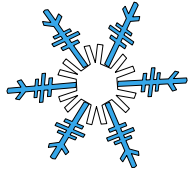




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January 2004



President's Message

by Evelyn Ross

Happy New Year! We've made it to 2004, congratulations!! How many ancestors do you have that will be turning 200 this year?

In a perfect world...your whole family would be as excited about those 200 year-old ancestors as you are. They would be eager to learn that 4th great-grandma Lydia married 4th great-grandpa Bennoia just the day before her fourteenth birthday. They would be awe struck by the fact that when Ben and Lydia's daughter Elizabeth married her husband she instantly became the mother of five children, including baby Nancy. All together Elizabeth raised seventeen children.

In the real world, I can't run fast enough to get my family's attention when the *Family Heritage* words are mentioned. Oh, but there are ways to instill an interest in those who share DNA. One really fun way is to celebrate the birthdays of your ancestors as they come up on the calendar through the year. It doesn't have to be an elaborate all-out birthday party.

Just a simple recognition that g-g-great uncle John was born on this day. One of the greatest achievements of his life time was to be a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition...I think this could be compared to planting seeds.

If you have the dates and places for your ancestors, county histories, old newspapers, genealogical and historical

society publications, and if you're lucky, personal diaries or journals, will help you add the interest. Even if you can't find information on the individual, local histories can certainly give you a feel for the life experiences of you early family members. Lydia lost three children between 1832-33; I wonder if the flu epidemic that went through their state that year had anything to do with their deaths?



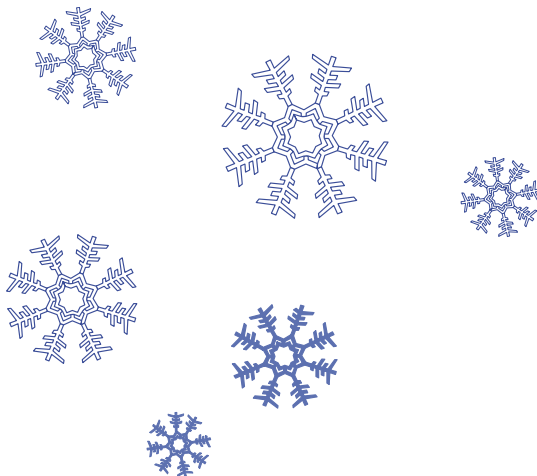
One more thought, you'll have a better chance of someone in the family taking an interest in your work if it's organized and well documented...Now, there's a New Year's resolution if I ever heard one! Whatever your plans for 2004 I wish you great success.

January
24th
Meeting:

*Genealogy of
a House —A
Case Study*
by
*Katherine J.
Rinehart*

Lark Hall,
Room 2004
SRJC

1:00pm



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Genealogy of a House—A Case Study

A Case Study by Fawn Hill

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This month, on Saturday, January 24, 2004 we will be privileged to hear from Katherine J. Rinehart who will speak on the subject of research procedures. Her topic, *Genealogy of a House—A Case Study* emphasizes how researchers can learn about people by studying the houses they lived in.

Katherine is currently serving as the Library Associate at the History and Genealogy Annex of Sonoma County Library. She is well qualified to speak on the topic of research and will share her perceptions of the commonalities which exist between finding our ancestors and learning about the history of their homes.

Katherine received her master's degree in History from Sonoma State University in 1994

The Other Ellis Island Site

Sent by Susan Simons

Stephen Morse is a database detective. He knows how to wring every shred of information from the Ellis Island database. His "Short Form" website virtually obsoletes the Ellis Island Foundation search site at <http://ellisland.org>, according to knowledgeable genealogical web-surfers.

The Short Form utilities have a home at <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/eidb>. Don't let the "jewish" in the URL fool you into thinking you don't need these utilities if you have no Hebrew ancestry.

You can search for an ancestor's first name as "Starts With," "Is," or "Contains". Last name can be as above and also "Sounds Like." Town name can be all of the above. The Arrival Year can be made a range, and so can Age at Arrival and Year of Birth. There are three different short forms to use for your search. Each puts a different priority on the search criteria, and any one may turn out to be the best for your purpose.

You can now search for missing manifests (broken links) at this web site, so if you tried to get an image of the manifest and failed, try again here.

--Extracted from the UGANews, Nov-Dec 2002

where she completed a thesis project that consisted of a historic resources survey of the area of Pengrove. For the past 11 years, Ms Rinehart has worked in various positions within the fields of Cultural Resource Management and Historic Preservation. In addition to her job at the annex she also has her own business, specializing in; historic research, writing, walking tours and lecturing, and is on the Board of Directors for the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum. In addition she teaches a class on the history of Petaluma through the Community Education Department of the SRJC. The walking tour and class on, 'The riverfront warehouse area of Petaluma', she offers on her own, separate from the SRJC classes. I encourage all members to take advantage of a unique opportunity to enjoy, learn and add to your research skills. See you at the meeting.

