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"GENES AND GENEALOGY"

On Sunday, July 3rd, at 2:15 pm, Evelyn Herborne will present her talk to our group at 3901 Atlantic Ave. Her interesting discussion on hereditary diseases came about due to a personal interest. Mrs. Herborne will share her findings about the diseases and their transmission.

EARLY BIRD

The Early Bird lesson at 1 pm will be on Library Research, Part II, a continuation of last month's lesson.

JULY 5th !!!!

The L.A. Temple Genealogical Library will again reopen on Tuesday, July 5th for use. It is located at 10741 Santa Monica Blvd, LA. The phone is (213)474-9990. Hours are: Mon-9-5, Tues-Wed-Th-9-9, Fri-9-5, Sat-9-3, Sun-closed.

LOCALITY INDEX

The first supplement of the Locality Index will be published in the August issue. Supplements will be published about every 6 months. If you wish to have your locations in the next issue, submit the states and counties that you are working in, to the editor by July 11th.

The world is a looking-glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it, and it in turn will look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly kind companion. William Makepeace Thackeray

JUNE 25th

Just a reminder that James Byers, Director at the Federal Archives and Records at Laguna Niguel, will be the speaker at 10:30 am on June 25th in the auditorium in the downtown Long Beach Library. Be sure to come hear his talk about the resources of the National Archives

GIFT SUGGESTION

An interesting gift to give someone is a family tree chart all worked out. A chart manufactured by Stevenson Ed. Inc., has come out with one that is decorative (Pa. Dutch design) suitable for framing and really functional. It is a seven-generation chart with room for listing the siblings of three generations. At only \$3.00, it could be a nice gift. I have seen it in several stationery stores.

LDS GENEALOGY LIBRARY AT SALT LAKE CITY

Soon or later, a genealogist makes a trip to the library at Salt Lake City. Even though practically all of the microfilms here can be rented through a Mormon branch library, there are still many more sources at the main library that are not available through interlibrary loans. Thus the eventual need for the genealogist to make a personal visit.

The library has a booklet describing the physical layout and sources that are there, so this article will not go into detail on those matters. Instead, this will be mainly on the steps one should take in preparing for a visit.

The library is located at 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84143. The hours are - Monday-8 am to 6 pm, Tuesday through Friday-8 am to 10 pm, Saturday-8 am to 5 pm, and closed on Sunday. The areas open to the public are the first, third and fourth floors of the west wing of the Church Office Building. A lunchroom in the basement is available for the researcher so that one does not have to leave the building for eating facilities.

The first floor contains the general reference counter, the card catalog, and the following collections: the general reference LDS, United States, and Canada. The third floor contains the following collections: Scandinavia, Continental Europe, Britain, and special. The fourth floor contains the family group records archives, photocopy area, IIB request station and the collections of Latin America, Iberian Peninsula, Africa-Asia, and Pamphlets.

Before actually visiting the library at Salt Lake City, the genealogist can do several things that will help facilitate the time that he has allotted on his trip. First, there is a Microfilm Card Catalog (MCC) of the library's complete holdings, which can be seen or rented from any of the branch libraries. Reviewing it beforehand, one can note which references would be most advisable to research. Since most of the microfilms can be rented, one should best use his time researching the books there.

The second thing would be to use the research survey service. This survey, conducted for \$10 paid in advance, is approximately two and one-half hours long. It will determine what research has been completed and will suggest in detail what records to search next. Write to the library for more details.

When the genealogist arrives at the library for the first time, it is advisable to take the orientation cassette tour. That way, one gets a good overall perspective of the library.

There are many more things that could be said about the various areas but this is just a brief description. The cassette tour will be of the best help in further explanations. Plus, there is a consultation service available on each floor of the library, ready to help in analyzing problems and in using the records for that area.

Good luck in your search.

THE HOUSE OF FIVE LIVES
by Ethel Witte

"Mi casa es su casa - my house is your house." This friendly greeting is as valid today at La Casa de Rancho Los Cerritos, 4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach, as it was in Mexican Colonial times when the house was constructed.

Don Juan (Jonathan) Temple, a Yankee trader who became a Mexican citizen and married Rafaela Cota, a belle of Santa Barbara, built the house in 1844. His wife was a distant relative of Manuel Nieto, original grantee of Rancho Los Cerritos.

