

Newsletter

IN THE CORNER

Al Little

When Dottie Weichman asked if I would make some comments for the Newsletter, I inquired, jokingly, whether she was going to use them to fill the back page. Her response was to the effect that she would put them "in the corner." So here I am "In The Corner."
[Moreover: Front corner]

Looking back to 1992-93, through the efforts of a lot of members, we had a good year. Certainly the most significant event was the acquisition of nearly \$10,000 in new books, a project spearheaded by Louise Caccamise & the Book Committee. These folks spent many hours selecting new titles which should all be delivered by the time you read this Newsletter.

Dottie Weichman has devoted many days to the expansion of our Newsletter and has developed an interesting quarterly publication. We hope to continue to produce a quality letter and increase the number of pages

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 2 Thursday 6:00 P.M.
Ann Powers, Computer Familiarization
Demonstations regarding computer in the
Genealogy Room.

October 7 Thursday 6:00 P.M.
Suzi Slaydon, New information on what is
available at Lake Mary.

November 4 Thursday 6:00 P.M.
Claire Miller, Orlando Genealogist,
Searching for Your German Ancestors.

December 2 Thursday 6:00 P.M.
Group Discussion, Problems and Solutions;
Questions and Answers.

ENGLISH ANCESTORS

Genny Hirsch

Searching your ancestors in England? Then why not consider joining one of the FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES. A good example is the BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLANDS SOCIETY GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY (BMSCH).

The Society covers the city of Birmingham, the former counties of Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire. A Quarterly Journal, "THE MIDLAND ANCESTOR," is sent to all members, and it enables the Society to publish articles by members, material of local interest, Society news and useful information.

If visiting England in person, the Society administers an extensive Genealogical and Heraldic Library which is open for research in the daytime throughout the week and one evening. There is also a lending library.

Members are assigned to a correspondence secretary who is always happy to advise on

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COMPUTER SIG

Computer Sig meetings will resume Friday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library Auditorium. Future meetings will cover the following subjects: Roots III, P.A.F. Critique, Review of other genealogy programs and GED COM Files. Check with Larry Kebel for further information.

PBS TO BROADCAST

A series about genealogy and family history is scheduled to air in late 1993 on PBS stations. The program is entitled ANCESTORS and will be dedicated to "Roots" author Alex Haley. It is hoped that this genealogy research program will illustrate the sense or identity and fulfillment which one gets from learning about their descendants.

(McHenry County, IL Connection Newsletter)

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The Roots and Branches Newsletter is published quarterly in September, December, March and June.

THE SUCCESS OF THE SEARCH

Several members were asked to share some of their findings on their summer search, and herewith are some of the interesting contributions. We thank them for sharing; after all, that is what it is all about.

From JANE WEST

The research in Salt Lake City was a great experience and an equally great success. Not only did I find quite a few family members in the books, films and computer, but found two in Salt Lake City. Have a direct hook up with my Arter Line (my middle name) and not so direct hook up with my family name (Geare). Almost didn't call these two men. The Arter gentleman used to live in Los Alamos, New Mexico when we lived in the Jemez mountains outside of Albuquerque. Am hoping he will hear from the query he sent to our ancestor in Switzerland which should take the line back a few more generations. It is going to be a little harder to find a common link with the Geare family. The spelling of the name remains the same as far back as 1600, and that has been helpful.

I think it was a successful trip. Most of the people in the library were more than helpful. One or two left me shaking my head in wonderment, but I learned....keep on going.

Early on, I heard a voice and saw a reflection on the fiche screen - Marilou Fox! She and Bob introduced us to the cafeteria in the old Utah Hotel, and filled us in on books, films and people at the Library. They were great encouragers, and it's always a surprise to see someone from home.

(Jane and Rosemary Barichivich will attest to the fact that planning two months ahead re: choice hotel reservations may not be far enough ahead).

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In the Genealogy Room there are copies of the Federation of Family History Societies in England, Wales, Ireland and other General Societies which give name and addresses of persons to contact for information.

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this coming year. This can only be accomplished if several of you will step up and volunteer to assist her. She has done a super job, but she shouldn't be expected to continue to do it alone.

Our programs during the past year were interesting and provided topics which were informative and varied. We also sponsored the appearance of Marilyn Miller Morton last spring, a nationally recognized genealogist from Samford University in Birmingham, AL. This was our initial venture into a commercial program and was a success, both educationally and financially. Our thanks to Harry Sellards for his efforts in this area.

