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**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.

## ***Annual Election Voting Results***

The Election Committee received 29 ballots. All 29 voted for the officers as presented on the ballot. There were no write-ins. Thank you to all members who voted!



## ***TCGS Salt Lake City Research Trip 2022***

Judi Lewis recently announced the dates for the next  
TCGS trip to Salt Lake City  
**May 29, 2022 ~ June 5, 2022**

***How to Prepare for Your First Visit to the Family History Library***

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

# **SAVE THE DATE**

***Saturday ~ October 2, 2021***

***Grand Reopening of the Museum***

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

***Premiere Showing of the Historic Sonora Virtual Tour***



## President's Message by Phil VanSwoll

Another month, and still no news from the county as to when our meeting room will again be available. All indications are that it will be sometime in the fall (October, perhaps?) before we can hold another general meeting. If anything does develop that we can meet prior to that, we will certainly let everyone know.

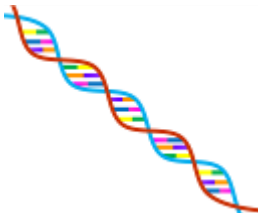
The DNA group has been meeting via Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, and Lorna feels that much good progress has been made in everyone's understanding of the basics of how DNA works. The Irish group is also meeting regularly, and our Facebook presence is reaching more and more folks. Be sure to join in on any of our special interest groups if you want to learn more.

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

Have you had your DNA done?  
Would you like to know what it all means?

You may find some answers in the TCGS DNA Special Interest Group.  
All are invited to attend the monthly Zoom meeting on the  
second Monday of each month.  
See page 9 for instructions on obtaining an invitation and  
link to the meeting.



### ***"How Do I Make Backups?"***



An informative article from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (EOGN) explaining "How I Create Multiple Backup Copies of Critical Information Stored in My

Computers." Have you backed up your data lately?

<https://www.eogn.com/page-18080/10371733>

### ***Old Disease Names Frequently Found on Death Certificates: What Would They Be Called Today?***

There is a one-page "dictionary" on USGenNet that can be a very useful tool for any genealogist who is reading old documents. It shows old medical terminology and then shows the modern-day name for each.

<http://www.usgenet.org/usa/ar/county/greene/olddiseases1.htm>

~ Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

Thank you to TCGS member **Nancy Dorrien** for this information on New Brunswick and Irish records ~

The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (PANB) has created a web portal dedicated to the Irish immigrant experience in the province. They have several different categories of records you can look at, most of them containing digitized original records. You can read about it, and learn what records are available, in this blog ~ Finding Your Canadian Story:

[https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2021/04/new-brunswick-ancestors-new-brunswick.html?spref&m=1&fbclid=IwAR0nD\\_rjvXUNjQesMdsyHRA8G8wEXegtUQtJ9nuSF0nZUm-a7rEqTL9c2TA](https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2021/04/new-brunswick-ancestors-new-brunswick.html?spref&m=1&fbclid=IwAR0nD_rjvXUNjQesMdsyHRA8G8wEXegtUQtJ9nuSF0nZUm-a7rEqTL9c2TA)

Click on this link to go directly to The New Brunswick Irish Portal:

<https://1.bp.blogspot.com/-0kTKLbLS1Yg/YIbtRU6qxOI/AAAAAAAAACVo/teu70Chf2u4gLoI6EbFsH8aSZjmJLYPeACLcBGAsYHQ/s1806/Capture.JPG>



The Tuolumne County Historical Society recently announced the Tuolumne County Museum is still not ready to open its doors; therefore, the TCGS library also remains closed. However, there are plans for an official reopening on October 2, 2021.

On April 9, 2021, Library Director Lori East announced the re-opening of the TCGS Museum Front Porch Free Library, located on the front porch of the Museum, 158 Bradford Street, Sonora. Selections include “fun to read” books donated by some TCGS members, as well as genealogy-related books. Stop by and see what’s available for your reading pleasure!

Although our genealogy library has been closed, requests for family history research and orders for TCGS publications continue to arrive. Lori is doing her best to keep up with these requests. All the library volunteers have been vaccinated and are looking forward to the time when they can get back to “work!”

