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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 - 10 a.m. - Oakland FHC Library Meeting Room

ORGANIZING YOUR GENEALOGY RESEARCH AND RECORDS

Speaker: Frances Lloyd

What a wonderful way to begin the New Year...*cleaning up our act!* The program many of you have been requesting for many months!

Frances Lloyd has been interested in genealogy for many years..."It's fun!" she says. She will share with us her secrets of organizing all that data, those documents, and those notes and scraps of paper we have collected over the years. She is a delightful lady and this promises to be a most enjoyable and helpful meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 - 10 a.m. - Oakland FHC Library Meeting Room

CREATING A FAMILY ALBUM - Speaker: Lynne Bajuk

Our member, Lynne Bajuk, has been working for many months creating Family Albums of her and her husband's family genealogy to share with family members. She will share them and the process of preparing them with us. The process is easy and the books are wonderful.

Another fine program to begin the New Year. Join us for a most delightful meeting.

Looking Back at November:

Paul and Terry Watt had some fascinating tales to tell of their trip to Aero Island, Denmark. The museum there had photographs of their ancestors and they were also introduced to a living relative. Their slides and photos of their trip were very interesting. We appreciate them taking the time to share their experience with us.

Looking Back at December:

Members shared stories of their research or their ancestors. Thanks to all of you for contributing to make our December meeting a most interesting success. There were lots of delicious cookies shared among our members and the FHC staff. A delightful morning of sharing goodies, stories and the holiday spirit.

EBGS NEWS:

We have been given several books by Sharon Richter's family. Many of them were available at the December meeting and members helped themselves. There are a few left, and since we no

longer maintain a library, we wish to offer the books to our members or other societies that could use them.

Bizonfy's English/Hungarian, Hungarian/English Dictionary
Handy Guide to Hungarian Genealogical Records -1980
Contents and Addresses of Hungarian Archives - 1993
Discovering Your Italian Ancestors - 1997

If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Storm: c-kstorm@juno.com

We are working on some interesting meeting topics for the coming year and we also hope to have Canadian Research scheduled again soon.

Do you have a neighbor, friend, cousin or other relative interested in genealogy? Bring them to a meeting. Guests are always welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Making Your Family History Come to Life: Speaker - Jackie Krebs Reimers

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 - 6 - 7:45 p.m.

Santa Clara Central Park Library, Margie Edinger Room, 1st Floor

2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA

Presented by the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society.

Writing Your Family History: Speaker - Heidi Lyss MFA

Sunday, January 25, 2015 - 1 p.m.

Rhoda Goldman Plaza, 2180 Post Street, San Francisco, CA

Presented by the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

You can enhance sharing your research by writing narrative family stories - as short as a paragraph or as long as a book. For more info and parking information, go to:

<http://www.sfbajgs.org>

Oakland FHC Library is offering two free classes this January. Please call to reserve a place. There may be a nominal charge for handouts. (510)531-3905)

Better Research Strategies. Tuesday, January 20, 2015 - 7 p.m.

Instructor: Genealogist, Bonnie Matteson

Learn to establish a plan to find more information, understand it better, and create an authentic, documented family tree. Class will include major research strategies, tips for using the major research engines and their filtering systems to better focus your online hits, and documenting and analyzing results

Beginning Photo Scanning & Photo Restoration. Tuesday, January 27 - 7-9 p.m.

Instructor: Barbara Stack

Basic class discussing the basics of digital images. She will cover the most common still image file types, the color gamut, and resolution.

Oakland FHC also offers the following free classes/workshops on an ongoing basis. All interested are welcome to attend.

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

MAC GEN Genealogy meetings - website for more information go to www.macgen.org
2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
4th Saturday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Guide to Finding Birth, Death & Marriage Records

Are you stuck at a brick wall with an ancestor and unable to find a birth, death or marriage record? Looking in all the usual places has turned up nothing and you're not sure what to do next? Good news! Lorine McGinnis Schulze has published 3 guides to help you find alternate sources of these Vital Statistic records. These e-books can be purchased from Amazon and they are only \$1.15 each. Also, you do not need a Kindle reader to read them. The Kindle Cloud Reader is free and it allows you to read any Kindle book on your computer and the free Kindle Reading App works on your smartphone, tablet and computer. These guides are available on Amazon as E-Books for \$1.15. These are the links for each guide. The author asks if you decide to purchase any of her new guides would you consider leaving a review if you think they are helpful?

