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Our Salt Lake City Trip

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Our summer trip to Salt Lake City just seems to be getting better and better and this year was no exception.

We anticipated some confusion and chaos at the Family History Center since we had been told there was a major remodeling u n d e r w a y.



The Carlton Hotel

Fortunately, the only sight of any remodeling was to the front, where they are digging an immense hole to create an underground tunnel for foot traffic. Apparently, there have been a number of pedestrian accidents in the crosswalk from Temple Square to the center.

The family books that were housed at the Joseph Smith Center have been moved back to the library again and are now in the lower basement. The US and Canada books which were on the main floor will be relocated to the third floor. All this shuffling of books is to create more space for computers. The library was very busy during our stay and it was nice to see lots of activity there again.

Monday evening we had a dinner at the hotel. It was a chance for everyone to get acquainted and we all shared our hopes for finding those elusive ancestors in the coming week.

The weather was wonderful.....sunny and warm every day. In addition to the great weather we were also treated to the sight of the peregrine falcons teaching their young to fly. They had a nest on the top floor of the Joseph Smith building and there were many bird watchers with binoculars stationed on the sidewalks below.

Monthly Meeting, August 14

at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall

Visiting Your Immigrant Ancestor's Homeland

Society member **Phyllis Quarg** recently toured Denmark to visit the land of her ancestors. She hired a professional genealogy tour guide who customized the trip based on her own family's background.



She will share her experiences with us, tips on what to look for when choosing a guide for your ancestral homeland visit and how to prepare for your trip. If you ever wanted to visit the land of your ancestors, you won't want to miss this meeting. Learn the many

advantages of hiring your own personal family history guide.

Phyllis has been a SDGS member since 1984, having served as President, Treasurer and Special Events Director. She has taught genealogy classes at the Society and conducted fourteen tours to Salt Lake City. She was chairperson for the GenTeck 2000 conference held in San Diego.

A self-proclaimed genealogy addict, she has traced many of her lines back to Europe. She has published the history of her Boozell ancestors from Germany and Pennsylvania. In 1997, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the California State Genealogical Alliance.

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You can help your Society by financially 'adopting' a need or event. You can do so on a one-time, multiple or ongoing basis. Your underwriting generosity will go a long way to help your Society meet its ongoing expenses. Please contact the Society's Treasurer, Harvey Keating (phone: 619-475-7061, e-mail: adelaide1@sbc-global.net) to find out how.

Monthly newsletter printing and postage.....	\$225
Monthly library rent.....	\$1,355
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Monthly Library telephone.....	\$30
Quarterly Leaves & Saplings.....	\$230
Annual Yearbook printing.....	\$400
Monthly meeting hall rental.....	\$50
Monthly raffle prizes.....	\$50
Annual insurance premium.....	\$1,220

With their approval, benefactors will be acknowledged in our newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.

Looking for Military Burials?

Are you looking for records of military burials since the Civil War? The Department of Veterans Affairs has a web site that has the names, DOB, DOD, military service dates, service branch and rank, if known, cemetery info, and grave location in the cemetery of 3.2 million veterans buried at the 120 National Cemeteries.

You can search online at: www.cem.va.gov/.

Our Library Needs You

Since the founding of the Society in 1947, our library has been a most important part of our charter. At first the 'library' consisted of boxes of books brought to the monthly meetings. As it grew, the library found a home in the Spanish Village in Balboa Park. Outgrowing that, the library moved to a house on Kalmia St. provided through member's generosity. The collection continued to grow and a larger, more permanent home was needed. In 1994, the library moved to its current leased location in El Cajon. The monthly rental rate at that time was \$1,000 per month.

Since then our rent has increased to \$1,355. Our lease expires this October and the proposed new lease calls for an initial rent of \$1,490 (10% increase) with 3% annual increases. At the end of the new five year lease (2009), the rent will be \$1,677. In addition to rent, our monthly library maintenance costs average about \$280. Our annual library cost for 2004 will be about \$19,890!

So, how does the Society pay for the library? Only a small portion of your annual membership dues goes to cover our library expenses. The vast majority of the cost is paid for by our fundraising efforts - rummage sales, opportunity drawings, book auction, query donations, annual meeting revenue and, most importantly, donations from our members.

