

MARIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

May 2016

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2015

May 11: Writing Group Meeting 10:30 am
May 15: MCGS Annual Picnic 1:30 pm
May 19: DNA Group Meeting 7:00 pm
Jun 4: MCGS Breakfast, Star, 9:00 am
Jun 23: General Meeting 7:00 pm
Jun 25: Computer Group Meeting 10:00 am



MCGS Annual Picnic, Sun. May 15, 1:30 pm
We will meet at Miwok Park
at 2200 Novato Blvd., Novato.
A BBQ grill will be available. Please bring the
meat you want to BBQ, a side dish or salad to
share, and your own drinks.
We will provide the paper products.
We will be transferring the positions from our
former board to the new board at the picnic.

Writing Group Meeting May 11, 2016, 10:30 am.
FHC LDS Church, San Rafael

Bring any writing you have done and share.

For more details, contact

Susan Trumbull (415-897-1617) or **Shirley Hudson**

DNA Group Meeting Thursday, May 19, 2016
FHC LDS Church, San Rafael
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

“Members Show and Tell”

Bring your results to show and puzzle over.

Presented by Vernon Smith

More information on the [DNA Group Page](#)

Saturday Breakfast, Jun 4, 2015, at 9:00 am
MCGS members and all beginners are invited
for breakfast on the first Saturday each month at Star
Restaurant, 1700 Novato Blvd in Novato at 9:00 am.

Computer Group Meeting Saturday, Jun 25, 2016,
10:00 - 11:30 am, Auditorium, Villa Marin, San Rafael
Topic: Using [Pinterest](#) for Genealogy

Condolences:

Long-time MCGS member and Marin native, Joy Jaegeling Best died March 26, 2016 at home after a two year battle with cancer - see more [Here](#).

MCGS General Meeting, Jun 23, 2016, at 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

California Genealogical Society
Saturday, May 14, 2016, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
“You’ve Got Your DNA Results, Now What?”
Presented by Pam Miller

For those who want to know the best steps and strategies
to make family connections from their DNA results.

2201 Broadway, Suite LL2
Oakland, CA 94612

[Register here](#)

Napa Valley Genealogical Society (NVGS)
Thursday, May 19, 2016, 7:00 pm.
“Hispanic Genealogy: Spanish Records in the New World”
Presented by Lucy Sweeney.
NVGS Library, 1701 Menlo Ave., Napa, CA
[Info](#)

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Sonoma County Genealogical Society
Saturday, May 21, 2016, Noon - 2:30 pm.
“Breaking Brick Walls” presented by Kurt Boldt
Bring your laptop or tablet.
Finley Community Center
2060 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

California Genealogical Society
Saturday, June 11, 2016, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
“Jewish Genealogy: Why Is This Research Different from All Other Research?”
Presented by Janice Sellers
An overview of the unique aspects of Jewish culture and history that affect family history research.
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2
Oakland, CA 94612
[Register here](#)

Ancestry and Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation
Saturday, June 18, 2016, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
“Ancestry Day by the Bay”
A full day of classes including ‘Ancestry 101: New & Review’, ‘Getting the Most from Ancestry.com’, ‘Using AncestryDNA to Further Your Family History Research’, ‘Sharing Your Family Story’.
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco, CA 9408012
[Info and tickets](#)

Blog Spot

The Ancestry Insider reveals [“FamilySearch Search Tip: Exact Search”](#)

Diana Elder offers [“What Do I Do Next? 5 Tips for Using FamilySearch Partners”](#)

Kimberley Powell tells how to [“Uncover Hidden Family Relationships in Estate Records”](#)

Family History Daily presents [“Sort, Scan, Share: How to NOT Drown in Family Memorabilia”](#)

Randy Seaver offers [“Tuesday’s Tip -- MyHeritage Book Collection Searches Are FREE”](#)

Judy Russell presents [“Never satisfied - The lure of DNA”](#)

Kitty Cooper discusses [“Ancestry Composition Comparisons: a Case Study”](#) and Judy Russell deals with [“Those percentages, revisited”](#)

Roberta Estes discusses the [“Ancestry Update!!!”](#) and [“Downloading V2 Deleted Matches”](#) and [“Ancestry Update – A More In Depth Look – Losses and Gains”](#)

Lara Diamond discusses [“Endogamy In Action; Sibling Edition”](#)

Diahan Southard discusses [“yDNA for Genealogy: 3 Scenarios When yDNA is Useful”](#) and Roberta Estes adds [“Concepts – Y DNA Matching and Connecting with your Paternal Ancestor”](#)

Slate of Officers for 2016 - 17
We still need a Secretary!
Contact [Sierra Pope](#) if you can serve

President - Sierra Pope
1st VP - Vernon Smith - (Newsletter)
2nd VP - Susan Trumbull (Programs)
Secretary - Needed
Treasurer - Conn Rusche
Registrars - Joanne Rowlands & Pam McCart

Directors:
Nancy Evans (At Large)
Erin Lacey - (Publicity)
Shirley Hudson - (Hospitality)
Carolyn Hacker (At Large)
Carol Bentley - (LDS Liaison)

Committee chairpersons
MCGS Library - Jo Ann Rowley-Minhoto & Drusilla Miller
Field Trips - Will Deady
Sales - Paul & Carolyn Hacker
Research - Cathy Gowdy
Web Site - Heinz Scheuenstuhl
Consultant - Phyllis Garratt
Past President - Jim Robinson

