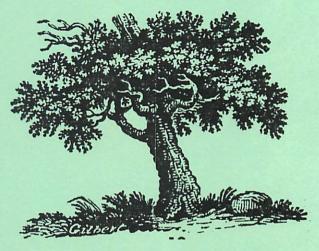
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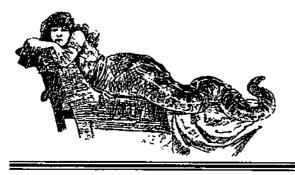
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Ramblings From Your Editor

These are the lost months for me--my children are out of school and refuse to be sold to the gypsies or to go to summer camp. At the risk of sounding curmudgeonly, I can hardly wait for school to start. One more month to go.

At least this summer has been a pleasant balance of activities revolving around my family. A couple of summers ago by August my essay topic for "What I Did on My Summer Vacation," was nearly "family homicide." It would have been a "good read" for any relatives doing genealogy in the future.

This week I will again stuff my family and our possessions into the car for a trek to the Bay Area and Sea Ranch.

My oldest sister has organized a family reunion. (You may recall the surname is Hom--out of ear shot of our mother we refer to these gatherings as "Homicides.") Actually, these reunions really are great fun for this side of my family is a rowdy bunch, but they can never agree on anything. The discussions get very lively as we try to uncover the truth. It only took fifteen minutes of debate to get the correct name of the pet goose. I have discovered it is better to get all the aunts and uncles together to sort out the family history for they trigger memories for each other.

I have requested that they bring copies of their birth certificates, old photographs, and any other papers they can find pertinent to the family history.

I am hoping to find out more about my grandmother's journey from China and subsequent stay at Angel Island before being released to my grandfather. So, wish me luck (put whatever spin you wish upon that request)!

Lesley Newhart Fagan

What's all this fuss about research? By Douglas E. DuCharme

As a relative newcomer to genealogy, I sometimes find it depressing to hear all this talk about the importance of having to look through books, files, records, and even graveyards. There has got to be an easier way. I think I've found it!

All you need to do is to place an ad on Internet for the sale of a used truck or car, (or let a relative do it), then sit back and wait.

My brother did just that. He placed an ad for a used truck on Internet and within an hour he was offered the opportunity to exchange genealogical information. Since he did not do this sort of thing, he forwarded the information to me and I followed up with great results.

I was able to connect my family with ancestors all the way back to 1589. And I didn't have to leave the safety and comfort of my own home. Now that's what I call research.

All this, thanks to Dick Miale of Chesapeake, VA, and Pierre Ducharme of Montreal, Canada. Both are members of the "Association des Charron et Ducharme Inc."

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How the Purple Heart began...

General George Washington, "ever desirous to charish a virtuous ambition in his soldiers," established the Badge of Military Merit on 7 August 1782. He directed that it be a figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Although Washington intended this forerunner of today's Purple heart to be bestowed whenever any singular meritorious action is performed, only three soldiers of the American Revolution won the medal.

Sgt. Elijah Churchill, 2nd regiment, Light Dragoons, was awarded the Badge for his part in two successful raids behind British lines. In November 1780, leading only sixteen men, he was able to capture and destroy the heavily manned British fortifications at Corum, New York. Only one man was wounded. The second commendation was for a raid on Ft. Slongo in October 1781. Churchill's unit, without the loss of a single man, captured and destroyed the fort in less than 24 hours.

The Badge was awarded to Sgt. William Brown, 5th Connecticut Regiment, for leading an advance party, who, using only bayonets, penetrated the British fortifications at Yorktown, Virginia, 14 October 1781 and drove the British from their positions in only 15 minutes.

The third Badge was given to St. Daniel Bissell, 2nd Connecticut Regiment, for masquerading as a British soldier from August 1781 to September 1782. The information gathered helped prepare for the American-French attack on the City of New York.

When the American Revolution was over, the Badge of Military Merit passed into history. On 22 February 1922, the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth, General Douglas MacArthur, War Department Chief of Staff, restored the Purple Heart for use by the US Army. The modern medal contains a likeness of Washington and his family coatof-arms.

Today, the medal is given only to members of the armed forces who have been wounded or killed under a specific set of circumstances. Although the criteria for the award are different than those set by General Washington, it still honors those who have demonstrated "unusual gallantry" and "extraordinary fidelity."

