



East Bay Genealogical Society

The Live Oak

July/August 2011

Oakland, California

JULY MEETING

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 – 10 A.M. - A Work Meeting

RESEARCHING AT U. C. BERKELEY'S LIBRARIES

Let's try to travel together. Call Sally Stevens or Carolyn Storm to co-ordinate. We plan to travel by BART and then bus onto the campus and meet on the lawn area outside the Doe Library at 10 a.m. Bring your lunch and, of course, your notebook! A map is on Pg 7 to help you locate the libraries.

Take advantage of the Doe Library and its fabulous Newspaper and Map Room collections. The Bancroft Library's extensive California, Seven Western States and Manuscript Collections may be of special interest to some of you.

Bring \$\$ to purchase COPY CARDS and DO peruse the U. C. Library Catalog online prior to visiting to save you time researching.

AUGUST - NO MEETING SCHEDULED

Hopefully the weather will have warmed by this time and you can travel wherever you desire and enjoy this lovely country in which we live.

Don't forget to gather some stories or information that you can pass along to your hard-working Editor!

 Several members were able to attend our Annual May Luncheon at Pier 29 Restaurant. We did miss those who were ill or out of town and unable to join us. The restaurant staff treated us most graciously, as always. Those in attendance enjoyed good food, good company and a lovely and relaxing afternoon.

I, for one, am glad I was able to attend the luncheon – as I broke two bones in my left foot the following day!

In June we welcomed our member June Lindquist and her husband Robert. June took us through the process of writing a Family Booklet. She stressed the idea that solid proof was not a criteria – as the booklet was not meant to be a Family Genealogy, therefore, some license may be taken in recording the contents. She had included many photos in her finished booklet that Robert had meticulously copied. June declined our offer of an honorarium and wished the money to be donated toward the purchase of a book for our library. Thank you, June!

EBGS NEWS

This will be your last issue of the *Live Oak* if you have not renewed your membership. Do it now! A new Roster will be included in the mailing of the next issue.

Lois Kline, our librarian, could truly use some help in the library on Monday afternoons. If you can spare one Monday afternoon a month, please let Lois know. Getting there by BART is probably the best option. Chocolates are usually available on the premises!

Program suggestions are certainly welcome. What are some topics that would interest you? Please let Carolyn Storm know.

NEW BOOKS IN EBGs LIBRARY

“**It’s an Old Pennsylvania Custom**” - by Edwin Valentine Mitchell F146 PAM 1947

“**California is Spoken Here**” - by Michael Svanevik & Shirley Burgett. F864 2000

“**Scottish-American Heirs – 1683-1883**” - by David Dobson. E184 S3 D64 1990

“**California Transition Period, 1846-1850**” - by Samuel H. Willes, D.D. F864 W71 1901

The library has recently acquired a cache of obituaries from the former Fowler-Anderson Mortuary in Alameda. They span the years 1969 to 1977, with some years missing. We hope to have them organized into a researchable form soon.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.liveroots.com : The July, 2011 issue of *Family Tree Magazine* has quite a good article and tutorial on this website. You can find a copy of the magazine at your local Family History Library. If you have some elusive ancestors that are giving you difficulty, this site may help you find some clues.

This FREE website aims to help genealogists locate many types of records and resources available through independent websites, commercial repositories and printed material. Your search results appear in groups noting free sites, fee sites, etc. The site offers a *Manage* button, allowing you to track and record your findings and a *Share* button. To perform some of these tasks, it is necessary to “login”, but it is free and worthwhile. I found the website useful and easy to navigate.

<http://www.csga.com> : Website for California State Genealogical Alliance. Still a work in progress, there are now more than 2500 links to help you with your California research. On the menu bar, click on CA Research Aid and check out the available record-finding aids. (The menu bar does not always show the options – but press your mouse button on it and the menu options will appear) You can also click on a county shown on the map. This will take you directly to that county and the list of research aids available. Easy to navigate and worth your time to browse.

