



East Bay Genealogical Society

The Live Oak

March/April 2012

Oakland, California

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 14 - 10 A.M. in the Oakland Family History Center Library meeting room

TAP INTO YOUR INNER PRIVATE EYE 8 STRATEGIES FOR FINDING LIVING RELATIVES

Speaker - Lisa Louise Cooke

Learn the techniques that Private Investigators use to track down missing persons. These strategies will help you find those elusive living relatives who just may hold the key to your brick wall or possess that treasured photo you've been looking for.

We look forward to having Lisa as our speaker once again. She is always such an inspiration.

APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 11 – 10 A.M. in the Oakland Family History Center Library meeting room

TIPS TO MAKE YOUR RESEARCH EASIER, FASTER AND ACCURATE

Speaker - Vera Broyles

With her many years of genealogical research experience and having been on the staff at the Family History Center much of that time, Vera has a wealth of tips and suggestions to help you with your research.

We have enjoyed her programs in the past and we look forward to this program.

Looking back at January: Richard Ferman shared a tremendous amount of valuable information on Ohio Research. His handout and CD to further aid those of us researching in Ohio were very generous of him and most welcome.

Looking back at February: Janice's strategies for tracing an immigrant family with the slimmest of clues was outstanding. She certainly inspired us to search broader, deeper and make good use of the data bases and other information available on the web.

EBGS NEWS

Dues will be coming due soon. A form is on the last page of this newsletter. We hope everyone will continue to support our society.

We are looking forward to our Annual May Luncheon. A form for that is also on the last page of this newsletter. Hoping to see many of you there.

The society offers its condolences to our long time member Blanche Sack whose husband of 55 years, Seymour Sack, passed away late last year. Mr. Sack was a highly regarded and many times awarded scientist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. His legacy will live on in the high standard of creativity and responsibility he instilled in his colleagues and students.

We also wish to extend our condolences to our member Gretchen Kohl and her family at the loss of their beloved Gustave Danzer. Mr. Danzer led a French language class, loved travelling, and was a warm and caring companion to Gretchen and her children.

Joyce Schleicher has offered to stay on the Board as our Treasurer for another term. Starr Brown will assume the duties of Membership Chairperson in May. We appreciate your willingness to help the society and we thank you both very much!

LIBRARY NEWS

Lois Kline raised her timid hand in 1982 and innocently offered to take on the responsibility of our library. Our library holdings increased beyond the capacity of Lois's spare closet or garage and in 1986 the Mayflower Society allowed us to share some of their space - and we have done so ever since.

Lois intends to retire in May, and after thirty years, we can hardly blame her! She has been a marvelous, diligent, and hard-working librarian and we are truly grateful that she gave so much time and effort to our society and our library.

As we already knew, Lois is irreplaceable!

Since there is no candidate willing to take over the position of Librarian and since it has become evident that our library resources are rarely used, it has been decided that we will close our library in May. Our library holdings will be offered/donated to the Mayflower Society, the Oakland Family History Center, Oakland Library History Room and our members and other local societies, in accordance with our Constitution.

This process has begun.

We have a Dukane microfilm reader available to anyone interested. It is an old version, manual wind, with no print capability. In other words, it is 'your basic microfilm reader'. The machine is not large, but it is heavy. If you want it, it's free, but you will have to arrange to pick it up.

Anyone interested may call or email Lois Kline at:

ljk271@gmail.com or 510-562-7694 or

call the library between 1-4 P.M. any Monday: 510-451-9599.

ITEMS OF INTEREST**"Educating Oakland: The History of the Oakland Public Schools 1852-1982": January 1 - March, 2012**

An exhibit in the History Room of the Oakland Public Library includes administration records, student certificates, yearbooks, photographs, etc., relating to Oakland's public schools. If you had an ancestor that attended school in Oakland, this might be of special interest to you.

There is also a website for the Friends of the Oakland History Room that might be of interest to you if you wish to support the History Room. **[www.http//historyroom.branchfriends.org](http://historyroom.branchfriends.org)**

Shadow on the Hills by Bill Mero examines historic place names in Contra Costa County. If you are looking for a lost settlement, ranch, road or railroad stop, you might find information about it in Mr. Mero's recent book. It is rich with history of this sprawling, interesting county whose place names changed often.