The Jacksonville Chapter, Florida, Sons of the American Revolution via Family Tree Topper, April/May 1996.





Book Reviews

Genealogy on the Macintosh.

By David Tippey. 1996. A5 paper, 48 pp. £5 (\$7.60) airmail. Order from Family Tree Magazine, 61 Great Whyte, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 1HL; Phone 01487 814050, Fax 01487 711361

If a couple of dangling modifiers, an annoying number of comma faults, and some clumsy punctuation don't bother you, and if you are a Macintosh genealogist, this little book may be for you. Its 48 pages (seven chapters) are stuffed with information on what kind of Macintosh and software you need for genealogy.

The author tells how you can use word processors, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics programs for genealogy, and then describes those programs designed specifically for genealogy. He also gives actual procedures for transferring data from a PC disk to a Macintosh, helpful if you download IGI or related data at an LDS library and bring them home to your Mac.

In the final two chapters of his book, Mr. Tippey briefly discusses the use of scanners and scanner software, photo CD ROMs, the Internet, and services like bulletin boards and CompuServe. He does not mention the largest service of all, America Online, but maybe that server has not arrived in Britain. Author Tippey advises that if you buy a used Mac it should have "at least 2 Mb RAM ..., 40 Mb Hard disk ... and make sure that the machine is running Operating System 7 or above." If you follow this advice literally—2 Mb RAM, 40 Mb hard drive, and System 7—your setup will run, but just barely. His advice to use System 7 or above is good, but with 2 Mb of RAM installed only a minimum System 7 installation is possible, preventing full use of System 7's considerable capabilities, and leaving little memory to run any but small applications. The Mac will work for running one program at a time, like one of the genealogy programs described in the book, but it will be starved for memory if it is desired to run a

popular word processing program (like Microsoft Word or Word Perfect). A 40 Mb hard disk provides a very minimum of storage. Mr. Tippey's recommendations for used equipment may satisfy some, but most genealogists will be happier with more powerful machines.

Mr. Tippey's review of genealogy programs for the Mac is refreshingly complete; he covers both shareware and commercial programs with enough information so that both entry-level and experienced genealogists alike should be able to make an informed selection of a Macintosh genealogy program. Regrettably, version 2.3.1 of Personal Ancestral File had not been released in time for a review to be included in Genealogy on the Macintosh. Mr. Tippey reviewed PAF version 2.1, a 1988 program that the author says "is starting to show its age." His criticisms of PAF 2.1, such as the frustrating limitation of entry fields to 16 characters, are on target. Alas, 16 characters per field remains the standard in version 2.3.1.

Genealogy on the Macintosh attempts to cover a lot of Macintosh information in a small book. The book, directed primarily to users in the United Kingdom, suffers from the lack of a comprehensive grammatical edit, but is worth its \$7.60 price.

Reviewed by Ted Denniston

PBS Television to Air "Ancestors"

Due to air in January 1997 on PBS is a series on genealogy. This ten-part series will be hosted by the husband and wife team of Jim and Terry Willard.

The program will focus on providing instruction on how to get started on researching their family history. It will also cover African-American & Native American records, genetic genealogy, and how technology can aid one's search, to mention a few of its topics.

HINTS ON USING REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION RECORDS

To locate your Revolutionary War ancestor's pension or his widow's, check the *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications*, published by the National Genealogical Society in 1980. Here, you will find the pensioner's application number. If followed by the letter "S," he applied and was accepted; if by "R," he was rejected, and if by "W," his widow applied. Often the rejected applications contain much more information than normal, as the soldier or his widow filed additional papers attempting to prove that he did indeed serve, or she was indeed married to him.

The first pension as approved by Congress in 1818 covered men who had served for nine months and were in need. In 1832, all men who had served for two or more years were entitled to full pay; those who served six months to half pay. In 1830, widows married prior to their husband's service were covered (extended in 1838 to those married prior to January 1794). In 1848, those married prior to January 1800 also were included. Finally, in 1853, (70 years after the end of the War) any widow whose husband had served for 14 days was covered. The last Revolutionary War pensioner, Daniel F. Bakeman, died on 5 April 1869 and the last pensioned widow, Esther S. Danton, died on 11 November 1906.

