



## WORKSHOP!!!! AND WORKDAY

**TIME:** Sunday, September 9, 2007 10:00 am Cleaning, 2:00 pm Workshop Library Open, 12:00 to 5:00 pm

**LEADERS: STAFF MEMBERS:** Experts in Evaluating Research--Where are the holes?

Come as early as possible to help us dust the bookshelves that did not get completely cleaned in June. Bring a sack lunch and duster and/or vacuum. Many hands make the labor easy. Coffee and cold drinks are always on hand.

At 2:00 pm Staff Members will share some ways in which they filled in missing bits of information, some more recent resources that have become available, and time for lots of questions. You should bring charts showing where you are missing information, a list of what you have tried. Bring documents which may need rereading, etc. Let's share----

**PLACE:** Immigrant Genealogical Society Library

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### JOHN MOVIUS DONATES BOOKS

John Movius is dispersing his large collection of books and periodicals accumulated over many years of doing genealogy, speaking and advising other researchers. John has been one of the most knowledgeable persons in how to do German Genealogy, has helped thousands of others at conferences and pioneered setting up websites for researching online.

One of the first online websites for German Genealogy was his for the Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS). He later also set up the Central European Family History Association (CEFHA) and its website online.

Age and health have inevitably caught up with John, as they have with many others of us. He boxed up many of his best materials, loaded them in his car and brought them to Immigrant Genealogical Society for our use. We owe John a great deal of gratitude for this extensive and solid contribution to our IGS Library.

Needless to say, with Carol Germer in Wisconsin, these books will not be cataloged very quickly. Anyone who is willing to help can be trained to enter them into the computer, label and shelve them. Can YOU help?

We may need to do some weeding of unused materials to make room for important compilations. There should be some duplicates to sell and maybe even freebies to pass along to members.

### HELP OUR BUDGET AS YOU SHOP

We mentioned a few months ago joining the Ralph's Card Program. At our Board of Director's meeting in July the President mentioned we had received \$85.00 the previous month from the Ralph's Cards. That equals several new memberships per month, and a real boost to IGS' treasury. **Please renew your participation by Aug. 31.**

If you do not already have a Ralph's card, ask for one the next time you shop at Ralphs. Both new participants

and renewers--Go to <www.ralphs.com>. Click on "Community Program", and there enter the NPO number of our Society--83796--, then your Ralph's card number (13 digits). Automatically a small % of your purchases will be deposited to our account.

If you have difficulty signing up, ask an employee at your local Ralphs Market to help you. They will be happy to do so.

### WHAT KIND OF DNA SEARCH ?

My notes from a recent DNA talk by Colleen Fitzpatrick give some basic information about DNA testing. There are three main companies doing DNA analyses--<dnaheritage.com>, <familytreedna.com>, and <relativegenetics.com>. All three of these companies do searches on 12 or more "markers".

If you wish to know which company may have already done searches on one of your surnames, you may find out from the website: <worldfamilies.net>.

How many markers do you need to search? Probably a minimum of 20 markers to get a good grasp of the results. A report on 12 markers will "rule out" another group, 20 will narrow the field to a state or county, 37-43 will narrow the field to a city, and more than 43 will narrow the field to a street.

### KALENDER

Aug. 16	Sept. Newsletter Mailed
Aug. 22	IGS Board of Directors' Meeting
Sept. 1, 2	IGS Library Closed. VJ & Labor Day
Sept. 9	IGS Monthly Meeting
Sept. 20	Oct. Newsletter, Fall Periodical Mailed
Sept. 26	IGS Board of Director's Meeting
Oct. 14	IGS Monthly Meeting

## OLD NEWSPAPERS ONLINE--FREE

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has been working for years with state libraries and historical societies to microfilm old newspapers. The early copies were microfilmed, but more recently the work has been in digitized form. Newspapers already filmed are available on interlibrary loan. Some of the digitized pages are also already available online at <[www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica](http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica)>. The goal is to have all significant newspapers from 1836 to 1922 digitized and online free of charge. This database will be maintained by the Library of Congress. (FGS *Forum*, 19:2:23)

## LOOK AT ME

If you have some time to browse, you may wish to go to the website "Look At Me". It is a collection of photos which were lost, forgotten, thrown away, found in flea markets, etc. Your help is invited in identifying any person in a posted photo. Type this url into your web browser: <<http://www.moderna.org/lookatme/>>

## UNDERGROUND BERLIN RECONSTRUCTED

During World War II some 1,000 underground bunkers were built to shelter citizens from air attacks. Almost a third of those bunkers survived, and are now being opened to tourists. A non-profit group, Berlin's Underworld Association, supervises this project. Their tours include one of Hitler's bunker.

