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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 - 10 a.m. - Oakland FHC Library Meeting Room

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED WHILE WRITING A FAMILY HISTORY

Speaker: Carolyn Storm

Interesting facts came to light while digging into my grandparent's history. My great grandfather may not have been my great grandfather after all! Oops!

Plus I will share a simple way to put your ancestor's story into a short biography.

AND...A SILENT AUCTION

Gather the genealogy related books, etc., you no longer want and bring them to our Silent Auction. If you have a substantial amount, bring them to the library meeting room by 1 p.m. the day before the meeting, please - or call me at 510-522-7469 by Monday, September 12 to make other arrangements.

Bids will begin at 25 cents and increase at 25 cent increments. We will only have quarters and ones for change! Be prepared. The proceeds will go to EBGs. Leftovers will be donated to the Oakland FHC or a library book sale - and, yes, of course, you may take home any items of yours that did not sell at the auction if you wish.

Please come a little early, if possible, as set up will take a little time.

Guests and those new to genealogy are certainly welcome at this meeting or any of our meetings.

OCTOBER MEETING

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 - 10 a.m. - Oakland FHC Library Meeting Room

OLD OAKLAND CEMETERIES - Speaker: Dennis Evanosky

Dennis Evanosky is Editor of *The Alameda Sun* weekly newspaper and history is his passion. He has written several books about old San Francisco and Mountain View Cemetery and other aspects of the East Bay. I have heard that his program is most interesting regarding the old cemeteries and we look forward to having him as our speaker.

Looking Back at July: Christine Green shared her extensive knowledge and offered a wealth of information regarding DNA testing and how it might aid your family research. It was truly an informative program and she willingly answered members' many questions.

EBGS NEWS:

Not a lot of society news, as we had no board or regular meetings in August. Hope everyone enjoyed the time off and perhaps some of you found the time to delve into your genealogy or do some travelling. If you turned up anything unusual or interesting, please share it via this newsletter...I am always in need of space fillers!

Thank you to everyone who renewed their dues! Very much appreciated. A copy of the latest, updated Roster is included in this newsletter.

I was recently reminded of something, which is rather embarrassing! I drove many miles for several hours to visit a library that claimed to have someone on staff on Thursday afternoons to help with German research. Well, they did not...and I could kick myself for not calling ahead. I know better than that! Growing a little long in the tooth and short in the memory perhaps! They did, however, put me in touch with a researcher in SLC who was able to help me translate a document, so the trip was not entirely wasted. And I was able to visit some friends along the way that I do not get to see often enough...we had a short visit and enjoyed a relaxing cup of coffee, and that was well worth the trip. Don't YOU forget to 'call ahead' before visiting a distant library!

It is probably about time EBGs had a program on German Research - it has been quite a while since the last one. Anyone out there know anyone who is qualified to present a program concerning German Research? Please contact me, Carolyn Storm, at **c-kstorm@juno.com** if you do. I think we have several members beside myself who would welcome such a program.

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 Secretary, Jean Christie, is home and recovering well from her hip replacement surgery. She hopes to be able to attend the September meeting. It will be so good to have her back amongst us once again.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Oakland FHC Library, in my estimation, is one of the largest, well equipped and well staffed with very qualified people in the Oakland Bay Area. You should take advantage of the opportunity to research there if you live in the greater Bay Area. In addition, they offer the following classes/workshops that are free and available to the public.

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**

September 3: "Women's Issues on the Immigrant Trail" Bob LaPerriere. Solano County Gen. Soc. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casgs/>

September 7: "World War II War Brides" Beverly Sollars. Santa Clara County Historical & Gen. Soc., <http://www.scchgs.org/>

September 10: "Finding Your Japanese Roots in the U. S. and Japan" Linda Harms Akazake. California Gen Soc. <http://californiaancestors.org/>

September 11: "Researching Railroads and Their Records" Melinda Kashuba. Sacramento Public Library, <http://saclibrary.org/>

September 13: "The Tax Man Found Your Ancestor, Can You?" Karla Henderlong and Madeline Yanov. Livermore-Amador Gen. Soc. <http://www.lags.org/>

September 18: "Grow Your Own Family Tree Using the Internet Archive for Genealogical Research" Michael "Mek" Karples. San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, <http://sfbajgs.org/>

Saturday, October 15: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society Fall 2016 Seminar: "Ancestors on the Move" by John Philip Colletta, PhD. Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA. Cost for non-members is \$40. Registration at the door: \$50

Four lectures, as follows:

*"Immigration to America, Colonial Times to Post-WWII: Where do your ancestors fit in?"

