



GOLD DIGGERS

Tuolumne County Genealogical Society

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

AUGUST 8, 2022 ~ 2:00 PM ~ JUSTIN FLORES

Excerpts From the Life of a Mexican Who Turned Welsh in One Day



With his interest piqued by a niece who had her DNA tested, our speaker for July decided to pursue DNA testing for himself.

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

You may remember Justin from his years as the radio personality of “Justin In the Morning” on Star 92.7. More recently, he has served as Pastor at Heritage Christian Church in Sonora. Justin was the “Master of Ceremonies” at the Tuolumne County Historical Society’s program *When Shadows Whisper*.

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 ~ 2:00 PM ~ PAT PERRY

The Fun and Pitfalls of Doing Local Research

Pat Perry, a member of the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society, and Historian for the City of Sonora, will do a PowerPoint presentation discussing the advantages of doing on-site research. While there is a wonderful amount of information online, there is nothing like visiting the areas where your ancestors lived and finding records that are not available on the Internet. This is meant to be a fun and informative presentation.





President's Message by Phil VanSwoll

It's wonderful to have regular general meetings again. In June, Sandra Turner gave a presentation on using FamilySearch that was most informative, and in July, Don Wilson spoke on using Find A Grave, which generated a lot of interest and good questions. If you aren't attending, you are missing out!

The library at the museum is extending their hours, which will make it easier for our members, and the public in general, to utilize the facilities. Our volunteers do an outstanding job and are to be highly congratulated for all they do for our society.

We'd like to see more of you at our meetings. Come and join us!

~ Phil E. VanSwoll

TCGS currently has three vacant Board positions. You are cordially invited to read the "job" descriptions and see which of these positions would be perfect for **YOU**:

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

Vice President: The Vice President is the Chair of the Program Committee. Each general meeting of TCGS provides the membership with a program ~ speaker, demonstration, pre-recorded video, etc. ~ on a topic of interest to the members. The Vice President also has the duties and powers of the President in the absence or inability of the President to act. As noted, there is a Program Committee to assist the Chair, so *you won't be on your own*.

Education Director: The Education Director is Chair of the Education Committee which is responsible for any classes, workshops, and/or seminars which TCGS provides. The main event for the Education Director and Committee is the TCGS Annual Seminar in October. Never fear! *There are many TCGS members who will assist you* in the planning, coordinating, and handling of this and/or any other event.

Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian is an adviser to the President and other officers on matters of meeting procedure and acts as a facilitator for the TCGS Bylaws in order to conduct business and make decisions in an orderly manner. (*This position is not as intimidating as it sounds!*)

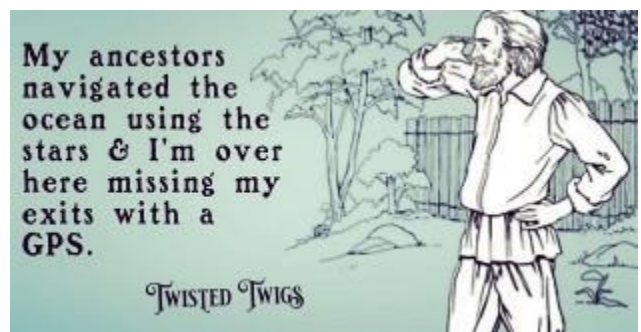
The TCGS Board meetings are on the third Monday of each month (excepting December) at 9:30 a.m. and are currently being conducted via Zoom. At some point in the future, these meetings will resume at our usual meeting place, Papa's New Roost, with breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Please be assured new officers are ALWAYS supported by fellow TCGS members with experience in the office.

If you would like more information about these positions ~ or you would be willing to serve on the best Board of Directors in Tuolumne County ~ contact President Phil VanSwoll or any of the names listed on the back of this newsletter. We would LOVE to have **YOU** join us!

If you would prefer to receive *Gold Diggers* electronically rather than via USPS, please send Betty Sparagna an email at info@tcgen.org.

Electronic delivery of this newsletter will save TCGS money spent on printing and postage. Any savings can then be spent on other worthwhile activities!



~ Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches Genealogy



The Library Corner by Kristine Childres

It has been a bumpy road to recovery from COVID this year. I am not speaking of the virus but of the difficulty of finding volunteers to staff the numerous positions in our societies and organizations. Many people who worked for years as volunteers have not come back. There are too many reasons to explain why, but it has left such a gap in our county. Two examples of being short of staff are the Family History Center and the Genealogy Society. Both Carolyn Coates and Lori East have been active in recruiting volunteers.

