



East Bay Genealogical Society

The Live Oak

May/June 2011

Oakland, California

MAY MEETING Wednesday, May 11, 2011

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON –Pier 29 Restaurant – Noon
1148 Ballena Blvd, Alameda, CA**

Hooray! Looks like spring has finally arrived and it is time for our Annual Luncheon! If you have not made your reservation, please do so – form can be found on Page 7.

Driving Directions:

From Posse Tube follow Webster Street to the end and turn right. Turn left at Ballena Blvd. and keep to the right along the water. Restaurant and parking lot are on your left near the end of the road.

From Park Street, turn right on Central Avenue and follow Central Avenue to Ballena Blvd – turn left on Ballena. Keep to the right along the water. Restaurant and parking lot are on the left near the end of the road.

JUNE MEETING Wednesday, June 8, 2011– 10 AM

WRITING A BOOKLET ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS: Speaker – June Lindquist

Our member, June Lindquist will tell us how discovering a large box of papers and documents dating from the 1850's pertaining to a great, great grandfather's life developed an interest in genealogy. That'll do it!

June will tell us how she and other family members sorted evidence and proofs into a booklet. She will discuss the convenience of computer sources, computer government sources, and gathering material from far flung and unknown cousins to sketch together family evidence. Great, great grandpa turned out to be quite a colorful character. This should be a most enjoyable meeting.

John Glead captivated the audience with his fascinating program on Black Sheep in the Family at our March meeting. Some of us discovered we had more black sheep in our family trees than we had imagined! John also provided a great eight-page handout. It is available at our library if you missed this wonderful program.

Richard Hansen, along with Gladys Hansen, gave us quite a lot of insight into the San Francisco On-Line Museum at our April meeting. They are swamped with emails from persons looking for information regarding

ancestors that may have perished in the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906, and have accumulated quite an extensive file of stories. Go to sfmuseum.org and browse through their index. You are bound to find something of interest; or you may wish to seek information on an ancestor that may have perished in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

EBGS NEWS

We are looking forward to our Annual Luncheon. This is always a pleasant and fun gathering. If you haven't made your reservation yet, there is a form on Page 7. Do it now!

Don't forget...Dues are due May 1st. See Page 7 for renewal form. Your support in the coming year will be much appreciated.

EBGS Obituary File: We have been collecting and filing obituaries from the local newspaper since 1985. These have also generated an extensive biographical file due to the fact that many obituaries are too large to fit our 4x6 file cards. The biographical files also contain articles on families and living persons.

Obituaries and biographical files dating from 1985 through 2006 have been digitized by the Salt Lake City FHL. The obits on cards dating from 1985 through 2002 are filed at the Oakland FHC. The obituaries on cards dating from 2003 through 2006 are filed at the home of Carolyn Storm. The biographical files relating to these obituaries are filed at our library. Obituaries from 2007 to date are filed at our library as are the biographical files relating to them. .

As you might suspect, we do a lot of clipping and gluing and filing at the library! We understand that the FHL may soon have those digitized obits and biographical files online. We hope so. This would mean that we and the Oakland FHC can free up a lot of file drawer space!

OAKLAND FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

New Acquisitions:

SAN FRANCISCO DEATHS: 1865-1905: Abstracts From Surviving Civil Records - 4 Vols.

CENTERVILLE PIONEER CEMETERY: Fremont, Alameda County, CA

A Genealogical Survey Including Biographies, Obituaries, Burial and Cemetery Records.

Upcoming Classes and Meetings

Macintosh Genealogy Users Group – Bill George

Regular meetings/workshops every 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m. and every 4th Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

All Mac users welcome. No Charge.

African-American Workshop – Judith Collins Meetings every 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m. No Charge

The following classes are presented by the OFHC Staff. Cost is \$4 each to cover costs of handouts. Please pre-register by calling 510-531-3905.

Using GEDCOM to Import and Export data – Ken Miller
Friday, April 29th - 1:30 p.m. Please bring flash drive

Introduction to Genealogy Data Programs – Ken Miller
Saturday, April 30th - 1:30 p.m. Please bring flash drive

HAVE YOU BACKED UP YOUR FILES RECENTLY? Don't neglect to do so.**WERE WOMEN MERE CHATTEL? NOT NECESSARILY!!****By Sally Stevens**

There have been many women in history that forged ahead and created something for themselves and their families. Maybe they were not always vocal about their accomplishments, but they were productive.

I have found a number of women in my family who did something substantial. Here are the stories of some of them.

Dionis Stevens Coffin was one of many Puritan women who engaged in trade. Along with her daughter, Mary Coffin Starbuck, she enjoyed unique opportunities that differed from place (Massachusetts Bay Colony) to place (Nantucket Island).

