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Meeting News

General Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Map:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html>

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A Message from our President

The Fourth of July was recently celebrated. I wonder how my ancestors spent this day. That would have been a good question to have asked my grandparents, but of course I didn't. If each one of us wrote a paragraph or two on how we spent the day as kids and how we spend it today, our descendants will not have to wonder how we spent this special day. Plus, we would make Patrick and Debbie very happy.

I want to express my gratitude to the Board for stepping in to cover for me for the month of June as my husband and I were having adventures in Peru and Ecuador, more specifically the Amazon, Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. It was an awesome trip!

Thanks to all of you for helping index the 1940 US Census records. I understand that California is now completely indexed by name.

I am more creative in expanding my ancestors' profiles with the pointers from our guest speaker, Angela Kraft, last month. The PDF of her presentation is now posted on the website. http://www.l-ags.org/temp/Beyond_Names_and_Dates.pdf. I look forward to hearing Steve Danko in August.

The **Sutro Library** is pleased to announce their opening on Wednesday, August 1st. Hours will be Monday through Friday 10AM-5PM.

All of the Sutro staff is truly grateful for the patience you have shown during their move to San Francisco State University. The wait will not have been in vain as the new facilities are top notch, with an abundance of windows and natural lighting. Sutro's interlibrary loan services are now operational and if you would like to obtain any circulating resources you can now do so through your local library.

If you are driving there it is on Holloway Avenue west of 19th Avenue (Shoreline Hwy 1), the link below is to SFSU's Parking & Transportation website. <http://www.sfsu.edu/~parking/text/parking.html>

The City of San Ramon Glass House Museum invites L-AGS members to enjoy a costumed docent-led tour of early California pioneer history of the San Ramon Valley at The Glass House Museum. The Glass House Museum is a beautifully restored and fully furnished 1877 Victorian Italianate style home located at Forest Home Farms Historic Park in San Ramon. They are currently taking reservations for summer tours. If you would like to enjoy your first visit, they still have dates available for midweek private tours. Tours are priced at \$5 per person with a 10 persons or \$50 minimum. Additionally, they are open for public tours on the second Saturday of every month with no minimums required.

For more information about visiting Glass House Museum please contact Dolores Pita at (925) 829-4654 or email dpita@sanramon.ca.gov or Sharon Peterson, call (925) 973-3282 or email speter-son@sanramon.ca.gov. Enjoy the summer and keep chipping away at those "brick walls."

Marilyn Cutting

The Livermore Roots Tracer

The Roots Tracer is the quarterly publication of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. The mission statement of the Roots Tracer is:

"Instruct. Inspire. Inform."

We encourage members to submit articles for publication. Material can be e-mailed to: managing.editor@l-ags.org or mailed to L-AGS, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551-0901. Want ghostwriting help? Just ask!

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My 1940 Census Indexing Story

By Martha Wensel

When I saw the request for volunteers to index the 1940 US census, I promptly signed up. I love researching my family ancestors in the US and Canadian censuses and hoped my contribution to the indexing process might help someone just getting started. I remember my first experience using census records and how thrilling it was to unlock the past.

I began my genealogy research in 1987. A friend of my husband's met me at the Family History Center in Santa Monica, California to show me the ropes. I knew next to nothing at the start other than the names of my parents and my dad's grandparents. I will never forget my first day because it started off with a bang. I set out to find my Hart ancestors. My grandfather, Guy W. Hart, was born in Massachusetts in 1890. My dad had said his family came from Nova Scotia. I had beginners luck. I found him in the 1891 Canadian Census in Guysborough, Nova Scotia with his parents, who were visiting his paternal grandparents! Thanks to the Canadian census being a year later than the American census, I bagged three generations in one fell swoop. I was hooked.

Because I knew my grandparent's street address, I obtained the ED number from SteveMorse.org and only had to scroll through 18 sheets to find my father in the 1940 Census. He grew up on Summit Avenue in Wollaston, a neighborhood in Quincy, Massachusetts. I remember visiting my grandparents there during summer vacations as a kid. On Sunday night, we would walk up the hill to watch Walt Disney's Wide World of Color on the color TV at the Zildjian's home. The Avedis Zildjian Co. was formed in Quincy in 1929 and manufactured cymbals used by world famous drummers around the world including jazz drummers like Gene Krupa and Buddy Rich. I scrolled through the census sheet to find the Zildjian family and was dismayed to discover that the census taker was either mixed up or dyslexic. He entered Avedis as the last name and Zildjian as the first name. So, indexes are valuable, but they aren't perfect. For those of you who are trivia experts, the other famous resident on Summit Avenue was Howard Johnson who founded the chain of restau-

rants that bore his name.

As I began indexing the 1940 US Census, I found that legible handwriting was still not a prerequisite for census takers. Neither was proficiency in spelling. To help me in deciphering poor penmanship, I use Heritage Quest to check for the same names in the 1920 or 1930 census. When I'm uncertain about place names, I Google lists of counties or cities. Occasionally, a name catches my attention and prompts me to do a Google search. The other night, I was indexing a sheet from Inglewood, California. I came to Myrle & Melba Everett and their children. I noticed that they had lived in Boston in 1935, so I decided to type their names into Google. What happened next was a real shocker. If you are faint of heart, now would be a good time to skip to the next article because the rest of my story takes a bad turn.

I was surprised to see a handful of webpages appear, including FindAgrave.com, referencing the Everett family and describing a heinous crime. On June 26, 1937, "The Everett sisters, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Merle O. Everett, and their little playmate, Jeanette Marjorie Stephens, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stephens, disappeared at about 11 a. m. Saturday while at play in Centinela Park, near their home."

In 1937, that just didn't happen.

"When last seen they were said to have told friends they were going to hunt rabbits, and Olive Everett, 11, sister of two of the missing girls, disclosed a man known as "Eddie" had offered to conduct the hunt.

"Madeline and Melba, together with their sisters, Evelyn, 12, Olive, 11, and Merle, 10, were born in Boston, Massachusetts. They had attended the Stoughton school, in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

"In an isolated ravine in the Baldwin Hills, near Inglewood, California, were found the bodies of Madeline Everett, 7; Melba Everett, 9; and Jeanette Stephens, 8 - playmates, who were lured from a playground two days previously, and murdered by a degenerate. Within days, Albert Dyer admitted strangling the girls. He was convicted

on August 26, 1937, and scheduled for execution on Sept. 3, 1937; he was hanged at San Quentin. By this time, his wife no longer believed in his innocence. No one claimed his body.

