

NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 1984 MEETING -

Date: Thursday, November 15, 1984
Place: Auditorium of the Central
Dallas Public Library
1515 Young Street
Time: 6:30 p. m. - social
7:00 p. m. - meeting

The program will be presented by Margaret Ann Hudson. She will speak on how to store and retrieve family information and research materials from a home computer.

The Dallas Genealogical Society meetings are usually on the fourth Thursday of each month, but the November meeting is being held on the third Thursday because Thanksgiving will be the fourth Thursday.

As we have always done in the past, there will be no meeting and no newsletter in December. Your next newsletter will be in January and the January meeting will be on January 25, 1985.

The Society is in need of a volunteer to do a few hundred computer labels. If you have a computer and would like to help please call Lea Markoff at the library - 749-4129.

Several persons have said they can't find the books they want since the library was moved to the new location. This indicates that these people aren't using the card catalog. The card catalog in the Genealogy Dept. has been kept up-to-date, so any book you found in the old library can be found in the new one. If you need further assistance with your research get to know our capable library staff:

Lloyd Bockstruck
Ann Caper (part-time)
Bruce Graves
Amanda Hampton
Jeanne Hudon

Kenneth Kessner (part-time)
Adrienne Jamieson (part-time)
Lea Markoff
Patrick McKenna (part-time)
Carol Stanglin

The National Genealogical Society will hold the Fifth Annual National Conference in Salt Lake City, August 6-9, 1985. For further information write: 1985 NGS Conference Host, P. O. Box 1053, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110. When you write enclose a 20 cent stamp.

On April 18, 1906 the famous San Francisco earthquake occurred. The quake measured 8.25 on the Richter Scale and lasted 48 seconds; following the quake there was a fire that lasted three days and nights. The number of casualties was never completed.

Mrs. Gladys Hansen of the San Francisco Archives is trying to determine accurately the number of people who died as a result of the quake. The city's official count in 1907 was that about 478 people died as a result of the earthquake, but present calculations put the figure at 826, nearly 350 more than the official count.

Mrs. Hansen has made a thorough search of all available records and believes even her revised count is too low. She asks that anyone having

knowledge of any person killed to write to her with whatever information they have. The names of the dead will be entered in the official roster in the Public Library, available to researchers. She encourages anyone seeking information on people killed in the earthquake to write. Please enclose a self-addressed envelope when you write. Her address is: Mrs. Gladys Hansen, San Francisco Archives, Public Library, Civic Center, San Francisco, CA 94102.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

Bob Abernathy, 5318 Banting Way, Dallas 75227 - 381-7885
Mrs. Patricia L. Davis, 10842 Lochspring, Dallas 75218 - 340-4496
Pamela D. Meier, 1617 Montana Trail, Plano 75023 - 423-7064
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DONATIONS

The following people have made donations for purchase of rolls of microfilm for the Dallas Public Library, Genealogical Dept.: (These donations complete the *General Index to Pension Files 1861-1934*).

Dr. V. A. Davidson	\$17	in honor of Jo Whitten
Richard Hixon	17	
Adrienne Jamieson	34	in honor of Ellen C. Lancaster
Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck	17	in honor of Ellen C. Lancaster
Helen Mason Lu	17	
Alline E. McCrary	17	in honor of Thomas Durham
Dr. Bruce M. Thomas	51	

Clara Clay Showaker has donated \$34 towards our new project. Donations are now being accepted for the new project which is to purchase *Missouri Union Soldiers Index*.

COLOR FILM - DISASTER FOR GENEALOGISTS

It is a known scientific fact that color prints and negatives will not last. If you are taking color photographs your descendants in 100 years will in some cases possess blank pieces of paper. The images that don't fade away completely will change color: lips that were once red will turn green and hair once blond will turn purple.

This will not only happen with the photographs you have taken, but will also happen to photos taken by professional photographers. Some photos fade quicker than others. The rate of deterioration depends on what paper the photos were printed on and how they are stored. The last place a color photograph should be is hanging on your wall exposed to light!

The major photographic manufacturers wanted to give us a process which was relatively inexpensive - chromogenic development. The dyes used in this process are unstable and light causes the dyes to disintegrate. The dyes also react to many other factors and even in the dark they will fade. The new papers used for printing photos will only delay the fading. The final insult is that pastics such as glassine and cellulose - the stuff they make photo albums out of - make the photos fade quicker.

The only way to save your color photos for later generations is to have them copied in black and white. Do your descendants a favor - this Thanksgiving and Christmas start taking black and white pictures. And then don't forget to write the names on the back. - More about this subject later -

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