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South Orange County California Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 4513, Mission Viejo, CA. 92690

SOC CGS Events

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, CA, situated between Medical Center Dr and Hillcrest Drive. Visitors are welcome. Membership is open to anyone wishing to join. Yearly membership fees are \$20 per calendar year. Since the year is coming to an end, membership at this time is reduced to \$10 until 1999.

17 October 1998 Guest speaker this month is SOCCGS member Sharon Robison, who will present the topic: "Genealogy and Family Health History". Nominations for 1999 Board of Directors will be held at this meeting.

7 November 1998 Seminar presented by SOCCGS to be held in the Community Room at the Mission Viejo City Library, 11:30 to 3:30..The main program will be presented by a guest speaker and will begin at 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Afterwards, there will be tables and short presentations of computer uses, research aids, beginning research, military research, use of National Archives. The seminar is open to the public, with a request for a donation to attend.

21 NOVEMBER 1998 Harry G. Drewry returns to offer his expertise on "Maps Can Help You Climb Your Family Tree". We will also hold election of the upcoming Board of Directors for the year 1999.

19 December 1998 will be our annual Christmas meeting and installation of officers for the upcoming year.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

10 October 1998 German Genealogy Day, sponsored by the Immigrant Genealogy Society, featuring Marion Wolfert, co-compiler of the Bremen Passenger List indexes, who will discuss German research.. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Magnolia park United Methodist Church, 2828 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank CA.

For more information, contact (818)353-2341 or (818)896-9685

17 October 1998 Melinda Kashuba will present "Fraternal Organization Records" at the Whittier Area Gen Society meeting, 1:00 p.m

27 February 1999 The Annual Whittier Area Genealogical Society Seminar will be held on this date, and guest speaker will be John Philip Colletta addressing "Emigration/Immigration" More information to follow

LDS CLASSES

The Mission Viejo Family history Center will offer two classes, beginning October 6th and lasting for 6 weeks. These classes will be held in the evenings at 7 p.m. and if you are interested, please call 364-2742 as soon as possible to register The classes are:

Beginning Genealogy, by Dick Clift

Computers in Genealogy, by Alan Jones

Another set of classes is planned for February 1999.

BOOK RESTORATION

Janet Franks mentioned at our last meeting of seeing book restoration which she was impressed with at one of the local seminars. She recommends "The Book Craftsman" who can be reached by calling 1-(800)794-1856

SAFARI NEWS

The next safari will be the fourth Wednesday in October to the Orange Family History Center. Remember, take-off time is 9:30 sharp. Bring a sack lunch and plan to stay all day, and have phenomenal luck finding tons of information you have been looking for these past many years.

SOME CEMETERY HUMOR

An item from the new York Times, Sunday, November 2, 1997, page 33, "Metropolitan Diary" by Ron Alexander:

"Dear Diary:

An older friend recently returned from her home town in North Carolina, says they've spruced up the churchyard cemetery since her last visit several years back.

"Lots of new greenery" she said. "And, families are together now."

"Together?" I asked, puzzled.

"Well, years ago they never worried where they buried someone because everyone was a neighbor anyhow. They'd just dig a grave wherever it seemed to balance things. But, they've redone it so people are with their children and grandchildren, instead of scattered."

"You mean they exhumed all those people and reburied them?"

"Oh no" she said. "They just shifted the headstones. Everyone agrees it looks ever so much nicer now."

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Orange County has resumed its monthly schedule again and will hold meetings at the recreation room of 2370 Via mariposa, Laguna Hills. The report they have some newly acquired books, including the acclaimed "Jewish Roots in Poland" by Miriam Weiner, and the two most recent volumes of "Migration from the Russian Empire" which covers passenger arrivals at the Port of New York May 1886 through May 1889.

If interested in attending meetings, contact Dorothy Kohanski (949)855-4692 or Clarise Illes (949)770-5323

WEB SITES

There are some valuable web sites showing up that can save you time and confusion when doing genealogical research.

One particularly useful site is the State vital Records site where you can find out state by state how to order marriages, births and deaths and what the cost is for each state. That site is:

<http://www.inlink.com/~nomi/vitalrec/staterec.html>

Another useful site is the translation site, they will translate into French, Italian, English, German, Portuguese, Spanish, or from a foreign language into English. That site is:

<http://babelfish.altavista.digital.com/cgi-bin/translate?urltext>

Last suggestion is the out of print book finder site. Easy to use, good prices. That site is:

<http://www.mxbf.com>

HANSON'S RULES FOR USING INDEXES

By James L. Hansen, State His Soc. Of WI

1. An index is only an index and not a substitute for the record.
2. The longer the index, the more easily pertinent listings are overlooked.
3. In a given record, any vowel may be substituted for another vowel or consonant.
4. Virtually every pre-WWII record originated as an attempt by an individual to put on paper what he or she thought was heard.
5. There is no perfect indexing system.
6. It doesn't matter how you spell the name, only how the index spelled it.
7. Just because the index is described as complete or comprehensive doesn't mean it is.
8. If you haven't found it in an index, you can only conclude that you haven't found it in the index, you cannot conclude that it is not in the record.
9. The index isn't always in the back of the book
10. Sometimes it's best to ignore the index altogether.

