



# ***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.

## ***RootsTech 2022***

***March 3 ~ 5, 2022***

Register for free at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/>



RootsTech 2022 will be a virtual-only experience, with some enhancements and improvements.

A new set of educational classes will be featured during 2022, along with new technologies to explore in the virtual expo hall, and inspiring stories shared by a fascinating line-up of keynote speakers.

Classes for the event will have a mix of on-demand, livestream, and interactive sessions that will allow attendees to learn, grow and connect to people all over the globe. Participants will also be able to connect with fellow attendees, speakers, experts, and enthusiasts. In 2022, the planners of RootsTech are looking to take that experience to the next level.

The event will take place March 3~5, 2022, and you can register for RootsTech right now by visiting [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org). The conference is free and open to anyone. For updates, be sure to follow RootsTech on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

## ***Tuolumne County Museum Open***

On January 5, 2022, the Tuolumne County Historical Society reopened the museum on a limited schedule.

You can visit the museum on ~

Wednesdays ~ 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Thursdays ~ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ~ TCGS Library Staff Available This Day**

Fridays ~ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Appointments can be made for other times by calling 209-532-4227 or email [tcmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:tcmuseum@gmail.com).

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**



## President's Message

Still no progress on the meeting front. Tuolumne County still has one of the highest rates of infection for Covid in the state, and until that settles down a little, it is unlikely that we will be able to schedule an in-person general meeting anytime soon. However, your Board has discussed looking into holding a general meeting via Zoom, so be on the lookout for news about that.

Our DNA sub-group and our Irish sub-group are going well, and the genealogy library at the Historical Museum will again be open on Thursdays between 10 and 4. Stop by and visit! Masks are required, though.

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

### **Possible Help With Your Brick Wall ~ Stump Craig!**

Take the opportunity to ask professional genealogist and publisher, Craig Scott, a question. See if his genealogical and historical knowledge can help you solve that brick wall problem. Submit your questions in advance to Geoff Rasmussen at [legacyfamilytree.com](http://legacyfamilytree.com), then watch the Legacy Family Tree webinar on March 16. See more information here:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/stump-craig/>

### **MORE ABOUT goldiemay**

Have any of you tried Goldie May yet? Would you recommend it? Here are links to more information about this automatic research log. If you give it a try, please let us know if you believe this is a useful tool to guide you in your family history research.

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/expohall/goldie-may>

<https://www.thefhguide.com/project-4-goldie-may.html>

### **TCGS DNA/Tech Special Interest Group News**

At the January Zoom meeting, we had a super guest presenter, our own Luci Tyndall, who reviewed her use of Evernote for her genetic genealogy. It was evident that Luci was laser-focused on her goal of finding her paternal grandfather and was able to avoid the BSOs (Bright Shiny Objects) that kept popping up on her maternal side . . . a great lesson to all of us in goal setting and staying focused.



At our next meeting on February 14, we will begin studying "Your DNA Guide ~ The Book," by Diahana Southard. The book provides step-by-step plans to connect you with your family using your DNA.

Meanwhile, we will take a little time to zero in on what our goals are in our genealogical research. Perhaps we may also explore the use of Evernote as it applies to us ~ Luci was able to do amazing things with the free version of Evernote ~ and how we might benefit from simplifying our records. There are several good YouTube lessons on Evernote if you didn't hear Luci's presentation

Again, if you are interested in attending the DNA SIG meeting, new members are welcome at any time. The group will be more than happy to bring you up to speed. Please email Lorna at [lorna4us@gmail.com](mailto:lorna4us@gmail.com) (NOTE: new email address) so she can send you the Zoom invitation. Plan to log on about five minutes before noon so you can be seen in the "waiting room."

~ Lorna Wick

## The Library Corner



Kristin Marie Dennis recently shared a post on The Genealogy Squad Facebook page. Kristin made her big find at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, a special collection at the Houston Public Library. This is a good reminder for us of the value of the resources available at your local genealogy library:

*"I absolutely slayed a family myth today! I was at my local genealogical library poking through Lancaster County books and I went through one of those old biography books of residents. I found my 3rd great-grandfather on a lark (I'm a Smith, it's all about larks for me!) In family mythology, he was married to an Indian princess.*

*In reality, he was a member of the fraternal society group called Order of Red Men and his wife was a founding member of their female degree group, Pochahontas.*

*On another note, I did find that this bio lists their parents' names, whom I've been stuck on.*

*Sometimes, digital and DNA ain't the be all to end all."*

The TCGS library at the museum is now open again on Thursdays. Drop by and see all the books that are available for your research.

