

HERITAGE NEWSLETTER

Editor: GERALYN JOHNSON

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C.A.A.G.S. MEETING

Our monthly meeting will be held on March 20, 1993 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the MARTIN LUTHER KING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH located at 6625 4th Avenue at 67th Street, Los Angeles.

Beginners Class

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Instructor

Marjorie Higgins

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Genealogy Workshop

Bring your research material, network and solve some of your research problems.

MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marcie Ambrose
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cooksey
Tommy Curry
Ethel Dillion
Leah Elliott
Valerie Holton
Arthur Lewis
Booker & Vivian Medlock
Essie Milligan
Rosie L. Richards
Diane Robinson
Carolyn Victor
Algena Weaver
Robert Wheaton
Charles E. Wilson
Elizabeth G. Wilson

THANK YOU

Thank you to the February Refreshment Committee, Collette DeVerge, Dorothy Lou Sands.

RESEARCH NOTES

MISSOURI RESEARCH

By Doreen Dullea

For those who can trace their ancestry to Missouri, the Western Historical Manuscript Collection; held jointly by the University of Missouri-Columbia and the State Historical Society of Missouri is an excellent African-American resource. This collection is located at: 23 Ellis Library University of, Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri 65201. Contact: Cindy Stewart

Included in this collection is material pertaining to African-Americans, including personal papers, records of Black organizations and churches, collections with significant information on African-Americans, civil rights, slavery and daily life to name a few.

A guide book on microfiche is available for \$10.00. Photocopies are \$.15 per page plus postage from manuscripts and \$.35 per page from microfilms. A new addition to the collection and one not listed in the guide is:

Military papers C 3825
Benecke Family Papers
F.2136-4025.

Also housed in this Collection is Civil War and Claim Papers that lists Colored Volunteers (Sub-series F.2136-2142). These record books contain descriptive lists of Black soldiers including names of volunteers and their owners, company, physical description, name of county and state where born, occupation, and much more.

This outstanding collection is of the utmost importance for researchers with ancestors in Missouri. If more information is needed please feel free to contact me:

805-969-3935
528 Barker Pass Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Please enclose a SASE for written response.

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CEMETERY RECORD INCONSISTENCIES

When looking for women in cemetery records, check under the married name as well as the maiden name. Women were sometimes buried under the maiden name. It is also important to consider the possibility of a second marriage, if her first husband had died.

When a man and woman are buried side by side with only one stone present, don't assume

they were husband and wife. Usually this assumption would be true, but it is not uncommon for a brother and a sister to have been buried together. It is better to wait for positive proof than to make your genealogy record inaccurate by including such assumptions as actual fact.

McLean Co. (IL) G.S.
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TERMINOLOGY ON LAND RELATED DOCUMENTS

John W. Heisey

Heres a quickie course or glossary of some of the most often encountered terms.

Message: A house or some habitable structure was then standing on the property.

Inmate: Far from its apparent meaning, this term was used in earlier times to designate an adult male or female who was renting property rather than owning it.

Patent: Concerning land, such a document was proof of possession of real estate purchased from a state, the federal government or a colony. Once an individual had a patent for his land, all other disposals of that property could be made by deed or will.

Indenture: A deed, usually written twice on a long sheet of paper. Cut on a wavy line

or an "indented" line between the two manuscript, the two parts were given to the parties concerned, (buyer and seller). Later, if the two halves fit together at the wavy cut line, it was apparent proof of legitimacy.

Hundred: A governmental subdivision of a British North American colony which contained a hundred land occupiers or settlers. Use of this designation was found usually in Maryland, Virginia and Delaware.

Private Claims: These were land grants made to individuals by foreign governments such as France, Spain, Mexico or Great Britain. When the United States took over those territories, in most instances those prior claims were recognized as legitimate and valid, and the possessors could keep their lands.

HISTORICAL NOTES

<p>THE MONTH OF MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMENS HISTORY MONTH</p>
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SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN HISTORY

By Gerri Johnson

In honor of Women's History Month I'm going to spotlight some of the great ladies of the past who get little recognition.

Nancy Green - The Original Aunt Jemima, (1831-1923). Who was Aunt Jemima in reality: Her true name was Nancy Green, but the world knew her as Aunt Jemima. She was the advertising world's first living trademark, and in that role became a national celebrity and eventually an institution. How did this all come about?

