



## *East Bay Genealogical Society*

# *The Live Oak*

March/April 2011

Oakland, California

### MARCH MEETING

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

#### **THE BLACK SHEEP IN YOUR FAMILY – Speaker, John Shellabear Glead**

It would be an unusual family indeed that had NO Black Sheep. They pique our curiosity and make our family research and stories a little more fascinating. These colorful characters do spice things up.

John Glead was born in London, England and came to California with his family in 1941. He has been interested in genealogy for thirty years and has been a Patron Server at the Menlo Park Family History Center for the past sixteen years. He defines Black Sheep as a person who **stands out in a negative way**. George Bernard Shaw wrote: “If you can’t get rid of the Family Skeleton, you may as well make it Dance.” John Glead hopes his presentation will help you make progress in persuading your Black Sheep to Dance!

### APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 – 10 A.M., Oakland Family History Library Meeting Room

#### **SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM ONLINE – Speaker, Richard Hansen**

Richard Hansen was with the San Francisco Fire Department photo unit for ten years and is presently the director of the City of San Francisco website: **SFMUSEUM.ORG**, an award winning website begun about 1990.

Richard will explain how the website works and how to navigate it. The website contains much information on family history and is used often by people doing family history research.

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January’s meeting was well received. Karen Zukor presented a marvelous program on document and paper preservation. She shared many tips, dos and don’ts from her many years of experience. We learned a lot. Many of us probably went home vowing to do much better at storing and preserving our precious research.

We had quite a few members attend our February meeting...even our March speaker, John Gleed, came. Janice Sellers presented a most interesting program on researching newspapers online. She provided a great handout listing many websites to use to locate newspapers and shared many examples of what can be found if you are diligent in your search. Cannot wait to wrap up this issue of the Live Oak so that I can do some newspaper research online!

### **EBGS NEWS**

Time to renew your membership folks. **Dues are due May 1<sup>st</sup>**. A renewal form is enclosed. We hope to hear from all of you. Maybe you have a friend that would like to join EBGs as well. They would be welcome.

Our May meeting will again be our annual luncheon at Pier 29 in Alameda. This is always a fun and friendly gathering and we hope many of you can make it. Husbands, relatives, guests are all welcome. Save the date: Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. A reservation form is enclosed. Driving directions will be in the next newsletter issue.

The Oakland FHC has graciously donated a very nice, sturdy narrow file cabinet to our society. We were able to find a cozy space for it and it fits in well in our crowded little library. It will hold our microfilm and accommodate our obituary files nicely. Thank you Oakland Family History Center!

We may be in need of one or two replacements on the Board soon. We hope you'll step up and help the society that works so hard for you. Please talk to President Sally Stevens and let her know you are willing to lend a hand. We maintain a most congenial board and none of the positions are terribly demanding.

Our member, John Wheat, was noticeably absent from the December "cookie exchange"...unlike John to miss out on cookies. We have since heard he suffered a slight stroke in December. He is recuperating nicely and, hopefully, will be home again soon.

### **CALIFORNIA BIRTH CERTIFICATE FEE INCREASE**

Effective November 1, 2010 the fee for birth certificates in California increased from \$17 to \$19. Do some thorough research before requesting searches or copies.

### **GENEALOGY NEWSLINE:**

A new online genealogy magazine from Family Roots Publishing, edited by Leland K. Meitzler. It is new and it is certainly worthwhile. Go to **FamilyRootsPublishing.com** to peruse the first issue or to subscribe.

### **HELPFUL HINTS TO AID YOUR RESEARCH**

**Canadian Research:** Ancestry Library Edition has many Canadian databases, such as: Census and Voters Lists. Heritage Quest has many full-text Canadian genealogy books, plus directories and Canadian history books in the BOOKS database. Search the PERSI (Periodical Source Index database – change to tab setting in the Places search box from United States to Canada. (Santa Clara County Hist & Gen Soc newsletter January 2011)

**Double-Recording of Documents:** Deeds, wills, probates, decree-of-distribution, divorce, etc. are all legal documents that may be "double-recorded" whenever any party listed in that document resides in a different state, county or territory. For example: A divorce filed in San Francisco County where the husband resides may also be filed in Nevada County, where the wife resides. So, folks, don't give up the search – do your homework. (excerpt from article by Todd L. Gilman, Santa Clara County Hist & Gen Soc newsletter January 2011)

**FamilySearch.org:** Have you searched or browsed their Historical Records Index lately? New data is constantly be added. The list of searchable databases is phenomenal. Almost every state is represented.

