



GOLD DIGGERS

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FEBRUARY 12, 2018 ~ 2:00 PM

Tuolumne County Library ~ Conference Room

Stories from the Heart

A TRUE
love story
NEVER ENDS

Members will share a love story about their family. This can be a funny story or a poignant one. Please include any item that will help "illustrate" your story ~ a letter, a piece of jewelry, an ornament. Your story may be about a sibling, a parent, a pet, a friend, or anyone else who has touched your heart.

FREE RAFFLE!
Win See's Candy for
your valentine!

(THE PROGRAM ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL WILL BE PRESENTED IN MARCH)

MARCH 12, 2018 ~ 2:00 PM

Tuolumne County Library ~ Conference Room

FAVORITE FREE GENEALOGY WEBSITES



Contact President Pat Perry (info@tcgen.org) by March 1 and let her know which FREE genealogy websites you have found to be beneficial. During the program, Pat will access these online sites and explain how to navigate each one to the best advantage.





President's Message by Pat Perry

As we begin the New Year, it is time to start planning for the TCGS board that will be sworn in on May 14th. At our January board meeting, Susan Strobe was appointed to chair the nominating committee, and Sylvia Roberts will be the co-chair. As per the bylaws, three people from the general membership will also serve on the committee.

In order to create more interest in serving on the Society's board, two Director at Large positions have been created. Unlike our regular board positions, these will have no specific duties. The only requirement is that the Director attends the board meetings, which are on the third Monday of each month, except December when we have no meeting. We are hoping that the people in these positions will enjoy serving on the board and will be willing to become an officer or director.

We developed a "1-2-3 plan" for these positions.

1. A Director at Large term will be for one year and may be extended for one additional year.
2. They will serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms.
3. Upon completion of the term, the person must wait three years before serving again as a Director at Large. Any Director or Officer, after leaving office, must also wait three years prior to serving as a Director at Large.

Anyone interested in serving on the new board should contact Susan or Sylvia. If you are contacted by the nominating committee, I hope you will seriously consider serving on the Society's board. We are very fortunate that we have been able to have dedicated board members who have been a real asset to the Society. With that being said, we really do need for some new people to join the board as some of our positions become open. Please say yes when called!

~ Pat

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

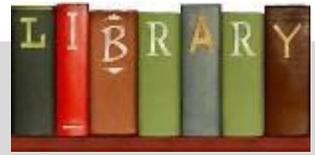
This is the website for the Family History Library Classes and Webinars page, where you will find a list of all the class schedules as well as webinars that will be taught. A webinar is a class that is broadcast over the Internet and anyone interested can attend. All class times are scheduled in Mountain Time. Past webinars and handouts are also available. An excellent opportunity to learn from the comfort of your own home!

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

APRIL ~ Susan Strobe will continue exploring what it was like "back in the day." Using a PowerPoint presentation, Susan will highlight the differences in these two interesting decades and how they have affected our lives.

MAY ~ Annual Meeting and Potluck

JUNE ~ Family History Center ~ Jim Robinson will give us an update on what is available for your research projects at the Family History Center at the LDS church.



The Library Corner by Kristine Childres

In the "*History of Carter's Cemetery*," it says that the first burial was that of an eight-day-old baby, Silas, son of William Gibbs and his wife Mary Frances (Summers) Gibbs. The year was 1860. According to the history, William carried the baby in a little box on his shoulder up the hill to the west side of Summersville. Mary Frances watched from a window and when William came to the right place, Mary Frances waved her dishtowel as a signal for him to stop. This was the beginning of Carter's Cemetery.

In the 1990s, Joyce Crawford, a member of our society, took on a huge project. She and her husband Bill Crawford surveyed Carter's Cemetery in Tuolumne. Joyce filled out a cemetery research form for each headstone or family plot and also took pictures of many of the gravestones. She perused many records, including burial transfers, obituaries, memorial cards, people's memories, and anything else that would give her clues as to who was buried in the cemetery. Joyce even found time to do some genealogy on several of the families. Due to her tenacity and determination, she was able to find over 2,000 graves. All this information was put into seven 2 ½" binders.

By 2010, Joyce had to give up the project she loved due to ill health. In March 2011, Joyce died leaving her project to her dear friend and neighbor, Brenda Hix. She made Brenda promise to finish this important project.

