

 <p>Genealogical Association of Sacramento</p> <p>THE LAMPLIGHTER</p>	 <p>GAS</p> <p>May 2007</p> <p>Helping you step toward your ancestors</p> <p>Web Address http://home.surewest.net/bbetts/gas.htm</p>
--	--

GAS Meeting Wednesday, May 16, 2007

will be held at **Belle Cooledge Library**

1:00 pm

Barbara Leak - Finding Both Halves of Military Bounty-Land Records

MEMBERS:

The Lamplighter Editor would like to be replaced before or after the June, 2007 issue
Please contact a Co-President (Esther or Ralph) if you can help

Editorial:

The Board has asked me to outline the requirements to be the Lamplighter editor. The first and most important is to volunteer. Most of the rest will fall in place. In today's world the second major requirement would be the possession of a working computer (sometimes, I do not fall neatly into this requirement) with internet access. I use Microsoft Publisher to organize the contents because I have it available. Similar organization could be done with Word or Word Perfect or other quality word processing program (with a spell checker). I have internet access, via a DSL line, that I use to monitor a number of genealogy web sites. The most time in construction of an issue is looking for suitable material to put in each issue. Since I am not a typist, I have not put in much original work over the last two years. I have been fortunate that Nancy Phillips has stayed on to furnish two pages for each issue. It is my understanding that she will retire after her submission for the June Issue. Nancy has been a great help to our newsletter the last several years and deserves a very large THANK YOU. After construction of an issue it is uploaded in pdf format to NetPost on the USPS web site. They do the printing and mailing and I pay them with my personal credit card. The GAS Treasurer reimburses me. I estimate that production of an issue can take me anywhere from eight to 20 hours, depending upon how lucky I am to find, what I consider, suitable material and get it formatted for publication. Any questions? Larry Berry, Editor

Word meanings (from genealogy.com via about.com)

Some of today's most familiar words had different meanings previously. The change in meaning usually occurred in words referring to social relationships. For example, the word "cousin" often meant niece or nephew; and the title "Mrs." could show high social status, not necessarily marital status. There are a few other relationship terms that you should look out for:

- The terms "niece" and "nephew" spring from Latin words which meant "granddaughter" and "grandson," so you may find them used in that context.
- When we use the words "junior" and "senior," we normally think of a father and son relationship. However, in the past, these words were used much more liberally and could refer to an uncle and nephew, or even to two people with the same name who were unrelated.
- The words "brother" and "sister" also were used in different ways. Members of the same church often referred to each other as brothers and sisters, and a married couple would refer to their brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law just as brothers and sisters.
- The term "in-law" can also cause problems. In the past, "in-law" relationships could be either step relationships or the regular in-law relationship that we think of today.

Misunderstanding and misinterpreting these terms can really twist the branches of your family tree, so when you're reading older records it is important to be cautious. When it is possible, verify information with other records. This is the best way to make sure that you have the correct information. In addition, look at the rest of the language in the document. The more arcane terms and spellings you find, the more careful you should be.

About the Genealogical Association of Sacramento (GAS)

Mail: PO Box 292145, Sacramento, CA 95829-2145 Web: <http://home.surewest.net/bbetts/gas.htm>

Lamplighter editor (insert "GAS" in subject line): lberty7@pacbell.net

President: Esther McAllister, (916) 682-8004, esthermc@peoplepc.com

Officers and Chair

Co-Presidents

Rapha Crouse &
Esther McAllister

First Vice Presidents

Diana Stuck &
Rebecca Cole

Second Vice President

Sharon Bias

Recording Secretary

Faye Corrin

Corresponding Secretary

Dave Purcell

Treasurer

Jean Morgan

Programs

Diana Stuck

Ways & Means

Beverly Buel

Membership

Carol Byers

Director at Large

Nancy Phillips

Registrar

Carol Byers

Public Relations

Doris Hansen

Parliamentarian

Ed McGrath

Resources

Carol Piper

Volunteer Coordinator

Lorraine Lineer

Bus Trips

Sharon Bias

Historian

Melanie Howard

Publications

Larry Berry

Salt Lake City Trips

Donna VanLone

Telephone Committee

Nancy Ehlers

Webmaster

Bill Betts

Meetings

We meet the third Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) at 1:00 pm, Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. We offer assistance in genealogical research, and support members in tracing their family trees. Activities include guest speakers, seminars, and field trips to library or archive holdings.