Check it out and check it often.

**Wikipedia.com:** A good website to look up background information on a state, county, city, etc. where you are searching. They also have newspapers online! [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newspapers\\_archives\\_online](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newspapers_archives_online). (note: there is an **underscore** before and after “archives” in the above web address which does not appear because of the underline)

### TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GENEALOGY

We should all strive to create first-class genealogy work. It is expected, and, it is not difficult. A good source to guide you in this process is “*Evidence Explained*” by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

If you follow these guidelines, you can produce high-quality genealogy reports that will be useful to others and be a credit to you and your research.

1. Never accept someone else’s opinion as “fact”. Be suspicious. Always check for yourself.
2. Always verify primary sources. Never accept a secondary source as factual until you have personally verified the information. (see Footnotes 1 and 2)
3. Cite your sources! Every time you refer to a person’s name, date and/or place of an event, always tell where you found the information. If you are not certain how to do this, “*Evidence Explained*” is an excellent source to show you both the correct form of source citation and the sound analysis of evidence.
4. If you use the work of others, always give credit. Never claim someone else’s work as your own.
5. Assumptions and “educated guesses” are acceptable in genealogy as long as they are clearly labeled as such. Never offer your theories as facts.
6. Be open to corrections. The greatest genealogy experts of all time make occasional errors. So will you. Accept this as a fact. When someone points out a possible error in your work, always thank that person for his or her assistance and then seek to re-verify your original statement(s). Again, check primary sources.
7. Respect the privacy of living individuals. Never reveal personal details about living individuals without their permission. Do not reveal their names or any dates or locations. This is especially important to keep in mind when posting genealogical records and data on the Internet.
8. Keep “family secrets”. Not everyone wants the information about a court record or a birth out of wedlock to be posted on the Internet or written in books. The family historian records “family secrets as facts but does not publish them publicly.
9. Protect original documents. Handle all documents with care, and always return them to their rightful storage locations.
10. Be prepared to reimburse others for reasonable expenses incurred on your behalf. If someone travels to a records repository and makes photocopies for you, always offer to reimburse the expenses.

**Footnote #1:** A primary record is one created at or immediately after the occurrence of the event cited. The record was created by someone who had personal knowledge of the event. Examples include marriage records created by the minister, census records, death certificates created within days after the death, etc. Nineteenth century and earlier source records will be in the handwriting of the person who recorded the event, such as minister, town clerk or census taker.

**Footnote #2:** A secondary record is one made years after the original event, usually by someone who was not at the original event and did not have personal knowledge of the participants. Most published genealogy books are secondary sources; the authors are writing about events that occurred many years before they wrote about

the event. Transcribed records are always secondary sources and may have additional errors created inadvertently by the transcriber(s). Most online databases are transcribed (secondary) sources.

(from Monterey County Genealogical Society Newsletter, January/February 2011. Article taken from Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter by Dick Eastman (ED: slightly edited)

### DEL NORTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA – A Thumbnail Sketch

Del Norte is one of the state's smallest counties. It was created in 1857 from parts of Siskiyou and the now extinct Klamath County and over the years has experienced three border changes. It is located on the Pacific Ocean in the extreme northwest corner of the state on the Oregon border. Neighboring counties are Humboldt and Siskiyou.

In 2000 the population was 27,500. The area was originally home to Native American tribes of Talowa and Yurok Indians and many of their descendents still remain in the area. This is lovely forested country with several wildlife refuges, two national parks and the longest river in California, the Klamath.

The county seat is Crescent City, the only incorporated city in the county.

When the Golden Gate Bridge District was originally formed, all of California's counties were asked to join. Other than neighboring counties in the greater East Bay Area, little Del Norte County was the only other one that accepted the invitation.