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

Keil \* Armenian research

### ***Publications for Sale at the TCGS Library***

1890 Great Register ~ \$8, plus \$4 shipping and handling

Index ~ Tuolumne County Marriages, 1850-1900 ~ \$20, plus \$4 shipping and handling

Index ~ Tuolumne County Marriages, 1901-1950 ~ \$20, plus \$4 shipping and handling

C. H. Burden Undertaking Company Records, 1890-1953 ~ \$32, plus \$4 shipping and handling

Gold Rush Tales by Janet Atkinson, local author ~ \$13, plus \$4 shipping and handling

Index ~ Saga of Old Tuolumne, by Edna Bryan Buckbee ~ \$13, plus \$4 shipping and handling

Index ~ History of Tuolumne County California, by H. O. Lang ~ \$10, plus \$4 shipping and handling

Index ~ Miners’ and Business Men’s Directory, 1856 ~ \$5, plus \$3 shipping and handling

Tuolumne County Births, 1856-1940 ~ from the Recorder’s Office ~ \$25, plus \$5 shipping and handling

Tuolumne County Deaths, July 1857-October 1945 ~ from the Recorder’s Office ~ \$25, plus \$5 shipping and handling

Back issues of “Golden Roots of the Mother Lode” ~ see on website: <https://tcgen.org/publications.html>



### ***Gravestone Cleaning Tips from BillionGraves***

Have you visited your ancestor’s gravestone and found it to be difficult to read? Was it dirty or overgrown? This website will tell you what to do and how to do it to make the gravestone as clear and legible as possible.

<https://blog.billiongraves.com/gravestone-cleaning-101/>

In August 2012, TCGS member **Pay Perry** compiled Sonora’s Old City Cemetery database. On May 12, 2021, *The Weekly Genealogist* email contained this announcement from the New England Historic Genealogical Society:

### **Spotlight: Cemetery Database, Sonora, CA**

*by Valerie Beaudrault*

**The city of Sonora, located in central California, is the seat of Tuolumne County.** The city has made a cemetery database available on its website. Because the original records no longer exist, the Old City Cemetery database was developed from a variety of sources including a headstone survey, a sexton’s report, undertakers’ records, county death records, and newspaper obituary files. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage and click the Old City Cemetery Report button to view the burial records. The data fields include surname, first name, date of birth, date of death, obituary, notes, and three source fields. A key to the abbreviations in the source fields has also been provided.

This link will take you to Pat’s article about Sonora’s Old City Cemetery, which includes a link to the cemetery database: <https://www.sonoraca.com/visit-sonora/sonora-california-history/cemeteries/>

### **Was There a Postmaster Among Your Ancestors?**

If one of your ancestors ever served as a postmaster, he/she may be listed here. Enter a city and state and a list of all the postmasters for that location will appear.

[https://webpmt.usps.gov/pmt002.cfm?fbclid=IwAR2U\\_OYNZ1acsqBZLFoWq4FSFkCWuqQ1NTMVavrrcWkZWVtZsCwl0mklw](https://webpmt.usps.gov/pmt002.cfm?fbclid=IwAR2U_OYNZ1acsqBZLFoWq4FSFkCWuqQ1NTMVavrrcWkZWVtZsCwl0mklw)

You can also search for your ancestor by name using this link:

<https://webpmt.usps.gov/pmt004.cfm>

### ***This Sounds Like an EXCELLENT Idea . . .***

For those times when you're looking at old family photos and a family member is providing you with the identities of the people photographed ~

You will need a flat piece of glass and some erasable fine tip markers. Put the glass over the photo. Write the names of the people in the photo on the glass and take a picture of it. Remove the glass and take another picture of the photo. You now have one photo with the glass with names and one without. Wipe the names off the glass and do the next photo.

~ *With thanks to Debra Kay Cornett Usry's Facebook post on The Genealogy Squad page*

*I am not addicted to genealogy.  
I can quit as soon as I finish one more ancestor.*

### **Some Websites You May Find Interesting**

**O Say Can You See** ~ <https://earlywashingtondc.org/>

This site documents the challenge to slavery and the quest for freedom in early Washington, D.C., by collecting, digitizing, making accessible, and analyzing freedom suits filed between 1800 and 1862, as well as tracing the multigenerational family networks they reveal.

**Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21** ~ <https://pier21.ca/research>

Their research team offers reference services to anyone who visits, emails, calls, or writes.

**Association for Gravestone Studies** ~ <https://www.gravestonestudies.org/>

AGS is an international organization with an interest in furthering the study and preservation of gravestones internationally, of all periods and styles.

