

# GOLD DIGGERS

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

SONORA, CALIFORNIA

**FIND A GRAVE  
AND OTHER ONLINE  
CEMETERY SEARCHING**

**Lori East and Susan Strope**

**MONDAY AUGUST 12**

**7 PM**

County Library

480 Greenley Rd., Sonora

***“FAMILY TREE “*  
AT FAMILYSEARCH.ORG -  
MORE QUESTIONS**

**ANSWERED WITH**

**Isabelle Drown**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9**

**7 PM**

County Library

480 Greenley Rd., Sonora

*The Familysearch.com website is evolving rapidly into a much different place to go to research your ancestors. In the process, it can easily become confusing to navigate and get out of it all that there is to offer. This series of programs in June, July and August should help to clarify the changes and get you going in the right direction. If you still have problems and need more help, Isabelle and others at the Family History Center here in Sonora will give you needed assistance on a one to one basis if you call ahead.*

**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,

At every TCGS General Meeting and Writers Group in which Society members share genealogical treasures, relate personal ancestry searches, or present writing and publishing projects, I learn another way to improve and expand my own genealogical research. Our Society is filled with "expert" researchers who would never dream of referring to themselves as such, but every meeting is filled with hundreds of years of expertise, which brings me to the main purpose of this letter.

The TCGS annual workshop is scheduled for October 12, 2013, a Saturday, at the LDS Family History Center in Sonora. Building on the success of last year's workshop, Chair Lin Gookin and her committee are working to offer a wider variety of seminars, one-on-one help, expanded mentoring, and community displays to enhance genealogical research and education. These annual workshops have always been a good source of new memberships and the Society is forever in need of new genealogists.

Every new member is an important source of information and expertise. New members often along with new sources offer a fresh perspective on older ones. For those volunteering in the genealogy library at the museum, helping new researchers pursue their ancestors renews our enthusiasm to continue pursuing our own.

You may not be able to volunteer on a weekly basis, but I know from experience by helping new members hone their researching skills you will improve your own. So, if Lin Gookin, or one of her committee's members, asks you to spend an hour or two helping the Society on October 12—just say, "yes!"

*Susan Strope*



### **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!***



### **REMEMBER**

### **TO RECYCLE!**

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



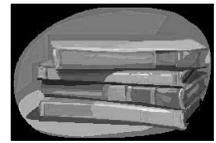
***TOTE BAGS ARE IN!***

**\$15 EACH**

**GREAT FOR SALT LAKE OR CARRYING YOUR RESEARCH MATERIAL ANYWHERE!**

**COLOR IS HUNTER GREEN WITH OUR TCGS LOGO ON THE SIDE.**

**WELL MADE WITH WIDE BOTTOM AND SIDES. AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR MUSEUM....**



The library staff has been really busy this summer with many visitors coming in the museum. We have been very fortunate because we have such a wonderful volunteer staff. As you probably know, we have to have a staff of two every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. We have been able to meet that criteria. Our staff and volunteers are Lori, Betty, Susan, Ellie, Brenda, Lin, Kristine, Pixie, Cookie, Pat, Cheryl, Judy, and Faustina. I would like to thank all of these ladies for their hard work and contribution to our library!

Lin and Brenda are working on the collections of books that we have received this year. Soon we will be able to give you lists of these new acquisitions to our library.

As was mentioned at the last meeting we have two new books on Tuolumne County in our library. They are: "Tuolumne County, California Births 1856-1940," this index was completed in March 2013 by Kristine Childres and Dee Bauman, also, "Tuolumne County, California Deaths July 1857-October 1945," this index was completed in March 2013 by Cheryl Maddox. These two indexes are from the Tuolumne County recorder's office, and with the Marriage books already done this completes the BMD (birth, marriage and death) records for our county. The books are sold at the museum for \$25.00 per book. If you find your person in this book you can then request a copy from the County Recorder's Office. The Recorder's office charges \$20.00 for a copy of births, \$16.00 for death and \$14.00 for marriages.

