



East Bay Genealogical Society

The Live Oak

JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 – 10 A.M., Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room

DOCUMENT PRESERVATION – Speaker Karen Zukor

Repairing precious papers is Karen Zukor's art. She has been a conservator for 31 years. Karen has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin. She has been working in her Oakland studio for 19 years. She is an expert at repairing watercolors, pastels, posters, every variety of graphic print, maps, historical documents, manuscripts, family letters, immigration records and certificates. Please feel free to bring a document that you might like her help or opinion on repairing. This should be a most interesting meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 – 10 A.M., Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room

NEWSPAPERS ONLINE – Speaker Janice Sellers

Newspapers are a valuable genealogical resource. There are millions of pages of the world's newspapers now accessible online, but there is no one particular place to find them all. Janice will give us an overview of what is available and how to find it, and teach us some techniques to finding our ancestors in newspapers online.

Janice is a professional genealogist. She is publicity director for the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society and the editor of a quarterly newsletter focused on Jewish research in the former Austrian province of Galicia. She has been on the staff of the Oakland Regional Family History Center for eleven years. We are pleased to have Janice share her techniques and knowledge with our members.

Our November meeting was well attended and much enjoyed. Richard Torney's photographs, taken by his great grandfather in the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake, were absolutely remarkable. Mr. Torney had done much research identifying buildings and particular areas of San Francisco where the photos had been taken. How fortunate he is to have such a wonderful collection. This was a fabulous presentation.

The December cookie exchange was not as well attended, as usual. Cookies usually bring members "out of the woodwork", so to speak, but this year some were noticeably missing. Hopefully, it was the weather that kept them away and not illness. We were especially delighted when our member from Australia, John Fripp, and his two lovely daughters attended our meeting and joined in the festivities. What a treat. Members told of some

family holiday traditions and some Christmas memories from the past. It was a merry time and a good celebration of the season.

EBGS NEWS

Our program at the Alameda Library on November 6 was not quite as successful as our springtime program. Several members came to help out, Bill George, Lynne Bajuk, Sally Stevens, Joyce Schleicher, Lois Kline, and Jean Christie. Our member Bonnie Bliss came all the way from San Jose. We were able to help her and when we vacated the premises, Bonnie was pouring over the library's collection of City Directories. The Alameda Library staff was most gracious and we appreciate their help and support for this program.

Monday afternoons in our library volunteers are busy clipping, gluing and filing obituaries. We have begun to enter the 1900 to 1904 City of Oakland death indexes into a data base. This will take quite some time, but we hope to publish it when completed.

CLASS & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE AT THE OAKLAND FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

African American Family History Research Workshops – Free

4th Wednesday each month 6 PM to 8 PM. No pre-registration required

MacGen Group – Free 2nd Wednesday each month 7 PM – 4th Saturday each month 1:30 PM

San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society – Free

Every other month from February through October. - 2nd Sunday 12:30 PM – 4 PM

Following classes cost \$4 each and include handout. Pre-register at fhcoakland@yahoo.com or 510-531-3905

How to Start Using a Genealogy Software Program (hands-on) – Ken Miller

(PAF, Ancestral Quest, Legacy, Roots Magic) **Please bring a flash drive.**

Tuesday, January 11 – 10:30 AM and Friday, January 14 – 1:30 PM

Getting Started on your Genealogy: Keeping That Resolution – Margery Bell

Sunday, January 15 – 1:30 PM

Using MS OneNote for your Genealogy Files – Margery Bell - Tuesday, January 25, 7 PM

Entering Sources and Notes in a Genealogy Software Program (hands-on) - Ken Miller

Friday, January 28 – 1:30 PM and Saturday, Jan 29 1:30 PM

For schedule of Intermediate Genealogy Series classes, please see page 7

DON'T OVERLOOK STATE CENSUS RECORDS

Some state census records asked unique questions:

1855 Massachusetts – whether a person was a pauper or a convict

1855 New York – lists county of birth, if it was in New York State

1865 New York – gives disabilities, military-related issues, marriage, and mortality

1865 Rhode Island – gives exact town of birth for those born in the state\

1875 Kansas – in the column “Where From to Kansas” names the state, U.S. territory or country

1915 South Dakota – gives the wife's maiden name, year married and church affiliation

1925 Iowa – lists the father's name, mother's maiden name for every person enumerated

1935 Rhode Island – includes a student's name, school and grade
(Whitman County (OR) Gen. Soc. Nov/Jan newsletter, via *Family Chronicle*, Jan/Feb 20

MUSING OVER THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

It is the beginning of a brand new year once again. Time to make those New Year resolutions; or perhaps resume where we left off with some old ones before summer vacations and holidays nibbled away at the time we thought we had for genealogy.

