

WORKSHOP ! SEARCH REPORTS

TIME: Sunday, February 10, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Library Open, 12:00 to 5:00 pm

LEADER: Marilyn Markham Deatherage -- Missing Person Investigator

Bring Your Results of Your Search For The Living !

WHAT NOW ???

We will discuss Refining, Evaluating, and Regrouping! We'll suggest Script for making phone calls, writing letters and avoiding trouble, but getting what you want--

WHO ARE KIN?

PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society Library

1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA

CAN YOU HELP US ??????

We have received many new acquisitions to our Library this year. First came the donation of Vern Paul's books in 2006. Then last year John Movius brought us many boxes of books when he broke up his personal library. John Linning has made several trips to IGS Library to process those books. As we completed processing the last of John's books, Elisabeth Sharp's daughter brought us a carload of books, papers, charts, maps, etc. from Betty's house here in North Hollywood!

We need HELP!!!! If you live within driving range of our library in Burbank, CA, please volunteer a few days to help get these new acquisitions on the shelves.

Primarily, we need someone to make and apply labels to the spines of books so that they can be shelved. If you can help, talk to Lura Perkins or Marilyn Deatherage. We can give you a key so that you may come and work at whatever time is convenient for you. Lura & Marilyn can explain the process for you. Their phone numbers are on the back page of this *Newsletter*.

DNA REALLY DOES HELP GENEALOGISTS

Ann Butcher tells in *Rabbit Tracks* (25:3), the periodical of the Conejo Valley G.S., how DNA helped her research her Butcher family. The immigrant Gasper Butcher arrived in MD/VA in 1773. She had researched the family, and even exhausted the leads that Butcher might be the same family as Metzger in German.

About 2 years ago Ann convinced her husband to have a DNA test. Even so, there were no matches to his DNA revealed. Then this past Spring, she received notice that the DNA of a 93 old man from IL was nearly an exact match to her husband's DNA report!

It turned out that the man from IL was descended from a brother of Ann Butcher's husband's line--only one marker was one number off! The 93 year old's family had the family history back to Georg Valentine Metzger,

born in Saarland in 1705! After 300 years and 5 generations, only one marker in the DNA had changed! That is what you call "solid proof"!

So--be sure you use this new modern tool.

CENSUSES OTHER THAN POPULATION ONES

When you have exhausted the federal population censuses taken every 10 years, have you ever considered using other censuses? These would be state or local ones for specific local purposes.

Some areas in early days took censuses of homeowners or inhabitants with a record of how much land they owned, the size and construction of house, barns, sheds, etc., how many family members there were and ages, etc., and even special things of value that a family owned. These might have been taken the same year as the federal census or on an entirely different cycle. Often collection of taxes was the main purpose for special censuses. These censuses will not necessarily be stored in a state or federal archive. They may be available only in a local county. You likely will have to visit the actual county to find them. They usually paint an interesting picture of what life for the local family was like.

Some typical items inventoried are: number of acres of woodland and unimproved land, wages paid during the year, bushels/acres of various crops raised, gallons of milk sold, value of forest products

KALENDER

Jan. 17	Feb. Newsletter Mailed
Jan. 23	IGS Board of Directors' Meeting
Feb. 10	IGS Monthly Meeting
Feb. 14	Mar. Newsletter Mailed
March 9	Time Change/Change Your Clock

sold, number of various kinds of stock, type of crops raised, fallow land, cost of fence repairs, fertilizers used, costs of hired laborers, calves born or sold, sheep born or sold, poultry owned, garden produce raised, orchards, vineyards, etc. Each of these categories paints a part of the picture of your ancestors' lives. Check whether such censuses exist for each of your ancestors.

There are also Industry and Manufacturing Schedules for some counties---Have fun!

LOCAL LIBRARIES HAVE VALUABLE BOOKS

We have become so accustomed to genealogical information being posted online that we often ignore the most valuable sources. Have you checked the local library where your ancestor lived for early publications about the local community? These are particularly valuable because they are usually "eye witness" accounts.

A county library will usually have a copy of the earliest historical books written about their area. This might include a history of a church, or a small village--maybe even a now extinct one. The mention of inter-married families are likely to be a gold mine.