Below is the query Surname the library received for June and July:  
Garrity and McCormick.

*Kristine*

## WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

*Is back! New Channel...TLC*

### This seasons celebrities:

*Kelly Clarkson; Christina Applegate; Chelsea Handler; Zooey Deschanel; Cindy Crawford; Chris O'Donnell; Trisha Yearwood; Jim Parsons*

## **Win a Trip to Your Motherland!**

Starting Tuesday, July 23 at 9|8c, watch the show and answer a trivia question about it to be entered to win a trip to the land of your ancestors from TLC and Ancestry.com!

Who Do You Think You Are?   
Season Premiere July 23 9|8c

CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS FOR WEST COAST TIME

Tuolumne County  
California  
Births From 1856 —1940



From Recorder's Office

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Tuolumne County,  
California  
Deaths

July 1857 — October 1945

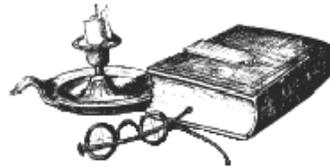


From  
Recorders Office

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. **EACH**

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



## **STRANGERS IN A BOX**

Come, look with me inside this drawer,  
In this box I've often seen,  
At the pictures, black and white,  
Faces proud, still, and serene.

I wish I knew the people,  
These strangers in the box,  
Their names and all their memories,  
Are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like,  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken time,  
To tell, who, what, where, and when,  
These faces of my heritage,  
Would come to life again.

Could this become the fate,  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories,  
Someday to be passed away?

Take time to save your stories,  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks,  
Or someday you and yours,  
Could be strangers in the box.

*Anonymous...*



### **UP-COMING MEETING PROGRAMS**

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

**NOVEMBER** - WOMEN IN  
THE MOTHERLODE

**DECEMBER** - NO MEETING,  
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AT  
BANNY'S MT. SPRINGS SAT.  
DEC. 14

**JANUARY** - TREASURES

**FEBRUARY** - MAKING THE  
TRIP TO SALT LAKE

**MARCH** - IRISH RESEARCH

**APRIL** - GERMAN RESEARCH

**MAY** - ANNUAL ELECTIONS,  
POT LUCK LUNCH

**JUNE** - GOOGLING GRANDMA

### **NEED WORK DONE ON YOUR COMPUTER?**

*House  
calls....*

**J. C. Systems  
18364 Main St.,**

**Jamestown**

**209 984-0411**

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



***Genealogy is not fatal, but it is a grave disease...***

## **TRYING TO PROVE TWO BRANCHES OF FAMILY ARE RELATED**

I have a dilemma. I have a branch of the Jones family that comes down from Lewis Jones b. 1605 in England, coming to the United States and beginning a Jones family that descends down to about 1720 when Elijah Jones is born in Colchester, Ct.. That's one branch.

The other branch is the one I KNOW I am attached to. I know because I can trace it back to my ggg grandfather Elijah Jones born about 1748 in Norwalk, CT.. Now, I have no "proof" that his father is the Elijah Jones that is mentioned in the other branch, but.....I know there was an Elijah Jones that married Martha Reed in Norwalk July 4, 1745...."it's in the book"!

Now, I know that the Elijah in the first branch is the right age and lived not too far from Norwalk. Nobody seems to know where he wound up as an adult. My theory is that he came to Norwalk in 1744 and joined the church ("it's in the book"), then married Martha in 1745 and started buying land there ("it's in the deed book").

How do I prove that these two Elijah's are the same guy? Well, there in is the problem! In those days, there were no registrations of birth as in later years. If you were lucky, children were baptized at a local church, if there was a local one. If not, maybe one in some other town and who's to know which one. Then, of course, some church records have not survived, or the minister did not keep good, complete records for the time period. Maybe you can find an old gravestone with information on it. Maybe not.

