

# THE LIVE OAK

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## MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

### **ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON - 12:00 Noon**

**Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant**

**1148 Ballena Blvd., Alameda**

You will find a Reservation Form on the last page of this newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Directions: Through the Posey Tube or Park Street or High Street Bridges: continue to Central Avenue and turn right. Continue to Ballena Blvd. and turn left at signal. Keep to the right along the waterfront - destination will be on your left as you round the curve.

From the Fruitvale Bridge continue on Tilden Way which becomes Lincoln Ave. past Park Street to Grand St. Turn left on Grand and then right on Central to Ballena Blvd - then turn left as above.

## JUNE MEETING

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 10 a.m. - Oakland Family History Library meeting room

### **GENEALOGY OF RENE KAUFMAN**

**Speaker: Steve Morse**

The genealogy of Rene Kaufman is a fascinating tale of how to construct a genealogy when you have very little information to begin with. You will likely get some hints and ideas from Steve's program that will encourage you to carry-on in spite of the brick wall you think you are facing in your family's genealogy.

Steve Morse is a very experienced genealogist and the creator of two marvelous websites: **San Francisco Genealogy** and **One-Step Webpages**. This should be a most inspiring meeting for everyone.

### **Looking Back at March:**

As Marge Bell explained, Salt Lake City FHC is rapidly digitizing their library. It is available on the internet, but you won't find it through subscription websites. She reminded us of the "old" days when we had to use the IGI and the Catalog to search for information in the Family History Centers. Essentially, this is the same process you will use, only through your computer. Think of how you searched the old FHC Catalog and search accordingly through FamilySearch.org. There is a multitude of information available.

### **Looking Back at April:**

As usual, Ralph Seversen, the director of the Oakland FHC, had a captivated audience. He was so excited to tell us about what is available through the FamilySearch.org website and we were so anxious to get the news. He encouraged us to log onto the family tree link of the website as we might be pleasantly surprised to find information on our ancestors we had not expected. It is not necessary to input you family tree, but it might benefit you to do so.

Ralph also encouraged us to browse the WiKi link at FamilySearch.org. It has a lot to offer if you patiently follow the instructions.

### **EBGS NEWS**

Reservations have been made at Pier 29 restaurant in Alameda for our Annual Anniversary Luncheon on May 11th. You will find a reservation form at the back of this newsletter. This will be our 37th year! We hope many of you will join us at the luncheon.

As our president had a prior engagement and our secretary had recently broken her hip and had hip replacement surgery, the April meeting was led by yours truly. We had a good sized audience and some very enthusiastic guests that joined us. We all wish Jean Christie a speedy recovery and look forward to her returning home soon.

Please Welcome These New Members:

Brenda Shank, 1100 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707-2610

510-528-0081                      BrendaShank@aol.com

Maureen Perata, 1 Moraga Curt, Orinda, CA 94563

925-253-1465                      maureenperata@gmail.com

Corinne Mohrmann, 57 Sherida Road, Oakland, CA 94618

510-655-0191                      corinnemohrmann@gmail.com

Dues are due by July 1st.. Thank you to those of you who have already renewed. There is a Membership Renewal form at the back of this newsletter for those of you who have not yet renewed your membership. Your dues helps keep this society alive and kicking - please renew and enjoy the interesting programs we have planned for this year.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please contact me and provide your email address. You can reach me at **c-kstorm@juno.com**.

Our president, Sally Stevens, represented us well at San Francisco Day held at the Old Mint in San Francisco in March. Thank you for your write-up and submitting the photo Sally! (See page 4)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**The Oakland FHC Library** offers the following classes/workshops. They are free and open to everyone interested.

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

**MAC-GEN Genealogy** meetings/workshops for Mac Users. More info at **www.macgen.org**  
2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Genealogy Research Workshop:** Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Need some help with your Swedish research? Join our experts on Thursdays for some individual assistance. No appointment necessary, and it is free!

