

Saddleback Valley Trails

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Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Mission Viejo Family History Center Institute Building, 27978 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive. Membership is open to anyone wishing to join. Yearly membership fees are \$20 per calendar year for individuals, \$25 for joint membership. SOCCGS is not affiliated with the LDS Family History Center.

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Please find the renewal form on the last page of the newsletter.

GENERAL MEETING MARCH 20, 2004

JOAN LOWREY

to speak on

The Hamburg Passenger Lists and Other German Emigration Sources

Ms. Lowrey specializes in German and U.S. research, computer software for genealogy, publishing books and printing genealogical charts. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She says that **The Hamburg Passenger Lists** are a gold mine, as they contain the place of birth or last residence. Indexes and the lists are available on Family History Library film. In various years, 30-50% of German emigrants left from Hamburg, as well as emigrants from Scandinavia, Poland and other countries. How to use these resources will be covered in detail. Many other types of emigration records from various parts of Germany will be discussed, including online sources.

CALENDAR

April 17 - Watch for future announcement.

May 15 - Dawn Thurston, Write a Family History that Breathes Life into Lifeless Ancestors

July 17 - Connie Moretti, Learning to Love the Pre-1850 Censuses

August 21 - Joan Rambo, Getting the Most Out of Family History Centers

September 11 - Garage Sale

September 18 - Watch for future announcement.

October 16 - Seminar - Bill Dollarhide and Leland Metzler

November 20 - Elaine Alexander, How to Locate Naturalization Records

GARAGE SALE 2004

Leon Smith, Ways and Means Chairman has announced that the date for SOCCGS Annual Garage Sale is to be Saturday, September 11. It is not too early to start cleaning out and saving your saleable goodies. As in the past Leon will accept items the week of the sale.

SAFARI NEWS

Wednesday, March 24 we will journey to the San Diego Genealogy Society library in El Cajon. This is an excellent research library and one we have not visited for several years. The car pool will leave the LDS parking lot at 9:00 a.m. We need to let the San Diego library staff know how many to expect, as they are not usually open on Wednesday. Please make a reservation by March 20 (at the general meeting will be fine). Call Janet (496-8428) or Mary Jo (581-0690).

SOCCGS LIBRARY

We need 3 Friday afternoon docents! At the present time we have only the second Friday covered. How about signing up for one Friday a month from 1 to 4 p.m. We have enough new books and cds to keep you busy researching while you keep the area open for the public.

ONLINE GENEALOGY CLASS

Mark your calendars for **April 25, 2004**, 1 p.m. Colleen Robledo, the Mission Viejo Library Technology Assistant will be conducting an Online Genealogy Class with the assistance of Herb Abrams and myself. The class will be held in the Saddleback Room at the Civic Center across the parking lot from the library. Those of you who attended our October Seminar know exactly where the SR is located! The hours are 2-4 p.m. with additional time allowed for questions and, hopefully, answers. The cost of registration is \$5 per person. We will have sign-up information at the Docent Desk as soon as it is available. You may register online at: <http://cmvl.org/compclasses.html>

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed Raymond L. Corrigan and Jamie Frances O'Brien as new members at the February meeting. Jamie's email address is: jfwalker@sbc.net. She is searching Bulger, Corbin, Hudson, Haun Rife and Fry. Raymond's email address is wrongray4@earthlink.net. He will list his surnames at a later date.

JEWISHGEN'S HOLOCAUST DATABASE

Jewish genealogists face challenges unique to their history. For many, the holocaust of sixty to seventy years ago fragmented families in a manner that few others can comprehend. Many families were eradicated with others dispersed. Survivors have migrated all over the world. For anyone researching their family tree, this can create huge impediments.

JewishGen, perhaps the leading online genealogy organization, has created many sources of information to aid anyone researching Jewish ancestry. The Web site is brimming with databases and helpful "how-to" files. The Holocaust Database is one of those resources.

