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JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 - 10 a.m. in the Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room

"THE SEARCH FOR MY ABANDONED GRANDMOTHER"

Speaker/Author - Mary Ames Mitchell

Mary's search through English graveyards, family records, library archives and personal journals took six years. She will take us on this "genealogical mystery tour" in pursuit of her maternal grandmother, Eileen Maude Hopkins.

Mary Ames Mitchell is an accomplished author of several books. She has spoken at our meetings in the past and we anxiously look forward to her visit with us in January.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 - 10 a.m. in the Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room

INRODUCTION TO GENETIC GENEALOGY

Speaker /Member - Nancy Niles Wehner

Exhaustive searches of traditional and non-traditional records that our ancestors left behind and the application of sound analytical thought can resolve many questions of relationship encountered in genealogy. But paper trails can run cold for a variety of reasons, or provide tantalizing but inadequate information to decisively solve a relationship question. In these cases, the biological record of our ancestry that is coded in our genes may provide the final bit of information needed to prove a relationship case. Nancy will take us through the basics of DNA structure and inheritance, the types of genetic testing that are available for genealogical purposes and what each one tells us, and guide us through a case study in the use of DNA testing.

Nancy Niles Wehner is a consulting pharmaceutical toxicologist whose real love is genealogy. She has been actively engaged in genealogical research for 25+ years. In addition to work on her own and her husbands's family trees, she has done volunteer research for friends and organizations, volunteers at the Hayward Stake FHC, and is currently working on her genealogical certification.

Finding Our Grandmothers - Uncovering Maiden Names in our Family Trees

At our November meeting, we were treated to a detailed and fascinating presentation given by Janice M. Sellers, a professional genealogist, about tracing those elusive female ancestors. She gave us many less obvious places to search for those elusive maiden names, from marriage banns (traditional church announcements made several days before the marriage) to those old-fashioned "out-of-town" newspaper items about visiting relatives. Here are some other highlights:

Divorce records: We always think about searching marriage records or land contracts, but if there was a divorce, the record will typically include the date and location of the marriage, and in most cases, the wife's maiden name.

F.A.N. Club: Friends, Associates, Neighbors (FANs) often moved together from the old country, so when looking at census records, clues to maiden names may come from others on the same street as your ancestor who married into the family. Speaking of census records, don't forget that many elderly parents or other family members lived with their daughters, so a clue to a maiden name may come from this source.

Death records of children: In some families the mother's maiden name is used as a middle name for children, which may appear either on the death records, or in grandchildren's death records.

Fun Fact: Janice, whose business is called Ancestral Discoveries, mentioned a researcher named Marian L. Smith who found that immigrant's names were not distorted or changed at Ellis Island, though one's ancestors may have changed the family name themselves after arriving in the country. Smith's research determined that not only were newcomers required to have identity cards or other documentation from their home countries upon entry, many of the inspectors were themselves immigrants and translators were available, in any case. This can open up an entire new area of research for those of you who assumed the original name was lost upon entry to the country. Reach Janice M. Sellers at email address: janicemsj@gmail.com/. - by Trisha Gorman

Looking back at our December meeting:

My goodness, we had a delightful assortment of cookies to sample and take home at our December Cookie Exchange. Thank you everyone for adding to the festivities. We enjoyed a game of "Family Gathering" and heard some fascinating tales. Those little question cards certainly triggered some old and perhaps long forgotten, but most delightful, memories of the past. Thanks for sharing, everyone!

EBGS NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were filled with fun and family and much joy.

Thank you to Trisha Gorman for her marvelous review of our November meeting. It truly was a very informative and interesting meeting.

We are looking forward to a new year, new members, and some new and exciting programs.

A revised Roster is included in this newsletter. I think I finally got it right this time!!

Welcome New Member: Patricia "Patty" CLICK, 585 Creekside Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523,
ph (925) 682-6719, email: Mclick77@aol.com.

Oakland Family Search Library Class Schedule - January, 2013

Space is limited in some classes, so please place reservations by phone or email. Call (510) 531-3905 to make reservations or for further information, or email to fhcoakland@gmail.com. Classes are free and open to all.

