



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.

AUGUST 14, 2023 ~ 6:00 P.M.

CODE TALKERS OF WWI AND WWII ~ LEWIS M. RUDDICK

Our featured guest speaker for the August meeting of the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society will be Lewis Ruddick, past president of the Stanislaus County Genealogical Society, a descendant of gold rush miners who struck it rich near Plymouth in Calaveras County.



Lewis will share the story of the Choctaw Telephone Talkers of World War I and the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. Come honor these brave men on "National Navajo Code Talker Day," August 14, 2023, Monday evening, at 6:00 pm at the Public Library meeting room on Greenley Road in Sonora.



SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 ~ 2:00 P.M.

TOUR OF DEFERRARI ARCHIVE



Ever wonder what the Carlo de Ferrari Archive looks like? Curious as to what types of records they hold? Come join the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society Monday, September 11th at 2:00 pm for a free tour. We will gather at the Public Library on Greenley Road and walk to the Archive (located directly behind the library) once the business portion of our monthly meeting has been completed. All are welcome.




President's Message by Pat Perry

After our June hiatus, it was great to see such a wonderful turnout at our July meeting.

Cynthia Doyle is putting together our October 14th workshop, which is set to be one of our best to date. We will have Chris Bateman as our keynote speaker, and many speakers who are specialists in their fields. We will also be offering the opportunity for workshop participants to get personal, one-on-one training at the FamilySearch History Center. This is always a fun and interesting day and the special event of our genealogy calendar. As always, lunch and homemade goodies will be served and are included in your registration. Workshop registration will be in the next newsletter, online, and at future program meetings. Set the date aside. I promise you won't be disappointed. And, tell your friends!

~ Pat Perry



October 14, 2023
TCGS Annual Workshop
 Watch our website for updates ~
<https://tcgen.org/>

We will return to the regularly scheduled TCGS meeting times in **September**:

Irish Group ~ **10:00 AM**

Writers' Group ~ **12:00 PM**

General Meeting ~ **2:00 PM**

Find A Grave ~ To Be Determined

Please let us know how the summer meeting times worked (or didn't work) for you. We wanted to provide an opportunity for working people to attend our meetings. Was it successful? Email your comments to info@tcgen.org or speak to any Board member. Thank you!

Debi Bautista ~ Find A Grave ~ July 10, 2023

At the July TCGS meeting, Debi shared tips for searching for family ancestors on Find A Grave, how to add photos and other documents on the site, how to connect family members to each other, and how to share family stories., along with other helpful tips. At the end of her presentation, Debi announced the formation of a Find A Grave Special Interest Group which will have an inaugural meeting on August 14 at 5:00 p.m., where plans for the group's future activities will be discussed. Please plan to attend if you're interested in contributing, creating, and discovering gravesites on the world's largest gravesite collection.



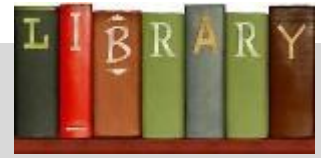
UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER ~ Cybersecurity Training ~ Charlie Smith

OCTOBER 14 ~ TCGS ANNUAL FALL WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER ~ Sharing Our Discoveries ~ The Salt Lake City Researchers (rescheduled from June 12)

DECEMBER ~ Christmas Brunch ~ The Peppery ~ December 2, 2023



We have been busy rearranging our library to make it more user-friendly for Tuolumne County researchers, as well as visitors from out of town. Nancy Dorrien and Brenda Hix have been working hard reorganizing and moving all the books, binders, and boxes of genealogy information in order to provide you with a satisfying research experience. It will also be helpful to the library staff who work diligently fulfilling requests for information from out-of-county patrons. This is going to be a long process and possibly take up to a year to complete. Bear with us! If you haven't taken advantage of what our library has to offer, please stop by and check it out. We know you will be pleasantly surprised at the research material available at our TCGS library.

Native American Code Talkers

Each year on August 14, National Navajo Code Talkers Day honors the contributions of the Native Americans who brought their unique abilities to the World War II effort. The day also highlights their impact on U.S. code and the Native American language that made it possible.



In anticipation of our August general program by Lewis M. Ruddick ~ ***Code Talkers of WWI and WWII*** ~ here are a few sites and videos you can visit to learn more about this group of brave men.