(CA State Gen Assoc., Aug 1998)

THE AHNENTAFEL

(pronounced as AWN IN TAF EL) is a German term referring to Ancestor Table. If you are unfamiliar with the ancestor table, (*ahnentafel*) to find the father of any person, double the number of that person on the chart. Add one to the man's number as the number for his wife.

For purposes of privacy, some people are hesitant to publish their Ahnentafels since one's mother's maiden name is evident from the table and many banks and other financial institutions use that as an identifier for account holders. One way to avoid that would be to publish only from the Third Generation. This will still enable any persons seeing your Ancestor Table to determine if you are working on the same surname or if you have ancestors in common. (*Questing Heirs, August 1998*)

Note: Saddleback Trails Newsletter version that appears on the Web does not carry any Ancestor Charts.

QUERIES

Looking for descendants of: William E. Earl, Jr., b 1866 in NY, wife Ina, b 1869, and dau Maud, 1893 They lived in Weehawken, Hudson Co NJ in 1930. His parents were William E. Earl, Sr and Maggie. I need family information. Doris Douglas, P.O.Box 3941, San Clemente CA 92674

Who are Peter Earl's parents? Peter, b 1796, d 1840 in Orange Co. NY. His wife Caroline Benjamin b 1798. Their children are: Thomas, Walter, Sarah, Robert, Mary, John, Emily, Eugene and William E. Jr. In this case, the "Bull Book" is not accurate. Doris Douglas, P.O. Box 3941, San Clemente CA 92674

Searching for b and m information for William Matheny, b Dec 1759 in the Shenandoah Valley VA and married c. 1780 (probably same place since that's where they were in the 1790 census) to Sarah. Betty McKenzie, 25342 Christanta Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Record the following information after a cemetery visit.

- Name of cemetery, city, county state
- Specific location
- Type of cemetery, public, private?
- Is it readily accessible?
- Is it well maintained or overgrown?
- Is it enclosed by wall, fence, hedge?
- Have markers been damaged?
- Are other members of family buried nearby?
- Has cemetery been listed in published books?
- Is cemetery of historical value?
- Date you visited the cemetery, whether you took pictures, and where they are stored.
(NVGBS Winepress May 98 via WAGS newsletter Sept 1998)

REFLECTIONS ON A GOOD DAY AT THE ARCHIVES

BY Eugene N. Cramer, SOCCGS Member

Have you ever heard of a person who, on being introduced to someone, could tell them a unique significant personal fact that would come true in the future? For a few brief moments this week, I could imagine what it would be like to have this "second sight".

Recently I was stimulated to complete my study of the 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920 censuses for descendants of the my great-grandparents, Robert Cramer (b. Nov 1851) and Angeline Fandel (b. May 1856) and other Fandels: Peter Fandel and Mary Ann Belen; Margarethe Fandel and Joseph Kramer; and John Fandel and Katherine Boltz. I had put off the census of 1870, until this week. NO soundex, NO index, too much like work!!

In Livingston County, I found FEANDELL, Peter and Mary who had a daughter Angeline Fandel, age 14. My great-great Grandmother! But no Robert Cramer, no other Fandel family. I'll go back to look in the film for the site of the Mill in Parschallville, built in 1871 by Daniel Townley, in Hartland or Tyrone townships. The mill was where Robert worked and Angeline Cramer produced Christopher Cramer, my grandfather, on 12 Dec 1877.

In Clinton County, I suddenly started seeing names I had seen years before, particularly in Watertown Twp. AINSLIE, Hiram and Mary. Robert and Angeline's daughter Elizabeth married Claud AINSLIE. My "Aunt Lizzie" would introduce Dad and Mom years later.

DANIELLS, A. J. and Lucinda with son Cary R. DANIELLS, age 24. Cary hired Robert Cramer in the 1880s to run his mill. In the 1900 census, Cary employed Robert and Angeline's son PETER CRAMER, then 24 and unmarried, as a Cornwatcher.

GARLOCK Levi and Diana. My uncle Lawrence Maier married Ruth Garlock!

