



# 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.



**ORDERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

**PICK UP AT MUSEUM BEGINNING  
NOVEMBER 17 ~ 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.  
CONTACT MUSEUM TO SCHEDULE  
AN ALTERNATE PICKUP DATE/TIME.**

**We're Fundraising with See's Candies!**

**Help us earn money for TCGS and make the holidays even sweeter.**



***We'd LOVE to see you!!!***

While we are still unable to get together for our monthly general meetings, there ARE three Zoom meetings each month that are available for you to attend. We hope you will sign in, say "hi" to your genealogy buddies, and see what discoveries some of the TCGS members have made during the last several months. Join us for an hour or two learning about Ireland and/or DNA/Computer Technology! **PLEASE NOTE: The Special Interest Group meeting days/times and venues may be changing. Check the TCGS website for the most up-to-date meeting information.**

Second Monday of each month

10:00 a.m. ~ **Irish Special Interest Group**

Contact Kathy Boone at [Cookie48@mlode.com](mailto:Cookie48@mlode.com) to request an invitation to the meeting.

12:00 p.m. ~ **DNA/Computer Tech Special Interest Group**

Contact Lorna Wick at [justlorna40@gmail.com](mailto:justlorna40@gmail.com) to request an invitation to the meeting.

Third Monday of each month

9:30 a.m. ~ **TCGS Board Meeting**

Contact Phil VanSwoll at [pvanswoll@outlook.com](mailto:pvanswoll@outlook.com) to request an invitation.



## President's Message by Phil VanSwoll

Once again, very little to report. Due to the increase in Covid cases, with breakthrough cases being reported more and more frequently, there seems little likelihood we will be meeting in person again anytime soon.

Our September board meeting was held, with very little activity to report from any of the members. I must compliment the tenacity and patience of the members of the board for hanging in there while we await the possibility of once again getting together in person. Based on my experience with other groups, you truly are a remarkable group of people, and we are extremely fortunate to have you!

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

### **DNA/Computer Tech Group ~ Organizing as You Go**

My keyword this last month has been "Organization." How do you research? Are you a paper junkie? Digital files only? Do you lose track of who you've corresponded with? Or which gr-grandfather's brother you found in the 1850 census?

Come join us for our fall meetings as we learn to fill in the gaps of our research and records. Ideas to suit your style, some methodology, some new tools, and lots of sharing.

If you're not receiving the monthly invitations to attend our Zoom meetings and would like to attend, send a request to Lorna Wick at [justlorna40@gmail.com](mailto:justlorna40@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom meeting invite.

If you haven't "zoomed" before, simply go to your internet browser and download the Zoom app. Our meetings begin at noon on the second Monday of each month and generally last for at least one and a half hours. Hope to see you there!

~ Lorna Wick, DNA/Computer Technology Special Interest Group



We regret to inform you, there will be NO TCGS Christmas Brunch this year.

### **Planning Ahead for Year-End Charitable Giving**



Here's a simple way to make a donation to TCGS that could also have tax advantages. If you are required to take Required Minimum Distributions from your traditional IRA, talk to your tax advisor about the advantages of making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) as part of your retirement financial strategy.

### **The Future of Irish Genealogy**

by Brian Mitchell

"In my eyes The Future of Irish Genealogy is a promising one. Here are the reasons why:"

[https://genealogical.com/2021/04/19/the-future-of-irish-genealogy-by-brian-mitchell/?fbclid=IwAR3Kmt5\\_9dDAJKI3VO0jkLAXW717et36PiTgAZ6Zce-AbrPexSmj10bA7fA](https://genealogical.com/2021/04/19/the-future-of-irish-genealogy-by-brian-mitchell/?fbclid=IwAR3Kmt5_9dDAJKI3VO0jkLAXW717et36PiTgAZ6Zce-AbrPexSmj10bA7fA)

~ CGS Irish Ancestor Network Facebook Page

### **Beware Mr. Smarty-Pants Database**

This is a fun article by John Grenham. Including too many details in your search could result in "no match." The article also includes a link to a YouTube video by John Grenham ~ Irish Ancestors: Beware of Databases.