All pension files are copied on National archives microfilm titled: *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, Series 804* (2,670 rolls). There is also a Series 805, which contains 10 pages from each application, felt to be the most important--it is best to check 804, however, since what is important to you may not be to the person who chose the 10 pages.

A researcher should also check the four volume Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, by Virgil White. This set makes it possible to learn enough about the record to be sure you are ordering the proper papers for your ancestor. The fourth volume is an index to names "hidden" within the applications. Suggestion: Also check for brothers or uncles of ancestors who were in the Revolution.

Veterans' applications contain: name, rank, military unit, period of service, residence, birthplace, date of birth or age, and if applying on need, property owned. Files for widows contain: name, age, residence, maiden name, marriage date, and place (often with proof), husband's death date and place.

You may search microfilm yourself or request file copies on NATF Form 80 (rev. 10-93) Application for Copies of Veterans' Records. This updated form offers the option of using a credit card rather than going through the former time-consuming process of being advised of the cost and mailing the payment. Quoting from the instruction sheet attached: "When we search your order, we will make photocopies of records that relate to your request. For credit card orders, we will mail the copies immediately. For other types of orders, we will invoice you for the cost of the copies and hold them until we receive your payment." (Use of a credit card cuts several weeks off the time it takes for your order.)

<u>Pathways</u>, Butler Co. Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Julie Overton, Pat Ostwald of Boulder, Colorado and Helen L. Harriss of the WPGS via Roto.Gene, Vol. 17, No. 2.

When You Are Stuck--try these ideas

If you cannot find an ancestor's original location, check court records for all the surnames of individuals that had any dealings with your family. Pay particular attention to names that are most often repeated, as they may be close neighbors. Those who helped assess property may live nearby. Guardians of minor children could also live in the same vicinity.

In deeds, look for adjacent property owners, as well as names for previous proprietors--all of whom were neighbors. Be certain to check residents on both sides of the stream or river. If you are searching for an obituary and no newspaper is available for the proper date, check the newspapers in the surrounding areas or the area where the ancestor previously lived. CCGS Newsletter via the Clan Digger, Vol. 14, No. 1.

No Longer Just A Name! By Carolyn McQuaid Thomas

One never knows what might come from genealogical research! As a newcomer to the whole idea, just about anything is thrilling, but now I've experienced a serendipity that has brought an ancestor to life for me.

My great-grandfather died 9 years before my father was born and my grandfather died when I was 19 (long before I became interested enough to ask questions about my ancestors — sigh!!!) so William Lewis McQuaid was only a name to me.

Last week, I received copies of 15 different documents relating to him from the National Archives (a real bargain at \$10.00) Besides his Certificate of Disability for Discharge (wounded at the 2nd Battle of 'Bull Run'), applications for pension (his, and then, his widow's), and affidavits from others who knew both him and my great grandmother (including the minister who married them and the undertaker who buried him), there was also a little gem from the Bureau of Pensions, Washington D.C., dated 18 Mar 1898. It was a questionnaire to which my great grandfather responded on 21 Mar 1898, just 3 months before he died at age 58.

The questions were #1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name; #2. When, where, and by whom were you married? #3. What record of marriage exists? #4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce; and #5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

My great-grandfather's answers to all the questions were complete, but he went even further on #5, noting 5 children from his first wife and 2 (including my grandfather) from his second wife; then, William Lewis McQuaid became a real person to me when he added, "no prospect of any more...molds wore out."

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Locality Designations In England

ARCHDEACONRY - A subdivision of a Diocese under the jurisdiction of an Archdeacon.

BOROUGH - A town sending a member to Parliament, and governed by a municipal charter. It may be a county itself.

CHAPELRY - A part of a parish, with its own church; sometimes it has its own separate register.

CITY - The head of a Diocese, with a cathedral church.

COUNTY TOWN - Capital city of a county or shire.

DEANERY - A subdivision of an

archdeaconery under the jurisdiction of a rural dean.

DIOCESE - An ecclesiastical division, consisting of a number of parishes, under the jurisdiction of a Bishop.

EXTRA-PAROCHIAL - A special district with certain independent DISTRICT jurisdiction.

HAMLET - A group of houses; a small village.

HIDE OF LAND - A portion of land sufficient for the support of one family (in old English law 80-120 acres).

HŬNDRED - A sub-division of a shire; ten or twelve tithings.

LIBERTY - A special division of a parish or town having certain privileges or immunities.

