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SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 WORKSHOP # 5

How to use the IGS Library-U. S. Sources Where did your immigrant arrive?, was it New York, Boston, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Baltimore Maryland or other ports? We have many sources for these and other states. Has Annette Burgert traced your ancestor from Pennsylvania to Germany ? Have you seen your immigrant's signature? Does a U. S. source give you the place of origin?

Program starts at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, CA

IGS WORKSHOPS-2009 Sundays 12 noon to 5 PM

How to use the IGS Library

This year we are having a series of workshops at the Library to acquaint our patrons with various resources, how to use them, and what can be expected from them. These Workshops are YOUR time to research. Presentations and handouts, if any, are to be given at 2 P.M. PLEASE bring YOUR information (charts, clues, brick walls, & all those questions) for our Leader and Staffers to help you

OCTOBER 11, 2009 JOINT MEETING/IGS & POMMERN GROUP -12-5PM SLAVIC PEOPLES WHO SETTLED POMERANIA Speaker: George Unrine, "Die Vorfahren" Editor for "Die Pommerchen Leute".

NOVEMBER 8, 2009 WORKSHOP #6 - 12-5 PM How to use the IGS Library- SUMMARY
Bringing the resources together to evaluate where your personal research stands: names, places, U. S. and foreign sources; library and personal finding aids; experience and common sense are all important.

DECEMBER 13, 2009 - 1 P.M. -Program at 2PM ANNUAL SHARING & POT-LUCK

Please bring yourself and guests, your finds, your brick walls PLUS an entrée, salad, or dessert to share; utensils, drinks and paper goods will be provided. -ethnic foods are welcome

We are still in need of Staffers for our Library. One of our newest had a knee replacement and has not recovered. Our President, Ron Grider has been picking up the slack but he can't keep it up forever. Please Consider Helping Staff One Day Per Month! It requires being here on a Wed. from noon to 5; or a Sat. from 10 to 5; or a Sun. from noon to 5.

We are looking for articles for our upcoming Periodical. If you have something you think would be of help or interest to our Members, please submit it to the Library. I will tell you that writing the articles I have done for our Periodicals in the past have given me pleasure. L.S

On August 30 at 9 p.m. on the National Geographic Channel there will be a documentary following geneticist Spencer Wells to Queens, N.Y. where he collected DNA samples from several hundred people and traced their ancestry back millennia. Wells drew on maps of human migration patterns developed by his Genographic Project with some surprising results. The Week-Aug.28-Sept. 4, 2009

KALENDER

September

05-06	CLOSED	Labor Day
13	General Meeting/Program	2PM
22	Mailing	

Some of you, as we have, used Rick Steves travel guides on some of your trips. We used his book on Italy several years ago. He has a new book that I picked up yesterday at a bookstore, titled "Travel as a Political Act". On page 74 and 75 he discusses "The German Spa", specifically Baden-Baden. It seems they don't get American tourists because of the strict policy of using all the services in the nude. Rick said he was glad it took advantage of the spa and you may want to pick up a copy or get it at your library. I haven't read anything else yet in the book but it looks to be interesting and informative. "Travel as a Political Act", Rick Steves, 2009.

***Subject: [calix] Sutro Library / Changes to Days of Operation**

Sutro Library, the San Francisco branch of the California State Library, announces changes in its days of operation.

As of July 1, 2009, Saturday hours have been discontinued. In compliance with the Governor's furlough order, Sutro Library will close three Fridays this month: July 10, 17, and 24. Beginning August 1, 2009 and continuing until June 2010, the library will close the first, second, and third Fridays of each month. Regular service hours for Sutro are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding furlough Fridays and state holidays.

Sutro Library offers the most extensive genealogy collection west of Salt Lake City; a comprehensive local history collection; Adolph Sutro's <<http://www.library.ca.gov/collections/adolphsutro.html>> rare book and manuscript collections; genealogical, family and local history catalogs; and special indexes, guides, and bibliographies. Library materials can be accessed through the California State Library's Main Catalog <http://www.lib.state.ca.us/Web2/tramp2.exe/log_in?guest&SETTING_KEY=English&screen=home.html>,

and Sutro staff is available to assist in-house customers. Items from the Sutro Library may be borrowed on interlibrary loan through local public libraries.

