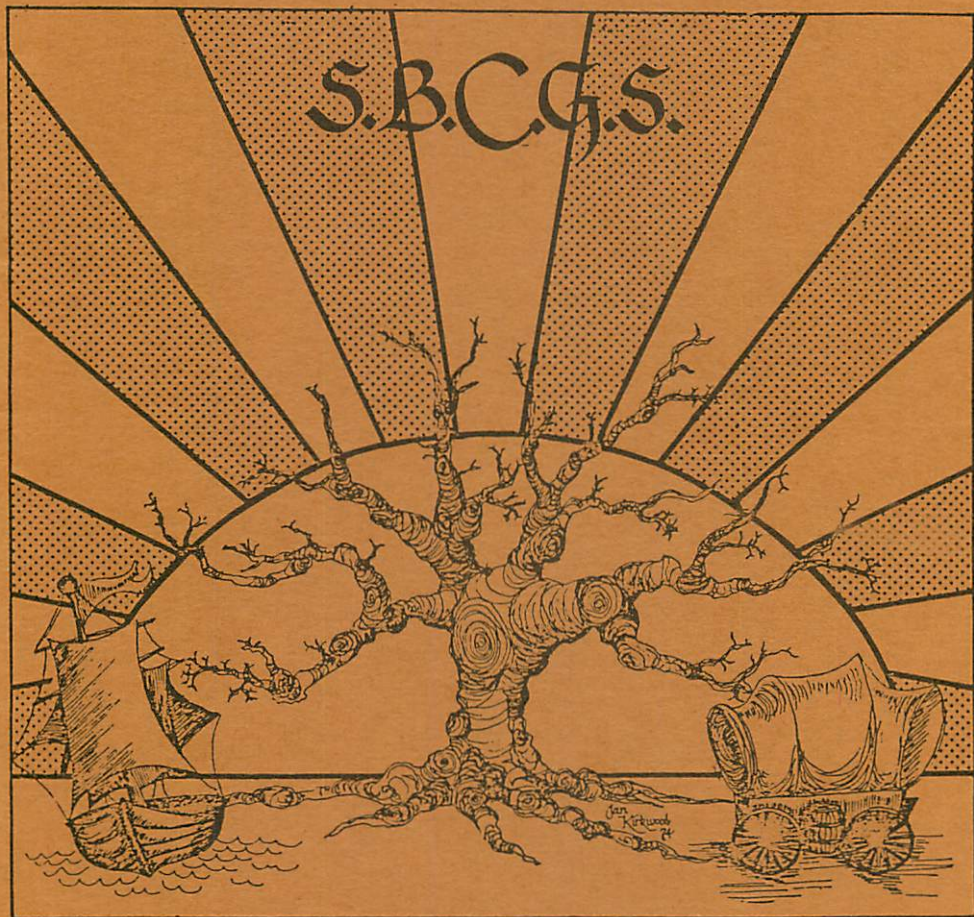


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Completion of our second quarterly is a good time to evaluate our progress into 1989. We won't use this space to review obvious benefits, such as moderate dues, monthly bus trips, our own fine library, annual trips to Salt Lake City, and Adult Ed classes with booming attendance. Instead we'll mention the new activities, the enthusiasm, and the rewarding participation.

We are especially pleased to welcome increased numbers of friends from the north county area. Interest is growing in our events and our North County News column is an effort to reach the north Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo genealogists. The Roots3 User Support Group was formed in March and is an exciting opportunity for computer owners and computer contemplators. We've begun sessions on locality interest. These meetings are held (so far) directly following the regular monthly meeting. Merna McClenathen has offered to coordinate these gatherings which are evolving from the interest survey forms. Look for further information in TREE TIPS. Speaking of TREE TIPS, we continue to hear good things about the newsletter--murmurings of anticipation before and satisfaction after arrival. We will be undertaking computerization and a printing of the surname cards. Prior to that time, we'll notify membership of details and the need to update.

Finally, we must remark on the rewarding programs of general and specific interest. There's a remarkable team working for these events and our kudos to all. We have offered good programs in the past, but for just this year, remember the session on birth order by member, Sylvia Byers; and guest Donna Cuillard, who admonished us that "There's no such thing as no such thing in genealogy"; and Dr. Ralph Crandall and his talk on "The New England Frontier in California"; and Angus Baxter and his session on British and Irish Roots and searching in German speaking areas; and our members' presentations of articles, family newsletters and books published or underway; and the Italian Seminar and session on the preservation of books.

As this is written, our friends are in Salt Lake City for the annual trek and we await a visit by friend, Bette Root Kot, who will tell us all we need to know about directories.

How fortunate we are to have so many activities related to our special interest....family history.

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## THE HILL BIBLES

The following information is from LA GAZETA DEL ARCHIVO, Spring, 1989 Newsletter from the Santa Barbara Archive-Library, with permission to print in ANCESTORS WEST by Fr. Virgilio Biasiol, OFM, Director.

Old Bibles, which often contain extraneous material such as quaint illustrations and unexpected essays of interest to historians as well as biblical scholars, can also be a joy to genealogists.

It may not be known to our members that among the holdings of the Mission Archive-Library is a small collection of bibles such as these, some well over 100 years old.

Two in this category were gifts from the Storke family. They originally belonged to two of their ancestors, one an early-day resident of Santa Barbara from New England, the other one of his daughters, a native-born Santa Barbaran.

The former was Daniel A. Hill, from a well-to-do Presbyterian family. He came to the West Coast of California via the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii today) as first mate on the sailing ship *Rover*.

The last port of call on this journey was Refugio Bay, some miles up the coast from the little Spanish pueblo known as *Santa Barbara*. It had derived its name from the channel between the mainland and a chain of islands called *El Canal de Santa Barbara* by Sebastian Vizcaino, commander of a Spanish exploring fleet of three vessels which sailed along this stretch of coast December 4, 1602, St. Barbara's feastday.

The *Rover* anchored in the bay and the young sailor came ashore. Evidently liking what he saw, he decided to stay. The year was 1823.

He joined the tiny community of non-Catholic and non-Spanish speaking inhabitants of the nearby pueblo. One of his earliest acquaintances was Jose' Vicente de Ortega, grandson of Jose' Francisco de Ortega, founder, under Fray Junipero Serra, of the Presidio de Santa Barbara in 1782, and first Comandante. Among Vicente's many children was young Rafaela, later to become Hill's bride.

Hill was a man of many talents and skills, and integrated easily into the demands of life in the small Spanish Colonial town just emerging from the rule of Spain to that of newly independent Mexico.