Shadow of the Hills is available at the Contra Costa County History Center, 610 Main Street, Martinez or can be bought online at the History Center website, **www.cocohistory.com** for \$19.95 plus shipping.

Friends of the Alameda Free Library Semi-Annual Book Sale: May 4, 5 & 6, 2012

The volume (pardon the pun) of books available at this book sale is always overwhelming! Everyone is certain to find something of interest. The books are displayed in categories, and the categories are numerous. Prices are reasonable, especially on Sunday when you can buy a bag or box of books for \$3 to \$5 per bag/box.

Venue is the old Officers' Club on the old Alameda Naval Air Station. Exiting the Posse tube, turn right at Atlantic Avenue and right again at Main Street. At the end of Main Street enter the main gate and follow the road to the left.

Hours: Friday 7-9 P.M. Usually mobbed with collectors and there is a small charge for admission
Saturday 9 A.m. to 4 P.m. and Sunday Noon to 4 P.M. - both FREE admission. Plenty of free parking.

Clark County Nevada Spring Family History Seminar: March 17, 2012

Registration at 8:30 A.M., seminar 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. \$50 registration includes lunch. Held at Stan FULTON Bldg, UNLV, 801 E. Flamingo Road, Free Parking. More information: www.lvrj.com/communitylink/ccngs/

Old Postcards Can Add Interest to Your Family Story:

You might like to enhance your family story with a few postcards from the past depicting the town or city where your ancestors lived. There are many to be found on the web. I Googled, "postcards, Alameda,CA", and found quite a nice collection. I was also able to find several for Leavenworth, KS; but, unfortunately very few for Westcliffe, CO., as I expected. Try searching for some postcards where your ancestors lived. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Mini Yearbooks:

In recent years these were produced at class reunions, probably beginning in the 1950s, and might include earlier graduating classes that held class reunions since the 1950s. A great source for finding a female's maiden name. Most have named photographs of attendees and an index of class members including spouse's names, phone numbers and addresses. These little booklets may not be easy to find. Try local libraries or genealogical or historical societies. If that doesn't pan out, try locating a yearbook for the school your ancestor attended and then try to locate a male from that class in the local telephone directory. You may be fortunate enough to find

that that person attended a class reunion and has a copy of a Mini-Yearbook (or knows of someone who does) and could give you the information you are seeking.

WHERE THERE IS A WILL...

One day in April 2009, as I was exploring the Books.Google.com site, I searched for one of my ggggrand-fathers, John Love. To my surprise and delight I found a reference to him in *Reports of Cases at Law and in Chancery, Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Illinois, Volume 292, Containing cases in which Opinions were filed in April, 1920, and Cases wherein Rehearings were denied at the April Term, 1920.*

John Love and his wife Eleanor had eight children born between 1835 and 1854: Margaret, Sarah, Maria, William, Robert, Harriet, Charles, and Camilla. William died in 1864. I believe something happened to Margaret and her husband by 1870, because in the 1870 census three of their young children were living with relatives, including two with their grandfather, John Love. Thus, John apparently had six children still living at the time of his death in 1888.

In John's will, written in December 1886, 40 acres of land were left for the support of son Robert, who could not take care of himself for some reason. Upon the death of Robert, the land was to revert to his nearest akin. This will does not mention the other children at all. Robert died in 1918, leaving no widow, parent or child; but rather, a sister (Camilla), a brother (Charles), seven nieces and five nephews. John's other three children had died by this time,.

Camilla petitioned the court to divide the land between her and Charles. The rest of the family felt the estate should be shared fourteen ways among the two surviving siblings and the twelve children of the five deceased siblings. The lower court agreed. However, Camilla appealed the decision. After studying John's will, especially the term "nearest akin", the Supreme Court ruled that this phrase must be held to mean nearest blood relative. Manifestly, a sister and a brother are nearer blood relations than a niece or a nephew. The judges ruled in the sister's favor and remanded the case to the lower court for further proceedings.