What other unexpected stories are waiting to be revealed by indexing the 1940 Census? If you are interested in assisting with indexing the 1940

census or the many other available indexing projects, point your browser to: <https://the1940census.com/getting-started/>. The first step is to download the indexing software to your computer. Then, register as an indexing volunteer and designate the volunteer group (Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society) with which you wish to be affiliated.

In Memoriam

Lawrence (Larry) Renslow, L-AGS member since 1993, died June 19, 2012. In thankful response for Larry's enthusiastic service to L-AGS as creator and postmaster of our e-mail system, he was granted an honorary life membership in 2008. Larry was born October 21, 1940 in Lupton, Colorado. He was a proud Marine. After his military service from 1957-1961 he became an Air traffic Controller in Fremont for many years. He lived in Pleasanton CA, for 40 years. He loved Genealogy, Spanish Classes and Ham Radio. Surviving are his mother, Edith Mardirosian, his wife, Jill Castaneda Renslow, son, Grant Renslow, daughters, Brandy Irwin, Mary Freund and Lisa Fike, and brother Marty Mardirosian. He had 6 Grand Children and 3 Great Grand Children.

Memorials may be made to Kaiser Hospice, 200 Muir Road, Martinez CA, 94553 or The American Cancer Society through their web page at www.cancer.org.

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Why Did Somebody Do Somebody Wrong?

By Joyce Tafoya

[Editor's note: Most genealogists begin with some knowledge of their parents and grandparents. Such information is not readily available to adoptees. The following is part one of Joyce's article.]

I could never let the woman who raised me give me a hug because at times she would be nice, and then she would snap. She was abusive as I grew from a child, to a teenager, to a young woman. Both my parents were alcoholics and partied a lot. The more they partied the greater the abuse. I was able to confide in my Grandmother, Eve Zoller, and she was the only one to whom I could be close. I would often beg to stay with her, or with an Aunt and Uncle who owned a Dairy Ranch in Petaluma, California. These were two places where I could experience love and some type of

normal living.

I grew up as an only child in Oakland, California, and in 1955 we moved to San Leandro. The change in school districts took a toll on me, but I enjoyed journalism and was a member of the writing club at the school. I received much satisfaction working on the yearbook committee for Pacific High School in San Leandro. I graduated in 1962 and went to work.

In 1964, I joined five of my girlfriends and we went to the USO in Oakland where we met our future husbands. I was married in 1965 to my first love, a twenty one year old Navy man from Hamilton, Ohio. I thought I was getting away from the crazy, painful life I had been living, but after three years I came home to find my husband, his

belongings, and our new car gone. That left me with no money, no job, and the loss of our cute rental on 102nd Avenue in Oakland. I moved in with my Grandmother until I could get a job, buy a second hand car, and get a divorce. I spent a year in a deep depression over my life and abandonment.

After a year I met my second husband, who was an alcoholic. We had a son, and were married a year later. This was not the love match of my first marriage, and four years later we were divorced. Wells Fargo Bank, for whom I was working, transferred me to Pleasanton, and I started a new life.

But my life changed in a big way in 1980. My son was then 10 years old, and we were visiting my Grandmother in San Leandro. I asked her if the little boy who lived across the street from her knew he was adopted. She didn't blink an eye when she answered, "Oh yes, he has always known, and I wish you had known too. I begged your mother to tell you, but she threatened everyone to keep it a secret and not to mention the word adoption, or she would disown them" I understood why my grandmother made this comment. She had had a small stroke and she probably thought I knew the truth by now. I was shocked to learn, at the age of 35, that I had been adopted when I was two years old. This helped me understand why I was abused while I was growing up, and why I had to learn to be a survivor.

After what I had learned, I headed to the Oakland Courthouse and began my search by looking at microfilm. A woman asked me if she could help, and I told her I had just discovered that I had been adopted and wanted to know who I was, who my real parents were, and the story behind my adoption. The woman snarled, and pointing a finger at me said, "Young lady, as an adoptee you will never be able to find out anything because California is a closed information state, and our records are sealed and kept in a vault in the basement of this courthouse building." I felt very sad and phoned my eldest cousin "Tony" and we arranged to meet at a restaurant in San Leandro. He comforted me and apologized for the 'Big Secret' everyone had kept from me. He elaborated about my adoptive mother's continuous threats if I was ever told.

That evening I decided that I was determined to find my roots. I opened the Yellow pages to the word Adoption. It was a word I had not heard much, and hardly knew what it meant. I found, in bold print, an organization in Alameda called ALMA¹ which helped adoptees find their biological information. The name ALMA was later changed to AID² (Adoptees Identity Discovery), and relocated to Sunnyvale .



Joyce's son John

The following week I went to a meeting at ALMA and met an ex-police officer, Neal Kelly, now deceased. Although he was disabled, Neal was dedicating his life to teaching adoptees through a step by step process, how to search and locate their biological family. I found it interest-

¹Adoptees Liberation Movement Association (ALMA) P.O. Box 2341, Alameda, CA 94501

²Adoptees Identity Discovery (AID) P.O. Box 2159, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-2159

ing that Neal's wife was also an adoptee, and we were born in the same hospital. It was The Booth Memorial Home for Unwed Mothers, and was operated by the Salvation Army.

I learned how to search old phone books, crisscross reverse directories, check with vital records, and ask questions of relatives. This research caused a light bulb to go off in my memory bank. I remembered that my high school physiology teacher

had said that two dark eyed adults do not produce a green eyed child, and this was my situation. The pieces of the puzzle were starting to form the outline of the truth of which I was being denied. I was advised to order my non-identifying information from Sacramento, California. This information told me the age of my father at time of my birth, his Irish nationality, and his Military identity as a U. S. Marine, World War II.

I called an attorney that I knew through work and asked him to find medical information for me as an adoptee of an adoptive mother. He was able to obtain a relinquishment form³ with my birth name, Terry Lee McDonald, and my Mother's name, Elizabeth Fern Rathjen, who gave birth to me June 6, 1944 (D-Day).

I was so excited that I borrowed my son's world atlas and went state by state researching anyone with the last name of Rathjen. One day I spoke to a kind woman named Luci Ricci who is now de-

³A relinquishment form is a legal document in which a biological Parent relinquishes a biological child.



Joyce and grandsons Jack (top) and Ryan

ceased. She told me she was married to a Rathjen and she knew of my deceased grandfather and grandmother, Henry and Margaret Devine Rathjen who had lived in Yankton, South Dakota. They did have a daughter, Elizabeth Fern Rathjen. When Elizabeth was fourteen years old, her mother, Margaret, who was a manic depressive died. Elizabeth was then sent to Oakland, California to live with her grandmother where she attended St. Elizabeth High School. Luci believed that I had an Uncle Harold Rathjen (Bud) who was in the Army in World War II, and she thought he lived in Texas.