Lori has found a gem of a volunteer who is now working at the museum on Tuesdays. Her name is Sandy Turner. Sandy moved to Tuolumne County three years ago from Modesto and joined our society shortly after settling in Sonora. She was originally from the Bay Area and a 4th generation Californian. Sandy was hooked with her first genealogy project at the age of 16. Initially upon entering BYU, she thought microbiology would be her major, but soon decided to change to Family History with minors in Business and Library Science. She has been a consultant at BYU doing research there for 50 years. She also worked at the Dale Road Family History Center in Modesto for several years. Her specialties are the British Isles and Norway. Sandy can be found working on Tuesdays at our museum on Bradford Street and on Thursdays at the Family History Center on Hillsdale Drive. She is a member of the LDS. She is also a Director At Large for the TCGS Board. Come down to the museum on Bradford Street Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and meet Sandy. Welcome, Sandy Turner! We appreciate your dedication and knowledge.



Available for your use at the TCGS library are *Census Substitutes & State Census Records*, 3rd Edition, by William Dollarhide in five volumes. These books were copyrighted in 2020 and updated in April 2021.

- Vol 1 ~ *Northeastern States & U. S. Territories*
- Vol. 2 ~ *Southeastern States*
- Vol. 3 ~ *Northcentral States*
- Vol. 4 ~ *Southcentral & Four Corners States*
- Vol. 5 ~ *Western / Pacific States and Nationwide Chapter*

Here is another pay site that is offered free at the Family History Center on Hillsdale Road in Sonora: **Geneanet** is a website that was started in 1996 which now has 850.000 family trees. It has millions of historical records, predominantly French and European, including German, Spanish, Dutch, Norwegian, Finnish, Swedish and Portuguese. It does support the English language.

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

Barnes * O'Connor * Grigsby * McCleary

~ Kristine

From TCGS member **Judy Herring** comes this link from IrelandXO.com ~ "10 Facts About Land Ownership." "No research of Irish family history is complete without being able to look at the land location and obtain details about a family's holding in rural Ireland. Land often played a key social, economic and cultural role for many families living in rural areas."

https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/10-facts-about-land-ownership?utm_medium=email&utm_source=emfluence&utm_campaign=IrelandXO+Insight%3A+10+Facts+about+Land+Ownership+in+Ireland

**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER / NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 19**

COMING SOON!



Kathy Boone is working on compiling an order for TCGS T-shirts and sweatshirts. Prices, sizes, colors, and ordering information will be available soon on our website: www.tcgen.org. Watch for it!

NEW HOURS at the Family History Center

Tuesday ~ 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Register for free at: https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/?list_view=true&multiple=true

All live webinars are free and their recordings are free to watch for the first 7 days. With a webinar membership (\$49.95) you get additional benefits outlined here:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/>

August 2022

- **Finding Mob: Researching Indigenous Australian Family History** by Benjamin Hollister ~ August 2
- **Seeking the Best Evidence: Targeted Testing for Genetic Genealogy Proof** by Paul Woodbury ~ August 3
- **African Americans Heading West** by Janice Lovelace, PhD ~ August 5
- **New Records on MyHeritage** by Mike Mansfield ~ August 9
- **Need help with grammar and punctuation? There’s a tool for that!** By Cathie Sherwood ~ August 10
- **Finding Fayette’s Father: Autosomal DNA Reveals Misattributed Parentage** by Jennifer Zinck, CG ~ August 16
- **FamilySearch.org—5 More Links You Have to Try** by Devin Ashby ~ August 17
- **Tracing Your Alberta Connections** by Dave Obee ~ August 19
- **A MyHeritage Webinar Series webinar** by MyHeritage ~ August 23
- **Researching Oklahoma Roots** by Billie Fogarty ~ August 24
- **Monthly Online genealogy Conference: New England** ~ August 27 (Saturday)
- **Director Your Letters to San Jose: Following Ancestors’ Migration Trails** by David Jackson ~ August 31

September 2022

- **Shackles, shekels and shrapnel: the exodus to the Southern seas** by Michelle Patient ~ September 6
- **mtDNA and YDNA in 2022** by Diahna Southard ~ September 7
- **A MyHeritage Webinar Series webinar** by MyHeritage ~ September 13
- **Michigan: An Upper Midwest Researchers Dream** by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS ~ September 14
- **Abstracting Documents: An Essential Skill for All Genealogists** by Julie Miller, CG, CGL ~ September 20
- **Ransomware and your computer** by Andy Klein ~ September 21
- **A MyHeritage Webinar Series webinar** by MyHeritage ~ September 27
- **Start with You: Writing About Yourself** by Brenda Hudson, Ph.D.

