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JULY MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 - 10 a.m. in the Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room

TIPS TO MAKE YOUR RESEARCH EASIER, FASTER AND ACCURATE

Speaker - Vera Broyles

This time she will be there for sure! It was not her fault that she did not show up two months ago as scheduled. It was your editor's fault. I failed to follow up as I should have. I sincerely apologize to all.

Vera has a wealth of tips, suggestions and strategies to help you research successfully. She has many years of genealogical research experience and has been among the volunteer staff at the Family History Center for most of that time. We are looking forward to a very interesting and educational meeting.

AUGUST MEETING

There will be none. EBGs does not meet in August. You are once again free to roam the country.

A short paragraph or two relating a special research breakthrough, an exciting "find" or *something* to help me fill these pages would certainly be appreciated!

Looking back at May: We had a terrific turnout at our annual luncheon! Thanks to all of you who were able to attend. Lois Kline was presented with a lovely white azalea tree in appreciation of her many years devoted to our library. We wish her fun and relaxation on all the Mondays to come during her "retirement"!

Looking back at June: Robert Trapp provided lots of information and suggested many avenues for researching Civil War ancestors. Everyone agreed...it was a very good meeting with much new information to ponder and pursue.

EBGS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. We are accepting checks through July 15 for those of you who may have forgotten. Your support is greatly appreciated. A new Roster will be mailed along with the September/October issue of *THE LIVE OAK*.

Some members have requested that they receive their copies of *THE LIVE OAK* via email. If you would like to receive your copy of this newsletter by email please let me know. An email to: c-kstorm@juno.com, Subject: newsletter, will do the job.

Our library was officially closed as of the first of June. All of us who helped in the library will miss our weekly "chocolate fix"! We appreciate the Mayflower Society's kindness in allowing us to retain one file cabinet in their library in which to store our important papers and files. Librarian, Lois Kline, along with Lynne Bajuk and yours truly spent many Mondays sorting books and files and discarding outdated material. It took a lot of work and a lot of time, but we managed to find good homes for our entire collection and were also able to offer some volumes to our members.

Although our library has been closed - please be assured that the Mayflower Society Library is alive and doing well. They are open on Mondays and would welcome visitors and researchers.

Starr Brown has officially assumed the position of Membership Chairman. She has noticed that some members do not have Membership Applications on file. Oops, guess we goofed. If you find a Membership Application included in your copy of this newsletter, please fill it out and hand it in at the next meeting or mail it to our P.O. Box.

The Piedmont Avenue location of our P. O. Box is not very convenient for any of our present Board Members and the parking is a problem. We are in the process of moving our P.O. Box to Alameda and will advise when this has been accomplished.

Our Program Chairman, John Wheat, has been in a care facility for over a year due to a stroke. Your Editor has been arranging programs. Most of the time it can be done via email - and I am the one with the deadline to meet - so it works well. . If YOU have a topic or country you would like us to present a program on, please contact me, Carolyn Storm, and I will do my best to locate a speaker to accommodate your request.

I can appreciate how difficult the job was for John, who had no computer and, therefore, had to contact people via snail mail or telephone. It was very time consuming waiting for replies or callbacks. Not many of these folks are easy to find addresses and phone numbers for. Thank you John for your efforts in obtaining speakers of interest to our members for so many years!

IN MEMORIAM

It's with great sadness that we are announcing the death in April of our long-time member, Marge Schmelzer. Marge joined East Bay Genealogy Society in the 1980's, and has been a loyal member ever since, also serving as Secretary on the Board.

She was a microbiologist and served in the US Army during WWII, and later worked at Cutter Laboratory. She and her husband, Larry, raised their two daughters, Margaret and Barbara, in Kensington.

Besides having an interest in genealogy, Marge also volunteered at the Academy of Science in San Francisco and also at the Kensington Library, where she helped price books for the Friends of the Library book sales.

She will be missed by all.

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA AND KAISER SHIPYARDS

Richmond, California became well-known by 1943. Richmond's shipbuilding prowess became a shining example to the Allies and a grim warning to their Axis adversaries. Ships built in Richmond and other yards in the San Francisco Bay were delivering massive amounts of troops, supplies and weapons to the world's battlefields.

