

# SAN RAMON VALLEY

## GENEALOGICAL

## SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER

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**San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society**

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### THIS MONTH - October 17, 2006 “Keeping our Genealogy Alive”

Marston Watson, a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts and his wife Kathy, are co-founders of ***GENEALOGY ON CD***, which specializes in putting your family history on CD-ROM. He is Editor-in Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion Journal and Grand-Editor of the Knights Templar Journal. He is former Vice President General and current Trustee of the National Society of the Cincinnati and the Order of Founders and Patriots in America.

He currently spends full time as author of the five generations project on ***Royal Families***. The Genealogical Publishing Company published Volume One in this series, in 2002, on ***Royal Families: Gov. Thomas Dudley*** and Volume Two in 2004 on ***Royal Families: Rev. Francis Marbury***, which covers five generations of his daughters, Anne (Marbury) Hutchinson and Catherine (Marbury) Scott. He expects to publish two more books in 2006.

His topic for our group is ***Keeping our Genealogy Alive***.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

“San Ramon Valley - Alamo, Danville, San Ramon”

Speaker: Beverly Lane Reported by: Lee Schlenker

Beverly Lane, an elected Director of the East Bay Regional Park District and Museum of the San Ramon Valley curator, was our historical speaker for September speaking on the San Ramon Valley and it's vast history. She started at the beginning with the quarry located in Danville (Blackhawk Ranch Quarry). In this quarry they've found many large artifacts of prehistoric animals. This was considered a find as big as the La Brea Tar Pits in Southern California. The artifacts are now housed at the Blackhawk Museum. She talked of the huge watersheds located north and south of this valley and how important they were to everyone who lived in this valley. Mt. Diablo which was shoved up by the moving tectonic plates from the sea and has changed since it's inception; the top had once eroded away. And the mountain is still moving. There are places around the valley where you might uncover sea shells

because of this mountain's movement. This valley is located on the Calaveras fault so there will always be some kind of movement! At Alamo Creek there was a rich archeological find which carbon dated artifacts back to 5,000 years ago.

Indians were here when the Spanish arrived. The Indians had planted soap root as well as tobacco. Two well known tribes were the Ohlone and the Bay Miwok. Originally Mission San Jose was built for this valley in 1797. Today it has been restore.

There were Mexican rancheros: in the north was Castro Pacheco and in the south Jose Amador (who was granted 8,000 acres from Mexico). There was another ranchero applied for by the Romero brothers which was part of the Pacheco land. But papers got lost and the grant never came to fruition which would have been Tice Valley. Most of these rancheros raised cattle and manufactured tallow. The

hides and tallow went over the Dublin Grade and on into the ports to be sold elsewhere.

There were 15,000 Europeans in California before the gold rush and when Amador wrote that “you could swish your hand in the river and the gold flakes would come to the top” the population jumped to 300,000 people. Amador County (in the gold rush area) was named after Jose Amador. But with the influx of people by the 1860s the rancheros were so large that the owners couldn’t ride herd on every acre so squatters started. A man by the name of Horace Carpentier, an attorney, helped free up land for these squatters and took his fees in rancheros land. He became a very wealthy man!

In 1870 the Robert O. Baldwin farm and the William Meese farm had planted sugar beets, oranges, tobacco; this was also horse country. This valley was very bountiful with wheat, oats, barley and hay. Leo Norris built the first wood framed house in the Valley. Charles Wood was active in the Grange. The Portuguese immigrants started the U.P.E.C. which was a burial insurance group to start with and turned into a social group. Bishop Ranch was a huge Bartlett pear orchard. The Inman brothers bought the “core” land which was to become Danville when they started a blacksmith shop.

By the 20<sup>th</sup> century (1915) Diablo Country Club was the largest development in this Valley. Most young men caddied to earn money for themselves. And the “Millionaire’s Special” was an electric trolley coming from Tice Valley and ending at the Diablo Country Club.

In 1910 the first class graduating from San Ramon Valley High was a group of five girls! 1965 brought the unification of the Valley School District. Nowadays the Tassajara School (on Finley Road) is the only remaining one room school house in this Valley. This school house is now a “field trip” for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in our area to visit and return to an 1888 school day. Girls wear sun bonnets and long stockings, boys wear caps, old games are played, the girls are separated from the boys in the classroom and all learn to write with quill pens dipped in raw ink. Each must bring his/her lunch which requires *no refrigeration*. If you should wish a tour of this school please call the Museum of the San Ramon Valley during the Spring at (925) 837-3750 and see what they have planned out for that particular time. If there is room for you to visit they can set it up for you.