Brenda took on this important, time consuming project. She has scanned all the binders and entered them into a date searchable database. In December 2017, Brenda fulfilled her promise to her friend Joyce when she gave the binders to the Carter's Cemetery Board and a flash-drive to the Tuolumne County Genealogy Society. This database can be accessed at our library.

Thank you to Brenda and to Joyce for the work you have done. I am sure Joyce would be very pleased.

This month's featured books in our library at the museum are for those of you who are searching land deeds or other legal documents for your family history. "*Black's Law Dictionary: Definitions of the Terms and Phrases of American and English Jurisprudence, Ancient and Modern*", by Henry Campbell Black, M. A.; also, "*Webster's New Geographical Dictionary*." The dictionary has currently over 54,000 alphabetically arranged entries of mountains, lakes, towns, and countries. It includes almost all places in the United States with a population greater than 2,500. Come and take a look!

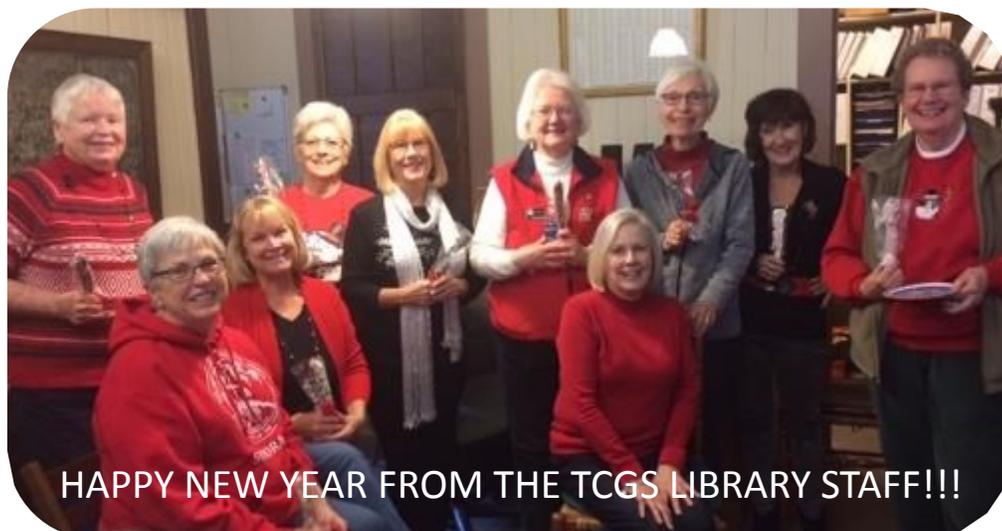
Queries for the months of November through December:

Wight

Boquist, Nelson

For those of you who haven't been to the Publishing, Irish or Tech/DNA meetings which are held before our regular meeting, you are missing out. All of these meetings generate great conversations and an opportunity to learn. Please join us! You won't regret it.

~ Kristine



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE TCGS LIBRARY STAFF!!!

Condolences

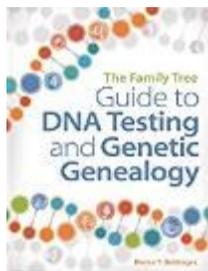
Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to TCGS members

Nita Gaiser on the recent passing of her husband, Bill, and daughter, Sheila Maree Gaiser Edwards, and to

Dana and Monty Youngborg, on the passing of their granddaughter, Morgan Lindsay Abell Breaux.

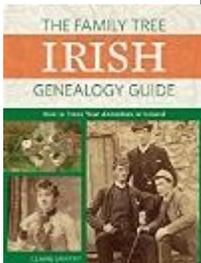
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP "TEXTBOOKS"

The combination Computer Tech/DNA SIG is using *The Family Tree*



Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy, by Blaine Bettinger, for the study of DNA issues.

The book the Irish SIG is using is *The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide ~ How to Trace Your Ancestors In Ireland*, by Claire Santry.



Both books are available at Amazon.com. Remember to use AmazonSmile when ordering!

MINNESOTA DIGITAL NEWSPAPER HUB

<http://www.mnhs.org/newspapers/hub>

The Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub is a searchable website from the Minnesota Historical Society that makes hundreds of thousands of pages of Minnesota newspapers available online. The Hub contains geographically and culturally diverse newspapers published between 1856 and today. Due to copyright law, most newspapers published after 1922 can only be accessed from the Gale Family Library at the Minnesota History Center.

