

# THE LIVE OAK

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## MARCH MEETING

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

### **ORAL HISTORIES - Speaker: Nancy Thompson**

Author and Oral Historian, Nancy Thompson, will share with us her latest book, "Turner Family History". She will guide us through the process of successfully recording an oral history and her process for creating a family tree.

We have enjoyed having Nancy on our program in the past and we are looking forward to seeing her and learning from her once again.

## APRIL MEETING

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

### **RESOURCES AT THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY - Speaker: Ralph Seversen**

Who better than the Director of the Oakland Family History Center, Ralph Seversen, to bring us up to date on what is new at the library. He will discuss the many websites available to patrons and how to navigate Familysearch.org and much more! This is the program many of you have been asking for.

**LOOKING BACK AT JANUARY:** It was a delight to have Mary Ames Mitchell speak at our January meeting. She entertained us with her many adventures while searching for her "abandoned grandmother" in England. Her search was much like a mystery slowly unraveling and with a surprise ending. It was an enjoyable program. She would not reveal the surprise ending, so neither shall I. The book is entitled "*The Search For My Abandoned Grandmother*". I will tell you, it is an enjoyable read!

**LOOKING BACK AT FEBRUARY:** That mysterious, all-important, "stuff" known as DNA certainly does not lend itself to a simple explanation! Kudos to Nancy Wehner for explaining DNA and DNA test results in her very best layman's vocabulary and making it possible for us to understand the principles of DNA testing. The most important - know what you hope to find out/prove, as it relates to your genealogy. Pay for a test that will give you at least 35 *points* or better for best results. I don't think we became experts overnight, but we certainly gained a lot of insight on the subject which will help many of us make an informed decision as to whether we wish to explore this area in our genealogical research. Thank you, Nancy, for sharing your vast knowledge with us!

**EBGS NEWS:** We have been pleased to see so many members in attendance at our meetings recently. Thank you for your support. Do you have a friend, relative, neighbor that is interested in genealogy? They would certainly be welcome as a guest any time - bring them along!

The membership voted unanimously to raise the annual dues from \$15 to \$18. Postage and printing of the newsletter is primarily the reason for the increase. A few of our members have already paid their dues for this year - and they will not be affected, as the increase was established after their checks arrived.

Dues are due May 1st. A renewal form is included in this newsletter.

Reservations have been made at Pier 29 in Alameda for our annual May Luncheon. A reservation form is enclosed in this issue. We hope to see many of you there. Directions will be in the next "Live Oak".

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar**

**Oakland FHC:** Check their website for genealogy classes co-sponsored by California Genealogical Society and other classes offered at the History Center Library.

Don't forget - MacGen Workshops at the OFHC 2nd Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. and 4th Saturday each month at 1:30 p.m. Open to all and free.

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

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

**San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society:** May 6th - "Obscure Research of U.S. Citizenship and Nationality" with Marian L. Smith senior historian, U. S. Citizenship and Immigration. <http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs/calendar.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:**

**Stearns History Museum & Research Center:** Do you have ancestors from the St. Cloud area of Minnesota? This museum has an extensive research center/archives. Their resources include birth certificates (1870-1933), death certificates (1870-1990), marriage index (1855-1900) and marriage licenses (1916-1976), St. Cloud city directories, plat books and newspapers from all over the country dating back to the 1850s. There are also oral histories, photo collections and biographical files. A virtual gold mine of information relating to the area and surrounds of St. Cloud, MN.

The Stearns History Museum & Research Center is located at 235 - 23rd Avenue S, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Email: [info@stearns.history.museum](mailto:info@stearns.history.museum)

**Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park: Do you Have a HOME FRONT Story?**

Do you remember: Rationing, V-Mail, Victory Gardens, Civilian Defense Corp.? Were you or a relative or ancestor in a union, working in a defense factory, or a volunteer during the war? If you or someone you know has memories of life on the home front during WWII, the people at this National Historic Park would love to hear your story. They are collecting personal accounts and memorabilia relating to anyone who was a civilian on the Home Front: Children, Homemakers, Workers, Volunteers, etc. Your submission will become part of the park archives.

For further information call Museum Curator Veronica Rodriguez at 510-234-1544 ext 6643 or email [Veronica\\_Rodriguez@nps.gov](mailto:Veronica_Rodriguez@nps.gov).

The museum is located at 1414 Harbor Way South, Richmond, CA. They are open every day 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. They would love to have you visit. Call 510-232-3108 for more information.

