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WRITE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

PRESERVE YOUR HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Family History—Your Version—or Someone's

Do you sometimes wish your ancestors had written diaries or some stories about their lives. It would have helped to make them more real in your and the worlds eyes. Each of our lives are unique only to us, and thus very ordinary to us and we feel there is nothing that we could leave future generations. Several years ago my mother asked me what I wanted for my birthday as it had become so hard for her to buy for me and at my age she felt I had everything. I asked her for the one present that only she could give me. A story of her life about when and where she lived, where they got water, did they have electricity. Did they have outside bathrooms, etc?

She spent several months writing me her live story and gave me a present that I will treasure all my life. She was born in 1916 and died in 2006. The things she saw in the span of her life was amazing. How she weathered the depression, hard times on a Colorado farm and a journey to California, arriving with a Husband, two kids (8 & 10) and 100 dollars in their pocket. All they had was in the back of a 41 chevy pickup. She and my dad went to work, and I never heard

them complain about hard times. They raised me and my sister. We both attended College, something my parents never had the opportunity to do. Raised good families and prospered. As I read and reread her story I realize what amazing people my parents were and they left a hard legacy to live up to. So write your story for your family. This is the only chance you will get to put your spin on it.

FAMILY HISTORIAN

Remember that when you began this trek of tracing family history, you took on a responsibility. You agreed in your heart to record your family history accurately as you could and to pass it on to the future generations. You become the reason that your ancestors will not be forgotten. These are people that sacrificed to give you the chance to have a good life when you came along. You owe them a debt of gratitude and to fulfill this you need to pass your research along to future generations. The more stories you pass along lets future generations know that we are all people striving for the same things.

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AN INVITATION

The Mission Oaks Genealogy Club is a nonprofit organization. It was founded in 1984 to provide education and training for its members and the general public on the techniques, methods, resources and facilities used in the pursuit of genealogical research; to promote the collection and preservation of genealogical historical materials; and to cultivate public awareness of the educational and historical value of genealogical research.

We invite your attendance and membership. Where else can inspiration, knowledge, fellowship and entertainment be found twelve times a year, plus a quarterly newsletter, for only \$12.00? These five big "Ws" have been enlisted to provide you with our vital statistics:

Why do we meet? For learning, sharing, fun and fellowship.

What do we do? ... Hold a variety of monthly meetings to keep our interest and whet our appetites for "fruit" to be garnered from our very own tree of genealogical delights.

When do we meet? ... Every third Thursday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 P. M.

Where do we meet? ... Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, California.

Who may attend? ...Anyone, visitors and new members are always welcome.

We freely admit we have been bitten by the gene-bug and are looking for new people to infect to come in contact with us may be the end of life as we know it. There is no known cure once infection has occurred

HOW TO JOIN

You may join the Mission Oaks Genealogy Club by attending a meeting and paying your dues in person or by sending your Name, address, telephone number and a check for

\$12.00 payable to:

**Mission Oaks Genealogy Club
P. O. Box 216
Carmichael, CA 95609-0216**

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CLUB MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS

—Subject to Change—

Thursday , Sept 21

MOGC anniversary party, install new officers

Researching on the Internet—Lynn Brown

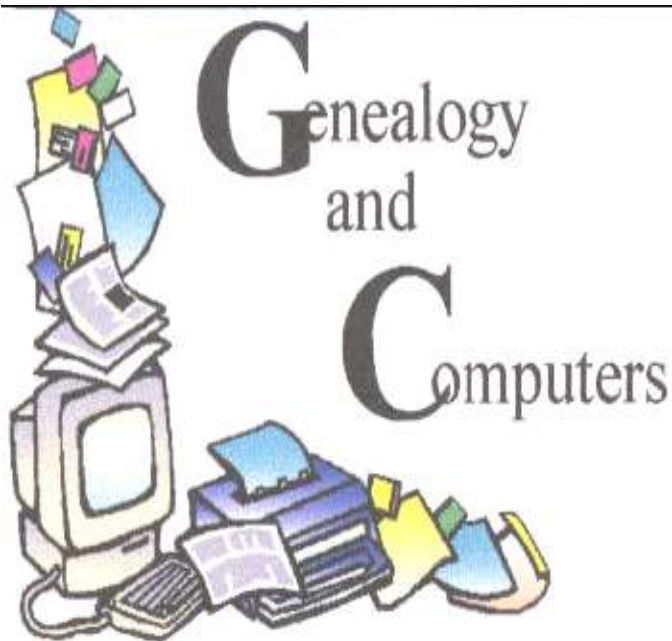
Thursday, Oct 19

Cancelled (facility not available)

Thursday, Nov 16

California Room at the State Lib - Sandra Harris

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MOLUG PC Meetings

The Mission Oaks Legacy Users Group (MOLUG) can be another way for you to become more familiar with using a PC computer as in adjunct to your genealogy efforts. Legacy is a computer program that can help you record your genealogical information and manage the results of your genealogical research.