Beverly Lane and Ralph Cozine have co-authored a book called “San Ramon Valley, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon”. It is available at the museum and local bookstores.

## President’s Message

By *Patty Erickson*

October is fall, Halloween, and most importantly Family History Month!

To give each of us a boost of energy to further our research knowledge, CGS is offering classes in Oakland. The LDS Concord Stake is doing its yearly seminar in Concord. I am sure details of both events are in this Newsletter under “Education”.

Our Handbook will be available this month. Please be aware that we have deleted the Tape Library pages this year. Since there are no new additions to our collection, keep the pages on the Tape Library from your 2005-2006 Handbook. There is also always a copy at the Tape Library Table.

At our September meeting, we mentioned that the series “Ancestors” is doing a re-run on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 on KCSM, channel 17. This is also available at our Tape Library Table in video format.

It appears that this can be a profitable month to enrich our Family History knowledge.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SRVGS CALENDAR October – 2006

- 3 Tuesday – 10:00 am. The Board Meeting**  
was held at the home of Dorothy Baker
- 17 Tuesday – 10:00 am. General Meeting**  
will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo. From I-680 freeway, take Stone Valley Road east 2 & 1/2 miles. The speaker will be Marston Watson

### SRVGS CALENDAR November - 2006

- 7 Tuesday – 10:00 am. The Board Meeting**  
is to be held at the home of Patty Erickson
- 21 Tuesday – 10:00 am. General Meeting**  
will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo.

### SRVGS Special Interest Groups OCTOBER 2006

**COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP** (The Master Genealogist) -- This is a genealogy software users group for PC's with their focus on the use of The Master Genealogist. Peggy Dearman is the contact person for the group. Phone 837-1621 or e-mail [dearman@earthlink.net](mailto:dearman@earthlink.net). The October meeting will be Tuesday October 17, after the general meeting at about 12:30 pm. at the home of Barbara Johnson in Danville. Bring a bag lunch. This group will not meet in November or December.

**GERMAN** – This group usually has a meeting at the home of a member on the fourth Wednesday at 10 am. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the German Group will meet at the home of Helen Odgaard in Alamo. Please note that in November they will meet on the 15th, which is the third wednesday. Fran Schweitzer is the contact person for the group. Phone 935-5744 or e-mail [franschw@pacbell.net](mailto:franschw@pacbell.net). Please contact Fran Schweitzer for further details or to let it be known that you do not plan to attend.

**IRISH** – This special interest group will meet October 11 (the second Wednesday) at 10:00 am. at the home of Patty Erickson in Pleasant Hill. Phone (925) 229-0889 or e-mail [russpat@comcast.net](mailto:russpat@comcast.net) for further information.

**SOUTHERN** – This group will meet (the second Tuesday of the month) at 10:00 am. On October 10, they will meet at the home of Nancy Alexander in Danville. On November 14th they plan to meet at the home of Peggy Dearman in Danville. The contact person is Dorothy Stanton, Phone 820-3757 or email [dpstant@hotmail.com](mailto:dpstant@hotmail.com). New persons interested in attending should contact Dorothy Stanton for information.

**INTERNET INTEREST GROUP VIA EMAIL** – Interested members communicate and receive email messages via the address network established by Jack Johnson, group coordinator. This group does not otherwise get together for meetings on a regular basis. Their purpose is more to alert it's participants to useful genealogical sites on the Web. Receiving a message from someone in this group allows a group member to communicate with ALL group members by saving a current message and sending a reply to ALL. Member Internet/e-mail users may join this group by sending an email request to [jackmj@earthlink.net](mailto:jackmj@earthlink.net). Please use "SRVGS Internet User" as a subject line.

**NEWS VIA EMAIL** - Ed Mason is the coordinator for an additional method to improve the timeliness and frequency of communication by emails. The purpose of this general email is simply a way to extend our group communication ability beyond the monthly newsletter. He keeps an email address list of members. He will distribute messages a minimum of once a month. Members wishing to share news may send it to Ed. If it is deemed appropriate, it will be distributed. Members will always have the option to Opt-Out. Notify Ed Mason at: [edmason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edmason@sbcglobal.net)

*Simone Weil, French philosopher*

To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul

## CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

### **10 October Tuesday 7:30 pm**

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will have its regular meeting at Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. "Scotch and Irish Records" will be the subject of a presentation by Cath Trindle. "Chinese Genealogy" will be the subject of a presentation by Kay Speaks at their meeting on November 14.

### **October Family History Month**

California Genealogical Society is sponsoring many presentations and classes. For further details about date, times and topics, view their web site at [www.calgensoc.org](http://www.calgensoc.org).

