

# CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### *Next Meeting*

Saturday, Nov. 12, 1988  
 1:30 P.M.

CGS LIBRARY BUILDING  
 300 BRANNAN STREET  
 SAN FRANCISCO

"A 20th-CENTURY  
 IMMIGRANT"

### PROGRAM NOTES

What are the problems faced by an immigrant to the United States in this century? How do you deal with the language? How do you find a place to live, get a job, get food?

Shireen Maeri Burns will tell how her father came to the United States in the late '20s; how his journey was amazingly like many of our ancestors of former centuries.



### FALL LUNCHEON

Barbara Langlois, former mayor and city council member of Lafayette, will be the featured speaker at the Fall Luncheon on October 15. Mrs. Langlois, a 3rd generation Californian, whose grandfather settled in the San Ramon Valley, has made some interesting compilations of her genealogical memorabilia, which she will show you. Her talk, "What To Do With It," will inspire you to get busy with your own materials.

Join us at the Fort Mason Officers Club for luncheon at 12:30; no-host cocktails at 11:30. Chairperson Ida Bridgeman requests that the ladies wear some of their grandmother's jewelry and bring a small antique heirloom in a plastic covered box for sharing. Registration coupon in Newsletter.

## \* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \*

- Friday, October 14: BOOK REPAIR GROUP, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., CGS Library.
- Saturday, October 15: CGS FALL LUNCHEON, Fort Mason Officers Club, San Francisco, 11:30, social hour; 12:30, luncheon.
- Tuesday, October 25: LIBRARY AIDES' MEETING, 10:00 a.m., CGS Library, for all Tuesday Library Aides.
- Saturday, October 29: EVERTON WORKSHOP, Marin Co. Geneal. Soc., 9:30-4:30, Novato Methodist Church, \$25 at door.
- Saturday, October 29: UPDATING YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SKILLS, 9-4, San Mateo Co. Geneal. Soc., Ampex Cafeteria, Redwood City, \$10. Information, 347-0860.
- Sunday, October 30-November 6: RESEARCH TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY, East Bay Geneal. Soc.; information, call 837-8742 or 530-7525.
- Friday, November 4: TIPS ON THE LDS, a CGS Workshop, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., CGS Library, 300 Brannan St., S.F., by Bette Kot.
- Friday, November 11: BOOK REPAIR GROUP, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., CGS Library.
- Saturday, November 12: CGS COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP, 11:30 a.m., 300 Brannan St., S.F.; brown bag meeting.
- Saturday, November 12: CGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 1:30 p.m., 300 Brannan St., S.F., "A 20th-Century Immigrant."
- Saturday, November 12: ANCESTOR ROUNDUP, Monterey Co. Geneal. Soc., Hartnell College, Salinas, \$12. Information, MCGS, P.O. Box 7518, Spreckels, CA 93962.
- Wednesday, November 23: LIBRARY AIDES' MEETING, 10:00 a.m., CGS Library, for all Wednesday Library Aides.
- Thursday, December 29: SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS'/LIBRARY AIDES' POT LUCK LUNCHEON/HOLIDAY PARTY, CGS Library, 10:00 a.m.

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ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GETTING A COMPUTER?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT COMPUTERS CAN DO FOR GENEALOGISTS?

JOIN THE CGS COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP (CIG)  
for help in answering any questions you may have.

Just \$5 a year, receive a helpful news sheet 6 times a year.

Meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. preceding the CGS Membership Meetings. Since they run through the lunch hour, brown bag lunches are welcome at the meeting.

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Starting with this issue, the Computer Interest Group (CIG) will have its own news sheet. Therefore, there will no longer be a "Computer Corner" in the CGS Newsletter. The CIG Newsletter will be mailed separately to members.

## President's Message

All members have received the letter from the Nominating Committee in preparation for the election of a slate of officers for the next term in January. Again, able and interested volunteers are needed to help share the duties of running the Society. If there is an area that interests you or that you feel you could do capably, don't be shy. Please contact any Board member or Nominating Committee member. Lots of volunteer helpers make any of the jobs easier.

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Unfortunately, the speaker for the September meeting was forced to cancel. He reported to the hospital with chest pains that morning. Consequently, the CGS Board members gave brief descriptions of their jobs as the program. We all hope Mr. John Ferris is fully recovered and doing well now. Perhaps we can schedule him at a later date.