As our costs continue to rise, we are facing more difficult challenges to raise money to keep the library going. Expenses in all areas are held to an absolute minimum. We are constantly looking for new ways to increase revenue without adding expense and find revenue sources outside the Society. All these efforts take a lot of time and effort from the Board, Directors and many volunteers.

While the easiest answer would be to increase our annual membership dues, the Board does not feel this is in the best interest of the Society. We want to keep the Society affordable for our members and be able to attract new members, the lifeblood of our Society. So, what is the answer?

We need your help, understanding and continued generosity. Going forward, you will see some changes in the way we conduct Society business. In this and future newsletter issues, you will see our "Society Needs List" - opportunities for members to donate to and fund Society events. This will be your way of making a meaningful difference on a one time or ongoing basis for specific needs. We will also be adding more membership levels in addition to our \$25 standard membership so that members who can afford it will help out to do more. We also want to encourage members to review their annual charity

donations and include the Society in their plans. Also, including the Society in your living trust or estate plans would go a long way in providing for the future of our library.

Our library needs **your** help and that of all our members to remain viable. It is, after all, our Society's most valuable resource and important legacy. Thank you for caring and giving.

If you have suggestions or ideas about ongoing library funding, please call or e-mail the Society President, Peter Steelquist.



Save that 'John Hancock'

Genealogists are used to dealing in names, dates and places to document their family lines. However, when we can locate a photograph of our ancestors, it opens a whole new door to our perception of what they looked like, how they lived and what was important to them in their daily lives. In this same light, one significantly overlooked resource for genealogical research is our ancestor's signature. It can tell us a lot about them and their lives.

How many times when researching primary source records do you come across the handwritten signature of your ancestor? When you do, I hope you take the time to photocopy it or, better yet, scan it to a digital file on your computer. It can help you in so many ways to further your genealogical research. Let me point out a few so you will never pass by an ancestor's signature again.

First, and probably most importantly, it is unique evidence that this is your ancestor and not someone else with the same name. This can be critical if you are researching a fairly common surname. By collecting and comparing signatures, you can distinguish between father and son, cousins and neighbors with the same name. This can give you absolute certainty who you are really looking at when comparing the census records to land records, for example. Where else can you find such a critical and decisive tool!

While the signature itself is vastly important, so is the document on which it is recorded. Just like today, affixing your signature to a document denotes an important event that is meaningful in your life. You need to put the document in the context of their lives and determine why it was deemed so important. For many documents this is self evident - land deeds, court records, marriage certificates - while for others it may shed additional light on their lives. Some of these may include petitions, witness statements, affidavits, all of which group your ancestor with other individuals important to them in the family and their community. These relationships further

distinguish them from others with the same name.

Another reason to collect and compare signatures is to determine if a document was signed at the time of the event or perhaps completed later. A good example of this is the family bible. By comparing handwriting, you can not only see if entries were all done at the same time or by the same hand but by who's hand they were recorded and then compare to the bible's publishing date.

Signatures also tell us something about the individual by the manner in which they sign their name. Some aspects may give a noticeable flavor to personality - orderliness, predictability, decisiveness, etc. In fact, there is the study of handwriting - graphology - that systemize and examines the loops, dotted "i's" and crossed "t's," letter spacing, slants, heights, ending strokes, etc. that reveal much about the person's personality. But that is beyond the scope of this article. For more on this, check out the web site; <http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/anmag/1595.asp?rc=locale%7E&us=0>.

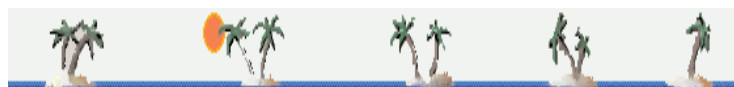
So, where are good places to find your ancestor's signatures? That depends on the location and time period in which they lived. In addition to the above cited sources, the first place to look is home records; letters, diaries, bibles, scrapbooks, yearbooks, photographs, etc. For more recent records, don't forget cancelled checks, military documents and wills, among others.

Outside the home, good sources can include pension applications, vital and church records, naturalizations, probate records, notary books, county clerk's office, and so on. For more recent records don't overlook draft registration cards, Social Security SS-5 applications,

Keep in mind, however, that some early records may have been transcribed or copied by hand (primarily wills, deeds, court records) and done in the 'hand' of the clerk. These usually show his or her signature and 'seal' not that of your ancestor.