The thick adobe walls, made by Indians from mud and straw at the site, reflect a slower less frantic era. When Temple lived here there were fiestas to celebrate those days considered significant. The vaqueros were skillful horsemen and used any excuse to have a race against their friends on Rancho Los Alamitos to the east, owned Abel Stearns. Bets were frequently high. One time the wager between Don Juan and his friend Don Abel was a thousand head of cattle. Don Juan was the victor with his magnificent stallion El Beserero. The course was down the border between the two ranchos, now Alamitos Avenue, from the base of El Cerritos (Signal Hill) to the sea and back.

Temple had nearly 3,000 horses, thousands of range cattle, and many sheep. However, as the years passed he became more interested in his business affairs in Los Angeles and Mexico than he was in the rancho. After several natural disasters, floods, and droughts, he decided to sell to Flint, Bixby and Company, and the first life of the house ended in 1866. Reminders still exist in the garden, the tall Cypress trees, the black locusts whose seed came from the East coast, the pomegranate trees, the olives and the graceful Osage Orange tree with its straight grained wood the Indians used for bows.

The second owners were sheep men and they found the lush green meadows along the river and the wild grass and shrubs on the rolling hills ideal for these animals. At one time it was said they grazed 13,000 sheep on the rancho. Jotham Bixby and his lovely wife, Margaret Hathaway Bixby raised their children here.

Many Bixby and Flint family gatherings reminiscent of their New England heritage filled the rooms with laughter and gaiety. Then in 1881 Jotham and Margaret moved to Los Angeles. They stayed only five years and returned to a new home at Magnolia and Ocean. Although they were again in Long Beach it was the end of the second life of the house and the beginning of the third.

At first, the house was rented to a man who had a dairy, later a variety of tenants lived here, but there was no effort to keep it as a Bixby family home. Gradually over the years--nearly fifty of them--the adobe walls began to crumble and decay. One of the last residents was Old Miguel who entertained with his stories of

of former days, but even he could not keep the adobe from melting in the winter rains. A third life was almost ended.

One day in 1930, Llewellyn Dixby, a nephew of Sethan, bought the old adobe house and restored it to a family dwelling again. He made some changes of course. The red tile roofs were added. The entrance was moved from the west side of the courtyard to the east under the long porch.

The old courtyard where visitors used to come by horseback or carriage became a gay little ball game court. Ladies raised their heads of dark blue hair to see the athletic King Pala flaunt his pantics of synthetic material. The irregular walls of the wings of the house were covered with the carvings of the Indians who had crusted them. The adobe walls were so thick that the adobe walls kept the house warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

The second Dixby fire in 1930 and its children also marked their growth on the walls of the front door--that spot was never whitewashed.

During the 1950's, the house was declared an historic landmark and was offered for sale for purchase. This marked the end of the fourth life and the beginning of the fifth or present life.

Plans were made to make the house a reminder of the early California days, a living museum.

The rooms contain many fine examples of furniture popular in the latter part of the 19th century. The settee, arm chairs and marble topped table in the living room are a recent gift from a local pioneer family. The massive and ornate no wood bed room suite, also a gift to the Rancho, was built in Virginia in the 1850's; then traveled to Kentucky. After the Civil War the family brought it to a remote Indian Reservation trading post in the middle of Oklahoma Territory--100 miles from the nearest rail center. Eventually it arrived in Long Beach.

The huge lock in one of the rooms has been loaned by a member of the Long Beach Public Library Staff. It was built for her family in 1836.

Once again there is laughter and excitement in the casa. During the school year many students who have been studying California and Rancho Days history eagerly wander through the rooms and the garden. They ask hundreds of questions and look with avid interest at the countless things that bring history alive.

Because the building is under the direction of the Long Beach Public Library there is an excellent collection of books on Western Americana available for the serious researcher. It is a reference library only, but the books are accessible for study during the hours that the Rancho is open.

The genealogist who wishes to provide authentic background for his family's history is welcome to use any of the material at the Rancho Library. There are some specific books that contain names of pioneer families. However, there are many others that would be

vaulable for definite areas of the West, or particular times. The latter cover early Spanish settlers, the mountain men, the traders, the explosion of the gold rush days, and the beginning of the twentieth century.