Genealogy is all about chasing your own tale.

AZOREAN GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS Escalon, CA

March 20, 2018 ~ 9 am to 1 pm

History, settlement, geography, genealogy sources, church records, applications to priesthood, marriage dispensations, orphans' inventory, genealogy manuscripts.

March 20, 2018 ~ 2 pm to 6 pm

Birth records

March 21, 2018 ~ 9 am to 1 pm

Marriage records

March 21, 2018 ~ 2 pm to 5 pm

Death records

Each workshop has a cost of \$40.

For further information and registration, please contact:

Joao Ventura
hero199@yahoo.com

If at first you don't succeed,
search, search again.
That is why we call it
re-search!

DO YOU HAVE ANCESTORS IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY? DO YOU BELONG TO FACEBOOK?

There are two Facebook groups you may want to join ~ *Tuolumne County Memories* and *You Know You Grew Up in Tuolumne County* When . . .

Tuolumne County Memories
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1703660839951408/>)

is a place to share/request stories and photos about the families of Tuolumne County. The curator of the Tuolumne County Museum has access to hundreds of photos of local people and memorable destination spots in Tuolumne County. New photos are posted almost daily!

The *You Know You Grew Up* page
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/146369695445584/>)

is a spot for posting (and reading) stories of the adventures of growing up in the Gold Country.

You may find some interesting family photos and family history in one or both of these groups!

facebook

IN MEMORY OF HELEN REIBIN



Helen Reibin passed away December 23, 2017. Helen enjoyed reading, crocheting, gardening, and genealogy. She joined TCGS in 1983 ~ a member for 34 years! Our sincere condolences to Helen's family.



In which state/country/area are you searching for your ancestors? Let me know, and I'll keep an eye out for new databases and sources of information for areas that may help with your research.
pdbolles@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING CALAVERAS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Meetings are held at the Calaveras County Public Library , 1299 Gold Hunter Road (off Mountain Ranch Road) in San Andreas at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, unless noted otherwise. They are open to the public. Each meeting has a short business meeting, followed by either a guest speaker or a group sharing topic, and time for announcements, success stories and brick wall breakthroughs. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meet from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the same conference room.

February 12, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ *Create Gifts and Holiday Décor with your Family Research*, by Wendy Black
Technology for Genealogy & Brick Wall Busters SIG ~ 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

March 6, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ *Easy-Peasy Sourcing*, by Richard Rands
Writers' SIG ~ 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

April 14, 2018 ~ *Spring Seminar*, featuring Kathryn Marshall ~ Topic to be determined



SHARING FAMILY TREASURES ~
JANUARY 8, 2018

MORE **FREE** GENEALOGY WEBSITES

Immigrant Ancestors Project: http://immigrants.byu.edu/main_page ~ *Emigration registers for locating birthplaces of immigrants in their native countries*

Daughters of the American Revolution: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy> ~ *Military service records and more*

JewishGen: <https://www.jewishgen.org/> ~ *Jewish ancestry research*

FreeCEN: <https://www.freecen.org.uk/cgi/search.pl> ~ *Transcribed census records from the UK*

Access Genealogy: <https://www.accessgenealogy.com/> ~ *Vast family history directories and more, good Native American resources*

British Library, India Office: <http://indiafamily.bl.uk/UI/> ~ *Records on British and European people in India pre-1950*

Guild of One-Name Studies: <http://one-name.org/> ~ *Extensive surname research site*

Geneabloggers: <https://www.geneabloggers.com/> ~ *Massive directory of genealogy related blogs with a huge amount of free information*

NativeWeb Genealogy: http://www.nativeweb.org/resources/genealogy_tracing_roots/ ~ *List of Native American genealogy resources and searchable databases*

Viximus: <http://www.viximus.com/> ~ *Submitted biographical information*

Credit: Family History Daily

WIKIPEDIA: LIST OF ONLINE NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

Wikipedia:List of online newspaper archives

This is a list of online newspaper archives and some magazines and journals, including both free and pay wall blocked digital archives. Most are scanned from microfilm into pdf, gif, or similar graphic formats and many of the graphic archives have been indexed into searchable text databases utilizing optical character recognition (OCR) technology. Older newspapers are still in image format, and newer newspapers are available as full text that can be cut and pasted.

ARE YOU A GOOD ANCESTOR?