### **New Feature at GEDmatch: Relationship Predictions**

GEDmatch.com has just updated its site with relationship predictions, now available on the results page of the One-to-Many tool. Currently, the feature is limited to Tier 1 users on the One-to-Many Full Version and only on the New site, not the Classic one.

GEDmatch has also recently integrated tools from the site Genetic Affairs ~ Auto Clusters and Auto Segment ~ both available with a Tier 1 subscription.

Read more here:

<https://dna-sci.com/2021/12/15/new-feature-relationship-predictions-at-gedmatch/>

### **"The Foundlings, A Genealogical Crime Mystery"**

A Morton Farrier, Forensic Genealogist Story

Nathan Dylan Goodwin

Review by TCGS Member Sherry Blake

Sir Walter Scott first expressed it when he said, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

This story is a consummate example of the tangled web of intertwining lies, hypocrisy, deceit, and the consequent assumptions that can be made by the people involved. DNA research can often reveal that tangled web.

Goodwin stated that "DNA was helping to solve a myriad of complex crimes, identify human remains, and reunite adoptees with their biological families, but it was also presenting a raft of ethical dilemmas for unsuspecting individuals for which there was precious little training or preparation." Well said. In this riveting story, the author touches on them all.

Editor's Note: A copy of *The Foundlings* is available at the TCGS library. Please let Lori know if you would like to borrow it.

### **Do You Have Ancestors From County Cork?**

The Skibbereen Heritage Centre recently announced they have added an additional 10,500 burial records to their genealogy database. They now have a total of 45,500 individual records from 89 graveyards to access online free of charge. The records cover the greater West Cork area and reach into the north and east of the county. To see a map of the graveyards covered and to search the database, go here:

<https://skibberheritage.com/west-cork-graveyards-database/>

[fbclid=IwAR3qWFYDjx4vXRn3440lrCysl6DcoYs2hQQlx\\_wNsojTKp3PE9hbPpOpFvQ](https://www.skibberheritage.com/west-cork-graveyards-database/?fbclid=IwAR3qWFYDjx4vXRn3440lrCysl6DcoYs2hQQlx_wNsojTKp3PE9hbPpOpFvQ)

### **Donna Moughty's Irish Genealogy Resources**

Donna Moughty is a professional genealogist who has developed a website FULL of genealogical links and resources, including Getting Started, DNA, Historical Novels/Genealogical Mysteries, Immigration and Emigration, Irish County Links (from Antrim to Wicklow), Irish Reference Books, Irish Websites, etc. She also has links to Irish county Facebook pages. Donna also has a very timely blog with many helpful articles and she coordinates research trips to Ireland. If you're not familiar with Donna, check out her website here: <https://www.irishfamilyroots.com/>

## 7 Surprising Facts About St. Patrick's Day ~ from History.com

1. The real St. Patrick was born in Britain.
2. There were no snakes around for St. Patrick to banish from Ireland.
3. Leprechauns are likely based on Celtic fairies.
4. The shamrock was considered a sacred plant.
5. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in America.
6. The Irish were once scorned in America.
7. Corned beef and cabbage was an American innovation.



Learn more about the holiday's history and how it evolved into the event it is today ~

<https://www.history.com/news/st-patricks-day-facts>

### **TIMELINES AND YOUR GENEALOGY**

*Arlene Eakle*

**Timelines** ~ You can download a free digital timeline from <https://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/freedocs> onto your own computer. You can expand it, type on it, print it off, and write on it.

#### **Why Timelines are Important for Your Genealogy Research**

You can expand any field

You can remove any field

You can color coordinate fields for quick comparisons

You can embed photos, documents, images, scans, maps into text or any field

Your data can be listed in order by date, by place, by surname, by source, by pattern

You can download a timeline for free for paper copies or add it to your computer for use online

You can add new items at any point

You can remove errors or questionable data easily

You can compare fields with other timelines, with information in printed books

You can compare your data from any source or illustration

You can create your research plan and future searches directly on your timelines

You can organize your research knowledge as a beginning place for each pedigree line

You can command your data and knowledge for analysis, to make decisions of where to go next, or which family requires your attention next

You can share your timelines with family members and local society editors as teaching examples for other researchers to learn from

And when you have a special question about any aspect of your research, you can run a timeline! In my opinion, it is one of the most significant research tools available.

