

T H E L I V E O A K

July/August 2014

Oakland, California

JULY MEETING

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 - 10 a.m. - Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room

"GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME" Finding Religious Records: Speaker - Janice Sellers

It can be difficult and frustrating finding church/religious records to substantiate your research or to prove a marriage, birth or death. Janice Sellers has many of the answers and suggestions to help us find our way through this maze.

Janice has presented several programs in the past and we have always been greatly enthused and enlightened. You will not want to miss her presentation on finding church records.

AUGUST MEETING

THE SOCIETY DOES NOT MEET IN AUGUST

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

We look forward to seeing everyone in September - Canadian Research

Looking Back at May:

We had a nice attendance at our Annual May Luncheon. As usual, Pier 29 Restaurant served a great lunch and treated us like old friends - which I suppose we have become after so many years of luncheons there.

Carolyn Storm had brought a binder full of the society's history, complete with many photographs of present and past members. It was good to browse the photos and remember so many members who are gone now, but who had contributed so much to our society in the past.

Looking Back at June:

We did not have a very large attendance at our June meeting, but everyone seemed to be absorbed in Wade Olofson's program on Swedish Research - whether they had Swedish ancestors or not. Swedish records available online at the Family History Center Library are plentiful and rather complete. As Wade said several times, its a "one-stop shop" in many cases. Do your homework - the most important information you will need might be the county or parish from which your ancestors immigrated.

One tip he passed on that would be useful to any researcher was using **Ancestry Boards** for tough searches/questions that have eluded your efforts so far. He says he has usually gotten answers/replies within a few hours. See **Items of Interest** further in this newsletter for more about Ancestry Boards - which is somewhat like Rootsweb.

EBGS NEWS:

If you have not paid your dues - this will be your last newsletter!

Dues are \$18 a year and can be mailed to EBGs, P.O. Box 1648, Alameda, CA. 94501.

An updated Roster will be included in the September/October *Live Oak*.

Joyce Schleicher is retiring as our Treasurer. She has done a wonderful job the past several years and we will surely miss her. Thank you, Joyce, for your time and effort keeping us in the black during those years!

SOoooo, that means, we are in need of a new Treasurer. We hope there is someone among our membership that will be willing to take over the position. It is not difficult if you can add and subtract. You need not be a CPA! Please contact President Sally Stevens if you can help us out in this regard.

Our entire collection of newspaper clippings: births, marriages and engagements, anniversary announcements and biographical files have been glued-up and donated to the Oakland Family History Library. They will be arranging to have them filmed/digitized by Salt Lake. It won't happen overnight. But, someday the information will be available at familysearch.org for the entire genealogical community.....and we will be saving a lot of time clipping and a lot of money on glue sticks!

I understand that our obituary files have been digitized and are presently in the process of being indexed. AND, not just by name of the deceased, but an every-name index including relatives mentioned in the obituary. How super is that?! They could be available online through **familysearch.org** by the end of this year or early 2015 - under the title "Alameda County, CA Deaths/Obituaries" ... I think.

We have donated our California Information File (an early newspaper index, etc) and the 1980-1988 California Death Index (both on microfiche) to the Oakland Library Newspaper Room.

Welcome New Members:

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Oakland FHC offers the following free classes/workshops on an ongoing basis. All interested are welcome to attend.

MAC GEN Genealogy meetings - website for more information on this group **www.macgen.org**

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

4th Saturday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

African-American Workshop: 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

You can contact the Family History Center by phone or email to see if some new classes have been added and their dates and availability: 510-531-3905 / email: fhcoakland@gmail.com

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Indian (Native American) Census and Related Records: Listed below are microfilms available to researchers at the San Bruno National Archives. The archives are located at 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066 - ph: 415-876-9009

Indian Census Records:

M595 Indian Census Rolls. CA and NV Indians only

7RA3 Index & Final Rolls to Citizens & Freedmen of the 5 Civilized Tribes, ca.1907 (Dawes Roll)

M685 Records Relating to Enrollment of Eastern Cherokee by Guion Miller, 1908-1910

Ancestry Message Boards: I found the easiest way to access these was by going through Cyndislist.com: www.cyndislist.com/ancestry/message-boards-free-resources/

For Best Results: When you get to the above site, click on: Ancestry Message Boards. At the bottom of that page you will find: Board Help and Board FAQ. These will help you understand the format and aid your search.