While collecting your ancestor's signatures can be fun in its own right, there are other creative uses. A digitalized photocopy or scanned signature can be 'cleaned up' (underlines removed, dust & dots deleted, etc.) using photo editing software programs and the signature included with your family photos, either in your genealogy software program or in family albums. It can also be added or superimposed over scanned old photographs to add further insight into your ancestor's personality. You may even want to add it to transcribed letters and documents for scrapbooks or web publishing.

Now that you know that a 'signature' is far more than just a name, I hope you use this tool to push your genealogy up a notch and collect the signatures of your ancestors.



The Meaning of Life.....

Opportunities are never lost; someone else just takes the ones you miss.

The people of Salt Lake City apparently take this event very seriously and have even been known to stop traffic when it appears that one of the young birds is about to get into the street.

On the last night of our stay, we had a "left-over party". Everyone contributed something to eat and we had a great time telling of our discoveries. Another fun evening.

This year we had some new faces. Two couples, Jack and Evelyn VanWindergeren and Joe and Ida Epps. Jack and Evelyn drove and Joe and Ida took the train. Nancy Hattox was staying with relatives, but joined us for the dinner on Monday evening. Dorothy Young made some interesting finds and will be joining the society soon. Phyllis Quarg and Gloria Osborn stayed several nights at the hotel and had dinner with us on Monday night.

The trip would not be the same without our "regulars". That loyal core of people who go with us every year....Catsy Shafer, Harriet Journey, Estella Sommerville, Etyonne Custis, Donna Swink, Shirley Bracey, Estelle Mahy, Maryanna Mortweet and Kay Yates.

We will have our reunion party soon and share good times again with our "Memory Books".

Let's do it again in 2005.....everyone cordially invited.



Meeting in Review..... July 2004

Our Annual Book Sharing and Ice Cream Social was highly successful for many members. As judged by the joyful shrieks and copious note taking, many found information and connections to further their research. A number of members found others who were researching the same counties and surnames. Case in point, Sandy Miller and I found we are researching the some of the same surnames in Old Saybrook, CT!

After all that research and conversation, the ice cream provided much needed 'brain food'. The hot fudge, butterscotch and strawberry syrup provided just the extra energy boost to get us back on track for more research and browsing. Our thanks to all the members who brought their books to share.

This special annual event is the only time members bring their prized personal library books to share with others. Many you will not find in our library or elsewhere in San Diego. Plan on attending next year and share your books as well. It is a win-win situation for everyone.

The Meaning of Life.....

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the type of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.

California Pioneers Wanted

Do you have ancestors who migrated to or were born in California prior to 1880 (i.e. included in the 1880 California Census)? If so, you can enroll them on the California Pioneer List (CPL). This list, much like a mailing list, contains brief information about your ancestor and your contact information so that other researchers can contact you.

The California Pioneer Project was started in 1998 and modeled after Missouri and Kansas projects. In addition to being able to register your ancestors, the project contains a California county biographical index, a searchable database of indexes from old county histories and other rare and out-of-print books. There is also a bibliography of gold rush era diaries, letters and journals, listing their repositories. Other pages provide links to other California web sites as well as other state pioneer projects (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, and Oregon). Even if you don't have California pioneers, the site has a wealth of other information for genealogists.

So, how do you submit your ancestor's information for inclusion in the CPL? It is very easy and relatively painless. Just follow the link, "Guidelines for Submitting" from the home page. It clearly spells out all the requirements. You can use your e-mail editor, word processor, spreadsheet program or any program that can generate an ASCII file format. The submitted information includes; pioneer name, spouse name, birth year, CA settlement year, town or township, county and contact information. For contact information, you provide your contact ID, name, e-mail address and U. S. mail address (optional). So, now that you know, don't just mosey on over, skedaddle as fast as you can to register your California pioneers on the CPL. What could be easier and have the potential to reap so many rewards - and best of all, its free.

The URL is: www.cagenweb.com/cpl/index.htm



Order Tennessee Death Certificates Online

If you need an actual TN Death Certificate for 1908 through 1953 (excluding 1913) they can now be ordered online. With name and date, within 5 years, the cost is only \$4.00! Without date the cost per individual is \$12.00. For a surname, up to 50, cost is \$25.00 and for a 10 surname 'bundle' cost is \$150.00. Other statewide and countywide searches are available. For more information, visit the web site:

www.tndearthcertificates.com/tndearthcertificates/

As genealogists, we need to encourage more states and companies to make death certificates available at affordable prices.

