



REDWOOD ROOTS

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY NEWSLETTER

May - June 2014

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President's Message



Dear GSSCC Members,

I am happy to report that we have two new speaker handouts posted on our Society website: our January handout on

“Navigating the New Family Search.org”, and our March lecture notes on “Onomastics; Naming Patterns” can both be found at www.scgensoc.org. Simply click on the menu icon “Lecture Notes and Handouts” on the homepage of the website. Thank you member Dave Osterhoudt for keeping us posted.

I am pleased and grateful to announce we had a successful “Beginners Workshop” on Saturday, April 5 with 25 attendees, thanks to board member Mike Epperson. He gave an informative and interesting lecture on getting started with genealogy. (See the picture on the next page!)

We are winding up our lecture series with a presentation on “Creative Approaches to Recording Your Memoirs” on May 1. The guest speaker for this mini workshop is Joanne Stewart.

Then, on June 5, we will discuss resources and collections available at the local FHC center. Our speaker will be Debbie Simms, who is the Co-Director of the Family History Center in Santa Cruz. She will disclose several resources available to use through the Family History Center.

We are always looking for monthly meeting speakers; feel free to suggest someone you believe would be of benefit to our society. Please submit the name and contact information with your recommendation.

There will be no general meetings or lectures during July and August. You will, of course,

continue to receive copies of Redwood Roots, along with eBlasts notifying you of various genealogical events over the summer.

If you know of a genealogy event that you believe would be of interest to our members, please send me the website or information so that I can share it with everyone. The same goes for genealogical websites. I will gladly share your favorite websites with the membership.

Elections are also at the June 5 monthly meeting! All members are encouraged to participate. Please send your submissions to the nominations committee (see page 3). The election will take place at the start of the general meeting.

Wouldn't it be great to find out who in our Society have similar research interests as you? Let's find out! Please take a moment to fill out the survey on the back page of this edition of Redwood Roots. What are your genealogical interests? We intend to compile the information and share it among members with related interests. It will also facilitate the process of finding speakers.

Please fill out this survey and return it to the GSSCC. There are several ways to return it. You can bring it with you to a general meeting; you can bring it to the genealogical desk at the downtown public library, or you can mail it to the GSSCC, P.O. Box 72, Santa Cruz, CA, 95063-0072.

Our membership drive is right around the corner. All members are paid through June 30, 2014. In the next edition of Redwood Roots there will be a renewal form for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 memberships.

Happy Researching,

Janine Charlton

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MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

First Thursday of each month,
 1pm to 3pm
 Central Library Meeting Room (2nd floor)

BOARD MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month, 12:30pm,
 at the Scotts Valley branch library.

CENTRAL LIBRARY HOURS & KEY CONTACTS

Monday - Thursday.....10am - 7pm
 Friday - Saturday.....10am - 5pm
 Sunday.....1pm - 5pm
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RESEARCH REQUESTS

Please visit our website at
www.scgensoc.org and look under
 Research Assistance for details.

MEMBERSHIP

Chair.....Bill McDermott
 billmcdermott@mac.com
 Dues.....\$20 per year; due July 1
 Additional family member \$10 per year
 Life membership.....\$250

To pay membership dues, go to
www.scgensoc.org/membership
 and download a membership application
 for renewal or to join the Society for the
 first time.

Thank You!



*Mike Epperson, in full regalia, from his presentation
 "Introduction to Genealogy" on April 5*

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Guest Speaker: Joanne Stewart

Creative Approaches to Recording Your Memoirs

If your memories are not recorded or shared, they can be lost in one generation. Joanne's presentation will show us creative approaches to recording your memoirs. Come prepared to write a short entry and take notes in your journal. Bring a copy of any picture that evokes a memory. Several techniques will be explored: three-word memory joggers, group poetry, "trigger" questions, words that describe you, image-to-memory, unique experiences, and how to create a habit of memory writing. Joanne Stewart has facilitated several workshops on this topic. This meeting will be held from 1 pm - 3 pm in the upstairs meeting room of the downtown Santa Cruz Public Library

Sunday through Sunday, May 18 - 25, 2014

Research Leader: Pamela Erickson

Salt Lake City Research Trip

Genealogy teacher Pamela Erickson will lead a week-long research trip to Salt Lake City from May 18 through 25, 2014. For further information, please visit her online brochure on our web site at www.scgensoc.org and look under event calendar, or call Pamela Erickson at 408-807-8926.

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Guest Speaker: Debbie Simms,

Co-Director of FHC

Family Mystery Center of Santa Cruz

The mystery of The Family History Center is that it is here in Santa Cruz! This facility is free and open to the public during specified hours. It is located in the meeting house of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. We will discuss such things as local collections, resources from FHL in Salt Lake City (e.g. how to order films), premium websites, what can be done at the center that you cannot do at the public library, hours of operations, address, and how much fun you can have. Debbie Simms is Co-Director of the local Family History Center in Santa Cruz.