Actually, the Holocaust Database is not a single database. Instead, it is a collection of databases containing information from many different sources. Here is a small sample of the 62 distinct databases contained:

- * The Aufbau Database - Names of over 33,000 Holocaust survivors, published in the German-language newspaper Aufbau in New York, 1944-1946.
- * Jews who Resided in Krosno, Poland before 1941 - Over 2,000 Jews who resided in this Galician town before 22 June 1941.
- * Deaths in Mühldorf, Nov. 1944 - April 1945 - 1,857 persons who died at this forced labor camp in Bavaria.
- * American Military Government Compiled List of Jews - 987 Survivors and Victims of concentration camps.
- * Dachau Inmates - Possessions upon Entry - A list of 2,800+ inmates of Dachau Concentration Camp, and their possessions.
- * The Extraordinary Commission Lists: Riga - Over 2,000 individuals residing in Riga who are recorded as having perished at the hands of the German forces, most during 1941.

The Holocaust Database is a major resource for Jewish genealogists researching family trees within the past century. To access this valuable online resource, go to

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust>.

The above is only one example of the many powerful resources on JewishGen. To find even more, go to <http://www.jewishgen.org>.

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IF I THROW IT AWAY, I'LL NEED IT

by Richard A. Pence <richardpence@pipeline.com>

As every genealogist knows, you can't be too careful when it comes to throwing things away. No piece of paper, book, periodical, pamphlet, program, syllabus, clipping, letter, postcard — whatever — should be thoughtlessly discarded. You never know when you might need it.

I sensed trouble when it turned warm the other day. Every spring the cleaning bug takes a bite of my wife and eventually she reaches my office. This time, when I saw she had the stepladder with her, I knew it was big-time trouble!

Over the years I have developed some pretty good defenses to counter these annual spring-cleaning rites. One method has been the "high-shelf shuffle." Way up high, beyond her reach, is where I put all the stuff that is beyond verbal justification.

She moved in, quickly got up on the ladder and began calling the roll: "Program for the 1987 NGS Conference?" "I was on the program. It's got my name in it." Plunk.

"1994 Syllabus?" "There's a great article on finding ancestors in South America." "You don't have any ancestors in South America." "You never know."

Plunk.

"What about this pamphlet on GENEALOGY RESEARCH AT THE INDIANA STATE LIBRARY? It's dated 1986." "That was the last time I was there. During Indy week." Plunk.

"Summary of Your 1971 Employee Benefit Plan Options?" "I was saving it in case I needed the notebook cover." "For 30 years?" Plunk.

"Here's a W-2 form for 1984." "So that's where that went."

"What about these two boxes of genealogy magazines and journals?" "There's good stuff in them!" "When was the last time you looked at one?" She had me there. "Well," I stalled, "I just can't throw them away without checking. Someone may need them." "Who?" "Maybe the library?" "Call them. I'll get the number."

Trapped. My only hope was a sympathetic ear. Librarians know about saving things. If I can't keep all this stuff, at least I can find a decent home for it. After pressing a couple of buttons, I got right through to the librarian in the Genealogy Room. "Do you need any back issues of the NGS Quarterly?" I asked. "I've got about 25 years worth." "Spring cleaning?" "Yeah. How did you know?" "Third offer today." "What about the Quarterlies?" "Are you kidding? Not only do we get several offers a week, we're trying to get rid of ours. We have it all on CD-ROM now." "Come to think of it, so do I," I mumbled.

I was getting desperate. "You've got to help me. My wife is in my office and she's throwing genealogy stuff away!" "You could do what I do." "What's that?" "Wait until the others are in bed and go out and salvage what you can."

"Worth a try, but she'll probably check." "Maybe you could try some of the other libraries near by. You can see what they might need by checking their online catalogs. Or I can give you a list of libraries to call." "Never mind."

"What about this stack of 'This Month at the Library's Genealogy Room'? There must be 200 of them." "Wait a second, I'll check with the library." Plunk.

