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MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

ANNUAL SPRING ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Will we see YOU at noon at Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant? We hope many of you can make it. There is a reservation form at the back of this newsletter. Please come and spend an enjoyable afternoon.

From Posse tube follow Webster Street to Central and turn right. Follow Central to Ballena Bay Blvd. and turn left at the signal and stay to your right around the curve. The restaurant parking lot will be on your left.

From Park Street Bridge continue on Park to Central and turn right and continue to Ballena Bay Blvd. as above.

JUNE MEETING

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

THE OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORY

Speaker: Pamela Dallas

The six modern states of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota were carved from the US lands west of Pennsylvania and northwest of the Ohio River and known as the Northwest Territory. This area has a unique history and played a special role for these and surrounding states.

Pamela Dallas has been conducting personal and client research in genealogy for over 25 years. Her focus is Midwest Research, methodology and unique record sources.

Looking Back at March:

It is always a pleasure to have Madeline Yanov present a program to our group. In March she spoke to us regarding farmers in our family trees. Most of us have at least one or two. Madeline had a lot to tell us and shared many research tips for researching the farmers in our ancestry.

Looking Back at April:

Virginia Kysh provided us with many worthwhile reasons to create timelines for researching our ancestors. Primarily, they help us to understand and evaluate how events in our ancestors communities and throughout the world may have influenced their lives; and consequently, help solve some research dilemmas and suggest where further research may be needed.

Some useful references she provided were:

"History for Genealogist, Using Timelines to Find and Understand your Ancestors" by Judy Jacobsen

Cyndi's List - Timelines

How to Create a Timeline in Excel: <http://www.vertex42.com/ExcelArticles/create-as-timeline.html>

I have also found Twile - Timeline Creation Tool reviewed by Ed Keelin in the April 2018 issue of the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society newsletter <http://twile.com>.

I have a little jewel of a booklet given to me on my birthday several years ago. It is titled "Pages of Tome - A Nostaglia News Report". It is full of miscellany, news headlines, advertisements, etc. for the year I was born. Certainly will provide a lot of "fodder" for My Timeline. Have fun creating your own timelines.

EBGS NEWS:

Our Annual May Luncheon is coming up soon at Pier 29 in Alameda. Save the date...May 9th. There is a reservation form at the back of this newsletter if you have not already sent yours to Joyce. We hope many of you will join us for a very pleasant afternoon at Pier 29 in Alameda.

Your dues are DUE!

The membership voted unanimously to increase the annual dues to \$20 at the March General Meeting. There is a renewal form at the back of this newsletter for those of you who wish to renew...we hope you will

Thank you to those who have already renewed. The society truly appreciates your support.. Your dues make this newsletter and our programs possible.

Please welcome our new member and add her to your roster:

Judith O'Callaghan

4712 Westwood Court, Richmond CA, 94803 -- 510-223-7071

email: ocall4712@sbcglobal.net

Programs: Finding speakers for upcoming meetings is quite a challenge at times. If you know or have heard of a speaker you would like to recommend to our group, please, please let us know.

Apparently some of our members have changed their email addresses since the printing of the last Roster. PLEASE let me know if you change your email address. I will need to update my records.. c-kstorm@juno.com.

Need Some Help? It is not only our members who read this newsletter - well, I hope they read it! We exchange newsletters with several societies in the general Bay Area, and I know for a fact that several major research libraries across the country follow our newsletter online through our website.

Do you have some questions or queries with regard to your family research that perhaps might generate some interest or hints from someone in another state of the union? Why not have your inquiry published in the Live Oak? You may get surprising results. Send your queries to me and I will happily print them...c-kstorm@juno.com. Please use "EBGS" in the subject line so I do not dump it by mistake.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Oakland FHC Library offers the following on-going classes/workshops. ALL classes at the FHC are free and open to everyone interested. Sometimes there might be a small charge for handouts. You can check their website to view information on the library's workshops and upcoming classes. They are not always mentioned in his newsletter as they do not coincide with the mailing date.

Please Note: You will have to sign-in with a user name and password to get into the **familysearch** website from home or in the library. This is to be sure you are not a 'robot' and to discourage scammers. Keep your password simple so that you can easily remember it.

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

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

Swedish 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!

Hispanic Research Workshop: Wednesday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Come join the group and learn more about researching your Hispanic ancestors.

Personal/Family History: Write Your History in Stories:

2nd Thursday each month, 1-2 p.m. Instructor: Ken Miller, staff genealogist.

Does writing your personal history sound intimidating? Does "I was born..." seem like a boring way to start? How about writing your memories one story at a time? Come once or come monthly or come when you can. Set aside the 2nd Thursday of each month and spend an afternoon jump starting your memory. Write one story each time you come and you could have quite a personal history recorded by the end of the year.

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.

