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Membership News

Welcome to Our New Members

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Total membership as of January 15, 2008: 256 individuals

Meeting News

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

The Family Tree Maker Group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Almond Avenue School, Livermore.

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A Message from Our President

Thanks to all of you who have sent kind messages and sympathy cards to our family. Our beautiful daughter-in-law, Mary Homan, died at the Denver Hospice peacefully and with dignity on December 10. A special thanks to Jane Southwick for filling in for me at the January general meeting.

I was especially interested in Shirley Riemer's presentation in November about researching German records, since I am half-German on both sides of my family. Shirley's 37 trips to Germany resulted in her writing two helpful books on German research. Her talk was very informative, and she gave out back copies of the *Blumenbaum*, the quarterly journal of the Sacramento German Genealogical Society, which she has edited for 16 years.

If you missed our December meeting, you missed a wonderful 30th anniversary party and a fascinating presentation by our own Mary Dillon. Mary talked about the huge 101 Ranch in Oklahoma in the early 1900s. It belonged in part to her great grandfather's sister and brother-in-law. The diversity of the spread's interests included oil wells and a film production company. Several 101 Ranch cowhands went on to fame as movie stars—notably, Tom Mix and Roy Rogers. L-AGS has bought a copy of a book recommended by Mary, *The Real Wild West: the 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West*, by Michael Wallis. It is available for check-out at the Pleasanton Library.

Unfortunately, I missed the January presentation by Susan Johnston. I hope that she inspired you all to sit down and write your family history NOW. Although I have published two books, I have not yet organized my family's story. Did I hear you say, "What a unique way to avoid writing her own history!" Hmmm....

Thanks also to the many members who worked hard to make the anniversary party a success. I look forward to seeing some of you on the field trip to the San Francisco Library in March.

Anne Marshall Homan

New in Our Library: *Publishing on Your PC*

By Judy Person

We're buying very few books, since we have most of the best on the subject, so let's discuss a gift that has come our way. It is a gift from Enoch Haga, a member who has moved to Folsom. It will take a while to get it onto the library shelf, so make a note to seek it out.

***Write and Publish Your Family History on Your PC*, by (our own) Enoch Haga.**

Enoch has written a very valuable handbook, using his own experiences and his family story, as well as his many years as a local teacher. It is a complete example of how to do it, illustrating how to do it as he does it. There's nothing else like it, as far as I know, and I wish every library and person who's pondering the task, could have this book. It is a complete revision of his first book, *How to Prepare*

Your Genealogy for Publication on Your Home Computer. He's done copyright, Library of Congress submission, has an ISBN (International Standard Book Number), plus all the how-to I can imagine. It's full of photos, plus how-to on using them. We're lucky to have this, and all folks thinking about getting into publishing should look at it and take heart.

Enoch can be contacted at

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We extend our sympathies to Beverly Schell Ales, former president of L-AGS, on the death of her husband, Joseph Ales, on December 3, 2007.

L-AGS Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration

Lois Barber, L-AGS Historian

Recognition at our December 2007 general meeting of the 30 years that L-AGS has been in existence was a celebration success. Shirley Siems Terry thoughtfully sent an e-mail expressing how pleased she was to have served as the first President and for several other terms as President in the early days. She was unable to join in the celebration as she was helping her Mother celebrate her 90th birthday.

We were honored to have two of the Charter Members in attendance: Muriel Camozzi and Olivette Chinn.



Anniversary and some Proclamations from the City of Livermore and the Heritage Guild. Kay Speaks put together the slide show presentation, which showed many of the activities in which L-AGS has taken part.

Our thanks to Dana and Joe Baca for obtaining the beautiful and tasty cake for the refreshment table.

There have been many accomplishments over the years. Let us keep up the good work. On to our 35th anniversary!

Two charter members were in attendance at our celebration. Left: Olivette Chinn is honored by Mary Dillon, left, and President Anne Homan. Below: Charter Member Muriel Camozzi is photographed with Clarence Parkison, long-time member and former business manager.

Regrets from our first president:

It was appropriate that one of our members, Mary Dillon, was the program speaker. Her topic was *101 Ranch Genealogy*. Olivette brought a photo, which has been in her family for some time, of her husband and in-laws who lived on the Cherokee Outlet (6½ million acres of grassland, sixty miles wide and 180 miles long, on the southern border of Kansas) near where the 101 Ranch was established.

Storyboards and a computer slide show helped us to remember the early days. The first board had charter member and early brochure information. It was called *In The Beginning*. The second one was *Some Good Times*, with photos of the picnics. The third was called *L-AGS Activities*, with pictures showing the 1984 Festival of the Arts, Pleasanton Heritage Days, Livermore Fitness Day and Family History Month Displays. The last one was *Miscellaneous* with photos of the 25th



I really hate to miss the 30th anniversary celebration, but we will be in Oregon at that time... . I've always taken pride in being elected the first President of the group. Give my best to all the group... .

*Shirley Siems Terry
Camino, California*



G. R. O. W.

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

Compiled by Frank Geasa

Could you use some help with reading an old European script? This site provided by the Immigrant Ancestors Project at BYU has online tutorials for reading old Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish scripts.

<http://script.byu.edu/>

This North Dakota State University site has an index of the 1855 territorial census with over 150,000 names from the northern half of the territory.

<http://tinyurl.com/2gmqq7>

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History has a site of birth, marriage and death indexes with digital images available. The site is a work in progress. Each index is accompanied by a helpful listing of what is currently available for each county.

http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx

This site has indexes to civil records for the villages of Asswiller, Butten, Mackwiller, Niederstinzeln, Waldhambach in the Bas-Rhin Department of France for the period about 1793-1872. The years until 1806 include the dates according to both the French Republican and Gregorian calendars.

<http://dave-francis.com/genealogy/CivilRecords/>

The Library of Congress has started a 20-year project to digitize newspapers from across the country. Some for the years 1900-1910 are currently available including several from California.

<http://tinyurl.com/28jrfm>

This South Dakota State Archives site has an index of names appearing in newspapers in that state, many of them in birth, marriage and death notices. There is also a naturalization index.

<http://www.sdhhistory.org/arc/arcgen.htm>

This site has over 500,000 Texas land grants indexed, including some issued by the Spanish and Mexican governments. Some have PDF views.

<http://tinyurl.com/yqufl6>

This site contains an index and transcribed entries of birth, marriage and death notices of people associated with the London-based Honorable East India Trading Company. Most appear to be mid 1800s.

<http://www.honeastindiaco.com/>

The Virtual Vault site of the Georgia State Archives has indexes and, in many cases, digital images of various documents. Included are colonial wills, Confederate Army discharges and pension applications and death certificates (1919-1927).

<http://content.sos.state.ga.us/index.php>

If your roots are Swedish via Illinois, you will want to visit this site with lots of information on Swedish settlements and immigrants in that state.

<http://illinoisancestors.org/swedes/index.htm>

The parent site to the one above is a growing site structured by county and containing volunteer contributed data.

<http://illinoisancestors.org/>

If your ancestry research finds you looking in Washington State, the following state archives site has many digital search lists including vital, land, naturalization and even some early prison records.

<http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx>

This State Library of Western Australia site has PDF copies of post office directories (period 1893-1949) listing residents as well as business and government entities in various locations.

<http://tinyurl.com/28x3vr>

The Research Center of the Utah State Divisions of Archives and History has some online indexes of births (pre-1905), deaths, and various other databases. In some cases, digitized images are also available. Courtesy of Bill Dumont.