Ancestor Birth Record Finder: Tips on Finding a Birth Record when you've hit a brick wall.
Ancestor Marriage Record Finder: Tips on Finding a Marriage Record when you've hit a brick wall

Ancestor Death Record Finder: Tips on Finding a Death Record when you've hit a brick wall
(Monterey County Gen. Soc Newsletter, Nov/Dec 2014 via The Olive Tree Genealogy Blog, 6 Aug. 2014)

The St. Louis County Library: <http://www.slcl.org/genealogy-and-local-history/services>.
The Special Collections Department of the St. Louis County Library will be happy to look up and send electronic scans of records found in indexed sources. Paper copies will be returned for a \$1 fee plus the cost of copies

U. C. Berkeley Bancroft Library: They have recently launched a website dedicated to documenting Japanese American confinement sites during WWII. The collection consists of some 100,000 original manuscript items. Included in the collection are personal narratives, many never before made public. Also included are documents detailing the minutia of everyday life at the confinement sites. Access is free.

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections/jais/index.html>>. (both the above items from Monterey County Gen. Soc newsletter, Nov-Dec 2014)

Alameda Naval Air Museum: www.alamedanavalairmuseum.org

For those with ancestors or family members who served in the U. S. Navy, this museum may be of special interest to you.

The historic legacy of early aviation on Alameda's West End and Naval Air Station Alameda is preserved at this museum located at Alameda Point. The museum features archival materials,

photographs, exhibits and stories ranging from the West Coast to the Philippines. From Pan America Airways' China Clipper in 1935 to the military units and civilian workers of WWII, up to the eventual closing of the base in 1997.

The collections and exhibits include China Clipper Hall, NAS Alameda, Doolittle's Raid on Tokyo, Battle of Midway, Naval Air Station Rework Facility, and the squadrons, carriers and support vessels, WAVES, SeaBees, Oak Knoll Hospital, Benton Field, US Marine Corps and many fabulous airplane and ship models of all sizes.

The museum is located in Building 77, 2151 Ferry Point Rd., Alameda, CA. They are open Saturday & Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7, children 12 and under are free.

FOUR THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU DONATE YOUR GENEALOGY

You've worked hard on your family tree and your research contains countless clues for other researchers, but if you don't have someone who will care for your materials the way you have, here are some things to consider before you make your will.

1. **Talk to the Library or Archives Before You Write Your Will:**
Not every library and archive can take every type of donation. It may not have the space and it may not have the means of making the collection available to researchers later. Don't take it personally if they decline your gift. They can't take all of them.
2. **Get Your Materials Into Good Shape:**
The better organized your materials are the more likely that a library or archive will want to accept them and the faster they will be available for researchers to use. Sorting the materials by surname, location, etc. will help tremendously.
3. **Make a Monetary Gift Along With Your Genealogy:**
It takes time, staff and resources to process items into a library archive. You don't want your donation turned down because it will cost too much to process. A monetary gift along with your materials will help offset this cost.
4. **Let Your Family Know of Your Wishes:** In the process of breaking up the house when a loved one goes into a nursing home, family members have been known to toss items they didn't think were "important". The obligations of a will have no power until a person dies. Sometimes the personal belongings were sold several years before the death. You've been climbing your family tree for a long time and have made great discoveries. Don't let your work end up in a landfill. Take these steps to help insure that your research will be available to others for years to come.

(Posted by Amy Johnson Crow on February 20, 2014 in an Ancestry .com site via About:Ancestry.com and gleaned from November/December 2014 Monterey County Genealogical Society Newsletter)

WHAT ARE YOUR GENEALOGY PLANS AND RESOLVES FOR THE NEW YEAR?

