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**THIS MONTH – September 16, 2014**

**“Finding your Way around FamilySearch – or –  
Here it is, now what do I do? “**

**Presented by: Linda Bailey**



Linda's talk will help newcomers and experienced users of FamilySearch understand the breadth and depth of the website. As a researcher, she hopes you will feel more confident in taking full advantage of its features, including searching records, accessing the local FHC and Salt Lake FHL library catalogs, ordering film, using the research Wiki, searching user submitted genealogies, understanding indexing, discovering stories and photos, and, of course, using FamilyTree.

Having a compulsive need as a youngster to collect and categorize everything from bugs to stamps, Linda easily fell into the job of “family archivist” at the age of twelve and has been collecting names and stories ever since – except when distracted by necessities such as school (BYU) or work (as a biotechnologist in drug development). For the last 14 years, she has been a volunteer and a director at the Danville Family History Center and is currently in charge of staff training at the Oakland Regional FamilySearch Library. Her research areas are Scandinavia and early New England. ■

**From the July Meeting**

**"Quakers: History & Research"**

**Speaker: Garl Satterthwaite**

**Reporter: Jean Hunt**



Speaker Garl Satterthwaite, an experienced researcher, Quaker genealogist, library docent and lecturer gave us an overview of the Quakers in America.

He told us of the young George Fox, born in 1624 in England who was apprenticed out at age 11 to a shoemaker. As a young man he suffered melancholy and was tormented by religious

thoughts and dissatisfied when he sought help from the local clergy.

He became disappointed with the English government and the Church of England and suspected both of corruption, dishonesty and greed. Nor did he respect the Church's Hierarchy and he didn't believe in the tithing system which threatened the clergy's income. ►



(Photo by Nancy Alexander)

### Garl Satterthwaite

In his 23<sup>rd</sup> year George Fox had a revelation so strong that he decided to follow his “Inner Voice” and began preaching to all that would listen. Over time people did listen to his preaching’s and took them up and began building meeting houses and practicing the evolving Quaker principals of simplicity in all things. Dressing plainly, shunning religious ostentation, not tithing, and practicing equality among men and women.

Interestingly new words came out these new ideas, such as thee and thou, instead him or her.

They didn’t use the word church because they believed they could meet in homes, not just churches, thus their term became meeting house.

George Fox was persecuted for his preaching’s, being jailed many times and those that became followers also were cruelly persecuted as well. These people called themselves “ Friends of the Truth” and by 1654 the ideas of Quakerism spread rapidly in northern England, also popping up a lot in the colonies of New England and

spreading south to New York, New Jersey, and by the late 1600’s, North Carolina and Virginia.

These religious people were continually persecuted into the late 1660’s. An early convert, William Penn, was jailed in London but later obtained a charter from King Charles II (who owed the Penn family lots of money) and sailed to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so named by the king, setting up a government with Quaker values. Possibly the most important law there was the freedom of religious choice.

Quakerism spread rapidly in America. By 1750 it was the third largest religious denomination in the British colonies.\*

As time passed, America had its Revolution and many Quakers felt the need to fight to defend the colonist and many didn’t. These Quakers were expelled. Some asked for forgiveness of the society and were forgiven; others formed a Free Quaker Branch which exists to this day.

The Quakers were good record keepers and kept all the records of marriages, births, deaths, and the moving patterns of its members.

They had distinctive naming patterns and required all members to marry with-in the society. The latter may be why this closed society has tapered off to the small communities of recent years.

Garl showed great pictures of different types of Quaker meeting houses depicting the double entrances and clever partitions that separate the men’s and women’s meetings rooms.

Garl has used Ancestry and Family Search and has provided us with a page of internet sources and a page of printed sources to get us started on our own Quaker quest.

\* “Albion’s Seed” by David Hackett Fischer. ■

### Genealogists:

The only people who get excited when reading Obituaries.