Friday, January 4 - 10:30 a.m.	Using GEDCOM in Personal Ancestral File (PAF) (hands on) Ken Miller, instructor
Saturday, January 5 - 1:30 p.m.	Introduction to PAF (hands on) Ken Miller, instructor
Tuesday, January 8 - 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 11 - 1:30 p.m.	Using GEDCOM in RootsMagic (hands on) Ken Miller, instructor
Tuesday January 15 - 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 18 - 1:30 p.m.	Introduction to RootsMagic (hands on) Ken Miller, instructor
Tuesday, January 15 - 6:30 p.m.	AAGSNC - Louisiana Study Group
Tuesday, January 22 - 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 25 - 1:30 p.m.	Documentation in RootsMagic (hands on) Ken Miller, instructor
Wednesday, January 23 - 6 p.m.	African American Workshop
Tuesday, January 29 - 6:30 p.m.	AAGSNC - Beyond the Census Workshop
Tuesday, January 29 - 10:30 a.m.	Intermediate CGS classes will begin. Sign-up for entire series necessary. A nominal fee for handouts may be charged. Please call (510) 531-3905 for more information.
And don't forget:	East Bay Genealogical Society meeting, 10 a.m. January 9th MacUsers Workshop, January 9, 7 p.m. Both free and open to all.

SOME 2013 EVENTS - Mark your calendar

How-to Classes at the Concord FHC. The 3rd Saturday of each month. January 19th topic: *New or Returning Genealogists in the Digital Age*, presented by Bonnie Mattson. For further information, call (925) 82-4729.

Trip to FHC - SLC, February 17-24, 2013. Organized by the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society. Fly out of Oakland. Accommodations at Salt Lake Plaza next door to the library. For more information contact Susan Swindell at swindell@value.net or (925) 372-6996.

Sonoma County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar: Saturday, April 20, 2013. Featuring Barbara Renick. For more information go to <http://www.segs.org>.

San Mateo County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar: Saturday, May 4, 2013, featuring D. Joshua Taylor. For more information, go to <http://www.smegs.org>

National Genealogical Society 2013 Family History Conference: May 8 - 11, 2013 at the LVH-Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV. For more information: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference.info>

Concord FHC: "Digging for Your Roots", October 19, 2013. See Contra Costa County Genealogical Society's website for further information.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Diablo Descendants", the newsletter of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society publishes pages of Vital Records from 19th century issues of the Contra Costa Gazette. If your ancestors lived in Contra Costa in that time period, you may want to access their newsletters through their website and browse through back issues. Just Google them.

The Monterey County Genealogical Society prints several pages of births, marriages, deaths, and other newsy items from the Salinas Weekly Index from the late 1800's. Were any of your ancestors in Monterey County during that time period? At www.mocogenso.org you may browse back issues of their newsletter.

CensusGenie: A website initially geared to the 1940 census, may help you in your search for difficult to locate records and information. Some of the 'nice-to-have' search tools are: search by family size, search by ages and genders within the family (e.g., when you suspect the family name has been misspelled), search within a certain number of miles of a location (e.g., to search western PA, but not include Philadelphia), etc.

Some of the 'nice-to-have' presentations of the census images are: being able to scroll through the forms mimicking the scroll of a microfilm roll, looking at colorized images rather than black-and-white images, etc. Another 'nice-to-have' is the ability to input a modern day street address and get back a colorized map of the block and enumerating district for that address. This may be the only block-number tool available today.

The website will become subscription-based soon, and perhaps already has. It is currently being enhanced and more tools are being added. Learn more at <http://www.censusgenie.com/>.

Excerpted from Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society October/November, 2011 Newsletter

Is Your New Year's Resolution to Do Some Genealogical Reading During the Winter Months Ahead?

Amazon.com offers "*Tracing Your Huguenot Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*" by Cathy Chater. There is also, "*History of the Rise of the Huguenots, Vol. I*" by Henry Martin Baird (only available on Kindle) You might also want to search Amazon or Google for county histories.

