

WORKDAY & WORKSHOP

TIME: Sunday, September 14, 2008

Library Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LEADERS: Board of Directors, and all expert researchers and dusters

We will be dusting bookshelves, particularly those we did not finish at our last "cleaning" session. Of course, the kitchen and bathroom will need thorough attention, and we hope there is time to wash the big windows at the front of our quarters.

PLEASE--Bring along your Research to share with others, AND we have additions to some of our series Indexes---Deutsches Familien Archiv, Vols. 126--150, and more Map Indexes to German Parishes.

PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society Library

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OUR FOUNDER, ELISABETH SHARP

An unexpected phone call on July 28th jarred me out of my summer doldrums. The voice was that of Jackie Sharp, the daughter of the founder of our Immigrant Genealogical Society, Elisabeth Sharp, informing me that her mother had passed away on Sat., July 26, 2008. Since Elisabeth moved from North Hollywood, CA near our Library to the Virgin Islands near one of her daughters, we have heard relatively little from her. We know of course that she started another genealogical society there in the Virgin Islands, and that seemed to keep her busy.

Jackie told us that Elisabeth had been having severe headaches since May, had two seizures on Friday, and the doctors found numerous tumors throughout her body, which had been causing her considerable pain. God has finally released her from that pain in the sleep of death. She was 78 years old.

The funeral was planned for All Saints Cathedral in Charlotte Amalia, Virgin Islands on Aug. 2nd, and burial was on the family plot in New York State, where Betty's husband and a son are buried.

Sympathy cards can be sent to the family in care of Jackie Sharp, 4624 Placidia Ave, Toluca Lake, North Hollywood, CA 91602. We expect that Jackie will be returning there after the funeral.

We intend to describe Betty's contributions to genealogy in our Fall periodical.

IT'S NOT ALL ON THE INTERNET!!!!

How genealogical research has changed from 40-50 years ago when some of us first got interested! Now there is so much information on the Internet that we may be tempted to think that everything we wish to find is somewhere on "The Net".

If you think about it,---that may not be true. What about all the info in published books, to which various

publishing companies hold the copyrights? ? ? A publisher is not likely to allow a published book still under copyright protection to be scanned and placed on the Internet! So, do not forget to consult the websites of publishers of genealogical books online, if not on printed lists. In some ways, the printed copy is more "permanent" than web-postings.

Of course, most publishers have a website where their publications are offered and described. Here are the URLs for a few you might like to browse.

- www.genealogical.com
- www.everton.com
- www.jonathansheppardbooks.com
- www.arphax.com -- (OK, TX, many others)
- www.heritagebooks.com
- www.delmarvaroots.com (Delaware, MD., PA)
- www.FamilyRootsPublishing.com
- www.colonialroots.com
- www.degener-verlag.com (Germany)

CALIF. STATE GENEALOGICAL ALLIANCE

The latest issue of the CSGA Newsletter from the California State Genealogical Alliance states that copies of their newsletters are posted on their website. Apparently a member of any member society--such as ours--which is a member of the CSGA can access

KALENDER	
Aug. 19	Sept. Newsletter Mailed
Aug. 30, 31	IGS Library Closed/Labor Day
Sept. 14	IGS Monthly Meeting
Sept. 16	Oct. Newsletter Mailed
Oct. 12	IGS/DPL Monthly Meeting
Oct. 14	Nov. Newsletter Mailed

that publication online, without being an individual member of the Alliance.

Since the CSGA represents all the genealogical groups in California, all members of Immigrant Genealogical Society should be able to access the CSGA website and read the issues of the state publication posted there.

The Alliance publicizes most of the major genealogical happenings and society activities within the state of CA. This would be a good place to check for events taking place in your area. Their publication gives excellent suggestions and tips for using your computer and for where records are located and what new has been posted online. Give it a scan at: <<http://www.csga.com>>. You may also wish to e-mail a copy of the CSGA Newsletter to some of your Society officers or friends. It is posted as a pdf file, which can be opened by an Adobe Reader program--available free online.