Write Your Own Obituary

Genealogists have an affinity for obituaries. In our own research, they often hold valuable clues to the life and family relations of the deceased. They can provide details and insights not obtainable elsewhere - descriptive words and heartfelt details that provide a colorful portrait of our ancestor.

Obituaries serve many purposes in our society for today's generation as well as tomorrow's. They notify the public of the person's death and funeral arrangements as well as their birth, life, history, ancestry and posterity. In small town America newspapers, they can be front page news while in most major city newspapers, they have become a profitable publishing commodity - charged by the word. And in today's computer age, many are indexed and available online.

Just as you always hope to find your ancestor's obituary overflowing with details, life achievements, testimonials, named descendants and even a photo, how can you be sure that your obituary and those of your living relatives will be just as accurate and complete? The genealogist's answer, of course, would be to write them yourself or perhaps as a family project.

While some people may have a problem with writing their own obituary, others see it as the sure way to get in the last word. Some even can't resist the allure of a final soapbox or just wanting to get the last laugh. Writing your obit is a chance to put your own spin on things. It can also be a way to make your own blueprint for living or even to correct things going forward before the 'final curtain' falls.

By penning it yourself, you can ensure all the facts are accurate. After all, who knows your life better than you (and where all the documents are to verify dates, etc.). By doing so, it will not be a last minute effort or afterthought, possibly done by someone who may not really want to or who doesn't really know you (funeral home or newspaper). But most importantly, you can be sure it has all the rich details, important life events, correct ancestry and posterity for which you want to be remembered.

So, what makes for a good obituary? Well, first of all, it should be honest. Not only will it be read and saved by those who personally know you, it will also serve as a historical record for later generations. But honesty can also be subjective as measured by the things you may choose not to include. Remember, you are paying (by the word) for posterity, limit your words accordingly and make every word counts.

While some self-written obituaries are done in the 'first person' - "Since you are reading this, I must be dead", this can be very discerning to the reader and should probably be avoided. Plus, it tends to diminish the sincerity of the obituary. This is not to say, however, that you can not include your own personal quotes and

those of others. In fact, doing so can add a very personal touch to the obituary.

So, what should you include in your obituary? As a genealogist, you want to be sure to include all the vital facts - birth, marriage, death dates and places, parentage, siblings, children (and their spouses) names and locations - all the things you look for in an obituary. Also include your biographical information; schools, major employers, places lived, significant achievements, community involvement, hobbies, military service, religious affiliation, fraternal organization, etc. Be sure to include funeral home, mortuary and cemetery information. Some optional items to consider are; eulogy comments and phrases (e.g. beloved husband of), antidotes, quotes and testimonials, named pallbearers (actual, honorary), contributions, flowers and other memorials.

There are no hard and fast rules so be creative. If you want, you may include a physical description, mannerisms, dress, jewelry, makeup and other personal attributes. Readers may also enjoy learning of travel destinations, home life, pets, favorite books, movies and TV shows, typical weekend activities - anything you want to be remembered for.

Having completed your obituary, make sure your family knows your wishes for publication - which newspapers and cities. If you have a large extended family living elsewhere, you may want to publish it there as well. Make sure a copy is where it can be found (probably not just on your computer's harddrive). Also, be sure to review and update it periodically. After all, the final chapter has yet to be written.

Most importantly, have fun with this. Involve others. Remember, future generations will appreciate and thank you for having such a complete obituary -- just like the ones you like to find.



Improve Your Genealogy with Study Groups

The Study Group is a 2-hour workshop in which we discuss a specific topic or area. After the discussion, we can provide mentoring should you have a "brick wall" situation in which you need help. We meet the third Tuesday of each month except July, August and December, 10 a.m to noon at the Society library.

Sept. 21: **California Research**

Oct. 19: **Military Research**

Come and learn from experienced researchers.

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Beware: Fraudulent Genealogies

[Editor: Although long, I thought this important enough for our members to publish in its entirety.]

