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.

September Evening Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2013
Organize Your Files
Marian Kile

This class will cover tips for the new genealogist as well as someone who has been doing it for years. Marian will show us how to set up a simple system to file our documents that allows easy access. We will also get tips on how to store our electronic images for easy access.

Marian got "hooked" on genealogy at the end of 2005 and has been sharing what she has learned by giving classes at the Sacramento Family History Center on Eastern Avenue and throughout the community. Marian is an experienced presenter that creates a supportive learning environment for her classes.

Day Study Group Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2013
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Beecher Room, Auburn Library
County Histories
Glenda Lloyd

Glenda Gardner Lloyd was born and raised on a cattle ranch in Northeastern California. She attended a one-room elementary school. She graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara and earned her master’s degree at California State University Sacramento. She taught elementary school for 38 years, many years as a reading specialist. Glenda continues to teach adult education classes for San Juan Unified School District, the Regional Family History Center, Root Cellar-Sacramento Genealogical Society and lecture at local genealogical societies.

County Histories were most popular during the late 1800s and early 1900s, although many were printed before and after those dates. You may find a biographical sketch of your ancestor. It may include patterns of settlement, description of the terrain and waterways, military units and history, first churches and ministers, and many other topics that related to your family.

Barbara Leak leads the study group. Visitors are welcome. Requests for specific topics are appreciated.

Family Tree Maker User Group
Thursday, October 10, 2013
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
LDS Stake Building, 1255 Bell Road, Auburn

Family Tree Maker 2014 and Q and A

The FTM User Group meeting will continue to look at the recently released Family Tree Maker 2014. We should also have time for Q and A for questions and answers on any version of the program.

Special in-depth topics can be scheduled. Please e-mail our group leader Jerry Unruh with any requests.

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THANKS to those who helped your editor prepare the newsletter for mailing in June: John Knox, Audrey Meyers, Carol Peterson, Suzan Vander Linden and John and Jacqui Marcella.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We are into September and gearing up for the last quarter of the year. The Day Study Group has started up again after a summer hiatus. During the September meeting, Barbara Leak treated us to an information-packed lecture on research in New England, where she outlined some of the records unique and important to New England research. Barbara also directed some attending guests to the Placer County Genealogy Society website, and pointed particularly to the PCGS Favorites link, http://pcgs.pegenes.com/PCGS_Favorites.html, a compiled list of links covering multiple aspects of genealogical research. This caused me to revisit the PCGS Favorites link to see how it could help me in my research. The list is divided alphabetically into topics and is very easy to navigate. Topic links range from blogs and podcasts, through foreign records and research, to searchable vital records databases. The Libraries and Archives topic links to numerous state library and archival collections, some with searchable databases, and all with information as to how to access these important repositories. The list is a great place for beginners to get an overview of the variety of resources that are available, and for more experienced researchers to be reminded of the diversity of information we have at our disposal.

I thought I would give a link a quick try, and chose the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900 link found under the Vital Records topic. The link took me to a page on the Illinois State Archives website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com that contained a searchable database for the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763–1900, an ongoing project of the Illinois State Archives & the Illinois State Genealogical Society. This database is available to the public free of charge. I have a twig on my family tree that had the audacity to leave California to marry a man from Illinois. Inputting the bride’s name brought up a listing for Laura Faber, my twig, groom Charles B. Leader, her known spouse, and gave the marriage date and license number. With this information I will be able to obtain the original license from the Illinois Regional Archives Depository System. This search was all done more quickly than I can write about it. I took it a short step further and looked on the FamilySearch website, https://familysearch.org to see if their collection included a digitalized copy of the marriage license. A quick check on the FamilySearch website showed that the marriage records for Cook County, Illinois for the time period of interest had not been digitalized, but the records have been microfilmed and the film is available through any family history center for a small fee. I might add that a searchable database for the marriage records for Illinois, 1871-1920 is also available on FamilySearch, but the vast resources available on the FamilySearch site is a topic for another time. All this from a very quick look at the PCGS Favorites list. Check it out!

And check out our next Day Study Group. We are mixing things up a bit. Barbara is taking the day off and Glenda Lloyd is coming in to speak about “County Histories” and the valuable information that can be extracted from these underutilized resources. If you are not a regular Day Study Group member, you might want to take this opportunity to attend and see what daytime has to offer.

In other society news, we learned, with great sadness, two of our members passed away over the summer, Pam Simning, in July and Lonnie Thorp in August. Both added to our genealogy community and both will be missed. Tributes to Pam and Lonnie are included later in this newsletter.

And last, but certainly not least, I am pleased to report that Sheryl Frank has offered to take on the position of Recording Secretary. Thank you, Sheryl for volunteering for this important society job. And a huge thanks to Carol Peterson for stepping in, without hesitation, as interim Recording Secretary during most of this year. We really cannot do without volunteers. September is a great month to think about what each of us can contribute to make our society better. Elections to the Board of Directors and appointments to committee Chairpersons are coming in November. If you are interested in finding out about these opportunities, shoot me an email. If your tastes run to helping, not leading, many of the committee Chairs would love helpers. Or, if you have a special talent or an area of expertise that you would like to share, please let me know.
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Upcoming Meetings

October 24, 2013 Marilyn Ulbright Trash Talk –
Identifying and Dating Treasures Used by Your Ancestors

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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. If you have trouble subscribing or un-subscribing please send an e-mail to 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.

