

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 27978 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo, situated between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership is open to anyone wishing to join. Membership fees are \$20 per year, January 1 through December 31.

15 November 1997 "A View From Beyond the Beltway" is this month's titled presentation to be given by Everett Ireland. Everett will discuss tips on researching in Washington D.C. We will also be holding our annual election of officers for the year 1998.

20 December 1997 Our annual holiday party and installation of officers for the upcoming year will take place at this December meeting. In the past this meeting has always been a great success as a mixer and chance to meet and talk with other members.

17 January 1998 Speaker to be announced

Other Local Events

1 November 1997 The British Isles Gen. Research Association announces its 15th anniversary seminar with Paul Smart who has been associated with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City for 26 years. Mr Smart will discuss: Special collections in England and Wales; Finding ancestors in Ireland; Reference Tools; What to do after the usual sources have been consulted. Sign-in begins at 8:00 a.m. and the speaker will talk from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego (Mission Valley area). Members will be charged \$40 and non-members \$45, which also includes lunch.

9 November 1997 Jewish Genealogical Society of South Orange Co meeting, 2:00 to 4:00, Rec. Room, 2370 Mariposa (cul-de-sac 221) Leisure World, contact Dorothy Kohanski at (714)855-4692

30 November 1997 Southern California Genealogical Society, All day Irish workshop, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 417 Irving Dr., Burbank. For further information you can contact (818)843-7247

MEMBERSHIP

Guests at our October meeting were Margi Bonney, Maurice D. Dahn, Toni and George Burns, and Liz Allen. Please return and visit with us again.

MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY

By the time you receive this newsletter the new city library will have been opened for business. It is gorgeous, and so very exciting that we have been a part of the opening of this establishment. This has been quite an experience for our society.

There has been lots of hard work and many hours devoted to trying to establish a center to do research that will hopefully grow and grow and grow.

As this editor writes out this edition, she admits to sore muscles from today's labors for today those books and periodicals we have been storing were transported over to the library and put on shelves. Those in the workforce, which need a super large show of gratitude are:

Kathleen Horton; Ruth Loustaunau; Joe Fischer; Paula Roberts; Herb Abrams; Ellen LaLonde; Iris Graham;

Patrick and Mike McShane. And, the greatest applause should go to Betty McKenzie, the co-ordinator of the library collection, VP Judy Deeter and Pres Janet Franks.

Then if you want to do a little side "hand-claps" you can direct them to Pat Weeks who talked Betty into taking over this monstrous job!

And have patience, members, for there will be lots and lots of news about this new library facility because it is an important establishment to our community. Think about it: how many people live in this Saddleback Valley Area?; how far must you travel to a genie library on our swollen freeways? This is an exciting endeavor for SOCCGS and Mission Viejo.

THANK YOU

We wish to acknowledge the contribution of 102 books donated to our collection by Beverly Flynnne in honor of her deceased husband Robert Flynnne. This is a military collection, which I am certain not only the genealogy-interested, but the military-interested will be drawn to and make good use of. SOCCGS is proud of that collection now housed at the new MV Library.

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

(as it stands at this moment when we go to press. Subject to great revisions. We print this for your information, and hopefully your intent to commit to help this organization out).

MONDAY

9:00-11:00a.m. Jeanne Barrett
11:00-1:00 p.m. _____
1:00-3:00 p.m. Eugenia Gannon & Beverly Long
3:00-5:00 p.m. Ruth Loustaunau
5:00-7:00 p.m. Maxine Mason
7:00-9:00 p.m. JoAnn Nothhelfer

TUESDAY

9:00-11:00 a.m. Ruth Sheean
11:00-1:00 p.m. Irish Graham
1:00-3:00 p.m. Warren Bruns
3:00-5:00 p.m. Paula Roberts
5:00-7:00 p.m. Paula Roberts
7:00-9:00 p.m. _____

WEDNESDAY

9:00-11:00 a.m. Tom & Pat Hruska
11:00-1:00 p.m. _____
1:00-3:00 p.m. Helen Swanson
3:00-5:00 p.m. Mel Kinnee
5:00-7:00 p.m. Kathie Mauzey
7:00-9:00 p.m. Elaine Hernandez

THURSDAY

9:00-11:00 a.m. Pat Weeks
11:00-1:00 p.m. Pat McCoy
1:00-3:00 p.m. Sandy O'Conner
3:00-6:00 p.m. Liz Allen

FRIDAY

9:00-11:00 a.m. _____

11:00-1:00 p.m. Lupe Sheen

1:00-3:00 p.m. Diane Miller

3:00-5:00 p.m. _____

SATURDAY

10:00-12:00 p.m. Herb Abrams

12:00-2:00 p.m. Herb Abrams

2:00-4:00 p.m. _____

SUNDAY

1:00-3:00 p.m. _____

3:00-5:00 p.m. _____

And we have the following persons signed up who agree to be substitutes:

Laura Mitchell

Mel Kinnee

Barbara Smith

Barbara Wilgus

Kathleen Horton

Jean Nibecker

Lois Ihrman

Ellen LaLonde

Lowell Smith

John Smith

Ruth L. Potter

MY WEB PAGE

by Herb Abrams

For those of you who would like to create your own genealogy webpage, check out the Spectrum Learning Network for classes, which is free of charges. Their URL is <http://www.vu.org.calendar.html>.

