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February Presentation:

Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 10 am

PREPARING FOR A HERITAGE TRIP (VIA ZOOM)

By KATHY WURTH



Did you ever want to plan a trip to visit an ancestor's home town? Kathy Wurth had the experience of visiting some of her ancestral home towns and felt the emotional connection of finally putting faces to all the names and seeing the landscape of her ancestors. A heritage trip enhances your appreciation of what the life in their home country was like and making the choice to come to America. What an incredible adventure that must have been for your ancestors, leaving family, hearth and home to travel to an unknown country, many times not even speaking English.

This presentation will be a primer for a Heritage Tour to visit your hometowns in Germany, whether on your own or with a group. First there will be a discussion on how to use US records to find your ancestral hometown and pre-trip preparations. It is pretty general in that hints can be used for most European countries.

Kathy Wurth is a researcher, speaker, volunteer and owner of Family Tree Tours, a heritage travel company, specializing in ancestral trips to Germany and Ireland and other European countries. She is a member of several Genealogy societies and leader and founder of the Germans in St. Louis Research Group in St. Louis, MO. Kathy has been leading tours since 2007 and has helped hundreds of people visit their ancestral hometowns. She loves the hunt and the challenge of finding ancestors. ■

A link to the meeting will be sent out to all members a few days prior to the meeting. If you have any friends or family that would like to attend, have them contact Steve at president@srvgensoc.org for the link prior to the meeting.

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Notes on the January Presentation:

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

WESTERN OVERLAND TRAILS**FOLLOWING THE 7 T'S** (VIA ZOOM) BY STEVEN MORRISON

NOTES BY KAREN LADUCA

Steven W. Morrison's "7 T's" reference the seven major trails of Western migration, but also the 7 tracking techniques used to research your ancestors who moved west. He also noted that he had 7 branches of his family who traveled these trails.

1. Tradition - Use all resources you have available to help you determine that your ancestor did move west-letters and diaries, Bible entries, obituaries, etc.

2. Travel - It was not an easy trip and took many months traveling only about 100 miles per week. There were several reasons to push them to want to leave home and others that pulled them such as land availability, gold, religious reasons or following family.

3. Trail - There were 4 northern trails that led to Oregon, California or Utah (Oregon Trail, California Trail, Mormon Trail and Applegate Trail) and 3 southern trails leading to New Mexico or Los Angeles (Santa Fe Trail, Old Spanish Trail, Gila Trail). National Geographic Society has a good map showing these trails at <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/photo/trails-west>

4. Time - The earliest migration (1830-1848) was before the discovery of gold. The greatest flood of migration was 1849-1859. Fewer people traveled west during 1860-1868 probably due to the Civil War. The railroad connection to the west occurred in 1869 making travel west easier and faster, however many continued to use the overland trails through the end of the century.

5. Testament - Look for written accounts of the trip in your family resources. Two notable resources: "A Biography-Index to Western American Trail, 1841-1869" by John M. Townley and "Platte River Road Narrative" by Merrill J. Mattes. Many other resources are listed in the handout.

6. Treasure - As well as state archives and historical societies, look for Pioneer Associations and Databases for records. One database where you can do a name search is at Paper Trail <https://octa-trails.org/genealogy-paper-trail/>. NUCMC (National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections) now has its online catalog at WorldCat. But the old volumes 1959-1985 are now out of print and not available online. Look for the old print volumes at very large libraries.

7. Tale - Once you have your family's story researched, consider writing it and sending to an organization that will save it for posterity. ■

Our speaker this month requested that the recording and the handout be kept available for our members for only 1 week after the meeting so we are unable to offer these to our membership for the usual 1 month. (We are limited to the amount of space we are allowed for Zoom recordings; and some of our speakers have restrictions on how long we make their presentations available.) The handouts for most of our speakers are retained long term on our website for members.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long-time member, past board member and friend, Bill Hewitt. Bill was always a knowledgeable, friendly and giving member of our society and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hewitt family during this very sad time.