English Names and Irish Equivalentents

3 Must See Resources for English Research

- Jane / Janet ~ Sinéad (pronounced “Shin-ade”)
- Barbara ~ Gormladh (pronounced “Gurm-la”)
- Joan / Joanna / Hannah ~ Siobhán (pronounced “Shiv-awn”)
- Margaret ~ Mairéad (pronounced “Mor-ade”)
- Elizabeth ~ Sibeal (pronounced “Sybil”)
- Abigail / Deborah ~ Gobnait (pronounced “Gub-nit”)
- Grace ~ Gráinne (pronounced “Grawn-ya”)
- Marion ~ Muireann (pronounced “Mwir-in”)
- Charles ~ Cathal (pronounced “Cah-hal”)
- Terence / Terry ~ Turlough (pronounced “Tur-lock”)
- James ~ Séamus (pronounced “Shay-mus”), often Shay for short
- Daniel ~ Domhnall / Dónal (pronounced “Dough-nal”)
- Timothy ~ Tadhg (pronounced “Tie’g”)
- Denis ~ Donnchadha (pronounced “Dunn-a-ka”)
- Edward ~ Eamon (pronounced “Aim-on”)
- Dermot / Jeremiah ~ Diarmuid (pronounced “Dear-mid”)



Connected Histories: British History Sources 1500 ~ 1900

<https://www.connectedhistories.org/>

University of Leicester’s Historical Directories of England and Wales

<https://cdm16445.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16445coll4>

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674 ~ 1913

<https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>
~ From Legacy News, June 3, 2022

~ from youririshheritage.com

TCGS member **Nancy Dorrien** recently shared a copy of her newsletter from The North of Ireland Family History Society.



The NIFHS is a registered charity with particular reference to the nine counties of Ulster ~ Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, Monaghan, and Tyrone. If your ancestors have a connection to Ulster, you may want to join the NIFHS . . . or at least visit their website.

<https://www.nifhs.org/>

TCGS member **Sandy Turner** shares this helpful tool ~ a calculator that will do four different calculations regarding age:

- Birthdate, using age at death and date of death
- Birthdate, using age at death and date of death, with the 8870 method
- Age at death, using birthdate and date of death
- Approximate age at death, using only year of birth and year of death

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~fgris/family/brown/agecalc.html#:~:text=Subtract%20the%20age%20from%20the,30%2C%20subtract%2070%20from%20it.>

TCGS member **Terry Cox** shared this news article about the recreation of the Irish records lost in the archives fire in 1922 ~ “Seven centuries of Irish archives painstakingly recreated after being destroyed in civil war. Digital wizardry and academic sleuthing have helped recreate a cultural treasure severely damaged in the conflict in 1922.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/22/irish-public-record-office-civil-war-bombardment-archives-reborn>



From TCGS member **Brenda Hix** comes this interesting article about “Second Summer Disease.” Second Summer Disease has been referred to as cholera infantum ~ cholera in an infant. To learn what caused the disease and why the second summer, visit this site:

https://generationsgoneby.wordpress.com/2019/05/19/second-summer-disease/?fbclid=IwAR2TBLaghTN_oN31OFCDKbLUntBJtSRVbm6pJ6DvsKY5HMSuolaeP2fDvyM

Archaic Medical Terms

Did you ever find a record of someone’s cause of death and then asked, “What the heck is that?” You can find the definitions of archaic medical terms here:

<http://bakers-world.com/page38/index.php>

~ From *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 20 May 2022

Do You Have Italian Ancestors?

Check out the Italian Genealogical Group ~ dedicated to promoting Italian family history and genealogy.

<https://www.italiangen.org/>



The Photo Angel Project

Kate Kelley loves to visit antique stores and thumb through their pictures in her quest to find those that are labeled so she may return them to their family members. The purpose of the project is to document success stories and encourage others to search their attics and vintage shops for photos with identifiable information and join in the fun.