We also undertook the sponsorship of a Computer Sig (special interest group) on a monthly basis. Larry Keibel has put together an interesting series of programs when meetings resume in October. We appreciate Larry's time and his sharing of talent.

Under the guidance of Charles Baker, we have undertaken the monumental task of transcribing the "Daphne Brownell Papers," so that they can be preserved on computer disks. This is a long-term project which will take another two or three years to complete. We still need typists to assist in this endeavor.

And, of course, the many hours spent by our library volunteers have been important. We have lost several of our regular volunteers to all of the causes of attrition death, illness, moving out of the area and so forth. But we have not had a single member drop out because they lost interest in Roots and Branches.

I'm certain Dottie won't let me have a big corner, so I'd like to use whatever space she will give me to comment briefly about plans for 1993-94. Bob Fox has already scheduled programs through the end of the year as listed elsewhere in the Newsletter. Several workshops have been planned: Saturday October 16 from 1:30 - 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, December 18 from 1:30 - 4:00 P.M. Subjects will be announced later.

We are also negotiating with a prominent speaker on genealogical topics to appear here next Spring. This will be a money-making project which will enable us to enlarge the scope of our activities.

I would like to thank all of you who are participating in our various functions. It is your effort and support that make this a viable, vital and enjoyable organization. To those who are not currently taking an active part in the group, please give serious consideration to volunteering. I'm sure you will find it rewarding.

See you in the Archives,
Al Little



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research problems, or refer them to a member who has a special knowledge or is more experienced. Lists of publications & micro-fiche for sale are sent to every member with prices and order forms.

Subscription membership from the 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. is 10 Pounds Sterling (over-seas member and 15 Pounds Sterling (husband and wife). The Society will accept bank drafts or Pound Sterling checks payable to BMSGH. They will not accept personal U.S.A. checks. (See RUESCH INTERNATIONAL on page 3 for further details).

For a membership form and all details for BMSGH, write to Mrs. J. M. Watkins, 92 Dimmingsdale Bank, Birmingham B32 1ST England. Be sure to enclose a SASE and an international reply coupon.

Membership in the Society is a good way to make friends and gives an added source for your research.

Why not try it?

Gerry Hirsch

NEW BOOKS

Louise Caccamise, Book Committee Chairman, has placed the following new books in the genealogy room. They were purchased with funds from the Friends of the Library.

KINSHIP: IT'S ALL RELATIVE

THE RECORDS OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE NARRAGANSETT, OTHERWISE CALLED THE FONES RECORD

NEW JERSEY HEIRS TO ESTATES FROM PARTITIONS AND DIVISIONS, MORRIS COUNTY, 1785-1900

YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA GENEALOGIES

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RESEARCH GUIDE TO LOYALIST ANCESTORS

KEY TO THE ANCIENT PARISH REGISTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

EMIGRANTS FROM SCOTLAND TO AMERICA, 1774-1775

GENEALOGIES OF THE EARLY FAMILIES OF WEYMOUTH, MA

OLD FAMILIES OF STATEN ISLAND

AMERICAN WILLS PROVED IN LONDON, 1611-1775

BRISTOL REGISTERS OF SERVANTS SENT TO FOREIGN PLANTATIONS, 1654-1686

EARLY ONTARIO SETTLERS

INDEX TO PENNSYLVANIA'S COLONIAL RECORDS SERIES

HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS, 8TH EDITION

ONTARIO PEOPLE: 1796-1803

THE FAMINE IMMIGRANTS: LISTS OF IRISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING AT THE PORT OF NEW YORK, 1846-1851, VOL. II thru VII

FAMILY DISEASES: ARE YOU AT RISK?

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY, NEW YORK MONTHLY MEETINGS

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY, VIRGINIA

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD (3 VOL.)

