IGS WORKSHOPS-2009 Sundays 12 noon to 5 PM
How to use the IGS Library
This year we are having a series of workshops at the Library to acquaint our patrons with various resources, how to use them, and what can be expected from them. These Workshops are YOUR time to research. Presentations and handouts, if any, are to be given at 2 P.M. PLEASE bring YOUR information (charts, clues, brick walls, & all those questions) for our Leader and Staffers to help you.

NOVEMBER 8, 2009 WORKSHOP #6 - 12-5 PM
How to use the IGS Library - SUMMARY
Bringing the resources together to evaluate where your personal research stands: names, places, U.S. and foreign sources; library and personal finding aids; experience and common sense are all important.

DECEMBER 13, 2009 - 1 P.M. - Program at 2PM ANNUAL SHARING & POT-LUCK
Please bring yourself and guests, your finds, your brick walls plus an entrée, salad, or dessert to share; utensils, drinks and paper goods will be provided. Ethnic foods are welcome.

We are in need of a Xerox machine to replace one that has quit on us. You may use a reasonable value on your taxes for a donation. Contact Pres. Ron Grider or Marilyn Deatherage if you have a Xerox machine to donate.

Ralph's Community Contribution Program (Ralphs Supermarkets) in support of IGS requires that participants re-join the program every year. This update will be in effect from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. All of our members who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program must update their information to continue to participate in the program. Participation in the program is not limited to IGS members. Our NPO number is 83796. Please pass this message along to your family members and friends. A portion of purchases come back to us by check. http://www5.kroger.com/EnterpriseLoyaltyWeb/crenrollment?divId=703

The Sutro Library will be open one day, 12 October 2009, Columbus Day, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

IGS will have a meeting of all staffers on Sunday, November 8 at 11:30 a.m. before the library opens. Please make an effort to attend.

KALENDER

October 11- IGS/PSIG Meeting 2PM
George Unrine-speaker
October 28- Board Meeting 7PM
November 8- IGS Meeting Workshop #6
November 25, 28 & 29
Closed/Thanksgiving
I can’t urge people enough to read your newsletter each month. And, keep joining the Society! I spoke with the wife of an ex-member yesterday. They have quit traveling down to Burbank because of her husband’s age. I can understand not doing the traveling, but not dropping membership and receiving the newsletter. She was not aware that the National Archives in Laguna Niguel was closed and she had done research there in the past and might have gone down again. She also was unaware that the West Los Angeles LDS Family History Center was closed for repair and she was more likely to go there than to Laguna Niguel. We try very hard to keep people informed with all the information to make life easier. So do think about keeping your membership if you consider dropping.

We are still ordering books for the library, in case you thought we have decided to quit expanding. There are still books coming out of importance and we want to keep current. We, as other societies, are very cognizant of the fact that more of you are using the computer all the time for your research. We also know that not all information that passes as well researched facts are in reality true. So keep joining the societies and historical societies of your interest. We volunteers do a lot of work for free for the love of doing research and helping others. Think of joining those volunteers (such as ours!) and find the satisfaction we derive for doing just that.

Recently, I went through a stack of old AARP Modern Maturity magazines. I saved an article from an interview with Studs Terkel. He told about living in a hotel in Chicago where his mother was the hotelkeeper. The important part is the way he listened to the stories told by the men who rented rooms: “working men—railroad men, firemen, stone masons, seamen”. It was exciting for a young boy and that was when he probably “first began to realize the power of oral history”. You are researching for your past. But you owe an obligation to the future to leave your story. Talk to your children, your grandchildren, for some of you, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, anyone who will listen, so that your story gets passed down. So many of us either didn’t listen or else didn’t ask questions and now we regret it every day.

