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TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

SONORA, CALIFORNIA

KATHRYN MARSHALL

OF THE LODI FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

“FAMILY SEARCH FAMILY TREE”

And

“TO THE WIKI”

SHE WILL SPEAK 1 HOUR ON EACH
SUBJECT

MONDAY JUNE 10

1PM

County Library

480 Greenley Rd., Sonora

**ANSWERING
QUESTIONS**

**ABOUT THE NEW
FAMILYSEARCH.ORG**

WITH

DIANE MANLEY

**DIRECTOR OF OUR LOCAL
FAMILY SEARCH LIBRARY**

MONDAY JULY 8, 2013

7PM

County Library

480 Greenley Rd., Sonora

“FamilySearch has evolved into the largest collection of genealogical and historical records in the world. As the largest genealogy organization, millions of people daily use FamilySearch records, resources and services to learn more about their family history, while searching a data base of 3 billion names from all over the world. The Sonora Family History Center has staff ready to help you understand and use the collections held in the new FamilySearch. It is very user friendly and will take only a little time to appreciate the new and improved sites”.....Diane Manley

Don't forget the Mentoring Program....available 30 minutes before the general meeting in the foyer of the library. Come and get some help on your “brick walls” or other problems you may be having.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Genealogists,

In March, 2008 I read an article in the Union Democrat about a genealogy workshop hosted by the Tuolumne Co. Genealogical Society. Being newly retired, spending a Saturday learning about how to do genealogical research seemed like a perfect activity. I had no idea what I was getting into. I joined the Society the day of the workshop and subsequently changed my retirement priorities

Before long I was volunteering for the Society at the History Museum and becoming immersed in the "search for my story." I asked hundreds of questions which were always answered by the experienced researchers with patience and thoroughness. As I settled in I became interested in doing more for the Society as a way of showing my appreciation. Tuolumne County is definitely fortunate to have such a group of dedicated individuals who passionately help others in their searches for their "story." We know that genealogy is not just censuses, documents, or pedigree charts, but equally important is "who", "why," and "how."

Thank you for allowing me to continue my search by serving as our Society's president. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you would like to share concerns or ideas concerning the Society.

Susan Strobe



REMEMBER **TO RECYCLE!**

The Genealogical Society has an account at the Recycle Center on Camage Dr. in Sonora. When you take your things, ask them to give

DON'T FORGET.....

You can always come to the Genealogy Library on Bradford St. and use Ancestry.com on our computers. Or, you can go to the Family History Center on Hillsdale Dr. and use it there! Both offer

FREE ACCESS!

FAMILYSEARCH.ORG has added 10.5 million indexed records and images in the last several weeks, the largest portion of this update includes the 8,613,673 images added to the New York Probate Records from 1629 to 1971 increasing this collection's images by 63 percent!



***DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.***

BURMA SHAVE

SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TRIP

September 15 - September 22, 2013

FOR INFORMATION

CONTACT

Rolene Kiesling

209 962-4239 or email

rolene@mlode.com

CATCH OUR BOOTH AT THE "SENIOR EXPO"

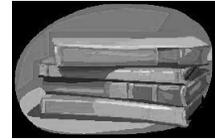
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

9AM until 2pm

John Muir Bldg. - Sonora Fair Grounds

FREE...

TCGS Library



CIRCULATION POLICY

Books and Periodicals are circulated only to members of the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society.

Books available for circulation are those in the state section of the library, i.e., books on states from Alabama to Wyoming with the exception of California. Books designated "Library Use Only" are NOT circulated. These books include out-of-print and very expensive books and books that are indices. Other books will be available for circulation as each category or section is catalogued.

Books can be checked-out only on days the TCGS Library Staff is present, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

A limit of 2 books and 4 periodicals may be borrowed at one time. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the Librarian or Library Staff member.

The borrower will **fill** out and sign a Book Circulation Record form found at the front of the blue card box marked "CIRCULATION". The form should then be put behind the "Circulation" tab divider or given to a Library Staff member. The due date is 2 weeks from the date of it being borrowed.

If the book is not returned by the due date, the borrower may receive one reminder call. However, it is the borrower's responsibility to remember to return books. Borrowers will be charged 10¢ for each day a book is overdue. Money from overdue fines will be used for library supplies.

Borrowers will not be able to borrow other books until the previous book(s) have been returned and, if overdue, the overdue charge has been paid.

If the book is not returned by one month after the due date, the borrower will have to immediately return the book, replace the book, or pay the library for the cost of replacing the book.

Books should be returned to the library on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday when a TCGS Library Staff member is at the museum. However, if a book is returned on a day Library Staff members are not at the museum, please enter the return date on the circulation form in the file box and leave the book and the form on the table in the library room.

