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## THIS MONTH – July 21, 2009

**"The 101 Ranch of Oklahoma "**
**Presented by: Mary Dillon**

Our San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society member, Mary Dillon, will be speaking on the 101 Ranch of Oklahoma founded by her Great Aunt Mollie Carson and husband on land leased in Indian Territory. Upon their deaths their three sons diversified from strictly cattle to include oil, a Wild West Show and a movie production company, with stars Tom Mix and Will Rogers. They were flying high and entertained presidents, the King of England and other notables before it sadly crashed.

Mary was born and raised in West Los Angeles, CA, and is married with a son and daughter, son-in-law and 3 grandsons. She is the youngest of 4 children – 2 brothers and a sister.

Professionally, she has worked in banking, personnel, travel and spent the last 9 years as operations manager for the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau before retiring in 2008.

Family history has fascinated her since her grandmother's bedtime stories of growing up in a sod house in Nebraska, but, like most, Mary didn't have time to start pursuing it until her kids were grown and out of the house – about 1995. In her research Mary found no less than 10 ancestors who fought in the Revolution and a paternal grandmother's Dutch line that goes back to 1630 in "New Amsterdam".

When not "hunting dead people" Mary volunteers with Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society at the Pleasanton Library and with the Pleasanton Museum on Main/Alviso Adobe. She also continues to do occasional historic walking tours of downtown Pleasanton and work as a step-on guide for local tours related to history in cooperation with the Tri-Valley CVB.

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## June Meeting

**"The Civil War Veterans of the San Ramon Valley"**
**Speaker: Dick Finn Reporter: Lee Schlenker**

Dick Finn was our enthusiastic speaker for this past months topic. He's a member of San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society as well as Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. Dick currently volunteers as a docent at Pleasanton Library and at the Pleasanton Museum, plus gives time at the Livermore Family History Center and Livermore Heritage Guild. He is co-founder of the Tri-Valley History Council.

The Tri-Valley area takes in Alamo to Sunol and Palomares Canyon to Altamont. Within this area there were approximately 104 Union soldier who came here to live and only 3 Confederate soldiers who came to live here.►

The Los Angeles area had the most amount of southern sympathizers. The city of Danville had the most for this particular area.

Pensioners were given 160 acres to fence off and maintain. They were given Allis Buckthorn barbed wire to aid in the fencing off of their property. This Allis Buckthorn barbed wire was patented in July, 1881 so it helps date these pensioners and their areas.

Many of these men are buried in Roselawn Cemetery while others were buried in Oak Knoll Cemetery and, at a later date, moved into Roselawn Cemetery. Many of the buried will have the emblem of the G.A.R. which was formed for the benefits for veterans. Some of the marker are in excellent condition while others are in really bad shape (almost unreadable). Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland and San Francisco National Cemetery in San Francisco are places of interment for veterans. Dick says there is a veterans memorial grove in Yountville, CA near the Veterans Home but the folks at this Home have not been willing to share any of the information they have stored in boxes in their basement.

Dick went through the many names he has been able to uncover within the Tri-Valley area cemeteries and it is amazing how many of these names have become very familiar throughout our counties. Each name he found on a tombstone was a father, uncle, brother or a once prominent female with some local history attached. There was a Rachael Fraser/Frazer coming from N.Y. who was a nurse for the U.S. Sanitation Commission, which was later to become the Red Cross, who died here in 1888. There were names like Christian Koch, born in Bavaria in 1832, moved to the U.S. in 1850, fought in the war and became a farmer in the Tassajara area; William Mendenhall whose family was quite large in this Valley and created Mendenhall Springs resort for the wealthy just off Mines Road. Another name was John C. Stanley (as in Stanley Blvd in Pleasanton) who along with Julius P. Smith founded 20-Mule Borax then finally putting the borax into tinier boxes for sale. He had 2,000 acres which he sold for $40,000. A handsome price. One more headstone name was Horace Overacker, born 1844, Iowa Infantry, farmer on Mines Road at Mocho Point, related to bear fighting within the Valley.