<https://www.johngrenham.com/blog/2021/09/01/beware-mr-smarty-pants-database/?fbclid=IwAR1XkxjdniDq08LLunBU7xJaMQu8nk7C-7S32--JBKwMgpfb4hQEzlvrs10>

~ CGS Irish Ancestor Network Facebook Page



On Saturday, August 28, 2021, we lost a friend and Past President of our genealogy society when **Phyllis Claire Hembree**, 90, passed away at her home in Jamestown, CA. Phyllis moved to Sonora from Modesto in 1965. At that time, she was a member of the Stanislaus County Genealogy Society, which, I believe, she remained as a member even after she joined our society in 1993.

One of the first things Phyllis introduced us to was Salt Lake City. Phyllis had been going to Salt Lake with the Stanislaus group and wanted our society to have our own experience in the mecca of genealogy. Our first trip was in the spring of 1994. Brenda Hix and I were new members and had no idea what to expect as we were true beginners. Phyllis told us what to bring, what to expect, and instructed us on how to prepare for our first trip. She also told us how to dress ~ white pants with our first genealogy T-shirt in light blue. We made a statement not only in the airport but at the library, too. She arranged the flight, bus, porters, hotel, and group dinner on Wednesday night, which became an annual tradition to this day. Pat Perry doesn't remember what year she went on her first TCGS trip to Salt Lake, but when she learned there were two vacancies that year, she told Phyllis she had to check with work to see if she could get the time off. Phyllis gave her until 10:00 am the next morning to decide. That was Phyllis ~ to the point. Once Pat got to Salt Lake, Phyllis told her where everyone met for lunch, where we all sat, and what time dinner was. Phyllis could be thoughtful and kind.

Phyllis's first position in our society was as Registrar in 1994-1995, then Vice President in 1995-1996, and finally President from 1996 to 1997. She was determined, energetic, a great organizer, wonderful with crafts, and full of ideas. One time we had a speaker who was coming from the Oregon-California Trails Association. Phyllis decided we would have dinner for him at Sonora Hills, so she called Cheryl and me to come to her house to make wagon trains for the table settings. She always had new and interesting ideas.

Phyllis had several friends and contacts with the Stanislaus Genealogy Society. She used these connections to find speakers for our general meetings who had knowledge of various genealogical topics. This was a gift to our society as there were numerous subjects and discussions which increased our knowledge and made us better genealogists. She would also contact speakers coming for the annual genealogy event in San Francisco. Since they were coming to California anyway, would they like to hold a seminar in Sonora? We had to pay for the speaker but not for the airline flight. Clever idea! I remember E. Wade Hone who spoke on "Land and Property Research," also Henry Z. Jones who spoke about "Palatine Families."

In 2003, Phyllis and her husband Grant Hembree moved to the Rogue Valley in Oregon, a new adventure for them both. Grant died in 2006 and Phyllis returned to Sonora. She continued to dabble in genealogy, but as she said to me, "I am burned out right now."

Cheryl Maddox stayed in contact with Phyllis until her death. Phyllis would ask Cheryl to look up someone or some place that she was interested in regarding genealogy. She was still sharp, had a great laugh, and did a great deal to make our society better.

Phyllis, I hope all your genealogy questions are being answered now. Goodbye, my friend, and thank you!

~ Kristine Childres

On Saturday, September 4, 2021, we sadly lost a member of our Genealogy Society. Crystal Anne Ruiz, 76, passed away in the Sonora Adventist Health Hospital from Covid. Crystal joined the TCGS August 21, 2014, after she retired. She had worked for the Tuolumne County Department of Social Services for many years.

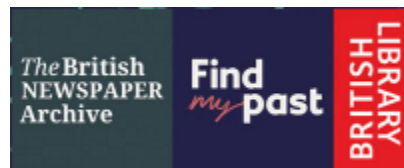
Through her research, Crystal was very proud that she was able to find where her father's family came from and went back four generations. Her father lost his parents when he was a baby, had been raised by his mother's side of the family, and knew nothing about his father's family.

Crystal will be greatly missed by many friends and her two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as her two sisters and brother; Crystal was a big part of their lives. Our condolences go out to all of them.



~ Cheryl Maddox

### **People Born and Adopted in Connecticut Can Obtain Their Own Birth Records for First Time in Decades**



People who were born and adopted in Connecticut prior to 1983 can now legally and easily obtain their own birth records for the first time in decades.

