



*East Bay Genealogical Society*

# *The Live Oak*

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## **EBGS NEWS**

We have had a good response to our membership renewal notices. Thank you for your continued support!

Bill George has spent quite a lot of time updating and adding information on our website. Your time and effort is very much appreciated Bill. Check it out, it is quite nice. <http://rootsweb.com/~caebavgs.com>

We have also gotten a few inquiries via our email address ([caebavgs@gmail.com](mailto:caebavgs@gmail.com)) - which have been handled by our library volunteers.

It is a relief to have programs planned for the remainder of this year. We think you will be pleased with our Fall/Winter meetings.

Now, let's enjoy the summer!

## **NEW BOOKS IN EBGs LIBRARY**

*GUIDE TO THE MICROFILMED MANUSCRIPT HOLDINGS OF THE TENNESSEE STATE ARCHIVES*  
Harwell, Sara (1983) - Tennessee State Library and Archives 1983 F431 1983

*YORK AREA (PA) PHOTOGRAPHERS.* Battorff, Eric D. (1998) York, Pennsylvania, South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society 1998 F157 Y6 1998

## **PERHAPS SHE BELONGS IN YOUR FAMILY TREE?**

A photo has been sent to us by Shelley Cardiel of Kirkland, WA. We would be happy to email a copy to anyone interested. To claim the photo itself, Ms. Cardiel requests reimbursement of her expenses, in this case, \$9.00.

On the back of the photo is written: "Agnes Givens – 8 years old"  
 The photo was taken by Dames Studio, 911 Broadway, Oakland, CA.

Contact Carolyn Storm at 510-522-7469 or email to c-kstorm@Juno.com

**INDEX TO ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS CLIPPED FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPERS**

A continuation from May/June *Live Oak*. Primarily clipped from East Bay (CA) newspapers. Persons were mostly residents or previous residents of Alameda County, CA. Events date from 1986 to the present. This is an ongoing index and we will attempt to print an addendum each January. If you would like a Xerox copy of the news clipping for anyone listed in this index, please send your request with \$3 (per item) along with a SASE to EBGs, P. O. Box 20417, Oakland, CA. 94620-0417\

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MURA, George & Mary	50th Anniversary	1989
MURPHY, Terris & Ella D.	65th Anniversary	2007
MYERS, Bill & Vivian	50th Anniversary	1990
NASIMENTO, Anthony "Tony" & Osvalda "Ozzie"	50th Anniversary	1991
NAVARRO, Tony & Mary	50th Anniversary	1991
NICKELL, Glenn & Opal	59th & 60th Anniversaries	1987 & 88
NORMANDIN, Cecil & Marion	50th Anniversary	1992
NOVAK, John & Joan	60th Anniversary	2008
OBERKRAMER, Louis & Roxe	50th Anniversary	1992
O'GRADY, Dr. Henry & Ethel	60th Anniversary	1988
OLSEN, Raymond & Phyllis	50th Anniversary	1990
OLSON, Darrel & Joan	50th Anniversary	1988
ONSTOTT, Oliver & Mary	50th Anniversary	1988
ORANSKY, Leonard & Frances	50th Anniversary	1984
ORCULLA, Alex & Mary	50th Anniversary	1991
ORELLA, Elmer & Fern	50th Anniversary	1991
ORMOND, Dr. Charles & Betty	50th Anniversary	1985
ORTEGA, Abel & Liduvina	64th Anniversary	1988
ORTON, Mr. & Mrs. George C.	50th Anniversary	1985
OSMOND, George & LaVon	60th Anniversary	1987
OWEN, Edward & Elvira	50th Anniversary	1990
PACCIORETTI, Mario Julia	50th Anniversary	1992
PAGAN, John & Carmen	50th Anniversary	1993
PAPKA, Donald & Melba	50th Anniversary	1992
PAVAO, Joseph & Gloria	50th Anniversary	1991
PEARSON, John & Elrose	50th Anniversary	1989
PEASE, Marshall & Genevieve	65th & 68th Anniversaries	1985 & 88
PENBERTHY, Cecile & Constance (Maimone)	70th Anniversary	1993
PERATA, J. G."Joe" & Ev	60th Anniversary	1986
PERRY, Edward & Irene	50th Anniversary	1987
PETERS, Jack & Kay	60th Anniversary	2001
PETERSON, Phillip & Betty	50th Anniversary	2008
PETERSON, Ray & Betty	50th Anniversary	1991
PETERSON, Wallace & Agnes	65th Anniversary	1992

