



GOLD DIGGERS

Tuolumne County Genealogical Society

Sonora, California

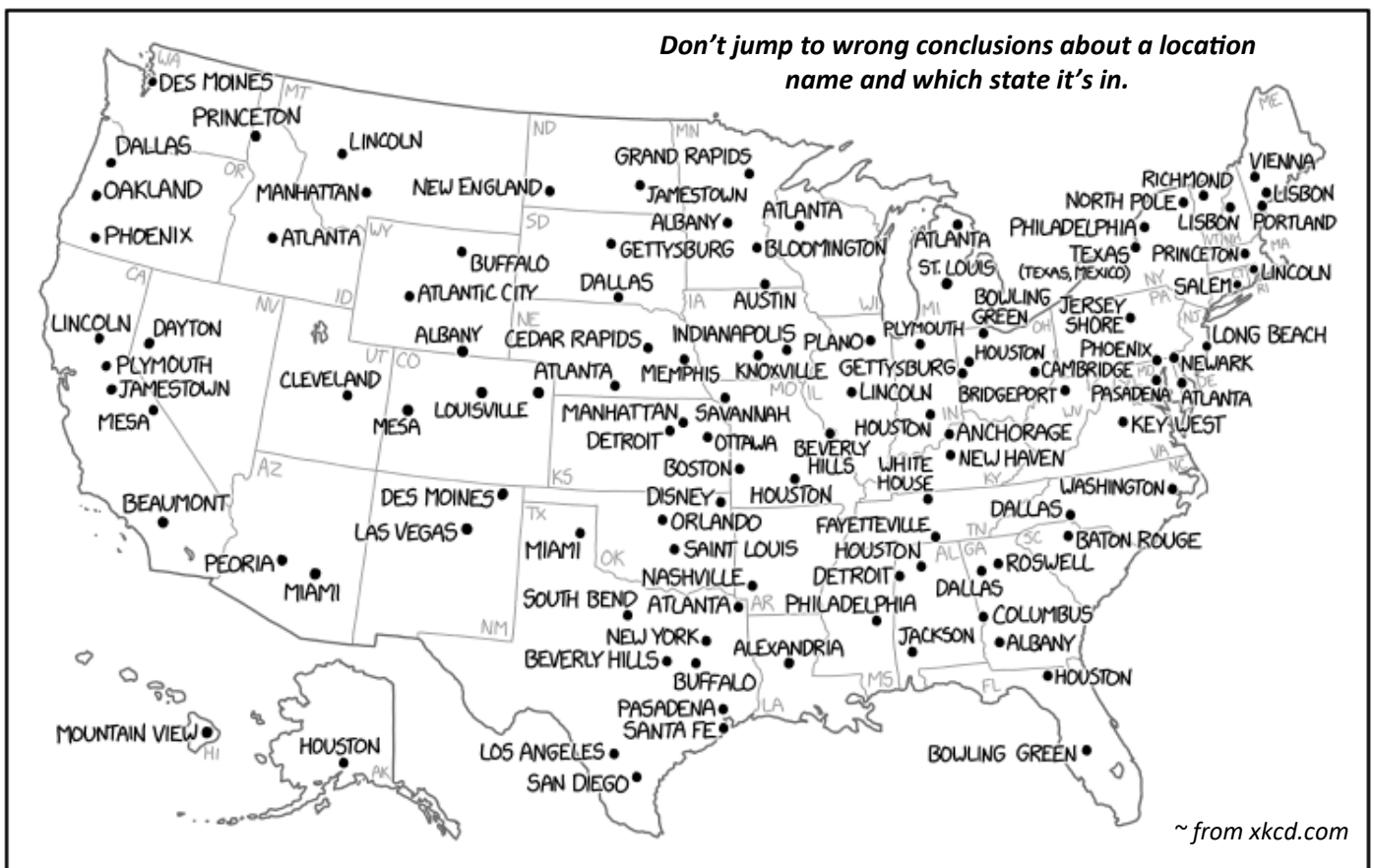
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General meetings held each month (except December) at the Tuolumne County Library Conference Room, 480 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA.

