



November 14, 2010-ANNUAL MEETING

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Conquering the Paper Monster Forever

Admit you have a problem and create a plan

Library open 12:00 till 5:00 Program starts at 2:00 p.m.

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

December 12, 2010-Holiday Pot-Luck

Non-Profit 25 Year Anniversary

Bring an entrée, salad or sides such as pickles, olives or bread etc. All paper goods, utensils, drinks and dessert will be provided.

Genealogy without documentation is mythology. The *South Bay Beacon*, V. 33, No. 5

The Los Angeles Family History Library will open October 25, 2010 to serve you.

Library hours:

Monday, Friday, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am - 9 pm

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday November 6 9 am - 9 pm

Sunday November 7 3 pm - 9 pm

During the Open House twenty minute Mini-classes will be taught. Check our website for the Mini-class schedule. The Library will not be available for research during the Open House.

Come to the Open House and let us introduce you to our newly renovated library with:

- a) State-of-the-art technology: High speed Internet, computers and virtual teaching classrooms facilitate genealogical research that cannot be accessed at smaller family history centers.
- b) Large collection of resources: Microfilms/fiches, books and free use of fee-based websites such as Ancestry.com.
- c) Video Conferencing: The computer laboratory is uniquely designed

to support video conferencing technology. As a result, classes can be received from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City or the Riverton Family Search Library and taught real time at the Los Angeles facility. Conversely, programming may originate from Los Angeles and be distributed to distant libraries.

d) Classroom Facilities: Two large new classrooms will be used for training and for beginning, intermediate, and advanced family history courses that teach the most current family history research methods.

Richard D. McBride
Director
Los Angeles Family History Library

KALENDER

November		
Time Change on 7th-2 AM		
14	Annual Meeting/Program	2PM
16		Mailing
24	CLOSED	Thanksgiving
27-28	CLOSED	Thanksgiving
December		
12	POT-LUCK	1PM
	General Meeting/Program	2PM
14		Mailing
25-31	CLOSED	Christmas

I might have more of a curiosity about Mark Twain than the average person. Before he was known as Mark Twain, he was Samuel Langhorne Clemens, and came up the Mississippi and lived in my hometown of Keokuk, Iowa and worked for his brother Orion for a period of time. Orion had a print shop. In fact, I found my mother's father in a city directory that Orion printed. One of my father's grandfathers owned a print shop later on and I always have wondered whether he bought Orion's equipment when he went out of business. "Mark Twain", "is a nautical term indicating the depth of water. Mississippi paddleboats needed a depth of twelve feet, or two fathoms, to operate safely. When the boats entered shallow waters, a rope marked every three feet, lead weight at the end, was thrown overboard. At two fathoms, the measurer would cry 'mark twain', meaning 'mark two fathoms'." This marks the anniversary of Twain's death in 1910, and 125 years since *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was published. I have cousins who live just outside Hannibal, MO and visit every few years. the *Elks* magazine, July/ August 2010

It seems everywhere I look, I find more DNA articles. This one from a Time magazine I just ran across here at home, is four years old. It is exclusive information to Time, titled, "The Untold Saga of Early Man in America". In Benton County, Wash., "some bones were found by two college students on the banks of the Columbia River, near the town of Kennewick." The coroner called in Jim Chatters, a forensic anthropologist, to ask an opinion of the age of the bones. His "off-the-cuff" guess was that they were a settler from the late 1800's. When "a CT scan revealed a stone spear point embedded in the skeleton's pelvis...Chatters sent a bit of finger bone off to the University of California at Riverside for radiocarbon dating...his estimate was dramatically off the mark....They belonged to a man who had walked the banks of the Columbia more than 9,000 years ago." Here are some of the migration milestones that have been identified. "35,000 B.P. (before the present). Beginning of last North American ice age. Mitochondrial-DNA studies indicate the earliest possible migration". "20,000 B.P. Earliest migration date, according to Y-chromosome studies". This following I find fascinating. "One way scientists have tried to get a handle on that question is through genetics. Their studies have focused on two different types of evidence extracted from the cells of modern Native Americans: mitochondrial DNA, which resides outside the nuclei of cells and is passed down only through the mother; and the Y chromosome, which is passed down only from father to son. Since DNA changes subtly over the generations, it serves as a sort of molecular clock, and by measuring differences between populations, you can gauge when they were part of the same group." "The mitochondrial DNA signals a migration up to 30,000 years ago", says research geneticist Michael Hammer of the University of Arizona. But the Y suggests that it occurred within the last 20,000 years....Theodore Schurr, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Laboratory of Molecular Anthropology, thinks there could have been many migrations. It looks like there may have been one primary migration, but certain genetic markers are more prevalent in North American than in South America. Scient-

ists use markers in DNA samples from indigenous peoples in North and South America to figure out when populations diverged from each other. DNA comparisons suggest the first Americans may have diverged from groups in the Lake Baikal area of what is now Russia as early as 26,000 years ago." Wow, don't you love it! *Time* magazine, March 13, 2006

