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## SEPTEMBER OCTOBER MEETINGS

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

### CASE STUDIES

Stephen Morse

Join Stephen Morse as he presents a case study using the One-Step Webpages as well as other websites to develop a family history. It illustrates how, with a minimal amount of initial information, an entire genealogy can be obtained. It also shows how to obtain records in spite of name misspellings, and how to avoid accepting wrong information.

**OCTOBER 1, 2015**

### FAMILY TREES FACT OR FICTION

Gary Carlsen [garyc188@comcast.net](mailto:garyc188@comcast.net)

A wise man once said "Genealogy Without Documentation Is Mythology" Looking for your Family Tree? Follow Gary as he takes us some of the more popular sites and some lesser known sites containing family trees, and some of the erroneous errors others have made.

Family History Center 1024 Noche Buena, Seaside, CA. Doors open at 6:00

## From The Board

Summer is coming to an end. Kids are back in school, and now we all have some breathing room. With all the spare time on your hands it's time to get serious about your family tree and renew your genealogy searching.

Family Search and Ancestry have added a lot of new information and data, along with several other on line sites. Why not take advantage of these sites, several of which are FREE, at the Seaside Family History Center. There are several volunteers there to help lead you in the right direction. If all else fails there are always county court houses, libraries, historical societies and genealogy societies willing to help with your search.

We have begun a new indexing project. Elizabeth Roberts, a retired librarian, from Salinas has volunteered to index the Monterey County Marriage Records from 1860-1923. This will be a time consuming job so look for the finished project in the next few months. Our Cemetery Indexing Project is almost ready for print. We are waiting for the forward explanations to be completed.

The Family History Center Library is still short some volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours a month it would be greatly appreciated. Call or email the Director of the FHC, Valerie Hillesheim, for more information at 333-1285 or [val.fhc@gmail.com](mailto:val.fhc@gmail.com)

Welcome back and don't forget to join us at our regular first Thursday meetings. There are still some interesting topics to be presented.



Some of our members are unable to drive to meetings and functions. If you need a ride or can give a ride, please contact any Board member

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**OTHER EVENTS****Saturday, October 10, 2015****RootsTech Family Discovery Day:**

Discovering Our Ancestors Records

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SVC GG, 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara

[October10FamilyDiscoveryDay@gmail.com](mailto:October10FamilyDiscoveryDay@gmail.com)**February 3–6, 2016,****Roots Tech 2016**

RootsTech 2016 will be held on February 3–6, 2016, again at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City.

<https://rootstech.org/>**October 17, 2015.**

The Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County will host the upcoming Fall 2015 Genealogy Seminar.

**FUTURE MOCOGENSO EVENTS****Monthly Board Meetings**

The Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Family History Center 1024 Noche Buena, Seaside, CA. at 7 p.m.

**November 5, 2015****Junel Davidson**

7:00 p.m. Family History Center 1024 Noche Buena, Seaside, CA. Door opens at 6:00

**December 3, 2015****Annual Holiday Gathering**

Bring a dish to share and join MoCoGenSo and the Family History Center for our Annual Holiday gathering. Food Fun and Celebration.

7:00 p.m. Family History Center 1024 Noche Buena, Seaside, CA.. Door opens at 6:00

**MOCOGENSO RESEARCH SERVICES**

MoCoGenSo now offers research services for Monterey County. Several of our members are experienced in researching local records, and will be assisting the society in a research service. Visit our website <http://www.mocogenso.org> for details

**MOCOGENSO E-MAIL LIST**

"To sign up for the email announcement list or to update your email address if you have not been receiving emails from MoCoGenSo, please contact Marilyn Ruccello at [\\_ruccello@aol.com](mailto:_ruccello@aol.com)

**MOCOGENSO WEBSITE**

Check out the new MoCoGenSo Website for society information.

<http://mocogenso.org>

If you have information to post or share with others contact Jim Rogeson [james.robesson@gmail.com](mailto:james.robesson@gmail.com)

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and OTHER NEWS CASTROVILLE ARGUS**

Dee Sardoch

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The Castroville 'Argus'  
Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
1 May 1869  
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Born -- ROADHOUSE -- in Monterey, Apr. 26th to the wife of George ROADHOUSE, a son.

Born -- GUNZENDORFER -- in Monterey, Apr. 28, to the wife of Ferdinand GUNZENDORFER, a son.

Born -- GOMEZ -- in Monterey, Apr. 24, to the wife of Juan GOMEZ, a son.

Died -- CONNOLLY -- on CASTRO's Ranch, Sunday, 25th inst., William CONNOLLY, age 6 months, 8 days.