<http://www.ireland-genealogy.com/> : Ireland Genealogy is an exciting new website for anyone doing Irish family history research. Irish research is often difficult and time-consuming do to the lack of records and, more specifically, the lack of any complete census records before 1901. That is why any records that contain data taken from the Irish Census are of such vital importance in ancestral research. One such source of data is the Irish Pension Records. Researchers have created an index to the pension records that will help you to search these records’ otherwise only available on microfilm in the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland, in

Belfast and The National Archives in Dublin. This site provides a database of these pension applications that allows you to search these records easily and will save you both time and money. (SCCH&GS June 2011)

THE STORY TELLERS

We are the chosen. My feelings are that in each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again. To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts; but, instead, breathing life into those who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do!

In finding our ancestors, we find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors: “You have a wonderful family – you would be proud of us”? How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to – who am I and why do I do the things I do? It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying - I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish – how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us – that we might be born who we are – that we might remember them. So we do! With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are them and they are us. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family.

It is up to that one, called in the next generation, to answer the call and take their place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and put flesh on the bones.

Author Unknown - Submitted by Barbara Parkin

WERE YOUR ANCESTORS EARLY ALAMEDA, CA RESIDENTS?

If they were Methodists, the records available for the Twin Towers Methodist Church may be of interest to you.

The church was founded in 1853, Rev. James McGowan was its first minister. The present church was built in 1909 and is located at the corner of Oak Street and Central Avenue. It was originally known as 1st Methodist Church. Sometime in the mid 1960s the Santa Clara Methodist Church at 8th Street and Santa Clara burned. Their congregation merged with the 1st Methodist Church and since that time it has been known as Twin Towers Methodist Church.

Microfilm available at EBGs Library shows a list of pastors from 1855 to 1949. The film also contains records of members, in most cases their street addresses and sometimes death dates. Baptisms, marriages and funerals from 1915 to 1949 are also on this microfilm.

Check it out. Your early Alameda, CA family may be there.

Old Russian Proverb: “We live as long as we are remembered...”

SOME QUESTIONS TO PONDER WHILE PONDERING THAT “BRICKWALL”**What Did You Learn When You.....**

- > Reviewed what you already have? Constructed a Time Line?
- > Went back to the original sources? Did you accurately transcribe the information? Were there three independent sources?
- > Questioned and verified your source citations? Did you cite your sources?
 - Evidence: a. Direct vs. Indirect
 - b. Primary vs. Secondary
 - c. Original vs. Derivative
- > Broadened your search? Follow collateral relatives and even neighbors. Replace Folklore with Facts: Investigate memberships in church, lineage, civic organization, DAR or SAR.
- > Checked name variations, potential misspellings, misreading? Beware of false assumptions.
- > Investigate your boundaries; county, township, etc.? Bone up on your historical geography.
- > Asked for help? Send some letters to the various record offices in the areas where you expect records may be available. Ask for records before and after dates of FHL films.

Now Develop Your Research Plan!

- a. What person or group do you want to research?
- b. Write down what you need to find
- c. Note the neighbors (utilize census records)
- d. Think collaterally. Work sideways with siblings and cousins.

What fact do you want to learn or prove?

What do you already know?

How strong is your evidence? Are the sources independent?

What hypothesis have you developed?

Where will you find the documents? Where do you look for answers?

Some references available at your local FHC Library to aid you in your search.

The Census Book: A genealogists guide to federal census facts, schedules and indexes, 1790-1930
By William Dollarhide FHL #REF 973 X27d Census

Evidence Explained: citing history sources from artifacts to cyberspace. A definitive source for understanding and citing the records you use in your research, including how to cite digital media: websites, digital books, DVDs, CDs, podcasts and more. Over 1,000 citation examples are featured.
By Elizabeth Shown Mills FHL #929.1 M625ee

The above was provided by our March, 2010 speaker, Patrick Loft.

The difference between a geologist and a genealogist is:

One digs in the dirt and sometimes finds artifacts...

The other digs in facts and sometimes finds dirt:

Genealogy: disturbing the dead and irritating the living!

