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EAST BAY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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JULY MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

WHAT DID YOU DO DURING YOUR SUMMER VACATIONS ?

By Our Members

Share with us how you spent your summer vacations while growing up. Did you have a summer job? Did you go away to summer camp or did your family go on some interesting vacations?

Bring some photographs if you have them. We want to hear YOUR stories.

AUGUST

EAST BAY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DOES NOT MEET IN AUGUST

YOU ARE FREE TO ROAM THE COUNTRY

ENJOY YOURSELVES!

Looking Back at May:

Our Annual Luncheon was well attended. Pier 29 treated us special, as usual. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all who were able to attend.

Looking Back at June:

Unfortunately our June speaker had to cancel her visit because of a family emergency. We will reschedule Pamela Dallas's program on Western Migration later in the year if possible.

Our thanks to Ralph Severson, Director of the Oakland FHC, who graciously filled the void. Ralph mentioned that the library has been renamed: **FamilySearchLibrary.org** to access it on the web. He explained the many subscription sites that the library has available to patrons and what you may hope to find using these sites. For the list of subscription sites, see *Items of Interest* in this newsletter.

In Memoriam:

The Society wishes to express their sympathies and condolences to our past member and present webmaster, Bill George, at the passing of his dear wife. Diane Louise (Silva) George passed away on May 30, 2018. Diane graduated from Cal State Hayward, and later from U. C. Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law. She spent 25 years as a lawyer in Alameda County. Bill and Diane had been married for 36 happy years. Our thoughts are with you Bill....

EBGS NEWS:

Your Annual EBGs Dues Are Due and Will be Delinquent on July 1st!

There is a renewal form at the back of this newsletter for those of you who have not yet renewed. Several members also included a donation with their dues...how welcomed and how gracious of you! EBGs does not have a large membership, but we have a faithful and supportive membership. Thank you all so much!!

New Roster: Be sure to let the society know if any of your personal information has changed over the past year. We need to be sure our records are up to date before printing the new Roster, which will be included in the next newsletter.

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**.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Friends of the Alameda Free Library Semi-Annual Used Book Sale: They made a lot of money, much to the benefit of the Children's Section of the library. I found a marvelous book entitled "Germany - 1866-1945". I am hoping it will help me add some information and background to my several German ancestor's life stories.

Several years ago I bought a book at the library book sale on analyzing handwriting. It is most interesting. I wish I had some samples of an ancestor's handwriting that I could 'analyze', but I do not. If you have samples of your ancestor's handwriting, you might want to visit your local library for a book on analyzing handwriting and see if you can get a little insight into your ancestor's personality.

PBS "History Detectives " Series: They have been showing reruns of previous shows each afternoon at 4 p.m. on KQED in the Bay Area. Interesting and fascinating...and a good time to sit back and relax with a cup of coffee or tea before preparing dinner.

During each program they refer their audience to *history detectives.PBS.org* for further information and for tips on how to examine and research artifacts or family lore and restoring and caring for collectibles. You may find this of interest to you if you have family artifacts or family lore with or without an historical connection.

How Often Do You Visit Your Local FHC To Research? If you are like me, life sort of gets in the way, and I do not visit as often as I would like. A few weeks ago my neighbors approached me asking if *anyone* could use the FHC library. Well, of course! I accompanied them on a Friday morning before a three-day weekend. It turned out to be good timing. There were three people on staff to help researchers and therefore, we each had our personal aid!

My neighbors discovered quite a lot about their grandparents and gr. grandparents...much of it dispelled family lore they had been told for many years! My research aid was able to help me locate information I had been seeking for many years on my husband's gr. grandfather. It opened more avenues for research, for which I am forever grateful. We had trouble finding some information I was seeking on one of my husband's gr. grandparents and my researcher offered to take the information home and have her husband work on it. She said he was very good at finding people that were hard to find. Well, he must be, because a few days later I got an email with some very useful information from him. Visit your local FHC library more often. They are so helpful and knowledgeable.

Subscription Sites Available at the Oakland FamilySearch Library:

In the library and FREE to use from home on the FamilySearch website:

FamilySearch.org, Digital Public Library of America, Digital Arkivet (Norway), Tonbo and Cuturacores (Portugal and Azores), China, and South America, InfanView: tool for making copies of online material and inserting it into your index.

Available in the Library only:

Ancestry, My Heritage, American Ancestors, Arkivdigital (Swedes), GeneaNet (French, German, and continental Sweden), Findmypast (Index of information on

British Isle, Canada and Australia) Newspapers.com and Genealogy Bank (newspapers), Archeon (Lutheran Church in Germany), Vital Search (NYC births, deaths and marriages), L.A. county (CA) Marriage Index by woman's name, 1905-1939 CA Death Index, GenNet (German church records)

Some of the above are on special computers. Be sure to ask for help at the desk. There are several knowledgeable researchers available on Wednesdays especially.

Thank you Brenda Shank for correcting my error in the previous newsletter! *See below....*

The photo, repeated here, is NOT of our member, Brenda Shank, but it is her mother on the pony. Brenda's great aunt standing next to her. The little boy has not been identified, but he is not Brenda's brother.

My apologies to Brenda for assuming I knew what I was talking about, but had not referred back to her original email to be sure I got it correctly!



Using History to Interest Children in Their Family

I am an alumna of the University of San Francisco. This Jesuit institution requires a course in religion for graduation. I took advantage of my genealogical studies to write about how religion had influenced my ancestors: Quakers, Huguenots, and Lutherans.