It is FREE. Give it a try when you are having a particularly difficult time finding the information you are seeking.

An Appalling Sign of the Times: The other evening I was leafing through the July/August 2014 *Family Tree Magazine*. Among the Letters to the Editor was one from a Sandy Lyon, Kirkland, IL. In her letter Ms. Lyon said she had recently visited a courthouse to acquire a marriage certificate for her ggg-grandparents. The certificate could be had, but the young clerk had warned her that she would not be able to read it. The reason being - it was in CURSIVE! Apparently in many school districts throughout this country today cursive writing is no longer taught or even thought to be of much importance. Therefore, present day youngsters will have difficulty reading it in years to come. The present generation of genealogists have trouble with Old English and German Script. Can you just imagine genealogists generations from now not being able to read old American documents, vital records or perhaps not even the census reports! Mind boggling and very disturbing, isn't it?

The New England Historic Genealogical Society: www.Americanancestors.org

Their website has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for guest users and NEHGS members. There is access to archived Webinars, online courses, how-to videos, subject guides and much more. (excerpted from May 2014 San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter.)

U. C. Berkeley Libraries: The summer months are a good time to plan a visit to UC Berkeley's libraries. The Bancroft and Doe libraries have much to offer in the way of California history, manuscripts, maps, photo collections, etc. that might provide items of interest and add information to your family research. You will find the rare books and Western Jewish Americana previously held by the Judah L. Magnum Museum now available at the Bancroft Library.

The Newspaper and Microform Library (located in the basement of the Doe) is a marvelous resource. Here you will find early California newspapers, most local newspapers and The New York Times as well as newspapers from major cities throughout the states and foreign newspapers too. There are readers and copies can be made by purchasing a 'copy card' or bring your own USB/thumb drive and download your copies.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday from late June through August 14, 2014. They are closed on the 4th of July and all Saturdays and Sundays.

Ulster Historical Foundation: www.ancestryireland.com/search-irish-genealogy-databases/
This is a membership site, but guests can Pay-Per-View. Do your homework! For membership and Pay-Per-View information go to: www.ancestryireland.com/membership/

They have recently added over 78,000 new records to their online databases. Primarily Church of Ireland (CI) baptismal records - counties Antim and Down, and Roman Catholic (RC) baptismal and marriage records of Belfast from the early 20th century.

The new records come from the following churches: Aghaderg CI, Antim CI, Ardkeen CI, Ballywalter CI, Bangor CI, Blaris CI, Carrickfergus CI, Christchurch CI, Comber CI, Donaghadee CI, Down CI, Dromore CI, Drumballyronee CI, Kilcoo CI, Kilmore CI, Magheralin CI, and St. Joseph RC and St. Patrick RC.

Western Railway Museum, Suisun, CA: Did your ancestor work on the railroad? Did your grandmother use the Key Route trains or streetcars to go shopping or visit friends and family? Are you a railroad/train enthusiast? Why not visit the Western Railway Museum in Suisun, CA during the summer...or any weekend during the year?

As a living history museum, the Western Railway Museum gives visitors the opportunity to ride authentic historic streetcars and interurban electric trains from all over California and the western United States. Streetcar rides are available every thirty minutes and there are four to five scheduled electric train rides per day on weekends plus guided tours.

If you had railroad ancestors you will also want to visit the F. M. Smith Library and Archives at the museum site. It is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From now until Labor Day the museum is open and rides await you on Wednesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at 5848 State Hwy 12, Suisun, CA approximately about 12 miles east from Hwy 80. Google them at: Western Railway Museum - Solano County, CA or call 707-374-2978 for more information and admission prices.

