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BEYOND THE PALE — MY LOST GERMAN ANCESTORS FROM RUSSIA

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My mother was a citizen of three countries: She was Russian by birth, a British citizen when her father was naturalized in Canada, and a naturalized U.S. citizen. She was also German by race, but never lived in her ethnic country. Her ancestors were a hardy group of Germans who migrated from Germany to the steppe of Russia in the early 19th century, where they established prosperous colonies. One hundred years later, her parents came to North America. We knew very little about our grandparents' life in Russia. They seldom talked about it, maybe because we never asked. Today, all that is left of their lives are some hazy memories and a few pictures.

Researching their Russian history was a challenge because no records were available during the nearly 70 years Russia was under Communist control. So, it was necessary to reconstruct their lives from records available in this country. I found my memberships in the SBCGS and the two national Germans from Russia societies to be very helpful.

Beginning in 1996, researchers began gaining access to records in the Russian Archives concerning the Germans who lived in the Black Sea area. Later, when some of the records from the German Immigration Center were obtained by the National Archives, 1 found some of the missing pieces in my ancestors' history. Writing this family history is still an ongoing process.

History of the Germans in Russia 1760-1940

In 1744, Catherine, daughter of a German prince, was chosen to be the wife of the future Peter III of Russia. Peter succeeded to the Russian throne in 1762, but immediately alienated powerful groups and was murdered six months later. Catherine was proclaimed an autocrat and became Catherine II, empress of Russia (1762-96). She began her rule with great projects of reform. This reform established a system of provinces, subdivided by districts, in the rural areas of Russia — a system that endured until 1917.

Catherine invited foreign settlers to come to Russia to claim free land. She was especially interested in attracting farmers from her German homeland to build colonies along the Volga River, where the mild climate and fertile soil was similar to that of Southern Germany. Later, in a series of campaigns against the Turks, the Russian army succeeded in obtaining for Russia the vast territory now known as the Ukraine.

Catherine's grandson, Alexander I, issued a manifesto in 1804, inviting foreigners to come and settle on the Russian steppe. The czar had a selection policy where only capable farmers, craftsmen and winegrowers would be admitted. Each settler was to receive free transport to the areas of settlement, 160 acres of land, exemption from taxes and interest-free loans for a period of 10-30 years. The czar's invitation also included the free exercise of religion, self-administration of their schools and communities, and lifetime exemption from military service for their sons.

My ancestors had endured years of religious and political struggles in their German homeland. They were enticed by the promises made by agents for the Russian Empire, who traveled throughout the German provinces spreading their message of hope. In 1809, my Hopfauf and Schweigert ancestors left their homes in Germany to join one of the many caravans of immigrants on the four-month overland trek to the Russian border town that served as the port of entry. Here they received their Russian citizenship and first allotment of money. It took four weeks to cover the 1,000 miles to the Black Sea, and the end of their six-month journey.

The czar had set aside hundreds of thousands of acres of land which were divided in such a way that numerous colonies could be formed in the valleys along the rivers. In a few short years, 50,000 Germans had settled in 200 colonies in South Russia. Within 50 years, they had taken up all of the land set aside for them by the Crown. Soon the German colonists were leasing uncultivated land on the neighboring estates of Russian noblemen and, eventually, they were able to purchase this land outright from the landowners. By the time the migration ended in the mid-1860's, over two million people living in Russia were descendants of these early German colonists.

In 1871, Czar Alexander II revoked the special privileges and rights granted to the Germans by Catherine the Great and Alexander I. The German schools came under the control of the state, and young men were subject to army service. Nicholas II was the last emperor and czar of Russia (1868-1918). Nicholas instituted the first of the Hague Conferences and supported an aggressive policy in the Far East. The humiliating outcome of the Russo-Japanese War resulted in the peasant revolts, industrial strikes and violent outbreaks of 1905. The political unrest that followed the failed revolt had kept the country in turmoil, and fears of a revolution were increasing in Russia.

My grandparents, Ottilia Hopfauf and George Schweigert, were ethnic Germans from the Odessa District in Russia. They married in 1906 in Karlsruhe. My mother, born the following year, was the sixth generation of her family to be born in Russia. The young couple lived on George's family's farm, with 100 peasant workers who did the farming and cared for the horses and livestock. George even had someone to drive his buggy, and Ottilia had peasant women working in the kitchen. George had served in the Russian Army under the terms of the mandatory military service and was subject to recall in the event of an uprising or a war. The decision was made to immigrate to America. When Ottilia said good-by to her brother Karl at the train

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station in Nikolajev, she could not know that he would be the only member of her family she would ever see again, or that 50 years would pass before their next meeting.

George and Ottilia arrived in North Dakota in June of 1910. The following year they settled on a homestead in Saskatchewan, Canada. They moved to Oregon in 1921. Over the years, Ottilia kept in touch with her brother and three sisters in Russia. The ethnic Germans, who had built up prosperous German colonies, suffered under the Communist regime following the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917. During the Great Famine of 1920-23, it is estimated that 300,000 German colonists starved to death. Ottilia sent a small amount of money, sewn into the lining of a coat, to her family in Russia, and they were able to buy enough food to keep from starving that winter. After Stalin became Supreme Dictator of Russia in 1926, collectivization of all farming began, and millions of Russians were sent to slave labor camps in Siberia. Ottilia's brother Karl and family escaped to Tashkent where they lived for several years, before returning to Russia.

The Fate of the German-Russians 1941-1957

After the German Army's attack on the Soviet Union in 1941, the Soviets rounded up many of the Germans living in the Ukraine, including Ottilia's sister Bertha, and transported them to labor camps in all parts of Asiatic Russia. When German Infantry occupied the Ukraine, the old German schools and churches were re-opened and the farmers, whose properties were taken away during the collectivization period, returned and moved back into their houses. But in March 1944, the advancing Red Army forced the German troops to retreat from the Ukraine west to Poland. Close to 150,000 German colonists, who had cooperated with the Germans during the occupation, formed into one large Trek and followed the retreating army. Everyone walked, except for the elderly, small children and those driving the wagons. The refugees were on the road from six weeks to two months before reaching Hungary.

In Hungary, their horses and wagons were taken over by the army, and the refugees and their possessions loaded into freight cars for the trip to resettlement camps in Poland. There, the Germans were housed in different villages according to their former villages in the Ukraine. Most of the men received employment, but soon all able-bodied men were called into military service.

After the Yalta Conference in January 1945, the Soviet government was allowed to set up an expatriation commission in Germany to return the Soviet citizens to their homeland. The resettled refugees were rounded up and delivered to the Red Army, then loaded into box cars and transported eastward. Some managed to escape to the West, but an estimated 120,000 fell into the hands of the Red Army. Many died from hunger and illness on the trip; the surviving deportees were sent to work camps in Siberia where many died. Otillia's sister Barbara died two years following her forced return to Russia, but her sister Lisa lived for 30 years after her return.