For additional information or directions to the library, visit <http://www.library.ca.gov/about/directionsindex.html#SF>, phone (415) 731-4477, or e-mail sutro@library.ca.gov.

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Here is another website for anyone searching in Missouri. Go to www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb/ancestry.com/~n=mossurname?L.html There you will find others searching the same surname. *Palatines to America, Illinois Chap., July 2009, V.XXVIII, No. 6.*

From the Editor—Don't forget to do Random Acts of Kindness. I spent my first hour at our Library today looking for a surname in Switzerland. We have way more books in that section than I realized! But I did find the name in several books. They were not in the correct Canton, but may let the person I helped broaden her area of research. I also came across the surname of the wife of one of my husband's cousins. She has no idea where her family came from and today the name was in one of the Journals I was looking in for this Newsletter. Think about helping others and it will come back to you. L.S.

If you are interested in seeing what an area looked like when you ancestors were somewhere in Germany in the past, go to the following website www.ieg-maps.unimainz.de/map1.htm It is important to note that is a number 1 after map and not a lowercase L! The maps of Europe begin in the 1500's. You can print different sizes. Much of the text is in English. Happy Hunting! *Der Blumenbaum, SGGS, V. 26, No. 4: April, May, June 2009*

German towns often have anniversary books. If you want to see if your town of interest has one, check this website. [www.\[name of German town\].de](http://www.[name of German town].de). You may find the date of the founding of the town. If you go to the town go to the Burgermeister's office to see if one exists. (In Alsace, I was given one free when I went into the Maire for information.) *Der Blumenbaum, SGGS V. 26, No. 4: April, May June 2009*

If you visit our library, don't forget to check out the newsletter, periodicals, or journals from other genealogical/historical societies that we receive monthly or quarterly.

Do you have some old school yearbooks that no longer have value to you? The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana will accept them. They don't care what time frame. The address for donation is The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 or if you want to contact them first, call (260)461-1225 or email dlitzer@acpl.info. On the other hand, you may want to find out if they have a school yearbook you want information from but don't have! Source for this is *The Ventura County Gen. Soc. Newsletter V. XXXI, #5. Conejo Valley Gen. Soc. Inc.-Rabbit Tracks, V. 27, No. 1, Spring 2009*

If you are trying to find anything about an ancestor in death records, try this website <http://genrootsblog.blogspot.com/2008/06/online-death-certificates-updated.html>. Death records are listed by state with links to the state website. Not all are free. Updates are on the first page. The second page has searchable websites. There are obits, death notices and registers, probate indexes, and cemetery burial records. *Conejo Valley Gen. Soc. Inc., Rabbit Tracks, V. 27, No. 1, Spring 2009*

Some of us have received helpful information from obituaries. And some of us have gotten wrong information. You might consider putting together information you want in your own obituary to help future researchers. Keep it updated and give out copies to anyone you think would pass it on, such as close relatives, close friends, and the lawyer who has a copy of your will. There was an article in *Root Cellar Preserves, Sacramento Gen. Soc., V. 30, #3* that gave the basis of this. *Conejo Valley Gen. Soc. Inc., Rabbit Tracks, V. 27, No. 1, Spring 2009*

The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, had Jeanette Jones teach an Intermediate Class in June. In an article titled "Disposition of Your Genealogical Research" about that class, I think the most important point made was to get started. "It's best if we do it ourselves, and we can't wait until we're 'finished'". Boy, if that ain't the truth! She says to set aside time each week and once you get rolling, it gets easier. Pass it on to someone in your family, who may even continue your work. Specify the person or persons you want to receive your records. Also, consider a library, genealogical or historical society getting a copy of your research. Editor, Linda Artuso, wrote an excellent summation in *Questing Heirs Genealogical Soc. Newsletter, V. 42, No. 7, July 2009*.