The passage of Public Act 21-21 gives town and city clerks the authority to provide adult adoptees access to their original birth documents, a right that was barred in 1974.

You can learn more at:

<http://www.bristolpress.com/BP-Bristol+News/394423/people-born-and-adopted-in-connecticut-can-obtain-their-own-birth-records-for-first-time-in-decades>

~ *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 10 Aug 2021

### **Your Photos May Disappear**

Many genealogists scan old photographs, touch them up in a photo editing program, and then print the photos on high quality ink-jet printers. Many of us also take new photographs with our digital cameras and often print some of them on paper. There is but one problem: those printed pictures may disappear within a few years.

Read more here:

<https://eogn.com/page-18080/10793088>

~ *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 3 Aug 2021

In partnership with the British Library, Findmypast has made over a million newspaper pages completely free to search and view.

Originally launched in 2011, Findmypast and the British Library's partnership has delivered the most significant mass digitization of newspapers the UK has ever seen. The British Newspaper Archive and Findmypast are currently home to more than 44 million fully searchable pages from over a thousand regional, national and specialty titles dating from 2009 all the way back to 1699. More information, as well as YouTube videos, are available here:

<https://www.findmypast.com/blog/new/free-newspapers>

TCGS member **Judy Herring** forwarded this link that shares information about how DNA can help you uncover more about your Irish ancestry:

<https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/how-dna-can-help-you-connect-ireland>

### **500k Irish Names Recorded in New York Almshouse Ledgers Dating Back to 1700s Are Available Online**

The *New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952* holds a total of 1,113,040 entries in the collection. Around 486,894 Irish-born individuals are listed, making it the largest single group in the collection – more than the USA-born total. Almshouses were charitable houses provided to people in a particular community and were used as workhouses, soldiers' barracks, hospitals, penitentiaries, and asylums. Similar to workhouses and poorhouses in England, the goal of an almshouse was to house the extremely poor in exchange for labor, if the tenants were able.

During the era of the almshouse, many immigrants arrived in New York. Those fleeing famine and persecution often had few resources available and may have found their way to an almshouse.

Initially spread throughout New York City, all almshouses were relocated to Blackwell's Island (now known as Roosevelt Island) by 1845.

Most almshouses were overcrowded, crime-riddled, underfunded, and rampant with disease. Throughout the era of the almshouse, many departments oversaw the almshouse system and made attempts at reform. Almshouses eventually faded away as residential development began on the island.

The collection contains records for individuals admitted to almshouses between 1758 and 1952 in New York City. The ledgers contained in this collection detail admissions, (voluntary or otherwise), discharges, deaths, and census information for the various types of almshouses. You can view the collection on Ancestry.com at <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/62048/>.

For more information about the New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952, read "*Guide to the Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952.*" New York City Municipal Archives. Last Modified 2016 at [https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/records/pdf/Almshouse\\_REC0008\\_MASTER.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/records/pdf/Almshouse_REC0008_MASTER.pdf).

~ *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 29 Jul 2021

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

England, Devon, Plymouth, Plague Rate, 1626-1629 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4234526>

England, Middlesex, Westminster, Poor Law Records, 1561-1883 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4324914>

England, Nottinghamshire, Church Records, 1578-1937 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4233297>

England, Staffordshire, Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry Wills and Probate, 1521-1860 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3491898>

Ireland, Merchant Navy Crew Lists, 1857-1922 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4316495>

Ireland, Prison Registers, 1798-1928 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4279963>

Minnesota, Cottonwood County, Obituaries, 1850-1990 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4328756>

New York, Yonkers, Birth and Death Registration and Indexes, 1876-1916 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4116431>

Norway Church Books, 1815-1930 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4237104>

Oregon, Center for Health Statistics, Birth Records, 1903-1918 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3581715>

Oregon, Oregon State Archives, Births, 1842-1917 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3246498>

Texas, Grimes County, Deed Records, 1869-1917 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4129993>

United Kingdom, British Royal Navy Ships' Musters, 1739-1861 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4231104>

Virgin Islands US, Census Records, 1841-1911 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4109619>

### ***Preserving Grandpa's Diaries***

*The Archive Lady* shares her tips and tricks to preserve and share a cherished set of diaries belonging to a reader's grandfather.