### **14 October Saturday 1 pm to 3 pm**

Stephen Morse will speak at the Oakland Family History Center library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. His topic will be "One Step Web Pages: a Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools".

### **14 October Saturday 8:30 am to 4 pm**

California State Archives, Sacramento Genealogical Society and The Genealogical and Historical Council of Sacramento are sponsoring Family History Day at the State Archives building, 1020 O Street in Sacramento. Admission is free. Tour, demonstration, classes and the Root Cellar library will be available.

### **21 October Saturday 8 am to 4 pm**

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual fall seminar will be hosted by the LDS Family History Center, 3700 Concord Boulevard in Concord. There will be 6 class periods in about 10 class rooms. Bulletins have been available at the FHC on Stone Valley Road. For more information call Jackie Hein 925-827-4729.

### **24 October Tuesday 1 pm to 3 pm**

The Sacramento German Genealogical Society will have its regular meeting at Saint Mark's Methodist Church, Lusk Drive at Saint mark's Way in Sacramento. The topic of Dr. Roger P. Minert's presentation will be "The Whys and Wherefore's of German Record Keeping."

### **28 October Saturday 9am till 4 pm**

The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will sponsor a fall Seminar at the Presbyterian Church, 25<sup>th</sup> and Hacienda Avenues in San Mateo. Subjects will include land records, migration from UK and Europe, migration from Virginia through Kentucky and Ohio westward. Nine speakers will include Pamela Dallas, Richard Ferman, John Glead and Inge Harding-Barlow. The advanced registration fee will be \$ 24. A lunch will be available for \$ 8. Visit [www.smcgs.org](http://www.smcgs.org) for more information.

### German Special Interest Group's Oktoberfest

On September 27th, eleven members of the German Special Interest Group met at Carol Huvane's house to celebrate the Oktoberfest with a wonderful pot-luck luncheon of sauerkraut pancakes, red cabbage, three kinds of bauernwurst/sausages, potatoes salad, several kinds of cheese, 4 kinds of mustards, various dark breads and apple strudel. All enjoyed the meal, conversation and the afternoon.

A bite of information and a salute to red cabbage was also shared with the group.

Cornell University scientists have found that an extract of red cabbage reduces plaque deposits in the brain that may contribute to the development of Alzheimer's disease.

Red cabbage is a staple of German diets. It is known as *Rotkohl* or *Rotkraut* (red cabbage) in Northern Germany, and as Bankrupt (blue cabbage in the South.

Red cabbage is low in calories, is fiber and calcium rich, has twice the vitamin C content of green cabbage, supplies magnesium and phosphorous to promote healthy blood pressure, and has higher levels of iron and potassium than its green variety.

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**Deadline to put information in the Newsletter is the Last Thursday of the month.**

Member are encourage to submit articles for the Newsletter by mail or email to Coordinator.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

October is **Family History Month** and a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the resources in our area.

The **California Genealogical Society (CGS)** in Oakland will be offering several FREE classes to members and all visitors during the month of October. A wide range of topics will be presented on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. You are welcome to attend as many of the sessions as you choose. With the exception of the October 14<sup>th</sup> class at the FHC in Oakland, the presentations will be held at the CGS Library which is located at 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 100, in Oakland. Be sure to visit the website [www.calgensoc.org](http://www.calgensoc.org) for a complete schedule of classes and hours of operation.

Just a reminder that **October 21<sup>st</sup>** is the date for the **Annual Fall Seminar** to be presented by the Concord/Walnut Creek Family History Center. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3700 Concord Blvd in Concord. There are over thirty classes from which to choose. You may sign up for six sessions which will be given by many well known and informative speakers. The fee is \$25. and **the deadline for registration has been extended.** For further information, call Jackie Hein at (925) 827-4729.

**Frances Lloyd** who is a Life Member of SRVGS will be conducting two consecutive classes at her home in Danville on Tuesday **October 24 and October 31** from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The topic will be **“GETTING ORGANIZED AND WHERE TO GO FROM THERE”**. If you are interested in organizing your research and filing documents in an orderly manner, this is the class for you! A sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting provided space is still available.