Mention of epidemics may give you a reason for a death in some family. Weather and crop failures may give a reason for a family's move to another state. Old textbooks can show what your ancestor might have studied. There may be lists of graduates from various schools and descriptions of school special events.

The church records of early churches may be the only clue to births or deaths in early days of a county. The stories of early church activities paint a good picture of your ancestor's experiences. In the process the place of origin of a person just might be mentioned. Emigrants often settled in groups, because they emigrated as a group and lived together in one area before they moved farther apart.

Old newspapers were not always preserved. If the local library where your emigrant settled has retained copies of early newspapers, you should read line by line through them. Even read the ads--persons selling a farm usually placed such an ad telling what they were selling. Any social get-together or family reunion was sure to be listed, often with names of out-of-town attendees. There may be names mentioned in news items of persons related living elsewhere that might give you a new lead.

Spend some time in the locality where your emigrant first settled to turn up possible neglected sources. Not all such records were turned in to a historical society, the city hall, or the library. Think of other possibilities.

BANCROFT LIBRARY CLOSED TEMPORARILY

Bancroft Library, located in the Doe Library Annex in Berkeley, CA, will be closed for approximately five months while the building housing it is retrofitted and upgraded. It has several structural weaknesses that need to be corrected for seismic strengthening. It will be closed from May 23, 2008 until mid-fall 2008.

Some of Bancroft's special projects will be effected by the move. These will include the Mark Twain Papers and Project, the Regional Oral History Office, the Center for the Tebtunis Papi, and the University Archives.

You can check on progress and details on their website: <<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/info/move/>>.

(CA State Genealogical Alliance, Nov/Dec. '07)

ANY PEDICORDS IN YOUR LINES?

A few months ago someone mentioned to a member of Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) that there was an imminent estate sale that included considerably genealogical material. A WAGS member, Bonnie Morris, checked it out and as a result, several boxes of a published family history, *Pedicord Junction*, written by Gray Smith Harmon were donated to WAGS. If you have anyone related to a Pedicord family, you may wish to buy one of these books from WAGS for \$5.00 per volume or \$9 including shipping and handling.

The books concern Pedicord families in Maryland and North Carolina. News of the availability of these books got to North Carolina, and there has been a real flurry of orders. You can find WAGS online for further inquiries.

CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In this year of 2008, the California Genealogical Society will be celebrating its 110th Anniversary! That means it was founded in 1898!! The anniversary will be celebrated on February 9, 2008.

The CGS has been busy making its resources available online. They have their catalog online and are also busy indexing mortuary records from 1859 for fourteen mortuaries. They have over 5,000 city directories in their library for public use on the second Saturday and third Friday each month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 23--WAGS 25th Annual Seminar, Lloyd Bockstruck, 7604 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, CA. (<http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>)

Mar. 22--Logan Regional Family History Center & My Ancestors Found, a Genealogical Jamboree. <www.myancestorsfound.com>

Mar. 29--North San Diego Co. Genealogical Soc., Spring Seminar: Christine Rose, 9--4, at Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave. For details go to: <<http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/springsem.html>>

Apr. 25,26--Two Day Seminar to celebrate 25th Birthday of Sacramento German Genea. Soc. Speakers: Roger Minert & Marion Wolfert. Details from <Lorelei@softcom.net> or (916) 421-8032.

Apr. 26--Sonoma Co. Genealogical Soc. All day seminar featuring Rhonda McClure. Santa Rosa. <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/mcclure.htm>>

June 27--29-- The Jamboree by So. CA Genealogical Soc. at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, <www.scgsgenealogy.com>for details.

Aug. 7--9--"Sail Into Your Past Aboard the Queen Mary." British Isles Family History Soc. 20th Annual Seminar, at Long Beach, CA <www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/seminar>

USING GOOGLE SEARCH IS ASTOUNDING

In response to an article in the Conejo Valley Genealogical Society *Newsletter*, I went online to try a Google search. A search for "Tegerfelden", a small village in northern Aargau Canton, Switzerland, brought a count of 56,500 hits! Tegerfelden was the hometown of my Schifferli family. How could this small town name appear over 56 thousand times on the Internet ???