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Our September meeting was held in a vacant suite with carpeting! It certainly helped with the acoustics, but it is doubtful that it will be vacant very long. Which brings us to the problem of where we will hold membership meetings when all the suites in the building have been leased.

The CGS Board has decided that we will close the Library to researchers on the six membership-meeting days each year and hold the meetings in the Library. Please keep this in mind if you plan to do research on the second Saturday of an odd-numbered month. It would be wise to call to see if the Library will be available to researchers before coming in on meeting days.

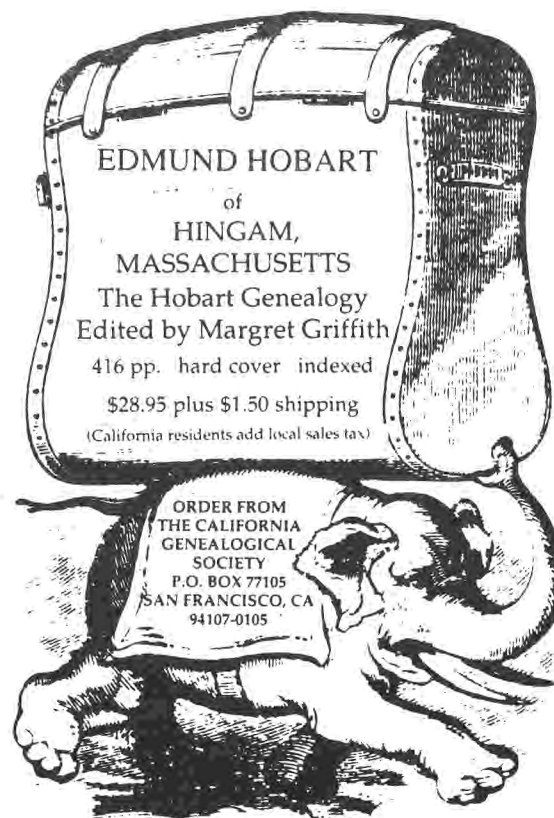
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It has been suggested that the CGS Library remain open occasionally in the evening. Of course, we would need volunteers to man it. If there are men who would be willing to be here from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on a Tuesday evening once during a quarter, please let me know. If there is sufficient response, We might try it one Tuesday per month for starters.

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I am pleased that the Dorman Matching Funds received several new donations after the last Newsletter. All five \$100s and all six \$50s have been taken, and three of the eight \$25s have been taken, leaving only five \$25 donations left to be matched one-to-one by Mrs. Dorman. We thank all the donors, and especially Mrs. Dorman for offering to match each donation.

Jane Steiner



## CGS News

The volunteer indexers have been busy, and we now have three indexes completed. Beside *The History of Jay County, Indiana*, indexed by Joan Ertrachter, mentioned in the last issue; Ted Swift has indexed *Noah Phillips of Newton County, GA and Litchfield, CT*; and Kathleen Beals has indexed the 2-volume *American Biography and Genealogy, California Edition*. The latter has been copied and bound and is available for sale for \$15 on disk or \$17.50, hard copy in velo binding (plus tax and shipping). When the others are available for sale, we'll let you know.

Kathleen's husband, Eric Beals has written an indexing program for use on IBM-PCs and compatibles which will be available to other indexers so that many CGS indexes will have the same format.

Lisa Howland, Ken Miller, and Marjorie Haworth are already working on other indexes at home. Thanks to all these computer bugs.

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The card cataloguers have also been hard at work. First Jane Steiner, then Dick Mueller, Dolores Huckabone, Alice Ward and now Larry Burnett have "input" the information on the computer, filling 24 diskettes, each holding 80-90 books--about 2,000 books--and printed out the thousands of resulting catalog cards. Then thanks to Joan McEwen, our dependable card-filer, the catalog has grown from one drawer to 15 drawers and continues to grow by leaps and bounds!

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CIG member Bill West has made programs to facilitate the computer input of information for the indexing of the I.O.O.F. cemetery records and has completed one volume of over 300 records himself. Alice Ward is now working on these as well as updating the CGS membership records for which Bill has also made a program for easy input. Both of these jobs must be done at the Library, and anyone who can come in and work on either is most welcome. Leave your name and phone number with Madyline or a Board member, and Bill West or Jane Steiner will contact you to set up a time for training.