WHAT DID YOU SAY, BIGAMY? Things Happen....

Genealogy and family studies do sometimes "find a horse thief", as the joke goes. Family trees seem benign on paper charts until children and grandchildren correspond on the subject of "father's estate settlement".

Bigamy was not the subject of the Winch family research project's beginning, but it jumped to the top while researching Samuel Winch, Jr. and his land, marriage, and death records.

Samuel Winch, Jr. was born in Whitestown, NY. The family migrated from MA to NH and then NY, where Samuel Jr. was born in 1797. Each migration was an opportunity for the family occupation as milling sawyers. Five families were interrelated in the almost 100 years from MA, NH, NY, to Canada for 25 years, and to MN Territory in 1852 and Samuel's death in Ohio in 1875.

The first marriage to Elizabeth Mountenay near Utica, NY produced ten children, nine of which gave sworn court evidence in the 1876 Probate of Estate of their father, Samuel Winch, Jr. The first wife, "Betsy" Mountenay Winch, died after giving birth to their tenth child. The widower Samuel soon remarried in Ontario, Canada to Rosetta Dafoe. This union produced one daughter, Esther Susan. Second wife, Rosetta, soon demised and, once again, Samuel the widower with young children, several under the age of 16, chose a third wife. He married Ann Mathews in Ontario, Canada in 1849. No children were born of this union.

Samuel soon departs Canada to visit his sister, Margaret Winch Greenwood, in nearby Ohio. Sister Margaret Ann introduces brother Samuel to her widowed friend Mary Ann Dexter, widow of A. Dexter. Samuel marries Mary Ann in 1851 and he and his new wife and her small children soon move to join Samuel's family in MN Territory. There Samuel signs a U.S. Land Claim patent and settles several of his older children in Fillmore County, MN Territory. When these children are settled, Samuel and Mary Ann return to Ohio area to live for several years. The 1860-70 Census records shows the families in several states and Canada.

The aged Samuel now over 75 meets his maker in 1874 in Ohio. The Estate Probate now hits the Lake County Ohio Court. The Judge of Probate is informed that a contestant for the estate is one Ann Mathews Winch of Ontario, Canada.

The two widows and Samuel's children now begin a two-year court battle. Sworn evidence from each and every son and daughter and grandchild in several states and Canada is carefully recorded on several pages in the courthouse records. The Court ruled in 1880 Ann Mathews Winch as the legatee of Samuel's modest estate. Mary Ann Dexter Winch is awarded a small inventory of necessities.

In the Ohio Census of 1880, widow Mary Ann is living in the home of Samuel's sister, Margaret Greenwood. In 1925 Samuel's son William wrote that reading the Painesville Probate case would identify the interconnected families. It surely did, and there was Samuel the Bigamist... revealed!