Dick uses a number of website to find information on these names from headstones. I think his favorite one is www.footnotes.com. But there are also www.alexanderstrat.com or www.google.com.civilwarveterans (you need to fill in the state name or the name of the event), www.cyndislist.com - military resources worldwide, U.S. Civil War, www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/california, www.findagrave.com. If you look in the 1910 U.S. Census you can look in the column marked "veteran" and see either a "U" (for Union) or a "C" (for Confederate). Dick reminds us that the Civil War was made up of many, many small wars each having a particular name and related to specific areas. So, it's helpful to know if your ancestor fought in the battle of Shiloh or the battle of Cherry Grove.

He also reminds us when looking for information use those local newspapers, mortuary records (CA-pre 1905 deaths), National Parks cemeteries, local museums, historical societies, local books, local churches, family descendents. He hasn't had much success with the local history museums due to staffing so the hours seem to be limited (call ahead if possible). Often times when you can find a photo of that person in an obscure place and put its proper name to it, it becomes all too rewarding and in essence completes your find. Dick has managed to find several pictures, one of the younger person and one of the matured person, to put to the name.

Dick says to just keep poking around the internet on names - things turn up! ■

## Do You have Something to Contribute?

Your SRVGS Newsletter is always in need of new material. Do you have an interesting story to relate? Some discovery that you want to share with others? Maybe an unusual experience that could help others in their own research. Anything you think will be of interest to the group. If so, we would be happy to include it in one of our issues. Anything in length from a half page to a page and a half of type written text would be ideal. Just write it up and forward it to the newsletter editor (rjventer@comcast.net). ■

## President's Message

*By Barbara Dittig*

If you haven't attended a family or class reunion lately, I strongly suggest that you do it! As I mentioned last month, my husband, Jim and I drove to Colorado to visit family and attend my high school reunion (no, not my 100th Ed!).

Visiting my sisters and their families in Monte Vista, CO and catching up on their varied activities over the past 4 years was great fun. Even though they are country people, raising & showing horses being their passion, we all found that we had one common interest and that was **family.** Since I had my lap-top in hand, I was able to introduce them to "Ancestry.com" and the research that I had done on our Eichel family. They were intrigued and promised to look in on our family tree when Ancestry sent them an "invitation" to the Eichel Family Tree. I assured them that it was free to them. We'll see if I have them hooked!

As we drove into La Junta, I was struck how it had changed. It had been a bustling railroad town (Santa Fe) back in the 40's and 50's where most of our families worked. Now, the shops are closed and the number of trains greatly reduced. In high school, it was really exciting to be able to go down to the station when the Super Chief arrived and ask the conductor if there were any celebrities on board. If there were, sometimes they'd get off the train and to our delight, sign autographs. My grandfather, "Sandy" McConnell was a conductor until he retired in the late 40's.

When Wal-Mart arrived on the outskirts of town, the drug stores in town eventually disappeared. Gone were our favorite hangouts where many happy hours were spent after school – the soda fountains. The Presbyterian Church on the corner of 1st St. and Raton Ave. had moved. The stained glass windows were boarded over and the tenant now was a video store. City Park is still there and still looks neat and well cared for. All over town the trees have gotten very large which tends to soften the older neighborhoods.

Our first stop, after checking in at the hotel, was the Otero Co. Museum. A small room housed what early HS year books they had. It was exciting to find my mother's name in the 1927 year book. She was voted prettiest girl in school, but no picture. There was a stack of City Directories on the shelf, all hand written and deteriorating. Going through them I was able to find all of my family members who lived in La Junta from 1900. Now my concern is that these wonderful books will someday be gone and no one will have thought to film them. We went back to the museum the next day and took the tour recalling the early days of La Junta and surrounding areas.

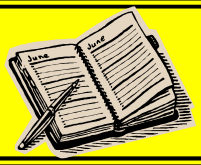
Armed with the research that our member, Ileen Peterson, found for me on the internet, our visit to the Fairview Cemetery was successful. The attendant in the office pointed us in the right direction and we were pleased that all family members were close by in one section of the cemetery. We took pictures of each stone, the earliest being my g-grandparents. All of the dates on the stones matched the records that I currently have in my records except for my mother's whose birth date was two years later than her birth certificate. This once again proves that mistakes are made both on tombstones and death certificates where the information given is usually by a family member.

