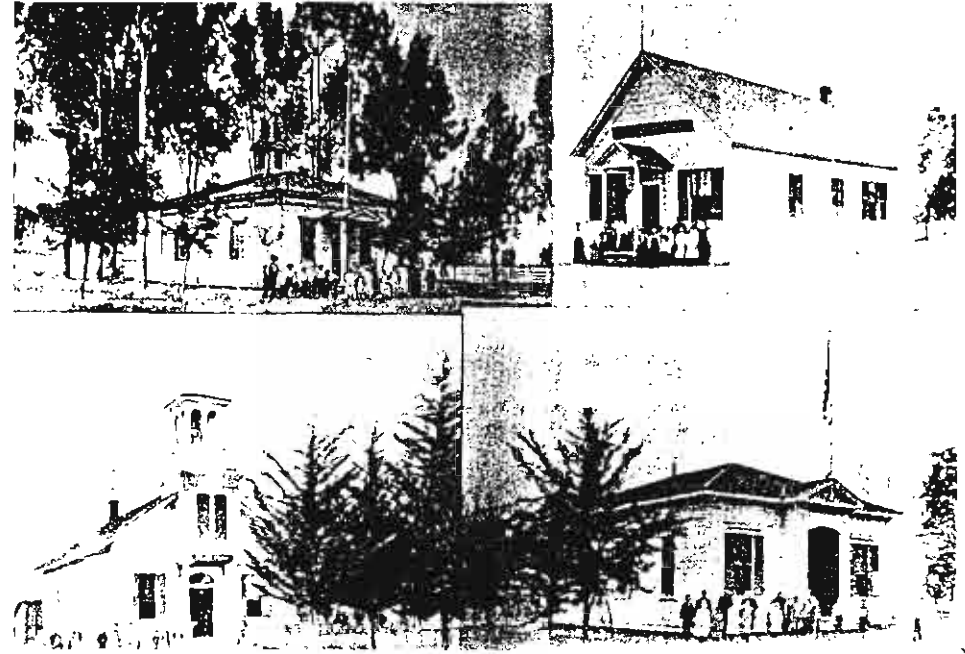
The state act providing for the establishment of union high schools was approved March 20, 1891. The board of trustees of the Livermore school at once sent invitations to every school district in Murray Township, calling a meeting for April 4, for the purpose of organizing a union high school at Livermore. At the meeting representatives were present from the Pleasanton, Inman, May, Green, Townsend, High land, Vista, Harris, Midway, Mocho, and Livermore districts.

The movement was heartily concurred in by all the districts represented, excepting Pleasanton and Midway, and steps were taken to proceed with the organization without delay. According to the provisions of the law the question had to be submitted to the voters of each district. This election was held on May 23, 1891, and in the nine districts voting upon the proposition, there were only four votes recorded against it. The matter was pushed along as rapidly as possible, and Livermore Union High School No. 1 was formally organized on July 6.

The school was opened on August 31, in one of the rooms of the Livermore Public School building with E. H. Walker teacher, and the following pupils: Minnie Bading, Emma Budworth, Nora Armstrong, Lottie Colestock, Maude Durand, Lottie Famariss, Augusta Harris, Belle McGeashen, Daisy Righter, Nina Wright, Effie Bagley, Nettie Anway, Will Bailey, Chester Young, and George Furbush.

Being the first school of the kind organized in the state, it naturally attracted a great deal of attention, and, following our example, many union high schools were organized during the summer of 1891. Centerville and Hayward, in our own county, were among the first.

Our people were not only proud of their school from the first, but they were determined it should have a *building* that would be not only suitable to the wants of the school, but an ornament to the town and an example of the enterprise of our citizens. An election for this purpose was held on August 27, 1892, and "tax yes" carried by a large majority. The contract for the erection of the new building was let to J. F. Meyers, Esq., on December 31 1892, and was completed in season for the opening of the school [pictured on cover] in August, 1893.