(ASHHS *Newsletter*, 19:3)

## PLATT CONFERENCE IN 2008

The American Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society will sponsor the Platt-Deutsche Conference in 2008 in Probstei in eastern Schleswig-Holstein. For persons with northern German ancestry, this may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Platt Deutsche is the northern German language that is recognized for use in official documents as well as "Hoch Deutsche--High German."

The 2008 Conference in Probstei will be from June 12 -- 15. The head of the 20 village area of Probstei has invited American members of ASHHS to attend also. You may find details about participation in this event online at <[burchettme@prodigy.net](mailto:burchettme@prodigy.net)>

(ASHHS *Newsletter*, 19:3:39)

## FEDERAL DIRECT TAX OF 1798

If you had an ancestor living in the U.S. before 1800, you will wish to check out the Direct Tax List of 1798 for the state where your ancestors lived. It consists of three lists, one for Dwellings, one for Land and the 3rd for Slaves. The descriptions of the house and land in which your ancestor lived paint a detailed picture of life in those early times.

There are 1798 lists for 16 states, some of them are incomplete--Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts/Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Virginia.

An article in the *FGS Forum*, V. 19, No. 2 gives details and where to find the films.

## KENTUCKY ANCESTRY GOOD LUCK !!!

If you have Kentucky ancestry, have you checked the local censuses taken by the **tax collectors** in 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1870? If not, go to your local Family History Center and order the county tax rolls on micro-

film for the county where your families lived. By 1860 these records contained so much info that they were three pages across per family.

(Arlene Eakle, 30 Apr. '07)

## ENGLISH TOWN RECORDS ONLINE

Arlene Eakle discovered that the Bedfordshire County Record Office, holding the records of her ancestors from Bedford, England, are indexing and posting online their local records. When she searched them, only 23% of the records were online, BUT the input of one surname brought 637 hits! You can bet Arlene will be talking about these new records at the British Isles Family History Society Seminar, Aug. 25, '07 in Culver City. CA.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 25--8:00--4:00--"Chasing Ancestors in U.K & Ireland." Arlene Eakle, Carlberg, McNamara. in Culver City. <[www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa](http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa)>

Sept. 14--16--Oktoberfest, Chippewa Falls, WI. Pommern Dancers. Pommern Verein Central WI.

Sept. 15--North Utah Genea. & Family Heritage Jamboree. Ogden, UT, 7:15 am--7:30 pm. Online schedule--<[www.myancestorsfound.com/events/](http://www.myancestorsfound.com/events/)>

Sept. 16, 9:00--6:00--Scandinavian Autumn-Fest and Marknad, Vasa Park, 2854 Triunfo Canyon Rd., Agoura Hills, CA. (Los Angeles County)

Oct. 11-14--Natchitoches, LA, Nat'l Creole Heritage Celebration, <<http://www.nsula.edu/creole>>

Oct. 20--Berks Co. Amish Mennonite Heritage Tour. An all-day chartered bus tour of places emigrants settled in the 1700's. <[mast@masthof.com](mailto:mast@masthof.com)>

## PFANNENSCHMIDTSTADT

Have you heard the town name of Pfannenschmidtstadt in the U.S.A.? Perhaps not recently. It was established in 1866 by Adolf Pfannenschmidt. Today it has a different name. Look at the bottom of page three to find its present name.

(German Interest Group--WI 14:1)

## N.Y. STATE CENSUSES & SUBSTITUTES

This is the title of a new book by William Dollarhide which goes into minute detail about records in each of New York's 62 counties and gives the repository where each kind of document can be located. There are also over 1,200 substitute documents such as tax lists, military lists, voter registration lists, and land records included. Nineteen maps help show county boundaries at various times, etc. It has been published by Genealogical Publishing Company.

