



*East Bay Genealogical Society*

# *The Live Oak*

## ***THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS EVERYONE***

### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 – 10 A.M. Oakland Family History Meeting Room

#### **WESTERN MIGRATION DURING THE GOLD RUSH ERA – Speaker, Sally Stevens**

Sally has been a Gold Rush docent at the Oakland Museum of California for twenty years. The migration to the West and California began during Jefferson's term of office and especially following the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Sally will share what she has learned about her ancestors who arrived in California and settled in San Francisco during the Gold Rush Era.

### **DECEMBER MEETING**

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 – 10 A.M. Oakland Family History Meeting Room

#### **ANNUAL COOKIE AND MEMBER EXCHANGE**

It is time to once again dust off that cookie sheet, browse those recipes and bake a batch of your favorites to exchange with other members.

Bring a family photo, artifact, family story to "show and tell" or share your latest research find.

This is always a happy, fun time. Guests are certainly welcome!

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**Looking Back at September:** What an interesting and informative program Cath Madden Trindle presented at our September meeting – along with a great handout to help us find our way through Irish records! She always leaves us so enthused.

**Looking Back at October:** Ralph Severson presented a lot of helpful information on the new Family Search website at the October meeting. We had guests from Hercules and San Francisco. I guess we were not alone trying to find our way through the new Familysearch.com. Find all this good info on Page 3.

## ***WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON***

### **EBGS NEWS**

It was so nice to see so many members and guests attend our October meeting. Thank you for your support.

We are looking for suggestions for future meetings. If there is a topic you are especially interested in, please email me at [c-kstorm@juno.com](mailto:c-kstorm@juno.com) and I'll try to find a speaker.

**PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS TO YOUR LATEST ROSTER**

Diana Demeter: new address – 1601 Canyonwood Ct., Apt. 10, Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Arnette Whitehouse: email address should read – [cvarnette@aol.com](mailto:cvarnette@aol.com)

**EBGS LIBRARY NEWS**

There is quite a backlog of obituaries to clip, glue and file – can you spare one Monday afternoon a month to help us in the library?

Our obituary file dates from 1985 to the present. Look-ups are free and we can send you a copy of the obituary for \$3.

**WHAT DOES YOUR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEAN TO YOU?**

To me, it means a group with whom I can meet to share a mutual interest, share and learn more about ways of solving the problems of our mutual interest, and of course, get together monthly with friends who have come to mean a lot to me.

Our group is not very large, but it is comprised of a number of interesting people who really enjoy this crazy hobby. It is, like many organizations, an aging but loyal group.

We are finding that we really could use some more help in the library and in running the organization. Your Board has not gotten new people in a long time, and we need some new ideas to keep our group strong. Lois needs help in the library and is planning on retiring at the end of the term. Also, we will need to fill the positions of Membership Chairman and Treasurer. The present Board Members have been doing the same jobs (sometimes double-duty) for several years in order to keep the society running smoothly, bring you interesting programs and provide interesting and useful information via our newsletter.

Isn't there ANYONE out there willing to give us a hand?? None of the jobs are onerous, and there is a lot of willing help. We have had a number of new members this year, which is great, and we'd love to have any of you help us in keeping our group strong and interesting.

Your President, Sally Stevens

Seems like an ideal time to reprint the old story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got mad about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

## FAMILYSEARCH WEBSITES

At the present time there are three FamilySearch websites available on the web: the original site, New FamilySearch and a Revised FamilySearch.

The original: <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/> is still available but will be phased out in six months to a year. This site offers five tabs, actually only one is still useful and that is the Vital Records search. There you can search vital records indexes for Mexico and Scandinavia.

It is also the only source where you can download the PAF genealogy software for free.

New FamilySearch. [www.new.familysearch.org/](http://www.new.familysearch.org/) : The primary purpose of this site is for LDS ordinances. The site combines five databases, though there are major duplications. The site will be open to the public by January 2012 and eventually be folded into FamilySearch as FamilyTree. It can be a useful research tool.

FamilySearch (revised)... <https://familysearch.org/> : to date 2.34 B indexed names plus 134MM browseable not-indexed and millions of data items added weekly. A powerful and improving search engine and simple to use, it is searchable by name, location and source. It will ultimately be the only LDS-sponsored website.

LEARN tab: access genealogy courses and the Research Wiki. \*Scroll down the page to find the "General" section and in that section click on "Labs". Here you will find Tech Tips and much more useful information.

BLOG tab: Most Blogs are by professional genealogists. \*Take a look at: "Make Sure You've Search All the Records" by AndersonSF. **It tells you how to search the millions of records available on the site, but not yet in the index!**

[www.new.familysearch.org](http://www.new.familysearch.org) is not yet available to the general public. It will be available sometime next year, at which time you will have to register to gain access to the site. Registering broadens your access to NewFamilySearch and allows communication between users.