**Creating a Timeline:** <http://www.ourtimelines.com> This is a wonderful website. It is interesting, fun, useful and educational. It allows you to find birthdates, compare peers and contemporaries and make a timeline of events. Another way to gain perspective on your family members (and yourself) is to learn who their peers and contemporaries were, or are. Simply enter the birth year and name, and a list of peers and near-peers will be generated for you. You can also see what was happening on your (or someone else's) birth date. Enter your own data to create a timeline that includes all the inventions and world events in a person's life. Use the timeline to help put an ancestor's life in perspective or to know which wars they might have been involved in. The timelines are printable. The site is free, although donations are requested at the last page to help maintain the site. Check it out. (excerpted and edited from "Central Illinois News" - Decatur Genealogical Society, January/February, 2010)

**Researching in Richmond, CA during WWII Era or Earlier?** The Richmond History Museum has a very complete set of City Directories for the city of Richmond dating from early 1900s. Plus a marvelous collection of memorabilia, company magazines, photographs etc. from the defense industry (Kaiser Shipyards, especially) and publications from Standard Oil Company. They hold a complete collection of the daily Richmond Independent from 1912 to 1950, a collection of maps, brochures and yearbooks and a photo collection dating from the late 19th century.

The museum is located at 400 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801. Mailing address is: P. O. Box 1267, Richmond, CA 94802. Hours are: Wednesday through Saturday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call them at 510-235-7387.

**Black Sea German Research Website:** [www.blackseagr.org](http://www.blackseagr.org) A free, searchable data base of over 1.9 million names of persons from Germany, Alsace, Poland, and Hungary who migrated to the Black Sea region of South Russia (now Ukraine) during the 1800s. It includes research aids, maps, help with the Cyrillic alphabet, and photos. You could possibly make a connection with someone searching your surname or one of your ancestors.

**Some members of the Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh.....????**

His dizzy aunt.....Verti Gogh

The brother who worked at a convenience store.....Stop-n-Gogh

The grandfather from Yugoslavia.....U Gogh

His magician uncle.....Where-diddy Gogh

His niece who travels the country in an RV.....Winnie Bay Gogh

His little bouncy brother.....Poe Gogh

## JOHN BROWN'S RAID

A National Park Handbook prepared by the staff of the Office of Publications and based on National Park Service reports by William C. Everhart and Arthur L. Sullivan.

This 64 page handbook is a detailed report on the abolitionist John Brown. It includes a brief history of his early life, family background and his strong religious beliefs which most likely led to his well-intended, though unsuccessful, raid on the U. S. Armory installation in Harpers Ferry, VA, in October, 1859.

John Brown quietly and secretly gathered his own army of followers, including several of his own sons, and formed what he called the "Provisional Army of the United States" of which he was "Commander in Chief". He was almost maniacal, some believe, in his intent to abolish slavery and free all slaves. Fortunately, his planned attack on Harpers Ferry was unsuccessful. During the attack two of Brown's sons were killed. Brown was captured, tried and sentenced. He was hanged on December 2, 1859. [justice was swift in those days!]

The booklet gives short biographies and has photos of most of Brown's army "recruits" as well as several others involved; plus a detailed account of the planning, strategies and the raid itself. There are many persons mentioned in this little booklet; not only Brown's followers, but military and ordinary town folks. This was a very interesting accounting of this historical event.

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ALBUTTIS, Capt E.G.	COPPOC, Edwin	MC KAY, William
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BECKHAN, Fontaine	GILL, George B.	PHELPS, A. J.
BOERLY, Thomas	GREEN, Emperor Shields	QUINN, Pvt. Luke
BOTTS, Capt. Lawson	GREEN, Lt. Israel	ROWAN, Capt. J. W.
BOTTS, Atty. Lawson	GREEN, Atty/Myr, Thomas C.	RUPPERT, Pvt. Mathew
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BROWN, Dianthe Lusk	HALL, John	SANBORN, Franklin B.
BROWN, Frederick	HARDING, Atty. Charles	SCHOPPERT, G. A.
BROWN, Jason	HARPER, Robert	SHEPHERD, Hayward
BROWN, John Jr.	HAZLETT, Albert	SMITH, Gerrit
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BROWN, Joseph	HIGGINSON, Thomas W.,.	STEARNS, George Luther
BROWN, Martha	HOWE, Dr. Samuel Gridley	STEVENS, George Luther
BROWN, Mary Ann Day	HOYT, Atty, George	STUART, Lt. J.E.B.
BROWN, OLIVER	HUNTER, Atty. Andrew	TAYLOR, Col. Robert W.
BROWN, Owen	HUNTER, Harry	THOMPSON, Dauphin
BROWN, Ruth Mills	KAGI, John H.	THOMPSON, Henry
BROWN, Salmon	KELLY, Alexander	THOMPSON, William
BROWN, Sarah	KEMP, Walte	TIDD, Charles
BROWN, Watson	KENNEDY, Dr. R. F.	TURNER, George W.
BRUA, Joseph	KITZMILLER, A. M.	VALLANDIGHAM, Clement L.
CAMPBELL, Shef. John W.	LEARY, Lewis S.	WASHINGTON, Col. Lewis W.
CHILTON, Atty. Samuel	LEE, Col. Robert E.	WASHINGTON, R.B.
COOK, John E.	LEEMAN, William H.	WHELAN, Daniel
COPELAND, John	LEWIS, A. H.	WILLIAMS, William
COPPOC, Barclay	MASON, Gen. James M.	WISE, Gov. Henry A.

