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March Program

March 21, 2017

7:00 PM When a Man Dies a Library Burns to the Ground Millie Starr

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From the President

Dale Thompson

March 12 is the beginning of daylight saving time. Don't forget to set your clocks (spring forward). Then March 17 is St Patrick's Day so remember to wear green. And March 20 is the first day of Spring. We have had some interesting weather this past winter and cannot wait to see what is in store for Spring.

On March 11 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm there will be a Discovery Day program at the El Vista LDS Church, 731 El Vista Avenue in Modesto. We will have two presentations, Finding German Ancestors and Special Collections Room at the Stanislaus County Library in Modesto. We will also have 3 tables set up in the gym for information about the GSSC and Genealogy Research assistance. It is free and there should be much to see and learn. Try to make it out to represent our Society.

This is your Society so please plan on attending our monthly meetings if you can. We need your input on what you want to see and recommendations on how we can improve. Keep on researching and if you are hitting a brick wall, come to our meeting and we will see if we can help.

March Program

Jennifer McDonald

When a Man Dies a Library Burns to the Ground

By Millie Starr



Many Facets to Writing About Your Family--Member by Member

What do you want to learn in any article you read about your ancestor? Is it that they came in steerage? Or do you want to know what that really meant? We all know they did not swim across the ocean.

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Early American Cookery

ANN'S INDIAN BAKED PUDDING (1822-1852)

Yield: Serves 8

1 cup yellow cornmeal (stone ground preferred)

1 quart whole milk or half-and-half, plus 2 cups more for optional whey method

The "whey method" is from Lydia Maria Child's American Frugal Housewife, and you may need the extra milk to compensate for the dryness of modern cornmeal. If you increase the recipe, increase the baking time.

“One cup of meal, with one quart of Milk, a pint of which make hot and scald the meal, the other half add cold, three eggs, a lump of butter the size of a large walnut, sugar Cinnamon and nutmeg to your taste bake it one hour: you may add a little ginger if you like it -- Either Wine sauce or butter and sugar mixed together.”

3 small eggs or 2 extra large eggs

3 tablespoons salted butter, plus 1 stick for sauce, and some to grease baking dish

3 ounces white or light brown sugar,

plus 1/2 cup for sauce

1 tablespoon mixed cinnamon and nut-meg

1 / 2 teaspoon ginger (optional)

Equipment: 2- or 3-quart baking dish

1. Bring 2 cups of the milk or half-and--half almost to a boil in a pot or mi-crowave oven.
2. Stir hot milk carefully into the cornmeal.
3. Stir in 3 tablespoons butter and let cool.
4. Break eggs and mix with spices and the 3 ounces of sugar.
5. Mix 2 more cups of milk with the egg mixture, and then work every-thing into the cornmeal.
6. Grease baking dish.
7. Fill baking dish with pudding mixture. (To make "whey," a sweet clear liquid that would be used as a sauce, add another cup or two of cold milk on top of the pudding before it goes into the oven.)
8. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.
9. For sauce, blend a stick of softened butter with 1/2 cup sugar or brown sugar.

Serve before or with the meat at a large af-ternoon "dinner." The butter-sugar sauce would be melted onto a mound of pudding, or the whey ladled over it in a bowl.

From <http://www.historycook.com/chaptext.htm>

Field Trips – Your Society would like to know where you want to go.

Please contact Clela Lane 577-2289 or cleclavlane@gmail.com and tell her what you are interested in seeing, visiting or attending. She is trying to put together trips of interest for you. The following is one that is in the mill:



"Keep your eyes open for a trip to do Research at a great place in May. Announcement soon!"

Ima William (Bill) Ayres


Nov 22, 1920 ~ Feb 8, 2017

Bill was born in Modesto, CA, to Ima Willard Ayres and Ora Clapper Ayres, the youngest of four children. He attended local schools. After high school he enlisted in the US Army to support the war effort. It was while he was assigned as a military policeman at Fort Rosecrans in San Diego, CA, that he met a beautiful, young Army nurse from Minot, North Dakota, Paula Choiniere. It was love at first sight.

At the end of their military time they took up residence in Modesto. In 1957 Bill achieved his dream and opened Ayres PetO-Tel on McHenry Avenue in Modesto, which operated for over 30yrs. During this time, Paula continued to work as a nurse at Stanislaus County Hospital.