<http://tinyurl.com/2rdtfq>

The Steuben County, NY 1892 state census for that county is indexed online at this site.

<http://tinyurl.com/27vmbq>

The National Archives of Ireland has started a project to index and digitize images of the 1911 and 1901 census. The Dublin 1911 census is the first.

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

To trace lineage, to love and record the names and actions of those without whom we never could have been. . . all this is implied in ancestry and the love of it... Westminster Review, July 1823

(Thanks to Eileen Redman)

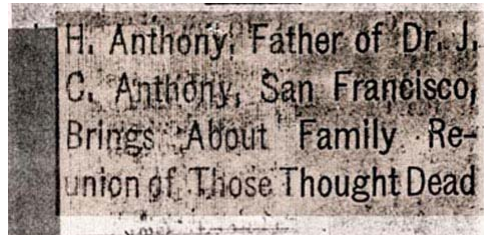
Given up for Dead—But They Are Alive!

By Jan Watling

While doing research for a supplemental patriot for DAR, I discovered some very interesting information about my family. The patriot Shevah Houghton, had a son, Jotham, whose daughter married James Hoxie Anthony. This article is about my ancestor, James, and his two brothers.

Of the three brothers, Simeon Anthony was the firstborn, while Frank and James were born later to a different mother. I first learned of the remarkable reunion of the three from a yellowed newspaper clipping passed down in the family to me. It is reproduced on this page. Evidence shows that the clipping is from a December 5, 1904 San Francisco newspaper.

As the clipping relates, the younger brothers thought that Simeon had died at the Mountain Meadow massacre in 1857, and he thought they had been killed in the Civil War. In 1904, all three had not been together for 60 years, and all thought the reunion could happen only in the Hereafter.



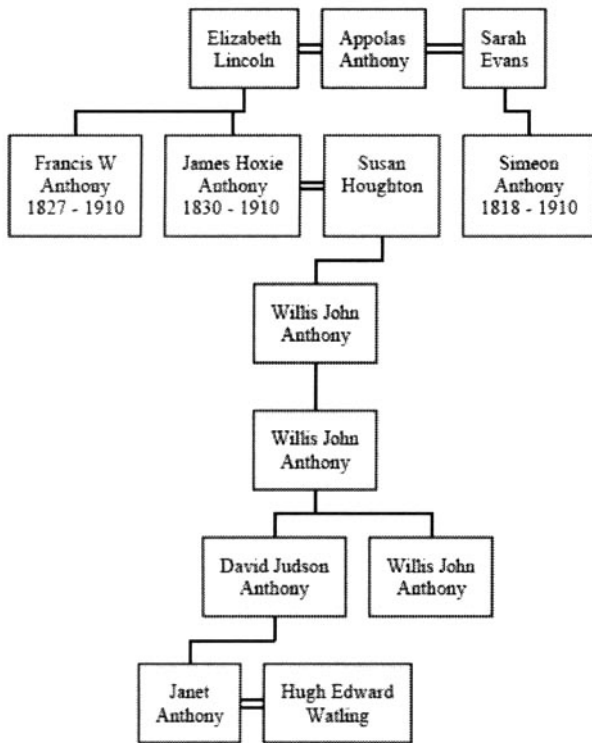
San Francisco, Dec. 5.—James H. Anthony, aged seventy-three, and Simeon Anthony, aged eighty-six, perhaps are about the happiest men in California. They are brothers, and until about three days ago had not seen each other for sixty years.

James H. Anthony is a retired and pensioned minor official of the Chicago & Northwestern Road. His home is at Esanaba, Mich. Simeon Anthony is a mechanic at Chinese Camp, this state. They met at the latter place a few days ago and shed tears of joy at meeting once again and reciting their experiences since their boyhood days in Massachusetts. They have a brother, F. W. Anthony, aged seventy-six, of Hancock, Mich., and arrangements are being made for him to meet his brother, Simeon, after a lapse of sixty years.

Dr. J. C. Anthony of 1832 Polk street is the son of F. W. Anthony, and it is at his home J. H. Anthony is now visiting. Dr. Anthony did not know of his uncle at Chinese Camp until his father located him there.

The two Eastern brothers have for years believed Simeon Anthony had been killed in the famous Mountain Meadow massacre in Utah. He, in turn, had supposed they were killed during the civil war. A couple of months ago, while on a vacation trip in Wyoming, J. H. Anthony met some California sheep herders. One of them spoke of knowing an old man named Anthony and his grown-up children in this state. The Eastern brother asked many questions about the California Anthony, and finally became convinced that he was on the track of his long-lost brother. As soon as he could make arrangements J. H. Anthony came to this state a few days ago, and saw with his own eyes his eldest brother, who had long been lost to him and the rest of the family, with its many descendants.

Descendants of Appolas Anthony



The three “resurrected” Anthony brothers in 1907: Simeon (center) and his half-brothers, Frank (left) and James.

You May Get Pearls—OR—The Wrong End of the Pig

Kathy Chase

Sometimes you get pearls and other times you think you've been hit with the wrong end of a pig. That's the way with genealogy. Let me tell you my tale.

First of all, I've learned not to take too much of what anyone says they know about Family Genealogy too seriously until I've looked at records for my own self – after all, according to me, I'm the only "True Expert" on my family history because I've looked at the censuses!

My family is a bunch of liars when it comes to this stuff, so I figured people on the Internet are just as bad because they think no one will check up on them – just like my family. I found this out early in my research when I thought that's all I had to do to fill in the blanks . . . ask a question on the Internet message boards and everyone would flock to help me out with accurate, documented, easily verifiable information. Well, you can surely guess I was wrong and learned some valuable lessons quickly. Hence, I've been reluctant to use message boards because I figured they were all as unreliable as my "expert" family members had been. Then I got brave (or desperate, if you want to know the truth) enough to "take a peek again" when I looked into my Timberlake clan.

I had hit brick wall after brick wall trying to find the correct Timberlake family in Kentucky. I thought with a woman's name like "Tully" it was going to be easy, BUT, as we all know, if you think it's going to be easy, think again. Tully was born in either Garrard or Madison Counties and there were Timberlakes in each county. To top it off, many Kentucky records of those early years have been lost through fire, so the record just might not be there.

I hoped there might be a family record somewhere with a person willing to share it on the Internet. Fortunately, there was such a fellow, a man named Jethro (not his real name). He has been doing genealogy research for years and through one of his

family's peripheral lines, he came across the Timberlakes so he was able to give me a lot of information I hadn't had before. I thought I'd finally struck gold.

Not only did Jethro know the name, but he also knew Tully's grandfather's name was John Timberlake and he was a Revolutionary War Veteran. Her mother's name was Jane Timberlake and her father's name was James Patton - "but all that is in my book. If you'd like to buy a copy, I think I have a few left." Well, I was hooked so I sent him a check and he sent me the book.

As it turns out, Jane was a woman far ahead of her time. It seems she and James had gotten a little too friendly on what probably was a cold, winter night,

I thought it would be a hoot to get a Supplemental DAR ancestry through legitimate descent from an illegitimate grandchild of a Revolutionary War Soldier. I mean, how often does a wronged woman of 1805 have the chutzpah to sue the bloke who done her wrong and have it proved in court for descendants to see?

and Tully was the result. James was sued in bastardy court over it, and Tully, of course, was the subject of that court case. After an appeal, James was ordered to pay up. I was also told that Tully was the first of five illegitimate children Jane had prior to her marriage to William Simpson in 1820.