Clerk/County Recorder's Office  
981 H Street, Ste 160  
Crescent City CA 95531  
707-464-0321

Del Norte Historical Society  
577 H Street  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
707-461-3922  
Open May through September.  
Hours: 10-4 Monday through Saturday

The Historical Society also maintains the Battery Pt. Lighthouse at the foot of A Street in Crescent City. This is an active lighthouse. Tours are offered. Hours are the same as the Historical Society.

Del Norte County Library Main Branch  
190 Price Mall  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
707-464-9793  
Hours: 11 – 6 Tuesday through Friday, noon -6 Saturday, closed Monday and Sunday

Cemeteries: Brother Johnathan Cemetery  
A Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>  
Crescent City, CA 95531

and two Indian Cemeteries, one in Crescent City and another in Smith River.

Want to read more? "History of Del Norte County, CA", By Rachel Smith Tomini, publ. 1953

Enjoy researching in Del Norte County, California.

Continuation of marriage and engagement announcements from local newspapers (1985 through 2010)

FINBERG, Mark	BULGATZ, Heidi	eng.	July, 1995	Palos Verdes, CA
FINE, William G.	KNEPPER, Shannon M	eng	April, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
FINKE, Jeff	EVANS, Sandy	eng	December, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FINKLE, Michael Asher	CLARK, Colleen C	eng	September, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
FISCHER, John	RAYMOND, Laurie	eng	August, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Christopher	PAGE, Meridith	eng	June, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Gary	RADZANOWSKI, J	eng	October, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Henry Raoul	LAMERS, Carla Anna	eng	September, 1988	Treasure Is, CA
FISHER, Mark	FANN, Teresa	eng	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Mark	FANN, Teresa	eng	May, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Mark Alan	FANN, Teresa Ellen	marr.	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Randy	MOTTA, Jean	marr	June, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Ronald Dean Jr.	HAYES, Shawn Erin	eng	May, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Trevor Wayne	PRICE, Kimberly Ann	eng	June, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FISHER, Vernon D.	FAIRCHILD, Vickie L	marr	June, 1990	Lake Tahoe, CA
FITCH, John Harlan	STOUT, Janet Worth	marr	August, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FITZPATRICK, James R	RODERICK, Julie D	marr	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FITZPATRICK, Joseph R	RODERICK, Julie D	eng	March, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FITZPATRICK, Tim	PIEPER, Madelyne	marr		Alameda Co, CA
FLASHBERGER, David B	EDWARDS, Susan Di]	marr	September, 1992	Napa, CA
FLECKER, Jonathan	PERRAS, Diane	eng	March, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FLEMING, Damon M	HECK, Tiffany Leah Mi	marr	June, 2004	St. Helena, CA
FLEMING, David Mat	HECK, Tiffani Leah M	marr	June, 2004	St. Helena, CA
FLEMMING, Thomas K	SCHUMACHER, Heike	marr	August, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FLETCHER, Brian F.	SCHNECK, Karen L.	marr	September, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
FLETCHER, Brian Fred	SCHNECK, Karen L	eng	July, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FLOCK, Kevin W.	GOETTL, Eileen M.	eng	July, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FLOCK, Kevin W.	GOETTI, Eileen M.	eng	June, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FLOOD, Durell Joseph	CLAERBAUT, Marleen	marr	March, 2000	Grand Rapids, MI
FLORES, Robert Edward	JONES, Cami Lyn	marr	September, 1992	Bullhead City, AZ
FLORES, Robert M. Jr	SANCHEZ, Symphony	eng	March, 1988	San Francisco, CA
FLOREZ, Alex	SALTER, Sharyn	marr	December, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
FLYGARE, Glenn L.	NEGLEY, Susan Ann	marr	June, 1972	Alameda Co, CA
FOGARTY, Roger Lynn	KIMPLE, Hope Pratt	marr	August, 2000	San Francisco, CA
FOLTZ, Daniel	CATES, Sarah	eng	January, 2000	Alameda Co, CA
FONG, Randall Lee	TAM, Wendy	marr	February, 1999	Alameda Co, CA
FONTES, Steven Michael	SCOTT, Terrie Lynn	eng	October, 1989	San Francisco, CA
FONTILLAS, Royce R	Large, Lisa Julieann	marr	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FORNES, Bob	CARLEN, Terri	marr	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FORNES, Bobby Allen	CARLEN, Terri Ann	marr	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FORNES, Bobby Allen	CARLEN, Terri Ann	marr	May, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FORTUNE, David D	REYES, Rena Fells	eng	December, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
FOX, Philip	WEHR, Diane	eng	November, 1986	Alameda Co, CA