This library at 1310 W. Magnolia in Burbank, CA, is a Treasure Trove of information, especially for anyone doing German research. I cannot recommend more strongly that you come and see it. Following is a list of some of the newsletters, periodicals and magazines of other societies in the library. These are just the most current and do not begin to cover all all of them. Donauschwäbische Familienkundliche Forschungsblätter (in German); DerAhnenforscher, German Genealogy Group; Schulhaus Reporter, The German-Texan Heritage Soc.; German Interest Group-Wisconsin Newsletter; American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Soc.; Pommerscher Verein Friestad Rundschreiben, Pomeranian Soc. of Freistadt Newsletter; The Norwegian-American Historical Assn Newsletter; NGS Magazine, Nat'l Genea. Soc.; Questing Heirs Genea. Soc. Newsletter; The South Bay Beacon, South Bay Cities Genea. Soc.; WAGS Family Tales, Whittier Area Genea. Soc.; Pomona Valley Genea. Soc. Newsletter; Escondido Genea. Soc. Newsletter; Winepress Newsletter, Napa Valley Genea. & Bio Soc.; Desert Diggings, Hi-Desert Genea. Soc. Newsletter, Apple Valley, CA ; LAWGS News, Los Angeles Westside Genea. Soc., Eastern Nebraska Genea. Soc. Newsletter; Yakima Valley Genea. Soc.periodical; Lake County (IL) Genea. Soc. Quarterly; The Researcher, The Newsletter of the Sheboygan Co. Hist. Research Ctr; Keefer Family Assn. Newsletter. As you can see, they run the gamut from national societies to families. Come in and see all the other newsletters that are not listed above.

This database can be used when you need to know county boundary changes. If your family came early, this is especially handy. "The Newberry Library in Chicago has recently completed a new, FREE, online resource, the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. The database covers every day-to-day change in county boundaries—from 1634 to 2000." Go to <<http://publications.newberry.org/ah-cbp/index.html>> My fathers English lines began coming to Massachu-setts as early as 1630, and I sometimes thought they moved, when in actuality a new county was formed from an old one. The explanation I have gotten is that it was too far for people to get to a county courthouse to conduct official business, and so it came to pass that a new county was formed. *Pomona Valley Genea. Soc. Newsletter*, V. 38, Issue 1, September 2010

The Bureau of Land Management; General Land Office Records has a site that provides "access to Federal land conveyance records for all Public Land States". Included are "images to over 3 million Federal land title records issued between 1820 and 1908, offering a visual tour.... This sounds fantastic, so see if you can find anything for an ancestor. *Winepress Newsletter*, Napa Valley Genea. & Bio. Soc., V. 36, No. 5, Sept, Oct 2010

Anne Goodenough shared information from Paul Lipinski, Editor, Polish Genealogical Society of California that she gathered at the National Genealogical Society conference held in Salt Lake City this year with members of the Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society. For "Ship Records, before 1908, not as much information as those after 1908. A two page form lists last place of residence, destination and place of birth." I can testify that I found all of that information in a 1904 Passenger List for my children's Italian great grandfather and so I doubt that the 1908 is a hard and fast rule, and perhaps you should give it a try anyway. My first husband had different ideas of where he was from, and both of them were wrong, but he died before we could tell him the correct location. Also, "Men sometimes gave an incorrect name or age if they were avoiding the draft in the country they were leaving, or if they worked for their passage. Another piece of information that seems wrong to me is the following: "Naturalization Records—Before 1906 no information, after 1906 a veritable goldmine". Maybe I am being a crank here, but I have found the Naturalization of three of my ancestor's; Alois Gumbel, Carl Bicker and John Gerhardt, all naturalized before 1906. I think I disagree mainly because of the word "no" above. It follows the law of logic of The Fallacy of All. Almost nothing in genealogy is all or nothing. We all have our tales of finding something that everyone says can't be found, and yet we do it. "The best information is on the petition and application forms". This very well may be true and I don't have those papers for those men. "You need to know where your ancestor lived when they [were] naturalized and the court where they filed. These records are on microfilm and the search begins with an index. Or, you can send form G-639 to the National Archives". I think that could be "the rub" as Shakespeare said. I didn't know where my grandfather Gumbel was living when he was naturalized, even though I thought it was my hometown, and it wasn't. But, I was at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. when I found his naturalization date on microfilm. And here is something that I can testify to because I recently got the WWI Draft Registration for the Silesian grandfather of my first husband. I had no idea that men had to register past the age of 35. But, they did. There were "three registrations; 5 June 1917, 5 June, and 12 September, 1918. 24 million men registered for the draft. All males (age 18-15) born from Sept. 11, 1872 to Sept. 12, 1900 were required to register....You need to know where they lived when they registered. Send requests to National Archives-Southeast Region, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30344. *NAWGS News*, September 2010, V. 29, Issue 8.