NO, THE OTHER ONE



From a letter by Malcolm Carden, President, Friends of the Tuolumne County Library

It looks like the Library Community Room, which many local groups, including TCGS, have used for meetings in the past will not be available until the beginning of 2022, partly because it is being used at present as a storage room for furniture and equipment belonging to the Recreation Department. There is also a rumor that the County Public Health Department will be using the far end of the Community Room as a Covid-19 testing and vaccination station until next November. If any of you are members of groups that have used the Community Room in the past, please pass this information on to your respective Boards. Perhaps if we get together and make a collective fuss about it, we might get some action taken. Also, please contact your County Supervisor if you want to take any of these matters further. Your support has been most effective in ungluing things in the past.



President's Message by Phil VanSwoll

I have at long last completed my big move from the hills of Columbia down to Sonora Hills (not really the same kind of hills!). A major change for us, but hopefully we will get used to it.

It is a little discouraging to learn that our community room at the library is not going to be available until possibly next year – if then. We will be talking about this at our next board meeting, so stay tuned – I don't think we will go down without a fight! Certainly seems like the county can make better use of their facilities than they have proposed in their current plans.

It doesn't help that new strains of Covid are raising their ugly heads and causing the hospitalization number to increase. It would appear we may be on the verge of new mask requirements and social distancing rules again. With that in mind, it is impossible to predict when we might all be able to meet in person again. Please know that your board will be discussing all these factors, with our main goal being the ability to get us all together as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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

The Family History Library ~ Unveiling the 2021 Remodel

Details about the Family History Library remodel can be found here:

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/family-history-library-2021-remodel/>

Traditional Irish Naming Patterns

For about two centuries (from the late 1700s through to the early to mid-1900s), the Irish favored a precise convention for naming their children that can suggest what names to look for in a previous generation. All that's needed is for one sibling in a family to have used this pattern with accuracy (even if one's own direct ancestor deviated a little).

Irish Naming Practice for Boys

- 1st son named after the paternal grandfather (his father's father)
- 2nd son after the maternal grandfather (his mother's father)
- 3rd son after his father
- 4th son after his eldest paternal uncle (his father's eldest brother) and so on in that order.

Irish Naming Practice for Girls (NOTE: This wasn't always followed as closely as it was for boys)

- 1st daughter named after the maternal grandmother (her mother's mother)
- 2nd daughter after the paternal grandmother (her father's mother)
- 3rd daughter after her mother
- 4th daughter after her mother's eldest sister and so on in that order.
- When remarried: the name of the deceased first wife was often given to the first-born daughter of the new wife.

The problem with relying too heavily on naming patterns (apart from the fact that not all families adhered to this naming custom) is that the pattern can be upset when:

- The parent and grandparent share the same name
- A child named after a grandparent/parent did not survive, it was common practice in the 19th century to reassign important family names to the next-born child
- A child was born sickly or dying (the name of the paternal grandfather might be "set aside" for a viable birth)
- A parish priest may have rejected an ancestral Gaelic name, insisting upon a saint's name instead. (At home, the parents often continued to call the child by the Gaelic name, but used the baptism name in official documents.)

~ from *Ireland XO Reaching Out*

The Library Corner by Kristine Childres



I have exciting news to share! The Family History Center at Salt Lake City opened for business on July 6. Our Sonora Family History Center will open Tuesday, August 3 starting out **by appointment only**. The portal will not be available until sometime in September. The portal is the numerous pay sites that we can use courtesy of the Family History Center: Ancestry, British newspapers, Newspapers.com, Find My Past, etc. Salt Lake is in the process of revamping the portal. What is available at our local Family History Center is the ability to get into the Salt Lake films that are restricted from being viewed at home. The restrictions are denoted by a key above the film icon. If you have not been to the FHC, there are films, microfiche, books and help with your research from knowledgeable volunteers. If you would like an appointment, please contact Jim Robinson at (209) 559-2943.