Having never been a tourist in my own home town back in my school days and thinking there really wasn't anything there of historic interest, I now realized that there was one attraction that I had taken for granted – The Koshare Indian Organization. The Koshares were the inspiration of a man who in 1933 turned a local Scout Troup into a well known group of Indian dancers who traveled all over the world performing in authentic costumes their authentic dances. The museum is unusual in that it was built by this Boy Scout troop under the inspired leadership of their founder, "Buck" Burshears and the original 1949 structure is a registered state historic site of the Colorado Historical Society, housing a collection of Native American art and artifacts considered to be among the finest in the world. Back in my day, the Koshare Christmas dance was always a special occasion for the high school girls. Also the summer Koshare performance that was held in the high school football stadium. To be asked to be a squaw to one of the Koshare members was ►

very exciting, especially when the young braves performed the snake dance and pretended to throw the wiggling snakes into the circle of horrified squaws (teenage girls). If interested, you can check out this interesting group on their website at www.kosharehistory.org

Gathering with classmates once again was particularly special. They came from as far a Washington DC, Puerto Rico, Seattle, Hawaii and California. Lots of laughter and conversations were full of "Remember when — ". We now could laugh at those broken hearts, so much a part of our high school years. When the roll call of those deceased was read, we realized that they outnumbered those of us lucky enough to be there. We asked ourselves, "What draws us back to this funny little town after all these years?" Guess it's because our roots were here where our parents and their parents also grew up. We all agreed that it was a wonderful place to grow up and ours was the best class ever!

Barbara Dittig



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## SRVGS CALENDAR

### July 2009

**7** **Tuesday– 10:00 am.** A Board Meeting was held at the home of Lee Schlenker in San Ramon.

**21** **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.

### August 2009

Our Society does NOT hold meetings during the month of August. Enjoy the summer break and look forward to meeting again in September. A Board meeting is scheduled to be held on September 1 at the home of Ed Mason in Alamo.

## SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**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 **not meet** during July or August. They typically meet at someone's home after a General meeting. Peggy Dearman is the contact person for the group. Phone 837-1621 or e-mail dearmanp@gmail.com

**FAMILY TREE MAKER GROUP** This is a genealogy software users group for PC's with their focus on the use of Family Tree Maker. This group will **not meet** during July or August. They have been meeting at the Danville Family History Center in Alamo on the fourth Thursday of the month. Gail Roche Van Wye is the contact person for the group. Phone 253-1096 or e-mail gailrvw@aol.com. *If a club member has a* FTM database question or problem in the meantime, they are welcome to contact Gail.

**GERMAN** – The German Group will meet on July 22 (the fourth Wednesday) at the home of Margarete Koenig in Lafayette. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Helen Odegard. Helen Odegard is the contact person for this group. For more information, please contact her at 932-6796 or e-mail shodegard@aol.com.

**IRISH** – This special interest group will not **meet during July or August.** They typically meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Patty Erickson is the contact person for the group. Phone (925) 229-0889 or e-mail russpat@comcast.net

**SOUTHERN** – This group **will not meet during July or August**. This group typically meets the Second ►

Thursday of the month at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road. 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.

**MacGen** - A new Macintosh-Genealogy group meeting at the Oakland LDS Family History Center. They specialize in uses of the Macintosh by Genealogists. Meet Mac Genealogy enthusiasts from all over Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. They have a Mac topic, a Reunion Lineage program topic plus questions and answers at each meeting. The next meeting is Sat. July 25, 2009, 1:30pm. Web Site is http://www.macgen.org. It's free. Get there early, bring a sandwich, do some research at the FHC, then attend the meeting. Group contact is Bill George; Phone: 510-538-2449

## CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

**14** **July , Tuesday - 7:30 pm** The Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society will have one of its regular meetings at Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. Steve Morse will be presenting a program titled "Hodgepodge".

**18** **July , Saturday - 10:30 a.m.** The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will hold a regular meeting at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 1700 South El Camino Real in San Mateo. This is near Highway 92. "Westward Migration" will be presented by Marcia Holstrom.

**21** **July, Tuesday - 7 p.m.** The Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society City will hold a regular meeting at the Santa Clara City Library at 2635 Homestead Road in Santa Clara. Kristin Noel Rivers, a member of SCCHGS, will trace her 4th great-grandparents' remarkable transcontinental journey intertwined with the history of the LDS Church. Elizabeth Bliss and Josiah Arnold were early pioneers who gave up everything in CT and NY to migrate through Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, Utah and California.