The following information was compiled by Mr. Robert Charles Anderson, CG, FASG of 2 Fenway, Derry, NH 03038, and published in Volume 19, Numbers 1 & 2, 1991 of the Genealogical Journal of the Utah Genealogical Association, PO Box 1144, Salt Lake, Utah 84110. The title of the article is "We Wuz Robbed!"

Sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He is a Certified Genealogist, a fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, a fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association, and has published numerous articles in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, The American Genealogist, the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, and The Genealogist, as well as the Genealogical Journal.

Professional genealogists and serious researchers alike, have been aware of the forgeries and frauds committed by GUSTAVE ANJOU (1863-1942) and we of this Society believe this material should be brought to the attention of all who may come in contact with any the publications listed below.

The sad fact is that Gustave Anjou was not a genealogist, but a forger of genealogical records that have been passed on for years to unwary clients and then through researchers who believed, or wanted to believe, they had a true lineage. They in turn republished the material in their own works and the cycle continues even today.

Gustave Anjou produced these "genealogies" for wealthy clients at a price of around \$9,000 and the client, needless to say, always received what they wanted.

In the words of Mr. Anderson; "A typical Anjou pedigree displays four recognizable features:

1. A dazzling range of connections between dozens of immigrants to New

England; for example, connections far beyond what may be seen in pedigrees produced by anyone else;

2. Many wild geographical leaps, outside the normal range of migration patterns;

3. An overwhelming number of citations to documents that actually exist, and actually include what Anjou says they include; and

4. Here and there an invented document, without citation, which appears to support the many connections noted under item 1 above".

The above mentioned publication is one that belongs in your genealogy

library. I urge you all to read the detailed account of this article and the five other genealogy fraud articles that appear with it. Included is another detailed article about Gustave Anjou's life and forgery methods, entitled Gustave, We Hardly Knew Ye: by Gordon L. Remington, editor of the Genealogical Journal.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Anderson for bringing these facts to our attention and also to the Genealogical Journal for their courage by publishing the material.

The article further states; "The following 109 "genealogies" are found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. All but those marked with an asterisk are cataloged under Gustave Anjou, H. Anjou, or M. Anjou in the Author-Title Catalog. Only three of the "genealogies" were actually printed, the works on the FREEMAN, BLAISDELL, and SHAPLEIGH families -and only the FREEMAN was actually published by Anjou- the other two were later publishings of his original typescript.

Anjou's genealogy on the TONE family was later incorporated into Dr. Frank Jerome Tone's History of the Tone Family (Niagara Falls, NY: the author, 1944) FHL 929.173 T612t, which is not included in this list. The unprinted genealogies were all bound typescripts or carbons of the original, and even the unsigned ones are recognizable as being Anjou's creations-invariably beginning with a history of the surname. Since four of Anjou's works were found by looking at films that contained catalogue references, there may be others lurking somewhere in the collection.

Six of the catalog entries under Anjou's name, however, are to what appear to be extracts of documents or original source material not organized or typed as formal "genealogies." These entries are marked with a !. Whether or not they can be really be attributed to Anjou is not known. Excluding them leaves 103 compiled "genealogies" by Anjou in the Family History Library. In 1927 Anjou published a catalogue of 192 "genealogies", leaving 89 "genealogies" unaccounted for by this list." The numbers given after the title are the call numbers at the Family History Library.

! The ANDREWS Family 929.273 A1 #688

The BACKUS Family 929.273 B128a

The BACON Family FHL #908083 item 7

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BROOKING (Broquin) Family 929.273 B79132a

The BUCKNER Family 929.273 B857a

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History of the CARR Family of Scotland, England and the United States Part 1: Scotland and the United States 929.273 C23a,

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If you are researching any of the above lines, you are going to have serious problems with your lineage somewhere when you run into a brick wall you can not scale. Not only will the above mentioned "genealogies" steer you into uncharted waters but any other genealogies that followed later and have used this material for their source. Any of your sources that trace back to anything compiled by Gustave Anjou will prove suspect.

Beatitudes Of A Family Genealogist

Blessed are the great-grandmothers, who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters ...
For they tell the story of their time.

Blessed are all grandfathers who filed every legal document ...
For this provides proof.

Blessed are grandmothers who preserved family Bibles and diaries ...
For this is our heritage.

Blessed are fathers who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry ...
For some ... they are the only link to the past.

Blessed are mothers who relate family traditions and legends to the family ...
For one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are the relatives who fill in family sheets with extra data ...
For them we owe the family history.