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

GROOM	BRIDE	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
GORIANI, Ronald R.	PULLENS, Beverly	eng	Mar, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
GOSPE, Jay Michael	VAN METRE, Mary Patricia	mar	Sept, 1990	Mission Santa Clara, CA
GOSS, Donar Alon	GARONE, Elizabeth	mar	June, 2000	Bolinas, CA
GOULART, Carlos	ALSBURY, Patricia	mar	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GOULART, Carlos Manuel	SEGOTTA, Sandi Louise	mar	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GOULART, Manuel F. da Silva	RODRIGUES, Farah Candida B.	eng	Feb, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GOULART, Manuel F. da Silva	RODRIGUES, Farah Candida B.	mar	Aug, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GOULART, Tony Garcia	CIPRESSO, Gina Marie	eng	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GOWER, Bryan David	PAGE, Carrie Elizabeth	eng	April, 2004	Huntington Beach, CA
GRACE, Michael Morris	GILMORE, Clare	mar	Oct, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GRACE, Steven Frederick	WONG, Laisha	mar	Nov, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
GRADITI, Lonnie Wade	ROCCA, Victoria Lynn	mar	Sept 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GRAHAM, Chris	CLEMENT, Mary	mar	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GRAHAM, Christopher Paul	CLEMENT, Mary Elizabeth	eng	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GRAHAM, William	HOWER, Carolyn	mar	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GRAJEDA, Patrick Matthew	ARAGON, Lisa Michelle	eng	Mar, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GRANGER, Austin Neil	BONINI, Gina Maria	mar	Mar, 1999	Kenwood, CA
GRANGER, Gordon A.	MAGALLON, Lusmaria	eng	Jan, 1992	San Francisco, CA
GRAVELLE, Alan Earle	FERRO, Loretta Marie	eng	Nov, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GRAVES, Gerald W.	LAGE, Helena R.	mar	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GRAVES, Gerald W.	LAGE, Helena R.	mar	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GRAVES, Jeremy	LAGE, Helena	eng	Dec, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GRAVES, Larry "Duke", Jr	MILLE, Loreen	eng	June 1994	Alameda Co, CA
GRAY, John R.	THOMAS, Tena Louise	mar	Oct, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GRAY, Scott	COSTA, Lisa	mar	Sept, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GREATHOUSE, John Oscar	MAHOMEY, Mary Kathryn	mar	Nov, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
GREEN, Randal Allen	GODDARD, Rebekah Marie	mar	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GREENE, David A.	UMPHRIES, Carolyn L	eng	Aug, 1995	Napa, CA
GREENHOUSE, Bryan	GLEESON, Kimberly	eng	June, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
GREENWOOD, Michael	WAYBRIGHT, Christi	eng	July, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GREENWOOD, Michael	WAYBRIGHT, Christi	mar	July, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GREGORY, Leonard John	GOULET, Michelle Janine	eng	Dec 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GREGORY, Richard C.	LIGHT, Jacqueline	mar	Mar, 1987	Cassopolis, MI
GRIFFEN, Jeremy Adam	SNOOK, Kimberley Ann	mar	June, 1993	Ukiah, CA
GRIFFEN, Jeremy Adam	SNOOK, Kimberly Ann	eng	Nov, 1992	Ukiah, CA
GRIFFITHS, Roger	CURRY, Kimberly	eng	Nov, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GRIFFITHS, Roger	CURRY, Kimberly	mar	Nov, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GRIGSBY, Jerremey Scott	KING, Deborah Lane	eng	Oct, 1984	Sonoma, CA
GRIM, Shane D.	PULTRUM, Emily	mar	Oct, 1991	Stateline, NV
GROGHAN, Matthew Carroll	SCHOLZ, Dana Michele	eng	Mar, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GRYWCZYNSKI, Jan	BLANCHER, Joan	eng	Aug, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GUADARAMA, David James	SOLIZ, Nancy Tatiana	eng	July, 2002	Alameda Co, CA
GUARD, Sean Michael	LUMACHI, Renee Andrea	eng	Feb, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
GUARD, Sean Michael	LUMACHI, Andrea	eng	Oct, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GUERIN, Neil Gerard	OFMAN, Tina Marie	mar	Aug, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GUERRERO, Daniel	HERNANDEZ, Elizabeth Ann	mar	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GUERRERO, Daniel	HERNANDEZ, Elizabeth	eng	April, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GUGGENHEIM, Scott Evan	MINER, Shannon Burnell	mar	July, 1996	
GUIDUCI, Wayne Allen	LARSON, Christy Allan	mar	Oct, 1987	San Francisco, CA