Nothing stopped me, I spent hours in libraries listing all the Rathjens in Texas and I found twelve of them. Harold, "Bud" was the second to last on my list. I will never forget the phone call I made to my dear sweet Uncle Bud.

To be continued

In the next issue you will read about Joyce's visit with Uncle Bud, what he told her, and Joyce's continuing search for her Mother.

After years of trying to find relatives!

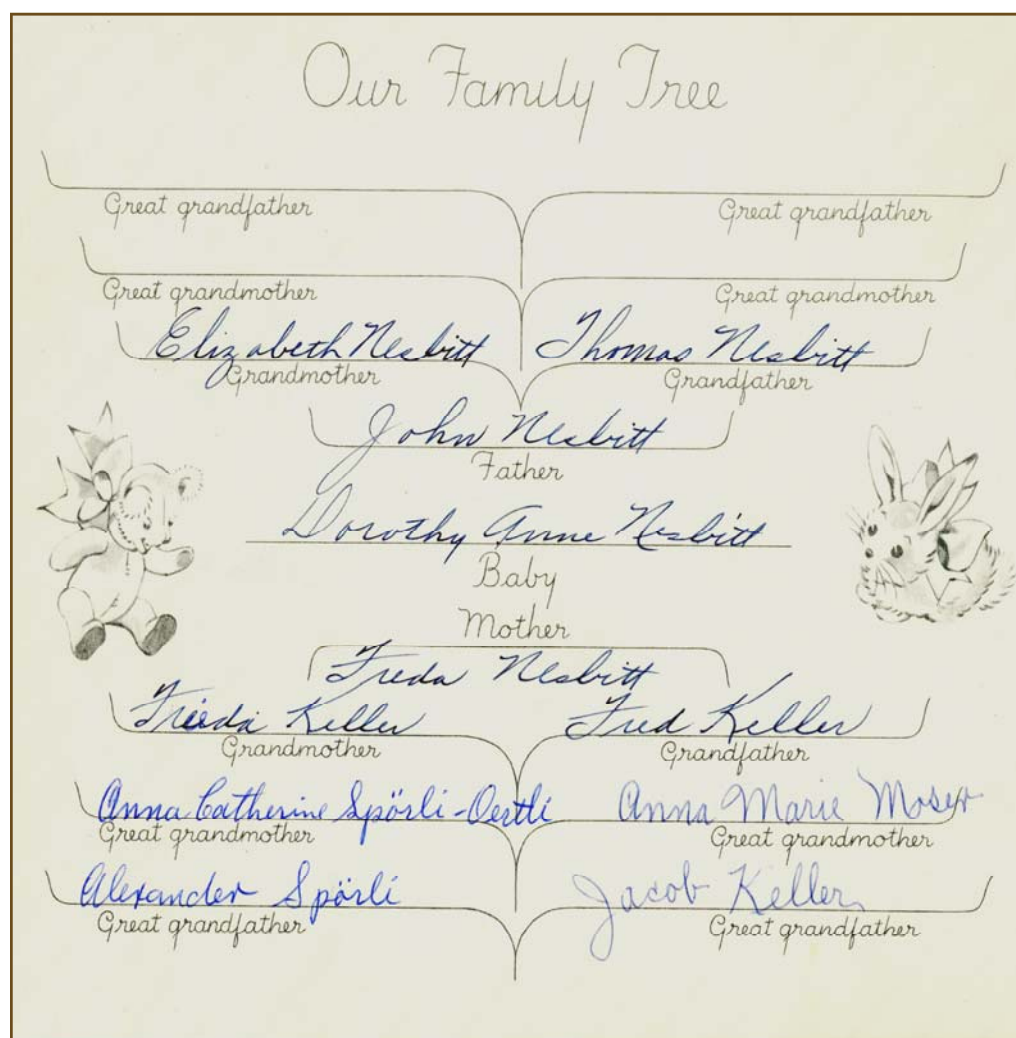
By Dorothy Nesbitt

After years of trying to find relatives, I discovered their names had always been with me.

My father, John Nesbitt, had six brothers and sisters -- a sister who was crippled and died when she turned over the kerosene lantern while reading in bed, another sister who died in infancy and four brothers. The oldest brother had a son who died young. The second brother had one daughter, now deceased. The third brother was a mathematical genius who spent most of his time in various institutions. I did not know he existed until, as a teenager, he came to our house one day. He stayed for dinner and my brother and I gave him numbers in the trillions to add, subtract and multiply and he always had the answer practically before we fin-

ished the last digit. He never had children. My Dad had two children and his younger brother also had two, one of whom has died. So on my father's side, I have only one living cousin.

On my mother's side, Freda (née Keller) Nesbitt, I grew up sharing my bedroom with my Swiss grandmother, Frieda Keller, my grandfather having died when my mother was in her early 20s. Grams often talked about one particular nephew in Switzerland that she kept in contact with and my parents went there to visit him after my grandmother had died. Unfortunately he had no children and both he and his wife died when I was in my 20s and not yet interested in genealogy. So I now have no cousins at all in my maternal line.



So, that left me with one cousin who knew as little as I did about my fathers' family and with nobody to give me information on my mother's family. Over the last ten years or so I have collected some information on those families, but have not been able to go beyond my grandparents.

I moved less than a month ago with my personal commitment to going through all the boxes of "stuff" I had been moving around for more than 30 years or so. There were several boxes I had taken when my mother and

father died that I knew held mementos and pictures. So after getting settled in, I started on my quest to sort out all these treasures. In one box were a bunch of pictures of my parents, my Dad's parents who were born in Ireland and his siblings, my mother and her parents all born in Switzerland and some other people of unknown origin. Most pictures had no identification so I was and still am completely in the dark as to who those people are.

However, the great find was that, while carefully going through all these heirlooms, I found my baby book. On one of the pages was "Our Family Tree," which included both sets of my mother's grandparents. What a pleasant surprise! Unfortunately my father's side did not go beyond his parents. I have since learned that both sets of my Dad's grandparents apparently were the only ones to come to America.

I also discovered that I was a sickly child--had whooping cough twice at age 2; measles ages 3, 5,

7 and 8 (temperature 106 degrees); both mumps and scarlet fever at age 4 and chicken pox at age 8 and again when I was 14. No wonder I didn't get sick much after puberty!