William turned out to be the executor of John Timberlake's meager estate and wound up suing his own wife and her siblings over some equally meager expenses he'd incurred on behalf of the estate.

This was an interesting and obviously contentious family to say the least. Certainly they were worthy of more research.

Of course, all this prompted other questions that were not answered. Jethro credited the source of the information to Sarah (not her real name), the great-granddaughter of Tully's younger illegitimate sister. But being a fine fellow, Jethro gave me Sarah's mailing address in Missouri, and her e-mail address, and told me she was a real nice lady who'd really helped him out and was sure she'd be glad to tell me more. "Use my name," said he. Well, I did, and, boy, was THAT a mistake! She was miffed over the book and refused a free copy or even to read it because she thought he hadn't given her proper credit

for the contribution she'd made. (He did, but she didn't know it because she didn't read the book.)

Sarah told me she hadn't looked at any of that genealogy stuff in years, it was all down in the basement on scraps of paper, unorganized in old boxes, and since she was 82 years old, she didn't go down there much and wasn't too inclined to do so now. I thought I'd help persuade her by sending her a copy of Tully's line of descendants to show her how hard I'd worked on all this stuff and how much I'd really appreciate her help.

Well, Sarah e-mailed me back that she didn't cotton much to doing all those peripheral lines and she didn't find me until the fifth page – wa-a-a-y down the line – so she wasn't much impressed. Needless to say, my boat came to a stop with no wind in my sails after that barrage. But then she wrote me back, "You've got me thinking about those Timberlakes again . . . give me some time and I'll get down there and find that information for you. Don't give up on me." As yet, I haven't heard a word. Am I going to contact her again? Oh probably, when I've exhausted all other avenues – you know how genealogists are.

In the meantime, Plan B came forth. Contact the Kentucky Historical Society. THOSE folks are serious about their early history and I think every li-

brarian in their archives is a professional genealogist. So after one phone call and one letter with a good-sized check in it (for membership and research hours), all I had to do was wait. A couple weeks later, I had in my hand not only the bastardy case papers, but also the will and estate papers of John Timberlake. There was only one problem – Tully's name didn't appear on the papers anywhere. In the bastardy case, she was mentioned only as the "bastard female child." So I'm back to depending on Sarah, the lady in Missouri, for proof of Tully's relationship to Jane Timberlake – unless the Kentucky folks can mysteriously come up with something else.

So there you have it. I thought it would be a hoot to get a Supplemental DAR ancestry through legitimate descent from an illegitimate grandchild of a Revolutionary War Soldier. I mean, how often does a wronged woman of 1805 have the chutzpah to sue the bloke who done her wrong and have it proved in court for descendants to see? There it was, with all the facts in black and white, but no name. I have the information, but not verifiable proof unless the Lady in Missouri goes to the basement.

I guess it's not going to be as easy as I originally thought it would be, message boards or not – I'm back to square one. Wish me luck.

Upcoming Seminar and Conferences

Santa Rosa County Genealogical Society

Rhonda McClure, nationally known genealogical lecturer specializing in computerized genealogy, will be the featured speaker in Santa Rosa on April 26, 2008. Topics include

- Getting the Most from Online Research
- Newspapers: Finding the Buried Treasure
- Old and New: Combining the Best of the Internet and Traditional Research
- If I Knew Then What I Know Now

Pre-registration is highly recommended at \$20 for members of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, \$25 for non-members. Admission at the door will be \$30.

Details can be found at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/mcclure.htm>

NGS and FGS Conferences

Now is the time to register for the NGS (National Genealogical Society) and FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) national conferences, held 14-17 May in Kansas City, Missouri, and 3-6 September in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, respectively.

For more information, visit the society websites:

<http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2008/>
<http://www.fgsconference.org/index.php>

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NGS Salt Lake City Trip

One week research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in November 2008 will be led by Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG, and Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG, FNGS. Space is limited to 30 persons. For more information, see:

www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutripsaltlakefall.cfm

From the Old South to the Wild West

The 101 Ranch of Oklahoma and My Carson Family

By Mary Dillon

[Editor's note: *This is the first of a two-part series about the most famous ranch in the American West in the early 1900s. L-AGS member Mary Dillon's family history is entwined with that of the owners of this ranch. Part 2 will appear in the May 2008 Roots Tracer.*]

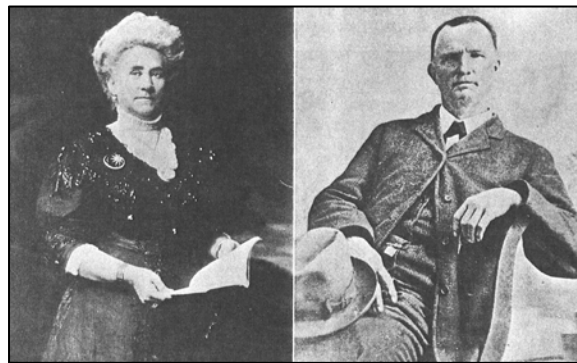
My Dad was a quiet man and not prone to storytelling, but occasionally, especially as he got older, he'd talk about his childhood in northern Oklahoma. Dad, Joe Carson, was a banker in Beverly Hills all the time I was growing up, but he had been born in 1904 in Oklahoma Territory in the town of Blackwell in Kay County. When we'd visit his Aunt Myra in Blackwell in the 1950s and 60s, the talk would often turn to the 101 Ranch, which had been located just outside nearby Ponca City, Oklahoma. I always wished I'd been alive to see the cowboys and cowgirls perform with the wild west show and all the exciting stuff they'd talk about, like buffalo wallows and Indians. But I was a modern girl growing up in the wilds of Los Angeles and would never experience such things....

Until I started doing genealogy. I knew the owners of the 101 Ranch were related to us somehow, but it was never explained. As it turned out, the Miller brothers who owned the 101 were my grandfather George Carson's first cousins. (My Dad always said we were from the boring, honest side of the family!)

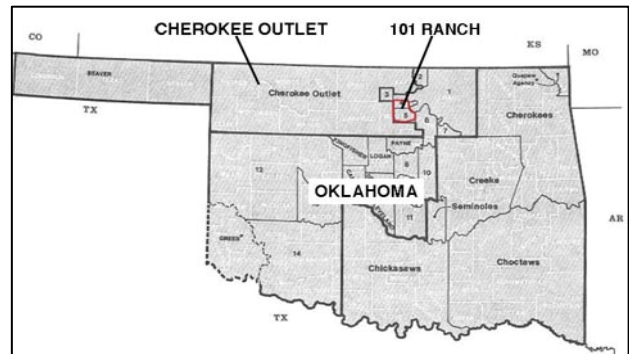
But let me start out with the very confusing genealogy of how the family got from Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Kentucky, to Oklahoma. In 1839 my great-great-grandfather

John Evans Carson married Marena Fish and they proceeded to have 8 children, including my great-grandfather, Joseph Joplin (JJ) Carson, born in 1842, and his beloved little sister, Mary Ann (Molly) Carson, born in 1848.

Soon after the birth of her eighth child, Marena died. Judge Carson was left to raise eight children alone.



Founders of the 101 Ranch. Left: My great-great-aunt, Mary Ann (Molly) Carson, and her husband, George (GW) Miller. About 1900.