During the pandemic, I received a few calls from members wanting email addresses or phone numbers for other members they wanted or needed to contact. I enjoyed connecting with our members who called me. While chatting with them, I found that a couple did not know they could get a roster of TCGS members. Every member is entitled to a roster. All you need to do is email the library staff and make your request. A staff person will send you a PDF file of the roster that you can download at home.

Stay cool and fingers crossed we have no fires in the coming months.

Recent queries have been made to the library for the following surnames:

Curts * Aula * Worthington * Smith * Cox * Netherton

Although our library has been closed since March 2020, Library Director Lori East has been very busy answering surname queries that have been received during the pandemic. During the last 16 months, queries have been received for the following surnames, in addition to others already mentioned in previous editions of *Gold Diggers*:

Simonich * Doane * Reid * Gillen/English * Allen * Keil * McAllister * Reitz * Kestano/Restano * Hernandez

~ Kristine

Family Search Learning Center

There are more than 2,100 FREE lessons/webinars on this site for a huge variety of genealogical topics worldwide.

<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/learning-center?fbclid=IwAR1xZkOmp5JR7YXZ5CTjrVAri7MiyUp0-S0oJLWSsRCUhKnOjp6PSJ-dckU>

Or browse the list of classes on the Family Search Wiki page here:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes_in_the_Learning_Center?fbclid=IwAR0L5AW98Ad2pphv3b4oST2fRqOnYhMKDnOXBp_zYGwLfgiw1YG6jv1m1jA

Book Review: *Blood-Tied: The First Esme Quentin Mystery*



Blood-Tied is the first of four fiction novels with Esme Quentin as the central character. She bears an unknown past that gradually unravels, and she pursues genealogy.

~ from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*

<https://eogn.com/page-18080/10650849>

RootsTech Connect 2022

March 3 ~ 5, 2022

Completely virtual and **FREE**

Registration will open in September 2021.

Visit <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/>

and click on **Subscribe for Updates** to receive the RootsTech newsletter.

Some Fun and Interesting Articles

TCGS member **Nancy Dorrien** shared this link to an article about old time occupations:

<https://blog.newspapers.com/old-time-jobs/>

Why Isn't It Online?

Should all books of interest to genealogists, historians, and others with an interest in the books' contents be published electronically and copies placed online? Read Dick Eastman's opinion on this subject here:

<https://www.eogn.com.wildapricot.org/page-18080/10616719>

How to Add Emojis or Symbols to Your Family Tree on Ancestry or MyHeritage

This YouTube video will show you how to use emojis to mark your ancestors on Ancestry.com or MyHeritage.com. Using emojis can help to visualize different ancestral lines or to mark your brick walls in your family tree. This also helps alert others who are viewing your tree about warnings, notes, confirmations, or unverified ancestors.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9_ocvNurVI

Do You Have Ancestors Who Fought in the War of 1812?

This link will take you to a free 5-page handout of Thomas MacEntee's lecture *Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestors*. The handout provides an overview of the issues involved in the War of 1812 and the records available for research.

[https://genealogybargains.s3.amazonaws.com/HANDOUT+Researching+Your+War+of+1812+Ancestors.pdf?](https://genealogybargains.s3.amazonaws.com/HANDOUT+Researching+Your+War+of+1812+Ancestors.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0wJ5wTAZI8uVKI5e2I9hPhyDEFKBxi7cXxaIEcZMaV9EMKh0LJ1atWp3Y)

[fbclid=IwAR0wJ5wTAZI8uVKI5e2I9hPhyDEFKBxi7cXxaIEcZMaV9EMKh0LJ1atWp3Y](https://genealogybargains.s3.amazonaws.com/HANDOUT+Researching+Your+War+of+1812+Ancestors.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0wJ5wTAZI8uVKI5e2I9hPhyDEFKBxi7cXxaIEcZMaV9EMKh0LJ1atWp3Y)

Find My Past: Over 800,000 New Crime, Prisons and Punishment Records and Mugshots Available to Search

The largest searchable archive of British crime records available anywhere online.