9 Things Every American Should Know About the Navajo Code Talkers ~ <https://www.military.com/history/9-things-every-american-should-know-about-navajo-code-talkers.html>

Honoring Native American Code Talkers ~ <https://www.doi.gov/blog/honoring-native-american-code-talkers>

Army Code Talkers ~ https://www.army.mil/nativeamericans/code_talkers.html

The History of the Navajo Code Talkers in World War II and the mission to preserve their memory ~ <https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/the-history-of-the-navajo-code-talkers-in-world-war-ii-and-the-mission-to-preserve-their-memory-146690629681>

Navajo Code Talker Explains Role in WWII ~ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciFv_ONffdw

TCGS Annual Library Display

From TCGS member Marie Tiraschi ~

Do you have a favorite item from an ancestor? A favorite bit of written history (letters, note, etc.)? I will be putting up the TCGS library display on September 1st and would love to "borrow" those items for the display. I will be using items from the museum storage area, but I love adding personal items, too. I have previously put in the display case photos of ancestors, army postcards, etc. All items will be locked in the display case until September 30th so they will be safe. Please bring your items to the August meeting so I can start planning the display. I will return them to you in October. Thank you everyone!

~ Marie Tiraschi ~ 408-930-9056



On the Upcoming Webinars page (<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>), click the orange “Register for free” button of the webinar you wish to join. The recordings are free to watch for the first 7 days. With a webinar membership (\$49.95), you have unlimited, on-demand access to all webinars.

August 2023

- **Six Top Sites for Queensland Research** by Helen V. Smith ~ August 1
- **How and When Did Our European Ancestors Get to Europe?** by David Dowell ~ August 2
- **Loyalists, Freedmen and Frauds in the Southern Claims Commission** by Sharon Batiste Gillins ~ August 4
- **A MyHeritage Webinar** by MyHeritage ~ August 8
- **Written in Stone: In-Depth Study of a Gravestone** by Gena Philibert-Ortega ~ August 9
- **Born on the Fourth of July: Case Study of War of 1812 Veteran Joseph King** by Michael L. Strauss, AG ~ August 11
- **What Happened to Uncle Walter? Evidence Analysis and Correlation Uncover a Man’s Dual Identities** by Sharon Hoyt, CG ~ August 15
- **World War II “Internment Camps” and Mass Incarceration in the U.S.** by Linda Harms Okazaki ~ August 16
- **Six Free Websites Every Ontario Genealogist Needs** by Janice Nickerson ~ August 18
- **A MyHeritage Webinar** by MyHeritage ~ August 22
- **Following a Quaker Family: New Jersey to Iowa the Long Way Around** by Annette Burke Lyttle ~ August 23
- **Turning Witnesses into Evidence (webinar membership required)** by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL ~ August 25
- **Y DNA Discover Tool ~ What News Can Your Haplogroup Reveal?** by Roberta Estes ~ August 30

September 2023

- **How to Catch a Criminal: Finding Records for Your Rogue Relatives Downunder** by Kristy Love, PhD ~ September 5
- **Understanding Predicted Relationships At The DNA Testing Sites** by Michelle Leonard ~ September 6
- **Power of place ~ using MyHeritage to tell the stories of buildings & places** by Rhonda Lauritzen ~ September 12
- **Setting Sail with Your Sea Faring Ancestors** by Denise E. Cross, MSLIS, CG ~ September 13
- **Follow the Trail of Records and DNA from Ireland to Oregon (1810-1860)** by Karen Stanbary, CG ~ September 19
- **Genealogy Escape Room: The Case of the Only Name Change at Ellis Island** by Thomas MacEntee ~ September 20
- **How to trace your French ancestors with MyHeritage resources** by Marie Cappart ~ September 26
- **Even More 50 Mostly “Hot off the Press” Net Sites You Want to Check Out** by Diane L. Richard ~ September 27

RECENTLY ADDED COLLECTIONS ON ANCESTRY.COM

Atlanta, Georgia, U.S., Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta Sacramental Records, 1840-1980 ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62456/>

Delaware, U.S., Newspapers.com™ Stories and Events Index, 1800s-current ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/50032/>

Florida, U.S., Early Auto Registrations, 1905-1917 ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62442/>

Guam, U.S., Newspapers.com™ Stories and Events Index, 1900s-current ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/50088/>

Hawaii, U.S., Newspapers.com™ Stories and Events Index, 1800s-current ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/50035/>

Missouri, U.S. Slave Owner Compensation Claims, 1866-1867 ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62657/>

New York, U.S., Newspapers.com™ Stories and Events Index, 1800s-current ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/50064/>

Palatine German Immigration to Ireland and U.S., Hank Z. Jones Collection, 1654-1878 ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62327/>

South Carolina, U.S., Sheriff Department Records, 1865-1966 ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62539/>

U.S., Partnership List of Chinese Firms. 1893-1943 ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62448/>

Wisconsin, U.S., Divorce Records, 1907-2015 ~ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61485/>

Visit the TCGS Library at the Tuolumne County Museum where you can use Ancestry.com for FREE.