If we can just get through spring without a flat tire, it may work out. By then I'll have most of the stuff I salvaged during the midnight foray back on the high shelves and we'll be able to find the spare in the car trunk. As for next year — the other day I saw an Office Depot ad for file cabinets with locks on them.

[Richard Pence is retired and up to his eyeballs in his one-name PENCE family study <http://www.pipeline.com/~richardpence>. He thinks he should have gotten the big bedroom when the kids moved out — not the tiny one he now has to use as a combination office, library, archives, and computer center. His wife, only recently retired, divides her attention between creating a showcase guest room out of the big bedroom and scouting for fresh territory into which she can introduce those huge trash bags.]

("If I Throw It Away, I'll Need It" appeared in MISSING LINKS: RootsWeb's Genealogy Journal Vol. 6, No. 15, 11 April 2001.)

**Philanthropy is the rent we pay for the joy and privilege
we have for our space on this earth.
~ Jerold Panas**

LIBRARY ADDITIONS - FEBRUARY 2004

SOCCGS Purchases:

Books: Barbour Collection, Connecticut Town Records: New London 1646-1854; Lyme 1667-1852; Preston 1687-1850 (Parts I & II); Saybrook 1651-1850 & Sharon 1739-1865; Norwalk 1651-1850 & Norwich 1847-1851; Litchfield 1719-1854

They Went Thataway: Records of Virginians who migrated into the south and west before, during and after the Revolutionary War.

CDs - Scottish Parish Records (4 CDs) Records from Scotland in general, the North of Scotland, the South of Scotland, West Lothian and Midlothian.

These records span the period 1538-1855 and contain a mixture of wills, tombstone inscriptions, marriage records, and apprenticeship records. These are copies of original records.

Donations:

Robert Yount:

Place Names of the World ** A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada
In Search of Your German Ancestors ** German Family Research Made Simple
The Cumbrian Dictionary of Dialect, Tradition & Folklore
Southern Loyalists in the Civil War ** The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War
Annals & Antiquities of the Counties & County Families of Wales, Vol. I

Tennessee:

Campbell County, Volumes I, II, III ** Tennessee County Maps
1880 Census, Campbell County ** 1800 Census, Blount County
Index to 1880 Census of East Tennessee ** 1890 Civil War Veterans Census
Genealogical Records & Abstracts, Vol. I ** Wills & Administrations, 1779-1861
East Tennessee and the Civil War ** Earliest Tennessee Land Records
Marriages of McMinn County, 1821-1864 ** Marriages of Lawrence County 1818-1854
Twenty-four Hundred Tennessee Pensioners, Revolution - War of 1812

Tennessee Soldiers in the Revolution ** Tennessee Genealogical Records
Scott County, Gem of the Cumberland's
Genealogical Records, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky

Pennsylvania:

Swiss and German Pioneer Settlers of Pennsylvania

New Jersey:

The Province of New Jersey

North Carolina:

Family History of Western North Carolina ** NC Taxpayers, Vol. I & II

California:

History of Plumas County ** Story of Costa Mesa, California
Cemetery Records in OCCGS Journals, April 2000 & May 2001

Texas:

Guide to Genealogical Resources in the Texas State Archives

Family History: Faust-Foust Family, Family of John Foust & Anna Barbara Albrecht,

Flint Family History, Vol. I & II

Beverly Long:

Ohio: The Rise & Progress of the Deer Creek Settlement

Judy Deeter:

Ohio: Middletown in Black & White; **Colorado:** The Encyclopedia of Colorado

Family History: Tucker Trails

We thank all of the generous donors who contribute to our library.

**I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp
of experience. I know no way of judging the future but by the past.
~Patrick Henry 1736-1799**

THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Bounty Land Warrants: Did your ancestor receive a bounty land warrant for service in the Revolutionary War? This database can help answer that question. It allows you to search by warrant number, veteran's name, and immediate assignee and will point you to the list of Virginia veterans who received military warrants for use in the Kentucky Military District, located south of Green River. <http://www.sos.state.ky.us/intranet/revwarwar.htm>

Documentation: A Two-Way Street: An excellent article by George C. Morgan can be found at:

<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/columns/george/6403.asp>

Digital Cameras and Genealogy: Writing on the Ancestry Daily News' Discussion Board, Ken Watson states, "I've had several email queries about the specifics of how I go about copying old photos using a digital camera. To help answer those questions, I've updated my digital camera and genealogy website with a page that details my personal "workflow". Just click on the link from the main page, or from the Making Digital Copies of Old Photographs page."