PHILLIPS, Martin & Gertrude	50th Anniversary	1990
PIEDADE, John & Vera	50th Anniversary	1991
PIVER, anuel "Bunky" & Irma	50th Anniversary	1989
POISAL, Dean & Elsie	65th Anniversary	1989
PORTE, LeRoy & Kay	50th Anniversary	1988
POWERS, Larry "Gratz" & Wyn	50th Anniversary	1999
QUIAMCO, Lucio & Pet	50th Anniversary	1989
QUILLEN, Oscar & Zelma	50th Anniversary	1991
RAMOS, Jesse & Angelina	50th Anniversary	1991
RANEY, Eddie & Sharon	25th Anniversary	1987
RAY, Steve & Karen (Reed)	25th Anniversary	1995
REDGWICK, Hubert & Ellen	60th Anniversary	1992
REEVES, George & Dorothy	50th Anniversary	1993
REILLY, William & Dorothy	50th Anniversary	1988
RESTAGNO, Steve & Dorothy	50th Anniversary	1986
RICHARDSON, Melvin & Claira	50th Anniversary	2001
RITZMAN, Mr & Mrs Carl	50th Anniversary	1989
ROBERTS, Dr. Bernard & Harriet	50th Anniversary	1995
RODRIGUES, Joe & Virginia	50th Anniversary	1991
RODRIGUES, Peter & Sophie	60th Anniversary	1989
RODRIGUEZ, Rev. Antonio & Julia	50th Anniversary	1988
ROGERS, John & Elaine	60th Anniversary	2008
ROGERS, Tom & Roberta	50th Anniversary	1993
ROSADO, Felix & Virginia	50th Anniversary	1992
ROSE, Al & Jean	50th Anniversary	1989
ROSE, Dave & Olga	60th Anniversary	1990
ROSE, Henry & Marian	50th Anniversary	1993
ROSE, Wilson & Helen	50th Anniversary	1988
ROTTMAR, Henry & Mildred	50th Anniversary	1993
ROWELL, Major & Kathryn	50th Anniversary	1993
RUDY, Wayne & Audrey	50th Anniversary	1989
RUIZ, Joseph & Emily	50th Anniversary	1988
SALIDO, Mike & Mary	50th Anniversary	1988
SALMON, John & Alice	30th Anniversary	2008
SALSEDO, John & Ann	50th Anniversary	1992
SANDE, John & Ruth	50th Anniversary	1995
SANTIAGO, Peter & Jennie	50th Anniversary	1989
SANTICH, Martin & Rose	50th Anniversary	1991
SANTOS, Anthony & Virginia	50th Anniversary	1992
SANTUCCI, Albert & Pauline	50th Anniversary	1990
SARRAHZADEH, Esmail & Nayer	40th Anniversary	1986
SASS, Melvin & Carol	50th Anniversary	1999
SCARANO, Floyd & Mary	50th Anniversary	1988
SCATENA, Harvey & Lois	50th Anniversary	1990
SCHAFFER, William & Ruby	60th Anniversary	1990
SCHENONE, Benedict & Mae	60th Anniversary	1993
SCHMALENBERGER, Fred & Ellen	50th Anniversary	1986
SCHRADER, Wilber & Blanche	60th Anniversary	1989
SCULLION, Don & Madeline	50th Anniversary	2008
SCHULTZ, Carl & Elsie	50th Anniversary	1993

SCHWAB, Merle & Nell	50th Anniversary	1989
SCHWOYER, Bill & Pauline	50th Anniversary	1993
SCOZZAFAVA, Albert & Mary	50th Anniversary	1989
SHIVELY, Jim & Marge	25th Anniversary	1986
SHRADER, Wilber & Blanche	60th Anniversary	1989
SILVA, Manuel "Buck" & Eldine	50th Anniversary	1991
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SILVA, Mel & Anita	50th Anniversary	1992
SILVA, Stanley & Lucille	50th Anniversary	1989
SILVA, Albert & Muriel	50th Anniversary	1993
SILVAS, Manuel & Connie	50th Anniversary	1992
SKILES, Frank & Darlene	40th Anniversary	1985
SLATER, Lyle & Marie	50th Anniversary	1988
SMITH, Jerry & Clara	50th Anniversary	1988
SMITH, Malcolm & Connie	50th Anniversary	1993

