

# THE LIVE OAK

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## MAY MEETING

### ANNUAL SPRING ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

May 10, 2017 at noon at Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant in Alameda - If you have not yet made your reservations, please do so soon....reservation form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Driving Directions to Pier 29, Alameda:

From the Posse Tube following Webster to the end, Central Avenue, and turn right. At the stoplight at Ballena Bay Blvd. turn left...stay to the right of the road and turn right at the next opportunity. Follow the curve until you reach the entrance to the parking lot on your left.

From the Park Street Bridge continue on Park Street to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue and turn left at the stoplight at Ballena Blvd...stay to the right of the road and turn right at the next opportunity. Follow the curve until you reach the entrance to the parking lot on your left.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

## JUNE MEETING

### WHAT'S NEW AND EXCITING AT [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)? - Speaker: Ralph Severson

Ralph Severson is the Director of the Oakland FHC and we always look forward to his presentations. He will inspire us and enlighten us to visit [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) and to explore this marvelous database of genealogical information. Something new is added almost daily, so come and let Ralph fill you in on the latest additions and perhaps some items you may not be aware of.

**Looking Back at March and April:** Unfortunately, I dropped the ball and failed to confirm the dates of Mr. Jackson's presentations on German Research in March and April - and he had then scheduled some surgery and was not available. We hope to reschedule these two programs later in the year....*And I hope to NOT ever do that again!*

Janice Sellers was available to fill in for March and presented a very interesting and informative program on *Using City and Other Directories*. I think we learned to look more carefully at the information available in city directories especially, and to search out other types of directories also. Thank you Janice for such a great program and for helping us save the day!

In April we were able to have Madeline Yanov present a program on *Using Substitutes for the Missing 1890 Census*. She provided many options and references that will be most helpful. Madeline's suggestions include State Census, Territorial Censuses, 1890 Veterans Schedules plus city directories, property tax records, voting registers, school records, hospital, orphanage, asylum and prison records. A vast array to choose from. We are grateful to Madeline for helping us save the day in April with such a great program.

### **EBGS NEWS:**

**Your Annual Dues Are Due:** If you have not yet renewed your dues, a renewal form is at the back of this newsletter. Your dues supports this society, please renew and help keep us alive and kicking. We have many interesting programs planned for the future and the annual luncheon coming up in May.

Our long time member and retired Librarian, Lois Kline, will turn 90 years old on May 29th. We wish you a very Happy Birthday Lois...and many happy returns of the day!

Apologies to many of you who were disappointed that the German Research programs had been cancelled. I am happy to report that we have booked Mr. Jackson to present these programs to our membership in October and November of this year....and, yes I did confirm and it will happen! Those meetings will be on Tuesdays and information will be in the October/November newsletter.

### **Please make the following changes/corrections on your Roster:**

Sally Stevens - correct email to read: sallystevens37@gmail.com

Kathleen Londagen: - correct email to read: rnkbug@comcast.net

Bonnie Bliss - Correct information to read: 1660 Gaton Drive, R.E. 6, San Jose, CA 95125,  
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Brenda Shank - add email: brendashank@aol.com

Sheila Shener - correct ph# to read: 510-612-6314

Gaie Shoman - add ph# 510-246-2243

### **Welcome New Members:**

Janet Netz, 366 - 60th Street, Oakland, CA, 94618  
734-709-2552, email: netz@applecon.com

Teresa Navas Albro, 1537 Norvell Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530  
510-233-6243, email: trezana@comcast.net

We have recently been informed that our long time member Lorraine Andrews passed away several months ago. Our condolences to her family.

### **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.

**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.

In addition to the above, the Oakland FHC is offering the following one-day classes, which are also free to the public.

**Who, What, Where, When and Sometimes Why - Creating Your Own Personal History:**

Saturday, April 29, 1-2 p.m. Instructor: Sister Walker, staff missionary. Another way to help you put together your personal history - or someone else's.

**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**.

**San Mateo Genealogical Society Spring Seminar:** Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. at the LDS Church, 1105 Valparaiso Avenue, Menlo Park, CA. For details and registration go to **www.smegs.org/programs/seminar**.

