

# *THE LIVE OAK*

**EAST BAY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**  
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## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014 - 10 a.m.**  
**Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room**

### **FINDING THE DOTS...CONNECTING THE DOTS - Speaker: John Rawlinson**

John Rawlinson will explain how he began with a limited and bare framework of genealogy to create a history.

A real story of imaging where material might be found, how to search for it, and gathering seemingly irrelevant bits of data (dots). The next step was to creatively and interpretively connect the relationships between the data (dots). Then...the process begins again with renewed imaging and a search for additional information. The result/goal is a comprehensive and interesting story.

## **OCTOBER MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014 - 10 a.m.**  
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### **CANADIAN RESEARCH - Speaker: Jeff Airth**

Many people migrated from or through Canada to the United States. Were any of your ancestor's among them?

Jeff Airth will share his knowledge of Canadian Research with us - where to search and what we might find in Canadian repositories and archives and online.

**Looking Back at July:** Janice Sellers provided a nice handout for "Finding Religious Records" at our July meeting. Church records pre-date vital records, and therefore, can provide some much needed information. She explained how to determine what religion your ancestor may have followed and what each denomination's records may hold and where we might find such records.

We could really use some ideas for programs in the upcoming year. If you know of a speaker you would like to recommend, please let a Board Member know. If you would enjoy having a repeat program of some topic we covered over the past few years, we would be happy to see if we could accommodate that request. Sometimes a refresher course is very useful.

### IN MEMORIUM

We are sad to report that our member Sharon Richter passed away in early July. Sharon had been a member for many years and had served as our Membership Chairman for several of those years. She was always very supportive of the society and truly enjoyed her trips to Salt Lake City. We extend our sincere condolences to Sharon's husband and family.

### 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](http://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](mailto:fhcoakland@gmail.com)

**OHIO - GATEWAY TO THE WEST:** Program by Richard Ferman, presented by the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society. Santa Clara Central Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. Tuesday, September 16, 2014 from 6 - 7:45 p.m.

**DIGGING FOR YOUR ROOTS:** October 18, 2014 LDS Chapel, 3700 Concord Blvd., Concord. Annual all-day Seminar sponsored by Contra Costa County Genealogical Society. Registration deadline: September 30, 2014. Contact Jackie at 925-827-4729 or email at [lejaki1957@aol.com](mailto:lejaki1957@aol.com)

### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

**News from Lisa Louise Cooke/Genealogy Gems:** Via Monterey County Genealogical Society's July/August 2014 newsletter.....Lisa has said that Ancestry is shutting down five areas of their business.....The five areas shutting down are: *Genealogy.com*, *MyFamily*, *MyCanvas*, *LegacyDNA* (y-DNA and mt-DNA tests will be retired), and *Mundia (English)*.

Ancestry execs were asked if DNA samples (particularly those of deceased family members) could be returned so as to be further processed by other companies. The answer was: NO When pressed if they would allow customers to upgrade tests run on those samples before they were destroyed (yes, they made it very clear they will be destroyed), the answer was that, well...they hadn't really thought about that. Leave it to genealogists to ask the important questions, and let's hope Ancestry will have taken this question to heart before the closing date of September 5, 2014.

**Indiana Memory:** <http://www.in.gov/memories> From the home page, click on Collections List. Here you will find links to collections at the Allen County Public Library, Ball State University, Butler University, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Indiana Historical Society and many

more. There is a wide range of subjects to explore: such as Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Muncie, IN (in the Ball State collection) and Indiana Plat Maps (in the Indiana University collection). Unfortunately, you cannot download pages. You can enlarge a page and do a screen capture. There is much more to be found on this website. If you have Indiana roots, you really should check it out! (excerpted/edited from Santa Clara County Hist and Gen Society April, 2014 newsletter)

**The Importance of Citing Sources:** Everyone knows it's important to cite sources, but if you have a copy of the record in front of you, what's the big deal? There are good reasons!

> **So that others can find your proof.** If you want to share your research, pass it down to descendants or submit it to a genealogical journal you will want to be able to show where you found everything.

> **To give your research reliability and credibility.** If you want to be confident you are telling the true story, to the very best of your knowledge, of your ancestors and you want to be recognized for your hard work in doing the research - cite your sources.