The two bibles are printed in English, one dated 1856, the other undated. Father Maynard Geiger, OFM, Director of the Mission Archive-Library until his death in 1977, speculated that the latter may have been brought to Santa Barbara by Daniel Hill himself. A recent cataloguer gave it the date of "c. 1820".

They are quite similar in many respects, although the publishers are different. Both were translated from the Latin Vulgate, the Old Testament in each first published by the English College at Doway in 1609 and the New Testament by the English College at Rheims in 1582. Both have annotations by the Rev. Dr. Challoner, together with references, and an historical and chronological index. Both were revised and corrected according to the Clementine Edition of the Scriptures.

The undated bible, referred to as the "Daniel Hill Family Bible" by Fr. Maynard, was published by Fielding Lucas, Jr., in Baltimore and the 1856 edition in Boston and Montreal.

What makes the bibles of particular historical significance to the Archive-Library are the brief inscriptions, identifying ownership, in the front pages of each. They are written in ink in the same hand, one may surmise by Hill himself. In the Lucas edition appears "Daniel A. Hill" and underneath "La Patera". La Patera refers to a duck pond on a large tract of land in the Goleta Valley long coveted and in 1851 purchased by Hill from his son-in-law, Nicholas A. Den, husband of his eldest daughter, Rosa.

Although there is no record of when Hill actually built a home here for himself and Rafaela, it is an historical fact that he owned an adobe on this property and the couple lived there for a number of years. Long known as the Hill Adobe, the Hill family sold it at the turn of the century, and, considerably modified, it still stands at what is now 35 La Patera Lane, and is recognized as the oldest structure in Goleta.

The fact that Daniel Hill wrote "La Patera" under his name in his bible implies that he acquired it after he took up residence on the property and did not bring it with him from his native New England--a supposition strengthened by the further fact that the bible was Catholic and not Protestant, as would be expected from his Presbyterian background.

The second bible was given by Hill to his third daughter with the inscription also in his handwriting: Susana Antonio Hill; under this he wrote: Santa Barbara; with Cal. just below; on the fourth line 1859; and on the fifth "from her father". Why he did not use her married name "More" is a mystery.

The Daniel Hill Family Bible contains a section, lacking in Susana's bible, entitled FAMILY RECORD. Many of the earlier entries are certainly in Hill's own handwriting. He begins the page of MARRIAGES about himself: Daniel Hill was born in Billerica, Mass. 1797. came to this place in 1823 was reconciled to Mother Church in 1824 Married to Rafaela Ortega on the 12th of September 1825 in the Church of San Buenaventura.

(Billerica is about three-quarters of an hour's drive northwest of Boston and is pronounced Bill-rica.)

Below the Hill annotation are entries of the marriages of five of the fifteen children of Daniel and Rafaela. The first reads: Rosa married to N.A. Den June 1st (sic) 1853.

The second and fifth entries concern Susana and are: Susana married to T. W. More June 1st 1853 and four lines below: Susannah married to Thomas W. Moore at La Patera on the (sic 1) June 1853 by Rev. Father Gonzales.

(Fray Jose' Maria de Jesus Gonzales Rubio was born in 1804 at Guadalajara, Mexico, of Spanish parentage. He died at Santa Barbara in 1875. He was highly regarded not only by the Catholics in the little town, but by the Protestants as well.)

Although Susana was undoubtedly named for her New England grandmother whose first name appears in various forms, Susannah (Susanna and even Susan) Blanchard Hill, the Spanish spelling of her name was commonly used in Santa Barbara. Her husband's full name was Thomas Wallace More.

T. Wallace More, as he was generally known, was one of six brothers of Scottish ancestry born in Ohio (there was an equal number of sisters) who eventually became prominent land owners in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Most of them played an aggressive and even controversial role in the affairs of Santa Barbara and its environs. T. Wallace was murdered by squatters in 1877 on his Sespe ranch in Ventura County.

Nicholas A. Den was an Irishman who arrived on the brig Kent in 1836. He and Hill became close friends and collaborated in many endeavors, including that of helping to save Mission Santa Barbara from the ill-effects of the mission secularization decree promulgated in its final form by the Mexican Government in 1845. Descendants of the Hill and Den families still live in Santa Barbara.

Under BIRTHS in the Hill bible all nine entries are in Hill's hand. The first is that of Rosa, and reads: Rafaela Rosa Anto (sic) born Sept. 4th, 1826. The fourth is of her second sister: Susana Antonio born June 28, 1830.

The section labeled DEATHS also has nine entries, from 1837 to 1920. Two of Hill's children preceded him in death: Daniel Antonio in 1837 and Thomas R. in 1862.

The third entry concern Hill himself: Daniel A. Hill died on the 20th day of Jan. 1865 at 12 A.M. Aged 68. The sixth entry is that of his wife: Rafaela Antonio Luisa Sabina, March 14th, 1879, Aged 69. No reference is made to her second marriage to the widower, German Senter.

Susana followed her mother in death by only a few weeks as the next entry shows: Susan Hill de More died June 1st 1879. According to her granddaughter, Jane Law Latimer, Susana died of a "broken hear" after the murder of her husband.

The final entry is: Maria Antonia Nicolasa Hill de O'Neill died March 5, 1920. There is no entry concerning her birth.

The donor to the Archive-Library of the Daniel Hill Family Bible was Marion Day Storke, widow of Thomas More Storke, grandson of Susana and T. Wallace More. A note in the archives states that the bible belonged to Owen Hugh O'Neill. Nothing more is known about this.

Born in La Graciosa (now Orcutt) on February 8, 1873, O'Neill was a colorful personage who had a long and useful career in public service in Santa Barbara County before he and his wife retired to Cambria in San Luis Obispo County.

Although less than four years older than T. M. Storke, who was a great-grandson of Daniel and Rafaela, Owen was a grandson of theirs, son of Maria Antonia Nicolasa Hill, born in 1843, possibly the youngest of the Hill children. In 1870, she married Dr. Owen Hugh O'Neill, born in Ireland in 1826. He died in 1875.

The younger O'Neill married Zaida Evelyn Frisbie in 1910 and they reared 12 children. Mrs. O'Neill died in 1971, three years after her husband. It is not known how the Hill bible came into the possession of the Storkes. Perhaps it was a gift to "Tom" from his cousin "Owen".

"T.M." was born in one of the first houses built on the Riviera in Santa Barbara. In BOOK THREE OF BAPTISMS of the year 1861, which gives the date of his baptism as December 26, 1876, it also states that Tomas was born the 23rd of November of that year, legitimate son of Carlos Stok and Marta Moore (sic).

Originally in the records of the Spanish Royal Presidio of Santa Barbara, in 1854 it, with the other Catholic Church records of that time, was removed to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, successor to the Chapel. These historic records are now in the Archive-Library and their contents are available to researchers. Tomas died in Santa Barbara October 12, 1971.