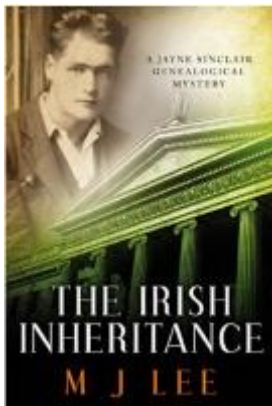
**Creating a Genealogy Research Plan Like a Detective** ~ <https://www.thoughtco.com/how-to-develop-genealogy-research-plan-1421685>

**Family Tree Templates** ~ <https://www.familytreetemplates.net/category/forms>

Many, many forms here, including some related to DNA and genetics.

### **Interested in Genealogy Mysteries?**

Member **Nancy Dorrien** has forwarded a long list of genealogy mystery authors and their books. If you enjoy reading genealogy mysteries, here are a few from the list:



*Tangled Roots Series* ~ *Breadcrumbs and Bombs; Bloodlines and Barbed Wire* ~ by Susan Finlay  
*Maze Investigations Series* ~ *Three Times Removed; Line of Descent; The Julia Legacy; The Politician; The Policeman* ~ by M. K. Jones

*Jayne Sinclair Genealogical Mysteries* ~ *The Irish Inheritance; The Somme Legacy; The American Candidate; The Vanished Child; The Sinclair Betrayal; The Silent Christmas; The Merchant's Daughter; The Christmas Carol* ~ by J. M. Lee

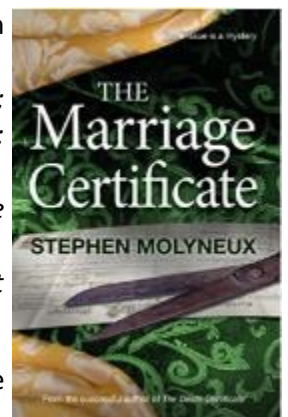
*The Marriage Certificate* and *The Death Certificate* ~ by Stephen Molyneux

*Madeline Porter Mysteries* ~ *Family Shadows; The Cuckoo Clock; Stolen Futures; Another Summer; Unearthed; Hammer Blow; Reputations* ~ by John Nixon

*Esme Quentin Mystery Series* ~ *Blood-Tied; The Indelible Stain; The Malice of Angels; The Fear of Ravens; Death of a Cuckoo* ~ by Wendy Percival

*Jefferson Tate Mysteries* ~ *In the Blood; To the Grave; The Last Queen of England; The Lost Empress; Kindred; Dying Games; Letters from the Dead* ~ by Steve Robinson

If you read or have read any of these books ~ or any other genealogy-related books ~ please share your reviews with us!



## **FamilySearch Family History Library Launches New Web Page**

FamilySearch International is pleased to announce the launch of a new webpage for its brick-and-mortar flagship, the Family History Library, located in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. The new Family History library webpage (<https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/welcome-to-the-family-history-library>) is a part of FamilySearch.org and will provide new online patron experiences and up-to-date information on the library's services and activities.

The new webpage enables guests to better access existing site services, such as visitor information, collections and hours of operations, and introduces many new and expanded services. For example, patrons worldwide can now schedule 20-minute appointments for free personal research consultations with a specialist. And book look-up services will be coming soon.

**Free Online Consultations:** Patrons can now schedule personal research consultations with the library's genealogy experts in multiple languages, accommodating varying time zones worldwide. Personal consultations are conducted online and are currently offered in Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and English. More languages will be added.

**Learning Center:** In the new online learning center, hundreds of the library's previously recorded how-to webinars are now available on-demand, along with other help tips and instructions based on your research needs.

**Collections:** The library currently has more than 340,000 genealogically unique books, 1.3 million microfilms, 190,000 microfiche, and a collection of 18,460 maps from around the world. While the goal is to make all library materials available to people throughout the world, some items and digital materials are contractually restricted and available only at the Family History Library. During the pandemic, remodeling has continued at the library to improve visitor access to materials and services. The webpage includes descriptions of materials and collection information and images of the Library's new layout will be added as soon as the remodeling is completed.