It was fascinating to read how this case was decided and to get a glimpse into the family problems. The best part for me was a paragraph which named the mothers of these nieces, who had been mentioned in a document I had found the previous summer. I knew which families the nephews belonged in, but did not know in which family the nieces belonged, due to name changes when the women married. Now this branch of my family tree is more complete.

Many questions remain. Was there animosity for some reason among the family members? Robert, the son with problems, had lived with three of his sisters and their families at one time or another, Did the nieces and nephews feel they deserved some payment for having this uncle in their homes, possibly disrupting their lives? Is this an example of somebody demanding fair and equal treatment? Those of us from the Midwest tend to have an overly strong sense of what is fair and what is not. Questions like this cannot be answered now, unless there is a diary or letters somewhere with more information. So, I'll have to be satisfied with the names I have found...until the next discovery!

Submitted by Starr Brown

I KNOW THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE.....A FINISHED GENEALOGY

Continuation of marriage and engagement announcements from local newspapers 1985-2010

GROOM	BRIDE	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
LANDFATHER, Eric	GRENIER, Michele	marriage	July, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
LANDRETH, Mark Kevin	MATTEO, Michelle	marriage	Sept, 1987	Youngstown, OH
LANDRETH, Michael Lawrence	STORM, Nancy Ann	marriage	Sept, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
LANDREY, Scott Douglas	KENDALL, Susan Adele	marriage	April, 1993	Mokena, IL
LANDRO, Mike	GHINAZZI, Elaine	marriage	Nov, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
LANDWEHR, John David	KEATE, Margaret	marriage	April, 1985	Jefferson City, MO
LANGDON, Harry III	O'BRIEN, Kelly	engagement	April, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
LANGON, David	GARBER, Kathy	engagement	Aug, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
LANGON, Joseph John	CALOCA, Stacy Renee	marriage	Sept, 1991	Contra Costa Co, CA
LANGTON, Guy Robert	ROSENBERG, Vicki Beth	marriage	Feb, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
LANGTON, Guy Robert	ROSENBERG, Vicki Beth	engagement	Nov, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
LANGTRY, Peter	HEFFRON, Sharon	marriage	Jan, 1992	Palo Alto, CA
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LARCINA, Carl	NAVARRO, Pauleen	marriage	Sept, 2006	Alameda Co, CA
LARENZI, Cal Ray	WILDERMUTH, Bonnie Marie	marriage	July, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LaRIVIERE, Arthur Nicolas	CELIA, Karen Louise	engagement	Feb, 1991	Benicia, CA
LaRIVIERE, Arthur Nicolas	CELIA, Karen Louise	marriage	Sept, 1991	Benicia, CA
LARSEN, James	GRAYSON, Mary Therese	marriage	Nov, 1987	Madrid, Spain
LASARTEMAY, Valdez P. Jr.	ELMORE, Rhonda Ladrisse	engagement	April, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
LASCONIA, Larry K.	CHESTER, Lori Dana	marriage	June, 1986	Honolulu, Hawaii
LASTOWSKI, Alexander Jr.	EVANS, Helen Elizabeth	engagement	Sept, 1989	San Joaquin Co, CA
LASTOWSKI, Leon, Jr.	EVANS, Helen Elizabeth	marriage	Sept, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
LAUBACH, Terrence	MILANI, Michele (Mimi)	marriage	Oct, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
LAUSCH, David	CLARK, Julie Elizabeth	marriage	April, 1992	Mare Is, Vallejo, CA
LAVELLE , William Troy	BADDERS, Beth Lynn	engagement	Jan, 1988	
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LAVER, David	BAKER, Angela Faith	engagement	Jan, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LAVOIE, Thomas Raymond	GANDSEY, Patricia Ann	marriage	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LAWLOR, T. Pat	TILLEMANS, JoAnne	marriage	Aug, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
LAWSON, David M.	NAGEL, Jacqueline Yvonne	marriage	July, 1988	Burlen, WA
LAWSON, Robert J.	GLAZIER, Carol Ellen	engagement	Jan, 1992	Davis, CA
LAWSON, Robert J.	GLAZIER, Carol Ellen	engagement	Jan, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
LEA, Scott	BRUCKNER, Cindy	marriage	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LEARY, Anthony J.	ROSEFIELD, Patty A.	engagement	Jan, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
LEARY, D. Matt	LEE, Julia M.	engagement	Nov, 2002	Maui, HI
LEAVITT, John Julian	SEEREITER, Danielle Marie	engagement	Dec, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
LeDAY, Raymond Jr.	CONTI, Cynthia	marriage	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LeDAY, Raymond Jr.	CONTI, Cynthia	engagement	Jan, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LEDDA, Frank III	YOUNG, Catherine	engagement	March, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
LEDFORD, John	HENRY, Cindy	marriage	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
LEE, Daryl Jacob	CHEW, Angela Lori	marriage	Nov, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
LEE, Daryl Jacob	CHEW, Angela Lori	marriage	Nov, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
LEE, David A.	SCHNEIER, Carla R.	engagement	Jan, 1989	Washington, DC
LEE, Michael Robert	ANDERSON, Elizabeth Ann	engagement	Dec, 1984	Alameda Co, CA
LEE, Michael Robert	ANDERSON, Elizabeth Ann	marriage	Sept, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
LEE, Timothy Edwin	MOTTE, Danita Rene	marriage	July, 1990	Contra Costa Co, CA