However, other records outside the Church, indicate that Thomas Storke may have been born on the 21st of November. Since he never knew for certain which was the true date, he chose to celebrate the 23rd. Carlos Stok was the New York born, Wisconsin-reared Civil War veteran, Charles Albert Storke, who came to Santa Barbara in 1872, soon after graduating from Cornell University, he eventually became a lawyer here. He formed an early friendship with T. Wallace More, marrying his only daughter, Martha, in 1873. They had one son and two daughters who grew to maturity. The marriage ended in divorce and Martha married a local businessman, Sidney Law, by whom she had a daughter, Jane, by then Mrs. Law Latimer, being childless, gave it to her niece, Jean Storke Menzies, elder daughter of T.M. Storke and his first wife, Elsie Smith Storke. Last November Mrs. Menzies gave the historic document to Father Virgilio Biasiol, OFM, Director of the Archive-Library, for its Bible Collection.



Another Hill descendant, Harold de la Cuesta Burkhart, of San Francisco and Santa Barbara, also last year gave the Archive-Library another Hill momento, a beautiful piece of embroidery. He purchased it from the children of Grace Hill Dale, who died in Santa Barbara some years ago. She had inherited it from her sister, Mercedes Hill de la Cuesta. Worked by Santa Barbara Indian women under the tutelage of local nuns, and never fully completed, it was presented to Daniel Hill almost upon his deathbed, out of the high regard the Indians felt for him. Suitably framed through funds contributed by The Friends of the Archive-Library, it may be seen by request in the Library.

There is a tombstone at Mission Santa Barbara on which is inscribed, in part: "In Memory of Daniel A. Hill..." Thus it is appropriate that these Hill memorabilia have become part of the holdings of the Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library.

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\* JSM is Jean Storke Menzies, who is a member of our Society. We thank her for allowing us to publish the above historic information.

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#### NORTH CAROLINA MILITIA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Not all of the men who fought in the American Revolution were soldiers of the Continental Army. From the State of North Carolina, it is estimated as many as 10,000 militia men were in the field fighting the British.

Nearly every able-bodied man, when he reached the age of 16 years, automatically became a member of the State Militia. These men were poorly trained. Some had only one "muster", or training session, before going into battle. Often they were drilled by men who knew very little about fighting a war. The men were required to furnish their own weapons. These ranged from rickety old muskets to the more accurate rifle used by the frontiersmen. With haphazard organization, the men were usually poor soldiers. They were not forced to fight outside the boundary of the state unless they consented.

If you can not find your ancestor's military record at the National Archives, check with the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. They have excellent records on many of the Militia men. The Pension Application will usually give the man's date of birth, his home town or county, where he served, and when he served. The greater number of men who served in the war did so as members of the State Militia.

## North County News

by Greeta and Al Nancy

In our initial column in the March 1969 issue we featured the Vandenberg Genealogical Society, the newest genealogical society in the county. More about them later. This issue we are featuring the Santa Maria Valley Genealogical Society.

It was in the spring of 1968, twenty-one years ago, that Leah and Ted Moore gathered a small group of people who shared a common interest in learning about their ancestors. Although this small group met twice prior to July 1968, the July meeting is considered the organizing meeting of the society. The birthday, so to speak. Initial officers were Doug Glover, President; Mrs. Jerri Weedman, Vice-President; Mrs. Marge Rhinehold, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ellen Weber, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Gladys Munoz, Treasurer; and Mrs Bea Richert, Historian/Librarian.

The first issue of the SMVGS Quarterly appeared in September 1968. By the time the third issue appeared in June 1969 it had been established that the society publication would be a quarterly. And so it is today. There is no monthly newsletter.

The second step in providing service to its members was the establishment of a library. As the membership of the society grew, so did the library; it now holds a fine collection of genealogical periodicals from many states, containing data submitted by individuals and local organizations which is not likely to be found in books. In more recent years the Santa Maria Public Library has acquired, by purchase and gift, a notable collection of books which make its genealogical section the largest in the tri-counties. Mr. Jack Buchanan, City Librarian, told us that he normally spends about \$1500 for books and periodicals. The two collections are complementary; add to them the resources of the LDS Family History Center in Santa Maria and it can truly be said that in Santa Maria is a grand aggregation of genealogical materials, exceeding what might be expected in a city of its size. The library is open immediately following each meeting and every third Wednesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The SMVGS has recently changed its meeting time to 10:00 am the first Saturday of the month. The entrance to the meeting hall is through the United Methodist Church's parking lot at the corner of Cook and Broadway. Since this meeting time is an experiment it is advisable to call Arlene Hall, Quarterly Editor, at 925-4258 for the current meeting day and time. As soon as a determination is made we will report that information to you.

Kathryn Brown is the 1989 President with help from Alva Hamilton. Vice-President; Dixie D. Lowell, Secretary; Barbara Cole and Kathryn Brown, Librarians; and Arlene Hall, Quarterly Editor. The Treasurer position is currently vacant. The Santa Maria Genealogical Society invites all genealogists to pay them a visit. From personal observation a visit is well worth your time. A program on using newspapers for part of your research was interestingly presented by Barbara and Dave Cole at the April meeting. This subject was a first in my experience.

As a final note to this column, the Vandenberg Genealogical Society announces that the Lompoc LDS Church will hold its second annual Family History Fair on 7 October 1989. We will have more details in the next issue of Ancestors West.

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#### DEATH RECORDS LOCKED UP IN CALIFORNIA

The Fresno County Recorder's Office has removed from its shelves and access by the public, the California Death Index books and Microfiche Death Cards for the entire State of California. Some uncaring researcher (?) removed one of the index books and microfiche cards, so Fresno County has put the skids on our access to those items.

Unfortunately, the State of California also wanted them off of the shelves because, as David Mitchell, Chief of the Office of the State Registrar stated, "Information in these books and microfiche contain information that has been used to identify confidential information and to create fraudulent records"

The State of California actually owns the books and microfiche, not Fresno County. The State also said they would not replace stolen or lost items and if the counties cannot control use of those items, lock them up. So Fresno County has locked them up.

How unfortunate that we have uncaring persons claiming to be genealogists who steal or mutilate our records. (Ash Tree Echo . . . no date)

From Orange County Genealogical Society - March 1989

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National Archives has published a 28-page catalog "Aids for Genealogical Research". It describes a variety of items relating to family history. Available N/C from National Archives, Trust Fund Board, Publications Services (NEPS), Room IWI, Wash D.C. 20408

## THE SEED BED

A Column of Local Sources

by Marilyn Owen

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Library

We continue in this issue to highlight the collection of our Society's library. In the March, 1989 issue of "Ancestor's West", we mentioned some of the General Resource books, as well as some of our Family Genealogies. We began listing books in the International Research category, and we continue in that area now. Our library is located in room 8 of the Goleta Community Center, 5689 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, California, and is open on Thursdays (except holidays) from 10-3. The library is also open on the 2nd Saturday of each month, after our General Meeting.

