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Our Next Event! Don't Miss it!

February 1, General Monthly Meeting: Doors open at 6:00 p.m. at the Family History Center.

Special Program - Online Databases

This month our program features subscription databases such as Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, GenealogyLibrary.com, etc. Please join us in comparing costs, strengths, and weaknesses of each. Bring your experiences and questions to the program, and share with us all. The Program begins immediately following the business portion of the meeting.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. - a full hour to socialize and research before the meeting!

As a special treat this month, Rosemarie Capodicci will be in the Library from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to help with Library Research. Stop and visit with her for an informal chat and learn more about researching in the Family History Library.

And!...in the meeting room, next to the cookies...Ivan Miller with a list of his Favorite Web Sites!

Let's all make use of this wonderful genealogy library; meet new and old members; friends; and share our research experiences. Or, just come in early, help us set up chairs and greet new members-smiling faces and helping hands are always needed!

Future MoCoGenSo Meetings

February 19, Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Family History Center.

March 1, General Monthly Meeting: Doors open at 6:00 p.m. at the Family History Center.

Upcoming Events

February 3, 2001 – DAR and the Family History Center presents the 20th Annual Genealogical Seminar, *Making Family History in the New Millennium* with Jimmy Parker, retired director of the FHL. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the keynote speaker begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee: \$26 w/lunch - \$20 w/o lunch. For further registration information call Joanne Slama (831) 484-9966.

February 21, 2001 - MBUG-PC will continue with the "Using Computers in Genealogy" workshop. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Archer Park Center. Contact the workshop coordinator, Bob Stephan at bstephan@redshift.com for detailed information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, 2001

Welcome to the 21st Century. Can you imagine, it is the 21st Century.

As we embark on a new year, the possibilities for our Society are endless. You will see some changes in our programs and activities. Jan Sutherlin, our program chair, is working hard to bring new and exciting programs to our monthly meetings. Plan to attend to discover new information that might help with your research. Thom Taft is taking over the duties of producing the Newsletter and Quarterly. Thom would like articles from you on your research finds and ideas. As you will see, we already have a new look to the Quarterly, we hope you like it. If you have any ideas on what you want to see in this publication, please contact Thom, any other Board Member or myself.

All members on the Board want to make this year the best ever. We hope to bring more members to the meetings and activities. Help us by attending meetings and activities.

As we move through the winter months, we hope to help you plan your strategy and develop research calendars to aid in finding the documents and information on your families. Remember work from the known to the unknown. If you try to start too far back, you will have difficulty in "making ends meet."

Everyone take care, stay warm and hope to see you at the meeting on February 1st. Remember the Library opens at 6:00 p.m. for research and will remain open till 10:00 p.m. after the meeting so you may use this time to look for your family. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Happy Researching,

Linda L. Avakian

Upcoming MoCoGenSo Programs

Mark your Calendar Now!

Mar 1: Get Local to Map It

Apr 5: Surprise, a Great One!

May 3: Computers, Genealogy and You

Jun 7: Trip-in-a-Day (Four of them)

No Meeting in July. . . See you in August

How To Submit, Submit, Submit Articles

Dated materials (calendars items, meetings, events, etc.) should be sent via e-mail for the next newsletter publication. Short articles, queries, research tips, clippings, etc., can be sent to either. Longer articles, queries, etc., should be sent for inclusion in the MoCoGenSo Quarterly.

All articles should be submitted via e-mail or mailed to the society on a 3-1/2" diskette using Word, Works, or WordPerfect when possible. Please label your diskette: include your name, phone number, software program, and version of software used. Include full information on calendar items - date, time and address of event, fees, sponsoring institution, etc. Identify journal title and date of printing on news clippings. Articles are edited in the interest of content, space, and conformity.

Article Submission Deadlines

MoCoGenSo Quarterly and monthly Newsletter articles must be submitted to the editor no later than the 10th of the month prior to publication date. E-mail articles to: *ThomCat@redshift.com* or mail to:

MoCoGenSo Editor PO Box 8144, Salinas, CA 93912-8144

Notes from the editor. . . AKA: ed.

When I accepted the position as editor of both the monthly and quarterly newsletters, I anticipated having more time to work on them. So far this year I have been very pressed for time on getting them prepared and mailed on time.

I still am in the thinking stages of how our society's newsletter can be updated to better suit our member's needs. I would appreciate any advice, comments, or suggestions from you, 'the members.'

Over the next few months changes will begin to appear. Please e-mail me your comments or suggestions.

Ridesharing



Some of our members are unable

to drive to meetings and events. If you are able to give a fellow member a ride, please contact any board member.

A special 'Thank You'

to our nominating committee Rosemarie Capodicci and Jan Sutherlin presented the slate of officers for 2001-2002 and MoCoGenSo would like the membership to extend a warm thanks to both of them for their hard work this year.