## President's Message

*By Russ Erickson*

This year, I was fortunate enough to attend a seminar talk by Arlene Eakle on the Revolutionary War era. She suggested many sources for early genealogy searches. In the many wars from 1607 to 1774, 70 percent of Virginia males (16 to 60 years) fought during their lifetimes! Military records from the period can be very accurate, even including birth, marriage, and death data. Pension files, bounty land claims, and service records exist. Pension files include places of residence from birth to the war years to the date of claim, with affidavits by family and friends. In Maryland and West Virginia, the Hazel Groves Hansrote Collection centers on the wars. The Lyman Draper collection in Wisconsin has information on Mississippi and west, done in the 1840s. The Anderson-Latham Papers cover Ohio and Illinois bounty land warrants (at the University of Illinois). 8 volumes of Naval Documents of the American Revolution from 1774-78 are at the Sutro and many university libraries. Local, state, and national records are available for the Revolutionary War, where the average age of a soldier was 19, with some participants as young as 12! Arlene Eakle also suggested looking at a few historic books: "Roots of Conflict" British Armed Forces and Colonial Americans, 1677-1763", "Arms for Empire: a Military History of British Colonies, 1607-1763". Along with her excellent talks, Arlene Eakle is developing a Genealogy Museum in her town in Utah, using much material and books she has accumulated plus a good collection recently donated.

SRVGS members begin, in September, a post-summer year of monthly meetings for genealogy education and encouragement, as well as social events with many very pleasant people. Please greet your program committee members; Suzanne Johnston, Wayne Mortensen, and Carol Satherwaite, who have already arranged several good speakers. Let them know what you are interested in; what you would like to learn, and what you feel would be of general interest. New information keeps our minds active, as does the simple act of

socially gathering. It becomes easier and easier to seek information via the internet and let life revolve around computers and home. Such information, however, can hold errors, and keeping active in groups like SRVGS helps keep the neural pathways of our minds young and vital. So, I welcome you young, vital members of any age and pray you keep involved. I especially look for a First V-P who would like to get involved on our vital and delightful Board this year. ■



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SRVGS CALENDAR

#### September 2014

- 2 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board meeting was held at the home of Frances Lloyd in Danville.
- 16 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.

#### October 2014

- 7 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board will be held at the home of Frances Lloyd.
- 21 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*

In September we will have the Family Tree Maker Meeting on the 3rd Monday due to the Labor Day Holiday on the 1st Monday. The FamilySearch SIG will be meeting a half-hour later at 1:30pm All other SIGs will be meeting as their normal dates and times. See the SIG schedule elsewhere in the newsletter and on our web site at <http://srvgensoc.org/sig.html>. ■

## SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**NOTE:** For San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society Special Interest Group contact information and schedules, you may also visit the web site at <http://srvgensoc.org/sig.htm>



### FAMILY SEARCH / FAMILY TREE

– This Special Interest Group will meet **Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>** (the second Monday) at **1:30 pm at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road.** They will be discussing how to merge people in the FamilySearch Family Tree. Bill George is the coordinator and contact person for this group. *Please not the later starting time of 1:30 pm.*



**IRISH** - This special interest group will meet **Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>** (the second Wednesday) and **October 8<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 am., at the**

**home of Russ and Patty Erickson** in Pleasant Hill. Patty Erickson is the contact person for this group.



### ANCESTRY/FAMILY TREE MAKER

– This group focuses on how Family Tree Maker interacts with Ancestry.com. This group will meet **Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>** at **1 pm at the Danville Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Road.** *Note that this is a one time meeting on the third Monday.* Susan Rush is the coordinator for this group.



### PUBLISHING

– The publishing group will meet **Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 am at the home of Frances Lloyd** in Danville. This informal Group invites you to monthly third Thursday meetings. Members will offer advice, encouragement, suggestions and guide you to publishing sources as you develop your book, big or small. Members share their writings as their progress to a finished project. Society members interested in joining should let Francie, the group coordinator, know that they plan to attend.



### LEGACY SOFTWARE

– This is a genealogy software users group. This group will meet **Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **1-3 pm at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road in Alamo.** The subject this month will be connecting Legacy and Family Search. Legacy is a wonderful database, but Family search allows the potential to connect YOUR tree to the world tree. Legacy will also help you search the Internet for your ancestor. They will be working on both these tools in Legacy. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Sharon Clay, the group coordinator.