*Inman District
May District*

*Green District
Townsend District*

Excerpt from article written by F. R. Fasset, Livermore Herald, 1896

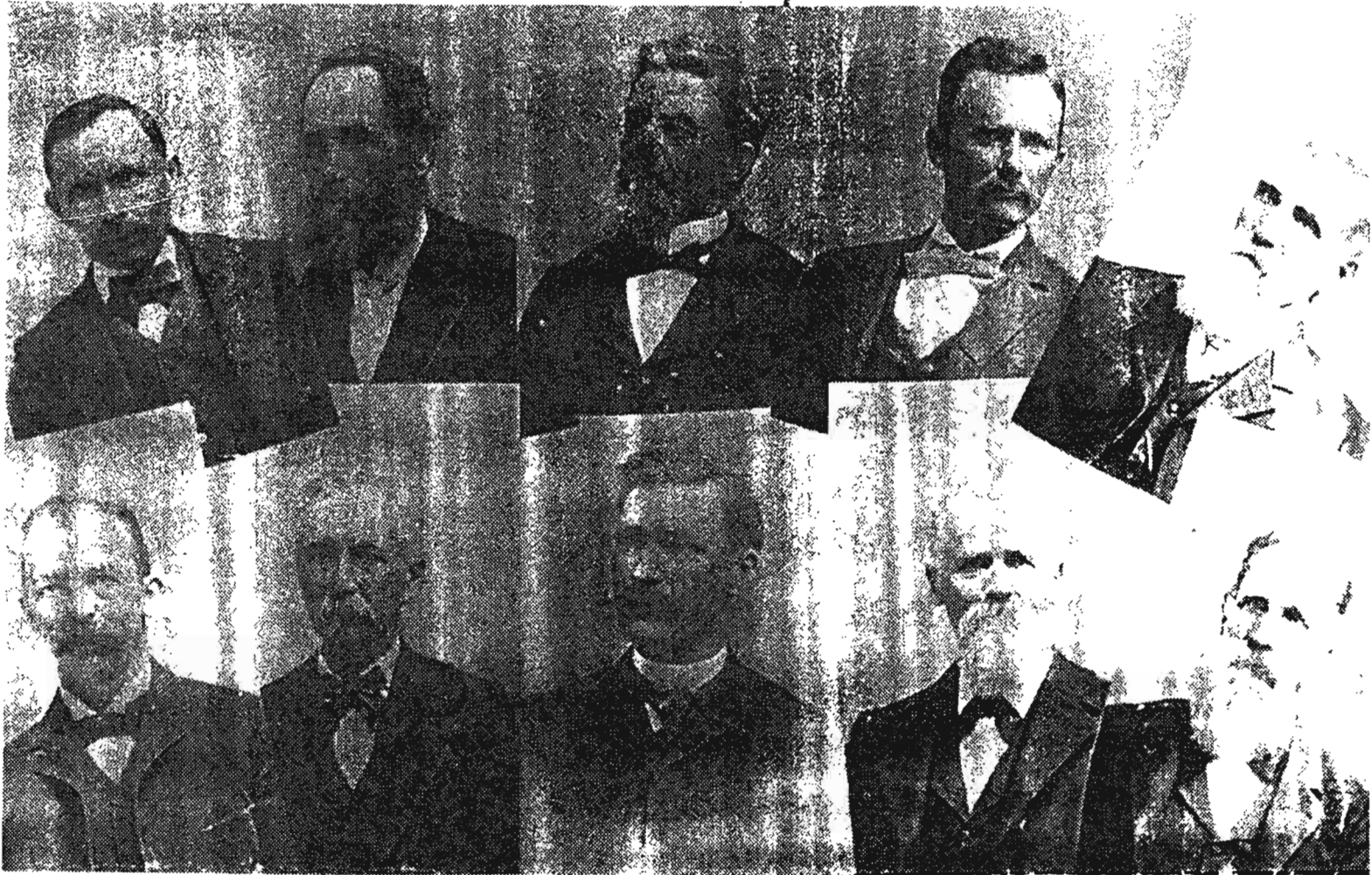


Mr. F. R. Fassett came to this area from Maine in 1871. He was a prominent local farmer and businessman as well as an elementary school teacher. In 1890, while serving in the State Legislature, Fassett introduced a bill which allowed any township to establish a union high school incorporating local elementary districts. The bill carried, and since the idea originated in Livermore, this area was given the right to establish the first union high school, and Livermore Union High School No. 1 was created the following year (1891).

Mr. Fassett's home, built about 1886, can still be found at the corner of 6th and South "M" Streets in Livermore.

Photo courtesy of Mr. T. E. Pfeiffer





H. Fuchs
Vista Dist.

John Young
Highland Dist.

Dan M. Teeter, Pres.
Livermore Dist.

Leroy Watkins
Harris Dist.

John Stanley
Mocho Dist.

Vene Allen
Townsend Dist.

John Frick
Green Dist.

August Hagemann, Sect'y
Inman Dist.

John Beck
May Dist.

Sam Laughlin (Elect.)
Green Dist.

