



## WHO WERE the PEOPLE OF POMERANIA? ?

A Joint Meeting of IGS and the Pommern Group

**TIME:** Sunday, October 12, 2008

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

**SPEAKER:** George Unrine, IGS Webmaster

The Baltic tribes of present Pomerania were both Germanic and Slavic, including the Goths, Vandals, Germanii, Teutoni, Pomerani and Polani. Others were the Rugian and Kashubian, as well as the Prussi. George will take us through the geographical and historical story of these various people groups from the Roman times to the Duchy of Pomerania.

**PLACE:** Immigrant Genealogical Society Library

**1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA**

### ELISABETH SHARP, FOUNDER, PASSED AWAY

We are still a bit in shock that our Founder, Elisabeth Sharp has passed away. She has not been active in our Library's operation in recent years, but her picture at the Library looks down on all our activities.

We have received a copy of the "Celebration of Life" folder from her funeral from her daughter, Jackie Sharp. It was the folder given out at Elisabeth's funeral in the Cathedral of All Saints, in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands on August 2, 2008.

Besides listing the Order of Service including Communion, there are family sketches, lists of all her descendants, and many pictures from all periods of her life. We will include more of that information in our Fall periodical to be mailed in October.

The pictures of the family in her younger years were so different from how we think of Elisabeth that they are almost unrecognizable! She had a truly varied and interesting life, and made great contributions, particularly to German genealogy here in the U.S.

If you would like to contribute a monetary gift in honor of Elisabeth, the family asks that you send it, so designated, to Immigrant Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369. Just note with your gift that it is in memory of Elisabeth Sharp, and the IGS Board of Directors will use it to purchase research materials for our Library to be labelled in memory of Elisabeth. We feel that such materials will be the best way to memorialize her wonderful contributions to genealogy in general, as well as the existence of our Library.

### EVERTON'S GENEALOGICAL HELPER

If you have been doing genealogy for a few years, you know about *The Helper*, as most experienced genealogists call it. It is published by Everton Publishers, and has been the major source of information for genealogists for many years.

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Now there is something NEW !!! The regular printed copy of *The Helper* is available for \$29.00 per year. If you subscribe to the printed copy, you can now access an ONLINE version, with hot links to the websites of advertisers or societies mentioned, etc. at no additional charge.

If you wish to subscribe only to the online version, it is only \$12.00 per year.

*The Helper* is by far the most comprehensive source of up-to-the-minute news of what is going on in genealogy. Their articles describing how to do research, activities of societies throughout the U.S., and all the newest materials available are a MUST for any serious American genealogist. Take a look at their website--<[www.everton.com](http://www.everton.com)>.

They keep the last six issues online, so that you can go back to check details of items mentioned in previous ones.

### GERMAN GENEALOGY GROUP (New York)

If you had immigrants who came to the U.S. via the port of New York, or that surrounding area, you might like to contact or join the German Genealogy Group, at Kings Park, N.Y. They are located on Long Island, with members from all over the New York

#### KALENDER

Sept. 14	IGS Monthly Meeting
Sept. 16	Oct. Newsletter Mailed
Oct. 12	IGS Monthly Meeting
Oct. 14	Nov. Newsletter Mailed
Oct. 22	IGS Bd. of Directors Meeting
Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends

City area. Our IGS Library has received their publications for quite a few years.

If you had ancestors who lingered in that area after their arrival in New York port, members of that society should be able to identify local records that would be valuable to you.

Members of the Society have been identifying and indexing records in their area for several years. You may write to them with questions, or request research. Their mail address is GGG, 24 Jonquill Lane, Kings Park, NY 11754. They probably would be able to answer a question via their website at <[www.TheGGG.org](http://www.TheGGG.org)>

Types of records which members of the Society have been indexing are ones such as: Church records for Brooklyn and Manhattan NY, Cemetery Records for Elmont NY, County and Federal Naturalizations, NY City Vital Records, and some Yearbooks. Many of these indexes are ongoing.

### **MAMMOTH BONES**

Have you ever seen the bones of a prehistoric Mammoth ??? Wouldn't it be fun to see and actually clean such a bone for display ???

Three years ago--in April 2005--some bones were uncovered in Moorpark, CA, a town northwest of Los Angeles, CA. They appeared too large to be human bones and were later identified by paleontologists as those of a southern mammoth, that lived approximately 750,000 years ago!!! The bones were removed from the ground and placed in the Museum of Natural History in Santa Barbara, CA for processing.

This summer, the Santa Barbara Museum opened a lab and invited local volunteers over age 16 to spend time helping prepare the bones for exhibition. The bulk of the dirt in which the bones were found has been removed by Paleo Environmental Associates Inc. of Santa Ana, CA. The volunteers will be removing the thin matrix closest to the bone surface to prepare them for exhibition. A special "micro-tool" is used.

You may contact the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History at 2559 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, CA or visit <<http://www.sbnature.org>> for details.

Won't it be exciting when the public can visit the completed display, including reconstructions of any missing bones, and see this animal who was evidently drowned during some kind of flood and buried all these thousands of years! Some of the bones already cleaned are now on display in the Museum. A younger pygmy mammoth from the nearby northern Channel Islands is already displayed at the Museum.

