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“Gen-Legacy Planning, What Will Happen to Your Research After You're Gone “

Presented by: Patricia Burrow

Patricia will talk about some of the things we can do to ensure that those hard found stories do not get lost again and our family history research is preserved for future generations.

Once you retire, people want to know just how you keep yourself busy all day. When you tell them you love genealogy, they never ask again. After a career in the Silicon Valley tech world as a project manager, Pat retired to what she thought was going to be a year or two of researching four grandparent lines back to the edge of the pond. Now, almost a decade later, she is still working on those four lines. She has published several articles and stories about her ancestors and is working on a book about her adopted grandmother and the two families that loved her. In addition to lecturing, she leads several groups in the genealogy community. One of her passions is teaching Reunion for the Mac and other Apple programs as tools used for genealogy research. Her mantra is, “Your kids won’t throw away a book with their surname on it. Publish, publish, publish.” With her husband, four children, eight grandchildren, and a love of travel and history, Pat always has something to keep herself busy. ■

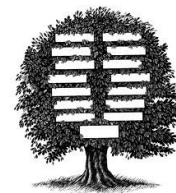


From the November Meeting

“Family Tree in Family Search ”

Speaker: Virginia Kysh

Reporter: Lee Schlenker



Patty Erickson introduced our speaker, Virginia Kysh, who has been doing her own research for more than forty years. She has been a speaker for sixteen years and teaches this new Family Tree in Family Search to the Antioch FHC staff. She wanted to share her knowledge with us also. This is a new merging program and is in its infancy. So, there are many more changes to come through time. Mid December is slated for the pilot release of this program.

She started off by showing us how to find training videos from Roots Tech 2012 - and while she was demonstrating, Virginia lost her wireless signal and couldn’t retrieve it for the power point presentation.

Ron Tanner was the product manager of Family Tree. LDS Family Search asked Ron Tanner to aid in merging these two databases. In essence Family Tree will merge pedigrees with the Family Search website and vice versa. If you enter your own family history and there is already ►



(Photo by Nancy Alexander)

Our November Speaker: **Virginia Kysh**

a duplication within the program, it will notify you that it is a duplicate and give you the most recent information update. You can work from “the here and now” and go backward. You will be able to have your questions and information challenged through discussions with others interested in the same pedigree as you. Getting the data right with sources and working with others is Family Tree’s focus.

Since this is a new evolving program, there is a new vocabulary to get used to.

Details Page: this is where a Family Tree screen shows all of the information about one person. You can view or enter your sources, edit vital info or other info and family relationships. You can begin or participate in a discussion - or find duplicates. To this page more will be added eventually like photos and scanned documents as well as linking to a third party database.

Note: this box shows the husband/wife relationship. It can expand to see other spouses and children. By clicking on the individual you ►

will see the summary card.

Summary Card: this box shows the most important information about the person in the system. By clicking on the individual’s name a summary card will appear.

Source: the record or the person who supplied the information.

Tags: attaches the source to an event such as birth, marriage, gender, age, etc.

Synchronize: a feature of some third-party programs that can do the following:

- Add information from your database to the system without using GEDCOM.
- Add selected information from the system to your database.
- Combine duplicate records.
- Separate records that were incorrectly combined.

Your data can be edited. So, be careful, do your homework, watch for your own errors. When in doubt, do more research on your part. Be sensitive and kind of others. Provide good explanations of why you are changing this information, listing where you found the evidence supporting your correction.

There is also a “watch” button within the program which will let you know when information has been added or updated on a pedigree.

Pre-pilot release is what you will find at the present. Pilot release will happen in mid-December this year. Virginia is waiting as patiently as possible for this pilot release!

Register to use Family Tree: http://familysearch.org/invite/familytree_tab

After you have logged onto this sight you are allowed to input up to 100 names from your GEDCOM. Virginia suggests that 100 names is a very good start (less would be good too), but don’t try to input your 1,000+ names. It could very well bog down the whole system. These problems are being worked out before the pilot release.

Virginia suggests that you watch the videos again and again to refresh yourself and learn what you might have forgotten with this program!



President's Message

By Dick Finn

Hello and Happy New Year,

Your genealogy society has a lot going on. Take a look, in this issue of our newsletter, at all of the SIGS we have for you to take part in and help advance your research skills. If you do not find one that you might be interested in I would be amazed, but if you think we have missed a SIG that would be useful to our members please let Bill George or any member of the Board know and we will see what we can do about getting a new SIG started.

