

Saddleback Valley Trails

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South Orange County California Genealogical Society

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SOCCGS Events

Monthly Meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month and are held from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Institute Building of the LDS Family History Center on Marguerite Parkway between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive.

15 March 1997 This month's topic will be "Military Resources at the National Archives" presented by Bill Doty. Mr. Doty is an archivist at the local National Archives in Laguna Niguel and is currently in charge of the volunteer program there.

19 April 1997 SOCCGS member Kathie Mauzey will speak to the group on "Getting Started in English Research".

17 May 1997 Beth McCarty, Director of the Orange Family History Center will present "Effective Use of the Family History Center".

Other Local Events

1 March 1997 The Orange County California Genealogical Society will hold a Book Fair at their regular meeting, beginning at 9:30 AM at the Huntington Beach Central Library on Talbert Street.

These are used books and periodicals which are duplicates and no longer needed at the library. Beginning at Noon, the afternoon workshops feature Bill Tieppe on German Research; Rod Bush, Computer IBM Compatible; and Computer Roots IV with Lloyd Budwig.

8 March 1997 German Gen Soc. Of America. Guest speaker Ronald Smelser. 9:30 am to 4 pm, Scripps College, Claremont. For information, call GGSA Library (909)593-0509.

22 March 1997 British Isles & So Bay Cities Gen. Soc. Seminar with guest speakers Linda Jonas on how to access sources of the British Isles and Nancy Carlbury on sources for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Redondo Beach Community Center. For more info, call (310)326-7008

29 March 1997 The Heritage Quest Workshop which was to be held by Questing Heirs in Long Beach, has been cancelled.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members:

Richard Faber

Betty Snyder

The following members have renewed their membership: Eugenia Gannon, Mary Caldwell, Jinx Cochrell, Jeanne Barrett, Pat Stafford, Kathleen Hagan.

Our guests at the February meeting were:

Mr. & Mrs Sampson, Grace Cacia, David Wood, Clem Tomerlin, Rich Faber, David Flomerfelt, Philip Stumpfhauser and Corette McFarland.

SAFARI PLANS

Shirley Fraser reports that our Safari group will now meet at the parking lot where we now hold our monthly meetings.

The March 26th safari is planned for Los Angeles Public Library.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

New microfilm has been received at the National Archives. First is the Passenger Arrival Records for the Port of New York City, Publication Number M237. The facility has received the first 307 of 675 rolls covering January 7, 1820 through March 31, 1869.

The other series is Microfilm Publication Number M1749, the Historical Register of National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers - Sawtelle CA, 1888-1933, with the first six rolls containing the index to this series.

REDISCOVERED SOURCES

The Veterans Administration has discovered some 10 million duplicates of 20th century military records thought to have been destroyed in the 1973 fire. If you have been told the records you need were burned in that fire, you may want to write again to:

National Personnel Records, GSA
900 Page Blvd.
St Louis MO 63132

Also, over one hundred boxes of pension records were found recently at the National Archives in Washington D.C. They date back to the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Seminole War. They were never indexed or microfilmed. These files, arranged by account number, are being published in the American Gen. Magazine by Datatrace Systems, P.O. Box 1587, Stephenville TX 76401. *(from Smokey Valley, Salinas Kansas Newsletter, Jan 1997)*

HISTORIAN NEEDED

Pat McCoy has recently resigned from the position of Historian, and the Board is now looking for someone to agree to accept that position.

LIBRARY SURVEY

In this newsletter you will find a survey which we ask you to fill out and return to our Librarian, Betty McKenzie. Betty has taken on an enormous job, and we must all think of what we can do to help make this new library a success. The Board also wanted to ask if there was any member who would agree to donate the Orange County Ca. Gen Society Journal Quarterly to the Library.

PUBLICATION FOR SALE

Veterans Who Applied for Land in Southern California, 1851-1911 compiled by Judy Deeter is a wonderful source of veterans from the Mexican War and Civil War who applied for land in Southern California between 1851 and 1911. This material was abstracted from the Bureau of Land Management Los Angeles Land Office files at the National Archives Pacific Southwest Region in Laguna Niguel, California.

Along with the name of the veteran applying for land, the following information may be listed: date of military service, State and unit served from, address of veteran at the time of application, physical description of veteran, occupation prior to service, names of spouse and/or friends, and number of acres in land application. The cost is \$8.00, postage paid, CA residents add state sales tax. Send orders to Judy A. Deeter, 4 Altezza Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 91619-5107. Make check payable to Judy.

AN IRISH TOAST

We drink to your coffin,

May it be built from the wood

of a hundred year old oak tree

That I shall plant tomorrow!

(The Septs, Irish Gen. Soc., Vol 14 No4)

RUSSIAN RESEARCH

The Library of Congress has Russian business directories for 1895, 1899, 1902, 1911-1912 and 1923. Fast Check Gen. Service, 8510 Wild Olive Dr., Potomac, MD 20854, can check them to prove the presence or absence of a surname in a given town. They have contacts with 30 former Soviet archives and can advise American researchers on securing documents from them (*From the San Ramon Valley Gen. Soc., Vol XII Jan 97 via The Genealogist, Conejo Valley GS Aug 96, printed in the Ca. State Gen Alliance Newsletter, Feb 1997*)



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