The CSGA Newsletter also lists on the back cover the names of CSGA representatives in various areas of CA and an e-mail address through which you could communicate with them for answers to research questions.

LAND TRACT ATLASES FOR PENNSYLVANIA

If your early immigrant landed in Philadelphia, he very likely settled somewhere in Pennsylvania first. Ancestor Tracks is in the process of publishing a volume of maps of Early Landowners for various counties of Pennsylvania. This project began in 1907, and thus far has completed volumes for the counties of Berks, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland.

The Lancaster Co. map book is just off the press. There will also be a volume about counties that PA inherited from Virginia in 1779-1780.

These maps have been stored in the Pennsylvania State Archive, but this is the first time that anyone has transcribed the information from each map, indexed them, and included both patentees and warrantees. There are also CDs for these map books available if you prefer. You can find ordering instructions at: <www.ancestortracks.com>

PAF DATABASE FILES

After my comments in a former Newsletter that PAF was not being further expanded or upgraded, a kind volunteer, Verna Willson from Ogden, UT sent a helpful clarification. While there is no plan to change or upgrade PAF, it is not being discarded. It will continue to provide its usual services, which are probably the most easy-to-use ones available to genealogists. It can produce GEDCOM files which can be uploaded to the new FamilySearch webpages. If needed, users can secure advice in its use via e-mail or telephone. There is also a Product Support section on <www.familysearch.org>.

If you need additional help, there are utility programs available for special tasks--PAF Companion, PAF Insight, and PAFWiz.

Some commercial genealogy database programs can import PAF files directly or through use of GEDCOM. There are so many of us who have started our genealogy using PAF, that it is not likely to become obsolete any time soon. The New FamilySearch program will have additional features designed to replace TempleReady.

Our thanks to Verna for clarifying our original state-

ments regarding PAF. As usual, the Salt Lake Guru s are well ahead of the game, before users begin to ask questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 3-6--Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, Philadelphia, PA <www.fgs.org/2008conf/FGS-2008.htm>

Sept. 12--East Texas Genealogical Society Seminar with Desmond Walls Allen, Tyler, TX <www.etgs.org/meetings/desmond_flyer_2008.pdf>

Sept. 19-20--Polish Genealogical Society, 30th Annual Conference, "Honoring Our Ancestors," at Schaumburg, IL, <www.pgsga.org>

Sept. 19-21--"Celebrate Your Anglo-Celtic Roots", by the British Isles Fam. Hist. Soc. of Greater Ottawa, <www.bifhsgo.ca/Conference2008.htm>

Oct. 4--Kern Co. CA Gene. Soc., Seminar, "Research & Results," Jean W. Hibbens, <www.rootsweb.com/~cackgs>

Oct. 18--Elgin, IL, Illinois State Genealogical Society, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its founding. <www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs>

Oct. 18--Ventura Co. (CA) Genealogical Society, Seminar --Hank Jones. <<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cavcgs>>

Nov. 8--Arizona State Genealogical Soc., Annual Seminar, Featuring John Philip Coletta. Tucson, AZ, "How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records," <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~asgs>>

NEW---EVERTON'S HANDYBOOK, 11th EDITION

With all the changes that the Internet age has brought to genealogy, perhaps some of us need to take a new look at the famous "Handybook". The 11th edition is now available for \$50 for book form, and \$60, if the CD-Rom is included. <www.everton.com>

There are so many new things available to genealogists now, that this handy reference should keep us busy for several years. It can be considered an atlas, a history book, an address book, and a research guide.

GERMAN CITY DIRECTORIES

Ancestry has created a database of 540 German City Directories containing about 27,000,000 names. They cover the time from the late-1800's to the mid-1900's. It can be searched for an individual city, or for a surname in all the directories.

There is a fee for subscribing to Ancestry.com or Ancestry.de. If you do not wish to "join" for a period of time, most large libraries subscribe to these services which you can use free of charge "in house" on that Library's subscription.

