



# ***GOLD DIGGERS***

**Tuolumne County Genealogical Society**

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**There will be NO TCGS General Meeting in February or March 2021 . . .**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1196762117353602>

**YOU MAY FIND SOME NEW INFORMATION OR  
IDEAS TO HELP WITH YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.  
OR MAYBE YOU HAVE SOME TIPS TO POST THERE?**



## President's Message by Phil VanSwoll

It's hard to prepare a meaningful column when so little is happening. At least the possibility of having the vaccine available in the foreseeable future is cause for a little hope.

On the genealogy front, our Lorna is doing a yeoman's job with her DNA group, delving into interesting things like color coding your Ancestry results and other little tricks. Way to go, Lorna! Marcia and I received an interesting Christmas gift this year from her daughter – a subscription to Storyworth.com. Every couple of weeks they send you a suggestion for writing something about your life (what was your Dad like? Where did you go on family vacations?) When you get all your stories submitted, they will compile them into a book which they will provide to your family. Might be an interesting way to impart information to your offspring, if you are into that sort of thing.

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

Note from the Editor: To learn more about StoryWorth, see page 3 of the Aug/Sep 2020 issue of *Gold Diggers*.

### ***Speaking of the DNA/Tech Group . . . News from Lorna***

The DNA/Tech Group has been having some good and productive Zoom meetings discussing various tools for analyzing our DNA test results. And while we feel we have learned quite a bit, we still want to go back to the near beginning of our studies to review some areas for which we still have questions.

We are following the outline in the Blaine Bettinger book, and also using YouTube videos to get a more hands-on feel for that area of study or tool. The value of Zoom meetings is the screen sharing that we can do to either share a video or a spreadsheet and the discussion. Since we are no longer limited to the 40-minute free time slot, we have plenty of time to discuss our work.

If you have received your DNA test results showing you have a gazillion new cousins whose names you don't recognize, what fun! But how do you begin making sense of it all? Come join us at the DNA/Tech Group. We'll show you some tips and tools to unravel some of the mysteries.

All members are welcome to join us. We meet on Zoom once a month on the 2nd Monday at noon. To join us, email Lorna at [justlorna40@gmail.com](mailto:justlorna40@gmail.com) to receive a Zoom invite. Our meetings usually last until 1:30 or 2:00 PM

~ Lorna Wick

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

#### **UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS**

**APRIL ~ Genealogy Museum Tour ~ Lori East**

**MAY ~ Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

**JUNE ~ ~~Salt Lake City Report ~ 2021 Travelers to SLC~~**

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID19  
PANDEMIC.



## The Library Corner by Kristine Childres

Things are very quiet at our genealogy library these days! *The Library Corner* recently received this news from Lori East, Library Director:

“Nathan Dylan Goodwin is an author of several genealogical crime mystery books. We have the good fortune to have some of these books in our society library. Several of our members have checked them out and they have really enjoyed reading them. Here is a list of his books we have in our library. If you would like to check any of them out, you can email me at [info@tcgen.org](mailto:info@tcgen.org). I will meet you at the museum to get the book for you.

*The Lost Ancestor*  
*The America Ground*  
*The Spyglass File*  
*The Missing Man*  
*The Sterling Affair*

We also have *Inheritance - A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro. This book is about finding her family through DNA.”

~ Kristine

### **TCGS Salt Lake City Trip ~ May 2021**

After careful consideration, Judi Lewis, our Salt Lake City Trip Coordinator, announced with disappointment and sadness that she has cancelled this year’s research trip to the Family History Library, originally scheduled for May 16 to May 23.

The plans for a TCGS trip to SLC in May 2022 will be announced as soon as they are available.



### **JANUARY 1, 2021 = PUBLIC DOMAIN DAY WORKS FROM 1925 ARE OPEN TO ALL!**

On January 1, 2021, copyrighted works from 1925 entered the US public domain, where they are now free for all to use and build upon.

These works include books such as F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*, Virginia Woolf’s *Mrs. Dalloway*, Ernest Hemingway’s *In Our Time*, and Franz Kafka’s *The Trial* (in the original German), silent films featuring Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton, and music ranging from the jazz standard *Sweet Georgia Brown* to songs by Gertrude “Ma” Rainey, W. C. Handy, and Fats Waller. Even Adolf Hitler’s *Mein Kampf* becomes public domain in 2021.

Of course, many less-popular genealogy books published in 1925 will also become public domain.