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, continued

In Search of Your European Roots by Angus Baxter  
Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies

by Hugh F. Gingerich

Germans to America--A list of passengers arriving  
at U.S. Ports 1850-1858 8 vols.Tracing Your Hispanic Heritage by George R. RaskampDiccionario Historico, Genealogico y Heraldico de  
Las Familias Ilustres de Las Monarquia Española  
vols. 1-3; vols. 6,7

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Americans from Norway by Leola Nelson BerganThe Story of the Walloons--at home, in lands of Exile  
and in America by William Elliot GriffisOur French Canadian Ancestors

by Thomas J. La Forest 3 vols.

Your Ancient Canadian Family Ties by Reginald L. OliverNew Brunswick Vital Statistics from Newspapers  
3 vols. 1816-1831Index of Surnames Being Researched by Members of theNew Brunswick Genealogical SocietyNew Brunswick Genealogical SocietyA Dictionary of Immigrants to Nova Scotia vol. 1

Compiled by Col. Leonard H. Smith Jr.

Bermuda Settlers of the 17th Century by Julia E. Mercer

## UNITED STATES

U.S. Army Register vol. 1 United States Army Active  
and Retired Lists 1 January, 1957

Dept. of the Army

Register of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps 1942

U.S. Government Printing Office

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UNITED STATES, cont.

- Consolidated Bibliography of County Histories in Fifty States in 1961 Compiled by Clarence S. Peterson
- National Archives Microfilm Resources in Archives Branch Federal Archives & Records Center 2 vols. 1974, 1975 National Archives & Records Service
- National Archives Microfilm Resources Los Angeles, 1974 National Archives & Records Service.
- Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories 1978 National Historical Publications & Records Commission.
- Cherokee by Blood Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry Vol. 1 Applications 1-1500. Compiled by Jerry Wright Jordan
- Land Ownership Maps a Checklist of 17th Century U.S. County Maps in Library of Congress compiled by Richard W. Stephenson
- The Pension List of 1818 reprinted So. Book Co. Baltimore, 1955
- List of Pensioners on the Roll 1883 5 vols. Genealogical Publishing Company
- Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications Nat. Gen. Soc., Washington D.C. 1976
- Pierce's Register-Register of certificates issued by John Pierce, Paymaster General of Army Accounts for U.S. Continental Army National Society DAR
- Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution. 2 vols. by Benson J. Lossing
- Summer Soldiers-Survey and Index of Revolutionary War Court Martials by James C. Neagles
- The American Tory by William H. Nelson
- History of Indian Wars by Samuel Penhollow
- Five Years French & Indian War by Samuel G. Drake
- Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors by Bertram Hawthorne Groene
- Confederate Research Sources by James C. Nogales
- New England's Last Civil War Veterans by Jay S. Hoar
- Organization and Administration of the Union Army by Fred Albert Shannon
- Soldiers in King Philip's War by George Madison Bodge
- Passengers to America edited by Michael Tepper
- Pioneers of New France in New England by James Phenney Baxter
- 17th Century Colonial Ancestors of Members of the National Society of Colonial Dames compiled by Mary Louise Marshall Hutton.
- History and Genealogy of the Mayflower Planters two volumes in one by Leon Clark Hills
- The Eastern Frontier-The Settlement of Northern New England 1610-1763 by Charles E. Clark.
- The Border Wars of New England by Samuel A. Drake
- Colonial Families of the U.S. Vol. 1; vols 5-7 by George Norbury Mackenzie
- Directory of the Heads of New England Families 1620-1700 compiled by Frank R. Holmes

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UNITED STATES, cont.

- Genealogical Notes & Contributions to the Family History  
of Some of the First Settlers of Connecticut and  
Massachusetts by Nathaniel Goodwin
- The Catalogue to the Circulating Collection of the  
New England Historic Genealogical Society  
 4 vols. N.E.H.G.S.
- Genealogical Dictionary of New England  
 4 vols. James Savage
- New England Marriages Prior to 1700  
 by Clarence Almon Torrey
- Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire  
 by Sybil Noyes et al.
- Soldiers, Sailors & Patriots of the Revolutionary War  
 -Maine by Carleton E. Fisher
- Heads of Families-Maine  
 Reprint Company, Spartanburg, S.C.
- New Hampshire Genealogical Digest 1623-1900  
 by Glen C. Towle
- New Hampshire Town Names by Elmer M. Hunt
- Index to the Gazeteer of Addison Co., VT  
 1882 Hamilton Child by Charles D. Townsend
- The Winthrop Fleet of 1630 by Charles E. Banks
- List of Freeman of Massachusetts Bay Colony  
 from 1630-1691
- Massachusetts Officers & Soldiers in 17th Century  
Conflicts Edited by Carole Doreski
- Massachusetts Officers & Soldiers, 1702-1722  
 (Queen Annes's War to Dummer's War)  
 Edited by Mary E. Donahue
- Massachusetts Officers & Soldiers Dummer's War to  
War of Jenkin's Ear 1723-1743 Myron O. Stachiw
- Massachusetts Officers in the French & Indian Wars  
 1748-1763 by Nancy S. Voye
- Massachusetts Soldiers in French & Indian Wars 1744-1755  
 Edited by Robert E. MacKay
- Massachusetts Militia Companies & Officers in the  
Lexington Alarm by Charles Hambrick-Stowe
- The Early Settlers of Nantucket  
 by Lydia S. Hinckman
- History of Nantucket by Alexander Starbuck
- Law and Society in Puritan Massachusetts  
 --Essex Co. 1629-1692 by David T. Konig
- Old Families of Salisbury, MA by David W. Hoyt
- Vital Records of Acton, MA to the year 1850 N.E.H.G.S.
- History of the Town of Acton Samuel E. Morison
- Genealogies of Mayflower Families 3 vols. N.E.H.G.R.
- Plymouth Colony 1620-1691 by Eugene A. Stratton
- Plymouth Colony Marriages to 1650  
 Society of Mayflower Descendants (R.I.)
- Plymouth memories of an Octogenarian 1906 W.T. Davis
- A Little Commonwealth, family life  
 in Plymouth Colony by John Demos.

## BOOK REVIEWS

THE DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE SPEAR 1642-1988 by Verne R. Spear of West Hawley, MA 01339 USA. The book is linen bound, on acid free paper, covers 1041 pp. plus index of 67 pp. It is well typed, printed by The Trade Press, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

The book is deposited in every State Library in the United States, the Library of Congress, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, as well as many local libraries.

