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Ramblings From Your Editor

I have a beloved, quirky friend named Zeke. We both lost our fathers while in our 20's, and have told each other funny stories related to them to cheer each other up when needed. He lost his father suddenly, no chance to say goodbye; my father died of cancer, and though I had a chance to say thanks and farewell the moment was ruined by an overly dramatic relative. When we debated which was better, if there is a *better* death, a sudden painless death or a chance to tie up any emotional loose ends, he told me a funny story about the disposal of his father's shirts. His father had been a mechanic and his workshirts had his name

sewn on the front. While Zeke was cleaning up his father's belongings he was so grief stricken, that he grabbed every shirt and walked out to the dumpster and dropped them in. End of story...or so he thought. A week later he was down at the harbor, and recognized his father's shirts on several homeless men. To add insult to injury, these shirts with "Gene" nicely embroidered over the pocket were worn everyday by these men for a couple of months. Where am I going with this? I have another story about death and Zeke, but with a gentle genealogical moral.

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Using the Averages Helps

If your research in the pioneering period (before 1850) has "dead ended," it's time for creative thinking. You may find these trends helpful in analyzing your problems.

1. There are approximately 3 generations per century.
2. Average age for men to marry was 24. They rarely married before 20.
3. Average age for women to marry was 20. They rarely married before 16.
4. First marriages were usually between couples near the same age. Women generally outlived their husbands, but old widowers frequently married much younger women who had never been married before. (Remember those old Revolutionary War soldiers!)
5. Births generally occurred at two-year intervals. Frequently the first child was born a year after marriage. As a woman aged, the interval between births increased slightly. Child bearing generally ended about 45.
6. Families and neighbors generally migrated together from their old homes. Women rarely traveled alone.
7. Men usually married women from

their neighborhood. If a seemingly "strange" woman turned up, check the man's former home. Often men returned to their former residence to find a wife.

8. If you can't find an old parent, chances are he "went west" with a son.
9. If you have an ancestor born around 1840, strongly consider the possibility of Civil War military service.
10. Studies show that after 1850, Ohio pioneers frequently moved to counties in other states on the same latitude as their home county in Ohio.
11. If your ancestor had a "virtue name" (e.g., Patience, Silence) consider a New England heritage.
12. Children were often named for the grandparents, both male and female.
13. Frequently a middle name (or even a first name) was the mother's or grandmother's maiden name, especially if the name is repeated through several related families.

*Tree Climber, Stark Co., OGS, December 1996 via
le BATON ROUGE, Vol. XVII, No. 4.*

Cyber Bits

Language Translation

Free online language translation capability provided by Altavista. You can select from a variety of languages, translating in both directions. It will accept text that you type, in (or paste in from another application). You can also specify the URL of a web page that you want to have translated.

AltaVista: Main Page (double click on this hot link). From this, select "Translate."

Submitted by Cheryl & Chuck White, SBCGS members.

Special Collections

- American Revolution Pensions
<<http://cgi.rootsweb.com/~genbbs/genbbs.cgi/AmerRev/GeneralPens>>
- War of 1812 (Queries)
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- War of 1812 (Pensions)
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Uploads to the USGENWEB Archives

- <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb>>
- 1887-1891 Marriages of Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming
- 1850 Federal Census, Alleghany County, Virginia
- 1870 Federal Census, Charlotte County, Virginia
- Early Marriages, Dallas County, Texas
- World War I Civilian Draft Registrations:
Idaho, Mississippi
- 1880 Federal Census, Sedgwick County, Kansas
- 1910 Census, Skagway, Alaska
- Dallas County, Texas — Marriage Book P, 1896-1897
- Lafayette Parish, Louisiana — Cemeteries
- Civil War: 16th Maine Infantry

I am Always the Last to Know

I had two friends that don't own a computer, (nor have researched their genealogy) tell me about the launching of the Church of Latter Day Saints newest website <www.familysearch.com> (Where was I?)

I have only been to this site a couple of times for a total of an hour typing every possible name combination. A good hit on a friend's ancestor, nothing for me. I seem to get tempted into cyberspace onto websites that claim to have reference to an ancestor, and darn if I can find the connection. However, it is very nice to have a quick search of the latest version of the IGI at one's fingertips—faster than if one goes to the nearest Family History Library.

Vampire Tale May Stem From Rabies Epidemic

Men who had become infected with rabies during a European epidemic in the 1720s may be the source of legends about vampires because their symptoms are very similar to the attributes of these lurid bloodsuckers, a Spanish physician writes in the September issue of *Neurology*. Vampires are generally said to be male, and rabies is seven times more frequent in males, according to Dr. Juan Gomez-Alonso of Xeral Hospital in Vigo, Spain. Some rabid men have a tendency to bite other people.

The reputed aversion of vampires to garlic and mirrors may have come about because rabid people become hypersensitive to stimulation, reacting strongly—with spasms of facial and vocal muscles, harsh sounds and frothing at the mouth—to such stimuli as light, water, strong odors, or mirrors, Gomez-Alonso said.

