

EAST BAY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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LIVE OAK NEWSLETTER

May/June 2008

MAY LUNCHEON MEETING

Wednesday, May 14th – 11:30 A.M.

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant
1148 Ballena Blvd., Alameda

Reservation form enclosed. Guests are welcome. Please respond by FRIDAY, MAY 9th.

Driving Directions:

Enter Alameda via the Posey Tube, continue straight on Webster Street to Central Avenue. Turn Right at Central Avenue and continue to the stop signal at Ballena Blvd. and turn Left. Stay to the right, take the curve and continue along the water until you see the restaurant and parking lot on your left.

If you enter Alameda by either the Park Street or High Street Bridges continue straight to Central Avenue and turn Right. Follow Central Avenue past Webster Street to signal at Ballena Blvd, turn Left onto Ballena Blvd. Keep to the right, take the curve and follow the waterfront until you see the restaurant and parking lot on your left.

If you enter Alameda via the Fruitvale Bridge continue past Park Street to Webster Street. Turn Left onto Webster and follow directions as if coming through the Posey Tube.

JUNE MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

TOUR AND RESEARCH AT CGS LIBRARY

California Genealogical Society has generously offered to open on a Wednesday for our group. We will have a brief tour of their new facilities and plenty of time for personal research. Their new library has several computers with access to Ancestry.com and an abundance of resources.. This should be a delightful day.

Non-members will be required to pay a \$3 research fee. Do bring your lunch. Try to arrange carpools, as parking can be a problem. Plan to meet at the CGS library at 10 A.M.

The library is located in the basement of the old Breuner's Building at 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland.

Evelyn Bentley certainly gave us a lot to think about at the March meeting with her talk on migration patterns from the Atlantic Coast. We all learned a lot and truly enjoyed her program.

Our member, Bill George, had a captive audience while explaining how we might establish our own Blog or website. Although, most of us agreed, establishing a personal website is not a simple task... establishing a personal Blog site is easily doable! See bottom of Page 4.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Good news! As you know, we sent out a ballot in the last newsletter regarding the possible dissolution of EBGs because of the difficulty of recruiting replacement Board members.

In the meantime, we have received some very positive help. Joyce Schliecher has offered to come on the Board as Treasurer and Bill George has offered his help with a website. Thank you both!

We are very pleased with this turn of events. The rest of the Board has agreed to serve through next year. We have gotten some new members this year and look forward to continuing with our interesting programs and expanding into new areas of genealogical interest. None of this can be done without you, our loyal members, letting us know what kind of programs YOU would like to have.

Come to our year-end luncheon in May and help celebrate our small, but great society.

Sally Stevens

EBGS NEWS

Since we did not get a majority vote to dissolve...**Your Dues Are Due!** New members who have joined since March 1, 2008 are not subject to this year's dues.

There is a Dues Renewal Form enclosed in this newsletter. Please respond as soon as possible so that we may get an updated roster prepared.

In the meantime, correct Ruth Taussig's phone number on your present Roster to read: 510-526-9549

At the April General Meeting, President Sally Stevens announced that most of our present board members are willing to continue in their positions. The exception is the office of Treasurer, which Joyce Schliecher has graciously offered to assume. The vote was unanimous to accept Joyce and the continuing Board members for the upcoming year.

Next year's Board Members will be: President, Sally Stevens; 1st VP- Program Chairman, John Wheat; 2nd VP- Membership, Sharon Richter; Recording Secretary, Jean Christie; Treasurer, Joyce Schliecher; Newsletter Editor, Carolyn Storm; Librarian, Lois Kline. Plus, we are pleased to welcome Bill George who will become our Webmaster and will soon have our *new and improved* website up and running.

Welcome, congratulations and Thank You one and all!

NEW BOOKS IN THE EBGs LIBRARY

DVDs Alameda County Obituaries 1985 – 2002

CAL1004D	2-11	Rivero, J. R. – Rix
	2-12	Gullatt – Hasse
	2-13	Rupp, E.A. – Scott
	2-14	Scott, E.G – Sinift, D. B.
	2-15	Sinift D. B. – Stagg
	2-16	Stagg, C. S. – Szymanski
	2-17	T – To
	2-18	Tomerlin – Tovar
	2-19	Hasse – Hoffmann
	2-20	Hoffmann, N. L. – Izard
	2-21	Jaap – Johnson
	2-22	Johnson, V. M. – Kester
	2-23	Kester – Lam, F.
	2-24	Lam – Lewis
	2-25	Lewis, J. S. – Lyda

READY TO HONE YOUR RESEARCH SKILLS? The National Archives, San Bruno, and Family History Center, Oakland, have some great classes scheduled. Check 'em out!