Dues are \$20 per person or \$25 per couple from July 1 to June 30.

Salt Lake Trip

Once a year GAS coordinates a trip to Salt Lake City so that participants can research at the LDS Family History Library. Individuals must arrange their own transportation, but hotels are secured at a discount for the group.

Library Collection

The GAS collection of genealogical books and periodicals is held on the fourth floor of the Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA. The collection can be accessed during regular library hours, currently 12-5 on Sunday; closed on Monday; 10-6 Friday; 10-8 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and 10-5 on Saturday. Donations of books are accepted.

Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 38, April 30, 2007

Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933 by Steven W. Myers

This National Archives microfilm publication (M850) reproduces cards recording pension payments made to Army and Navy veterans and their widows from 1907 through 1933. Although this set excludes records for World War I service, it can be useful for uncovering details about other pensioners during the period and for identifying specific records that are difficult to locate in the more commonly used "General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934." Since these pension payment cards are not yet available in any online database, it is especially important for researchers to be aware of their availability on microfilm.

The Bureau of Pensions and later the Veterans Administration originally maintained the approximately two million cards reproduced in this microfilm publication. The cards have been filmed in alphabetical order by the surname of the Army or Navy invalid or widow, except that those with Indian names have been filmed alphabetically at the beginning of the respective letter of the alphabet. The form of the card is almost identical for the four classes: Army Invalid, Navy Invalid, Army Widow and Navy Widow.

Cards can provide the veteran's name, rank, unit or branch of Service, certificate number, the disability for which pensioned, the law or laws under which pensioned, the class of pension or certificate, the rate of pension, the effective date of pension, the date of the certificate, any fees paid, the name of the pension agency or group transferred from (if applicable), the date of death, the date the Bureau was notified, the widow's name, the former roll number and place of residence. Sometimes a specific street address is supplied. The back of the cards include a record of the individual quarterly pension payments. Beginning in 1923, these payments were made monthly. On the widow cards, the widow's name replaces the veteran's, and the veteran's name replaces the information about the disability for which pensioned. A block is also available on the widow card for recording payments made to minors, who can be named.

Of course, there is always the possibility of finding additional unexpected details. Remarks may mention dates that payments were suspended or discontinued, or provide additional service details such as "served as a cabin steward for 20 years." In the few instances where correspondence was attached to a card, that has also been filmed. This source is worth a look.

Preservation Tip of the Month by Becky Schipper

The tip this month is a little different than usual. It is a "Virtual Exhibition of the Ravages of Dust, Water, Molds, Fungi, Bookworms, and other Pests." It is from the European Commission on Preservation and Access.

<www.knaw.nl/ecpa/expo.htm> It details what materials can look like and the damage that can be done when they are not properly cared for.

Missouri

Part II

By Nancy Phillips

May 2007

Bibliography

The following web sites will provide useful in researching your Missouri ancestors.

The Ancestry database is available at no charge at all Sacramento public libraries, with no additional charge for printing.