Have you created a timeline for your ancestors? If not, it’s time to do it. Geni.com has a timeline you may use. Your software probably has one too. You may search 1,350 databases at www.myheritage.com. The search is free, “but registration and downloading of some Plug-ins are required”. March/April 2009 - Family Chronicle

Have you created you own personal postage stamps. I think it would be fun to take a picture I have of a great-grandmother of mine and see her on a stamp. She was a beautiful woman in the only picture I have of her. She died of heart disease when she was only 34. I think that would be a way to honor her and let a lot of people see her who would never know about her otherwise. March/April 2009 – Family Chronicle

Have you started blogging? I did a Blog the whole trip my husband and I took to China. I didn’t know that was what I was doing until we got home but I sure got a lot of feedback from people who enjoyed the trip for free along with us. Free accounts are available at www.wordpress.com or www.blogger.com. My husband has a MySpace where he has posted some of the 600 pictures we took on the trip. You may want to do that too. Family Chronicle - March//April 2009

I finally met Dick Eastman at the SCGS Jamboree this June. I expected a man my age but he was much younger. He has a free version of his daily blog-format newsletter. You may upgrade to a “plus” edition if you like what you read. I belong to a genealogy round-table that meets every two weeks and the leader and some other members get the expanded edition for a yearly subscription. Family Tree Magazine – September 2008

I had never heard of Tribal Pages. It is a collaborative site that “hosts more than 175,000 pedigree files, a database of more than 80 million names and 2 million photos” (probably more than that now). You can store your family tree data and generate charts and reports there if you want. Family Tree Magazine – September 2008

Here is a site that sounds as if we all should check it out. It has “lots of links…census, vital, immigration, cemetery and military records, plus biographies”. www.accessgenealogy.com Family Tree Magazine – September 2008

The Minnesota Genealogical Society has a website you may want to access: http://mngs.org. For Minnesota Birth Indexes go to http://people.mnhs.org/BCI for around 1900 to 1934. For Minnesota marriages go to http://mncounty.com


IGS Newsletter, October 2009
The California State Archives is having a Family History Day on 10 October 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is Free! Learn research tricks and techniques and explore their world. Tour the Archives and learn about the historical documents held there. There will be classes in the Preservation Lab to see how to preserve family papers. Choose from more than 2 classes from beginning to specialized research and Internet resources. Explore the Roots Cellar Library. Societies and research libraries and archives will be there with information. Go to www sos ca gov/archives/archives.htm or www.rootcellar.org for more information. The State Archives are located at 1020 “O” Street, downtown Sacramento. Light rail stops at the Archives’ front door (Archives Plaza). Limited free parking is in the lot opposite the Archives entrance.

For those of you who live in or have ancestors who lived in Michigan, please read the following and take action. Governor Jennifer Granholm had issued Executive Order #2009-36, abolishing the state’s Department of History, Arts, and Libraries. This would have abolished the Library of Michigan and dispersed the collection. This order has been revised. The Library is out of danger, but the revision says: there will be a Library of Michigan but doesn’t say where it will be.

Second, it says that Michigan related material will be preserved, but the original statement about “eliminating or transferring to other institutions Federal Documents and the non-Michigan genealogy collection” has not been reversed, and this is the bulk of the collection.

Third, the librarian will be appointed by the Supt of Public Education but no affiliation is given. Fourth, the original order established the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board as an advisory body within the Department of Nature Works and says that “qualified individuals recommended for consideration for appointment to the Board should include…. “ But makes no statement about who is going to appoint them. Fifth, everything is subject to “available appropriations” and who decides what is appropriate and/or available. As of 13 September the Governor issued Executive Order 2009-43 which amends the previous order and it appears the library and historical collections as they pertain to Michigan will be preserved. The text of the Order can be found at http://michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-21975-221451--,00.html The Michigan Genealogical Council has a website where you may be able to review more extensive information on this issue. http://www.mimgc.org/LOM.html

Have you gone to DearMYRTLE yet? I saw her at the Jamboree in Burbank and she was very impressed. She has podcasts that I interest you. Go to http://podcasts.dearmyrtle.com The focus is to help listeners with their research. She includes genealogy news and tips. You will be able to see interviews and chats with family historians. Several podcasts are released each month. You may also view old podcasts by date or topic in the archives. Ancestry, March/April 2009