Here is an interesting website if you want to know the story or entomology behind a name. Go to <http://behindthename.com/ssdmh=dm13.205946> The name Kennedy is English, Irish and Scottish and is from the Gaelic meaning "armoured head" or "misshapen head". *Temecula Valley Gen. Soc., V. 12, Issue 07, July 2009*

An article encouraging our use of "Collateral and Cluster Genealogy Research" gave some great ideas. In collateral research, you expand your focus on siblings, cousins, or in-laws. For cluster research, you go to friends and associates. A sibling's death record might have the mother's birthplace. Any new information may confirm what you already have. Also, it may resolve discrepancies on conflicting data. *Tama County Museum News, Tama Co. Historical Soc. & the Tracers Gen. Soc., Tama County, IA, July 2009, V. 24, Issue 3.*

In the SCGS Searcher, Summer 2009, Ron Aaons has an excellent article on maps. Some websites you may access could be of help. <http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm> is for the New York Public Library. For the Library of Congress Map Collection go to <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/> For the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies go to www.feefhs.org. Here is a website that you may contribute to with photographs (current or historical) and videos! This is something you may want to do to preserve your photos or to those from other peoples. It is a functional change to Google Maps. Go to www.panoramio.com There are different locations and thousands, if not millions, of photos. (Hey Dear, here's another place to put our recent China pictures!) The Searcher, *Southern California Gen. Soc., Summer 2009, V. 46, No. 3*

Canadian Passenger Lists for 1865-1935 have been loaded on Ancestry.com on the family history website. The collection is indexed by name, month, year, ship and port of origin and arrival for more than 4,000 ships. This could be a good source if you haven't found your family in any U.S. port records. *Eastern Nebraska Gen. Soc., Inc., Rootsand Leaves, Summer 2009, V. 34, No.2.*

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Following is a press release for the Sacramento German Genealogy Society's monthly meeting. The meetings are held at 1 pm in St. Mark's Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at Lusk Dr. & St. Marks Way. St Mark's is located directly behind Country Club Plaza near Watt and El Camino Avenues. Submitted by: Joan Gray-Fuson – Publicity (916) 487-2563

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Topic: "The 'Helper's' Role in German Research."
Presenter: Leland Meitzler, Managing Editor of "Everton's Genealogical Helper"

As editor of that new and amazing "Helper," Leland Meitzler keeps us posted on the newest, the most useful and even remote resources. "Keeping track of what's where" is his mission and his obvious talent.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009

Topic: "The Role Played by Societal Status in Family History Research"

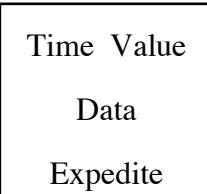
Presenter: Roger P. Minert, PhD, AG
With Dr. Minert back again to open our minds to German research, we will learn at this meeting about how strict the rules of status were in our ancestors' times, and how heavily the system affected the problems we face in our family history research.

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Berlin Wall in the United States - Interactive Map

What happened to the 96-mile ring of concrete that had surrounded West Berlin? Most of it was pulverized, but many parts of the wall were preserved. Some are in Germany, but many also found their way abroad, including over 50 complete segments in the United States. Browse our interactive map to discover the Berlin Wall in the United States.

The Berlin Wall in the United States: http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/10_Press_Facts/03_Infocus/04_Without_Walls/Feature_2/Berlin_Wall_in_USA.html

Berlin Ready for Athletics Championships

Berlin will be the center of the sporting world beginning on August 15 as top athletes from all over the globe compete in 47 track and field disciplines during the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics Berlin 2009™.

http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/05_Culture/01/03/04_IAAF.html

Barbie Goes Bavarian in Dirndl Dress Barbie is getting a traditional Bavarian makeover just in time for this year's Oktoberfest - Munich-based designer has created

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a traditional Bavarian dress, or dirndl, for the iconic, fashion-conscious toy figure.

http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/PR/GIC/2009/08/10_Barbie_PM.html

A Brutal Barrier: Remembering the Berlin Wall's In the early morning hours of August 13th 1961, the East German regime began construction of a wall that would separate East and West Berlin for 28 years. New research tells the stories of the people who died at the Berlin Wall between 1961 and 1989.

http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/PR/GIC/2009/08/11_Berlin_Wall_Construction_PM.html