Income Returns of Monterey County -- The following names and figures exhibit to our readers the amount of assessed incomes, after all deductions, the tax thereon being 5 per centum: [rounded down by transcriber]

ABREGO, Jose; \$337  
ARCHER, Elisha; \$76  
AYRES, Lyman; \$333  
[name obscured]  
ARCHER, George; \$800  
BARDIN, William; \$171  
[name obscured]  
BAXTER, William; \$1674  
BARDIN, James; \$9590  
BIXBY, Llewelyn; \$7000  
BREITBARTH, Julius; \$482  
BREEN, John; \$1156  
BREEN, Patrick, deceased; \$2796  
BREEN, Patrick; \$1150  
BREEN, James E.; \$641  
BLAKENSHIP, Jas. A.; \$444  
CALLAGHAN, J.D.; \$195  
CASTRO, Juan B.; \$1815  
CULLEN, Patrick; \$258  
CONKLIN, S.W.; \$875  
CUMMINS, William; \$1131  
CARR, Jesse D. \$8300  
DOUD, Francis; \$2666  
FLINT, Benj; \$7000  
FLINT, Thomas; \$7000  
FERGUSON, William H.; \$60  
FLOOD, Michael; \$103  
GUNZALEZ, Teodoro; \$170  
GEIL, Samuel F.; \$3186

GREGORY, Durrell S.; \$3639  
GUNZENDORFER, F.; \$150  
GIRARDIN, Juan; \$45  
GORDEN, S.B.; \$133  
GRAVES, William B.; \$1289  
GRAVES, George; \$5298  
GIBSON, William H.; \$268  
GREGG, Joseph W.; \$183  
HITCHCOCK, Benjamin; \$1956  
HUGHES, Michael; \$22  
HOLLISTER, W.W.; \$6761  
HUDSON, William; \$66  
HARRIS, Daniel; \$666  
IRELAND, M.C.; \$2711  
JOHNSON, W.S.; \$1250  
JACKS, David; \$5128  
JOHNSON, I.F.; \$207  
KNOWLES, A.P.; \$1825  
KELLOG, Giles P.; \$2391  
KEMP, Frederick W.; \$922  
LITTLE, Lewis; \$1478  
LAPORTE, J.M.; \$294  
LOGWOOD, E.L.; \$1604  
LAIRD, Charles; \$2391  
MOSS, Charles; \$18,000  
MEAD, Henry S.; \$341  
MYERS, Henry; \$398  
McMAHON, James; \$1959  
McMAHON, Thomas; \$1290  
MANN, Jackson; \$508  
MANN, Samuel; \$382  
McCUSKER, Daniel; \$647  
McALLISTER, Patrick; \$1597  
ONGLETREE, A.J. \$302  
PARKER, W.M.R.; \$1172  
POOLE, A.W.; \$4505  
PRESTON, E.J.; \$2122  
PREWITT, Green L.; \$2382  
PAYNE, John S.; \$264  
RAMSEY, W.H.; \$260  
RIKER, Alanson; \$1454  
ROBSON, William; \$4450  
RAMSAY, William F.; \$998  
RAIRDAN, Michael; \$7784  
RAYNOR, William; \$600  
REED, J.A.; \$800  
ROWE, William H.; \$515  
SPENCE, David S., estate of; \$940  
SCHMIDT, William; \$1222  
SHURTLER, F.; \$385  
SMITH, S.W.; \$871

SOWLE, Joseph; \$393  
 SHERWOOD, Eugene; \$5000  
 TRESCONI, Alberto; \$998  
 TULLY, E.C.; \$1216  
 THOMPSON, Jonathan; \$1751  
 UNDERWOOD, Charles; \$1533  
 WATSON, Thomas; \$914  
 WETHERILL, Alfred A.; \$936  
 WALLACE, J.F., Estate of; \$1200  
 ZANETTA, Angelo; \$53

The Castroville 'Argus'  
 Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
 8 May 1869

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Married -- FARLEY-SIMMONS -- on the 5th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Miss Josephine SIMMONS to William FARLEY, by J.L. SPEEGLE, Esq., all of Castroville.

Our Monterey Correspondent -- Col. A. HEATH has been here assessing incomes; he is a pleasant gentleman as well as an efficient officer. Also Romulado PACHECO Esq., Ex-State Treasurer has been sojourning with us for several days; he leaves to-day.

Monterey and Corral de Tierra Road -- Board found that the road leading from the Monterey and Salinas Road to the Corral de Tierra Rancho, the residence of Geo. W. GORDON, was in use as a public highway, 28th April 1855; ordered, therefore, that the same be declared a public road, following the track as aforesaid and to be 60 feet in width.

The Castroville 'Argus'  
 Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
 15 May 1869

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Born -- BRACKETT -- in Castroville, May 10th, to the wife of Jo. W. BRACKETT, a daughter.

Castroville Brewery -- This fine and creditable establishment has changed hands. Mr. ECKLEMAN, the former proprietor, stepping out, and our fellow townsman, Mr. LANGDON, stepping in, who will at present and in the future supply the community with as good Lager as can be found this side of San Francisco.

Transactions in Real Estate --

-Leandro CASTRO and wife to Celestia CHAINE; 600ac of Rancho Bolsa Moro Cojo and Nuevo; \$2700

-C.D. FOWLER to Joseph CULLEN, pre-emption claim in San Juan township; \$800

-F.S. SPRING to D.S. GREGORY, 27ac of the Rancho Nacional; \$1200

-SHERWOOD & HELLMAN to F.H. RAY, 2 lots in Salinas City; \$80

-SHERWOOD & HELLMAN to W.M.R. PARKER, 1 lot in Salinas City; \$30

The Castroville 'Argus'  
 Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
 22 May 1869

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Married -- GARDNER-CARTER -- at Watsonville, May 16th, Samuel GARDNER to Miss Jennie CARTER.