Bill was an avid hunter and fisherman, following in his father's footsteps. In later years he and Paula became avid golfers, members of the Oakdale Golf & Country Club. He was also an avid San Francisco 49er fan. Bill is predeceased by his parents; his siblings, Helen Ayres, Edith Ayres Cheney, and Donald Ayres; granddaughter, Sandy Lee Latham, and son-in-law, Royal Latham. He is survived by his loving wife, Paula, his children, Dr. Stephen Ayres and Marianne (Ayres) Latham, his grandchildren, Shioney Latham, Royal Latham (Michelle), and Patrick Latham (Billie). Lastly, great-grandchildren, Jose Rodriguez, and Hailey Faye, Royal Caleb, and Trey Daniel Latham.

Visitation Thursday, Feb. 16th from 4:00-8:00pm with funeral service to follow on Friday, Feb. 17th at 1:00pm, both to be held at Salas Brothers Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to Community Hospice, 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95356.

www.cvobituaries.com.

Bill was not a GSSC member but he supported our Society by the generous use of his home for our activities and supporting his wife Paula who is a GSSC member.

Membership Renewal


<http://cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/2017%20GSSC%20Membership%20Renewal%20form.pdf>

HOW LONG Have You Been Researching?

Well then, you have been researching since the 1970's? Have you written books since all of your research is done? I never said I was done! No one is ever done. This year I am again going to Salt Lake City with my Genealogical Society; currently working on three brick walls, and doing the same preparation that I did for my first trip to Salt Lake in 1983. That was under the expert guidance of J. Carlyle Parker (classes at Stan State and one night a week in

the El Vista Family History Center). We were a lucky bunch to have Carlyle and Modesto's Pansy Wilburn to force us to prepare well.

My gosh, that's thirty years ago. What can you possibly do there that you did not do in 1983?

The same thing I always do, stand in line to enter the library at 7:30, now 8:00 am with a careful list of films, and books and maps to look at. Take a break midafternoon and then go back and work til nearly closing time. The first years were at the old office building, then later into the new building that since has opened even additional floors for researching. After at least thirty trips to Salt Lake, many with the Society, several twice a year with Irene Adler, I consider a trip a huge success if I come home with nothing left on my list.

There is so much material online now, why would you have to go so far away?

You are correct; there is a lot of stuff online. But LDS is digitizing records, films, and books at an amazing rate. I do a lot of work at home in my jammies and slippers in the dark of the night at Familysearch.org. Many of these also make it possible to see the original documents and print them out. But they do not expect to finish this project in any of our lifetimes. One of my favorites in the Library are the map files, because without understanding the locations, we are really handicapped.

What do you do to get ready?

If you know your goal, not just finding out about the Phegleys'; a real goal--what can I find in probates for all of the members of the Phegley family and collaterals in Henderson County Kentucky in 1800 to 1860 and in New Madrid, Missouri from 1830 to 1880. Of course I may have to read deeds as well and court records etc.

What makes you go back again and again?

The AHA! moment. One year I was reading all land records, probates, court records in Loudoun County Virginia, trying to find the name of the elusive wife of George Hancock. She died before he wrote his will and so was not named in it. In the manner of the times, she too was not listed on any of the deeds, but the court records of 1780 gave me the clue I needed. Sitting next to me was Geri Moser, I was so excited that I tapped her on the shoulder and when she turned I cupped my hands around my mouth and made a silent yell.

Now then, what are you looking for this year?

The struggle goes on for William Tinsley in Chester County, Pennsylvania. My plan is to locate all Tinsleys in Pennsylvania during William's lifetime, and follow them. There are not more than three or four in the entire state that are not in his immediate family that I can determine. For William directly, in the hopes of finding a clue, I will read all church records for the Chester County region. In his chronology I have 77 items and still do not know from whence he came.

Secondly, I will review land records for Joseph Loftin in the 1700s in North Carolina, in an effort to firm up his parentage. Perhaps I will find a good map in which I can see him listed next door to other Loftins! Great clues. My review of all that I have in the computer and in the 'old school binders' confirmed him as the parent of Catherine, who married Mark Morgan Yeorgan. Loftin's will that I had filed with accession details in my records, was very clear. Now of course I have to look at the land he left her and see what happened to it.

My third brick wall, no, more like a titanium vault, is Frank Henry Fischer, who though born in Ohio in 1848, never is found on a census until 1880 in Sweet Water and Rock Creek, Montana, working for the railroad.

There are others, but these are my goals for this trip.

After so many trips is this going to be your last one?

I say that every year, but when the time comes, I start planning, and reviewing -- and praying a little, too.

Written in 2013. Millie Starr

Interested in assistance with your genealogy? A monthly beginner's study group has been formed. Contact Jackie Niemeyer 209-522-2590 jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net

Genealogical Contributions of the Irish

By Lewis M. Ruddick

With St. Patrick's Day on the calendar (March 17) for this month I searched the internet via Google with the following **genealogical contributions of the Irish** looking something that might be of interest to our membership some of whom are of Irish origin. The following organization came up as the first two "hits".