Because there are frequent tours and special festive days at the Rancho, it is advisable to call for an appointment when planning to use the library resources. Keith Foster, Director, and his assistant, Gene Moy, are always ready to give assistance when needed. Because the books are valuable, they are kept in locked glass-fronted bookcases. There are two small tables and a large one in the library that can be used by the researcher.

PARTIAL LIST OF SOURCE MATERIAL BOOKS

BIXBY GENEALOGY, 3 vol. from Joseph S. Bixby, 1621-1900. Published in 1914 by Willard G. Bixby. Not only are names given but information about where they lived and other background details are included.

GOULD FAMILY compiled by Mark S. Still in 1971. Manuscript form. The FLINT and GOULD families were related.

CALIFORNIA PIONEER REGISTER AND INDEX 1542-1848. Including inhabitants of California 1769-1800 and list of pioneers. Extracted from History of California by Hubert Howe Bancroft. Brief notations but quantity of names. Easy one volume reference of California's pioneers. (Small print-hand magnifying glass would be helpful.) Noticed Jonathan (Don Juan) Temple listed and mention of ownership of Cerritos Rancho. ©1964

LOS ANGELES FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA. Vol. 2 by John Steven McGroarty, editor. Copyright 1921, published by the American Historical Society. No index in this volume. Valuable information about residents of the area before 1921.

CENSUS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE YEAR 1850. Edited by Marco and Maurice Newmark. Published by the L.A. Times-Mirror Press in 1929. Index. Illustrated with sketches. Los Angeles City map of that era.

INDEX TO THE 1850 CENSUS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. Compiled by Alan P. Bowman, ©1972. Separated by counties, some of which have been divided into smaller counties since 1850.

REGISTER OF THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. Edited by Herbert Folger, Historian. Index. Primary names and descendants, ©1916.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATES OF MY EARLY DAYS IN LOS ANGELES by George

L. Cole, M.D. Print from 1930 Los Angeles County Medical Association Bulletins. Short biographies, good photographs of a number of individuals. No index.

WHO'S WHO IN CALIFORNIA 1918-1929 "as illustrated in the lives of the builders and defenders of the State and of men and women who are doing the work and molding the thoughts of the present time." Edited by Justice D. DeWilder. Alphabetical list, short biographical sketches, some illustrations. Noticed Fred Llewellyn Philip and Richard Bixby as well as Sarah Bixby Smith, author of ADOBE DAYS.

MEN OF THE PACIFIC, edited by Oscar W. Shack. Illustrated. Table of Contents but no index. There are essays, articles, short autobiographies, speeches. A wide range of material. Some of the authors included were John Sutter, John Bigler, and Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo. ©1970.

HEROES OF CALIFORNIA by John Barton James, ©1916. Indexed, illustrated. Author lists, in his opinion, the founders of the Golden State.

PERSONAL SKETCHES OF CALIFORNIA PIONEERS I HAVE KNOWN by Rowell D. Hunt, ©1962. As the title indicates, Mr. Hunt was a living link between pioneers and the descendants. Published, 1962. There are short biographies of pioneer men from John Badwell to Cornelius Cole, U.S. Senator from California. Might be useful for background material and for understanding of the events surrounding these men and one woman.

PEN PORTRAITS by R. R. Farthing, ©1878. Biographies of State Officers, Legislators, new government. No index. Apparently grouped by office or occupation. Starts with the current (1878) Governor, William Lewin. Might be of interest if an ancestor served in the legislature or news media at that time.

HISTORY OF THE LONG BEACH SWISS COMMUNITY compiled by Sidney A. Hartman, ©1937. 63 pages, quantity of illustrations. No index.

THE IRISH RACE - CALIFORNIA AND THE PACIFIC COAST by Dr. Quigley, ©1878. Few pictures. Part III lists Irish names, ancient and modern.

PEDEGREE CHART

These pedigree charts are of our members and taken from the pedigree book of the society. If you wish to have yours published in the future, get it to Bonnie Ralston, so she can get it into the book. Several pages of them will be published each month, until the book is completely printed. These are continued from last month.

