

GOLD DIGGERS

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

SONORA, CALIFORNIA

JUNE 8

**TOUR THE CARLO
de FERRARI ARCHIVES**

With Charlie Dyer

2 PM

County Library
480 Greenley Rd., Sonora

JULY 13

**GLIMPSES OF THE 2015
ANNUAL FGS/ROOTSTECH**

CONFERENCE

With Judy Herring

7 PM

County Library
480 Greenley Rd., Sonora

Be sure to come to the June meeting and take the tour of the Archive behind the library. You will be amazed at the collection of Tuolumne County records that are stored there. Charlie Dyer has done a fine job of organizing everything so that it is available to the public to research. We have probably one of the best preserved record archives in the country!

UP-COMING MEETINGS:

July—Judy Herring attended the FGS/Rootstech combined conference in Salt Lake City in February of this year and will talk about what she found. Over 12,000 genealogists signed up for hundreds of classes and lectures. The Exhibit Hall was full of everything genealogy and more. Come and hear about it.

August—Diane Manley will talk about using newspapers in genealogy. This is not to be missed! She does a great job of covering this subject.

GENEALOGY MENTORING AVAILABLE BEFORE EVERY MEETING!

Come to the meeting 30 minutes early and get some help. We have “experts” that will get you on the right track!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR”

Kudos All Around

One of the great pleasures at the TCGS Annual Election/Luncheon meeting is to once again celebrate the successes of the past year and to thank the people who made those successes happen. Those Society members who were able to attend the Annual meeting have heard most of this information, but it is most important that all Society members hear it.

25 new members joined bringing the total membership to 154. The highest in the last several years

399 members in attendance at programs for an average of 33 per meeting. The highest number for one meeting was 57 and the lowest was 22. 194 members attended the 2 pm meetings while 164 members came to the 7 pm meetings.

Society library income:

Research: \$453.25

Publications: \$428.50

Donations: \$152.10

Copies:\$119.65

Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S.: \$933.84

Volunteer Hours: 2,260 accumulated from the following Society members: Cookie Boone, Pixie Bolles, Kristine Childres, Faustina Coleman, Ellie Day, Lori East, Lin Gookin, Judy Herring, Brenda Hix, Cheryl Maddox, Pat Perry, Betty Sparagna and Susan Strobe

TCGS Annual Workshop:

2012 Workshop had 31 attendees (22 members & 9 non-members)

2013 Workshop had 54 attendees (25 member & 29 non-members)

2014 Workshop had 85 attendees (45 members & 40 non-members)

Publicity Chairperson Cheryl Maddox and Corresponding Sec. Dee Baumann made certain that Society programs and the workshop received maximum exposure.

Not mentioned, but most definitely vital to our year's success, are those that mentored, presented programs, provided refreshments, agreed to run for offices or served on committees. This year just might be the best ever.

Susan Strobe

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 Camage Dr. in Sonora. When you take your things, ask them to give your society credit.....

THE LIBRARY CORNER....

Brenda Hix and Lin Gookin continue working on organizing the cell library at the museum. Brenda found a misplaced book which I know will be of interest to all of you. This book has the longest title that I have ever seen, but the book is also a rare gem of wonderful information. Read the whole title and you will see.

The Original Lists of Persons of Quality: Emigrants; Religious Exiles; Political Rebels; serving men sold for a term of years; Apprentices; children stolen; maidens pressed; and others who went from Great Britain to the American Plantations 1600-1700. With their ages, the localities where they formerly lived in the Mother country, The names of the ships in which they embarked, and other interesting particulars. "This information was collected from MSS, preserved in the State Paper Department of Her Majesty's Public Record Office, England. It was edited by John Camden Hotten and published in 1986.

I told you it was a long title but the title gives an exact description of what you will find within the book. I only had a short time to look into it and I found my Tilden's there. I am excited to go back and look for more of my people. If you have early American immigrants you need to come down to the library and look at this amazing book.

Another book that Brenda and Lin thought you might be interested in, "*Name Changes,*" Indexed 1780-1892. List of Persons whose names have been changed in this commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Below is the query list of Surnames the library received for April and May:

Trulove

DeBernardi

MacLaren

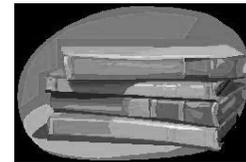
Menendez

Hammill

It was very nice to see so many of you at our genealogy lunch on May 11th. We had lots of wonderful salads, casseroles and, of course, great desserts.