How will people celebrate this trove of cultural material? The Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>) will add books, movies, music, and more to its online library. Hathi Trust (<https://www.hathitrust.org/>) will make tens of thousands of titles from 1925 available in its digital repository. Google Books (<https://books.google.com/>) will offer the full text of books from that year, instead of showing only snippet views or authorized previews.

You can read more in an article by Jennifer Jenkins in the Duke University’s *Center for the Study of the Public Domain* website at: <https://web.law.duke.edu/cspd/publicdomainday/2021/>.

~ From *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 16 December 2020

### **NEW INDEXED RECORDS ON FAMILYSEARCH**

Alabama, Military Discharge Records, ca.1918-ca.1962 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4113740>  
Arkansas, Military Discharge Records, ca.1917-ca.1969 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4114266>  
California, Military Discharge Records, 1856-1965 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4110911>  
Costa Rica, Cemetery Records, 1958-2013 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4122683>  
Denmark, Aarhus Municipal Census, 1918 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3748257>  
England, Berkshire, Reading, Cemetery Records, 1843-1959 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2334592>  
England, Devon, Plymouth, Borough Records, 1519-1905 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4133824>  
England, Devon, Plymouth, Electoral Rolls, 1781-1973 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4134690>  
England, Devon, Plymouth, Tax and Valuation, 1897-1949 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4134692>  
England, Norfolk, Bishop's Transcripts Index, 1600-1941 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2334588>  
France, Eure, Parish and Civil Registration, 1526-1902 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3460907>  
France, Isere, Parish and Civil Registration, 1540-1900 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3661061>  
France, Seine-Saint-Denis, Parish and Civil Registration, 1523-1932 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3241307>  
Germany, North Rhine-Westphalia, Diocese of Munster, Catholic Church Records, 1580-1975 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4124957>  
Germany, Rhineland-Palatinate, Diocese of Mainz, Catholic Church Records, 1540-1952 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4127803>  
Hawaii State Archives, Chinese Immigration Labor Permit Records, 1893-1898 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3535187>  
Illinois, Chicago, Voter Registers, 1888-1892 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4116436>  
Indiana, Voter Registers, 1850-1931 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4113739>  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4113739>  
Indiana, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1947 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2852766>  
Iowa Marriage Records, 1941-1951 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4127799>  
Maryland, Allegany County, Tax and Voter Records, 1798-1948 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2175760>  
Mexico, Distrito Federal, British Consulate Deaths, 1827-1926 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2313185>  
New Brunswick County Register of Births Index, ca. 1812-1919 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2258166>  
Norway Census, 1891 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4067726>  
Norway Census, 1900 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3744863>  
Ohio, Church and Civil Births and Baptisms, 1765-1947 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2373709>  
Ohio, Church and Civil Deaths, 1833-1967 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2373723>  
Ohio, Grave Registrations of Soldiers, 1810-1955 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2155397>  
Ohio, Veterans Home Deaths and Burials, 1889-1930 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2205726>  
Oklahoma, Noble County, Parker Funeral Home, Funeral Records, 1908-1982 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3743325>  
Paraguay, Military Records, 1870-1965 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2506770>  
Portugal, Faro, Civil Registration, 1880-1920 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4122681>  
Rhode Island, State Births Index, 1819, 1852-1900 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2288409>  
Rhode Island Town Births Index, 1639-1932 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2297208>  
Rhode Island Town Deaths Index, 1639-1932 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2301758>  
Texas, Hardin County Clerk, Death Records, 1908-1948 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3502088>  
Virginia, Various Counties, Marriage Bonds, 1706-1901 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4016437>  
Washington, County Death Registers, 1881-1979 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3438698>

## GENEALOGY MYTHS

### Myth #8: We are related to Robert E. Lee.

**Fact:** If all those claims are true, that must have been a very large family! In fact, the name Lee was common in Virginia and elsewhere with many different, unrelated immigrants of the name. There were tens of thousands of Lees in the U.S. by the mid-1800s, and most of them were not related to each other. Robert E. Lee was a hero of the Confederacy, and many Southerners perhaps wished they were related to him. In fact, very few were.

### Myth #9: A town in England, Norway, Germany, etc. is named for our family.

**Fact:** Names of towns in Europe and the British Isles were generally created long before people started using family names (surnames). If your ancestors came from the region in question, it is more likely that your ancestor adopted the name of the town, not the other way around. The good news is that such a story may give you the name of a town that you can check for records of your ancestral family.