<http://www.rideau-info.com/genealogy/digital/>

Time Tales is a project by photographer Astrid van Loo and web designer Dick Dijkman. It is a collection of photographs found at flea markets, thrift shops, some are scooped up from streets and alleyways, fallen from an overstuffed bag or torn pocket. Others turn up in a cabinet's hidden compartment, found while wandering the rooms of an abandoned house. Now the photos exist by themselves, lost in time. Time tales does not want to reveal their mysteries. Time tales asks to be the new home for lost photos, a resting place, for the nameless and the lost. <http://www.timetales.com> A picture needs memories to be an image.

This is a project worthy of our notice. A fellow genealogist in Virginia has begun a transcription of the 13 volumes of William Waller Hening's Statutes at Large: Being a Collection of All the Laws of Virginia, from the First Session of the Legislature, in the year 1619. Check it out at:

http://www.vagenweb.org/hening_

Afrigeneas, is probably the best-known Black American genealogy site: <http://www.afrigeneas.com>

The Freedmen's Bureau Online: <http://www.freedmensbureau.com>

Acadian Genealogy Database Online: An Acadian genealogy project at the Universite Sainte-Anne College de l'Acadie has expanded to include 85,000 entries of 27 families. The University started this project in January 2001 to record the lineage of the first Acadian families who settled in southwestern Nova Scotia in the 17th century and whose descendants still live there. The information includes parish records, census data, and publications related to Acadian genealogy.

The project is financed by the Western Valley Development Authority (WVDA) via a contribution from the Smart Community program (Connecting Canadians: <http://connect.gc.ca>) at Industry Canada.

Fifty-two(52) Acadian family genealogies (over 100 000 entries) are presently online. The families chosen in this project are those whose descendants are now residing mainly in the counties of Digby and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. You can access this online database at: <http://www.ustanne.ednet.ns.ca/cacadien/indexenglish.htm>

Year by year 1900-2000 - See what happened during each year. Plus there is an atlas, almanac, dictionary and encyclopedia. Enough information to keep you busy and out of trouble! <http://www.factmonster.com/yearbyyear.html>

Searching for Pritchards: Member Mary Lou Brascia would like to find someone who is searching for Pritchards. She can be contacted at (949) 699-2637.

A Definition of Genealogy ~ Chasing Your Own Tale.

GENEALOGICAL EVENT CALENDAR

March 24 & April 7 - Introduction to Genealogical Resources at National Archives (949) 360-2641, ext. 0

April 3 - Irish Seminar with Kyle Betit; OCCGS, Huntington Beach Central Library 12:30-4:15; \$15.00 at the door, no preregistration necessary; Info: mspierce@mindspring.com

April 16 & 17 - 2004 SCGS Jamboree & Resource Expo at the Westin Pasadena Hotel.

April 22-May 14 - Research and Sight see in Ireland with Nancy Bier. Information: www.timetraveltours.com

April 25 - Online Genealogy Class April 25; Saddleback Room, Mission Viejo Civic Center

June 7-21 - Tour Wales, research your ancestors with Nancy Bier. Information: www.timetraveltours.com

SURNAME SEARCHING THROUGH SOCCGS' WEB SITE

Herb Abrams has advised that the Surname List, with updated information and email addresses of those who wish them listed, is now ready for your perusal. <http://www.socgs.org/surnames.htm>

Thank you Herb.

IDENTIFYING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

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When looking through old family photographs, you may have trouble identifying the people. Is that grandma or great-grandma? Identifying the approximate year in which the photograph was taken can be a big help.