The Program Committee has some very interesting speakers planned for the remainder of the year so you will not want to miss any of our general meetings. If you have heard of outstanding speakers that you think our members might be interested hearing please let Rae, Diane, or Patty know.

Suzanne Johnston is "retiring" as our contact with the Family History Center. When you see Suzanne please let her know how thankful we are for her service to the genealogical community. Thank you Suzanne. Suzanne is being replaced by Carol Parmley. Please stop by the FHC to introduce yourself and welcome Carol.

We will be taking part in Ask Granny programs at local retirement homes and senior centers. If you know of a facility that might like to take part in Ask Granny please let Patrick Lofft or me know.

If you have suggestions on how to make our society more useful to our members and the community please let us know.

Dick



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SRVGS CALENDAR

January 2013

- 8 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board meeting was held at the home of Frances Lloyd in Danville.
- 15 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo. From the I-680 Freeway, take Stone Valley Road east 2 1/2 miles.

February 2013

- 5 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board will be held at a location to be announced.
- 19 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

By: Bill George

Our SIGs are at full strength this month. You can verify meeting dates and times by viewing SIG information on our web site at <http://srvgensoc.org/sig.html> and the SIG calendar at <http://srvgensoc.org/calendar.html>. Topics for each month's SIGs are listed in this newsletter by Verne Segelke. Two SIGs meet before our general meeting: The Irish Research SIG on the 2nd Wednesday and the DNA SIG on the 2nd Thursday. The DNA SIG will be discussing the DNA testing company 23andme.com.

The Family Tree Maker/Ancestry SIG met for the first time in November, chaired by Susan Rush. She decided to hold the meetings at the Danville Family History Center on the fourth Tuesday of the Month at 10 am. Family Tree Maker's interaction with Ancestry.com takes a little getting used to, but you can easily up- and ►

download family trees on Ancestry.com with Family Tree Maker. The SIG helps you with the Ancestry interaction and also helps with how to effectively use Ancestry.com. The topic this month is merging data with your Family Tree Maker database.

Good FamilySearch.org information can be found on James Tanner's "Genealogy's Star" Blog at <http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/>. I've seen James speak several times and he's as good in person as he is when he writes, especially when he describes the FamilySearch.org web site. ■

SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



DNA - This Special Interest Group will meet **Thursday January 10th, 10 am (second Thursday) at the Family History Center** on Stone Valley Road. They will discuss 23andMe. Bob

Venter is the contact person for the group. Please contact him to express your interest in the group. You may contact him via e-mail, rjventer@comcast.net or phone (925) 454-9919. Bob has a Venter family web site, <http://www.venter.org>, from which you may view family DNA information and from which he wants to gather information for the Venter Surname Study.



GERMAN - The German Group will meet **Wednesday January 23rd at 10 am (the fourth Wednesday)** at the home of

Helen Odegard in Alamo. The coordinator for this group is Helen Odegard. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact her via e-mail, shodegard@att.net or phone 932-6796 for more information



IRISH - This special interest group will meet **Wednesday January 9th (the second Wednesday) at 10:00 am.**, at the home of Russ and Patty

Erickson in Pleasant Hill. Patty Erickson is the contact person for this group. You may contact Patty via e-mail, russpat@comcast.net or phone 229-0889.



LEGACY SOFTWARE - This is a genealogy software users group. This group will meet **Monday January 28th (the Fourth Monday) at 1-3 pm** at the Family History

Center on Stone Valley Road. The topic for this meeting will be; Merging & Importing Files. If anyone is interested in joining this group, contact Sharon Clay at sharonclay@comcast.net, or 925-462-4518.



PUBLISHING - The publishing group will meet **Thursday January 17th at 10:00 am (the third Thursday of the month)** at the home of

Frances Lloyd in Danville. Publishing a book about your family's story need not be a mysterious process. The Publishing Group invites you to monthly meetings where you will learn the ins and outs of publishing. This informal group of members will offer advice, encouragement, suggestions and guide you to publishing sources as you develop your book. Members that are interested in joining should let Francie know ahead of time that they plan to attend. For further information, contact Francie at 837-9382 or e-mail: frances_lloyd@comcast.net



FAMILY TREE MAKER/ ANCESTRY - Several members have shown an interest in being a part of this group and having it continue and prosper.