> **To help you figure out how to resolve conflicting information.** If you have a birth year from a census record that also reinforces a family story, and conflicting information from a birth certificate, you are faced with a dilemma. But the birth certificate will likely be more reliable, because it is a primary document and was created closer to the time of the event. (excerpted from Huellas Del Pasado, newsletter of the Gen. Society of Hispanic America, August, 2104)

**Has Your Research Uncovered Black Sheep or Skeletons in the Closet?** .....for many family historians, things that used to be considered embarrassing just aren't that big a deal any more. "We have become more open minded and flexible", claims Megan Smolenyak, genealogist and author of "*Hey, America, Your Roots Are Showing,*" her book about surprising genealogical discoveries. Her advice: "When you look at what your ancestors did, you don't get the glory and you don't get the blame. It just means you have a colorful story to share". (excerpted from San Ramon Valley Gen. Soc. Newsletter, July, 2014 via excerpts from a Wall Street Journal January 13, 2013 article by Sue Shellenberger)

**Having Trouble Finding a Family Name in the Census or Other Records?** If trying several spelling variants has not been successful, remove vowels or change each vowel with another one. Vowels are the letters most likely to be the cause of spelling errors. *Neil* easily gets spelled as *Neal*, *Hull* as *Hall*, etc.

**Replacing Your Computer Soon?** Before getting rid of it, be sure to completely erase the hard drive(s). Simply using the 'delete' command won't do it. There are a dozen or so utility programs that will undelete previously deleted files. You need to wipe the hard drive(s) clean, leaving nothing behind. Find three different ways of doing that at [www.wikihow.com/Erase-a-Computer-Hard-Drive](http://www.wikihow.com/Erase-a-Computer-Hard-Drive).

**For Best Results:** Remove the hard drives, find a sledgehammer, and then pound the drives vigorously. Repeat as necessary. (both the above from Monterey County Genealogical Society Newsletter, January/February 2014 - edited slightly)

## THANK YOU, GRAMMA STORM!

Browsing through an old photo album that had belonged to my mother-in-law, Mary (Gram), I found some photos of one of my husband's cousins as a small child. This cousin had recently sent me some photos and announcements that she thought I might like to have. I thought I would copy the photos and send them to her.

Bless my mother-in-law for being a fastidious person. She had written under each photo in white ink the names of the persons in each one. When I removed the photos from the little black corners in the album I was surprised and delighted to find she had also placed the negative behind each photo! I kept the negatives and will have copies made for my files.

I mailed the originals to my husband's cousin in Southern California with a post-it on the back of each one naming the persons in the photo. Within days I got a reply. The cousin did have copies of some of the photos, but she was delighted to have the names for each person in them. As she had been only about three years old when they were taken, she did not recognize anyone in them other than her parents. These were special to her as her father had died in an auto accident when she was quite young.

Among the photos was one of her parent's home at the time, thanks to Gram having named it with her white ink. The cousin was not sure which home it had been. I told her to look carefully at one of the photos because, in my opinion, her mother appeared to be wearing a maternity smock (they were in vogue back then). Consequently, her mother must have been pregnant with the cousin's younger sister at the time. She quickly wrote back, thanking me and confirming, "it was the Malibu home"!

Golly, wouldn't it be terrific if everyone (including ourselves) had thought to save and place the negative behind each photo in an album and name each person in the photos? I may have to find a professional photographer to develop the negatives, however. The local drug stores no longer deal with that antiquated procedure! But, there are only a couple of them that I really want to copy for my files, so it will be worth it. C. Storm

### The Family Tree (author unknown)

I think that I shall never see, the finish of a family tree, as it forever seems to grow from roots that started long ago, way back in ancient history time, in foreign land and distant clime.

From them grew trunk and branching limbs, that dated back to time so dim.

One seldom knows exactly when, the parents met and married then, nor when the twigs began to grow, with odd-named children, row on row.

Tough verse like this is made by me, the end's in sight as you can see.

"Tis not the same with family trees, that grow and grow through centuries.  
(Huellas del Pasado, August 2014. Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America)

## ALPINE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - A Thumbnail Sketch

One of California's smallest counties, and the least populated, nestled in the Sierra Nevada mountains between Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park. Aptly named, as the area resembles the Swiss Alps.