Died -- CONDON -- in Castroville, May 11th, \_\_\_\_ CONDON [as written], son of Perry CONDON, aged 4 years.

Died -- VASQUEL -- in Monterey, May 18th, Guadalupe VASQUEL, aged 59 years.

A Good Work -- A bridge 250 feet long and 3 feet wide has been laid along McDougall street and across the slough dividing the old and new portions of the town. It was a much needed work and has been well done, by D.C. TULMAN, the contractor. It cost about \$80, the expenses being defrayed by the citizens at large.

>From Our Watsonville Correspondent, May 19th --

-Improvements are being made. Mr. J.D. ORDISH is erecting a fine building; the cigar store and depot of Yankee notions belonging to S.K. THORNTON and BENJAMIN has been enlarged and is being fitted up in a handsome style.

-An old shop belonging to Mr. T. MAHER, which for some time past, has been unoccupied, is being fitted up in fine style and will soon be occupied by an upholsterer.

-Resorts for amusement have recently been afforded to the pleasure seeking portion of our community, in great abundance, and more are mentioned as being in preparation for the future. The principal event of this kind occurred this week. It was an entertainment given by the young ladies and gents of the town under charge of Prof. C. JOHNS, for the purpose of purchasing a Cabinet Organ for the public school.

-BROWN, WILLIAMSON & Co.'s saw-mills are now in running order, and with their increased facilities for turning out a large amount of lumber, they will soon be able to satisfy all demands made upon them by this and Salinas valley's.

-The planing mill belonging to FORD & SANBORN commenced work last Monday, giving a cheerful business hum to the town.

-Mr. A.M. BROWN, an old resident of this town, has just returned from Los Angeles, where he has for several years been actively engaged in practicing his profession. He has taken rooms in the SNODGRASS building over TUTTLE & AYRES Drug Store, where he is prepared to execute all kinds of Dentistry in a manner to suit the fancy of the most fastidious.

The Castroville 'Argus'  
Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
29 May 1869

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Born -- WATSON -- in Monterey City, May 14th, to the wife of Thomas WATSON, a son.

Born -- ZABALA --in Monterey City, May 23rd, to the wife of Pedro ZABALA, a daughter.

Married -- CALDWELL-FOUNTAIN -- in Watsonville, May 23rd, Mr. George CALDWELL to Miss Fanny FOUNTAIN.

Died -- ACOSTA -- in Monterey City, May 25th, infant of Thomas ACOSTA.

Died -- PICO -- at his residence in San Jose, Sunday, 23rd inst., Antonio Maria PICO, aged 60 years.

Death of Antonio Maria PICO -- Antonio Maria PICO, one of the most prominent [damaged]

Californians for the last 20 years, died of inflammation of the lungs, at his residence in San Jose, yesterday morning, aged 60 years. He was a cousin of ex-Governor Pio PICO, and was related by blood or marriage to the CASTROs, VALLEJOs and nearly all the native Californians who had much wealth or influence in 1845. Under the Mexican Government he was Alcalde of San Jose for many terms, a member of the Territorial Legislature and Captain of the Militia, and under the American dominion he became Prefect of Santa Clara, then member of the Constitutional Convention in 1849, Presidential Elector in 1860 and Receiver of the Land Office at Los Angeles in 1861. When the rebellion broke out he assisted with his money and influence in organizing a company of native Californians. A large family and a host of friends lament his loss. He will be buried in San Jose tomorrow at 11am. [from Alta California, 24th May.]

The Castroville 'Argus'  
Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
5 Jun 1869  
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Born -- HATCH -- in Castroville, Sunday, May 29th, to the wife of S. HATCH, a son.

Married -- HOWARD-NANCE -- in Monterey, May 31st, H.P. HOWARD to Miss Elizabeth NANCE, by S.E. PARDE\_

Died -- NORIEGA -- in San Jose, on the 30th, ult., Senor Jose NORIEGA, aged 73 years.

House Moved -- Last Tuesday, the house formerly occupied by Mr. HANSON, was removed from the old site to the corner of the Catholic Church lot, where it will be fitted up as the residence of Father Hugh CURRAN. The removal was done in so short a time that it drew comment from many, who, in the evening saw the house, where in the morning was a vacant lot. We never saw a like job done, even in that great house-moving city of San Francisco to equal it.

STORER's Ferry Improvement -- We learn that there is to be a great and much needed improvement at the ferry across the slough leading from this place to Watsonville. On each side the piers are to be extended out into deeper water, and by that means a longer slope be gained, which will enable it to be crossed at any time of the year. We believe that Capt. John HERNANDIA is to do the work, and therefore, we shall expect to see it well done and shortly completed.

A New Hall in Salinas City -- It will be seen by reference to our new advertisements that the new Hall of Mr. P.H. MAGUIRE will be opened to the public on Tuesday, the 8th inst., by a grand ball. We do not for a moment doubt but that it will be "the Ball of the season," as Mr. MAGUIRE's knowledge of such things, and his ability to arrange, renders him one of the few men who know how to get up such an affair in good style, so as to give satisfaction to all that attend.