<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/england-and-wales-crime-prisons-and-punishment-1770-1935>

Remember ~ Roots Tech Connect 2021 videos are still available at rootstech.org

Did you know *Ireland Reaching Out* has a YouTube channel? There are different playlists of Irish interest ~ from webinars, to Irish music, food, and movie favorites. Check back every so often for new video recommendations.



<https://www.youtube.com/Irelandxo>

TCGS member **Cookie Boone** shared the link to a new website she recently discovered ~ Your Irish Heritage. "This is the place where we talk about Your Irish Heritage in a very special way ~ looking at the historical surnames of Ireland, and the places and stories associated with them."

Sign up to receive a weekly letter from Ireland, read Irish family and heritage articles, listen to a podcast, see a new Irish Surname Update published every three months, and join a special members area ~ The Green Room.

<https://youririshheritage.com/new-here-2/>

Carroll County, Maryland Newspaper Database

Carroll County is located in northern Maryland. The Carroll County Public Library's newspaper database covered all available *Carroll County Times* issues from its inception in 1911 through 2019. Click "Search the Archive" to browse by year; search by keyword and decade or year; or perform an advanced search with additional parameters. The search results provide links to relevant issues, which are presented as PDF images of the pages. The newspaper database can also be browsed.

<https://cctimes.carr.org/default.asp>

~ from *The Weekly Genealogist* by American Ancestors

Church of Ireland Gazette Digital Archive Complete (1856 ~ 2010)

If you are researching Irish ancestors, you will undoubtedly want to look in a new online web source: the Church of Ireland Gazette Digital Archive Complete (1856-2010). Written and read by lay and clerical members and others, the Gazette provides the longest-running public commentary on the Church's affairs, and as such is recognized as a valuable primary source for understanding the complexities and nuance of Church of Ireland and indeed wider Protestant identity, as well as the church's contribution to political and cultural life north and south.

<http://churchofirelandhist.org/church-of-ireland-gazette-digital-archive-complete-1856-2010/>

~ from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*



NEW at My Heritage ~ PHOTO REPAIR

On May 26, 2021, MyHeritage announced the release of Photo Repair, a powerful new feature that automatically fixes scratches, tears, holes, stains, and other damage on historical photos. Photo Repair takes photos that have deteriorated over the years and corrects the damage, making flaws disappear as if by magic. Photo Repair is effortless and immediate. It is suggested only when it is needed, and is activated by the user with a single click.

As with all My Heritage photo features, repairing photos does not modify the original photo; a new, improved version is created and saved alongside the original photo, which remains intact.

Photo Repair is a freemium feature on MyHeritage. Users can repair several photos for free. Beyond that, continued use requires a subscription.

Watch the video to see some incredible examples of the results produced when using Photo Repair.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0u6O5Z71RU>

How to Disable the “News and Interests” Widget on the Windows 10 Taskbar

A recent Windows 10 update included a News and Weather widget. If you would like to change its behavior or remove it entirely, here’s how to do it:

https://www.groovypost.com/howto/disable-the-news-and-interests-widget-on-the-windows-10-taskbar/?fbclid=IwAR2o2DpjL1iWpirC6r-sDqZtxZ4YwE3N3gYDwLL13WksA_ArtbyHbCNPdNq

Oral History Series at Columbia College

Did you know the Columbia College Library has an Oral History Series? Many of the interviews in this collection were recorded between 1949 and 1992, primarily through the Introduction to Oral History course taught at the college by history professor Richard L. Dyer. To search the entire collection, click Browse. Interviewees are listed in alphabetical order. Using the Browse tab, you may also search by geographic location, or by entering a search term, such as “gold.”

There are currently 194 recordings, including:

- Austin Abbott
- Julius Baer
- Beverly Barron
- Donald S. Brady
- Carlo DeFerrari
- Fred Ellis
- Mae Francis
- Joe Ghiorso
- Merle Hughes
- Ed Jasper
- Dorothy Kellogg
- Geraldine McConnell
- Vernon McDonald
- Charles McKibbin
- Al and Irene Ponce
- Edmund Rosasco
- Miller Sardella
- Archie Stevenot
- Brown Tadd
- Eddie Webb

<http://apps.gocolumbia.edu/ohs/default>

Re-Opened or Re-Opening Soon!