The information above has been provided by Ralph Severson, Director of the Oakland FHC. \* Items have been added by your Editor.

Mr. Severson also enlightened us on MOCADO.com. It's free and is an absolutely fabulous search engine for genealogists with billions of names in the database and more being added every minute! If you have been having difficulty finding your ancestors through the normal searches, give MOCADO a try!

The Family History Center/Salt Lake is in the process of performing their own indexing of the censuses. It will be quite some time before all the censuses are completed, but you can be sure they will have been thoroughly checked and edited and relatively (pardon the pun) free of errors. Now, THAT will be most welcome.

Visit your local FHC soon. They have so much to offer and are so willing to help.

And, if you have the time and would like to help, perhaps you would like to take part in their indexing program. You can do it from home on your own computer. You'll find all the information on Indexing by clicking on the INDEXING tab at the top of their web page.

**NEWS YOU CAN USE**

[www.whatwasthere.com](http://www.whatwasthere.com) is a very interesting new website, and it is free. The site allows users to view, browse and upload historic photographs. It allows you to do all this within their modern day context allowing you to see familiar streets and landmarks as they appeared in the past. You can precisely place photographs within Google Street View allowing you to fade between the historical photograph and the current Street View Image. There is also an iPhone app that uses augmented reality to allow the user to view an historic photo through the phone's camera view.

At the present time, the number of photographs is limited due to the fact that the site is fairly new; however, it is growing daily. Check it out. Perhaps you have some historic photographs that you would like to share. If so, you may contact Dorothy Schwankl at [dshwankl@enlighten.com](mailto:dshwankl@enlighten.com) for more information about doing so.

**LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW PUBLICATION**

*Early Records of the Presbyterian Church of Pleasanton, California* is a 40-page paperback published by the society in August, 2011. The cost is \$8.12 or \$1.19 for file download.

This new publication includes a register of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, as well as a detailed index. Included also is a list of pastors through the ages, church history and transcription of the church's 1876 founding documents.

Check it out at <http://L-AGS.org/pubs.html>.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** announces an Open House, Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - 1-5 PM at the Oakland Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA.

Several experienced researchers will be on hand to assist beginners through advanced research in Jewish genealogy. All resources of the FHC will be available. A representative from the U.S. Bureau of the Census will have informational and promotional materials available. Bring your documents (copies only, no originals, please) and questions. Local researcher and author, Ron Arons, will present "Putting the Flesh on the Bones: Researching Why Our Ancestors Did What They Did." Ron's talk will be given twice during the open house so that all participants have an opportunity to attend.

For more information, visit <http://www.sfbajgs.org> or contact Janice Sellers at [publicity@sfbajgs.org](mailto:publicity@sfbajgs.org) with any questions.

**EASY GOOGLE GENEALOGY SEARCHER:**

<http://www.searchforancestors.com/googlr/searcher/html>

"Search for your ancestors using this interactive directory of the best free genealogy search engines. Search top world-wide and specialized genealogy databases from one genealogy search site? The Ancestor Search site also has unique custom genealogy search engines found no where else." That is what the site claims. There is a step by step guide and lots of how-to. Search for books, blogs, newspapers, queries, images or search by location and/or translate languages. This is a well-planned website and easy to use.

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I have been to a lot of places, but I have never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go there alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I have never been in Cognito, either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport. You have to be driven there!