Other places to check are town records. Each town had someone that transcribed what went on at meetings. Some of those accounts can still be found. Parts of records may appear in County Histories. Another strange place to find things, especially birth records, is tucked inside records for deeds of the area. I am always joyfully surprised when I run into them by accident.

Court records may uncover some clues - Tax Rolls, Probate and Deed Records. I will give you a good suggestion about going through deed records. Don't depend on indexes. Sometimes the index only included the Grantee, the person buying the land. In this case you are missing the guy selling the land entirely! And what about those witnesses? They are never listed in the index! Go through those records year by year, page by page. That's what I have been doing and I have reaped a wonderful harvest by doing so!

So, you get the idea. You have to be inventive to come up with some places where you might find mention of your ancestor in the new area and then you must find something that will tie him to the previous situation. In my own case, I have found deeds with the Elijah on my side signing as grantor/grantee or as a witness along with brothers of the Elijah born in Colchester. This is not foolproof, but as far as I am concerned, I have proven that the two families are one. I feel at peace with this , now.

Of course, there are other mysteries to be solved concerning these men, but that's for another day!

*Your Editor...*

## **RESEARCHING IN NORTH CAROLINA?**

North Carolina Digital Heritage Center - <http://digitalnc.org/>

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center is a statewide digitization and digital publishing program. It is part of the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Center's online collections come from cultural heritage institutions across North Carolina. Click on the Collections link in the menu bar to access them. Select the collection you would like to view from the dropdown list. Collections included are: Images of North Carolina; North Carolina City Directories; North Carolina Memory; North Carolina Newspapers; North Carolina Yearbooks

# The Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

Presents..

## A Genealogical DNA Seminar with Katherine Hope Borges



Katherine Hope Borges is the Co-Founder and Director of The International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG), which promotes and educates about genetic genealogy. ISOGG has grown to over 8,000 members in 70 countries.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

Early registration deadline, September 30, 2013

**Non-members \$35 before this date....after, \$40**

*(There will be car-pooling from Tuolumne County if you choose to go. You are responsible for sending in your money and registration ahead of time. Let us know if you are planning on a ride)*

**This is a good chance to find out what DNA is all about!**

Trinity United Presbyterian Church

1600 Carver Road.

Modesto, 95350

Mail check payable to GSSC, P. O. Box A, Modesto, CA 95352-3660

## **RANDOM ACTS OF GENEALOGICAL KINDNESS**

I was going to write a piece about *RANDOM ACTS OF GENEALOGICAL KINDNESS*, but having Googled it to get some information to pass on, I found out that it no longer exists! Which is a shame as it has been a big help to a lot of genealogists trying to get help in places that they cannot get to for their research. It was originated by two researchers in 1999 who saw the need for such a service in their local area. The small website grew very rapidly from being solely a statewide offering to an international service with some 4,300 volunteers around the world and a staff of about eight, also volunteering their time. In 2007, more than 71,000 requests were handled by the system, 10% of them to volunteers outside of the USA.

According to the internet:

*As of October 2012 the website is down indefinitely. Bridgett Schneider, the primary person behind RAOGK, died on November 12, 2011. Shortly before her death, she had a computer disaster and the site has been down since. Schneider's husband, Doc, who also helped start RAOGK, stated that RAOGK would come back online. Meanwhile the RAOGK wiki offers a workaround for the official RAOGK site being down.*

You can check out the wiki site at:

[http://raogk.wikia.com/wiki/Random\\_Acts\\_of\\_Genealogical\\_Kindness\\_Wiki](http://raogk.wikia.com/wiki/Random_Acts_of_Genealogical_Kindness_Wiki)

(you will find that some of the links here work back to the Familysearch.org wiki)



Our booth at the Senior Expo this year. Betty Sparagna and visitor, online.

We had a lot of interest from people and will, hopefully, get some new members. It's always a fun expo!



