

# SAN RAMON VALLEY

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### ♣ THIS MONTH - March 20, 2007 ♣

#### "My Father's Box Gave Me the Key"

*Claudia Mortensen* will be our speaker this month. Claudia was the owner of CAM Design – a commercial and residential design business for 20 years. When she sold CAM, she began to look for a hobby. Claudia did a lot of volunteer work – San Ramon Regional Medical Center, Blackhawk Museum, San Ramon Library to name a few of them.

After her Mother and Father died, Claudia started going through their possessions. In one of her Father's boxes, she found the key which started her genealogy research. Now 15 years later, she will tell us about that search. Claudia found the hobby for which she was looking.

### ♥ FEBRUARY MEETING ♥

#### "Digital Information Landslide"

Speaker: Bob Dougherty Reported by: Lee Schlenker

Our own 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. (Program Chairman) and member, **Bob Dougherty**, talked to us about how things have continued to escalate in the electronic/digital world out there. He was updating us from his talk of approximately two years ago. He likens this digital world to the kindergarten child moving on to first grade then second grade and growing similar to the others in the class; the digital world is like that same kindergarten child moving on and being six feet tall by the second grade while everyone else in the same class is only four feet tall. Digital is *huge!*

Digital seems to be everywhere in our lives today. Some of us have digital systems in our cars with GPS (global positioning satellite). These systems can show us or vocally tells how to get to places while traveling. There have been changes in scanning and how you store information. Many scanners nowadays are not only a scanner but a copier, a fax machine, and a printer - all in one neat package. That digital camera has gotten bigger and better with the digital pixels. Some don't even have

your view finder or peep hole any more. Some of the digital cameras don't even have that zoom lens which telescopes forward for pictures; that is now contained *within* the camera and moves from side to side and never zooms outward! If you take your standard 4X6 photo and magnify it again and again you will see small squares which compose the shading and color which make up your photo. Most of us understand that these are called "pixels." By slowly reducing this magnification you can watch your photo become the image your mind can decipher. The computer can change a photo with "red eye" into a photo with the dark pupil and make your photo look normal again. Then we have those "memory sticks" for the computer and for the camera. Both can store additional information for you to use elsewhere when needed by inserting it into one of your USB ports. This makes carrying your information a lot smaller and lighter.

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The electronics world is increasing movement everyday. We started out once with 300 bytes per second then quickly we went to 1 gigabyte per second and now we are up to billions of bytes per second giving us better quality in just about everything we do electronically. It enables us to join more electronic gadgets together to talk to each other. Your computer talks to other items inside itself when you scan, copy or print, when you input data, sound, etc. If you scan a negative of a photo your computer can turn it into a positive. A scanner (reflective light) can turn the object into projective definition.

In the communication portion we have the cell phone, cable, DSL, satellite, Wide Band, Blue Tooth (used for short wireless communications). Wide Band is what you see people using in the "computer cafes" but this is not necessarily a secure network since it's wireless. Using Wide Band at home gives you the option of a password entry making it more secure. Blue Tooth (the oblong silver ear piece you might see some people using) is good for plan-ahead travels linking your GPS system with communications to your next destination (i.e. making or confirming hotel reservations, looking for nearest restaurant and making a reservation).

There are several URLs which can aide you in mapping. One being Cadastral Mapping. By listing the state name you can go zoom down into the county, then to the city/town, area. Some URLs give you a relief map for the area your searching. There are websites for planning a hike in the wilderness or mountains with trails, etc. to guide you. The BLM (Bureau of Land Management) has a website which enables you to find land patents and to retrieve plat maps.

There are a number of magazines out now to aide you. Bob suggested a new one, Internet Genealogy, which publishes all the links used by the magazine that month and much more helpful information. The subscription price was not given. Everett Publishing also has a magazine as well as Family Tree.

Always new things to check out and increase your digital-age knowledge!

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>

<http://www.topozone.com>

<http://www.keyhole.com>

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

<http://www.linkpendium.com>

<http://srvgensoc.org/index.html>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### SRVGS CALENDAR MARCH - 2007

- 6 Tuesday – 10:00 am. The Board Meeting**  
was held at the home of Sandra Burns in Danville.
- 20 Tuesday – 10:00 am. The General Meeting**  
will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo.