Birth, Marriage & Death Records

- Audrain Co. marriage records 1836-79
- Audrain Co. marriages, 1870-1917
- Audrain Co. obituaries, 1885-1916, 1930-42
- Barry Co. marriages, 1837-1854
- Barton Co. cemetery records
- Boone Co. obituaries, 1871-1913
- Boone Co. cemetery records
- Buchanan Co. marriages, 1839-55
- Caldwell Co. marriages 1845-71
- Caldwell Co. Cemetery records
- Callaway Co. marriages, 1870-1922
- Callaway Co. obituaries, 1830-1910, 1920-55
- Callaway Co. cemetery records
- Camden Co. cemetery records
- Cape Girardeau & Adjoining Counties, Cemetery Records
- Carroll Co. marriages, 1833-56
- Carroll Co. cemetery records
- Cass Co. cemetery records
- Cedar Co. cemetery records
- Chariton Co. marriages, 1821-52
- Chariton Co. cemetery records
- Clay Co. marriages, 1852-1900
- Clay Co. cemetery records
- Cole Co. births, 1883-1906
- Cole Co. deaths, 1924-1930
- Cole Co. marriages, 1821-51
- Cole Co. obituaries, 1871-99
- Cooper Co. cemetery records
- Cooper Co. marriages, 1819-1850 & Wills (1820-1870)
- Daviess Co. marriages 1836-55
- Daviess Co. cemetery records
- Grundy Co. cemetery records
- Harrison Co. marriages, 1846-80
- Lafayette Co. obituaries 1891-1920
- Lafayette Co. cemetery records
- Lincoln Co. deaths, 1866-1936
- Linn Co. marriages 1842-70
- Linn Co. cemetery records
- Livingston Co. birth records, 1883-84, 1888-91
- Livingston Co. death records 1883-90
- Livingston Co. marriages, 1837-63
- Macon Co. cemetery records
- Marion Co. cemetery records
- Miller Co. cemetery records
- Missouri bible records
- Missouri marriages to 1850
- Missouri marriages, 1766-1983
- Missouri marriages, 1851-1900
- Missouri newspaper death index
- Missouri Quaker records
- Moniteau Co. marriages (1845-60) & Wills (1845-1914)
- Montgomery Co. obituaries, 1889-1935
- Montgomery Co. cemetery records
- New Madrid cemetery records & marriage records, 1864-74
- Nodaway Co. marriages 1845-74
- Pettis Co. cemetery records
- Pike Co. deaths 1878-1917
- Pike Co. marriages, 1820-40
- Rails Co. cemetery records
- Randolph Co. marriage records, 1829-59
- Randolph Co cemetery records & histories
- Ray Co. cemetery records
- Ray Co. marriages (1820-50) & Wills (1824-49)
- Saline Co. cemetery records
- Saline Co. marriages 1820-81
- Saline Co. Ridge Park Cemetery records
- St. Louis City death records, 1850-1908
- St. Louis marriages 1804-76
- Sullivan Co. cemetery records
- Wright Co. marriages (1897-1900) & Wills (1859-1874)

Court, Land, Probate Records

- Buchanan Co. taxpayers 1887-1901
- Carroll Co. wills 1834-70
- Chariton Co. wills 1861-75
- Jasper Co. wills 1842-90
- Linn Co. wills 1820-78
- Livingston Co. deeds
- Livingston Co. wills & marriage records 1838-89
- Macon Co. wills & marriage records 1838-80
- Marion Co. wills 1853-87
- Nodaway Co. wills 1845-80
- Pettis Co. index to the general probate index 1833-75
- Ralls Co. wills 1824-72
- Randolph Co. wills 1836-58
- Sullivan Co. wills 1849-80

Military Records

- Audrain County draft records 1917
- Callaway Co. veterans Missouri Civil War records

(Missouri, continued on p. 4)

(Missouri, continued from p. 3)

- Missouri Confederate death records
- Missouri National Guard: the Mexican border, 1916

Directories

- Buchanan Co. 1902, 1904-06
- Kansas City 1889-1891
- St. Joseph 1887-90
- St. Louis 1889-90

Newspapers

- Chillicothe Morning Constitution (1889-92, 1900, 1905-06, 1910-15, 1917, and 1985)
- Sedalia Daily Democrat (1873-80, 1925)
- Joplin Globe (1944-55, 1958)
- Sikeston Herald (1936, 1938-42, 1944-45, 1948-60)