They will be covering the features & benefits of Family Tree Maker which syncs with Ancestry.com. They will meet **Tuesday January 22nd (the fourth Tuesday) at 10 am** at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road. The topic of discussion for this meeting will be; Merging Data. Come join the conversation, keep the group alive and bring your questions as to how Family Tree Maker compares to other software. Susan Rush has volunteered to be the coordinator for this group. You may contact her at gen4you@astound.net or 674-0929. ■



CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

- 19 January Saturday 10:30 am** The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will hold a regular member meeting at the Grace Lutheran Church Hall, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas in San Mateo. Vern Dale and Martha Wallace will give a presentation about "Territorial Lands and Records: Where Are They? Part One" As the United States grew, territories were created to organize and manage new land acquisitions. Settlers could live in the same place and be part of several territories. This talk will help you determine which territories your ancestors lived in and introduce the records that the US government has kept. Vern Dale is a retired engineer who enjoys exploring his family history. Martha Wallace is a retired middle school teacher who volunteers at NARA and enjoys history and searching for her ancestors. Visit www.smcgs.org for details.
- 26 January Saturday 1:30 pm** A Macintosh Genealogy (MacGen) group will meet at The Oakland Family Search Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. In January, they will resume 4th Saturday meetings at 1:30pm along with the 2nd Wed Workshops at 7 pm. The topic for the Saturday meeting will be Reunion's Family Group Sheets and Twitter. You might be surprised to see how useful these reports are. They can be printed out as a report or used as a data gathering questionnaire. They will also begin covering social media software beginning with Twitter. Discover why it has become so pervasive and why you might need it. Their web address is: <http://www.macgen.org/>
- 7 February Thursday 1 to 3 pm** The Genealogical Society of Vallejo-Benicia will hold a regular meeting in the auditorium on the second floor at 734 Marin Street in Vallejo. "What do You do When You Hit a Brick Wall" will be the title ►
- 16 March Saturday** The Sacramento Genealogy Society is sponsoring a seminar featuring Thomas MacEntee creator of GeneaBloggers. He will present four beginner level topics: Building a research Toolbox, Internet Archive, social networking and Wonderful uses for unusual tools. Visit <http://www.rootcellar.org/> for further information.
- 20 April Saturday** The Sonoma County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring Barbara Renick. For more information go to <http://www.scgs.org>.
- 4 May Saturday** The San Mateo County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring D Joshua Taylor. For more information go to <http://www.smcgs.org>.
- 8 - 11 May Wednesday - Saturday** The national Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org or call 1-800-473-0060 ext. 116. The conference will include programs for all skill levels of research experience and will feature tracks on DNA, ethnic research, the law, migration, methodology, the West, women, and more. More than seventy-five nationally recognized speakers will provide over one hundred and fifty lectures on a wide variety of topics. The conference registration brochure, with complete details, is online as a pdf file (http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/attendee_registration) and the lecture schedule is available on the NGS website in a searchable format. ■



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

Here are some ways to implement your genealogical new year's resolutions. Many of these activities fill up early; so, it is best to check the listed websites from time to time during the month for the latest updates.



The California Genealogical Society www.californiaancestors.org leads off the year with a variety of activities:

- Its **City Directory Library** is open from 10-4 on Sat. Jan. 12th, Sat. Jan. 19th, and Sat. Feb. 9th.
- The monthly meeting of the **San Francisco Special Interest Group** on Jan. 19th from 10-11:30 will feature a guest speaker from the SF Maritime Museum.
- CGS has scheduled a field trip on Wed., Jan 23rd from 10-5 to the **Sutro Library**. (Register online).
- Kim Cotton will be the guest speaker at **First Saturday Intro Class** on Feb. 2nd, from 1-3. (Register online)
- CGS is collaborating with the Oakland Family History Center https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Oakland_California_Large_Multi-stake_Family_History_Center to present the **Winter Intermediate Series**. The series begins from 10:30 - 12 on Tues. Jan. 29th. (Register on line at either site.)



The Concord FHC presents classes on the 3rd Saturday of the month. At the next class on Jan. 19th Bonnie Mattson will speak on "**New or Returning Genealogists in the Digital Age**". Contact Jackie at 827-4729

There are numerous opportunities to learn from the comfort of your home. Many are classes listed at <https://familysearch.org/learn>. Just click on research courses. ►



The Southern California Genealogical Society <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com> offers free webinars throughout the year. The next will be on Wed. Jan 16th from 6 - 7:30. Linda Geiger will speak on "**Documentation: Never having to Ask, 'Where Did That Come From?'**" If you miss any of these webinars, you can listen to them any time for free if you are a member of SCGS.

