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JULY, 2013 - THERE WILL BE NO MEETING

AUGUST MEETING

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 - 10 a.m. in the Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room

NAVIGATING *familysearch.org*... AND THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE OAKLAND FHL
Speaker: Ralph Seversen - Director, Oakland FHC

We gained an enormous amount of knowledge from Ralph's program in April. However, time did not allow him to cover all the material he had planned. He is happy to return and add to the information he provided in April, plus he is excited about NEW information that he will share with us. We hope many of you can join us for this program.

LOOKING BACK AT MAY: We had a good turnout for our Annual May Luncheon. Pier 29 staff were as accommodating as usual and everyone attending seemed to enjoy the afternoon. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for this event.

At the luncheon, your Editor presented Bill George with a paper "Pass The Buck", much to his surprise! It is a request for your story or research dilemma to include in The Live Oak. I'm not asking for a whole lot...half a page... or more if you wish. Bill has provided his article for inclusion in this issue and the "Buck" has been passed on.

LOOKING BACK AT JUNE: Deborah Osterberg gave a very comprehensive program on lesser known resources available at the San Bruno National Archives. There is a lot more available there than just the U. S. Censuses folks! A summary from the handouts Deborah provided can be found on page 3..

EBGS NEWS:

Dues are overdue on July 1st. Forms for mailing your dues were included in previous issues of this newsletter. If you have not paid your dues, this will be your last newsletter.

We had hoped to have Ralph Seversen from the FHL return in July to continue his program on resources available through their library and their website. However, he was not available in July, but would be available in August. If not August, we would have to postpone this program until after the first of next year as our programs are planned through 2013. The members present at the June meeting voted unanimously to have Ralph return in August and take our "vacation" month in July instead. Obviously, we are looking forward to more information from Ralph. Bring your notebooks and join us!

We are pleased to have some new members and it is always so good to see guests at our meetings. Do you have friends, relatives, neighbors that might be interested in genealogy? Bring them along!

Members Survey: Thank you to the members who diligently returned the Members Survey from the last issue of *The Live Oak*. Thank you for your input.

Members returning the surveys seem to be in favor of finding solutions to their brick walls or research problems. There were requests for finding resources, libraries and how to access materials and information.

Geographical areas of interest were primarily California, Ireland, Scotland, England and Germany; with interests also in Norway, Connecticut, Ohio and Missouri.

We hope our already planned programs for the remainder of 2013 will meet some of your needs and we will do our best to try to meet your requests when planning next year's programs. Please let us know if you are aware of a program or speaker that would be of interest to our members.

We also try to provide helpful and useful information via this newsletter, and will keep your interests and requests in mind when mining material for each issue. If you have information that would be worthwhile including in our newsletter, please let your editor know.

IN MEMORIAM

Gwen (Evans) Frankel March 21 1931 - March 8, 2013

Gwen had been a member of East Bay Genealogical Society for many years.

She was born in Saginaw, MI and majored in journalism at Michigan State University. She worked as a reporter for several newspapers before moving to California where she met her husband and they raised their family. Having a background in journalism certainly explains the terrific job Gwen did as our newsletter editor for several years.

We missed seeing Gwen and her husband at our annual luncheon this year. Our sincere condolences to her husband and family members.

John Wheat July 20, 1931 - May 31, 2013

Due to a stroke, John has been in a care facility for the past few years. A long time member, he served as our Program Chairman for a good many years. John did not have a computer. He probably did not type either. He did his research and arranged for speakers for our meetings by phone call or snail mail. Contacting speakers was a difficult task for John, but he always managed to fill the bill.

John was an avid reader, especially about major wars and the military. He subscribed to many magazines also. When he accompanied us on a library research trip he almost always found an elusive ancestor. No ordinary ancestors either - they were often colonels or generals from some major war!