Returned books should be shelved by the Library Staff only.

Microfilm and microfiche can be read at the museum and is not circulated. If a copy of a page is desired, arrangements can be made so that a copy can be made at the Tuolumne County Public Library or the LDS Family History Center on their microfilm reader/copier. Microfilm may be taken from the museum with a Library Staff member's permission, copied at the library and returned to the museum. Microfilm and microfiche **MUST** be returned to the museum before 3:30 pm the same day it is taken out.

Kristine

GONE WEST...

The latter 1700s and the early 1800s see major migrations from New England to the newly opened Midwest. In many genealogies, many families are listed as simply "going west"

You should search the county land records. Many Midwestern settlers were looking for cheap land. Some had received bounty land (earned during service in the American Revolution or the War of 1812 -) in Ohio particularly - although the person claiming the land might have been a child or grandchild of the original recipient. Bounty land case files can provide a wealth of genealogical information since proof of rightful descent was required. Some bounty land case files contain Bible records and other genealogically relevant documents. You should also search the land records database of the Bureau of Land Management to see if any individuals purchased land directly from the government. (Once land was purchased from the government, any subsequent land transactions would be kept in county land records.)

Understanding the county origins can be important in identifying additional places to search to find out whether an ancestor arrived in the area at an earlier date. You can find county formation dates online, in sources such as Wikipedia, for example, or in books like *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*.

*Tuolumne County
California*

Births From 1856 —1940



From Recorder's Office

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Tuolumne County,
California

Deaths

July 1857 — October 1945



From
Recorders Office

These two books have been compiled by volunteers at the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society and are for sale.

The cost is:
\$25 plus \$5 for shipping and handling.

Send request to:
Tuolumne County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 3956
Sonora Ca 95370-3956



**DO YOU HAVE ANCESTORS
IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY?**

If so, you may be interested in perusing the huge selection of digitized pictures that the Tuolumne County Historical Society has put online.

This is a collection of about 30,000 pictures of people and places from Tuolumne County's past. About 1000 of them are now on line and more are being added all the time. You may order a copy of the picture for a nominal price. Research of other pictures not yet online can be done if you think there may be something that you want.

<http://tchistory.pastperfect-online.com/>



OLD NEWSPAPER TERMS CONFUSING?

Here's a place to go to get un-confused...

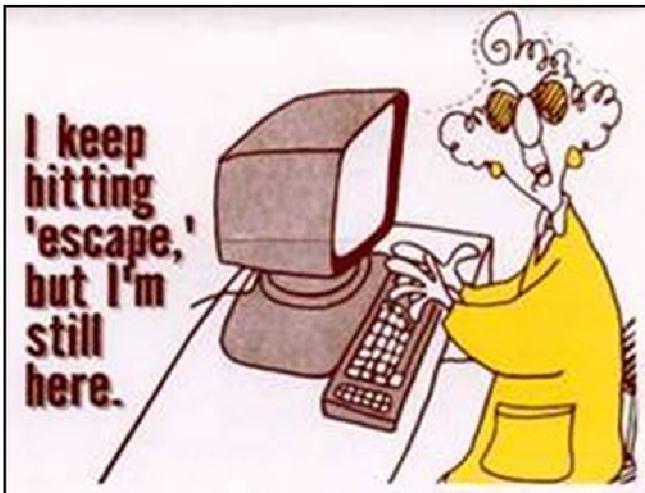
<http://blog.genealogybank.com/understanding-terms-found-in-historical-newspapers.html>

Historical newspapers often contain terms that we are unfamiliar with. This website will help you understand what they mean and shed some light on that article you may have found on your great grandpa!

NEW YORK CITY STREET NECROLOGY

Have you found an ancestor's address in NYC but can't locate it on a map? The name of the street may have been changed and this website will be very helpful in determining what it's called now. Try it...there are some interesting maps and photos of the areas.

<http://forgotten-ny.com/category/street-necrology/>



I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing

UP-COMING MEETING PROGRAMS

AUGUST - FIND-A-GRAVE

SEPTEMBER - PRESERVATIONS OF COLLECTIONS, PICTURES, HEIRLOOMS AND ORGANIZING THEM

OCTOBER - DEATH RECORDS PRESENTED BY JEFF WILSON OF TERZICH & WILSON

NOVEMBER - WOMEN OF THE MOTHERLODE

NEED WORK DONE ON YOUR COMPUTER?

House calls....

J. C. Systems
18364 Main St.,
Jamestown
209 984-0411

<http://www.jcsystemsconsulting.com/>



GOING TO SALT LAKE FOR RESEARCH?