For further information or suggestions please contact:

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## Danville Family History Center

Just a reminder that now you can prepare for your library visit in advance from home. Go to the website for the Oakland FHC at <http://www.oaklandfhc.org> and scroll down until you see the “Catalog Now Available” box on the right hand side. You can select to search just Danville, just Oakland or all the local FHC’s. The catalog will show all books, fiche, CDs and microfilm at each of the centers. A few suggestions for searching: 1) use the “advanced search” feature 2) to the right of the search word box is a pull down menu enabling you to search by author, title, key words etc. Unless you know what you are doing – don’t use the “subject search,” since it will return results only when you use the same subject words as used by the FHL in Salt Lake 3) You can truncate words to widen your search. For example, typing “biograph” will search for “biography,” “biographies,” “biographical,” etc. However if you really only want it to return a search for one form of the word, type the word followed by a ‘period’ ie “biography.” A fun option once you have found a potentially interesting book is to use the “look right” and “look left” – this will show you what books are shelved next to the one you selected. Happy hunting.

*Linda Bailey DFHC Director*

### Danville Stake Family History Center

2949 Stone Valley Road  
Alamo, California 94526  
Phone: (925)552-5920  
Hours open: M, W, Th, 10AM - 4 PM and  
Tuesdays, 7PM - 9PM

## VACATION TIME

Remember when you were in school ..... After returning from your summer vacation, your teacher would usually assign an essay entitled, “What I did this Summer”. I am assigning an essay to all members. It will be entitled: “My Genealogical Trip This Summer”. Tell us what you discovered, the places you traveled, the people you met, what progress you had or had not, what you would do or not do next time..... in other words.... just tell about your summer.  
Email me at: [DJDorothy@comcast.net](mailto:DJDorothy@comcast.net)

## Mourning Lithograph

By Sherri Hedman

At the September meeting Sherri Hedman gave a mini-presentation of a late Victorian "Remembrance Document", ornately framed and decorated. It came through her paternal grandparent's family. It was passed to her from her Aunt Margaret, now 101, because "no one else wanted to keep such a depressing thing". Thanks to Peggy Dearman, we now know it is called a Mourning Lithograph.

Sherri's document has a dove at the top which hovers over an anchor, (an early Christian symbol), surrounded by a wreath. Below are listed Sherri's grandfather's five siblings. Most died as babies, except Alfred, who died at 10 and a sixth, Hans not mentioned, who ran away at 12 and was never heard from again. Under the list of names, at the bottom of the document, is a poem.

Sherri was hoping someone could help identify this document, as her attempts at research using Google had not yielded success. She wondered what it was and where it would have been purchased and printed--perhaps from a funeral home, or a print shop. However, no one at the meeting had ever seen such an item, including our speaker, Beverly Lane.

Nevertheless by the next day, Peggy Dearman came up with a great example of a very similar memorial, for those of you who may have missed seeing it or want more information, Peggy found the term "Mourning Lithographs", in a book entitled "Your Guide to Cemetery Research" by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack; Betterway Books, Cincinnati, Ohio. 2002. Using that as a "key word" she found the lithograph on the Kansas Historical Society webpage. That one has a banner in the dove's mouth, an hour glass instead of the anchor, and a different poem. There is interesting commentary on Victorian mourning, as well, and a tragic story of the children who were lost!

<http://www.kshs.org/cool3/mourninglitho.htm>

Sherri still wonders about where the lithographs were purchased, but may contact an old funeral home in hopes they might know. [2\\_vikings@comcast.net](mailto:2_vikings@comcast.net)  
Contact Sherri for further information  
[Wshedman@aol.com](mailto:Wshedman@aol.com)

## Why I Love Maps

By George G. Morgan

In "Along Those Lines. . ." this week, I want to share with you my own perspective about maps and why they have, over the years, become a passion. Perhaps you can already relate to this. If you can't, I hope you'll give it another thought.

### Maps are Mirrors

Maps are mirrors of the geographic, geologic, historic, political, and social conditions at a specific point in time. The study of maps is known as cartography. Our contemporary road atlases reflect the status of roads and highways at the present. However, you might be surprised to learn that there are hundreds of types of maps available. In fact, maps occupy an essential place in almost every major library and archive in the world. The largest and most comprehensive map collection in the world is the United States' Library of Congress Geography and Map division ([www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/](http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/)) which holds "collections numbering over 4.8 million maps including 65,000 atlases, 6,000 reference works, over 350 globes, and numerous plastic relief models, and a large number of cartographic materials in other formats, including electronic." Wow!

Consider the fact that a map can be used to represent an overall geographic image of an area at a specific point in time, or the topographic, geological, or oceanic landscape of an area. Further, though, maps that illustrate political boundaries reflect information about the history of an area at the time, the governmental entities in charge at the time, and often represent the social structure of an area.