LEHMAN, Gilbert	BOOT, Katherine	marriage	February, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
LEHMAN, Keith Alec	CLASEN, Lynne Catherine	marriage	August, 1984	Alameda Co, CA
LEHMAN, Todd A	HILLERY, Sheri J	marriage	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LEHMAN, Todd Alan	HILLERY, Sheri Jean	marriage	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LEHNHOFF, Phillip Edward	MURPHY, Charlene Anne	marriage	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LEITE, Michael Anthony Jr.	SMITH, Alicia Lee	marriage	May, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
LeMAY, Christopher Todd	SMITH, Karen Cathleen	engagement	August, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
LeMAY, Rick	HAMILTON, Karen	marriage	Mau, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LeMAY, Rick	HAMILTON, Karen	engagement	Aspril, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LeMOINE, Jason J	CRAWFORD, Jennifer	engagement	May, 1997	Alameda Co, CA
LEMONS, Dr. Mark F	FIESE, Adele Heidi	marriage	Dec, 1988	Corpus Christi, TX
LEMUS, Rigoberto	HARPER, Katherine Amy	marriage	May, 1992	
LENHARDT, James F.	ARNOLD, Debra Lynn	marriage	Sept 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LEON, Gary	ROGERS, Sharl	engagement	October, 1999	Lake Tahoe, NV
LEONARD, Dana	SPIROCK, Laurie	marriage	May, 1989	San Francisco, CA
LEVAL, Kenneth	HUMPHREY, Christine	engagement	March, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LEVAL, Kenneth	HUMPHREY, Christine	engagement	March, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LEVAL, Kenneth	HUMPHREY, Christine	marriage	January, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
LEVINE, Stephen Michael	RUSSELL Eleanor Catherine	marriage	Dec, 1990	Fairfield, CA
LEVY, Mark	LEQUIEU, Lynnette	engagement	October, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
LEW, Rick	BOLICH, Kimberly	marriage	June, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
LEWIN, Dan	SCHOTT, Katherine	engagement	Sept, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
LEWIS, Darin	ZIMMER, Ellen	engagement	October, 1990	Webster, NY
LEWIS, Jeffrey Thomas	HARMON, Jennifer Marie	marriage	August, 1992	Medford, OR
LEWIS, Kenneth Lloyd	CONARD, Gretchen Martha	marriage	Nov, 1996	San Francisco, CA
LEWIS, Sherman Jr.	GARETH, Shauna	marriage	January, 2003	Alameda Co, CA
LEYVAS, John Hernandez	MEERKATZ, Nicole A.	marriage	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
LIDEMANN, Hank	KECHELY, Diane	engagement	February, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
LIEBOWITZ, David	SANCHEZ, Antoinette	engagement	April, 1994	San Francisco, CA
LINDBERG, Brian Keith	McCLURE, Katherine Lynn	engagement	February, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
LINDELL, Michael Eic	SCHMITT, Linda Kay	marriage	May, 1992	Plumas, CA
LINDELL, Michael Eric	SCHMITT, Linda Kay	engagement	Nov, 1991	Plumas Co, CA
LINDVIG, Darren Lee	PADILLA, Lori Ann	marriage	Sept, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
LINE, Paul	McCLARY, Victoria Lyn	engagement	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LINFORD, Kurt Oscar	LOCKREM, Lorri Ann	marriage	March, 1992	Contra Costa Co, CA
LINGENFELTER, Mike	WREN, Lynn	marriage	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
LINNEY, Douglas Andrew	BOSWORTH, Susan Elaine	marriage	February, 1985	Westfield, New York
LINNEY, Warren Thomas	McGOWAN, Joan Louise	marriage	March, 1987	Palo Alto, CA
LIPPERT, Robert L. Jr.	CHOI, Hong Sook	marriage	Nov, 1984	Seoul, So. Korea
LIPPS, Joshua	GEORGE, Jennifer	engagement	March, 2007	Alameda Co, CA
LISERRE, Anthony Michael	HIVELY, Jana Rose	marriage	October, 1988	Kauai, HI
LITTLEFORD, John "Bud"	ONKLE, Wretha	marriage	January, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
LIVINGSTONE, Glen S	ABERNETHY, Susan E	marriage	August, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
LOCHE, Darren Henry	RUFFIN, Alanda Jajuan	marriage	Dec, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
LOCKWOOD, Ken	MATA, Jeanette	engagement	February, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
LOCKWOOD, Kenton D.	MATA, Jeannette	marriage	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
LODGE, Morgan	LAZZERESCHI, Stefani	marriage	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LOEWE, Richard	YOUNG, Karen	engagement	February, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
LOEWEN, Leonard Alexander III	ICHORD, Carrie Lee	engagement	May, 1992	Alameda Co, CA