History

It's not for nothing that in 2011 in his weekly column in *The Irish Times*, John Grenham – arguably Ireland's most well-known modern day genealogist – described the Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS) as the “*great granddaddy of all Irish family history societies*“. The IGRS was established in 1936 in London to welcome all those interested in Irish genealogy. As such, it is the world's first and oldest society dedicated to the pursuit of Irish genealogy.



The founding members were deeply concerned at the loss of much material of genealogical value and their priority was to collect copies of materials compiled prior to the destruction of the Public Record Office in Dublin (pictured right) in 1922. The core of our unique reference library was formed from the personal collection of both printed and manuscript materials which belonged to the Irish genealogist, Father Wallace Clare, the founder of the Society and its very first Fellow. Here's what was recorded about the founding of the Society in the first edition of the Society's annual journal, *The Irish Genealogist*:

From *The Irish Genealogist*, Vol 1. No 1. April 1937

The destruction in 1922 of the records deposited in the Public Record Office, Dublin, has rendered exceedingly difficult the task of tracing the descent of Irish Families. Since that lamentable event, great efforts have been made by those interested in Irish Genealogy to fill this hiatus by collecting copies and abstracts of Wills, Parochial Records, Chancery Proceedings and other documents known to have been made before the originals were destroyed. This work of reconstruction has already been, and is still being, carried out extensively by the Public Record Offices both at Dublin and at Belfast, the Society of Genealogists in London contributing also, among other interests, to the good cause.

The need has been felt, however, of a Society exclusively devoted to Irish Genealogy, formed with this special object in view, which would have a wide appeal to those of Irish descent throughout the world, who would thus be encouraged to contribute the results of their particular researches. As it was essential that a start should be made as soon as possible, whilst copies of original documents were still in existence, a meeting was, as we already know, held in the office of York Herald at College of Arms, London, on September the 15th, 1936, at which it was decided to found the Irish Genealogical Research Society.



Current subscription rates and joining offers

The membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December. Subscription rates for 2017 are £21 for members not resident in Ireland and €26 for members of the Ireland Branch. For the information of those wishing to join from outside of Britain & Ireland, the US dollar equivalent is approximately US\$36 (allowing for currency fluctuations). Details of other international currencies can be obtained from this handy online currency converter.

If you join between 1 October and 31 December you are treated as joining in the following year, so you can get up to three months extra membership.

Become a member

We hope you will consider joining us as a member of the Society. You can sign up at our online shop, or download a membership form (pdf) for posting.

New members can join by paying the basic membership subscription of £21/€26 or take advantage of the IGRS Special Membership Offer. Available only to new members, the IGRS Special Membership Offer brings, in addition to one year’s full membership, a year’s subscription to Irish Roots Magazine and your own copy of the fully searchable CD containing 56 back issues of the Society’s annual journal The Irish Genealogist (1937-1993). The Special Membership Offer costs £57/€60. (equivalent to approximately US\$70). <http://www.irishancestors.ie/>

Perhaps this is a resource you have never considered. They are certainly worth the try to help you with your Irish roots.



Research Problems--Spelling of Names

By Millie Starr

When I started my work of family history, I was as the saying goes, 'dumber than a box of rocks.' About like these folks now who find a name they recognize on Ancestry and automatically accept that it is gospel and adopt this person as 'their person' of this name.

Sharrill John ¹⁸⁷⁵	Head
Mira E	Wife
Walter L	Son
Billy C	Son
Manuel M	Son
Daniel A	Son
Agnes A	Daughter
Charles M	Son
Lula M	Daughter
Niala N M	Daughter
Dorsey F	Daughter

My reason for looking for the Phegleys was that they were in California early enough to have a place called Phegleys' Ridge in Santa Clara County named for them. Recently reading about the Ridge, I learned it is a well liked hiking trail. The hikers commented about noting the places where they had fed the stock etc. My judgment was okay on that aspect of my theory. They had stock yards and meat processing plants and butcher shops. They obviously were not the usual dirt poor who so many times are untraceable.

But anyone who had given it a genuine thought would know that name had not started as Phegley. After efforts to find that name earlier I soon learned that lesson. Every possible spelling of a name starting with Ph eventually settled on Phegley, in my branch of the family at least. Others used an i or a or an ea. But prior to that it started with an F. That is Fi, Fe, Fo, Fie, Foe, Fa, Fae, Fai, Fee moving on to gley or gle or gli and many others. Figely, Fogelie Fageli etc. Fee Fi Fo Fum! Some never gave up the F form.