Check out Lisa Louse Cooke's website: <http://www.GenealogyGems.com> You might like *How to Find Your Family History in Newspapers*" or *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*".

A new publication: "*Digital Imaging Essentials - Techniques and Tips for Genealogists and Family Historians*" by Geoffrey D. Ramussen, offers techniques on scanning old documents, organizing your digital library, file formats and file saving techniques, step-by-step instructions on how to use Adobe's Photoshop Elements and Google's Picassa. Available through FamilyRootsPublishing.com

COLUSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - A Thumbnail Sketch

One of the original counties established in 1850. At that time the population was 115 and the name was spelled "Colusi". Population of Colusa County as of the 2010 census is 21,419. The county is located northwest of Sacramento (the state capitol) in California's Central Valley.

It boasts only two incorporated cities, Colusa (the county seat) and Williams. Some of its area was given to Tehama County in 1856 and in 1891 a portion was given to Glenn County.

County Recorder: 546 Jay Street, Ste. 200, Colusa, CA 95932

County Library: 738 Market Street, Colusa, CA 95932

Also the home of Colusa County Historical Records Commission. Oversees preservation and conservation of county records of historical importance and the county records archives.

Sacramento Valley Museum

1491 - E Street

Williams, CA 95987

(530) 473-2978

Open Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment

Collection includes historical photographs, manuscripts, newspapers representing each city in the county, bound registers, ledgers, minutes from various organizations.

Research is by appointment only.

Download a research request form at their website: www.sacvalleymuseum.org/Reading-Room.html

The California GenWeb site lists several cemeteries in Colusa County, most with indexes to gravesites.
cagenweb.com/colusa/cemetery.htm

Want to learn more? Read "Colusa County: Its History Traced From a State of Nature Through the Early Period of Settlement and Development to the Present Day." by Justus H. Rogers
Happy researching in Colusa County.

Family Tradition

For over half a century, to my knowledge, the Storm Family has gathered together on Christmas morning to exchange gifts and enjoy a family brunch. The family has grown since my husband and his brother were youngsters. Each of our families now celebrate Christmas morning in the same fashion, but with their own families and grandchildren at their own homes.

Whenever Christmas morning gets near I have to chuckle to myself remembering my dear mother-in-law Mary. A very sweet, kind and proper lady. Many years ago when the family would all be gathered at our home, mom would arrive with her tape recorder. I still have some of those tapes. They are quite a collection of muffled voices, paper rattling, and occasional shouts of joy from a youngster. She would tape a lead-in, such as: "Christmas, December 25, 1985, at the home of Carolyn and Keith Storm at" and recite the entire address, zip code and all! This always brought forth snickers throughout the group!

Continuation of Marriage and Engagements Announcements From Local Newspapers 1985-2010