## Continuation of marriage and engagement announcements from local newspapers 1985 – 2010

GROOM	BRIDE	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
HILLENBRAND, Paul G.	MONTGOMERY, Barbara J	marr	July, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
HILLIS, David Paul	PULSTS, Melissa	eng	Aug, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HILLIS, David Paul	PULARA, Melissa	marr	Aug, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HILT, James John	SMITH, Greer Margaret	marr	Nov, 1985	Reno, NV
HINDMAN, Thomas K.	TODD, Kinberlery Ann	marr	Aug 1992	Alameda Co, CA
HIRST, William Arthur	CROWLEY, Frances L.	marr		Whitman, MA
HOAG, Josh	VAN BIBBER, Sarah	eng	May, 2004	West Covina, CA
HOBBS, Brian	JOHNSON, Carolyn	marr	Jan, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
HOCKING, Richard E.	PAULINE, Kristi Ann	eng	July, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
HODSON, Michael	SMEJKAL, Tiffany Marie	eng	Mar, 2004	Yosemite, CA
HOFFMAN, E. Eric	SULLIVAN, Terri Joyce	marr	May, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
HOFFMAN, Edward	GILL, Tamara	eng	Sept 1993	Alameda Co, CA
HOGAN, James	GOODMAN, Nancy	marr	Nov, 1994	at sea aboard the USS Arkansas
HOLCOMBE, Ralph D.	McPHERSON, Ardus Ann	marr	Oct, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
HOLDEN, Patrick G.	LONG Kelly L.	eng	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
HOLDER, Ken	BUTTS, Joanne Patricia	marr	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
HOLGERSON, Theodore	PAYNE, Victoria	marr	July, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
HOLLERAN, Don	STEWART, Laura L.	eng	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HOLLEY, Bryan	MENDOZA, Lily	eng	July, 2002	Fairfield, CA
HOLMLUND, Keith Allen	BROWN, Phyllus Irene	marr	Aug, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
HONG, Henry	HUYNH, Nee	marr	Feb, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
HOOKER, James	BEARD, Laura J.	eng	May, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
HOPKINS, Michael J.	RIZZI, Jayne Elizabeth	marr	Dec, 1985	Contra Costa Co, CA
HOPKONSON, Phillip E.	PORTER, Malaika A.	marr	Oct, 1997	Alameda Co, CA
HORAT, Donald Lee	NETO, Maria Jose C.	marr	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HORLBECK, William T. Jr.	SERAFINI, LuAnn	eng	April, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
HOSPITALIER, Jon	HOCHHALTER, Gail	marr	Feb, 1989	San Carlos, CA
HOUCK, Guy W.	SIMS Cheryl R.	eng	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HOUCK, Guy Willis	SIMS, Cheryl Rae	marr	May, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
HOULE, Clyde F., Jr.	TREMPER, Linda Lee	marr	Sept, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
HOUSTON, Guy Spencer	SORENSEN, Ingeborg E.	eng	Jan, 1990	Contra Costa Co, CA
HOWRY, Lloyd K	GUTHRIE, Jill Denise	eng	Nov, 1987	
HOWRY, Lloyd Keith	GUTHRIE, Jill Denise	marr	Aug, 1988	San Pablo, CA
HUCKABA, John L.	SHINKO, Stacey R.	marr	April, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
HUCKABA, John L.	SHINKO, Stacey R.	eng	Sept, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
HUGGER, Sean	VAN DYKE, Carla	eng	May, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
HUNT, John David	O;BRIEN, June Mary	marr	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
HUNT, Robert	KIRCHNER, Lacinda	marr	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
HUNT, Robert Allan	KIRCHNER, Lacinda J.	eng	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
HUNT, William H. Jr.	MARGETTI, Tiffany M.	marr	July, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
HUNTER, Scott Loren	BERG, Lisa Michelle	marr	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
HURLEY, Greg	ERASMY, Nicole	marr	Aug, 2005	Santa Barbara Co, CA
HURST, Steven Clifford	YORK, Teresa Marie	marr	Aug, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
HURTADO, Ricky	SIDARII, Stacey	marr	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
HUTCHESON, Don S.	HAMMER, Lori A.	marr	Sept, 1993	Edgewater, MD
HUTCHINSON, James	MISHEVICH, Laurie	marr	May, 1987	Chico, CA
HUTCHINSON, Arthur E. Jr	MORAN, Kelly Elizabeth	eng	Feb, 1994	Chelmsford, MA
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HUTCHINSON, David J.	BUCHANAN, Dana Brinn	marr	Aug, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
HUTCHINSON, Dawn	BUCHANAN, Dana Brinn	eng	Feb, 1988	
HUTTON, Joseph	MELLENDEZ, Roxie	marr	Nov, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
IANZITI, Johathan Peter	DOS SANTOS, Kathleen B.	marr	Sept, 1988	Sausalito, CA
ILAC, Robert Bonifacio	ELLENBERGER, Marie R.	eng	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
ILMBERGER, Steve J.	BERRY, Lonnie A.	eng	Sept, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
INGRAM, Jay	DeHAAN, Jill	eng	Jan, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
INOCENCIO, Vernie C.	GANDARA, Melissa	marr	Nov, 2006	Alameda Co, CA
IRBY, R Scott	SILVA, Mary	marr	Nov, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
IRBY, Richard Allen	DAVENPORT, Michelle E.	eng	Mar, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
IRIZARRY, Hector	PINEDA, Maria	marr	Sept, 1989	Garden Grove, CA
IRONSIDE, James Ray	NORRIS, Chalice Pamela	marr	July, 1992	North Lake Tahoe, CA
IRONSIDE, James Ray	NORRIS, Chalice Pamela	eng	June, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
IRVING Bradely	HARRIS, Kelly Jean	eng	Feb, 1985	Treasure, Is, SF, CA
IRVING, Bradley Allen	HARRIS, Kelly Jean	marr	Aug, 1985	Occidental, CA
ISAACSON, Gary	VARGAS, Mary Ann	eng	Feb, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
ISQUIERDO, Roger F.	JONES, Anne	eng	Oct, 1996	Alameda Co, CA
ISRAELS, Martin H.	COIL, Nancy Lee	marr	Nov 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ISRAELS, Martin H.	COIL, Nancy Lee	eng	Nov, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
JACCARD, Douglas	STANDART, Julie	eng	May, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
JACEK, Steve	MILNE, April Gail	marr	Dec, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
JACK Brandon Curtis	MALDONADO, Allison	marr	Aug, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
JACKSON, Anthony	KRISTOF, Georgette	eng	Jan, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
JACKSON, Doug	BONHAM, Debbie E.	eng	June, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
JACKSON, Kelvin	BUCKMASTER, Julia	marr	June, 1988	Oakdale, CA
JACKSON, Robert L.	WAGNON, Christine	marr	May, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
JACOX, Robert John	JONES, Jenny Lynn	marr	April. 1992	Alameda Co, CA
JACOX, Robert John	JONES, Jenny Lynn	eng	Dec, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
JAGELS, Gary	CARLIN, Tammy Lynn	marr	Feb, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
JAKUB, Charles	GALLEGO, Lisa	eng	Feb, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
JALEN, David Keith	CHAPPELL, Felicia	marr	Dec, 2004	Contra Costa Co, CA
JAMES, Don	WOODY, Joan I,	marr	May, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
JAMES, Don	WOODY, Joan		Dec, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
JAMES, Kevin	O'CONNELL, Diane T.	marr	July, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
JAMES, Kevin	O'CONNELL, Diane T.	marr	July, 1990	eloped/renewed vows 1991
JAMES, Lenny	STERNS, Carrie Lynn	eng	Au, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
JAMES, Michael	HILL, Pamela	marr	Dec, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
JAMESON, Timothy John	GOSSETT, Laurie Jean	eng	Nov, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
JAMESON, Timothy John	GOSSETT, Laurie Jean	marr	Oct, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
JAMISON, Michael Eric	STEFFANSON, Valerie	marr	Nov, 1989	Salt Lake City, UT
JANOWSKI, Stepfan R.	FURRER, Nannette P.	marr	Feb, 1995	San Francisco, CA
JARVIS, Stanley	SAMUELSON, Wynn	marr	May, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
JASPER, Jason	GREENE, Shawna	marr	Aug, 2004	Alameda Co, CA
JAY, Michael D.	FRITZ, Leona E.	marr	July, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
JENNINGS, Daniel Howard	GUTIERREZ, Dawn M.	eng	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
JENNINGS, Dennis R.	HICKS, Celeste Fachin	eng	Feb, 1985	Yosemite, CA
JENNINGS, Dennis R.	BARNES, Kris	marr	July, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
JENNINGS, Dennis R.	BARNES, Kristine	eng	June, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
JENSEN, Brian Scott	MOSS, Melanie	marr	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
JENSEN, David Stanley	JACKSON, Audrey Jean	eng	Aug, 1993	Asilomar, CA