MAIER, my mother's entire family! On the same page! MAIER, George, 28, born Wirtemberg, and Elizabeth with a son, Frederick, age 1 - my maternal grandfather! MAIER, Ernst, 35, born Wirtemberg and Elisabeth with four children (one HULDAH, my Mother's name)!

MAIER, Christopher 41, born Wirtemberg, and Catherine, with five children! Maier, Martin 42, born Wirtemberg, and Caroline, with five children. Also Christian Maier, 22.

DE WITT Twp. LONIER, Augustus and Mary. Robert and Angeline's granddaughter, Dorothea AINSLIE married Romauld LONIER. I correspond with Dorothea today!

Westphalia Twp. THOME, Nicolas and August. Robert and Angeline's daughter, Theresa, married Frank THOME.

Suddenly, I could see the futures entwining for some of these individuals yet to be born. My long lost relations.

Submitted by the great grandson of Robert Cramer and Angeline Fandel, and grandson of Frederick Maier and Marie Krieger.

SEPTEMBER ADDITIONS
To the Mission Viejo Library Genealogy Section

1. Death Records of Darke Co, Ohio, Abstracted from CH Records for Wayne, Patterson and York Twps, 1867-1908 by Jack Baker
2. One Hundred Years in Retrospect, Orange Grove Lodge #293 F. & A.M. edited by Roy Wheeler
3. A Century of Reflection, Santa Ana Lodge #241 F. & A.M. edited by Roy Wheeler
4. 1928 Dedication Number Masonic Lodge, Long Beach CA.
5. Southern CA Library Survey of Books on Ohio by Pat Morrison
6. Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol 1, edited by Lucy Mary Kellogg
7. Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol 2, edited by Robert M. Sherman
8. New Haven Historical Society Ancient Record Series, Vol 3, New Haven Town Records, 1684-1769, edited by Zara Jones Powers

9. Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750 with Their Early History in Ireland, by Albert Cook Myers
10. Harding Pioneers in America from The Hardings in America, by Wilber J. Harding
11. The Boydston-Boydston Family by Gladys Boydston Domonoske
12. The Boydston Family, by Gustine Courson Weaver.
13. Early Pioneers of Scituate MA, by Harvey Hunter Pratt
14. Caswell County North Carolina Will Books, 1777-1814; 1784 Tax List and Guardians' Accounts 1794-1819
15. South Carolina Naturalizations, 1783-1850, by Brent H. Holcomb
16. Ancestry's Concise Genealogical Dictionary, by Maurine & Glen Harris
17. Utah Death Index 1898-1905 (excluding Salt Lake County) Monograph Series #2, edited by Judith A. Hansen.
18. Marriage Bonds, Gallatin Co., KY 1799-1835 by Connie Wilson
19. John Taylor of the Ten Churches, by Dorothy Brown Thompson
20. Krefeld Immigrants & Their Descendants, by Links Gen. Publishers
21. Virginia/West Virginia Husbands & Wives, Vol 2, by Patrick G. Wardell
22. Marriage Records of Accomack CO VA, 1776-1854 Recorded in Bonds, Licenses and Ministers' Returns, by Nora Miller Turman
23. Wills & Administrations of Accomack CO VA 1663-1880 by Stratton Nottingham
24. Graven Stones: Inscriptions from Lower Accomack CO VA including Liberty and Parksley Cemeteries, 3rd Edition, by Jean Merritt Mihalyka
25. Ancestry Magazine Index, 1994-1997
26. Wills, by Connie Wilson
27. Genealogy of the Tucker Family , by Ephraim Tucker
28. Carter, A Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Carter by Howard Williston Carter.
29. Southern California Library Survey of Books on Ohio, by Pat Morrison
30. Alabama Marriages, Early to 1825 (Fiche)
31. Canadian Census Listings, 1666-1891 (Fiche)
32. Illinois Marriages, Early to 1825 (Fiche)

