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JANUARY PROGRAM

Our program speaker will be John Becker from Graphic Impressions Printing on Circle Blvd across from Payless. The program will be on using the Cannon Copier for copying your old photographs and other useful services they have for the genealogist. John has given his presentation to the Albany group with great success. After the presentation John will be happy to answer your questions.

CITY/COUNTY LIBRARY

Since the library has moved into temporary quarters in the old Waremart building on Kings Blvd., the following hours are in effect until changed.

Monday & Tuesday Noon to 9:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday Noon to 5:30 pm
Friday & Saturday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

NGS 1991 CONFERENCE

This is a reminder to all of our interested members that The National Genealogical Society will hold their annual Conference in Portland on May 29th thru June 1st this year. This is the first time it will be held in the Pacific North West.

The Conference will be held at the new Oregon Convention Center in Portland. If you are intending on going, get together with the Society Officers that are going and maybe set up some car pooling

For a conference brochure available February 1991 write:

NGS 1991 Conference
4527 17th Street, North
Arlington, VA 22207-2399

ALBANY FEBRUARY MEETING

In last months newsletter we said that Dick Milligan had extended an invitation to all of us to join them at the Albany Society February meeting to learn what the Albany Waverly Library has to offer genealogists.

Due to last minute problems, the program will be changed from 2 February to 2 March. This is the first Saturday so does not conflict with our meeting.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

At the December Christmas Society meeting the RAFFLE winners were;

Beatrice Vandiver won the beautiful turned bowl that was donated by John Martsching. It pays to join us. This was Bea's first meeting and she had just joined.

Virginia Koos won the wall hanging, and Janice Barclay won the holiday wreath.

NEW MEMBERS

We had three new people decide to join our Society in December. They were;

James H. Russell
Beatrice Vandiver
Ken Billman *Gelman*

We welcome you and hope that you are happy with your association with us. Please consider becoming involved with the day to day operation of the Society, by working on a committee or next year running for office.

1920 CENSUS

Don't forget that in just two months (March 2nd) the 1920 census will be made available for all researchers to use. The cost will be very high, but the Family History Center on Harrison will probably have the information available. If they have their normal positive attitude, it will be very soon after release.

IMMIGRATION RESEARCH

Brigham Young University Conferences and Workshops announces a special genealogical seminar "Immigration Research: Coming to America", with Jayare Roberts as instructor. This will be at Brigham Young University Conference Center, Provo, Utah on March 1 and 2 1991. Registration fee for the full workshop will be \$95.00, with a \$10.00 optional dinner. For more information about the content of the program, please contact the instructor at (801) 240-2466. For additional information about registration or housing, call Robert L. Hales at BYU. (801) 378-3559.

(from WVGS Jan Newsletter)

SWEET HOME WORKSHOP

On March 22 and 23 the Sweet Home Genealogical Society will hold their annual spring workshop. Statements at the board meeting was that this was worth going to. For information contact Carla Healy, Sweet Home 1-367-5646

ANCESTRAL FILE

We have been talking about the CD-ROM that the LSD has attached to an SX 386 Computer at the FHC (Family History Center). They have now added the Ancestral File to the other programs available on CD-ROM. As of last Tuesday it was not in the FHC on Harrison yet. It should be here soon.

This file is a computer file of 7 million unique names linked into families and pedigrees. Information is displayed by individual, family group record, pedigree chart, or descendants chart. You can print these records on paper, or download the data to a diskette of your own.

The files contained in "Ancestral File" came from contributions from families and family organizations. Therefore, you can find the contributors names and addresses and correspond directly with them. You can add your own family information to Ancestral File by sending your information to the Family History Department. First, though, obtain the guide entitled Contributing to Ancestral File from the FHC on Harrison.

SOCIAL SECURITY FILES

Jan 1992
On 31 Dec 1990 the FHC on Harrison received an update to the Family Search containing information on 49 Million Social Security Numbers of deceased SSA members. Talk to our President Dan if you want more information.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February 9th program will be a field trip to **Horner Museum** at OSU. We will view the exhibit "Germans to America, 300 years of Immigration 1683 to 1983". We will leave after the meeting and car pooling will be available if needed, the same as when we went to the OSU Library two years ago.

DOWER RIGHTS

A **DOWER** is the part of a man's property that his widow will inherit for life. If there were children, the wife was entitled to a child's share of her husband's property but not less than 1/5 of the property. The evidence of dower rights is often seen in deeds, when the wife is asked to sign separately that she consented to her husband's sale of land. In counties where marriage records are sparsely recorded or lost and before the 1850 census when the wife and children were name, the release of dower rights by the wife may be your first clue to the name of some great-grandmother.

(from KIN HUNTERS July 1990)

CENSUS

White persons who married Indians were NOT listed on the federal census records if the event took place in Oklahoma, Arkansas, or Missouri before 1880, because these persons were considered as part of the Indian Nation they married into. The National Archives has applications to court of claims. Beginning in 1906, all Indians had to fill out a claim. The claims asked for children, parents, grandparents, birth and death dates, places of residence and birth, and both English and Indian names.

(from IA Gen. Soc. 1988)



"Hello, dear...What did the genealogist say?"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The following is by the editor of KIN HUNTERS, Russellville KY.

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It has been brought to my attention from various Genealogical and Historical Societies that the Social Security Administration is planning to **DESTROY** 37 million application records applying for Social Security in the 1930's. These records would be most valuable to future generations seeking information on their families and could also be important to research of our own if we should decide to write a biography of our family. I, along with the many other Societies, suggest that the records be filmed or entered into a computer before they are destroyed. Contact SSA or your Congressman...Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21233.

ATTENTION -- PLEASE

The Book Committee would like you to fill out the attached Research Information Form so that we will have on file a list of the **NAMES AND PLACES** you are researching. This will help us to select books and other publications, which will be most useful to you in your research.

This will not preclude your input to the Book Committee if you would like the Society to purchase a particular book that you feel is beneficial to the Society.