There is more information in this NBC Today YouTube video,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57lu9JLlCuk>

as well as Kate’s Facebook page (The Photo Angel):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/531012871224823/>

Sounds like a fun and worthwhile project!

Utah’s Great Salt Lake is Drying Out, Threatening Ecological, Economic Disaster

Are you planning a visit to the FamilySearch genealogical library in Salt Lake City in the near future? If so, you may want to first read this article published by Reuters on July 14, 2022:

<https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/utahs-great-salt-lake-is-drying-out-threatening-ecological-economic-disaster-2022-07-14/>



**August 6
National Root Beer
Float Day**



**September 9
California
Admission Day**

MORE ALL-DAY WEBINARS FROM LEGACY FAMILY TREE

Friday, September 2

- **10 Best Self-Publishing Tips for Family Historians** by Lisa Alzo ~ 10:15 am EST
- **Changing Places, Changing Borders: Overcoming geographic challenges** by Dave Obee ~ 11:30 a.m. EST
- **MyHeritage** ~ 12:45 p.m. EST
- **Descendants of the Enslaves and Enslavers-Working Together to Discover Family** by Sharon Batiste Gillins and Cheri Hudson Passey ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **What You Can Learn from Lineage Societies...Without Being a Member!** By Elizabeth M. O'Neal ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Italian Civil Marriage Supplements** by Suzanne Russo Adams, AG ~ 2:00 p.m. EST

Friday, September 9

- **Delivering the Mail: Records of the United States Post Office** by Michael L. Strauss, AG ~ 10:15 a.m. EST
- **What's Next When You Are Told Those Records Were "Burnt up"** by J. Mark Lowe, FUGA ~ 11:30 a.m. EST
- **MyHeritage** ~ 12:45 p.m. EST
- **Understanding and Using Scottish Kirk Session Records** by Paul Milner ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Settlers in California's Sacramento Delta—History and Resources** by Grant Din ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Entering the Old Northwest Territory** by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG ~ 2:00 p.m. EST

Friday, September 16

- **Germany to Pennsylvania: 18th Century Odyssey** by James M. Beidler ~ 10:15 EST
- **Using Google Books to Find the Law** by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL ~ 11:30 a.m. EST
- **MyHeritage** ~ 12:45 p.m. EST
- **Essential Immigration Records for Researching Your Mexican Ancestors** by Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Famine and Family History** by Wayne Shephard ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Can Americans get a legal Coat of Arms from Scotland?** By Dr. Bruce Durie ~ 2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 23

- **Strategies to Jumpstart Your Research** by Teri E. Flack ~ 10:15 a.m. EST
- **Fruit of the Earth: Using Deeds to Uncover Your Ancestors** by Robyn Smith ~ 11:30 a.m. EST
- **MyHeritage** ~ 12:45 p.m. EST
- **Mastering Digital Filing for Genealogists** by Cyndi Ingle ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Swedish-American Church Gooks—Great Genealogical Source!** By Kathy Meade ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Documenting Jewish Families in America: The Early Years 1654-1880** by Ellen S. Kowitt ~ 2:00 p.m. EST

Friday, September 30

- **The Top Ten DNA Do's and Don'ts!** By Michelle Leonard ~ 10:15 a.m. EST
- **Researching in Small Towns—Yield Valuable Genealogical Information** by Bernice Bennett ~ 11:30 a.m. EST
- **Controlling Chaos: Managing a Genealogical Project** by Rebecca Koford, CG, CGL ~ 12:45 p.m. EST
- **50 Mostly "Hot off the Press" Net Sites You want to Check Out!** By Diane Richard ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Four Keys to Creating Complete and Accurate Transcriptions (and Why You Should)** by Shannon Green, CG ~ 2:00 p.m. EST
- **The Tennessee State Library and Archives: A Mega Archives for Your Tennessee Ancestors** by Melissa Barker ~ 2:00 p.m. EST

Our condolences To Theresa Dyer on the passing of her father,
John Francis Riley Lamm, on May 21, 2022.