We extend our condolences to John's daughter and family members.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Mark your calendars
Oakland Family History Library

In addition to the regular monthly classes and workshops listed below, the Oakland FHC offers many free classes throughout the year. Check their website - www.oaklandfhc.org

Oakland FHC Free Classes and Workshops - No Pre-registration Required

African-American Research Workshop	4th Wednesday each month	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
MacGen Workshop	2nd Wednesday each month	10 am
MacGen Meeting	3rd Saturday each month	1:30 pm

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

San Mateo County Genealogical Society: Fall Seminar, Saturday, November 2, 2013, Featured speaker, Curt Witcher. For more information: www.smcgs.org

SUMMARY OF USEFUL RESOURCES AND RECORDS AVAILABLE AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, SAN BRUNO, CA

Records Relating to Merchant Seamen:

1872-1970 Civil Case Files - estates of deceased and deserting seamen

1927-1957 Official Log Books of Merchant Vessels
NOT deck logs, which recorded daily positions & operations. Entries in Official Log Books concerned offenses, desertions, details of collisions, as well as births, marriages, and deaths of passengers.

More recent San Francisco log books are in the custody of the U. S. Coast Guard. Send a request to: U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, San Francisco Bay, Bldg 14, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA 94501.

1851-1950 Shipping Articles and Crewlists

1872-1942 Record of Deceased and Deserting Seamen

1905-1954 Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Francisco
Organized by date of vessel arrival - not indexed by crew member. NARA San Bruno will search this microfilmed list if you provide the name of the ship and date of arrival in S. F.

Alien Case Files ("A Files") 1944 +

Created by Immigration & Naturalization Service in 1944. A rich source of biographical information. Primarily Chinese, but many ethnic groups included in these files. Records of persons born in 1910 and earlier. Files available at NARA San Bruno and Kansas City.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) Genealogy Program can be accessed on line: <http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>. Consult this site for more information regarding Alien Files.

WWII War Industry Workers Discrimination Files 1941-46
Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC)

You can obtain a form from NARA San Bruno to search FEPC files if someone in your family worked in an essential war industry in No. California, Washington, Oregon or Nevada during WW11. You must make a research appointment to visit the archives and view a case file.

U.S. and Union Military Service Pension Records and Confederate Service Records (Microfilm and online) Microfilm publication guides or descriptive pamphlets may be viewed through the Microfilm Catalog on the NARA Website at <https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline>. Choose "Microfilm", then click the publication title and then "View Important Publication Details". Access to Fold3 and Ancestry.com websites is free of charge when using a public access computer located in a National Archives research room.

If you wish to research information from any of the above, do your homework first. Call the San Bruno Archives or email Deborah Osterberg at Deborah.Osterberg@nara.gov. to explain what you wish to research/view and whether it is necessary to make an appointment. This will save you research time.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

***GENEALOGY ROADSHOW* to air soon on local PBS stations.** They will travel from city to city - and one stop will be San Francisco. Want to be considered to be part of one of their programs? You can get started via the following web page: http://www.kqed.org/tv/programs/genealogyroadshow/index_sanfran.php There you should find a form to fill out. They ask that you attach a photo of yourself and one of the family member(s) you are researching. Good luck with your submission!

Clipart - Do you ever need clip art for that project you are working on? Try Googling the word "clipart" plus another word(s) then [RETURN]. A large number of useable images will be displayed. Interestingly enough, when you use the Bing.com search engine, it does the same thing, but many different images from Google's. So visit <http://bing.com> and then type "clipart" plus another word(s) and hit [RETURN] For example, try typing in "Clipart Genealogy" (sans quotes) in both Google and Bing. It's very useful. From our member, Bill George.