In 1945, Ottilia's brother Karl and his son Eugene were working for a German officer, who took them under his protection and prevented their deportation to Russia. They were not able to escape to the West before the Russians closed the borders with Germany and were forced to remain in Poland until the death of Karl's invalid wife, twelve years later. Another four years would pass while they waited for permission to enter Germany. They had been granted German citizenship in 1944, but did not have their citizenship records. Finally, a relative in Germany was able to obtain those records and send them to Poland. Karl and Eugene arrived in West Germany in 1957, applied for passports and soon left for Canada.

Researching the Berlin Document Center EWZ Collections

The German Immigration Center was created in 1939 to facilitate the resettlement of hundreds of thousands of people from eastern and southern Europe identified as ethnic Germans. SS Heinrich Himmler was put in charge of the creation of the Center. This office, commonly referred to as the EWZ, collected biographical information on over 2.9 million individuals during the years 1939 to 1945. Of that number, approximately 570,000 were ethnic Germans living in the Soviet Union. The office used an elaborate set of racial criteria to control both immigration and naturalization. The EWZ records consist of more than 400,000 applications by ethnic Germans for naturalized German citizenship. These documents were captured by the U.S. Third Army in Bavaria in April 1945, and remained in the custody of the U.S. Government until the reunification of Germany. In 1996, microfilmed copies of the EWZ records were transferred to the National Archives at College Park, Maryland and became available to researchers.

In 1998, I contacted Tom Strangl, a researcher at the National Archives, gave him the birth dates of my grandmother Ottilia's brother and three sisters who were alive in 1944, and asked him to see what EWZ records were available. A week later, Tom e-mailed that he had copied 52 pages of the records he found for Barbara, Karl and Lisa. His cost for the copies and postage was \$31.00. 1 sent Tom a check and received copies of the following microfilmed records:

1. Barbara Hopfauf Hoffman: her application for German citizenship; also application for citizenship for her son, Valentine Hoffman.

2. Karl Hopfauf: a claim filed in Hohensalza, Poland in September 1944 for compensation for the loss of property he owned in Russia, consisting of a house and land, farm animals and equipment. Records for Eugene Hopfauf (Karl's son): drafted into the German Army at age 15 when he was living in Russia; served in Germany until the War ended.

3. Elisabeth (Lisa) Hutmacher: application and certificate of naturalization, copies of identity cards (with pictures) for her children, who were in the Hitler Youth (her husband was in the Waffen SS).

I had information on all of my grandmother's family, except for her sister Bertha. I knew that Bertha's first husband had been killed in 1919 when about 1,000 members of the Red Guard moved into Karlsruhe. The village was plundered and more than 50 homes of the wealthiest farmers went up in flames. Women and girls were raped and 108 men were lined up in the street and executed.

Bertha later remarried, but I didn't know the name of her second husband, or what happened to her. I knew Bertha had survived the war and the labor camps in Siberia because, in the late 1960's, Karl received pictures from Russia of Bertha and her family. Two years went by, then a fellow researcher found an EWZ record for Bertha Hopfauf Hatzenbuhler Jochim. It was only one page (the rest of her file was missing) but it did provide information for that last member of my grandmother's family.

A postscript to the story: in 1960, three years after arriving in Canada, Karl Hopfauf left his home in Regina, Saskatchewan and took the train to Portland, Oregon. He arrived carrying a piece of paper with his sister Ottilia's name and address. Karl did not speak English, and no one at the station spoke German. A call was made to Ottilia in Salem; she had no idea Karl was making the trip. Her son Tom drove to Portland and brought Karl to Salem for the first visit with his sister in 50 years.

> The historical work of the German colonists in South Russia has been destroyed. The villages they created in the course of 140 years are extinguished, their very names obliterated. No memorial, no tombstone is standing in tribute to the former inhabitants, living or dead. No Soviet book even mentions their existence. But the memory and the record of their achievements still remain and are worthy of being preserved for posterity.

> > Joseph S. Height (from Paradise on the Steppe)

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American Historical Society of Germans from Russia http://www.ahsgr.org/

Cyndi's List: http://www.cyndislist.com/germruss.htm

Janet's Germans from Russia Research—Passenger manifests, Declarations of Intention, and links to other information: http://www.angelfire.com/ks/gerrus/

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The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) has in its collection approximately 200,000 obituaries on 5 x 8 cards that have been collected by volunteers for years. A project has begun to prepare an index that can easily be used by researchers either at the society headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska, or at home on the Internet. At the present time, volunteers have completed indexing most of the A's and are almost through the B's. To date, approximately 3,200 obituaries that are cross-referenced are available at the AHSGR Web site, www.ahsgr.org/ obits.index.htm. Maiden names are indexed also. Updates are added on a regular basis or as volunteer time permits. Individuals who live in the Lincoln, Nebraska area are encouraged to volunteer. Contact the staff at <ahsgr@ahsgr.org>. Copies of the obituaries are available from the SocietyAHSGR, 631 D Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-1199 or telephone (402) 474-3363. A request form is located on the Web site. [www.ahsgr.org]

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TWO SERENDIPITOUS FINDINGS (OR THE FUN OF GENEALOGY)

By Janet Hamber, SBCGS Member

My father was the genealogist in the family. As the guardian of his work I occasionally undertake a small effort to understand and relate to the localities and people mentioned in his unpublished book *A Genealogy and History of the Families of Robert P. Armstrong and Lucile May Coulter*. Thus it was, that when I drove from Salisbury, Connecticut to Ithaca, New York to attend my 50th Cornell class reunion, I stopped off in Milford, New York, my father's birthplace in 1883 and the home to many of my relatives on the Armstrong side.

When I was young, we often spent part of the summer at Arnold's Lake near Milford. My father would take me on tours through the small hamlets of Otsego County. In Mt. Vision he would point to the cellar hole of the farmhouse once owned by my great-great-great-grandfather Ashbel Armstrong, the first Armstrong to move from Vermont to Otsego County in about 1790. My father would show me the remains of old dams that provided energy to saw and gristmills in Mt. Vision. These mills had been operated in Mt. Vision by John Armstrong, my great-great-grandfather, and in Fly Creek and Milford by John Armstrong, my greatgrandfather. Father would point to the houses my relatives inhabited, like the Brownell house in Hinman Hollow, home of my great-grandmother, Marcia Marian Brownell Armstrong, and the tombstones that marked their graves. The graves included those of Nathan and Mehitable Sabin Davison, my great-great-great-great-grandparents, in the Hartwick Seminary Cemetery and that of Deacon Abel Comstock in Lippet Cemetery, Hinman Hollow. Deacon Abel Comstock was a Revolutionary War veteran from Kent, Connecticut and my great-great-great-great-great-grandfather.