### SRVGS CALENDAR APRIL - 2007

- 3 Tuesday – 10:00 am. The Board Meeting**  
will be held at the home of Virginia Rood.
- 17 Tuesday – 10:00 am. The 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. Speaker: Maxine Trost – "Preservation of Materials".

### SRVGS Special Interest Groups MARCH 2007

**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. This group will meet Tuesday March 20th, after the general meeting at about 12:30 pm. at the home of Peggy Dearman in Danville. Bring a bag lunch. Peggy Dearman is the contact person for the group. Phone 837-1621 or e-mail [pdearman@earthlink.net](mailto:pdearman@earthlink.net).

**GERMAN** - On Wednesday, March 28th (the fourth Wednesday) the German Group will meet at 10 am at the home of Sue Hanck 925-933-9505. Please call hostess if you are unable to attend. Fran Schweitzer is the contact person for the group. Phone 935-5744 or email [franschwe@pacbell.net](mailto:franschwe@pacbell.net).

**IRISH** – This special interest group will meet March 14<sup>th</sup> (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 for further information.

**SOUTHERN** – This group will meet March 13th (the second Tuesday of the month) at 10:00 am. at the home of Suzanne Johnston in Danville. The contact person is Dorothy Stanton; Phone 820-3757 or email 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. A reasonable number of members have chosen to receive their newsletter by email. The email edition even has added color. Ed 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)

## CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

### **31 March Saturday 9am to 4 pm**

The Sacramento Genealogical Society (Root Cellar) will sponsor an all day Seminar featuring Paula Stewart-Warren. Paula has lectured for genealogical societies and other organizations across the U.S. She has coordinated and taught courses at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, The Genealogical Institute of

Mid-America and the Genealogical Institute of Texas. Her topics will be:

- They were poor, they may have been rich in records.
- Untrod Ground: Sources You May Not Have Encountered

- The WPA Era: What it created for Genealogists
- Major Midwestern Archives & their Records

The seminar will be held at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church. For registration information and other details, go to <http://www.rootcellar.org/>

### **21 April Saturday**

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society and the Livermore LDS Church will sponsor a free Genealogical seminar. The featured speakers will be the well known Stephen Morse and Susan G Johnson. One of Stephen's presentations will of course be his "one-step web pages". Susan is a graduate of Yale with a degree in physics, is a member L-AGS, has completed noteworthy genealogical courses and is teaching genealogical classes at Las Positas College. The date is firm, but details are still in the planning stages. More information will be coming soon. Go to <http://www.l-ag.s.org/events.html>

### **28 April Saturday 9am to 4 pm**

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society will sponsor an all day Seminar in Santa Rosa featuring John Phillip Colletta. His topics in order of presentation will be:

- A. Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD!
  - B. Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence
  - C. Hacks and Hookers and Putting Up Pickles: Snares of Yesteryear's English
  - D. Using Newspapers for Family History Research
- You can pre-register with Audrey Phillips for a fee of \$ 25 or it will be \$ 30 at the door. Go to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~casgs/colletta2.htm> for further details.

### **28 April Saturday 9am to 4 pm**

The Sacramento German Genealogical Society will sponsor a Seminar at the Carmichael Park Community Center, 5750 Grant Avenue in Sacramento. John T Humphrey will be the presenter. John is president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, vice-president of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and a past vice president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America. He has worked in archives, libraries and record repositories throughout southeastern Pennsylvania, Germany, Washington DC, and Salt Lake City.

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John's topics will be: · With Genealogical Research, Obstacles Abound, But They Can Be Surmounted.  
 · Developing the Skills to Become Proficient in Exploring German Family History.  
 · Using Church Records in Germany and the United States to Climb Your Family Tree  
 · Exploring Other Resources - Such as Newspapers, Ortssippenbücher, and Ahnentafeln  
 Pre-registration fees must be received by April 20. \$30 for SGGs members and \$40 for non-members.  
 For more information about how to register and possibly order an optional lunch, go to their web site: [http://www.sacgergensoc.org/spring\\_workshop.htm](http://www.sacgergensoc.org/spring_workshop.htm) or contact Milt Kelly via e-mail at [Mekelly4143@comcast.net](mailto:Mekelly4143@comcast.net), or Chuck Knuthson via e-mail at [cknuthson@surewest.net](mailto:cknuthson@surewest.net)

😊 Welcome New Member

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**President's Message**  
**By Patty Erickson**



Our nominating committee took their job seriously. At the February 20 meeting, they filled our Program Committee positions and the Corresponding Secretary position. Many thanks to those who said YES !!!! However, we still need a President!!!! Isn't there one among you who has the slightest desire to be President?? Please call Ed mason or Sanda Burns.