More New Houses -- We omitted to mention last week, in our article on improvements, the erection of 2 buildings by Mr. WRIGHT, one as a dwelling and the other for business purposes. Also, the dwelling of Mr. Geo. G. GRIFFIN, which is now complete.

Castroville Hotel Extension -- We notice that Mr. Juan POMBER is putting up an extension to his hotel. This addition will enable the proprietor to add materially to the comfort of the traveling public, and has been rendered necessary from the increase of travel through the valley, which is becoming greater daily.

The Castroville 'Argus'  
 Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
 12 Jun 1869  
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Married -- LEE-ELMORE -- at the Lick House, San Francisco, by the Rev. Mr. LUDLOW;  
 Julius LEE to Miss Helen M. ELMORE, of Watsonville.

Married -- HINDS-HOWE -- in Santa Cruz, June 8th, Mr. A.J. HINDS to Miss Sarah HOWE,  
 both of Santa Cruz.

We are pleased to see by the 'Flag,' that old friend, W.S. CANAN, has been appointed Postmaster  
 at Healdsburg. Should the throng at the "general delivery" ever become too great and  
 bewildering, William, come Tom GIBBS on them and make them "fall back and come up in  
 alphabetical order, dag-an 'em."

The road from Castroville to Natividad will be completed to-day, the finishing touch being given  
 by the completion of the bridge across the slough on the ESPINOSA Rancho. This is the 3rd and  
 last bridge on this road.

The Castroville 'Argus'  
 Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
 19 Jun 1869  
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Married -- ARMSTRONG-SPRAGUE -- on the 12th inst at the house of Mr. John SEXTON near  
 Salinas City, Mr. W.J. ARMSTRONG, of Sotoville, to Lydia U. SPRAGUE, of Chico.

Died -- SPEEGLE -- at his residence in Castroville, on the 16th inst., James L. SPEEGLE, aged  
 36 years. [The funeral of Mr. James L. SPEEGLE yesterday was very largely attended. The  
 corpse was taken from deceased's late residence to the Catholic Church where the solemn mass  
 for the dead was impressively celebrated; after which, the body was followed to the grave by a  
 larger cortage than we have every seen out a large city.]

Died -- LYNCH -- at Monterey, June 16th, James LYNCH, aged 40 years.

\*\*Real Estate Transactions --

-Juan Francisco ANZAR to Estanislao HERNANDEZ; interest in Real de las Aguilas, Santa Ana  
 y Quien Sabe and Vega del Rio del Pajaro Ranchos; \$35,000

-Alfred THOMPSON to J.W. WHITTON and G.W. WARE; 608ac of public lands in San Juan  
 Twp; \$8,750

-M. COLEMAN to Peter BREEN; 8 12/100 ac in San Juan Twp; \$700

-Alvin B. ABBOTT to DORIS & COINE; 180ac of public land in Monterey Twp; \$1000

-Jas. McKINLEY to Geo. C. HARRIS; lot in Monterey City; \$10

-J.B. CASTRO, et al, to Jno T. ROBERTS; lot in Castroville; \$350

-D.C. MARTIN to W.H. GIBSON; lot in Castroville; \$350

-VANDERHURST, SANBORN & Co.; to Thos. KEHOE; lot in Salinas City; \$500

-Patrick BREEN to Georgia THOMPSON; lot in San Juan; \$400

-Pablo VASQUEZ to Francisco LOTIS; 160ac near Salinas river; \$200

Ghastly Discovery -- Last Thursday, a well-digger engaged in sinking a well in the rear of Mr. BOICE's tin war establishment, came upon human remains, at the depth of about 4 ft. The body must have been buried years ago, for there was nothing left but the skeleton. None of the present inhabitants can give any clue as to whose grave it is. Probably a forgotten hunter or trapper. The last we heard of the remains were some cogitative remarks of Dr. ALDERMAN's, "Well preserved teeth, femur, pelvic, and beautiful skeleton."

New Hall in Salinas City -- By referring to our advertising columns, it will be seen that Mr. Henry MYERS will open his commodious public hall in Salinas City on the evening of July 5th.

\*\*Monterey Items -- J.S. BRITAIN, formerly of the 'Gazette,' has returned after an absence at the East of 6 months, and was very cordially welcomed by all his old friends and acquaintances. He now intends to remain in Monterey.

The Castroville 'Argus'  
Castroville, Monterey Co., CA  
26 Jun 1869

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Born -- TOLMAN -- in Castroville, on the 20th inst., to the wife of D.C. TOLMAN, a son.  
Born -- STOEFLER -- in Santa Cruz, June 14th, to the wife of George STOEFLER, a daughter.

Married -- VIERRA-JESUS -- in Monterey, on the 20th inst., Joseph VIERRA to Emilia JESUS, both of Monterey city.

Married -- VAN DOREN-CATHCART -- at Santa Cruz, June 22nd, Samuel M. VAN DOREN, of San Francisco, to Sophia CATHCART, of Santa Cruz.