FOYE, Robert	FOSTER, Linda Ann	eng	January, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
FOYE, Robert	FOSTER, Linda Ann	marr	August, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
FRAME, Aaron James	GOSNEY, Khristina K	eng	November, 2008	Alameda Co, CA
FRANCIA, John M	ELDER, Cherle Dawn	marr	May, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FRANCIA, John	ELDER, Cherly Ann	eng	December, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FRANCIS, Christopher A.	COLES, Bonnie Kay	eng.	April, 1994	Alameda Co, CA
FRANCISCO, John Eric	BARNETT, Janene K.	eng	July, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FRANK, Earl	BAUGHN, Mary	marriage	September, 2003	Los Angeles, CA
FRANK, Randy	BURLETTE, Heather	eng	April, 1991	Santa Barbara, CA
FRANK, Randy John	BULETTE, Heather Darlene	marriage	August, 1991	Santa Barbara Co, CA
FRANKEL, Thomas Albert	SOARES, Susan Joan	marriage	July, 1993	Lake Tahoe, CA
FRANKEL, Thomas Albert	SOARES, Susan Joan	marriage	July, 1993	South Lake Tahoe CA
FRASER, George M	MURRAY, Angela C	marriage	February, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FREDERICK, Douglas R	WARD, Mary Patricia	marriage	March, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FREDERICK, Robert T	FASSO, Tosca Marie	eng	September, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FREDERICK, Robert T	FASSO, Tosca Marie	eng	October, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FREEMAN, Kerry Lee	McLELLAN, Kimberly Ann	marriage	April, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
FREEMAN, Larry	KJELLAND, Helen Elizabeth	eng	February, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
FREEMAN, Lawrence D.	KJELLAND, Helen Elizabeth	marriage	September, 1986	Alameda Co, CA
FREEMAN, Niles	HARMONY, Shelli	eng	February, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
FREEMAN, Niles	HARMONEY, Shelli	marr.	March, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
FREITAS, David	JACKSON, Pati	marr	July, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FREITAS, Keith Joseph	HAMMED, Dana Louise	eng	April, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
FRENCH, Jase Collins	CHRISTENSEN, Carmen	marr	October, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
FREY, James Francis	DOUGHERTY, Renee Marie	marr	August, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FRIED, Ken J.	GRAVES, Janice Lynn	eng	, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
FRIED, Kenneth John	GRAVES, Janice Lynn	marr	September, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FRIEDMAN, Alan David	BUCKERT, Jane	eng	December, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FRIES, Michael Floyd	FICHOT, Donna Anne	eng	February, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
FRISCHE, Michael F.	FLEISCHER, Theresa C	eng	April, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
FRIZELL, Jeffrey Scott	MADRID, Staci Ann	marr	November, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
FRIZZELL, Jeff	MADRID, Stacey	eng	November, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
FUENTES, Heriberto Jr.	TINER, Katheryn Lee	eng	August, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
FUNK, David	SCHMITZ, Rosanne	marr	July, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GADDIS, James C.	ROSCHEWSKI, Kimberlee M	marr	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GADDIS, James, Jr.	ROSCHEWSKI, Kimberlee	eng	October, 1987	
GAGE, Steven Earl	DOUGLAS, Denise Renee	eng	March, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GAIER, Jon Douglas	VALLORTIGARA, Fay Marie	marr	January, 1988	Alameda Co, CA
GAITHER, Mark	STIRLING, Kathryn	eng	Aug-88	Alameda Co, CA
GAITHER, Mark Andrew	STIRLING, Kathryn Grace	marr	July, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GALAN, Eldefonso	HUNT, Angela M.	amarr	August, 1987	Alameda Co, CA
GALDE, W. Todd	SMITH, Stacey Kathleen	eng	November, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GALE, Phil	GALE, Phyllis	marr	August, 2004	Alameda Co, CA
GALETTO, Patrick	GALLI, Lisa	marr	October, 2001	Sonoma Co, CA
GALLAGHER, Richard	FRALEY, Laurie	marr	September, 1991	Lake Tahoe, CA
GALLEGOS, Albert John	MANTI, Lisa Ann	marr	June, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
GALLEGOS, Daniel	DeGENNARO, Elizabeth	marr	May, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
GALLEGOS, George	GALLARDO, Luz	marr	August, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GALLEGOS, Jesse II	MOSE, Catherine Marie	eng	February, 1991	
GALLEGUA, Bert	GARCIA, Rebecca	eng	January, 2005	Alameda Co, CA