**San Francisco Research:** 10 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. on the **3rd Saturday** of each month at the California Genealogical Society - 2201 Broadway Ste LL2, at the corner of 22nd Street, Oakland, CA. This is an open forum meeting group to help each other looking for ancestors pre and post 1906 in San Francisco. Bring your questions and/or your experience and join the discussions. For more information email: **SFSIG@CALIFORNIAANCESTORS.ORG**

**Getting Started With Genealogy:** Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society is offering Beginning Genealogy Classes starting April 6, 2016 at 1 -3:30 p.m. in the Redwood Room on the 1st floor at the Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA. Classes are free, BUT you must pre-register. Find out more at: **www.scchgs.org**

**Finding U. S. Land Records:** Presented by Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 7 - 8:45 p.m. in the Marge Edinger Room, 1st floor Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA. Free to the public. More info: **www.scchgs.org**

**Genealogy Jamboree, June 2-5, 2016:** Hosted by Southern California Genealogical Society, Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA. More info: **www.genealogyjamboree.com/**

**Northwest Genealogy Conference - August 17-20, 2016:** Hosted by Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society in Arlington, WA. To be held at Byrnes Performing Arts Center, 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd, Arlington, WA 98223. For more info: **www.stillygen.org**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Mocavo Website Moved:** As of March 23, Mocavo.com has moved/closed and merged all of its records, etc. to **Findmypast.com**. Which means **Findmypast** has even more to offer. It is available for free at the Oakland FHC - check it out.

**ELEPHIND.COM:** A marvelous FREE site to search historic newspapers, especially Australia and the U.S. Google **www.elephind.com** and it will take you to the St. George Family Search Library website where there is an entire page describing the site. Click on the green **elephind.com** logo on the left to browse the site. There you will find, after scrolling down quite a ways, many listings for the U.S., including the Library of Congress. Happy searching!

**Care and Management of CD-ROMs and DVDs:** If you plan to use CD-ROMs or DVDs to back up your files or photos here are some common sense tips for you.

\*If you intend to use a label, use one that covers the surface evenly. Don't use something like a return address label, as it will make the disc off balance in today's high-speed drives, causing damage to the disc and/or drive. Use a soft marker especially for CDs to label the disks.

\*Burn more than one copy and store a copy in a different location than the computer. If your house burns down, the back-up disc doesn't do you any good if it was next to the computer.

\*Check your media periodically, perhaps every six months. If something is wrong, immediately burn another copy from one of the other back-up disks.

\*Use only high quality media. In most cases, you get what you pay for.

\*Don't use re-writable CDs or DVDs. The chemical process that allows the recording media to be written onto repeatedly is not as stable over the long term.

(Genealogy Gems, News fr Fort Wayne Library No. 82, December, 2010 via Champaign County Gen. Soc Spring, 2011)



President, Sally Stevens, meets Emperor Norton at San Francisco Day.

On March 4-5, San Francisco Day was held at the Old Mint and EBGs was represented by Ann Claesgens on Saturday March 4 and by Sally Stevens on Sunday, March 5. We and California Genealogical Society were the only genealogical societies represented, but many historical groups were there, especially numerous neighborhood groups. Beside Emperor Norton, many participants were in period costumes talking to visitors.

There were lectures and many informational tables representing a large variety of historical groups of San Francisco.

A large number of visitors roamed through the rooms, and we had quite a few stop at our table asking about the

society and signing up for a newsletter. One even came to the meeting last month, so it was a worthwhile endeavor, and I would encourage others to join us next year if it is held again. By Sally Stevens

## RESEARCHING IN ALAMEDA COUNTY CALIFORNIA Part 5: Historical & Genealogical Societies, Museums, Churches

I am not going to list churches in the county as there are a multitude of them. Many of them have been around for almost a century or more, some have sprouted up recently. Seems like every time a grocery store folds, a church moves in.

I would suggest contacting the library in the area where your ancestors lived and inquiring about what they may have in their vertical files pertaining to the church denomination and time frame you are searching. Some older churches may still be found in today's telephone directories or by "googling". Some churches may have merged with other churches of the same denomination in their local area.

With reference to Libraries, I should have mentioned in that section that the Berkeley Library maintains a Berkeley History Room; and I forgot to mention the African American Museum and Library, but have included information on it in this list of historical societies and museums.

#### Historical & Genealogical Societies and Museums in Alameda County

African American Museum & Library: 659 - 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94621 - Ph: 510-637-0200  
Open Noon to 5:30 p.m. Tues. thru Sat.