**28** **July, Tuesday - 1 to 3 pm** The Sacramento German Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Lusk Drive and St. Marks Way in Sacramento. "Effects of the Feudal System on Our Family History Research" will be presented by Roger P. Minert, PhD, AG. **He will tell us how the "rules of life"** in feudal times, mostly obscure to the modern mind, give strong clues to our interpretations of our ancestors' lives.■

## EDUCATION

**SUMMER 2009**

SRVGS classes will resume in September and October. In the meantime, there are many educational opportunities for genealogists at home and away this summer.

**LEARN AT HOME:**

- Listen to our own Lisa Louise Cooke's informative podcasts and read her online newsletters at her Genealogy Gems website http://www.genealogygems.tv. *Family Tree Magazine's* September 2009 issue lists it as one of "10 Top Sites for Cutting Edge Tools and Tips".
- There are excellent online guides to research at http://www.familysearch.org. Go to "What's New" for the Family History Lesson series. Be sure to keep checking under "Search" for Record Search pilot. Click on the part of the world map you are interested in to find new digitized records. Millions are added each week – and they can be accessed free.
- Rootsweb at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com has free Guides to genealogy research on ►

a variety of topics. Check by locale to find links to other sites.

- Check the Library of Congress website "Chronicling America" where you can search digitized newspapers published in 11 states and Washington, DC, between 1880 and 1922. Go to http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov for a free, searchable national database.

**INTERESTED IN DAR MEMBERSHIP?** Here's Local Help:

August 11, 2009 12-3pm at the Hillside Club House, Vista Room, Rossmoor.

The Mt. Diablo Chapter of NSDAR is conducting a Summer Genealogy Workshop: "Applications and Supplementals: Do's and Don'ts of Submitting Verifiable Papers Using Published and Internet Sources." The workshop will be conducted by Frances Lloyd, State Chairman, Volunteer Genealogists and Team. Bring your family research information to work on application, etc. with team members. RSVP Virginia Rood 937-8659 or Gay Scott 820-5720

**PLAN AHEAD:**

- Family History Conferences are excellent places to learn genealogy research techniques from national speakers who are experts in their fields.
- The Federation of Genealogical Societies' conference this year will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas this September 2-5. See http://www.fgs.org. The 2010 conference will be in Knoxville, Tennessee August 18-21.
- Make plans for the National Genealogical Society's 2010 Conference in Salt Lake City next April 28-May 1. See http://www.ngsgenealogy.org. The 2011 Family History Conference will be in Charleston, South Carolina May 11-14.
- If you missed the NGS Family History Conference in Raleigh NC this May, over 100 lectures on CD-ROM are now available for purchase. Go to http://www.jamb-inc.com and click on Genealogy. Lectures from the earlier Conferences are available also. ■

## A Message from the FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

From: Janet Broderick

We have decided to open the FHC every Monday during August rather than closing for the whole month. The hours are the same as now - 10-4. Since many SRVGS members use the FHC, I wanted to make sure they were aware of the schedule changes.

## Is Your Membership about to Lapse?

Society membership dues were due by July 1st. As a reminder for those who were just too busy to get their renewal application in on time, a **Red Dot** has been place on their address label of the newsletters that were sent via the U.S. Post Office. For those who receive their newsletters via e-mail a short message was included with the e-mail delivery. If you have received such a reminder, please get your renewal to us by the end of July or you will be dropped from our rolls and this will be the last newsletter you will receive.

## Take Your Genealogy Database Along!

Here is a tip for those of you who frequent the Family History Center. Most Family History Centers (I venture to say ALL) have computers with the LDS PAF program installed. PAF (Personal Ancestry File) is free, downloadable, genealogy database software for organizing your genealogical data. You may be using it at home already. Those of you who aren't should download a copy and transfer your data to it via a GEDCOM file exported from your current genealogical program. The PAF software will store your information in a data file with a ".paf" extension. Now here is the key, if you copy that *.paf file onto a "flash drive" (also known to as a *jump drive, thumb drive, or memory stick),* you can take it with you to the FHC and always have your entire database handy if you need to refer to it.■

## Who's Who in Our SRVGS Society

Continuing our series on getting to know members of our society and letting them tell a little about themselves, Rae Atwood, who just became a member of our Program Committee, introduced herself at our June General Meeting, telling us about her background and recounting a very interesting story her research into the history of "*the spoon*". This particular sppon was a family heirloom that found its way into her passion through her husband's family. We re-tell that story for all of those who were unable to attend our June meeting and for those who would like to hear it again. It should give us all inspiration, for it shows how rewarding a little research effort can be.

