



GOLD DIGGERS

Tuolumne County Genealogical Society

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General meetings held each month (except December) at the
Tuolumne County Library Conference Room, 480 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA.

THE FAMILY HISTORY GUIDE ~ PRESENTED BY KRISTINE CHILDRES

JUNE 8, 2020 ~ 2:00 P.M. (RE-SCHEDULED FROM APRIL 13)



The Family History Guide is a free website that represents a best-in-class learning environment for family history. Its scope is broad, but its focus is narrow enough to help you achieve your goals, step by step. Whether you're brand new to family history or a seasoned researcher ~ or somewhere in between ~ The Family History Guide can be your difference maker.

~ From the Introduction to The Family History Guide

DNA TEST

THE LIFE OF A MEXICAN WHO TURNED WELSH IN ONE DAY ~ PRESENTED BY JUSTIN FLORES ~ JULY 13, 2020 ~ 2:00 P.M.

His interest piqued by a niece who had her DNA tested, Justin Flores decided to pursue DNA testing for himself. Justin knows what it must be like to have amnesia! Since receiving his test results in April 2019, he awakens each day with the reality that he has a family of which he had no memory. Discovering them and getting to know them and the love with which they have blessed him has been, according to Justin, one crazy ride.

You may remember Justin from his years as the radio personality of "Justin in the Morning" on Star 92.7. More recently, he has served as Assisting Pastor at Calvary Chapel Sonora. Just this last fall, Justin was the "Master of Cemeteries" at the Tuolumne County Historical Society's program *When Shadows Whisper*.

Join us as Justin shares his story of discovering the family and heritage he never knew he had.



President's Message by Phil VanSwoll

Where do we go from here? Pretty hard to get a handle on that, isn't it? So much is up in the air, and the government changes its mind on what to do at least a couple of times a day, so it is no easy matter to figure out what is really going on. As long as the death rate stays up where it is, and the number of new positive infections continue at their current pace, I personally don't have a problem staying home and avoiding large groups. Unfortunately, that means no TCGS meetings for the foreseeable future.

At least I have had a chance to catch up on my genealogy research, and I now have more than 13,500 people in my Ancestry tree! I have spoken with several of you who are doing the same thing. Hopefully when we can get together again, there will be lots of great new stories to tell!

Remember – we are here for you! If you have a question, or a problem with your research you can't resolve on your own, don't hesitate to ask any of your board members for assistance. If we don't know the answer, we will do everything we can to find someone who does.

Phil E. VanSwoll

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING
MONTHLY MEETINGS, ANNUAL SEMINAR,
MUSEUM LIBRARY AND FAMILY HISTORY CENTER HOURS,
VISIT <http://tcgen.org/> .**

TCGS BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

On May 9, 2020, TCGS began an unprecedented email election in which members were asked to vote on the slate of officers and an amendment to the Society's bylaws regarding the Treasurer's duties. The deadline to vote was May 16. The list on the last page of this newsletter contains the names of those newly elected, as well as those who have agreed to remain in their positions. The changes to the Bylaws were approved by the members who participated in the election. Thank you for participating in our first email Board election!

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

AUGUST ~

SEPTEMBER ~

OCTOBER ~

NOVEMBER ~

DECEMBER ~

JANUARY ~

FEBRUARY ~

APRIL ~

MAY ~

JUNE ~

TO BE DETERMINED . . .

The Library Corner by Kristine Childres



Usually, I tell you to come down and see the books in our library at the museum. Usually, I tell you what our library staff has been doing for our society. There is nothing usual about this time in our lives so this will be an unusual Library Corner. This is our library staff on quarantine, house arrest, grounded or locked up, as my 95-year-old aunt calls it.

Brenda Hix - just finished researching the four husbands of her grandmother. She has also completed a beautiful Christmas panel with gorgeous beading on it; needs only binding left to do, which will happen when the fabric store opens. Brenda and Michelle Tuttle have been working on and exchanging jigsaw puzzles, some of which look quite difficult to me.

Pixie Bolles - has been spring cleaning, "going to" an exercise class in her living room, following the rules and staying home. She has been sewing our new fashion statement, too, the COVID-19 masks. She also keeps the board up on when we will be able to have our general meetings and our board meetings.