There is a List of Illustrations, Table of Contents, two pages listing the Abbreviations used and instructions: "How to Read This Genealogy". Fourteen generations are listed according to page on which that generation begins. With a bit of study the numbering system can be followed. There is a list of some of the publications used and a note indicating records and correspondence has been deposited with New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. The book appears to be well researched and documented with credit given to contributors of data from various branches. Interesting personal details are often included. One very helpful aspect is the inclusion of the children of the female members of each generation so that it is often four or five generations back before the Spear name appears. The current address of many from the ninth generation are given. I would say this is one of the more complete and interesting genealogies published in 1988.

reviewed by Emily P. Thies

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OF PLYMOUTH PLANTATION 1620-1647 by William Bradford, Sometime Governor Thereof. A New Edition. The Complete Text, with Notes and an Introduction by Samuel Eliot Morison. (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1952. Pp vii, 448. Appendixes, index.)

OF PLYMOUTH PLANTATION by William Bradford was written between 1630 and 1650. In the introduction of this edition, Samuel Eliot Morison, a preeminent historian, tells something of Bradford himself and of how the book has been used by others to write their own books and the history of its travels back to Massachusetts in 1897.

Professor Morison's edition, as reviewed by B. R. Redman in the Saturday Review, November 1952, points out that the "wider public at which this edition has been aimed will be grateful for a text which the ordinary intelligent reader can peruse with ease and pleasure and will be grateful too for Professor Morison's excellent introduction" to this "basic piece of

American history and literature and an honourable tribute to the men of high courage who founded the colony on Plymouth Shores" according to Kirkus Reviews at the time of its publication.

Reviewed by Frances Ramsay

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THE SCOTT-YOUNG FAMILY OF CALIFORNIA AND THEIR AMERICAN ANCESTORS, by William P. Scott. Daamen Inc. Printing Co. West Rutland, Vermont. 1985

This is a genealogy of a well-to-do family in California, starting with the first members to come to America from Ireland. The author's father, William Patrick Scott, left school after grade school to support his mother and siblings. Self-educated and with an excellent business sense, he acquired a fortune and was astute enough not to lose it in the depression of the 1930's. He developed a large construction company, Scott Co. in San Francisco, where the author became head of the company by the beginning of World War II. Chapters are devoted to aunts, uncles and grand-parents on both sides of the family with interesting details about the life styles of the fairly affluent families of the 1900's, including descriptions of the events of the 1906 earthquake and the three wars in which members were involved. Quite a number of the women were in the business world when this would have been rather unusual. Perhaps of special interest to non-members of these families, (Scott, McKenna, Young) are his accounts of San Francisco life "Early in the 20th Century", as well as his college years at Stanford and Yale.

The second half of the book concerns the genealogical background of the author's wife, Elizabeth Young Scott. Earliest records of the Youngs reach back to the Plymouth Council of 1627-28. Considerable detail is given regarding them as they moved westward toward California via Maryland, New Orleans and Texas. Other families appearing in this section are Gotchall, Ladd, Brewster, Glidden, Coleman, Warfield, Burgess, Chew, Dorsey, Greenberry, Howard, Robinson, Swancoat, and others. There are extensive bibliographies on the Coleman and Young families. In most instances, the whereabouts of living descendents is given or place of burial. The last chapter is headed "Recollections of Life in L.A." by the author's wife. Again, it is a description of life in an affluent business family in the early 1900's.

Reviewed by Carolyn Crawford



QUERIES

Queries are free. Please type, print, or write clearly. Include at least one name, one date, and one location. Write names out, no abbreviations. Send to: QUERIES, Ancestors West, Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1303, Santa Barbara, CA 93116-1303.

PADDOCK            ELIJAH PADDOCK b 1799 Nelson Co KY; d 1863 IN;  
DAVIS                m/3 DELILAH (DAVIS) CLEVINGER, wid of JOSEPH  
                         CLEVINGER of Union Co IN; m 28 August 1836  
                         Wayne Co In. DELILAH may have died c1839 in  
                         IN. Need information on DELILAH (DAVIS)  
                         CLEVINGER.

MC CRANEY/  
MACRANERY/  
SACKETT            JOHN SACKETT b 3 Mar 1688 Westfield MA, m.  
                         SARAH MCCRANEY/MACRANERY poss MA. Any infor-  
                         mation on SARAH.

BABCOCK            HARRY BABCOCK bapt 8 Nov 1795 Leomister, MA  
FARWELL             m. 17 Dec 1817 Norwich, Windsor Co VT to  
                         CLARISSA/CLARA FARWELL, (Mar. Lic). Clarissa  
                         b 7 Nov 1796 where?; d 15 July 1869 Catta-  
                         raugus Co NY. Need names of her parents.

VANDERFORD/  
VAN DER VOORT     Desire to correspond with anyone with VANDER-  
                         FORD family in North Carolina, especially  
                         Anson Co NC as early as 1773.

PAINE/PAYNE        SAMUEL PAINE b ?; in sw PA 1773; in Nelson Co  
                         KY 1785; in Butler Co OH 1800; d 1812 Butler  
                         Co OH. Wife was MARY who? She d Butler Co  
                         or Preble Co OH after husband. Desire to  
                         correspond with any one searching this  
                         family.

DARBEE             AZARIAH DARBEE SR b 1762 CT; d 1851 Catta-  
PHELPS               raugus Co NY; m bef 1785 CT SUSANNAH/SUSAN  
                         PHELPS b c1761; d 1840 Cattaraugus Co NY.  
                         Need PHELPS information.

PADDOCK            REUBEN PADDOCK b 1707 Yarmouth MA (vit Rec)  
HAND                 s/o CAPT. JUDAH PADDOCK & ALICE ALDEN, sup-  
                         posedly m REBECCA HAND, b ?; d ?; d/o ?  
                         Believe they were parents of REUBEN, WILLIAM,  
                         JONATHAN, and EBENEZER. Need information on  
                         REBECCA HAND.