This group meets the first Thursday of each month, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, in the Club Room of the Mission Oaks Senior Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, California. We have step-by-step planned presentations on the use of this commendable software. Come join us. For more information, call Elizabeth Kohler at 916-482-8531.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman—Willie Woolsey

She, and her committee, asks your cooperation in helping get persons to fill the offices of the Club. Give some thought to what you would like to do to serve the club and give her some of your suggestions.

Family History Day

California State Archives
1020 "O" Street,
Sacramento, CA

Saturday, Oct 14, 2006

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION

Tour the California State Archives
Learn About Local Sources for research
Demonstration of Preservation Techniques
Take a Genealogy research Class
See Demonstrations of Online Research
Use ROOT CELLAR's Genealogy Library

Visit exhibits that include: Genealogical Societies, Heritage & Lineage Organizations, Historical Societies, Libraries and Research Facilities

Light Rail stops at the front door

Family History Seminar Saturday, November 4, 2006

ANTELOPE

Call the following for details:
Sacramento California Regional
History Center
2745 Eastern Avenue
916-487-2090

ATTENTION

The Community Center will be closed for the month of October. We will not be able to hold a meeting so things will have to be deferred for a month. Sorry for the inconvenience. See you in November

DOCUMENTATION

This is one of the most important things you must remember to do when you are doing genealogical research. Without documentation what you have is a fairy tale, no way for anyone to know if it is real. Following are some of the rules you should follow:

1. Document as you go.
2. Enter Sources and notes in a consistent format.
3. Enter a source description only once.
4. Use confidential information with discretion and sensitivity.
5. List all sources found for each event.
6. Identify and document conflicting or missing information.
7. Avoid using abbreviations.
8. Specify additional research where needed.
9. Strive to obtain primary sources for each event.
10. Welcome input and constructive review of your documentation.
11. Identify all researchers by name for all contributions, including your own. Use your own name, not / or me.
12. Recognize that good documentation requires continuous refinement.

These are only a guideline and you may find that you will find more rules to guide you as you progress with your research. Remember you can't have too many sources for where you got your information. Also remember some sources are more reliable than others. Note that if you can.

Preview: Example of a tagged note

Citizenship Record:

Certificate of citizenship on record: birth date known, documented with a source.

CITIZENSHIP: Buergerbuch (citizen records): Leipzig (Sachsen), Stradtrath, 1501–1892, item 1, 12 Feb 1878,: Upper Hutt, New Zealand Family History Center, FHL film 1444848

Preview: Example of a source entry

Book Privately Published

Source Title: First Families of New York

Author: Roger J. Smith

Publication Information: Privately published, Copyright by John Smith, 2001.

Call Number:

Repository Name: James G. Jones

Address: San Diego, New Mexico

Telephone:

Actual Text: A Family History and Genealogy covering 300 years, 1643–1943

Comments: contains some sources: copy purchased from the author.

Citation Detail

Film/Vol./Page No.: pg 69

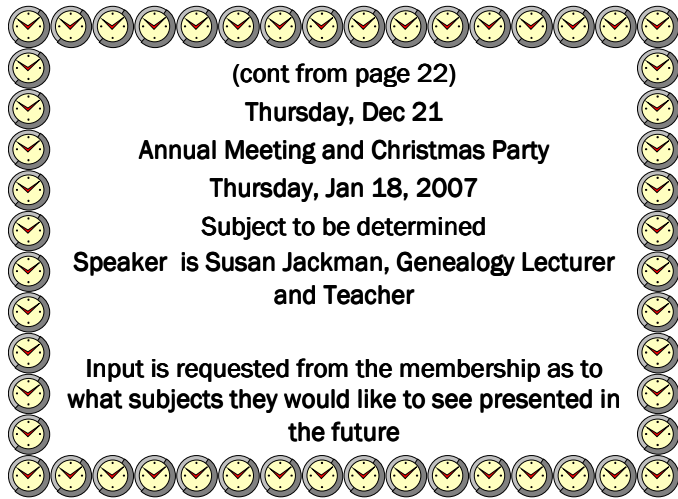
Actual Text: Roger J. Smith , c 1776, Bedford Co., New York. Entered the service of 1812 War at Jonesboro, Tennessee, where he had lived with his father's family from England in 1790, As a private in Capt, Jones Co., Commanded by Col Reeves, honorably discharged at Athens.