GROOM	BRIDE	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
PERRY, Richard A.	GAITAN, Donna Marie	engagement	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
PESTANA, Michael Joseph	LIPARI, Leslie Ann	marriage	January, 1993	South Lake Tahoe, CA
PETERS, Greg Lewis	LYONS, Lisa Anne	marriage	Dec, 1999	South Lake Tahoe, CA
PETERSEN, Frank	ANDRADE, Donna	marriage	May, 1993	Danville, CA
PETERSEN, Frank	ANDRADE, Donna	engagement	Nov, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
PETERSON, David	WIRE, Valerie	engagement	April, 1995	Bir Sur, CA
PETERSON, Erik T.	SACKETT, Michelle R.	marriage	July, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
PETERSON, Ronald R.	GOODEILL, Catherine M.	marriage	July, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
PETREE, Jack Leland	RAMSEY, Dorothy May	engagement	May, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
PETROVIA, Salvatore	DEL RIO, Danell	engagement	Dec, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
PETTIGREW, Robert Jr.	MUNOZ, Yvonne	marriage	January, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
PHELPS, Douglas Raymond	KLEIN, Linda Marie	engagement	May, 1995	Boise, ID
PHILLIPS, Joseph Frank	SPARKS, Susan Elizabeth	marriage	July, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
PHILLIPS, Joseph Frank	SPARKS, Susan Elizabeth	engagement	January, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
PHILLIPS, Robert	GRUBBS, Vanessa, Dr.	marriage	August, 2005	Alameda Co, CA
PHILLIPS, Roderick Alan Linden	RODRIGUEZ, Ella C.	engagement	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
PICINICH, Lawrence Matthew	DWYER, Barbara Teresa	marriage	January, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
PIERSON, John Francis III	NEWELL, Gail Marie	engagement	Dec, 1988	Lake Tahoe, CA
PIERSON, Zwei	FERNANDES, Vickie	marriage	February, 1990	Reno, NV
PILKINGTON, Ronald G. Jr.	DEL RIO, Desi Lynne	marriage	June, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
PILKINGTON, Ronald G. Jr.	DEL RIO, Desi Lynne	engagement	Jan, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
PINALES, Jose Jesus	FORE, Gina Lorayne	marriage	July, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
PINALES, Joseph	FORE, Gina	engagement	January, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
PIPKIN, Kevin Lowell	CARLSON, Tracy Anne	marriage	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
PLACE, Christopher Brandon	SAHAGON, Giesele Monique	engagement	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
PLACIDO, Walter	JONES, Sherry	marriage	Sept, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
PLAIN, John	O'HARA, Kerry	marriage	Dec, 1986	Contra Costa Co, CA
PLANT, William A. III	BARKER, Kimberly	marriage	March, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
POLCE, Peter	RODOLLO, Anne	marriage	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
PONCINO, Ronald Louis	KEARNS, Susan Irene	marriage	July, 1993	Las Vegas, NV
POND, Martin Searls	QUINTELL, Ann	marriage	February, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
POOL, Steven Michael	McKEOWN, Kely Lee	marriage	May, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
POPOVITS, Brian G.	TAORMINA, Rochelle A.	marriage	October, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
PORFIRI, Christopher	SCHOTT, Karen	engagement	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
PORFIRI, Christopher	SCHOTT, Karen	marriage	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
POSNER, Sylvan Irwin Jr.	JACOBS, Beverly Joy	marriage		Alameda Co, CA
POSTMA, Todd A.	MEENG, Melinda M.	engagement	June, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
POWERS, Devon	KOPP, Sarah	engagement	April, 2004	San Luis Obispo, CA
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PRADO, Gregory A	BRANSON, Amy K.	engagement	January, 2000	Idaho
PREAS, John	HALL, Dari	engagement	June, 1996	Alameda Co, CA
PRECIADO, Anthony David	MENDENHALL, Stacie ee	engagement	October, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
PREISENDORF, Mark Aaron	SMITH, Debora G.	marriage	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
PRENOT, Robert Nicholas	LAGORIO, Cheryl Ann	engagement	July, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
PRENTISS, John	MORTEN, Shawn Lynnette	engagement	May, 1985	Mi-Wuk Village, CA
PRENTISS, John Lory	MORTEN, Shawn Lynnette	marriage	August, 1985	Mi-Wuk Village, CA
PRESTON, Brian L.	GRIFFIN, Susan Patricia	engagement	January, 1993	Vacaville, CA
PRICE, Richard R.	FIENI, Lisa Dawn	engagement	January, 1991	St. Helena, CA
PRITCHARD, Glenn	BISSETT, Cindy	marriage	August, 1986	Alameda Co, CA