## NEVADA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA – A Thumbnail Sketch

Nestled in the Sierras and bordered by the State of Nevada on the east this county was an important mining area in California. It was created in 1851 from parts of Yuba County. In 2010 the population numbered 98,764. The county seat is Nevada City. The largest populated city is Grass Valley. Parts of Tahoe and Toiyabe National Forests are within its boundaries.

The Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad was built in 1876, and was the only railroad in the West that was never robbed, even though its primary freight was gold. Today many high tech and software design companies call Nevada County home; hence, the county is sometimes referred to as the “Silicon Valley of the Sierras”.

Nevada County Recorder  
Road Center Administration Bldg.  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
530-285-1221

Doris Foley Library for Historic Research – Thursday thru Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM  
211 N. Pine Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
530-265-4606

Great collection and resource: vital records, newspapers, etc., \$3/15 min. for photocopy of obit or article plus cost of copy and postage: \$13/hr for further research plus cost of copies and postage. They request you provide an Ancestor Chart and Family Group Sheet. They also offer the Grass Valley Daily Union newspaper 1865-1885 searchable on line through their website.

Nevada County Historical Society  
Searls Historical Library – Monday thru Saturday, 1-4 PM  
214 Church Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
530-265-5910

Nevada County Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 176  
Cedar Ridge, CA 95924  
Publication: *Western Nevada County Resource Guide*, recently revised. \$14 plus postage

There are several cemeteries. Google - *Nevada County, CA Cemeteries* and browse the list.

Want to read more? *Images of America* series offers a book on Grass Valley and another on Nevada City

There are plenty of historic sites, from a theater and hotel built in the 1800's and still operating, to an historic mine to visit and tour if you visit this region of the Sierras.

Happy researching in Nevada County, CA!