During the war years, Richmond's shipyards produced 747 ships. When the Richmond yard reduced the time needed to build a ship to four days, their accomplishment became a symbol of American determination, Yankee ingenuity and of the fact that when a free nation becomes aroused and begins to fight for its liberty, there's no limit to what its people can accomplish. The men and women building ships in the Richmond yards were hard-working people who took much pride in their accomplishments - as well they should have!

Some of these ships were lost in enemy action, many of them have been sold for scrap. The Red Oak Victory, the lone survivor, remains. Many citizens as well as the Richmond Museum of History are hoping to keep and restore her as a museum. Let's hope they succeed! (Excerpted and edited from Newsletter of the Richmond Museum of History)

American industrialist, Henry J. Kaiser, established four of his seven major shipyards in Richmond, California. Kaiser was known for developing new methods of ship building, which allowed his yards to out produce other similar facilities and build 1,499 ships, 27 percent of the total Maritime Commission construction. Kaiser's ships were completed in two-thirds the time and a quarter the cost of the average of all other shipyards. Kaiser shipyards produced Liberty and Victory ships as well as transports and LSTs. (Excerpted and edited from Wikipedia)

The photo below is of the launching party for the M.S. Square Sinnet, April 14, 1945, Kaiser shipyard No. 4, Richmond, CA. I believe the man second from the left, B. G. Wester and his wife, Dorothy (third from the right) were sponsors of the ship. B. G. Wester worked for Kaiser Shipyards in the offices. They were close friends of my parents, Harold and Bernice Segerquist (on the right in the photo). My father may have worked at Kaiser Shipyard at the time, I cannot recall. I know he worked at Mare Island and later for Pacific Bridge Company on the Oakland Estuary. My mother served as Matron of Honor for the launching ceremony. I had a beautiful new dress and was to be Flower Girl, I was six years old at the time. However, the launch time kept getting postponed, or moved forward perhaps of Kaiser's speedy building techniques. The ship was finally launched at 3 am, hence, I was home in bed and missed it! My lovely bouquet of yellow roses was in the refrigerator for me in the morning and my parents were recovering from what must have been a great party!



FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - A Thumbnail Sketch

The sixth largest county in the state, Fresno County is located in California's Central Valley. This area became the property of the United States in 1846, after the Mexican War. The county was formed in 1856 from parts of Mariposa, Merced and Tulare counties. Parts of Fresno County were given to Mono County in 1861 and to Madera County in 1893. For a brief time the original county seat was Millerton. A flood along the San Joaquin River destroyed most of Millerton and the county seat was later established in Fresno, the largest incorporated city in the county.

A series of canals bringing water to the Central Valley has enabled Fresno County to be considered the most agriculturally rich county in the United States. Wine, fruit, nuts, cotton and beef and dairy industries are the backbone of Fresno County's economy along with rich oil fields in the city of Coalinga.

County Recorder's Office - Hall of Records
2281 Tulare Street, Room 302, Fresno, CA 93721
Mail to: P. O. Box 766, Fresno, CA 93721

Fresno County Library - Central Library
2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA 93721 Ph: 559-600-7323

California History and Genealogy Room also holds the collection of the Fresno County Genealogical Society. Among the many resources available at the county library are an almost complete collection of City Directories for the City of Fresno, plus directories for many other cities within the county, along with a major collection of telephone books. Their microfilms of early Fresno City newspapers date back to the late 1800s, plus they have films of several other newspapers from Fresno County cities. They have a comprehensive collection of high school yearbooks covering the city of Fresno and other cities throughout the county.

Fresno County Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 1429, Fresno, Ca 93716-1429

The majority of their research material is located in the Genealogy Room of the Central Library in Fresno. They publish a monthly newsletter, "The Jotted Line".

Fresno Historical Society
7180 W. Kearney Blvd., Fresno, CA 93706 Ph: 559-441-0862

Research on the premises by appointment only. There are fees for research by mail.

The archives includes collections of manuscripts, photographs, oral histories, newspaper clipping/history files and more.

Want to read more?