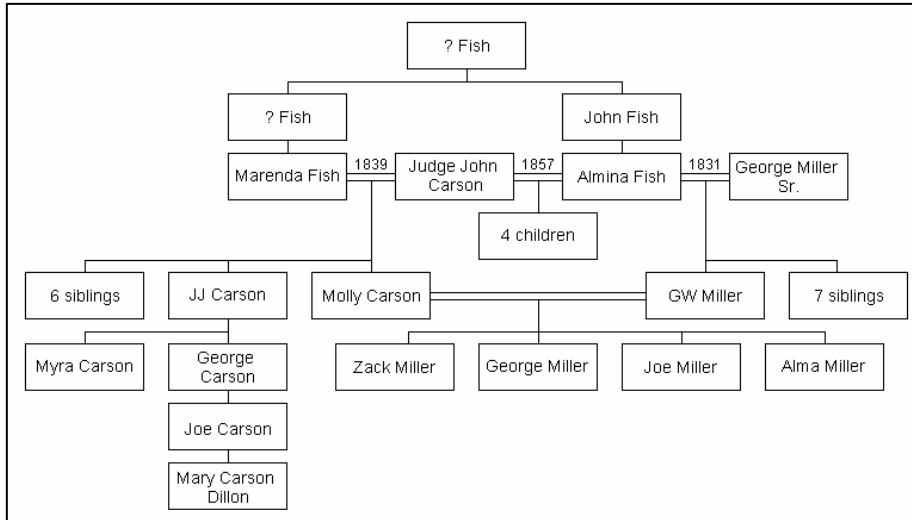
At about the same time, in 1831, Marena's first cousin, Almina Fish, married George Miller, a wealthy plantation owner (tobacco plantations were common in this part of Kentucky), and they too had eight children, including George Washington (GW) Miller, born in 1842. But George Sr. was a "philanderer" and soon lost his fortune on gambling, drinking and women. About 1849, Almina took her children and went home to the plantation of her father, John Fish. In 1857, she married Judge John Evans Carson; they combined their families and had another four children together.

Now GW Miller loved helping Grandfather John Fish on his plantation. He learned to handle slaves and everything there was about growing and selling tobacco. He loved the fine horses and comfortable life of a plantation. Then the Civil War broke out.

It appears that GW Miller fought for the Confederacy while his stepbrothers fought for the Union. JJ was a Captain in the Kentucky Union Volunteers and fought through most of the war. At the end of

the war, life had changed dramatically in Kentucky. The plantation economy, as GW had known it, was no longer practical without slave labor.

In 1866, GW married his stepsister, Molly Carson. Their son, Joseph Carson Miller, was born in March of 1868, but then, in the same month, both Almina Miller Carson and



Grandfather John Fish died. After this blow, GW decided to sell what was left of the plantation, take his family and move to California.

The Miller family left Kentucky in January of 1870 and, by fall, had arrived in Newtonia, Missouri, where they decided to stay for a while. GW bought a store and started buying the plentiful hogs in the area. He cured hams and made sausage and the next spring, took a load of hams and sausage down to Texas and sold it at a large profit. He used some of the money to buy cattle to bring back to Missouri and sell there – also at a profit. This continued and grew in scale over the next 10 years until GW was no longer dealing in pork—just going to Texas and driving cattle to the railheads in Kansas. By 1880, the family, now including daughter Alma, born in 1875, and son Zachary Taylor, born in 1877, moved to Baxter Springs, Kansas, the nearest railhead for shipping cattle. In 1881, the Miller family welcomed its last child, a son, George Lee Miller.

By 1883, GW was using the 101 brand on his cattle. Also during this time, GW and a partner went into ranching on 60,000 acres of leased Indian land in the Cherokee Outlet in northeastern Oklahoma. The Cherokee Outlet was 6½ million acres of grassland sixty miles wide and 180 miles long on the southern border of Kansas. The Outlet was established. The early 101 Ranch was very

lished to allow all the Indian tribes of Oklahoma a passage to their hunting grounds in the Rocky Mountains. The Cherokee Strip was an extension of the Outlet inside the Kansas state line (caused by an error in surveying the Kansas border). The Strip was 2½ miles wide and 276 miles long, and was eventually purchased from the Cherokees by the state of Kansas.

In 1885, the Miller family moved to Winfield, Kansas, and my great-grandfather, JJ Carson, brought his wife and family (two sons and two daughters) from Kentucky to Winfield. GW spent most of his time in the Outlet running and enlarging his ranch, with his son, Joe, working alongside him. The Oklahoma land run of 1893 was the biggest of the Oklahoma runs and the Outlet lands were opened to homestead. GW and his sons, Joe, Zack and George, homesteaded as much land as they could and combined it with the lands they leased from the Osage, Ponca, Otoe and Pawnee Indians. Eventually the ranch would total 110,000 acres. The 101 Ranch was born. At this same time, JJ Carson, homesteaded a section of land in Blackwell, Oklahoma, about 15 miles as the crow flies from the ranch.



The three Miller brothers, Zack, George and Joe, sons of Molly and GW Miller, about 1920. With their mother, the brothers brought the 101 Ranch to the height of its fortunes.

primitive. Headquarters was a dugout on the banks of the Salt Fork River. George and his sons would stay at the ranch for long periods while Molly and Alma would live in the fine house GW built them in Winfield. GW was having a "real" home built at the ranch headquarters when he died of pneumonia in the old dugout in April 1903. The family buried him in the old Fish Cemetery on the plantation in Kentucky. By Christmas 1903, the new house was finished and the family celebrated Christmas there.

This house burned in 1908 and a new "White House" with all the modern conveniences was built in 1909.

[Part 2 of this article will describe the rapid expansion of the ranch from simple cattle ranching to diversified farming, oil drilling and refining, national and international staging of Wild West shows, and movie making, and the gradual decline of the ranch and its businesses to nothing.]

Honoring Three of Our Members

By Jane Southwick

Our Society has a board that takes care of the business of our organization. However, there are many members working behind the scenes.

At our December 2007 meeting, which happened to be the 30th Anniversary of our Society, we were privileged to honor three of these members.

Doug Mumma

Doug Mumma is our Webmaster. He created our Web site, maintains it, updates it, redesigns it to keep it modernized, and polices it to make sure that the other people who work with the site, Vicki Renz, Larry Renslow, and George Anderson, follow his guidelines.

Larry Renslow

Larry Renslow is our Postmaster. He created our e-mail system and operates it by himself. The equipment is his, and the software he either wrote or purchased with his own money. He monitors the incoming mail for spam, both with software he wrote and by visual inspection, catching 99+% of it. He supervises Sue Silva, our list manager. He wrote the special software we use for the Fair registration, and used for our Seminar last spring. He is the liaison with our ISP, The Diamond Lane, and troubleshoots any problems with them. He used to pay for our domain name (an annual or biennial fee), but I think we finally talked him into letting L-AGS pay. He is one of the most indispensable members of L-AGS, but the most modest.

George Anderson

George Anderson is our Go-To-Guy. He joined L-AGS in 1984, seven years after this organization began. He has held many auxiliary positions to the board. He has been someone who can be called

upon when there is a question to be answered, or help is needed for a project. George has produced many of our publications. Some of our other publications were done by committee, and he was part of the committee. On our Web site, you will see a title "Genealogy for Students." In 1999, George and the late Jon Bryan were asked by the school district to give a talk to middle school students about genealogy. They went into the schools and gave the talk. They then developed pages from that talk for our web site to encourage others to begin researching their family history.