Because I loved my dad, I was always interested in his tales of living in the late 1800s and early 1900s but my young mind did not retain or synthesize the information. With my brain now many years older and grown in wisdom and curiosity about my roots, I spent three days traveling the back roads of Otsego County relocating the places my father had shown me so many years ago. I had an absolutely wonderful time hunting down the treasures of my past, especially visiting the site of the old Hartwick Seminary where my grandfather, Samuel Eugene Armstong, met his wife, Isabella Augusta Gott, and where my own father was educated.

It was during a visit to the gravesite of Ashbel Armstrong in Mt. Vision that I found my first surprise. My mother often related to me the story that my father wanted to name me "Peninah," a name he had seen on a tombstone and thought very beautiful. Thankfully my mother overruled him and I was named after both my grandmothers. As I stood looking at Ashbel's tombstone, my eye caught the sight of another Armstrong monument. There I read "Elisha Armstrong" (another son of Ashbel making him my greatgreat-great-uncle) and "Peninah," his wife. So one of the small mysteries of my life was solved in that instant.

Then, while checking out the books in the Cooperstown, New York, Historical Library, I found the thread that carried me full circle back to Salisbury, Connecticut. Among other lines that intersected Connecticut with my Armstrong family were the Comstocks:

- Mary Ann Comstock who married into the Brownell Family and was the mother of my great-grandmother Marcia Marian and
- 2. Barbara Comstock married to Jonathan Thayer whose daughter Clarissa married John Armstrong.

In the library I found A History and Genealogy of the of the Comstock Family in America and learned that both Mary Ann and Barbara were decended from two sons of the original American Comstock: William. I followed the two lines down through the years until I came to Deacon Abel Comstock whose grave I had found in Otsego County. As I read about Abel, I glanced through the list of his children and noticed a daughter Anna, married to Benoni Carter, who died in Salisbury, Connecticut. Now my curiosity was piqued and as soon as I returned to Salisbury I went to the historical section in the library and found a list of individuals buried in the various Salisbury cemeteries. I was surprised to find the Carters buried in the Dutcher's Bridge Cemetery, a cemetery I had driven by for over 50 years. One day I stopped at the tiny burial ground nestled in a triangle between Route 44 and Twin Lakes Road and located the large tombstones of both Benoni and Anna (Comstock) Carter. As was typical of the time, each had a little poem inscribed. For Benoni, who died in 1812:

> Reader prepare thy last account to give And live to die that thou mayest die to live.

And for Anna who died in 1811:

When death is sent from God above And calls us from those we dearly love He does not always warning give Dear Friends be careful how you live.

So I came back later and laid some flowers on the grave of my great-great-great-great-great aunt and now I smile and wave every time I drive by.

Burials in Dutcher's Bridge Cemetery, Salisbury, Connecticutt:

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~rbrown/cemeteries/dutchers.htm

Connecticutt Dutchers: cemetery, birth and death records of the Dutcher Family http://www.witsend.org/gen/dutcher/ct.htm



ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE ON PRESENT DAY CALLE REAL POSTCARD COURTESY OF SANTA BARBARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"SERVING FROM THE HEART" THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

By Michael Redmon, Director of Research Publications, Santa Barbara Historical Society

ORIGINS

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in Paris in 1633, with the purpose of working with the poor. It was a rather revolutionary concept; up to this time religious communities of women had largely consisted of convents, its occupants sequestered from the rest of society. Now it was proposed that the Daughters of Charity go out into the world to serve the disadvantaged.

This concept crossed the Atlantic Ocean with the founding of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's in 1809 in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The founder was a widowed Catholic convert, Elizabeth Ann Seton, who adopted the rules of the French Daughters of Charity. Seton became the first American-born woman to be selected for sainthood by the Roman Catholic Church.

From its headquarters in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the order began to spread across the country. By the time of Seton's death in 1821, the order had established schools in New York and Philadelphia. Education was a key component in the order's mission.

In 1852, Joseph Alemany, Bishop of Monterey, whose diocese included all of California, invited the order to establish a house in San Francisco. Seven Sisters set out from Maryland. Only five arrived on the West Coast; two died of cholera crossing the Isthmus of Panama. The Sisters wasted no time in founding an orphanage and a school. Four years later, the order opened a facility in Los Angeles.

SETTLING IN SANTA BARBARA

On January 5, 1858, two young Sisters, Andrea Gibbs and Mary Mullane, arrived in Santa Barbara. They had taken a ship from Maryland to the Isthmus, crossed the Isthmus, then took another ship to San Francisco, before booking passage on a ship to Santa Barbara. They did not travel lightly; in addition to their luggage, the pair wore wool habits which weighed 27 pounds. As Santa Barbara did not yet have a wharf, the Sisters were lowered into rowboats, taken just outside the breakers, and carried to shore on the backs of sailors. They then proceeded to walk up State Street to the intersection at Figueroa Street where Our Lady of Sorrows Church was located.

The Sisters opened their school in the old Aguirre adobe on the first block of East Carrillo Street, about where the Little Town Club is located today. Courses were taught in English, although Santa Barbara was largely a Spanishspeaking town at that time. Forced to move upon Aguirre's death, in 1863 the Sisters relocated to a site west of town in an area called Cieneguitas (little swamps), where the present St. Vincent's is located on Calle Real just northwest of the intersection of highways 101 and 154.

The decade of the 1860s was very difficult for the order. In addition to the school, the Sisters began taking in orphans during a time of great economic hardship. A series of floods and droughts devastated the cattle industry, a key element in the local economy. The Sisters raised sheep at Cieneguitas and sold the wool to make ends meet. Still, a number of prominent families sent their children to St. Vincent's. Familiar names on the early rolls include de la Guerra, Carrillo, Ortega, Hill, Sparks, Robbins, and more.

The Sisters stayed at Cieneguitas for eight years, but the school really was too far away from town in that horseand-buggy era. In 1871, the Sisters moved into a large brick building at 925 De la Vina Street. Here they continued to operate their orphanage/boarding school where tuition, room, and board cost \$150 a year. Laundering and mending of students' clothes added \$25 yearly, while piano lessons cost \$65 annually. The order kept the ranch at Cieneguitas to help support its work.

RESPONDING TO CHANGE

Disaster befell the order in March 1874 when a faulty fireplace flue sparked a blaze that destroyed their new building. One result of the fire was the establishment of the city's first formal fire company, Pioneer Fire Company No. 1. A new, three-story building, one of the largest in the city at that time, arose upon the ashes of the old. This building had its roof torn off in 1878, when a rare tornado ripped through the city. Nonetheless, the order continued to expand its services; a nursery was added in 1918.

By 1924, the order had outgrown its De la Vina building and the Sisters moved to a brand-new facility back out at

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Cieneguitas at 4200 Calle Real. The move came just in time for the De la Vina building was badly damaged in the earthquake of June 1925. The building was restored, although without its top floor.