"The Valley's Legends and Legacies", by Catherine Morison Rehart

"The History of Fresno County", by Paul E. Vander

Enjoy researching in Fresno County, California. There is a wealth of information available at their libraries, archives and online.

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

GROOM	BRIDE	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
MANSFIELD, M. Murdock	MONIZ, Debra Sue	marriage	August, 1991	Lake Tahoe, CA
MANSFIELD, Paul Burke	McKEOWN, Kyle	marriage	August, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
MANSON James	DeCELLE, Amber	engagement	August, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
MANSON, James	DE CELLE, Amber	engagement	August, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
MANZO, Gilbert Joe	TARRANT, Jeannine B.	marriage	October, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
MANZO, Louis	SEEREITER, Michele	engagement	April, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MANZO, Louis Jr.	SEEREITER, Michele	engagement	March, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARBURGER. John Michael	MALONEY, Liza Kristine	engagement	January, 2001	San Marco CA
MARCELLI, Domenic Patrick	JARNAGIN, Jayna Leigh	engagement	August, 2003	San Mateo, CA
MARCELLI, Domenic Patrick	JARNAGIN, Jayna Leigh	engagement	August, 2003	Golden, CO
MARCHAM, Derek Richard	BALDIVID, Renee Marie	marriage	August, 1991	San Francisco, CA
MARCHAN, Derek R.	BALDIVID, Renee M.	engagement	February, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
MARGOT, Benjamin William	MILLER, Elizabeth Diane	marriage	October, 1995	Townsend, TN
MARIA, David	MITTELBUSHER, Susan Kay	marriage	Nov, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
MARIA, David Joseph	MITTELBUSHER, Susan Kay	engagement	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
MARIAN, Ernie Andre	SLUYS, Kimberlee Gayle	marriage	Sept, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
MARINESCU, Sorin R.	PEREZ, Maria Luisa Elizondo	marriage	July, 1988	San Francisco, CA
MARKETTE, Dino	SOUZA, Julie Ann	marriage	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
MARKETTE, Dino	SOUZA, Julie	engagement	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
MARKOVICH, Michael	CARDWELL, Rae	engagement	May, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
MARLAIS, Jeff	YOUNG, Heather	marriage	August, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARLER, Christopher	BUTLER, Christine	marriage	Nov, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARON, David	DICKINSON, Marilyn	engagement	February, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
MARPLES, Mark Andrew	WEISE, Sandra Renee	marriage	July, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARQUES, Alberto	McNAB, Stacy Marie	marriage	Dec, 1998	Maui, HI
MARQUEZ, Joseph Abel	KING, Sheri	marriage	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
MARSH, Eric	CHRISTIAN, Janet K.	marriage	April, 1989	Cupertino, CA
MARSH, Thomas Douglas	BERRYMAN, Shannon Dawn	marriage	October, 1989	Sunol, CA
MARSHALL, Troy	BEATON, im	engagement	October, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
MARSLEK,Robert W.	MILLER, Lisa	marriage	June, 1992	Sacramento Co, CA
MARTIN, Albert Joseph	TRUJILLO, Bobbie Celia	marriage	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
MARTIN, Anthony Rod	BROWN, Michelle Anne	marriage	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
MARTIN, Brian J.	OPPER, Melanie	engagement	Dec, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
MARTIN, Jeffrey Jay	PONT, Helen Alexandra	marriage	May, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARTIN, Jeffrey Jay	PONT, Helen Alexandria	engagement	March, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARTIN, Johnny	JONES, Tracy	engagement	October, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINELLI, Mario Michael	DeWALD, Michelle Louise	engagement	March, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINELLI, Mario Michael	DeWALD, Michelle Louise	marriage	March, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Ben	FLORES, Alicea	marriage	Dec, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Eric Anthony	PAREDES, Candice Marie	marriage	Sept, 1995	Whittier, CA
MARTINEZ, Joel Michael L.	DyLIACCO, Pollyana	marriage	Sept. 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, John	WYKOFF, Krista	engagement	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Joseph John	MARTINEZ, Ann-Marie	marriage	February, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Joseph John	MARTINEZ, Ann-Marie	engagement	January. 1992	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Oscar	TAYLOR, Cheryl	marriage	August, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Patrick Anthony	COWDEN, Cathryn Dyan	marriage	Dec. 1987	Monterey Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Thomas Paul	TRAUTWEIN, Kendyce Sue	engagement	February, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Thomas Paul	TRAUTWEIN, Kendyce Sue	marriage	May, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MARTINEZ, Toby E.	SANCHEZ, Joy A.	marriage	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA

MARX, Joshua James	WHITE, Trisha	marriage	May, 2008	LaJolla, CA
MARZOCCA, Carlo Dominic	JOHNSON, Monika Maria	engagement	January, 1988	
MASLONKOWSKI, Dennis P.	CURTIS, Victoia Lynn	engagement	Nov, 1991	Contra Costa Co, CA
MASON, Paul	MEGGERS, Wendy	engagement	August, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
MASON, Paul	MEGGERS, Wendy	marriage	August, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
MASSEI, David	CAUGHLAN, Christina	marriage	March, 2003	Alameda Co, CA
MASSEI, David	CAUGHLAN, Christina	marriage	February, 2003	Florence, Italy
MASSENKOFF, Nikolai	DELAHAYE, Douce Ann	marriage	February, 1988	San Francisco, CA
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MATHENY, Mark Anthony	SHERIFF, Laura Compbell	engagement	August, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MATHIESON, Mark O.	MURRELL, Elaine	marriage	April, 1985	Tacoma, WA
MATHIESON, Mark O.	MURRELL, Elaine	engagement	October, 1984	Tacoma, WA
MATHISEN, David	ROSE, Kathryn	marriage	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
MATTERN, Edward	PIMINTEL, Denise	marriage	May, 1991	San Francisco, CA
MAUGHAN, Jerry	RIVAS, Sherrly	engagement	June, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
MAY, David Charles	CRAIG, Katherine Mary	marriage	August, 1992	Crystal Bay, NV
MAYBERRY, Steven	PIERRE, Bethani	marriage	July, 1989	Salem, OR
MAYBERRY, Steven	PEIRRE, Bethani L.	marriage	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
MAYO, John Thomas	JOHANSEN, Sara Jo	marriage	April, 1993	Folsom, CA
MAYS, Clifford Amos	DURAN, Judy Ann	marriage	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
MAYS, Thomas Edward	LIMBAUGH, Marla	marriage	Sept, 1990	Tullahoma, TN
MAZURE, Gary	WARE, Lisa	marriage	August, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
MC CULLOUGH, James T.	JONES, Barbara Allyn	marriage	October, 1995	Port Angeles, CA
MC DONALD, Michael James	YOUNG, Vivian Lynette	engagement	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
McALEESE, Rhett	CALILUNG, Jenni	engagement	June, 2000	Alameda Co, CA
McALLISTER, Timothy	KENNEY, Stacey Kathleen	engagement	1989	Alameda Co, CA
McATEER, Terence Knight	EVERETT, Elizabeth Helen	marriage	August, 1984	San Francisco, CA
McAULIFF, Jeffrey Hayden	ROMERO, Sherri Renee	engagement	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
McBRIDE, David Jonathan	MASON, Jennifer Susan	engagement	July, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
McCABE, John Joseph Jr.	ABRAMS, Heather Pauline	marriage	Sept, 1998	San Francisco, CA
McCAIN, Steve	SATARA, Pamela	engagement	February, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
McCALL, Guy	ALMARAS, Mary Claire	marriage	January, 2008	Alameda Co, CA
McCARVER, Dave	FASSO, Amy	engagement	April, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
McCARY, Steve	TRETNIK, Tracy	engagement	Sept, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
McCASSLIN, Dallas Jordan	CHURCHILL, Jennifer Lynn	engagement	Nov, 2008	Contra Costa Co, CA
McCLARY, Steven	FERNANDES, Linda	marriage	October, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
McCLINTOCK, Kevin L.	PRIER, Diane S.	engagement	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
McCLURE, Ian Malcolm	McKEAN, Donna Laouise	marriage	Nov, 1984	Contra Costa Co, CA
McCLYMONT, Samuel	MEDULAN, Kara Ellen	engagement	February, 2996	Alameda Co, CA
McCOMAS, Joseph C.	AGUIAR, Karen S.	engagement	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
McCOY, Daniel Wyatt	WRIGHT, Dana Lynd	engagement	Sept, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
McCRACKEN, Sam	ANDREWS, Kelly	engagement	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
McDERMOTT, Gerald Lee	STUART, Julie Beth	engagement	July, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
McDONAL, Chase	ROPER, Jeni	engagement	July, 1998	Contra Costa Co, CA
McDONALD, Jerry	SMITH, Michelle	marriage	Nov, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
McDOWELL, Joseph G. Jr.	CORRENTE, Karen	marriage	Sept, 1992	Haverhill, MA
McEACHERN, Dan Lester	BIAGGI, Mary Elizabeth	marriage	July, 1987	Sacramento Co, CA
McENERY, Terrence Lee	PLACE, Marli Marie	marriage	August, 1992	Monterey, CA
McFARLAND, Donald M.	HERRON, Cynthia L.	marriage	August, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
McGEORGE, Lawrence W. Jr.	CHERRY, Kimberly	engagement	Nov, 1988	Los Gatos, CA
McGOWAN, Dennis	DEVINE, Carol	marriage		Alameda Co, CA
McGREGOR, James D.	KELLER, Gina	engagement	March, 1989	Alameda Co, CA