Blessed is any family whose members strive for the preservation of records ...
For theirs is a labor of love.

Blessed are the children who will never say ...
"Grandma, you have told that old story twice today."

Source: Prairieland Pioneer, Prairieland Genealogical Society.
Thanks to Phyllis Newton for submitting this.

Dating Old Letters

If you have undated letters and want to determine when they were written, the answer may be on the envelope. Especially if there is no postmark, you can determine the approximate date from the stamp and estimated age of the writer.

Prior to 1847, stamps were not used on letters carried by the U. S. Postal Office. After that, first class postage rates per ounce, by date, are as follows;

1 July 1882 2¢	29 May 1979 15¢
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Have you registered your Ralph's Club Card with the Society and received your Food-4-Less Community Contributions Card? If not, please do so now. You may sign up at our monthly meetings or phone our library (619-588-0065) and leave a message on the recorder. We will need your 13 digit Ralph's Club Card number, located on the back of the card, and your name, address and phone number. For the Food-4-Less program, just your name, address and phone number and we will mail you their card.

By using the cards when you shop, your Society gets up to 5% of the purchase amount and, best of all, it doesn't cost you a penny more. What could be easier! Do so today and shop often.

Aluminum Can Recycling Helps Your Society

The Society continues to collect your empty aluminum cans for recycling. By bringing them to the monthly meetings or leaving them in the storage room at the library, you are not only helping the environment, you are also helping your Society. So, please, collect your cans (and those of neighbors, relatives and friends) and give them to your Society.



Family History Fair Planned

The LDS Escondido South Stake is planning a Family History Fair on Oct. 16, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be 35 workshops and other displays. There is no cost for the class presentations. Box lunches and class syllabus will be available for purchase. Pre-registration is required by October 1, 2004. Find out more at:

www.familyhistoryfair.org

Logan UT Library to Receive Genealogy Collection

by Arrin Newton Brunson

A \$1.7 million collection of family histories, encompassing 80,000 family records worldwide and compiled over the past 57 years, will be preserved in northern Utah's Cache Valley.

The donation to the Logan City Library is being made by a software developer who, in January, acquired Everton Publishers, a longtime publisher of genealogical and family history materials.

The collection is described as one of the world's finest privately owned sets of genealogical books, family histories and other documents, according to Bobbie Coray, president and CEO of the Cache County Chamber of Commerce.

The deal was consummated last month by Logan Mayor Doug Thompson. He declined to comment, preferring to wait for a news conference scheduled for Wednesday. But he confirmed Monday the city's acceptance of the donation.

In addition to the family histories, assets going to Logan City include a Web site, magazine, a 10th edition genealogy book and Everton's intellectual property. Total value of the donation is estimated at \$4 million, according to Robert Johns, spokesman for donor Bill Schjelderup, owner of Companion Corp. of Salt Lake City.

The Cache County Council is scheduled to discuss tonight whether to allocate \$25,000 to move the genealogical materials from their home in an old LDS Church in Nibley, southeast of Logan. The materials will have to be temporarily stored until the city establishes a permanent place to house the collection under the direction of the Logan library.

Coray, a self-described genealogy addict, said she learned about 14 months ago that the Everton genealogical assets were in jeopardy of being liquidated. She compiled a "dream team" of family history enthusiasts who have ties to Cache Valley to put the deal together.

"We have now a one-of-a-kind treasure in our library, and this can be a catalyst for downtown development," Coray said, adding that genealogy is the No. 2 most popular use of the Internet, second only to pornography.

"We believe that if it is in Logan, it makes Cache Valley a mecca for genealogists, and there is a potential of people coming to do research and hold conferences and workshops here because now the [materials] will be publicly available for everybody."

Everton Publishers was formed in 1947 by Walter Everton when it first began publishing Everton's Genealogical Helper magazine, the oldest magazine of

its type in the country. Its assets were sold in 2001 to Family History Network Inc., and then purchased in January by Schjelderup.

His company is the developer of Alexandria Software, a system for cataloging library holdings. Spokesman Johns said the entrepreneur decided to donate the Everton assets in order to streamline his business interests.

In addition to the private collection of genealogical materials, Logan will inherit Everton's Genealogical Helper, a family history magazine. Johns said the city is expected to seek a private enterprise partner to run that operation.