GALLOWAY, Kevin	MARIOTTI, Cari Jo0	marr	August, 1987	Contra Costa Co, CA
GALVAN, Gordon	TAK, Christine M	eng	December, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
GAMBALIE, Michael A	NEUERBURG, Susan Marie	eng	July, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
GANNON, Robert	POWELL, Denise Marie	marr	September, 1991	Corralitos, CA
GANNON, Robert	POWELL, Denise Marie	eng	July, 1991	Santa Cruz Co, CA

The following is an addendum to our Anniversary Annoucement file for last year. The announcements are taken from local newspapers and we have been collecting them since 1985.

NAME	EVENT	YEAR
BACA, Tom & Barbara	55th Anniversary	2010
CALVAO, Arthur & Mary	60th Anniversary	2010
DOTY, Neal & Jean	50th Anniversary	2010
FUTAK, Wayne & Dorothy	60th Anniversary	2010
HEBERT, Leo & Marian	60th Anniversary	2010
HIMENES, Larry & Sophie	60th Anniversary	2010
KAUTZ, Dave & Nancy	60th Anniversary	2009
LEWIS, Don & Helen	65th Anniversary	2010
MARKS, George & Sharon	60th Anniversary	2010
MILLER, Charles & Leona	50th Anniversary	2010
MILLER, Don & Annaliese	50th Anniversary	2010
NORTON, Lloyd & Juanita	65th Anniversary	2010
RODRIQUES, Rod & LaVerne	56th Anniversary	2010
ROGERS, Bob & Jaquita	50th Anniversary	2010
SMITH, James & Judith	50th Anniversary	2010
TEBELSKIS, Robert & Virginia	50 th Anniversary	2010
TURNER, Douglas & Coreene	76th Anniversary	2010

### EARLY DENTAL CARE

It wasn't until the 1700s that doctors began to understand the importance of proper dental care and oral hygiene.

The toothbrush and toothpaste were not available until the mid-1800s. (Anyone remember tooth powder?) A small stick with a rag over one end and homemade dentifrice were in common use until then – and some folks just rubbed salt on their teeth to clean them. “Toothpaste” of powdered oyster shell and white tartar, or maybe cream of tartar, gum myrrh and oil of cloves were some homemade concoctions.

Several hundred years ago you might have had false teeth made from bone, ivory or from teeth of some domestic animal! Ivory and bone falsies eventually began to decay and thereby cause more problems

I remember reading somewhere that George Washington had false teeth carved from wood. Makes me wonder... if Rip Van Winkle had had wooden teeth, would he have encountered termite damage during his twenty year nap?

Makes you glad you are living in this century, doesn't it?... might also create a rash of calls to 1-800-dentist!

(Some portions of the above excerpt from Dec 2010/Jan 2011 Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society newsletter courtesy of Eastman's Online Genealogy.)

**A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR...**

*I really am keeping my New Year's resolution, honest. I have begun to clear some boxes of notes and papers out of my closet. Have made some amazing discoveries and uncovered several clues that I either overlooked or that did not seem to make sense or be of importance when originally obtained. Feels good! I am going to keep at it! Try it, you'll like!*