Steve Morse of San Francisco has added to his online website some additional aids. He has tied N.Y. records to their Assembly District (AD) and Election District (ED) for any New York City street address and for the state censuses of 1905, 1915, and 1935. Go to <<http://stevemorse.org/nyc/nyc/php>> online to find this info.

A separate index to Kings County (Brooklyn) 1925 census for New York state can be found at <<http://stevemorse.org/brooklyn/brooklyn.html>>.

Steve Morse has made quite a name for himself by also taking existing indexes and re-working them to be more user friendly for computer novices. We have much for which to thank him. You might like to ex-

plore other databases he has posted.

(German Genealogy Gr., King's Park, NY, May '07)

## **eHISTORY**

An online website that is not strictly genealogical, but contains many types of information that interest genealogists is <[www.ehistory.com](http://www.ehistory.com)>. There are 130,000 pages of historical content, 5,300 timeline events, 800 outlines of battles, 350 biographies, thousands of images and maps. It sounds like an interesting site to explore.

(*Desert Diggings*, April '07)

## **OBITUARIES**

One of the best resources for finding details about a family is to get copies of obituaries of various generations. The obit is usually written by a member of the family or a local newspaper who knew the deceased.

There is an online site seeking obituaries from all across the U.S. at <<http://obitsarchive.com>> Copies of obits from all across the country are included, and the list can be searched for no fee. However a fee of \$2.95 is required to download an individual obituary, or \$199.95 for 100 obituaries every 30 days.

Some county or city genealogical groups post their local obits regularly, and their sites may be available free of charge. Local societies may have collections of the printed obits which can be copied if you contact them. Check out counties where your families lived.

## **WANT A COLOR MAP OF GERMANY??**

Our Library has copies for sale of the 1990 map of Germany showing the current states in different colors. They are like the map posted on the inside back door of the IGS Library, if you have visited us recently.

These maps show the states with their borders, rivers, and larger cities. They are printed on light cardboard, 8 1/2" X 11". You may order one for \$3.00, plus mailing costs. Contact Marilyn Deatherage as to the mailing cost <[marilynd@socal.rr.com](mailto:marilynd@socal.rr.com)> or IGS office.

## **NEW CREATION MUSEUM**

A new Creation Museum opened on Memorial Day, 2007 south of Cincinnati, OH in Petersburg, KY, about 7 miles west of the Cincinnati Airport. Their original projections were to host 250,000 guests during its first year. You can imagine the museum officials surprise when their attendance exceeded 100,000 visitors less than 2 months after the opening!

The museum is high-tech, housed in a \$27 million, 60,000 square foot museum and planetarium. It presents a scientific view of the biblical account of creation. Expanded hours are being planned through Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-3. They have asked the county officials to give them a permit for 600 additional parking spaces. You may wish to visit the Museum's website at <[www.CreationMuseum.org](http://www.CreationMuseum.org)>

The Museum features animatronic dinosaurs, a huge wooden ark, 50 educational videos and a special effects theater. It was designed by Answers in Genesis. Many church and school groups are visiting this new facility.

## **SCANNING BLACK & WHITE NEGATIVES**

Using the marvels of present computer technology, one genealogist with some photo-lab experience worked out an inexpensive way to scan old black and white neg-

atives into her computer. Many of us could profit from her description of how to do it. She tells all the details in an article in *The Beacon*, publication of the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, July/Aug. 2006 issue, pages 3 & 4.

If you do not find this periodical in your local area, write to IGS and ask us to copy the article for you. A \$1.00 bill should cover copies and postage.

## **NEW ACQUISITIONS**

*Indexes to Schleswig-Holstein Marriages*, Volumes 15,16,17a, 17b, 18.

*Lauenburg & Ratzeburg Censuses*, 1704, 1601-1705.

*Braunschweig, Funeral Sermons*, Vol. 5

*Researching Germanic Ancestors*, Brandt

*Genealogical Guide to East & West Prussia*, Brandt

*Searching for Your Wisconsin Ancestors in Wisconsin Libraries*, Ryan

*New Melle-Melle Friendship Society.*, History

## **WORLDCAT**

You may have seen the name "Worldcat" associated with your local library. It is the database for all libraries to list their holdings, and to check for books in other libraries that they do not themselves have. It is open to all public, college/university, city and special libraries worldwide. It was originally available only in a member Library's facility.