Submitted by June Lindquist

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

GROOM	BRIDE	E VENT	DATE	PLACE
THIEDE, Charles Edmond	THOMAS, Megan Lee Chung	mar	Sept, 2008	Pennsylvania
THOMAS, Arthur Dale II	BRIGGS, Stacey Elizabeth	eng	Oct, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
THOMAS, David	TAYLOR, Antoinette	mar	Sept, 2000	Alameda Co, CA
THOMAS, John Frank	GRAVELLE, Karla Renee	eng	April, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
THOMASON, Jason Glenn	GILPIN, Dena Mae	eng	Feb, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
THOMASON, Jason Glenn	GILPIN, Dena Mae	eng	July . 1992	Alameda Co, CA
THOMASON, John A.	JAWAD, Janelle M.	eng	Jan, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
THOMPSON, Brian Keith	BANCHEFSKY, Marti Jill	eng	Jan, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
THOMPSON, Craig Stuart	GRANT, Teri Lynn	mar	Aug, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
THOMPSON, James W. Jr.	RAIMONDI, Michelle Lynn	eng	1993	Alameda Co, CA
THORNTON, Craig Anthony	MEFFORD, Kiana Marie	mar	Jan, 1992	South Lake Tahoe, CA
THRALL, Paul	YANAKIS, Zoe	mar	Oct, 1994	West Point, NY
THROOP, Robert Samuel	LANTERMAN, Karen Harris	mar	June, 2003	San Mateo, CA
TIGHE, Kevin Michael	PETERSON, Peggy Louise	mar	Aug, 1988	Minneapolis, MN
TILSETH, Eric	TORRES, Patricia A.	mar	Oct, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TIMM, Frederick Nicholas IV	ROBERTS, Teresa Ann	eng	April, 1988	San Joaquin Co, CA
TIMM, William	SAWICKI, Diane	eng	March, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TINGLEY, Scott McKirdy	WHITING, Julie Elizabeth	eng	Feb, 2003	Laguna Niguel, CA
TIPPETTS, Erick Jay	BART, Linda Ellen	mar	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
TIRAPELLI, Daniel Alex	FORD, Noelle Alexandre	mar	Oct, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
TISDELL, Dennis Lee	BYASSE, Kelly	eng	Aug, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TODD, Karl Kevin	BORDEN, Dawn m	mar	May, 1997	Alameda Co, CA
TOLLIFSON, Thomas W.	EGGLESTON, Kellie	mar	Aug, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
TOMICICH, Kurt	ZUFFO, Rosana	mar	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
TONEY, Anthony Leo II	McGRAW, Tyra Lynn	eng	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TONEY, Anthony Leo II	McGRAW, Tyra Lynn	ma	Aug, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TORRES, Dino R.	HEINSMA, Jennifer L.	eng	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
TOWNS, Michael	ROSS, Denell	eng	July, 1994	San Ramon, CA
TOWNSEND, Kenny	RUTTER, Margaret A.	engt	Nov, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
TRABERT, Robert Kennedy	TREMAIN, Susan Allyn	mar	June, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
TRACY, Cameron	BERKHOF, Bobbi	eng	Aug, 2003	Alameda Co, CA
TRADER, Ted L.	PENTECOST, Gigi	engt	Dec, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
TRAINER, Clement Frances III	KALCIC, Julie Marie	eng	Aug, 2003	San Francisco, CA
TRAMIEL, Ronald Dewayne	CHRISTIAN, Zetzer	eng	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TRAPANI, Christopher Andrew	LEAVITT, Kirsten Marie	eng	Feb, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
TRAVIS, Ronald Clyde	SCHAFFER, Lisa Marie	mar	Nov, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
TREESE, Bryce William	PANDOLFO, Susan Elizabeth	mar	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TREESE, Bryce William	PANDOLFO, Susan Elizabeth	eng	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TREJO, Mark Herman	PEREZ, Sandra Lynn	eng	June, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
TRELSTAD, Brian Ross	LESESNE, Catherine Piper	mar	July, 1996	Waynesville, N.C.
TREMBATH, Raymond H.	SMITH, Lenora E.	eng	1991	Alameda Co, CA
TRENTLER, Anton Ronald	CAVANAUGH, Mary E.	eng	Dec, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
TREVALLION, Stuart Lionel	CABECEIRAS, Denise Lynn	mar	Oct, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
TREVOR, Russ	KNIGHT, Denise	eng	April, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
TRIAS, Noel J.	TOLEDO, Melani V.	eng	Feb, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
TRIAS, Noel John	TOLEDO, Melanie Rose V	mar	Sept. 1990	Alameda Co, CA
TRIMBLE, Todd David	LONG, Christi Lynn	eng	March, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
TRUEX, Michael Anthony	VANNUCCI, Stephanie Jean	mar	Dec, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
TRUSCOTT, David	WOOD, Kristy Ann	eng	April, 1991	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.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all...

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Family - \$25.00

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