19th-century clothing enthusiast Shirley Jolliff reports that the fashionable young woman of the 1840s would have her hair in a center part with loops over her ears, a style unflatteringly dubbed "spaniel ears," and a bun in the back. Sleeves were tight, bodices of dresses had vertical shirring, and waistlines came to a downward point.

Identifying children can be much more difficult since young boys and girls alike wore dresses until they were six or seven years old. The trick is to look at their hair; boys' hair was parted on the side, and girls had center parts.

Go to Kimberley Powells's Genealogy Website for more information on dating and identifying your old photographs.

<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/photodating>

THE AMERICAN COLONIST'S LIBRARY

This Web site contains full-length transcriptions of hundreds, perhaps thousands of documents that were significant to American history. Here is a brief

list of just a few:

- * The Works of Sir Walter Raleigh, Sponsor of the First Settlements in Virginia.
- * The Dutch Declaration of Independence (1581); This Calvinistic document served as a model for the U.S. Declaration of Independence.
- * The Settlement at Jamestown, John Smith (1607), including the famous account of Smith being saved by Pocahontas.
- * Laws Concerning Religion as passed by the Virginia General Assembly in 1619.
- * The Foundation of Quebec, by Samuel de Champlain (1608).
- * Of Plymouth Plantation (Written 1630-1654, first published 1854). This is Governor William Bradford's history of Plymouth, the most comprehensive primary source available on early Plymouth.
- * Journal of George Fox, Founder of the Quakers.
- * Transcripts of the Salem Witch Trials (1692).
- * Indian Captivity Narrative, Mary Jemison (1750).
- * The Stamp Act, 1765 Precipitated the "Stamp Act Crisis" which fomented rebellion throughout the colonies.
- * Daniel Boone's Journal.
- * Many works by Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Thomas Paine, Ethan Allen, and others.

This is a very brief list but will give you an idea of what can be found in the American Colonist's Library. Keep in mind that these are full text documents; every word of the original is available.

You can see the American Colonist's Library for yourself at:

<http://www2.pitnet.net/primarysources>

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AMERICA'S QUACK MEDICINE

Sometimes you have to wonder how any of our ancestors survived. I suspect that many doctors of a couple centuries ago hastened the deaths of their patients rather than saving them.

One of the earliest notable quacks was Dr. Elisha Perkins (1740-1799) of Connecticut. The doctor had a theory that metals draw diseases out of the body. In 1796 he patented a device consisting of two rods, each three inches long. One rod was supposed to be an alloy of copper, zinc, and gold; the other - iron, silver, and platinum. By drawing "Perkins' Patented Metallic Tractor" downward over the ailing part, the disease was allegedly yanked out. You can see pictures of Perkins' Tractors at <http://www.collectmedicalantiques.com/quack.html>

Perkins sold his tractors for five guineas each to such notables as George Washington, whose entire family used it, and Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth. His son, Benjamin D. Perkins (Yale, class of '94), made a fortune selling the tractors in England. In Copenhagen, twelve doctors published a learned volume defending "Perkinism." Benjamin himself wrote a book in 1796, containing hundreds of stirring testimonials by well-educated people. They included doctors, ministers, university professors, and members of Congress. Most historians of the subject think the old man actually believed in his tractors, but that the son - who retired in New York City as a wealthy man - was simply a crook promoter.

You can read a lot more about quack medicine in the United States at "Dr. Bob's" Medical Quackery Web site at: <http://www.quackmedicine.com>

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**"If all do not join now to save the good old ship of the Union this voyage
nobody will have a chance to pilot her on another voyage."**

~ Abraham Lincoln

Olly, olly, oxen free! All hiding ancestors can come out!

South Orange County California Genealogical Society Membership/Renewal Application

New Renewal Individual, \$20/yr Jt. Members, same address \$25/yr

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Email address: _____

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Mail with application to: SOCCGS, P.O. Box 4513, Mission Viejo, CA 92690-4513 Date Rec'd _____

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