[https://genealogybargains.com/the-archive-lady-preserving-grandpas-diaries/?fbclid=IwAR3UqPWgf2d6Tt4aVMBEESR\\_KTR7-QIEy4-IMFMJyiCnXuD2pIR7Ta1epBE](https://genealogybargains.com/the-archive-lady-preserving-grandpas-diaries/?fbclid=IwAR3UqPWgf2d6Tt4aVMBEESR_KTR7-QIEy4-IMFMJyiCnXuD2pIR7Ta1epBE)

~ Melissa Barker, 19 August 2021  
*genealogybargains.com*

### ***Hidden (Overlooked) Tools on Ancestry***

This short YouTube video presents five hidden tools that are often overlooked on Ancestry.com. Did you know you can learn who saved an image from your tree? Learn this and other tips regarding how to search private trees, hints, the card catalog, and DNA timelines. Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t99DXctd3wg>

~ from *GenealogyTV on YouTube*

### ***Font Size in Browsers***



As you surf the web, you will undoubtedly find some sites that have fonts too big or too small for your monitor. Are you aware that **YOU** control the font sizes as displayed on your screen?

Font sizes specified by web designers are only the default values. The default values are compromises as it is impossible to select one size of font that is appropriate for all sizes of monitors, all resolutions, and the vision preferences of all users. In all cases, YOU are the one who has the final control of the font sizes displayed on your monitor.

For the majority of Windows, Macintosh, Chromebook, Linux, and other computers, to **INCREASE** the font size, hold down the CONTROL key (Macintosh users hold down the COMMAND KEY) and then press the PLUS Key. Press the Plus key more than once to increase the font size more than once.

For the majority of computers, to **DECREASE** the font size, hold down the CONTROL key (Macintosh users hold down the COMMAND KEY) and then press the MINUS Key. Press the Minus key more than once to decrease the font size more than once.

This works on the majority of web browsers, but it is always possible that the web browser installed in your computer might be an exception. Check the documentation (help files) to see what the keystrokes are for your web browser.

~ from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 22 Jul 2021

## One Big Change at Ancestry

### A shift in terms of service

Ancestry has just updated its terms of service and privacy statement — again — and this time there *is* a change buried deep in its language that *is* of significance to users.

As of the change, effective yesterday (3 August 2021), a user can't change his or her mind about any content uploaded to Ancestry: as of yesterday, you've just gifted the rights to that content to Ancestry, forever.

Terms of service (or terms of use), remember, are the limits somebody who owns something we want to use (like a website) puts on whether or not he'll let us use it. This isn't copyright law; it's contract law — we and whoever owns the thing we want to use reach a deal: a website lets us access the site and its information and we agree to use it only in the ways the website says we can.<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia says terms of use, terms of service and terms and conditions are all the same thing (they are) and defines the phrase as “the legal agreements between a service provider and a person who wants to use that service. The person must agree to abide by the terms of service in order to use the offered service.”<sup>2</sup>

That's a good definition, and, in this case, the terms of use govern whether we can use the Ancestry website and, if we do, what rights we're giving Ancestry.

So... the change that impacts us.

Before the new terms, the applicable section read:

... by submitting User Provided Content through any of the Services, you grant Ancestry a sublicensable, worldwide, royalty-free license to host, store, copy, publish, distribute, provide access to, create derivative works of, and otherwise use such User Provided Content to the extent and in the form or context we deem appropriate on or through any media or medium and with any technology or devices now known or hereafter developed or discovered. This includes the right for Ancestry to copy, display, and index your User Provided Content. Ancestry will own the indexes it creates. We will also have the right to continue to use your User Provided Content, even if you stop using the Services, but only as necessary for us to provide and improve the Services.<sup>3</sup>

As of now, it reads (emphasis added):

... by submitting User Provided Content through any of the Services, you grant Ancestry a **perpetual**, sublicensable, worldwide, **non-revocable**, royalty-free license to host, store, copy, publish, distribute, provide access to, create derivative works of, and otherwise use such User Provided Content to the extent and in the form or context we deem appropriate on or through any media or medium and with any technology or devices now known or hereafter developed or discovered. This includes the right for Ancestry to copy, display, and index your User Provided Content. Ancestry will own the indexes it creates.<sup>4</sup>

Note the addition of the words **perpetual** and **non-revocable** — meaning forever and ever amen and no changing your mind. And note that the last sentence, the one that had limited Ancestry's right to keep using our materials to the cases “necessary ... to provide and improve” Ancestry's services, is gone.