NEW INDEXED RECORDS ON FAMILY SEARCH ~ ADDED SINCE MAY 2022

Alaska, Village Census Rolls, 1919-1972 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4465440>
France, Calvados Census, 1891 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4279959>
France, Creuse, Parish and Civil Registration, 1568-1903 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4316502>
France, Drôme, Parish and Civil Registration 1542-1922 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3665081>
France, Hautes-Alpes, Parish and Civil Registration, 1582-1902 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4320731>
France, Pyrénées-Orientales, Parish and Civil Registration, 1451-1897 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4320734>
Germany, Anhalt, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1851-1941 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4132031>
Germany, Bavaria, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1591-1963 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4234521>
Germany, Bremen, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1746-1970 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4234519>
Germany, Lübeck, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1797-1961 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4232849>
Germany, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1639-1943 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4234522>
Germany, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1664-1937 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4132032>
Germany, Oldenburg, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1764-1959 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4131226>
Germany, Prussia, Posen, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1430-1998 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4116415>
Hungary, Church Books, 1624-1950 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4133831>
Minnesota, Military Discharge Records, ca. 1917-ca. 1990 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4122682>
Mississippi, Military Discharge Records, 1917-1974 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4474057>
Missouri, Military Discharge Records, 1862-1996 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4159751>
New Jersey, Reclaim the Records, Geographic Birth Index, 1901-1929 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4461588>
Norway, Oslo, Census, 1912 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4445453>
Oregon, Military Discharge Records, 1919-1967 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4229779>
Virginia, Various Counties, Military Discharge Records, 1919-1980 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4380168>

FamilySearch Digital Library Updates

The FamilySearch book-scanning project recently passed the half million mark. Over 500,000 books from the Family History Library, the Allen County (Indiana) Public Library and the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston have been digitized and processed using OCR (optical character recognition) software to make these books full-text searchable. Read more about the project, along with some tips for searching here:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/familysearch-digital-library-updates>



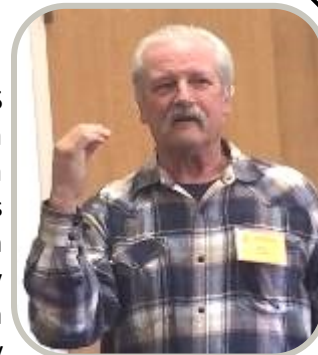
Nancy Dorrien

Sandy Turner

When the call went out, Nancy Dorrien and Sandy Turner said “yes” and joined the TCGS Board of Directors as Directors at Large. A DAL represents the membership at the monthly Board meetings, and observes and learns about each Board position, with the hope the DAL will want to later serve on the Board in a specific role. If you would like an issue to be presented at a Board meeting, but do not want to attend the meeting yourself, please see one or both of the DALs. We welcome and thank Nancy and Sandy for their willingness to serve TCGS!

In Memoriam Ronald Alan Knox ~ 1949 ~ 2022

On June 2, 2022, Ron Knox passed away in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. Ron joined TCGS in November 2014. TCGS members may recall the most amazing story Ron told at a general meeting about his father, Pierce Knox, who was a blind xylophone and marimba player. After a 25-year career as a real estate appraiser, Ron became a school bus driver for Sonora High School, a job he absolutely loved and from which he retired in 2012. Ron and his wife Patsy visited the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan every summer and eventually moved to Pickford, Michigan in January 2022. Ron was a member of the American Legion, Pickford's Historical Society, and Kiwanis. He loved fly fishing and welding, and his enthusiasm for genealogy was contagious. Ron's obituary aptly described him as a "social butterfly" who "became someone special to everyone he met." Our most sincere condolences to Patsy. We will be keeping Ron's family, friends, and loved ones in our thoughts with loving and kind remembrance. Donations in Ron's memory may be made to the Pickford Community Library Renovation, 230 E. Main St, Pickford, MI 49774 or the Pickford Area Historical Museum, 175 E. Main St., PO Box 272, Pickford, MI 49774



At the July 5, 2022 meeting of the Sonora City Council, Mayor Hawkins, Councilwoman Ann Segerstrom, and Councilwoman Colette Such presented Historian Recognition honors to TCGS members **Patricia Perry** and **Sharon Marovich** for their leadership and contributions to the preservation of the history of Sonora and Tuolumne County. The well-deserved accolades for each of these ladies are too numerous to include here; I encourage you to watch the entire presentation here, beginning at 2:22:

<https://media.accesstuolumne.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/5316?channel=1>

Thank you to Pat and Sharon for everything you have done for so many years to keep our history alive. Sonora and Tuolumne County owe you both a huge debt of gratitude!