If you have read this far, you have probably noticed a slight theme to this newsletter - not entirely intentional...and, thank you for reading this far!

The cold weather months do afford us the opportunity to clean cupboards, closets, and yes...files also! Now that those big family dinners are over with for a while and the dining room table is available for *personal* use we can sort those file folders, papers, documents and notes and see what treasures may be hidden among them. I have always been pleasantly surprised when I browse through old files and notes to discover information I had gathered quite some time before, but had stashed away and totally forgotten about.

While you are sorting and, hopefully discovering, make a list of items you want to verify or maybe do further research on or notes to find and obtain a document you need. A cold rainy afternoon is a perfect time to settle at your computer or the FHC, or other library and seek out further information on those ancestors. The information is likely there, you just have to do the research and find it!

Do keep in mind, everything you find on the internet is not entirely true or correct. Do verify your research and do date and cite you sources.

Take advantage of the classes mentioned earlier in this newsletter or attend our January and February meetings for good, useful information to get you started on organizing your research or perhaps creating family albums or writing down those family stories you remember or have been told over the years.

Happy New Year and happy and successful hunting everyone!

C. Storm



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I hope this will be the year you crack the mystery surrounding your ancestor or break down that brick wall or locate that vital document that has eluded you for so long!

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - A Thumbnail Sketch

Officially known as County of San Luis Obispo. Located along the Pacific Ocean halfway between the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles on California's Central Coast. The county was created in 1850 and is one of the state's original counties. County seat is San Luis Obispo. Population in 2010 was 269,037. Even today the county remains somewhat rural and agricultural. Much of the economy depends on California Polytechnic State University, agriculture (primarily strawberry and grape crops), wine production and its growing wine country vacation industry.

Mission San Luis Obispo, founded by Father Junipero Serra in 1772, is still a vital part of downtown San Luis Obispo. The town of San Simeon is where William Randolph Hearst built his famed Hearst Castle. Not far from San Simeon is the town of Harmony, boasting a population of 18, the smallest city in the state.

County Recorder
1055 Monterey Street, Room D120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
PH: 805-781-5080

County Library
995 Palm Street
P. O. Box 8107
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403
PH: 805-781-5989 (reference desk)

History Center of San Luis Obispo County
696 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
PH: 805-543-0638

San Luis Obispo Genealogical Society
SLO Public Library
995 Palm Street
San Luis Obispo, CA
PH: 805-785-0383

Arroyo Grande Genealogical Society
Arroyo Grande Public Library
So. County Regional Center
800 W. Branch Street
Arroyo Grande, CA

Mailing Address for either genealogical society:
SLOGS, P. O. Box 4, Atascadero, CA 93423-0004
Only mail requests accompanied by a SASE will be answered.

San Luis Obispo Genealogical Society's website offers a multitude of resources and databases.
Go to: <http://www.slocgs.org/countyresources.html>
Want to read more? *San Luis Obispo County* by Automobile Club of Southern California
San Luis Obispo County Sherriff' Department, Images of America Series
History of San Luis Obispo County and environs Anne Stringfellow Morrison & John H. Haydon

Continuation of Marriage and Engagement Announcements From Local Newspapers 1985-2010