ALL-DAY WEBINARS FROM LEGACY FAMILY TREE

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

Friday, September 1

- **Connecting Generations through Probate and Property** by Teri E. Flack ~ 7:15 a.m. PDT
- **Capturing Their Stories: Best Practices for Recording Family History Interviews** by Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS ~ 8:30 a.m. PDT
- **Case Study: Finding My 3rd Great Grandfather: How X-DNA Led the Way** by Mary Eberle, JD ~ 9:45 a.m. PDT
- **Following Oral History in Search of William Davis but Finding Mildred Brand: A Case Study** by Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy ~ 11:00 a.m. PDT
- **DNA Matchmaking Made Easy on MyHeritage** by Shannon Combs-Bennett ~ 12:30 p.m. PDT

Friday, September 8

- **3-2-1 data backup is great, but first you need to find all of your data** by Andy Klein ~ 7:15 a.m. PDT
- **Italian Local and Parish Censuses** by Suzanne Russo Adams, AG ~ 8:30 a.m. PDT
- **10 Places to Search for an Ancestor's Death Date...Without a Death Certificate** by Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal ~ 9:45 a.m. PDT
- **Life Cycle of a Record: From Clerks and Clerics to You, The Digital User** by Cyndi Ingle ~ 11 a.m. PDT
- **Explore Your Ancestors' Names in the "Newspaper Name Index"** by James M Beidler ~ 12:30 p.m. PDT

Friday, September 15

- **Hidden Roots in your DNA: Adoptee Success & Surprise Discoveries** by Richard Hill ~ 7:15 a.m. PDT
- **So, You Think You Know All About City Directories** by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS ~ 8:30 a.m. PDT
- **Driven by Faith: The German Protestants in Ukraine** by Dave Obee ~ 9:45 a.m.
- **Mexican Land Reform and the Ejido: History and Records** by Lisa Medina ~ 11:00 a.m.
- **A MyHeritage Webinar** by MyHeritage ~ 12:30 p.m. PDT

Friday, September 22

- **10 More Things To Do Before Leaving a Library or Archives** by Melissa Barker ~ 7:15 a.m. PDT
- **Hidden Treasure in New England Town Records** by Anne G. Lawthers, Sc.D. ~ 8:30 a.m. PDT
- **Lighthouses and Their Keepers; For Those in Peril on the Sea** by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG ~ 9:45 a.m.
- **Finding John Lee** by Nicka Smith ~ 11 a.m. PDT
- **Using Negative Evidence: The Power of Silence in the Records** by Elizabeth Shown Mills ~ 12:30 p.m. PDT
(webinar membership required)

Friday, September 29

- **50 Family History Writing Tips in 50 Minutes** by Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A. ~ 7:15 a.m. PDT
- **A Revolutionary War Case Study: Joseph L. Harper** by Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA ~ 8:30 a.m. PDT
- **Mini Case Studies Demonstrate Finding a Town of Origin** by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG ~ 9:45 a.m. PDT
- **Welsh Emigration to North America** by Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv ~ 11:00 a.m. PDT
- **Worth More Than Gold or Silver: MyHeritage's U.S. Naturalization Records, Northern California, 1852-1989 Collection** by Sharon Monson ~ 12:30 p.m. PDT

NEW INDEXED RECORDS ON FAMILY SEARCH ~ ADDED SINCE MAY 1, 2023

Argentina, Córdoba, Censuses, 1778-1874 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4475260>

British Virgin Islands, Anglican Church Records, 1862-1934 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/5000031>

Pennsylvania, Western District, Naturalizations, 1820-1930 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/5000034>

Virginia, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Birth Records, 1853-1896 ~ <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/5000046>

The 1931 Canadian Census is Now Online

https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/index1931?utm_source=canada.ca&utm_medium=NR_EN&utm_campaign=1931Census&utm_id=1931Census

From the Library and Archives Canada:



Government
of Canada

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is proud and excited to offer access to the digitized 1931 Census of Canada, 92 years after it was conducted. This is the first time that LAC has provided online access to census content on the first day permitted by law. The 1931 Census data delves into **where** people lived, but also **how** they lived; it is an extremely valuable tool for genealogy and research where it captures people and their relationships, the languages they spoke and how and where they lived - whether with extended families, within their immigrant communities or in institutions and rooming houses.