Next I searched the surname "Schifferli". I checked

through at least a 100 Schifferli references and more pages were still popping up. They included persons worldwide, including many here in the U.S., none of which were my relatives. I quickly gave up that search, even though Schifferli/Shifferli is a rather uncommon surname. Putting an individual's name in quote marks, "Albrecht Schifferli", for example, would still give you lots of clues to search.

You can use this type of search to uncover books about localities from which your families came. Older county books are often posted in full including indexes. Books under copyright may be limited as to how much is posted online. A reference should at least reveal libraries where a copy of the book can be found.

Have you explored this type of Internet search? Of course, you have to evaluate every "find", and don't assume all information is gospel truth.

BLANKENSTEIN FAMILY

If you have any Blankenstein families in your genealogical research, you must take a look at the Fall 2007 *Journal of the German-Texas Heritage Society*. They have published a sizeable article about Blankensteins. If you do not have this Journal available near you, our researchers could xerox pages from it for you.

SAN FRANCISCO CALL NEWSPAPER

The San Francisco Call newspaper index created by Jim Faulkinbury has been moved to his own website for more convenient maintenance. He has other finding aids on his webpage. You may check his website at <http://www.jwgenresearch.com/>

(CSGA Newsletter, Nov/Dec 2007)

CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPERS DIGITIZED

In Oct. 2007 a conference was held at University of California at Riverside at which a new California Digital Newspaper Collection was introduced. It is located online at www.cdnc.ucr.edu.

The initial collection of 200,000 pages from San Francisco newspapers from 1850 to 1910 was described. The Center plans to add about 100,000 pages per year if financing permits.

Because of copyright laws, newspapers after 1920 will not be included. One looming problem is the frequent changes in technology and software that may make earlier input information unreadable by later equipment.

(CA State Genealogical Alliance Newsletter, 25:6)

NEWSLETTERS GOING TO ONLINE DELIVERY

It is interesting to note how many societies are resorting to online delivery of their periodicals--mostly as pdf files. This is likely due to the savings in printing and mailing costs, in most cases.

The advantages of delivery by e-mail is obvious. However, it does raise some consequences for other genealogical societies. If a periodical is received only as a pdf file, someone at the receiving society has to print out the entire periodical to put on the library shelves. Will enough people use the Library to make the expense of printing of numerous periodicals worthwhile?

I have observed that several societies have stopped publishing Newsletters or Periodicals entirely due to the increasing printing and mailing costs. Will our genealogical libraries be forced to close due to lack of use?

Will genealogy soon become only an online activity? What will happen to local societies? ? ? ? ?

Times, they are a-changin'-----indeed.

ACQUISITIONS

MAP GUIDE TO GERMAN PARISH REGISTERS; KINGDOM OF PRUSSIA; PROVINCE OF RHINELAND, I, II, III.

MAP GUIDE TO GERMAN PARISH REGISTERS; KINGDOM OF BAVARIA I, II, III

NIEDERSAECHSISCHE TRAUREGISTER (Marriage Index) CELLER LAND TO 1700; BAND 1, #5

GENEALOGICAL GAZETTEER OF THE KINGDOM OF HUNGARY

DEUTSCHES FAMILIENARCHIV, BAND 148

THE GREAT MIGRATION; IMMIGRANTS TO NEW ENGLAND 1634-1635; VOL 5, M-P

STAEDTE-ATLAS OSTPREUSSEN; 3RD ED

ZENTRAL EUROPA (ATLAS)

GERMANIC GENEALOGY; A GUIDE TO WORLDWIDE SOURCES AND MIGRATION PATTERNS; 3RD ED

UNITED STATES ROAD ATLAS; 2005

LATIN DICTIONARY

OXFORD CHINESE DICTIONARY; WITH CD-ROM TRANSLATOR

BALTISCHE STAATEN ESTLAND, LETTLAND, LITAUEN (ATLAS) (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)

UKRAINE; A HISTORICAL ATLAS

PODROBNY AUTO ATLAS SLOVENSKA REPUBLIKA; 1:100,000 (Slovenia Republic)

AUTO ATLAS TSCHECHISCHE REPUBLIKA 1:100,000 (Czechoslovakia)

HISTORY OF THE "UNITED ROMANIAN SOCIETY"

FINNISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

HISTORY OF THE BYELORUSSIANS IN CANADA

THE GERMANS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA; INNOVATORS, IMMIGRANTS, INTERNEES

SPOKEN NORWEGIAN; REV.