*(Ventura County Star, July 20, 2008)*

### **CANADIAN 1881 CENSUS ONLINE**

The Canadian Archives website has now posted ALL of the 1881 census of Canadian states, including images, online--and free of charge!!! Go to: <<http://genealogyblog.com/census-canada/library-and-archives-canada-launches-the-1881-canadian-census-7024>> It would indeed be nice if all U.S. federal censuses were available free!!! (Everton's *Helper*, Aug. 2008)

### **EARLY COPPER IMPLEMENTS**

Archeologists are discovering an increasing number of objects and tools made of copper many years prior to the settling of America by Europeans. Perhaps that is

why the copper ore mines in northern Michigan and along southern Lake Superior shores were largely exhausted when European immigrants arrived. There is also evidence of copper use on the U.S. northwest coast and up into Alaska. What a different picture these finds paint of pre-European immigration days.

*(Ancient American, #78.)*

### **WE RELATE WEBSITE**

Recently a website was placed online by a non-profit group connected to the Ft. Wayne Public Library's Genealogical Center. It is named, "WeRelate". It may be the world's largest genealogical Wiki. You may post your info or search it free of charge. Since the Ft. Wayne Library holds one of the largest genealogical collections in the U.S., this would be a good place to explore and to post your family info. Check it out by going to: <[www.WeRelate.org](http://www.WeRelate.org)>

There is a "helicopter ride" or video tour by which you can tour the site first to see how it works and assess the possibilities for future exploration or posting. The site is very user friendly to all computers and programs. Since viewers will be continually posting their personal information, you will want to visit this site frequently.

*(FGS Forum, Summer '08)*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept. 19-20--Polish Genealogical Soc., 30th Annual Conference, "Honoring Our Ancestors," at Schaumburg, IL, <[www.pgsa.org](http://www.pgsa.org)>

Oct. 4 --Kern Co. Genealogical Soc., Bakersfield, CA, Seminar: "Research and Results," by Jean M. Wilcox Hibbens <[www.rootsweb.com/~cakcgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~cakcgs)>

Oct. 18--Seminar, George G. Morgan, Mission Viejo, CA. <<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs>>

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

Oct. 18--Ventura Co. (CA) Genealogical Society, Seminar featuring Hank Jones.

Nov. 8--Arizona State Genealogical Soc., Annual Seminar, Featuring John Philip Coletta. Tucson, AZ <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~asgs>>

### **DNA TESTING SUCCESS**

A man in Queensland, Australia, who had been adopted as a small child, made contact with a birth cousin in Texas through both of them having DNA testing done. The two recently met personally in Covina, CA through the DNA Interest Group at the Southern California Genealogical Society. They found another "sibling" living in Sacramento, CA. Won't that make an exciting reunion for all three!

*(News & Notes, SCGS, May-July 2008)*

### **UPPER MIDWESTERN ANCESTRY**

If you have ancestors who settled in the Upper Midwest--Minnesota, Iowa, N/S Dakota, Wisconsin--you may wish to examine books published by Park Genealogical Books of Roseville, MN. They specialize in publishing local genealogically valuable records for those states, as well as books about the areas in Europe from which many of their settlers emigrated. You may profit from checking out their website at <<http://www.parkbooks.com>>

## IGS ANNUAL MEETING 2008

The Annual Meeting of Immigrant Genealogical Society has been set by the Board of Directors for Sunday, November 9, 2008 at Society Headquarters, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA at 2:00 p.m. In addition to reports, three members will be elected to serve terms on the Board from January 2009 through December 2011.

The following three members have been nominated and have agreed to serve if elected:

Lura Perkins -- Board Secretary, Research Team Leader  
Eldon Knuth -- German Resource person  
Warren Weimer -- Board member and staffer

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Continuing Board Members are: Ron Grider, Pres.,  
John Linning, V. Pres., Marilyn Deatherage, Treasurer,  
Eloise Haldeman, Research & German Language help,  
Linda Stone, Mailing Committee



Lura Perkins  
Secretary, Board of Directors

### TIME CHANGE

Do not forget to set your clock Backward one hour on November 2, 2008!

### REMEMBER THE AUGUSTAN SOCIETY ??

A number of years ago there was another genealogical society specializing in German research here in the Los Angeles area--The Augustan Society. At that time it was located in Torrance, CA. After the death of the founder, the Library operated for some time in its original location, under the management of Rodney Hartwell. Finally Mr. Hartwell found it necessary to find a different location and moved quite some distance north-east of Los Angeles to Daggett, CA. Since this was some distance from most persons researching German genealogy, it was open rather restricted hours. The expense of cooling the building housing the library in the hot desert in that area limited its number of patrons. Finally Mr. Hartwell moved to Orlando, Florida, and apparently moved the library to that area.

If you live anywhere near Orlando, FL, or go to Florida for the winters, you might like to make contact with Rodney Hartwell. A search on the Internet should locate his residence in Orlando.