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Pamela Lee Simning Memorial
October 7, 1944 – July 18, 2013

Pamela Simning was born in Oakland Ca. to Wallace and Lena (Stella) Simning. She passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends at Auburn Faith Hospital after a brief illness.

She was a lifelong resident of California. After attending high school in Happy Camp she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Chico State. She taught second grade at Twin Lakes and Trajan Elementary Schools. She was recognized as a Master Teacher and retired in 2005 after dedicating 37 years to her students.

She was an active member of AAUW and the local Genealogical Society. Pamela was a devoted daughter, sister, and aunt. She enjoyed traveling, gardening and spending time with family and friends. Pamela was cherished by all that had the good fortune of knowing her.

Pam is survived by her parents, Lee and Wally Simning, her brother Patrick (Kiri) Simning, her sister Becky (Nils) Eriksson. Nephews Eric and Jon Simning and Niklas and Tyler Eriksson all of Bend, Or. Sister-in-law Sharon Enefer of Auburn Ca. Cousins Steve and Lynn Waterson of Sequim Wa., William McCarthur of San Diego Ca. and Marlene Malek of McLean, Va. She was preceded in death by her brothers Michael and Scott Simning and nephew Daniel Eriksson.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, August 11, 2013 at Lassila Funeral Home in Auburn.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to AAUW for women's higher education scholarships. Please make checks payable to: AAUW Scholarship Fund Memo: SPF Scholarship Fund/Pam Simning Mail to: AAUW Auburn Branch, P.O. Box 7872, Auburn Ca. 95604. Donations will also be accepted at the Celebration of Life.

Lonnie Thorpe Memorial
May 5, 1941 – August 5, 2013

Cleone Le Lanee Yerges was born on the fifth of May, 1941, in Reeseville, Portland Township, Dodge County, Wisconsin, in the same room her father and grandfather were born. Her parents were August Henry Yerges and Lorraine Ethelda Holmes Yerges. She had two younger brothers, Augie and David, as well as a younger sister, Helen.

Lonnie grew up in California. Her father originally converted an old hay wagon into a trailer for her and her family to live in along a levee in West Sacramento. There was no water or electricity in the trailer so the family had to walk ¾ of a mile to a local lumber company to get water to wash and cook with.

In 1948, her parents were able to buy an acre of land in West Sacramento on Gladys Avenue, on which her family built a home. At that house, she attended elementary school through high school.
In 1960, Lonnie married John Lee Klam, who she had met at the Lutheran church. They moved into a small trailer on her parents property later that year. One of the things they liked to do was going to the hot rod races. During this time they also frequently rode motorcycles.

Lonnie's first job was as an assistant bookkeeper in a produce warehouse. She later worked at AT&T as a long distance telephone operator.

John and Lonnie divorced after eight years of marriage and she married Larry Dean Thorpe on June 1st, 1968. Larry was in the Air Force and stationed at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento.

Sheila Evelyn Thorpe and Sandra Lorraine Thorpe were born soon after on September 8th, 1968 and April 9th, 1970 respectfully after which the family moved to 990 South Dowd Road in Lincoln with two and a half acres.

Lonnie frequently visited all of her family around the world, whether in California or Vietnam. She lived her final few years with her daughter, Sand, and her family in Oregon.

Lonnie touched the lives of everyone she talked to, making new friends every day. If anyone needed a fried to lean on, she was always there. She loved unconditionally and always gave without expecting anything in return. She was a blessing to everyone she knew, and will be remembered forever.
July General Meeting
Finding Your Civil War Ancestors
Donald “Brad” Schall

August General Meeting
Journaling
Oliver Whatley

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One of Oliver's Journal Pages

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Family History Day

AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES

Saturday, October 12, 2013
Doors open at 8:30 am
Free admission and parking

SEMINARS ◆ ARCHIVES TOURS ◆ EXHIBIT HALL

Genealogical and historical displays
Learn from the experts at free classes

Beginning Genealogy ◆ Naturalization ◆ Census ◆ Land Records
Newspapers ◆ Conducting Interviews ◆ Courthouse Research
Military Sources ◆ U.S. Migration ◆ Railroads ◆ Border Crossings

Chinese ◆ German ◆ Italian ◆ African American ◆ Korean ◆ Jewish
Danish ◆ Native American ◆ French Canadian ◆ Japanese
Eastern European ◆ British Colonial ◆ Revolutionary War Ancestry

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CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES
1020 “O” Street, Sacramento, CA

Sponsored by California State Archives, California Museum, and
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

General Meeting (Fourth Thursday) – September 26, 2013 Marian Kile Organize Your Files

Day Study Group Meeting (Second Monday of the Month) – October 14, 2013, Glenda Lloyd County Histories
Barbara Leak leads the Day Study Group.

Family Tree Maker User’s Group (Second Thursday of the Month) – October 10, 2013 – Family Tree Maker 2012
Q&A 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:
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