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## GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada Street at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Doors will be open at 6:30 PM.

**October Evening Meeting  
Thursday, October 27, 2011**

***Wills, Estates and Guardianships***  
**Cath Trindle**

Cath Madden Trindle, a certified genealogist, earned a Certificate of European Research from BYU and a Certificate in Genealogical Studies-Librarianship from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies. She is a retired business consultant, and is currently treasurer of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and Projects Chair for the California State Genealogical Alliance. She has edited many San Mateo County Genealogical Society's publications and serves Publication Chair. Cath has lectured throughout California and at FGS conferences. A native Californian, client research focuses on Northern California but personal research extends well beyond.

**Day Study Group Meeting  
Monday, November 14, 2011**  
10:00 am to 12:00 noon  
Beecher Room, Auburn Library

### ***Finding Both Halves of Military Bounty Land Records***

The federal government gave away free land to men who served in the military forces between 1776 and 1855. This give-away produced two sets of files. In November, our study group will continue learning about land records as we explore the often-overlooked bounty-land application files in the National Archives' military collection and then learn how to find the nearly-ignored, surrendered-warrant files amongst the land records. [Barbara Leak](#) leads the study group. Visitors are welcome. Requests for specific topics are appreciated.

## Family Tree Maker User Group

**Thursday, November 10, 2011**

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

LDS Stake Building, 1255 Bell Road, Auburn

### ***Family Tree Maker 2012***

The FTM User Group meeting will look at Family Tree Maker 2012 with time for questions and answers on any version. Family Tree Maker 2012 started shipping the last week of September. Special in-depth topics can be scheduled. Please e-mail our group leader [Jerry Unruh](#) with any requests.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Summer is over and I was unable to complete the roof on the new garage before the first major rain in our area. Even though I have found a lot of new documentation researching on the Thursday night

I volunteer at the Auburn Family History Library, I still have more research and data entry to do. Family Tree Maker 2012 arrived the last week of September and it feels more stable than previous versions. Our FTM User Group will be discussing the new version in detail. The major new feature of 2012 is the ability to sync your FTM database with an uploaded Ancestry Member Tree. The released version of 2012 seems to have fixed most of the complaints that were voiced during the public beta testing.

With the end of the year in sight, it is also time to think about election of officers. On the right is a list of our current Officers, Directors, and Chairpersons. The largest majority of these positions take very little effort to fulfill. It would be nice to give some of the current personnel a break since many have filled their current positions for several years.

Ron and Donna Young are retiring from their positions and activities in all the groups they belong to. Donna's speaking on Irish Research to us on November 28<sup>th</sup> will be the last before full retirement. Their retirement also means we will need someone to fill in as our Hospitality Chairperson.

Think about filling one of the positions in the next column and let me or another board member know if you can help out.

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## OFF THE SHELF

### Library News

By  
[Barbara Leak, PCGS Librarian](#)

#### Footnote is Now Fold3; Focus on Military Records

**Footnote.com**, the leading subscription website for federal records, has changed its name and refined its focus. Now called **Fold3**, the site will concentrate on providing the most comprehensive collection of U.S. military records on the Internet. The new name, Fold3, comes from a traditional flag-folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world.

Among the many military related collections currently on the site are Revolutionary War Muster Rolls, Service Records and Pension Files, Mormon Battalion Pension Files, Civil War Service Records and “Widows’ Pensions,” records of the Southern Claims Commission, Navy Pensions, WWII Missing Air Crew Reports, Pearl Harbor Muster Rolls, and the Interactive Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Millions more records will be added, including the War of 1812 Pension Files, Mexican War Service Records, Civil War Confederate Casualty Reports, World War I Officer Experience Reports, and World War II “Old Man’s Draft” Cards.

Non-military record collections currently on the site will continue to be available. These include census schedules, city directories, FBI case files, naturalizations, Homestead files, vital records, passport applications, the Pennsylvania Archives, and an amazing collection of Native American records.

Subscriptions are available by the month or by the year at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com). Access to the Fold3 website is also available free at the Auburn Family History Center.

#### Family History Seminar, Sacramento

The Sacramento Regional Family History Center’s annual seminar is Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm, at the LDS Church, 2745 Eastern Ave., Sacramento. Thirty classes will be presented, including sessions on American, English, Scandinavian, Eastern European, and German research, as well as a variety of Internet and skill building topics. You must pre-register to guarantee a syllabus and/or lunch. Registration for the

event is just \$10; the optional syllabus is \$10 (paper) or \$5 (CD); and lunch is \$6.50. Early registration ends October 29<sup>th</sup>. The registration form and full class schedule are available online at [www.familyhistorycenter.info](http://www.familyhistorycenter.info).