**Family History Centers and Affiliate Libraries:** FamilySearch owns and operates over 5,000 satellite branches of the Family History Library in 141 countries, called family history centers. In addition, it has over 1,100 affiliate libraries. FamilySearch digital content with limited access can often be viewed in these facilities, in addition to other specialized content helpful in each facility's locale. Detailed information regarding this broader network and associated services will be added throughout 2021.

### ***In the News . . .***

Feds Halt Sale of National Archives Center in Seattle

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/missouri/articles/2021-04-08/feds-reverse-decision-to-sell-historic-archives-in-seattle>

Archives Uncover Forgotten Names of Auschwitz Inmates

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/archives-uncover-forgotten-names-of-auschwitz-inmates/>

The Commonwealth, an Historic Newspaper from Scotland Neck, North Carolina, Is Now Online on DigitalNC

<https://eogn.com/page-18080/10336414>

Which Trailblazing Women Should be Featured on Quarters? The U.S. Mint Wants Your Suggestions.

[https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/645655/us-mint-women-collectible-quarters?utm\\_campaign=The%20Weekly%20Genealogist%20&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=123829597&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8IbJs7dvQE-A4RSipE3PX2zclDYjd\\_DCKdHLDbXcxVTR\\_2Insf7rwSMrYw5GZlKruoCXkb8DoO2a27US\\_QX6\\_tUcomw&utm\\_content=123829597&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/645655/us-mint-women-collectible-quarters?utm_campaign=The%20Weekly%20Genealogist%20&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=123829597&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8IbJs7dvQE-A4RSipE3PX2zclDYjd_DCKdHLDbXcxVTR_2Insf7rwSMrYw5GZlKruoCXkb8DoO2a27US_QX6_tUcomw&utm_content=123829597&utm_source=hs_email)

### ***Smithsonian Libraries and Archives' Genealogy Research Guide***

<https://library.si.edu/research/genealogy>

One new online resource created by the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives is a new **Genealogy Resource Guide**. The guide is a simple list of online web sites that contain a lot of genealogy records online. While it may be "simple," it is also extensive. The list includes such websites as:

- Adoption Resources for Discovering Your Birth Family
- Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)
- Genealogy Timelines: Find the Gaps in Your Research
- Trace Indian Ancestry
- Bibliography of Books Related to Genealogical Research and Technology Available in ALIC (Archives Library and Information Center of the National Archives)
- Library of Congress, Genealogy Collections
- Library of Congress, Map Collections, 1544-2004
- Dictionary of Genealogy and Archaic Terms

*History remembers only the celebrated, genealogy remembers them all.*

*~ Lawrence Overmire ~*

## **NEW INDEXED RECORDS ON FAMILY SEARCH ~ ADDED SINCE MARCH 2021**

Alaska, WWII Statement of Service Records, 1948-1949 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4138678>  
Colorado, Manitou Springs, Voter Records, 1935-1962 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4133829>  
Costa Rica, Catholic Church Records, 1595-1992 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1460016>  
France, Ardeche, Parish and Civil Registration, 1481-1924 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3661216>  
France, Eure, Census, 1836 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3463558>  
France, Eure, Census, 1856 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3465170>  
France, Eure, Census, 1876 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3465175>  
German, Prussia, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1580-1974 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4155762>  
German, Prussia, Pomerania, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1544-1966 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3665083>  
Hawaii, Registrar of Bureau of Conveyances, Deed Records, 1846-1900 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3478266>  
Italy, Lecce, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1901-1941 (browsable) ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2310702>  
Kansas, Military Discharge Records, ca. 1862-ca. 1999 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4121697>  
Kentucky, Voter Registers and Registration Books, 1904-1935 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4132034>  
Mexico, Jalisco, Catholic Church Records, 1590-1979 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1874591>  
Mexico, Puebla, Catholic Church Records, 1545-1977 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1837906>  
Michigan, Military Discharge Records, ca.1847-ca.1965 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4123955>  
Montana, Military Discharge Records, 1917-1953 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4149587>  
Vanuatu, Vital Records, 1900-2001 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3734433>

American Ancestors and New England Historic Genealogical Society recently launched a new project to be called **Ancestor Strong**. It depends upon submissions from users who are willing to share stories about the tough times their ancestors (and others) lived through. If you have a story that should be shared, you may want to contribute. Here is the announcement:



As we all process the last year of tremendous challenge and change, there is an opportunity to reflect upon our lives in the context of history and our ancestors. Many of us had heard family stories about the tough times they lived through. Wars, pandemics, oppression, displacement, economic crisis—our foremothers and fathers often had it rougher than we do now.