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Some Irish Tidbits: The expression "Fighting Irish" goes far back in history to when the Irish honored warriors in their culture. The expression came to the United States due to the large number of soldiers who fought with George Washington (The estimates range from a third to a half of his regular troops). It is not surprising that Notre Dame University adopted the name "The Fighting Irish" for their football team. The "Luck of the Irish" came from many examples. One goes back to Leadville Johnny Brown and his wife, the Unsinkable Molly. One day, by mistake, Johnny burned a small fortune in paper money. A short time later he discovered one of the richest iron ore mines in Colorado history. He called it "The Luck of the Irish". His wife, who survived the sinking of the Titanic, attributed her good fortune to "Irish Luck". The Irish are a flamboyant and irrepressible people who enjoy celebrating life. They have added much to American culture. Bless them...
By Rev Kevin O'Neill Shanley, Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, IL. (Originally printed in Ann Landers' column, February 27, 1988)

Alien Files (A-Files) Available at San Bruno National Archives: Tens of thousands of old West Coast immigration records are now open to the public. The records include photographs, letters, health records, interview transcripts and other historical documents. Check out the name based online index at www.archives.gov/pacific/san-francisco.

Preserving Newspaper Clippings: Experts at the National Archives suggest the following method of preserving old newspapers. Mix two teaspoons of magnesium carbonate and a quart of club soda in a large plastic dish. Sandwich the clippings between two pieces of screen or Pellon, a material sold in most fabric stores. Soak for 30 minutes. Mop up excess liquid with blotting paper and allow to dry overnight on more blotting paper. After using this preservative technique, store the clippings in a well-sealed plastic bag. They should keep forever. Ed. note: archival envelope or plastic bag?

Draft Cards: Family Search has recently added 25 million WWI draft registration cards to its collection. They are free to see at www.FamilySearch.org.

<http://books.familysearch.org> Wow! Check this out! According to Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter, March 4, 2012... You can search through more than 40,000 digitized genealogy and family history books from the archives of important family history libraries in the U.S. Every word in every book is searchable. Materials in the collection include family, county, and local histories, genealogy magazines, how-to books, gazetteers, pedigrees, and medieval histories. This is an ongoing effort, so if you don't find what you are looking for today, come back and search again in a week or so. Books are constantly being added. Search easily by entering a name in the search box; or for more exact results, use Advanced Search. (Excerpted and edited from Der Blumenbaum, Sacramento German Genealogical Society newsletter, April/May/June, 2012.)

Hundreds of Foreign and U.S. Newspapers with article images - almost all free - can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_online_newspaper_archives. (Betsy Robinson, "Fiche and Ships", Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County)

An Inevitable Law of Genealogy:

The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated when the platform under him collapsed ...turned out to be a *hanging!*

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.

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