Missouri histories

- History of Missouri. 1918
- History of Missouri. 1908
- History of Moniteau Co. 1936
- History of the pioneer families of Missouri. 1876
- Memorial & biographical record of Kansas City & Jasper Co. 1896
- Bates County history 1821-1900.
- Buchanan & Clinton Counties biographical record. 1893
- Central Missouri Counties biographies. 1888
- Civil War & Masonry in Missouri. 1930
- Clay, Ray, Carroll, Chariton & Linn Counties index to biographies
- Encyclopedia of the history of St. Louis. 1899
- Gazetteer of the state of Missouri. 1837
- Harrison Co. history. 1921
- Historical & biographical sketches of the early churches & pioneer preachers of the Christian Church in MO. 1888

- History of Cass County. 1917
- History of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford & Gasconade counties. 1888
- History of Missouri Baptists. 1934
- History of Randolph & Macon Counties. 1884
- Kansas City & Jackson County biographical record. 1896
- Men who are making Kansas City. 1902
- Missouri biographical dictionary. 1878
- Missouri's hall of fame. 1918
- Notable St. Louisans in 1900.
- Pictorial & genealogical record of Greene Co. 1893
- Political history of Jackson Co. 1902
- Saline Co. 1876 taxpayers & biographies.

Other Related Web Sites

Afro-Americans in Missouri

www.usgennet.org/usa/mo/topic/afro-amer/

Excellent site with many links.

Oregon-California Trails Association

524 South Osage St.

Independence MO 64051

888-811-6282

www.octa-trails.org

As Missouri was the gateway to the West, OCTA, based in Independence MO on the grounds of the National Frontier Trails Museum is in the forefront in mapping the trails and collecting data on the westward migration. An index has been prepared of overland diaries, newspapers and other related materials. The Census of Overland Emigrant Documents is available in two ways: first, OCTA sells a CD available for purchase on their website; secondly, database searches may also be requested from OCTA for a research fee.

Following originally published in *UpFront with NGS*, The Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society.

Indiana Genealogical Society Blog:

The Indiana Genealogical Society now has a blog (<http://indgensoc.blogspot.com>). The blog is regularly updated with items of interest to all those involved in Indiana genealogy, including the latest queries and updates for the Indiana Marriage Indexing Project.

NGS has one million ancestral names available online!

Just under a year since the first Member Ancestry Chart (MAC) became available to members on its website, the National Genealogical Society uploaded the millionth ancestral name from its MAC collection. All of the names are searchable, including separate entries for women's maiden and married surnames.

After a decade of dedicated work by more than one hundred NGS volunteers, the entire MAC collection is being made available to members online, using a database designed by NGS member Linda Gouaze, and an excellent online software application designed completely in-house by Gayathri Gopiram, NGS' information technology specialist. The MAC collection is joining the Family Bible Records collection and the National Intelligencer abstracts in the rapidly expanding Members-Only section of the NGS Web site, <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 1996 - 2007 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Some Thoughts About Publishing Your Genealogy Data

Watching the comments posted to this newsletter's web site prompts many questions: Just how private are the facts that we record? Can we really "protect" our genealogy data? Should I copyright my data? Is my data automatically under copyright protection when I publish? Should I keep my data secret? Is it a good idea to do so? Or should I publish my genealogy data for all to see?

I do not know all the answers, but perhaps I can offer a few thoughts for your digestion.

First of all, there is one major issue that we all need to recognize: facts are not protected by copyright laws in the United States. A collection of facts is public domain information. We might be able to claim a copyright on the originality used in arranging of those facts, and we might be able to claim a compilation copyright on large collections of facts; but each individual fact remains in the public domain.

Next, there is the question of exactly what is "my data." The genealogy data that I have collected consists of a collection of facts. As already stated, facts are not "owned" or copyrighted by anyone. I don't own that information, at least not in the legal sense.

Next, most of the genealogy data we collect is obtained from public domain sources. I know that I obtained most of my information from birth records, marriage records, census records, military pension applications, and more. All of these are public domain sources of information and are already available to others, should they wish to look. In no way is the data to be considered "my private data" as I have no ownership over it. I simply transcribed data that is already in the public domain. I copied the information for my personal use, the same way anyone else can do by spending the same effort that I did to find the original (public) records. Therefore, it is not "my" data, it is everyone's public domain data that I happened to transcribe.