#### PCGS’s Newspaper Death Index Spotlighted

*The Weekly Genealogist* is a free e-newsletter published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), our nation’s oldest and largest genealogical society with more than 25,000 members worldwide. Each issue of *The Weekly Genealogist* contains a “Spotlight” column featuring online databases and websites. In the September 21, 2011, issue, the spotlight theme was “Obituary and Cemetery Databases.” PCGS’s online “Index to Deaths in the Placer Herald Newspaper” was among the four spotlighted databases.

You can subscribe to *The Weekly Genealogist* and read back issues on the NEHGS website, [AmericanAncestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org). To read PCGS’s spotlight article, visit <http://www.americanancestors.org/Blogs.aspx?id=25281&blogid=112>.

#### Back Issues of the *Canada Gazette* Online

Library and Archives Canada recently placed digitized back issues of the *Canada Gazette* on its website. The database includes all issues from 1841 to 1997 and is searchable by keyword. Often referred to as “the official newspaper of the Government of Canada,” the *Canada Gazette* has been an important instrument in the Canadian democratic process for 170 years. You can search the database at <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/canada-gazette/index-e.html>

#### Restrictions Eased on Maine Vital Records

On September 28, 2011, a new law on accessing vital records in Maine took effect. The law changes the one hundred year closure set by law in 2010 to seventy-five years for birth records, fifty years for marriage records and fetal death records, and twenty-five years for death records. *Accessing Vital Records in Maine*, by Helen A. Shaw, CG<sup>SM</sup>, is an excellent, detailed article on accessing Maine vital records. Read it online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megs/AccessingVitalRecordsInMaine.pdf>.

## For the Love of Computers

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating: "If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash . . . twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive—but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car has Performed an Illegal Operation' warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off."

P.S. I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call customer service in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language on how to fix your car yourself!

*Submitted by Sheryl Frank*

## Mailing List: CA-PCGS

We have a mailing list at [RootsWeb](#) for PCGS. Announcements of meetings and other information of interest to PCGS members will be made available through this mailing list. It is also a place to gloat about your recent finds and general discussion among our members. If you have trouble subscribing please e-mail at the address below.

CA-PCGS is a mailing list for the members of the Placer County (California) Genealogical Society (PCGS) to discuss the activities of the Society. If you are a member of the Society you can subscribe by sending "subscribe" to <mailto:ca-pcgs-l-request@rootsweb.com> (mail mode) or <mailto:ca-pcgs-d-request@rootsweb.com> (digest mode). To switch from one mode to the other, you should unsubscribe from one and then subscribe to the other. There is no "no mail" mode -- if you want messages to stop, you should simply unsubscribe. You may also search or browse the archives or subscribe at [http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Genealogical\\_Societies/CA-PCGS.html](http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Genealogical_Societies/CA-PCGS.html). If you have trouble subscribing or unsubscribing please send an e-mail to [maillist@pcgs.pcgenes.com](mailto:maillist@pcgs.pcgenes.com)

Please feel free to communicate with other members and the PCGS board through the mail list on any topic of interest to the PCGS.

## PCGS Voice Mail (866) 894-2076

Don Cortez of Three Ring Service has graciously donated a voice mail telephone number for Placer County Genealogical Society. The answering message will announce basic information and the upcoming PCGS meetings. Callers can leave messages for board members, chairpersons and the research committee. Thank You, Don Cortez.

## Upcoming General Meetings

November 28, 2011: **Donna Young – Ireland Research**  
 January 26, 2012: **Jim Rader – Surname Study - One Name Study**



**Irish Church Records Free Online**

Ireland’s Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport hosts the website **Irish Genealogy** at [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie). The website has nearly 3 million church records available to view free of charge. The records are comprised of Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland records from Counties Carlow, Cork, Kerry and Dublin City. Both a searchable database and digitized images of the original church registers are online.

The church records preserve details of the baptisms, marriages and burials which took place within a particular parish, church or congregation and were usually compiled by the relevant clergyman. There is a great degree of variation in the level of detail contained within these records. Indeed, over a period of one hundred years or more there can be considerable variation even within a single parish, church or congregation. Records of most parishes begin in the 1700s or early 1800s, although some date as far back as the late 1500s.

In general, baptism records record the date of the baptism; the names of the child, the parents and the names of the child’s sponsors or godparents. The family address and the name of the clergyman may also be recorded.

Marriage records generally record the date of the marriage, the names of the spouses and witnesses. Other information such as the names of the spouse’s parents, residences of the spouses, ages, occupations and the name of the clergyman may also be recorded.

