

## **June 14, 2009—Workshop #3 2009 –12-5 PM**

“How to use the IGS Library—Places-Map Use” Historic or “new”maps, spelling, number in the country with the same spelling, “neu, alt, ober, nieder, vor, hinter, etc.” Clues to finding the right one, gazetteer help, use of grids, area searches, finding jurisdictions. Library diagram.

Program starts at 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society**

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### **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.

#### **July 12, 2009—A Joint Meeting IGS & The Pommern**

**Group will be held at 2PM**

“Mystery” Letter & Pomeranian House on the Lake  
Speaker: Carolyn Casperson will recount her trip in May to Pomerania and hopefully solve the mystery of the letter in the four days they have with a guide.

#### **August 9, 2009 -WORKSHOP #4 2009 –12-5**

**How to use the IGS Library-Foreign Sources** Organization of our foreign collection by German State and time period, then other countries in alphabetical order  
A presentation at 2pm about the work of Franz Schubert, our unique indexes of marriages, census, and other sources given by Eldon Knuth.

#### **September 13, 2009—WORKSHOP #5 2009—12-5 United States**

**October -- To Be Announced**

#### **November 8, 2009 —WORKSHOP #6 2009—12-5 Put It Together**



**Marlene A. Nolte  
April 3, 1931-April  
12,2009**

The funeral service for Marlene Nolte is scheduled for May 23rd at 11:00 AM at Saint Bernardine of Siena located at 24410 Calvert Street , Woodland Hills CA .The church is on Valley Circle Blvd.between Burbank/Platt and Victory, closer to Victory. There will be no viewing as she has been cremated. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity would be appreciated. The Immigrant Genealogical Society will be receiving donations in Marlene’s memory

**Volunteers Are Urgently Needed** at our library. Our collection of German books for research are Among the Most Important in the United States. Who could imagine that a library small in size but huge in the research community would need to beg for people to devote only as few as five hours or as many as seven hours per week to keep our library open.

<b>KALENDER</b>
June 14 Workshop #3 12-5 PM
21 CLOSED Father’s Day
23 Mailing
26-28 SCGS Jamboree

You may come in on Wednesday from noon to 5; Saturday from 10 to 5; or Sunday from noon to 5. You Do Not do patrons research for them. All you need to do is Be Here. We have a wonderful research staff of volunteers who do research by mail for our nominal fees.

**A reminder that Jean Nepsund** has retired from doing this newsletter after many years and we are in need of an editor. I did the last letter and this one and will try to keep on as long as possible, but if you want the job, I will abdicate. Let us know if you have the desire to be the editor for the newsletter or the periodical or both

**Today I heard there is a new book out on Mark Twain.** I can never get enough of this very witty man who lived in my hometown of Keokuk, Iowa for a time working for this brother Orion at his print shop. The book's title is, "Who is Mark Twain". My husband owns "The Family Mark Twain", a book of 1,462 pages and always fun to dip in to. But here is something short from A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, 1889, chapter 22. Immer wenn der gebildete Deutsche in einen Satz eintaucht, ist das das Letzte was man von ihm sieht, bis er auf der anderen Seite des Atlantik mit dem Verb im Mund wieder auftaucht. Translation: Whenever the literary German dives into a sentence, that is the last you are going to see of him till he emerges on the other side of the Atlantic with his verb in his mouth. Der Blumenbaum, SGGS, V. 26, No. 4: Apr/May/June 2009

**THE GERMAN CARD** a hinged, 8-panel laminated companion for German Researchers is still available from the Sacramento German Genealogical Society. It helps with old German alphabet interpretation (handwriting or Gothic script), major symbols in German records and basic German vocabulary used in church and civil records. A check payable to SGGS for \$5.00 each (15 or more=\$4.25 each) and mailed with a business-size (#10) envelope, self-addressed, with 1st Class Postage (\$ .44)[SASE} will bring it to you! Mail too: Milt Kelly, 210 San Carlos Way , Novato , CA 94945-1628