Comments: See entire biography in Notes tagged BIOGRAPHY.

BUILD A RESEARCH TRIP KIT

Prepare yourself for library research visits by building a take-along tool kit. Pretend you are headed off to school because, after all, this is just another academic research trip.

Include a small stapler and staples, zipper-lock sandwich bags containing different size paper clips and rubber bands, several sharpened pencils, an eraser, small notepads with pages you can clip to others, a lined pad or notebook with pages for copious notes and transcriptions, and a zipper-lock sandwich bag with a variety of coins and dollar bills for copy machines and microfilm printers.



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Thursday, Dec 21

Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

Thursday, Jan 18, 2007

Subject to be determined

Speaker is Susan Jackman, Genealogy Lecturer
and Teacher

Input is requested from the membership as to
what subjects they would like to see presented in
the future

Adult Classes for Seniors 55 +

Rancho Cordova, 1160 Garden

Folsom-Cordova Adult Education

Instructor: Susan H. Jackman

For cost and other questions call 916-983-5118

Ancestry.com

10:00–12:00 Begins Sept 11 for 10 weeks

Learn all about Ancestry.com and what is available on this site. How to use all the tools offered

Family History Skill Building

12:00–2:30 Begins Sept 11 for 10 weeks

A Hands-on workshop with exercises in pedigree and time-line analysis, creating research plans, documentation, etc.

Introduction to Computers

10:00–12:00 Begins Sept 12 for 10 weeks

This is a beginning class for those who have no experience with computers.

Yahoo Email

12:00–2:30 Begins 12 Sept for 10 weeks

Sign up for free Yahoo Internet Email in class and enjoy 10 weeks of on site email instruction. Learn all about Yahoo and what is available.

Creating a Web Site in HTML

10:00–12:00 Begins Sept 13 for 10 weeks

Using basic HTML create a Multi-page web site with photos and hyperlinks. Use a Table of Contents to direct traffic on your page. Choose your own colors and fonts. Come away with a finished product - Get your site online. This is SO FUN, you'll get HOOKED.

ATTENTION

Are you looking for an old book that was published and may contain stories about your ancestors ? There are some 500 or so sites that sell books on the internet. Now there is one site that combs these sites looking for the books you want.

Bookfinder.com

You enter the title and author and they do the work.

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

CONCORD

3700 Concord Blvd,

Saturday October 21, 2006

“Digging for Your Roots”

For details

CONCORD FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

c/o Jackie Hein

2129 North 6th Street

Concord, CA 94519

Deadline for registration, Sept 30, 2006

QUERIES

Have you encountered a brick wall? A dead end that seems to be very unforgiving and no amount of digging can seem to solve your problem. I have encountered that many times, and the way around several times turned out to be an answer to one of the many queries that I had posted. An ancestor that grew up an orphan and was never formally adopted. Informal adoptions leave no paper trail and most times are almost impossible to find. Prior to 1900 formal adoptions were not the norm.

Send Your Queries to the Editor

Charles H. Woolsey

2631 Darwin St

Sacramento, CA, 95821

Email: chwoolsey@aol.com

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. Queries may be submitted on a 3X5 card or may be mailed to the above address. Queries will published free for members as space permits. Take advantage of this resource, you may

GRANDMA'S MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

Many times when looking at death certificates or records relating to deaths or illnesses, the terminology leaves us 'guessing' what it actually was. The Collection below will bring some of those words into meaning.

Ablepsy — Blindness

Ague — Malarial Fever

American plague - Yellow Fever

Anasarca - Generalized massive edema

Aphonia - Laryngitis

Aptha - The infant disease "thrush"

Apoplexy - Paralysis due to stroke

Asphyxia/Asphixia - Cyanotic & lack of oxygen

Atrophy—Wasting away or diminishing in size.

Bad Blood - Syphilis

Bilious Fever - Typhoid, malaria, hepatitis or elevated temperature and bile emesis.

Biliousness — Jaundice associated with liver disease

Black plague or death - Bubonic plague

Black fever - Acute infection with high temperature and dark red skin lesions and high mortality rate.