VIRGINIA M. PADDOCK, 2239 Featherhill Rd., Santa Barbara,  
CA 93108

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- CUMMINGS  
PARKS           Need all information on ISAAC V. CUMMINGS, b NY? c1796; d 1841, age 45, bur Silverbrook Cemetery, Niles, MI. Wife, HANNAH PARKS, b Lowell, MA?, c1805; d 1860, age 55, bur Silverbrook Cem., Niles, MI. Ch HORACE, ALBERT, BENJAMIN, JAMES all b OH; MARIA b 20 Jan 1835, & WILLIAM, b Niles, MI. Hannah supposedly desc/o Capt. AMIZAH PARKS, of NY Regiment in War of Independence.
- YOUNG  
STUBBS          Need all information on SAMUEL BRYANT YOUNG, b 12 August 1823; d 19 Feb 1881, bur Charleston Cem., Volinia, MI. Wife, ELIZABETH A. STUBBS; Ch PERRY MARION, b 7 Nov 1848; MARY E., CAROLINE, all b Elkhart, IN; ROSA E., ELI BRYANT, FLORA, all b. MI. In same plot in Charleston Cem is JOHN YOUNG, d 31 Jan 1856, age 60 years, 2 mos. 12 days.
- SUTFIN  
VALEIT         ABRAHAM SUTFIN, b 23 Mar 1769, d June 1823, m 28 Nov 1797 MARY VALEIT, b 7 Oct 1775, d Jan 1831; ch DAVID V, b 19 Mar 1816, Sussex Co, NJ, and LYDIA. Need all information.
- LEE             EHRRAIM LEE, 1764-1861, and wife lived in Boston, then Saratoga, NY, where son JAMES was born 20 May 1796. Later moved to Elizabethtown, Leeds Co, Canada (Upper Peninsula) EHRRAIM possibly served at Bunker Hill in Revolution. Need any information.
- COREY GUTZMANN, 709 Eucalyptus Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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- COLEMAN  
YAGER          Seek parents of NANCY COLEMAN, who m JACOB YAGER in Madison Co VA. 24 Apr 1795, after which they settled in Fayette Co KY. Believe NANCY (COLEMAN) YAGER d 1850, Trimble Co KY at age of 75.
- HARRISON  
DENNIS  
YAGER          Seek parents, birthplace of EDWARD HARRISON w/o m HANNAH DENNIS. HANNAH was alone on Washington Co KY 1840 census, and d there 1862, living with daughter's family, WILLIAM & MARY HARRISON YAGER.
- FRANCES RAMSEY, 411 Carlo Drive, Goleta, CA 93117

BENNETT ISAAH BENNETT b 1731 Preston CT, d Washington Co NY, c/o THOMAS AND ANN REYNOLDS. Need name and all data on wife.

BARLOW JOHN BARLOW, Fairfield CT before 1650; m Ann \_\_\_\_\_. Need all data on Ann.

BURTON JOHN BURTON 1764, served on Brigantine Freedom, Georgetown Bay; d Cazenovia NY 18 Sept 1818, m Hannah \_\_\_\_\_. Need ancestry of JOHN and all data on Hannah.

HOLDEN EDMUND HOLDEN on census 1790, Middlesex Co VT. In Licking Co OH, 1810. Need all data on EDMUND and spouse.

CODNER EDWARD CODNER in New London by 1651, m c1640, Priscilla. Need data on Edward and Priscilla.

CURTIS DEODATUS CURTIS in Braintree MA 1640, m Rebecca who m/2 JOSEPH ARNOLD 1648. Need data on Rebecca.

KEEN ZEBULON KEEN(E) m Hulda, b 1765, Pembroke MA, d 1849 McGraw, NY. Need data on Hulda.

PERRY SAMUEL PERRY, wife REBECCA SEARS, Saratoga NY 1788. Need proof SAMUEL was s/o Samuel, Palmertown, Saratoga Co NY who joined Burgoyne's Army in 1776. Went to Canada, settling at New Carlisle, Chaleur Bay (Quebec) 1784.

PARKHURST BENJAMIN PARKHURST in Military Census 1776, Hardyston, Sussex Co NJ. Need names of wife and children.

EMILY P. THIES, 2665 Tallant Road NV 285, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

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HARNEY Seek all info on HARNEY members worldwide. Group of HARNEY desc. researching all lines for eventual publication. Newsletter "Harney Update" available. Welcome all information wherever found.

JOHN D. BOWEN, 613 Chichester Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904-3331 USA

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DOTY                   Assisting with Doty Genealogy Research Project of Pilgrim Edward Doty Society. Desire contact desc/o MARY MELISSA (DOTY) MOORE and JULIUS GOODELL DOTY, ch/o MARTIN & AURILLA (EVANS) DOTY, who came by wagon train from Knox Co IL to San Jose CA in 1852. Mary Melissa b 1846, m 1866 Canadian-born HARVEY MOORE. Res Hollister, Salinas area, Pacific Grove, Monterey Co CA. Nine ch: Carrie, m GEORGE B. ROBERTS; Walter; Etta; Katie; William; Murray, m Lola \_\_; Martin, m Arlie \_\_; Jesse (physician); and Rachel. Julius b 1850, m 1872. LUCY MADISON ROBERTS. Res Hollister, San Jose; in 1883, to Santa Barbara Co. Twelve ch: Julius; Edward; Bertha Edith, m GLENN CHAMBERLAIN; Lawrence A; Francis G., m ORA JAMISON; Norman; Lucy E., m ALEXANDER MAIN; Hattie A., m HERBERT BEATTIE; Benjamin H.; Elmer N.; Russel E., m MARGARET I. TORRENCE; Minnie E., m WILLIS HUGHES; Mary E., m ANTHONY MARTIN.

ARLENE (LANGSTAFF) DOTY, Rt. 1, Box 285, Goleta, CA 93117  
(805) 968-1162

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HICKS                   Where is STAPLETON CRUTCHFIELD HICKS buried? B 19 Nov 1852, Rockbridge Co VA; d 4 Dec 1896 Goleta CA, s/o BEVERLY ALSOP HICKS & MARY MAGDALENE SHAVER HICKS, who are bur in Goleta Cemetery, Goleta, CA. Cemetery has no record of Stapleton's burial.

MARJORIE ROMMEL, 153 N. Filbert St., Exeter CA 93221

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GORDON                Desire correspondence with desc/o any ROWLAND WILLIAM GORDON, 1801-1879. Also need information about ROWLAND-WORKMAN wagon train which left Santa Fe, NM in 1840 or 1841.

EVA STIDHAM, 3209 Poppy Patch Dr., Modesto CA 95354

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CARPINTERIA        Would like to purchase a copy of Carpinteria, As It Was, Vol. 1, by Jayne Craven Caldwell. My relatives are mentioned in article, "La Vina Grande", and I would like a copy for my personal library.

MRS. SHIRLEY A. PETERSON BROOKS, 31769 Via Valdez, Lake Elsinore, CA 92330, (714)674-5912

COVARRUBIAS ROMERO To any person in California, particularly, Santa Barbara CA.  
 Is MARIA DE LOS SANTOS COVARRUBIAS, b c1880, Montecito CA; d 3 Mar 1926, Palo Alto, CA. the daughter of JOSE IGNACIO COVARRUBIAS & FELICITA OLIVAS, or of NICHOLAS COVARRUBIAS and ? Her death certificate shows parents E. COVARRUBIAS & ELISA MARTINEZ. She m/1 DANIEL PENA, div 1907; m/2 TOMAS MIGUEL ROMERO. Ch: with Tomas: Albertina Valentina and Rosa Emiliana.