Livermore Union High School No. 1 was formally organized on July 6, 1891 with the Trustees pictured above. Descendants of these original Board members attend the school today. In 1965 The Livermore Elementary, Green, Inman and the Livermore Union High School were further unified by the electorate to be come the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.



Robert Branch
 Gladys Bordes
 Herbert Brown
 Rena Bergamaschl
 Peter Barthe
 Ruth Calhoun
 Eva Gustafason
 Dorothy Cole



Mildred Kingsley
 Myrtle Groth
 Rae Hansen
 Helina Horgan
 Albin Jensen
 Myrtle Laughlin
 Frances Mally
 Lea Mitchell



Harvey McFarling
 Nevin McCormick
 Graham Nissen
 Robert McTown
 William Mohr
 William Mondot
 Francis Murray
 Frances Polomoni



Raymond Stone
 Donald Stone
 Donald Tretzel
 Josephine Twohey
 Regina Twohey
 Madonna Twohey
 Eugene Wold
 Lawrence Moy

Pictures taken from the "Green and Gold" annual show the class of 1930, the first to graduate from the new school.

TEACHERS - RURAL SCHOOLS:

I. ARROYO VALLE SCHOOL:

1. In the Fall of 1887 the teacher was identified in the Echo as a Miss Carter
2. 7 Feb 1888: School will commence on Monday Feb 11th with Erskine Esdon as teacher.
3. 6 Mar 1890: Miss Grace Turner has been elected teacher
4. 5 June 1890: J.C. Keene elected teacher
5. 24 July 1890: School opened Monday with Erskine Esdon as teacher
6. 25 Feb 1892: Miss Maud Palmer engaged as teacher....
7. Correction: teacher is Miss Mabel Palmer
8. 30 July 1896: will open next Monday Aug. 3, with Miss Louisa Hayes as teacher
8. 8 July 1897: Trustees....have engaged Mrs. Florence Williams of Crow's Landing as teacher (22 July 1897: Miss Leonard of Oakland has been elected teacher....in place of Mrs. Williams who decided to accept another position: 29 July 1897: Trustees have secured the services of Miss Mabel Palmer as teacher instead of Miss Leonard as heretofore announced).
9. (Miss Palmer continued as teacher through the Spring of 1899 and perhaps longer - b.)

II. GREEN SCHOOL:

1. 1 Mar 1888: RE-opens Monday with Wm. McDonald as teacher
2. 23 Feb 1893: Will re-open next Monday with Miss Rosa S. Ismert as teacher
3. 27 Feb 1896:Annie Durkee, teacher
4. 16 July 1896:.....Miss Amelia Hartmann as teacher
5. 7 July 1898: Miss Hartmann has been re-elected teacher....

III. HARRIS SCHOOL

1. 7 Feb 1889: Opens next Monday with Miss Annie Miller as teacher
2. 25 Dec 1890: P. Crosby of Centerville elected teacher
3. 18 Feb 1892: J.M. Doty elected teacher
4. 30 Nov 1893: Miss Eliza A. Colehan, teacher, has been granted a life diploma of the highest grade
5. 3 Jan 1895:.....Miss Colehan, teacher
6. 2 Jan 1896: Miss Nellie Clark has been engaged as teacher

IV. HIGHLAND SCHOOL:

1. Miss Ada Crawford has charge...this term (22 Mar 1888)
2. 24 July 1890: Former teacher Miss Addie S. Crawford, now teaching at Salinas
3. 9 Feb 1893: Miss Elsie A. Colehan, teacher
4. 18 Mar 1897: Miss Daisy Hewitt, teacher

V. INMAN SCHOOL:

- 1 Mar 1888: Miss E. Colehan, teacher
2. 28 June 1894: Will reopen after 2-week vac. with Miss Annie McCauley replacing Erskine Esdon, resigned
3. 13 Feb 1896:.....Miss McCauley, teacher

RURAL SCHOOLS: TEACHERS, Cont....(2)

VI. MAY SCHOOL:

1. 19 Jan 1888: Miss Mamie Bass of Pltn has been elected teacher
2. 9 Jan 1890: Miss Anway of Haywards has been elected teacher
3. 14 July 1892: Miss Mary Anway has been engaged as teacher
4. 28 Feb 1895: Miss Amelia Hartmann re-engaged as teacher
5. 11 July 1895: William McDonald, teacher
6. 2 Mar 1899 :Miss Daisy Righter, teacher
7. 23 Mar 1899: Assemblyman Wm. McDonald returned Sunday from Sacramento and on Monday resumed charge of the school which Miss Daisy Righter has been teaching during his absence.