### GERMAN

– The German Group will meet **Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>** (the fourth Wednesday) at **11:00 am., at the home of Carol Huvane in Walnut Creek.** This month the German group will have their annual Oktoberfest luncheon. The coordinator for this group is Helen Odegard. Please contact Helen if you plan to join the group. ■

## CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

- 8 September Monday 7:30 pm** The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will hold one of its regular meetings at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. *Where There's a Will: Probate Records can Prove Family Connections.* This is the title of the presentation to be made by Janice Sellers.. The web address for the society is: <http://www.l-ags.org>
- 10 September Wednesday 10 am** The East Bay Genealogical Society will hold one of their regular meetings in the meeting room of the Oakland Family History Research Center, 4766 Lincoln Ave. in Oakland. The speaker will be Jeff Airth. He will explain how we may find the information we are looking for regarding our Canadian ancestors. The web address ►

for the society is:  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caebaygs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caebaygs)

**11 September Thursday 7 pm** The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will hold one of their regular meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the LDS Building, 1360 Alberta Way in Concord. Eric Durand of 23andMe will talk about DNA and genealogy research.

**19 September Friday 1:30 pm** The Mount Diablo Genealogical Society will hold one of its regular meetings at the Creekside Clubhouse meeting room #3 in Rossmoor. They meet on the third Friday of each month. The theme for the September meeting will be "*Researching at Local Genealogy Libraries*". The following 4 guests will present information about their respective genealogical libraries:

1. Lavinia Schwartz, CA Genealogical Society Library in Oakland
2. Jackie Hein, Family History Centers in the Bay Area
3. Turalu Brady, Heritage Room, CCC Library at Pleasant Hill
4. Martha Whittaker, Sutro Library in San Francisco

**20 September Saturday 10:30am** 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. Christine Bell Green will speak about "*Becoming a Professional Genealogist*". Their web address is: <http://www.smcgs.org/>

**23 September Tuesday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** The Sacramento German Genealogy Society will hold one of its regular meetings at - St. Mark's United Methodist Church, at Lusk Drive and St. Mark's Way in Sacramento. You will see many examples of German attire which Ingeborg has collected over many years, with some of it modeled by members. This presentation will provide a basic understanding of the "messages" inherent in various styles of clothing as well as the role of tradition in

preserving such styles. *Clothes Our German Ancestors Wore At Home, Work, Festivals, and Church* will be presented by Ingeborg Carpenter. You may also visit their web site at [www.sacgergensoc.org](http://www.sacgergensoc.org)

**18 October Saturday 8 am to 4:30 pm (classes start at 9:15)** The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Seminar, "*Digging for Your Roots*" will be held in Concord. Watch for registration forms at your local Family History Center. Phone Jackie Hein 925-827-4729 for further information. ■

## EDUCATION

By: *Kathy Javdani*

Fall is always a good time to learn some new skills and brush up on some others. We have lots of opportunities to do so in September.



The California Genealogical Society (CGS) [www.CaliforniaAncestors.org](http://www.CaliforniaAncestors.org) starts the first Saturday of each month with its

- **Introduction to Genealogy** class from 1-3. This month the class will meet on Sat., Sept. 6th, and next month on Sat., Oct. 4th. Please register on line.
- On Sat., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, the **San Francisco SIG** will meet from 10 – 11:30. This SIG always meets on the third Saturday of each month.
- Also on Sat., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 Ron Madson will lead the **Digital Image Editing Basics - Hands on Workshop**. Register on line.
- On Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 Linda Harms Okazaki will present **Japanese Roots In the US and Japan**. Register on line.
- Also on the Sept. 27th there will be a presentation from 1-4 entitled **Read All About It: Using Online Newspapers for Genealogical Research**. Register on line.

For more upcoming events from Santa Cruz to Sacramento check the CGS "San Francisco Bay Area General Calendar" at <http://>

[sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com](http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com)

 In September the Oakland Family Search Library, <https://familysearch.org> is starting its fall classes.

- On Sat., Sept. 6th the presentation **Grandma Who Are You? Finding Maiden Names** will begin at 1.
- On Wed., Sept. 10th the **Mac Users Workshop** starts at 7 PM.
- On Sat., Sept. 13th at 11 learn about the Wiki with **Working Your Way Around the Wiki**.
- Wed, Sept, 24th the monthly meeting of the **African American Research Workshop** starts at 6 PM.
- On Sat. Sept. 27th at 11 there will be a presentation of **Sourcing Makes It So!**
- Also on Sept. 27th the **Mac Users Group meets at 1:30**.

Also you can always check the FamilySearch website <https://familysearch.org> for tutorials, Wikis, discussion forums, and Webinars.