American Ancestors Research Center

Boston, Massachusetts ~ June 22 *(by appointment)*

California Genealogical Society Library

2201 Broadway, Oakland ~ June 30 *(by reservation)*

Family History Library

Salt Lake City, Utah, ~ July 6

Sonora Family History Center

19481 Hillsdale Drive, Sonora ~ August 3
(by appointment)

Southern California Genealogical Society

Burbank, CA ~ July 6

The Archive Lady ~ Archiving Our COVID-19 Pandemic Memories and Memorabilia

The Archive Lady shows how to get your COVID-19 pandemic memories down in writing AND preserve memorabilia like face masks!

<https://genealogybargains.com/the-archive-lady-archiving-our-covid-19-pandemic-memories-memorabilia/>

~ via Thomas MacEntee and Genealogy Do-Over

NEW INDEXED RECORDS ON FAMILY SEARCH ~ ADDED SINCE MARCH 2021

Argentina, Cemetery Records, 1882-2019 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2363123>

Australia, Victoria, Wills, Probate, and Administration Files, 1841-1926 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2207846>

England, Surrey Marriages Bonds and Licenses, 1536-1992 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4147975>

Finland, Passport Registers, 1900-1920 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4139415>

France, Eure, Census, 1891 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3465177>

Haiti, Archdiocese of Port-Au-Prince, Catholic Church Records, 1581-1977 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4279947>

Louisiana, Orleans Parish, State Museum Historical Center, Cemetery Records, 1805-1944 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4234528>

Maine, Military Discharge Records, ca.1863-ca.1892 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4118750>

Oklahoma, Military Discharge Records, 1898-1993 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4166192>

Texas, Hardin County, Deed Records, 1840-1920 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3502091>

Zimbabwe, Voter Registration, 1938-1973 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3740407>

Family History Library Webinars

All Family History Library classes require registration. To register for a class, click on the word "Yes" next to the title of the class you wish to attend. There is a registration cap due to limited numbers for attendance.

August Webinars

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/5/52/FHL_Class_Calendar_August_2021.pdf

September Webinars

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/0/00/FHL_Class_Calendar_September_2021.pdf

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Saturday ~ October 2, 2021

**Grand Reopening of the
Museum**

**Dedication of the Courtyard
Memorial Wall Honoring
Angela Brown**

**Premiere Showing of the
Historic Virtual Tour**

Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

- 2 parents
- 4 grandparents
- 8 great-grandparents
- 16 second great-grandparents
- 32 third great-grandparents
- 64 fourth great-grandparents
- 128 fifth great-grandparents
- 256 fifth great-grandparents
- 512 seventh great-grandparents
- 1,024 eighth great-grandparents
- 2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.



For Your Italian Research

Italian Roots and Genealogy

https://www.buzzsprout.com/1018771/6858082?fbclid=IwAR1fyPL8%20qJ3SqA6Jo4tbW6lRe8K7udL_COGSmqdFBtb7bbWrl-Y_gllmpnw

Museo Del Gognome - list of surnames from some Italian villages

http://museodelcognome.it/en/italian-surnames/?fbclid=IwAR2s%20gOAYUSHfNOfu6ljlvr_qrrAMUmO2LcB3H5faX7aY5owrYA6iOrds3izo

A comprehensive list of Italian occupations

https://script.byu.edu/Plugins/FileManager/Files/Documents/Italian_Extraction_Guide-Section_D.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3C5bWrUAR3W0og9OJKILAdIKujAGDYPM61EJFDI_Lseqdy_Zl2qLy_ONYU

Tuolumne County ~ 100 Years Ago

The Union Democrat ~ 6 August 1921

Grand Jurors Called to Meet in September

Judge Nicol has called for the convening of the new grand jury this year on September 6th, a month earlier than last year. The jurors were drawn under order of the Court last Saturday by Clerk Gorgas, and are as follows:

Geo. L. Adams, Charles H. Baird, W. S. Beeman, W. J. Black, William E. Booker, Mrs. Lulu Cassaretto, Loring Clare Cleaves, Mrs. Mary K. Conde, Mrs. Jessie F. Corcoran, Mrs. Della F. Dambacher, John P. Dargitz, Mrs. Clara A. Davis, Dennis J. Fahey, Joseph C. Garaventa, John A. Gerber, Miss Laura M. Graham, Geo. P. Handy, Mrs. Margaret Harney, George F. Hawken, Otto F. Heizer, Mrs. Ora Moss Morgan, Ebenezer W. Morris, Mrs. Fenlie R. Odgers, Adolph Ratto, Edmund Rosasco, Millard R. Rowell, Mrs. Helen C. Stratton, Mrs. Charlotte Van Harlingen, Mrs. Angelina Witney, Abner J. Yancey.

The Union Democrat ~ 13 August 1921

Personal and Brief Items of Interest

Notice of intention to become a citizen has been filed by Nicholas Aranovich.

Alfred Gribble, 39, of Standard, and Cornelia Elliston, 48, of San Jose, were licensed to wed in Stockton last Monday.

John Muzio, proprietor of the Sonora Bakery, with Lige Rocca, Howard Nolan, Fred Knoop and two other gentlemen, left Wednesday night for a trip through the Sierras, going via the Tioga road.

Miss Etta Muzio of Stockton, a sister of John Muzio of the Sonora Bakery, is here assisting in the sales department during his absence on a mountain camping trip.

Mrs. Carrie Bixel returned Thursday from several week's visit to relatives in San Francisco and Stockton. She was accompanied home by her nephew, Kenneth Satoris.

Donald Salazaar, a Jamestown youth 18 years of age, killed a cottontail near the Cold Spring Cottage and was arrested by Game Warden Longway. The lad was brought before Justice Opie at Jamestown Monday morning, acknowledged the act and was fined \$15, which was paid. The boy declared that he did not know the law regarding killing cottontails, but says he knows it now and that all cottontails are safe so far as he is concerned until November 1st, when the open season commences.

The Union Democrat ~ 3 September 1921

Mitch Terzich is installing a new bottler in his soda factory. It is automatic in character and is capable of handling one case of soda a minute when running at full speed.

Personal and Brief Items of Interest

Harry Flanders is back at his health resort in Jamestown from a visit to the coast with his wife and daughter.

Mrs. Wm. Walton has returned to Sonora from an extended stay at Douglas Station.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rehm and son Frankie are spending the week at Strawberry.

Attorney Tobias M. Wilzinski filed his discharge from the army in the Recorder's office this week.

The Union Democrat ~ 10 September 1921

Personal and Brief items of Interest

Personals and Local Items of Interest

Miss Della Oneto, a graduate nurse who for several years has been employed in the Dameron hospital in Stockton, has taken a position in the Tuolumne County hospital in place of Mrs. M. Shine. Miss Oneto is a member of the well-known Bald Mountain family of that name.

Chas. Bendorf of Pittsburg spent a few days in Sonora this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Emilie Long, proprietor of the Victoria hotel.

The Union Democrat ~ 17 September 1921

Tuolumne County People in Parade

Many Tuolumne county Native Sons and Daughters enjoyed the Admission Day celebration at Stockton last week. While the representation in the parade was not large it was apparent, especially that of Columbia Parlor, which had a float in line and portrayed a mining scene of the earlier day. A "rocker" was in operation and a sturdy miner was driving the drill home in a hard rock. The Native Daughters and Native Sons of Sonora Parlors had automobiles tastily decorated in line. The Columbia Parlor float was manned by J. W. Nash, Tony Solari, A. Martin, August Engler and Leon Ponce. The Sonora Native Daughters in the parade were: Mrs. Matt Marshall, Mrs. Ed. Callahan, Mrs. H. B. Sare, Mrs. Marie Marsh and Miss Hilda Marsh, the Misses Louise and Marguerite Pease. The Native Sons were: Ed Callahan, John Rocca, Matt Marshall, James Connelly, Walter Baker and Raymond Harry. The Sonora contingent did not reach home until 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Hidden Meaning Behind the Numbers on Death Certificates