How will you tackle your genealogical research in the New Year? What are your plans for climbing that family tree or solving those brick-wall problems? Do you work intensely on one family at a time or flit about from family to family, depending on your mood or inclination? How organized are your notes and files? Can you locate that note on grandpa's immigration or aunt Mary's marriage without creating a pile of paper scattered all about your desk and floor?

Inquisitive minds want to know!

As for myself, I find that I often get sidetracked trying to trace the slightly famous (or in some cases, infamous) collateral relations. There are not many such ancestors in my own family, but my husband's family has a few, and I find them fascinating.

Mildred, an elderly cousin to my husband, was married to the jockey, Johnny Maiben. Having spent many enjoyable days of my youth at the horse races with my father, this news was exciting to me. (*I even have a photograph of Citation in the winner's circle, autographed by his trainer...it is in a closet somewhere, I think.*) I never met cousin Mildred, but I did speak to her on the phone several times before her death. She claimed that she and Maiben had been separated for many years, but that they had never divorced. I have since found an obituary for Johnny Maiben and it mentions his wife, but her name is NOT Mildred! Hmmm... (*At this point I would like to quote from the obituary, but I cannot find it!*)

Then there was Jacob Schaefer Sr., renown for his ability at the billiard tables and who became a champion in the field. He was a half-brother to my husband's grandmother. His step-father operated a billiard parlor in Leavenworth, Kansas in the mid to late 1800s. It doesn't take a college degree to figure out where he polished his draft and honed his skills. Skills he later passed on to his son, Jacob Jr., who also became a champion billiard player. Over twenty years ago (at least), I was emerging from a restroom at Sam's, a favorite stop on our way to Tahoe, when my girl friend and my husband excitedly pointed out a billboard-sized poster above the restroom door. It was an advertisement for billiard tables. Around the edges of the poster were oval photos of famous billiard players, with their names beneath each photo. There was a photo of Jacob Schaefer Sr.! With permission, we took a photograph of the poster. (*I would insert it into this article if I could find it today!*)

Over the years, the Storm family has kept a few secrets from this family genealogist. While searching the criminal records index at the Alameda County Courthouse one day for another family researcher, I stumbled across an arrest record for a certain Elmer Storm – accused of rape! There was no further information available, as the charges had been dropped due to insufficient evidence. I did, however, make a note of this record – wondering at the time if he might belong to our Storm family. Several years later, I discovered that he did indeed! Elmer later showed up in the 1920 census enumerated as an inmate in a county jail in the Salinas, California area. I have not been able to get information on what his crime had been – but I have my suspicions. Elmer was a second cousin to my husband's father. He married Anita Moraga. Lore claims the city of Moraga, California was named for her family, but I have yet to find a shred of evidence to prove it. Elmer and Anita had three children, Sylvia, Peter and Antoinette. Anita filed for divorce several times before finally following

through with the process. Divorce was eventually granted. The only record on file was one page. It was a copy of the final decree, which granted the divorce on the grounds that Elmer was in prison at the time. The children were all eventually adopted out, I believe. This would explain the lack of information available. Records were sealed to protect the children.

The oldest daughter, Sylvia, was adopted by Elmer's sister and her husband and grew up in Oregon. I met her and her family a few times. After Sylvia died, her daughter called me and passed on information about the names of Sylvia's birth parents and her siblings which her mother had told her. I have been able to locate the brother, Peter. He was enumerated in a home for homeless children, I think. *(I would be able to tell you exactly where, but I have no idea where my copy of that census is at the moment!)* I did find Antoinette enumerated in a census in the Oakland Bay Area along with another branch of the Storm family. It does not appear that they adopted her, as she does not show up in the next census. This certainly explains the "hard feelings" that I sensed when my father-in-law mentioned those family members. I have yet to find Anita in any census; neither while married to Elmer or single under her married name or maiden name. *(...and right now, I cannot locate my copy of that divorce record!)*

A few years ago, aunt Jeanette, my mother's youngest sister, laughingly told me about a home the family once lived in which they referred to as "the sausage house". So named, I assume, for its floor plan. *(She gave me the address in Oakland – but, I cannot find that scrap of paper today!)*

Aunt Jeanette also told me how upset she had been when her widowed mother married Fred, who became their step-father. She didn't dislike Fred. She was angry because her parents had worked hard to afford to buy their own home, but when Fred and my grandmother married and he moved into my grandmother's home – they lost the home! Apparently, the county had been paying the taxes and perhaps the mortgage for my grandmother and the five children. Once she remarried, the county would no longer do this and forced the sale of the home. *(I have papers on the sale of the home, somewhere...)* And the MORAL IS...!