The order, responding to changing times, closed the orphanage in 1936 as foster home programs became more common. St. Vincent's now began to concentrate on the education and training of developmentally disabled young people. Financial constraints ended this program in 1995.

Today the St. Vincent's 19.5-acre facility consists of a series of cottages – the large 1924 building was torn down in 1993 due to earthquake safety concerns. One cottage houses a preschool, Casa Alegria. Other cottages serve as housing for single mothers and their children. There is a communal feel about the place – the women often share cooking responsibilities. The order's old headquarters building on De la Vina Street now houses commercial offices.

St. Vincent's continues to adapt to the times. The order recently proposed a low-income housing project which secured community approval. Through all the changes St. Vincent's has undergone through the decades, there has been one constant – service to the community. St. Vincent Avenue, near the old headquarters building in downtown Santa Barbara testifies to this commitment.

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[Prior to death, access to an individual student record is only open to the student. After the death of the individual student, records are open only to the immediate family. – Ed.]

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HALF-ORPHANS AT ST. VINCENT'S

In the Santa Barbara Morning Press, December 29, 1910 under "Brevities" on Page 8, there appeared this short notice:

Since the last publication of the following, half-orphans have been received into the St. Vincent's orphan asylum:

Eloise Leyva, 4 years 8 months; JosephA Leyva, 6 years 1 month; Maggie Leyva, 10 years 1 month; Genevieve Rodriguez, 2 years 4 months; Eugenia Armour, 12 years 4 months; Mercedes Armour, 11 years 5 months; Sophie Armour, 5 years; Hildred Armour, 7 years 4 months; Katie Escobarr, 7 years 4 months; and Lucia Valdez, 4 years. Abandoned: Elisa Quintero, 4 years 6 months.

[According to the History of the Orphan Trains at http://www.kancoll.org/articles/ orphans/or_hist.htm, "half-orphans" are described as having one deceased parent, and when the remaining parent could not care for them, they were placed in an orphanage.- Ed.]

ST. VINCENT'S STUDENTS

The following is a register of students living at or attending school at St. Vincent's during the years indicated taken from a typewritten document at the Santa Barbara Historical Society's Gledhill Library:

1858 Maria Donnelly Maria J. Malo Refugio Ortega Helena Hill Maria Antonia Hill Francesca Ormant Francisca de la Guerra Anita de la Guerra Maria Ant Robbins Concepcion Robbins Flora Sparks Rosa Sparks Felipa Cota Rosa Cota Maria Anta Ortega Maria Anta de la Guerra Delfina Lugo Sarah Carrillo Maria Lugo Refugio Lugo Ramona Pico Rafaela Salmon Mary A. McCaffrey Jane McCaffrey Praxedes Cammarillo Adelaide Cammarillo Aldegunda Cammarillo Maria Anta Latallaide Laura Hinchman Monica Higgins Josephine Higgins Virginia Arnaz Catherine Hale Adelaide Hill Candalaria Villa Ramona Malo Maria Ormant Caroline Jimeno Isabel Robbles Josepha Lopez Mercedes Lugo Francesca Romero

1859 Edwiges Burke Vibiana Wallace Isabella Place Ramona Valencia Josefa O'Brien Rafaela Ortega Barbara Raeger Manuela Pico Susanna Pico

1860 Dolores Varela Kate Ryan Tomasa Cordero Carmela Cordero

1861 Phebe Bames Ellen Bames Clara Pico Ramona Place Jane Dittman Andrea Silva Isadora O'Brien Felipa Castro Vibiana Castro Clotilde Luzraga Maria Anta Ortega Ramona Martinez Mary J. Nagle Mary Quinn

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Maria de losAngeles Concepcion Malo Mathilda Diablan Isabel Drown Nicolasa Rodriguez Mathilda Olivas Facunda Olivas Martha More Lucretia Hill Refugio Quinones

1863 Adelina Tournel Maria Domaleche

1864 Maggie Maguire Anita Williams Rate Magnant Adalaide Botiller Louise Botiller

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Ellen Streeter Vicente Sergantes Rafaela Ruiz Micaela Frank Julia McNamee Maria Guadaloupe Fannie Bishop

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1871 Maria Carmen Arellanes Carrie Peury Frances Caballero Anita Caballero Librada Feliz Dora McDougal Teresa Garcia Rebecca Ord Anita Freeman

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Lillie Averili Annie Hope Maggie Megan Andrea Cordera Incarnacion Cordera Ninfa Ovieda Agusta Stone Alice Somers Martha Somers Ida Butterfield Trinidad Juarez Modesta Massini Stella Massini Anita Pico Mary Keep Annie Keep Diana de la Guerra Jennie Dougherty Amelia Tourne Anna Wall Mercedes Rodriguez Carrie Keiffer Sarah Wickenden Josefa Cota Katie Donovan

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Looking at the web

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Of neccessity genealogical research sometimes becomes cemetery research. Here is a web site where you can browse 3,493,388 cemetery records across 7,327 cemeteries from around the world. It is well organized by location. There are also numerous articles, including such topics as how to record a cemetery, how to purchase and use a digital camera for cemetery recording, and how to use a Palm Pilot to record a cemetery. You can also sign up for their mailing list to receive notification of changes to the Cemetery Column, and Cemetery Records Online. Interment.net also publishes the cemetery transcriptions that you and others have compiled and written, in a common format and style optimized for viewing online. If you have compiled a cemetery transcription, they are interested in hearing from you.

It is a wonderful search site, and often has single grave burial sites and family sites given. Be certain, though, to try every known spelling, and to narrow your search location. For instance, if you enter DOUGHTY and United States, you may be swamped, but if you enter a state, it is much more manageable.

Of course, if you have a rare surname, the opposite holds true. http://www.interment.net/

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GENEALOGY JOURNEYS IN VERMONT

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During this past summer, I made a trip to Vermont in order to explore Frink, Hatch and Williston roots. In planning the trip, I consulted America's Best Genealogy Resource Centers by William Dollarhide and Ronald A. Bremer. This guide, copyrighted in 2000, has a list of genealogy research sites in all fifty states as well as a description of their top ten resource centers. My first destination while visiting Montpelier was the Vermont State Archives. The book listed their address as 26 Terrace Street. Upon arrival, I learned that this location contained municipal charters and amendments, Surveyor's General's records, Governor's records, election records, legislative records, records of Vermont Corporations, photographs, the Nye Index, and Manuscript State Papers. The vital records I was seeking were contained in another building maintained by the Public Records Division at the General Services Center in Middlesex, a town west of Montpelier. It is located on U.S. Route 2 behind the State Police barracks. The parking is free. The hours are 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. When visiting, be sure to bring your lunch since there are no restaurants in the area or obvious vending machines in the building. The division contains microfilm readers of various vintages. The holdings include birth, death, marriage and divorce records from 1760-1986, land records through the 1970s and probate indexes through 1970s and miscellaneous records. The reporting of vital statistics was optional through 1857.

