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# The Family Tree

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The Newsletter of the  
Sauvage/Sowash/Soash  
Family Association

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Hello! It's time to get ready for our 3rd big (GIANT) Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Reunion! The hotels I have contacted can't believe how big our family is! Sometimes, neither can I, but I am thrilled to be one of those rare people who has met 10th and 11th cousins. We all share an old heritage. Even without known royal ancestors, we can trace our family back more than 250 years.

Please try to come to the 1991 reunion. We have much to do up here in Northern California. We're a long way from Disneyland and the hot, sunny beaches of Southern California, but we have our own rugged, mysterious, romantic, and sea-life laden beaches. We have the Redwood Forests, famous wineries (like Korbel, Sebastiani, Charles Krug, Christian Brothers, Simi, and even the Smothers Brothers' own winery) and several California missions. We have the dream house of early 1900's writer Jack London (Call of the Wild), Luther Burbank's Gardens, Charles Shultz's (Snoopy and Peanuts) ice arena and museum, and Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum in the Church Built from One Tree. For further fun, we have Victorian neighborhood walking tours, cheese factories, hot air balloon rides, hot or mineral springs, mud baths, glider rides, a petrified forest and an old faithful geyser. In Santa Rosa we're close to San Francisco, Sacramento, and Sonoma (the site of the original Bear Flag Revolution and General Vallejo's house). I can't set all of this up for you, there will be much information available to get you wherever you want to go. I can let you know how you can get to any of the places you are interested in. Some activities like glider or hot air balloon rides may require reservations, so let me know what you are interested in. If you do need reservations, I'll include numbers and addresses in the next newsletter. However, I can't promise to write to each of you.

California was scarcely represented at the last reunion in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. With so many relatives here in California as well as so many of you others who said you wanted to visit this state, I am hoping for at least as large a turn-out as the last one (250+ people) It is a beautiful state! Please come and see!

With family friendship,  
Stella Sowash Winckler  
(Albert Sowash's daughter & Harry

Sowash's great-niece)

Reunion Dates: August 8-11, 1991

Reunion Location: El Rancho Tropicana Hotel, 2200 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa, CA. 95407  
(800-248-4747)

All meetings and dinners will be held on site at El Rancho to minimize your having to drive. Accommodations at El Rancho are guaranteed at \$65.00 per night single or double occupancy. You can call toll free to make your own reservations. Mention the Sowash/Soash Reunion. Make your reservations as early as possible to assure yourself a room.

All of the rooms are spacious and casually elegant. There are pools, a jacuzzi spa, tennis courts, a place to dance with live music, two restaurants, a gift shop, and golf courses minutes away. We will have the Redwood Room available for the family to gather and visit from 7 am Friday until 7 am Sunday.

You could fly into San Francisco and take the Santa Rosa Airporter to the hotel or rent a car.

We will send out information in the March newsletter on other hotels and motels, camping and RV parks in the area.

### Tentative Plans

- Thursday, August 8th - Early Arrivals Check-in
- Friday, August 9th - Self-guided tours and visits with flyers and maps available to help you. Casual dinner in the evening (box lunch or cold-cut buffet (\$6.50-\$11)). We will have the Redwood Room available so that you may sit and visit with new and not so new friends.
- Saturday, August 10th - ?? am. Guided bus tour (to a winery, the Redwood Forest, and the Ocean at least). Approximate cost will be \$15 per person, excluding the meal. We might set up a meal with this. If enough people are interested, we could set up the same sort of guided tour to San Francisco on Friday or Saturday.

### Call For Corrections and Additions

Because the two books have binder covers, we can update pages or add new pages as it becomes necessary. The first revisions of the books will be done in time for the reunion (if all goes well). If you have additions or corrections to either of the books, please send them to Richard Soash, 2231 S.E. 53rd, Topeka, KS 66605 **by February 1, 1991.**

### Updates

Update pages of Book 1 and Book 2 should be available by the time of the reunion. You will be able to remove old pages from the current book and replace them with new or corrected pages. If you have books, please seriously consider this option so that your book will remain as current as possible. Costs should run between \$5-\$15, depending on the number of additions and corrections received. Some major revisions will be done to Book 1. An updated index to the entire corrected book (that is more legible) will be included. If you are interested in an update, please mark the questionnaire so we have some idea of interest. Once we have a better idea of number, we can figure the price more exactly.

### Reprints

Several people have asked if additional copies

of Book 1 and Book 2 were available. Both books were sold out soon after printing. However, if there is enough interest, they can be reprinted. The more printed at a time, the less the cost. Reprint costs (which will include all the updated material) will run between \$32-\$42. If you are interested, please mark the questionnaire section and return it.

### Dues

Because of the increased mailing and printing costs, we have increased dues to eight dollars per family per year. You will receive all the family newsletters and information about the reunions. If we can find an editor, we would like to start a regular newsletter even on years when we do not have a reunion. In the past, newsletter were mailed out to everyone on the list, but because of increased expenses, the newsletter will only be sent to members. We will gladly accept donations beyond that amount to be used for research or for the cemetery fund.

### Help

If the Sauvage\Sowash\Soash Family Association is survive, we need some more active members in the organization. Current officers are Stella Winckler, President and Host of the 1991 reunion; Edna Soash, Vice-President and host to the next reunion in Iowa; Laura Soash, secretary; Richard Soash, Finance and Archivist. We need

volunteers to serve as officers starting after the 1991 reunion until the next reunion. We try to vary the location of the reunion so the next reunion should be in the East (Ohio or Pennsylvania ?) again. We need volunteers for the following positions: Vice-President and host the next reunion (in the East), Secretary, Cemetery Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Finance, and Social Chairman. Without people willing to help, our organization will perish.

#### Craft Sale

In order to raise money to repair gravestones and place stones on currently unmarked graves, we will be having a hand-made craft sale during the reunion. Please consider bringing or sending something to donate that you have made for the Family Bazaar.

Stella Winckler, 6659 Bergesen Drive, Kelseyville, CA 95451 Home Phone 707 279-2965

#### Family News

Noel J. Deconink (1B7E4/H/) passed away 05 May 1990 in Kansas City, MO.

Raymond Soash (1B7K1) passed away in Oct 1990 in Spokane, WA.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday night banquet (\$?????)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in Saturday bus tour to Redwood Forest, winery (\$15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in Friday bus tour to San Francisco (\$15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in Saturday bus tour to San Francisco (\$15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reprint of Book 1 (\$32-42)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of copies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reprint of Book 2 (\$32-42)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of copies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Update to Book 1 (\$5-12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Update to Book 2 (\$5-12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1991 Membership \$8.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to cemetery fund  
Intended for the stone of \_\_\_\_\_ (if none indicated, it will be applied to the general cemetery fund)