VII.: MOCHO SCHOOL

1. 31 July 1890: Miss M.L. Kirk as teacher
2. 16 July 1891: Miss Emily Tingham has been elected teacher
3. 30 Mar 1893: ...Miss Emily Tingman, teacher...
4. 21 Mar 1895: (Emily Tingham still teacher)
5. 11 July 1895: Miss Bertha Carter of Oakland has been engaged as teacher
6. 23 Feb 1899: (Miss Carter still in charge)
7. 6 July 1899: Miss McCall of Oakland has been elected teacher

VIII. MOUNTAIN HOUSE SCHOOL

1. 10 July 1890: Miss Harriet B. Foye of S.F. has been elected teacher

IX: ROSE DALE SCHOOL:

1. 16 July 1891: Will open on July 27th with Miss Lizzie Waltenbaugh as teacher

X. SAN ANTONE VALLEY SCHOOL:

1. 16 July 1891: Miss Sarah Waltenbaugh, teacher

XI: SUMMIT (ALTAMONT) SCHOOL:

1. 8 Mar 1888: Will re-open next Monday with Miss Mary E. Holmes continued as teacher
2. 3 May 1888: Miss Holmes has resigned....
3. 1 June 1893: ...former teacher Mr. W.H. Donahue in charge
4. 20 July 1893: W.H. Donahue..now engaged as teacher of school at Dougherty Landing.
5. 11 July 1895: J.J. Gill has been re-engaged as teacher.
6. 9 Apr 1896: Trustees...have found it necessary to employ a second teacher owing to the crowded condition of the school



WM. McDONALD,
Teacher May District.



MISS SARAH WALTENBOUGH,
Teacher Townsend District.



H. D. COCKERTON,
Teacher Highland District.

RURAL SCHOOLS: TEACHERS: , Cont.....(3)

XII: TOWNSEND SCHOOL

1. 8 Dec 1887: Pupils gave teacher Mrs. E.L. Gregory a "neat japanned case for artist's materials"
2. 3 Jan 1889: Miss Mamie Bass has been engaged to teach...
3. 22 Jan 1891: Mrs. F.A. Williams retained as teacher
4. 28 Jan 1892: Lizzie Waltenbaugh, teacher
- 5/ 11 Feb 1892: Correction: Sarah, not Lizzie Waltenbaugh, teacher
6. 11 July 1895 (Sarah Waltenbaugh still teacher)
7. 26 Jan 1899: Sarah Waltenbaugh still teacher

XIII: VISTA DISTRICT SCHOOL

1. Miss Mary Arway, tea cher (28 Sept 1889)
2. 6 Mar 1890: Miss Fannie Hay of Pltn has been engaged as teacher
3. 25 Dec 1890: Miss Dora Helms of San Lorenzo elected teacher
4. 11 July 1895: Miss Bertha Zimmerman has again been engaged as teacher
5. 4 Mar 1897: At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors...County Supt. recommended that district be declared lapsed and the territory be attached to Mocho School....So ordered...

XIV: WILSON DISTRICT:

1. 25 Aug 1887: Georgia N. Clayton, teacher
2. 15 Mar 1888: Will reopen with Miss Gertrude Abell as teacher
3. 3 May 1888: Miss Abell resigned; replaced by Miss Frances O'Brien
4. 17 July 1890: Miss Mary J. Kirk of East Oakland, teacher
5. 24 July 1890: The Supervisors changed the name of Wilson School District It will hereafter be designated as Mocho District...



W.M. DONOHUE,
Teacher Dublin District.



TEACHERS OF LIVERMORE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Miss Westmouth,
Miss Doss,
Miss Fitzgerald.

Miss Daugherty,
Miss Boston,
Miss McKee

Prof. Petras

Miss Smith,
Miss Stevens,
Prof. Dow.

Miss Waltenbaugh,
Miss Clark,
Miss Invert.