The next day, I traveled to the Vermont Historical Society Library, which is located at 60 Washington Street, Barre, Vermont. The facility has recently relocated from Montpelier to Barre and is housed in a beautifully renovated school building. Barre is a very short drive from Montpelier. Again, it is recommended that lunch be brought. Street parking was conveniently available. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and the second Saturday from 9 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There is a \$5 fee for non-members for daily research in their library.

The holdings include a large collection of family genealogies, the Vermont Society of the Colonial Dames collection, computerized databases, town histories, the Vermont Gazetteer, published vital records for New England towns, cemetery records, war rosters, Vermont DAR Books, census records and indices, manuscripts, maps and microforms. Unfortunately, I only had one day to visit the library. The helpful staff and lovely interiors made for a very pleasant time to research. It has been my experience on several occasions that the unpublished manuscripts found at libraries can be very useful in clarifying details and resolving lineage relationships.



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http://www.vermonthistory.org/ http://vermont-archives.org/ http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/ ~vermontgenealogyresources/VHS.htm

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OCCASIONAL MARITIME VISITORS TO SANTA BARBARA

Compiled by Jim Norris, SBCGS Member (Continued from Volume 29, Number 3)

The story of George Washington Eavrs and the Ship Mercury is told in a small book by Robert Ryal Miller, A Yankee Smuggler on the Spanish California Coast: George Washington Eavrs and the Ship Mercury, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, 2000, 115 pp. Eavrs illegally shipped thousands of otter skins to Canton in trade for textiles, ceramics, furniture, and money. In 1813 a Spanish frigate captured the Mercury and arrested Eayrs, taking him to the Santa Barbara Presidio where he was charged with smuggling. After serving eleven months in jail, Eayrs went to Guadalajara, Mexico where he converted to Catholism, married, and raised four sons. In 1842, a U.S.-Mexican commission determined that the Mexican government should pay Eavrs \$96,998, including interest, in compensation for the loss of his ship and its cargo. The reader will see the Mercury listed several times on the following pages.

The following listing on pages 16 through 19 is a continuation from the last issue, in which a brief explanation is written together with the abbreviations, notes and sources.

[See Volume 29, Numbers 1 & 2, page 8, for notes, abbreviations and sources.- Ed.]

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NOT intended to be complete. Date/ship record may be incomplete. Children marriage listing does not include multiple marriages into the same family. Rancho listing is patented ranchos only—not grants and/or interests.