Alameda County Historical Society - Does not maintain a library or archives

Alameda Museum: designated in 1983 as the official repository of historical documents and artifacts for the City of Alameda.

2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda, CA 94501

Open Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sun. 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. - Sat. 11:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

Albany Historical Society: 1249 Marin Ave, Albany, CA 94706

Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society: 603 Main St., Pleasanton, CA 94566 - Ph: 925-462-2766  
Open Tues - Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sun 1-4 p.m.

Berkeley Historical Society, Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 1931 Center Street, Berkeley, CA 94704  
Open *most* Thurs, Fri, and Sat. 1-4 p.m.

California Genealogical Society: 2201 Broadway, Ste. LL2, Oakland, CA 94612 Ph: 510-663-1358

Dublin Heritage Center: 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin, CA - Ph: 925-452-2100  
Open Wed., Thurs., Sat. and Sun 1- 4 p.m.

East Bay Genealogical Society: P. O. Box 1648, Alameda, CA  
Meets 2nd Wednesday each month at the Oakland FHC Library, 10:00 a.m.. Visitors Welcome!

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society: P. O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551

Livermore Heritage Guild: 2155 Third St., Livermore, CA 94550 - Ph: 925-449-9927  
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 961, Livermore, CA 94551

Mission Peak Heritage Foundation: 190 Anza St., Fremont, CA 94530 - Ph: 510-623-7907  
Heritage of Washington Township: includes towns of Warm Springs, Mission San Jose, Irvington, Centerville, Niles, Newark, Decoto and Alvarado.

Open 10-4 p.m. Wed and Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. every second weekend each month.  
 Union City Historical Museum: 3841 Smith St., Union City, CA 94587 Ph: 510-324-3298 Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday

If you had an ancestor that served in the military you may be interested in the following museums. Whether they maintain a library or archives, I am not sure - but it would not hurt to check.

Oakland Aviation Museum: Located near Oakland International Airport off of Doolittle Drive.  
 8252 Earhart Road, Oakland, CA 94621 - Ph: 510-638-7100 Open Wed-Sun 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Alameda Naval Air Station Museum: 2151 Ferry Pt. Landing #77, Alameda Point (Old NAS) Alameda  
 Open Sat & Sun 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

U.S.S. Hornet Museum: 707 W. Hornet Drive, Alameda Point, Alameda, CA 94501  
 Ph: 510-521-8448 Open Daily 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

That about wraps up this series of articles intended to help you with your research in Alameda County, California. I hope you will find them useful and wish you success in your research.

Carolyn Storm/Editor

**U. S. Special Census Schedules**

In a recent email/newsletter from Lisa Louise Cooke, an article by Sunny Morton encourages researchers to seek out Special Census Schedules if your ancestors:

- \*Appear in U. S. Census between 1850-1880
- \*Worked in industrial occupations between 1820-1820
- \*Were veterans of the U. S. Civil War and still alive in 1890
- \*Were Native Americans in 1900-1910

Many of the special census schedules have been digitized and are available online - especially for 1850 to 1880 when so many schedules were created and so many different people were included. You may find some at Ancestry.com or at familysearch.org.

Year	Agric	DDD	Indian	Industry	Mortal	Slave	Social	Veter
1810				✓				
1820				✓				
1850	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
1860	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
1870	✓			✓	✓		✓	
1880	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
1890			✓					✓
1895	✓			✓	✓		✓	
1900			✓					
1910			✓					

## EBGS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Mail to: EBGS, P. O. Box 1648 Alameda, CA 94501

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Apt.#/ P.O.Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$18 Individual/\$7.50 Each Additional Family Member

May we hear from you by July 1, 2016     Thank you for your support.

Office use only: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Ch# \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON – MAY 11, 2016

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant, 1148 Ballena Blvd. Alameda, CA  
Directions will be printed in May/June LIVE OAK. Time is NOON

Teriyaki Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp Louie \_\_\_\_\_ Caesar Salad w/chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Salads served with a cup of clam chowder. Teriyaki 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: \$24.50 per person

Mail your check and this form to:  
EBGS c/o Joyce Schleicher, 4345 Detroit Avenue, Oakland, CA 94619

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enc \_\_\_\_\_ No. Persons \_\_\_\_\_

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