\*\*Obituary -- The death of James L. SPEEGLE, chronicled in last week's issue of the 'Argus,' is deeply felt by all who knew him. He was a native of Alabama, and was born Jan. 21st, A.D. 1833; came to this State in 1849 and settled in this valley in 1855. He has held the offices of County Recorder, Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. His strong mind, clear understanding and high sense of justice enabled him to fill those offices with honor to himself and satisfaction to the people. He was admitted to the Bar a few months ago, but his failing health prevented him from entering into practice. His early education was neglected, but his indomitable will surmounted the difficulty, and by thorough application he soon attained a respectable education. Being a self-made man, he was ever the friend of the poor, and was always foremost in promoting the interest of the public. In all enterprises, whether local or national, he used discretion and judgment; and after due deliberation, acted with a view to promote justice. He was firm in advocating truth, and fearless in denouncing vice. Although a young man, he occupied a place in the hearts of his fellow-men, whose void cannot easily be filled. He was swept from the stage in the very prime of life, and at a time when the influence of all truly good men is needed. The community will deeply feel their loss; and while they sincerely sympathize with the bereaved wife and friends, will mourn the fate of one who was cut down, just at the threshold of a useful life. But life is uncertain, and death is sure; sooner or later, we must all meet the grim monster; his sway is immutable; and, as it is the will of Him "Who doeth all things well," let us submit without a murmur. Mr. SPEEGLE was perfectly cognizant of his approaching change; and when the death damp settled on his brow, he called his friends to his bedside, and taking them one by one, by the hand, he advised them to a strict performance of duty, and an honorable and upright life. He then bid each an affectionate farewell, and patiently awaited the deliverer. The scene was touching and sublime. Every heart was moved, and every eye was bathed in tears, except his, whose soul was so near eternity. He remained perfectly calm and resigned, relying and trusting in Him "who hears even the young ravens when they cry."

\*\*Some Mutton -- Three sheep butchered within the last few days at PARDOE & TOLMAN's, weighed respectfully 110, 115, & 118 lbs when dressed, and we have been informed by one that partook thereof, and claims to be a Judge, that the meat was delicious. We are satisfied from the unctuous smack of the lips that accompanied its delivery, that the opinion was sincere. The sheep were raised by Mr. LOCKWOOD in this valley.

\*\*Castroville Delegates -- The following named gentlemen were on the evening of the 19th inst., [one line illeg.] Democratic County Convention, held at Salinas, on the 23rd:

W.M. BAILEY  
G.W. BRYANT  
John PARROTT  
Pat. CULLEN  
E.J. MARTIN  
A. COPELAND  
A.J. SPEEGLE

\*\*From Our San Juan Correspondent -- June 23rd, 1869 --

-Our old friend HUBBARD, the well known wagon maker has sold out, and now Mr. Julius KOHN has likewise disposed of his interest in the firm of Villegas to Y.P. VILLEGAS, the variety vender; who has removed his stock to his brother's old place, where the business will be carried on under the name of VILLEGAS & Bros.

-John R. COMFORT still continues to keep the most 'comfortable' house this side of Frisco, and if you want a good "square" meal you are bound to get it there.

-The work on our Public School House is progressing, and when completed will no doubt be an ornament to the place and a credit to its architect.

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**MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY** changes over time. So having access to definitions of archaic medical terms is very helpful. Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms: A Glossary of Archaic Medical Terms, Diseases and Causes of Death is a great resource for looking up causes of death on death certificates. This website is a collection of archaic medical terms and their old and modern definitions. The primary focus of this web site is to help decipher the Causes of Death found on Mortality Lists, Certificates of Death and Church Death Records from the 19th century and earlier. <http://www.archaicmedicalterms.com/>

**THE SPOKANE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN WASHINGTON STATE** has put online a collection of historic high school yearbooks from the region. There are currently some 200 yearbooks online organized by the name of the high school and by year. The collection goes back as far as 1911 and as recently as the 1970s. Many of the yearbooks are available in multiple formats, including pdf, Kindle and EPUB. The website currently does not have any means to search the collection by keyword, such as name. You need to know the name of the high school and the year to begin your search. Access is free. [Historic Spokane Yearbooks] <http://beta.spokanelibrary.org/yearbooks/>

**THE VIZCAINO-SERRA OAK THE TREE WHERE MONTEREY BEGAN**

In 1602 in search of a safe port along the Pacific Coast for Spanish galleons to put in, Sebastian Vizcaino, leading a fleet of three ships, sailed into Monterey Bay. He named the bay Monte Rey in honor of the Viceroy of Mexico, Don Gaspar de Zuniga y Acevedo, the Count of Monte Rey, Spain, who dispatched the expedition to find a port.

Carmelite friars of the Vizcaino Expedition held a mass under a large live oak tree and Vizcaino claimed Monterey for Spain. The tree, just above a cove and beach, sat next to a little ravine whose creek enters into Monterey Bay and the tree's branches touched the water.