#### **This is a Key Research Strategy**

Begin with what you know

Write down in chronological order

No copyright, no restrictions on use

Add your name, address, phone numbers, email

Circulate it ~ add to your profile on the Internet

Print copies and insert with postal letters, with requests to libraries and archives

Put it on your website or your blog where it can be indexed by Google.

#### **Why It Succeeds**

The timeline has data

People keep it ~ it is interesting and amusing ~ it can benefit others

Librarians and archivists file it in surname files

Databases copy it

~ © Arlene H. Eakle, PO Box 129, Tremonton UT 84337  
and Der Ahnenforscher ~ The Family Researcher May 2020

## PIONEER COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*The Union Democrat* ~ 25 Feb 1922

### MARRIED

Near Sonora, Feb. 18, 1872, by Rev. E. A. Wible, Wm. W. Hill to Miss Sarah M. Hanson

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With these simple lines the marriage of the couple was announced in the *Union Democrat* 50 years ago, and as the years grew apace sixteen children came to bless the Hill home, of which number 15 are living and all in California. The children, now all grown and flown to other nests, decided upon a family re-union at which the honored guests would be their parents and the function would be given on the day marking the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

Thus it was that on last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Hill, now residents of Tuolumne, but for many years living in Columbia, were surrounded by fourteen of their children, many grand children and many warm friends, who gathered in the Smith hotel of their old home town to do honor to them on their golden wedding anniversary. The surprise of the aged couple can better be imagined than expressed, since neither Willie nor Sarah had the faintest inkling of the celebration, but they soon adjusted themselves to the situation and were most happy among their children and many of their dear old friends and neighbors. The scheme of the hall decoration was in harmony with the golden event and gold crepe paper was festooned



MR. AND MRS. W. W. HILL

about, mingling with massive ferns.

A wedding march was struck up and to the strains of the music members of the Hill family numbering 46 circled around the hall, headed by the golden couple, with Mrs. Sarah Engelke as bridesmaid, Frank J. Schoettgen as groomsman and Ruth Bucknam, a grand-child, as flower girl. The bridal couple were halted under an artistically decorated bell whose colors reflected a golden glow. Here J. D. Bucknam, a son-in-law, naturally without the grave ministerial dignity that was present at the ceremony 50 years ago, but with all the sincerity, tied another knot, but with the assurance that the old loop would never become unraveled. The ceremony ended, congratulations were showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Hill by all, and Hon. G. W. Nicol delivered a very felicitous address, beautifully portraying the fine sentiment such a scene and gathering inspired. No

details to make the wedding complete was left out, and soon all were seated at the tables in the dining room where a wedding supper superb was served. A short program followed in which Mrs. G. E. Trask and Frank Schoettgen made delightful talks, Miss Clara Beckwith recited, Walter Hill sang a solo and Miss Beckwith and Miss Ida Hill rendered a duett. Dancing concluded the celebration, the music being furnished by Terzich's five-piece orchestra.

The couple were the recipients of some very handsome presents from friends and the children made up a purse of \$250 in gold, just to accentuate the fact that it was a golden affair. It was a great affair, a splendid expression of the love of children for their parents, and the wish was uppermost in all minds that the future might deal gently with the old couple and their years be lengthened and full of happiness.

With the exception of Mrs. W. L. Wiseman, all the children of the couple were present at the anniversary, as follows: Mrs. J. A. Rowe, Merced, Miss Ida Hill, Tuolumne, Mrs. J. D. Bucknam, Martinez, Mrs. J. J. Sutton, Oakland, Mrs. V. M. Terzich, Sonora, Mrs. C. K. Goodman, San Francisco, each lady being accompanied by her husband, except Mrs. Rowe, and the eight sons, viz: Charles, George, Fred Henry, John, Walter, Edgar, Leslie Hill.