To find the father of any person, simply double the number on the chart. The wife of any man is found by adding one.

Chart of ALLEN BURGESS WALKER, 2419 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, Ca

1. WALKER, Allen Burgess B: Oct 16, 1916, Red Cloud, Neb, M: June 15, 1940.
- 1a. SMITH, Maxine (wife of Allen Burgess Walker)
2. WALKER, Glen Fay, B: Red Cloud, Neb.
3. BURGESS, Clara Eliza, B: Feb. 24, 1891, Shickley, Neb. D: Jan 2, 1942, Long Beach, Ca.
4. WALKER, Adelbert B: 1861, Ill. D: Dec. 6, 1933, Red Cloud, Neb
5. MATTHEWS, Ada, D: 1947, Red Cloud, Neb.
6. BURGESS, John Marion. B: June 1, 1850, Richmond, Mo. M: Oct. 6, 1878. D: Sep. 1925, Red Cloud, Neb.
7. STEELE, Ellen, B: June 1, 1858, Pilot Grove, Ia. D: Jan 3, 1921, Red Cloud, Neb.
8. WALKER, Alexander B: 1878, D: May 1907,
9. Electra, B: 1827, N.Y.
11. Sarah
12. BURGESS, John, B: Ky.
13. PHEBBY, Isabel
14. STEEL, James, B: Scotland.
15. HAMILTON, Margaret. B: Feb. 2, 1818, Ireland. D: Sep. 18, 1900, Neb.

Chart of MAXINE SMITH WALKER, 2419 Daisy Ave. Long Beach, Ca 90806

1. SMITH, Maxine, B: May 19, 1918, Pasadena, Ca. M: June 16, 1940.
- 1a. WALKER, Allen Burgess, (husband of Maxine Smith)
2. SMITH, Harry Joseph Claude, B: Dec. 2, 1880, Sinks Grove, W.Va. D: Feb. 1947, Long Beach, Cal
3. WEST, Dollie Mae, B: May 29, 1883, Ohio, D: 1931, San Pedro, Ca
4. SMITH, James G., B: 1858, Alton, W.Va. D: 1942, Springfield, Ohio
5. SIDERS, Margaret Elizabeth, B: 1860, D: 1924, Springfield, Ohio
6. WEST, Eli, B: May 30, 1858, Carrol Co, Ohio, D: 1931, San Pedro, Ca
7. YEAGER, Nancy Margaret, B: Oct 16, 1860, Jackson Co, Ohio, D: 1931, San Pedro, Ca.
9. Sarah, D: 1907
10. SIDERS, Joseph, B: Nov. 4, 1827, D: Dec 29, 1899.
11. PENCE, Martha, B: Dec 27, 1834, Tremont City, Clark Co. D: July 11, 1917
12. WEST, Joseph Cahill, B: May 8, 1824, Carrol Co., Ohio
13. TOPE, Nancy, B: Apr 24, 1822, Carroll Co. Ohio
14. YEAGER, Adam, B: 1838, M: Oct 31, 1858

15. TATLIN, Sarah, B:1848, Ohio
22. PENCE, John, B:Dec 13, 1799, Rockingham Co. Va, D:Apr 18, 1883
23. JONES, Margaret, B:Apr 15, 1807, Champaign Co. Ohio, D: Oct 22, 1896, Lauranceville, Ohio

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Chart of MARGORIE P. ATKINS, 800 E. Ocean Blvd. #409, Long Beach

1. ATKINS, Marg P.
2. ATKINS, William Bentley, B: June 17, 1848, Pleasant Hill, La.
M. Dec.24, 1874, D: Aug 28, 1913, Pleasant Hill, La.
3. GALLASPY, Mary Frances, B: Nov 19, 1855, Mansfield, La., D. Oct 10, 1944, Los Angeles, Ca.
4. ATKINS, William David, B: June 17, 1802, N.Car. D:Dec.23, 1869
Pleasant Hill, La.
5. JOINER, Elizabeth Montford, B:June 8, 1805, N.Car. D:July 21,1881
Pleasant Hill, La
6. GALLASPY, Jehu, B:Nov.11, 1821, D:Dec 9, 1872, Mansfield, La
7. JENKINS, Mary Polly, B:Jan 5, 1828, D:Oct 9,1913, Mansfield. La.
10. JOINER, Benjamin, B:July 19, 1763, D:May 21, 1837 Montgomery Co,
Ala.
11. PITMAN, Elizabeth, B:Apr 30,1768, D:Mar 11, 1833, Lowndes Co,Al.
14. JENKINS, John Holland, B:June 9, 1804
15. ANDERSON, Letitia, B. April 9, 1810.