The bay went unused by Spain until Gaspar de Portola's expedition in 1769 to find and establish Monterey, failed to find Monterey Bay not recognizing the bay from Vizcaino's description and inaccurate measurements. In May-June of 1770 Portola was dispatched on a second expedition overland to find Monterey Bay following Father Serra's advice to look for the large oak tree above the shore. Portola's Expedition arrived by land and Serra arrives by sea on the ship San Antonio.

On June third of that year the Spaniards hung bells from the massive Live Oak's branches, which touched fresh water pools of the creek. Father Serra conducted a mass held under an arbor, and the military officers conducted the ceremony to claim the land for Spain. the bells were rung, songs sung, cannons and muskets fired, and cheers shouted. They then went to the nearby beach to enjoy a banquet.

in the 1840's The great Live Oak was struck by lightning, severely damaging the tree, and in 1904 workmen unclogging a culvert caused water to flood the Oak Tree, and it died. It toppled in 1905 and was washed out into the bay. Hearing of this Father Ramon Mestres, the priest at San Carlos Church (1893-1930), dispatched several Portuguese whalers to retrieve the tree and bring it back to the shore. In 1909 a section of the tree was placed behind the church on a concrete pedestal held up by guy wires where it stood until it became dangerous and had to be taken down.

A remnant of the oak was hung behind glass in the vestibule (entrance) of the church, and when the heritage Center Museum next door to the chapel opened it was moved there where it is still on display. A similar remnant is located under the alter at of San Carlos and the Carmel mission.

On July 17 2015 a mural depicting the original Vizcaino-Serra Oak was hung and unveiled along the Recreation Trail on the west side of Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf.

**OKLAHOMA ANCESTRY**

If you are researching your ancestry from Oklahoma, you might want to use GenealogyBank's online Oklahoma newspaper archives: 55 titles to help you search your family history in the "Sooner State," providing coverage from 1871 to today. There are more than 2.8 million newspaper articles and records in our online OK archives. Oklahomais particularly rich in Native American newspapers given the state's history, which resulted in one of our nation's largest populations of American Indian people. Oklahoma newspapers are divided into two collections: HistoricalNewspapers (complete paper) and Recent Obituaries (obituaries only). (By subscription) <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/newspapers/explore/USA/Oklahoma/>  
(From *Genealogy Tips from GenealogyBank Via The Genealogy News*, 23 Nov, 2014)

**ANCESTRY FOR FREE**

You might be surprised to find that [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) has some very useful free tools.

“You'll need [free guest registration](#) to access these free features. A guest registration doesn't require entering a credit card number (and it's different from a free trial, which does require payment information).

- You can [create your family tree](#) and upload records from your computer to your ancestors' profiles. (Viewing those "shaky leaf" hints, though, is a subscriber benefit.)
- You can use the [Family History Wiki](#), which has the text from two genealogy reference books that were published by Ancestry: *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy* and *Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources*.
- You can search and post on the [message boards](#), which exist for surnames, places and topics (such as Cemeteries, Spanish-American War, etc.).
- You can [search and view transcribed information from select free indexes](#). Many indexes were created by the World Archives Project, Ancestry.com's volunteer indexing program. Others might be provided in partnership with another organization, or are "web records" that link to a third-party website. You can view record images for free in a few databases, such as the 1880 and 1940 US censuses, but most of the time, a guest user who clicks to view a record image will get a prompt to subscribe.
- Go to [search.ancestry.com/search/group/freeindexacom](http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/freeindexacom) to find a Search screen for the free indexes.
- You can use Ancestry Library Edition at a library, if one near you offers it, to access most of the records on Ancestry.com. Notable exceptions include the Passenger and Immigration Lists Index (especially helpful for finding early immigrants; many genealogy libraries have older, printed versions of this index) and the Periodical Source Index (which indexes genealogical journals and magazines). ...”

These free services would be good for those without subscriptions to Ancestry.com. Of course, the Family History Library offers access to records too!

*Family Tree Magazine blog, 15 July 2015, by Diane Haddad:*

**WHY YOU SHOULD BE PRINTING YOUR DIGITAL PHOTOS**

For most people below a certain age the idea of actually *printing* a photograph seems hopelessly anachronistic. After all, everything is in the cloud, available to view on any one of our many personal screens. Actually, the chances of our data lasting long-term are slim to none. This is due to a phenomenon known as software rot. Software rot is used to define data that becomes unusable as the hardware and software required to access it disappears. Anyone who's tried to access old word processor documents, get data off a floppy disk, or run MS-DOS games knows how annoying it can be.

Due to the rapid pace at which computing technology is advancing, previously digitized information will quickly become unreadable as file formats and associated software and hardware are abandoned. The safest way to preserve images is to simply print them out using long-lived materials and keep them in a safe, environmentally controlled place. If you want to preserve your memories—your own personal history—for your descendants, you may want to select a few favorites and invest in some high-quality prints. Don't assume your digital media is safe forever. Print what you can, and backup and update at regular intervals.

*(Excerpted from an article by James Aitchison in The Weekly Genealogist, 4 Mar 2015)*

## HOW TO FIND FEMALES IN NEWSPAPERS

How do you find stories about your mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and other female ancestors in the newspaper? Sometimes that can be easier said than done, but here are a few tips to help you search for those elusive female ancestors.