George started our Pleasanton Library Docent program. He spent many Wednesdays there helping people get started with genealogy. In addition, he has worked with our extra study groups: i.e., the Study Group, the Computer Group (when it was active) and The Family Tree Maker Group.

For a long time George has been involved with our newsletter, The Roots Tracer. He feels that the Tracer can be an instructive and informative resource for people who are working with genealogy, so the Tracer is very important to him.

Without George, our organization would not fall apart, but it might come close.

Dues Are Due!

Don't forget: dues were due and payable on January 1, 2008. If you have not renewed yet, we request that you do so as soon as possible. A renewal form and instructions for mailing can be found at:

<http://www.l-ags.org/broch.html> - join

Patrick Lofft, Membership Chair

One Great Source Leading to One Very Unusual Source

By Frank Geasa

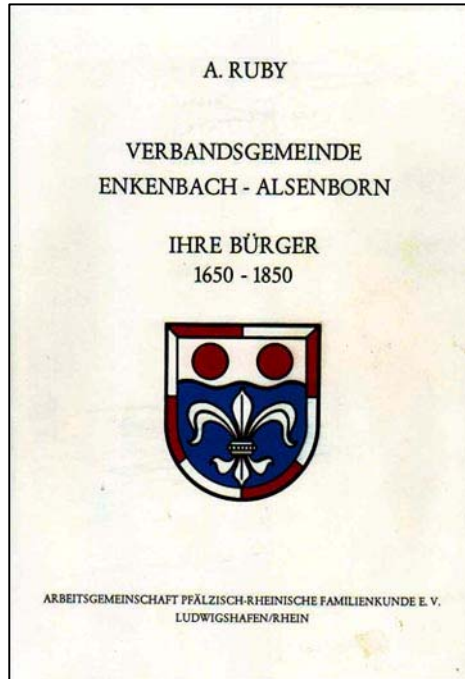
A few years ago, I managed to find and purchase a great book outlining the genealogy of the people inhabiting my great grandmother's village in what is now the Rheinland Pfalz area of Germany. The title of the book by Arnold Ruby, loosely translated from German, is *The Community of Enkenbach-Alsenborn, Her Citizens 1650 – 1850*. In the book, Mr. Ruby lists all individuals with the same birth surname together and lists these surname groupings alphabetically. He then goes from A through Z and numbers the individuals sequentially from 1 to 7217. For each individual he then gives whatever vital data he has found on the individual – name, occupation, marriage, death, children, etc. He ties the individuals together by referencing their number and gives general sources. A typical simple entry might be like that of my great-great-grandfather and his first family.

6703.

WEBER Friedrich (aus Nr. 6680) Ack. In Enk., * Enk 8.11.1789, 00 I. Als. 20.6.1814 (ref. KB 5) Magdalena Printz (aus Nr. 4748) * 1792, + Enk. 26.6.1822; Kinder: Elisabetha, * 19.3.1815 – Wilhelm, * 26.5.1816 – Louisa, * 19.11.1818 – Magdalena, * 12.10.1820 (St.A.Enk.).

Translation :

- 1) Friedrich Weber is numbered 6703.
- 2) His father is numbered 6680. If we were to look at number 6680, we would find his father was Theobald Weber with a similar but, as it happens, much longer entry.
- 3) Friedrich is an Ackersmann (field worker) in Enkenbach
- 4) He was born in Enkenbach 8 November 1789.
- 5) He was married the first time in Alsenborn 20 June 1814 (Reformed Church Church-book 5)
- 6) His wife was Magdalena Printz



Magdalena, born 12 October 1820 (City Archives, Enkenbach.

Magdalena died on 26 June 1822 and on 25 February 1823 Friedrich married my great-great-grandmother Anna Maria Sommer. Born in 1800, she was also widowed and had one son. They apparently raised their combined family until 1839 when my great-grandmother Katherina, named after her maternal grandmother, Katherina Migeot, was born. A second daughter, Anna Marie, was born in 1841.

Using his numbering system, a standard set of genealogy symbols and abbreviations, Mr. Ruby manages to get a lot of information in a couple of lines. Fortunately, the Mormon Family History Library has film of most of the church and city records for Enkenbach-Alsenborn and nearby communities.

Mr. Ruby's book proved to be a gold mine of facts to verify and clues to follow. As is usually the case however, when you find new information you can almost count on new questions, some of which lead you who knows where. Mr. Ruby's entry for my sixth great-grandfather, Jörg Clemens, included a reference to where he was from originally – aus Niedergall, Grafschaft Hanau, OA Steinheim a.d. Straß. Grafschaft Hanau translates roughly to County Hanau. I found Hanau easily enough about

- 7) Magdalena's father is number 4748. If we were to look at number 4748, we would find her father was Abraham Printz with a similar entry, which includes Magdalena with a note she married number 6703.
- 8) Magdalena was born 1792.
- 9) Magdalena died in Enkenbach 26 June 1822.
- 10) Their children and their birth dates were Elisabetha born 19 March 1815, Wilhelm born 26 May 1816, Louisa born 19 November 1818 and

22 kilometers/14 miles east of Frankfort am Main (on the Main River). I interpreted the Steinheim to be nearby and the a.d. Straß to mean “an der Straße” or “on the Street.” Sure enough, I found a Steinheim (one of a number in Germany) across the Main River from the city of Hanau. Being on the Main River, all the maps I could find referred to it as Steinheim am Main. Was I looking at the right Steinheim and if so, what was the “on the Street” reference? I tried looking at old maps, looking on the Internet and in any number of books, all the time getting more frustrated.

After more than a year of hunting, in desperation I picked up a Fodor’s Travel Book in the library and started to read about the Hanau area. Finally, there was the answer. Hanau was the birthplace of the Brothers Grimm (Jakob and Wilhelm) of fairytale fame (Cinderella, Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel, etc.). One of the suggested side trips from Hanau was to the city where the brothers grew up about 53 kilometers/33 miles northeast of Steinheim. The name of the town is Steinau an der Straße. The write-up included an explanation that it had been named that way because it was on the old trade road between Frankfort and Leipzig. Since Steinheim was along the same route, I think I finally found my answer. I’m still wondering however, why, given the choice, the preference for a reference was for

“on the street” rather than “on the Main River.”

Was the road more important to trade than the river was at that time? Always more questions.

The Enkenbach-Alsenborn book—so useful for me—is one of many such books for Germany. Large lists of locality-specific genealogy books can be found at these two sites:

www.immigrantgensoc.org/searches/igs-orts.html

www.ortsfamilienbuch.de/cgi-bin/ofb/ofambu.cgi

Arnold Ruby’s book on Enkenbach-Alsenborn is in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, but unfortunately, is not available on film. However, some of the church books from there are on FHL film. If you have located a place of interest in Germany, it would pay to do a “Place Search” in the FHL catalog at:

<http://www.familysearch.org/>

to see if an “ortsfamilienbuch” or other documents for that locality have been filmed.

If you don't know your history,
then you don't know anything. You
are a leaf that doesn't know it is
part of a tree.

Michael Crichton

My Message Board Reply—The Wait Was Worthwhile

Lois Barber

[Editor’s note: In all of the messaging quoted in this article, the spelling and grammar are very casual. They are left as originally sent.]

In November 2001 I was browsing US GenWeb and found the following query.

Looking for Help with these lines.