### SACRAMENTO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBR.

The library of the Sacramento Genealogical Society is called the "Root Cellar Library". Because it is located in the state capital, its collection holds valuable early California records. The Library is in the California State Archives building at 1020 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA, on the Fourth Floor. Its hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, plus the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The collection includes over 4,000 books and periodicals from at least 500 other genealogical societies across the U.S. and Canada. They contain material submitted by members from their personal family research, most published basic research books and sets, and many local area records which society members have indexed.

You can examine some of the holdings of their Library on their website at <<http://www.rootcellar.org/>> or you can contact their librarian, Sammie Hudgens, via <[webmaster@rootcellar.org](mailto:webmaster@rootcellar.org)>

(CA State Genealogical Ass., *Newsetter*, July-Aug.'08)

### AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS

"Ancient American, # 78" has a 2 page list of mentions in European records of the Americas prior to Columbus' voyage. For example, Ramses III (of Egypt!) claimed he sailed to the 'Islands of the Blessed' (America), in the 12th century B.C! He called it "the abode of the sun."

During days of the early colonies, Highland Scot emigrants (Celts) found it easy to communicate with Basque people and even with Indians in South Florida in their Celtic dialects, which seemed to have many words that were similar in sound!

### EARLY VIRGINIA EMIGRANTS

If you had emigrants who came to the U.S. during the 1600-1700 time period, Genealogical Publishing Company has collected all the early Virginia records it could find and has assembled them on a CD. There are about 200,000 persons mentioned in records from 1607 to 1776. The records include immigrants, headrights, land, taxes, censuses, births, marriages, and deaths.

You may wish to check their online website at: <[www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)> for price and ordering instructions for CD #7503.

### MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER

The Midwest Genealogy Center has a new home at the Mid-Continent Public Library, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Rd., Independence, MO 64055-1923. It is less than a mile north of I-70 at Exit 14 (Lee's Summit Rd.) You may check their website at <[www.mcpl.lib.mo.us](http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us)> or <[www.midwestgenealogycenter.org](http://www.midwestgenealogycenter.org)>

### NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Our November meeting will be on November 9th.

Speaker: Johannes Linning: longtime avid West European genealogist.

Topic: NORTH GERMANIA-the Dutch, Fleming, etc. and the Circumstances of their Participation in the Establishment of Settlements from the Weser to the Memel.

### THE WEEK IN GERMANY

Sixty years after the Berlin Airlift, 15 New England veterans and 11 Los Angeles vets received the German-American Friendship Award for their service

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during the 322-day Berlin Airlift in 1948-9. -- All nuclear power plants in Germany will be shut down by 2022. -- Internships in Germany are provided for up to 25 American students per year. -- A 39' humpback whale visited the Baltic Sea on July 29--the third since 1851. -- Germany intends to set up an "International Renewable Energy Agency," not using food plants, to fuel cars. The project will receive \$54 million over the next 5 years. -- German evolutionists say life may have come to earth as stardust, maybe including bacteria, or compressed carbon molecules, hydrogenated diamonds, as a possible origin of life. -- A German learning site is at Waldsee, at Concordia Language Villages in Bemidji, MN. Fourteen foreign languages are taught there. -- Germany is trying to preserve the endangered European wildcat. Only about 3-5,000 wildcat still survive. -- Germany signed two agreements with Cambodia allocating \$50 million to provide technical development support. -- Daimler AG is pushing to develop electrically powered cars and use of fuel cells. -- An arm developed by the Max Planck Institute for NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander samples soil with its robotic arm and a camera records every movement. It is searching for liquid water and analyzing soil. -- The German research vessel Polarstern is breaking ice and testing sea ice between Greenland and Spitsbergen. Ice reached farther south this year than last and tested cooler than 2006. -- Angela Merkel was active in the cease fire in Georgia with Russian withdrawal. Germany supports future membership in NATO for Georgia. -- Germany will provide 2 million euros of aid to Georgia's 158,000 displaced persons. -- Germany is offering assistance to Nigeria to produce 6500 megawatt hours per year and help with natural gas production. -- From 2005 to 2007 650,000 German buildings were upgraded, reducing CO2 by 2 million tons a year. -- Researchers at the Technical University of Darmstadt are working on cost-effective and environmentally friendly street lights. -- German discount stores Lidi and Aldi have been taking over Europe, and may soon enter the American market. -- San Jose, CA had a video game Olympics from Aug. 25 --27. There 800 gamers from 50 countries battled

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Wednesdays . . . . . 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm  
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to be champions of "eSports". Leipzig had a similar event Aug. 23--24. -- Twenty-eight museums in Germany exhibited 1.5 million art treasures looted by the Soviet Union 50 years ago and now returned. -- Germany is sending aid to Djibouti in East Africa where 1/5 of children are malnourished due to cholera, diarrheal diseases, drought, sky-rocketing prices, and refugees from Somalia and Ethiopia. -- "Mindset Six50" will be a 4-seat hybrid car with solar panels and a combustion engine for sale in late 2009 in Switzerland. -- Germany's athletes won 16 gold, 10 silver and 15 bronze medals at the Olympics in Beijing. (TWIG Aug. 1,8,15,22,29)