Thursday, June 5, 2014
Annual Society Elections

For The 2014-2015 Membership Year

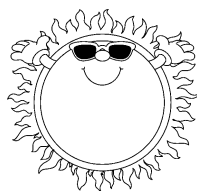
Nominations are open to serve on the Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County (GSSCC) board of directors for the 2014-2015 membership year which runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Nine seats are open. Any member may nominate one or more candidates from our membership, including oneself.

The GSSCC Nominations Committee presents the following nominees for election by the membership attending the June 5 General Meeting at the Main Branch of the Santa Cruz Public Library:

President	Janine Charlton
Vice-President	Dan Spelce
Treasurer	Mike Epperson
Recording Secretary	Bridgett Driscoll
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Alland
New open board position	Mary Parker*
Directors at Large	Sandra Eaton, Dave Osterhoudt, Howard Lowe

*Will replace Past-President board position for 2014-2015

Sandra Eaton, Mike Epperson, Howard Lowe, Mary Parker, and Dan Spelce comprise the Nominations Committee. If you would like to nominate someone for a board position, please contact Nominations Committee Chair Dan Spelce at 462-1344 or email him at vayodafa@cruzio.com



SANTA CRUZ SUMMERTIME!

Just a reminder that the Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County does not have general meetings in July or August; however, you will continue to receive a copy of Redwood Roots at the end of June and August. You will also receive ongoing eBlasts notifying you of genealogical happenings in our area.

At our September 4th general meeting Sean Conley will kick off our new membership year with a presentation on California research. We will be sure to give you plenty of notice and details.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We wish to welcome the following new members who have joined the GSSCC since our last issue of Redwood Roots. We are excited to have you on board!

Diane DeLisle
Jack Dilles
Pat Jones
Jack Mead
Nancy Mead
Jennifer Pacella
Brian Scanlon
Jill Searles

**Name Our Newsletter
Contest Winner**



President Janine Charlton and member Bill Patterson awarding the Newsletter Naming Contest prize to winner Terry Bohrman at the Genealogy meeting March 6, 2014. Terry chose *In Search of Your British & Irish Roots A Complete Guide to Tracing Your English, Welsh, Scottish, and Irish Ancestors* as her prize for coming up with the name Redwood Roots.

Congratulations, Terry!

FOURTH EDITION
*In Search of your
British &
Irish Roots*
A COMPLETE GUIDE
TO TRACING YOUR ENGLISH, WELSH,
SCOTTISH, & IRISH ANCESTORS



ANGUS BAXTER
Author of In Search of Your Roots, In Search of Your German Roots, In Search of Your European Roots, and In Search of Your Canadian Roots

Additions to Our Library

Unless otherwise noted, all materials have been chosen and purchased by the GSSCC Book Selection Committee

STATES

CALIFORNIA

(CALIF. 132) *History of the State of California and Biographical Record, of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties.* By J. M. Guinn. Containing biographies of well-known citizens.

GEORGIA

(GA. 54 vols. 1-3) *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers of Georgia, vols. I, II and III.* Comp. by Mrs. Howard H. McCall (Ettie Tidwell).

ILLINOIS

(ILL. 59 vol. 14) *German Immigrants in American Church Records, vol. 14: Illinois, St. Clair County Protestant.* Ed. by Roger P. Minert.

MARYLAND

(MARY. 89) *Maryland Loyalists in the American Revolution.* By M. Christopher New

MISSISSIPPI

(MISS. 39 A & B) *Mississippi Confederate Grave Registrations, vol. A-L & M-Z.* By Betty Couch Wiltshire.

NEW MEXICO

(N.M. 12) *Probates & Wills: Santa Fe - New Mexico, 1774-1896.* Abstracts comp. & ed. by Henrietta M. Christmas & Patricia S. Rau.

OREGON

(ORE. 23) *Comprehensive Index to Oregon Trail Diaries.* By Bert Webber. Contains every name appearing in six diaries dating 1844-1865.

UNITED STATES

(USA 119 vols. I & II) *Cherokee Intermarried White, 1906, 2 vols.* Trans. by Jeff Bowen.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

CANADA

(CANADA. 35) *Seeking a Better Future: The English Pioneers of Ontario and Quebec.* By Lucille H. Campey.

(CANADA NOVA SCO. 24) *Montb ellard Immigration to Nova Scotia, 1749-1752.* By Terrence M. Punch.

The Quilt

By Edna Egbert

I always wanted to make a quilt, but I have never had the time. As I thought about this, in fact I do have a quilt, but it is not made of fabric. I have documents, pictures, journals and letters. These are my quilt pieces, so now I am making a quilt of them.