I have just completed a class and with their help was able to create my own webpage

<<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/5458>>

The location for my webpage is a place called "Geocities". There is no cost for this either. Their URL is

<<http://geocities.com/join/freehp.html>>

When browsing their neighborhoods, choose Heartland, and look for a vacancy. When you click on a vacant site, it brings up a registration page. After signing up, the website is yours and with the use of their tools you can upload your webpage to your website.

There is a shareware program called GedPage that I used to convert my gedcom file into a surname and persons list which I was then able to link to my webpage. The cost of registration is only \$10.00. Before using GedPage, I used a program called GedClean to remove vital data of all living individuals. That way I did not have to worry about anyone complaining about invading their privacy.

My webpage has not been registered with any search engines, such as Yahoo. I only give out the URL to my family and friends. If you have any other questions about creating your own webpage, feel free to E-mail me at <hvabrams@pacbell.net>

SEMINAR ON THE INTERNET

The repeat seminar titled "The Internet for Genealogists" featuring Richard S. Wilson and Barbara Renick will be given on Saturday, 31 January 1998. These all-day events will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The cost is \$25. If interested, contact Compuology, 330 La Serna Dr., La Habra CA 90631 or call (562)690-5588. Topics that will be covered include: What is the Internet?, Surfing and Searching? Why Genealogists Love e-mail, Live Online Demonstration of Hot Genealogy Web Sites, Language of the Internet, A world of Resources for the Genealogists, and Getting Connected. If interested, sign up early, these classes are very popular .

QUAKER RESEARCH

The Whittier College Library has a "Quaker Room" which is open by appointment only. If you are looking for your Quaker ancestor, you might want to give this a try. They have 175,107 books (genealogies, interfiled), 400 microfilm, 21,000 microfiche, a Society of Friends Depository Library, a Quaker Necrology, and Quaker genealogies. The library is located at 7031 Founders Hill Rd., Whittier Ca. Call ahead to find out when the records are available. (310)693-0771

(Yucaipa Valley Gen Soc, May 97 via LAWGS Newsletter, Vol 16, No. 8 p 7)

THE BASQUE IN ORANGE COUNTY

The *California Historian*, Vol. 44 No. 1 (Fall 1997) includes an article entitled, "The Basque from the Pyrenees of France and Spain to Orange County California, 1860-1890" by Ethnic and National Origins Committee Chair, Mimi Holzman.

It includes an overview and cameo sketches of the following: Domingo Bastanchury, Bautista Duhart, Jean Pierre Daguerre, John Erramuspe, Miguel Erreca, Francisco Errocarte, Juan and Antoinia Ordoquh, Jose Sansinena, Ysidoro Eseverri, Martin Labat, Salvador Labat, Domingo Oyharzabal, E. "Steve" Oyharzabal, Felix Yriarte, and Bernard Arroues. (*CSGA Newsletter, Vol 15, No. 10, October 1997*)

FREE LISTINGS

Genealogical Publishing Co., the publisher of *Genealogical & Local History Books in Print*, is now accepting free listings in the forthcoming *Family History Volume Supplement*, to be published in the fall of 1998. This supplement will include information on family histories, pedigrees and compiled genealogies that have become available since the publication of their Family History Volume in 1996. This multi-volume bibliography contains thousands of listings of genealogical books in print. The *Family History Volume* alone contains over 4,600 listings of available family histories, organized alphabetically by surname for easy reference.

To have your publication listed, send for a form from Marian Hoffman, G&LHBIP, c/o Genealogical Publishing Co, 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore MD 21202. (*Gen. Publishing Co. Via Whittier Area Gen Soc., Oct 1997*)

SHIP PASSENGER LISTS

The Passenger List Database Project, undertaken by the Volunteers of the Massachusetts State archives, is indexing ship arrival lists created by the state government. These lists were compiled from 1848 through 1891 and contain names of some persons not included on the federal lists. The file now exists on over a million cards. Searches for a specific individual will be conducted by the archives at no charge. No extended search can be undertaken. Write to: Massachusetts State Archives, 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston MA. (*FGS Forum, Spring 1997, via Newsletter of Chicago Genealogical Society, Oct 1997*)

TRIVIA

(From L.M. Boyd's "Trivia" column, Orange Co Register, date unknown)

Q: Tracers of British family trees say they can't go back farther than A.D. 1066. Why not?

A: After the Battle of Hastings, William the Conqueror ordered every man in the kingdom to select any surname. For a while there, a father named John Smith might have three sons named Edward Farmer, Matthew Cook and Arthur Hunter.

With Apologies

To German friends still hoping to take over the world. As seen on Netscape.

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the EU rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5 year phase-in plan that would be known as "Euro-English". In the first year "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favor of the "k". This should klear up konfusion and keyboards kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesom "ph" will be replased with the "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter. In the third year publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be espected to reach the stage where more komplikate changes are possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent "e" is disgrasful and it should go away. By the 4th year, peopl wil be resptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v". During ze fifz yer ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. After ziz fifz yer ve vil hav a rali sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubl or dificultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer. ZE DREM VIL FINALI KUM TRU!!! (*Gen Soc. North Orange Co CA newsletter, Sept 1997*)



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