Posted on 17 Jul 1999 by Janet Little

Surnames: Dickson, Maxwell, Herron

Vernon County, WI from the mid 1850’s to the 1920’s was home to the John and Jane (Herron) Dicksons and their sons James Dickson (wife Nancy Maxwell), John S. Dickson, Jr. and Hiram Dickson. I am trying to figure out where in PA John Dickson, Sr. was born and his father’s name.

Am also interested in James Maxwell who lived in Springville, Vernon Co., wife was Sarah Joseph. They had seven daughters, most of which married and lived in Vernon Co. James Maxwell was also born in PA. All these families migrated from the Muskingum Co., Ohio area about the same time.

Since Vernon County, Wisconsin, is my home county, I responded:

Re: Looking for Help with these lines.

Lois 651

Posted: 9 Nov 2001 [It was then almost 2.5 years since Janet posted her query.]

Janet, send e-mail address. I may be able to help with your search.

Since that time Janet and I have shared much family information as well as the names of other researchers of these lines. For some reason a year later I posted this query. I don't know why I waited so long but I expect for that year Janet and I were too busy to look elsewhere for information.

Dickson/Dixon

Posted on: 09 Nov 2002 by Lois Parker Barber

Are there any Dickson/Dixon families in the Vernon Co. area. Especially interested in the descendants of John S., James and Hiram. Have information to share.

On 25 Oct 2007 (almost five years later) I received this e-mail message.

Hi Lois,

I read your query at the rootsweb sight and your kind offer to share information. I am very interested in information regarding the John and Jane Herron Dickson family. I would appreciate any help that are willing to give me. My connection is thru their son, Hiram and Hannah Potter Dickson who are gr gr grandparents. Hiram daughter, Edna Dickson Kern was my gr grandmother.

I live in Washington State, far from my Wisconsin roots and area of research. Thank goodness for the Internet and computers.....Here is the little I have mostly due to the charity of others.

John S. Dickson was born 1801 in Rich Hill, Muskingum, Ohio and died 1867 in Vernon Co., WI

His wife, Jane B. Herron born abt. 1798 Ireland died WI. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Ann Moore Herron also born Ireland.

If I remember correctly this family was first in Pennsylvania, then lived Ohio and finally Wisconsin.

I may be confused in this.

Anyway thank you ...thank you....for your response and help !!! I need it all... Linda"

My grandmother and Linda's great-grandmother were sisters. Now, after all this time, I have information on a collateral line and Linda has some information on our Potter line to share with others. I was able to introduce Linda to two other Dickson

researcher cousins from two other collateral lines.

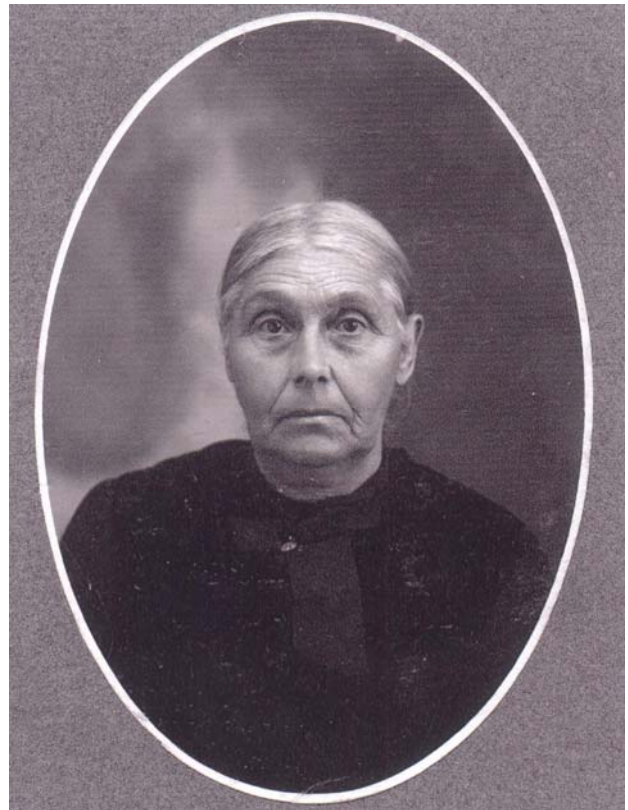
This was the first time that I had used a message board. I may try again after this success. Posting in an area where one's family was located is the most likely to bear fruit. Here was a cousin living in Washington State but checking her Wisconsin roots.

The message board I used was part of USGenWeb, the home page of which is at:

<http://www.usgenweb.org/>

There are others, including:

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/>



I shared this photo of my Great Grandmother Hannah Potter Dickson with Linda (her Great Great Grandmother).

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/>

I am a very stable person so I still had my very first ISP. Even after five years of waiting, my e-mail address was still good and Linda was able to find me. I plan to sign up for a free ISP that I can use only for message board postings. Then I don't have to worry about all the places I left my old address if I want to do an upgrade.

A Victorian Romance in Norway—Via Postcard?

By George and Harriet Anderson

Our brother-in-law—call him Hans Glesvaer to keep his real name private—is the youngest child of parents who immigrated from Norway in 1909. He inherited most of the family's heirlooms. We have been helping him digitize the documents and photos, because he has little experience in that technology. We plan to distribute the digital copies to his relatives in the US and Norway to help ensure that the family memories survive.

The collection was passed down to Hans from his parents, Karl and Olga Glesvaer. It is a rich family treasure. There are two plush-covered photo albums with 155 portraits, 230 picture postcards, two “poetry” albums with 92 pages of remembrances from Olga’s girlhood friends, and several hundred letters, snapshots, telegrams and other memorabilia.

We have scanned everything in TIFF (uncompressed) format at 300 dpi. That results in a master set of copies totaling 12 GB of data. Viewable copies are being made in JPEG (compressed) format at 96 dpi. That reduces the total of the file sizes to about 250 MB, which can easily fit on one CD. Carefully archiving the TIFF files will allow copies in any desired format to be made on request.

It is not our intent to translate any of the text or to do any genealogical analysis of the data in the collection. That is up to the Glesvaer family. Our interest is in backing up this one-of-a-kind collection as a favor to our brother-in-law, and distributing copies of it to Glesvaer relatives.

What is so typical and so sad is that almost none of the portraits are identified. We hope that relatives will cooperate in supplying names and relationships for the people they recognize.

One part of the collection especially caught our interest. It is a set of about 100 picture postcards of an unusual type. The image on this page is an example. They show photos of a young couple in romantic, Victorian poses. The cards would be rated G+ in our society – the woman is usually clothed from upper neck to ankles and wrists. A few are more daring. For instance, one shows a staged skiing spill in which a boy is helping a girl whose lower legs are exposed – gasp!

Some of these cards are correspondence between Olga and Karl before they were married. They lived

on separate offshore islands near Bergen. The islands were separated from each other and from the mainland by ship channels about a half-mile wide, so to visit each other was something of a chore—they would need to row or sail across bodies of water that were not far from the open ocean. That was in the days before bridges, outboard motors and telephones, explaining why they would use postcards to communicate. Romantic postcards between Olga and Karl are understandable, but what is puzzling is that some of the lovey-dovey cards are between relatives who—it seems—would consider the theme inappropriate.

In this Valentine month, we thought L-AGS members would find the cards an interesting insight into the culture of another country a hundred years ago. We have shown only one in this article, but have posted a few more on our Web site at

<http://home.comcast.net/~gwajr/Cards.html>



Missing Fitzgerald Found at Last!