In plain English, the rights to use that family photo you posted, that story you wrote and uploaded, that snippet of family history you've shared basically now belong to Ancestry. You can continue to use it elsewhere if you wish, since you're still technically the owner, but you can't do anything to stop Ancestry from using it any way it wants, forever.

That's a very big change.

One *The Legal Genealogist* doesn't like at all.

Be aware of it, think about it, make your choices carefully before you upload anything.

And read the terms of use of every website you use.

Really.

Or you may find you've just given away more than you wanted to give.

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2021/08/04/one-big-change-at-ancestry/>

Judy G. Russell, “One big change at Ancestry,” *The Legal Genealogist* (<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> : posted 4 Aug 2021)

**See “Ancestry Retreats” on page 7**

*Did you know ~ if you receive Gold Diggers digitally, you could easily CLICK on all these links ~ without typing each URL in your browser?*



## Ancestry Retreats

### License term change

The date on the newly-updated terms and conditions at *Ancestry.com* still reads 3 August 2021.

But there was a change made after that date.

According to Ancestry **now**, users who upload content to Ancestry still give Ancestry a perpetual and non-revocable license to use the content.

But, it says now, “perpetual and non-revocable” doesn’t **mean** “perpetual and non-revocable.”

Also, by submitting User Provided Content through any of the Services, you grant Ancestry a perpetual, sublicensable, worldwide, non-revocable, royalty-free license to host, store, copy, publish, distribute, provide access to, create derivative works of, and otherwise use such User Provided Content to the extent and in the form or context we deem appropriate on or through any media or medium and with any technology or devices now known or hereafter developed or discovered. This includes the right for Ancestry to copy, display, and index your User Provided Content. Ancestry will own the indexes it creates. Notwithstanding the non-revocable and perpetual nature of this license, it terminates when your User Provided Content is deleted from our systems. Be aware that to the extent you elected to make your User Provided Content public and other users copied or saved it to the Services, this license continues until the content has been deleted both by you and the other users.

Those last two sentences in the image above have been added to the end of section 2.2.3 now:

Notwithstanding the non-revocable and perpetual nature of this license, it terminates when your User Provided Content is deleted from our systems. Be aware that to the extent you elected to make your User Provided Content public and other users copied or saved it to the Services, this license continues until the content has been deleted both by you and the other users.<sup>1</sup>

So as of now you **can** change your mind and delete your content and Ancestry will respect your decision. **But** if you delete something you shared **publicly**, Ancestry gets to keep using it until anyone who copied or saved it on Ancestry also deletes it. Ancestry will not take down all other copies of whatever you uploaded that other users are using.

This clarifies the biggest question that people had as reflected in questions posed to this blog: what about materials attached to private trees? As long as the materials are not public and shared, deleting the content terminates the license granted to Ancestry.

A retreat, yes, in part. And a caution: **read terms of service**. Don’t just click through. And use caution in choosing what to share online — and how.

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2021/08/06/ancestry-retreats/>

Judy G. Russell, “Ancestry retreats,” *The Legal Genealogist* (<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> : posted 6 Aug 2021)

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 120**

### ANCESTRY DNA RESULTS HAVE BEEN UPDATED

The latest DNA update makes ethnicity results even more precise. Eight new regions from across Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia have been added. Although you may not see these new regions in your personal results, you could see changes in your ethnicity estimate as part of this update. See your updated results at AncestryDNA!

~ email from Ancestry.com 20 Sep 2021



**ORDER FORM ALSO AVAILABLE ON**

**THE TCGS WEBSITE ~**

<https://tcgen.org/fundraisers.html>

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND  
WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR  
A FUTURE DATE**

~~**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**

### FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Amazon.Smile donation to TCGS September 2021:  
\$71.58**

**Cumulative Donation: \$896.80**

Visit tcgen.org for more information and instructions for signing up for this easy fundraising opportunity!



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.