The release of the 1931 Census data is taking place in two phases. Today marks the public launch of phase one, which includes 234,687 digitized images and an interface for users that allows them to browse by district and sub-district.

Phase two involves transcribing the entire census to offer an intuitive and user-friendly search experience. As soon as the fall of 2023, all users - regardless of their level of genealogical or research expertise - will be able to search the census by name or place using Census Search <https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census2/index>. To accomplish this work in record time, LAC has been working and will continue to work collaboratively with its partners Ancestry™ and FamilySearch International.

Stay tuned for the latest updates via LAC's web page Preparing the 1931 Census. <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/corporate/website-updates/pages/census-1931.aspx>

Cork Genealogy Database Holds 57,000 Burial Records to Help Search for Ancestors

If you have Irish ancestors, especially some from Cork, you will be interested in the Cork Graveyard Project run by Skibbereen Heritage Centre. An article in the corkbeo.ie website describes the Cork Graveyard Project:

Volunteers in Cork have put together an impressive genealogy database to help people look into their own history and fill out the family tree.

It's all part of the Cork Graveyard Project run by Skibbereen Heritage Centre which has compiled an online database of Cork County Council burial registers and graveyard surveys.

The records have been transcribed by hard-working volunteers and include details such as the deceased's name, the date of their death, the date of their burial and their address. In total, the heritage centre now has a database of over 380,000 local historical documents which includes more than 57,000 burial records.

Skibbereen Heritage Centre has created an interactive map of graveyards in Cork. This works in tandem with a database on their website that allows you to search by name, place of burial and year of death. It even includes a 'sounds like' feature that helps people who only have a vague notion of their ancestor's name search for their records.

You can read more at:

<https://www.corkbeo.ie/news/history/cork-genealogy-database-holds-57000-26874923>

~ From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 10 May 2023

God grant me the serenity to accept the ancestors I cannot find, the courage to find the ones I can, and the wisdom to document thoroughly.

Researching Irish Burial and Death Records

How do I go about digging up my ancestor's burial records?

What can I expect to discover?

What death records are online?

Answers to these questions and more here:

[https://www.irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/researching-irish-burial-and-death-records?](https://www.irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/researching-irish-burial-and-death-records?utm_source=Ireland+Reaching+Out+)

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**DEADLINE FOR
OCTOBER / NOVEMBER
GOLD DIGGERS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

Wars Which May Have Affected Your Ancestors

With thanks to TCGS member **Pat Perry** and the
Brown County Genealogical Society

- Colonial Wars
- King William's War (1689-1697)
- Queen Anne's War (1744-1742)
- War of Jenkin's Ear (1739-1742)
- King George's War (1744-1748)
- French and Indian Wars (1754-1763)
- Pontiac's Rebellion (1763-1764)
- Revolutionary War (1764-1775)
- Naval War with France (1798-1800)
- Barbary War (1801-1804)
- War of 1812 (1812-1815)
- Indian Wars (18th and 19th Centuries)
- Seminole War (1st 1817-1818, 2nd 1835-1842, 3rd 1856-1858)
- Mexican War (1846-1848)
- Civil War, War of Rebellion (1861-1865)
- Hawaii War (1893)
- Spanish American War (1898-1901)
- Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902)
- Boxer Rebellion (1899-1902)
- War with Panama (1903)
- Dominican Republic War (1904)
- Nicaragua (1911)
- War with Mexico (1914)
- Haiti War (1915)
- Mexico (1916)
- World War I (1914-1918)
- World War II (1939-1945)
- Korean War (1950-1953)
- Lebanon (1958-1983)
- Dominican Republic (1965)
- Vietnam (1954-1973)
- Grenada (1983)
- Desert Storm (1990-1991)

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Members **Cookie Boone** and **Brenda Hix** have recommended a helpful website ~ The Occasional Genealogist. Jennifer Dondero has created "a blog for all The Occasional Genealogists who want to do great genealogy despite all the interruptions." You may find some helpful information about busting a brick wall, sources, and/or organizing here:

<https://www.theoccasionalgenealogist.com/>

Washington County Genealogical Society, Nebraska

Washington County is located on Nebraska's border with Iowa and seated in Blair. The Washington County Genealogical Society has created a searchable database of burial records for more than thirty cemeteries through the year 2011. Search by first and last name, year of birth, and year of death. Data fields include name of deceased, dates of birth and death, cemetery name, burial plot and veteran status. Other resources available from the Washington County Genealogical Society include vital records, obituaries, and postcards. Search here:

http://www.newwashcogs.org/burials.asp?utm_campaign=The%20Weekly%20Genealogist%20&utm_medium=email&hsmi=260441604&hsenc=p2ANqtz--Hm5fpeMSkbwkC1P4YUOsbXNF5DFDifhjzGCZ1zRQj1LZF5ePZMkcMLIOB1GsrtdTumeHrEOGihILI7NtbUZReoNGVQ&utm_content=260441604&utm_source=hs_email

If We Can Winter This Essays and Genealogies

*The Gordon Family of County Leitrim, Ireland and
The Norris Family of County Tyrone,
(now) Northern Ireland*
by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

A book review of this book describes it as "a particularly handsome example of how to put forward a family history. The usual elements are present in superior form: introduction, citations, notes, index, bibliography. Photos are placed in context to their stores, ... maps offer geographic clarity, the writing is of a highly-personalized style, easy to follow and captures the reader."



Are you thinking of writing your own family history? Another review describes this book as "a model for how to present your own family history."

Available at Amazon.com.

Have you seen this website?

WHERE TO DO GENEALOGY RESEARCH LOCALLY

FAMILYSEARCH CENTER

LDS Church
19481 Hillsdale Drive
Sonora, CA 95370 ~ Call 1-209-605-2891
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, 9 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
Call to ensure facility is open
Open Tuesday 12 to 3 p.m.,
Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2nd Saturday of month 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Alternative hours available by appointment

September 2023 ~

Save Your Photos Month

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 14, 2023 ~ TCGS Annual Fall Workshop

December 2, 2023 ~ Christmas Brunch

February 29~March 2, 2024 ~ Roots Tech 2024

May 12—19, 2024 ~ Salt Lake City Research Trip

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Kim Baker ~ Columbia, CA

Total Membership: 113

Best Historical Newspaper Websites of 2023

from Family Tree Magazine

The British Newspaper Archive ~ \$

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

Chronicling America ~ Free

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Fulton History ~ Free

<https://fultonsearch.org/>

Genealogy Bank ~ \$

<https://www.genealogybank.com/>

NewspaperArchive ~ \$

<https://newspaperarchive.com/>

Newspapers.com ~ \$

<https://www.newspapers.com/>



The last donation to TCGS from Amazon.Smile has been received (\$50.77).

The cumulative total TCGS received from this program is \$1,265.30. Thank you to the TCGS members who named TCGS as their charity of choice during the years of Amazon.Smile.

Smart Trick to Clean Out Your Cluttered Camera Roll Once and For All

Click here to learn a simple trick that can help clear out extra space on your device and improve its performance, all without wasting too much time or energy.

<https://www.komando.com/tech-tips/photo-organization-tips/876639/>

~ From komando.com



AUGUST 2023

GENERAL MEETING

August 14, 2023 ~ **6:00 p.m.**
Sonora Public Library ~ Community Room

BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2023 ~ 9:30 a.m.
My Garden Cafe

SEPTEMBER 2023

GENERAL MEETING

September 11, 2023 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Sonora Public Library ~ Community Room

BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2023 ~ 9:30 a.m.
My Garden Cafe



President Pat Perry cancelled the **June 19, 2023**, Board meeting due to the absence of several Board members.

On **July 17, 2023**, the Board voted to obtain a credit card to pay for recurring expenses, as well as pay for online and miscellaneous purchases. Sandy Turner does not yet have a program for the March 2024 meeting. If you have a program you would like to present, please contact Sandy. Cynthia Doyle has some new and exciting plans for the October 14 workshop. The keynote speaker will be Chris Bateman. There will be various presentations from which to choose, along with a discounted membership price for NEW members who join TCGS when registering for the workshop. The library at the museum has been closed as the air conditioner has not been working. Watch for some possible changes to our website.

Account Balances:	Checking:	\$6,293.61
	PayPal:	\$0.00
	CD:	\$10,000.00

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Irish Special Interest Group

The Irish Group will meet at the Tuolumne County Meeting Room on August 14 at **3:00 p.m.** and September 11 at 10:00 a.m. This group is dedicated to research about your Irish ancestors. **Homework:** Read Chapters 1 and 2 of *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* by John Grenham, 4th or 5th Edition.