 The Sacramento German Genealogy Study, [ssgg.us](http://ssgg.us), on Tues. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 -3 will present:

- **Clothes Our German Ancestors Wore at Home, Work, Festivals, In Church, and Associated Traditions** at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Sacramento.

#### Enjoy learning from home:

 The Southern California Genealogical Society ( S C G S ) [www.scsgenealogy.com](http://www.scsgenealogy.com) continues to offer free Webinars. Register in advance on line. This month it will be presenting on

- Sat., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 -11 **She Came from Nowhere...A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogical Problem** by Michael D. Lacopo
- Wed., Sept. 17th from 6 -7 **It's Not about Zombies: Doing Cemetery Research** by Jean Wilcox Hibben
- Sat., Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10 -11 **Where Have**

#### They Gone? Researching Ancestors Who Chased Gold by Hannah Z. Allan

Remember there are also free genealogy presentations and PDF notes for researching information at NARA on the SCGS website under **Webinars** [www.scsgenealogy.com/weinar/overview.html](http://www.scsgenealogy.com/weinar/overview.html)

 The New England Historic Genealogical Society ( N E H G S ) [www.Americanancestors.org](http://www.Americanancestors.org) has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for both guest users and NEHGS members. There is access to archived Webinars, online courses, how-to videos, subject guides, and more.

 From an article by Gena Philibert-Ortega here are some Webinars and lectures that are online:

- **Legacy Family Tree Webinars** <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>
- **Extreme Genes: Family History Radio** <http://extremegenes.com/>
- **The Genealogy Guys Podcast** <http://genealogyguys.com/>
- **RootsTech 2014: Featured Lectures Online** <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/rootstech-2014-video-presentations-online/>
- **Genealogy Boot Camp** [http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/community/en/community/thomas%20jay%20kemp/genealogy\\_boot\\_camp/player.htm](http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/community/en/community/thomas%20jay%20kemp/genealogy_boot_camp/player.htm)

#### Save the Date:

- **Family History Retreat, Family Search Library, Oct 27-31, 2014, Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, 122 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101**
- On Sat., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8 – 3, San Mateo County Genealogical Society Fall 2014 Seminar: **A Day in Court with the ►**

**Legal Genealogist – Judy G. Russell.**  
Register on line: [www.smcgs.org](http://www.smcgs.org)

- **California Genealogical Society's Tour to NEHGS** in Boston, the week of November 2-9, 2014

Happy Researching! ■

## BOOK REVIEW

*By: Frances Lloyd & Virginia Root*

Continuing with our occasional review of books from the Society's collection at the Danville Library, here are a few more submitted by Francie Lloyd and Virginia Rood. A complete list of the society's books is provided in your Handbook or can be downloaded from our web site at: [http://srvgensoc.org/resources/SRVGS\\_Danville\\_Library\\_Booklist.pdf](http://srvgensoc.org/resources/SRVGS_Danville_Library_Booklist.pdf)

### 1) DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE COLONIAL HISTORY OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIRST SERIES – VOLUME XXXII, CALENDAR OF NEW JERSEY WILLS.

Honeyman. Heritage Books. 2007.

This is an ongoing series of abstracts of wills, inventories, administrations, and guardianships from the 1700s. The original spelling of names of persons and places has been retained. Alternate spellings are either as written in the document or interpreted by the abstractors.

*Review by: Francie Lloyd*

### 2) Index To Texas CSA Pension Files

Transcribed by Virgil D. White

This index was prepared from records located at the Texas State Library and Historical Commission in Austin, TX. There were 54,636 applications for pensions filed with the state of Texas based on service in the Confederate Armed Forces during the Civil War. The applications were not only for those serving in Texas organizations but for those serving in other Confederate states most of which provided pensions for veterans and widows based on service and ►

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

Members are encouraged 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.

disability. The payments of pensions were usually reciprocated between the states. The introduction indicates how to obtain copies of records.

*Review by: Virginia Rood*

### 3) Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920.

Thorndale and Dollarhide. GPC.

Maps of each state with county boundaries begin in 1790, the earliest federal census, and continue with each census year, every ten years, through 1920. County boundaries are superimposed over modern county lines thus showing county development then and now. County records are located in the county at the time the record was created. Records for a piece of property or a family may be found in multiple county courts depending on the development of county lines. Maps for state censuses are included if the name list was sent to Washington. Background information on the censuses is included.

*Review by: Francie Lloyd*

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