Rabid individuals also develop insomnia, and have a tendency to wander at night and become hypersexual. With rabies, moreover, blood can stay liquid long after death and corpses can have blood flowing out the mouth, both characteristics associated with vampires.

By Thomas H. Maugh II

Los Angeles Times, September 21, 1998.

Finding Places

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The task of finding information about a particular place can sometimes be overwhelming. Just like some distant relatives, county and city boundaries had a habit of not staying put. They moved frequently over the years. Since knowing the exact county name is important when searching for documents about your ancestors, these tools and sites may make your search easier.

First, check out the Ultimate Family Tree Gazetteers. Originally published in 1833 and 1853, these publications on CD-ROM provide descriptive information for specific areas of the United States.

You can search these publications using up to two keywords at a time and read the actual page from the Gazetteer.

Next, visit <<http://www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm>>, the online 1895 Atlas of the United States, which has wonderfully detailed maps of states and counties. *(I had trouble getting the complete webpage to open for me when I accessed it directly. After fifteen minutes of muttering curses, I went to the website mentioned below and (on a whim) tried to get the 1895 atlas from the link on that page. It worked! No more tears.—Ed.)*

If you don't find what you want there, try Odden's Bookmarks at the University of Utrecht in The Netherlands. This site has links to hundreds of maps around the world including early U.S. maps. <<http://kartoserver.frw.ruu.nl/html/staff/oddens/oddens.htm>>.

Looking for more current maps? 1990 U.S. census information can be found for specific locations at <<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/gazetteer>>.

Have you ever wondered what some of these locations looked like from space? Take a trip to <<http://teraserver.microsoft.com/>> for a neat look from the skies.

The Getty Information Institute will provide you extremely detailed information about places, with latitude and longitude, as well as historical information about the place you're researching. Visit <http://www.ahip.getty.edu/tgn_browser/>.

Finally, the granddaddy of them all, the Roots-L resource page at <<http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/usa.html>>. This site is a "must visit" with links to a wide variety of U.S. state information.

Previously published by RootsWeb Genealogical Data Cooperative, RootsWeb Review, Sept. 9, 1998.

FreeBMD Project

FreeBMD is the new online vital records source for England and Wales. The vital records indexes for England and Wales, referred to as the General Register Office (GRO) Indexes, or the St. Catherine's Indexes, remain the only source for obtaining birth, marriage or death certificates (beginning 1 July 1837) if you don't know where the event took place. From the references in the indexes you can order the correct certificate. The FreeBMD project has obtained permission to transcribe these indexes and place them on the Internet with a powerful search engine for free access. Volunteers will send in the references they have looked up and these will be stored in a database. The FreeBMD project is expected to take forever, probably, and the next 15 years certainly.

At this stage, FreeBMD is developing the database, records management and search engine software as well as designing the Web site. FreeBMD uses Mike Foster's transcriptions as test data <<http://www.cs.ncl.ac.uk/genuki/StCathsTranscriptions/>>.

For more information or if you think you can help now, please join the mailing list by sending your SUBSCRIBE request by e-mail to:

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Santa Barbara County Hospital Cemetery, Part I

Information provided by:
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According to the Record of Deaths in the Office of the County Recorder, 100 burials were made by the county in the cemetery adjacent to the County Hospital located on South Salinas Street in the city of Santa Barbara. The first burial occurred July 22, 1892; the last April 3, 1904.

Deeds registered in the County Recorders Office show that the County acquired title to property north and south of present-day Cathedral Oaks Road to build a new hospital. In 1917, the remains, encased in 2x2x2 redwood boxes, and the limestone headstones were transferred to the new site.

In 1960 Santa Barbara County Historical Society member, Mrs. A.A. Bonilla, surveyed the cemetery and noted that 62 headstones had names and dates that were decipherable. The names on twenty headstones were all or partially obliterated or missing, though the dates and ages were decipherable. Twelve headstones were entirely defaced and six were missing. From various records, Rita van Buskirk, the County Recorder, was able to supply the missing names except for the two who were unknown at the time of the original burial.

Ninety five males and five females were buried. Here is what is known about them:

ADAMS, George - (Gravestone broken and some but not all of pieces retrieved. Inscription: Died Sep 6, 1901. AE 40 yrs) From CSBRD Name: Supposed George Adams Age: Supposed 40 years old Place of Birth: Supposed Ireland Died: Supposed Sep 6, 1901 in the city jail at city hall. The verdict of the jury was he died of natural causes and unknown to the jury. From SBCRD: Marital status unknown.

AIKEN, Marion - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died July 3, 1903. AE 74 yrs) American nativity. Single. Died of apoplexy (stroke).

ARICA, Antonio - (Gravestone broken and only part of the name is visible. Inscription of poor quality: Died__1892. AE 33 yrs.) Born in Santa Barbara. An American Indian. Single. Died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Goleta on Halloween, 1892.

AVENATTI, Luigi - (no identifiable gravestone) Native of Italy. Silver/gold smith. Died May 4, 1901 at age of either 19 or 25. Body found floating in the ocean. Cause of death was suicide according to a notation in the county death record book.