In the spirit of finding inspiration and strength from those who came before us, we've asked members and visitors to share interesting family stories for a new web project ~ Ancestor Strong. The memories provided thus far are a testament to the courage, tenacity, and faith of generations past.

To date, we've received nearly 50 responses and are looking for many more. We're hoping an article would help us get the word out about the call for entries, as well as give these stories a wider audience. Anyone can visit the site, and via a simple form, submit a story on behalf of an ancestor who inspired them.

You can page through to see the existing submissions; and scroll down on the home page to see the "Share Your Ancestor's Story" button, which leads to a submission page.

<https://ancestorstrong.americanancestors.org/>

~ From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter



The 1950 Census of the United States will be released for public inspection on Friday, April 1, 2022. Mark that date on your calendar.

The method of the release has not yet been announced. Will all the records be released online at once on April 1st? Or will the records be released over a period of several days or weeks? I don't believe that has been announced yet, but I bet there are committee meetings going on now that are formulating those plans.

#### A few facts about the 1950 census:

- The 1950 U.S. census lists information about 151,325,798 residents (not always citizens) of the United States of America
- The 1950 census collected the following information from all respondents:
- Address
- Whether house is on a farm
- Name
- Relationship to head of household
- Race
- Sex
- Age
- Marital status
- Birthplace
- If foreign born, whether naturalized
- Employment status
- Hours worked in week
- Occupation, industry and class of worker
- In addition, a sample of individuals were asked additional questions covering income, marital history, fertility, and other topics. Full documentation on the 1950 census, including census forms and a procedural history, is available from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series.
- The original forms on paper that were used to enumerate all U.S. residents no longer exist. Those paper forms were destroyed after the forms were microfilmed.
- Housing information for individual households no longer exists in any format. That information was collected on the reverse (back) side of the population schedule (paper) forms, but that side of the form was not microfilmed in 1952.
- A (blank) 1950 U.S. Census Form may be seen on the Census Bureau's web site at: [https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/1950\\_population\\_questionnaire.pdf](https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/1950_population_questionnaire.pdf)

**1950 Census: Availability Hinges on Volunteers**  
[https://ancestrybirddog.wordpress.com/2021/05/07/1950-census-availability-hinges-on-volunteers/?fbclid=IwAR0fFrd9tYTel1vd4m\\_xg6qPzsacYIln90YTyj7IEjE-JIKvVtETRe\\_7Jew](https://ancestrybirddog.wordpress.com/2021/05/07/1950-census-availability-hinges-on-volunteers/?fbclid=IwAR0fFrd9tYTel1vd4m_xg6qPzsacYIln90YTyj7IEjE-JIKvVtETRe_7Jew)

~ from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 25 March 2021

#### Countdown to the 1950 Census

On April 8, 2021, Lisa Louise Cooke presented a very informative and instructional video that has several tips for things we can do now to be ready for the release of the 1950 census in April 2022. You can find the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87hGRjeZ5o4>

Stephen Morse also has some informative links on his page regarding the 1950 census:

“Getting Ready for the 1950 Census ~ Searching With and Without a Name Index”:

<https://stevemorse.org/census/1950census.htm>

“Problems Using 1950 Enumeration District Maps”:

<https://stevemorse.org/census/1950edmaps.pdf>

Start preparing now so you'll be ready on April 1, 2022!

#### 1950 Census Instructions to Enumerators

Includes the link to a PDF file of the Enumerator's Reference Manual.

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/1950/1950-instructions.html>

## 100 Years Ago in Tuolumne County

### **Flag Decorations for Graves of Native Sons**

Following its annual custom, and in full sympathy with the spirit that actuates the people generally on Decoration Day, the Native Sons organization throughout the State decorated the graves of their honored dead with the American flag and the historic Bear flag of California. The stands were placed over the graves of departed members of Tuolumne Parlor No. 144, N.S.G.W., last Sunday by President Howard Peters and Past President Walter Baker, in the various Sonora cemeteries as follows:

City Cemetery — D. M. Ortega, Wm. Williston, Thomas Jenness, George Hart, Malcolm Cowan, Domingo Pedro, Roy Hennessy, Al Terzich.