#### October 2021

- **Born a Slave: Rediscovering Arthur Jackson's African American Heritage** by David W. Jackson ~ 10/1
- **A Cargo of Criminals: Transportation to Australia** by Carol Baxter ~ 10/5
- **DNA Health Tests and Your Family Health History** by Rick Crume ~ 10/6
- **Context: A Powerful Tool for Problem Solving** by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL ~ 10/8
- **Seven Immigration Methodologies, with Case Studies Across the Centuries** by David S. Ouimette, CG, CGL ~ 10/8
- **Investigate the Neighborhood to Advance Your Research** by Melinda Henningfield, CG ~ 10/8
- **What Am I Missing? Recognizing Research Holes in Available Sources** by Patti Lee Hobbs, CG ~ 10/8
- **Private Land Claims—Complicated? Yes, but worth it!** by Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA ~ 10/8
- **Using Mind Mapping as a Visual Research Plan** by Amy Larner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL ~ 10/8
- **Recent Updates to MyHeritage's historical record search engine** by Mike Mansfield ~ 10/12
- **Navigating Your Way Through Family Search** by Cyndi Ingle ~ 10/13
- **My ancestors were Irish ~ or were they?** by Natalie Bodle ~ 10/15
- **My 20 Year Mystery ~ Finding family origins with Y-DNA** by Shellee Morehead, PhD, CG ~ 10/19
- **Comparing the Genealogy Giants 2021: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage** by Sunny Morton ~ 10/20
- **Building Family Trees for Your DNA Matches** by Mary Eberle, JD ~ 10/27
- **Tech With Thomas** by Thomas MacEntee ~ 10/29

#### November 2021

- **Uncovering the lives of your London (England) ancestors** by Cathie Sherwood ~ 11/2
- **Investigative Genetic Genealogy ~ The Use of DNA for Law Enforcement** by Debra Renard ~ 11/3
- **Say Amen: Going to Church with the Master ~ Finding the Mother Church** by Char McCargo Bah ~ 11/5
- **A MyHeritage Webinar Series Webinar** by MyHeritage Webinars ~ 11/9
- **The Two Colonial Georgias** by Larry W. Thomas ~ 11/9
- **Planning Research** by LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, CG, CGL ~ 11/16
- **How to Build Your Genealogy Website on WordPress** by Marc McDermott ~ 11/17
- **Finding Your Scottish Ancestors in Canada** by Christine Woodcock ~ 11/19
- **Genealogy a la carte ~ Using Australian historical maps in your research** by Benjamin Hollister ~ 11/30





## 75 Years Ago in Tuolumne County

### FORMER TUOLUMNEITES CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo T. Wood of Stockton are inviting their Tuolumne County friends to join them at the Philomathean Club in Stockton Saturday afternoon on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. An informal reception will be held between the hours of two and five o'clock that afternoon by the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood were married at Quartz Mountain November 16, 1896, Mrs. Wood being the former Keturah Ball, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ball, early pioneers of Tuolumne County. The Woods' two children, Mrs. William Bowden of Washington State and Harleton Wood of Pasadena will attend Saturday's event. The Woods have four grandchildren. Planning to attend the reception are Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ball and daughter, Mrs. Elise McCormick. Ball is a brother of Mrs. Wood. Of the three children of the Stephen Balls, two (F. F. Ball and Mrs. Wood) have been married fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ball will observe their fifty-seventh anniversary next April 16th. The Woods are asking their friends not to send gifts.

~ *The Union Democrat*, 14 Nov 1946

#### **The Cradle**

FESTNER-In Sonora, November 15th, at the Tuolumne County Hospital, to the wife of Daniel Festner, formerly Tommy Haynes, of near Sonora, a son, Timothy Michael.

BONDS-In Tuolumne, November 7th, to the wife of Joseph Fredric Bonds, formerly Dorothy Margaret Standage, of Tuolumne, a daughter, Sharran Ann.

~ *The Union Democrat*, 21 Nov 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hale, former residents of Groveland, but now of Leroy, Kansas, visited in this area Monday. Hale is a nephew of our local postmaster, Mrs. Minnie Ferretti.

~ *The Union Democrat*, 31 Oct 1946

#### **Licensed to Wed**

BAKER-HORSLEY-In Reno, October 26th, Boyd H. Baker, 31, of Mountain View and Vera H. Horsley, 32, Sonora.