The second phase of this adventure was that I went online and typed in my grandmother's maiden name, which is Spoerli, as well as her married name, which is Keller, and up came a match. I sent off an e-mail to that gentleman and his reply was that "we may not be in the same pew, but we are certainly in the same church." His data include people with the same names as my grandparents who intermarried with others of the same names, all of whom were born in the same area of Switzerland. So, we now have an ongoing conversation to try and figure out the relationships. If I send him copies of some of the unidentified photos, he may recognize them.

What pleasant surprises from just opening an old box!

In Search of Maiden Names

By Pamela Lewis

On a recent trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City I decided to look for the maiden name of my fourth great-grandmother. My starting point was that she was married to William Stokes and had 6 children: Mary Ann, b. 1821 in London, England; Louisa, b. c.1823; Amelia, b. c.1827; Matilda Elizabeth, b. c. 1827; William, b. 1831 and Elizabeth, b. c. 1833.

I was searching for the maiden name of my fourth great-grandmother. I knew she was married to a William Stokes. She appears in the 1841 census of Deptford¹ where she is listed with 9 other people, her 6 children and 3 nephews with the last name of Lilly.

I established two theories: perhaps these boys were sons of a brother; although they could be sons of a married sister. I tested the first hypothesis by examining the 1861 census of Deptford on Ancestry.com where she is listed with a widowed son, William; Emily Lilley, 23; her niece; and 3 grandchildren with the surname Stokes. In the census record on Findmypast.com these grandchildren have been indexed with the surname

Lilly. The adults are all listed as being born in Scotland.

I found a marriage of a William Stokes to a Mary Lilly in St. Giles, Cripplegate,² London. However there were many William Stokes married to women named Mary. Then I searched the parish record microfilm³ for Thaxted,⁴ Essex which is the community that the 1851 census listed as her birthplace. I found a Mary Lilley baptized in 1794 to Thomas and Elizabeth Lilley. They also had a son

¹Deptford is a district of south London, England, on the south bank of the River Thames. It is named after a ford of the River Ravensbourne, and from the mid-16th to the late 19th century was home to Deptford Dockyard, the first of the Royal Navy Dockyards.

²Cripplegate was a city gate in the London Wall and a name for the region of the City of London outside the gate. The name is preserved in the church of St Giles-without-Cripplegate.

³Parish register transcripts of Thaxted (Essex), 1558-1812, Baptisms 1558-1812 - FHL BRITISH Film [1519514 Item 7]

⁴Thaxted is a town in the Uttlesford district of Essex, England, 45 miles north northeast of London.

William baptized in 1804.

We (the docent at the Family History Library) and I searched for the children in subsequent census records but could not find them. I did find a marriage for a William Lilly married to Emily Threader.

Citations:

1. Baptism of Mary LILLY: Family History Microfilm # 1, 472, 763, Item 7; Essex, Thaxted Parish Registers Baptism & Burials, April 27, 1794 Mary daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth LILLY

2. Baptism of William LILLY: Same as above, Item 8, #93, 1807 April 5 William s. of Thomas & Elizabeth LILLY

3. Baptism of Emily LILLY: Family History Microfilm # 2, 214,492, Baptisms in the Parish of St. Giles Camberwell in the County of Surrey, 30 Jan 1837 Emily Susannah daughter of William & Emily LILLY, High St., Peckham, Baker, Hyde, Curate, b. 7 Aug 1839

4. Baptism of William John LILLY: Same as above, 1 Sept 1839 William John son of William & Emily LILLY, High St., Peckham, Baker, Hyde, Curate, b. 7 Aug 1839

5. Baptism of Joseph Henry LILLY: Same as above, 23 May 1841 Joseph Henry s. of William & Mary LILLY, High St., Peckham, Baker, Hyde, Curate, b. 29 Apr 1841

6. Baptism of Frederick Walter LILLY: Same as above, 2 April 143 Frederick Walter s. of William & Mary LILLY, Peckham, Baker, Hyde,

Thomas LILLY

b. ?

d. ?

m. Elizabeth

b. ?

d. ?

Mary LILLY

b. about 1794, Thaxted, Essex, England

d. ?

m. 1821 St. Giles Cripplegate, London, England

William STOKES

b. ?

d. before 1841

Matilda Elizabeth STOKES

b. about 1827 Kennington, Surrey, England

d. 1905, Burnley, Lancashire, England

m. 1849 St. Alphage, Greenwich, Kent, England

Frederick Walter WARDALL

b. 1827 St. George in the East, Middlesex, England

d. 1879 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

Frederick Walter WARDALL

b. 1854, Bristol, Somerset, England

d. 1944, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

m. 1878 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

Mary Elizabeth PEARSON

b. 1859 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

d. 1912, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

Robert Henry WARDALL

b. 1881 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

d. 1954 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

m. 1907 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

Beatrice Mary EDWARDS

b. 1882 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

d. 1954 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

Robert Frederick WARDALL,

b. 1908 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

d. 2001 Clearlake, Lake, California

m. 1938 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

Winifred SMITH

b. 1913 Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, England

d. 1913 Clearlake, Lake, California

Pamela WARDALL

b. Middlesbrough, Yorkshire England

m. Hayward, Alameda, California

Charles Jack LEWIS

b. 21 July 1928 Oakland, Alameda, California

d. 12 Sept. 1997 Palo Alto, Santa Clara, California

New at the Pleasanton Genealogy Library

Courtesy of Julie Sowles, Administrative Librarian

Added to our library between April and July 2012

1. 929.1 GRENHAM, Grenham, John, Tracing your Irish ancestors: the complete guide / John Grenham.

2. 929.3 RASMUSSEN, Rasmussen, Louis J., Railway passenger lists of overland trains to San Francisco and the West, by Louis J. Rasmussen, Vol. 1.

3. 929.3 RASMUSSEN, Rasmussen, Louis J., Railway passenger lists of overland trains to San Francisco and the West by Louis J. Rasmussen, Vol. 2.

4. 929.343 ANCESTORS, Ancestors in German archives: a guide to family history sources / Raymond S. Wright, III [et al, Vol. 1.

5. 929.343 ANCESTORS, Ancestors in German archives: a guide to family history sources / Raymond S. Wright, III [et al, Vol. 2.

6. 929.2 FOXWORTHY, Foxworthy, Donald F., The Foxworthy-Fallon saga / by Donald F. Foxworthy.

A Brick Wall Knocked Down

By Joyce Morse

My great grandfather, Evan John Edwards was born at Llansannan, Northeast Wales, on April 27, 1851. I have quite a bit of information about him after he came to the United States. Some of this information comes from a newspaper interview printed in the Oakland Tribune on April 27, 1941, the day he celebrated his ninetieth birthday. Evan originally settled in the Welsh farming village in Cambria, Columbia County, Wisconsin where he worked for his uncle for five years and met his

wife to be. In 1875, he moved to the Bay Area where he and Elizabeth Rowland were married on June 11, 1879.