Dionis' family was landed gentry in Brixton (near Plymouth) in Devonshire, her parents being Robert Stevens and his wife Katherine. She was born about 1610 and married about 1630 to Tristram Coffin. They arrived in Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1642 with their family. Tristram received a license in 1644 from the Essex County Court to run a ferry and an "ordinary" (or tavern) and to sell wine on the Newbury side of Carr's Island on the Merrimack River. The older sons and Tristram ran the ferry, and Dionis operated the tavern.

Although the court records show Tristram as applying for the licenses, Dionis was the one who had legal jurisdiction of making the beer and keeping the books.

Daughter Mary, with freedom for entrepreneurship, undertook a number of commercial ventures including a country store, extensive land trading, and investment in the nascent Nantucket whaling industry. She not only knew how to read and write, she mastered Latin and Greek. Her level of education was considered unusual, as such skills were possessed by men studying for the ministry.

Margarethe-Lucie Ruyter was born 20 May, 1826 in Vegasack, Germany to Claus and Beata Haesloop Ruyter. She married Diedrich Schilling, son of Friederich and Almuth Miedzen Schilling 2 October, 1845. They had ten children, and Diedrich was the owner of a business, Schilling Coffee, in Bremen, Germany.

For many years, the business was very successful, and provided coffee to the German government. Eventually, with the economy slowing down, things became more difficult. Margarethe-Lucie used to call for her husband every evening at the office, and once noticed the sample table with several containers of roasted coffee. She asked about them, and he replied that they were only samples he would give away. Feeling that it was wasteful, she asked that he give them to her to sell to acquaintances for one mark a pound. Very soon she was asking for a sack of beans, but had to learn how to pick over the beans, then began to package the coffee herself. Her best customer was her fish woman.

Soon Diedrich helped her write up an advertisement, and her mail order business was started under the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Schilling. At the time, Margarethe-Lucie had two small children, Eduard, 3, and Margot, 1, plus several boarders, but she was able to sew up the bags of beans to sell, and the business continued thus with

Eduard and a co-worker until December 1923 when they changed the name to Coffee Schilling, Shilling & Son. It was one of the first companies to do such a thing, and was enough of a success to rescue the business.

Years later when one of her sons, Claus, got involved in the wine business in California, he took a lesson from his mother's book and began exporting his wines, again one of the early companies to do so.

Sarah Frances Tibbey was born 25 June, 1862 in San Francisco, daughter of Edney Stagg and Emily Chase Tibbey. On 30 August, 1895 she married Thomas Robert Edwards, owner of the Edwards Dental Supply Company in San Francisco. These were difficult financial times and the company was having trouble collecting some of their money due to them. Sarah figured out that with one such person, she could arrange to take over his business, Twistum Toys, which she did to help keep the company afloat. This was located in Oakland, CA. Her toy factory went for a number of years, but finally went out of business around the time of the Depression. She always had a sharp eye for business, and up to the age of 95, when she died, she still read the Wall Street Journal.

DO YOU HAVE PENNSYLVANIA ANCESTORS?

One of the FREE databases found at **Footnote.com** is the entire series of the *Pennsylvania Archives*. A very useful database if you have early Pennsylvania ancestors.

You'll find the following types of early Pennsylvania records at the site:

- Church Records
- Diaries and Journals
- Governors and their Constituents
- Land Warrantee Records (1730-1898)
- Militia Records and Council of Safety
- Oaths of Allegiance, Naturalization and Ship Manifests
- Tax Records

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ONLINE SEARCHABLE DEATH INDEXES AND OTHER RECORDS

This site is a directory of links to other web sites containing online death indexes, listed by state and county. Included are death records, death certificate indexes, death notices and registers, obituaries, probate indexes, and cemetery and burial records. Go to <http://www.deathindexes.com> and check it out. (Excerpt from Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter via Monterey County Gen. Newsletter, Mar/Apr 2011)

COOK COUNTY (ILLINOIS) GENEALOGY ONLINE: Find you Chicago-area ancestors in this neat site from the Cook County Clerk's office. Searchable databases cover more than 8 million birth, marriage and death records. www.cookcountygenealogy.com. (Decatur Genealogical Society, Central Illinois News, March/April 2011)

TOMBSTONE PHOTOGRAPHS: Most likely you have photographed a tombstone at one time or another. Did you consider also taking a photograph of the cemetery entrance and/or sign? Try to take a photo of the entire stone and then some close-ups of the details. Might be a good idea to step back away and take a photo or two of the tombstone of your interest showing it in relation to the surroundings or other tombstones in the vicinity. Transcribing the inscription in a notepad can help you decipher the text later. Make a note of the location of the tombstone; section and or row number and names of surrounding stones for future reference.