Lori East - has been working on the following projects: "When the weather was bad, I re-organized and cleaned my office, went through hundreds of family photos, and organized them in boxes by year. I don't have any puzzles, so I brought out my son's Legos and built a castle - my grandson was impressed! Now that the weather is beautiful, Everett and I are working on projects in the yard, getting it ready for family bar-b-ques. I have truly missed my family and friends but feel great about working on projects I never have time for."

Judi Lewis - "I tackled the loose paper in my office. I had at least three 12"-18" stacks to tackle. These were accumulated from previous Salt Lake City trips - going back to the year 2000 - and various printouts that I would toss to look at later. It became overwhelming, so I never touched it. Soooo, I took it on. First, I sorted by surname, and then I took one piece of paper at a time. I studied it and either accepted it or rejected it. If I accepted it, I would scan and then throw the document away. I only kept original documents. I'm down to a 2" stack - hardly a stack at all. Most of that is the original documents that I need to put away into binders for the family. Next - weed through the binders."

Susan Strope - is enjoying her time at home. She finally has the time to work on her own family. She feels it is really important to organize her research so her family can understand all the information that she has accumulated.

Lynne Storm - has been spring cleaning and working in her garden. She has been binding the Quilts of Honor. Two days after Lynne's birthday in March, she celebrated the first birthday of her great grandbaby.

Betty Sparagna - "What have I been doing during this time of distancing? Well it might have something to do with the early hoarding of TP, flour, and eggs. Or, it could have been because Easter was just around the corner. Regardless, we now have a backyard flock of chickens (pullets for those in the know). We have thirteen "girls," unless a rooster surprises us. Each one with her own name, compliments of my granddaughter. With the help of my *Beginner's Guide to Raising Chickens*, I now know any number of things that I had no idea about before this pandemic. I hope to have eggs long after the "new normal" becomes "normal" again."

Dee Bauman - "I have not really had time to read anything. Taking care of my mom has, of course, been my main concern. (*For those of you who don't know, Dee's mother is extremely ill*). I can attest to the fact that my house has not been this clean in a long time. About the only thing I did have time to do was paint my kitchen. Now the rest of the house looks shabby. I have not even had time to work on genealogy."

Cheryl Maddox - "I have been busy painting the inside of my house, did two bedrooms, two bathrooms, dining room and kitchen. Also painted a hutch and bedroom furniture. I also got the vegetable garden all planted. Did not know if I could get plants so I planted seeds and they are doing great. Now working on the yard with flowers, etc."

Lin Gookin - "I decided to continue to prepare for Salt Lake, even though the trip was cancelled, so that I would be super ready next year. I have been researching my husband's maternal line, Prouty, trying to determine who came out on a wagon train. That is still elusive, but I have confirmed that "Grizzly" Adams was John's 3rd cousin 4 x removed which also relates him to John, John Quincy, and Samuel Adams. I am looking forward to other revelations. In addition to a little gardening, I have been reading voraciously - some fiction, but lots of non-fiction, especially biographies of founding fathers and presidents."

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Judy Herring – “Here is what I have been doing: My genealogy and working on friends’ genealogy also. Mine is much easier. . . who are these people? I signed up for a wonderful online course on *How to learn the Guitar . . .and have fun*. Love it!!! Sleeping too much! Don't love it.”

Pat Perry – “I haven't been working on my genealogy, but I haven't for some time. I have been starting to do research on World War II in Tuolumne County and have started writing an article on the Tuolumne County High School, the predecessor of Sonora High School.”

Cookie Boone - Has been spring cleaning and organizing. She found her Danish family in the 1861 census in Denmark. From this she was able to find out where they were born which is a big step. She also continues doing her work for the Historical Society.

Kristine - As for me, I have been finishing a cross-stitch, putting old photos of Dan's family into an album, and working in the garden. What has taken up most of my time is my book. I have finished the first chapter and working on re-writing with no mistakes. I find the technical part hard but fun at the same time. I have had a wonderful time speaking to these ladies and a few who are not on our library staff, people like Lorna Wick, Sylvia Roberts, Nancy Dorrien, Theresa Dyer, Phil VanSwoll, Sherry Blake and Brenda Hix.

