

MARCH 1980

CAN SPRING BE FAR AWAY??

MEETING: Will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 1980 in the Commissioner's Room on the Second floor of the County Building on the Corner of Center & Madison.

PROGRAM: "More About Land Records". This will include, how to read land descriptions & locate the property and what information of genealogical interest you can find in land records.

SURNAME CARDS: The next Council meeting will be coming up in April & our delegates will be able to take more Surname Cards to file in the State Surname File. Lets all make a special effort to get our cards in. If you can't type them on your typewriter or do not have a typewriter, turn in your completed 3 x 5 cards with the needed information and we will see that they are typed and coded.

****NOTICE****

MEMBERSHIP: Dues were payable in January, \$4.00 per member, \$2.00 for each additional member of the same family. If you have not paid your dues, April 1, 1980 is the dead-line. After that date your name will be removed from the mailing list. Please make check or M.O. payable to Mrs. Hilda Taylor at the mailing address below.

CFIPS & SHIPS: A quarterly published by the RCGS 1969-1978. Back issues may be purchased for \$1.00 each, if available. Some issues are out of print but for \$2.00 ea. we can make a xerox copy.

SOCIETY NOTIS: Our program chairperson, Ruth Standacher would like some suggestions from members for future programs. If there is a topic you would like to have scheduled, let her know.

LIBRARY NOTES: The new book, "HOW TO TRACE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY" a Basic Guide to Genealogy, by Bill Linder is now in circulation. Look for it in the Genealogy Section. The 1900 Census of Ray County is being used by members every day. A committee is now working on the obituary file. These will include all local and area deaths from 1980 back as far as we can go. The card will give the name & address, date it appears, the page & column. You can then look it up in the newspaper micro-film. File drawers are being provided at the library to keep them in order and they will be alphabetized by years.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES:

The new Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) has issued orders to disperse many of the collections now housed in Washington and send them to the regional branch closest to their source of origin. This means the searchers in military or immigration or similar collections of records will have to persue the data all over the country in assorted regional offices, many of them already ill-equipped to serve the many researchers. Members of all societies are being urged to write letters of protest to David Rubenstein, Office of Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, White House, Washington, D.C. 20500. Letters may also be sent to your Senators (Washington, D.C. 20510) & your Congressmen (Washington, D.C. 20515) Letters could also be sent to Admiral Prieman, Administrator of GSA, Washington, D.C.

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