A good ancestor keeps certificates including birth and death certificates; records including health, military, naturalization, and school; passports; newspaper and church notices; awards; photos; art and craft work; journals; Bibles; diaries; baby, school and wedding books; heirlooms.

He or she dates correspondence, cares for tombstones, keeps research organized, writes or tapes the family stories, and supports family organizations.

A good ancestor dates everything, is sure that full names are included, records where material may be found and always sees that at least one other copy of important data is somewhere else.

A hundred years from now, will they think you were a good ancestor?

Celebrating at our Christmas Brunch

December 9, 2017



With special thanks to Judy Herring for organizing this year's event at Sonora Hills ~ delicious food, fabulous prizes, and fun entertainment ~ Christmas carols led by Judy and Judi!



Save the Date ~ JCGS Christmas Brunch 2018 ~ December 8!

NEW AT ANCESTRY.COM

Montana, Divorce Records, 1943 to 1986 ~ <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61477>

Montana, Marriage Records, 1943 to 1986 ~ <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61478>

Montana, County Marriages, 1865 to 1987 ~ <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61578>

Idaho, County Marriages, 1863 to 1967 ~ <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61480>

Idaho, County Birth and Death Records, 1863 to 1967 ~ <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61443>

New York, New York, Voter List, 1924 ~ <https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61536>

NEW OR UPDATED AT FAMILY SEARCH

Illinois Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2334599?collectionNameFilter=false>

Name index and images of mortality schedules from Illinois, 1850-1880. Mortality Schedules were created in conjunction with the US Federal Census and list people who died in the year preceding the census. Mortality schedules were first included in the 1850 census. These include lists of people who died Jun 1849 - May 1850, Jun 1859 - May 1860, Jun 1869 - May 1870, and Jun 1879 - May 1880.

Australia, South Australia, Immigrants Ship Papers, 1849-1940 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2613135?collectionNameFilter=false>

Immigrants ship papers containing a record of births and deaths aboard, 1849-1867 and 1873-1885. Indexed records in collection include passenger lists arriving and departing from South Australia. Information on images varies but may include ship's name, master's name, tonnage, where bound, date, port of embarkation, names of passengers, ages, occupation, nationality, and port at which passengers have contracted to land. Original records in the State Records of South Australia, Adelaide.

Rhode Island, Vital Records, 1846-1898, 1901-1953 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1935767>

Certificates and registers of births, 1846-1898, 1901-1903, marriages 1901-1903 and deaths, 1901-1953 acquired from the State Archives in Providence.

HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. TO SPEAK AT ROOTSTECH ON MARCH 3, 2018

Henry Louis "Skip" Gates Jr. is an American literary critic, teacher, historian, filmmaker and public intellectual who currently serves as the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University. Of interest to genealogists, Professor Gates also is the host of the popular television program, *Finding Your Roots*, now in its fourth season as a genealogy program on PBS. The RootsTech organizers have now announced that Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will be sharing his experiences as the RootsTech keynote speaker on March 3.

RootsTech in Salt Lake City is the largest genealogy conference in the world. Not only does it feature world-class genealogists and DNA experts as speakers, RootsTech also offers many presentations on genealogy basics and advanced topics, photography (especially preservation of photographs), DNA, organizing your research findings, research tools, collecting meaningful family stories, and much more. Also, the RootsTech Expo Hall features hundreds of vendors and will show you what's up and coming in the family history industry.

You can read more about all the events at RootsTech at <http://www.rootstech.org>.



FEBRUARY 2018

GENERAL MEETING

February 12, 2018 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Sonora Public Library
Conference Room

BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Papa's New Roost

MARCH 2018

GENERAL MEETING

March 12, 2018 ~ 2 p.m.
Sonora Public Library
Conference Room

BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Papa's New Roost

Come to the general meetings 30 minutes early if you need assistance with your genealogy. Helpers will be available to point you in the right direction.

You Are Invited...To Attend Our Board Meetings!

The Board meets at 9:30 a.m. on the third Monday of each month (except December). Board meetings are open to all members. Come early and enjoy breakfast at Papa's New Roost!

Gold Diggers now available on the TCGS website!

If you would like to see our newsletter in LIVING COLOR, go to tcgen.org, and click on "Library—'Gold Diggers' newsletter."

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Prior to the regular monthly meeting in the Conference Room of the Sonora Public Library.

IRISH RESEARCH



Learn and share tips for doing research on your Irish ancestors. Meets every month (except May and December) at 10:00 AM.