Groom	Bride	Event	Date	Place
WARR, Craig Alan	FOLK, Mary Frances	marr	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WASSON, Steven	Parker, Carrie	eng	July, 1998	Alameda Co, CA
WATERMAN, Robert	GUSHROWSKI, Crystal L.	eng	October, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WATKINS, Martein Richard	HART, Carol Ann	marr	Dec, 1986	Contra Costa Co, CA
WATKINS, Richard Dean	PULLIAM, Ronda Dee	marr	June, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WATSON, Russell Raymond	WEST, Donna Perl	marr	June, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WEAVER, Michael James	QUINN, Andrea E.	eng	January, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
WEBB, Marcus Charles	BARBIS, Sandra Dean	eng	October, 1992	Contra Costa Co, CA
WEBER, Eric Paul	WILSON, Jennifer Lynn	marr	August, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
WEBER, Lee	GALLEGOS, Diana	eng	Dec, 2008	Iowa City, Iowa
WEGER, Richard Eric	JOHNSON, Beth Johnson	eng	January, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WEGER, Richard Eric	JOHNSON, Beth Johnson	marr	January, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WEIDL, Robert Jr.	MCFARLANE, Amy	marr	October, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WEISENBERGER, Robert O.	MORLEY, Lisa Joy	eng	Sept, 1990	Alameda Co, CA
WEISENBERGER, Robert O.	MORLEY, Lisa Joy	marr	Sept, 1990	Carmel Valley, CA
WEISS, Joel Murray	EVANS, Tina Louise	marr	May, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
WEITZMAN, Todd	MORRIS, Diane Lee	eng	February, 1988	Palo Alto, CA
WEITZMAN, Todd Louis	MORRIS, Diane Lee	marr	July, 1988	Palo Alto, CA
WELCH, Michael	RAPPOLD, Janet	eng	March, 1989	Lake Tahoe, CA
WELCH, Patrick Michael	WETHERN, Karen E.	marr	August, 1988	Hillsborough, CA
WELCH, Sean	GOOLSBY, Brooke	eng	March, 2004	Belmont, CA
WELLINGTON, Michael C.	STOVALL, Vanessa A.	marr	March, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WELLMAN, Kendall Forest	OLIVER, Julie Renee	marr	Sept, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
WELLS, Christopher B.	MURPHY, Shirley Ann	marr	Sept, 1992	South Lake Tahoe, CA
WELLS, Jonathan T.	KRALJ, Maria Katherine	marr	Sept, 1992	Alameda Co, CA

WELSH, Thomas Edward	WAYBRIGHT, Laura L.	eng	January, 1992	Alameda Co, CA
WENDLING, David William	WHITE, Kristen Regina	eng	May, 1993	Monterey, CA
WENDLING, Richard	HAYWARD, Wendy	eng	June, 1997	Alameda Co, CA
WENTZ, Michael J.	PERCHONOK, DeAnn M.	eng	July, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
WENTZ, Patrick James	THOMAS, Kelly Elizabeth	marr	October, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
WERDERMAN, MARK r.	LADUA, Zaida M.	eng	Dec, 1995	Alameda Co, CA
WESENBERG, Carl P.	FOSTER, Laurie	eng	March, 1986	Carmel, CA
WEST, William Christopher	MILES, Theresa Lynn	marr	Sept, 1991	Las Vegas.NV
WESTER, Rick	HOYT, Kathy	marr	Sept, 1980	Alameda Co, CA
WESTERNOFF, Bill	STRONG, Sherry	marr	Sept. 1986	Alameda Co, CA
WESTEROFF, Robert	VANDERLAAN, Jenny	marr	April, 1985	Alameda Co, CA
WESTMORELAND, Everett III	VIGIL, Tess E.	marr	May, 1990	Contra Costa Co, CA
WESTON, Thomas M	WILLIAMS, Judith Lynn	marr	October, 1993	Alameda Co, CA
WEYMOUTH, Bret Matthew	KOCH, Jacqueline M.	eng	April, 1988	Discovery Bay, CA
WHEELER, Lynn Arthur	EVANS, Paula Susanne	marr	June, 1989	Cupertino, CA
WHEELER, Michael Lewis	COBOS, Maria Elena	eng	March, 2002	Alameda Co, CA
WHITACRE, Richard	SANDERS, Patti	marr	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
WHITACRE, Richard	SANDERS, Patti	marr	October, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
WHITACRE, Rick	SANDERS, Patti	eng	March, 1989	Alameda Co, CA
WHITAKER, Daniel Ross	HARRISON, Melodi Gae	marr	August, 1996	Alameda Co, CA
WHITAKER, Lester Scott	STEVENSON, Rebecca J.	marr	Sept, 1991	Alameda Co, CA
WHITE, Kenneth	GILBERT, Ronda Lynn	eng	Dec, 1985	Fullerton, CA
WHITE, Thomas	HAGUE, Julie	marr	April, 19987	Alameda Co, CA