### Myth #10: Our ancestor was a stowaway on the ship.

**Fact:** That's a romantic story but rarely true. If a stowaway ever was found, he normally would be sent back in chains to "the old country" on the ship's return. Very few ever escaped and became residents of the New World. Yes, undoubtedly there were a few exceptions but not nearly as have been claimed in recent years by various families. If you hear such a claim in your family, try to prove it. I doubt if you can.

### Myth #11: our ancestor was burned at the stake as a witch in Salem, Massachusetts.

**Fact:** No accused witches were ever burned at the stake in North America although that did happen in Europe. Nobody ever started a fire for that purpose in Salem. All of the accused Salem witches were hanged, except for Giles Cory (also spelled Corey or Coree), who was pressed to death, a particularly cruel and painful way to die. You can find more information about poor Giles Cory at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giles\\_Coree](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giles_Coree).

~ From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, May 21, 2020

**Want to keep in touch with some of your TCGS buddies, but don't know their address or phone number?**

Membership rosters are available at the museum or by email to [info@tcgen.org](mailto:info@tcgen.org). Send a card or make a call just to say "hi" to a member you miss and haven't seen in such a long time!

If your information in the roster is not correct, please call Betty Sparagna at 532-1317 or email her at [info@tcgen.org](mailto:info@tcgen.org). Thank you for helping us keep our Membership Roster up to date.



### Ten Databases You Need to Know About

~ from the Legacy Family Tree Webinars ~ 30 December 2020

American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)

<https://www.abmc.gov/>

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries (AHCB)

<https://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - General Land Office (GLO)

<https://gloreports.blm.gov/>

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors (CWSS)

<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>

Digital Library on American Slavery (DLAS)

<https://library.uncg.edu/slavery/>

National Archives and Records Administration

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm>

Open Library / Internet Archive

<https://archive.org/>

United States Census Bureau (USCB)

<https://www.census.gov/history/>

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

<https://www.uscis.gov/records/genealogy>

~ Shannon Combs-Bennett, MSc, QG

From TCGS member Lori East . . .

### My Ancestors Came Over on the Mayflower

How many times have we heard this from our ancestors and genealogy friends?

Well, this is a true fact about my great grandmother, Hannah Jex. Hannah was born October 18, 1863 in Great Plumstead, Norfolk, England. In 1884, Hannah Jex married John Baldwin in the neighboring town of Little Plumstead. Hannah and John had three children – Roland Jex Baldwin in 1891, Stanley Jex Baldwin in 1894 and Frank Jex Baldwin (my grandfather) in 1896.

Unfortunately, John Baldwin passed away June 29, 1901, at the age of 32, in Catfield, Norfolk, England, leaving his young wife to finish raising their three boys, now ages 10, 7 and 4 years old.

Hannah’s family had already left England, following the Mormon migration, settling in Spanish Fork, Utah.

Two years later, Hannah packed up her three boys, boarded the “Mayflower” ship in Liverpool and headed to Boston, Massachusetts. I haven’t found how they travelled to Spanish Fork, but they made it back to family.

Hannah then married John Storey Losee in the temple at Salt Lake City on September 27, 1905. She died March 6, 1933 in Spanish Fork, Utah at the age of 70.

So – although I cannot say my ancestors came over on the famous ‘Mayflower’, I can say: “My ancestors came over on the Mayflower.”

**Hannah Jex**  
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Birth  
18 October 1863  
Great Plumstead, Norfolk, England

Death  
6 March 1933  
Spanish Fork, Utah, United States

**Hannah Baldwin**  
Mormon Migration Database, 1840-1932

Name:	Hannah Baldwin
Event Type:	Emigration
Event Date:	02 July 1903
Event Place:	Liverpool
Gender:	Female
Age:	39
Marital Status:	Widowed
Destination Place:	Sp. Fork
Arrival Place:	Boston
Ship Name:	Mayflower
Note:	Also includes: "British Passengers"; British
Source Note:	British Mission Register. Film Number 25693. Book/Volume: 1825; 3067. Notes: This was entered prior to 2002.

### What’s the Best Long-Term Storage Media? Tips to Avoid Losing Data in Your Lifetime

Choosing the right long-term storage media is part of protecting your data from degradation or other forms of loss. But there’s more to it than just media.

*“I currently have images stored on memory cards, thumb drives, CDs, and DVDs. Which is best long term?”*

Probably none of the above, according to Leo A. Notenboom.

There is information in his article regarding storage media, including optical media, flash memory, traditional hard drives, and SSDs; future compatibility, both physical and logical; as well as suggestions on what you should do.