	Place From	Name	First in CA	First in SB	Visitor Information
	SCOT	FORBES, Alexander	1828	1846	In SB
	SCOT	FORBES, James Alexander	1831	1846	In SB. m. 1834 Ana Maria Galindo, children m. Sepulveda, Sunol
	US	FORBES, Mast. USN Robert B.	1825	1825	Brig Nile at SB
	US-GA	FREMONT, Gov. John Charles	1844	1846	Sept. over San Marcos, December "captures" SB, 1847 accepts Pico's surrender of CA. m. Jessie Benton
•	USUA	FUENTES, Jose Francisco	1783	1783	Off La Favorita, died at SB
	US-MA	GALE, William Alden	1810	1829	Supercargo Brookline at SB, 1830
1	ENGL	GARNER, William Robert	1824	1824	Left whaler Royal George at SB. m. Butron
	US-ME	GILBRETH, Isaac	1826	1829	At SB, 1830 hunting otter on Santa Rosa Island
	MEX	GONZALES, Teodoro	1825	1833	Otter license. m. Guadalupe Villarnel de Rico
	US-MA	GRIMES, Mast. Eliab	1821	1821	Eagle, schooner, U.S.; at Catalina Island. Adopted daughter m. Howard
	HOLL	GYZELAAR, Mast. Henry	1816	1818	Clarion, warned of Bouchard approach
	11022	HANDLEY, Mast. William J.	1835	1835	Clementine at SB, 1837 Loriot SB to H1
	ENGL	HARTNELL, William E.P.	1822	1839	SB. m. 1825 SB #134 Maria Teresa D.I. de la Guerra, children m. Arrellanes, Blaine, De la Torre, Gregory, Jackson,
		,			Jimeno, Moreno, Smith, Watson, Zabala. Ranchos: Alisal, Cosumnes, Todos Santos
		HATCH, Mast. James B.	1835	1842	Barnstable, U.S., Loo Choo, U.S. 1847 San Pedro
		HENRY, Mast. William	1822	1822	Owhyhee at SB, 150 skins
	US	HEWITT, J. George	1838	1839	SB hunting with Sparks
	IREL	HIGGINS, John	1831	1836	With Sparks on island, m. 1831 Ysabel McDonald
	US-MA	HILL, Daniel Antonio	1822	1825	SB. m. 1825 V #1019 Rafaela S.L. Ortega, children m. Burke, Den, More, Olivera, O'Neill, Scollen, Taylor.
		-			Rancho: Goleta
	US-MA	HINCKLEY, Mast. William S.	1829	1833	SB, purchased Guadalupe. m.2 1842 SF #2152 Maria Susana Ramona Martinez
	US-MA	HOYER, Mast. Cornelius	1841	1842	SB, Fama
	GERM	HUBBARD, Mast. Charles	1834	1834	Peor es Nada
		HUDSON, Mast. John T.	1804	1806	Tamana, schooner, U.S.; Ventura, Catalina Island
	ENGL	JOHNSON, Mast. James	1832	1833	Facio. m. Carmen Guirado, children m. Lander, Mellus
		JONES, Thomas	1813	1813	Captured at Refugio off Mecury
•		KELLY, Mast.	1816	1816	Atala, U.S. November at SB
		KELLY, Mast. John	1822	1822	Owhyhee, brig, U.S. San Pedro, SLO
	RUSS	KHLEBNIKOV, Mast. Kirill T.	1816	1826	Baikal at SLO
•		KING, Mast. Edward A.	1846	1848	Elizabeth, herm. Brig, U.S. wrecked near SB 1848
		KNOX	1877	1877	SB crew of Surprise to Baja
	US-MA	LARKIN, Thomas Oliver, Jr.	1832	1833	SB m. 1833 at SB harbor Rachel (Hobson) Holmes, children m. Tams
-		LAWLER, Mast. John	1815	1827	SB Karaimoku
•	US-OH	LEESE, Jacob Primer	1833	1836	SB m. 1837 Sonoma Maria Paula Rosalia Vallejo, children m. Estrada, Martin. Ranchos: Huichica, Embarcadero, Sausal
1	DWIN	LEIDESDORFF, Mast. William C.	1841	1842	SB Julia Ann
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18 A	Place From	Name	First in CA	First in SB	Visitor Information
Ancestors West		LITTLE, Mast. William C.	1826	1826	SB
631		LOCKE, Mast. James O.	1829	1829	SB Brookline
ē	SPAI	MARTINEZ, Cmdr. Esteban J.	1774	1782	SB flagship Nuestra Senora del Rosario
30	MEX	MARTINEZ, Lt. Ignacio	1800	1802	SB. m. 1802 SB Maria Martina Ramirez Arrellanes, children m. Castro, Estudillo, Hinckley, Peralta,
8	1.12.71	ing according to Burneto			Richardson, Smith, Soto, Tennant
est		MARTINEZ, Juan	1797	1797	Died SB, off Princesa
-		MATTHEWS,	1836	1836	With Nidever on Santa Rosa Island
	US-NJ	McCOY, Readding	1845	1846	Hunting with Nidever
_	SCOT	McCULLOGH, Hugh	1822	1822	At Cojo on John Begg
Vol		McLOUGHLIN, Dr. John	1841	1842	SB on HBC Cowlitz
N	US-MA	MEEK, Mast. John	1820	1834	SB Don Quixote
Val. 29, No.	US	MEEK, Mast. Thomas	1812	1818	Refugio on Arab
No.	US-MA	MELLUS, Henry	1835	1835	Alert, U.S. Ass't. supercargo at SB. m1. Johnson, m2. Trudsle
4	SCOT	MENZIES, Archibald	1787	1793	SB Discovery
	GERM	MEYER, John Daniel	1832	1837	With Nidever
un,	US	MOORE, Mast. Hugh	1795	1795	SB Phoenix
me		MOORE, Mast. Thomas W.	1836	1836	SB brig Thomas Peabody for furs
4		NARVAEZ, Mast. Jose Maria	1829	1829	SB Dorotea aground
Summer 2003	IREL	NEAL, John C.	1841	1841	SB otter hunter
G	US	NEWELL, Mast. George	1823	1824	SB 18 skins
	PERU?	NOE, Mast. Nicholas	1812	1813	Flora (Peruvian-Spain) at Coho, seized Mercury
	US-MA	NYE, Mast. Gorham H.	1833	1834	Bolivar Liberator, brig U.S., SB, 1842-43; Fama, U.S. ashore 1845
		ORTEGA, Jose Joaquin		1834	SB otter license from Figueroa
Sa	US-MA	PARK, Thomas B.	1826	1839	SB supercargo Alert
nt		PASCUAL, Mateo Jose	1818	1818	Refugio, captured and then traded for Molino
aF	US-KY	PATTIE, James Ohio	1 827	1829	SB joined Cooper
a	US-MA	PATY, Mast. Henry	1834	1837	Don Quixote, bark, U.S. SB
ಕ್ಷ	US-MA	PATY, Mast. Henry	1834	1838	Don Quixote, bark, U.S. 1842; SLO wife on board, Alert
Ira	U.S.	PECK, Mast. Sherman	1829 1838	1833 1838	SB Maraquita Mate on Iolani
ō	110 174	PEIRCE, Hardy	1828	1838	Don Quixote, bark, U.S. at SB 1842, CA-HI trade. m. Susan R. Thompson, children m. Dr. Emerson
ē	US-MA	PEIRCE, Mast. Henry A.	1829	1843	SB
<u>s</u>	DENM	PETERSON, Mast. Peter	1839	1840	SB 398T Alert
્ય	US-MA	PHELPS, Mast. Wm. Dane PICKENS, Mast. Benjamin, Jr.	1831	1831	SB Convoy 4 skins
ဌ		PICKETT, Mast. William J.	1814	1815	Point Concepcion, Forrester
ň		PRATT, William	1814	1847	SB wreck near Burton Mound
ä	ENGL	RICHARDSON, Mast. Wm. A.	1822	1831	SB Guadalupe
6	ENGL	RODERICK, Mast. John	1822	1844	SB Onjaca
10.	ENGL	RODGERS, Mast. John	1821	1822	SB Eagle
<u>a</u>	PARA	ROMERO, Martin	1818	1818	Captured at Refugio
Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society	US	ROWAN, Mast. James	1799	1803	SB Hazard
<u>c</u> .	00	RUTTER, Mast. John	1829	1832	SB Plant, otter
ই	US-CN	SHALER, Mast William	1794	1805	Lelia Bird, brig, U.S.; at Ventura 1804, Refugio 1805; Tamana, schooner, U.S.

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		SHARP, Mast.	1794	1794	Butterworth, Eng.; San Miguel Is., Tamana, Schooner, U.S. at Ventura 1806
	US-MA	SHAW, Mast. Thomas	1824	1833	SB supercargo ship Lagoda
	US-CN	SILL, Daniel	1831	1834	With Nidever on islands. m. ca 1818 Harriet Hungeford, children m. Bresnaham, Collins, Mahew, Reese
	US-NY	SIMMONS, Joseph Stephen	1835	1837	SB with Nidever and Light. m. 1841 SB #223 Maria Dolores Guevarra
		SMITH, Charles Rand	1824	1824	SB otter hunting
	US-VA	SMITH, Mast. William	1808	1816	Albatross, U.S. at Refugio
		STEELE, Mast. Joseph	1826	1827	SB Harbinger
		STEVENS, Mast. James M.	1824	1824	83T schooner Washington at SLO
		STICKNEY, Mast. John	1836	1836	SB Kent
		STOKES, Mast. Edward	1840	1840	Fly, schooner, England in SB 1842. m. Refugio Ortega
		TARASOV, Boris	1815	1816	Ilmena, brig, Russia, Santa Barbara Islands
		TAYLOR, Lt. William	1818		Refugio on Argentina, captured then traded
	US-MA	TEMPLE, John	1825		SB. m. 1830 SB #162 Rafaela B. D. Cota, children m. Ajuria
		VALDES Y BAZAN, Cmdr. Cayetano	1792	1792	SB Channel on schooner <i>Mexicana</i> , surveying the northwest coast of North America together with Dionisio Alcala Galiano.
	ENGL	VANCOUVER, Mast. George	1792	1793	SB Discovery
		VASQUEZ, Crispin			SB on Schooner S.D. Sanborn after 6 mos. cruise for otter
	US-MA	VINCENT, Mast. George W.	1826		SB Monsoon
	GERM	VIRMOND, Mast. Enrique E.	1825	1832	SB Mary Esther
		WADSWORTH, Mast. William	1814		Ilmena, brig Russia, Santa Barbara Islands, Refugio
	US-CN	WARNER, Jonathan T.	1831	1843	Otter permit on Santa Barbara islands. m. 1836 SLRey Anita Gale, children m. rubio.
					Rancho: Valle de San Jose y Agua Caliente
			1824		SB, left whaler Royal George
			1811		Avon, U.S. San Nicholas Island. m. Winship
		WILCOCKS, Mast. James Smith	1816		SB Traveller
			1836	1837	SB Europa
			1800	1810	Albatross, U.S. owner, San Luis Obispo
			1831		SB 400 skins on Louisa
		YOUNG, Mast. Levi	1832	1833	SB Volunteer
	US-NC	YOUNT, George	1826	1833	SB then 1834 hunting with Nidever on San Joaquin River, SF

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This concludes the listings of Maritime Visitors to Santa Barbara

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SANTA BARBARA SLEUTHING

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I'm a student of Ohio. I've tromped through graveyards, scrutinized old homes and visited libraries and historical museums. I've talked to people and made contacts on the Internet. Likewise, on paper at least, I've explored Pennsylvania, Virginia and dabbled in several Western European countries. When it comes to genealogical research, I've been around. As a first generation Santa Barbaran, I've never needed to explore the local resources or rich history right here at home.