### Using Maps for Your Family History

Your research into your family and its history is dependent on your skillful use of maps at every turn. In order to make certain that you are seeking records in the right place, you must determine where your ancestor lived at a particular time and what governmental entity was in charge. That helps you access historical references that may define the lifestyle of the residents, the types of formal and informal records created at the time, and where they would have been housed during that period. Once you know that, you can continue your quest to locate where those records may now reside.

I refer to maps whenever I am reading the history of an area, either for the United States or any other country. When a place name is mentioned, it

helps me to visualize the place in relation to other locations. And by using historical maps of the time about which I am reading, the political boundaries help me understand the jurisdictions being referenced.

Maps are also great visual tools for tracing the migrations of your ancestors and their families. A copy of an historical map of the original thirteen colonies is always near my fingertips.

I have studied my ancestors' move-ments and have drawn lines with colored markers on the map to trace their migration maps. Make a legend to paste to the map and you'll always be able to see at a glance what person or family traveled where. You would be wise to note the year of the migration too. This visual aid is a great tool for inspiring thought and hypothesizing, and it works on world maps as well to help envision emigration (or immigration) routes.

### **Where to Locate Great Maps**

An excellent starting point for your map research can be at your local public library.

There are any numbers of places on the Internet that I use on a regular basis. Perhaps my favorite is the [Map Center at Ancestry.com](#). You can reach the collection from the Ancestry.com main screen by clicking on the "Search Records" tab and scrolling down to the "Reference & Finding Aids" link, under which is a link to the "Ancestry Map Center." At that webpage are drop-down boxes representing the various areas of the world. You can drop the menu box to obtain an alphabetical list of maps available for viewing. Select the one you want to see and then click the "View" button. The description, author, publisher, dates of depiction and of publication, and bibliographic information are shown.

Another personal favorite of mine is the Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection at the University of Texas at Austin. The website at [www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html) cannot be praised enough, in my opinion, for its excellent collection of materials. Under the Map Room Guide at the left of the screen, click on the link labeled "Historical" to access the massive collection of maps from many time periods and sources. Also here you will find links to map collections at other websites. I guarantee you that you'll spend at least one entire evening online viewing these wonderful resources!

### **Finding Other Maps**

If you can't find the map you want, try using your favorite Web browser and typing in the following: [place name] + map

The place name can be as simple as a single word, such as Poland, or a multiple-word name such as Ontario, Canada, for which you would enter the place name as an exact phrase, enclosed in quotation marks as follows: "ontario canada" + map

You also can help narrow your search for historic maps by perhaps adding a year or decade as in one of the two searches below:

"north carolina" + map + 1775

"baden germany" + map + 1800s

It may take a little trial and error, but you may be surprised at the vast quantity and diversity of the digitized map resources available online. You also will want to bookmark your favorite map websites in your Web browser for future reference.

Happy Mapping!

George G. Morgan

"Along Those Lines"

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### **ADDITION INFORMATION ON MAP**

"[FAMILY TREE](#)" magazine December 2005

Article Entitled "Master Plans" Page 22

Websites:

**[American FactFinder Maps](#)**

< [factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov) >

**[Archive of Early American Images](#)**

<[www.brown.edu/Facilities/John\\_Carter\\_Brown\\_Library/papes/ea\\_hmpg.html](http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library/papes/ea_hmpg.html)>

**[David Rumsey Map Collection](#)**

[www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com)

**[ePodunk.com](#)**

[www.ePodunk.com](http://www.ePodunk.com)

**[Google Earth](#)**

<[earth.google.co](http://earth.google.co)>

**[Graphical Locator for 17 Western States](#)**

[www.esg.montana.edu/gl/trs-data.html](http://www.esg.montana.edu/gl/trs-data.html)

**[Map History/History of Cartography. THE](#)**

**[Gateway to the Subject.](#)**

[www.maphistory.info](http://www.maphistory.info)

**ALWAYS REMEMBER!!**

(Ten Rules for Writing]

1. Verbs has to agree with its subjects
2. In articles employ commas to keep strings of articles apart avoid confusion separate thoughts and make things clear.
3. Don't, however overuse, commas, which aren't necessary.
4. Make sure every pronoun agrees with their antecedents.
5. Never use no double negatives.
6. Never abbrev.
7. Excessive use of exclamation points or capitalized words WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!!!!
8. Allways check for speling errors.
9. Use conjunctions like you know what you're doing.
10. Double-check to see if you out any words.

Source Unknown

**THINK ABOUT IT.....**

- \* Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free grip around the sun every year.
- \* Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.
- \* How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
- \* Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?
- \* If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?
- \* Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
- \* You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

"Courtesy of the CC Retired Teachers Newsletter" and Mount Diablo Genealogical Society

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