Logan City will also own The Handybook of Genealogists: USA, which has sold over 1 million copies, and has been considered for nearly 50 years to be the "finest genealogical research book in the United States," Johns said.

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"Hinck" Query

I am looking for information about my great-grandfather, Charles Hinck, and his older brother John George Hinck. The Hinck brothers settled in the La Mesa/Spring Valley area about 1889. They were hired in 1889 to build the stone house and olla (reservoir) on the Bancroft Ranch.

Charles was born on 3 Mar 1862 and John about 1860, perhaps at Fahrendorf or Hannover, Prussia. Charles left Bremen, Germany and arrived in New York on 3 Oct. 1882. John arrived in New York on 9 May 1885. They were naturalized in San Diego County; Charles in 1891 and John in 1893.

According to census data, John remained single, without children, and died in San Diego County on 9 Jun 1916.

Charles and Jane **Davis** were the first couple married at Spring Valley Congregational Church on 27 Mar 1895. They purchased property at 8797 Mariposa Street where they lived for many years and raised 5 sons: William George, Fritz Charles (my ancestor), Adolph, Albert Edward, and Austin Davis. Charles died on 7 Jan 1949, and Jane on 2 Jul 1957.

I am seeking details of the Hinck family in Germany, and what the brothers did between arriving in New York and settling in Spring Valley (1882-1887). Also, Jane's history from her birth on 9 Jul 1868 in Wiltshire England, and her arrival in the U.S. (abt. 1892).

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Start Your Own Oral History Tradition

As you research your family history, ever wish you could hear, in their own words, the stories and life experiences of your ancestors? To hear how their lives were shaped by the world events going on around them and their personal thoughts and remembrances of family? Oral histories have been created since the inception of recording equipment and many historical and genealogical societies and libraries have been collecting oral interviews for years. While these are a major resource for genealogists, the purpose of this article is to motivate you to do your own oral interviews with family and friends, while there is still time, for future generations and genealogists.

Doing an oral interview is an easy process. All you need is a willing person, a tape recorder and a list of questions and the motivation to get it done before it is too late. Let's cover some of the issues to doing a successful oral interview.

Who should you interview? It is probably best to interview your oldest living relatives as soon as you can. Also, some family members just seem to have more 'collected stories' or are better at story telling or have a good memory and recall. While these would be the best candidates but don't limit the interview to only one side of the family or one point of view. And don't worry about what is said or not said. It is only important that you record it.

Do you need lots of fancy equipment? No. A simple cassette tape recorder will work just fine. While micro tape recorders will work, recording time is limited and quality can be poor. Also, similar playback equipment may not be available years later. Digital recorders will also work but media type may present problems later.

If possible, use two lapel-type condenser microphones (or two directional microphones) for best sound quality (use a double jack adapter). Try not to turn off and on the tape machine when interviewing. It is better to have silence breaks rather than 'pops' and 'clicks'. You should pick a quiet location without background noise and where you won't be interrupted. Plan for no more than one hour sessions at a time.

The most important part of doing an oral interview is your research before hand and preparing your questions. You should have a purpose set for the interview and review this with the narrator. Before the interview, learn a little about the life and times of the narrator - where they lived, what significant events they participated in, their family life, etc. If nothing else, ask the individual. Many people keep clippings, scrapbooks and photographs of their lives that will help jog memories. Don't hesitate to ask the narrator's advice on what to discuss. Ask personal questions only if the narrator is

willing.

You will want to ask open ended questions, not for 'yes' or 'no' answers. Start with 'why', 'how', 'where', 'what' questions. Ask one, brief, question at a time and let the narrator finish before interrupting or asking another question. Answers will bring up new questions you may not have thought of. But be careful to keep the interview on track. Don't hesitate to steer the narrator back to the purpose on the interview if they get off track or ramble. Remember, this is more a monologue than a dialogue. And don't try and control what the narrator says or add your own commentary or sound effects (laughs, sighs, etc.). Don't use the interview to show off your knowledge, vocabulary, charm or other abilities. Good interviewers do not shine, only their interview do.