GOING ON A ROAD TRIP FOR RESEARCH??

If so, you should have a handy bag to carry your notebooks and papers, pencils and pens, lunch, glasses, etc., etc.

Maybe you already have one...but it's too small...or you don't like the color..

TCGS is offering you the answer. We are ordering new bags with our logo on them. They are made of a resilient, washable nylon type material and stand up pretty well on their own. If you are interested, come to a meeting or check with the museum. They should be in soon. We are hoping for Hunter Green.



Price: \$15.00

wide gusset in bottom & sides



(THIS MAY BE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLIP OUT AND SAVE)

GENEALOGICAL CODICIL TO MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. [If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: “I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to” and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known.]

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses.]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature

Date _____

Witness

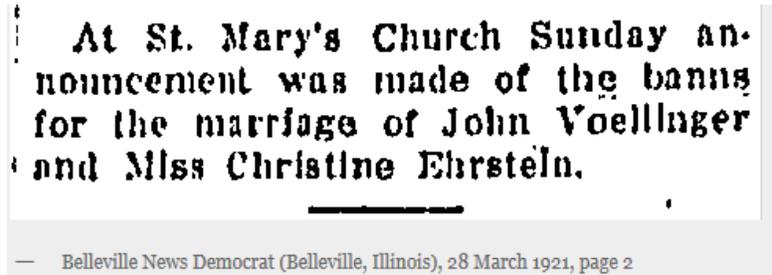
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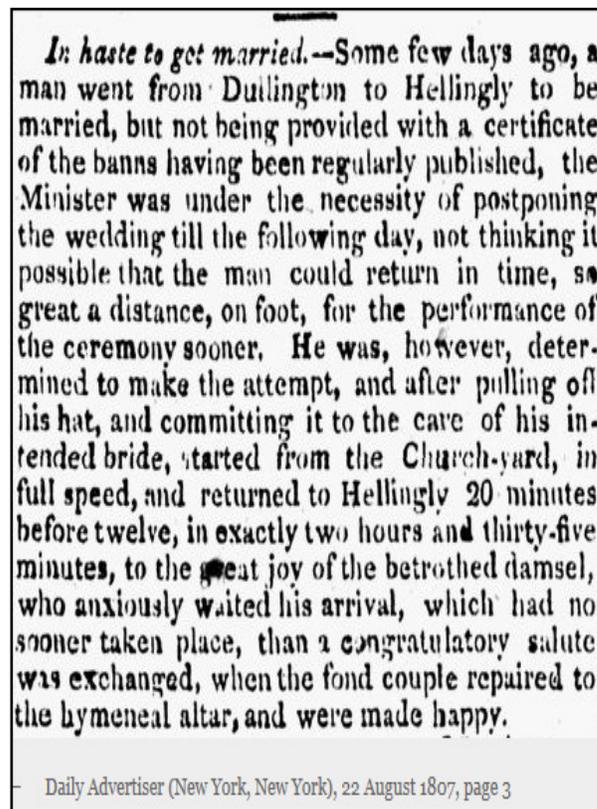
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Banns or Bans (or Publishing of the Banns): This is an ancient matrimonial term, originating from the Middle Ages. A Banns proclamation was typically published on three consecutive Sundays prior to a wedding. The requirement was abolished by the Roman Catholic Church in 1983, but is still used in some parts of the world. Original Banns certificates are rare, but you may be able to locate a few in some archives.

In this 20th century newspaper notice, the entire announcement is about a couple's wedding banns:



In this 19th century newspaper article, we see an amusing story about how important the banns requirement was:



Because he had no proof the banns had been “regularly published” as required, the Minister postponed the wedding until the following day. However, the groom would not be deterred! He pulled off his hat, handed it to his bride-to-be, and took off running at “full speed.” He returned “in exactly two hours and thirty-five minutes, to the great joy of the betrothed damsel” with the requisite proof that the banns had indeed been published—whereupon the Minister performed the ceremony!

HERE'S A GREAT BIG
THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS....
THAT OVER THE YEARS HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH !



Kate Baum



Bill Koch

And a big thank you to:
Vicki Smith for doing a fine job as Vice-President
Sunny Seidel for Ways & Means
Susan Strope as Registrar
(you will find a list of current officers on the last page)



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

(If you have changed your email address, let us know)

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

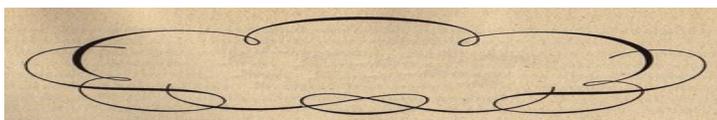
Membership Rosters are available at the Museum or by e-mail (send request to tcgsonline@yahoo.com)

If your information is not correct, please let us know by sending an e-mail message to:
Betty Sparagna, sparagna@sonnet.com

or call Betty at 533-8687.