RURAL SCHOOLS: TEACHERS:

MIDWAY SCHOOL:

- 6 July 1901 Miss Mayme Dougherty, teacher
- 10 Feb 1906 District which was abolished last year by Alameda County Supv. has been reopened with Miss Lizzie Moran as teacher
- 24 July 1909 Miss Minnie Jackson elected teacher
- 1 Sept 1917 Miss Elizabeth Beukers of Berkeley is teaching...
- 3 Aug 1918 Miss Bess Fitzgerald will teach

MOCHO SCHOOL

- 21 July 1900 Miss Bertha Carter, teacher
- 22 Mar 1902 District declared lapsed...
- 29 Mar 1902 to be reopened
- 19 July 1902 Miss Stella Waggoner will teach...
- 10 Aug 1907 Nellie Clark, teacher
- 18 July 1908 Miss Rhoda Clark resigned, Miss Bessie Prehn of Shasta will fill her place
- 8 Oct 1910 County Supt of Schools requested transfer of property of lapsed Arroyo Valle School to Mocho School (only property is building)
- 11 Feb 1911 Miss Anna Therkof, teacher
- 22 June 1912 Henrietta Wetmore, teacher
- 7 Feb 1914 Miss Bessie Monahan teacher
- 10 Apr 1915 One of two women Trustees in Murray Townshoip is Mrs. Mary McCoy of Mocho District
- 7 Aug 1915 School reopens in new and modern building
- 5 Aug 1916 Edith Monahan, teacher
- 25 May 1918 Edith Monahan resigns to work in post office
- 3 Aug 1918 Alma Garner, teacher
- 19 July 1919 Miss Pearl Carlisle will teach

MOUNTAIN HOUSE SCHOOL

(Only reference I have is to school closing for holidays in ~~Dec~~ 1919)

SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL

- 4 Aug 1906 Lapsed school may reopen
- 21 Feb 1914 Will soon be reopened

SUMMIT SCHOOL (ALTAMONT)

- 20 July 1901 "J.J. Gill has been re-elected to teach..."
- 11 July 1903 Nellie Carroll, teacher
- 28 Sept 1912 Miss Mary Soares resigned as teacher

TASSAJARA SCHOOL

- 7 June 1919 Grace S. Sampson, teacher

TESLA SCHOOL

- 11 July 1903 Miss Margaret McMurray, teacher
- 10 Aug 1912 Miss Mary Kelly to teach at Tesla, leaving a vacancy at Carnegie
- 6 Sept 1913 District lapses

TOWNSEND SCHOOL

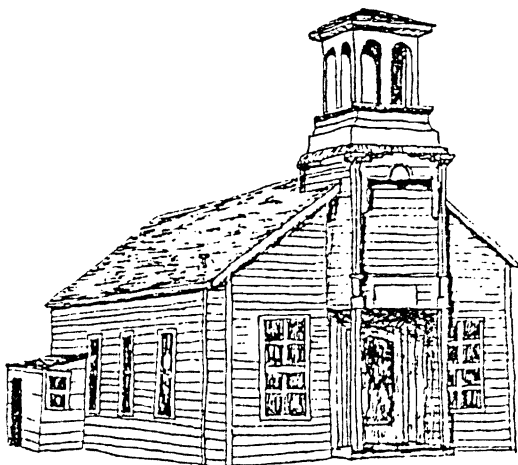
27 Jan 1900 Miss Sara Waltenbaugh, teacher
 10 Jan 1903 Miss Bertha Carter, teacher
 24 Jan 1906 Miss Bertha Carter resigned, replaced by Miss Gussie L. King
 19 July 1913 Clara Nissen, teacher
 25 July 1914 Miss Clara N. Nissen, teacher
 10 Apr 1915 (One of 2 women trustees in township is Tillie Nissen of Townsend)
 24 July 1915 C. Nissen, teacher
 22 July 1916 Clara Nissen, teacher
 28 July 1917 Miss Hazel Naas of San Jose, teacher
 27 Apr 1918 Dorothea Madsen, teacher

VASCO DISTRICT SCHOOL (CONTRA COSTA COUNTY)

26 July 1902 Miss Evelyn Gallagher, teacher
 24 Aug 1907 Miss Gertrude Collier of Palo Alto, teacher
 21 Aug 1909 Clara Nissen, teacher
 4 Mar 1911 Miss Emma Hansen, teacher

VISTA SCHOOL

26 May 1900 "Owing to lack of an appropriation....will not be opened this Spring. An apportionment will be made in June which will wnable the school to open early in the Fall"
 28 Sept 1901 Miss Mabel Gilson, teacher
 9 Apr 1904 Miss Margaret McKee, 5th grade teacher at the Lvmr Grammar School to exchange places with Miss Minnie Harms of Vista School
 27 July 1907 Miss Julia Kottinger, teacher
 6 Aug 1910 Miss Viola George of Decota, teacher
 5 Aug 1911 Miss Marie Swanson, teacher
 17 Aug 1912 Marie Swanson, teacher
 5 Aug 1916 District may be merged with Mocho



Information on the schools of the Livermore Valley was provided by Mrs. Barbara BUNSHAH from the files of the Livermore Heritage Guild.