### What Types of News Articles Feature Women?

While the digitization of newspapers provides us the luxury of finding newspaper articles we weren't specifically looking for, knowing what type of articles feature women can make it easier to focus your searches. It's hard to imagine all the different types of articles a mother could be mentioned in, but reading copies of your ancestor's local newspaper can be helpful. A few types of news articles to consider include the following.

#### Food & Recipe Newspaper Articles

She could have been featured in the pages of the food section of the newspaper for her culinary prowess. Recipe contests sponsored by the newspaper or food companies, requests for recipes, or sharing a favorite recipe were all occasions for women to be published in the local newspaper.

#### Women's Interest Pages

Women's Interest pages printed all types of articles about women's activities including causes they supported and clubs they were members of. You can find mentions of events and articles that report on meetings at members' homes, complete with an address. There's no doubt that being a mom and wife could get you in the paper as well. Whether it was for the birth of a baby, celebrating a wedding anniversary, attending a family reunion or even traveling with a child, your ancestress could be mentioned.

#### Gossip & Social Columns

Don't forget that gossip, social or "around town" articles provide opportunities for piecing together your female ancestor's life. These short articles often tell of the everyday activities she participated in like going shopping, traveling or even becoming ill as well as such activities as attending funerals, moving, attending club meetings, teaching and entertaining.

#### It's All in the Name

Maybe when you weren't able to find something in a digitized newspaper it was because you weren't searching your ancestor's name the way the newspaper printed it. Create a list of variations of your ancestor's name and then add various spellings and misspellings to that list. Keep a list of those name variations handy. If you are not sure how a name could possibly be misspelled, ask a first or second grader. They will sound out the name and base their guess on phonetics, something that others may have done when spelling your ancestor's name. Before you give up on a genealogy search, always try another variation of your ancestor's name.

*(Excerpted from an article by Gena Philibert-Ortega in Genealogy Tips from GenealogyBank, 8 May 2015)*

## DOWRY VERSUS DOWER RIGHTS

Family historians use a variety of records, some of which require some understanding of legal terms. And when it comes to land records, one term that is very often misunderstood is *dower*. Many look at that word and think of *dowery*. While both terms have to do with women, marriage, and property, they have different meanings.

*Dowery*, or *dowry*, is the term for that portion, usually from her father, that a bride brings to her husband that he can use as long as the marriage lasts. The term *dower*, on the other hand, is a shortened version of *dower right*: it refers to the portion of a deceased husband's estate to which a widow is entitled to by law for her lifetime. If her husband wrote a will but was in debt at the

time of his death, a woman should elect to receive her *dower right* portion, as it was taken right off the top and not available to the creditors. If she elected to receive what he gave her in the will, then the creditors got their due first and she would be left only with her share of what was left. Most of the time we see the term *dower right* when a man is selling property, as there is a clause at the end of the deed where the clerk writes that he has talked to the wife and states that she is giving up her dower right without pressure.

Land records can hold many clues for family historians, but one of the best is ownership through dower right or dowry, which can alter by whom and when land can be sold. If it is a dowry, then a father should be listed in the record; the dower right clause requires that a wife's first name be listed in a deed. *(Excerpted from an article by Rhonda McClure in Vita Brevis, 16 Mar 2015)*

## GENEALOGY RESEARCHERS

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) announced a new Supporting Documents feature allowing users to purchase documents that were submitted with previously verified DAR membership and supplemental applications. These documents may include family bible records, deeds, wills and other various materials used to prove lineage to a patriot of the American Revolution.

The Supporting Documents made available on the GRS may prove to be very helpful to researchers who are looking for a missing piece in their genealogy search. For example, if a researcher is having difficulties connecting two generations or finding proof of an ancestor's military service, the needed documents could possibly be included in the supporting documentation submitted for a common ancestor. The GRS is a free resource provided by the DAR to aid general genealogical research and to assist with the DAR membership process. The GRS is a collection of databases that provide access to the many materials amassed by the DAR since it's founding in 1890. GRS users have long been able to purchase Record Copies (previously verified DAR membership and supplemental applications), which show the lineage going back to the ancestor who contributed to the American Revolution, but before now the documents, which were submitted to support the Record Copy were not available for purchase online. Now these supporting documents are available on demand for the user to purchase either in conjunction with a Record Copy or separate from the application with which it is associated.

Record Copies and Supporting Documents are now part of the DAR Online Library Documents Service. This service allows researchers to select an application or Supporting Documents (if they are available), pay by credit card, and instantly download the document as an Adobe PDF document. It is important to note that any applications or vital records that are less than 100 years old will not be available in an effort to keep personal information confidential

*(Excerpted from an announcement written by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and published in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 22 Feb 2015)*

## ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR SOLDIER PHOTOS ONLINE

You can find dozens of web sites that contain pictures of Civil War soldiers. One of the biggest collections of Illinois soldiers is available on the web site of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. The "Boys in Blue" is a repository for photographs of more than 8,000 Illinois soldiers who served in the Civil

War. All of these images have been scanned and are in the process of being cataloged and added to the web site. Photographs of soldiers from the 4th, 10th, and 11th Illinois Cavalry and the 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 26th, 33rd, 37th, 53rd, 56th, 64th, 77th, 86th, 101st, 108th, 114th, 117th, 120th, 122nd, and 130th Illinois Infantry Regiments have been added. More pictures are being added as fast as they can be digitized and uploaded. In addition to the names, regiments and companies in which soldiers served, other relevant information is included when it has been verified: where the soldiers were from originally; their

residence at enlistment; the dates and the studios where the photographs were taken; and whether the photographs are tintypes, cartes-de-visite, or cabinet cards. As they are completed, additional images from Illinois artillery, cavalry and infantry units will be added to this database. If the soldier or regiment being researched is not found now, you might check back periodically.