## Continuation of Engagement and Marriage Announcements From Local Newspapers 1985 - 2010

GROOM	BRIDE	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
RETTINGER, Carl Vincent	HARRINGTON, Laura Jean	marriage	May, 1993	Chico, CA
REYES, Julius Ceasar Abad	TUANQUIN, Renita B.	marriage	April, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
REYES, Phillip Charles	HARMON, Gina Lynn	engagement	Sept, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
REYES, Rolando	MORTEN, Teresa	marriage	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
REYES, Rolando	MORTEN, Teresa	engagement	May, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
REYNA, Rodolfo Jr.	SANCHEZ, Teri Michelle	engagement	February, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
REYNAUD, Mark	ILGENFRITZ, Hiedi	engagement	July, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
REYNOLDS, Daniel Stephen	THORNLEY, Joni Anne	engagement	July, 1985	Santa Cruz, CA
REYNOLDS, William Quinn	WINN, Kristina Anne	marriage	August, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
RICCI, Christopher Jude	VITTON, Diane Marie	marriage	August, 1989	Zephyr Cove, NV
RICCI, Christopher Jude	VITTON, Diane Marie	marriage	October, 1989	Lake Tahoe, CA
RICH, Dwayne Alan	HYZER, Dana Ann	marriage	July, 1990	Crystal Bay, NV
RICH, Dwayne Alan	HYZER, Dana Ann	engagement	July, 1990	Crystal Bay, NV
RICHARDS, Keith	CHRISTIAN, Sara	marriage	October, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
RICHIE, Greg V.	HORTEN, Victoria C.	engagement	March, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
RICIGLIANO, Michael Anthony	DRECHSLER, Sandra Joyce	engagement	January, 1988	Burlingame, CA
RICKEY, Pat	PATTERSON, April	marriage	October, 1992	Half Moon Bay, CA
RIIS, James	BORGE, Nancy	marriage	August, 1990	Trinidad, CA
RILEY, Ryan	MELLO, Suzie	engagement	April, 1992	Contra Costa Co, CA
RILEY, Steve	SILVA, Lynnet Marie	marriage	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
RIOS, Raymond John Jr.	GROSSMAN, Mary	marriage	July, 1991	San Jose, CA
RISLING, Gregory	YARNOVICK, Catherine	engagement	July, 2002	Yerba Linda, CA
RITCHIE, Fraser Grant	SLACK, Rebecca Margaret	marriage	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
RIVAS, Bradley Michael	HILL, Traci Lee	marriage	Sept, 1991	Ceres, CA
RIVERA, Rich Marino	REGAS, Sabrina Catroma	marriage	May, 1991	S. San Francisco, CA
RIVERA, Troy Christopher	HILLSTAD, Kristi Re'	engagement	August, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
RIVERS, William J.	TOEBE, Kelly Ann	marriage	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
ROBERTS, Michael Bernard	ZDRAL, Claudia Therese	marriage	Nov 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROBICHAUD, Christopher M.	NORRIS, Maria Kirsten	marriage	Nov, 1996	San Francisco, CA
ROCHA, Javier	WILKERSON, Cheri	marriage	April, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
ROCHA, Javier	WILKERSON, Cheri	engagement	Nov, 1988	Contra Costa Co, CA
ROCKETT, Stuart	DUNSTER, Tami	marriage	Dec, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
ROCKETT, Stuart	DUNSTER, Tami	marriage	Sept, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
RODEKOR, Steven Merrill	WARD, Kimberly Ann	engagement	March, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
RODRIGUEZ, Adrian (Randy)	LOW, Pamela	marriage	April, 1985	Reno, NV
RODRIGUEZ, Gabriel Martin	DONALD-OKANO, Shannon K.	engagement	October, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
RODRIGUEZ, Gilbert	GUZMAN, Rosa	engagement	March, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
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RODRIGUEZ, Matthew John	KASPER, JoAnna Marie	marriage	March, 2004	Madison, WI
RODRIGUEZ, Ron	SEVERE, Andrea	marriage	Dec, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
RODRIGUEZ, Troy N.	MAAS, Wendy april	engagement	January, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
RODRIQUEZ, Ramon	HENAS, Kimberly	engagement	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
RODRIQWUEZ, Mark	OLSEN, Sandra Lynn	engagement	Nov, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
RODROQUEZ, Jose Goce	STROM, Julie Lynn	marriage	Dec, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
ROEHRIG, Arne	WANDKE, Kelly Marie	marriage	May, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
ROEHRIG, Arne	WANDKE, Kelly Marie	engagement	January, 1998	Alameda Co, CA