MANOR - A landed estate of varying size. PARISH - (1) An ecclesiastical division of the Church of England with a clergyman.

(2) Also, a local civil district for administration of poor law, roads, etc. The boundaries are not necessarily the same as the ecclesiastical parish (also called township).

REGISTRATION - A political unit for government registration of DISTRICT births, marriages and deaths since July 1, 1837. SHIRE- A county.

TITHING - A unit of civil administration originally consisting of ten householders (10 hides of land); anciently, a unit for ecclesiastical rates.

TOWN - A populous place.

TOWNSHIP - A civil parish (having no parish registers).

UNION - Two or more parishes consolidated for joint administration of poor relief in the workhouse system.

WAPENTAKE - Term used for HUNDRED in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and

Nottinghamshire.

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TRICKS WITH TAX LISTS By Carmen J. Finley

Part two of a three-part series on the use of tax lists.

The previous article reproduced from the Sonoma Searcher dealt with finding sons as they come of age in a family, when census records are not available or do not give a complete picture. This issue's article deals with differentiating between two individuals with the same name, on the basis of age and tax exemption status. In the case of my research, I had to separate two John FINLEYs.

Differentiating Two Individuals By Age Using Tax Lists

John FINLEY, who lived in Washington County, Virginia, from the mid-1770s to 1792, sold his property in 1792 and was referred to in that deed as, "of Knox County, Territory South West of River Ohio." In trying to find John FINLEY in Knox County, many John FINLEY records were found. Obviously, there was more than one John FINLEY who lived in that area in that time period. Problem: How do we separate the records and follow the John FINLEY of interest?'

Land, marriage, military, and tax records were found which indicated there were at least three, and possibly four, John FINLEYs living in that area at that time. The first analysis, using land records, showed one of the John FINLEYs was originally from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and that he returned there in 1797. This left a John FINLEY who had surveyed a seventyeight-acre parcel in 1807, which was granted in 1812. A look at the poll tax records between 1804 and 1812 revealed the following information for two different John FINLEYs:

The first listing for John FINLEY #1 was in 1806. The early entries of fifty and one hundred acres were clearly estimates, since he did not have his property surveyed until 1807. He was not assessed a poll tax. John FINLEY #2 owned no land, but he was assessed one poll tax each year. The names of the person collecting the information may be helpful in differentiating persons. What does all this mean?

It was necessary to find the law on poll taxes which existed in Knox County at that time. From Pollyanna Creekmore's Early East Tennessee Taxpayers, it was found that, "By authority of an act passed 25 October 1797, a poll tax was levied on 'all free males and male servants between age of twenty one and fifty years." Hence, John FINLEY #1 was over fifty years of age and John FINLEY #2 was between the ages of twenty-one and fifty. We can therefore eliminate John FINLEY #2 as the John FINLEY of interest since he was too young to have been a property owner in 1777. This does not prove that John FINLEY #1 is the one who earlier lived in Washington County, Virginia, but it does give us a good prospect for further research.

This series on tax lists will be concluded in the next issue with Part 3— Separating households based on their position on the tax list.

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 June 1897 - 16 December 1900 Barge Office
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Ellis Island

Northwest Iowa Root Diggers, Vol. 17, No. 4.



According to Loretto Szucs' Ellis Island, there were no immigration laws until 1819, and those only covered steerage conditions on the ships. Record keeping was minimal, and it wasn't until 1882 that regulations became uniform.

In 1855, the old fort, Castle Garden, on the lower tip of Manhattan was made into an immigration station. Processing took place there until April 1890 when it moved to the Barge Office until Ellis Island was converted from an old arsenal to a processing center for immigrants.

Ellis Island opened on January 1892. Over five million immigrants were processed before a fire destroyed the wooden buildings. Processing was then moved back to the Barge Office at Battery Park on Manhattan until new brick buildings were completed and Ellis Island opened again in December 1900.

Two definitions/One word

English is a funny language-. take "invalid" and "invalid." They look the same, they are pronounced differently, and they have different meanings. At a recent SGS meeting the terms were confused. For the record, when "invalid" is used in relation to US. government documents, such as pension records, it applies to disabled applicants (the pronunciation <u>in</u>-va-lid). The government does not use "invalid" (pronounced in-<u>val</u>id) for unaccepted applications; it uses the term "rejected" instead.