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CGS has been given full-sized photo copies of the lists of two battalions of a militia unit formed in 1851 in El Dorado County to quiet some Indian disturbances. The lists include the men's names, rank and pay with some remarks. The originals are in the California State Archives; the copies were donated by Anne Robinson.

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An anonymous donor has enabled CGS to expand its microfiche collection of California Death Records to include the years 1940-1986. The records are grouped in ten year increments and all contain the following information: name of decedent, spouse's initial, sex, social security no., date and county of death. In addition, the '50s, '60s, and '70s have the date of birth, and the '60s have the mother's maiden name. They will soon be available in the microfiche drawers.

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Another anonymous donor has given us the *Complement to the Genealogies in the Library of Congress* which is a bibliography of the holdings of twenty-four libraries, other than the Library of Congress, that have large genealogical collections. In addition, this donor has purchased for CGS the *Supplement to the Genealogies in the Library of Congress 1976-1986*. Both volumes are kept in the Librarian's office. Ask a Library Aide if you wish to see them.

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Lorna Jones sent a note with her Dorman fund donation saying that she is very grateful for finding a lost relative in an old Chicago Who's Who book in the Dorman collection, and as a result of that "key" bit of information, she has been able to assemble a whole branch of cousins that were unknown to her family for two generations. She is going to visit them in October! I'm sure Mrs. Dorman will be pleased to know how the Dorman collection is helping people.

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Lorna Saylor sends an item she titles "Don't Confuse Her with Facts." On a recent trip to do research in the Siskiyou County Historical Society Library, she was told about a woman doing research on Lorna's great-grandmother's mother and stepfather for an article in their publication. Lorna went to interview her and discovered that her g-grandmother had not been included although her brother and sister were. Lorna explained the relationship, offering proof--marriage and death certificates and a census entry showing her g-grandmother in the household. The writer wasn't interested. Her article was ready to publish and she didn't want to revise it!

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## *New Members*

AGUIRRE, Ms. Ena, 469 Alvarado St., San Francisco 94114, 826-1115  
 BAILIE, Mr. Glover R. Jr., 2530 Henry St., Augusta, GA 30904 (404) 733-6188  
 BISHOP, C. S., 2326 Elm St., Butte, MT 59701, (406) 723-4466  
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 McNAMARA, Frank J., 17451 Almond Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546, 352-2400  
 MITCHELL, William Ford, 21281 Great Highway, San Francisco 94116, 550-7700  
 PRINCE, Janet, 340 Alta Vista, #3, Oakland, CA 94610, 465-5868  
 PUTNAM, Robert, 6, P. O. Box 31559, San Francisco 94131, 647-6395  
 QUEIN, Ms. Barbara, 1096 Peraltak, Albany, CA 94706, 525-4204  
 REILLY, Ms. Mickey, 604 Albemarle St., El Cerrito, CA 94530, 525-5450  
 REPPERT, Mrs. Amelia, 730 15th St., San Francisco 94103, 863-2065  
 RODGERS, Arthur B., 39 Nova Lane, Novato, CA 94947, 897-9174  
 SCOTT, Mrs. Carol Howard, 985 Whitman Lane, Concord, CA 94518, 685-6850  
 SHAW, Ms. Dorothy N., 1355 Taylor St., San Francisco 94108, 776-2174  
 TIBBALS, Harvey, 1952 Marin Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707, 524-0726  
 VAIL, Ms. Cynthia, 43555 Grimmer Blvd., #D-333, Fremont, CA 94538, 651-1781

## *IN MEMORIAM*

*Mr. William H. Gager  
 1725 Van Ness Avenue  
 San Francisco  
 August 1988  
 Member since 1972*