All that changed when I signed on to participate in the Riviera Historical Survey sponsored by the City of Santa Barbara. It involved the study of residences in the lower Riviera area to document dates, building styles, inhabitant history and anything else of interest. To prepare for our search we attended a series of classes to acquaint us with practical information and local resources. *Ancestors West* readers might find several of these sources of interest in their search for local family history.

Street Files

Almost all properties located within the Santa Barbara city limits have a "Street File" and a "Planning File" located at the city's facility at 630 Garden Street. These files are available for viewing at the Public Records counter during normal working hours (closed during lunch). Along with mundane items such as property line disputes, illegal usage correspondence, and new wiring permits, you may find plans and perhaps original building permits listing the owner and dates. Keep in mind that the city did not require building permits until 1925.

Happily for those not in Santa Barbara or who just like to do their research on the computer, most of these files have been scanned and are available on-line. Entering

http://www.ci.santa-barbara.ca.us/

gets you to the site. Then proceed to:

Departments

Community Development (Building & Safety) Land Development Team Records Archive Enter the LDT Records Archive

After downloading the TIFF Viewer, if necessary, type the street number and address in the appropriate boxes. On the Search Results screen hit the + in the left column and the first record should soon appear on the right. You can then navigate through the file. One quirk I encountered: Alameda Padre Serra is known as APS for most of the documents. The items marked "Plans Inventory File" are not on-line and are housed elsewhere.

Sanborn Maps

Equally interesting and helpful for genealogists, historians and home restorers are the Sanborn Maps. The Sanborn Map Company's first maps were dated in 1867. They were created to aid fire insurance underwriters in determining their degree of insurance risk for a property. The maps depict the size, location, composition and use of buildings in roughly 12,000 American cities. The hand drawn pages were periodically updated by pasting new cutouts on a lot or over a previous structure. Original map books are available for various years at the Gledhill Library (Santa Barbara Historical Museum), Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, Santa Barbara County Assessor, Special Collections - University of California Santa Barbara Library, Westmont Library, and the City Planning Division Office. Contact the agency for its hours and specific resources available.

If possible, there is nothing like actually seeing these wonderful map books in person. They can, however, also be viewed on-line in some instances. The Santa Barbara books are available from the Los Angeles Public Library with a library card. Anyone can apply for a card on-line, but the catch is that you have to go in person to pick it up. Luckily I have a card-carrying family member in Los Angeles and found that with the card number and zip code I was able to view the maps at http://www.lapl.org (Regional History Resources, Databases, History Geography & Genealogy, Sanborn Maps). Also, by entering Sanborn maps on my computer search engine and poking around a little I found that there are also maps for Ohio with a local library card (and of course as a student of Ohio, I have that library card!). With a little perseverance you may find that your area of interest has been mapped as well.

Admittedly I have had some trouble with the on-line sources, but when they work it can be very exciting. When possible, the actual documents are truly the most satisfying. Either way, genealogists and those searching for the history of an older home should find the above resources enlightening and intriguing! Happy hunting ...

[For more information on Sanborn and other fire maps, visit: www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/sanborn.html. Here one can learn what older maps are available for purchase on microfilm and view samples of the maps in color with an explanation of the legends. —Ed.]

FROM THE PAGES OF SANTA BARBARA NEWSPAPERS

The following appeared in the Daily News, August 22, 1900:

NEW LODGE

Olive Temple of Rathbone Sisters.

Santa Barbara boasts a fine new lodge; Olive Temple, No. 58, of the Rathbone sisters. This is an auxiliary lodge of the Knights of Pythias. The lodge has just been successfully instituted by Grand Chief Julia Stibbins of Riverside and Mrs. Mensel, of Ventura.

The officers of the lodge here are the following: Excellent Chief, Mrs. James Wilson; Senior and Junior Chiefs, Bertha Tomlinson and Mrs. E. R. Andrus; Mistress of Records, Mrs. J. L. Hurlbut; Mistress of Finance, Mrs. R. R. Lloyd; Manager, Mrs. G. W. Tomlinson; Guards, Mrs. C. D. Case, and Mrs. E. O. Campbell. There are 59 members of the lodge.

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From the Santa Barbara Independent, June 1, 1910:

AT THE COURT HOUSE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Mrs. Bertha Johnson proprietress of Tremont's lodging house, just has to have something to fight about in court. Today it is "one sorrel horse named Billy aged about 20 years" which Mrs. Johnson alleges was appropriated by Charles J. Johanson her divorced husband. She asks for the horse and \$175 damages in an appeal from the justice court.

District Attorney Day filed an information (*sic*) charging Juana Valencia of Carpinteria with malicious mischief, a felony, for the alleged poisoning of A. Romero's pet dog.

A marriage license was issued today to Edwin Denys Rowe, 42 and Henrietta Wethered 42 both natives of England and residents of Hemet, Riverside county.

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GLEANINGS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

From the ILLINOIS-IOWA-MISSOURI SEARCHER, Vol. 16 #1 Issue 53, page 25 (originally from THE NEWS-REPUBLICAN, Farmington, Iowa, April 6, 1911, but the dateline is Muskogee, Oklahoma)

Married 10 Years, 19 Children

Muskogee, OK – Mr. And Mrs. Frank Scott of Highland, Kansas, are seeking a home in this state with plenty of land. They will need it, for although they have been married not quite ten years, they are the parents of nineteen children, all boys, and thirteen of them living. They hold the record for triplets, having five sets to their credit, and two sets of twins. All of her thirteen boys are under five years.

Recently the Scotts, deciding that they must find more land, went to Alberta, Canada. They were not satisfied there and returned. On the return trip Mrs. Scott and her thirteen children all rode on one first-class ticket. At Omaha the conductor made a vigorous protest. "Madam, you cannot carry a whole Sunday School along with you on that one ticket," he said, "and you need not tell me those are all yours. You will have to pay for some of them."