You may remember the report in a previous newsletter about the collapse of the Cologne municipal archive building. A long article appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Sun., May 17 this year. It is suspected subway tunneling may have been the major factor in the collapse. The article really gives you a horrible feeling about all the treasures that were lost under the pile of rubble. The papers inside reached back to the Middle Ages. One date from 1180 was an edict signed by the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa granting the “citizens the right to build a city wall. Fortunately, that document has been recovered! To give you an idea of just how devastating the loss here is a quote from the paper. “The archive’s cultural value is incalculable… The building housed 65,000 original documents, more than 100,000 maps and half a million photographs, stored on nearly 20 miles of shelf space.” It seems a miracle that there was no loss of life in the building but “two young men in an adjacent structure were killed when it too came crashing down”.

If you are doing Polish research you might want to contact The Polish Genealogical Society of America, 984 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 or visit their website www.pgsa.org Rodziny: The Journal of the Polish Genalogical Society of America had two articles in their Summer 2008 issue that may be of interest to you. One article by Mark Miazga details the research steps he used on their family history path. FGS FORUM, Spring 2009, Volume 212, Number 1

IBeginning genealogy, I haven’t tried this but you may be able to find it useful. www.genealogy.com/university.html This site presents instruction on beginning genealogy. If you are past that stage there is Internet genealogy and tracing immigrant origins. Lessons take 10-15 min. each and include helpful links. Ancestry, March/April 2009

A free, self-paced course offered by Brigham Young University Independent Studies program includes. Finding Your Ancestors (Course FHGEN 68), Vital Records (FHREC 73), Military Records (FHREC 76), and regional and ethnic courses covering Germany, France, Huguenot, and Scandinavia. http://ce.byu.edu/is/course/freecourses.cfm

Historically linenweavers were the poorest of the poor. (No wonder they migrated!) A folksong went like this (translated), “The linenweavers slaughter two pigs every year; one is stolen, and the other one isn’t theirs”. Source: Das Leibgericht, Deutsche Buch-Gemeinschaft, Berlin, 1955. Der Blumenbaum, SGGS, Vol. 26, No. 4, May/June 2009

Correction of error in September 2009 news letter. If you are interested in seeing what an area looked like in 1955. Der Blumenbaum, SGGS, Vol. 26, No. 4: April, May, June 2009 Correction of URL http://www.ieg-maps.uni-mainz.de/map1.htm
Week in Germany  Sept 18, 2009

Click here to view the Newsletter online < http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/newsletter/The__Week__in__Germany/TWIG__090918,variant=issue.html >

Steinmeier: Timetable for Continued Engagement in Afghanistan - In a Strategy Paper drawn up in the Federal Foreign Office, ten key steps are outlined. This paper is also to form the basis for an international Afghanistan conference to be held in the coming months. Afghanistan Timetable: < http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/PR/P__Wash/2009/09/15_AFG__Timetable__PR.html >

Magdeburg Cathedral Celebrates 800th Birthday - The Magdeburg Cathedral (Magdeburger Dom), officially known as the Cathedral of Saints Catherine and Maurice, celebrates its 800th birthday this year, and the city of Magdeburg is hosting a number of special events to mark the occasion. Magdeburg Cathedral: < http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/PRK__Wash/2009/09/16__Magdeburger__Dom__PR.html >


Meet Germany in Pittsburgh - As Pittsburgh prepares to host the summit of G-20 leaders from September 24 to 25, Germany.info takes a closer look at the long-standing and diverse ties that connect Germany to the Pittsburgh region. < http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/PR/Infocus/08_G20__Pittsburgh/G20__Pittsburgh__S.html >

Frankfurt Auto Show Sings the Trabi Electric - The world famous symbol of East Germany, the Trabant automobile, is set to make a comeback. An electric-powered prototype of the new "Trabi" was presented for the first time at the world's largest motor show, the IAA in Frankfurt am Main. Electric Trabi: < http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/PR/GIC/2009/09/21__Electric__Trabi__PM.html >