New at the Library

by Maggi Andrews

929.1 H Hereditary Order of Desceants of Colonial Governors

929.3 T New World Immigrants, Vol. I and II...Data from Periodical Literature; by Tepper

929.341 W The Magna Charta Sureties, 1215 / The Barons Named...and Some of Their Descendants; by Weis

929.373 US Resolutions...relating to the ...Pay, Bounty Lands, and Other Promises made by Congress to the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution ...

929.374 N Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the New England Historical Genealogical Society

929.3757 S Jury Lists of South Carolina 1778-1779

929.3776 M Map of Goodhue County, Minnesota

979.488 P A History of Early Taft, California; by Peahl and Gianopulos

996.9 D Minority without a Champion: Kanakas on the Pacific Coast, 1788-1850; by Duncan

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You Can Write Your Family History

Audrey Herman audreyrae@earthlink.net:

You Can Write Your Family History

by Sharon DeBartlo Carmack.

Betterway Books, 2003.

\$19.00

ISBN 1-55870=641=0

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack was the speaker at our last seminar, and her talk on writing a family history inspired many of you to start writing. In this book she shows how to write a family history that is more than a lot of dull names, dates and places. She begins with an overview

Special Interest Groups



British Group

Email to: suesimons@aol.com, or call susan simons at 527-2580.



German Group

We meet at 10 am on the first Saturday of the odd-numbered months except for July. The next meeting of the German Interest Group will be as follows: 3 January 2004 at the home of Lois Nimmo, 308 Pythian Road, Santa Rosa, CA, phone 537-1684. We will be having a general help

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Of course I always love Maps, and the Map of Goodhue County, Minnesota is one of those lovely old parcel maps with everyone's names on each parcel ... such fun to see all the family connections among the neighbors.

The Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the New England Historical Genealogical Society is a fascinating glimpse into that society's holdings. There are over 500 pages with descriptions of each collection, including surnames and locations. The index is over 150 pages and has separate sections for Subject, Family names and Place names. The collection is available for research at the NEHGS Library or you may employ their research/copy service. Some of the items are also available on microfilm or CD.

of the nine types of genealogical writing from reference books to fiction. To make your narrative come alive, she discusses how to choose a theme, and how to do background research into the social history of the time and place. There are sections on getting phonographs, citing sources, how to index, and how to get published. An extensive bibliography is included, as well as a list of writing courses, contests, organizations, and conferences. If you are planning to write a family history this book should be in your library.

session and discussion on topics of interest to those present. The discussion may include our members' experiences on using researchers in Germany.

For Information contact Jim Cochran at: cougars@sonic.net



Computer Interest Group

The Computer Interest Group will meet next on Saturday, January 17th 2004 at 2 PM at the Santa Rosa Family History Center on Peterson Lane. Our topics will be "What Santa brought for Christmas" and "Security Programs -- user comments about Norton, McAfee, etc." Maggi Andrews at 538-1775.



Italian Interest Group

We will meet at the home of Ines Williams after the holidays on Saturday, January 17th. For more information e-mail; inesw@comcast.net. Come join us.



Family History Writing Group

The next meeting of the Writing Group will be the 1st Saturday in February at 1 p.m. at the Annex. For information contact, Cheryl Doran Girard, 707-865.1181 or email fyrmom@sonic.net Contact: Cheryl Doran Girard (fyrmom@sonic.net) 865-1181 for further information.

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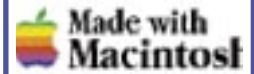
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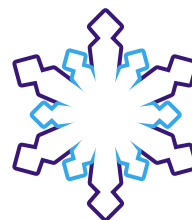
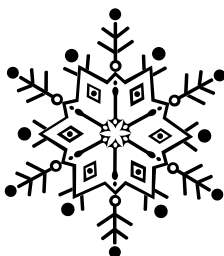
Coming Events

This is to announce our Irish Research Trip to Dublin in 2004. The dates are 28th March - 3rd April 2004. Nora Hickey, noted Irish historian and genealogist from Kinsale, will be the research director and personal consultant. Don-Em Travel Center of San Francisco (1-800-453-6636) is recommended by the organizers of this research week. There are many activities in and around Dublin for non-researching companions. Contact Sally Warren at 415- 435-1038 or www.saw33@msn.com for a brochure and registration form.

Twelve Days of Christmas - Genealogy Style

From Roots via Barbara Jean Diekmann

- * On the Twelfth Day of Christmas
- * My true love gave to me.
- * Twelve census searches,
- * Eleven printer ribbons,
- * Ten e-mail contacts,
- * Nine headstone rubbings,
- * Eight birth and death dates,
- * Seven town clerks sighing,
- * Six-second cousins,
- * Five coats of arms,
- * Four GEDCOM files,
- * Three old wills,
- * Two CD-ROMs,
- * And a branch in my family tree.



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