GUILFORD, John	FERENEZY, Agnes	mar	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GUNGL, Stan	WOLFF, Leslie	mar	May, 1989	Chico, CA
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GUNTER, Kenneth	VAN SLOTEN, Arenda	mar	Nov, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
GURR, Darren	JACKSON, Michelle	mar	June, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
GURR, Darren Ray	JACKSON, Michelle Lee	eng	Dec, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
GUTHRIE, James Allan	GRIDLEY, Anita Alice	mar	May, 1989	San Bruno, CA
GUTIERREZ, Donn	CURL, Linda Joyce	mar	May, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GUTIERREZ, Jorge Alejandro	MANDAWE, Marisa Ann	mar	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GUTZMAN, Arthur J. Jr.	SMITH, Ann Elizabeth	mar	Sept, 1985	Seattle, WA
GUZMAN, Christopher Ross	LEMOS, Elaine Beatrice	mar	Aug, 1987	Contra Costa Co, CA
GUZMAN, Richard	FOSTER, Cathleen	eng	July, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GUZMAN, Richard	FOSTER, Cathleen	eng		Alameda Co, CA
GUZMAN, Richard	GONZALEZ, Veronica	mar	Aug, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GWINNER, Mark Robert	TAYLOR, Robin Elizabeth	eng	Jan, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HAHAVISTO, Gary Joseph	MILLER, Stacy Jean	mar	Marc 1993	Alameda Co, CA
HACKMEISTER, Dick	CULBERG, Kathy	eng	June, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
HACKMEISTER, Dick	CULBERG, Kathy	eng	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HAFEY, Timothy Ryan Jr.	RODRIGUEZ, Margie	eng	Jan 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HAGIN, Peter A	THORNTON, Lori J.	mar	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
HAGIN, Peter A	THORNTON, Lori J.	mar	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
HAGMANN, Adam Joshua N.	DOTY, Shannon Louise	mar	Oct, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
HAGMANN, Adam Joshua N.	DOTY, Shannon Louise	eng	July, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
HAGUE, John Luke	RODRIGUES, Rosemary	mar	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
HAGUE, Jr Russell Bradford	MORGAN, Jennifer Lynn	mar	Dec, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
HALE, Thomas William	MASSEY, Derrina Marie	eng	Sept, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
HALL, Christian Spencer	KOLBISEN, Anya Mari	eng	Aug. 2003	Mauai, Hawaii
HALL, Robert Lee	GARCIA, Jill Laura	en	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HALLAND, Stephen A	FERRALL, Wendy	eng	Sept, 1992	Contra Costa Co, CA
HALLIGAN, Tom	CLARK, Loretta	eng	Nov, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
HAMALIAN, Paul	SCHROEPFER, Nancy	eng	Dec, 1987	
HAMANN, Adam Preston	MORGADEO, Lisa Marie	eng	Jan, 1993	Contra Costa Co, CA
HAMAR, Alex	PICHICHERO, Arlene Kay	mar	Sept 1993	Alameda Co, CA
HAMILTON, Gary David	SALAS, Lisa	mar	Aug, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
HAMILTON, Mark Edwin	LAMPERT, Gina Marie	eng	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HAMILTON, Mark Edwin	LAMPERT, Gina Marie	mar	July, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
HAMILTON, Scott Alan	BRALY, Kerri Michelle	eng	Feb, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
HAMILTON, Scott Allan	BRALY, Kerri Michelle	mar	April, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
HAMILTON, Todd Michael	HAMBRE, Dawn Denise	eng	Sept, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
HAMMER, Stephen Alan	KNOX, Virginia Williams	mar	May, 1990	New York City, NY
HAMMERICH, Paul B.	DUTRA, Deanne M.	eng	Mar, 1988	Contra Costa Co, CA
HAMMERSTROM, David Allen	VOLKMANN, Janalee	mar		Selma, CA
HAMMOND, Mark	CROLEY, Denae	eng	May, 1992	
HANNA, Gary Edwin	ORR, Tina Marie	eng	Feb, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
HANNA, Gary Edwin	ORR, Tina Marie	mar	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
HANNA, Gary Edwin	ORR, Tina Marie	mar	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
HANNA, John Peter	CUTTICA, KREN Lynn	mar	June, 1983	Alameda Co, CA
HANNAFORD, Roy	McNAMARA, Marianne	ma	Aug 1987	Alameda Co, CA