### THE STORY OF SPOON

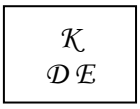
By: Rea Atwood

One gray winter day in the early 1980's, I received a telephone call from the Bank of Alex Brown in Walnut Grove, California. I was asked if I knew a Levi Atwood. As that was my husband, Ed's, grandfather's name, I answered in the affirmative. I was told that there was a safety deposit box that the bank had found while moving to their new and larger quarters. So, with identification ,we could pick up its contents.

As his grandfather had died in 1943, the contents must have been there at least 40 years. My husband and I discussed the problem: How much we may have to pay the bank in past due safety deposit rentals? We decided to drive to Walnut Grove the following Saturday to see what was in the box. The bank personnel brought out the contents. They did not charge us, but seemed happy that the family would have their heirlooms returned.

Among the items were two large coin silver spoons; identical to two that Ed's mother had in her silver chest. There were several rings-two inverse cameo mourning rings, a lovely dainty gold ring with pearls, several automobile insurance policies form the early 1930's and a small spoon with a piece of paper wrapped around it.

The spoon had several small silver marks on the back, and there were the initial "K" on top and a "D" and "E" below. Thus:



The paper read:

*This spoon was given by David and Eunice Kinne to their daughter, Huldah Kinne Cornell and by her to Eunice Cornell Munro and from her to Mary Cogswell Munro and by her to her only niece (of this branch) Grace Ladd Atwood. Presented on December 20, 1903 to Grace Ladd Atwood by Uncle George in Lodi, California.*

This was the beginning of my desire to study genealogy. I was curious to find out who these people were, where they lived, and how they might be related to my husband.

I brought the spoon to an antique silver dealer to find out any information on the spoon itself. The dealer said he thought it was made about 1773 by a silversmith named Avery, and was definitely of the pre-revolutionary period.

So the quest began. We drove to the Lodi Cemetery and found the family plot, noting the names and dates. I knew that Grace Ladd Atwood was my husband's grandmother but we know nothing of that side of the family.

My husband's mother, Rega, had told me that there had been a trial many years earlier when Grace Ladd Atwood's parents brought Levi Atwood into court ----- and in its day it was big news in Lodi. She thought the trial was for custody of their grandchild after Grace's untimely death; however, this was not the case.

After joining Betty Kot's beginning genealogy class about five years ago, I learned how to access the census. In looking up the census records for 1900, 1910, and 1920, I learned a lot.

I knew that Levi Atwood was form Eastern Massachusetts---several jewelry boxes said Taunton; he is form Middleboro. Also, in Ed's mother's boxes there were several letters from Levi's sisters and a nephew that were helpful. ►

In 1946, my husband's parents went to the East Coast. During their stay they visited several Atwood relatives still living in the area. On a piece of stationary, Rega had written many names and dates of Atwood relatives --they were in no special order, but I knew that if they were on her list, they did belong to their branch of the Atwood family. However, Levi Atwood's wife's family was a complete mystery.

The census answered some questions, but many more puzzles were laid bare.

I learned that Grace had been born in Wisconsin, she was not an only child and her mother, Emeline C. Ladd, had been born in Connecticut, her father Martin Luther Ladd in Rhode Island.

From this beginning, I found that Martin Luther Ladd had been a prosperous farmer in Sugar Creek, Walworth county, Wisconsin. Their first child, Edwin, had been born there in 1852. Two more sons followed. By the 1870 census, Edwin was no longer listed, but a daughter, Grace E. had been born in 1862. The family was still in Wisconsin in 1880. Ernest was 29, Grace 17, and William was no longer in Wisconsin.

(Munro or Munroe ???)