I am definitely making a resolution to get my files in order and keep and file my notes carefully – this year and forever in the future! I have a large closet where I have stashed boxes of papers, files, photos, etc., over the years. I intend to get that closet cleaned out this year. I am looking forward to the treasures and forgotten or lost items I expect to uncover. And...I expect the rewards for the time and effort will be well worth it.

I recall another genealogist telling me one time that, although she missed her recently deceased husband terribly, she was enjoying the opportunity to spread all her papers, photos, notes, etc in piles all over her living room floor and not having anyone to complain about the "mess". I certainly do not wish for my dear, sweet husband's early demise! However, I am considering putting yellow "CAUTION!" tape across the entrance to my living room so I may create my own piles of papers, notes, photos, etc., while I clean out that closet and made a concentrated effort to get organized.. **I think it is time!** *(Now, I wonder where in the garage I stored that roll of "CAUTION!" tape?)*

What projects will you tackle this new year? What resolutions will you make?

The January, 2011 issue of "**Family Tree Magazine**" has a marvelous article, "Your 2011 Family History Planner". Well worth the read, even if you have to go to the library to do so. They have a project planned for each month of the year. The article suggests some very good ideas and is a great inspiration.

Well? What are you waiting for? Just don't bother me...I'll be knee deep in my closet or buried under stacks of paper on the living room floor!

Groom's Name	Bride's Name	Event	Date	Place
EALA, Stanley	NORCUP, Jo Lynn	mar	September 1987	Alameda Co, CA
EDGAR, Eric A. R.	KITTILSTAD, Anne F	mar	July, 1993	Palo Alto, CA
EDGAR, Eric A. R.	KITTILSTAD, Anne	eng	October, 1992	Palo Alto, CA
EDINGTON, Christopher	SARINANA, Linda Gayle	mar	June, 1995	Reno, NV
EDMONDSON, Eric D.	ICE, Julianne	eng	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
EDMONDSON, Eric D.	ICE, Julianne	mar	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
EDSON, Michael H.	COSTS, Wanda F.	mar	February, 1988	South Lake Tahoe, CA
EDWARDS, John R.	STOWELL, Stacy Ann	mar	November, 1984	Burbank, CA
EDWARDS, Justin	CHERVIN, Annie	mar	May, 1990	Sputh Salem, NY
EIJANSANTOS, Ronaldo	QUIJADA, Elaine	mar	May, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
EIJANSANTOS, Ronaldo	QUIJADA, Elaine	eng	March, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ELARDO, Anthony Louis	SURIANO, Sherri Lynne	eng	November, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
ELDER, Desmond D.	TEES, Alison Margaret	mar	October, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
ELDER, Desmond F. D.	TEES, Alison Margaret	eng	February, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
ELDER, Edward	BAKER, Betty	mar	November, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
ELDER, Edward	RIVIERA, Barbara	mar	November, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ELISHER, Paul V.	ALDRIDGE, Alisha M.	eng	May, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
ELKINS, Kevin Ray	ZECHER, Mary Sue W	eng	June, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
ELLEDGE, Stephen Paul	MUSGRAVE, Lisa Beth	mar	September 1988	Alameda Co, CA
ELLIOTT, Gerald	FLEISCHMAN, Carol	mar	December, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ELLIOTT, Jay	FLEISCHMAN, Carol	eng	December, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
ELLIOTT, Kirk	ZIMMERMAND Christine	eng	January, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
ELLIS, Patrick James	FINNELL, Brenda C	mar	July, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
ELLIS, Steven James	FIORINI, Anne Louise	mar	April, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
ELSBREE, Eugene V. III	McELHINNEY, Mary E.	eng	November, 1992	San Francisco, CA
ELSTAD, James R	HOUGH, Bonnie-Jean	mar	September 1993	Alameda Co, CA
ELZIG, William Harold	SYLVESTRI, Nancy Jane	eng	May, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
EMERT, John Robert	LACOMBE, Jessica M	eng	June, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
ENGLISH, Ken	HULSE, Tine	eng	July, 19993	Alameda Co, CA
ENSMINGER, Denis L.	YI, Chun Ok	mar	September, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
ENSTROM, Bjorn Peter	HAPP, Suznne Dee	eng	June, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
ERNST, Charles . Jr.	ENNS, Connie aVonne	mar	February, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
ESKEW, David Russell	GARCIA, Jill "Catalina"	mar	June, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
ESLAO, Mario E.	TUANQUIN, Renita B.	mar	September, 1992	Bolinao, Pangasinan PI
ESPINOZA, Daniel	MASS, Juliana Danielle	mar	October, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
ESSARY, Edwin Jol	KAPLER, Elaine	mar	December, 1989	Hernando, MM
ESTES, Kevin	FEELY, Shannon	mar	June, 2004	Foster City, CA
ESTRADA, Rene	DESROSIERS, Stacy M.	eng	February, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
EUBANKS, Christopher	PATTON, Christine W	mar	September, 1996	Fairfield, CA
EUELL, Donald Ray Jr.	LUQUE, Suzette Michelle	mar	April, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
EVANS, Howard R. III	CASE, Carol Anne	mar	April, 1989	Mare Island, CA
EVERS, Eric	KAMEI, Erin	eng	December, 2008	Hawaii
EXLINE, John Michael	OHM, Marianne	mar	September, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
EXNER, Peter C.	SLABAUGH, Evalani M	mar	June, 1986	Napa, CA
FABBRI, Raymond	FRECCERO, Roxanne M	eng	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FAHLEY, Stephen Lee	SWEENEY, Kathleen K.	eng	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FAHLEY, Stephen Lee	SWEENEY, Kathleen K.	mar	September 1990	Maple Valley, WA
FAIN, Charles	IPPOLITO, Bridget	eng	February, 2007	Foster City, CA
FAJARDO, John Andrew	RIOS, Angel	mar	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA

FAKUKAKIS, Micheal	BARKER, Patricia A.	eng	August, 1993	Greece
FALLER, Paul	MITCHELL, Susan	mar	August, 1991	Fresno, Ca
FALWELL, Jonathan P.	BEEMAN, Sharon Renee	mar	September, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
FANCHER, Joseph	SEVERS, Jennifer	mar	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FANCHER, Frank	SEVERS, Jennifer	eng	July, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FARINA, Clifton Louis	ARATA, Melissa Rose	eng	April, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
FARINA, Clifton Louis	SHERRATT Katie Jo	mar	September, 1994	Lake Tahoe, NV
FARINHA, Jose Albert Jr.	GRACIO, Rosa Maria	mar	April, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FARLEY, James P. Jr.	VALENTE, Deborah R.	eng	February, 1988	
FARLEY, James Paul. Jr.	VALENTE, Deborah RAE	mar	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FARLEY, Tim	vonUHLIT, Bonnie	mar	August, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FASSIOTTO, Eugene T.	WORCHESEK, Susan L.	eng	February, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FASSIOTTO, Eugene T.	WORCHESEK, Susan L.	mar	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FAST, James Lowell	MACKENZIE, Janice Gail	eng	January, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
FEGYO, Gary	WILLARD, Michelle	eng	July, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FEGYO, Gary	WILLARD, Lynn	mar	February, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FEHELY, Michael	POGGI, Kathleen	mar	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FEICK, Steven Joseph	OTTEN, Dorothy Ann	eng	June, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FEICK, Steven Joseph	OTTEN, Dorothy Ann	mar	September, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FELIS, Todd Anthony	WALKER, Denise M.	mar	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FELLOWS, John	McELHATTON, Doreen	mar	March, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FELLOWS, Paul Gregory	FARMER, Jane Margaret	mar	July, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FELOK, Dana	CAMPISI, Veronica C	eng	January, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FERGISOM, Archie W.	BAUER, Janis Louise	mar	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FERGUSON Michael Jon	AMARAL, Laura Rose	mar	August, 1988	San Pablo, CA
FERGUSON, Archie W	BAUER, Janis L	eng	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FERGUSON, Michael J	AMARAL, Laura Rose	eng	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FERGUSON, Steve	ROSSI, Cheryl	eng	January, 1993	San Ramon, CA
FERNANDES, Edward J.	TALLEY, Cheron Renee	mar	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FERNANDES, Greg	PEREIRA, Susan	eng	August, 1987	Coalinga, CA
FERNANDES, Troy M	BARBER, Patti Jo	eng	March, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FERNANDEZ, Dagoberto	RODRIGUEZ, Maria D.	eng	May, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
FERNANDEZ, Fred Jr.	MARTINEZ, Doreen	eng	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FERREIRA, Gerald	PEASE, Erica Genemae	mar	October, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FERREIRA, Michael	RAIMONDI, Stacey Lynn	eng	March, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
FERRIS, John R.	ROEDDINGER, Beverly	mar	uly, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FERRO, John Ross	MOLUMBY, Michelle Ann	mar	August, 1993	Napa, CA
FERRO, John Ross	MOLUMBY, Michelle Ann	eng	August, 1993	Napa, CA
FEWELL, Jason Lloyd	CUMMINS, Tammy Lynn	mar	February, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
FGRIFFITS, Christopher	LAMASNEY, Beverley A	mar	April, 1985	Contra Costa Co, CA
FIEBIG, Tim	TERAN, Francine	mar	November, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
FIGUEROA, Keith	WINN, Susan	eng	January, 1988	
figueroa, Keith Robert	WINN, Susan Elaine	mar	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FILARSKI, John Henry	FURNISH, Rhonda Marie	eng	February, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FILARSKI, John Henry	FURNISH, Rhonda Marie	mar	November, 1991	Sparks, NV
FILLPOT, Randall	GIUSTINO, Loretta	eng	April, 1988	Contra Costa Co, CA
FILLPOT, Randy	GIUSTINO, Loretta	mar	July, 1989	Contra Costa Co, CA
FINBERG, Brett Howard	BENSON, Heidi Anne	eng	August, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FINBERG, Brett Howard	BENSON, Heidi Anne	mar	May, 1994	Alameda Co, CA