Sacramento German Genealogical Society: Annual Spring Conference, April 28, 2018. Featuring Dr. Joshua Taylor. Go to their website: www.sggs.us for further information and to register.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Friends of the Alameda Free Library Semi-Annual Used Book Sale: DeWitt Officers' Club on old NAS, Alameda - 641 West Redline Avenue.

Friday evening, May 4th, Preview Sale, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., \$5 admission. Saturday, May 5th from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. free admission. Sunday May 6, 'sale day' from Noon to 4 p.m. Generally \$5 per box, \$4 per paper bag.

Two huge rooms jam-packed with books of all types. Large table signs will lead you to the subjects you are most interested in; such as, history, biography, cooking, children's books, poetry, and much more! Come check it out, you are bound to find something that will pique your interest.

U.S. Atlas of Historical County Boundaries: Just as state lines have been re-drawn, county lines have been even more flexible. We often need to reference a county courthouse for family records, but don't always know what county our ancestral town was in at the time of a particular event.

The Newberry Library in Chicago has the *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries* and it is available on-line at no charge. Even better, they have a page on Using the Atlas.

Use: <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/usingatlas.html>

Atlas: <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp>

Or just go to the Newberry Library site and use their search options. Even with a specific web address, I sometimes do a general search just to see if there are other interesting items available.

Submitted by Gretchen Kohl.

Genealogy Website Reviews: A column written by Ed Keelin in the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society newsletters of February and March 2018 reviewed the following state websites and a U.C. California site:

Delaware Public Archives - Digital Archives: <https://archives.deleware.gov/exhisits-toc.shtml>

Lots of links to explore, however, copying content was not always successful

Hawaii State Archives: <http://ags.hawaii.gov/archives/>

Under 'Research our Records'/Digital Collections there are multiple links. Not all collections are complete at this time, however. Links include: Manifests, Land Records, Certificates of Registration, Probate Records, Tax Assessment Ledgers, Vital Statistics, WWI Service Records, City Directories 1880 -1924.

Alaska State Archives: <http://library.alaska.gov/>

On the opening page click on the Public link, where you will have several choices to search.

New Mexico Digital Collection: <http://content.unm.edu>

A central search portal for digital collections about New Mexico. As a service tool of the University of New Mexico Libraries, they provide access to photographs, manuscripts, posters, oral histories, maps, videos, and books from libraries, museums and cultural centers across the state.

Calisphere - University of California: <http://callisphere.org>

Scroll down the page and check out the many options/links.

Lessons at Home: In addition to the varied and knowledgeable speakers we get for our EBGs meetings, you can find many lessons on the internet and enjoy them from your home, perhaps comfortable in your robe and slippers. A particularly good place to start is at YouTube. Go to their website and then look for "BYU Family History Library Webinars". They have 250+ offerings ranging from a few minutes to about an hour. A wide range of topics are included with something from beginner through advanced or special interest.

Both YouTube and the BYU series offer seminars on using Ancestry effectively. If you do not have an Ancestry subscription, YouTube also offers on-line lectures from Ancestry's Barefoot Genealogist.

Another source for home lessons sources is the National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair at www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair. NARA replaced their on-the-ground fairs with a virtual one starting in 2013. They include a broad range of topics from across the NARA system. Learn about the existence and value of Federal Records. Submitted by Gretchen Kohl

Findmypast: A recent newsletter from them announced many additions to their Newspaper Archives. I took a chance and clicked on the link and entered several family surnames. I was rewarded with several hits! Not having a subscription, I could not read the entire articles. So, now I have a long list of surnames to check on Findmypast and cannot wait to find the time to spend an afternoon at my local Family History Center. Some of the 'hits' eluded to a rather scandalous uncle - my curiosity is certainly piqued!

Findmypast is adding information and data on a daily basis. It is worth your while to check it out occasionally. They are also a great resource for British and Irish records.

THE SERMON

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

Sermon complete, he sat down.

The Cathedral song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, "We Shall Gather at the River".

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No." replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"

Oh, the Good Old Days!

Did you have an elderly (usually) couple come through your neighborhood when you were a child offering to take your photo while you were sitting on their pony? Oh, I did...but Mom would never 'pop' for the price of the photo!

Somewhere I have a photo of an older cousin on one of those ponies, but when unable to locate it I went to our members and they responded. I just love EBGs members! I asked if anyone could provide some photos of themselves as a child on a pony, and look at the marvelous photos I received!



That is our member Brenda Shank in the left photo and it looks like a lucky, happy little brother who got to hold the reins.

Member Barbara Parkin sitting 'tall in the saddle' on the right.

Thank you ladies for sharing these lovely photos with us!

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 _____ \$ Individual _____ \$20.00 _____

I would also like to make a donation to EBGS in the amount of _____

May we hear from you by July 1, 2018 Thank you for your support.

Office use only: Date _____ Amt _____ Ch# _____

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON – MAY 9, 2018

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: \$25.00 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!

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 - \$20.00

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