My brick wall was finding information about his life in Wales. The story he told often, and which was repeated by descendants, was that his mother was Ann Edwards and he never knew his father. Sounds like an illegitimate birth but this was never mentioned.

I took a week-long trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City with the California Genealogy Society in April 2012. Evan was on the top of my to-do list. I worked with a sister in the British section of the Mormon library and initially we couldn't find him. Then we just put the last name 'Edwards' and entered "Edward" into the Family Search data base. Evan John was there. In the 1851 census of Llansannan, Denbighshire (now Conwy¹), Wales, Evan was listed as a one year old. I think they rounded it off. The information included his Mother, Ann Edwards, and her parents, Edward Edwards and his wife Mary. All had the same last name which makes me hypothesize that either she was living with her in-laws or I was right in my speculation that the birth was illegitimate. Again, some research raises more questions than answers.

The family story says that Evan's Mother had to go to work and Evan went to live with his grandparents on their farm in Abergele² to the north. He worked for his keep and went to school when he was able. By the age of 15 or 16 he had saved enough money to come to America. In the newspaper article mentioned earlier Evan said he came to the United States with his uncle Evan Edwards

1851 Wales Census about Edward Edwards		
Name:	Edward Edwards	
Age:	65	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1786	
Relation:	Head	
Spouse's Name:	Mary Edwards	
Gender:	Male	
Where born:	Llansannan, Denbighshire, Wales	
Civil Parish or Township:	Llansannan	
Ecclesiastical parish:	St Asaph	
County/Island:	Denbighshire	
Country:	Wales	
Registration district:	St Asaph	
Sub-registration district:	Abergele	
Folio:	505	
Page Number:	38	
Household schedule number:	154	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Edward Edwards	65
	Mary Edwards	60
	Anne Edwards	25
	Margaret Edwards	16
	Evan Edwards	1

Census of Llansannan, Denbighshire (now Conwy), Wales

¹County names in Northeast Wales changed over time and then were restored to their historical names. Clwyd was abolished as an administrative county on March 31, 1996; and at the same time, four new unitary authorities came into being - these were named Flintshire, Denbighshire, Wrexham County Borough, and Conwy County Borough.

²Abergele is a community and old Roman trading town, situated on the north coast of Wales between the holiday resorts of Colwyn Bay and Rhyl, in Conwy County Borough.

aboard the 'City of Paris' in 1865. However his passport application states that he sailed from Liverpool, England, April 24, 1866, three days before his fifteenth birthday. Sounds like another brick wall.

According to an 1871 census Evans' grandparents were living in Llangollen, Denbighshire, Wales, but there was no listing of his Mother, Ann.

While I was researching this part of Wales I came across The Clwyd Family Historical Society³. I joined the society and am waiting for information

from them. With a new membership they offer to do ten look-ups a year without charge. I'm hoping that will help me in my search. I also plan to ask for a referral to a local genealogist who might do some research for me.

³The Clwyd Family History Society was founded in 1980 to encourage the study of genealogy and family history in north-east Wales, and to provide a forum for people who are interested in these subjects to meet, and to help each other. It now has more than 1300 members worldwide.

Anna Julia Young's Autobiography

By Linda A. Driver

Do you have family treasures you keep stashed in boxes in the closet? Old letters, diaries, manuscripts that you share occasionally at family get-togethers? Maybe among your treasures are historically fascinating bits and pieces of information that others might want to see—if only they knew about them!

When I was researching the marriage of my great-grandmother, Annie Jane "Jennie" Sweet, I discovered a reference in a family tree to the autobiography of Livermore pioneer Anna Julia Young (1848-1942). Anna's daughter, Alice, married Richard Cunningham Sweet in the same ceremony that joined my great-grandfather, John Mathew Cockerton, to Richard's sister, Jennie Sweet. The double wedding took place at the home of Anna Julia Young in Livermore in 1884. I wanted to find Anna's autobiography to see what other information I could discover about the marriage. Eventually, I contacted my Sweet cousins in Livermore and they were able to send me a copy of the type-written manuscript.

What a find! The manuscript told of Anna's early childhood, her journey by covered wagon along the California trail in 1862, her encounters with Sioux, Pawnee and Piute Indians, and her joys and sorrows raising children in Livermore. If I had not found the reference to Anna's manuscript, I never would have known of its existence. Anna's story provides a wonderful and fascinating glimpse of emigrant and Livermore history. Livermore City Historian, Anne Homan, in her "Do You Remember" column for *The Independent*, has quoted

from Anna's autobiography on several occasions.

At a family gathering, I suggested using Lulu.com—a print on demand publisher—to turn Anna's manuscript into a book as a keepsake for the family, as well as making the contents more accessible to others who might be interested. It seemed like a simple suggestion at the time, but it turned into quite a project.

Getting permission from the manuscript owner was the first step, but no one was positive who owned the original typescript. The manuscript was compiled from letters that Anna wrote to her daughter Alice Young Sweet in 1928. It was typed by Jo Eileen Presley Voelker, one of Anna's granddaughters. In the forward, Jo Eileen said of the manuscript, "The Original, after much handling, has grown frail with passing, and will not be passed around again. It is now in safekeeping with Nellie Young Presley [Anna's daughter], where it rightfully belongs." So began the journey of tracking down the manuscript's owner on the Presley side of the family. It took quite some time—with help from others—to find the owner, and she was delighted to give permission for the manuscript to be published.

Anna's manuscript was packed with names and relationships of family members, a virtual treasure-trove for genealogy. Nancy Glaiberman, a descendant of Anna's sister, had done extensive research on the family and she provided her genealogical notes to be included in the book. She also provided many family photos, as did other family members.



Anna Young named her farm, Lone Oak Farm. She'd brought home and planted an acorn from Walnut Creek. The sign was made by her sons and lettered with twigs

The easiest part of the job was converting the manuscript to text using OCR. Having already published two other books using Lulu.com, I was familiar with the process. Everything was accomplished using Microsoft Word and Corel Paint Shop Pro. To provide a professional layout, you need a book template to ensure correct margins, fonts, headers and footers. I confess that templates are (for me) somewhat of a struggle to work with, but they are absolutely necessary. Inserting pictures and captions into a Word document can also be quite challenging, especially if you want them to stay with specific text. When Anna described her five boys, I wanted the picture of them to be on the same (or opposing) page as the text. Having done two books before, I learned a few tricks to help improve the quality of the pictures. This book was small enough to print on high-quality matte-finish paper—Lulu's "color" printing option,

which is best for printing photos, even black and white ones. Although the cost per page is rather high, the final result is worth the extra money, especially considering that the book includes about 50 photos.