You are now able to get "research guides" for every state and most foreign countries...at no cost online at <<http://www.familysearch.org>> according to Connie Moretti. "These can be found under the 'Research Helps' tab on the main screen by clicking 'guidance'." This is a quick way to get very good instruction. If you are anxious to learn further, you might want to buy some videos that are available online. Go to the same website and look under "Research Helps" again for "classes online". This is excellent for beginners but it's never too late for a

renewal of things you knew and have forgotten for the experienced researcher. *The South Bay Beacon*, V. 33, No. 5

This morning I was listening to National Public Radio on radio, as I do each morning when I wake. Today is Sat., Oct 2nd, and Scott Simon was interviewing a man who is retracing the journey John Steinbeck made around America with his dog. The copy of the book I own has traveled from state to state with me since its purchase that must have been made in 1968 in Maryland, because that was the date of its 28th publication as a Bantam book. The original copyright was 1961. I probably already had wanderlust, but that book added fuel to the flame. If you want to read a Classic book about the United States by a master writer, after all he wrote "The Grapes of Wrath", "Of Mice and Men", and "East of Eden" among other books and he got a Nobel Prize for Literature, you can do no better than reading "Travels with Charley". Ed.

I was going through newsletters looking for items that I think will be of help to members, and I noted that one society in Los Angeles is minus a corresponding Secretary, Membership person, Publicity person, and Newsletter Editor. We aren't in so bad a shape after all, BUT it is always possible that we will need the same people to keep our society going. **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AT OUR LIBRARY.** You will meet Fascinating People with Unique Problems that You Will Help Solve. And think of the Satisfaction YOU Will Receive from Helping!!! "Come on People Now, Let's All Get Together Right Now"; remember those lyrics! If you do, you ain't 21!!! Ed.

Did you hear? Los Angeles had it's HOTTEST temperature (113) on the 27th of September, since records were begun in 1877. It could have been even hotter but the thermometer broke! We were ONLY 111, not that two degrees make much difference when it gets that hot.

The 2010 Census workers are finished except for some late minute items. I worked as a Recruiter for the 1990 Census and enjoyed going out and testing people to work in the field. When it was over, I worked an additional three years in the office doing cold-call Surveys for other government departments—not so much fun!

This information, <<http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2010.htm>> from American Spirit magazine, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, July/August 2010, will let you know genealogical websites, including the ones that are "pay-to-view". Desert Diggings, *Hi-Desert Genea. Soc. Newsletter*.

"Offering monthly, annual, and trial subscriptions, GenealogyBank.com, boasting the largest newspaper archive for family history research" may be a website that will help you. "This site has access to over 2,400 historical newspapers and documents". Winepress Newsletter, *Napa Valley Genea. & Bio. Soc.*, V. 36, No. 5, Sept, Oct 2010

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<http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/newsletter/The_Week_in_Germany/TWIG_101015,variant=issue.html>

Berlin Festival of Lights. Each fall the Festival of Lights turns Berlin into a sparkling metropolis as artistic illuminations give city landmarks a new look.

Festival of Lights: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/07__Culture__Lifestyle__Travel/03/01/03/Berlin__FestivalLights__BG.html>

International Emmy Nominees Announced. Programs from 15 countries were recently nominated for the international Emmy Awards. Germany's Iris Berben and Sebastian Koch are respectively each up for a best actress and best actor award. International Emmies: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/2010/10/11__Emmies__PM.html>

Next Eurovision Song Contest to Take Place in Düsseldorf. Lena Meyer-Landrut won the last Eurovision Song Contest for Germany earlier this year in Oslo. The next edition of the pan-European popfest is now due to take place in Düsseldorf. Eurovision: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/2010/10/12__Eurovision__PM.html>

Germany on "Embassy Row" on WTOP 103.5. In cooperation with WTOP 103.5 FM radio, the German Embassy presented a week-long series celebrating German Unity and presenting German politics, culture and lifestyle. Listen: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/P__Wash/2010/10/07__WTOP__PR.html>

Berlin Film Festival to Honor Ingmar Bergman. The Oscar-winning Swedish director Ingmar Bergman is to be honored at next year's Berlin International Film Festival, Berlinale organizers announced recently. Berlinale: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/2010/10/13__Bergmann__PM.html>

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Kaymer on Winning European Ryder Cup Team. German golfer Martin Kaymer celebrated the European win in the Ryder Cup over the American team. The Düsseldorf native, who won the PGA Championship in August, chalked up a mixed performance in the tourney. Golf Star Kaymer: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/P__Wash/2010/10/08__RyderCup__PR.html>

Winners of The Week in Germany Helmut Kohl Quiz
The Week in Germany recently published a quiz on former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Revisit the questions - including all the correct answers - and find out if you are among the lucky prizewinners! Unity Survey: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/2010/10/15__KohlSurvey__PM.html>