"The rules of this railroad provide that a child under five years may ride free, when accompanied by its parent with a first-class ticket, don't they?" retorted Mrs. Scott.

"They do, but you will have to show me."

Mrs. Scott dug down into her valise and brought out the Family Bible in which was recorded the names and ages of each of the children. The conductor had to give in. The mother and children occupied five double seats in the homeseekers' car and paid for only one.

The names and ages of the children are: Ashbell, Archer and Austin, triplets 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old; Arthur and Arnold, twins, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Allan, Almon and Albin, triplets, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; Albert, Albion and Adolph, triplets, 18 months; Abel and Abner, twins, 6 months. Mrs. Scott is 30 years old and her husband is only a year her senior.

The mother and children are now in Highland (Doniphan County) Kansas, while the father is in Oklahoma seeking a location.

Submitted by Marian Winters, SBCGS Member

SANTA BARBARA ELKS INITIATED INTO THE MYSTERIES OF ELKDOM The Instituion of the Lodge Was One of the Grandest Affairs Ever Seen in this Part of the State---Visiting Elks Arrive on Special Train---Street Decorations and Parade

From the Santa Barbara Morning Press, August 19, 1900

... The Santa Barbara Lodge No. 613 will go down on the annals of the grand lodge as having the largest charter membership of any lodge of Elks ever instituted in the United States, and this position it will hold until its record is beaten by some new lodge...

The chairmen of the various committees. . . are: General committee, H.C. Booth; reception, Dr. R. F. Winchester; Banquet, G.A. Black; music and parade, D.W. Martin; decoration, J.A. MacLeod. The new officers of the Santa Barbara Lodge No. 613 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the ensuing year are: Exalted Ruler, S. Eugene Crow; Esteemed Leading Knight, Henly C. Booth; Esteemed Loyal Knight, John C. Bainbridge; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, William A. Wilson; Chaplain, John T. Johnston; Secretary, Chas. H. L. Erwin; Treasurer, Neal Callahan; Esquire, George A. Black; Inner Guard, Edward A. Diehl; Tyler, Robert C. Curran; Organist, A. Manuel Carrillo; Trustees, William S. Day, Benjamin T. Williams, Charles W. Rasey, Charles E. Sherman, George A. Black.

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PERSISTENT RESEARCHER FINDS "BURNED" WWII MILITARY RECORDS

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I have been trying to obtain a copy of my dad's discharge from the Army for World War II. Well, I've always said, "Never say never," and I've always had a "do it or die trying" attitude. I am nothing if not persistent (some might say stubborn or hardheaded).

I was told that due to the fire in St. Louis military repository on 12 July 1973 that all of my father's records were lost.

> http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/ military personnel records.html

I had a copy of his Separation Qualification Record, but not the actual discharge itself.

In my search, I have made contact with the Alumni Association of the 26th Yankee Division, the 328th Infantry Association, and some of the veterans that he served with, and also other descendants of veterans from these organizations. One of the descendants that I made contact with was in the same boat that I was in and had been able to obtain a copy of his father's discharge from the local NARA branch because his VA (Veterans Affairs) records had never been returned to St. Louis, so I thought that I might give that a shot since Dad had spent a year in the VA hospital in Atlanta in 1955-56. He would have had to have proven that he was a veteran, right?

I contacted the NARA branch in Atlanta. They wouldn't tell me if they had any records for Dad, but said that I could request them and they would search, but the request would have to be routed through the VA Hospital and told me what form had to be filled out for the request. I contacted the VA Hospital in Atlanta, and it assured me that it would be happy to make the request on my behalf, but it had never heard of the form that NARA said the request should be submitted on.

I have a friend who works in the local VA Hospital and told her my problems. She assured me that she would see what she could find out. She enlisted the assistance of some of her friends who work in medical records at the local VA. They had never heard of the form that NARA was requesting

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either and tried to find out about it. Finally, they sent me a different form through my friend saying that should get me the records that I was requesting.

I filled them out and sent them in through the VA hospital, but got a notice that the request was on an incorrect form. Now, do they send me a copy of this phantom form? No! I still couldn't find one of these forms.

I turned to the VA Records Administration for assistance http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/benefits.html and gave it a call on October 7th. There was a very helpful young man on the other end of the line that looked my dad up in his computer and told me that they did indeed have a "jacket" on him, but without pulling it he didn't know if it would have 1 page or 20 pages. He told me to fax them a copy of my dad's death certificate with a signed request for a copy of his records and that I should hear something back in about a month.

About an hour later I got a fax that was a copy of my dad's discharge. I was elated. (I did the genealogy happy dance, and that is not a pretty sight!) And I thought that was that. That must have been the only thing in his "jacket."

Well, I got a surprise in today's mail. I got a package about an inch thick. In it was a copy not only of the discharge paper that had already been faxed, but a copy of my parents' marriage license, a copy of my mother's divorce records from her previous marriage, surgery notes, hospital summary report, reports from every X-ray he had ever had made while in the service and since being discharged to the time of his admission to the VA hospital, including his dental X-rays. It even had a copy of the fax that I had sent them including the copy of his death certificate and the signed copy of the request for a copy of his records and a note that they were recording his date of death on their records.

This would truly be a genealogical find if I didn't already have copies of the other records of genealogical significance, but for someone else, that may not already have some of these records, what a windfall that would be — and I got them all for FREE! And, you see, persistence DOES pay off.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2003

December 20, Saturday, Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State, Santa Barbara, CA. Help groups begin at 9:30; general meeting begins at 10:30. Park in upper lot off Constance. Program: 9 society members share experiences in tracking down elusive ancestors.

JANUARY 2004

January 12-16, Utah, Salt Lake City: The Utah Genealogical Association announces its 9th Annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. This week-long institute will offer 10 tracks of learning. For details for this institute, please see the Web site www.infouga.org or send e-mail to <institute@infouga.org>.

January 17, Saturday, Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State, Santa Barbara, CA. Help groups begin at 9:30; general meeting begins at 10:30. Park in upper lot off Constance.

January 22-24, Missouri, St. Louis: The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the St. Louis Genealogical Society present NGS GENTECH 2004. Aimed at genealogists interested in technology, the event will feature a variety of topics at every skill level. Visit www.eshow2000.com/ ngsgentech/ or telephone 800-473-0060.

FEBRUARY 2004

February 7, California, San Luis Obispo: The San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society will host its annual seminar with speakers Janice Cloud, Tina Peddie and others. Further information can be obtained by contacting Cheryl Storten at <timandcheryl@surfari.net> or see the society's Web site www.kcbx.net/~slogen/.

February 21, Saturday, Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State, Santa Barbara, CA. Help groups begin at 9:30; general meeting begins at 10:30. Park in upper lot off Constance.

MARCH 2004

March 6, Saturday, Annual SBCGS Seminar. Watch for program and details in *Tree Tips*.

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