Perusing the latest stack of other genealogical societies' newsletters for items to plagiarize for this issue, I was amazed at how much interesting and helpful information many of them contain. I would prefer not to fill our newsletter with "stolen" material, but a few items here and there are always welcome as it is quite a task filling these eight pages every two months! Some societies' newsletters have numerous pleas for volunteers needed to help in various aspects. However, several very active societies have numerous volunteers transcribing data or digitizing data for their libraries, publications and websites.

Our members should take advantage of the material to be found among the many newsletters filed at our own library

Following is a list of the genealogical societies whom we exchange newsletters with each month. If they happen to be in an area of interest or use to you, you really need to spend a Monday at our library and peruse them. You might be surprised at what you will find! Most of these societies have websites – just Google them!

**California Genealogical Society, 2201 Broadway, Ste LL2, Oakland, CA 94612-3017**

Most of us are aware of the extensive library operated by this society and its' many active members. Unfortunately, they have elected to put their newsletter online. However, we do have old newsletters on file at EBGs library. They contain much information for San Francisco area.

**California State Genealogical Alliance, P.O. 10195, Oakland, CA 94610-0195**

This newsletter keeps us up to date on projects the Alliance and other societies are involved in. You will find great articles written by Cath Madden Trindle. This newsletter is worth the read

**San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, P.,O. Box 471616, San Francisco, CA 94147**

Here you will find some fascinating stories of how their members have solved their research problems or their travels to Europe to learn about their ancestors. There are also listings of many useful websites for Jewish research.

**Decatur Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1548, Decatur, IL 62525-1548 (Macon County, Illinois)**

Their latest issue has several pages devoted to their library holdings. Their newsletters are great for keeping up to date on resources available in Central Illinois

**Genealogical Society of Hispanic America, P.O. Box 2472, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670**

A very active Hispanic society, primarily centered on Southern California and it's environs

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551-0901**

A very active society! Each newsletter has a column that provides a review of websites and I have always found something of interest here. Each issue generally includes stories of early families in the Livermore-Amador area, and much more.

**Monterey County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 8144, Salinas, CA 93912-8144**

Their recent issues have included several pages from *The Salinas Weekly Index* newspaper dating back to the late 1800s. A gold mine of names and information for the Salinas area

**Sacramento German Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 660061, Sacramento, CA 95866-0061**

If you have German ancestry, you would benefit greatly by belonging to this active society. Their newsletters are "booklets" full of interesting stories of research, etc., and pages of useful tips and research aids for German ancestry.

**San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 305, Diablo, CA 94528-0305**

This society has several "interest groups" that might be of interest to you; such as, Computer Interest Group, Family Tree Maker Group, German Research Group, Irish Research Group, and Southern Interest Group. Each special interest group holds their separate meetings in addition to the society's regular meetings.

**San Mateo County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5083, San Mateo, CA 94402-0083**

Their member, Cath Madden Trindle (our June speaker) usually writes a one or two-page article for each issue. You are bound to learn a lot reading Cath's articles! They also have a very fine library and a long list of publications for sale.

**Santa Clara Historical & Genealogical Society, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051-5387**

This society has a great library containing many resources pertaining to the local area and elsewhere. Their volunteers are also very active with the Santa Clara County Archives, another valuable resource in the area. Their newsletters provide a Q&A column and a Genealogy Website Review column each month – both of which are interesting and worth reading.

**The Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County, P.O. Box 72, Santa Cruz, CA 95063-0072**

This society maintains a very nice library. Their researchers are very thorough also. I know, I have sent them queries and been well-rewarded. They also have quite an extensive list of Local History Publications at very reasonable prices.

**Solano County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2494, Fairfield, CA 94533-0249**

Their fine library holds extensive resources to peruse. A testimonial from a library patron who solved her "brick wall" problem browsing through a large binder of Ohio periodicals should inspire all of us! (May, 2009 newsletter)

**The Genealogical Society of Vallejo and Benicia, 734 Marin Street, Vallejo, CA 94590**

Their recent newsletter has a whole page listing their library holdings pertaining to cemeteries in their general area and other states.