In conclusion, I want to share what I have learned about all the people I have been privileged to talk to. They are a resilient, busy, strong, and cheerful group. Perhaps it is our age or our curiosity, but we are all moving forward day by day. I am sure we all have a moment when we want to change what is happening to us, to our world, but no one complained.

I am proud of our society members as a whole and proud to know all of you! I also miss every one of our members. I am sending an air hug as I probably will never be able to hug anyone again.

~ Kristine

RECLAIM THE RECORDS WINS LONG-RUNNING LAWSUIT FOR MISSOURI BIRTH INDEX AND DEATH INDEX

Reclaim the Records wanted to get a copy of the Missouri state birth index and death index, which seemed to be expressly allowed by Missouri’s law. But the state first tried to charge Reclaim the Records \$1.5 million for the data. When that price was successfully argued down, the state abruptly denied the request entirely.

Reclaim the Records went on to win all the records for the public, their attorneys’ fees, and multiple fines. Reclaim the Records is going to put all the data online for free use so it can never be locked up or withheld from the public again.

To read about this interesting and successful case, follow this link:

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/7/>.



**TCGS CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 12, 2020
Peppery Gar and Brill**



THE SACRAMENTO BEE HAS BEEN ADDED TO NEWSPAPERS.COM

On April 22, 2020, Newspapers.com announced that they are adding *The Sacramento Bee* to their archives. *The Bee* is the longest-running newspaper in Sacramento’s history. If you have ancestors from the Sacramento area, *The Bee* is a great place to search for things like obituaries, birth announcements, wedding announcements and death notices. The social pages also tracked news from communities like Napa and Chico.

Start searching *The Sacramento Bee* archives today on Newspapers.com.

~ from Fishwrap, April 22, 2020

Dianne DeCamp Carpenter ~ 1956 ~ 2020

On April 14, 2020, we were shocked and deeply saddened to learn that Dianne DeCamp Carpenter had passed away at Adventist Health Sonora. Di worked for the County of Tuolumne for many years and regularly went on the TCGS annual trip to Salt Lake City. She was planning to visit the Family History Library again this year before the trip was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Di loved researching her family history and making new discoveries on each trip to SLC. Following her retirement, when her health began to improve, she visited the TCGS library at the museum and had plans to join the library staff every week. Di had recently agreed to serve as the TCGS Secretary and we were all looking forward to having her on the Board of Directors. There was nothing Di loved more than her family, especially her adorable grandchildren. We will miss her smile, her laugh, her excitement at discovering new information on an ancestor, and her friendship. Our sincere condolences to Di's husband Ken, her children, and her entire family. As some of Di's Facebook friends described her ~



. . . no nonsense attitude toward solving problems . . . heart of gold . . . one of a kind with a heart and soul like no other . . . a light in my life . . . a pistol with a quick wit . . . can still hear her laugh . . . like another mom to me . . . great woman, wife, mother, grandmother, friend . . . awesome co-worker . . . sweet and funny spirit . . . one special lady . . . would do anything for those she cared for . . . amazing and beautiful person and friend . . . a beautiful soul . . . made the world a better place . . .
May she rest in peace and love.

NOMINATIONS FOR GODDESS

The popularity of the contest to select the Goddess of Liberty for Sonora's Fourth of July celebration met with general favor as evidenced by the fact that 41 candidates were nominated by the people, from almost every section of the county. The nominations thus far made are as follows:

Sonora: Miss Blanche Bogio, Miss Doris DeVoto, Miss Mary Neff, Miss Mary Sanguinetti, Miss Nina Rosasco, Miss Marion Brown, Miss Bemis Fitch, Miss Edna Holroyd, Miss Lizzie Moyle, Miss Anna Kroos, Miss Grace McMahon, Miss Helen Rowland, Miss Cora Willey, Mrs. Benetta Odgers, Miss Alice Fahey, Miss Martha Weston, Miss Madeline Geagan, Miss Alice Mundorf, Miss Ada Richards, Miss Helen Marsh, Miss Etta Cook, Miss Catherine Newman.

Columbia: Miss Sadie Washburn, Miss Mary Dondero, Miss Alice Petersen, Miss Gladys Hagemeyer.

Standard: Miss Louise Pease, Miss Myrtle Dambacher.