“Boys in Blue” <http://cdm16447.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p15414coll1>.

*(Posted on Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter, 22 Feb. 2015)*

Many men who served in the United States Civil War did not enlist in the state where they resided. For a variety of reasons a man may have enlisted in a unit from a neighboring state. Usually it was to help the state where he enlisted meet its quota.

*Genealogy Tip of the Day, 25 May 2015*

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**Founders Online** is a tool for seamless searching across the papers of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Alexander Hamilton. It is a fully searchable online database of over 165,000 documents, including thousands of documents that have not yet appeared in the published volumes. While the focus is on these founding fathers, their papers include the names and activities of many of the people they dealt with. You might find an ancestor listed in the database and, if so, the information might show what he or she did during the American Revolution.

<http://founders.archives.gov>.

**AlaskaWeb** contains a lot of information that may be interesting to anyone with Alaskan ancestry or to anyone who had a relative who joined the Alaska Gold Rush or was in the military and stationed in Alaska. More than 100,000 people from around the world went to Alaska to participate in the gold rushes and thousands of servicemen served in the military there. <http://alaskaweb.org>.

**The Polish Genealogical Society** of Connecticut and the Northeast has posted a Polish-American Marriage Database on their website containing the names of couples of Polish origin who were married in in the Northeast United States from 1892-1940. The information was taken from marriage records, newspaper marriage announcements, town reports, parish histories or information submitted by Society members. It includes the States of Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont. [http://www.pgscctne.org/Marriage\\_Database/Introduction%0for%20Marriages.aspx](http://www.pgscctne.org/Marriage_Database/Introduction%0for%20Marriages.aspx)

**Pennsylvania Civil War Musters** -- Ancestry subscribers can now search Pennsylvania Civil War Muster Rolls, 1860-1869. This collection lists the soldier’s name, age, rank, unit, regiment and company; the date, place, and person who mustered him in; the period of enlistment; the name of the commanding officer; Many other details are also included. <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=9040>

**The Knowles Collection** -- free online Jewish genealogy database linking generations of Jewish families from all over the world, reached its one-millionth record milestone and is now easily searchable online. The collection started over seven years ago, with historical records gathered from FamilySearch’s collections. Now most of new contributions are from families and private archives [FamilySearch.org/family-trees](http://FamilySearch.org/family-trees).

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**A growing free collection of rare and vintage county map images** are an important resource for locating long forgotten and obscure settlements where ancestors one lived.

<http://www.mygenealogyhound.com/maps/state-county-maps.asp>

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Send Requests to: MoCoGenSo Publications  
P.O. Box 8144  
Salinas, CA 93912-8144

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### MoCoGenSo - 50/50 Program

The goal of the 50/50 program is to encourage purchases of books and CD-ROMs for the library of the Family History Center, and to leverage the MoCoGenSo book budget by soliciting sponsors from our membership to share in the expense of such purchases. The idea is simple - members buy approved research materials, use them at home for a period of three months, and then donate the materials to the FHC library. Upon receipt of the materials at the library, MoCoGenSo will reimburse the member for 50% of the cost of the item. 50/50! Materials must be genealogy related and pre-approved by the 50/50 Program Committee. Materials must not duplicate current library holdings. To participate in the 50/50 Program, obtain a form from our website [www.mocogenso.org](http://www.mocogenso.org) or contact any member of the board.

### Queries and Newsletters Submissions

**Queries** are free and may be mailed to the Society at P. O. Box 8144 Salinas, Ca 93912-8144 or submitted to the MoCoGenSo Newsletter editor [garyc188@comcast.net](mailto:garyc188@comcast.net). All queries must contain a connection to Monterey County and include contact information.

**Articles** or **Announcements** for the newsletters can be sent to the editor [garyc188@comcast.net](mailto:garyc188@comcast.net), or left at the FHC Library. All submittals must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month previous to the newsletters mailing.

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## 2015-2016 Membership Application

**Membership, E-Newsletter, Individual \$15.00 Family \$22.50 Newsletter Paper Copy add \$5.00 to membership fee.**

Membership year is April 1-Mar 31, and includes society newsletters, free queries, & mini workshops. Renewals are due Mar. 31 of each year.

- ◆ If you have any questions please call 831-375-2340 or e-mail [m.rucello@aol.com](mailto:m.rucello@aol.com)
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## MEETINGS

**Thursday September 3, 2015**

**Thursday October 1, 2015**

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### MEMBERS NEEDED TO HELP THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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