### **So Many Search Engines-So Little Time**

Have you ever heard of AllTheWeb at <http://alltheweb.com> This site will let you specify the type search you want to do. Another site that sounds amazing is <http://altavista.com> which is a web index. And one that may help lots of us is [http://www.netmasters.co.uk\\_european\\_search\\_engines/](http://www.netmasters.co.uk_european_search_engines/) If you are searching a person, put quote marks around

the entire name to get the name in its exact form. Thanks for this information to Janice Cox Brown in her column, "Jabber from Janice" in the Napa Valley Genea. & Bio. Soc. Newsletter. Winepress Newsletter, V. 35, No. 2, Feb/Mar/Apr 2009

**In these times of financial news**, this may not be a time for asking for federal funds. But, on the theory, if you don't ask, you never know, let's all ask!! Liz Stookesberry Myers has reported from the California State Genealogical Alliance that our action is needed in preserving our history. Congressmen Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Chris Cannon (R-UT) – who says they can't work together – have issued a letter to members of the House of Representatives, asking them to be sponsors of the "Preserving the American Historical Records", or the PAHR bill. Every state would be provided federal formula grants to make records more accessible. I don't know what a "federal formula grant" is, but it must mean something that would help on a project like this. For help or info, go to this site <http://www.archivists.org/pahr/> where you will find a fact sheet and copy of the bill and other materials. If you don't want to create a letter on your own, there are draft letters you can use to write your Representative. I remember that when I was taking my public relations classes in college, that one letter counts as 100 people who feel the same but do not write. This makes it important for each of us to write and it will represent many more. Our historical heritage is important for our future archivists and researchers.

CSGA Newsletter, V. 27, No. 2, March-April 2009

### **If you are looking for what newspapers were published in California**

go to the California Newspaper Project site <http://cbsr.tabbec.com> where 150,000 pages from newspapers from 1849-1911 have been digitized. An online catalog has records for more than 14,400 papers throughout the United States at <http://cmp.ucr.edu:cnpsearchdb.html> This is sad commentary when we consider how many newspapers are closing throughout our country. Funding was from the National Endowment for the Humanities and LSTA grants from the California State Library. This information originally was in the Santa Clara County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Feb 2009, V. 54#2. Some of the papers included are the Alta California (1849-1889); the San Francisco Call (1900-1910); the Amador Ledger (1900-1911); the Imperial Valley Press (1901-1911); and the Los Angeles Herald (1905-1907). Napa Valley Genealogical & Biographical Society Winepress Newsletter, V.35, No. 2, Feb/Mar/Apr 2009

**The following important information in Der Blumenbaum from the FGS Voice**, The Online Edition of the Genealogical Helper is now available and is especially helpful with German or Netherlands research. Go to <http://www.everton.com> to subscribe, where you will have access to three issues: Jul/Aug/ Sep/Oct; and Nov/Dec 2008.

**Two friends of mine were in Salt Lake City** for a week recently and one of them was doing research for someone else. She wanted a particular book. She found out it was available in Riverside, California but the other friend looked up the title of the book and found it was also at the LDS Library where they were at that very moment! How great can that be? Do you want to know what let them know that? It was on Google books <http://books.google.com/> Now that is fantastic. My friend went straight to the book and saved herself and the person she was helping an additional trip! And don't forget that at this site you may find books that have been digitized. This is a whole new world from that one I was born into 71 years ago, and hooray for that.

**If you have Cook County, Illinois ancestors,** and it seems a lot of people along with my husband do, here is something for you. In Research Tips from Anne Tetley Butcher, comes the following. After the Chicago fire of 8 Oct. 1871, record keeping resumed in 1872. The Genealogy Unit of the Cook County Clerk's Bureau of Vital Records will provide you with a non-certified version of a birth, marriage, or death record. Right now, more than six million of their eight million records are searchable. Under the Illinois Law, genealogical vital records are: birth certificates 75 years or older; marriage certificates 50 years or older; and death certificates 20 years or older. First, you need to register, for free, at the site. You may search by name, or actual year or range. You will find a file number. Use the name, date and file number to order your copy. Cost will be \$15.00 plus a credit card fee of \$1.75. You will then be able to download the non-certified copy. You can have them do a manual search. Be aware there will be a fee of \$15.00 that is non-refundable if nothing is found by them. You would fill and sign a Genealogical Request Form that you can download from online. Mail that request to: Cook County Clerk, David Orr, Bureau of Vital Records-Genealogy, P.O. Box 642570, Chicago, IL 60664-2570. Direct your questions to: [genealogy@cookcountygov.com](mailto:genealogy@cookcountygov.com) It would seem this state is very helpful when you are looking for your ancestors. Rabbit Tracks, V. 26, No. 4, Winter 2008