CABRAL MARTINEZ YNEZ CABRAL m ADELLA MARTINEZ, both b Calera, Zacatecas, Mexico; immigrated to San Gabriel CA in 1902. Ch: Catalina, Pauline, Victor, Frank. Ynez d after 1910. Adella m/2 FELIPE MAGDELENO in San Gabriel. Any information on this family would be appreciated. All letters answered.

MAGDELENO

KATHLEEN HOWSEMAN-CABRAL, 1452 Lupton Ave., San Jose, CA 95125 (408) 289-1669

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#### VITAL RECORDS CLOSED IN TEXAS BY 1987 LAW

Another state has closed its vital records to the public. In September, 1987, Texas House Bills 768 and 1994 became law. This law restricts our rights as Americans to personally see and search birth and death records in the custody of local Registrars in Texas.

A large cry for repeal of the law has resulted in House Bill 685 being introduced to open the records to the public again.

Bill 685 says, in part:

*A local registrar shall permit a person to have access to birth or death records in the registrar's custody, if, at the time the person requests access, the person or the registrar legibly records in a registration book maintained by the registrar, the person's name and home address. The registrar may not otherwise permit access to the records.*

Hopefully, this would reopen the records and safeguard them against illegal use.

Other states are also trying to close vital records to the public. It appears to be a well-organized effort by the association of vital records departments. They want the records closed for 75-100 years to use by the public. They should remember that it is taxpayers money who finance the vital records departments.

## NEW IN THE LIBRARY

## BOOKS PURCHASED BY OUR SOCIETY

Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots by Patricia Law Hatcher. Four volumes.

The Granville District of North Carolina, 1748-1763, Abstracts of Land grants, Vol. I, Vol II by Margaret M. Hofmann.

Index to Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926, Vol I & II, Virgil D. White, Transcriber.

Index to Indiana Wills, Phase I through 1850, by Charles M. Franklin.

Index to Old Wars Pension Files, 1815-1926, Vol I & II, by Virgil D. White, Transcriber.

Irish Records. Sources for Family and Local History by James G. Ryan.

New Hampshire 1776 Census by Jay Mack Holbrook.

Rhode Island 1782 Census by Jay Mack Holbrook.

Vermont 1771 Census by Jay Mack Holbrook.

## OTHER NEW BOOKS

Applied Genealogy by Eugene A. Stratton. Donated by author.

A Genealogical Guide to the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library by Joseph Oldenburg.

Maine Families in 1790, Vol I, Ruth Gray, Editor. Donated by Doris Crawford.

A Royal Heritage, Genealogy and History from Charlemagne and William the Conqueror to the Present by Shirley Shaffer Lettington. Donated by the author, a member of our Society.

The Scott-Young Family of California and Their American Ancestors, by William P. Scott, Jr. Donated by the author.

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Coryell Newsletter, April 1989, by N. Burr Coryell. Donated by the author.

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- ALABAMA: Alabama Family History & Genealogy News, Vol 10:1  
Jan-Feb-Mar 1989
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Jan 1989  
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#### PIONEER CEMETERIES ARE NEGLECTED!

A snake was slithering in the burrows of a noisy squirrel chattering in an old oak tree. The pungent moldy leaves beneath the tree were filling in the sunken grave of the old pioneer graveyard. One could easily imagine the smell of old corpses—long turned to dust in the 200 year-old pioneer cemetery. Prickly brambles growing among the scattered broken grave markers provided tasty blackberries for an early morning snack. What a dangerous place to be!

Many old pioneer cemeteries, often located on abandoned farms of the deceased, are neglected and will soon pass out of existence. Such cemeteries are also a great health hazard to visitors such as children and genealogists. Many dangers exist: rabid animals, snakes, poison ivy, poison oak, chiggers, sunken graves and burrows of all types, brambles, and falling grave markers. Venting graves might also spread disease.

What can be done? Scattered grave markers could be re-assembled like a jig-saw puzzle and imbedded in concrete on a hillside slope or in a wall. The land could be filled in and new sod planted, the area levelled so that modern machines could be used to mow with a minimum of time and expense. Corpses would not be disturbed and a map of the graves could be placed in a historic library or museum.

The problem of these old cemeteries is that there is no money and caring relatives have long departed. Perhaps maintenance of old cemeteries should be an active project for governmental agencies, genealogical and historical societies, environmental organizations, and even private corporations which are involved in agri-business, redevelopment or road construction.

By N. Burr Coryell, Editor, Coryell Newsletter

## RECORDS INVENTORY MICROFILMING PROJECT

In our March issue, we began a listing of documents held in the Santa Barbara Historical Society, which have been filmed by the Family History Society in Salt Lake City. On page 37, Santa Barbara City Directories were continued through LDS Call # 1536274. The next number was 1548030, Wills-Volume 27. Since publication, additional materials have been received with call numbers falling between 1536274 and 1548030.

LDS Call #	Item #	Description	Inclusive dates
1547464		Santa Barbara City Directories	1971
1547465		"	1972
1547466		"	1977
1547467		"	1979
1547468		"	1982
1547469		"	1983-5
1547470		"	1986
1547546	1	"	1987
	2	Wills & Probate Vol. A Hope filed Aug 18 1882	1877-1880
1547547	1	Vol. A continued Hope	
	2	Vol. B to be continued Lewis T. Burton Packet	
1547548	1	Vol. B continued Lewis-Burton	
	2	Vol. B to be continued Frank Olds Packet	
1547638	1	Vol. B continued Frank Olds Packet	
	2	Vol. C to be continued Caesario Latailade Packet	
1547639	1	Vol. C continued C. Latailade Packet	
	2	Vol. D to be continued E. F. Hartshorn Packet	