Nancy was born a slave in Montgomery County, Kentucky in 1831. Some large plantation owners in the South often times as a status symbol sent their slave cooks to France to learn culinary arts to show off for their friends. At the age of 15 Nancy became an apprentice cook and in a short period of time became an excellent cook.

Following the Civil War, Nancy migrated to Chicago and landed a job as a cook for a prominent judge. Her career as Aunt Jemima came about when two newspaper men Chris Rutt and Charles Underwood purchased the Pearl Milling Company in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1889. They hit upon an idea of developing and packaging ready-mixed, self-rising pancake flour. One night while Mr. Rutt was attending a minstrel show he heard a tune called "Aunt Jemima" sung by a black faced performer clad in an apron and bandanna head wrap. After searching for several weeks he was introduced to Nancy Green who became the marketing tool for Rutt and Underwoods pancake mix.

Nancy Green/Aunt Jemima was introduced to the public at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 where she cooked pancakes and entertained the audience with songs and stories of the old south. She was such a hit they took 50,000 orders for the pancake mix for merchants throughout the world. After the fair closed she went on promotional tours throughout the country. Americans observed a new way merchandising and Nancy Green became a national celebrity.

Lydia Flood Jackson - Business woman, Lydia Jackson was a champion of women's rights in California. She was the originator of Flood Toilet Creams, a business that she established before she married. Her success in the cosmetics business on the West Coast for black women was similar to Madam C. J. Walkers business empire in the east. Her toiletries were manufactured state-wide and were popular with white as well as black women.

Dr. Ruth J. Temple, M.D. - California's first black female medical doctor who became the director of public health programs in Los Angeles. She became known for her health seminars held annually at the Biltmore Hotel. Through the years Dr. Temple promoted numerous programs relating to good health and worked hard at promoting good health for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAAGS - MORMON LIBRARY RESEARCH TRIP in Salt Lake City, Utah - October 16-23, 1993.

Deposits will be accepted until **APRIL 15, 1993**. The trip is open to non members also.

THE VIETNAM WOMEN'S MEMORIAL PROJECT - The Vietnam Women's Memorial portrays the bravery and compassion of the women who served. It reflects the intensity of women soldiers' work, their dedication and courage. This memorial will be the first in our nation's capital to honor women's military service. To break ground, the Project must secure \$2,000,000 to cover design, construction, landscaping and perpetual maintenance of the memorial. Your help will make a difference--it will ensure the dedication of the Memorial on Veterans Day, 1993. Please help make this date a reality. This project is organized through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Mail donations to:

Vietnam Women's
Memorial Project
2001 S St. NW, Suite 302
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Jazz Scholarship

Young jazz music applicants are being sought for 1993 Charles (Dolo) Coker Scholarship Foundation awards.

Applicants must be full-time high school or college students ages 15 to 25. Each must submit two letters of recommendation and a biographical sketch with the application. The deadline is March 10, 1993.

Scholarship competition is set for 10 a.m. on March 27 at Bancroft Junior High School, 929 N. Las Palmas Avenue, Los Angeles. Winners will be featured in concert on April 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., at the Afro-American Museum at Exposition Park, 600 State Drive, Los Angeles. To obtain applications or information write to: P. O. Box 480028 Los Angeles, CA 90048, or call 213-666-5109.

BOOKS

Black Women Makers of History: A Portrait - George F. Jackson. Chronicled in this large format book are 120 women who made important contributions in a variety of fields. Freedom fighters, pioneers, musicians, scientists, etc. are documented in this wonderful book. \$22.95

I Dream A World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America - Brian Lanker. Photographic portraits of 75 powerful, contemporary Black women with narrative. \$24.95

The Great Ancestor Hunt: The Fun of Finding Out Who Your Are - Lila Perl. Handbook with anecdotal writing that makes researching one's roots an intriguing project. Includes narratives about why and how last names came into being and why families ventured to new lands combined with how to create your own direct ancestry chart, and how to gather information from interviews, photos, and public records. This is an excellent book for children to start their genealogical search. \$15.95.

Your Family History: A Handbook for Research and Writing - David E Kyvig and Myron A. Marty. A book to help you organize and focus your research, locate information sources, and guide you to asking questions that will get meaningful information. Includes forms and worksheets. \$8.95

California Women: Activities Guide and Poster - Project S.E.F., Calif. State Dept of Education. This is a great activity book for teachers. Twelve women from various time periods and geographical settings of California history are featured in this two-part multicultural set. Includes a poster with biographies;

activities related to their lives. Can be used for grades K-12. \$5.50

The listed books can be purchased through the National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492, 707-838-6000. For other titles pertaining to Women's History, call and request a catalog. Some titles can be purchased at your local bookstore.