LISTS OF OFFICIALS OF CONNECTICUT COLONY, 1636 THROUGH 1677, AND OF NEW HAVEN COLONY, WITH SOLDIERS IN THE PEQUOT WAR

INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK

A HANDY GUIDE TO RECORD SEARCHING IN THE LARGER CITIES OF THE U.S. STATE CENSUS RECORDS

HUGUENOT PEDIGREES

WESTERN NEW YORK LAND TRANSACTIONS, 1804-1824

NORTH CAROLINA WILLS: A TESTATOR INDEX, 1665-1900

LOCATING YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR, A GUIDE TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS

THE OLD UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS LIST

INDEX TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WILLS, 1801-1920

GUIDE TO GENEALOGY SOFTWARE

THE TRAIL OF THE HUGUENOTS

THE A-Z GUIDE TO TRACING ANCESTORS IN BRITIAN

CENTRAL EUROPEAN GENEALOGICAL TERMINOLOGY

THE FEDERAL LAND SERIES, (VOL. 2) 1799-1835 - REVOLUTIONARY WAR BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

THE FEDERAL LAND SERIES, (VOL. 4, PARTS 1 & 2) A CALENDAR OF ARCHIVAL MATERIALS ON THE LAND PATENTS ISSUED BY THE U.S. GOV., WITH SUBJECT, TRACT AND NAME INDEXES

FIRST AMERICAN JEWISH FAMILIES, 1654-1988

AMERICAN PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS

ADDRESS BOOK FOR GERMANIC GENEALOGY

LOCALITY FINDING AIDS FOR U.S. SURNAMES

LOYALISTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
THE COLONIAL CLERGY OF MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND GEORGIA
THE COLONIAL CLERGY OF THE MIDDLE COLONIES
PIONEERS OF FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST
1 SET OF U.S. RESEARCH OUTLINES (From Salt Lake City Genealogical
Library (In vertical file))

The following books were purchased with Paul Swanto memorial funds.
SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANTS IN NEW YORK, 1630-1674
GENEALOGICAL GUIDEBOOK AND ATLAS OF NORWAY
CRADLED IN SWEDEN
THE DANISH GENEALOGICAL HELPER

The following gift books have been added.
THE COLONIAL SILVERSMITH (Gift of Kathleen Gould of the DAR)
COLONIAL FURNITURE IN AMERICA
THE BICENTENNIAL ALMANAC
A TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF IRELAND (Gift of Joseph McCann)
SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, 1776-1976
HISTORY OF CHARLTON COUNTY, GEORGIA (Gift of Patricia Jarvis of
DAR)
OLD KITTERY AND HER FAMILIES (Gift of Irene Styffe of Colonial
Dames XVII Century)
SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND PATRIOTS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR - MAINE
(Gift of Library Operations Center)

EARLY NEW JERSEY, VOL. 1 & 2 of our census order have come.

[Book Committee: Louise Caccamise, Chairman, Alyce Gillingham,
Betty Lane, Bob Fox and Dottie Weichman]

SOURCES AT STETSON

The following sources are available at the du Pont-Ball Library at Stetson University: (The public has access to the Genealogy Collection during Library hours).

Sources for Research in English Genealogy

A guide to finding information about English genealogy at the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress' British collection is so vast that the number of volumes in it ranks second only to those relating to the United States. This guide is also helpful to those doing genealogical research in other large libraries.

Generations Past: A Selected List of Sources for Afro-American Genealogical Research

Generations Past is a selected list of books in the collections of the Library of Congress compiled primarily for researchers. Included in this bibliography are guidebooks, bibliographies, genealogies, collective bibliographies, United States local histories and directories.

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From MARILOU FOX

For over five years I have searched for the marriage of my paternal great grandfather, Marshall Hunt Farnsworth, presumably in Milford, New Hampshire. I had searched genealogies, I.G.I.'s and many other sources. On my third trip to Salt Lake City, I discovered a book "The History of Milford, New Hampshire" listed on a microfiche. As I read, I discovered my great grandmother's family, Danforths, and it included my great grandmother's birth and marriage on June 12, 1860 to Marshall Farnsworth. Eureka! I WAS TOLD THAT MANY TOWN HISTORIES ARE VALUABLE RESOURCES AS THEY CONTAIN BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES OBTAINED FROM OLD TOWN RECORDS.

My other search was the Brainerd/Brainard line. I felt that Marvin Brainard who married Betsey Brainerd, my great great grandparents of my paternal mother's family, might be related, even though everything I had read said they were not. Both families came to Cleveland, Ohio from Connecticut in 1813 and 1814. I discovered they both went back to Daniel, the first Brainerd in America. Further reading revealed that Marvin's and Betsey's first two generations were identical.

I have now traced 7 of my great grand parents and 14 of my great great grandparent's families back to the 1600s - all of them came to America before 1700. I would say that I am very British.

