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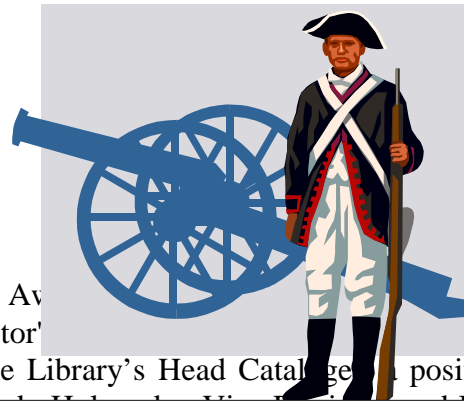
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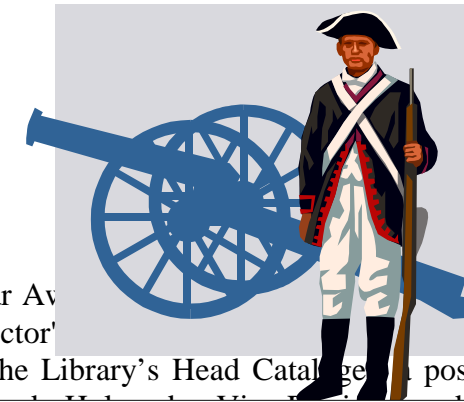
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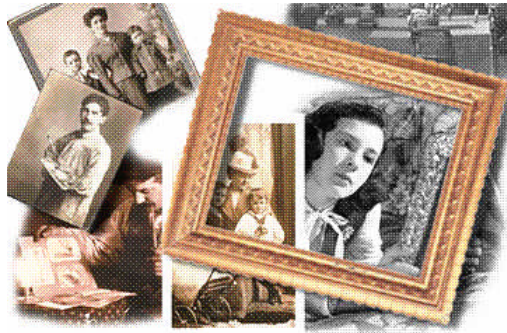
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Welcome New Members

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The Heritage Library has started the first half of 2002 with 30 new members of the Foundation. In January we welcomed Joe Bunch, Leo Roell, Cissy Ziffiro, Robert Ray, Bill Sease, Bertha Schillinger, Lillian Shaffer, Vicki Wayman, Elaine Parker, and Mary and Ian Murray. Theodore Heiskell, Mary Maddaloni, Lanora Mueller (from Illinois), and Amy and Frizie Neitzel (mother and daughter researchers) joined in February. March saw Carolyn Harclerod, Sue Hubbard, Robert Geiger, Wesley Argo from Pennsylvania, Richard “Dick” Brown, Dorothy Collins, Jean and Ken Neitzke and Cheryl and Kenneth Patterson from Nevada joining our ranks. John Geisler and Nancy and Jim Fisher, Dr. Antonio and Olive Reyes-Guerra, and William Garyl joined April and May. David Roefer, James Young and Pat Roche completed the first half of the year. July and August saw the following new members: Anne Finch, Helen and David Leighter (from Virginia), Mary P. Logan, Doris Williams (Ohio), Richard Sonberg, Conrad and Nancy Burkman, George Dexter and Philip Mulligan. A hearty welcome to “y’all”! We look forward to seeing you and hearing of your genealogical success stories.

Members sustain this organization. Please tell your friends about the Library or better yet bring them in since we hear people who discover us are surprised we are here and wish they had known about us before. Word of mouth is one of the best publicity forms we have. Your library is one of which you can be proud. *S P R E A D T H E W O R D!*

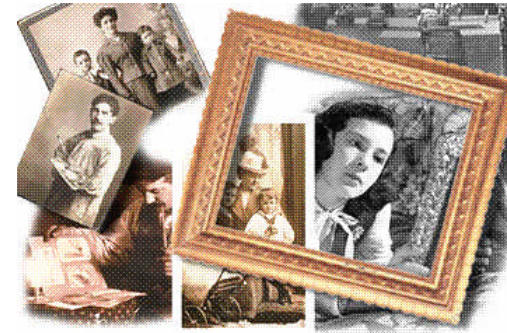
Volunteers Corner

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A special welcome to Bud Linder who joined us in September and is already in training to be an assistant librarian, on Mondays. If you have any time you can give to the Library please call Bill or Gwen at 686-6560. We need all of you to help us provide the service our patrons deserve.

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Welcome New Members

By Gwen Altstaetter

The Heritage Library has started the first half of 2002 with 30 new members of the Foundation. In January we welcomed Joe Bunch, Leo Roell, Cissy Ziffiro, Robert Ray, Bill Sease, Bertha Schillinger, Lillian Shaffer, Vicki Wayman, Elaine Parker, and Mary and Ian Murray. Theodore Heiskell, Mary Maddaloni, Lanora Mueller (from Illinois), and Amy and Frizie Neitzel (mother and daughter researchers) joined in February. March saw Carolyn Harclerod, Sue Hubbard, Robert Geiger, Wesley Argo from Pennsylvania, Richard “Dick” Brown, Dorothy Collins, Jean and Ken Neitzke and Cheryl and Kenneth Patterson from Nevada joining our ranks. John Geisler and Nancy and Jim Fisher, Dr. Antonio and Olive Reyes-Guerra, and William Garyl joined April and May. David Roefer, James Young and Pat Roche completed the first half of the year. July and August saw the following new members: Anne Finch, Helen and David Leighter (from Virginia), Mary P. Logan, Doris Williams (Ohio), Richard Sonberg, Conrad and Nancy Burkman, George Dexter and Philip Mulligan. A hearty welcome to “y’all”! We look forward to seeing you and hearing of your genealogical success stories.

Members sustain this organization. Please tell your friends about the Library or better yet bring them in since we hear people who discover us are surprised we are here and wish they had known about us before. Word of mouth is one of the best publicity forms we have. Your library is one of which you can be proud. *S P R E A D T H E W O R D!*

Volunteers Corner

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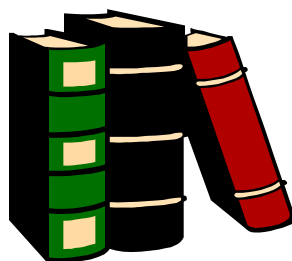
Many thanks to Christine Meyer, Joan Keating and Jason Stevens for their work on various projects this past year. Christine is back with us and will be working with her son on another project. Also we want to thank Nancy Burke for her on-going work in book maintenance and work with our cataloguer Isobel Bitner. And, Jean Durbin who assists Gwen with the membership we appreciate all your help!

A special welcome to Bud Linder who joined us in September and is already in training to be an assistant librarian, on Mondays. If you have any time you can give to the Library please call Bill or Gwen at 686-6560. We need all of you to help us provide the service our patrons deserve.



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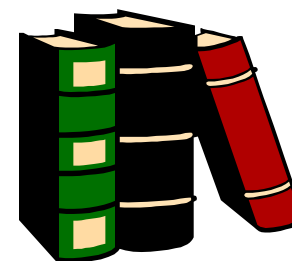
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