SEMINARS

APRIL 29-30 & MAY 1

AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 1993 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - "ROOTS, ROUTES, REASONS, AND RESULTS". Conference will be held at the Knights Court Hotel, 800 East Main street, Carbondale, IL; sponsored by the Little Egypt Chapter. Seminars will include beginning and advanced genealogical research, migration patterns, African American research before 1865, research in various states, researching Civil War Records, search for black women's roots and much more. The seminar program is more extensive than can be printed here so for more information contact: Rosetta O'Neal, 908 Burton Street, Carbondale, IL 62901 or phone 618-457-5537.

JUNE 2-5, 1993

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN THE STATES - A CHESAPEAKE HOMECOMING - The

program will focus on the history, records, repositories and ethnic and religious groups of the Chesapeake region (Maryland, Virginia, and adjoining states). Research opportunities in Baltimore at the Maryland Historical Society, Peabody Library, Enoch Pratt free Library, Baltimore City Archives, Court House, State Archives etc.

For conference program and registration brochure contact: NGS Conference in the State, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

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Understanding The Census

Instructor
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Genealogy Workshop

Our Genealogy Workshop will include how to fill out your pedigree chart. At the end of the session the charts will be turned in to Marjorie Higgins for inclusion in our pedigree chart album.

Bring your research material for evaluation of research problems and assistance in finding those missing ancestors.

MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Leah Elliott
Shirley A. Anderson
Gladys Hill

Shirley Shaw Hutchinson
Gloria Love
Dolores A. Reece
Frederick Wallace

THANK YOU

Thank you to the March Refreshment Committee.

RESEARCH NOTES

PARTIAL LIST OF MILITARY RECORDS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

- Regular Army service records, 1800-1912
- Commissioned Army officer records, 1805-1917
- Commissioned Navy officer records, 1794-1930
- Marine officer records, 1798-1941
- Army officer correspondence to the Adjutant General's office, 1805-1917
- Army muster rolls, 1784-1912
- Register of Army commissions, 1792-1899
- Civil War staff officers
- Military histories of officers, 1789-1903

- United States Military Academy records, 1805-1917
- Records of Annapolis appointees, 1862-1922
- Army enlistment papers for enlisted men, 1800-1922
- Marine enlisted service records, 1796-1895
- Navy service record for enlisted men, 1796-1895
- Navy service record for enlisted men, 1798-1919
- Books, manuscripts, and photostats relating to soldiers, wagon masters, and others, 1775-1796
- Pay records
- Payrolls of vessels, 1798-1844
- Military service records of volunteers
- Records of the War of 1812
- Records of the Indian wars, 1817-1858
- Records of the Mexican War, - 1846-1848
- Records of naval apprentices, boys aged thirteen to eighteen, 1837-1889
- Records of the Civil War, 1861-1865
- Records of the Spanish-American War, 1899-1901
- Records of the Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1903
- Prisoner of war records
- Civil War draft records
- Burial records of soldiers, 1862-1939
- Service files for Revenue Cutter and Life-Saving Services and the Bureau of Lighthouses (which became Coast Guard in 1915), 1791-1929

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SHARECROPPING RECORDS

Sharecropping records have been overlooked as a source of locating African American Ancestors. While sharecropping records have not always been preserved, they can provide you with verification of residence. If you have an ancestor whom you think was a sharecropper and have some idea of city, state or county where they may have lived, it's worth writing a letter to find out.

To start with you can contact Government offices in the pertinent counties to find out the location of these records if they have any. Also the Colored National Labor Union has preserved some sharecropping records from 1869-1874. They can be located in the National Archives and

Library of Congress.

To find out about other documents pertaining to Black records in the National Archives write and ask for: A Guide to Documents in the National Archives for Negro Studies, which includes Black history in the U.S., West Indies, and Latin America. There are also a number of plantation and slave sale records.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES
RECORDS CENTER
WASH., DC 20408

Sources: Black Genealogy, Charles L. Blockson; Finding Your Roots, Jean Eddy Weston

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GEORGIA STATE'S "RETURNS OF QUALIFIED VOTERS FOR SPECIAL 1867 ELECTION"

By Sandi Craighead

The state of Georgia held a state convention in 1867 for the purpose of reentering the Union. All counties were required to determine in the summer and spring of that year the number of qualified male voters over 21 residing within their boundaries, including Black males, for the purpose of voting for convention delegates. This special enumeration resulted in the creation of registers which contain the names and residences of over

102,411 Caucasian and 98,507 Black males.