I.O.O.F. Cemetery — John C. Reyland, Thomas Pierce, Ed Harkness, J. P. Johnson.

Masonic Cemetery — Wm. Cain, and in a nearby plot on the grave of M. J. Wolfling.

Mountain View Cemetery — Thomas Donahue.

Flags were sent by the Parlor to San Andreas for the grave of the late Prof. A. L. Steele, who was a member of Tuolumne Parlor.

~ *The Union Democrat, June 4, 1921*

### **Large Class of Graduates**

The fifteenth annual commencement, marking the graduating class of 1921 from the Sonora Union high school, was held in the Sonora Theatre, Wednesday evening. The commodious house was packed to witness the exercises, which were exceptionally good throughout, as is invariably the case with any function given under the auspices of this school. Each number on the program had its message and its interest to the vast throng. The address by Tully C. Knoles, president of the College of the Pacific of San Jose was full of food for thought and emulation by the graduating class members and not without strong appeal to those long past the school days.

The graduates are:

Charles Howard Livingston

Ferol Ruoff Egan

John Francis Oneto

Doris DeVoto

Rowena Amy Richards

Mary Bertha Verkuyl

Nona Louise Rosasco

Ruth Augusta Parker

Edward Herthel Reid

Chrissie Catherine Ortega

John Hall Newman

Mabel Elizabeth Morse  
Evelyn Louise Pimentel  
Dorothea Constance Harper  
Alice May Klein  
John Arcangelo Garaventa  
Ralph Edward Fitzgerald  
Dorothy Edith Barron  
Carleton William Curtin  
Ruth Alice Schoettgen  
Ernest Adam Ruoff

~ *The Union Democrat, June 18, 1921*

### **Fire Warden Has Deputies**

The organization for coping with forest fires has been perfected by L. H. Holland, state fire warden for Tuolumne County, and during the remainder of the season it is predicted that better results will be obtained than has been the case with fires during the first summer months.

Mr. Holland has divided the county into 16 units and named a deputy to take charge and direct the fighting of all fires occurring in his particular district. These deputies have all the powers possessed by the fire warden, and are especially authorized to draft men for service under compensation allowed by law. The deputies and districts are:

Charles Smith, Columbia.

William Robinson, Phoenix Lake.

Earl Barron, Soulsbyville.

Horace, Brunson, Dry Creek.

Ed Tinney, Rosasco's Junction.

Frank Sims, Chinese-Jamestown.

C. E. Adams, Taylor Hill.

D. W. Schofield, Marshes Flat.

Fred Cavagnero, Moccasin Creek.

Joseph Musante, Coulterville road.

Robert Simmons, Groveland.

J. M. Phelan, Big Creek-Deer Creek

Clem Nau, Jacksonville.

Chas. Kassabaum, Blanchard.

L. H. Holland, Sonora.

A very close inquiry is to be made into every fire and an endeavor made to ascertain by whom and why started. Many of the fires of late have had a most mysterious origin, and it is felt that all were not due to carelessness. At any rate, the authorities are determined that the person responsible for a fire shall have to answer in the court.

~ *The Union Democrat, July 30, 1921*





**JUNE 2021**

**GENERAL MEETING**

~~June 14, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~

Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room

**BOARD MEETING**

June 21, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

**JULY 2021**

**GENERAL MEETING**

~~July 12, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~

Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room

**BOARD MEETING**

July 19, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Via Zoom



At the **April 19, 2021** meeting, the Board voted to cancel the Annual TCGS Seminar that had been scheduled for October 9, 2021. Jan Jorn-Baird agreed to remain in the position of Education Director until at least May 2022.

At the **May 17, 2021** meeting, the Board heard the results of the Annual General Election. The 2021/2022 officers, Board members, committee chairs and directors are noted on page 12. There will be no general meeting in June or July. News and announcements for the website should be forwarded to the new webmaster, Ann Knight. President VanSwoll reported the purchase of a new computer for the genealogy library has been delayed pending information on the USB port. The checking account balance is \$10,182.48 and the CD balance is \$7,082.06.