*While TCGS is still unable to provide in-person general meetings each month, we hope you will take advantage of the MANY online webinars available for your genealogy education, research, and just FUN. Webinars are available through the Family History Library, Legacy Family Tree, Ancestry.com, and others. And don't forget RootsTech 2022! Google "genealogy webinars" and see what interesting webinars are available.*

*Then share with us what you've found!*

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

Anguilla, Church Records, 1827-1944 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4439442>  
Australia, New South Wales, Gaol Photographic Description Books, 1871-1969 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4439348>  
Brazil, Cereá, Civil Registration, 1982-1999 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4157393>  
England, Archdiocese of Birmingham, Roman Catholic Parish Records, 1539-1910 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4325039>  
British Virgin Islands, Methodist Church Records, 1815-2012 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2029201>  
England, Berkshire, Parish Registers, 1515-1993 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4380176>  
England, Middlesex, Westminster, Poor Law Records, 1561-1883 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4324914>  
England, Somerset, Church Records, 1501-1999 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4380193>  
Estonia, Lutheran Church Family Lists, 1603-1980 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4445509>  
France, Calvados, Census, 1856 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4279960>  
Grenada, Church Records, 1747-1930 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4440820>  
Guadeloupe, Church Records, 1639-1830 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4316498>  
Iceland Census, 1835 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4380200>  
Kentucky, Supplemental Schedule of Defective, Dependent & Delinquents, 1850-1880 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4149583>  
Malta, Passport Applications, 1865-1943 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4376672>  
St. Kitts and Nevis, Church Records, 1747-1930 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4440822>  
United States, California, Indexes to Private Land Claims Dockets, 1849-1895 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4163575>  
United States, Hawaii, Anti-Annexation Petitions, 1897 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4147969>  
United States, Kentucky, Agricultural Schedules, 1850-1880 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4231101>  
United States, Oregon, Naturalization Records, 1868-1991 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4279955>

### ***GeneticAffairs AutoKinship: A Tool to Build Family Trees Based on Amounts of Shared DNA***

Do you sometimes feel frustrated as you try to sort out the connections between DNA matches and shared ancestors? The AutoKinship tool at GeneticAffairs.com can quickly offer possible solutions to the problem. AutoKinship can help you construct a family tree of DNA matches that point to shared/common ancestors when there are few clues about who those ancestors are.

Read more about this potentially helpful tool on the "Family Locket" blog posted by Robin Wirthlin on December 26, 2021.

<https://familyloket.com/geneticaffairs-autokinship-a-tool-to-build-family-trees-based-on-amounts-of-shared-dna/>

### ***The Family History Guide Highlights for 2021***

Click on the link for a list of some of the features that were added to The Family History Guide website in 2021.

<http://www.thefhguide.com/blog/the-family-history-guide-highlights-for-2021/>

~ Bob Taylor, December 27, 2021,  
FHG

### ***Iowan Adoptees May Now Receive a Noncertified Copy of the Certificate of Birth Prior to Adoption***

HF855 was signed into law on May 19, 2021. Beginning January 1, 2022, any adult adoptee 18 years old or older may apply for a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth prior to adoption. If the adult adoptee is deceased, an entitled family member may apply for the record.

More information, as well as links to forms related to the request for a certificate, can be found here:

<https://eogn.com/page-18080/1222643>

~ Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 29 Dec 2021



Register for free at: [https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/?list\\_view=true&multiple=true](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://legacy.familytreewebinars.com/legacy-family-tree-webinars-yearly-membership-p1.php>

### February 2022

- **Education in Australia** by Cathie Sherwood ~ 2/1
- **CensusGenie: Down to the Wire 1950 Census Prep** by DearMYRTLE and Russ Worthington ~ 2/2
- **The Trifecta: The Secret Sauce of Researching the Formerly Enslaved** by Nicka Smith ~ 2/4
- **What's New in the MyHeritage Photo World** by Tal Erlichman ~ 2/8
- **Researching in Colonial New England** by Ann G. Lawthers, Sc.D. ~ 2/9
- **It Goes with the Territory! Find Your Ancestors in Pre-statehood Records** by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG ~ 2/15
- **The perfect back up plan for you: Backblaze** by Andy Klein ~ 2/16
- **Genealogical Gold in British Columbia** by Dave Obee ~ 2/18
- **Printing Charts and Books on MyHeritage** by Uri Gonen ~ 2/22
- **From Piles to Files: Organize Your Genealogy** by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG ~ 2/23
- **Monthly Online Genealogy Conference: African American** ~ 2/26