These unindexed records, which belong to the Georgia Department of Archives and History, have been microfilmed under the title "Record Group 1-1-107, Reconstruction Register Oath Book" (which contains each individual signed Oath of Allegiance, but few from blacks) and "Record Group 1-1-108, Returns of Qualified Voters Under the Reconstruction Act" (where the 98,507 Black makes appear). Because the returns were grouped by county, one must furnish the name of their ancestor's county in order for a search to be done by the Archive Staff. RG 1-1-108 has the most valuable information in that it asks for name, race, date of registration, place of birth, number of years a resident of Georgia and number of years a resident of that county. Of former slaves, additional questions were asked to qualify and more detailed remarks were made. For those folks who really want to know if their Georgian ancestor voted in 1867, the cost is \$25.00 for an Archive Staff search and copy of the record. Write the Georgia Department of Archives and Library, Reference Division, 330 Capitol Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30334. They may be reached by phone: (404) 656-2393.

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HISTORY

JOHN JONES AND REPEAL OF ILLINOIS BLACK LAWS

In 1865 "the "Black Laws" of Illinois were repealed. These laws, like similar ones in other Northern states, restricted the freedom of movement, and limited the civil and political rights of free blacks. John Jones, one of the wealthiest blacks in America, led the fight for repeal. Jones had been born free in Greene City, North Carolina in 1816. He was self-educated and became a tailor's apprentice, first in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1845 he moved to Chicago. He opened a tailoring business there, from which he amassed a fortune. Using his wealth and influence he led the successful fights against the prohibition of the immigration of free blacks into Illinois (1853), the "Black Laws," and school segregation in Chicago. He was elected a Cook County Commissioner in 1875 and served for two terms. He was the first Black elected to the Chicago Board of Education. Prior to the Civil War he had also been active in the abolitionist movement, his home being used as a station on the Underground Railroad. Jones died in 1879 leaving an estate valued at more than \$100,000.

QUERIES

ONNIE HAROLD SPEARS is searching for information his paternal grandfather Spears (first name unknown), born around 1880, in or around

Oconee County, Georgia and rumored to have relocated to the Mississippi Delta. If you can be of assistance, write to: Onnie H. Spears, 117 East 7th Street, Newell Towers, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

M. ANTHONY FITCHUE is searching for information on his father, Robert Anthony Fitchue, and the whereabouts of other members of the Fitchue family. Robert Fitchue died in the 1940's, lived in Kansas City, MO., and is believed to have come from Little Rock, Ark. If you can be of assistance, write to: M. Anthony Fitchue, 300 Audubon Parkway, #89, Syracuse, NY 13224; or call (315) 445-4583.

GERALDINE MCINTOSH is seeking information on Eli (Elasha Elisa) Dudley/Moses born in South Carolina in 1834 died in Lonoke, Arkansas in 1928. His mother was Susie Dudley who was one of thirteen children also from South Carolina. If you have any information please contact Geraldine McIntosh, 571 N. Larch Ave. Rialto, CA 92376.

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JUNE 26, 1993

TRACE YOUR AFRICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN ROOTS - presented by CAAGS member Joyce Chappel. Joyce Chappel is the authoress of "People of Color, Africans and Indians". Discover the rich cultural heritage of Africans and Indians, their historical relationship and contributions to the world. Includes resources for genealogical research.

Class will be held from 9am - 3pm at Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92506, 909-684-3240.

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Ken Mason, Professor
African American History

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San Antonio, Texas
(Bexar County)*

COOKING WITH CAAGS

We are requesting your favorite family recipes to be included in our CAAGS Cookbook. So pull out all those scraps of paper of the recipes passed down from Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, Dad and yourself so that we can spread the good food word.

Send us a copy of your recipes by September 1, 1993 so that we may publish just in time for the holidays. The CAAGS Cookbook will make great gifts as well as a family keepsake.

