



Anchorage Genealogical Society

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August Meeting: 7 p.m. Wednesday 1 August 2001 in the conference room at the Z.J. Loussac Library, 1st floor. The public is invited, officers to be there by 6:30 to set up. Peg Hubbard, Wilma Rookus, and Connie Fordham will provide refreshments. Liquid refreshments by Cindy Cupp. The program will be a discussion of the UMI with Doug McAllister, and the forthcoming seminar.

Classes: Beginning genealogy classes will start the 15th of September. If you have anyone who is interested they should contact Kathy Roberts at (907) 243-1757 or email kroberts@gci.net.

Seminar: If you have any thing in the way of research materials that you no longer need, there will be a "Freebie" table at the Seminar where you can place these items for someone else to take and use.

Elections: New officers are to be elected and installed at the October meeting. There are still some openings available. If you would like to help your society and its members grow then you should become an officer and work toward that goal. Mr. "OD" Odsather of the nominating committee can be contacted at 522-4554.

September Meeting: The seminar takes the place of the monthly meeting for September.

November Meeting: We will have a program on the 1930 U.S. Census.

European Forefathers: The periodical Science reports that a mere 10 lineage's account for almost 95% of more than 1000 European Y chromosomes examined. The genetic researchers conducting the study have concluded that virtually all European men are descended from 10 men who moved to Europe from Central Asia and the Middle East tens of thousands of years ago. *"The Tree Branch", Glendive, Montana, Feb. 2001, Courtesy of "The Bulletin", Northern AZ Genealogical Society, Prescott, AZ, July 2001.*

Bureaucrats: An actual case for proof of land ownership. A New Orleans lawyer sought an FHA loan for a client. He was told the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to a parcel of property being offered as collateral. The title to the property dated back to 1803, which (information) took the lawyer three months to track down. After sending the information to the FHA, he received the following reply:

"Upon review of your letter adjoining your client's loan application, we note that the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have prepared and presented the application, we must point out that you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral property back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear title back to its origin."

Annoyed the lawyer responded as follows:

"Your letter regarding the title in Case 189156 has been received. I note that you wish to have title extended further than the 194 years covered by the present application. I was unaware that any educated person in this country, particularly those working in the property area, would not know that Louisiana was purchased from France in 1803, the year of origin identified in our application. For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats, the title to land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France, which had acquired it by Right of Conquest from Spain. The land came into possession of Spain by Right of Discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea captain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by then reigning monarch Isabella. The good queen, being a pious woman and careful about titles, almost as much as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to fund Columbus's expedition. Now the Pope, as I'm sure you know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, And God, it is commonly accepted, created the world. Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume that He also made that part of the world called Louisiana. He, therefore would be the owner of origin. I hope you find this original claim to be satisfactory. Now, may we have our loan? They got it!

"Kansas Kin", Vol. XXXIX #1, Feb. 2001. Courtesy of "The Ark Valley Crossroads" Wichita Genealogical Society, Vol. 12 #3, July 2001

Why do we do it? We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense

understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth, without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

(Unknown Author)

From the Newbie-Listowner list website Courtesy of Shirley Odsather

See You at the Meeting!

ANCHORAGE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Presents

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SUBJECTS

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WHERE: LOUSSAC LIBRARY, Lower Level

WHEN: September 8, 2001 ... Saturday

REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

SEMINAR: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SEMINAR FEE*: \$40.00 for Early Registration

\$45.00 at the Door

For further information contact: (907) 345-2889

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

Name E-Mail _____

Mailing Address CITY - STATE ZIP _____

* = SEMINAR FEE (Circle): On or Before August 31st: \$40.00 On or After September 1st: \$45.00

Note: You do not have to be a member to attend the seminar.

MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2001 – 2002: Single \$18.00 Family \$25.00

Note: If you are a member, dues are due by October 1, 2001.

LUNCH MEAL OFFERED (Circle One): BEEF - HAM - TURKEY \$ 6.00

- Comes with Potato Salad, Brownie, and 1 Soft Drink

On or before On or After

Aug 31st | Sep 1st

SEMINAR FEE: \$ 40.00 | \$ 45.00 _____

Single | Family

2001 – 2002 Annual Membership Dues: \$ 18.00 | \$ 25.00 _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: AGS TOTAL: \$ _____

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