**BIRTHDAYS** - Did you ever wonder how many days old you are? Or have you ever wondered what day of the week your or one of your ancestors was born, not the date, but the day? This website will tell you. Just put in the year, month and day of birth to get the answer....

[Www.korn19.ch/coding/days.php](http://www.korn19.ch/coding/days.php)

(I tried this and here's what I got!)

**You are 28,508 days old.**

Which is 4,072 weeks and 4 days.

That's 78 years and 18 days, including 20 leap years\*,  
or 78 years, 2 weeks and 4 days.

In other words, that's 936.58 months.  
Therefore, you are 78.05 years old.

You were born on a Monday, your last birthday was a Monday  
and your next one will be on a Tuesday.

*The application for a death certificate you want insists that you provide the maiden name of the deceased's mother — which is exactly what you don't know, and is the reason you are trying to get the death certificate in the first place!*

## COMING UP IN OCTOBER:

### Our yearly

## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

The workshop format will be different this year and we hope exciting for both new and experienced members. There will be multiple workshops to choose from to provide either new information or to refresh what you may have forgotten. We will have a group of volunteers dedicated to helping you get started on your genealogy or to assist if you are stuck. There will be some interesting exhibits for you to enjoy as well.

Here is a sample of the workshops being offered:

*Family Search; Family Search Trees; Newspapers; On-Line Books; Evernote/Snag-It; Attaching photographs; Military; Civil War; England; Art of Navigating the DeFerrari Archives; Black History; Quakers; Canadian; German; Irish; Scottish.*

Save the date!

**When: Sat October 12th from 9-3.**

You can attend any time, but we believe you will want to spend the day.

**Place: LDS Family History Center  
19481 Hillsdale Dr., Sonora**

**GENEALOGY SCAMS** - This website provides information on various genealogy scams. If you have a question about a particular company's services, you can contact the NGS Consumer Protection Committee using the info provided on the website. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~molewis/scams.htm>

## TRAFFIC THROUGH CASTLE GARDENS IN 1888

A report issued by Capt. John Morgan, who had charge of the transfer of immigrants from various steamship docks to Castle Garden stated that 86,302 cabin passengers landed in port from European steamers during the year, and that 384,565 immigrants of all nationalities passed through Castle Garden. From Bremen 14,840 cabin and 52,926 steerage passengers came on the North German Lloyd line, whose steamers made 100 trips during the year. The Cunard line brought 16,723 cabin and 30,946 steerage passengers from Liverpool and Queenstown, and their steamers made sixty-nine trips. The French line from Havre brought 7,496 cabin and 23,946 steerage passengers during fifty-three trips.

(HAVE YOU CHECKED HERE FOR YOUR ANCESTOR?)

<http://www.castlegarden.org/>

## THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1861-1862

The **Great Flood of 1862** was the largest flood in the recorded history of Oregon, Nevada and California, occurring from December 1861 to January 1862. It was preceded by weeks of continuous rains (or snows in the very high elevations) that began in Oregon in November 1861 and continued into January 1862. This was followed by a record amount of rain from January 9th-12th, and contributed to a flood which extended from the Columbia River southward in western Oregon and through California to San Diego, and extended as far inland as Idaho in Washington Territory, Nevada and Utah in Utah Territory and Arizona in western New Mexico Territory.

It was climaxed by a warmer, more intense storm with much more rain that was made more serious by the earlier large accumulation of snow, now melted by the rain in the lower elevations of the mountains. Throughout the affected area, all the streams and rivers rose to great heights, flooded the valleys, inundated or swept away towns, mills, dams, flumes, houses, fences, and domestic animals, and ruined fields. An early estimate of property damage was \$10,000,000. However, later it was estimated that approximately one-quarter of the taxable real estate in the state of California was destroyed in the flood. Dependent on property taxes, the State of California went bankrupt. The governor, state legislature, and state employees were not paid for a year and a half. 200,000 cattle drowned, and the state's economy shifted from ranching to farming!