Thank you for helping us to keep our Membership Roster up-to-date!

Betty Sparagna, TCGS Registrar



SAVE MART SHARES

For all of you that faithfully use your **SHARES CARD** at Save Mart markets, you will be happy to know that our grand total is now up to

\$ 1,692.78

If you don't have a card you can pick one up at a meeting or at the museum.

It really does add up!

WRITERS **GROUP MEETS IN** **JUNE - AT 11:00**

THE WRITERS GROUP

Contacts:

*Pat Perry at 586-3214
or Marilyn Fullam at 588-9873.*



This group meets on EVEN MONTHS except December. At 12 pm. Meetings are at the County Library on Greenley Rd.

This is an informal group that meets to share information and encourage the writing of our family histories.

You can come and bring your lunch if you're working!

Our regular general meeting follows at 2 pm (during winter hours) in the same room so plan on staying through.

Come on out!



Upcoming Events



JUNE

- GENERAL MEETING
June 10, 1:00 P.M.
Public Library
Conference Room
- BOARD MEETING
June 17 9:30 A.M.
Papa's New Roost

JULY

- GENERAL MEETING
July 8, 7:00 P.M.
Public Library
Conference Room
- BOARD MEETING
July 15, 9:30 A.M.
Papa's New Roost

Label Language (Dues Re- minder)

Take a look at your Gold Digger label. If your name is in red and you see either "4/13" or "5/13" by your name, your dues are due now. Although you have 60 days to renew your dues, please do so now..

Fill out the application on the following page

(if there are no changes, just your name will do) and mail your check to

the Society's PO Box 3956 (on the Form) or give to the Registrar at the next meeting.

If you have already mailed your check for dues, please disregard this notice.



JUDY

Letters to the Editor are always welcome! We'd love to hear from you!

My e-mail address: herring@mlode.com

PLACES TO DO GENEALOGY RESEARCH LOCALLY

- FAMILY HISTORY CENTER
LDS Church -
19481 Hillside Dr.
Sonora 209 536-9206
Hours—Tue, Wed, Thurs
10AM to 4 PM &
6:30 PM to 9 PM
- TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY LIBRARY
158 W. Bradford St.
Sonora 209 532-1317
Hours— Tues, Thurs
10 AM to 4 PM
Sat 10 AM to 3:30 PM
Email: tcgsonline@yahoo.com
- TUOLUMNE COUNTY LIBRARY
480 Greenley Rd.
Sonora 209 533-5507
Hours— Tuesday - Saturday
10 AM to 6 PM
Closed: Sunday, Monday
& Holidays

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Name _____

P.O. Box or Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number Home _____ Work _____

E-Mail Address _____

MEMBERSHIP

Please check box for the type of membership for which you are including a check.

Regular/Individual \$20

Patron/Organization \$50

Family \$28

Life \$300 Individual or Married Couple

Make checks payable to TCGS and mail to above PO Box 3956. Canceled check is your receipt.

If you would like a membership card sent to you, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Yes, I want a membership card. SASE is enclosed. I No. I don't want a membership card.

I would like to make a donation to the Society Amount _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Here is an interesting website if you are going to a foreign country to do research.

You can learn to speak the language or just learn to recognize certain words.

<http://fsi-language-courses.org/Content.php>

These language courses were developed in the late 1940s and early 1950s by the United States government and are in the public domain. These courses are freely available in an electronic format. When you select a language, you'll be given a menu for the course. Read the student text first. Then go to the tapes. You can listen as you work through the exercises associated with the lesson.

Good Luck!

TEXAS BIRTH CERTIFICATES -

FamilySearch.org has indexed an additional 527,000 birth certificates. These birth certificates come from the Texas Dept. of Health and span the years from 1903 to 1935.

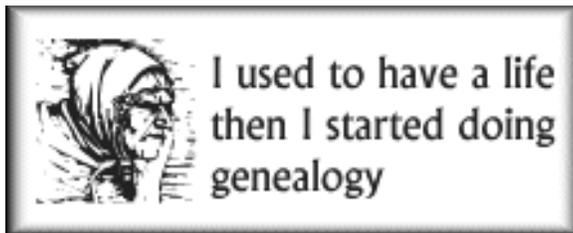
www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1803956

1855 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS - An additional 2.8 million records have been added by Familysearch.org to this every member census database.

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1937366

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