LDS Call #	Item #	Description	Inclusive dates
1547640	1	Santa Barbara Wills & Probate Vol. D continued E. F. Hartshorn Packet	1877-1880
	2	Vol. E Gervasio Ayla Packet to be continued Edmund Pew Packet (Poor Copy)	
1547757	1	Vol. E continued Edmund Pew Packet	
	2	Index to Wills & Probate	1878-1954
	3	Wills Vol. (1) 10C-1642	
	4	Vol. (2) 1650-2660 continued 1916 packet	
1547758		Continued 1916 packet (Poor Copy)	
	1	Vol. (2) 1650-2666	
	2	Vol. (3) 2685-3600	
	3	Vol. (4) 3610-4562	
	4	Vol. (5) 4580-5124	
	5	Vol. (6) 5132-5970	
1547759	1	Vol. (7) 5972-6358 (Poor Copy)	
	2	Vol. (8) 6392-7023	
	3	Vol. (9) 7047-7454	
	4	Vol.(10) 7455-8145	
	5	Vol.(11) 8156-8602	
	6	Vol.(12) 8616-9439	
1547864	1	Vol. 12 9166 Lidia Cole Packet	
	2	Vol. 13 9945-10195	
	3	Vol. 14 10198-11039	
	4	Vol. 15 11044-11794	
	5	Vol. 16 12273-12220	

LDS Call #	Item #	Description	Inclusive dates
1547864	6	Santa Barbara Wills & Probate Vol. 17 12232-13098 to be continued 12381 Mary D. Westcott	
1547865	1	Continued Mary D. Westcott Vol. 17 12381	
	2	Vol. 18 13108-13776	
	3	Vol. 19 13732-14735	
	4	Vol. 20 14537-15598	
	5	Vol. 21 15603-16526 To be continued George Gould	
1547866	1	Vol. 21 16406 George Gould	
	2	Vol. 22 16549-17674	
	3	Vol. 23 17677-18392	
	4	Vol. 24 18425-19162	
	5	Vol. 25 19173-19694	
	6	Vol. 26 19901-20843	
1548254	1	Vol. 45 34586-35303	
	2	Vol. 46 35309-35896	
	3	Vol. 47 35897-36584	
	4	Vol. 48 36585-37225	
	5	Vol. 49 37239-38092	
	6	Vol. 50 38117-38920	
	7	Vol. 51 38941-39722 To be continued Arnold Peep	
1548255	1	Vol. 51 39086 Arnold Peep	
	2	Vol. 52 39729-30353	
	3	Vol. 53 40466-41140	
	4	Vol. 54 41142-42095	
	5	Vol. 55 42107-42624	

LDS Call #	Item #	Description	Inclusive dates
1548255		Santa Barbara Wills continued	
	6	Vol. 56 42628-43217 To be continued Don Rostie	
1548256	1	Vol. 56 42951 Donald MacRostie	
	2	Vol. 57 43227-43870	
	3	Vol. 58 43885-44809	
	4	Vol. 59 44814-45785	
	5	Vol. 60 45824-46884	
	6	Vol. 61 46904-47939	
	7	Vol. 62 47940-48652 To be continued Phil Chambers	
1548299	1	Vol. 62 48422 Continued Phil Chambers	
	2	Vol. 63 48678-49574	
	3	The Great Register 1866-1869/1867/1873-1875/1877 1879/1880/1882/1884/1886/1892 1896/1898/1911	
	4	List of Persons voting Districts 81/82/83/84/85/86	
	5	Sportsman's Field (Same as Potter's Field)	
	6	Padrones Records of Criminals	;782-;837
1548300	1	Vol A	1889-1900
	2	Prisoner Book	
	3	Index Card - Santa Barbara Mission Baptisms, Marriages, Burials To be Continued Marriages UI	1791-1917

To be continued

## THE DECAY OF HISTORY

The deplorable condition of the California State Archives is a scandal and tragedy waiting to happen. Every important state record going back to the Constitution of 1849 is still stuffed away in a leaky old Sacramento structure built in the 1920s to house the state printing plant. The archives building does not even have an adequate fire-suppression system. And the old building will run out of space during the next five years.

Aside from the sheer safety of state records, the present archives allows only limited access for historic research and educational exhibits. Nor does the present facility provide the technology required to deal with modern electronic records.

California needs to get to work on a new archives building immediately. The Legislature can get this project going by passing Senate Bill 638 sponsored by Sen. Alfred E. Alquist (D-San Jose) and sending it to Gov. George Deukmejian for his signature. The bill would provide about \$2.7 million to develop working drawings for a new structure that would include a public exhibit hall and modern facilities for the processing and storing of all state records for the coming half century. The total cost is estimated by the office of Secretary of State March Fong Eu to be about \$75 million. Funds would be borrowed from the State Pooled Money Investment Board.

State Archivist John F. Burns says, "Throughout this country and the world, governments have provided adequate archival facilities for their records in their own best interest." Massachusetts, Maryland and Louisiana have recently completed new archives facilities, along with the nations of Malaysia and Botswana. California should do no less, Burns says.

In fact, every day California delays on this project puts the entire historic record of the state at risk. That cannot be allowed to continue.

[This bill is still in committee in Sacramento. Then it will be sent to the Senate. For those interested in the status, Sen. Alquist's phone number is 916/445-9740. The committee's phone number is 916/445-1193.]

## A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN

by Jayne Caldwell

Forty-three years ago when he was but seventeen years old, John Schmitt had found a job. An interesting job to be sure, but it held no future, and though it involved 47,000 individuals, no one was talking.

This all started over a century ago in South Philadelphia in a quiet cemetery where loved ones were laid to rest. More than a few stones probably used the words: "R.I.P. in Eternity". It was a phrase the families accepted and never doubted. However, that was not the way it was to be.

In 1946 when young John was job-hunting, heirs of those interred were not contributing enough money to pay a caretaker for the cemetery. And considering that Lafayette Cemetery in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, lay in the path of "development", it was decided to move those caskets to another cemetery by the same name, but in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The plot (terrible pun) thickens!

By the truck load, 3' X 4' boxes were transported. Long trenches had been dug with a back hoe (no individual graves this time!) and in them pine boxes, 500 or 600 at a time, were placed side by side, as well as in a nearby creek bed. Young Schmitt had been hired to bull-doze them into the oblivion of "unmarked graves". Once done, they were soon forgotten, and the land quickly looked as it had before.

Last September after fifty-four years, "progress" once again entered the picture when the Bucks County cemetery began clearing a site for a new chapel. Discovery of two concrete vaults containing unidentified bodies brought about an immediate halt to the new project. Probing of the soil for more remains began, and records were searched to no avail, since disinterments and reinterments were not recorded until 1953.

The mystery of the names of those interred there, remains unsolved, but if your family lived and died in the Philadelphia County area, and if you have "lost" someone, perhaps he was buried there in the Lafayette Cemetery.

(from Associated Press release in "Santa Barbara News-Press", 23 September 1988).

Editor's Note: Records of the original Lafayette Cemetery in Philadelphia are housed in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Historical Society.

## NATIONAL ARCHIVES RENAMED

These archives are depositories for valuable records of regional offices of Federal agencies and the U.S. District and Circuit Courts, and for a wide variety of National Archives microfilm publications. The change more accurately reflects the geographic areas served by these important community resources.

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