To start, there's a picture of my Papa, Heinrich Janzen, first-born in the United States in Mt. Lake, Minnesota, in 1878. His father, Heinrich C. Janzen brought his family from Schoenwiese, Ukraine, to the USA in 1877. They were Germans from Russia.

Then there's a picture of Mama, Susanna Dirks. Mama came with her Dirks family from Crimea in 1907. Then a picture of Tante Vothcha, (Aunt Voth), the lady who went to Julius Siemens' office to purchase the steamship tickets for their journey, followed by a picture of Julius Siemens himself. He was a land agent and promoter who helped bring Mennonites to this country. The Dirks family entered the country from Quebec, Canada. Mama was the only one who was healthy enough to enter the USA. Her father and two uncles had pink eye, a contagious disease, so they came later. The step-mother and other siblings came later because of sickness while at the port in England. Mama came on the train through Chicago and on to her destination, Ritzville, Washington. She could only speak German, but she was wearing a tag on her dress that gave her name and destination. Mama obtained a job at Julius Siemens' house as a maid. Julius's wife was Anna, a sister to Heinrich Janzen, my father. Both the Siemens and Janzen families were from Ukraine, and Germans from Russia.

Mama and Papa met when Papa came to visit his sister, and there are pictures of their marriage license, and a wedding picture with Mama wearing a white veil with flowers, but in a gray dress. They married in Ritzville, Washington, and established their residence on a farm in Warden, Washington.

Later Mama and Papa, Henry and Susanna, moved to a farm at what was then called Fairmead, California. They raised eight children in Madera, County, California, and there are pictures of the church and school. An explanation is given as to why the school's name was changed from Munich to Dixieland. The different names of the school are shown on my sister's report cards and mine. My report card is signed by a lady whose daughter became a TV actress. You still see her on reruns. Many more pictures show the early struggles on the farm.

All of these pieces, or assets, make up my quilt. They were sewn together as an audible and visual story written on the computer. They needed a binding, backing and embellishments. Robin Egbert, my son, is a videographer. He finds cars on the internet to make the story interesting. The stork brings the babies, but with adult faces. He digitally sews on the binding, backing and embellishments for beauty. The song "Oh Susanna" plays softly in the background adding warmth and pace. In the finished product, there's my quilt, not made of cloth as you would expect, but a DVD made on my computer. It's titled JANZEN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1912 -2012, and a copy has been donated to the GSSCC library and is available upon request from our library. Check it out; it's a good heartwarming story.

Passport Research in Ancestry.com

By Gail Burk

One of the frequently overlooked links on the Ancestry.com website is the passport section of the database. It took me a while to gather the courage to venture into this section of Ancestry, as I was routinely daunted by the frustrations of researching the passenger list data. Recently, however, after stumbling onto a passport for a member of my extended ancestral family, I have become an enthusiastic passport researcher.

I'd been searching for everything I could put my hands on about my great-grandfather, William Arthur, and his eleven siblings, who were all orphaned as children in 1867. Over a fifteen year period, these children were scattered from Quebec to Scotland as they grew into adulthood. Luckily for me, some information had come down through the family, so at least, I knew the marriage partners of each one. After exhausting the obvious birth, marriage, death and census databases, I started checking into other categories of information. And while William Arthur evidently never applied for a passport or traveled abroad after moving to the United States, one of his children and one of his nieces did travel. This discovery reinforces the strategy of researching all the children and collateral relatives of one's ancestor.

I found my first hint to check the passport records from a perusal of possible links listed down the

right-hand side of the Ancestry page showing William Arthur's twin sister and her husband, who had an unusual surname. Clicking on the link took me to the Ancestry thumbnail page, which allowed me to access the digitized original passport application for William's niece, Vivian Behenna. From the first page of the document, I learned when and where Vivian was born, and that her father was deceased as of the date of the application. I learned where her father had been born. I learned that, by the age of 36, Vivian had already lived in France and England, and she listed the years she lived in those places, which enabled me to understand why I'd had so much trouble finding her mother on U. S. census returns. I also learned that Vivian worked for military intelligence in Washington, D.C., a highly unusual career for women in 1920. I was so excited about all this new information that I almost forgot to look at the subsequent pages of her application.

The second page described Vivian's appearance in great detail, and had a photo attached. The third page was the real find. Her mother, Kathleen, my great-grandfather's twin sister, signed an affidavit attesting to Vivian's date and place of birth. I was able to see Kathleen's firm slanted penmanship where she signed her name and described herself as an artist and author. She also listed her residence address. The fourth page consisted of a letter from Vivian's employer detailing that she worked as a stenographer to the military attaché, who was being stationed in Stockholm, Sweden. Two years later, Vivian received a new passport in connection with her travel to Asia, where she served as secretary to the attaché for the Department of Commerce in Peking, China.