NATIONAL ARCHIVES PROVIDES LIST OF ONLINE RESOURCES

A very handy list has been published by the U. S. National Archives and Records Administration showing where to find access to all the various online digitized documents made available by other (often pay) sites. The “partners” providing this service are usually Footnote.com and Ancestry.com, but up to now it was difficult to know where to look for a particular microfilm or original document, or if duplication had been done.

Go to www.archives.gov/digitization/digitized-by-partners.html to find a list of microforms which are available in digital form at some internet web site. Re-sort the list either by NARA Publication number, by Publication Title, by Record Group #, or even by “Partner”. This last would enable you to see all Footnote.com digital records from NARA, for example. You can also do a “find” search for any word in the list.

The site includes millions of scans and is being updated regularly. Here are a few examples in the database:

Civil War Direct Tax Assessment Lists: Tennessee

Concentration Camp Dachau Entry Registers, 1933-1945

Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791-1906

Registers and Indexes for Passport Applications, 1810-1906

(Excerpt from an article by Karen Theroit Reader, Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County newsletter)

2011 INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY SERIES

This series is offered by the California Genealogical Society and the Oakland Family History Center.

Tuesday Evenings, 7 – 9 PM – Oakland Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland.

\$30 for the series and syllabus or \$4 for walk-in (if space available).

The series includes a field trip to California Genealogical Society Library on Saturday, February 26th.

Pre-register is required: fhcoakland@yahoo.com or 510-531-3905
or CGS at contact@CaliforniaAncestors.org

For a full description of each class, go to www.oaklandfhc.org

January 18 th	Probate and Guardianship Records	Margery Bell
January 25 th	Cemetery Records	Margery Bell
February 1 st	Church Records	Margery Bell
February 8 th	Newspaper Research	Janice Sellers
February 15 th	Military Records	Robert Trapp
February 22 nd	Finding Country Cousins in Land & Property Records	Susan Goss Johnston
March 1 st	Seeking City Slickers in Lesser-Known Records	Susan Goss Johnson
March 8 th	Reading and Transcribing Old Handwriting	Margery Bell
March 15 th	Immigration and Naturalization	Jane KnowlesLindsey
March 22 nd	Solving Your Toughest Genealogy Problems	Margery Bell

IMMIGRANTS SPEAK IN THEIR OWN WORDS is the title of an article written by Elizabeth Pope in a recent AARP Magazine. She writes that Ancestry.com is providing free access to more than 1,700 taped interviews with immigrants, a collection that was previously available only to visitors at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. To hear their stories, go to Ancestry.com/immigration.

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Our web site is waiting for you to access it at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caebaygs/>, All our recent Live Oak issues are available as well as information about the our EBGs Library in Oakland, upcoming speakers and some other free publications. Come visit us!