ROGASKI, Christopher Andrew	McRITCHIE, Anne Marie	engagement	January, 1992	Davis, CA
ROGERS, Chad	KANEY, Kim	engagement	March, 1997	Santa Rosa, CA
ROGERS, Eugene Myron	MATTESON, Eleanor	marriage	June, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ROGERS, Kenneth Earl	STORM, Lise Eden	marriage	May, 1993	Redwood City, CA
ROGERS, Michael	WOOLEY, Heather	engagement	March, 1997	Alameda Co, CA
ROGERS, Mochael Luis	WOOLEY, Heather Anne	marriage	Dec, 1997	Alameda Co, CA
ROGERS, Richard	NUNES, Dawn	engagement	Sept, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
ROGERS, Ron	OLSON, Janice	marriage	August, 1989	Tahoe City, NV
ROKE, Arthur Edward II	WILSON, Marcy Beth	engagement		LaJolla, CA
ROKE, Christopher Michael	SPARKS, Karen Mary	engagement	October, 1999	Contra Costa Co, CA
ROLOFF, Jerry Allen	GOLDASSIO, Valerie Dina	marriage	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROMAGNA, Mark Andrew	HARRISON, Julie Marie	marriage	Sept, 1992	Contra Costa Co, CA
ROMAGNA, Mark Andrew	HARRISON, Julie Marie	marriage	Sept 1992	Contra Costa Co, CA
ROMAGNA, Mark Andrew	HARRISON, Julie Marie	engagement	March, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ROMAGNESI, Riccardo	GONSALVES, Michelle	engagement	Dec, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
ROMAGNESI, Riccardo	GONSALVES, Michelle	marriage	June, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ROMICK, Keith R.	CZECHOWSKI, Sabina K.	marriage	October, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ROMICK, Kevin R.	GOOD- HERRERA, Mary	marriage	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROMJUE, Donald D..	HASTINGS, Melody Ann	engagement	August, 1991	Manteca, CA
ROMO, Jess	HERNANDEZ, Tina Marie	engagement	Nov, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
RORABECK, Greg	PRICE, Karen	marriage	June, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
ROSE, David M.	STEIZNER, Janel Dorothy	engagement	April, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
ROSE, David Manuel	STEIZNER, Janel Dorothy	marriage	Nov, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
ROSE, Donald	NODDIN, Marilyn	marriage	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
ROSE, Jeremy Richard	MADISON, Jennifer Sheryl	marriage	June, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
ROSE, Tadd Allen	COATES, Susanne Andria	engagement	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
ROSELLINI, Marvin Scott	STINTON, Marnie Sue	engagement	February, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
ROSS, Charles	LEMOS, Debi	engagement	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROSS, Chaz	LEMOS, Debi	marriage	Sept 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROSS, Christopher	HUNTER, Carla Challand	engagement	March, 2001	Alameda Co, CA
ROSS, Clay Scott	YEAMAN, Rachel	engagement	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROSS, Clay Scott	YEAMAN, Rachel	marriage	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROTHROCK, Robert Dale	HARDING, Kelsey Lee	marriage	October, 1994	Foster City, CA
ROWAN, Charles Terry	HARLAN, Kadeane Hilary	marriage	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROWAN, Terry	HARLAN, Kadeane	engagement	March, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ROWE, Stephen Cooper	MADDOCK, Anne Mary	engagement	May, 1986	San Francisco, CA
ROWLAND, Charles Matthew	INGLES, Chaya Lynn	engagement	August, 2004	Alameda Co, CA
RUBIO, Larry R.	THIEL, Paige Ann	marriage	July, 1993	El Dorado Co, CA
RUEF, Michael D.	WILSON, Kathleen	marriage	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
RUIZ, Alberto	STEWART, Tina Hunter	engagement	October, 1988	Mazatlan, Mexico
RUIZ, G. Thomas	BAILEY, Cara Lisa	marriage	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA

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(Please note - Dues have been raised to \$18)

May we hear from you by July 1, 2013                      Thank you for your support.

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## ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON – MAY 8, 2013

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 choice of clam chowder or tossed green salad w/zesty Italian dressing, garlic mashed potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables. Meals include roll and butter, coffee or tea, and ice cream or sherbet for dessert. Tax and tip are included. Cost: \$23.50 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 \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to seeing many of you there. Guests are certainly welcome!

**MEETINGS**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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