William Arthur's eldest son, Harry Arthur, also applied for a passport, in 1916. The first page of Harry's application detailed his date and place of birth, and confirmed William's own birth in Helensburgh, Scotland. Harry's application also indicated that William had immigrated to the U.S. in 1880, and included information that he departed from Liverpool, England. The first page of the application also informed me that William became a naturalized citizen in approximately 1888, in Dakota Territory. I learned that Harry would be traveling to China in connection with his employment in railroad construction.

Just as for Vivian, the second page of Harry's application contained a detailed description of Harry's appearance, and a photograph. Page three of Harry's application consisted of a letter from his employer. The treasure trove of this passport application, however, was found on page four. In a handwritten page signed by both of my great-grandparents, they not only attested under oath to the date and place of Harry's birth, which had occurred before official records were kept in Dakota, but they also added that "nor were there any public record of our marriage in said state, nor of any marriage or birth of any citizen in said state." For years, I had been looking for an official marriage document for my great-grandparents, without success. Finally, I knew why it could not be found - because it didn't exist!

Like Vivian, Harry got another passport later, in 1923. This second application contained much of the same information as the first, but also contained some new information. The second application stated that Harry had lived in Canada for a year in the late 1890s, that his family had moved from Atlantic to Quincy, Massachusetts, and that Harry planned to travel to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay on business. The third page of Harry's 1923 application contained William Arthur's signed affidavit that he was a naturalized citizen, and that he resided at Quincy, Massachusetts. I further learned that Harry had become president of his own New York company.

Here are my suggested research strategies:

(1) Research all siblings and all children of your ancestors for possible passport applications, especially if you suspect they traveled abroad for business or to visit relatives in other countries (and you will find possible clues in the census records under the column detailing a person's occupation and/or foreign place of birth, or if a person had foreign-born parents);

(2) Be sure to look at all pages of the passport application; sometimes the most important or helpful information will be on the latter pages;

(3) Look for possible subsequent passport applications for the same individual; subsequent applications may contain new information;

(4) Then research departure and arrival passenger lists that match up with the travel itinerary listed on the passport application.

Here's how to easily access Ancestry's passport database:

(1) From the Ancestry home page, click on the "Search" tab located on the upper toolbar, then click on "Immigration and Travel;"

(2) From the "Immigration and Travel" page, click on the "Border Crossings and Passports" link in the menu box found on the upper right-hand side of the page (this box is entitled "Narrow by Category");

(3) From the "Narrow by Category" page, click on the "U. S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925" link in the menu box found on the upper right-hand side of the page (this box is entitled "Featured Data Collections");

(4) Now, fill in the search box with at least the first and last name, and gender, of your ancestor. Remember to use married surnames for married women. If you are certain about the spelling of your applicant's last name, slide the bar to the right for "exact" next to the line for your applicant's surname in order to narrow down the hit list.

Happy hunting!

Only a Genealogist regards
a step backwards as progress.

GENEALOGICAL STAFFING CALENDAR - MAY, 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10 SPELCE 1 GSSCC MTG	2 10 LOWE 1	3 11 POKRIOTS
4 1 CONLEY	5 10 DONOVAN 1	6 10 CHARLTON 1 ALLAND	7 10 1	8 10 SPELCE 1 WOLFSEN	9 10 LOWE 1	10 11 SPEIDEL
11 1	12 10 SMITH 1 PARKER	13 10 PESCE 1 ALLAND	14 10 SHOOK 1 EPPERSON	15 10 1 WOLFSEN	16 10 1	17 11 POKRIOTS
18 1 CONLEY	19 10 DONOVAN 1 PARKER	20 10 MCPHERSON 1 CROSS	21 10 1 EPPERSON	22 10 SPELCE 1 STAFFER'S MEETING	23 10 1	24 11 SPEIDEL
25 1	26 MEMORIAL DAY LIBRARY CLOSED	27 10 PESCE 1 GREENWOOD	28 10 1 EPPERSON	29 10 SPELCE 1	30 10 1	31 11

GENEALOGICAL STAFFING CALENDAR - JUNE, 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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What are YOUR genealogical interests?

Wouldn't it be great to find out who else in the GSSCC has the same research interests as you? Let's find out!

Please fill in the following, and the Santa Cruz Genealogical Society will compile a master list made available only to those members that respond. By submitting this form, you are showing your interest in collaborating with other members that share your interest in a particular area of research. It will not be made public.

Name: _____

Preferred Contact Phone Number: _____

Preferred Contact Email: _____

Top 3 states of interest: _____

Top 3 countries of origin: _____

Top 3 special interests*: _____

Top 4 surnames: _____

*Special Interest examples: DNA, Civil War, Black Sheep, learning ancestry.com, etc.

A compilation of member's interests will be shared with all those that submit an entry.

*Please drop off your form at the Genealogy Library, at the monthly GSSCC meeting,
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