In a few cases, I may have supplemented those public facts with even more information that I obtained from family members or other non-public sources. Indeed, I did obtain a few pieces of information from a family Bible in my possession, information that has never been published before. However, the U.S. laws still insist that facts cannot be copyrighted. I interpret this to mean that facts are facts, regardless of the source of information. Whether I obtain a fact from a public record or from a private conversation or from an ancestor's Bible, it is still a fact, is not subject to copyright, and is not owned by me. A family relationship that I learned from a cousin is also a fact, not my "private" bit of information.

Next, what is the purpose of my hiding the information? Am I protecting anybody or any facts? As already mentioned, the facts are mostly public already. Most facts are readily available in public domain census records, birth records, death records and other locations.

I cannot "protect" those facts. In the case of deceased people, I don't see how I am protecting anyone. I never publicize information about living people; so, whether I publish my data online or not, I am not protecting anyone. (There might be one exception here: by not publishing I am protecting myself from the embarrassment of others finding errors in my research efforts.)

I have seen arguments that "Other people may take my data and republish it." In my mind, that's a good thing. If I have done a good job of research, wouldn't I want the correct information to be available to other descendants of these people, my distant cousins?

Next, I have seen arguments that "Other people publish inaccurate information, so I don't trust them and I will not publish my information." This strikes me as self-defeating: you are allowing their inaccurate information to remain unchallenged and uncorrected. When others search the web, they will find incorrect information and will probably perpetuate it by republishing those errors themselves. If you have correct information, it seems to me that you could do more good by publishing the correct information and thereby refuting the errors.

If you collect stories about the family and retell them in narrative form, you may be able to claim copyrights and "ownership" of those stories. However, that ownership excludes the facts buried within the stories. Facts are still facts and are not protected by copyrights or by any other legal protections in the United States.

Again, I do not have all the answers; but there is one thing that I am certain of: private individuals do not own "facts."

Many readers' comments about this article have already been posted at:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/05/some_thoughts_a.html

Calendar of Events

- May 16 -- Barbara Leak - Finding Both Halves of Military Bounty-Land Records
- June 8 to 10 -- Southern California Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank, California - see below
- June 20 -- Donald Calavan-MacRae, PhD - Science of Names
- August 15 - 18 -- FGS Conference, At: Fort Wayne, IN Theme: Meeting at the Crossroads of America
More Info: www.fgs.org
- October 24 (tentative) -- GAS Bus trip to Sutro Library

Southern California Genealogical Society 38th Annual Genealogy Jamboree

Friday, 6/8 - Sunday, 6/10

Location: Burbank, California

This popular genealogy conference features three days of lectures, exhibitors, and one-on-one research consultation by many of genealogy's most respected and knowledgeable speakers, for all experience levels and geographic / ethnic interests; a special lecture track by the Creole Heritage Center, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, "Louisiana - California Creole Connections"; a day-long Family History Writers Conference, with lectures and workshops to inspire family history writers; dozens of exhibitors and vendors with products and services to support your genealogical research; and much more.

More Info: www.scgsgenealogy.com

Fill out and keep this receipt as a record of payment of 2007– 2008 Dues

The membership year in GAS is from July 1 to June 30. Use the form printed below to **join** or to **renew** your membership. If you are a current member and fail to renew, you will not receive a newsletter after September 2006.

GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF SACRAMENTO (GAS)

I paid \$ _____ for dues. I contributed an additional \$ _____ for purchase of books.

By check number: _____ dated: _____

Cut the form below this line and return with your payment

Membership: Genealogical Association of Sacramento 2007-2008

Choose One: New _____ Renewal _____ Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Cash Donation for Library books: \$ _____ Amount for DUES: \$ _____

Annual dues are \$20 per person or \$25 per couple

Gifts are greatly appreciated and tax deductible to the extent permitted by law

NAME: _____
FIRST MAIDEN or MIDDLE LAST

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____

I want to be called before each meeting: Yes _____ No _____

Return this form and the dues to: **GAS Membership**
PO Box 292145, Sacramento, CA 95829-2145