Before the interview begins, try to get the narrator to relax and feel comfortable with the setting and the recording equipment. Interviews work better if only the two people are present. Reassure them again of the purpose of the interview. The tape should begin with the recorded names of participants, date and place. Start out with questions that are not controversial. Save delicate questions for later. Keep a notepad handy to jot down new questions. Individuals sometimes have a difficult time describing others. It may be easier to start off asking for a physical description. It is also easier for some people to describe the negative aspects of a situation first rather than the positive. To determine the role of the narrator in an event or eye-witness vs. hearsay information, ask "Where were you at the time of the event". Don't challenge accounts you think might be inaccurate. Instead, try to develop as much information as possible that can be used by later researchers in establishing what probably happened. If clearly incorrect, you might say, "I have heard" or "I have read" in a way that does not challenge the account but looks for the opportunity to bring out further evidence or how that view got established.

And when the interview is over, be sure to remove the plastic tabs on the cassette tape cartridge so it can't be recorded over. Label the tapes clearly with name of narrator, interviewer, date and place. Afterwards, write a brief topic outline of what is on each side of the tape. This can be just a listing of the subjects covered. Place the summary and the tape in the plastic container for protection. If the tape is going to be given to an archive, be sure to get a certificate of gift or release form (check with the archive first for their requirements). If desired, a full, typed transcription may be useful.

Now that you have the basics for doing your own oral interviews, don't wait. Start planning your interviews today. Just remember, today is tomorrow's yesterday - don't waste it.

The Meaning of Life.....

I do genealogy so I know who to blame.

New At The Library

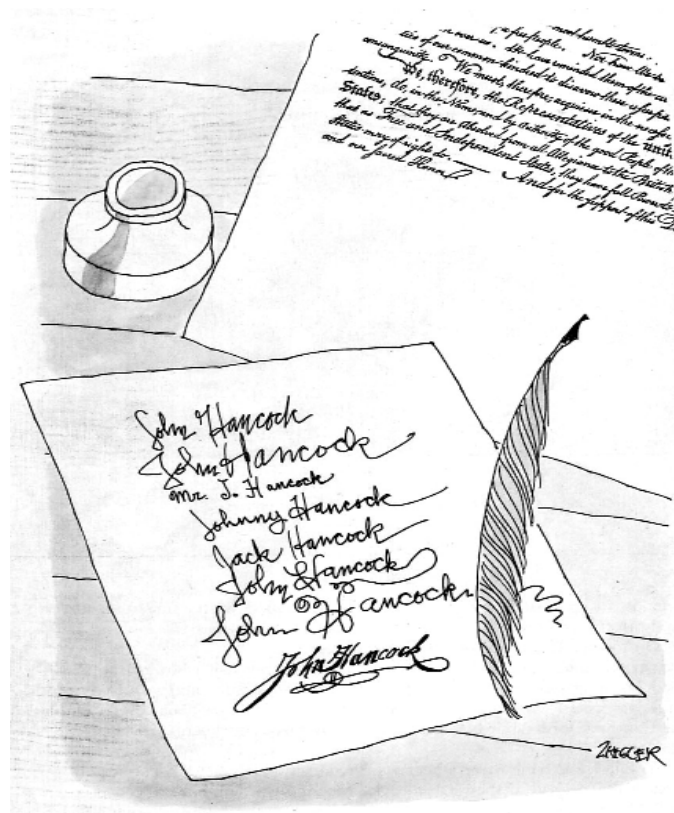
The following items have been cataloged since last month's newsletter and are now available in the library. Our sincere thanks for the many generous donations. Thanks, also, to our library catalog volunteers.

The Society would like to especially thank the following who have generously donated books to our library this year. Some of our donations have not yet been catalogued, so please excuse us if your name is missing. The volunteers are working diligently to get all books entered and on the shelves as fast as possible.

Your donations and support of the library is most appreciated.

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Aug. 11: Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Society Library
Aug. 14: Reunion/Generations Users Group, 10:00 am, St. Dunstans
Aug. 14: Monthly Meeting, noon, 'Visiting Your Immigrant Ancestor's Homeland'
Sept. 8: Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Society Library
Sept. 11: Reunion/Generations Users Group, 10:00 am, St. Dunstans
Sept. 11: Monthly Meeting, Book Auction, catered luncheon, 12:00 noon, St. Dunstans
Oct. 17: North San Diego Family History Fair, Escondido, pre-registration by Oct. 1 required.
Oct. 24 - 31: Salt Lake City trip, Best Western Plaza Hotel

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