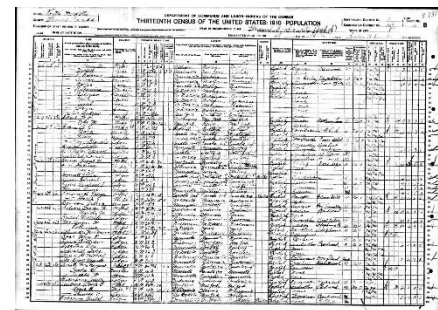
So at last I had a starting place. You remember the rocks? Well I was still in the box. When they came from the German Region of Switzerland it was spelled Voe with an umlaut over the e. And it sometimes ended with an i or whatever to indicate relationship.

Now I had a starting point. I was out of the box of rocks. Well at least that box.

Research Problems—Census

By Millie Starr

It is a solid rule of research that you must look at every census that happens in the lifetime of your ancestor. This one I learned early, but like many other beginners, I assumed things. BOX! Barring some major disaster every census that was ever taken was neatly stored and preserved. Certainly in the civilized regions of New England, New Jersey and Virginia. Why can't I find my people in New Jersey? In this sophisticated day of online data it should be easy to put in a name and find something. Well the truth is that many states, had lost, destroyed etc. these documents that were used for the purpose of establishing representation in the House of Representatives. To this day the census still serves that purpose.



Even worse, a very busy and well occupied state like New Jersey does not have any info of that type until 1830. They did not even do a state census like Pennsylvania every seven years. So unless you are of a major religion you are in real trouble.

Another major problem of the census was the problem of the census taker having trouble understanding what the resident was saying, or the resident understanding what the census taker was asking. Human error was amazingly rare when you consider that a person with a Scottish background was taking info from a German speaking or vice versa.

Age was not easily obtained. Many folks did not know when they were born, and where. Or felt the need to lie about when they entered or if they were native born. More problems.



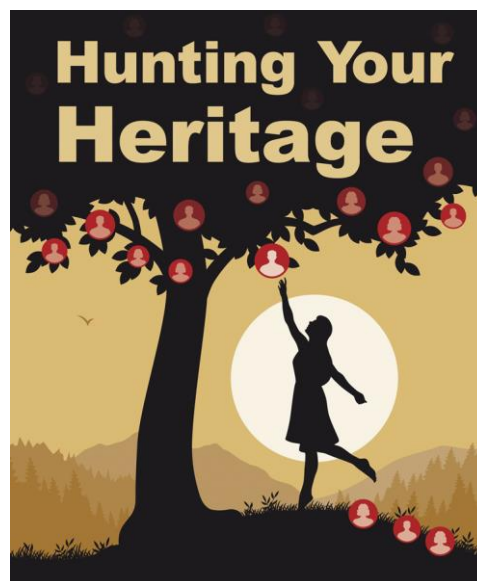
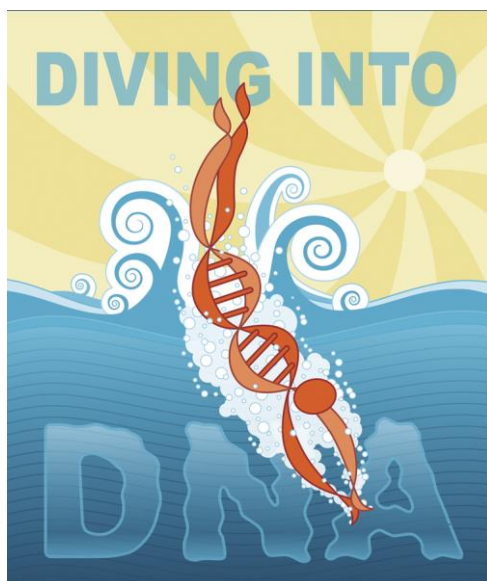
48th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree

When: Friday, June 9 thru Sunday, June 11, 2017

Where: Los Angeles Burbank Airport Marriott

What: 120+ courses by 60+ top speakers for Advanced to Beginner topics

Ethnic tracks: British Isles & Ireland, Armenia & the Caucuses and African-American



Genetic Genealogy Conference

When: Thursday, June 8, 2017

Where: Los Angeles Burbank Airport Marriott

What: 25+ courses by 15+ speakers on Genetic Genealogy topics, Beginners to Advanced

Special events: Genetic Genealogy Luncheon, Reception including test kit purchasing

JamboFree

When: Friday, June 9, 2017 from 8am to 12 pm

Where: Los Angeles Burbank Airport Marriott

What: A morning genealogical outreach - classes and research help free and open to the public

<http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/>

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GSSC web page:	http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html . The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.	
General meeting:	7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.	
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