LOGAN, Newton Franklin

BLAYMIRE, Karen Joyce

marriage

May, 1985

Alameda Co, CA

EBGS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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May we hear from you by July 1, 2012. Thank you for your support.

Office use only: Dat4e _____ Amt. _____ Check # _____

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31st ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON – May 9, 2012

**Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant, 1148 Ballena Blvd, Alameda, CA
Directions will be printed in May/June LIVE OAK. Time is NOON**

Terriyaki Chicken _____ Shrimp Louie _____ Cesar Salad w/chicken _____

Salads served with a cup of clam chowder. Terriyaki Chicken served with a tossed green salad w/zesty Italian dressing, garlic mashed potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables. Meals include roll and butter, coffee or tea, with vanilla ice cream or rainbow sherbet for dessert. Tax and tip are included.

Cost: \$23.00 per person.

Mail your check and this form to:
EBGS - c/o Joyce Schleicher, 4345 Detroit Avenue, Oakland, CA 94614

Name _____ Amt. Enc. _____ no. persons _____

MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday each month – 10 am Family History Center Library 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA

Visitors welcome! Typically a speaker 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 additional person Foreign - \$20.00 Request an application by writing to our P. O. Box or download from our website.

LIBRARY

Financial Building, Basement 405 -14th St. at Franklin, Oakland, CA Open Monday – 9 am to 4 pm Phone: 510-451-9599 Genealogical material with emphasis on Alameda County and Oakland Bay Area. Collection of Society of Mayflower Descendants also available on site. Free to the public.

PUBLICATIONS 1890 Great Register of Alameda County (1998)1500+ names from voter registration records. Alphabetical with name, age, birth place and residence.**\$26.00**

Genealogical Research Guide, Oakland, CA Main Library

A comprehensive guide to resources available in the Oakland History Room and other areas of the Oakland Main Library.

\$6.50

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