**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.



*TCGS sends sincere condolences to  
Brenda Hix on the loss of her husband,  
Henry Arnold Hix, Sr., who passed away  
on May 11, 2021.*

*Henry is also survived by daughter  
Debra Hix Yungkurth and son Hank Hix,  
Jr., as well as four grandchildren and  
two great-grandchildren.*

*Our prayers are with you and your  
family, Brenda.*

**HOPING WE WILL BE ABLE DO RESEARCH AT THESE  
LOCATIONS IN 2021 . . .**

**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](mailto:info@tcgen.org)  
Website: [www.tcgen.org](http://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**

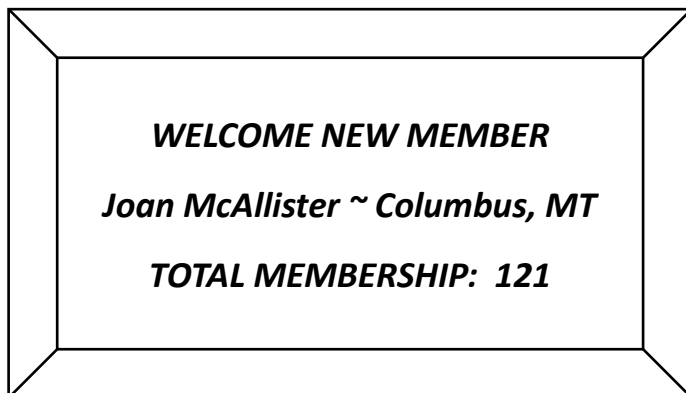
**COLUMBIA STATE PARK ARCHIVES**

11255 Jackson Street  
Columbia, CA 95310  
Open Tuesday 12 to 3 p.m.,  
Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Sherrin Grout (209) 532-8673

[sherrin@mlode.com](mailto:sherrin@mlode.com)

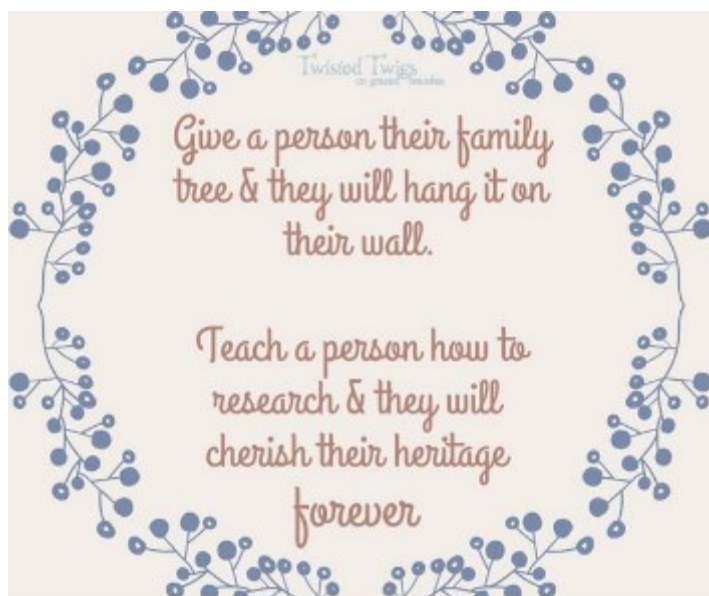
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***Deciphering Genealogy Script***

*Do you need help reading a document that contains old script writing? This Facebook group will help you accurately decipher old scripts and documents. These important pieces of information can be very difficult to read and interpret, which leads to errors that form barriers to further genealogy research. This group serves to assist its members as a supportive and helpful community to minimize deciphering errors.*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/672462506205064/>



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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:

Individual \$25 Yearly       Patron \$50 Yearly

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Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have already mailed your check,

please disregard this notice.

### For New Members:

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

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

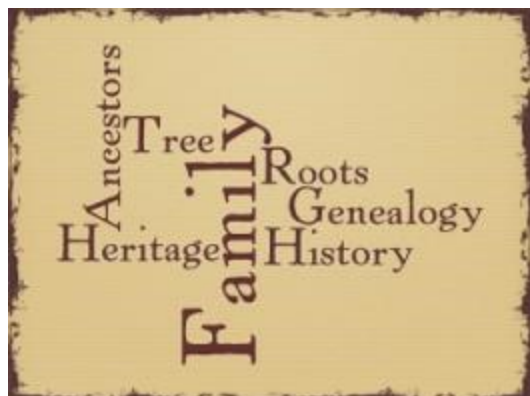
DUES ARE PAYABLE ON ANNIVERSARY DATE OF APPLICATION

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

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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