LIBRARY BOOK SALES: Always interesting and a good place to find biographies, histories and something that might even further your genealogical research. Seek out your local library's book sale.

The Friends of the Alameda Free Library will be holding their bi-annual sale on May 6th through 8th. The huge inventory they offer is always astounding. The sale will take place at the "O" Club on the former Alameda Naval Air Station. See their website for more information: friendsofalamedafreelibrary.org

Continuation of marriage and engagement announcements from local newspapers (1985 through 2010)

GANZ, Stuart Farrell	WHISMAN, Adele Lana	marr	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GARBERSON, Tom	HAUERT, Rebekka	eng	June, 2009	Fresno, CA
GARBEZ, Kenneth Dean	MARENO, Donna Marie	marr	Aug, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GARBEZ, Kenny	MORENO, Donna Marie	eng	June, 1990	Dublin, CA
GARBEZ, Kenny	MORENO, Donna Marie	eng	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Abel Eli	RAMIREZ, Priscilla C.	eng	April, 1987	San Juan Batista, CA
GARCIA, Daniel James Lekas	JESSUP, Wendy MARIE	eng	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Daniel James Lekas	JESSUP, Wendy MARIE	marr	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Gerald Michael	OCHOA, Eva Marie	eng	July, 1889	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Glen Ray	SHEELEY, Susan Diana	eng	Sept, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Joaquin Abel	HERNANDEZ, Denica L.	eng	Mar, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Michael David	GARRISON, Leslie Ann	marr	Jan, 1992	Monterey, CA
GARCIA, Paul E.	RODRIGUEZ, Sylvia	eng	May, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Ralph	BLOOM, Joellen Kay	marr	April, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Richard J.	CRONIN, Teresa Maroe	marr	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Sam III	EVANS, Lisa Kay	marr	Oct, 1988	Lake Tahoe, CA
GARCIA, William Andrew	HUNDT, Shelby	marr	Aug, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GARCIA, Joaquin	HERNANDEZ, Dencia	marr	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GARDNER, Jerry	TANER, Julie Lynn	marr	Feb, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GARDUNO, Alejandro M.	JIMENEZ, Anita	marr	July, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GARLAND, Peter	HAMILTON, Antonia	marr	Aug, 1992	Minneapolis, MN
GARNHART, Douglas	FERREIRA, Stefani Ann	eng	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GARNHART, Douglas	FERREIRA, Stefani	marr	July, 1988	Contra Costa Co, CA
GARRETT, Ray Paul	SACCONAGO, Shelly L.	marr	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GARRITY, Troy	ALLARA, Sally	marr	Aug, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GASPAR, Michael	BIBB, Judith	marr	July, 1989	Lake Tahoe, CA
GATCHELL, Frank	CONALDSON, Raelynn	marr	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GATTEY, Scott David	GAMMETER, Tina	eng	June, 1992	Portola Valley, CA
GAYATIN, Frank Stevens	YAPO, Tracy Ann	marr	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GEORGE, Anthony	FREEMAN, Patricia	eng	Feb, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GERARDO, Joseph Felix	ZERINO, Griselda	marr	Sept, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GERBER, Christian Charles	SCHWARZ, Lisa Marie	marr	Nov, 1989	Sacramento Co, CA
GERBER, Christian Charles	SCHWARZ, Lisa Marie	eng	Nov, 1990	Sacramento Co, CA
GERECKE, Bryan	STRAH, Kathy	eng	Jan, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GHAHRAMANI, Segio G.	PERRY, Michelle Marie	eng	May, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GHERE, Scott Kenneth	NORMANN, Tami Lynn	eng	Mar, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GHERE, Scott Kenneth	NORMANN, Tamba Lynn	marr	July, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GHISELLI, Michael George Jr.	LOTHIAN, Lisa Marie	marr	July, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
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GIACOMELLI, Aldo	FLORES, Barbara	eng	Dec, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
GIANNINI, Joe	MOORE, Natasha	marr	Aug 1999	Alameda Co, CA
GIANNINI, Joseph Milo	MOORE, Natasha Danielle	eng	June, 1992	Alameda Co, CA