Death certificates are one of the most sought after genealogical records. Did you ever notice that number written on the death certificate somewhere around the cause of death? The number written on the death certificate is called an International Classification of Diseases number and is a code for an ancestor's cause of death. And you can look them up here: <http://www.wolfbane.com/icd/index.html> This website has an index to each version of the ICD since 1898. The version you look at is based on the date of your document.

Knowing an ancestor's cause of death can give you insight into an early or untimely death. The cause of death can also provide clues to other records. Does your ancestor's death certificate indicate he/she died in an unusual way or as the result of a crime? If so, seek out an account of the incident in the newspapers. Seek out court records that were associated with the crime. Do not forget to check out inquest records, too. If you are having difficulty deciphering an ancestor's cause of death because of poor handwriting on the physician's part or the cause is an archaic medical term you are not familiar with, that ICD code may give you a quick way to look up what the cause of death was.

If you are interested in learning more about the cause of death of your family members, this is a great resource!

16 Date of Death (month, day, and year) July 23 1920
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from July 10 1920, to July 18 1920 that I last saw him alive on July 18 1920 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2 am
The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Diphtheria, Complicating
Pneumonia with
Emphysema
(duration) 126
Contributory (SECONDARY) Enlarged Prostate Gland (duration) 15
18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?
Did an operation precede death? No Date of
Was there an autopsy? No
What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical
(Signed) M. C. Sullivan M.D.
(Address) London N.Y.



Register for free at: <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

If you cannot watch the live seminar, recordings are usually available for free for 7 days after the live event. Afterwards they are available as part of an annual membership.

August 2021

- **Burying the Body in England** by Helen Smith ~ 8/3
- **10 Ways to Find Your Native American Ancestor Using Y, Mitochondrial and Autosomal DNA** by Roberta Estes ~ 8/4
- **Freedmen's Bureau Labor Contracts** by Bernice Bennett ~ 8/6
- **New Tools for DNA Matches Research** by Ran Snir ~ 8/10
- **Introduction to Researching Your Mississippi Ancestors** by Angela Walton-Raji ~ 8/11
- **Standards for Genealogical Documentation** by Tom Jones, PhD., CG ~ 8/17
- **Using Zotero to Organize and Annotate Your Family History Research** by Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS ~ 8/18
- **Early Ontario Research** by Janice Nickerson ~ 8/20
- **The New Family Tree and Relationship Diagram** by Uri Gonen ~ 8/24
- **Fire, Water, and the 1890 U.S. Census; Researching beyond the Ashes and Mold** by Elizabeth Williams Gomoll, CG ~ 8/25

September 2021

- **Your DNA Questions Answered Live with Diahn** by Diahn Southard ~ 9/1
- **Notes and Documents of Free Persons of Color** by Anita Wills ~ 9/3
- **Webtember: All Genealogy. All September Long.** by Webtember Speakers
- **Tracing Your 20th Century English Ancestors** by Paul Milner ~ 9/8
- **Recent updates to MyHeritage's historical record search engine** by Dana Drutman ~ 9/14
- **Were They Orphans At All? DNA and the Orphan Train: Finding Kathryn's Family** by Nancy Gavin Koester ~ 9/15
- **A Toboggan Ride Through Canadian Records, eh!** by Lianne Kruger ~ 9/17
- **Federal Records Relating to Rivers and Canals** by Pam Sayre, CG, CGL ~ 9/21
- **Cluster Research: Using Groups of People to Find Your People** by Robyn Smith ~ 9/22
- **The New and Improved Legacy Family Tree Webinars Website** by Geoff Rasmussen ~ 9/28
- **Beginning Ukrainian Genealogy** by Michelle Chubenko ~ 9/29



AUGUST 2021

GENERAL MEETING

~~August 9, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~
~~Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room~~

BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom

SEPTEMBER 2021

GENERAL MEETING

~~September 13, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~
~~Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room~~

BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



BOARD MEETING

As TCGS President VanSwoll was in the middle of moving to a new home, the Board unanimously agreed that the **June 21, 2021** Board meeting could be cancelled.