I was not certain of Emeline C.'s maiden name. So, I looked up death records. One record stated the name to be Munro, with Eunice Munro and Cornell Munro as parents. I zeroed in on the Eunice Cornell Munro which was on the paper from the "safe deposit" spoon. I was lucky to find the entire family in Plainsville, Connecticut in the 1850 census. Martin Luther Ladd was listed with the family, as they had married on April 30 of that year. It also stated that he was born in Coventry, Rhode Island.

I researched the names on the paper that was tied to the spoon: Munro, Cornell, Kinne, Cogswell. I then discovered the C in Emeline's middle name stood for Church---probably another family name.

There were many families with these names in the area, and I traced most to King Phillips War where several were in the same regiment.

In Lodi, I looked up information in the Lodi Sentinel, finding the court case was front page news. It answered many questions. The trial was centered on a document signed by the Ladds in 1910, just before their daughter Grace died of stomach cancer at age 47. In exchange for care in their declining years, the elderly Ladds had deeded property from Grace to Levi Atwood. Evidently, he was mistreating them and had cheated them of profits from the vineyard. They owned 30 acres of Tokay grapes and various other properties. Much of the original money probably came from the Ladds; Levi Atwood was to take care of the property for their mutual benefit.

In the newspaper articles it describes the couple, Martin 87 and his wife 84, as needing assistance to walk into the courtroom. Mrs. Ladd was garbed in a "quaint Quaker gown and bonnet" (She was a Quaker). She told her story in a firm, clear voice. She was slightly hard of hearing. The trial was long and complicated and caused a permanent rift between the families.

Their son, Ernest W. Ladd, a prosperous businessman from New York City came to Lodi to assist his parents. Since the census of 1910 was held while he was in Lodi, I learned that he was married and had three children.

In finding the 1850 Connecticut census, I learned that Emeline's mother was Eunice Cornell Munro. Her sisters and brothers were also listed, including her mother's youngest brother, George, 16 years older than Grace, who had been the bearer of the spoon in 1903.

Because of the spoon, I was led to follow this line and able to document all of the people and names on the paper.

It was over a year before I was able to determine the first name of Eunice's husband, who died before 1850. Cornell and Eunice were first cousins. There are cemetery records from Plainsfield, Windom County, in the Cornell-Munro burial ground that verified his first name and the name of his father and mother. Many additional family members are also buried there.

With a Cornell biography, a Munro family history, and another clue…Emeline Church Ladd's middle name, I discovered that John Munro, Emeline's great grandfather, had married Hannah Rosbotham, daughter of Elizabeth Church Rosbothom. Her father, Benjamin Church was one of the most famous Indian negotiators and Indian ►

fighters in America's early history. Until the time of George Washington, he was one of our most famous Americans. His father, Richard Church married Elizabeth Warren whose father, Richard Warren had come on the Mayflower.

So, you can see how the family I knew nothing about led from Lodi, California, to the Mayflower by way of a rolled up paper around a silver spoon..■

## WELCOME—NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the newest members to our group:

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## SOCIETY NEWS VIA EMAIL

Ileen Peterson is the coordinator for the sending of group emails. This extends our group communication ability beyond the monthly newsletter. In addition, about half of our members have chosen to receive their monthly newsletter by email, the advantages being; faster delivery, a much prettier presentation in full color, and substantial savings for the Society and for the environment. Ileen keeps an email address list of members. She will distribute messages a minimum of once a month. Members wishing to share news may send it to Ileen. If it is deemed appropriate, it will be distributed. Members always have the option to Opt-Out of the email distribution. Notify Ileen Peterson at: ileenpeterson@comcast.net ■

Some "Quickies" from rootweb.Ancestry.com

- Can a first cousin, once removed, return?
- Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
- A family reunion is an effective form of birth control

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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.

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## NOTICE

The **Sutro Library** has announced a change in their hours:

- The Sutro Library will be closed the **2nd, 3rd, and 4th Fridays of July**, that is July 10th, 17th, & 24th.
- Then, starting in August the Library will be closed the **1st, 2nd, & 3rd Fridays** of each month until further notice.
- Additionally, the library will be **closed every Saturday** until further notice.

This is to comply with the Governor's furlough order and affects the entire California State Library system.