**How-To Class at the Concord Family History Center:** Saturday, May 20, 2016 - 10 a.m. Its Free! "City Directories" - speaker, Lisa Gorrell. Concord H.C., 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord, CA. For more information contact Jackie at 925-827-4729.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**The Mayflower Society Library has moved.** Beginning in April 2017 you will find this library located on LL13 of the old Brueners Building at 2201 Broadway, Oakland...across the hall from the California Genealogical Society Library. The phone number is 510-451-9599 and they are open on Mondays from about 10:30 to mid afternoon. It would be wise to call first.

**Do you have Ohlone/Muwekma Indian ancestors from the San Francisco Bay Area?** You might want to visit **<http://www.Muwekma.org/home.html>** for information and some history of these early inhabitants of the bay area.

**Gladys Hanson, San Francisco City Archivist** from 1972 to 1990 recently passed away. She was a remarkable historian and woke up a lot of folks with her book, "Denial of Disaster", in which she documented the deaths of thousands of persons in the 1906 earthquake and fire that had never been accounted for by the City of San Francisco.

Gladys believed the dead should be counted and that no government should lie about anything.

**JewishGen's Hungary Database:** <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/hungary/m> is one of the largest on the JewishGen site, containing close to 1.5 million records from the area known as "Greater Hungary" or pre-Trianon Hungary. This includes all those lands that were once predominantly Hungarian-speaking in present day Hungary and Slovakia and territory now within Romania, Ukraine, Austria (including present day Bergenland), Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, and a very small part of Poland near the Slovak border. Before the end of WWI, when the Treaty of Trianon stripped Hungary of about two-thirds of its land area, the country had a Jewish population of more than 900,000, composing 5 percent of its population. New information is being added to this website database. There is a lot of information there to be searched. Check it out if you have Jewish roots. (read more in an article by Vivian Kahn in the Nov. 2016 issue of "ZichronNote" Journal of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society)

**Periodical Source Index - or PERSI:** The Allen County Library has made it a goal to index every genealogical and local history periodical in the U.S. It is an amazing resource for genealogists. Because it is a "subject-based" index, you cannot search it by grandpa's name, etc....unless of course, there was an article with grandpa's name in the title. Go to <http://blog.findmypast.com/how-to-use-persi-to-find-out-information....> There you will find how to search and use this resource to get the most out of it.

**findmypast.com:** This sight adds millions of data on a weekly basis. Lots of Scottish, Irish, English, Australian, and U.S. records. They also have begun a Catholic Heritage Archive and are collecting and adding Catholic records from the above-mentioned locations on a regular basis. It is worth a check each week to see what is new! Browse through their site and you may get lucky.

**A giggle and a helpful tip from our member Gretchen Kohl:**

My adopted daughter's biological maternal family is from Alaska and registered with the Inuit Tribe. I recently started working on a family tree for her. I got a smile when I found her great-great- grandfather's place of birth: Igloo, Nome, Alaska.

Helpful Tip: There is a Facebook Group called FREE OBITUARY LOOKUPS. Ask to join, read their instructions, and post your request. I've been able to find the married names of daughters who were children on the 1940 census, confirm which son was the father of a child, and find the names of living children who will not show up on Ancestry. Excellent resource.

**Another giggle from census searches:** Someone commented that they once saw mention of a female, occupation: Keeping Camp. Editor: I once found mention of a male, occupation: Pimp.

What have you stumbled across while searching in the censuses that made you giggle? Inquisitive minds want to know! Won't you share those giggles with us?

**Immigration map - Two Centuries of Immigration:** <http://mwtrocosm.com/us-immigration-history-map.html> A seven-minute interactive presentation of immigration to the U.S. from around the world from

1820 -2013 in 10-year increments. You can see in each decade where immigrants were coming from. (from Ed Keelin's Genealogy Website Review, Santa Clara C. Historical & Genealogical Soc. newsletter April, 2017. Edited)

### YOLO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - A Thumbnail Sketch

Yolo County was one of the original counties in California and was created in 1850 at the time of statehood. The population in 2010 was 200,849. The county seat is Woodlands, CA.