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

Writers' Special Interest Group

The Writers' Group will meet at the Tuolumne County Meeting Room on September 11 at 12:00 p.m. The group will NOT meet on August 14. 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

Find A Grave Special Interest Group

The first meeting of the new Find A Grave SIG will be on August 14 at 4:30 p.m. This meeting will be to formulate plans for the group's future activities (fulfilling requests for gravesite photos, which cemeteries to work in, scheduling days to "work," etc.)



Contact: Debi Bautista ~ debi_bautista@comcast.net

SIG MEETINGS IN AUGUST

The Writers' Group will NOT meet in August.
The Irish Group will meet at 3:00 p.m., not 2:00 p.m.
The Find a Grave Group will meet at 4:30 p.m.

**Recipes Found on Gravestones Across Country
Become California Woman's Focus**



Have you come across any gravestones with recipes? Read what one woman is doing with the recipes she has found:

<https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/recipes-found-gravestones-country-become-california-womans-focus-curious>

The Best Ways to Scan a Document Using Your Phone or Tablet

“Scanners had their moment, but nowadays it’s not as necessary to own one. However, that doesn’t mean you never need to scan a document or photo. Thankfully, you probably have some tools to do it without a scanner.

“If you find yourself scanning a lot of documents and photos, it’s a good idea to invest in an actual scanner. Most people only need to scan a few things a year, so we’ll show you some good alternatives.”



The remainder of this article by Joe Fedewa and Chris Hoffman describes in great detail how to use your present smartphone (cell phone) to function as a scanner. It works! I have used my cell phone dozens of times to make digital images of old printed and handwritten records, pages from books, and even old paintings hanging on a wall.

You can find the full article in the *How to Geek* web site at: <https://www.howtogeek.com/209951/the-best-ways-to-scan-a-document-using-your-phone-or-tablet/>

~ *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 1 June 2023

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Chatbots and Genealogy

Lisa Louise Cooke announced she had shocking news to share in a recent video concerning her experience with chatbots and genealogy. Her video tackles questions like:

- What are AI chatbots?
- What are the top chatbots?
- Are they private?
- Why are they free and will they stay free?
- Should you trust the results?

Will you be using AI chatbots to search for ancestors and records? Watch the video and decide:

<https://lisalouisecooke.com/2023/06/22/ai-chatbots-genealogy/>
~ lisalouisecooke.com/blog/

Was Your Ancestor a Gretna Green?

Wedding season is upon us! If you have an ancestor you can’t find a marriage record for, is it possible they were a Gretna Green?

Gretna Green is what they called a favored marriage place where couples went to marry, usually because there were fewer restrictions. This would be a location that is outside their usual residence. They may have wanted to marry at a younger age, wanted to wait a shorter period after obtaining their marriage license, marrying without parental consent, keeping the marriage a secret, or avoiding procedures such as blood tests.

In the Midwest, common Gretna Green locations were Chicago, Illinois; Crown Point and South Bend in Indiana; St. Joseph, Michigan; and Lee County, Iowa.

You can learn more about Gretna Greens here:

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Gretna_Greens_in_the_United_States

~ *Appleton Public Library Local History/Genealogy newsletter*

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Did Your Ancestors Live in Moody County, South Dakota?

Moody County is located in southeastern South Dakota and seated in the city of Flandreau. The Moody County Historical Society’s Research Center includes an alphabetical index to all recorded burials in Moody County cemeteries. Data fields include name, dates of birth and death, grave location information, veteran status, and cemetery name. The website also offers a database of veterans in Moody County from the Civil War through the present, compiled alphabetically by surname. [Search Now](#)

~ *by Valerie Beaudrault, The Weekly Genealogist by American Ancestors*



TCGS member **Barbara Farkas** forwarded this link to a National Archives site which contains beginning research guidelines, as well as many links to other helpful sites. Barbara said, “Looks good for beginners and a reminder for seasoned researchers.”

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



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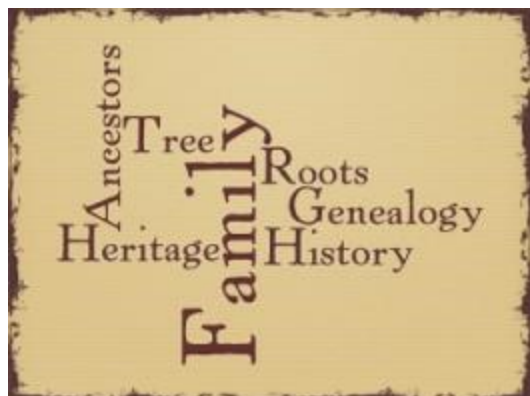
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