BAGARAH, Tiburcio - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died May 21, 1897. AE 77 yrs) Born in either Mexico or Chile. Laborer. Died from chronic kidney disease (Bright's disease with uremia) at county hospital.

BECKER, Nick - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died March 10, 1899. AE 60 yrs) Born in Germany. Butcher. Lived in Santa Barbara County 6 months. Drowned in the Santa Barbara Channel near the wharf.

BLUNDELL, John - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Feb 5, 1901. AE 40 yrs) Birthplace unknown. Laborer for the railroad. Last residence Rincon Station. Died in Carpinteria from drunkenness or alcoholism exposure.

BOOTH, Priscilla - (no identifiable gravestone) Born in Baltimore, Maryland. Father born in England, mother born in Delaware or Virginia. Divorced or widowed. Lived in Santa Barbara about 10 years. According to the 1900 census, she had one living child, Edward McGrath who was born November 1853 in New York. He was an attorney in 1900 and single. Birthplace of his father unknown. Priscilla died Feb 6, 1901 at 27 W. Cota at age 71 years, 5 months, 7 days from apoplexy (stroke).

BROWN, James - (name missing on gravestone which is leaning against fence. Inscription faint: Jul 15, 1895) Born in England. Widowed. Worked as a miner. Lived in Santa Barbara 20 years. Died at age 77 of heart disease at county hospital.

BROWN, Mike - (Gravestone broken and first name missing. Inscription: Died Nov 7, 1894. AE 42 yrs) Born in Germany. Married. Laborer. Died in Goleta from suicide by gunshot. Lived in Santa Barbara County five months.

BRYANT, William - (no identifiable gravestone) Born in Vermont. Married. Died November 7, 1899 of kidney disease at age 76.

BUROLA, Severo - (Gravestone slightly broken and letter S missing. Inscription: Died Feb 18, 1901. AE 85 yrs) Birthplace unknown. Widowed. Laborer. Lived in Santa Barbara County seven years. Died of old age inanition (inability to eat) after seven days in county hospital. Last residence was near a canal on Figueroa Street.

BURTRAM, Seymour - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Oct. 27, 1896. AE 18 yrs, 7 mos.) Born in Petaluma, California. Lived with his parents in Santa Barbara three months. Died of pulmonary tuberculosis.

BUTLER, Charles J. - (C.J.) (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died June 3, 1893. AE 35 yrs) Born in Los Angeles. White. Single. Lived in Santa Barbara County two years. Died of lung disease at county hospital.

BUTLER, JOHN J. - (Gravestone intact. Inscription faint: Died July 29, 1898. AE 69 yrs) Born in Massachusetts. Single. White. Died of a stroke at county hospital.

CAMENFIELD, A.F.O. (or C.) - (no identifiable gravestone) Born in Germany. Single. Cook at the railroad camp at Naples, California. Died on Sept. 11, 1899 when a horse kicked him.

CARRILLO, Frances - (no identifiable gravestone) Female. Born Oct 6, 1901. Died Oct 7, 1901. Chief cause of death was insufficient vitality - exhaustion. Contributing factor was "tuberculosis of mother." Frances died at 218 Santa Barbara Street.

CLAREY, Charles H. - (no identifiable gravestone) Charles born December 1824 in Chile. Moved to US in 1845. Naturalized citizen. Laborer. Lived in Santa Maria, California. Single. Parents born in Germany. Died January 3, 1904 of locomotor ataxia. Had been an inmate in the county hospital for five years.

CLARK, James - (no identifiable gravestone) Born in Illinois. Single. White. Laborer. Died either October 26 or 27, 1903 of apoplexy (stroke) at county hospital where he had been an inmate for three days. Contributing factor to his death was a cerebral hemorrhage.

COLCLOUGH, Richard - (Gravestone partially broken but all inscription intact. Inscription: Died May 22, 1900. AE 52 yrs) From Ireland. Died of pulmonary tuberculosis at county hospital. Chief cause of death - insufficient vitality exhaustion. Died at 218 Santa Barbara St.

CONTRERAS, Antonio - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Jan 4, 1903. AE 80 yrs) (Note: could not locate a death record. Information from US Census) Boarder at a house at 303 E. Carrillo. No other information provided.)

CRAIG, Hiram - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Nov 11, 1902. AE 71 yrs) Born March 1831 in New York. Married 34 years to Mary who was born in Canada. Three children. Gardener. Died of heart disease.

CRUZ, Priscilla - (no identifiable gravestone) Born March 30, 1901 in Texas. Parents were Francisco Cruz and Bersabe Flores from Mexico. Family arrived from Helena, Texas when Priscilla died three weeks later on the eastside canal between Ortega and Canon Perdido Streets. Date of death was April 3, 1904. Cause of death measles with labor pneumonia a contributing factor.

DAHL, George - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died June 7, 1897. AE 38 yrs) Born in Norway. Single. Laborer. Died from hemorrhaging of the bowels following typhoid fever.

DOHR, George - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died June 23, 1898. AE 59 yrs) Born in California. Ethnic origin: German. Died of heart disease.