Soulsbyville: Miss Ina Rocca, Miss Gwendolyn Webster, Miss Ida Rocca.

Jamestown: Miss Annette Morris McArdle, Miss Pearl Morris, Miss Edna Rocca.

Tuolumne: Mrs. Rosalie Diamond, Miss Catherine Bigelow.

Groveland: Miss Martha Ryan, Mrs. Dorothy Sauve.

Algerine: Miss Minnie Rocca.

Nominations are still in order, but they will soon be closed. Hurry up and propose your favorite.

Commencing this Saturday Sonora business men will allow votes on purchases made in the contest, as follows:

Saturday: Sonora Cash Store, 50 votes with each \$1 purchase.

Monday: W. E. Burnham 10 votes with each ten cent purchase at fountain.

Wednesday: J. E. Baer 50 votes with each \$1 purchase.

Saturday: F. E. Ball 50 votes with each \$1 purchase.

Schedule of Votes
100 votes for 10 cents.

1500 votes for \$1.00
10,000 votes for \$5.00.
25000 votes for \$10.00.

Cash must accompany every vote coupon.

~ The Union Democrat, 5 Jun 1920

And the winner . . .

A follow-up article in *The Union Democrat* dated July 10, 1920 reported: "Sunday the parade consisted of Legion boys . . . members of the lodges of Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters . . . members of the Independent and Eureka fire companies, the old engine of Eureka Engine Co. No. 1, neatly decorated, a beautiful auto float containing Miss Helen Marsh as Goddess of Liberty, a few equestrians, flag bearers, with the Legion band of Stockton and the Soulsbyville band."



NEW INDEXED RECORDS ON FAMILY SEARCH

- American Samoa, Passports, 1919-1924 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3288464>
- Brazil, Bahia, Civil Registrations, 1877-1976 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3694028>
- California, Passenger Lists of Passengers Arriving at San Francisco from Insular Possessions, 1907-1911 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3477651>
- California, San Benito County Registrar, Burial Permits, 1911-1948 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3583824>
- California, San Francisco Crew Manifests, 1896-1921 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3477659>
- California, Sonoma County, Sebastopol, Evergreen Lawn Cemetery Burial Records, 1800-2010 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3583823>
- England, Death Record, 1998-2015 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3665073>
- Florida, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at St. Petersburg, Florida, 1926-1941 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2822770>
- Florida, Pensacola, Passenger lists of citizens and aliens arriving and departing at Pensacola, Florida, 1924-1948 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3346924>
- France, Insee Social Security Death Index, 1970-2019 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3658994>
- France, Paris, Marriage Records, 1860-1918 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3253164>
- Georgia, Savannah Passenger Lists, 1906-1945 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2492730>
- Georgia, Washington County, Federal Census, 1890 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3326880>
- Iowa, Marshall County, Marshalltown, Riverside Cemetery Burial Records, ca. 1800-ca. 1975 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3714665>
- Ireland, the Register of Derry Cathedral, 1642-1703 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3535097>
- Kansas, Crawford County, Frontenac, funeral home records, 1905-2014 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3282709>
- Louisiana, Orleans Parish Death Records and certificates, 1835-1954 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3559088>
- Massachusetts, Gloucester Passenger and Crew Lists, 1906-1943 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3477643>
- Massachusetts, Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, 1921-1949 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2526178>
- Mississippi, Death Certificate Index, 1912-1943 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3583821>
- New Jersey, Gloucester County, Clarksboro, Eglington Cemetery Records, 1880-1983 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3714669>
- New Jersey, Newark, Mount Olivet Cemetery Records, 1871-1984 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3733114>
- Pennsylvania, Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3512181>
- Tennessee, Davidson County, Death Records, 1900-1913 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3559087>
- Texas, Dallas County, Oakland Cemetery Interment Cards, 1891-1999 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3656813>
- United States, California, Certificates Surrendered at San Francisco from Aliens Previously At Honolulu, Hawaii, 1912-1946 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3338292>
- Utah, Brigham City family History Center, Obituary Collection, 1930-2015 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3657641>
- Vermont, Passenger Lists, 1895-1924 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3499160>
- Virginia, Southern Claims Commission Approved Claims, 1871-1880 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3491462>
- Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wanderer's Rest Cemetery Records, 1880-1979 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3326771>