The following workshops will be held at the National Archives, 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA. Fees are \$15 – payable in advance. Instructor: Rose Mary Kennedy, Genealogy Specialist. To register and for more information: Contact Rose Mary Kennedy at 650-238-3488 or e-mail her at rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov.

E-VET Records Research	May 16, Friday. 9 AM to 1 PM
Military – Part I	June 13, Friday. 9 AM to 1 PM
Military – Part II	June 27, Friday. 9 AM – 1 PM
Federal Land Record	July 18, Friday. 9 AM – 1 PM
Preserving Your History	August 8, Friday. 9 AM – 1 PM

The following classes are offered **free** at the Oakland Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, though a nominal fee may be charged for handouts. For PAF classes, please bring a flash drive if possible. Space IS limited, please place reservations by phone (510-531-3905) or email to fhcoakland@yahoo.com

Introduction to PAF5 (hands on) - Ken Miller, Asst. Dir.

Saturday, May 2, 2 PM

Using Church & Cemetery Records - Marge Bell, Asst. Dir.

Wednesday, May 7, 10:30 AM

New Family Search Workshop (hands on) **Prerequisite: Taken Intro to New Family Search or the 10 on line courses.** Bring your user name and password.

Friday, May 9, 2:30 PM or Tuesday, May 13, 10:30 AM

Introduction to New Family Search (LDS only)

Saturday, May 10, 2:30 PM or Saturday, May 17, 1 PM

African American Research Workshop – Electra Price, Genealogist

Thursday, May 22, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Beginning Family History Research – Rosemary Riley, Asst. Dir.

Thursday, May 29, 1 PM

Entering Data, Sources and Notes in PAF5 (hands on) – Ken Miller, Asst. Dir.

Saturday, May 31, 2 PM

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oklahoma research: Oklahoma conducted its first State Census in 1890. This is the only official, documented census of that area at that time. It is available at Ancestry.com or the Oakland Family History Center, although the microfilm at the FHC does not include as many counties as does the Ancestry.com site. **Oklahoma Census Records: 1890** – gives information on race, gender, age and family relationship. Also to be found at Oakland FHC – Oklahoma 1890 Veterans Schedule (Confederate).

Alameda Library Book Sale: Sponsored by the Friends group. A giant used book sale, and a wonderful opportunity to gather history books and biographies especially...**Free to the public.**

Saturday, May 3rd - 9 AM to 4 PM and Sunday, May 4th - Noon to 4 PM.

Former Officers' Club on the former Naval Air Station in Alameda. Follow Atlantic to the end and take the curve to the right onto Main Street. Enter at the old main gate (**not** the entrance on Atlantic Avenue) take the fork to the left and you will see the signs.

Did you know that you can access Ancestry's European databases through the local Family History Center? Check it out.

Want to start your personal Blog (Web log)?

How to set up a free Web Log (Blog) ---

Here are Bill George's pointers.

Go to <http://www.gmail.com> (Google) and sign up for a free email account.
Log into the account
Go to <http://www.blogger.com>
Click on "Create a Blog"
Name your Blog
Type in a Title (will be displayed at the top of your blog).
Type in a unique Name that will be used to read your blog.
Type in the Word Verification characters, and press ENTER.
Choose your Template and press ENTER
You now have a Blog, to be accessed by typing <http://yournamehere.blogspot.com>
Type something in and click on the HELP button to receive extensive instructions on how to edit your post.
Click on "PUBLISH POST" to update your blog.
To add more posts, just go to <http://www.blogger.com>, log in and click on "New Post".

To see EBGs's blog (in its infancy) go to <http://www.caebaygs.blogspot.com>

Homestead Act of 1862: The Homestead Act of 1862 was passed by the U. S. Congress. It provided for the transfer of 160 acres of unoccupied public land to each homesteader on payment of a nominal fee after 5 years of residence. Land could also be acquired after 6 months of residence at \$1.25 an acre. The government had previously sold land to settlers in the West for revenue purposes. As the West became politically stronger, however, pressure was increased upon Congress to guarantee free land to settlers. Several bills providing for free distribution of land were defeated in Congress. In 1860, a bill was passed in Congress but was vetoed by President Buchanan. With the ascendancy of the Republican party (which had committed itself to homestead legislation) and with the secession of the South (which had opposed free distribution of land), the Homestead Act, sponsored by Galusha A. Grow, became law. In 1976 it expired in all the states but Alaska, where it ended in 1986.

To learn more about The Homestead Act of 1862, you can read a copy of it online at: <http://www.nathankramer.com/settle/article/homestead.htm> .