At Weaverville, John Carr was a witness to the sudden melt of snow by the heavy rain and onset of the flood in December 1861 on the Trinity River:

*"The winter of 1861-2 was a hard one. From November until the latter part of March there was a succession of storms and floods. I remember my being in Weaverville, I think it was in the month of December, 1861. ... It had been raining all the day previous. The ground was covered with snow one foot deep, and on the mountains much deeper. We arrived at the ranch just before dark, and I wanted to cross his bridge and stay at John Carter's that night, but " Uncle " Strudivant would not listen to any such thing. Stay with him I must. He told me that the bridge was named Jeff Davis, and that old Trinity could not carry enough water to wash "Jeff" out,.... He had a private cottage a short distance from the ranch and toll-house. It was close to the foot of the mountain, the divide between Weaverville and the Trinity River. ... He and I advocated our respective sides of the political issues until 11 o'clock, when we " turned in." It rained all afternoon and night. The weather had turned warm, and the rain came down in torrents. Several times I went to the door during our political discussion, and every time it seemed to be raining harder, and I wished myself on the otherside of Trinity River. I frequently said, " Uncle Joe, I am afraid the bridge will go." His reply was, " Jeff will stand it." ... We slept until about 4 o'clock in the morning, when Jerry Whitmore, one of Uncle Joe's partners, came to where we were, and knocked on the door to wake us up. Uncle Joe called out, " What is wanted?" Jerry replied, "The bridge is gone—not a stick left, and, the water will soon be up to the house.*

*As soon as daylight came Uncle Joe and I went to the ruins. Not a plank of the bridge was left. The rain was yet pouring down. The snow was nearly all gone. Everything around the place looked desolate. On the flat where the house was built they had the finest bearing orchard in Northern California. If the river rose but a little more, the trees would be swept away, and the house with them. All the forenoon the river continued to rise, and at last it began to spread over the orchard and wash the black loam away. Finally, as the current became stronger amongst the trees, one after another began to fall, some floating off with the water, and others hanging by the roots. Trinity that morning was playing havoc with the settlers on its banks. It was dreadful to look upon. Standing on high ground, one could see property of all kinds on its way to the ocean. The river itself seemed like some mighty uncontrollable monster of destruction broken away from its bonds, rushing uncontrollably on, and everywhere carrying ruin and destruction in its course. When rising, the river seemed highest in the middle. When falling, it became lowest in the middle, and all the drift worked toward the center of the stream. When the river was at or near its highest, one could see floating down parts of mills, sluice-boxes, miners cabins, water-wheels, hen-coops, parts of bridges, bales of hay, household furniture, sawed lumber, old logs, huge spruce and pine trees that had withstood former storms for hundreds of years—all rushing down that mad stream on their way to the boundless ocean. From the head settlement to the mouth of the Trinity River, for a distance of one hundred and fifty miles, everything was swept to destruction."*

Like many other towns along the tributary rivers, Knight's Ferry, its homes, its mill and most of its businesses were ruined by the flood. Its bridge spanning the Stanislaus River withstood the flood waters but was destroyed when the debris of the bridge at Two-Mile Bar, only a short distance up river, torn from its foundation, crashed into the Knights Ferry Bridge, crushing the truss supports and knocking it from its rock foundation. Some towns like Empire City and Mokelumne City were destroyed entirely. The entire Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys were inundated for an extent of 300 miles averaging 20 miles in breadth.