NEW YORK MILITARY RECORDS

The New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center has a database that may interest you. This database is a World War II Honor List and contains 53,255 records of:

New York US Army and US Army Air Force ~
Dead and Missing

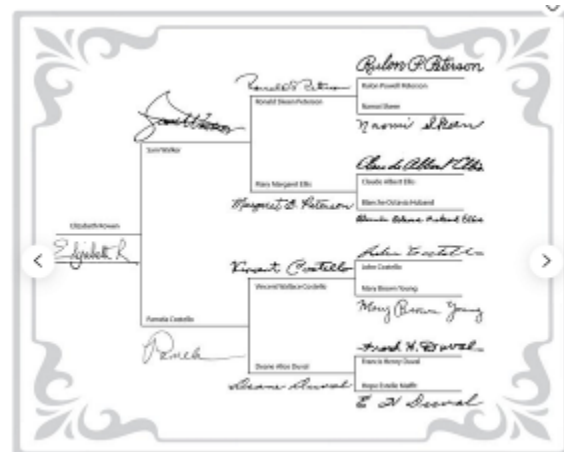
US Navy, US Marine Corps and US Coast Guard ~
Dead, Missing, POW and Wounded

<https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/wwii/HonorList/?srch=&l=m&f=last&o=asc>

~ from the German Genealogy Group via Kate Baum

CREATE A SIGNATURE PEDIGREE CHART

Did you know you can place your ancestors' signatures on a family tree and order a pedigree surname chart on Etsy? This is the one from nolasgoods (https://www.etsy.com/listing/660490444/the-signature-pedigree-family-history?ref=search_recently_viewed-1&frs=1) on Etsy (<https://www.etsy.com/>). This would be a great family history gift for genealogists and non-genealogists alike. The chart can be ordered with edited or nonedited signatures. When the pedigree is perfect, a full quality JPEG or PDF file will be emailed to you, which you can use to print as many charts as you need.



~ from Family Tree Magazine, May/June 2020

TCGS SEMINAR

October 10, 2020

Various Sessions on Your
Favorite Genealogy
Subjects

Watch for flyer and
registration form coming
soon!



BEGINNING GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Due to the Coronavirus, this workshop, originally scheduled for May 30, 2020, has been cancelled.



GENEALOGY LIBRARY DEMONSTRATIONS

The demonstrations planned for the Genealogy Library at the Tuolumne County Museum for June 11 and July 9 have been postponed until a later date.

DEATH RECORDS

This website is a directory of links to websites with online death indexes, listed by state and county. Included are death records, death certificate indexes, death notices and registers, obituaries, wills and probate records, and cemetery burials. You can also find information here about searching the Social Security Death Index online.

<https://www.deathindexes.com/>

WATCH PAST SESSIONS OF ROOTS TECH

<https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>

Check out the selection of various sessions that were presented at Rootstech in February 2020, including . . .
Research Plans, Source Citations, and Research Logs, Oh My!

What's New at Ancestry

Preserving the Fabric of our Families

German Research for the Everyday American

Unlocking the Power of the FamilySearch Wiki

DNA, Genealogy and Law Enforcement: All the Facts

Photos Capture the Story

Finding Your Elusive Female Ancestors

City Directories and Other New Collections at MyHeritage

Adding Branches to Your Family Tree Using DNA

Discover Your Family with Interviews and Sources

Tackling Difficult Chapters of Our Family History

The Story of YOU on FamilySearch

and many more!



RESEARCHING IN HERITAGE MUSEUMS

These tips will help you do your best genealogy research at a heritage museum:

- * Scan the museum website to understand its library holdings and geographic focus. The National Hispanic Cultural Center library in Albuquerque, NM, for example, is a great research destination for those with deep Southwest roots. It has more than 12,500 titles and an archive with rare books, photos, maps and manuscripts.
- * Search the online catalog (if there is one) for materials you'll want to use.
- * Call ahead to verify hours and any fees (including acceptable forms of payment). Ask about special services such as translation or research consultations. Make an appointment with research center staff if needed.
- * Check the museum's events calendar in case you want to time your visit for a family history workshop or cultural festival (such as Historic Huguenot Street's annual Gathering).
- * Find out about research room rules. For example, you may need to request materials ahead of time so they can be pulled for you, or use only pencils for note-taking.
- * School yourself in the basics of history and genealogy for the heritage group of interest (Family Tree Magazine heritage research guides can help). You won't have to spend as much of your visit getting up to speed.
- * Bring a pedigree chart with as much information as you know. Summarize what you've learned about immigrant relatives, even if all you have is stories. "If your family talks about your great-grandfather who always went to the river to catch fish, that can be a clue to a geographic area," says Karile Vaitikute of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago.
- * Bring good quality, full color copies or high resolution digital images of any records needing translation.
- * Consider becoming a museum member or making a donation, especially if the research center charges minimal fees. Send a thank you note to acknowledge help you received.
- * To find museums focusing on your family's heritage, search online for the country or ethnicity plus the words heritage, history or cultural and museum. Add the name of a city or town to narrow results to places in that area.

~ Diane Haddad, *GenealogyInsider*

STORIES OF INTEREST . . .

How Museums Will Eventually Tell the Story of COVID-19 ~ "Masks, ventilators, and Zoom recordings may one day be the artifacts of our time." ~ <https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/coronavirus-museum-collections>

Amid the Pandemic, a Family Learns Their Neighbors Are Their Long-Lost Relatives ~ During a "social distancing happy hour" outside in La Crescenta, California, two families learned that they had more in common than living on the same street. ~ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2020/04/24/amid-pandemic-family-learns-their-neighbors-are-their-long-lost-relatives/>

From Private Lives to Public Memory ~ This interview with historian Nancy K. Bristow describes how the 1918 pandemic affected Americans as a whole and offers some personal stories ~ <https://www.laphamsquarterly.org/roundtable/private-lives-public-memory>

~ *The Weekly Genealogist of the New England Historic Genealogical Society*

HAVE YOU BEEN RELUCTANT to volunteer to bring refreshments to a general meeting because you don't know what is involved? It's *EASY!* You only need to bring 1 to 2 dozen edible treats ~ cookies, mini-cupcakes, etc. You don't need to bring enough for everyone (three volunteers each bring 1 to 2 dozen of something). You don't need to provide beverages (TCGS takes care of that). You don't need to set up the table or clean up after the refreshment break (Susie and Genie will do a magnificent job with this). And you don't even need to know how to bake (you can drop by a bakery on your way to the meeting and pick up something there)!

So ~ when you hear the president say, "We need three people to bring refreshments to the next meeting" ~ please consider raising YOUR hand!!!





JUNE 2020

GENERAL MEETING

~~June 8, 2020 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~

~~Sonora Public Library~~

~~Conference Room~~

BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2020 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Papa's New Roost

JULY 2020

GENERAL MEETING

July 13, 2020 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Sonora Public Library

Conference Room

BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2020 ~ 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.



BOARD MEETING

After considerable discussion via emails on May 8, 2020, it was decided the TCGS Board would not meet in May. Hopefully, a Board meeting will be possible in June.

The Tuolumne County Library is currently temporarily closed until further notice. It is hoped the library will again be open in July and that the Community Meeting Room will again be available for the TCGS monthly general meetings.

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: July 13, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM

Topic: Chapter 13 of *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*

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.



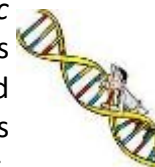
Contacts: Pat Perry ~ 586-3214

Marilyn Fullam ~ 588-9873

NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2020 ~ 12:00 PM

COMPUTER TECH / DNA GROUP

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



and we will discuss them and try to find solutions.



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

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2020 ~ 12:00 PM

Topic: TO BE DETERMINED

DEADLINE FOR
AUG/SEP NEWSLETTER
JULY 13, 2020

WHERE TO DO GENEALOGY RESEARCH LOCALLY

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

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

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 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Sherrin Grout (209) 532-8673
sherrin@mlode.com
Must call for an appointment

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES



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).

AmazonSmile donations to TCGS to date: \$485.20

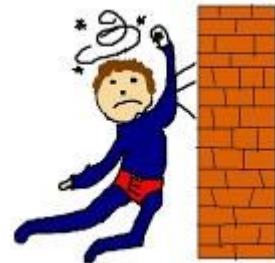
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