A calender with information on the Livermore Union High School, the first union high school in California, is available from the Livermore Heritage Guild, 3rd and K Streets, Livermore, CA 94550. The cost is \$6.

RURAL SCHOOLS: TEACHERS:

ANTONE SCHOOL

- 21 Jan 1911 Petition to form Antone School District out of parts of Inman & Murray districts, referred to county DA
 4 Feb 1911 New School district - Antone - will be created
 3 Oct 1914 Has $\frac{1}{4}$ of paid teacher

ARROYO VALLE SCHOOL

- 15 July 1899 Miss Orlena Phillips has been elected teacher
 12 Dec 1903 Constance Jordan, teacher
 3 Feb 1906 Miss Estelle Fessler of Santa Rita, teacher
 9 Feb 1907 Miss Henrietta Wetmore, elected teacher
 28 Aug 1909 District lapsed

GREEN SCHOOL

- 17 Feb 1900 Miss Amelia Hartman, teacher
 23 Feb 1901 E.M. Kottinger, teacher
 28 Feb 1903 Miss Lillian A.P. Clyma, teacher
 27 July 1907 Miss Mary Fitzgerald, teacher
 25 Jan 1908 Miss Mollie Fitzgerald, teacher
 23 Jan 1909 Miss Christine B. Cameron of Berkeley, teacher
 11 Feb 1911 Miss Mabel Ross, teacher
 22 July 1911 Emma Hansen, teacher
 25 Jan 1913 (Emma Hansen still teacher)
 13 Jan 1914 Miss Ivy Galway of Crockett has been elected teacher
 3 Feb 1917 (Ivy Galway still teacher)
 16 June 1917 Miss Ethel Wodd will teach
 14 July 1917 (Miss Ivy Galway will be married today in Portland to C.M. Bly)
 6 July 1918 Miss Olive Burger new teacher
 3 Aug 1918 Mildred White of SF, teacher

GREENVILLE

(Note: only reference in Herald between July 8, 1899 and Dec 30 1919 is:
 28 June 1919 Pupils entertain with exercises)

HARRIS

- 15 Feb 1902 Miss Shirley Hayes, teacher
 1 Aug 1903 School suspended
 19 Mar 1904 Lapsed district annexed

MAY SCHOOL

- 17 Feb 1900 Wm. McDonald, teacher
 17 July 1909 Helen Teeter, teacher
 22 Jan 1910 Clara M. Nissen, teacher
 22 July 1911 Minnie Jackson, teacher
 9 Jan 1915 (Miss Jackson still teacher)
 31 July 1915 Eva McDonald, teacher
 4 Aug 1917 (Eva McDonald, still)
 2 Feb 1918 E. Beukers, teacher

the bookshelf

Reviewed by George Anderson

This issue of **the bookshelf** breaks with tradition. Instead of book reviews, you will find in it a *pot pourri* of subjects dealing with books and libraries. (*Pot pourri* is French for "rotten pot," which may be right on in this case.)

First, there are several exciting news items about our library. Then an interesting new development at the Oakland Family History Center, often known as the Oakland Mormon Library. Finally, for those of you interested in publishing your own genealogies, an account of what it actually took in the case of the book that Harriet and I just finished.

LAGS Library shaping up

When we moved our LAGS Library from the Carnegie building in Livermore to the Pleasanton Library building, we knew that we would gain a number of advantages for our members. Several improvements happened as soon as we moved — we now have more shelf space in a "clean, well-lighted place for books;" we have plenty of desk space and comfortable chairs nearby; we have almost doubled the access hours; and we have available to us all of the staff, the books and the machines of a modern library. Since I live in Pleasanton, you might say, "That's fine for you, but now we in Livermore have to travel farther." And you'd be right.

But now we are beginning to realize some benefits that were slower to kick in. First, since we have not been able to buy many books in recent years because there was no place to shelve

them, we have accumulated a sizable surplus in our book purchase fund. Now we have shelf space. The Library Committee has started planning some serious acquisitions. We want your advice in drawing up the library wish list. Please study your copy of the LAGS Library catalog, "The Bookshelf," decide what other books you would like us to get, and pass your desires along to me or anyone on the Board or the Library Committee.

Pleasanton moving fast

Even more significant for LAGS members is the aggressive way that the Pleasanton Library is building up its own genealogy

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collection. Mr. Nunes, Director of the Pleasanton Library, had promised to expand this collection, and he is being true to his word. According to Judy Person, Pleasanton Reference Librarian and a member of the LAGS Library Committee, the following books have been ordered recently:

Sutro Library Catalog, 2nd edition, about \$150.