The original typescript did not include illustrations, so the addition of photos and genealogical notes added value to the work. It was fun adding footnotes to provide more information about the people Anna knew and the places she visited, such as Woodward's Gardens in San Francisco. Perhaps it was less fun doing the indexing—but essential!

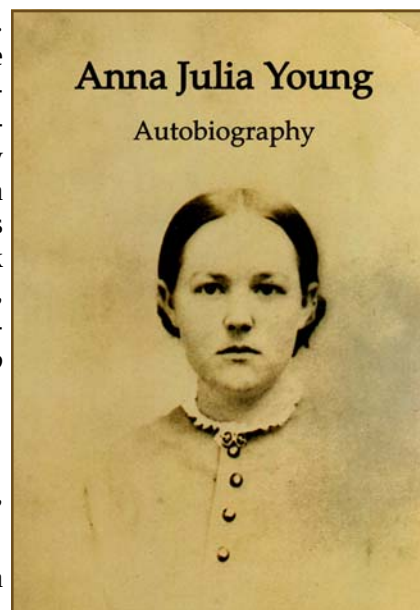
There were several hurdles in this process. The PDF created by Word did not maintain the quality desired. Instead, the PDF had to be created directly with Adobe Acrobat. Uploading the PDF to Lulu.com was straightforward, but problems arose with the cover design for the hardback. The size wasn't quite the same as the paperback version and required more than just a little tweaking (and more than just a little frustration!). Lulu's online help isn't always

perfectly clear. I'm fortunate that my husband has published many books through Lulu and has written a book on the subject, *The Librarian's Guide to Micropublishing* (Information Today, Inc., 2012).

Anna Julia Young's autobiography is now available

through Lulu.com in both paperback and hardback. It was a labor of love that I hope will be enjoyed by family members and anyone interested in a fascinating glimpse of Livermore history.

So, what is hiding in your closet that needs to be brought into the light?



Anna's book cover

My Father's Family, Raymond Andrew Lynch, Jr.

By Victoria Lucille Lynch Rubiales

I am the fourth of five children born to Raymond and Dorothy Sexton Lynch. My Dad was a man I did not know well. My Mom and Dad married in 1946 at a young age, both were 17 years old. They had five children and were divorced twelve years later in 1958 when I was six years old. Dad visited us sporadically on weekends after my parents divorced, but the visits stopped when I was about seven years old in 1959. I saw my Dad a few times after that, once in 1972 at my sister's wedding, and a second time in 1973, when my sister and half-sister (whom I had never met) brought him to my house for an uncomfortable visit. My Dad and half-sister were strangers to me and I really did not know what to say to them. Dad died in 1983. I did not know he had died until six months after his death, nor do I know the circumstances surrounding his death.

My Mom, Dorothy died in 1999, and three years later I finally started sorting the boxes of her photos and paperwork which I had stored away. I realized then just how much I did not know about my Dad. I found a small stack of photos showing Dad as a toddler, Dad with his parents, and as a young man dating mom. The real find was a wedding photo of Dad's parents, my Grandparents.



*My Father, Raymond
Lynch, Jr.*

I was able to obtain the Marriage License for my Grandfather and Grandmother, Raymond Andrew Lynch, Sr. and Lucille Bernice Amaro. They were married on November 20, 1927. Raymond, Sr. was 26 years old and Lucille was 24. This marriage was the second marriage for my grandfather; his first marriage ended in divorce. I was surprised by this information because my grandparents were married by a Catholic priest in Pleasanton, California; presumably at St. Augustine's Catholic

John Lynch b. County Clare, Ireland d. ? m. ? Ann Hogan b. County Clare, Ireland d. County Clare, Ireland
John J. Lynch b. 1868 County Clare, Ireland d. 1936 San Francisco, California m. 1891 San Francisco, California Hanora (Nora) Fleming b. 1868 County cork, Ireland d. 1932 San Francisco, California
Raymond Andrew Lynch b. 1901 San Francisco, California d. 1938 San Francisco, California m. 1927 Pleasanton, Alameda, California Lucille Bernice Amaro b. 1903 d. 1931 Pleasanton, Alameda, California
Raymond Andrew Lynch Jr. b. 1929 Murray Township, Alameda, California d. 1983 m. 1946 Dorothy Sexton b. 1929 d. 1999
Victoria Lucille Lynch

Church, although I have not been able to confirm this with the church. Witnesses to my Grandparent's wedding were Isabel Amaro and Victor Sousa. Two of my Grandmother Lucille's sisters were Isabel and Margaret. Victor married my great Aunt Margaret. Victor and Margaret are also my godparents. At the time of his marriage, my Grandfather, Raymond Sr. was a "Marker and Distributor" in the Laundry Industry.

Who was Dad? I knew his name was Raymond Andrew Lynch, half Portuguese and half Irish, born in Alameda County. When I was young, mom did not often mention dad and we knew not to ask. The things she did tell me were that Dad's Mother, Lucille, died when he was two or three years old, under what my mother called "mysterious" circumstances. Dad's Father left him with his wife's family and moved to San Francisco. So Dad was raised by his maternal Grandmother, a little old woman we called "Grandma Amaro". Mom also said that Dad's family often called him "Junior",



Wedding Photo: seated, Raymond Lynch, Sr. and Lucille Amaro Lynch; standing, Victor Sousa and Isabel Amaro

but I did not know why. I remembered Dad as a carpenter and cabinetmaker who always smelled of cigarette smoke and whiskey.

I was able to find a birth certificate for Raymond Andrew Lynch Jr. which showed that he was born May 30, 1929, in Livermore, Murray Township, California to Lucille Bernice Amaro Lynch, a housewife aged 26, and Raymond Andrew Lynch, age 28. Raymond, Sr. was a driver in the laundry industry. The birth certificate explained why my Dad was called "Junior". More importantly, it told me I was named after my Grandmother; my middle name is Lucille.

According to the 1930 census, Ray, Sr., Lucille and their son, my Dad, still lived at 28 East Avenue in Murray Township, Alameda County. My Grandfather was still employed with the laundry

industry, his occupation listed as a "Chauffer," which I interpreted as "driver." The 1930 census also stated my grandfather, Raymond, Sr. was the son of Irish immigrants and Lucille was the daughter of Portuguese immigrants. Unfortunately, the marriage of my Grandparents, Raymond Sr. and Lucille was short-lived. Lucille Bernice Amaro Lynch died on August 8, 1931 in Pleasanton, California at the young age of 28 years, 7 months.