Almost every school grade has some level of history class. As my children progressed through school, I told them stories about any ancestor I knew of for that location or era. War time service is an easy start. Or maybe my previous example of religions and how/why people moved. Even if you don't

have anyone who has done something spectacular enough to actually appear in a history book, you can insert ancestors into the time/place.

If you do have stories, that is even better. My Quakers came to Pennsylvania with Penn's group (but not on his ship). Later we have an ancestor who was removed from the Quakers for fighting in the Revolutionary War. Still later one left the south due to opposition to slavery.

In anticipation of my grandson reaching that age, I've been compiling a list of name/activities. Along with the names of military veterans, I've included their unit name/number, when known, so we could find any actions where they might have participated.

I'm sure Eden will be delighted to discover that he's descended from someone who was captured by the pirate Captain Kidd and managed to eventually escape along the Barbary Coast.

By Gretchen Kohl

Definitions of Early Immigrant Groups Groups That Came to the New World in the Very Early Years of Settlement

Hessians - German troops used by the British in the Revolutionary War, many of whom deserted and remained in America. Most were from Hesse, Germany.

Huguenots - French Protestants who fled from persecution, mainly from 1685 onward. They first went to Prussia, the German Palatinate, Holland, England and then came to America. Those in the French West Indies escaped to the southern coast of America.

Mennonites - A Swiss Protestant group. Founded in 1525, who migrated to America by way of Alsace, England, and Russia. They settled mainly in Ohio, Kansas, Pennsylvania and Minnesota.

Moravians - The United Brethren is a Protestant group formed in Bohemia about 1415 and spread to Poland, Prussia, Germany and England.

Palatines - in 1699 Louis XIV of France began persecuting German Protestants on the banks of the Rhine River. Queen Anne of England helped a group to come to America in 1708. More than 2,000 arrived in New York in 1710. They settled along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. Many went to Ireland.

Quakers - The Society of Friends was formed in England in 1548. Early restrictions brought them to New Jersey in 1675 and some 230 English Quakers founded Burlington, New Jersey in 1678. 1881 was the year William Penn was granted the territory of Pennsylvania, and within two years there were 3,000 Quakers there.

Scots-Irish - British rules placed the Descendants of the Pennsylvania-Scots in northern countries of Ireland in the early part of the 17th century. Most came to America from 1718 until the Revolution. They settled in Pennsylvania first then moved south and then westward with the frontier.

Walloons - From southern Belgium. The language of the Walloons is a French dialect. Cornelius May of Flanders, Holland and about 30 to 40 families came to America in 1624 and established Fort Orange. It is now known as Albany, NY.

Trinity County, California - A Thumbnail Sketch

This county is one of the smallest and least populated of California's counties. It is located in the northwest area of the state and, unless things have changed in recent years, no areas of it are incorporated. It was created in 1850. Part of the county was later given to Klamath County in 1852, and part given to Humboldt County in 1853, (*which may explain why it is so small*).

The county seat is Weaverville. The population in the 2010 census was 13, 986. The county lies along the Trinity River and boasts some very rugged mountains. Some of the oldest buildings in the state are in Trinity County. The courthouse was built in 1856 and the second oldest Jost House - historic Taoist temple was built in 1873. Until 1989 the county had no chain stores. It still has no traffic lights, no freeways and no parking meters.

County Recorder

11 Court Street, P.O. Box 1226, Weaverville, CA 96093
Ph: 530-623-4427

Trinity County Library

P. O. Box 1226, 211 North Main Street, Weaverville, CA 96093
Ph: 530-623-1373

Genealogical information pertinent to Trinity County available at the Trinity County Library

Cemetery Records up to 1993

Name File of Early Trinity County Pioneers

Census 1850-1910

Great Register 1872-1934

Trinity Journal on microfilm 1856-1996

"Trinity" - Yearbook of Trinity County Historical Society 1995-1996

Trinity County Historical Society

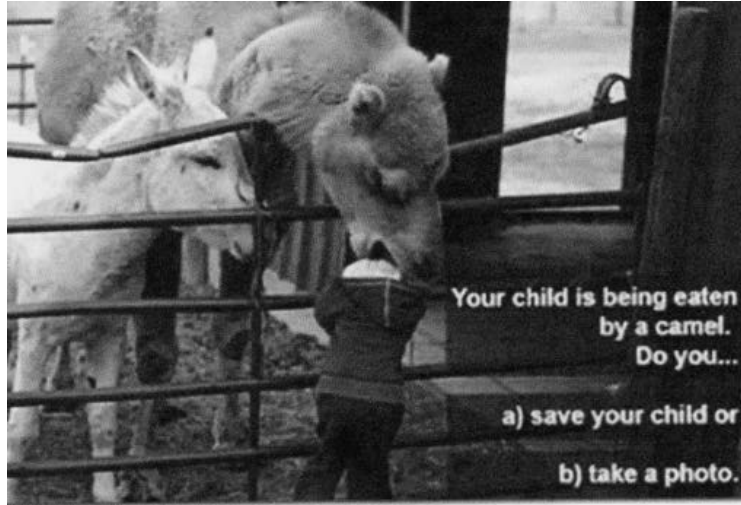
P. O. Box 333, Weaverville, CA 96093
Ph: 530-623-5063
Call ahead to check on hours open

Trinity Registrar of Births and Deaths

P. O. Box 1215, 101 Court Street
Weaverville, CA 96093
Ph: 530-623-1215

Good luck researching in lovely little Trinity County.

If attacked by a mob of clowns....go for the juggler!



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

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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.

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ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON – MAY 10, 2017

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