DUFF, Taryned - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died April 26, 1903. AE 73 yrs) Born in Ireland. Laborer. Died of heart disease.

DUFFY, John - (Gravestone broken and name missing from stone. Inscription: Died May 17, 1896 AE 35 yrs) Born in Wisconsin. Single. Died in county hospital from typhoid-malarial fever. Lived in Santa Barbara County 3 days.

DUPONT, Margaret - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Jan 16, 1895. AE 42 yrs) Born in France. Married. Lived in Santa Barbara County 10 months. Died of sarcoma of the lungs. (Death record says her name is DEL PONT).

EARLY, Bernard - (Name missing from gravestone. Inscription: Died Nov 22, 18__ AE 23 yrs) Born in Scotland. Married. Baker. Lived in Santa Barbara 25 years. Died Nov 22, 1897 at age 70. (Note the discrepancy between the gravestone information and the death record).

ELLESON, Bert - (no identifiable gravestone) Born in Skan, Norway. Single. Died on Feb 12, 1893 at age 25 of a pistol shot accident. Had lived in Santa Barbara 5 months.

ESPINOSA, Juan - (no identifiable gravestone) Birthplace unknown. "US Spanish." Died Dec 14, 1903 from tuberculosis of the bones of the spine. Contributing factor was scrofula. Had been an inmate of the county hospital for one year and three months. Prior to that, he had lived in Santa Barbara.

EVA, Richard - (First name missing from gravestone. Inscription: Died June 28, 1896. AE 43 yrs) Born in England. Single. Lived in Santa Barbara for two years. Died of tuberculosis.

FARWELL, George W. - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died May 23, 1895. AE 35 yrs) Native of San Francisco. Single. Waiter. Died on the way from San Francisco of quick consumption (tuberculosis) on Corona Street.

FESTE, William - (Name missing on gravestone. Inscription: May 20, 189?, AE 30 yrs) Born in New York. Single. Salesman. Lived in Santa Barbara County four years. Died of Tuberculosis at county hospital on May 20, 1896.

FITZGERALD, Edward C. - (Gravestone broken. Piece of stone found with only part of name on it. Inscription is somewhat faint: Died Dec 12, 1899. AE 28 yrs) Born in Polk County, Mississippi. Marital status uncertain. In Santa Barbara County 20 days. Died of typhoid fever and perforation of the bowels after a five day stay in the county hospital. Had been living at 514 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara.

FLEET, Thomas - (Gravestone broken. Name partially visible. Inscription: Died Aug 1, 1892.. Aged 23 yrs) Born in Scotland. Single. Drowned in Montecito.

FRESHONE, Lason - (Gravestone intact but reads Loson FRESHOUR. Inscription: Died Sept. 15, 1897. AE 73 yrs.) Born in North Carolina. Single. Laborer. Had lived in Santa Barbara 26 years. Died of a stroke in County Hospital at age 72 (sic).

GAGE, Thomas - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Octo 9, 1900. AE 44 yrs) Born in Massachusetts. Married. Died from alcoholism at county hospital.

GARDNER, A.F. - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Jan 26, 1902. AE 56 yrs) Birthplace unknown, possibly Maine. Woodchopper. Died of natural causes at Cold Springs. Last residency at Rood's Ranch, Santa Barbara.

GRAHAM, Benjamin F. - (no identifiable gravestone). Born in Ohio. Farmer. Widowed. Died Sep 22, 1903 of "indigestion cronica dropsy." Age 88 years, 8 months, 8 days.

GUILLEN, Senobio - (Name partially missing from gravestone. Inscription: Died Mar 6, 1902. AE 27 yrs) Born about 1875 in California. Single. Died from tuberculosis (consumption).

GUIROS, S. Gorgonia - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Oct. 24, 1901. AE 86 years.) Female. Born about 1815 in Zacaticas, Mexico. Married. Lived in Santa Barbara six months. Died of natural causes at a Southern Pacific railroad station in the first ward of Santa Barbara.

HARRIS, Solomon - (Name and part of death date missing from gravestone. Inscription: Oct 8, 18 __, AE 61 yrs) Born in Russia. Single. Died from anemia in county hospital on Oct 8, 1899 at age 61.

HARTMAN, Frank - (Gravestone partially broken and first name missing. Inscription: Died Mar 14, 1895, AE 28 yrs) Native of New York. Single. Laborer. Resident of Santa Barbara County for one year. Died of tuberculosis at county hospital.

HAYNES, Willie - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Oct 2, 1892, AE 1 yr) Born in Santa Barbara County. White. Died from marasmus (progressive emaciation due to malnutrition).

HENRY, Jacob - (or Jacob Henry) (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died March 28, 1899. AE 76 yrs) Born about 1823 in Pittsburgh, PA. Married. Occupation - engineer. Lived in Santa Barbara 11 years. Died of valvular disease.

HOOPS, Abraham - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Nov 5, 1898, AE 80 yrs) Born in Pennsylvania. Died at county hospital of kidney disease age 80 years, 2 months.