Pat Perry and Sharon Marovich

MyHeritage Publishes 11 Million German Historical Records

From an article in the MyHeritage Blog:

We are delighted to announce that MyHeritage published 11 million historical records from two death collections that include images: German, Hesse, Deaths, and an update to Germany, North Rhine Westphalia Deaths 1874-1938. The North Rhine Westphalia death collection is exclusive to MyHeritage and cannot be found on any other commercial site. With this update, the total number of German historical records on MyHeritage is 187 million.

More details about each of these collections may be found at:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/05/myheritage-publishes-11-million-german-historical-records/>

~ from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 1 June 2022

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

~ Laurence Overmire



Amazon.Smile Donation to TCGS in May 2022: \$36.90

2022 Total: \$104.16

Cumulative Total: \$1,055.87



AUGUST 2022

GENERAL MEETING

August 8, 2022 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room

BOARD MEETING

August 15, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom

SEPTEMBER 2022

GENERAL MEETING

September 12, 2022 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room

BOARD MEETING

September 19, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



BOARD MEETING

On **June 20, 2022**, there were not enough voting Board members present to achieve a quorum.

On **July 18, 2022**, the Board met via Zoom. Ways and Means Chairperson Kathy Boone will have information about ordering TCGS T-shirts and/or sweatshirts available at the August general meeting. When ready, the information and order form will be available on our website. After discussion, the Board agreed not to impose an additional fee on any members who wish to receive their newsletter via USPS. The Board hopes you will respond to the membership survey on page 11 regarding a possible change in meeting times. There will be no changes made to the meeting times prior to May 2023.

Account Balances: Checking: \$7,901.83
 PayPal: \$67.13
 CD: \$9,100.15

TWO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS ~ MEETING IN PERSON!!!

Irish Special Interest Group

The Irish Group will meet in person at the Tuolumne County Meeting Room on August 8 and September 12 at 10:00 a.m. This group is dedicated to research about your Irish ancestors.



Contact: Kathy Boone ~ 209-770-3379
 cookie48@mlode.com

Writers' Special Interest Group



The Writers' Group will meet in person at the Tuolumne County Meeting Room on August 8 and September 12 at 12:00 p.m. This is an informal group that meets to share information and encourage the writing of your family histories.

Contacts: Pat Perry ~ 209-586-3214
 Marilyn Fullam ~ 209-588-9873

NOTICE FROM LORNA REGARDING THE DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The DNA Special Interest Group has decided to take a break from meetings for two to three months. Summertime, vacations, gardening, and family are a priority for most of us now. The group will resume in either September or October. Check the TCGS website for current information about the DNA SIG.



Cheers to all and Happy Summer!

~ Lorna Wick

Who Do You Think You Are (US Version) is Back on NBC



A documentary series from executive producers Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky returns to the network after ten years. Each week, a different celebrity guest goes on a poignant search to trace their family tree with the help of genealogists, historians, and experts. This season features Allison Janney, Zachary Levi, Nick Offerman, Billy Porter, Zachary Quinto, and Bradley Whitford.

WHERE TO DO GENEALOGY RESEARCH LOCALLY

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

LDS Church
19481 Hillsdale Drive
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ Call 1-209-226-3231
for alternative dates and times
Hours: Tuesday ~ 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday ~ 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday ~ 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Appointments available upon request

TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

158 W. Bradford Street
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ 1-209-532-1317
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday ~ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday ~ 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Hours subject to availability of volunteers
Email: info@tcgen.org
Website: www.tcgen.org

TUOLUMNE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

158 Bradford Street
Sonora, CA 95370 (behind the museum)
1-209-532-4227

TUOLUMNE COUNTY LIBRARY

480 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ 1-209-533-5507
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed: Sunday and Holidays

CARLO DE FERRARI ARCHIVES

480 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370 (behind the library)
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 to 4 p.m. ~ 1-209-536-1163

By appointment only

COLUMBIA STATE PARK ARCHIVES

Corner of Main and Fulton
Columbia, CA 95310 ~ 1-209-536-2646
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Time Capsule Messages Added to Ireland's 2022 National Census

At the end of Ireland's census form this year, people were given the chance to voluntarily add a time capsule message to future generations or historians. The messages are set to remain private until 2122.