33. Indiana Marriages, Early to 1825 (Fiche)
34. Iowa Marriages, Early to 1850 (Fiche)
35. Massachusetts and Maine Families 1650s-1930s by Family Tree Maker (CD)
36. Pennsylvania Vital Records 1700s-1800s, by Family Tree Maker (CD)
37. Ohio Vital Records #2, 1750s-1880s by Family Tree Maker (CD)
38. Native American Collection, by Gen. Ref. Inc. (CD)
39. The Report, Vol 37 #2 & 4, Ohio GS
40. Seventeen Seventy Six Vol 2, #1 & 2
41. Hoosier Genealogist, Vol 21, #1,2 & 4, 1981 and Vol 25 #3, 1985
42. South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, Vol 18 #1
43. Newslines by East TN Historical Society, Vol 1, #2,3 & 4 1985; Vol 2 #1,2 & 4 1986
44. East TN Roots, Vol 6 #4 1989
45. Missouri State Genealogical Journal, Vol 9 #3 1989
46. Rowan CO NC Register, Vol 13, #3, Aug 1998
47. Traces, Vol 10 #3, Summer 1998
48. Genealogical Computing, Vol 18, #1, Summer 1998
49. Fowler, Todd, Sidwell, by Connie Wilson
50. Cockerill, Cole, Presly, Thompson, by Connie Wilson
51. Heath/Johnson/Morris - The Ancestry of Agnes (Cheney) Heath, by Connie Wilson
52. Ireland of the Welcomes, Vol 46 # 1 & 3, 1997
53. Blackhawk Genealogical Society, Serving Rock Island and Mercer Counties IL, Vol 25, 3 1 & 2, 1998

The following family histories are from the research of Connie Wilson that has been donated by Jeri Bailey. (These are the notes that Janet Franks has been diligently organizing into books so that they can be used by researchers.)

54. Buchanan Family, Wills, Bible Records, Marriages
55. Heath/Johnson/Morris, The Ancestry of Agnes (Cheney) Heath
56. George Parkhurst of Watertown & Boston

57. Lowthrop
58. Samuel Richardson Family
59. John Strut, Scott, Bellgrave, Biggs
60. Thurston Family Notes
61. Talbert/Talbot, Harry/Henry
62. William Wentworth, "The Immigrant"
63. Whaleys of Loudoun County VA
64. Rev. William Worcest
65. Daniel Neale of Westmoreland County PA
66. Plimpton, Plympton or Plumpton
67. John Partridge
68. Perkins, English Ancestors of Edward Perkins of New Haven, CT
69. William Presley of Northumberland County, VA, 1590-1656
70. The Henry Adams Family
71. Blake Family
72. The Stephen Bathciler Story
73. The King Family
74. Trimble CO, KY Cemeteries
75. Krefeld Immigrants & Their Descendants
76. Richard Ingersoll of Salem, MA
77. Dutch Families, Book 11, Tenth Generation, Bogardus, Desille, Melchiors, Van Deusen, Van Schaick.
78. John & Mary Gove of London and Charleston
79. Captain Richard Brackett, "The Immigrant" of Braintree.
80. Richard Kimball & His Descendants
81. Jennings, William, Cockerill
82. Lansberry, Buchanan, Van Schaick
83. John Knight of Newbury, MA

84. King Family Information: Wills, Deeds, Indentures

85. Draper Descendants of James, the "Puritan"

86. Minor - Miner - Miner

87. William French

88. Fiske Family

89. Galbraith Family Information.

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EPITAPHS

Ruidoso NM Cemetery:

Here lies Johny Yeast

Pardon me

For not rising.

A lawyer's epitaph in England:

Sir John Strange

Here lies an honest lawyer,

And that is Strange.

On a grave from the 1880s in Nantucket MA:

Under the sod and under the trees

Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.

He's not here, there's only the pod,

Pease shelled out and went to God.

John Penny's epitaph in Wimborne England:

Reader, if cash thou art

In want of any

Dig 4 feet deep

And thou wilt find a Penny.

GRAVE ERROR

By Wilson Ring, The Associated Press, Barre, VT,

There it is in the lower right hand corner of a headstone in Hope Cemetery. The number "19" standing alone. "That could be a problem", said Charles Day, a sandblaster who spends much of his time during the warm months adding dates to headstones in Vermont cemeteries. There has been plenty of talk about the problems of computers that will reset their dates when the calendar hits 2000. But, what about gravestones? Yes, gravestones.

Scattered throughout cemeteries across the country are headstones that have the first two digits of the year of death "19" set in stone. These await the arrival of the forward-thinking people who had their stones engraved before their deaths. These folks might be outdone by their own foresight and

longevity.

The old adage that something cast in stone can't be changed isn't true and there are a variety of techniques that can be used to correct this year 2000 problem. But, no matter what technique may be used, it will leave a scar or tiny shadow that will show, especially when the stone is wet. And how will the repairs look in three or four centuries of exposure.

Fixing the problem is more complicated than just filling in one number and then adding another. A 20 requires more space on the headstone than a 19. Raised letter dates will be even harder to correct. Still it hardly rivals the problems of businesses and government agencies whose computers are on a course to reset their dates to 1900.

Government agencies are predicting the cost of fixing the millennium bug will cost U.S. businesses approximately \$50 billion. But, unlike computers, headstones are designed to last forever.

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