This is when Raymond Lynch, Sr. moved back to San Francisco to live with his parents and left Raymond Jr. in the care of his deceased wife's parents, Mariano Amaro and Marie Traverse Amaro. That is why Raymond Jr. was raised up by his Grandparents, "Grandma Amaro" and her husband, Mariano.

It turns out that my Dad, Raymond Jr., had a large Irish family living across the bay in San Francisco whom he probably never met. I was able to connect with a niece of Raymond Sr. who states she recalls her Uncle Raymond babysitting for her and her brother when her mother was ill. She also said the family never knew Raymond Sr. had a child; which leads me to believe that Raymond Sr. never told his family about his son.

Raymond Sr. died July 1, 1938. He and his Father, John J. Lynch had been living together on Van Ness Street in San Francisco until John J. died in 1936. Raymond Sr. had been working in the laundry industry until November of 1937, but became too ill to work. In March 1938 he was admitted to the Tuberculosis Division of the San Francisco Hospital and he died in July; the cause of death was pulmonary tuberculosis.

Once I found my Grandfather Raymond Sr. had returned to his own family in San Francisco, I discovered an explosion of family. My paternal great-grandparents were both immigrants from Ireland.

My research, including birth and death certificates, and the U.S. Census, showed me that the oldest ancestor known for this family is James Lynch of County Clare, Ireland, and his wife is Ann Hogan.



Hanora Lynch, Photo Courtesy of Michelle Wing Lynch

The 1900 census shows their son, John J. Lynch, born August 24, 1868, immigrating to the United States in 1888. John's wife, Hanora (Nora) Fleming was also born in Ireland October 17, 1868 in County Cork, Ireland and immigrated to the U.S. in 1885. John J. and Nora met in the United States, married in 1891, and lived in San Francisco the rest of their lives.

They raised nine children: Richard A. (1892-1948), John Joseph (1894-1971), Ann Clarice (1895-1987), William (1898-1963), Raymond Andrew (1901-1938), Walter (1903-1975), Mary (1906-1940's), Nora (1907-1970), Mervyn (1910-1965). John and Hanora's first child, a daughter, was born June 10, 1900 and died in July, according to San Francisco Newspapers Birth Records.

John and Nora lived in four different residences in the city: Dore Street, Eighteenth Street, Ellsworth Street and Howard Street. Nora died September 27, 1932 and, according to her obituary,



John Lynch, Photo Courtesy of Michelle Wing Lynch

she was very involved with the Catholic Church; John died February 1, 1936. Both John and Hanora are buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

I have only researched the surface of my Dad's family and I have much more to pursue. I have many questions regarding his family but I have not made many connections with his paternal family, the Lynch side.

As time permits, I follow the paper trail, but the personal stories are more difficult as I have discovered that my passion for family research is not always matched by my extended family. I am curious about my Dad's family's experiences during the San Francisco Earthquake, the Depression and the many changes they experienced during their lives. I may never know the personal information about my Dad's family, but my interest in family history has prompted me to pursue several areas of California history.



G. R. O. W.

Genealogy Resources On the Web —The Page That Helps Genealogy Grow!

Compiled by Kay Speaks

State Resources: Alabama

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/searchcoll.html>

ADAH (Alabama Dept. of Archives & History)

Public libraries with local history & genealogy collections:

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/referenc/locallibs.html>

Genealogy Links

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/teacher/netres.html#Alabama>

BillionGraves—Mobile app for Taking Cemetery Photos

article by A. C. Ivory, online.

Take photos of headstones with iPhone or Android device and upload to BillionGraves.com. You upload to website, anyone can transcribe headstones, a mobile device is not necessary to transcribe, use PC. <http://tinyurl.com/8xk3vnc>

FAMILYSEARCH.ORG:

FamilySearch International Mobile App (Beta):

Quietly released February 2012, displays snippets of handwritten historical documents such as birth, marriage and death certificates, census forms and naturalization records. Each snippet contains a single name, date, place-name, or other relevant information from the document. Transcribe what you see. Available: Apple App Store (iPhone and iPad) and Google Play. Read article for more details, <http://tinyurl.com/FamilySearchMobilApp>. Newspaper Article Review: <http://tinyurl.com/7fptvhe>

Nederlandse Familienamen Bank—Meertens Institute Database of Dutch Family Names.

Gives information about family names in the Netherlands. Use a webpage translator to read in English (right-click and choose your translate options). <http://tinyurl.com/7zo3c9o>

German GenWiki. Links to the main page with portals providing many links for the genealogical

researcher. If translated from German to English, mouse over will provide the original language or choose German translation.

<http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Kategorie:Ortsfamilienbuch>

FamilySearch Blog: *The Ortssippenbüch, A Shortcut in German Family History Research*, article about village lineage book. In FamilySearch Catalog, listed under the topic “Genealogy” and under such terms as Ortsfamilienbücher (OFB) and Familienbücher. These are secondary sources that reconstruct the family units in a given locality.

<https://familysearch.org/blog/ortssippenbuch-shortcut-german-family-history-research/>

Mexico Genealogy Websites

FamilySearch—Mexico Research Outline, Mexican genealogy collection.

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list?page=1®ion=MEXICO>

What’s New on Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet?

See what has been recently added to Cyndi’s website. Look closely to also find the “Browse Uncategorized” link. <http://www.cyndislist.com/whatsnew/>.

GOOGLE TIPS:

INTEXT: “george anderson” genealogy
INTEXT requires the following text to be in your search results. Using quotes require the string of text or phrase to be found in the text, in this case “george anderson” (thousands of results).
INTEXT: "george anderson" INTEXT: "L-AGS" (2 results)

AROUND(n): [keyword] AROUND(2) [keyword]
Find two keywords within two words.

Type: “Livermore AROUND2 cemetery”
Livermore within two words of cemetery (572,000 results)

Type: “Livermore AROUND1 cemetery”
(138,000 different results)

Order films and fiche to view at the O. R. F. H. C.

By Margery Bell

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To all Genealogy Patrons of the Oakland Regional Family History Center:

Effective immediately! You can now order microfilms and microfiche from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City into the Oakland Regional Family History Center from any computer connected to the Internet. Go to www.familysearch.org/films.

Here are the details on how this will work: (at least it's our best guess at this point!)