We, the library staff, wish all of you a wonderful and productive summer!

Kristine



ROCHESTER, NEW YORK RESEARCHING

- Here is a website developed by the Rochester Genealogical Society that will help with your research if you have ancestors from this area....

Church, town, baptism, marriages, death records

<http://nyrgs.org/>

- The City of Rochester also has a website with 170,000 indexed marriages from 1876-1943
www.rcip.info/

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STEVE MORSE WEBSITE

He's done it again....here is a website to help you in deciphering old *Germanic print!*

TRY IT OUT....

<http://tinyurl.com/lmov459>

GENEALOGY MYSTERY NOVELS

Have you gotten hooked on reading the new genre of genealogy mystery novels? A lot of genealogists are really enjoying taking a few minutes away from finding their own families and getting lost in the excitement of a good mystery. And, it's all about genealogy! What could be better?

Recently, we had a letter from an author of genealogy mysteries. His name is Nathan Dylan Goodwin and he has written several novels with a genealogy theme, one of which he was willing to send to us if we would review it. I had already read his first novel and enjoyed it. I was hoping *The Lost Ancestor* would be just as good, and from the tone of the reviews, it is. Here are some thoughts from the people who read it

The Lost Ancestor by Nathan Dylan Goodwin

Review by Kate Baum

“All of us, being genealogists, are interested in finding “the one that got away”. This novel combines a search for a long ago deceased ancestor, a bit of Edwardian England, the strange doings of a wealthy family who will stop at nothing to keep their estate and, lots of lies. After the first chapter when the forensic genealogist gets his commission, I couldn't put the book down. Wonderfully delineated characters from the rotter of a nephew intent on inheriting the estate, the butler intent on seduction and preserving the status quo, two young people in a beautiful love story, the twin sister who thought she was betrayed, her drunken husband who knew the whole story, and the widowed sister of the twins, whose deception was beyond belief. As he goes along, the forensic genealogist stresses his need for proof – as all of us do. Eventually, in spite of brick walls thrown up by the liars and the know-nothings, he gets all of the answers and lots of surprises.”

Review by Brenda Hix

“I enjoyed the book. It kept my interest and I enjoyed how the author used the genealogy research methods I was familiar with for his research. It was nice to follow his way of thinking through the process. He kept my interest by not revealing too much of the important facts too soon. The English verbiage was a little annoying causing it not to flow as smoothly as it could have. The end had a great surprise which I did not anticipate. I would read another of his books.”

Nathan Dylan Goodwin's books are available at Amazon.com and other online bookstores. Check them out and also look for more genealogy mysteries by other authors. It's the latest thing and really starting to catch on. Happy reading!

P.S.—If anyone would like to borrow the book to read, it is at our museum library.

SEARCH BROOKLYN'S CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

<http://www.ccbklyn.org/information-news/locate-a-loved-one/>



With your help, last month, 20,477 digitized War of 1812 pension application pages were added to Fold3.com, and applications for **urnames A through L are now available to be searched for FREE**. We are 63% through this project. Help to preserve these applications and make them FREE forever for everyone. **Donate today.**

The *Federation of Genealogical Societies* is the group that is sponsoring this project. It is very worthwhile and will aid all us that are doing research. If you would like to donate to the cause, you can do so by going to this website.

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



2015 NEW YORK STATE FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 17-19

http://www.nysfhc.org/2015_NYSFHC_ProgramFlyer.pdf



he special — and sometimes daunting — challenges of researching New York families experienced by a very large number of family historians, including those with advanced research skills, were the inspiration for the New York Family History Conference.

New York genealogical research has this challenging reputation due to New York's long and complicated colonial and state history; the patterns of immigration and migration; the diversity of its population; the challenge of uncovering and accessing an extraordinary range of records frequently created and archived inconsistently; seeking substitutes for major records lost to fire and flood, none more devastating than the New York State Library fire of 1911; and the idiosyncrasies of records dispersal among sixty-two counties. ✕

If you have ancestors in New York, this may be the place to break down those brick walls....