I know many of you are intrepid internet users. However, my early foray onto the internet was most disappointing. I have recently ventured forth for a second try, being armed with a bit more knowledge of where and how to search. I checked out 6 of my families. I came up with one excellent connection which produced a Bible page of my third great grandfather with his wife and children. This gave me his wife's maiden name and his middle name which connects back to his origins in North Carolina. One other family gave me two possibilities in Quebec, Canada. The others gave me little information and did not apply to any of my specific family lines.

It is interesting the thoughts, questions, answers, and even conclusion (some of which are interesting, even wrong) that are presented online. Some sites are very active and alive, while others are somewhat ho-hum. Even a little success is encouraging and I will persevere and strive to also become an intrepid internet user.

Great searching to all! Patty

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<b><i><u>Deadline to put information in the Newsletter is the Last Thursday of the month.</u></i></b>	
Member are encourage to submit articles for the Newsletter by mail or email to Coordinator.	



## CONTINUING EDUCATION

There has been an increased level of interest in various software programs for storing genealogical data. At our February General Meeting a sign up sheet was available for two training sessions on FAMILY TREE MAKER. The classes were filled by our members who were in attendance. Ed Mason was the instructor on March 1 and March 8 at the Alamo FHC. Further scheduling has not yet occurred.

The Oakland Family History Center is continuing to offer free classes. **SEARCHING VITAL RECORDS** will be the topic on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00PM. On Saturday, March 17 at 2:00 PM there will be a class entitled: **WHAT I CAN FIND IN NEW ENGLAND ANCESTORS. ORG.** You may call (510) 531-3905 or check the FHC website: [www.oaklandfhc.org](http://www.oaklandfhc.org) for further information.

Now is your chance to visit the California Genealogical Society at their new location 2201 Broadway in Oakland. The official date of reopening is March 8. The CGS website is: [www.calgensoc.org](http://www.calgensoc.org) or you may call (510) 663-1358 for information on classes and dates of operation.

Last, but certainly not least, our Life Member Frances Lloyd has offered to teach two sessions on "**ORGANIZATION**" at her home in Danville. In the past, these classes have been very helpful to anyone who is just beginning genealogy. Also, it has helped those who have been at it a long time and have had trouble sorting through mounds of accumulated paper. Frances says that you should be able to locate any document or other information within thirty seconds! The dates for the two classes are Thursday April 19 and April 26 from 10:00AM to 12 noon. Class size is limited and a sign up sheet will be available at the March General Meeting.

Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

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## News from the Danville Family History Center

### FamilySearch Indexing

Ever wish that those elusive, critical genealogy records that you need but can't find were suddenly available and indexed on the internet? Well, that day may arrive sooner than you think. As you have probably heard, the LDS church, in cooperation with other genealogical groups, has committed to indexing and digitizing all its microfilm records, and the project is well under way.

During the month of January 2006, over 110,000 individuals' records were digitized and indexed. In the month of January 2007, over 3.5 million names were done. All this is due to volunteers from all over the world. If you would like more information on the project or if you would like to volunteer, go to <http://www.familysearchindexing.org/en/index.jsp>. All that is needed is a willing heart and a computer with access to the internet.

It used to be that extracting records meant sitting at a microfilm reader and filling out index cards. Now it can be done at home at 2:00 AM in your pajamas, if you want. After registering and taking a short tutorial, you simply pick the type of record that you want to index from a list of current projects. The computer downloads a "batch" – usually a digitized image of a page from a census or the images of about 50 names from a register. On the top half of your computer screen you see the digitized record and the bottom half is a corresponding form into which you type the requested information gleaned from the image. For a census that would typically be name, race, gender, age or birth year, relation, birth place etc. The interface software is very slick and *very high tech*.

Once you are done with your batch, you submit the records back to FamilySearch by simply clicking on "submit." Meanwhile, that same batch has been sent to a second indexer. The two results are then compared. If the two extractions do not match 100%, they are sent to a third person who will once again look at the original image and decide on the **San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society**

most accurate transcription. You may index as few or as many batches as you wish. Every contribution, large or small is appreciated. But watch out, it is mildly addictive, and when you sit down to index just 5 or 10 names, you find yourself doing 20 or 30, or even the whole batch of 50!