Colonial times in 1882 Part I

*"Immigration to America, Colonial Times to Post WWII - 1882 to Post WWII" Part II

*"U.S. Naturalization Records, 1790 - 1930s: Sources and Strategies for Challenging Cases.

*"Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events: How to Build Historical Context"

For more information, contact the CCCGS website or email cccgs.ca@gmail.com

Saturday, October 15: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 16: Noon - 4 p.m.

Alameda Friends of the Library Bi-Annual Book Sale: DeWitt O' Club, 641 West Red Line Avenue, Alameda (the old officer's club on Naval Air Station). Admission is FREE on Saturday and Sunday and Sunday is Sale Day, get a box of books for \$5.00! Everything is sorted by category and there are thousands of books to browse through. If you are an avid reader, you will appreciate the wide assortment at this book sale, and there are always several tables of children's books to keep the kiddies busy.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

San Leandro Library: They now have a history room. Their collection includes: books, photographs, historical maps, pamphlets and newspaper clippings and many documents all relating to the history of the city of San Leandro. Also in the History Room are Hayward/San Leandro city directories dating from 1924 and an extensive collection of school yearbooks from middle and high schools in San Leandro. The History Room is open most afternoons, but it is best to call ahead...510-577-3971. Check it out next time you visit the San Leandro Library.

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness: A terrific website - just Google them. A global volunteer organization whose members take their time to do everything from looking up courthouse records to taking pictures of tombstones. All they ask in return is reimbursement for their expenses (never their time) and a thank you. How neat is that?

The website also offers research guides to help you as well. There are guides to researching census records, cemetery and church records, land records, court records, immigration records, military records, probate records, vital records, and guides to state by state research.

The links on the website are simple and easy to navigate. Do check it out soon. You may even wish to become a volunteer in your area.

findmypast.com: Every week they announce the addition of hundreds, even thousands, of new, searchable records posted to their website. Here is a list of some of the past several week's additions:

Arizona deaths, 393,000 plus entries

Canada Census 1911

U.S. Naturalizations Petitions, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York 1905-1950

U. S. Border Crossings 1895-1954

New South Wales Census 1891

U. S. Public Records Indexes 1 and 2: You can access and search the indexes through Ancestry and familysearch and perhaps a few other data bases. Mostly it is comprised of information from telephone books, and other public lists available. It can help you locate a person in between censuses and with that information you can pursue further in your research.

Family Roots Publishers through their Genealogical Newslines weekly online newsletter mentions the following in their August 6, 2016 edition #316.

The Houston Herald, May 1881 to 2016, has recently been digitized and is probably available online by now. Check Newspapers.com to access.

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society has recently published "*New York City Municipal Archives: An Authorized Guide for Family Historians*". The 245-page guide will make research at this vital facility far more approachable and will introduce researchers to many previously unknown record collections housed there.

I'll bet you would have never found these items on your dinner table in your youth: elbows or cell phones!

AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - A Thumbnail Sketch

Amador County is located in the Sierra Nevada "Gold Country". In 2010 the population was 38,091. The county seat is Jackson. The county was originally created in May 1854. It was later split into Amador, Calaveras and El Dorado Counties and was officially organized in July, 1854. In 1864 part of the county's territory was given to Alpine County.

The county was rich in gold mining in the mid 1800s. It's many lakes, rivers and reservoirs now attract many campers and fishermen. The Shenandoah Valley area is well known for it's Zinfandel wines, some vineyards having been planted in the late 1800s.

County Clerk/Recorder

819 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642 (209) 223-6468

Although the county was formed in 1854, records were not required to be registered at that time. If you are looking for early vital records, it is suggested you contact the Amador County Library or the Amador County Archives.

County Courthouse

500 Argonaut Lane, Jackson, CA 95642

Amador County Library, Main Branch

530 Sutter Street, Jackson, CA 95642 (209) 223-6400

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Amador County Archives

12200-A Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642 (209) 223-6389

Mailing Address: 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642

Open: Monday 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

It is suggested you call for an appointment.

The archives is a local history and research center and houses Amador County Records dating from 1854. Records include naturalization, probate, inquest, local families, newspapers, oral histories, photo collection and maps., etc. The map collection includes all original township maps and county maps and a complete set of Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

Amador County Genealogical Society

322 Via Verde, Sutter, Creek, CA 95685

Amador County Historical Society

P. O. Box 761, Jackson, CA 95642

Google Amador County Research for a collection of searchable county records - at the top portion of the page. I believe the site is sponsored by California State Genealogical Alliance.

Want to learn more?

"History of Amador County with biographical sketches of its prominent men and pioneers"

by Jesse D. Mason Pub. 1881

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...

Individual/Organization - \$18.00

Family - \$25.00

Foreign - \$20.00

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