Established in 1864, in the wake of the silver mining boom, and formed from parts of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mono and Tuolumne counties. Alpine County originally boasted a population of about 11,000 and the county seat was Silver Mountain City. By 1875 the mining had proved fruitless, the population fell to about 1,200 and the county seat was moved to Markleeville where it has since remained. By the 1920s the population had fallen to a mere 200; however, in the 2010 census the population was 1,375 inhabitants, largely due to the construction and popularity of the Bear Valley and Kirkwood ski resorts in the 1960s. The county offers beautifully groomed ski slopes for downhill skiing and marvelous vistas for cross-county skiing. During the summer it attracts numerous campers, backpackers and hikers, mountain bikers and fishermen who enjoy the Carson River area and the many streams, green valleys and rugged mountain terrain.

Alpine County Recorder  
99 Water Street, Markleeville, CA 96120  
Mail: P. O. Box 155  
Ph: 530-694-2283

Alpine County Museum  
P. O. Box 517  
Markleeville, CA 96120  
Ph: 520-694-2317 - Email: [alpinemuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:alpinemuseum@yahoo.com)  
Open Memorial Day through October; Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Located 1/2 block off the main street and up on a hill. This is one of the most wonderful little museums I have ever visited. (editor) On the grounds are an old jail, old school house, stamp mill, replica blacksmith shop. The museum has many displays depicting the early settlers, mining history, and Washoe Indians that inhabited the area. Their archives contain oral histories, photographs and biographies of the area and its people. They have a small store where you may buy books relating to genealogy in the county and histories of the county and its old mining towns.

A mile or so off the main street is Grover Hot Spring State Park. There is a camp ground there, but it is also a lovely place to picnic and spend the day. There is a large hot pool fed by hot springs from up the hill and a large swimming pool.

Enjoy visiting and researching Alpine County and its beautiful mountain vistas.

Want to learn more?

*Bulls, Bears, and Highway Fares: A History of Bear Valley, Alpine County, California*

*Alpine County: Bear Valley, Kirkwood, Markleeville (Images of America)* By Alpine County Historical Society.

## **MY SALAD DAYS OF SUMMER**

When I was in grammar school and perhaps about 9 or 10 years old my father had a butcher shop in our small town. At the beginning of summer vacation one year he and my mother decided it would be a good idea to sell home-made potato and macaroni salads at his shop. Home-made meant, of course, that my mother would make them.

A good friend and neighbor could shop on the Naval Base at the end of town and my mother would give her money to buy huge jars of mayonnaise and large cartons of eggs. At the produce market she bought gunny sacks of potatoes and onions and large boxes of macaroni.

That summer vacation I was "employed" helping to make salads every morning. A neighbor girl who used to live next door visited us for a few days and during her stay she was also put to work!

For hours we chopped onions, celery and parsley in a wooden bowl with a little hand chopper device - there were no food processors or Cuisinarts! Then we peeled and sliced piles of cooked potatoes. Each morning we did this so that my mother could deliver the salads to the butcher shop as early in the morning as possible.

The customers loved my mother's home-made salads and before the end of the day, they were gone! We doubled our efforts! In fact, one very hot day, we made two batches of salads they sold so fast

This went on for several weeks, until the Board of Health discovered our scheme and forced my father to shut down his home-made salad business! My parents were very disappointed - I was not! I was getting tired of spending the mornings of my summer vacation chopping onions, parsley and celery and peeling pound upon pound of potatoes.

From then on, my father bought his potato and macaroni salads from Wills Salads, which is still in business today - you can buy it at Costco!

I wonder now, had my parents really thought very far ahead? How long did they think they could continue whipping up salads in our home kitchen... and how would they manage when the "help" went back to school in the fall!

We ate a lot of potato and macaroni salad for weeks, maybe months, after shutting down our home-made salad operation... we had a lot of macaroni and potatoes in stock!

That fall my mother made a Halloween costume for me out of the empty potato gunny sacks. I was an Indian. I resembled Tonto, with a very real-looking rubber mask and a black wig with two braids. But, rather than just one lone feather in my headband, I had a chief's full feathered headdress. I was one of the runner-ups in the local Halloween parade and costume contest.

The huge mayonnaise jars were great for butterfly and caterpillar specimens. They even housed a very large lizard and a garter snake at one time. A few of them were still around in the 70's and were used to create terrariums, which were a craze back then.