For more information and prices, go to:

http://www.nysfhc.org/2015_NYSFHC_ProgramFlyer.pdf

**AT INTERSECTIONS
LOOK EACH WAY
A HARP SOUNDS NICE
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY
*Burma Shave***

Names of Emigrants **OUT** of Schleswig-Holstein, 19th century

This gentleman has acquired the names of thousands of persons leaving Schleswig-Holstein in the 19th Century. He has additional information with each name. Be sure to check the boxes along the bottom of the page!

<http://www.rootdigger.de/Emi.htm>

Ireland's Petty Sessions Court Registers

ORDER BOOK, as approved of by the Lord Lieutenant (with the advice and consent of the Privy Council),

County of Wexford

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PARTIES—COMPLAINANT AND DEFENDANT. <small>(The Christian and Surname, Rank, Occupation, or other addition, and Residence, stating Parish and Townland, to be given, and the parties to be distinguished by prefixing their appellation—Complainant or Defendant.)</small>	Names of Witnesses examined, and whether for Complainant or Defendant.	CAUSE OF COMPLAINT, as set forth in Summons.	PARTICULARS OF ORDER OR DISMISSAL. <small>If Dismiss, whether with or without prejudice, and whether with or without Costs, &c. In Expenses, when to be entered, and from what and whose Expenses, &c. If to be Whipped, whether in or out of Prison, &c. &c. (Where Money ordered to be paid by or to any Person, the amount to be written in words as full length in this Column, as well as to be entered in Figures in the Money Column.)</small>
<i>John M. Giddins, Plaintiff Crumlin</i>	<i>John M. Giddins</i>	<i>Commit a horse of the Deau, at Crumlin on Sunday 17th Inst</i>	<i>Impose Bail to keep the horse for twelve months principal a fine pounds and 2 shillings</i>
<i>John M. Giddins, Plaintiff Crumlin</i>	<i>John M. Giddins</i>	<i>Permit your dog to wander on the public road on 17th Inst</i>	<i>fine six pence and cost 1/-</i>

The Petty Sessions Court Registers are an invaluable source for Irish ancestral research. These court records are chock-full of fantastic information, and can offer a depiction of your ancestor that traditional Irish sources will not. In Ireland, the Petty Sessions dealt with the less serious civil and criminal matters. These court records contain complaints of wayward livestock, loose dogs, damaged crops, accusations of minor assault, and public drunkenness. The Petty Sessions Court Registers include a complainant, a defendant, a crime, and a judgment. Often, the townland of the complainant and the defendant were listed, too, making it easier to trace families.

But, primarily, these records are invaluable because they help to fill the void between when the Tithe Applotment Books were compiled and Griffith's Valuation was recorded. Some counties' Petty Sessions records even include the *crucial time period before and after the Irish Potato Famine*. Petty Sessions records can be ordered from the Family History Library, and many have been digitized and are available on Findmypast.com

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More than 40,000 digital genealogy books are now fully searchable and downloadable for free at this website. These search results are from genealogy books ONLY!

www.gengophers.com/#/

NEW YORK STATE CIVIL WAR RECORDS

Here is the link to the New York State Archives web page for searching and ordering records of men that served in the Civil War from New York State. You can search by name or by unit. The cost is very reasonable ...only \$3.00! I just sent for my great uncle's records!

http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/research/res_topics_mi_civilwar_dbintro.shtml

WORLD WAR II ENLISTMENT RECORDS

One great resource available from the U.S. National Archives is the World War II Enlistment Records. These records have been transcribed and made available at this website, and are especially valuable as many of the personnel papers of these soldiers and sailors were later destroyed in a fire.

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

FUN AT THE MAY MEETING...