Newspapers in California, 1985, \$10.

Newspaper holdings in the California State Library, \$40.00.

Munsell's Sons Staff. **American Ancestry**: Usually known as "Munsell." Giving the name and descent, in the male line, of Americans whose ancestors settled in the United States previous to the Declaration of Independence. Vols. 1-12, reprint of 1888 edition, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968. \$175.

Kaminkow, Marion. **Genealogies in the Library of Congress**: a bibliography. Baltimore: Magna Charta Books. 1972. 2 volumes. \$175.

In addition, the Pleasanton Library has ordered two sets of microfiche by Everton Publishers: **Computerized "Roots" Cellar**, and **Computerized Family File**. Each set of fiche costs over \$100 and each contains about one-half million names. These were the sets of fiche that were available for searching at the LAGS-Everton Workshop in October.

In addition, the Pleasanton Library is considering several other very significant investments in genealogical resources. These and

our own purchases are being coordinated by the LAGS Library Committee to prevent duplication.

Annette Perry returns

Still another initiative by the Pleasanton Library is good news for LAGS. Many of you attended the short courses in genealogy taught by Annette Perry, a librarian from San Jose. Annette is working on her master's degree

in Library Science, and has agreed to do her "practicum" for the MS at the Pleasanton Library.

By the time this *Roots Tracer* appears, Annette will be at work in Pleasanton. Her assigned project is to evaluate the LAGS and Pleasanton Library genealogical collections, and to recommend changes for the future. Both libraries stand to gain from this analysis by an outsider experienced in both genealogy and library science.

Incidentally, Annette plans to offer "Advanced Genealogy," the final course in her trilogy, during her tour in Pleasanton. Watch for the announcement.

Hi tech comes to Oakland

The Mormon Church recognized years ago that high technology would be its only salvation in handling the exponentiating number of names in its genealogical data bases. Imagine trying to put 135 million names in a card file! As I remember, that is the size of the International Genealogical Index, or IGI. The Church also realized that the data bases would be worthless unless church members had rapid and friendly access to them. So it is that LDS branch libraries, which they prefer to call "Family History Centers," have for years had complete sets of microfiche for the main LDS library catalog, the IGI (9300 fiche!), and the Ancestral File.

In October, 1990, the Oakland Family History Center received these three sets of indexes on CD-ROM, or Compact Disc-Read Only Memory. These discs are similar to those used for music. When loaded with computer data, each disc can hold 855 million characters, or three sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica!

Compact disc systems are not new in libraries — in many local libraries, including those in Pleasanton and Dublin, patrons ac-

A new microfilm rental service available at the LAGS Library

Most local libraries (including Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin) offer interlibrary loan services for books and microfilm from, for instance, Sutro Library. The service is free. An alternative for microfilm and microfiche, when they are not available on interlibrary loan, is to use a new commercial rental service, American Genealogical Lending Library, recently subscribed to by the LAGS Library. Film rents for \$2.50 per month per roll including incoming but not return postage. The LAGS Library houses the catalog (in the fattest three-ring binder I've ever seen) but you, the user, do the ordering and pay the fees. Over 100,000 microform titles are available from AGLL, including:

- Complete Federal Census Records 1790-1910 including miracode and soundexes.
- Military records
- Ship passenger lists
- Vital records, deeds, probates
- Family and county histories
- Ethnic collections
- Selected state censuses and slave schedules
- Draper, Barbour, Hales, Rubicam collections

I noticed in the catalog, for example, 544 rolls of civil war pension indexes and about 900 titles of assorted Illinois records.

cess the catalog through CD terminals.

I visited the Oakland FHC recently to look at their CD system. There are four user stations, each equipped with a computer, a CD reader, a printer, and a set of compact discs. The entire catalog for the main library in Salt Lake City fits on one disc! Then there are 5 discs for the Ancestral File and 56 for the IGI. The main value of the compact disc is not that it is so, well, compact, but that it is so easily and rapidly searched.

The down side of the CD system at Oakland is that it is constantly booked up. Access is limited to one hour at a time, and advanced reservations are required.

According to the Oakland FHC staff, microfiche for the main catalog and for the IGI are for sale, but the compact discs are not. Also, at this time there are no plans to allow modem connection to any of the computer data bases in Salt Lake City, mostly out of fear of hackers.

How do I publish?