Mail copies to: CAAGS,
Marjorie Higgins, P.O. Box
8442, Los Angeles, CA 90008

RESEARCH NOTES

CHICAGO VOTER LISTS

Submitted By Rozella Hall

Chicago voter registration records for the years 1888, 1890 and 1892 were recently discovered, microfilmed and made available for research. The list names male citizens who were 31 years of age before the day of election, resided in the state for one year, in the country for 90 days and in the precinct for 30 days. There were 133,236 voters in 1888, over 138,000 in 1890 and 276,000 in 1892. The record shows the voter's address, term of residence, whether or not naturalized and if so the date and court in which the papers

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAAGS ANNUAL JUNETEENTH PICNIC

ITS PICNIC TIME!!!! So pack up the picnic basket, your family and friends, and come relax with us at Kenneth Hahn - Baldwin Hills Park on Saturday, June 19th in celebration of Texas Emancipation Day (Juneteenth).

were finalized.

The microfilm is located at the Illinois Regional Archives Depository/Chicago Branch, Northeastern Illinois University, Ronald Williams Library, Lower Level, 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago, IL 60625

The Searcher, July 1992
So. Calif. G.S.

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ACADIAN GENEALOGY

The source for Acadian genealogy is called "Gaudet's Notes," at the Public Archives. These give birth, marriage and death dates of early Acadian citizens.

U.S. MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE

The institute collects, preserves and provides to source materials on American military history. The holdings in this library relate to military matters and allied fields such as law, science, political science, etc. Original source materials include diaries, letters, memoirs, photographs, personal papers of generals, officers and enlisted men and women.

The institute cannot conduct extensive research for patrons but will supply reference assistance. This is a non circulating library but information printed after 1914 can be obtained through inter-library loans.

Copies are \$6.00 for the first ten pages and \$.25 for each additional page.

The Institute is located in Upton Hall at the U.S. Army Military History Institute in Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008.

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MILITARY SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Families of Veterans are entitled to a Presidential Memorial Certificate from the DVA National Cemetery System. The certificate, prepared for the next of kin, other family members and friends, is a tribute from the president, expressing the gratitude of the nation for a deceased veteran's honorable service in the Armed forces.

The program was initiated in March 1962 by President Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent presidents. Certificates are issued for veterans of all previous wars including Civil War.

Apply in person or by mail to any Department of Veteran Affairs Regional Office or mail to: 941 N. Capitol St., N.E., Washington, DC 20421.

NCOA Journal

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Civil War Medals Available to Heirs of West Virginia Union Veterans

It is inconceivable that one can build a solid future without the knowledge of the past. I have tried to reconstruct my families' history through the eyes of my ancestors. I've worked hard, so that one day my children will be able to tell their children, and their children tell their children the foundation of their beginning.

QUERIES

FAITH SHELTON BOLDEN - is searching for descendants of her grandfather, Pleasant McDowell Shelton, born March 14, 1865 and lived in or near Lexington, VA., before moving to Kent County, Md., in 1894. If you can be of assistance, write to: Faith Shelton Bolden, 19 Sunview Street, Lincoln, RI 02865.

GLADYS L. NESBIT - is searching for relatives of Granville and Willie Lee Tyree Smith, who married around 1912 in Roanoke, Va., before divorcing around 1917. Granville later married Gladys and moved to Washington, D.C. Willie Lee Tyree, whose mother was a Lawson-Tyree, later married Albert Johnson and moved to Pittsburgh. Their offspring include Granville Smith Jr., Gladys also wants to hear from relatives of Dean and Sarah Jackson, who married around 1900 in Columbus, GA., and whose children are Offie, Dean Jr., Robert and Edward. Sarah, who remarried and moved to Pittsburgh, is a relative of the Jackson-Crumbley family. If

you can be of assistance, write to: Gladys L. Nesbit, Box 5725, Pittsburgh, PA 15208.

MADLINE SCOTT - is searching for information on the following relatives: Matthew Busby, who lived with his wife and children in Nelsonville, Ohio, in 1880 and whose parents were Matthew and Millie Busby and brother Robert. Also seeking information on the John Lott and Peoples families, who lived in Tidioute, PA., in 1870. If you can be of assistance, write to: Madeline Scott c/o AAHA, Box 63, Buffalo, NY 14207.

EDWARD A WEST - is searching for information on Si Wicks, Virginia Johnson and Isaac West, who lived in Covington, VA., between 1700 and 1800. Some of their relatives Rosa, Joseph and Edgar--might have migrated to Pittsburgh. If you can be of assistance, write to: Edward A. West, 1382 Greenwood, Akron, OH 44320.