Missouri Death Certificates: The Missouri State Archives posts Missouri Death Certificates that are 50 years old and older. The site was updated in January with 49,000 death certificates from 1962. There are now 2.36 million Missouri death certificates as well as many other online collections available to search on their website. <http://www.sos.mo.gov.mdh/>

wwwMyGenealogyHound.com. A new, free website that makes available thousands of biographies extracted from numerous pre-1900 county history volumes. Organized for easy viewing by county or by family surname. Currently, the biographies are available for Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee - with many more states to be added soon. My Genealogy Hound also features a selection of free vintage county maps from Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma (including Indian Nations), and Tennessee - with additional states to be added soon. Check (From Monterey County Genealogical Society Newsletter, May/June 2013...from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and reprinted in MoCoGenSo Newsletter with permission from the author, Richard W. Eastman)

More Websites of Interest: Free online databases made available by the Allen County Public Library. <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Databases/FreeDatabases.aspx>

Maps, literature, documents, books, and other material concerning the past, present, and future of historic cities. http://historic-cities.huji.ac.it/historic_cities.html

(both the above from Janice M. Sellers "Now Online" column, ZichronNote: Journal of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, Vol.XXXIII, No. 2, May 2013)

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

GROOM	BRIDE	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
SHAW, John	NEUFELD, Lisa	eng		Alameda Co, CA
SHAW, Kevin	CASJENS, Wendy	marr	August, 1992	Turlock, CA
SHAW, Ronald Arthur	PENBERTHY, Lonnie Wyn	marr	August, 1987	Contra Costa Co, CA
SHEEHY, Todd Alcott	BROWN, Sarah Frances	marr	Sept, 2008	Geyserville, CA
SHEETZ, Kurt Bradley	FARRINGTON, Julie Ann	marr	August, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
SHEILDS, John lewis	MEBINE, Annick	marr	Sept, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
SHEPARDSON, Ted	kempel, Karen	eng	March, 1988	Eugene, OR
SHEPHERD, John Michael	WALKER, Lee Ann	eng	January, 1992	Williamsburg, VA
SHEPHERD, John Michael	WALKER, Lee Ann	marr	May, 1992	Williamsburg, VA
SHEPHERD, Scott	WITTENBRINK, Jamie	marr	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SHEPHERDSON, Charles E.	KEMPEL, Karen Teresa	marr	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SHERAK, Michael	MARTIN, Kimberly	eng	April, 1995	Orangevale, CA
SHERER, Martin	LOPEZ, Danine	marr	August, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
SHERIDAN, William Martin	MEREDITH, Amy Renee	marr	May, 2001	Contra Costa Co, CA
SHERIFF, Michael Robert	WILLIAMS, Myrna Kay	marr	August, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
SHERRATT, Heath Will	BURSON, Sarah Dawn	marr	Sept, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
SHIELDS, Arthur Thomas	YOUNG, Theresa Marie	eng	May, 1992	Contra Costa Co, CA
SHINN, Mark L.	PARDINI, Cathy L.	marr	June, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
SHINOHARA, Masaru	McKNIGHT, Cheryl Lee	marr	January, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SHINOHARA, Masaru	McKNIGHT, Cheryl Lee	eng	Nov, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SHIPMAN, David C. Dr.	BURROUGHS, Eileen	eng	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SHIRLEY, Bill Wayne	AMASON, Tracy Lynn	eng	February, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SHORES, Eric Kent	MARASIGAN, Jennelle	marr	August, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
SHOUR, David Raymond	STERBENTZ, Carol Marie	marr	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SHRADER, Dennis	BONVICINO, Susan	marr	August, 1988	Bend, OR
SIART, joe	COMELERA, Isabelle	marr	August, 1998	Correze, France
SIAS, Anthony Bronson	LIVERMORE, Kasi Lauren	eng	Decr, 2008	Lake Tahoe, CA
SIEFERT, James D.	JOHNSON, Jean E.	eng	October, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
SIEFERT, James D.	JOHNSON, Jean E.	marr	June, 1992	Cazanoma, CA
SIEGFRIED, Daniel	KLINK, Victoria L.	marr	October, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SIGMON, Scott	CLARK, Kendee	eng	July, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
SIGMON, Scott	CLARK, Kendee G.	marr	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
SIGMUND, Armand Joseph	BLASQUEZ, Tamara Ann	marr	June, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
SIGUA, Christopher Linn	FERRARO, Roxy Ann	eng	March, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
SILBERMAN, Mark Jeffrey	SMITH, Leslie Fanny	eng	July, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
SILER, James	SILER, Nancy	marr	February, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SILVA, George	MARTIN, Joanne	marr	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SILVA, George R.	MARTIN, Joanne	eng	Nov, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
SILVA, Glenn Michael	PACE, Julie Louise	marr	May, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SILVA, Glenn Michael	PACE, Julie Louise	eng	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SILVA, Luis	PERREIRA, Jacqueline Anne	marr	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SILVA, Mark	SELLECK, Tracy MRIE	eng	July, 1990	Kansas City, MO
SILVA, Randall	WETHERN, Kathleen	marr	January, 198	Carmel, CA
SILVA, Stephen Anthony	STETSON, Patricia Marie	eng	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SILVANI, Stephen Henry	MICCO, Faith Ellen	marr	May, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SILVEIRA, Rickey	VanGUNDY, Janice	marr	October, 1998	Mauai, HI
SILVERMAN, Gary David	DONOHUE, KTELYN Page	eng	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SILVERMAN, Robert Jay	SMITH, Karen Felicia	eng	April, 1989	Belmont, CA