Much of the county remains relatively rural agricultural area. Yolo County is an important agricultural area in California and is located in the Sacramento Valley. California produces almost 90% of the country's canned and processed tomatoes and the majority of them are grown in Yolo County, CA.

Yolo County is also the home of the University of California at Davis and agriculture is an important part of the U.C. Davis campus academics.

There are many libraries in the county, none in the county seat, however. For information on whether what you might be seeking can be found in any of their libraries I would suggest you call their Library Central Services at 530-666-8005.

The county does maintain an archive and that is where their historical documents, old county records, and much more are stored. The archives are the primary source for any historical research in Yolo County. They have some records of Japanese interments during WWII.

The archive is open part-day Tuesdays and Thursdays and you must call and make an appointment. The address is 228 Buckeye Street, Woodland, CA 95695. The phone number is: 530-666-8006. If you Google Yolo County Archives you can access and browse their digital archives and also learn more about their collection. They will not answer inquiries or do research for you.

County Recorder Office located at 625 Court Street, Woodlands, CA 95695

Superior Court at 1000 Main Street, Woodlands, CA 95695 ph: 530-406-6700

Other resources that might be helpful:

Davis Historical Society. **www.davishistoricalsoc.org** On the left of their website you will find a list of searchable categories.

West Sacramento Historical Society, 664 Cummins Way, West Sacramento, CA 95605  
email: **WSHistoricalS@gmail.com**

Want to read more about Yolo County?

"West Sacramento "(CA) (Images of America Series) by West Sacramento Historical Society

"Woodland" (Images of America Series) by Robin Datel and Dennis Dingemans

Wishing you success researching in Yolo County, California.

## **Genealogical Global Research Library - [www.glrlibrary.com](http://www.glrlibrary.com)**

The new kid on the block! And relatively inexpensive at the present time.

A truly global database that any researcher will find beneficial. Subscribers are instantly linked to more than 50 million electronic resources written in over 100 languages. On this website the word "resources" *always* means electronic resources.

Their database includes 33 million books, 9 million maps, and 6 million journal articles. These resources cover over 25,000 specialized subjects. In short, the world's online knowledge resources are at your fingertips. As a subscriber, you can download these resources totally free of charge.

Just enter the word "genealogy" in the search window. Immediately you can search in any area of the world and see specific results in just a few quick steps. Billions of people are recorded and some ancestors will be found in resources that may have been previously unknown to you. And remember...Downloads Are Free.

It is recommended that you take a few minutes to look at the "How To Research" after signing in. Their website procedures are a little different than other sites. The more familiar you become with this website, the better and faster you can search.

This site boasts of a refined search engine. Sifting through a multitude of results takes time and more patience than some of us possess. It doesn't matter how many billions of search results a search engine has, what really matters is how fast you can drill down to get just the few specific records you really want.

With that in mind, this website has created a unique search approach which is specifically designed and streamlined to make your search much easier faster, and smarter than otherwise possible. In a great many cases, you can find what you need with just a few mouse clicks.

This means you can eliminate many of those long and tedious search steps and save time. Their search engine and advanced indexing methods are invaluable tools for any researcher, regardless of the subject they are seeking.

Just ten years ago, having access to a database of this magnitude would have been just a dream. Now you have a truly global research library at your side. This library was created for researchers by researchers.

They claim to constantly filter pornography and hate literature and they do not allow any paid advertising on their website.

At the present time, the introductory cost is only guaranteed for a limited time. They promise to never "automatically" renew unless you, yourself request it. The amount advertised at the present time - as I type this information - is \$25.

How long this offer will last, I am not sure...but if you are interested you may want to go to their website and check it out for yourself.

## MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - \$18.00

Family - \$25.00

Foreign - \$20.00

Request an application by writing to: P. O. Box 1648, Alameda, CA 94501  
or download from our website.

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Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$18 Individual/\$7.50 Each Additional Family Member

May we hear from you by July 1, 2017     Thank you for your support.

Office use only: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Ch# \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:  
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!