GIBBONS, Curtis	SCHOFIELD, Michelle	eng	Jan, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GIBBONS, Wayne K.	de la PENA, Beatrice C.	marr	July, 1989	Stateline, NV
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GIBONEY, Cody-Juri	FLOREZ, Jessica	eng	July, 2002	Alameda Co, CA
GIESE, Jeffrey James	BELL, Laura Ann	ent	June,1995	Alameda Co, CA
GILBERT, Daniel Joseph	CASTILLO, Sharon Louise	marr	July, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
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GILBERT, Reginald D.	HARBAY, Tanya Lenette	marr	June,1990	Alameda Co, CA
GILBERTSON, Steve	BREWSTER, Sharon	eng	June,1988	Alameda Co, CA
GILE,David	BINGHAM, Jill	marr	Nov, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GILLEON, Daniel Mark	SHERIFF, Heather, Carolyn	marr	July, 1996	Alameda Co, CA
GILLESPIE, Christian	KOLBISEN, Anya	marr	April, 2004	Half Moon Bay, CA
GILLEY, James Harrison	ANDERSON, Michelle M.	marr	June,1989	Hana, Maui
GILMORE, Edward	BENNS, Rhonda	eng	Mar,1988	Alameda Co, CA
GILMORE, Edward William	BENNS, Rhonda Jean	eng	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GILMORE, Edward William	BENNS Rhonda Jean	marr	June,1989	Alameda Co, CA
GILMORE, Michael Thomas	KIM, Elise	eng	Mar,1988	Capitola, CA
GILMORE, Nathan	JOHNSEN, KAREN	eng	Nov, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GIRVIN, Dan	SILVIA, Tamra Lee	marr	May, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GIULIANO, Anthony	CHAVES, Cynthia	ent	Nov, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GLADDEN, Steven Scott	MILLER, Tamera Elaine	eng	Mar, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
GLASMEIRE, Mark	WRIDE, Becky	marr	Aug, 1996	Thousand Oaks, CA
GLASNER, Daniel Brian	MOE, Elise Leslie	marr	Mar,1993	Tiburon, CA
GLICKMAN, Martin Edward	MELENDES, Evangelene	marr	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GLOVER, Andrew Scott	REEDY, Michele Sue	marr	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
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GLUSHENKO, David Daniel	BUSH, Lori Jeanine	eng	Jan, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
GMELIN, Frank R.	TRAYNOR, Michelle C.	eng	Oct, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GNAGY, Theodore	SILVA, Teresa	eng	Mar,1993	Alameda Co, CA
GODFREY, Scott Allen	FINAMORE, Joanne C.	eng	May, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GODFREY, Scott Allen	FINAMORE, Joanne C.	marr	Aug, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GODWIN, Kevin	GONICK, Clare	marr	Oct, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GODWIN, Kevin	GONICK, Clare	eng	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GOMES, Ruben F	MELLO, Michelle A	eng	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GOMEZ, Anthony	HOFFMAN, Cathy Ann	eng	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GONSALVES, Aires Fernandes Jr.	VANCE, Dana Jeanine	eng	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GONSALVES, Edward Jr.	CHAVEZ, Rosalynn C.	marr	June,1992	Alameda Co, CA
GONSALVES, Geoffrey John	CIRIMELE, Rachel Ann	marr	May, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GONSALVES, Steve	ESCOTO, Eva	eng	June,1991	Alameda Co, CA
GONSALVES, William Jr	DOUMITT, Carrie Ann	marr	May, 1998	Contra Costa Co. CA
GONZALES, Anthony B.	MARCOS, Julia Ann	marr	Oct, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GONZALES, Frank IV	DEGUARA, Regina Louise	marr	Sept, 1988	Redwood City, CA
GONZALEZ, Alex	ALVAREZ, Sonia	eng	Feb, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GONZALEZ, Hector Ivan	LOVELL, Deborah Michelle	marr	Dec, 1991	Las Vegan, NV
GONZALEZ, Jesus E	SILVA, Karen Leslie	marr	Mar,1988	Alameda Co, CA
GONZALEZ, Kenneth William	KANE, Elizabeth Marie	eng	June,2000	San Francisco, CA
GONZALEZ, Randy	WELTBACK, Susan Denise	eng	July, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GONZALVES, William III	DOUMITT, Carrie	eng	Jan, 1995	Contra Costa Co, CA
GOODE, Leonard Allen	SHELLY, Elizabeth Marie	marr	July, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
GOODE, Michael Brian	PERLEY, Serena Noel	marr	May, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GOODE, Peter	BERNARD, Pamela Louise	marr	Aug, 1992	Alameda Co, CA

GORALEWSKI, Daniel John	KALLESTAD, Carla Lee	marr	Aug, 1992	Big Sky, MT
GORDILLO, William J.	JOHNSON, Heidi L.	eng	Dec 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GORDON, Paul	ROLF, Janet	marr	Aug, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GORHAM, Kevin	KENNY, Katie	marr	Sept 1996	Alameda Co, CA
GOSPE, Jay Michael	VAN METRE, Mary Patricia	marr	Sept, 1990	Mission Santa Clara, CA