If you have any questions, give me a call.

Linda Bailey  
FHC Director

**Alamo Family History Center**

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Hours open: M,W,Th, 10AM - 4 PM and  
Tuesdays, 7PM - 9PM

As it turned out, right there in the cemetery records they found a goldmine for me. Seems Grandpa Roy was cremated in 1948, but his ashes were not buried until 1962 when his wife died! She'd had the ashes all those years. They were buried in her casket to be "laid to rest together." The love they must have shared.

You would have thought I'd won the lottery! It was no wonder I couldn't find him buried anywhere. I was so insistent that the event took place in 1948 (according to his death certificate), that it took me thirty years to find him! My point is to NEVER give up hope; they will let you know where to look to find them. Jackie Beidler

**SRVGS MEMBERS**

Thank you for participating in the Survey in the last general meeting. There were many refreshing ideas and comments that will help us to improve the benefits from belonging to our genealogical society.

**Bob Dougherty**

*Murphy was selling his house, and put the matter in an agent's hands. The agent wrote up a sales blurb for the house that made wonderful reading. After Murphy read it, he turned to the agent and asked, "Have I got all ye say there?" The agent said, "Certainly ye have...Why d'ye ask?" Replied Murphy, "Cancel the sale... 'tis too good to part with."*

**A Delayed Burial**

Just want to let others know what I learned out of thirty years of research! My great-grandfather died and was cremated in 1948. No one in the family ever talked about him as it was years before I was born. As I got involved in genealogy, I decided to ask where he was buried. No one seemed to remember. I started checking around where I knew some of the family had been buried, but his name never showed up in any records.

One night as I was looking at his death certificate and his wife's, I did notice the same mortuary handled both of them. But no mention of what happened to his ashes. After years of writing to different cemeteries, why hadn't I noticed this bit of information sooner? I tried to contact the mortuary; they'd gone out of business. Where or who would have their records? I checked a little further and found a wonderful lady who took the time to check with another company. She was referred back to the cemetery.

Quick Tips may be reprinted, with credit to the submitter Ancestry Archives

**Information on Insurance Policy**

Recently I found the death record of my great-grandmother who lived on Staten Island, New York. The cause of death was given in a medical term I did not understand. A few months later I came across an old application for an insurance policy for my grandmother. She said that her mother had died in child birth. So there had really been two deaths--my great-grandmother and a baby! I would never have thought to look for this information in an insurance policy before. Now I have another resource. Margaret VanAuker

*An Irishman took a photograph of his son to the chemist. 'I wonder,' he said, 'could you enlarge this for me?' 'Yes, certainly,' the chemist replied. 'And would it be possible for you to take his hat off for me?' 'Well, I'm sure we could do something. Yes, we could touch it up for you.' 'Oh, that's fine.' 'Tell me,' said the chemist, 'which side does your son part his hair?' The Irishman smiled. 'Oh, come on now. You'll see that when you take his hat off.'*



## History of St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day has its origins in ancient times. Patrick lived in the British Isles, a land invaded and conquered first by the Romans and then by Germanic tribes.

Patrick was captured and taken as a slave at the age of sixteen.

Legend has it that one night while he was praying, a voice told him to escape and find a ship that was waiting for him two hundred miles away. Patrick got to the ship, sailed to Europe, and disembarked in what is now probably France. He led several of the ship's crew through a dangerous forest, praying all the time. Neither Patrick nor any member of his crew was captured. When some of the men were about to die of starvation, wild animals appeared for them to eat. Events such as these appeared to be miracles and gave rise to later legends surrounding Patrick.

Once home, Patrick felt that he was called by God to perform an important mission. He believed it was his duty to go back to Ireland and convert the Celtic people to the Christian religion.

Patrick arrived in Ireland and became a missionary, traveling from village to village and talking about his faith. Once, several members of a tribe approached Patrick and told him that they found it difficult to understand and believe in the Holy Trinity. Patrick thought a moment, then stooped down and picked one of the plentiful shamrocks growing wild around Ireland. "Here are three leaves," he said, "yet it is one plant. Imagine the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit as each of these leaves. Here they are, yet they are one plant." The tribesmen understood, because Patrick had used a familiar object to explain. From that time on, the shamrock has been a revered symbol of Ireland.