## *New at The Library*

CALL NUMBER	AUTHOR/EDITOR	TITLE	DONOR
CS 24.D644.1988	Dollarhide, William	MANAGING A GENEALOGICAL PROJECT	Geneal. Pub. Co.
CS 24.K45.1988	Kemp, Thomas J., Comp.	VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK	Geneal. Pub. Co.
CS 71.F743.1948	Friel, Charles C.	STORY OF EDWARD & MARGARET FRIEL	Franz Grumme
CS 71.H684.1988		THE HOWLANDS OF DUTCHESS CO. NY	Roger Howland
CS 71.K546.1980	Klingaman, A.K.	KLINGAMAN FAMILY	David Adams
CS 71.L362.1988	Lehmann, Joy Deal	LONDON FAMILY HISTORY	Author
CS 71.M66.1988	Liu, Jean M.	GOLD MOUNTAIN, GOLD NUGGETS, GOLD DUST, GOLD COINS	Author
CS 71.W428.1988	Weaver, Les	HYBRID VIGOR	Vantage Press
E 184.63.255.1988		GERMAN IMMIGRANTS...PASSENGERS BREMEN TO NY, 1863-1867	Geneal. Pub. Co.
E 187.5.C644.1988a	Coldham, P.W.	BRISTOL REGISTERS OF SERVANTS SENT TO FOREIGN PLANTATIONS, 1654-1686	Geneal. Pub. Co.
F 72.88.88.1988.v2		ABSTRACTS OF BRISTOL CO. MASS.	Geneal. Pub. Co.
F 129.Q12.W74.1970	Wilson, W.	QUAKER HILL (NY) IN THE 18TH CENTURY	Roger Howland
F 157.L2.R42.1983		EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH...LANCASTER CO., PA, 1743-1799	David Adams
F 180.W9.1975	Wyland J.A.	COLONIAL MARYLAND NATURALIZATIONS	Stanley Ross
F 187.E2.1983		MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE VITAL RECORDS 1726-1825, 4 Vols.	Stanley Ross
F 459.F83.1934		CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, SULPHUR SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH, FRANKLIN, KY	Margaret van Eck
F 459.F83.J4.1938	J. J. Jepson	HISTORY OF 1st BAPTIST CHURCH, SULPHUR SPRING, FRANKLIN, KY	Margaret van Eck
F 882.C7.D6.1969	Dodge, David	HISTORY OF COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES OK	Shirley Moore

## *The Library*

We have many requests for assistance in special categories, and turn to the membership for your experience and knowledge. Please tell us what books you have found most useful when researching any of the following groups: Portuguese, Swedish, Italian, Welsh, Afro-American, and Huguenot. Send information to the attention of Librarian Bette Kot.

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We have decided to continue holding the Library Aide Meeting on a different day each month through the end of the year, although the Tuesday and Wednesday meetings have not been well attended. The October meeting for all Tuesday volunteers will be on October 25, the November meeting for all Wednesday volunteers will be on November 23. Since the 4th Thursday in December falls on Dec. 22, a day when most people are still frantically getting ready for the holidays, that meeting will be held on December 29. It will be a combination meeting and holiday party with a pot luck luncheon. This is for all volunteers for all days, including Saturdays, if they are able to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet near the volunteer sign-in board in the entry hall. We hope many will be able to come.

*Library Chairman, Jane Cassedy*



## LOST &amp; FOUND

We have a number of items--papers, notebooks, etc. left by researchers at the library. Among them are the following:

- File folder with papers with Mrs. Evelyn Osborn's name.
- Part of a letter & envelope to Mrs. Thelma R. Allred, Lehi, Utah.
- Leather folder 6 X 9 with a spiral steno book inside. Name is indistinct, looks like Tomison, S.F. State College. Inside is a slip of paper with the name Carol Harleas--Genealogy classes and a phone number.
- Notes from books on small 4X7 sheets--*Soldiery West VA* by Virgil Lewis, *Maryland Calendar of Wills, Maryland Research, Munsell Index*, a list of West Virginia counties, and other notes.
- A rough pedigree chart for John de Hope m. Elizabeth Cummin with entries for 8 generations.
- The last page of a handout with notes from the Reference Book Workshop given June 3 by Bette Kot.

We hesitate to throw any of the above away as they could be very important to the owners who may be wondering what happened to them.

These and other items to be picked up by members are kept on top of the file cabinet in the reception area. Please ask Madyline or the volunteer at the desk if you recognize any of the descriptions.