(*Everton's Genealogical Helper*, July / Aug. 2008)

SAN FRANCISCO MORTUARY RECORDS

The California Genealogical Society has been planning for several years to index and place online the mortuary records for San Francisco. This is particularly valuable material because of the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire in 1906, and the use of their port for trade and emigration. After two years of hard work, their volunteers have gotten the digitized images uploaded to <<http://www.familysearchindexing.org/>>. The indexed records date back to 1850. They

welcome volunteers to help with indexing these and additional records. (CSGA Newsletter, July/Aug. '08)

SACRAMENTO GENEALOGICAL SOC. LIBRARY

The Sacramento Genealogical Society Library Collection is called "The Root Cellar Library." It is housed in the California State Archives building at 1020 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA, 4th floor. The Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, and the 1st Saturday each month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The collection contains over 4,000 books and periodicals from genealogical societies all over the U.S. and Canada. Copies of SGA members' personal research and printed books of information extracted from local state and county public records are also available.

You may wish to contact the SGA librarian via <webmaster@rootcellar.org> or write to the Society at Root Cellar -- SGS, P.O. Box 265, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-0265. (CSGA Newsletter, July-Aug., 2008)

VIETNAM MEMORIAL

The names of veterans of the Vietnam War enshrined on the Vietnam Memorial Wall are now all available online at Footnote.com. Perhaps the most satisfying part of this project is that family members or friends may go online to add comments and pictures to the website wall. Take a look at <footnote.com>. Do you have an honored veteran who was your relative or a friend who you can honor in this way?

(*Everton's Genealogical Helper*, July/Aug. '08)

PRE-HISTORIC PEOPLE IN THE U.S.

For most Americans, we think of the United States as being "vacant space", with no persons except for a few Indians living here before our ancestors arrived in the early 16-1700's. This is definitely not the true picture. Archeologists are now beginning to locate and discuss the findings of many pre-Columbian inhabitants of both North and South America.

A recent letter from IGS former president, Barbara Freshwater, reminded me of this fact. She is spending most of her time in northern California with a son and grandchildren living there. She comes here to the Los Angeles area for a few weeks or months most years to spend time with old friends.

Barbara mentioned the Paisley Caves in southern Oregon, which are a relatively short distance north of her home in northern California, and which she wants to explore. She has read accounts of their discovery in some Archeological magazines that she receives. In one cave they found the dried excrement of human tenants preserved about 6 feet below the present cave floor. Having been so well protected from weathering, DNA testing was done, and proved they were from Asian migrants, AND-- 1,300 years older than the Clovis culture found in New Mexico--or about 14,300 years ago!

These persons had to have arrived several hundred years before the ice cap formed from Siberia to Alaska. Thus they would have come by sea! There was a rock-lined hearth, many animal, fish and bird bones, including those of extinct camels, horses and mountain sheep.

We should hear more about earlier cultures in America as archeologists continue to analyze increasing finds of archeological interest. DNA testing has certainly opened many new doors for current scholars.

CIVIL WAR DEATH ROLLS

Dennis Northcott of St. Louis, MO has begun publishing a series of books about Civil War Death Rolls for various states. Those already completed cover: Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa-Kansas-Nebraska. You may find the latest list and an order form at: <www.ngpublications.com> The next book planned covers Pennsylvania.

WORLD WAR II VETERANS

We sometimes think that every soldier killed in a war overseas was brought home to America to be buried. This is not entirely true. Many World War II veterans killed in Hawaii were buried there. There are even markers for those who were lost at sea and whose bodies were never recovered.

The American Battle Monuments Commission provides information regarding such veterans buried in 24 overseas cemeteries, and Tablets of the Missing for 94,000 soldiers. You can check these lists online at <http.www.abmc.gov>. (*The Forum*, Vol. 20:2: '08)

ROOTSWEB AND ANCESTRY COMBINE

The RootsWeb online researchers need to be aware that their group has joined Ancestry.com domain, so the new url is <www.rootswebancestry.com>. Both of these groups were already huge websites with many different databases being posted. It is hoped that the union of these two will make searching easier. At least you will not have to struggle remembering on which one you found something. (*FGS Forum*, Summer '08)

EMIGRANTS IN CHAINS

We are often unaware that some persons were sent to America irregardless of their opinions in the matter. These could include felons, destitute children, political outcasts, religious non-conformists, vagabonds, beggars, etc.