You can read the entire article OR watch a video here:

<https://askleo.com/best-long-term-storage-media/?fbclid=IwAR3YmCGh6nXvQif9LBehKfxB2IcvbLNQnQymz4MRObuogExoyTVAc9bm-FY>

### 23 Secrets to Organize Your Genealogy Free eBook from Family Tree Magazine

What’s inside?

- 8 space-saving strategies for your genealogy
- Habits of highly organized genealogists
- Top two filing systems at a glance
- Expert ideas to organize your genealogy workspace
- Research calendar form
- Biographical outline form

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[https://www.familytreemagazine.com/freebie/family-tree-tips-23-secrets-organize-genealogy/?trk\\_msg=VOJ27NHMD9J4H8N1NI2S033MCC&trk\\_contact=1H6GO23ODMBO4VECIQO4AQD3QC&trk\\_module=new&trk\\_sid=JHT66UPNOQEON6AN2E2GB3CT0G&utm\\_source=Listrak&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_term=23+Secrets+to+Organize+Your+Genealogy+Free+eBook&utm\\_campaign=FT+Newsletter&utm\\_content=01-01-2021](https://www.familytreemagazine.com/freebie/family-tree-tips-23-secrets-organize-genealogy/?trk_msg=VOJ27NHMD9J4H8N1NI2S033MCC&trk_contact=1H6GO23ODMBO4VECIQO4AQD3QC&trk_module=new&trk_sid=JHT66UPNOQEON6AN2E2GB3CT0G&utm_source=Listrak&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=23+Secrets+to+Organize+Your+Genealogy+Free+eBook&utm_campaign=FT+Newsletter&utm_content=01-01-2021)

220,000 **Kerry** Roman Catholic baptismal and marriage records

61,500 **Cork** Roman Catholic records

40,500 **Kilkenny** records

700 **Dublin** dog license owners

**North Mayo:** Over 79,540 Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, and Methodist burial registers, gravestone inscriptions and tithes

**Wicklow:** Over 34,000 burial records from County Wicklow—mostly church of Ireland, but also some Roman Catholic

**Armagh:** Over 41,000 baptismal, marriage, death and headstone inscription records of various religious denominations in County Armagh

**Westmeath:** Over 13,000 Roman Catholic and church of Ireland parish records and gravestone inscriptions

20,000 **South Tipperary** Roman Catholic baptismal records

61,000 **Clare** Roman Catholic and civil records

11,000 **Limerick** records

22,000 **Sligo** records

You can read more about these various records in the blog at <https://www.rootsireland.ie/category/blog/>.

### LETTER WRITING GUIDE FOR GENEALOGY



Have you ever wondered how to write a letter when requesting genealogical information from cemeteries, funeral homes, churches, etc.? FamilySearch has provided all the help you need in the FamilySearch

Wiki.

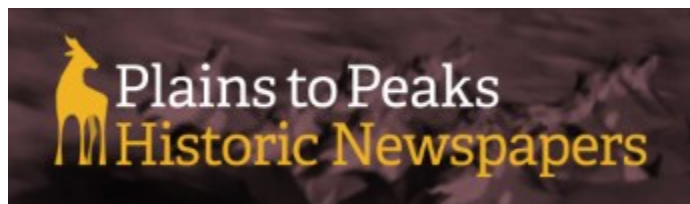
In short, be brief and simple. Do not ask for too much at one time. Your letter should include:

- The date at the top
- Name and address of addressee
- Greeting
- Brief introduction
- Biographical information about your relative
- Short, specific genealogical request
- Referral requests
- Comment about payment
- Closing remarks
- Your signature
- Your return address (including your country)

You can find the complete Guide here:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Letter\\_Writing\\_Guide\\_for\\_Genealogy?fbclid=IwAR1s0gfFvL-](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Letter_Writing_Guide_for_Genealogy?fbclid=IwAR1s0gfFvL-SbDVjHMVT_QDw4ExYVsbWPyy_uEveY_KW6EbDnJv3CLzBfl)

[SbDVjHMVT\\_QDw4ExYVsbWPyy\\_uEveY\\_KW6EbDnJv3CLzBfl](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Letter_Writing_Guide_for_Genealogy?fbclid=IwAR1s0gfFvL-SbDVjHMVT_QDw4ExYVsbWPyy_uEveY_KW6EbDnJv3CLzBfl)



The Colorado State Library, in partnership with the Wyoming State library and the University of Wyoming, have just announced the launch of the Plains to Peaks Historic Newspapers database.