Contact: Marilyn Fullam ~
588-9873 or anchntr@mlode.com

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2018 ~ 10:00 AM

Topic: Griffith's Valuation of Ireland
Read Chapter 10 ~ Land and Property Records ~ of
The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide.

WRITERS' GROUP

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



Meeting months: February, April, June, August, October. No meeting in December.

Contacts: Pat Perry ~ 586-3214
Marilyn Fullam ~ 588-9873

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2018 ~ 12:00 PM

COMPUTER TECH / DNA GROUP

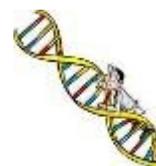


Explore problem areas dealing with computers and genealogy as well as DNA-related issues from *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*. Bring your questions relating to the computer and to DNA, and we will discuss them and try to find solutions.

Meeting months: January, March, July, September, November.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2018 ~ 12:00 PM

Topic: Chapter 2 of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*
"Common Misconceptions"



WHERE TO DO GENEALOGY RESEARCH LOCALLY

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

LDS Church
19481 Hillsdale Drive
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ (209) 536-9206
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

158 W. Bradford Street
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ (209) 532-1317
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday ~ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday ~ 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Email: info@tcgen.org
Website: www.tcgen.org

TUOLUMNE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

158 Bradford Street
Sonora, CA 95370 (behind the museum)
(209) 532-4227

TUOLUMNE COUNTY LIBRARY

480 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ (209) 533-5507
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed: Sunday, Monday, and Holidays

CARLO DE FERRARI ARCHIVES

480 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370 (behind the library)
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 to 4 p.m.

By appointment only

COLUMBIA STATE PARK ARCHIVES

11255 Jackson Street
Columbia, CA 95310
Open Tuesday 12 to 3 p.m.,
Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2nd Saturday of month 12 to 2 p.m.
Sherrin Grout (209) 532-8673
sherrin@mlode.com

Must call for an appointment

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES



Save Mart partners with eScrip to manage its S.H.A.R.E.S. charitable giving program. Up to 3% of your eligible purchases is given to TCGS when you sign up for eScrip at www.escrip.com/shares.

eScrip Rewards to TCGS last year: \$1,252.05

When you shop on Amazon, the  AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to TCGS when you sign up and shop through AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com).

Amazon.Smile donations to TCGS last year: \$140.79

Visit tcgen.org for more information and instructions for signing up for these fundraising opportunities!

Thank you to all who participated in the
TCGS 2017 See's Candy Sales!

With YOUR help, TCGS realized a profit of **\$819.89**, which can be used to purchase books, subscriptions, and equipment for genealogy research at the museum library.

Membership rosters are available at the museum or by email to info@tcgen.org. If your information in the roster is not correct, please call Betty Sparagna at 532-1317 or email her at info@tcgen.org.

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

When our hearts turn to
our ancestors, something
changes inside us. We feel
part of something greater
than ourselves. -Russell M. Nelson



DEADLINE FOR APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 21, 2018

Tuolumne County Genealogical Society

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

LIBRARY: 158 Bradford Street, Sonora

www.tcgen.org - info@tcgen.org

Membership Application

New Membership Renewal Reinstatement

Name _____

(Please include member's maiden name if applicable)

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip + 4, Country _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Email Address _____

Please **select a membership level** for which you are including a check. Your membership begins when your application has been processed.

Individual \$20 Yearly Patron \$50 Yearly

Family \$28 Yearly Lifetime \$300

Donation \$ _____

If your mailing label is **RED**, payment is due.

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

For New Members:

In the interest of providing better programs for our membership, please tell us something about yourself. Are you just getting started in genealogy? Do you have ancestors in Tuolumne County? What family names are you researching? This is entirely optional.

Make check payable to TCGS and mail with application to TCGS, PO Box 3956, Sonora, CA 95370. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

DUES ARE PAYABLE ON ANNIVERSARY DATE OF APPLICATION

I hereby acknowledge and consent that, unless otherwise copyrighted or instructed, any family histories, biographies, or other materials that I donate to the TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, including the above information, may be published in the Society quarterly, newsletter, or other publications, and may be used in exchange with other Societies and/or in the Society's library. All materials donated to the Society become the property of the Society and the donor acknowledges that they will not be returned.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Tuolumne County Genealogical Society
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Sonora, CA 95370-3956

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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