### March 2022

- **Exploring the new 1921 UK Census** by Paul Milner ~ 3/1
- **Using WikiTree's DNA Features in Your Family History Research** by Mags Gauden ~ 3/2
- **Documenting, Organizing, and Analyzing Plantation Slaves** by Ari Wilkins ~ 3/4
- **RootsTech Roundup from MyHeritage** by Daniel Horowitz ~ 3/8
- **'Hidden Treasures': Discovering Local Sources in Your Irish Research** by David Ryan ~ 3/9
- **Identifying Unnamed Free Born African Americans ~ A DNA Case Study** by David Rencher, CG, AG, FUGA, FIGRS ~ 3/15
- **Stump Craig** by Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA ~ 3/16
- **Mexican Catholic Parish Records, Part II: Pre-Marital Investigations, Marriages & Dispensations** by Henrietta Christmas ~ 3/18
- **A Deep Dive into Deep Nostalgia™** by Keren Dotan ~ 3/22
- **Get 'Grammin'! How to Instagram Your Family History** by Elizabeth M. O'Neal ~ 3/23
- **Monthly Online Genealogy Conference: Ireland** ~ 3/26
- **Family Stories in 30 Minutes or Less** by Brenda Hudson, Ph.D. ~ 3/30



*I gave my girlfriend a cannoli for Valentine's Day. When she asked why, I said, "I cannoli be happy when I'm with you."*

*Seamus opens the newspaper and is shocked to see his OWN obituary. In a panic, he phones his friend and asks, "Did you see the paper?! They say I died!" The friend replies: "Yes, I saw it! So, where ya calling from?"*



### Surprising Free Finds From Google Books

To search Google Books, go to [google.com](https://books.google.com/) and start a search as usual. Then click "Books" below the search box. Note: You may have to click the word "More" before you see the "Books" option. Next, for more satisfying results, click the words "Any view" and choose "Preview and full view." Now you can fully explore the best results. If you find something you want, you may be able to download the book as a PDF. Note: You can save a step by going straight to:

<https://books.google.com/>.

~ from Fortify Your Family Tree, 21 December 2021

<https://family-tree-advice.blogspot.com/2021/12/google-books.html>

**Reclaim the Records! Offers the First-Ever Online Publication of the New Jersey Geographic Birth Index and the New Jersey Delayed Birth Index, 1901-1929**

These records are currently only available in image format, as they were scanned from 94 reels of microfilm and have not yet had a text transcription project to turn their contents into a searchable database. However, the majority of both record sets were typed, and you should be able to use the Internet Archive's built-in OCR capabilities to do a text-search of most of the images.

You can read the full announcement, along with pictures illustrating what is available online, here:

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/29/>

**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 December 2021: \$54.91**

**Cumulative Donation: \$951.71**

Visit [tcgen.org](http://tcgen.org) for more information and instructions for signing up for this easy fundraising opportunity!



**South Dakota Historical Society Digitizes Important Suffrage Papers**

More than 3,765 women's suffrage items from the John A. and Alice Pickler Papers are now available on the South Dakota Digital Archives of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

In 1991, 65 boxes of Pickler family records were donated to the State Historical Society-Archives at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, including photographs, political papers, business records, and more than four boxes of suffrage-related correspondence, speech notes, meeting minutes, and booklets.

Recently, to improve access to the collection and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote, the suffrage portion of the Pickler Papers was selected for digitization and cataloging. These records are now available to the public on the South Dakota Digital Archives at <https://sddigitalarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/>.

~ South Dakota State Historical Society

**How to Obtain Information from the 1950 and Later U.S. Census Records**

U.S. census records are kept private for 72 years to protect respondents' privacy, then released to the general public. However, most genealogists are not aware that it is possible to obtain information from newer census records.

The fact is that records from the 1950 to 2010 Censuses are available but can only be obtained by the person named in the record or their heir after submitting form BC-600 or BC-600sp (in Spanish).

**NOTE:** Publications related to the census data collected from 1790 to 2010 are available at <https://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html>. However, none of those records list names and other personal information given by the respondents.

You can learn more in *Availability of Census Records About Individuals* (a PDF file available at <https://www.census.gov/prod/2000pubs/cff-2.pdf>).

~ Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 3 Dec 2021



**Getting Ready for the 1950 Census**

From TCGS member **Brenda Hix** ~ a recent video on *Eleveses with Lisa* titled "1950 Census Enumeration District Maps" (episode 79) by Lisa Louise Cooke contained very helpful information regarding the soon-to-be-released 1950 census. According to the note accompanying the video, U.S. Census maps can help you see where your ancestors lived in 1950. The video will show you how to find them for free. Lisa also shares important information you need to know to interpret them correctly. There is also a quick update on the release of the 1950 U.S. Federal Census scheduled for April 2022. You can watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GJguql5uCc>





**FEBRUARY 2022**

GENERAL MEETING

~~February 14, 2022 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~  
~~Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room~~

BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.  
 Via Zoom

**MARCH 2022**

GENERAL MEETING

~~March 14, 2022 ~ 2:00 p.m.~~  
~~Sonora Public Library ~ Conference Room~~

BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.  
 Via Zoom



**BOARD MEETING**

The TCGS Board did not meet in **December 2021**.

On **January 17, 2022**, the TCGS Board decided to proceed with tentative plans for a genealogy seminar in October. Jan Jorn-Baird will talk with the LDS staff to determine a date. There was discussion regarding the possibility of having general meetings via Zoom. Membership in TCGS continues to decline. The cost of printing the newsletter has increased. The Salt Lake City trip is still on schedule, however, Judi Lewis is in need of someone to assist her in making arrangements for the trip. President VanSwoll will begin appointing a Nominating Committee to choose candidates for Board positions for 2022/2023. If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee or serving as a Board member, please let Phil know. On December 16, 2021, the Board voted to transfer \$2,000 from the checking account to the CD account.

Account Balances:      Checking ~ \$7,561.06  
                                   CD ~ \$9,098.69

**DNA/TECH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

The group will do a brief review of our earlier DNA studies and then begin studying *“Your DNA Guide ~ The Book*, by Diahna Southard.



The book consists of an Introduction to Your Plan, Steps for Working Your Plan, and Learning Guides. You will choose a specific DNA question and start exploring it right away.

Meetings will continue to be on Zoom at noon on the second Monday each month. To request an invitation to the meeting, contact Lorna Wick at [lorna4us@gmail.com](mailto:lorna4us@gmail.com) (*NOTE: new email address*) or call her at 1-209-743-4041 to be added to the group.

***Irish Special Interest Group***

Second Monday of each month ~ 9:00 a.m.  
 These meetings will be in person at either Papa’s New Roost or the Tuolumne County Museum. Contact Kathy Boone at [Cookie48@mlode.com](mailto:Cookie48@mlode.com) or 1-209-770-3379 prior to each month’s meeting to confirm the location.

*It’s not the size of the tree that matters.  
 It’s the quality of the nuts  
 you find on there!*



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**  
***Susan Medeiros ~ Columbia, CA***  
**TOTAL TCGS MEMBERSHIP: 116**

**DEADLINE FOR  
 APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER  
 MARCH 21, 2022**

## WHERE TO DO GENEALOGY RESEARCH LOCALLY

### FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

LDS Church  
19481 Hillsdale Drive  
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ 1-209-536-9206

**By appointment only.**

### TUOLUMNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

158 W. Bradford Street  
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ 1-209-532-1317  
Hours: Thursday ~ 10 a.m. to 4 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)  
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.  
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Co for Company

Pres for President

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Col for Colonel

Chas for Charles

Benj for Benjamin

Cpl for Corporal

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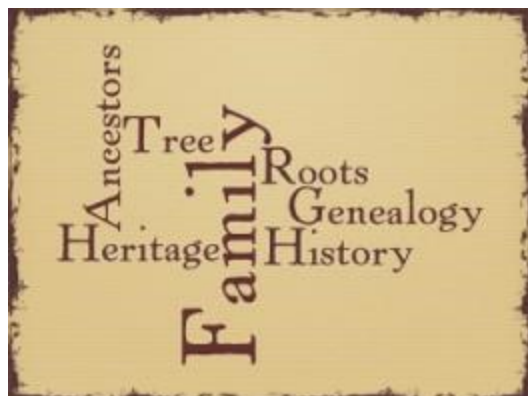
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