INTERPRETING MISSPELLED GERMAN PLACE-NAMES

TRANSLATION GUIDE TO 19TH-CENTURY POLISH-LANGUAGE CIVIL-REGISTRATION DOCUMENT-----BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH RECORDS; 2ND ED

LANDES- UND FAMILIENGESCHICHTLICHE BIBLIOGRAPHIE FUER POMMERN

ESTONIAN EXPERIENCE AND ROOTS

TRACING YOUR POLISH ROOTS

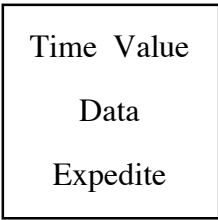
MARCH IGS MONTHLY MEETING

The topic of the March 9 Monthly Meeting will be "Surviving the Holocaust!" presented by Jack Nierob. He was born in Plock, Poland, and will relate his personal experiences during WWII in prison camps and his travel to the U.S.

Mr. Nierob's experiences here in the U.S. led him to ownership of a plumbing company in Beverly Hills before his retirement.

Come, learn some of the agonies from Hitler's battles of ethnic cleansing, the American and European efforts to stop the catastrophe, and the sense of hope provided to those who escaped, from one who lived it.

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February 2008

THE WEEK IN GERMANY

Knut the cute Polar Bear Cub celebrated his 1st birthday at the Berlin Zoo on Dec. 5, '07. He has grown from 29 oz. to 132 pounds in that year. -- From May 31 to June 21, 2008, the German-American Fulbright Commission in Berlin will hold three one-week seminars (in English) in Marburg for U.S. Teachers of German. -- An EU-Africa summit was held in Lisbon in Dec., '07 to encourage economic cooperation. -- The German Research Foundation has had an office in Washington, DC since 2002 and has now opened an office in New York City. -- Germany is promoting climate protection, energy efficiency and use of renewable resources. It hopes to reduce carbon dioxide emissions 40% by 2020. -- A plan was approved Dec. 7, '07 to conserve the endangered European sturgeon and re-introduce them to German rivers. -- Christkindl-markets (German Christmas Markets) are appearing in numerous U.S. cities at Christmas time. Chicago's is the largest. --The European Union extended its passport-free zone to include Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Hungary just before Christmas '07. The European Union now contains 27 member states. The UK and Ireland opted out. -- The World Trade Organization figures show that Germany is the top world exporter--exceeding even China. -- Templehof Airport in the center of Berlin will close in 2008 because there is no room for expansion. Airlines will reroute through Schöneberg on the city's outskirts, which will be expanded into Berlin-Brandenburg International. -- Germany is encouraging young Jewish-Americans to explore Modern Germany through visits to Germany. -- Euro using countries account for 37.9% of German exports. -- Germany has a shortage of 45,000 IT workers. German universities are not producing enough, and restrictions on immigration are being encouraged. -- Fourteen percent of Berlin residents (463,000) are foreigners, who send \$300 billion a year back to their homelands. -- Beethoven started losing his hearing at age 28 and died at age 56. He was a bachelor. -- The Max Planck Society of Germany is establishing a facility at Florida Atlantic University in Florida for bio-imaging

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Immigrant Library Hours

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(understanding how a cell works). -- A German freighter was fitted with a new hi-tech sail and launched from Hamburg. Named the MS Beluga Skysails, this technology is expected to cut both fuel costs and greenhouse emissions. A computer adjusts the sail's height and angle. The maiden voyage in Jan. '08 will be from Bremerhaven to Venezuela. -- A CA firm, Nanosolar, began shipping a new type of solar panel which will generate electricity for less than the cost of coal-fueled plants. -- The town of Harmony, PA, was founded by Lutheran pacifists from a town near Stuttgart over 200 years ago. They celebrate New Years on German time--6:00 pm EST, Dec. 31. (TWIG 12:7,14,21/'07)