SIMAS, Matthew	DIANDA, Danine	eng	October, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
SIMMONS, Robert Joe	WINKLER, Kim Nanette	marr	Dec,1990	San Francisco, CA
SIMMONS, Ronald	HANNAFORD, Vicki	eng	February, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SIMPSON, Mark	WOONS, Helen	marr	August, 1993	South Lake Tahoe, CA
SIMS, Richard	SHUMWAY, Lesley	marr	Sept, 1987	Stateline, NV
SINCLAIR, Scott	CONTI, Rita A	eng	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SINCLAIR, Scott	CONTI, Rita A	marr	October, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SIONNE, Robert	PATERSON, Leesa	eng	February, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
SKINNER, Philip Glenn	CARLIN, Lisa Ann	marr	June, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
SKINNER, Philip Glenn	CARLIN, Lisa Ann	eng	January, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SLAGEL, Jerold	PRICE, Cindy	marr	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SLIFER, David Harry	LIMA, Connie Marie	marr	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SLY, Brian Nelson	BLEVINS, Tamara Ann	marr	Nov, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
SMAHA, Peter H.	YOUNG, Debra Sue	eng	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
SMALLWOOD, Eric	BRADY, Teri	eng	August, 1993	Phoenix, AZ
SMELSKI, Edward	LUCAS, Eryln	eng	February, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, A374Sam Spenser	GLASER, Sharon Lee	marr	June, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Bruce M.	ELY, Melinda Louise	marr	August, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Calvin	MARTINEZ, Diane	marr	April, 1988	KAUAI, hi
SMITH, Christopher Lee	BLUE, Mary Jane	marr	Sept, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Craig Wayne	WOODMANSEE, Janice Rae	marr	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Donald L.	KINNEY, Alice	marr	Sept, 2001	Contra Costa Co, CA
SMITH, Frank Edward	HORRISBERGER, Jacquelyn E.	marr	August, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Frank Edward	HORRISBERGER, Jacquelyn E.	eng	August, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Gregory Micahel Jr.	SERTIC, Roberta Ann	marr	Nov, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
SMITH, Gregory Micahel Jr.	SERTIC, Roberta Ann	eng	October, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, James Gregory	OCHOA, Jill Ann	eng	Nov, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, James Gregory	OCHOA, Jill Ann	marr	February, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, John Claude	WILSON, Kimberlee Ann	marr	Nov, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Kenneth Warren	KOFMAN, Gail Susan	marr	Dec, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Lawrence W.	GRADOS, Araceli C.	eng	March, 2002	Philippine Islands
SMITH, Michael	GALLAGHER, Debi	marr	Sept, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Phillip Charles	SAFIRI, Ann Michele	marr	April, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Robert Arthur	WARD, Joanne Marie	eng	May, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Robert G.	PETTIT, Karen	eng	May, 1989	
SMITH, Robert G.	WHAM, nancy	marr	April, 1990	Kenderson, KY
SMITH, Ron Christopher	FERNANDEZ, Renee Marie	eng	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Steve	KIMBERLING, Laura	eng	October, 2000	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Thomas E.	RUMBURG, Rochelle R.	marr	October, 1988	Half Moon Bay, CA
SMITH, Thomas Garrett	BERTILLION, Simone Louise	marr	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Timothy Joseph	GERTZ, Donica Anne	marr	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Walter R.	CHALET, Sula	eng	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH, Warren Donald	AVELAR, Regina Marie	marr	Sept, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SMITH. Robert E.	WHAM, Nancy Ellen	eng	February, 1990	Henderson, KY
SMITH. Walter R.	CHALET, Sula	marr	Dec, 1989	Reno, NV
SNARR, Douglas	BERRY, Cinnamon	eng	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SNEEP, Gregory E.	PLATHNER, Britta	eng	Nov, 1987	Germany?
SNEEP, Gregory E.	PLATHNER, Britta	marr	Sept 1989	Alameda Co, CA
SNEEP, Rodney	METCALF, Sylvia	marr	Nov, 1992	Las Vegas, NV
SNIDER Ray Earl	HOLGERSON, Susan Eileen	eng	March, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
SNIDER, Ray Earl	HOLGERSON, Susan Eileen	marr	Dec-86	Alameda Co, CA