President's Message

By Steve Watty



We need you! Every two years in May the SRVGS holds the election of officers for the Board. This is an election year, and a new board will be set in June for the 2022/2024 term. All of the current Board members have been in their current positions for the past four years each serving at least two consecu-

tive terms. Volunteerism has been a key component throughout our history leading to a successful, growing, and vibrant society. But this can only continue with active membership support.

Now we need you to step up, volunteer for a Board or Committee assignment. Training, support and appreciation will be given to any member willing to commit a few hours each month to the society. Join the team, share new ideas, let your voice be heard. Call Ted Shapas (925)820-7943; he is available to answer any of your questions or discuss the responsibilities of any interested position.■

Make A Difference



FYI

Member Leslie Stewart reports “ I just got a response from NARA regarding a records request I had placed in August 2020. (Unfortunately, the request was a dead end.) But it came with this cheery note:

The National Archives at Atlanta has resumed operations which has allowed staff into the facility to work on our backlog of requests. “

Editor's note: I'm impressed that they did finally respond to a request that is about 18 months old!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 2022

- 15 Tuesday—10am The February General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Kathy Wurth on **Preparing for a Heritage Trip**.
- 22 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.

March 2022

- 15 Tuesday—10am The March General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Christine Cohen on **Immigration Ports of Entry**.
- 22 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.

April 2022

- 19 Tuesday—10am The April General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Annette Lyttle on **Our Quaker Ancestors: Their History and the Records They Left**.
- 26 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.■



Attention Members !

Please watch your email for (and respond to) a short survey on meeting preferences.



left: [Roots Tech free registration](#)

The World's Largest Family History Conference is coming up March 3-5 and it is *Free Again* this year! Register now—Ctrl-click the link or the logo on the

Memories of the Riggs Line—Talking with my Dad

By: Terri Anderson

Tracing my Riggs family roots was an opportunity to share time with my dad, who lived in Florida. I wanted to record memories he might have about his family. Sometimes, I would get a call back with something he remembered. I chose to trace the male members that had a direct blood line to my father, Robert Lee Riggs. This started out as a gift to him that quickly became a gift to me also. I would call dad to tell him something I had just found on ancestry and he would sometimes recall that so-and-so was a constable or the story about the fire at the Riggs Drug Store. The things I found out about my father and the three generations before him brought the most shared memories and conversations between us that I will always treasure.

My search started with what I knew, which was about my dad, and I worked backward. My father, Robert Lee Riggs, was born on June 17th, 1926 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to George Edmund and Weva Riggs. My dad often used “Weva” as a password to accounts. He was very close to her. In WWII, he carried a picture of his mom and two sisters, in his wallet. It remained there from that time



on. Dad also told me his favorite dish of his mom’s was called “city chicken”, a regional favorite. Dad remembered that chicken was expensive at that time so the butcher would package up pork/veal cut up and on skewers. I never realized how close he was to his mother.

When dad was a kid, someone asked what he wanted to be when he grew up and he answered “a tree topper”. He told me “my mother was always telling me to get out of the trees, that I would break my neck”. He had always climbed the chestnut trees in his yard and told me he had wanted to cut down trees in the forest. He said he climbed trees to watch ball games for free at a local ball park when he was older. These were stories you don’t find on Ancestry.

There weren’t many choices in jobs during this time. Dad said it was either the steel mills or railroad. He enlisted in the Navy when he was

17 and his father had to sign his enlistment papers. I knew he was in the end of WWII but I never knew he was shipped to England and was attached to the Marines as a corpsman, 1st Marine DREWS (Damage Repair European Waters), 1st Division, 1st Armor/Amphibian as a medic. This was a 150 bed unit for the wounded for D Day invasion. He went home in July 1945 and remembered being able to turn lights on now that the war was over. Dad was also with the



Marine 1st Division group again in Korea but all he mentioned was that there were a lot of jellyfish in the ocean on the way to Korea – small memories he was willing to let out.