**The New York Times of 10 March 2009,** introduced an interactive map showing the settlement of different ethnic groups in America. The web address is:

[www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html?hp](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html?hp)

By gradation of color, the map displays the largest foreign-groups in each county. You can select individual groups by country. Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter of 9 March 2009 at <http://blog.eogn.com> Copyright 2009 by Richard W. Eastman

**Now here is a reality show** a lot of us can relate to and actually enjoy. It was due to premier on the 20th of April and I didn't know about it until now. The new series is called "Who Do You Think You Are". The Genealogy Gems Podcast blog reports the premier has been postponed until summer. Questing Heirs Genea. Soc. Newsletter, V. 42, No.4, Apr 2009

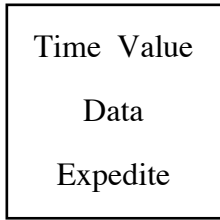
**Gov. Edward G. Rendell signed the new Right-To-Know law** on February 14, 2008, fundamentally changing the way people access public records of their government. The hallmark of this new law, which fully takes effect January 1, 2009, is its presumption of openness. For the first time in Pennsylvania history, citizens no longer have to prove that a record is public and that it should be released. Now, a government agency must presume that a record is a public record available for inspection or copying. If the government agency chooses to withhold a record, the agency has the burden to prove—with legal citation—why that record should not be available to the public....For the remainder of Executive Director Terry Mutchler's message, as well as links to PDF and text versions, go to [openrecords.state.pa.us](http://openrecords.state.pa.us) ...there are statues protecting adoption records and birth records from disclosure and the Right to Know Act would not trump those. ...the Act has an exception for any record that identifies the name, home address or date of birth of a child 17 years or younger. Der Blumenbaum, SGGs,

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**On the Wide Web page of Der Ahnenforscher,** is an interesting site sent by Barbara DeOliveira. It contains searchable databases for court records, tax records, church books and ancestry lists related to Saxony. They will also accept your records to expand the site; <http://www.webgenealogie.de/> Der Ahnenforscher, Issue 131, April 2009

**Our big XEROX COPIER** has decided to cost more in repairs than it is worth. We have gotten good use out of it for years, but IT MUST BE REPLACED. We will happily accept donations for a new one. We need one that will PRINT 17 INCH PAPER to use to print MAPS. Those of you who have visited our library know that you often want to print a map of the area where you have found an ancestor. Remember that **YOUR DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!**

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**Week in German**

**Chancellor Welcomes New German Citizens**

In the first naturalization celebration of its sort, Chancellor Merkel welcomed 16 new German citizens, including nine-year-old Shashruht, his sister Shaktisina and his father Raghava Reddy Kethiri, who traveled from Dresden for the ceremony in the Federal Chancellery. New German Citizens Latest **update: influenza A (H1N1) ("swine flu")** - people strongly advised against all but essential journeys to Mexico at present. The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that there have been more than one thousand suspected cases of "swine flu" in Mexico. Deaths have also been registered, among other places in the capital Mexico City. Please take note of the current travel and safety advice for Mexico, the Federal Foreign Office's recommendations on an influenza pandemic, as well as further information on the website of the Robert Koch Institute: Latest information on influenza A (H1N1) of the Federal Foreign Office : Influenza Pandemie : rsorgeempfehlungen des Auswärtigen Amtes Robert-Koch-Institut **Endless Europe: Thousands Flock to EU** Open House in Washington The German Embassy welcomed thousands of visitors on a sunny Saturday to celebrate the unity and diversity of the European Union in Washington as part of the third annual EU Open House program. EU Open House 2009 **Merkel Pledges Further Security Training** After Meeting with Karzai Experience has shown that "we have made good progress in

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training the Afghan armed forces and police," declared Chancellor Angela Merkel after talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai at the Federal Chancellery **Jazz and Pop Tips:** A Weekly Guide to Music from Germany Joy Denalane's neo-Philly sound is convincing for a girl who grew up "playing dodge ball against the Berlin Wall