1. **FILM/FICHE ORDERS** -- A Patron can now look up a film or fiche in the Family History Library Catalog at familysearch.org and order it on-line from any Internet-connected computer in the world at www.familysearch.org/films. The films, books and other resources of the Bay Area Family History Centers Catalog Search can be searched through the library catalog: <http://74.93.6.90/athcgi/athweb.pl> The following catalogs are included in the Bay Area Family History Centers Catalog Search: Oakland Large Multi-Stake FHC, Antioch, Concord, Danville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Pleasanton, San Francisco, San Francisco West (Pacifica), Santa Clara, San Jose, San Rafael and (Marin). NOTE: When using the link to the Bay Area Family History Centers Catalog you are searching the catalogs of 15 family history centers. When you find a resource of interest, be sure to click on the "Show Copies" tab to see which location has the book, film, microfiche or CD you are interested in. Of course, patrons are welcome to use the computers at the ORFHC. However, our staff will not prepare your film order. They will be delighted to show you how to order a film or fiche and can answer questions, but we do not want them privy to any credit card or PayPal accounts, so you, the patron, must handle that part of your order yourself. Only MasterCard and Visa are accepted as credit/debit cards. No American Express. Patrons uncomfortable with online payment options could purchase a prepaid VISA to use from any dealer (Wells Fargo Bank, Safeway,

Longs, USA Bank, etc.).

2. **MONEY** -- We will still have the cash register and collect money for copies and other miscellaneous supplies, but we will not be handling payment for film orders or renewals.

3. **PRICES** -- Fiche prices are going down, sort of. Film prices are going up. Prices include sales tax - - which we have always charged.

Films: Short-term: 7.50 USD, Long-term: \$18.75 USD, Microfiche: \$4.75

Short Term Loan (about 90 days at our Center--- formerly was only 35 days) or Extended Loan (indefinite period -- 'forever' or until it isn't needed anymore.) Any renewal of Short Term Loan for another 60 days. 2 or 3 short-term loans never turn into an Extended Loan. You can do 5 or 10 Short Term Loans, and the film will still have a fixed return date. So, if a patron knows that a film will be needed for more than 150 days it is less expensive to go with a \$18.75 extended Loan at the beginning.

Fiche: All Fiche orders now have a fixed price of \$4.75, no matter how many fiche are in the set. Fiche will continue to be 'permanent' at our Center.

4. **PATRON ACCOUNTS** -- When a Patron orders a film/fiche on-line it is tied to an e-mail address. A patron can see all the films and fiche ever ordered on the new system using that account. (For a while we will have a record of films and fiche each patron has ordered in the past and we would be happy to print a history of your transactions for you upon request, but the program that allows this will eventually be deleted.) Under the new system, each patron will receive an e-mail when the film leaves the SL Distribution Center, and again when it is checked into our Center. You will not receive a letter. You, the patron, will also receive an e-mail about 10 days before a film is due to be returned to Salt Lake. You then have the option to go on-line and renew the film for 60 days for \$5.94, or change the film to an extended loan for \$14.95, or do nothing and the film will be returned on the return date.

5. **HOME FHC** -- The first time you place a film or fiche request, you will be given the opportunity to select a home Family History Center. Be sure you select Oakland as your default center or films may be sent to your closest center by your address. The "home" FHC is where all films/fiche

will be sent -- not to your personal home.

6. E-MAIL ADDRESS -- What if a patron does not have an e-mail address? Anyone can set up a free E-mail account at Gmail, Yahoo or Hotmail. That e-mail can then be checked on any computer with an internet link, i.e. at a friend's house, at the public library or senior center, or in any Family History Center. NOTE - We have a wallet sized form you may pick up in the ORFHC to keep track of your E-mail account and password and your FamilySearch account and password.

7. TRANSITION --

a. All Films that are ordered at ORFHC before July 28 are registered under the new system with ORFHC as the patron who ordered the film. We will process these films as we have always done and you will receive a letter when they arrive as always. However, if you would like them renewed

so as to be kept for a longer period you need only let us know. For the short term films now in the FHC or ordered before July 27 there will be no renewal fee.

b. All Films that were ordered from our Center by Thurs, July 28 will be considered by Salt Lake to be an Extended Loan -- that is they will have no fixed return date in the Salt Lake FHL system. HOWEVER -- we will still send them back on the due date unless the patron requests an extension!!! This means that Patrons who want to extend a film don't have to pay for it, but they do have to request the renewal. There will be a new form for this on the desk where the film order forms used to be. Fill out the form and hand it to the person at the resource desk for processing.

We are excited about this new opportunity and hope you will be patient with us as we implement it.

Members Helping Members

By Frank Geasa

We had a productive session today with 3 frequent researchers. A regular researcher, Jack Maready, arrived shortly after the Library opened. He has been searching for his Maready family in Duplin County, North Carolina before 1875 for some time. The FamilySearch.org site has put up North Carolina wills and probate records grouped by county. In some cases they are grouped alphabetically by the first surname letter in a ledger giving the name, volume, year and page of a person. Unfortunately a volume may contain several years and the page numbering starts over each year. It is a little awkward to find who you want but I introduced him to the search technique of file halving as a way to cut the effort a bit. Jack is also helping a friend of his whose Syrian family arrived in New York in the early 1900s. We had previously located them coming through Ellis Island but the question came up of how they might have gotten to San Francisco. I showed him the SF Genealogy site and their section showing lists of people arriving by boat, train and even covered wagon.

Sharon Frederick was the second researcher. I had helped her some previously. She was looking for information on her Robertson family from Scotland. We went on the FamilySearch.org site

which has Scottish births & baptisms 1561-1950 and marriages 1541-1910 and found several of her ancestors. She was also interested in Frederick ancestors in the Rochester, New York area. I introduced her to an old newspaper site for Rochester and a Rochester library site with vital record indexes. She was also interested in an ancestor who arrived in Canada before 1870. I showed her the Canadian National Archives site and the 1901 Census of Canada Automated genealogy index site. We found several families headed by a person with her ancestor's name but she had to leave before we could determine which family, if any, was her ancestors.

The third researcher was Janet Cornell who I think all of the docents have helped at one time or another. Using the 1860, 70 and 80 census records we were able to find the first names of a couple of wives, the existence of several siblings, etc. Using FamilySearch.org again we were able to locate the 1870 Fenton, Michigan marriage of her ancestors which gave the surname of the oldest Cornell wife. We also were fortunate in getting a picture of the marriage record. Janet still does not have a computer but verbally at least is thinking about getting one.

Future General Meetings

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Visitors are always welcome.

September 11, 7:30 p.m.

Kim Von Aspern Beyond Names and Dates: Building Your Ancestor's Profile

October 9, 7:30 p.m.

Susan G. Johnston The Records Behind the WWII Draft Registration Cards

November 13, 7:30 p.m.

TBA To Be Announced

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