GARY COLLISON - is searching for a biography of Shadrach Minkins, a fugitive slave who fled from Norfolk, VA., to Boston in 1850, and any information about the Minkins family, as well as persons who can trace their families to pre-1860 Norfolk or pre-1880 Montreal. Interested parties, write to: Gary Collison, Penn State/York, 1031 Edgecomb Ave., York, PA 17403; or call (717) 845-7226.

American Visions
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Heirs of West Virginia Union Veterans of the Civil War may be eligible to claim medals struck to honor their ancestors. Approximately 5,000 of the original 26,000 medals authorized by the 1866 West Virginia legislature remain unclaimed. The other 21,000 medals were claimed by the veterans themselves, their immediate families or their descendants.

Each medal is in its original box as it arrived from A. Demarest Company of New York in 1867. Each soldier's name and unit of service is written on the outside of the box in longhand. The medal is bronze covered copper and bears the name and regiment of the honored veteran.

Claimants must submit his or her line of descent from the veteran along with documentation to support this line of descent. Copies of birth, death, marriage, will, deed, military, census or bible records, etc., supporting each generation of the claimant's line of descent would be sufficient documentation.

Claimants who establish the most direct relationship to the veteran will be awarded the ancestor's medal six months from the date the documented claim is received. The waiting period is to allow for verification of claim and to give other descendants the opportunity to place their claims. In the case of equal claims the person whose claim was received

by the division first will be awarded the medal.

To make claim submit veteran's name, rank, unit of service, date of enlistment and age, if known, along with a self addressed envelope and the division will check for an unclaimed medal. Send inquiries to: Archives and History, Division of Culture & History, The Cultural Center, Charleston, WV 25305.

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES

LOST IN AMERICA

By Marvin Holmes

Knowing that we belong to the only race of people (African Americans) on this earth that have no idea or knowledge of their own people, language or religion, sometimes we ask ourselves what has gone wrong with our children and have no answers. I now understand through what I have undertaken to do, that without a strong family foundation our children will be Lost in America. What scares me is those that don't care, that their children understand who they are, who their people are and where they came from. But at some point one has to start caring. Through the knowledge of the past, I now know this body of mine is the house that my Mother and Father built, and in my fathers house runs the blood of many generations and that spirit will flow as long as I live and my children live and their children live.

BOOKS - REGIONAL RESOURCES

DETROIT - The Genealogical Guide to The Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library - By Joseph F. Oldenburg - Guide book to the Burton Chase Historical Collection. #295 - \$9.50

OHIO - Ohio Guide to Genealogical Sources - by Carol Willsey Belly - Covers Ohio's 88 counties with address to county courthouses, parent counties, county seats, libraries, childrens homes, county homes, manuscript and special collections and any resource pertaining to Ohio research. #308 - \$28.75

CHICAGO - Chicago and Cook County Sources: A Genealogical and Historical Guide - by Loretto Dennis Szucs. A comprehensive guide to the vastly complex records for this major urban area. #294 - \$12.35

IN SEARCH OF YOUR CANADIAN ROOTS - by Angus Baxter. Deals with the sources available for genealogical research within Canada. Covers the ten provinces the Yukon and Northwest territories. #101 - \$14.25

GENEALOGY IN ONTARIO: SEARCHING THE RECORDS - by Brenda Dougall Merriman - The book includes maps, guides to depositories, addresses of societies, libraries and archives. #179 - \$12.00

UTAH - GOING TO SALT LAKE CITY TO DO FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH - by J. Carlyle Parker - Beginners or advanced genealogists will find this guidebook invaluable and will save you many hours of research time when in Salt Lake City. This will help you prepare for your trip to the world largest family history and genealogical research library. #184 - \$10.40

DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN LIBRARIES WITH GENEALOGY OR LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS - by P. William Filby. #885 - \$24.95

Order books from Dollarhide Systems, 203 W. Holly St. - M1, Bellingham, WA 98225, 1-800-733-3807

EVENTS

MAY 31, 1993

AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY - "From South Central to Somalia: In Unity & Struggle". Speakers from: Africa, Afro-America and the Caribbean. Cultural Expressions - Vendors - Refreshments. Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Place: L.A. Southwest College, Campus Center 1600 W. Imperial Highway.

JUNE 5/6, 1993

7TH ANNUAL CAJUN & ZYDECO FESTIVAL - Music, food and dance to be held at Long Beach Rainbow Lagoon Tickets General Admission \$17.00, Senior Citi-

zens \$15.00, Young People 10-16 \$5.00, under 10 free.