You can read more in an article by Rina Torchinsky published in the *NPR* website at:

<https://www.npr.org/2022/04/05/1091045484/ireland-irish-census-time-capsule-100-years>

~ *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 5 April 2022*

Recover Lost Websites with the Wayback Machine



<https://archive.org/web/>

Has a website you need to use vanished? Have you found a broken link to a website you used years ago? Has a website made a change to their content or do you want to take a look at what it looked like ten or 20 years ago? Look no further than the Wayback Machine ~ available on the Internet Archive website. The Wayback Machine has captured more than 689 billion webpages since its inception in 1996. All you have to do is type in the website URL, click on the archived versions of it, and take a look at what it looked like throughout the years.

Learn more about how to use the Wayback Machine through Roberta Estes' blog:

<https://dna-explained.com/2018/01/10/recovering-the-past-waybackmachine/>

~ *from Appleton Public Library Newsletter, June 2022*

Ancestry.com Now Lets You Colorize Historical Photos

Ancestry.com has integrated an automatic colorization feature that it says lets users make black and white photos more lifelike. The company says it already enables the ability to capture, digitize, retouch, and preserve old family photos, but it is now adding the ability to colorize them with a new tool. This allows users to gain "a more vivid, real-life snapshot of ancestors and their lives." The feature comes by a partnership with archiving specialist company Photomyne, whose technology was integrated into the Ancestry app in March to allow users to take photos and attach them to a family tree on Ancestry's website.

~ *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 2 June 2022*

TCGS General Meeting Program ~ July 11, 2022 ~ Find A Grave



Don Wilson, a former President and Vice President of the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, spoke to our members about Find A Grave. Don explained how to search for a cemetery or a memorial, as well as how to add a memorial and upload photos and obituaries. Don also went through the steps to create a memorial, correct inaccurate information, and connect family members to memorials. He pointed out the cemeteries in Tuolumne County which have unfulfilled photo requests. We also learned about Don's Fort Sumner Cemetery Project, in which he photographed every headstone in the cemetery and created an Excel spreadsheet. Using the spreadsheet, he used the Register of Burials from Fort Sumner and discovered names with no headstone or funeral home marker. Don then entered into the Find A Grave website any that were not already there and added photographs to those that did not have a photo already attached. Once that was completed, Don came up with 200 graves that did not have headstones. After determining a price for each marker, Don began fundraising and used various sources to find families of the individuals buried in the cemetery who did not have grave markers. Through the support of the DeBaca County, New Mexico community, \$7,775 was raised and Don was able to place 174 markers in the Fort Sumner Cemetery within 18 months! If anyone would like to take on a similar project, Don provided us with his detailed and helpful instructions on "Recording a Cemetery Project." Thank you, Don, for a great presentation!



Following Don's program, Sandy Turner suggested TCGS form a group to work on fulfilling the numerous Find A Grave requests for photos of headstones in Tuolumne County cemeteries. If you would like to assist in this project, please contact Sandy Turner at the TCGS email ~ info@tcgen.org ~ with subject line "Cemetery Project."

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

In order to attract new members to join the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society, consideration is being given to having the general meetings at a different time on the second Monday of each month. TCGS would appreciate your participation in this survey. Please rank the times in order of your preference and email to: info@tcgen.org by August 5, 2022.

- (A) 2:00 PM each month (no meeting in December)
- (B) 6:00 PM each month (no meeting in December)
- (C) 2:00 PM September through May; 6:00 PM in June, July, and August (no meeting in Dec)
- (D) Do you have another suggestion?

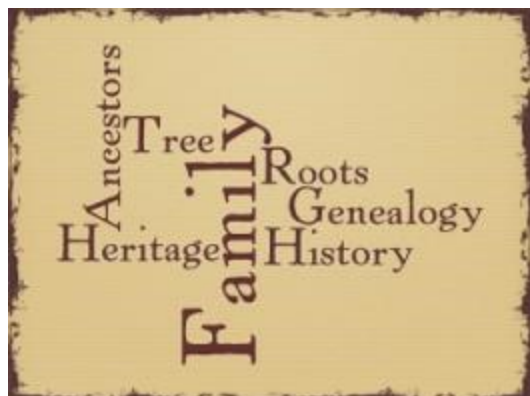
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TCGS membership application is available here: https://tcgen.org/memb_appl_rev_5-20-2019.pdf
If you would like to have a copy of the TCGS Membership Roster, please contact Betty Sparagna at info@tcgen.org.

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