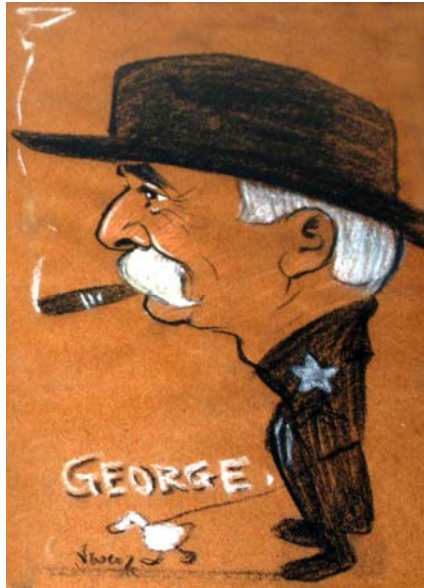
Richard W. Finn

L-AGS member and genealogy instructor at Los Positas College, Susan Johnston, has told us a number of times, “If you think a family lived in a certain area but you cannot find them in the local records, keep looking!” Perhaps their name is spelled differently; perhaps they were missed in a census, who knows what.

I just found something in my research that I had been wondering about for many years. When Wanda and I were on our honeymoon (many years ago!), we stayed at the Royal Copenhagen Motel in Solvang, California. We think the host said he was the owner of the motel and that he was from Livermore. All I can remember is that his last name was Fitzgerald. I had no idea what his first name was. I think he said his family had something to do with trucking and gas stations in Livermore. On and off over the last few years I have tried to identify who the Fitzgerald was and how he was related to early Livermore families—but without a first name I had no luck.

On a trip to Solvang a couple of months ago we stopped at the Royal Copenhagen and asked about Fitzgerald. The manager there said that a Fitzgerald never owned it (she told us that all of the managers used to say they owned the motel, but since the motel was built, it has been owned by the same family—a Danish family). She said she had never heard of a Fitzgerald in Solvang. The mystery continued and compounded.

In the meantime, Anne Homan and I have been working with Daniel Berry to help identify the men shown in the forty plus caricatures Dan has in his possession. At one time, the sketches hung in the old saloon on Livermore Avenue called Dan’s Place. One of the men shown in the drawings was identified as George Stephen Fitzgerald, county constable. Doing research on George, we found a fair amount of information about him. He was born in 1849 in New Orleans. In 1851, he came to Cali-



George Stephen Fitzgerald, long-time constable and justice of the peace in Livermore.

fornia, carried over the Isthmus of Panama in his mother’s arms. George died in St. Paul’s Hospital, Livermore, in 1930 and is buried with his wife, born Mary A. Donlon, at St. Michael’s Cemetery. Besides being a constable who was continuously re-elected for 30 years, George was also the justice of the peace. In total George held public office for a total of 52 years.

George and Mary had many children. A son, Francis (Frank) Folsom Fitzgerald, was born in Livermore in 1885. Knowing the first name, I was able to identify a Frank Fitzgerald as the person I was interested in. He lived in Santa Ynez and died in nearby Solvang in 1971. Unlike his father, Frank held a number of jobs,

such as farm work contractor, saloonkeeper and truck driver. Frank was part of the Livermore unit of the California National Guard that served in San Francisco after the Great Earthquake of 1906. To make things a bit more interesting, we found that Frank’s wife was Ida Pearl Nevin, who was the daughter of Marton/Martin Nevin and Margaret Donahoe/Donahue. Other descendants of this marriage include many with well-known valley names, including Gallagher, Devaney, McCormick, Foscaltina and O’Neil.

At last, we found the Fitzgerald I have been wondering about all these years! As Susan has been telling us, keep looking. Someday you will get the clue you need to solve your mystery.

Dan, Anne and I hope to do a write up about the men who are shown in the Dan’s Place drawings. We plan to include a history of Dan’s Place and photographs of the drawings of the men of interest. These men include many early businessmen, farmers and other community leaders: Murphy, Lefever, Knox, Gorner, Berlin, Callaghan, Hansen, Beck, Seeband, Mulqueeney, Young, McLeod, Mally, Inman, Smith and others. They made Livermore what it is today.

eBay Can Bring Your Family Home

By Susan Guhm

[Editor's note: Susan Guhm is an author who lives in Fresno. She is the creator of a tasteful Web site (URL cited below) displaying historic photos of Sussex, England, the work of her great grandfather, Edwin Isaac Baker, a famous photographer. As this article shows, she has a soft heart for photographs of children.]

The picture I held in front of me was of a tiny mining town of 100 years ago. I moved from one location to another, until finally I found the exact spot where the photographer had stood for this photograph. Most of the buildings were gone, the shrubs and trees were taller—and, in fact, I had to stand in the midst of one gigantic shrub to get the scene just right.

I had just matched up a photo with the old photographer's viewpoint. I had also just been bitten by a bug—the history bug.

From that point, some 30-odd years ago, I have been doing bits of history and genealogy research to find out who lived there, what they did, where they came from, where they were buried, and—most difficult of all—what they looked like.

The spot is just outside Yosemite's eastern boundary. I have searched in the Yosemite Library and Museum and been told “Oh you should be looking in the State Library in Sacramento.” I've been in the State Library in Sacramento (where I found photos of one of ‘my’ miners) - and been told, “Oh you should be in the Mining Museum in Mariposa.” I check everywhere and politely thank people when they think I'm in the wrong place and should be somewhere else - and I hunt their archives anyway.

And the simple reason is you never know where a photo, a mining claim deed, a diary, an old letter, the recorded memories of an early Californian, documents, newspaper articles, et cetera, could have landed after being carried by a family for a few years or for generations. The family that lived in Bennettville could now have living descendants in Miami. Or the documents and writings of a wandering mining engineer may be in a museum in Utah, a library in Colorado, a government archive in Idaho, or at the Beineke Library at Yale University. They also could be very close to home, having been found in an old ghost town and carried away,

to be stored in a hot, dusty attic.

There is absolutely nowhere that I will not search for ‘my’ miners. Another source is eBay. Within my account at eBay, I have set up search agents in ‘My Favorite Searches’ that will send me an email when they have a ‘hit.’ That is how I found little Maggie Wallace Budworth.

My search term was ‘kemp.’ John Charles Kemp was a traveling photographer who had visited the



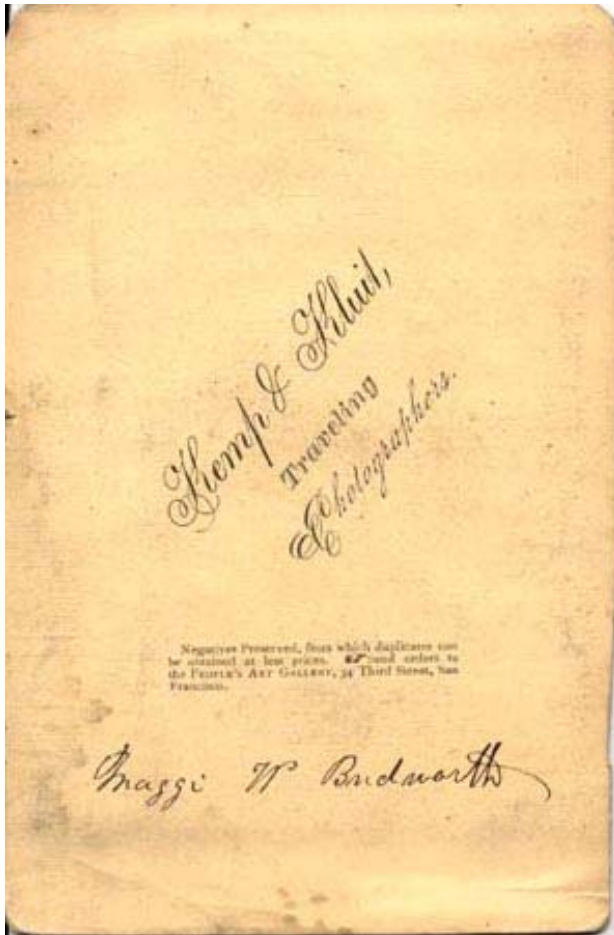
The photo of Maggie Budworth that aroused my mothering instinct and led me to Livermore.

area in the 1880s. From my search, I received lots of hits on Kemp of the Dole/Kemp 1996 presidential campaign, the Kemp Hotel in Wichita Falls, and even trinket boxes that had Kemp somewhere in their description. But finally after about a year, I got a hit on a set of old photographs.