Chart of NINA BAIRD, 13000 Oak Hills Dr.#231-B, Seal Beach, Ca

1. BAIRD, Nina Lily, B:Apr 15, 1906, El Paso, Texas
2. BAIRD, Thomas Ellen, B:Sep 3, 1876, Richardson, Tex, M:Dec 3, 1900, D: Dec 19, 1939, Long Beach, Cal
3. BARKER, Nettie Octavia, B:May 16, 1880, Florence, Tex. D: Apr 6, 1971, Long Beach, Ca
4. BAIRD, Thomas Sloss, B:Sep 16, 1845, Woodburn, Ky. M:Dec 1, 1875
D: Nov 6, 1920, Dallas, Tex.
5. THOMAS, Josephine Augusta, D: 1941? Dall , Texas
6. BARKER, Henry, B: Mar 28, 1939, Ark, M. Oct 21, 1865, D: July 13, 1917. Mullin, Texas
7. DANIELLEY, Emily Caroline, B: Mar 16, 1844, Ark. D:Feb 15, 1931.
Rockland, Texas
8. BAIRD, Dr. John Darnett, B: Nov 3, 1815, Simpson Co., Ky, M.1841
D:May 22, 1882, Dallas, Texas
9. SLOSS, Agnes Elizabeth, B: Oct 4, 1821, Woodburn Ky, D:May 14,1897
Dallas, Texas
10. THOMAS, Alexander Aiken
11. ARMSTRONG, Mary Elizabeth
12. BARKER, William Henry, B:Jan 2,1808, La. D:Oct 21, 1865, Texas
13. LUMBLE, Alittia, B:Sep 8, 1817, Baton Rouge, La. D:Jan 9, 1900
Mullin, Texas

Corrections from last months pedigree charts:

Thelma Henderson-

Lines 10 and 11 should read Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa, not Ia.

Line 6 should read J.F. Bayless, B: Cecil Co., Md.

LOCAL HISTORIES

Contributed by Ruth Dowty

Three cheers for the new 4-volume Local Histories in the Library of Congress, at the Long Beach City Library, one of the references which Molly Molyneaux showed in her June 5th talk.

The volumes are divided by areas of the United States. When books are listed by states, counties, towns and cities. Books are alphabetical in each category and each book's coverage is summarized.

As with its family histories, Library of Congress does not loan these books to persons or local libraries but will copy pages or whole books at reasonable rates. Or get your reference table, and locate the book at a large regional or county library in the area that it covers. Then ask the Long Beach library to request the book on inter-library loan. You may check it out on your library card for home use.

This set is a must in tracking down background information. The local history it leads you to may not be all gospel but its clues can detour you around many a blank wall. Pioneers and early settlements are a specialty of local histories. The experts recommend reading at least one for every area in which one of your ancestors lived.

A quick guide to all kinds of county information is Eviston's Handy Book, at the library. Also, see this one-volume guide to county history information: Joseph N. Kane's The American Counties. (R 917.3 K155am -- in the local history section behind the history reference desk.) It lists all counties in alphabetical order with historical data on each. Most of the 3,067 counties have had at least one history published. Many are listed.

I am in need of help in regards to getting articles for the newsletter. I have articles in mind but due to caring for the pre-schoolers, I am limited in my free time to go to do the necessary research. I need people who would be willing to do a few hours of research and/or write articles for the newsletter. Bethel Witte did such a lovely piece this month on Rancho Los Cerrillos for me.

Below are some of the topics that I would like to cover. I will have a sign-up sheet at the July and August meetings, or give me a call at 599-5074. Thanks.

Old Photos- caring for, identifying,
Indian Records- information in general, also on specific tribes
Sources for Minorities- Chinese, Japanese, Mexican-American
Various local libraries
Wagon train records,
California ports and their maritime records
Others?

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