Family History Center and the Genealogical Society Library
Located at the LDS Church,
220 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael
Phone: (415) 479-2793
Wed. & Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thurs 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Closed: Sunday, Monday, and Saturday

Meet the Member - Cathy Gowdy



ADDICTED TO GENEALOGY? You better believe it! I grew up with a love of family history, thanks to my mother. I was an only child so I have all the photos, furniture, etc. that personalized and made real the genealogy charts. Actually, I believe the defining moment was when I was 15 (that would have been 1956). I was reading a book (and no, I don't have a clue now what it might have been) and it was something my mother did not like/approve of, but I was at that age where she knew I wouldn't let go of the ideas presented in the book if she simply expressed that disapproval. Her solution was to leave some notes on our family history on a table in the living room, notes written by my maternal grandmother. Naturally, I picked them up, read them and said what's this? "Is this THE Jesse James?" She laughed and said no; this Jesse James was a Quaker. You see, my grandmother was Quaker and Jesse was her grandfather. As you might suspect, a full quarter of my heritage is Quaker and they all arrived in this country in the 1600s, primarily from England, Ireland and Wales. I had the great pleasure of traveling to Wales several years ago, and drove through a couple of locations where my Welsh ancestors lived – Machynlleth, and Powys. It's a beautiful country, by the way, and I hope you have the opportunity to visit some day, especially the northern section.

My maternal grandfather was Presbyterian and came of a long line of Presbyterian ministers. They were primarily Scottish, Irish and English and were all in this country by the 1750s. As you might guess, I love church records! I have a spinning wheel which came to me through this line. It is interesting, however, because the wheelwright put his initials on the base and also the year he made the wheel – T. K. 1807. Turns out he was Thomas Kennedy and lived in the same general area as my Dilworth family - Beaver County, PA.

Daddy, on the other hand, was German

through and through with the sole exception being one of his grandmothers, Amanda Lavina Winchester. His ancestors were all in this country by the mid-1700s. Once again, church records; Lutherans kept good ones. In fact, when the immigrant died in 1756 in Lancaster Co., PA, pastor Gerock of Trinity Lutheran Church noted that he and his family were from Tieffenbach, Wurtemberg. The only trouble is that there seem to be several Tieffenbachs in Wurtemberg.

You can tell that over-seas research is not something I have done much of, although my mother did do some. In fact my eldest son just asked me today about some of the lines – he was hoping for Viking blood. I told him he would have to settle for Charlemagne and several kings of England, France, Italy and Denmark. Please understand that these were not legitimate lines of descent – those kings tended to play around but acknowledged many of their children which were out of wedlock so Burke's Extinct Peerage is a good source of information. But just for fun, Vernon suggested I mention some of these and who knows? Viking raiders in France were the progenitors of the Normans who came over to England. Anyway, my sons can claim Siegfried the Dane, grandson of Harold, 5th King of Denmark; Siegfried's wife, Elstrude of Flanders was the great granddaughter of Alfred the Great, King of England; she was also the great great granddaughter of King Charles II who was son of King Louis, the Pious, of France, and of Bernard, King of Lombardy who was the son of Pepier, King of Italy. And then there were several kings of Wales, King John of England (1166-1216), King Henry II who married Eleanor of Aquitaine, Geoffrey of Anjou and his father King Henry 1st who was son of William the Conqueror. It all gets very complicated since royals had to marry royals for political, if not social reasons. Still, all those historical novels I used to love to read have more personal meaning now.



Seeing that my mother had done all this work, I settled for attacking my husband's lineage after we married in 1960. I couldn't do much then since I had one more year of college to finish, but later on I devoted myself to my sons' paternal ancestry.

Then, in 1982, I read something in the Marin IJ about a genealogical society which had been formed, and the rest is history.

I dearly love the "hunt," the challenge of research, and also the opportunity to help others. Serving on the Board of Directors for 13+ years was fun because of the lovely people with whom I worked. I have made some wonderful friends. Best part, their eyes don't glaze over with boredom if I mention a really neat graveyard I happened to visit. Now, however, I am perfectly happy just being the research person for the Society. Not everything is on the internet (remember when there wasn't an internet?); there are times when one simply has to go to the place ancestors lived, and if that is impossible, find a genealogy society and ask them to do it and report back with some bits of history. Right now I am up to my eyeballs in mortuary records!

Please Welcome Our New Members:
Michelle Reardon of Novato &
Jackie Carroll of Florida

Marin Mystery Location

Do you know where in Marin this house is, how it came to be there, and when it was built.

The solution is upside down below.

Sausalito Home erected in 1849.
An article in the November 16, 1895 *Sausalito News* tells how this became one of the very first structures in Sausalito and was brought over from Baltimore and was erected in 1849.
In 1848 a ship sailed from Baltimore carrying many who intended to make a home in California. The ship carried several houses already framed, only needing to be assembled. Two families were attracted to the charms of Sausalito and decided to build houses there. One of these, owned by a Mr. Mildwater, was one of those brought over by the ship. It stands there today, on the border of what was called Old and New Sausalito, and constitutes the oldest landmark in town.
Read more in this [article](#).
Courtesy of *Sausalito News*.

Solution to the May 2016 Mystery Location