Black pox - Black small pox

Black vomit - Vomiting old black blood due to ulcers or yellow fever

Blackwater fever - Dark urine associated with high temperature

Bladder in throat - Diphtheria (seen on death certificates)

Blood poisoning - Bacterial infection: septicemia

Bloody flux - Bloody stools

Bloody sweat— Sweating sickness

Bone shave - Sciatica

Brain fever - Meningitis

Breakbone - Dengue fever

Bright's disease - Chronic inflammatory disease of kidneys

Bronze John - Yellow Fever

Bule - Boil, tumor or swelling

Cachexy - Malnutrition

Cacograstic - Upset stomach

Cacospysy - Irregular pulse

Caduceus - Subject to falling sickness or epilepsy

Camp fever - Typhus: aka Camp diarrhea

Canine madness - Rabies, Hydrophobia

Canker - Ulceration of mouth or lips or herpes simplex

Catalepsy - Seizures / trances

Catarrhal - Nose and throat discharge from cold or allergy

Cerebritis - Inflammation of cerebrum or lead poisoning

Chilblain - Swelling of extremities caused by exposure to cold

Child bed fever - Infection following birth of a child

Chin cough - Whooping cough

Chlorosis - Iron deficiency anemia

Cholera - Acute severe contagious diarrhea with intestinal lining sloughing

Cholera morbus - Characterized by nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, elevated temperature, etc. Could be appendicitis.

Cholecystitis - Inflammation of the gall bladder.

Cholelithiasis - Gall Stones

Chorea - Disease characterized by convulsions, contortions and dancing.

Cold plague - Ague which is characterized by chills.

Colic - An abdominal pain and cramping.

Congestive chills - Malaria with diarrhea.

Congestive fever - Malaria

Corruption - Infection.

Coryza - A cold

Costiveness - Constipation

Cramp Colic - Appendicitis

Crop sickness - Overextended stomach.

Croup - Laryngitis, diphtheria, or strep throat.

Cyanosis - Dark skin color from lack of oxygen in blood.

Cynanche - Diseases of throat

Cystitis - Inflammation of the bladder.

Day Fever - **Fever lasting one day; sweating sickness**

Debility - **Lack of movement or staying in bed.**

Decrepitude - Feebleness due to old age.

Delirium tremens - Hallucinations due to alcoholism.

Dengue - Infectious fever endemic to East Africa

Dentition - Cutting of teeth

Deplumation - Tumor of the eyelids which causes hair loss.

Diary fever - A fever that lasts one day.

Diphtheria - contagious disease of the throat.

Distemper - Usually animal disease with malaise, discharge from nose and throat, anorexia.

Dock Fever - Yellow fever

Dropsy - Edema (swelling), often caused by kidney or heart disease

Dropsy of the Brain - Encephalitis.

Dry Bellyache - Lead poisoning.

Dyscrasy - An abnormal body condition

Dysentery - Inflammation of colon with frequent passage of mucous and blood.

Dysorexy - Reduced appetite.

Dyspepsia - Indigestion and heartburn. Heart attack symptoms.

**Archival Repositories
In the Greater Sacramento Area**

California State Library

California History Section

900 "N" St., Room 200, Sacramento, CA 95814

Mailing address: P. O. Box 942837, Sac 94237-0001
916/654-0176 or 653-0101

Collections include extensive materials on California and the West. Subjects pertain to Native Americans, early pioneers, settlement, businesses, industry, architecture, genealogy, religion, photography, transportation and more.

California State Railroad Museum. Library

111 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814
916/323-8073

Collections pertain to railroad transportation. Subjects include architecture, business, economics, engineering, geography and mapping, with emphasis on California and the West.

California State University, Sacramento

University Library, University Archives
2000 State University Drive,
East, Sacramento, CA 95819-6039
916/278-6144

Collections related to the University. Other materials include local and state government records, race/ethnicity, military, journalism, natural history, oral history, and women.

Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center

History and Science Division
551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95814-0229
916/264-7072

Collections pertain to Sacramento City and County Government. Manuscripts include the Eleanor McClatchy Collection relating to journalism, theater, Sacramento and California history. Other collections include ethnic surveys, Gold Rush history, business records. T. V. news film, a photographic collection of the Sacramento area and Sacramento Bee photographic morgue.

Sacramento Public Library

The Sacramento Room
828 "I" Street,
Sacramento, CA 96814
916/264-2920

Collections pertain to Sacramento and California. Official records, manuscripts, personal papers, books, architectural drawings, maps, photographs and film/video records comprise the holdings.

California Military Museum

119 Second St., Sacramento, CA 95814
916/442-2883

Contains materials relating to the National Guard, California and the West. Official records, books, studies, letters and diaries.

California Office of Historic Preservation

California Historical Resources Information System
North Central Information Center
Department of Anthropology
California State University, Sacramento
6000 "J" St., Sacramento, CA 95819-6106
916/278-6217

Contains materials relating to archaeology, anthropology, architecture, government and local history. Also has archaeological site records for all sites in Sacramento and surrounding region.