A book called, "Emigrants in Chains" collects together such types of emigrants from 1607 to 1776, and was published by Peter Wilson Coldham of Surry England. It is available in both paper and hardback from Genealogical Publishing Co.

I expect there are some very unexpected findings in these books, which are well indexed and documented. If you had a very early American emigrant, there are many ship lists and appendixes that should be interesting, just to read, let alone find an ancestor.

(*OH Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 48:2)

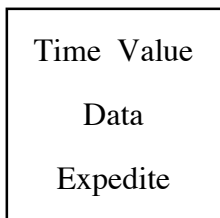
OCTOBER IGS MEETING

The monthly meeting on October 12 will be combined with that of the Pommern Special Interest Group. The speaker, George Unrine, will discuss "Who Were the People of Pomerania?"

George is the IGS Webmaster, PSIG Boardmember, and Editor of "Die Vorfahren," the publication of the Pommern Special Interest Group.

The tribes of various areas that became Pomerania were both Germanic and Slavic, including Goths, Vandals, Germanii, Teutoni, Pomerani, Polani, Rugian and Kashubian as well as Prussi. George will take us through the history of these people from Roman times through the Christianizing efforts.

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September 2008

THE WEEK IN GERMANY

On July 4 the U.S. Embassy in Germany returned to its historic site on Pariser Platz next to the Brandenburg Gate and the Bundestag. -- At a Liberia Poverty Reduction Forum held June 26, 27 in Berlin, Chancellor Angela Merkel promised Liberian president Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf assistance to rebuild the country after its 14 year civil war. Its infrastructure is in ruins and unemployment is 80%. -- The U.S. and the European Union signed an agreement to harmonize aviation safety systems. -- Increasing gas prices have encouraged use of electric 2-wheeled "scooters" for rent at covered stations every 500-600 feet on city streets in Stuttgart. -- German scientists are experimenting with storing CO2 from coal-fired plants underground at Ketzin, Brandenburg. -- The German "Eszett", an "SS" in other languages, is now accepted by the International Organization for Standardization for use on computer keyboards worldwide. -- The G-9 Summit set the goal of reducing greenhouse gases by 50% by 2020. -- Minds of person 50-67 continue to grow when challenged, but shrink when not challenged. -- A new \$95 million "Ozeaneum", at the Oceanography Museum in Stralsund, on the Baltic Coast, including 39 massive fish tanks, will open this year. Only 1 square mile of the deep sea has ever been properly surveyed. Individual tanks will exhibit various seas, the Stralsund port basin, Atlantic Ocean, Greenland Basin, etc. -- The first pipe organ with a modern keyboard was built in Halberstadt in 1391. -- Germany plans 30 huge wind parks in the Baltic and North Sea to provide 15% of its electric power by 2030. -- BMW will provide 500 electric Mini cars to California for leasing. Daimler's Smart Car with a lithium-ion battery is also planned for the U.S. VW is adapting its VW Golf car for electric power use. -- Volkswagen's new plant in Chattanooga TN, will begin production in 2011. -- Berlin's Pergamon Museum has a large collection of treasures from Babylon (Babel). It will display them until Oct. 5th. -- A German consultant is helping Guinea, Mali, Niger and Nigeria plan the use of the Niger River, Africa's third largest, to benefit all of Africa. German consultants also help planning for use of the Nile River.

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-- A meeting of 400 member of 6 tribes around Lake Turkana in northern Kenya was the first ever for a cultural festival. Archeologists have discovered stone age rock paintings in that area and hope to build a "Desert Museum" there. -- Standardization of chemical products in the EU is being encouraged. --- E.ON is a joint company to supervise wind farms for the EU. -- The world's oldest surviving Bible manuscript was rescued from a waste-paper bin. -- Hamburg based Buerius Law School has partnered with Stanford Law School and U.C. Berkeley School of Law for exchange programs. German & U.S. Applied Science schools are also coordinating programs. (TWIG July 4/11/18/25 '08)