**Whitman County Genealogical Society, P O. Box 393, Pullman, WA 99163-0393**

Usually contains items from early newspapers within the county and updates on local libraries, plus much more.

At the moment, I do not have copies available, but we also exchange with: **San Luis Obispo Genealogical Society, Marin County Genealogical Society, Hayward Area Genealogical Society, and Contra Costa Genealogical Society.** Each has items of interest and information pertinent to their areas. In addition, we receive a magazine from **Sterns History Museum**, located in St. Cloud, MN which has many stories of early residents of that area.

**EL DORADO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA – A Thumbnail Sketch**

El Dorado County is located in the heart of California's Gold Country in the Sierra Nevada. The population in 2004 was estimated to be 172,889. An original county established in 1850. The original county seat was Coloma, but in 1854 the county seat was moved to Placerville. Placerville is one of only two incorporated cities in the county. In early years it was known as Dry Diggings and later as Old Hangtown. I doubt those early names require much explanation. El Dorado County boasts several California Historical Landmark sites and towns, and "the finest water supply in the country".

John C. Fremont and Kit Carson crossed the Sierra and traveled up the Carson River to the American River and eventually to Sutter's Fort in March, 1844. In 1848 James Marshall discovered gold at Sutter's Mill, which resulted in the great California Gold Rush.

The other incorporated city in El Dorado County is the city of South Lake Tahoe. Located along the south shore of Lake Tahoe, it is a popular year-round vacation/recreation destination. In recent years it is also giving Reno some competition as a popular wedding destination. It's proximity to Stateline, Nevada's casino area adds to its' popularity.

Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park on Highway 40 in Coloma is worth a visit. Take a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful country and tour the old mill. Take Apple Hill Drive outside of Placerville and visit the many apple orchards and a few wineries.

El Dorado County Recorder/Clerk  
360 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667  
530-621-5490

El Dorado County Library	Closed Monday & Sunday
345 Fair Lane	Tuesday & Wednesday hours: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Placerville, CA 95667	Thursday, Friday, Saturday hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
530-621-5540	

Roots & Gold Dust Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 1354, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Google them – they have a nice web site. Click on “Research & Resources” where you will find various databases to aid you in your research in the county.

**idreamofgenealogy.californiacemeteries** is a free site and lists several searchable databases for El Dorado County cemeteries.

Want to learn more? Read... *A Record of Grave Markings & Tombstone Inscriptions: Mormon Island Cemetery, El Dorado County, California*, by Travis J. Nuttall

*Cemeteries of El Dorado County, California*, by Verl Frederick Weight  
*Churches of El Dorado County, California*, by Will O. Upton  
*El Dorado County, California*, by G. Yoell Parkhurs

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## **JULY MEETING**

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

### **UNDERSTANDING THOSE DNA REPORTS**

**Presented by Richard Larsen**

Mr. Larsen has bachelor and graduate degrees in psychology. He has been interested in genealogy since age 16 and is a stickler for accuracy. He will give us the information we seek in order to understand those complicated reports received from DNA companies and how to use the information in our genealogical research.

Mr. Larsen suggests that members who want to get some background on this very complex subject might want to read, *Deep Ancestry Inside the Genographic Project*, by Spencer Wells (Washington D.C., National Geographic Society, 2006).

## **AUGUST MEETING**

**There is NO August Meeting**

**You Are Free To Roam The Country!!**

We hope you will have much success in your research trips this summer.  
We also hope you will come to a meeting and tell us about your successes and adventures!

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In May our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon was well attended. We were delighted to have our founder and first president, Carolyn Sherfy as our honored guest. Carolyn, some members who had not met you before were surprised that you were not OLD! All were amazed at your enthusiasm! Thanks for coming! It was also very nice to have a few husbands of members join us for lunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.

Our June Meeting on *Finding Maiden Names* was a huge success and a great help and inspiration to many of us. A meeting is always a success when we have Cath Trindle at the podium! What a wealth of information she has to share! She provided a four -page handout, which is essentially an outline of her talk. Copies are available from our library if you want one.