SEMINARS

JUNE 2-5, 1993

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN THE STATES - A CHESAPEAKE HOMECOMING - The program will focus on the history, records, repositories and ethnic and religious groups of the Chesapeake region (Maryland, Virginia, and adjoining states).

For conference program and registration brochure contact: NGS Conference in the State, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

JUNE 26, 1993

TRACE YOUR AFRICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN ROOTS - presented by CAAGS member Joyce Chappel. Joyce Chappel is the authoress of "People of Color, Africans and Indians".

Discover the rich cultural heritage of Africans and

Indians, their historical relationship and contributions to the world. Includes resources for genealogical research.

Class will be held from 9 am - 3 pm at Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92506, 909-684-3240.

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If you wish to place a query in our newsletter column "QUERIES" please fill in the form below.

In the blank lines below your name and address list the person/surname, place and year of birth, parents names (if known) and what information you wish to find out pertaining to that person or other family members. Please try to give information that you feel will alert others that may be researching the same person/people.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the query details.

Please mail queries and articles to Gerri Johnson, 2026 4th Avenue, L.A., CA 90018 or call, 213-733-1836.

HERITAGE NEWSLETTER

Editor: Geralyn Johnson

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C.A.A.G.S. MEETING

Our monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20, 1993 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King United Methodist Church, 6625 4th Avenue at 67th Street.

We will be holding elections for the following offices for the term of 94/95:

President
2nd V.P. Membership
Correspondence Secretary
Treasurer

If you would like to hold any of the above offices you can call Gerri Johnson at (213) 296-6792 to submit your name to the ballot. The floor will also be open to nominations.

SPEAKER

CHARLES MEIGS

TOPIC

RESEARCHING INDIAN RECORDS

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donald & Marianah Hogans
Joyce Sumbi



REMEMBERING JIMMIE

By George Jenkins

On October 6, 1993, the career of a truly pioneering African-American genealogist came to an untimely end: James Dent Walker, affectionately known as Jimmie, died in Washington, DC of lung cancer. Although I had often read and heard of Jimmie, I encountered him for the first time in San Francisco in 1984 at a small social gathering at the annual conference of the National Genealogical Society. Promptly we began a good-natured exchange of barbs and insults. Both of us obviously enjoyed the banter, the beginning of a warm, friendly, and mutually respectful relationship. I was scheduled to make a presentation on the following day; and in view of the challenging nature of our initial meeting, Jimmie dared not fail to attend. Things went smoothly and effectively; and indeed I was most proud that the great "Jimmie" had come to hear and support me.

Roughly two years later Jimmie was in Los Angeles to attend a conference of African-American museum directors and to fulfill a speaking engagement for the Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society. As I transported him to Marina Del Rey for the latter engagement, he spoke eagerly of the prospect of an African American genealogical organization in the Los Angeles area. He had

FYI**COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD FOR
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

Submitted By: Jamie Hammons

Yggdrasil - a full service on-line genealogical Bulletin Board System (BBS). The name, Yggdrasil, is from Norse mythology for a huge ash tree whose roots and branches touch all the known world.

Yggdrasil BBS contains many research aids and data such as the ability to research surnames. Access to the system and many of its features is free. Some features are available only by subscription, though many are offered on a free trial basis. Subscriptions are \$25.00. BBS number: Yggdrasil, 714-827-3814 24 hours/7 days. 300-14400 bps 8N1 data setting.

ANNOUNCEMENT**CAAGS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This years Christmas Party will be held at the:

"Art n' Barbee"
Restaurant & Gallery
2070 Hillhurst Avenue
Los Angeles, CA.

Saturday, December 11, 1993,
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner
\$15.00

RSVP & Payment Due By
November 24, 1993

Mail To: Gerri Johnson, 5130
Village Green, L.A., CA 90016.

EVENTS

NOVEMBER 13, 1993

MISSION VIEJO DAR - in conjunction with Multi-Stake Family History Center is sponsoring a seminar covering Beginning Genealogy, Civil War - Pension Records - Military and Other Records, British Army Lists of the French and Indian War, Immigration and Naturalization Records in the National Archives and Photo Preservation and Documentation. The cost is \$10.00 at the door. For further information call: Kim Shettler 714-557-3755 or Kathie Mauzey 714-364-3035.

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