California State Department of Conservation

Division of Mines and Geology, Library
801 "K" Street, MS 14-34
Sacramento, CA 95814-3532
916/327-1850

Records related to mining, geography and mapping, government, and science in the West. Also have assessment reports on mineral properties and mines in California and other western states.

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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY



R818_back



R818_front

By Rick Hanson

Until recently, I have captured images with a 35 mm film camera in those situations where use of my laptop and scanner was not possible. A 35 mm camera normally produces excellent images. But I cannot be sure of that, until I get the prints back from the photo developer. So with digital camera prices dropping and capabilities increasing, I decided to go digital.

Although Most good digital cameras are still somewhat more expensive than their film camera counterparts, going digital does include the following advantages:

- Allows me to check that I have good images before I depart for home;
- Can take a lot of photos and then decide later which ones to keep (hundreds per memory card);
- With optional accessory interface, camera can print directly from an inkjet printer;
- Can get prints made either at local stores or by uploading to photo web sites.

Unfortunately there are some disadvantages.

- You need a computer with graphics software (e.g.,PhotoDeluxe) for complete photo enhancement and to archive photo files;
- Image not as good (quality, resolution) as that produced by a flatbed scanner;
- Photo taken with insufficient light will not just be dark, but also somewhat grainy;
- Consumes batteries faster than film cameras;

- Little or no standardization in camera controls (must read the manual);
- Usually less capable than film cameras in capturing fast-moving objects (e.g., sports).

Digital photography is the future. The only obstacle is that today's digital cameras are pricey. But prices are steadily dropping. And remember, with digital photography you only pay for the prints. You don't have to buy film since the camera's flash memory cartridges are reusable.

This article is the first of a four-part series. The other three topics consist of:

Digital Photography for Genealogy—Which Digital Camera?

Digital Photography for Genealogy - Using an HP R818 Camera

Digital Photography for Genealogy - Without a Computer.

They will appear in Subsequent newsletters. But if you just can't stand the suspense, contact the Editor, Charles Woolsey, and he will e-mail a copy of the complete series to you.

Local Library Websites

Don't overlook the library website in the location of your ancestor. Many library websites have a nice genealogy section. Also they can inform you what is available at that location before you travel there and can thus save you time. Such as in Sacramento and Marysville California you would find that they have films for newspapers dating back many years. These could be sources of Obituaries, Weddings and other special events that included your ancestors. Some like Marysville are beginning to put them on line (they have 1958 -59) and you can access them by putting a name into the system and it will come up with articles with that name. Also there are some indexes available at that library. All this can be found out from their online catalog before you make the trip. That way you will be prepared to make your trip really count.

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California State Archives

1020 "O" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
916/653-2246

Official repository of state government. Contains records relating to development and management of California. Subjects include agriculture, education, genealogy, geography, labor, law, mining, mapping and transportation.

California State Department of Transportation

Transportation Library History Center
1120 "N" Street, Room 1440
Sacramento, CA 95814
Mailing address: P.O. Box 942874, MS45
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001
916/654-4601

Collections include biographies, histories, maps and photographs pertaining to transportation in California and the West.

California State Department of Water Resources, Law Library

1416 9th Street, Room 1118-13
Sacramento, CA 95814
Mailing address: P. O. Box 942836,
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
916/653-8001

Collections include materials pertaining to natural resources, the environment and the law.

Quick tip to better Genealogy

Include Full Locations with Data

When posting to a message board or sending information to someone, please remember to include the state. I have received information with the place name stated Jefferson County only and no state listed. Almost every state in the union has a Jefferson Co. Also if it is a city we have many cities with the same name in many states. Such as Las Vegas New Mexico and Las Vegas, Nevada.

WORTHWHILE WEB SITES

The following sites are excellent cites for information. These are ones I have used and found very useful.

*Irish Newspaper Archives

<http://irishnewspaperarchives.com>

Browse this site to see which historical Irish newspapers the site covers. After you find a title and thumbnail image of the paper for the date you want, you can register and purchase credits for viewing the actual pages.

*San Francisco Genealogy

<http://www.sfgenealogy.com>

This site's newest transcriptions include the 1893 city telephone directory, lists of 1862 firefighters, and names of early-1900s high school graduates

*Historical Timeline

<http://www.historicaltimeline.com>

Keep track of major historical events during your ancestors life. Especially those that were happening in the vicinity of where your ancestors lived.

*El Paso County, TX, Clerk

Death Records Search

<http://www.co.el-paso.tx.us/clerk/deaths.htm>

Results to your searches here display the name, date of death and microfilm reel number for the original certificate.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What's old, made of glass and found in a photographic case?

See how knowledgeable you are, answer in next newsletter.



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