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and deaths in England and Wales has been in place The goal of the 50/50 program is to encourage since 1837 and is one of the most significant single purchases of books and CD-ROMs for the library of resources for genealogical research back to Victorian the Family History Center, and to leverage the times MoCoGenSo book budget by soliciting sponsors from our membership to share in the expense of such The FreeBMD database was last updated on 17 Nov The idea is simple - members buy purchases. 2000 and currently contains 4,012,334 records, an approved research materials, use them at home for a astounding increase of about three million records period of three months, and then donate the materials transcribed and added to the FreeBMD database by to the FHC library. Upon receipt of the materials at the project's more than 700 volunteers worldwide in the library, MoCoGenSo will reimburse the member slightly less than 10 months. for 50% of the cost of the item. 50/50! The CA Death Index, a portion is online: 1. The member gets exclusive use of the CALIFORNIA BIRTH INDEX, 1905-10

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3. The library gets research materials of direct interest to other members.

4. MoCoGenSo's book budget stretches twice as

2. The member will be reimbursed for half the

materials for a calendar quarter.

cost of vital research materials.

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The 50/50 Program Committee must pre-approve the

purchase to guarantee a refund to the member. Materials must be genealogy related to be approved. Priority will be given to areas not well represented in the library's collection, and to titles of general interest, like county histories, probate records, marriage indexes, census indexes and census image CDs. Materials must not duplicate current library

holdings. To participate in the 50/50 Program, obtain

a form from the society's Program Committee.

Miller's Links and Information

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Ivan and Caroline Miller seem to have the knack of locating the best genealogy related websites and their findings will be featured each month as space allows.

British researchers need to know about this one!

FreeBMD UPDATE. http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/ "FreeBMD" stands for Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths. The FreeBMD project's objective is to provide free Internet access to the Civil Registration index father's name; and birthplace. Source Information: Ancestry.com. "California Birth Index, 1905-10." [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000. Original data: State

of California. "California Birth Index, 1905-10."

Sacramento, CA: State of California Department of

Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, 19--.

Vital records in California have been kept by the state

registrar of vital statistics since July 1905. This

database is an index to the birth records in California from 1905 through 1910. The database provides such valuable information as first, last, and middle names

of those born; birth dates; gender; mother's name;

information for England and Wales. The Civil

Registration system for recording births, marriages,

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To search this database, go to: www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddbs/5247.htm

SWEDEN. SweGGate (Swedish Genealogical Gate) is a SwedenGenWeb portal that focuses on Swedish immigration to the rest of the world. Its goal is to help researchers, mainly from outside Sweden, especially those who do not read the Swedish language, find

Swedish genealogical resources.

www.rootsweb.com/~swewgw/

The BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF GENEALOGISTS (BCG) on 16 Jan 2001 announced that Lynn C. McMillion, CLS, is its new executive director. Established in 1964, BCG's mission is to promote high standards of competence and ethics

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among genealogists, and to foster public confidence in genealogy. About 320 genealogists hold certification in one or more categories. Those interested in certification should visit BCG's Web site or request further information from the Executive Director, Post Office Box 14291, Washington, DC 20044. www.begcertification.org

NCHS: How to obtain Birth, Death, Marriage, and Divorce certificates:

www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm

Prologue riding the rails up paper mountain researching railroad records in the National Archives: www.nara.gov/publications/prologue/railrd1.htm

Sale on census CDs: www.heritagequest.com/ProdFind2/census.htm

Association of Gravestone Studies: www.gravestonestudies.org

Salt Lake City Research Trip, Jan. 2002

Some of our members are already beginning to save up and making plans for a research trip to Salt Lake City in January 2002. For anyone that might be interested, more information from Jan Sutherlin will be in the upcoming quarterly newsletter.

New at the Monterey County Courthouse

The following indexes are now on computers in the Recorders office on the 3rd floor at the Monterey County Courthouse in Salinas. While you can not print the indexes, there are five computers available for searching at no charge. Once you find the person of interest the clerks will pull the record for your observation. The information must be hand noted as only certified copies are available for \$12.00 each.

Monterey County Births 1854-2000 Monterey County Marriages 1952-2000 Monterey County Deaths 1963-2000

TOMBSTONE TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

American cemetery photos, epitaphs, and lore. http://home.flash.net/~leimer/ This page has a lot of links to other information -- photos, tombstone etiquette, funeral rites, symbols. It has been given the Academic Excellence Award by Study Web as one of the best educational resources on the web for research on contemporary funeral and memorial practices. It's worth a look, and will fit in well with our new cemetery project column.

Census Research

General Points to note in Census research.

- 1790 census earliest one taken. Only heads of families named, parts missing.
- 1800, 1810, 1820 parts missing. Use tax lists to fill in.
- 1840 census shows Revolutionary War pensioners and ages
- 1850 census first census naming everyone living in family, and the place of birth.
- 1870 census shows details of parentage if of foreign birth
- 1880 census first showing relationship; birthplace all parents, soundex made.
- 1890 census 99% destroyed by fire. Use Veterans Schedules to fill in.
- 1930 and since (confidential)
- May be State census years between Federal censuses.
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