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THE FOOD!**



WEBSITES TO VISIT

- ANCESTRY ACADEMY
<https://academy.ancestry.com/academy>
- RESEARCH COMMUNITIES ON FACEBOOK
https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Join_a_Facebook_Research_Community

OFFICERS FOR 2015

**Hard work pays off in the future.
Laziness pays off now.**

NEW AT HERITAGE QUEST (Available free through Tuolumne County Library or by subscription)

For those of you who haven't been on Heritage Quest online at the Tuolumne County Library website recently, you should check it out. They have revamped the page recently. The census, books, Revolutionary War Pension files, Freedman's bank records, Persi, U.S. Serial set are still available. New items include the following:

- Research Aids-help to jump start your research
- Maps-search and state and see how the counties changed during the census years
- City Directories-a collection of directories from 1821-1989. All states are included but Alaska.
- 1850 slave schedules
- U.S. Indian census rolls from 1885-1940
- Mortality schedules from 1850-1885
- Agriculture & Industrial schedules from 1850-1880
- 1890 Veterans Schedules

To access these records go to www.tuolcolib.org on the left side of the page click on online databases, on the next page click on Heritage Quest Online. You will need to enter your Tuolumne County Library card number on the back of your card. It will allow you to search the site for free. If you don't have a card go to any Tuolumne County Library branch, present proof of your address and your card will be issued for free.

While you are on the online database check out the other free sites: Magazines 1000 titles of magazine articles you can read. Some of them will read the articles to you. World Book encyclopedia-there are different levels of books for kids and adults. Student Research Center Gold-research for everyone including kids in books, magazines and other sources. There is a kids bit section for younger children. Also in this section is a Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module-medical information including a drug and herbal remedy. Under directories you can find a foundation for an illness you may have.

Also if you click on Tuolumne County Library account on the home page, it will take you to the page to search for a book in the library system. If you can't find what you are looking for at the top of the page click on the other California library tab. It will take you to a search page and from there you can submit an interlibrary loan to order the book. At the top of the page click on the ILL icon, fill out the form and hit the submit button.

The library also has E-books you can download.

So check it all out, you might just break down that brick wall.

Joan Ritty

CEMETERY SEARCHING IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Providence has provided a database for searching eight cemeteries located throughout the diocese. Check this out....

www.diocesepvdcemeteries.org/

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

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

NEW MEMBERS:

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

MEETINGS

COMPUTER TECH GROUP

Explore problem areas dealing with computers and genealogy. Bring your questions and we will discuss them and try to find solutions. We are **not discussing your genealogy** problems...just those relating to the computer!

We meet in the same room and same day as the regular genealogy meeting but **only on the ODD months**. Meeting time is 12:00pm,
Bring a lunch or snack if you like....

Call Judy Herring for information 533-8996

Next Meeting

July 13

Next Meeting

June 8

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

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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 8, 2pm ←

Public Library

Conference Room

- BOARD MEETING

June 15, 9:30am

Papa's New Roost

JULY

- GENERAL MEETING

July 13, 7pm ←

Public Library

Conference Room

- BOARD MEETING

July 20, 9:30 A.M.

Papa's New Roost

Label Language

(Dues Reminder)

Take a look at your Gold Digger label. If your name is in red and you see either "4/15" or "5/15 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!

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

- TUOLUMNE COUNTY LIBRARY

480 Greenley Rd.

Sonora 209 533-5507

Hours— Tuesday - Saturday

10 AM to 6 PM

Closed: Sunday, Monday

& Holidays

- COLUMBIA STATE PARK ARCHIVES

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2nd Sat. of month 12-2pm



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

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- 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.

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

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Omaha Petitions, Name Index to Petitions ca. 1867-1991

The National Archives at Kansas City has an online database of names of those that filed for Naturalization in the Omaha, Nebraska, U.S. District Court, 1868-1991.

Copies may be ordered through the National Archives at this website.

<http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/omaha-naturalization.html>

**FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE ANCESTORS FROM ATLANTA,
GEORGIA.....**

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta has provided on it's website links to five cemetery databases . You will find indexed information on those buried there

www.archatl.com/offices/cemeteries/

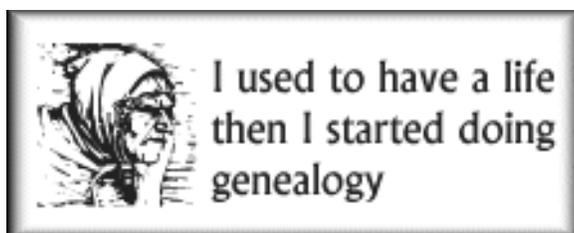
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