My grandfather, George Edmund Riggs, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania on April 12, 1897 to Thomas and Lillian May Riggs. George married Weva Rebecca Harpst in about 1920, my dad thought. He told me that when America entered WWI in 1917 his dad shipped out for

Brest, France. He was in the 18th Company of the 10th Engineers formally the 10th Battalion of the 10th Engineers. My grandfather became the third Sgt. Riggs on the Riggs ancestry tree. He worked in a saw mill that was milling lumber to support the trenches. He served in the Army until July 1919. My dad gave me a copy of the History of 28th Company, 20th Engineers formally Company D, 10th Battalion, 20th Engineers handbook. It mentioned “Sgt. Riggs – He had his chevrons on him, they were enameled white and you could see them shining in the middle of the night.”

He was the time keeper and pay master for American Transportation Corp. for over 30 years after the war. Dad said that his father had skills to repair the time machines also. Those skills were used at the local VFW in the repair of slot machines. Only the VFW was allowed to serve alcohol and have slot machines for the service men and veterans. My dad knew his parents separated in the late fifties and he assumed they had divorced but on her death certificate in 1959 it said “married” and listed my

grandfather. I think this was a gift to my dad that his dad always took care of her, even to the end.



Thomas Alvin Riggs, son of Robert L. and Cordellia Riggs, was born on March 2nd, 1871

in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He married Lillian (Lillie) May Finney on October 10th, 1895. Lillie was born on July 28th, 1873. She was the daughter of William Finney who was a constable for the Pennsylvania Railroad. My dad had mentioned in one of our conversations, that there was a constable in the family. Thomas was also in the drug business like his father, Robert. He opened the Riggs Drug Store in McKeesport, which was what my dad recalled.

Thomas owned the drugstore until the Great Depression of 1929 hit. He stayed on as the bookkeeper for the new owners. The building retained the Riggs name until a fire in 1957 destroyed it. Dad had told me about the fire and that



it was quite a news story. I was able to research this on-line and got this picture from the 1950's.

My father shared the similar name as his great-great-grandfather, Robert L. Riggs. We could not verify what the "L" was for and there were no records with anything else but "Robert L. Riggs". He was born on August 26th, 1838 at the old farm near what is now Library, Pennsylvania. He married Cordelia C.B. Whigham on April 18th, 1864. My dad knew little about him other than he was a distinguished person in his community and with the Riggs family.

Dad had done a little research from Memories of Allegheny County Pennsylvania, Personal and Genealogical w/ portraits Vol. II. I got a copy of it and dad and I would talk about what we had found. Robert was well educated and taught in school and served as principal in the McKeesport, Pa. public school. Later, he was a prominent member of the School Board. In 1866, R.L. Riggs founded Hiawatha Drug Store in ►

McKeesport, which my dad had heard from his family. Robert also had interests in studying telegraphy, the P. & A. telegraphy office combined with Western Union Telegraph Company. Robert now became in charge of the Western Union office and transmitted many messages. When his partner, Mr. Sill passed away, Robert gave the drug business his



attention for about two years.

In 1880, he partnered up in the planing mill and lumber company called, Gemmill, Riggs & Co. This was verified in the 1880 Federal Census. In 1885, Robert sold his interest in the business and entered into a similar business with Bert Hubbell. This lasted about three years. Through the years he had large real estate interests and in the Federal 1910 Census, his profession was listed as "Real estate". He was an active member in the Peters Creek Baptist Church, as were previous members of family. He was a deacon for thirty four years and superintendent of the Sunday school for most of time from 1865-1894. He was a prime mover in the establish-

ment of the McKeesport Hospital also. Mr. Riggs was considered a pillar of the McKeesport community and I would assume, he would be a hard man to follow for his son.