Seattle Genealogical Society, March-April 1996

"Let Her R.I.P."

According to Ronald A. Bremer's book, "The World's Funniest Epitaphs," quite a few husbands were not too unhappy when their spouses passed on.

Here lies Elizabeth, my wife for 47 years, and this is the first thing she ever done to oblige me.

The children of Israel wanted bread, And the Lord sent them manna, Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife, And the Devil sent him Anna.

I plant these shrubs upon your grave, dear wife, That something on this may boast of life. Shrubs must wither and all earth must rot. Shrubs may revive but you, thank heaven, will not.

This spot is the sweetest I've seen in my life, For it raises my flowers, And covers my wlfe.

Here lies my wife Here let her lie, She is at rest, And so am I.

The Inevitable Corrections Column

Wouldn't be an issue without them!

Winter 1996: Marriage licenses, p.39:

The article states that the posted marriage bond was in case of a divorce. The money was to go to the bride. Jan Cloud states, "The bond was to ensure that both parties were legally free to marry. Usually posted by the groom and possibly co-signed by a relative of the bride. The sum was customarily so large that I do not think the actual money was ever posted."

Spring 1996, Sorting Signatures on Land deeds, p.66: Once again a lesson on being wary of "always." The article states that the signatures on a land deeds lower left corner, "the first one is always from the husband's side of the family. The next one is always from the wife's sideprotect her one-third dower right..." Jan Cloud states,"Not correct! Possibly, but not probably, and certainly not <u>always</u>. The law provided for 'dower right,'

a witness to a deed had no bearing on that entitlement."

Maps, p. 69: Pacific Travelers' Supply is located at 12 West Anapamu St. off State Street in Santa Barbara.



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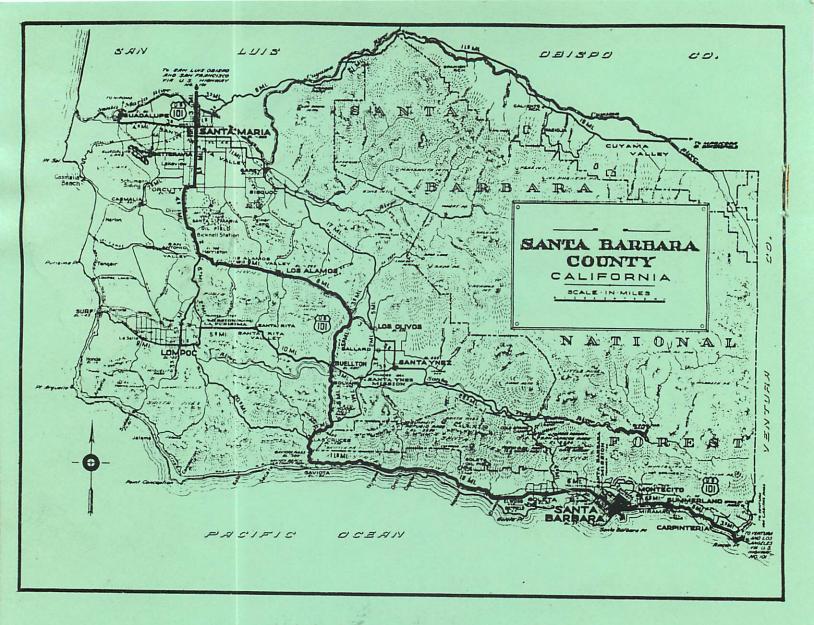
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Santa Barbara County

One of California's 27 original counties. While the county was actually created in 1850, the written history of the area dates back to 1542. In that year Juan Cabrillo discovered the Santa Barbara Channel and later, according to legend, crossed to San Miguel Island where he died and was buried. A second Spanish explorer, Sebastian Vizcaino, entered the channel on the Feast Day of Saint Barbara in 1602, and named the area accordingly. Fr. Fermin Francisco de Lasuen founded the Santa Barbara mission in 1786. Santa Barbara Royal Presidio, established April 21, 1782, by Fr. Junipero Serra, was the last of four royal presidios in Alta California: Santa Barbara, San Diego, Monterey, and San Francisco. Santa Barbara had all three Spanish forms of administration - Presidio representing the military, Pueblo the civil, and Mission the religious. In 1873, Ventura County was established from the southern portion of the original Santa Barbara area.

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