From WALTER POUNDS

Walter Pounds is working on the manuscript of his book "The Family History of a Lot of Pounds and Their Travels" by extracting the data from the PAF program in his computer and entering the same information into WordPerfect 5.1 and wishes he knew some way to eliminate the middle man. Don't suppose there is a way to wish it done?

This is the first of what I hope will be a regular item in the Newsletter. Please give me your findings and experiences as you search through the archives so that we may share them with others. (DMW)



RUESCH INTERNATIONAL

RUESCH INTERNATIONAL has a service to exchange U. S. currency for Pounds or for most world-wide currency at a cost of \$2.00 per check.

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Check with Gerry Hirsch for further details.



Marjorie Stubbs Heaney is the author of "The Descendants of Richard Stubbs, Hull, Massachusetts 1642 which was reprinted in 1992 in time for the reunion of the Stubbs descendants in Portland, Maine. Mrs. Heaney's book is the first to be published on the descendants of Richard Stubbs of Hull and the first comprehensive genealogy of a Stubbs to appear in America. Richard Stubbs was the ancestor of all families in New England for about 200 years, until the mid-1800s when others came from England, Ireland and France to Massachusetts.

(NGS Newsletter, Vol 19, No. 3 1993)

Another Roots and Branches author! Marjorie is also an authority on New England research and has helped many in the Genealogy Room. Our many thanks, Marjorie.

GENEALOGY IS MORE THAN A SURNAME QUEST

The quest for family surnames is how the researcher becomes involved in the genealogical pursuit. But genealogy is more than that. It is finding relatives along the way from the east coast to the west coast and from north of the Mason-Dixon Line to south of it. One becomes acquainted with the society of a specific time, the frustrations and hardships of those making their way over the Appalachian Mountains or whatever trail took them to their ultimate destination. And more than that, the researcher learns history and reasons why some events occurred. Geography is also an integral part of the search. Genealogy increases knowledge and understanding of the world as it was in so many varied ways.

A history lesson: Thomas Hooton (Horton, Hutton) was born in Virginia, married in Virginia and enlisted in Virginia as a private in 1776 in the 1st South Carolina Regiment (Continental) under the command of Col. Charles C. Pinckney.

There is nothing strange about Thomas' enlistment in a South Carolina regiment at that time. South Carolina Continental Officers are reported to have recruited widely through North Carolina in their efforts to find enough men to fill the ranks of their companies, and it would not be surprising if some of the more zealous of these officers crossed on into Virginia in their

search for recruits.

Three weeks before the date given of Thomas' enlistment, a British fleet and army had just appeared off the South Carolina coast, their objective being Charleston. The news of the British move undoubtedly gave impetus to the South Carolina recruiting program, and as Virginia was not under imminent British threat at the time, patriotic southerners, hungry for action, might well have chosen to join the South Carolina regiment. The British mounted a heavy attack on Fort Sullivan on the morning of June 28, were repulsed with severe losses, and left late the same night, eventually returning to join Howe's attack on New York City.

The circumstances described above offer a plausible explanation for Thomas joining a South Carolina regiment rather than a Virginia regiment and why he was discharged in South Carolina.



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Reams of 20 lb. bond archival paper can be purchased for \$10.00 per ream, if ordered in groups of at least 20. This paper can be used for any purpose for which regular 20 lb. bond is used: typing, handwriting, Xerox or other copy machines and single sheet feed computer/printers.

Please phone Jeanne Reeser at 672-1073 to order or for further information.

If you need some of your German findings translated, contact Ruth Helwig at 789-5837.

If you are unable to find that a town no longer exists, write to: United States Board of Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092. (Bradley Co. TN Gen Soc.)



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MEETING SCHEDULES

Regular membership meetings for Roots and Branches are scheduled for the following Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p. m. at the DeLand Area Public Library.

September 2, 1993, October 7, 1993,
November 4, 1993, December 2, 1993,
January 6, 1994, February 3, 1994,
March 3, 1994, April 2, 1994,
May 5, 1994 and June 2, 1994.

Board of Directors meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the Fridays preceding general meetings in the conference room unless otherwise notified.

Computer Special Interest Group meets the second Friday of each month in the Library auditorium. Meetings will begin in October.

COVETED OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

Those irreplaceable old photographs that are kept in a safe place and guarded so carefully can be copied to share, put in a notebook or file for quick reference. Quick Print will make a very clear copy of the photograph for \$1.50.