Save the date:



The Sonoma County Genealogical Society www.smcgs.org Spring Seminar is featuring Barbara Renick on April 20th.



The San Mateo County Genealogical Society www.smcgs.org Spring Seminar will feature D. Joshua Taylor on May 4th.



The SCGS Jamboree 2013 will be from June 6th – 9th in Burbank.



The Concord FHC "Digging for Your Roots" will be held on Oct. 19th

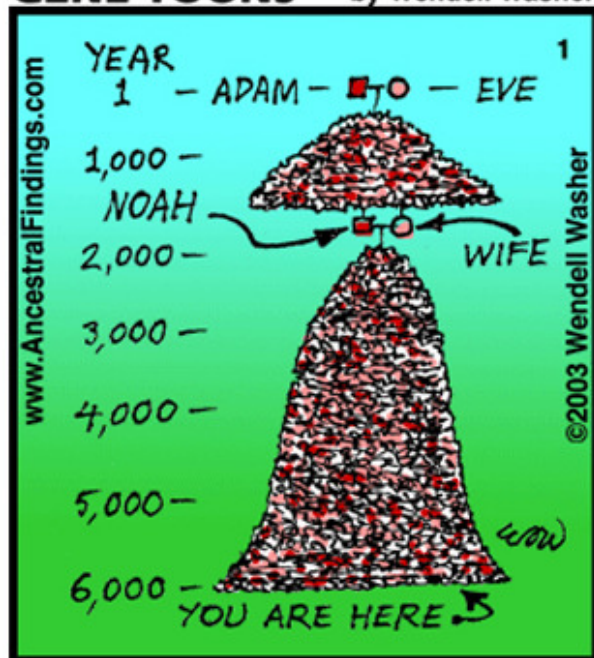
Enjoy!!

WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

A warm WELCOME to our newest members!

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GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer

One-size-fits-all family tree.

A TREASURE FROM "BEYOND"

By: Julia M. Case and Myra Vanderpool Gormley

For more than a decade, I had been searching for information on my elusive ancestor, Jeremiah REED, who died in the mid-1800s in Hamilton Square (old Nottingham Square), New Jersey. The cemetery in which he was buried was now under a paved parking lot behind a church-turned-auction house, and I could find no record of his birth.

Research in New Jersey wills provided a clue: Jeremiah REED was identified as "nephew" and executor to Jonathan PIERSON of Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Several more days of searching old Hunterdon County court records turned up a 1776 paternity suit, in which the entire ancient love affair was recounted and Azariah REED of Trenton/Maidenhead, New Jersey was proven to be the father.

Armed with this information, I placed the genealogical data in the New Jersey State Library and in several databases. Then I placed queries in the REED surname index at RootsWeb. I had a response from a REED gentleman from nearby Lawrenceville, New Jersey, who claimed to have the Jeremiah REED Bible. We arranged a visit and he brought the tattered old book. Yes, it contained the birth, marriage, and death records of ►

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

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

INDIVIDUAL HELP

Do you need individual help in overcoming a "brick wall" in your research? Go to the SRVGS web site at: <http://srvgensoc.org/>, click on RESOURCES, then click on INDIVIDUAL HELP FOR SRVGS MEMBERS.

Want to help someone who is having research problems in your area of knowledge? Call Harry Baggett at 925-837-7960 to have your name added to the SRVGS Individual Help list.

Harry Baggett trvrl@sbcglobal.net

Jeremiah REED and his children, but then some families simply copy earlier information into Bibles for each of the children. However, the publication date was in the early 1800s, so it was possible that this was the genuine Bible of Jeremiah REED. We paged through the old Bible, finding newspaper articles from a much later time period, articles whose significance was lost to us.

Then I saw a small stained and folded paper -- a bookmark, suggested the gentleman. I unfolded it and read the faint handwriting that said:

**Jeremiah Reed is my name,
 America is my station,
 Nottingham Square is my dwelling
 place,
 and Christ is my salvation.
 When I am dead and gone
 and all my bones are rotten
 and you should read this,
 then I am not forgotten."
 [signature of Jeremiah REED]**

A personal "thank you" for bringing to light the details of his life? I like to think so. ■

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