HUBBELL, Infant daughter of William H. - (no identifiable gravestone). Stillborn Feb 16, 1903. Father born Illinois and mother born Michigan. They were living (or staying) at 224 State Street at time of birth. Their latest residence listed as Los Angeles.

JOHNSON, Stephen - (no identifiable gravestone). Born July 1826 in Massachusetts; father born in New Hampshire and mother born in Massachusetts, according to the 1900 census. Single. Sailor. Died June 1, 1902 on Chapala Street between Yanala (sic) and Montecito Streets from heart failure. Had lived in Santa Barbara for five years.

JORGINSEN, Luis Peter - (Gravestone broken and first and middle names missing. Inscription: Died July 31, 1893, AE 18 yrs.) Born about 1875 in Sweden or Norway. Single. Lived in Santa Barbara County for two months. Died from meningitis.

KNAPP, Melville A. - (Gravestone intact. Inscription: Died Jan 28, 1901 AE 60 yrs) Born about 1839 in New York. Married. Laborer. Lived in Santa Barbara County one year. Died of heart disease.

Sources of Biographical Information:
Grave markers
SBCRD (Santa Barbara County Register of Deaths 1873-1918, recorder's office)
US Census (1900 Federal Census for the United States)
CSBRD (City of Santa Barbara Return of a Death)
SBCDR (Santa Barbara County Death Records, 1888-1894, county clerk's office)

SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX

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The Social Security Death Index (SSDI), an often-used source of information, is more formally known as the index to the Social Security Administration Death Master File. The file is created from Social Security Administration (SSA) payment records and includes for each decedent (if the information is available to the SSA): name, Social Security number (SSN), date of birth, date of death, state where the SSN was issued, ZIP code of the last residence, and ZIP code of where the death benefit was sent.

Because the SSA records were not automated until the 1960s, the index only covers deaths since about 1962. It may include a few earlier records, but there hasn't been any concerted effort on the part of the SSA to enter older information.

There are many reasons why a person might not be in the SSDI:

- File has an estimated three per cent error rate.
- Person might not have had a Social Security number.
- Information might have been reported incorrectly.
- SSA might not have been notified of the person's death.
- Person might have changed his or her name.
- Person might have used a different spelling of his or her name.
- Person might have died before the SSA put its records on the computer.

If you do find someone, the data can provide clues for further research.

1. Surname and given name. Use these to confirm the customary spellings of deceased's names.

2. SSN. Use to confirm that your information is targeted to the right individual, and/or to help establish legal rights to

information and benefits.

3. State where SSN was issued. Although not 100% accurate, it can aid in pinpointing where an individual resided at that time and where additional information might be available.

4. Date of birth and death. Use these to confirm, correct, or clarify information.

5. State where the individual died. Use to find additional records and perhaps determine a previous residence.

6. ZIP codes for where the death payment was sent. In 1981 the \$255 death payment was restricted to spouses and dependent children only. Sometimes individuals travel to other locations for assisted care or for medical treatment before their deaths. This information can lead to hospital records or other pertinent information.

Don't rely just on the SSDI. As a genealogist you want to check the original records whenever possible. Order a copy of the original Social Security number application from the SSA. It will have the applicant's name, complete birth date and place, and often the parents' names. Since several states did not require birth certificates until the early or mid-1900s, the SSN application data could be used in lieu of a birth certificate.

The SSDI can point you in the right direction for gathering additional information, including ordering a copy of a death certificate from a state or county vital records office. For example, on a California death certificate you will find:

1. Name of the deceased (could provide new middle names or nicknames).
2. Date of death (could lead to newspaper obituaries).
3. Place of death (often in a different town, county or even state of residence; could lead to searches of city directories, clues to religious affiliations, neighbors, friends, and hospital records).
4. Birth date of deceased (if provided by a relative during the time of mourning, this may be inaccurate, but it could clarify an incomplete family record).

5. Place of birth of deceased (if part of the physician's records, could be accurate).

6. Name of father of deceased (could lead to federal census records for entire family or to a search of other vital records).

7. Place of birth of father of deceased (could lead to further searches of SSA records for the father, federal census searches, or birth record searches for the father in a new locality, or it might give immigrant ancestor's hometown in the old country).

8. Name of mother, including her maiden name (could provide clues to other names on the obituary; could also lead to the same items mentioned in No. 7, plus other records).

9. Place of birth of mother of deceased (see Nos. 7 and 8).

10. Name of spouse of deceased (could lead to a search of marriage records).

11. Whether the spouse is living or deceased (if deceased, could lead to another SSDI search).

The information on each state's death certificate varies, but unless the actual record is ordered you won't know.

How did I know this? Not from memory. I simply clicked on HELP in the Social Security Death Index viewer supplied with Ultimate Family Tree Platinum <<http://www.uftree.com>>. It not only has tips on how the search functions, but also has information on the content of the data. Sometimes HELP really is help!

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You know those too cute for consumption sayings about "You know you're a genealogist when..." I found myself lying (or skewing the truth as I prefer to say) to a member of the clergy to get a piece of information. Albeit I think he was lying to me as well. Either I am a very bad person or a genealogist.