The city of Sacramento suffered the worst damage due to its levee, which lay in a wide and flat valley at the junction of the American and Sacramento Rivers. When the floodwaters entered from the higher ground on the East, the levee acted as a dam to keep the water in the city rather than let it flow out. Soon the water level was 10 feet higher inside than the level of the Sacramento River on the outside. Dozens of wood houses, some two stories high, were simply lifted up and carried off by the flood, as was "all the fire-wood, most of the fences and sheds, all the poultry, cats, rats and many of the cows and horses". A chain gang was sent to break open the levee, which, when it finally broke, allowed the waters to rush out of the city center and lowered the level of the flooding by five to six feet. Eventually the waters fell to a level on a par with the lowest part of the city. *It is estimated a similar storm of this magnitude in California today would cause \$725 billion in damages.*

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

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

### NEW MEMBERS:

#### **Bill O'Leary Logan**

124 Roble Rd. Sonora, CA 95370  
209 532-1712 , email: 8butcher8@gmail.com

#### **Terri Neher (Family)**

20605 Caylor Dr., Soulsbyville, CA 95372  
209 533-8248, email: tneher@hotmail.com

#### **Bernice Garrity Christensen (Family)**

427 Madrid St., San Francisco, CA 94112  
415 333-5753  
email: parkladydi1@sbcglobal.net

#### **Judi Lewis**

12730 Tulip Ct. #6, Sonora CA 95370  
209 532-7911, email: tjlewis1970@gmail.com

### INFO CHANGE:

#### **Keith & Margy Gray**

12730 Tulip Ct., #9, Sonora, CA 95370

#### **Winnie LoVine**

wlovine@yahoo.com

## 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!

**MEETS MONDAY, AUGUST 12  
AT 12 PM**

## 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



### AUGUST

- GENERAL MEETING

*August 12, 7 P.M.*

*Public Library*

*Conference Room*

- BOARD MEETING

*August 19, 9:30 A.M.*

*Papa's New Roost*

### SEPTEMBER

- GENERAL MEETING

*September 9, 7:00 P.M.*

*Public Library*

*Conference Room*

- BOARD MEETING

*September 9, 5 P.M.*

*Library Conference Room*

### Label Language (Dues Re- minder)

Take a look at your Gold Digger label. If your name is in red and you see either "6/13" or "7/13" 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](mailto:herring@mlode.com)

### PLACES TO DO GENEALOGY

#### RESEARCH LOCALLY

- FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

LDS Church -

19481 Hillsdale 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](mailto: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

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

P.O. Box 3956, Sonora, California 95370-3956

LIBRARY – 158 W. Bradford Street, Sonora

Email: tcgsonline@yahoo.com

**ONLY FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

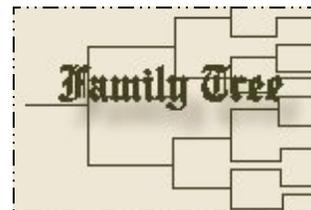
Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MISC. WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT:**

<http://www.fultonhistory.com/> - New York Newspapers

<http://german.about.com/> - Learn German



**INTERESTING ANCESTRY.COM WEBSITES**

**U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918**

Land ownership maps are portrayals of land purchased, granted, or inherited. They range in complexity from rough outlines of the boundaries of one tract of land to detailed county atlases showing every landowner at the time of compilation.

A key element sets county land ownership atlases apart from most other maps: they list property owners' names. They also indicate township and county boundaries and can include photos of county officers, landholders, and some buildings and homes.

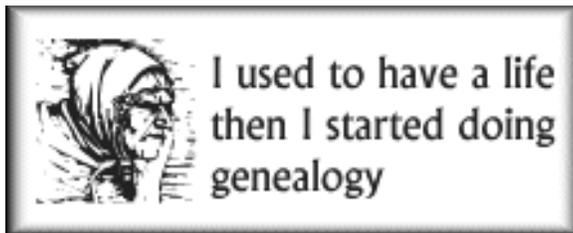
This database contains approximately 1,200 U.S. county land ownership atlases from the Library of Congress' Geography and Maps division, covering the years 1860-1918. The original microfilms have recently been rescaned to improve image quality and legibility where possible. These maps can be searched by:

STATE; COUNTY; YEAR; OWNER'S NAME

*(This is a worthwhile database to check out)*

**Tuolumne County Genealogical Society**  
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