There is also some information for Mr. Henry Scott concerning the painting which he donated to the Society, and the notebook of old CGS Newsletters loaned to us by Mrs. Lysle Smith. Whenever Mr. Scott and Lois Smith come in, please ask for these items at the reception desk.

# Volunteer Staff

July, August 1988

## LIBRARY AIDES

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Elda Bardsley  
Phyllis Clement  
Paul Hawkins  
Katharine Jones  
June Lindquist  
Frances Morrey  
Evelyn Osborn  
Walter Prather  
Bradley Ridge  
Anne Robinson  
Jim Schuyler  
Anna Scott  
Christine Scott  
Pat Sherman  
Rick Sherman  
Linda Shogren  
J. Stark  
Carol Wolfe

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Treva Jo Marcus  
Eugene Peck  
Christine Scott

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Anna Ballou  
Larry Burnett  
Joan McEwen

## EQUIP. REPAIRS

Hugh Pennebaker

## LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Walter Prather  
Anne Robinson  
Anna Scott  
Muriel Worden

## BOOK REPAIR

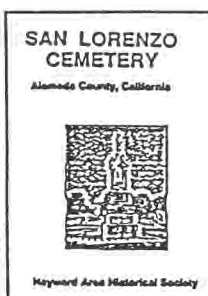
Anne Robinson  
Anna Scott  
Richard Thrift

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Larry Burnett  
Bill West  
Alice Ward

## SOCIETY WORK

Ida Bridgeman  
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Alameda County, California

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Shipping/handling for first book \$2.25  
Each additional book 50¢

200 pages of all the available San Lorenzo Cemetery records. Indexed. This paperback book includes interment records, two lists of tombstone records, a list of burials from Fairmont Hospital (1929-1931) and a brief history of the cemetery. 8½" x 11".

\$15.00

20% discount with 6 copies or more



## Bits & Pieces

Canada has also raised their postage rates this year. A first class letter in Canada costs 37 cents (use Canadian stamps if you send a SASE) and 43 cents to the U.S. The new U.S. to Canada rate is 30 cents. --from Contra Costa County G.S. Diablo Descendants Newsletter

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The 1991 National Genealogical Society annual conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, hosted by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. This is close enough for many Californians to seriously consider attending. Start saving your ~~peppies~~ pennies dollars! The 1989 conference will be in St. Paul, MN, May 17-20, and the 1990 conference will be in Arlington, VA, June 6-9. The NGS conferences began in 1981 and was held in San Francisco in 1984.

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Suggestion. Buy address labels or a rubber stamp with your name, address and phone number. Then use them to identify your research notes, family group sheets, etc. It eliminates writing all the information when you share material and makes it easier for lost items to be safely returned to you.

--from DuPage Co. IL G.S. N.L. via Contra Costa Co. G.S.

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Suzanne Furgal of Illinois purchased an old photograph of a bearded young man at a flea market some time ago. The photo was taken in San Francisco at the Opposition Photographic Gallery on Market Street, probably about the mid to late 1800s. It is labeled Pleasant Warner.

She would like the photograph to be returned to his family, but would like to be reimbursed the \$1 she paid for it plus postage. If you are interested, write her at 1873 Appaloosa Dr., Naperville, IL 60565.

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Suggestion. Preserve your research so that your hard work won't be destroyed after your death. (1) Find out who might want your research. Write relatives, libraries or archives to determine their interest. (2) Leave money in your will to provide for the publication or distribution of your materials. (3) If you want to distribute material among several groups, list your decision as to what books, files, albums, etc. are to go where.

--from Tallahassee G.S. via Contra Costa Co. G.S.

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"TIPS ON THE LDS" WORKSHOP  
Friday, November 4, 1988

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Cut registration coupon and mail with your check to reserve space.

# TIPS ON THE LDS

A CGS WORKSHOP  
BY BETTE KOT, CGS LIBRARIAN

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9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AT CGS LIBRARY  
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SAN FRANCISCO  
(415) 777-9936

Agenda: Registration and coffee, 9:00 a.m.  
Workshop, 9:30-11:45  
Lunch, 11:45-12:15  
Workshop, 12:15-3:00

Brown bag lunches are welcome; several restaurants are near.

Allow sufficient time to park.

A new lot almost across the street from 300 Brannan.