Burial records usually contain very limited information, often no more than the date of burial, the name and address and possibly, the age of the deceased. Unlike their counterparts in the Roman Catholic Church, the majority of Church of Ireland clergy tended to record burial details. In relation to burial records, the following is a quote taken from the “Irish Ancestry” section on the *Irish Times* on-line. “The keeping of [Roman Catholic] burial records was much less thorough than in the Church of Ireland, with fewer than half the parishes in the country having a register of burials before 1900; even where they do exist, these records are generally intermittent and patchy. For some reason, almost all Catholic burial registers are for the northern half of the island.”

Occasionally the records may also contain further comment such as the names of additional witnesses or details of subsequent events pertaining to one of the parties.

The **Irish Genealogy** website also provides information on Irish research and planning a trip to Ireland.

**2012 Meeting Schedule**

How to Begin Seminar 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday  
Auburn-Placer County Library  
03/17/12

General Meeting  
4th Thursday 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM,  
except November & December  
Auburn-Placer County Library

01/26/12	05/24/12	09/27/12
02/23/12	06/28/12	10/25/12
03/22/12	07/26/12	*11/29/2012
04/26/12	08/23/12	

\*Fifth Thursday due to Thanksgiving

Day Study Group  
2nd Monday 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon,  
except July, August, & December  
Auburn-Placer County Library

01/09/12	04/09/12	09/10/12
02/13/12	05/14/12	10/08/12
03/12/12	06/11/12	11/12/12

Family Tree Maker User Group  
2nd Thursday 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
LDS Church Bell Road

01/12/12	05/10/12	09/13/12
02/09/12	06/14/12	10/11/12
03/08/12	07/12/12	11/08/12
04/12/12	08/09/12	12/13/12

Board Meeting  
Wednesday one week prior to General Meeting  
Carnegie Library

01/18/12	04/18/12	09/19/12
02/15/12	05/16/12	10/17/12
03/14/12	06/20/12	11/21/12

**September General Meeting**

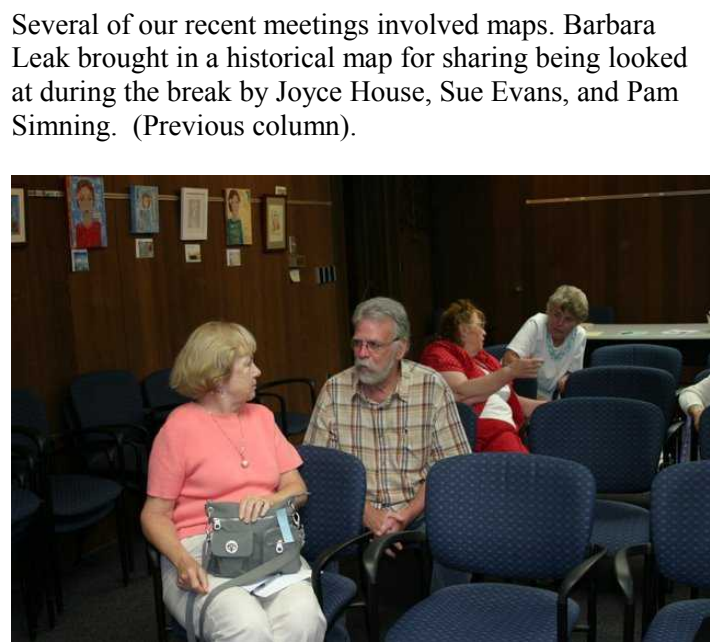


Meeting being called to order!  
The BELL gains the crowd's attention.



Our speaker April Moore with President Jerry Unruh.

April spoke on her heritage as a native Nisanen indian born and raised in the Auburn area. It was especially interesting as she spoke of the oral traditions and her family research. It has been a long time since anyone spoke without using a computer or other technology – April gave us a good example of her oral traditions.



Some intense conversations occur during our coffee break.



During the break a little conversation about a different kind of genealogy – AKC.



Our resident ghost photographer has expanded his repertoire. It is apparently warm and comfortable under Bob's laptop. Obviously the guest has full charge of the remotes also.





**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**General Meetings** (Fourth Thursday of the Month) – October 27, 2011, *Wills, Estates and Guardianships* with **Cath Trindle**

**Day Study Group Meeting** (Second Monday of the Month) – November 14, 2011, *Finding Both Halves of Military Bounty Land Records* – [Barbara Leak](#) leads the Day Study Group.

**Family Tree Maker User's Group** (Second Thursday of the Month) – November 10, 2011 – *Family Tree Maker 2012* with [Jerry Unruh](#).

**Placer County Genealogical Society Board Meetings** (Wednesday prior to General Meeting) – 10:00 a.m. at the Carnegie Library on Almond Street in Auburn. All members are welcome to attend, but please let a board member know due to space restrictions and to confirm date and time.

*For Updates on Meetings and Other Events:*

*Check our web site*

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**Next Newsletter DEADLINE is:**

**November 1, 2011**

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