The Plains to Peaks Historic Newspapers online collection combines the content of the CHNC (Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection) and the Wyoming Newspapers collection for simple one-stop discovery. This new initiative also includes the design of a new and improved Wyoming Newspapers site located at [www.wyomingnewspapers.org](http://www.wyomingnewspapers.org) with content provided by both the Wyoming State Library and the University of Wyoming. Both of these new sites are built upon the existing CHNC platform design and the CHNC features users know and love can be found on both the shared Plains to Peaks site and the Wyoming site.

Read the entire announcement here:

<https://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/digital-colorado/colorado-historic-newspapers-collection/colorado-and-wyoming-launch-new-historic-newspapers-collection-online-database/>

The database is located here:

<https://www.ppc-historicnewspapers.org/>

~ From *The Ancestor Hunt*, 22 December 2020

*To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.*

~ Chinese Proverb



Register for free at: <https://familytreewebinars.com> If you are able to watch the seminar live, you MAY win a door prize like **Nancy Dorrien** did in December! 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 (\$49.95). At the beginning of 2021, there were 1,415 classes in the library.

February 2021

- **Nurturing Your Family Trees: Online or On Your Device (or Both)?** by Cyndi Ingle ~ 2/2
- **Me and My 1000+ DNA Cousins** by Diahn Southard ~ 2/3
- **Finding Indian Ancestors in African American Families** by Angela Walton-Raji ~ 2/5
- **Making the most of MyHeritage resources with the Help Center, Knowledge Base, and site settings** by Daniel Horowitz ~ 2/9
- **Chinese American Research: Challenges and Discoveries** by Grant Din ~ 2/10
- **Researching Your Maine Ancestors** by B. J. Jamieson ~ 2/10
- **A Family for Suzanne** by Ruth Randall, CG ~ 2/16
- **Shoot Like a Pro: How to Record Quality Videos using Your Mobile Device** by Elizabeth M. O'Neal ~ 2/17
- **How to locate an ancestor in Ontario, Canada West or Upper Canada** by Janice Nickerson ~ 2/19
- **Bringing your family photos to life on MyHeritage** by Keren Dotan ~ 2/23
- **Polish genealogy online—portals and databases** by Kinga Urbanska ~ 2/24

**THERE'S SOMETHING HERE FOR EVERYONE!**

March 2021

- **British Genealogy Online: The Top English & Welsh Family History Websites** by Rick Crume ~ 3/2
- **La Madre Chiesa—Italian Catholic Parish Records** by Suzanne Russo Adams, AG ~ 3/3
- **The Ten Percent: Free People of Color** by Nicka Smith ~ 3/5
- **Using different family tree views for your research** by Uri Gonen ~ 3/9
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- **Reporting on Research: Standards Encourage Better Communication** by Nancy A. Peters, CG, CGL ~ 3/16
- **FamilySearch.org—10 Links You Have to Try** by Devin Ashby ~ 3/17
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**Census Questions**

Have you seen this site ~ U.S. Census Data for Social, Economic, and Health Research?

<https://usa.ipums.org/usa/>

Of particular interest is the portion that contains the census years and the questions asked each year.

[https://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tQuestions.shtml?fbclid=IwAR3zEUoT5EcE9NUXVKR11Y0iJCbLkv-U6pXz5\\_VqkGg0hLQ49mdPhx6YMdl](https://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tQuestions.shtml?fbclid=IwAR3zEUoT5EcE9NUXVKR11Y0iJCbLkv-U6pXz5_VqkGg0hLQ49mdPhx6YMdl)



**Old Fulton New York Postcards**

<https://www.fultonhistory.com/fulton.html>

Old Fulton New York Postcards is a wonderful site for genealogical research for people with New York connections ~ and it's totally free! It now contains over 49 million scanned pages from old newspapers, most of them from New York, though a few are from other states and even Canada, between the 1800s and 1980s. You can read a full review about Old Fulton New York Postcards on AncestralFindings.com:

<https://ancestralfindings.com/a-review-of-oldfultonpostcards/>





**FEBRUARY 2021**

**GENERAL MEETING**

~~February 8, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~  
~~Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room~~

**BOARD MEETING**

February 15, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Via Zoom

**MARCH 2021**

**GENERAL MEETING**

~~March 8, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~  
~~Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room~~

**BOARD MEETING**

March 15, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Via Zoom



**BOARD MEETING**

There was a Special Board Meeting on December 7, 2020, when the board reviewed and approved the 2021 TCGS budget as presented by the Budget Committee. Registrar Betty Sparagna noted the membership in TCGS continues to decline.