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walk to S.W. corner of 1st St. and Market (building has large 525  
on both sides). Bus stops on 1st St.

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AT THE

# FALL LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 15, 1988

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Van Ness Ave. at Bay St.  
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Social Hour, 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon, 12:30  
(Limit of 50 persons)

Guest Speaker Barbara Langlois  
will give you some ideas on  
"WHAT TO DO WITH IT"

Display/sale table of a few charts and books.

For information, call 777-9936 or 398-6776.

Cut reservation coupon and mail by October 8, please.

FALL LUNCHEON  
Saturday, October 15, 1988

Yes, I wish to attend.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ luncheons at \$14.50:

Beef Bourguignon  Sole Almondine

Mail by October 8. Make checks payable and mail to:

C.G.S., P. O. Box 77105, San Francisco, CA 94107

## NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

## DESCENDANTS OF ROAD WORKERS SOUGHT

Are YOU related to someone who was involved in building the Military Road from Ft. Walla Walla, Washington Territory, to Ft. Benton, Nebraska Territory, during the years 1858-1863? On July 4, 1989, as part of the centennial celebration of the State of Montana, dedication ceremonies are being held in St. Regis, Montana. As part of the activities, the Mineral County Museum and Historical Society is trying to locate descendants of the crews of 1858-1863. This includes workmen, military, cooks, and anyone else who may have been involved, however slightly.

A certificate acknowledging their ancestor's participation in building the road will be sent to anyone who can provide information of their relationship to the crew, and they are especially invited to come and participate in the "'89er" activities. For information, write: Mineral County Historical Society, P.O. Box 533, Superior, Montana 59872.

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SAN FRANCISCO LANDMARK AGAIN IN THE NEWS

The San Francisco Columbarium has become a news item this year. It is written up in the "On The Road" section of the September/October AAA Motorland Magazine (p. 60), and was a featured article in "Local News" of the April 23 issue of the S.F. Chronicle (p. 88). According to these two articles:

The Columbarium was built in 1898 (the same year CGS was founded) in neo-classical style including a copper dome, soaring rotunda, vaulted ceilings, priceless stained glass windows, and intricate mosaic and marble work. It was part of the Odd Fellows Cemetery, used exclusively as a repository for the ashes of the dead.

It survived the 1906 earthquake, but in the 1920s, due to soaring real estate values, the Odd Fellows removed the bodies from the cemetery, transferring them to Colma. The graveyard property was sold to developers, leaving only the Columbarium on a 3 1/2-acre park. In time, it suffered from neglect and vandalism and was in need of much repair when it was acquired by the Neptune Society in 1980.

It has undergone a \$300,000 renovation and is proudly being shown to the public. More than 10,000 people are "inurned" there; many famous San Francisco names can be seen. Niches range in price from \$500 to \$25,000, the latter are located on the outside of the columbarium, the next highest in price are on the ground floor, decreasing in price on upper floors. The \$500 niches are located on the stairway between the third and fourth floors.

It is located at One Lorraine Court, a cul-de-sac in the Richmond District. Now open to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, tours are available on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and weekday afternoons by appointment. The tour leader is an interesting historian who is well-founded in "funerary lore." Now you can tour this handsome building that has been called San Francisco's Taj Mahal.

Ed. Note. The Neptune Society has given CGS a complete listing of the inurnments in the Columbarium and donated all the original record books of the IOOF Cemetery which are now part of the CGS Archives. They are currently being indexed by Computer Interest Group members. For more information on early centeries in San Francisco, refer to CGS Newsletter "Nugget" of December 1986.

## THE BIG PROBLEM OF BRITTLE BOOKS

(excerpts from an article in SCIENCE, Vol. 240, April 1988)

The Library of Congress is running an unusual set of experiments in a pioneering attempt to rescue millions of books from oblivion.

The task of preservation is urgent because tens of millions of books, manuscripts, and documents are literally crumbling to dust in libraries and archives around the world. Since the mid-1880s, virtually all publications worldwide have been printed on highly acidic paper, which begins to disintegrate rapidly 50 years after publication. In fact, conservators at the turn of the century predicted the enormous problem, but it has taken 3/4 of a century to get the attention of the people.