Santa Barbara County Spanish/Mexican Rancho Grants 1794-1846, Part II

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Beginning in 1794 grants were generally made to retiring soldiers. This period in Alta California was chaotic politically, economically and militarily. Spain, then Mexico, paid little attention to Alta California. The impetus for most county rancho grants was the secularization of the missions. Secularization did not take place during the same time period at the individual missions. Retirees—those with political pull and/or those that had lent the governors money—were granted up to ten leagues (44,000 acres). Often overlooked are the intermarriages between American men, Englishmen, Irishmen, etc. and the "dark-eyed" *senoritas* belonging to prominent families which then made these immigrants eligible for grants—and changed the culture of Alta California.

After statehood, beginning in 1852, each grantee had to prove his ownership to the California Land Claim Commission. Not all claims were approved. The claimant to the commission was not necessarily the patentee—the property could have been encumbered or sold. Title was not cleared until the claimant paid for a United States survey and a patent was issued by the president for the appropriate number of acres. This process took up to *thirty* years. During this time legal fees increased dramatically, and many ranches changed hands because of these legal fees. In addition, the severe drought of the 1860s dramatically changed the economic picture of rancho owners.

The following descriptions are from Bancroft, Mutnick and J.N. Bowman at the Bancroft Library and do not necessarily agree with O'Neill. Ranchos located in Ventura County are not included—formed 1873.

LA GOLETA 252 SD

Granted by Pico June 10, 1846, to Daniel Hill, 1 league

Claim by Hill January 19, 1853

Patent issued to Hill March 10, 1865, for 4,426.10 acres—ranch extends west from Hope Ranch to Fairview.

Daniel Hill b Billerica, MA 1799.

Arrived in SB in 1822 on the Rover.

In 1825 m Rafaela S.L. Ortega. Their children:

1. Rafaela Rosa A. m 1843 Si Nicolas A. Den 2. Jose Vicente N. m 1855 SB #448 Ma. de los Angustia Olivera 3. Ma. Josephina G. m Dr. Alex S. Taylor 4. Susanna A. m 1853 SB #407 T.W. More (Murdered in Sespe, 1877)
5. Juana Antonia 6. John J.A. 7. Joseph M.A. 8. Daniela. 9. Thomas Ramon 10. Jose Ramon M. m Ma de los Angeles Burke 11. Helena 12. Mary A.N. m c1870 Dr. Owen H. O'Neill 13. Lucretia D young 14. Henry N. 15. Florentin Daniel 16. Juana Adelaide Alice m E. Scollen.

LA LAGUNA 21 SD

Granted first by Alvarado July 9, 1840, to Jose Ramon Rodriguez provisionally; second by Micheltorena March 12, 1844, provisionally; and third by Pico November 13, 1845, both grants to Octaviano Gutierrez; not over 11 leagues.

Claim by Gutierrez May 7, 1852 Patent to Gutierrez May 17, 1867, for 48,703.91 acres.

The La Laguna extends east from the town of Los Alamos around the Corral de Quati and Zaca ranchos to the College Ranch.

Octaviano Gutierrez received a provisional grant of an augmentation of 1 league on March 20, 1844. This is apparently the same grant Alvarado made to Roberto Pardo on May 6, 1837. Pardo apparently abandoned the land as no reference to it is made in the later grants.

Corp./Lt. Octaviano Gutierrez from Mexico City was stationed in SB from 1824. In 1827

m E. Caledonia Ruiz y Lugo. They had eleven children.

LAS POSITAS y LA CALERA 184 SD

Granted by Micheltorena May 10, 1843, to Narciso Fabreget about 1 league; and second by Pico July 1, 1846, to Thomas M. Robbins, an augmentation of 1 1/2 leagues.

Claim by Robbins and Manuela Carrillo Jones on May 8, 1852.

Patent to Thomas W. Hope, as successor in interest, on June 10, 1870, for 3,281.70 acres. This ranch is the present site of the Mesa and Hope ranch.

Thomas M Robbins b Nantucket MA 1801. Arrived in CA 1823. 1834 m Maria de la Encarnacion Carrillo. Their children: 1. Manuel G. 2. Manuel A D. m 1854 SB #426 Harvey Benjamin Blake 3. Thomas 4. Jose G. 5. Carlos A. 6. Ma. Soledad D. 7. Juan Jose 8. Ysabel m 1863 Ramon J. Branch 9. George W. m 1876 Catherine Hottel 10. Ma. Antonia m 1864 Leonardo R. Branch 11. Ma. Concepcion E. m 1867 SLO #1016 Francisco Branch 12. Francisca ??m Hottel

LA ZACA 241 SD

Granted by Alvarado 1838, to Antonio [Antonino] an Indian, about 1 league. Claim by Maria Antonia de la Guerra Lataillade on June 10, 1852.

Patent to Maria Antonia on August 23, 1876, for 4,458.10 acres.

The Zaca is a square rancho just north of the Corral de Quati. Zaca Lake was never within the boundaries of the Zaca Rancho.