C. Storm

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

GROOM	BRIDE	EVENT	DATE	PLACE
TSUGAWA, Scott S.	MOMITA, Helene S.	marr	June, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
TUCKER, Chad Allan	MacGOWAN, Heather J.	marr	Sept, 2997	Alameda Co, CA
TUCKER, Paul Everette	MAYNARD, Joanne Marie	marr	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
TUENTES, Heriberto Jr.	TINER, Kathryn Lee	eng	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
TULLER, Anthoney Mark	BURGESS, Michelle Lee	marr	Sept, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
TULLER, Anthony	BURGESS, Michelle	eng	Sept, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
TULLY, Griffeth	EMANUELS, Karen	marr	March, 1993	Contra Costa Co, CA
TURPIN, Jeffrey L.	IMPINNA, Lauretta T.	eng	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
TURPIN, Jeffrey L.	IMPINNA Lauretta t.	eng	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
TURPIN, Jesse Edward	DAO, Donna Ann	marr	August, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
UHLIG, Roger	FRIEDRICH, Joan	marr	Sept, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
ULIBARRI, Steven David	BARLEY, Tammy Anne	marr	May, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
UMENE, John David	FREELAND, Yvonne Marie	marr	Sept, 1997	Glen Ellen, CA
UNDERHILL, David Loren	JORDAN, Peggy Irene	marr	May, 1984	Portola Valley, CA
URIBE, Daniel R.	RIDDELL, Cheryle Dee	eng	February, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
UYEHARA, Gary Minoru	YAMASAKI, Evelyn Michiko	marr	August, 1990	Santa Clara Co. CA
VALERIO, Dennis Peter	ROBERTS, Kathleen Ann	eng	March, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
VALERIO, Dennis Peter	ROBERTS, Kathleen Ann	marr	June , 1985	Alameda Co, CA
VALES, Timothy	KRIPPENE, Michelle, E	eng	January, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
VALLERGA, Robert Dominic	GARCIA, Elizabeth Janet	marr	July, 1994	South Lake Tahoe, CA
VALLERGA, Stephen J.	RIEDY, Andrea C.	marr	June , 1989	Alameda Co, CA
VALLES, Tom Richard	THARPE, Susan Marie	marr	Dec, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
van de GRAAF, Fabian	SMITH, Cassandra A.	eng	February, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
VAN HATTEN, William J.	PORRAS, Deanna M.	marr	Sept, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
VAN NORT, Gregory	AGUIRRE, Lisa	marr	Dec, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
VAN SISSEREN, Michiel A.	MAC BAIN, Sheilah Ann	marr	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
VANDIVER, Gregg M.	HERRERA, Kathleen Marie	marr	March, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
VANDYK, Paul B.	ICE, Diana L.	marr	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
VARGAS, David	GRAGG, Tori Lynn	marr	October, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
VARGAS, Joseph Anthony	WHEELER, Holly Anne	marr	February, 1989	Marin Co, CA
VARGAS, Joseph Anthony	WHEELER, Holly Anne	eng	Sept, 1987	San Rafael, CA
VARGO, Michael Stephen	RUIZ, Victoria Marie	marr	February, 1992	Akron, OH
VARNEY, Shawn Merrill	STAFFANSON, Christine	marr	July, 1989	Monti, Utah
VASQUEZ, Bruce W.	deKLEER, Pamela	marr	August, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
VAWTER, Jim	JACOBS, Jane	eng	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
VEASY, Gary William	LAWRENCE, Janet Edith	marr	February, 1990	Fresno, CA
VEENBAAS, Adrian D.	CURTIS, Heather Ellen	marr	Dec, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
VEENBAAS, Adrian O,	CURTIS, Heather Ellen	marr	Sept, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
VEGA, Daniel	LEYVA, Marilyn	eng	Nov, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
VEGA, Daniel	LEYVA, Marilyn	marr	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
VEGAS, Donald M.	HOUSEWORTH, April E.	marr	Nov, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
VELAZQUEZ, Victor Mario	GUZMAN, Theresa Ann	eng	June, 2004	Carmel, CA
VENGLEY, Daniel Edward	KINGLRY, Roberta Jean	marr	June, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
VERA, Ernesto Jr.	HOYT, Bonnie	eng	March, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
VERCELLI, Anthony	JONES, Katherine Elaine	eng	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
VERZI, Scott Anthony	CASIANO, Christine	eng	February. 1991	Alameda Co, CA
VIDAL, Vinci V.	IDLE, Barbara A.	eng	May, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
VIEIRA, John Joseph	HARRIS, Allison Marie	marr	April, 1996	Alameda Co, CA

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