~ *The Union Democrat*, 31 Oct 1946

<b>OCTOBER 2021</b>
GENERAL MEETING
<del>October 11, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.</del>
<del>Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room</del>
BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom
<b>NOVEMBER 2021</b>
GENERAL MEETING
<del>November 8, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.</del>
<del>Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room</del>
BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



On **August 16, 2021**, the Board discussed the increased costs of printing and mailing *Gold Diggers*. The community meeting room at the Tuolumne County library is still unavailable for TCGS general meetings. The museum will not be re-opening in August as previously planned.

On **September 20, 2021**, the Board learned our membership has decreased to 120 members. Some orders for See's Candy have already been submitted. The Irish SIG may begin meeting in the museum courtyard. The DNA/Computer Tech SIG will begin focusing more on technology issues. President VanSwoll will purchase a new computer soon for the genealogy library. The checking account balance is \$9,045.91 and the CD balance is \$7,091.61.

<b>DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 15, 2021</b>
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**See's CANDIES.**

2021 Winter  
 Fundraising



**Assorted Chocolates**  
 Milk and dark decadence.  
 Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
 1 lb \$25.50 #50318  
 2 lb \$49.00 #50319



**Milk Chocolates**  
 Pure milk chocolate goodness.  
 Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
 1 lb \$25.50 #50326



**Dark Chocolates**  
 A taste of cacao in every bite.  
 Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
 1 lb \$25.50 #50330



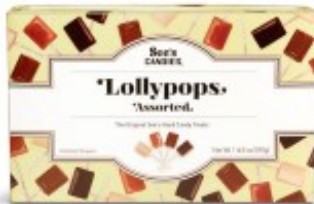
**Nuts & Chews**  
 Yummy, crunchy and chewy.  
 Delivered in seasonal wrap.  
 1 lb \$25.50 #50334  
 2 lb \$49.00 #50335



**Truffles**  
 Wonderfully decadent and rich.  
 1 lb \$28.50 #902



**Toffee-ettes®**  
 Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate and almonds.  
 1 lb \$25.50 #316



**Assorted Lollipops**  
 Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latte and Chocolate.  
 Approximately 30 lollipops.  
 1 lb 5 oz \$24.00 #296



**Peanut Brittle**  
 Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.  
 1 lb 8 oz \$26.00 #355



**Christmas Delivery Box**  
 The ultimate stocking stuffer.  
 3.5 oz \$10.00 #7468



**Assorted Peppermints**  
 Creamy mint treats in milk  
 and dark chocolate.  
 8 oz \$12.75 #358



**Assorted Molasses Chips**  
 Crispy wafers covered in milk  
 and dark chocolate.  
 8 oz \$12.75 #360



**Merry Gnomes Box**  
 An irresistible treat.  
 3.5 oz \$10.00 #7469

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### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

**FUNDRAISER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Team or Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

**CUSTOMER NAME/PHONE #**

	1 lb Assorted Chocolates #50318	2 lb Assorted Chocolates #50319	1 lb Milk Chocolates #50326	1 lb Dark Chocolates #50330	1 lb Nuts & Chews #50334	2 lb Nuts & Chews #50335	1 lb Truffles #902	1 lb Toffee-ettes® #316	1 lb 5 oz Asst. Lollypops #296	1 lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #355	3.5 oz Christmas Delivery Box #7468	8 oz Asst. Peppermints #358	8 oz Asst. Molasses Chips #360	3.5 oz Merry Gnomes Box #7469	TOTAL
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### FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

## 2021 Winter Fundraising

Please fill out form completely.

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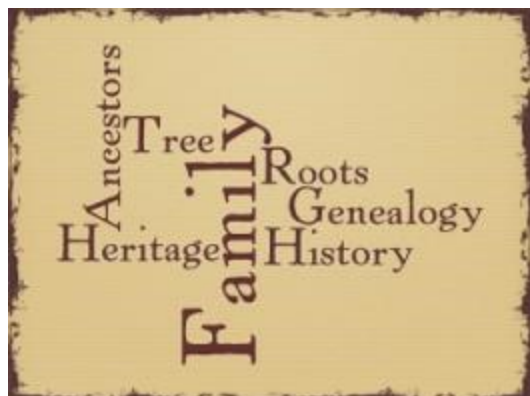
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