Antonino's daughter Ana m Pio Cordero, then Vicente Cordero, and his grandson Epigenio Cordero sold the Zaca Rancho c1848 to S.D. Cesario E.A. Lataillade for \$300.

Lataillade b. 1819 La Villa de Pau, France. He was in Tepic, Mexico in 1840, and arrived in CA as purser on the brig "Chato" in 1841. 1845 m SB Maria Antonia de la Guerra. 1. Maria Antonia 2. Cesario E., Jr. m 1912 Acacia M. Ruiz (daughter Catherine in SB 1999) 3. Carlos M.A. Lataillade D 1849 cleaning a shotgun seized from the murderers of the San Miguel Reed family.

LOMAS de LA PURIFICACION 115 SD
 Granted by Micheltorena December 27, 1844, to Agustin Yansens [Janssens], 3 leagues.

Claim by Yansens June 10, 1852.

Patent to Yansens April 18, 1871, for 13,341.39 acres.

Located on the south side of the Santa Ynez River east of Refugio Road to Cachuma Lake. Site of J.J. Mitchell's Juan Y Lolita.

Janssens b 1817 in Brussels, Belgium. He came to CA in 1834 with the Hajar-Padres Colony. 1834 m SB #257 Maria Antonia Pico. 1. Augustine Eduardo 2. Juan T. 3. Maria Delfina D. infant 4. Yldefonso ?Adelino 5. Jose de Jesus B. m 1877 SB Maria Josefa Malo 6. Antonio m 1861 SB Dominga Labat 7. James m 1873 SB Ramona A. Carrillo 8. Joseph Raymond m1 Clotild V. Pena, m2 1899 Domenical Cavalello. He d. in 1894.

A relative lives in Santa Ynez today.

LOMPOC 15 SD

Granted by Alvarado April 15, 1837, to Joaquin and Jose A. Carrillo, about 10 leagues. Claim by Carrillos February 2, 1852. Patent to Carrillos November 3, 1873, for 42,085.44 acres West of the City of Lompoc to the beach and south to Concepcion; some is now South Vandenberg

LOS ALAMOS 83 SD

Granted by Alvarado March 9, 1839, to Jose A. de la Guerra, about 1 league Claim by De la Guerra September 7, 1852. Patent to De la

Guerra September 12, 1872, for 48,803.38 acres Extends west of the town of Los Alamos to the Todos Santos.

De la Guerra m 1824 SB Maria Concepcion M. Ortega. They had fourteen children. He sold the Los Alamos to his father in 1857.

LOS PRIETOS y NAJALAYEGUA (no number)

Petitioned for and occupied by Jose Dominguez in 1841.

Granted by Pico September 23, 1845, to Dominguez, 11 leagues.

Claim presented to Congress by Dominguez March 6, 1866, for 208,742.33 acres!

Authorization to issue the patent June 12, 1866.

Patent to Dominguez February 19, 1875, for 48,728.67 acres.

North and south side of the Santa Ynez River extending east from Paradise.

C. E. Huse and Ed Pringle attempted to place the boundaries of the Najalayegua on the south side of the Santa Ynez Mountains next to the City of Santa Barbara Pueblo Lands. The surveyor general did not accept their attempts. It is reported that Huse was about to be lynched. Please see Thompson and West, pp. 196-209, for a fun discussion of the problems associated with this rancho.

Tombstone Symbols

- Anchor with rope = Naval service
- Sword with a star and a moon = Shriner/Mystic shrine
- Heart with profile of George Washington in the middle = Purple heart
- Eagle over world with an anchor in the background = Marine
- Castle = Engineer corps
- Crossed cannons = Artillery



Book Reviews

THE HIDDEN HALF OF THE FAMILY: A Sourcebook for Women's Genealogy

By Christina Kassabian Schaefer. 1999. Paper, 310 pp., \$35.00, plus \$3.50 shipping. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

It is daunting to realize that married women had few, if any, rights in early America; hence the difficulty in identifying female ancestors. A given name and a maiden name can be elusive. This work may guide one to different records and/or to another source to research.

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The greater part deals with each state, showing a detailed listing of marriage and divorce laws, property and inheritance laws, federal and state censuses available, welfare and pensions and locations of all these records, plus a bibliography and addresses of historical societies and libraries.

In many cases, film or fiche numbers are given for the Family History Library at Salt Lake City which makes it easier to access the records you may want to research.

Reviewed by Marion Denniston

PAPER TREES: Genealogical Clip-Art

By Tony Matthews. 1999. Paper, 100 pp., \$14.95 plus postage \$3.50. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

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It is important that you read the Introduction to the book so that you will understand the use of the drawings. Mr. Matthews gives you more than ninety trees and charts from which to choose, with permission to copy any of them for your personal use. Depending on your artistic ability, the sky is the limit as there are trees and charts for every whim and fancy. Of course, you should be able to write or hand letter well, when filling in the trees or charts.