When I first started calling my dad our usual conversation would be 5-10 minutes and then dad would say "Ok, I will talk to you tomorrow night". Once we started this search of his family, we had something to get excited about with little bits of facts and memories that came out. These were conversations that we could both add to. His memories and my research lead to being able to make our family story. I was able to trace back to England in 1440 with pretty good certainty. I am so glad that these treasured memories added to the story of the Riggs ancestry. ■

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WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

Let's all extend a Warm Welcome to our
 newest members

*Jill Zollinger
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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

By: Bill George

In February 2022, the five SIGS will meet online. The Publishing SIG is using *Google Meet* and the rest, *Zoom*. All SIG members receive emails from their leaders on how to join each meeting. See details below.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday, Feb 9th (the 2nd Wednesday)
 You may contact Patty Erickson, the SIG leader at russpat@comcast.net.



Family Search - Monday, Feb 14th, (the 2nd Monday) **1 pm – 3 pm** in a Zoom Meeting. Learn the many aspects of this free, comprehensive genealogy web site. You may contact SIG Leader Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Publishing – Thursday Feb 17th, (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30am – 12noon** via Google Meet. Contact Kathy Javdani at kjjsc@aol.com for info on how to join the meeting. Francie Lloyd, is the SIG Leader and can be reached at frances_lloyd@comcast.net.



DNA - Monday Feb 21st, (the 3rd Monday) **1 – 3pm**, in a Zoom meeting. This SIG assumes a basic knowledge of Genealogical DNA testing and therefore is only open to those who have completed the SRVGS Intro to DNA class or an approved equivalent. You may contact SIG Leader Mark McLaren at greatscot@earthlink.net.



German Research – Wednesday Feb 23rd, 10am – 12noon, (the 4th Wednesday) in a Zoom meeting. Members share information from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG Leader Cathy Tanaka at cathytanaka622@gmail.com. ■



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

It's February, the month of love. Here are a variety of learning opportunities to love and enjoy.

The California Genealogy Society Library, www.californiaancestors.org, remains temporarily closed, but classes and events will continue online. Check website for details and to register for the following activities. Note any fees.

- On Tue. Feb. 1st from 4-5:30 Dvorah Lewis will discuss **California Research: Sutro Library**.
- On Sat. Feb. 5th from 10-12:15 the **Introduction to Genealogy group** will meet. The focus of the meeting will be **Using the Census**.
- On Tue. Feb. 15th and Feb. 22nd from 6-7:30 Evan Wilson will present **An Introduction to Southern US Genealogy**. Register online. Fees \$10-15.
- On Sat. Feb. 19th from 1-3 Ron Madson will lead the **Family Tree Maker SIG** with a discussion on **Managing Media Part 2, Security for Your Tree**,
- On Sat. Feb. 26th from 1-3 Craig Siulinske will facilitate the **Eastern European SIG**.
- On Sat. Mar. 5th from 10-12:15 the **Introduction to Genealogy group** will meet. The focus of the meeting will be **Vital Records (Birth, Marriage, Death)**

The Oakland Family Search Library, www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library, is open by appointment only. Email fhcoakland@gmail.com or call 510-531-3905 for an appointment or to register for online classes. In addition, the website has links to online classes at the other Family Search Regional Libraries. The Family History Library in Salt Lake also presents a number of webinars each month. Check the Oakland Family Search Library website for a list of numerous online webinars and classes.

- On Wednesdays from 4-8 Jane Lindsey will provide **French Canadian Assistance**. No appt. required,
- On Thursdays from 11-4 there will be assistance for **Swedish Research**. No appt. required.
- On Wed. Feb. 23rd from 6-8 the **African American Research Workshop** will meet on Zoom. See the

library website for the Zoom link.

The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html offers webinars for **\$5.50** each. Register online in advance. The upcoming presentations are:

- On Sat. Feb. 5th at 10 Kimberley Nagy will present **Untying the Knot: Divorce Records**.
- On Wed. Feb. 16th at 6 Devon Noel Lee will discuss **How to Write Compelling Family History Without Being Naturally Creative**.
- On Sat. Mar. 5th at 10 Karen Fortin will discuss **WorldCat and ArchiveGrid: Finding Books, Manuscripts, and More**.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for both guest users and NEHGS members. It contains subject guides on a variety of genealogical topics, informative videos, webinars, online courses, and more. If you have questions or feedback, contact Online Education. Register for their webinars at their website.