Stories of Saint Patrick, for by then he was a saint, reached far and wide. His most famous feat is forcing the snakes out of the entire country of Ireland. Even though there are many different stories about how he accomplished such a task, it is probably not true.

St Patrick died on March 17 and the Irish people set aside the day to mourn. He became the patron saint of Ireland. Mourning turned to commemorating him and celebrating his life. Americans have inherited this custom. On St Patrick's Day in the United States,

millions of people celebrate whether they are Irish or not!



May you have the LUCK  
of an Irish man  
with these websites

### Irish Genealogy

This is the official web site of **Irish Genealogy** Limited (IGL). IGL was set up in 1993 to manage and market the **Irish** Genealogical Project. [www.irishgenealogy.ie/](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/) -

### IrishGenealogy.com

A resource site for **Irish genealogy** and history. Bookstore, classes and local histories. [www.irishgenealogy.com/](http://www.irishgenealogy.com/)

### Irish Genealogical Society

Extensive resources for those searching for their **Irish** roots. [www.rootsweb.com/~irish/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish/) -

### FIANNA

A resource site for those doing **Irish Genealogy**, with an online guide, surnames, history, hints and how-to's. New material constantly added by members of ... [www.rootsweb.com/~fianna/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~fianna/) -

### Irish genealogy search: research family history at ireland.com

See what records there are, check out the largest collection of **Irish genealogy** links on the Web, browse Catholic parish maps, or find out how to start. ... [www.ireland.com/ancestor/](http://www.ireland.com/ancestor/) -

### GENUKI: UK & Ireland Genealogy

Large resource for UK and **Irish genealogy**, lists various guides, county by county links, bulletin boards, mailing lists and many other relevant articles and ... [www.genuki.org.uk/](http://www.genuki.org.uk/)

### Genealogy Resources on the Internet - WWW/Irish

Lots of how-to's, information, and hint pages for **Irish genealogy** on this site, ... The Magazine section contains articles from **Irish** heritage and **genealogy** ... [www-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/irish.html](http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/irish.html)

### Irish Genealogy on the NET

Looking for your **Irish** Coats of Arms? Looking for your **Irish** Family History Data? ... **IRISH GENEALOGY** on the NET. **CLICK HERE TO ENTER THE WEBSITE** ... [irishgenealogy.net/](http://irishgenealogy.net/)

### Irish Genealogy, Irish Surname and Irish Coat of Arms - Your Irish ...

**Irish Genealogy**, Surname and Coat of Arms resource. [www.youririshroots.com/](http://www.youririshroots.com/)

### Ireland Genealogy Links - Irish genealogy

Over 1000 **genealogy** links for Ireland, including **Irish** ships passenger lists, immigrant records, censuses, cemetery lists.. [www.genealogylinks.net/uk/ireland/index.html](http://www.genealogylinks.net/uk/ireland/index.html)



## Classic Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 corned beef brisket, about 4 pounds
- 1 small bay leaf
- 6 peppercorns
- 2 to 3 rutabagas, cut in chunks
- 1 pound carrots, or about 8 to 10, trimmed, scraped, and left whole
- 12 small whole onions, peeled
- 6 medium potatoes, peeled
- 1 medium head of cabbage, cut in wedges

### PREPARATION:

Place meat in a deep stock pot or kettle; cover with water. Add bay leaf and peppercorns. Bring to a boil; skim off foam. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 3 hours. Add vegetables; simmer for about 45 minutes longer, or until vegetables and meat are tender. Serve corned beef surrounded with vegetables. Corned beef dinner serves 8 to 10

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## Food Time Line

Ever wonder what the Vikings ate when they set off to explore the new world? They certainly didn't have much room in their longboats for food storage or for kitchen facilities. How did Thomas Jefferson make his ice cream? What did the pioneers cook along the Oregon Trail? Who invented the potato chip...and why?

Food is the fun part of social studies. The Food Timeline Web pages are aimed at students in social studies classes but I think many adults will also enjoy reading about the menus throughout history. To really make an impact on your child's or grandchild's education, you might prepare a meal similar to that of a particular period in history. The tricky part is finding recipes you can make in a modern kitchen, with ingredients bought at your local supermarket. The Food Timeline can be found at:

<http://www.foodtimeline.org/>

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