At the January 18, 2021 Board meeting, President VanSwoll appointed a condensed Nominating Committee to seek members to serve in any vacant Board positions. Most of the Board members have agreed to remain in their positions for the 2021/2022 term. Sherry Blake presented information about webinars being presented by Thomas MacEntee via Zoom. The Board will investigate the possibility of providing one of these webinars for all members in lieu of a general meeting during the pandemic. Our webmaster Lorna Wick requested that recruitment begin for a replacement website administrator.



**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.

**Webmaster Position Available**

Are you interested in promoting genealogy and our Society? TCGS currently has a beautiful and well-functioning website, but we will soon need someone to take over the duties of maintaining and supporting the site, so we are looking for a new webmaster. The requirements are few, but interest in sharing information and attending a monthly Board meeting are primary. No web experience is necessary; Lorna has offered to teach you the ins and outs of working with our website and will be available for ongoing assistance through May 2021. For further information, please contact any Board member.



***This position must be filled as soon as possible.***



### **FREE Webinars for St. Patrick's Day**

This sounds like a fun way to spend the entire day! According to the Family History Library Class Calendar, FamilySearch will be providing several opportunities to learn about Ireland research on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2021. Celebrate your heritage this day and click in for one or more of these webinars:

- ⇒ 9:00 AM: St. Patrick's day Research Seminar Keynote
- ⇒ 9:30 AM: Terrible Beauty, a History of Ireland: Early Ireland, 1170-1800
- ⇒ 10:00 AM: Terrible Beauty, A History of Ireland: Before and After the Great Irish Famine
- ⇒ 10:30 AM: Terrible Beauty, a History of Ireland: Irish Independence, Civil War and the Celtic Tiger
- ⇒ 11:00 AM: Ireland Jurisdictions
- ⇒ 11:30 AM: Ireland Census Records
- ⇒ 1:00 PM: Irish Civil Registration
- ⇒ 1:30 PM: Irish Roman Catholic Records
- ⇒ 2:00 PM: Church of Ireland Records
- ⇒ 2:30 PM: Ireland Griffith's Valuation Records
- ⇒ 3:00 PM: Catholic Irish Pre-Parish Register Strategy
- ⇒ 3:30 PM: Ulster-Scots Research
- ⇒ 4:00 PM Using the FamilySearch Research Wiki for Irish Family History

All webinar times are in **Mountain Daylight Time.**

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img\\_auth.php/7/7b/FHL\\_Class\\_Calendar\\_03\\_2021.pdf](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/7/7b/FHL_Class_Calendar_03_2021.pdf)

Click on "WEBINAR" to join.

*Although we won't be having a general meeting in March, that doesn't mean you have to go without some delicious Irish Potato Candy! Roll up your sleeves and make some for your favorite leprechauns!*

### **IRISH POTATO CANDY**

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups flaked coconut
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

### **DIRECTIONS**

In a medium bowl, beat the butter and cream cheese together until smooth. Add the vanilla and confectioners' sugar; beat until smooth. Using your hands if necessary mix in the coconut. Roll into balls or potato shapes, and roll in the cinnamon. Place onto a cookie sheet and chill to set. If desired, roll potatoes in cinnamon again for darker color.

*~ from allrecipes.com*

***Do you know why you can't borrow money from a leprechaun?***

*They're always a little short!*

***Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?***

*You don't want to press your luck!*

***What do you call a fake Irish stone?***

*A shamrock!*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**Nancy Lewis ~ Sonora, CA**

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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.**

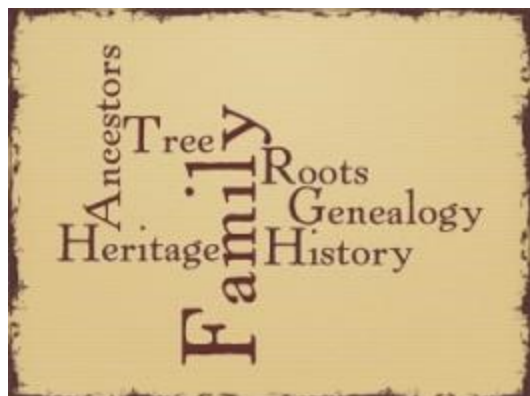
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I hereby acknowledge and consent that, unless otherwise copyrighted or instructed, any family histories, biographies, or other materials that I donate to the TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, including the above information, may be published in 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.

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