- On Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd from 3-4:30 Christopher C. Child, Ann Lawthers, and Melanie McComb will present **Tracing Female Ancestors in America**. \$115.
- On Fri. Feb. 4th from 12-1 Claire Vail will share **Zoom Demo: The New AmericanAncestors.org**.
- On Feb. 8th, 15th and 22nd from 1-2:30 Curt DiCamillo will examine **Classical Architecture in Europe and America**. \$85.
- On Thur. Feb. 10th from 12-1 Melanie McComb will explore **Wanted! Dead or Alive: Researching Criminal Ancestors**.
- Also, on the 10th at 3 author Nick Davis will share his book **Competing with Idiots: Her-**

man and Joe Mankiewicz, a Dual Portrait.

- On Fri. Feb. 11th from 1-2 Helina Metaferia will discuss **Generations: Artistic Expressions of Heritage and Identity.**
- On Thur. Feb. 17th from 1-2 Meaghan E. H. Siekman will present **Researching African American Ancestors in New England.**
- On Mon. Feb., at 3 author Linda Hirshman will share her book **The Color of Abolition: How a Printer, a Prophet, and a Contessa Moved a Nation.**

Unable to attend the live broadcast? A recording of the free events will be posted on the NEHGS website the following day.

 The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center offers a number of webinars. Go to <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy> to see the current list and to register for them online. Also, explore the Genealogy Center Videos at <https://acpl.lib.in.us/explore-genealogy/our-services>. Currently the library is operating under Code Red protocols. However, recorded Genealogy Center programs can be found on the Genealogy Center section of the library's YouTube channel.

 Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com> to register.

- On Tue. Feb. 1st at 5 Cathie Sherwood will describe **Education in Australia.**
- On Wed. Feb. 2nd at 11 Dear MYRTLE will examine **CensusGenie: Down to the Wire 1950 Census Prep.**
- On Fri. Feb. 4th at 11 Nicka Smith will explore **The Trifecta: The Secret Sauce of Researching the Formerly Enslaved.**
- On Tue. Feb. 8th at 11 Tal Erlichman will share **What's New in the MyHeritage Photo World.**
- On Wed. Feb. 9th at 5 Ann G. Lawthers will examine **Researching in Colonial New England.**
- On Tue. Feb. 15th at 5 Alice Hoyt Veen will present **It Goes With The Territory! Find Your Ancestors in Pre-statehood Records.**
- On Wed. Feb. 16th at 11 Andy Klein will share **The Perfect Back-Up Plan for You: Backblaze.**

- On Fri. Feb. 18th at 11 Dave Obee will discuss **Genealogical Gold in British Columbia.**
- On Tue. Feb. 22nd at 11 Uri Gonen will present **Printing Charts and Books on MyHeritage.**
- On Wed. Feb. 23rd at 11 Teresa Steinkamp McMillin will explore **From Piles to Files: Organize Your Genealogy.**
- On Tue. Mar. 1st at 5 Paul Milner will discuss **Exploring the New 1921 UK Census.**
- On Wed. Mar. 2nd at 11 Mags Gaulden will share **Using WikiTree's DNA Features in Your Family History Research.**

Here are some other webinars and podcasts that are online:

- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <https://extremegenes.com/blog>
- The Genealogy Guys Podcast www.genealogyguys.com
- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems <https://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts>
- Lisa also has a genealogy chat on YouTube at 9 am on Thursdays entitled **Elevenes.**
- Thomas MacEntee's www.genealogybargains.com
- Judy Russell's www.legalgenealogist.com
- Family History Fanatics www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog
- Connie Knox <https://genealogytv.org>

And there's more....