GENEALOGY - By Bill George

When my mother died in 1998, I was elected by my siblings to receive family history documents and continue with genealogy research she had started. My mother's maternal grandfather, Henry Austin Snider, was born in Ohio in 1868. He has descendants all over the west: Oregon, Washington, Arizona, California, etc.

I am also working on my George line from time to time, but it's slow going. I've identified Samuel George b. 1815, d. 1889, m. 1842 from Indiana County, Pennsylvania as my 2nd great grandfather and am attempting to find his father who was Irish, according to the 1880 census (Samuel and Emily George, residing in Sandy Lake, Mercer County, PA since 1871). I volunteered to maintain the Indiana County, Pennsylvania GenWeb site to get some perspective on the area Samuel George lived in for most of his life.

My families (Paternal is George, Maternal is Pardee) have annual gatherings. If you are a family member, please contact me to be included.

Editor: Bill is EBGs webmaster. His knowledge of computers is overwhelming and he has been of great help to me many times. He has helped start several computer groups, has created several bridge Websites for the American Contract Bridge League (he is an ACBL Silver Life Master), and assists with the Castro Valley Library Genealogy Class.

Visit his website at <http://www.billgeorge.com> to find out more about his genealogy and other interests.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH CHURCH MY ANCESTORS ATTENDED?

Church records can be a good source for your family history research, but how do you know which church's records to look for? The denominations that families attended may have changed over the years. In some faith traditions, like Catholics and Mormons, it is important that the members be baptized and married by the clergy of that church. So, it is likely that your ancestors in those faith traditions made the effort to travel to the closest church within that denomination.

In other faith traditions families may have felt some flexibility in which denomination they attended, often based on proximity or the appeal of a local pastor or congregation. In looking for church records about your ancestors, start with the faith tradition of your parents and grandparents. Chances are that the family has attended the same church for multiple generations. But, there was not always a Presbyterian or Baptist church in every town.

Check the records of all of the churches in the area where your ancestors lived. Be flexible - just as they were - because they may have attended multiple churches during their lives. Since it was common for couples not of the same faith to marry, it is possible to find, for example, that the Methodist groom was married to the Baptist bride at the area Baptist church - and then, when they moved west to settle in Kansas, they attended the Congregational church.

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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

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