PROFFITT, David	BROADBENT, Jill	engagement	Nov, 2000	Alameda Co, CA
PROVOST,	WINCHESTER, Victoria	engagement	June, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
PRUDEN, James A. II	SHERIDAN, Sherry A.	engagement	April, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
PUCCI, Anthony Joseph	ASHCRAFT, Laura Alison	marriage	Sept, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
PUENTE, David DamiaN	CARMIGNANI, Nina Marie	marriage	August, 1997	Reno, NV
PURCELL, David M.	TINGSTROM, Diane M.	marriage	Sept, 1093	Alameda Co, CA
PURCELL, David Michael	TINGSTROM, Diane M.	engagement	January, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
PURDY, Graham	LARSEN, Sarah	marriage	August, 1998	Granite Bay, CA
PURSLOW, Cliff	ANGLE, Lori Lynn	engagement	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
PURSLOW, Cliff	ANGLE, Lori Lynn	marriage	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
PWERS, Rick	VAN SICKLEN, Sophia	marriage	October, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
QUAN, Alan	ROBERTS, Laura	engagement	May, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
QUAN, Lawrence, Dr.	KASSOUF, Janet K.	engagement	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
QUEN, Matthew Eric	WOON, Monie Frances	marriage	October, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
QUESINBERRY, Peter Dean	RANDLEMAN, Terri Lynne	marriage	July, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
QUINN, Charles Nash	UCHKOVA, Iskra	marriage	August, 1996	
QUINTERO, Jeff	HEAVIN, Shelley	engagement	February, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
QUIRO, Mak Jesse	FLEURY, Carrie Ann	engagement	Dec, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
RABY, Zachary	CARLIN, Sarah Christine	engagement	January, 2004	Lake Tahoe, CA
RACKLIFFE, Jack	BURTON, Kerry	marriage	August, 1993	Matagi Is, Fiji
RAE, Michael Stewart	HOLGERSON, Bridget C.	engagement	April, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
RAFE, Scott Peter	DO, Mai Quynh	marriage	April, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
RAGER, Alfred	SMITH, Kelly Ann	engagement	May, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
RAMIREZ, Anthony Ray	TUTTLE, Julia	marriage	Sept, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
RAMIREZ, Oscar	TRADER, Rebecca	marriage	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
RAMIREZ, Richard	MITERKO, Michelle	marriage	Sept, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
RAMIZ, Anthony	TUTTLE, Julie	engagement	Dec, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
RAMOS, Redman	FLORES, Lindsey	engagement	Dec, 2008	Alameda Co, CA
RAMSEY, Charles	JOHNSON, Betty	marriage	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
RANDEL, David Brian	VERCELLI, Teresa Ann	marriage	August, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
RANEY, Eddie Delbert II	SEBEK, Margarita Teresa	marriage	June, 1983	Alameda Co, CA
RAPASKY, Robert B.	PAINE, Eugenia E	marriage	July, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
RARDON, Corey T.	VADNAIS, Kathleen Mary	engagement	February, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
RASNER, Gregory Chandler S.	GUECO, Marie Crisanta G.	engagement	February, 2004	Alameda Co, CA
RATHBUN, Robert Jr.	JACOBS, Jamie	engagement	March, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
RATHBURN, Robert Jr.	JACOBS, Jaime	marriage	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
RATTO, Benedetto Matthew T.	TRUJILLO, Teresa Leigh	marriage	August, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
RATTO, Mark Anthony	CIERI, Maria Teresa	engagement	July, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
RATTO, Ronald	BALISE, Patricia	engagement	Nov, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
RAY, Corey William	MINA, Cheryl J.	engagement	July, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
RAYMOND, John	LORENZI, LORIE LYNN	marriage	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
READ, George L.	BUCHANAN, NARGARET n,	engagement	Febryary, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
READ, Thomas Edward	McCOLE, Meagham Aileen	marriage	October, 1984	Alameda Co, CA
REAM, Michael Wayne	GOMES-FIGUEIRA, Lisa M/	engagement	February, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
REAM, Michael Wayne	GOMES-FIGUEIRA, Lisa M.	marriage	February, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
REANEY, Bruce Tyler	LONG, Karen Elaine	marriage	Sept, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
REANEY, Bruce Tyler	LONG, Karen Elaine	engagement	June, 1984	Alameda Co, CA
REANEY, Eric A.	RUMRILL, Heidi Ann	engagement	March, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
RECTOR, David John	ROCKETT, Marie	engagement	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
REDMOND, Steven George	COLE, Suzanne Marie	marriage	June, 1987	San Diego, CA
REED, Douglas	LENTZ, Leethea	engagement	Dec, 2008	Olympic Valley, CA
REED, Michael	BRAND, Lynnette	engagement	February, 1993	Alameda Co, CA

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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