The sheer quantity of works embrittled or endangered is staggering. Librarians, conservators, and archivists are promoting the transfer of information from brittle books onto microfilm and optical disks, and they are urging the use of acid-free paper by book publishers.

The root of the problem is that paper is not made the way it used to be. From its invention in China almost 2000 years ago until the mid-1800s, paper was made mainly from linen and cotton, which forms a long-lasting web of cellulose fibers. But in the 1850s, as the demand for mass information mushroomed internationally, papermakers turned to wood as a cheaper source of fiber. Unfortunately, manufacturers must add alum and rosin, which are aluminum sulfates, during processing to prevent ink from bleeding or feathering on the paper. The sulfates eventually turn acidic.

The ultimate solution to prevent the acid paper problem is to convince book publishers to use alkaline paper. However, paper mills have little incentive to change because book paper accounts for only about 5% of the total 11-million-ton market for printing and writing paper, and converting a paper mill to produce alkaline stock is expensive.

On the other hand, plants making alkaline paper produce less pollution than acid paper manufacturers. And although alkaline stock is generally regarded as more expensive than acid paper, in some cases, alkaline paper is competitive in price with acid stock.

The U.S. Congress's Joint Committee on Printing this year issued a purchasing standard for "permanent" acid-free paper for important federal documents.

The major problem, however, is the huge volume of books and documents already in print. In the United States, 25% of the collections at old, large, research libraries--or 76 million books--will crumble into confetti if handled, according to estimates by the preservation commission.

At the Library of Congress, 11,000 volumes are being photographed annually although an additional 77,000 start to disintegrate during the same period. The Library receives 6000 new books daily, virtually all printed on acid paper.

The Library of Congress has worked hard for 25 years to perfect a deacidification cure for its own holdings, but with questionable success so far.

Now some private companies see book deterioration as a commercial opportunity. One of the nation's largest book binding companies in North Carolina has established a conservation division to restore books and other materials. Let us hope that many more will do so and that paper mills will see the importance of producing alkaline paper for books.



## Book Reviews

THE EMILE & SUSANNA (EBERSOL) ARTHAUD FAMILY 1765-1987, With Allied Families of Blank/Plank, Lebold, Neuhauser, Schwartzenruber and Zwalter, by John Bradley Arthaud, M.D., 3201 Woodkirk Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65203, 1987, 104 pp., indexed, \$17.50.

Emile Arthaud, born 10 March 1806, immigrated to Canada in the early 1830s where he married Susanna Ebersol. Later the couple immigrated to Iowa. The book is organized by generations and is easy to follow. The appendices cover the several maternal lines mentioned in the title. Pictures and biographical data of the various families add interest.

--Lorna Saylor

A COBERLEY/COBERLY/CUBERLEY GENEALOGY 1690-1985, The Descendants of Dr. James Stell Coberly (1723-c. 1800), compiled by John Bradley Arthaud, M.D., Columbia, Missouri, 1985, 668pp, indexed.

James Stell Coberly immigrated to Hampshire County, Virginia by Nov 1772, from New Jersey. The book devotes a chapter to the descendants of each of his ten children. Each chapter includes a summarizing paragraph of information on the parents and a list of the children for each family in each generation. The information is well documented. The anecdotes add much to the history.

Surnames of importance include Allred, Andersen, Bennett, Brown, Clark, Constant, Deardorff, Gainer, Garr, Harris, Hart, Hill, Jacobs, James, Johnson, Jones, Markley, Miller, Pendleton, Phillips, Potter, Reid, Shallenburger, Skinner, Smith, Sublette, Taylor, Teter, Vandevender, White, Williams, Wilmoth, Wilson, and Workman.

--Lorna Saylor

THE SUNNY SIDE OF GENEALOGY, A Humorous Collection of Anecdotes, Poems, Wills, Epitaphs, and Other Miscellany From Genealogy, Compiled by Fonda D. Baselt, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1986, 102 pp.

When your ancestor persists in being elusive, when the census entry you want is too faint to read, or when you've spent hours reading microfilm only to discover that the entry you need is in old German script which is cross written and totally indecipherable, then you need this book. Take time to enjoy the humorous stories, share the experiences, and appreciate the poems in this volume. The book may not help you find an ancestor, but it will make the task less awesome.

--Lorna Saylor

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