The following are sites with large amounts of valuable information:

- The National Archives- www.archives.gov/research/genealogy offers a genealogy tutorial, genealogy research topics and a variety of charts and forms.
- The DAR Library – www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy offers help on the variety of genealogical topics. Also see the upcoming events schedule at www.dar.org/libraryevents.
- The Sutro Library hosts the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar, www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/

[calendar](#). The calendar provides information about events throughout the Bay Area

- <https://ConferenceKeeper.org>, lists conferences, events, calls for papers, contests, grants, volunteer opportunities, tours and more. To sign up to receive *Tami at Conference Keeper* which lists events that have been recently added go to mail@sendfoxmail.com.

Events from Local Societies

- On Thur. Feb., 3rd at 1:30 the Genealogical Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will offer a Zoom presentation entitled **Journey to the West of the West: Genealogical Treasures at the Sutro Library**. Email President@gsvb.org to request a Zoom invitation.
- On Sun. Feb. 13th from 1-2:30 The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, <https://sfbajgs.org>, will hold its monthly meeting. Daniel Horowitz will examine **Genealogy for Sale: Researching in Auction Houses**. Register on the society's website.
- On Mon. Feb. 14th from 7-8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will host a Zoom meeting with Glenda Lloyd as guest speaker. She will discuss **The ABCs of Land Records**. Register on the society's website.
- On Tue. Feb. 15th from 6:30-8:30 the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org, will hold a virtual meeting. April Halberstadt will answer **Is My House Historic?** Register on the society's website.
- On Thur. Feb. 17th at 1 the Napa Genealogical Society, <https://napagensoc.org>, will have a Zoom meeting with Kathy Nielson as guest speaker. She will discuss **Every Home Has a Story: Researching Yours and Your Ancestors' Homes**. Register at <https://napagensoc.org/event-4539700>.
- On Fri. Feb. 18th at 10 the Mt. Diablo Genealogy Society, <https://mdgs.webs.com>, will hold a Zoom meeting. Janice Sellers, the guest speaker, will discuss **Immigration and Naturalization**. Email mdgs.webs@gmail.com to receive the link for the meeting.

- On Sat. Feb. 19th at 12 the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, www.scgsonline.org, will host Mary Kircher Roddy as guest speaker. Mary will present **A Nose for News: Sniffing Out Stories in Newspapers**. Register on the society's website.

Upcoming Special Events...

- AmericanAncestors, www.americanancestors.org/events will hold a **Virtual Winter Research Stay-at-Home** from Feb. 24th-26th. \$375.
- **RootsTech Connect 2022**, www.RootsTech.org will take place virtually from March 3-5.
- From May 25-28, 2022 the California Genealogical Society will host the 2022 **National Genealogical Society Family History Conference** at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento. Refer to <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.
- From Aug. 19-27 the **Southern California Genealogy Society Jamboree** will hold three virtual conferences. Visit <https://genealogyjamboree.com> for further details. ■

Bizarro by Dan Piraro





April is National Volunteer Month

**This is an election year for
SRVGS and
there are open positions that
need filling!**

**Please help when YOUR society
asks.**

February Update on Danville FHC opening...

Chris reports that the Danville Family History Center re-opened in January 2022. Appointments are required and may be scheduled by calling (925)837-7010 or (925)360-9232 but **as of this month's reporting there are plenty of appointments waiting to be filled. So don't be shy. If you are calling for a same day appointment, call Chris directly at (925)360-9232.** Fitted face masks are mandatory indoors for everyone. Patrons will be spaced 6' apart.

Hours of operation:

Monday 10am-1pm

Tuesday 7pm-9pm

Wednesday 1pm-4pm

The Concord FHC and the Livermore FHC are also open and no appointments are necessary. The Oakland Family Search Center (at the Oakland LDS Temple) is open now for limited in-person research by appointment only but Chris Engstrom understands that there is plenty of availability. Call them at (510) 531-3905. ■

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