The thought of publishing for the first time frightens many genealogists, even though they realize that, as Marilyn Fullam puts it, "publishing is the only way to keep your work from ending up as landfill." Since Harriet and I just finished publishing a book, I thought it might be useful to describe what we did and how much it cost.

The book is "**History of the Jacobson Family in Norway and America.**" We have donated a copy to the LAGS Library, not so much for the sake of its contents as for its possible usefulness to those who read this article and want to see the actual product.

Harriet's aunt, Harriet Martinson Sybilrud, is the author. She collected all of the biographical data on the family in America, by a lifetime of correspondence and conversation. Harriet and I did all of the documentary research, especially on the early generations in Norway. We also took

Publisher's invoice for Jacobson book

No.	Description	Amount
35	Magazine quality half-tone screens	\$140.00
1	Newspaper quality half-tone screen	4.00
	Express mail for screens, customer's request	12.00
120	Copies, text pages, 78 pages, 2 sides	324.42
200*	Copies, picture pages, 18 pages	382.21
120	Wrap around covers 80# stock	270.00
	Stitch (staple)	12.55
	Cover - full size screen print, 2 reverses	30.00
	Collating	64.75
	Library of Congress and Copyright	20.00
	Shipping	24.91
	Total	\$1284.84

*For magazine quality picture pages, minimum press run is 200. Excess pages are shipped to customer and are usable in a second printing if one is needed.

care of the actual publication — preparing the "camera ready" copy and dealing with the printer. The process and cost of publication is what I want to expand upon.

It is important to remember that the following merely reports what we did, which is not the only or the easiest or the cheapest or the best way to do things. We are aware of many alternatives, but can't describe them in this space.

First, some facts about the book. It has 96 pages (48 sheets printed on both sides). It is 8 1/2 by 11 inches in size, has a "soft" (flexible cardboard) wrap-around cover, and is bound with staples and glue. Of the 48 sheets, 39 (for text) are of 20 lb. acid-free bond, and 9 (for pictures) are of 60 lb acid free matte. As will be seen later, the picture pages account for a significant part of the cost. There is no color printing anywhere in the book. We ordered 120 copies, but we soon sold out and had to order 35 more copies at a higher cost per book.

I prepared the text pages on my Macintosh Plus computer, using Microsoft Word as the word processor program. I then took the

Mac diskette to a local do-it-yourself desktop publishing shop and printed a master copy on a laser printer. The cost was 50 cents per page, but you can get it cheaper by shopping around. So far, that is exactly the same process as used to produce the text you are looking at, even down to the same type face, called Times Roman 12 point.

At this point we had to start dealing with the printer, because we needed to get half-tone "screens" of the photos we wanted in the book. We used Anundsen Publishing Company of Decorah, Iowa, because they specialize in "short-run" (small number of copies) books, especially genealogy books, and because we had used them to our satisfaction on two previous books. A good local source is Joe McManus of Quali-Type in Livermore. He also specializes in self-published books. "Short-run" to Anundsens means a minimum of 35 books. Anundsens has a booklet, selling for a few dollars, that describes in detail how to prepare copy and pictures for publication.

We decided how much each picture should be enlarged or decreased in size for the book, then wrote that on the back of the pic-

ture, following the directions in the Anundsen booklet. We sent the pictures to Anundsen for screening, and received the originals and the screens back in about three weeks. Anundsens has much experience in handling priceless old photos, and claims never to have lost one, but nevertheless, we sent them professional-quality photographic copies instead of originals whenever possible.

The half-tone screens were then trimmed to desired size and mounted, with captions, on a master sheet.

What we sent to the printer was a "camera-ready" master, meaning that he had to do nothing additional to prepare the master for his offset camera.

A major decision we made was to use "magazine quality" rather than "newspaper quality" halftones for the pictures, i.e., 150 dots per inch rather than 100 dots per inch. The cost of the half-tone screen is the same, but the better quality photos have to be printed on special paper on a different press, so the cost per page of pictures is about 5 times higher. In our opinion, the end result justified the cost.

Anundsen's total bill for the first 120 copies was \$1284.84, or \$10.71 per book (see box for breakdown). There were many additional costs, such as for packing and shipping to purchasers, laser printing, announcement letters to relatives, and innumerable telephone calls between Mrs. Sybilrud in Minnesota and us in California for ironing out the details of the manuscript.

We decided not to advertise the book for sale to the public, but to sell to relatives at cost, nominally \$15, and to donate copies liberally to appropriate libraries. Fifteen donations were made.

I hope this case history results in at least one less wheelbarrow load of landfill!

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