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Browsing the Net? Take a look at genealogyondemand.com . This site features *podcasts*; i.e, audio or video presentations to which you can subscribe and receive automatic updates; but, you do not have to subscribe to listen to the presentation. When I looked at the site recently it featured, "Saving Stories" via book form, video or story montage and on the Resource Page I found "Clean Your Clutter: Organizing Genealogical Paper Files". Well worth your time.

Genealogy Website Review by Marilyn Lane is a column in the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical newsletter.

In her January '08 column she mentions <http://www.ancestorhunt.com>. This is a free site with interesting links to other websites; such as, Bible Records Transcriptions and Images, Genealogical Prison Records, Past Sheriffs of the U. S., Police Officers of the Past, etc.

Hey folks, this might be the site where you will find that “black sheep” relative you have heard all those rumors about.

You Never Know What You Might Find Buried in the Law Books

The following list of wars is part of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 205. I stumbled on this list when I was doing research on non-profit versus association legal code.

The list as presented in the code is not chronological. But, if you had an ancestor “disappear”, take a look at this list. Maybe they went off to fight in a war, or maybe they were civilians caught up in a war.

... Cat Nielsen

205. The veteran’s exemption is as specified in subdivisions (o), (p), (q) and (r) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the Constitution.

The following are **wars** under subdivisions (o), (p), (q), and (r) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the Constitution:

- (a) Revolutionary War, April 19, 1775-January 14, 1784.
- (b) Second War With England, June 18, 1812-February 17, 1815
- (c) Black Hawk War, April 6, 1832-August 2, 1832
- (d) War With Mexico, April 24, 1846- May 30, 1848
- (e) Civil War, April 18, 1861-August 20, 1866
- (f) War With Spain, April 21, 1898-April 11, 1899
- (g) War in Philippines, April 321, 1899-July 4, 1902
- (h) Chinese Relief Expedition, June 20, 1900-May 15, 1901
- (i) Campaign against the Rogue River, Yakima, Nez Perce, and Snake Indians in Oregon and Washington 1855-1856
- (j) Campaign against the Indians in southern Oregon and Idaho and northern California and Nevada, 1865-1868
- (k) Campaign against the Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Kiowas, and Comanches in Kansas, Colorado, and Indian Territory, 1867-1869
- (l) Modoc War, 1872-1873
- (m) Campaign against the Apaches in Arizona, 1873.
- (n) Campaign against the Kiowas, Comanches, and Cheyennes in Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Indian Territory, and New Mexico, 1874-1875.
- (o) Campaign against the Northern Cheyennes and Sioux, 1876-1877
- (p) Nez Perce War, 1877
- (q) Bannock War, 1878
- (r) Campaign against the Northern Cheyennes, 1878-1879
- (s) Campaign against the Ute Indians in Colorado and Utah, September, 1879-November, 1880
- (t) Campaign against the Apache Indians in Arizona, 1885-1886
- (u) Campaign against the Sioux Indians in South Dakota, November, 1890-January, 1893
- (v) War With Germany-Austria, April 6, 1917-November 11, 1918
- (w) Campaign against the Apache Indians in Arizona, 1895-1896
- (x) World War II, December 7, 1941-January 1, 1947

- (y) Campaign against the North Koreans and Chinese Communists in Korea, June 27, 1950-January 31, 1955
- (z) Campaign against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Communists in South Vietnam, August 5, 1964-May 8, 1975

The following are campaigns under the subdivisions (o), (p), (q), and (r) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the Constitution:

- (a) First Nicaraguan campaign.
- (b) Second Nicaraguan campaign
- (c) Yangtze River campaign in China
- (d) All other campaigns for service in which a medal has been issued by the Congress of the United States.

The above is copied from the January/February, 2008 issue of the California State Genealogical Alliance newsletter.

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MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 A.M.
Family History Center Library
4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA

Visitors Welcome! Typically we have a speaker who discusses genealogical record sources, research techniques, research tips. Occasionally, working meetings are held at sites of genealogical interest.

MEMBERSHIP

Individual/Organization - \$15.00
Family - \$15.00 + \$7.50 each addl.
Foreign - \$20.00
Request an application by writing to our P.O. Box or download from our website.

LIBRARY

Financial Building, Terrace Level
405 - 14TH St. at Franklin, Oakland, CA
Open Monday - 9 AM to 4 PM
Phone: 510-451-9599

EBGS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE**1890 GREAT REGISTER OF ALAMEDA COUNTY** (1998)

15,000+ names from voter registration records. Alphabetical with name, age, birth place and residence.

\$26.00

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