Mr. Matthews, however, neglected to mention that these drawings are available on heavy parchment paper and in full color, ranging in size from 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 in. to 18 by 22 in. These are available here in our own library. This past Christmas, I purchased three of the large flowered trees, one for each of my three daughters. I also purchased five of the small trees for my grandchildren, which I will give them on each of their birthdays.

I highly recommend this book for any genealogist that loves to present their pedigree in a unique way.

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Zeke is an intelligent person, though given to impulsive moments. One day he saw a death notice for a man of the same name as his grandfather's brother. The man died at the age of 92, a fact that seemed to fit. So my friend took time off from work, dusted off his one suit, actually put on socks and shoes for the occasion (he usually wears thongs), and headed off to the funeral. He stands in the sun, growing hotter by the minute, bowing his head at the appropriate moments during the graveside service, and partakes in the solemn farewells with family and friends. Coffin goes into the ground, service is over. Afterwards Zeke goes about introducing himself as the deceased's great-nephew. Finally, one woman stops him...and informs him that the deceased did not *have* a brother. Oops! Later, I search the California Death Index and find his grandfather's brother, Roscoe, had died in 1972.

Moral of the story: Check the records, it may save you from an embarrassing moment at a stranger's funeral.

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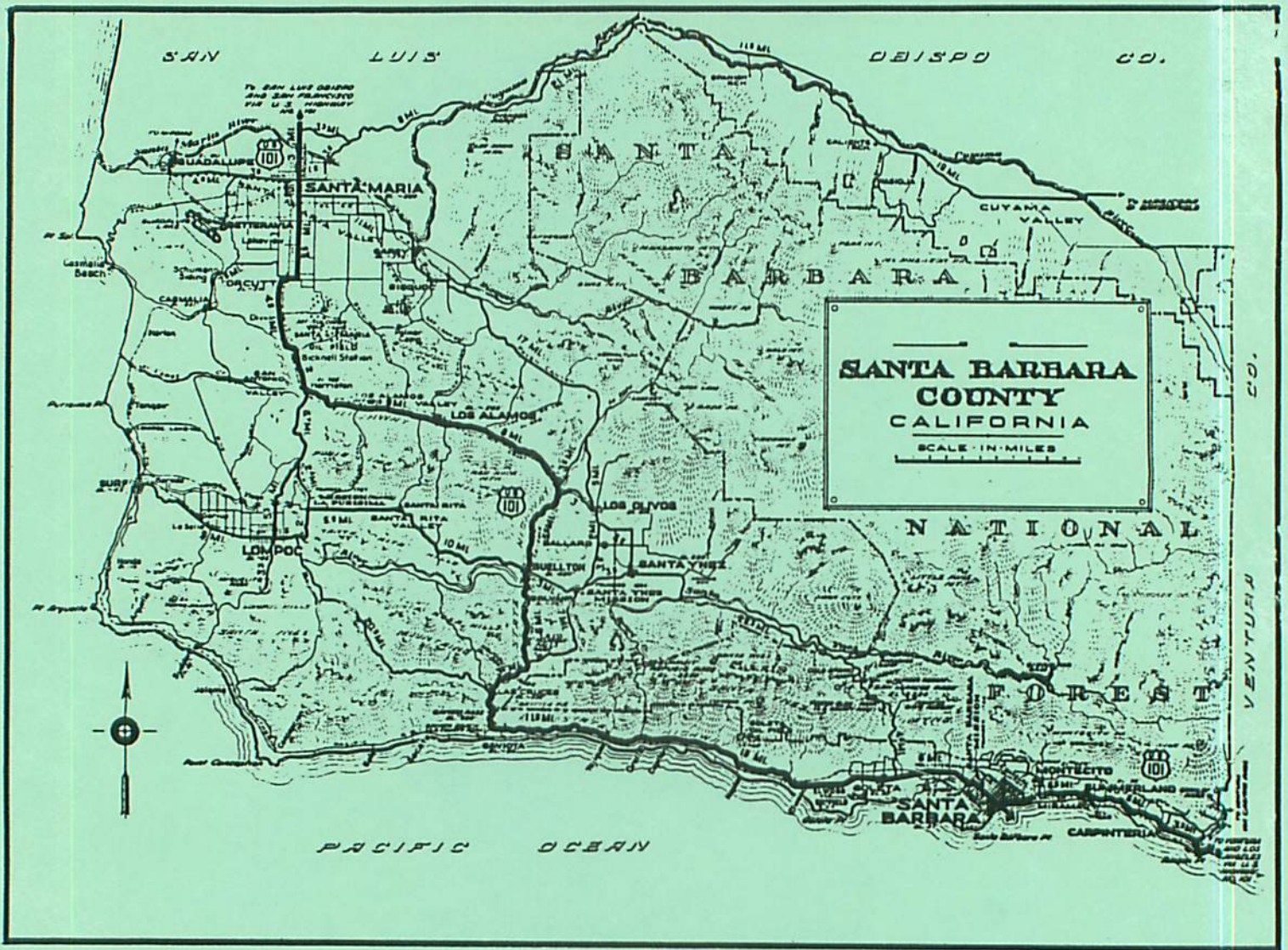
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