In mid-2006 a new website was launched at <<http://www.WorldCat.org>>. This is available to any online searcher, apparently. You may wish to try searching this site from your home computer. If that does not work, check with your local library. Some libraries will allow you to use their computer, or do it for you. Others may not be so cooperative. Explore a bit. (Conejo Valley GG, *Rabbit Tracks*, Summer '07)

## **THE REMEMBERING SITE**

Here's a new website to explore. Dr. Sarah McCue and D.G. Fulford have established a website called <[www.TheRememberingSite.org](http://www.TheRememberingSite.org)>. These two family history experts want to help others write and share their family histories. Explore this site--maybe you have a family story to post on it to share with others, or there may be suggestions from other researchers that will "give you a lift" in getting the experience to improve your skills and share your knowledge. Could someone have already posted something about one of your ancestors? You won't know unless you look!

## **GERMANIC GENEALOGY**

The latest "How To" book by Dr. Edward Brandt and others is now on our shelves. This is especially important because of the drastic changes in how genealogy is done brought about by the increased use of computers and the Internet that have developed in recent years. You will want to either purchase your own copy or consult a copy frequently at your local genealogical society library.

Our Library has a copy which you may consult if you are within driving range of our Library in Burbank. We'll try to give more details and suggestions in the Fall periodical.

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**OCTOBER MEETING**

The IGS Meeting on October 14, '07 will be a joint one with PSIG--Pommern Special Interest Group. It will feature Carolyn Casperson, the Publicity Chair for PSIG.

Carolyn will discuss "Connecting the Norwegian Dots" (From her Father's 1962 Notes). Carolyn has always known that her name was Norwegian, but just recently she learned she might have been named Susie Solum or Helen Helmersdatter. She's very thankful for computers and Norwegian phone books! Her recent trip to Norway to visit relatives will be shared with us.

**THE WEEK IN GERMANY**

Chancellor Angela Merkel set a goal of cutting carbon-dioxide emissions by 40% by 2020. Renewable sources, now 12.5% are subsidized. Now 14% of greenhouse gas emissions are from autos. -- Germany has 3,000 troops in Afghanistan mostly helping build infrastructure. -- Scientists have learned how to "snip" the HIV virus out of human cells leaving them healthy. -- German scientists identified genetic mutations that increase the risk of asthma in children. -- Germany has a plan for integrating immigrants into its culture. Classes were increased from 600 hrs. to 900 hrs. -- Hybrid car technology is more beneficial in urban traffic where braking energy can charge the battery. Diesel power is most efficient on distance journeys. By Sept. German hybrids should be on the market. -- ZhongDe Waste Technology AG was the first Chinese company to be listed on the German stock exchange in July. -- Germany is the most important trade partner of the Arab world. -- Norway's Norsk Hydro and Germany's Siemens joined forces to build wind turbines floating on the North Sea, with one operating by 2009. -- July 20 was the anniversary of the attempt by Col. Claus Schen, Graf von Stauffenberg, to kill Hitler in 1944. The attempt failed and his group was shot. -- The Liebenau Foundation, operator of rest homes in south-west Germany, burn soiled diapers to power their homes. -- An ivory carving of a woolly mammoth dated 32,500 to 38,500 years old was unearthed on a plateau in Baden-Württemberg. -- A new 100 square meter stained glass window designed by Gerhard Rich-

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ter will be dedicated Aug. 25 in the Cologne Cathedral. The original from 1863 was destroyed in WW II. -- The German state-owned railway system will be partly privatized. -- Karlsruhe University established an Institute of Technology to become one of 3 elite universities of Germany. -- Climatologists use a zeppelin as a platform to analyze the air above southern Germany for 15 research centers. -- Germany uses 200 times as much solar energy as Britain. -- German Consul General Christian Stocks and wife Christine had a reception in their Los Angeles home on July 20, '07 for Eric Braeden when he received Star No. 2342 in the Hollywood Walk of Fame.  
(TWIG 7/6,13,20,27/'07)