At the **July 19, 2021** Board meeting, we learned the meeting room at the County library is still not available for our monthly general meetings, but we are searching for an alternative venue. When we are able to have a general meeting, the first program will be stories from our members about their activities during the pandemic. There will undoubtedly be lots of catching up to do! Lori plans to have a genealogy library clean-up day sometime in August. Plans are being made for the annual TCGS Christmas brunch; stay tuned for further details. President VanSwoll will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the use of the County library meeting room for storage and Covid testing/vaccination.



IRISH AND DNA / COMPUTER TECH SIG NEWS

Until the Community Meeting room at the County Library is available for our use, the Irish and DNA/Computer Special Interest Group meetings will be conducted via Zoom. Each group will be meeting on the **second Monday of EVERY month ~ Irish at 10 AM** and **DNA/Computer Tech at noon** (except December). If you would like to attend one or both of these meetings, download the Zoom app to your phone, tablet, or computer. To request an invitation to the DNA meeting, contact Lorna Wick at justlorna40@gmail.com. To request an invitation to the Irish meeting, contact Kathy Boone at cookie48@mlode.com. You will receive an invitation that will include a link to the requested meeting.

TCGS BOARD MEETINGS

Until the TCGS Board is able to meet at Papa's New Roost, the monthly Board meetings will be conducted via Zoom. These meetings will be at the usual date and time ~ third Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. If you are not on the Board and would like to attend the meeting, please download the Zoom app to your phone, tablet, or computer and contact President Phil VanSwoll at pvanswoll@outlook.com to request an invitation to the meeting. Your invitation will include a link to the meeting.



I just wanted to thank everyone for the beautiful and thoughtful cards I received for the passing of Henry. It really touched my heart and helped me through some difficult days. I know it will get better and I know I have friends that I can depend on to help me through this. Love to all of you.

~ Brenda

HOPING WE WILL BE ABLE DO RESEARCH AT THESE LOCATIONS SOON . . .

WHERE TO DO GENEALOGY RESEARCH LOCALLY

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

LDS Church
19481 Hillsdale Drive
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ (209) 536-9206
Re-Opening August 3, 2021 ~ by appointment only. Call Jim Robinson at 209-559-2943.

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.
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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
New Hours:
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed: Sunday and Holidays

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

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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

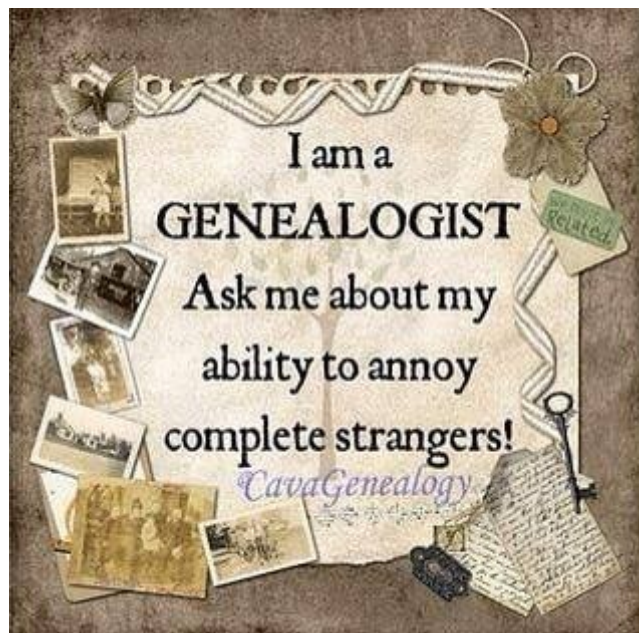
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Tuolumne County Genealogical Society

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

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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. Effective June 1, 2019, rates are:

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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 _____

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