Of the 13 offered for auction by a lady in Massachusetts, there was one photo taken by “Kemp and Kluit.” I knew Mr. Kemp had worked with a Mr. Kluit for a while, and here it was. I bid for and won the photographs for less than \$10.00. I received them in less than a week and there, on the back of the photo, was the studio stamp of “Kemp and Kluit, Traveling Photographers” based in San Francisco. “Kemp” was John Charles Kemp, who also went by Kemp van Ee (the family’s original Dutch name).

One of them had taken a photo of a little girl posing (if uncomfortably) on a chair. On the back was written the name “Maggie W. Budworth”—a rare notation.

All I wanted from the photo was the information on Mr. Kemp and a photograph of his stamp. After that I did not need it. The other 12 photos had no names,



Back of the photo, with the name of the photographer, which was what I was interested in, but also with the name of the little girl.

just the photographer’s name and I was not researching them. So I set them aside in a stack and sat Maggie’s picture on my desk. I determined that I would find her rightful home. I am the mothering type. No child should be without a loving home and I had taken a liking to this little girl. I wanted this little girl—okay, a photograph, a piece of history—to go to an archive where relatives could find her.

The negative of this photo had probably burned up in the fire of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, which destroyed thousands of documents, photographs, antiques, and the diary of an old man who lived in Tuolumne Meadows not far from ‘my’ mining town. But somewhere in the U.S. this photograph survived.

I have a special reverence for old photos. My Great Grandfather Edwin Isaac Baker was a photographer from the 1860s into the 1890s in Hailsham, Sussex, England. I inherited a few of his albums. They are a treasure trove of unique personalities who died long ago. I am sharing these photos in the hopes that other descendants will also find a familiar face among them. The Web site is:

<http://www.sussex-uk-ancestors.com>.

There was no date on the photo, but there was the uncommon notation of the subject’s name. I ‘Googled’ her name—nothing. Then I did a search on RootsWeb and, with rare luck, there was her family tree with her birth date in Wisconsin and her death date in California. She had only lived to be 24 years old. I contacted the person who supplied the family data, but he did not want the photo since Maggie was on a distant branch of his tree.

The next logical place was Livermore in Alameda County where she had died. A quick Internet search found the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, an email was sent, and Maggie had a new home with kin nearby.

Instead of becoming lost in one of my many boxes of documents, her photo will be there with the Society where a relative may find her and say, “Look at that round face and the set of her mouth. I’ll bet she was a feisty one. She looks just like my mother!”

What about the other photos I also purchased? I will research the little information on them and look for homes for them as well. I feel a responsibility to save the little bits of history that come my way.

And as far as the history of that mining town is concerned, life diverted me away from it for a

while, but it draws me back and someday I will complete my half-written manuscript. And, someday, someone will travel through Yosemite, buy a book about a nearby ghost town, read it and say, "Oh my God. So THAT's where my Great Uncle was in 1884!"

In our Tri-Valley Heritage Families database we have Maggie as Margaret Budworth, born 20 February 1867 in Wisconsin and died 16 January 1892 in California, most likely in Livermore. Her father was William Budworth/Budwith/Budwoth, born Au-

gust 1837 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. He had been a miner in Amador County before moving to Livermore. Maggie's mother was Margaret Walker, born 19 August 1848 in New York. The mother married William in 1864 in Centerville, Pennsylvania, and died 11 May 1895 in Livermore. The mother is buried at Roselawn Cemetery, Livermore. At this time we do not know where Maggie is buried. We do not yet know of any living relatives, other than the one mentioned by Ms. Guhm, but are working on finding some.

*Richard Finn
L-AGS member and local historian.*

Use Google Earth as a Fascinating Genealogy Tool

By Kay Speaks

Google Earth was the topic at a recent Study Group. I believe many attendees were surprised at the many ways this software could be used in their genealogy research. Beware, it is so much fun you just might get hooked on this software and decide to do some armchair traveling too!

Google Earth is a free download at:

www.earth.google.com

or you can pay a \$20 annual upgrade fee for Google Earth Plus to add GPS device support, faster performance, the ability to import spreadsheets, and a higher resolution printing. Otherwise, the functionality is the same as the free version. There is also a commercial version for \$400 per year with even more features and enhancements. With any version, you can see the world in 3D. Using the zoom, pan and tilt features will add a different dimension to your map. After downloading the software, from the left navigation bar, go to My Places and select "sightseeing." Then sit back and enjoy your tour around the world as you fly from one place to another.

Then visit Laura Prescott's website,

<http://www.lauraprescott.com/links.htm>

and select Maps. She shows two examples using Google Earth to map the migration trails of her ancestors. It will even calculate the miles between points on the map. You can use Google's free Picasa photo sharing software to attach images to



your Google maps. For my migration maps, I plan to upload age appropriate photos of my Chinese family, their village locations, tombstones, etc. You have the option to mark your information as private or public.

Once you identify where your ancestors lived, you can view your map in the traditional way, or you can turn on the terrain option, use the 3D and tilt features and, suddenly, you can imagine yourself in a wagon train on an old migration trail your ancestors used. You can see the terrain—mountains, rivers, etc. As you look overhead to the heavens, you wonder what your ancestors thought as they looked upward after a long day of work or travel. Select Google's "Sky" feature and you can see the sky directly above where you are on the Google map. Take a trip to Mt. Shasta and use the navigation controls for a 360-degree spin around this extinct volcano.

Next, suppose you are on a genealogy research trip and want to find all the cemeteries, historical societies, museums, libraries, hotels or restaurants in the area. Go to Google Maps and type "cemeteries near Yellville, Arkansas" and you will see all the current cemeteries pop up on the map.

The Google Earth user's guide is very good. Take the time to become familiar with this software and it will become a fascinating genealogy tool.

Exciting Programs Planned for 2008

By Arleen Wood, First Vice President, Programs

We have been fortunate to get a calendar of excellent speakers for 2008. The programs are held at our regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Visitors are welcome, admission free.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
February 12	<i>Ancestry: Review and What's New</i>	Kay Speaks
March 11	<i>Tradition and Tradition Breakers: One Korean Family Lineage, 720 A.D.-1955</i>	Hildi Kang
April 8	<i>Detecting the Date of Historical Photographs</i>	Ron Willis
May 13	<i>Tri-Valley Civil War Veterans—What an Interesting Group They Were</i>	Dick Finn
June 10	<i>WPA Depression Era Jobs Turn into Great Gifts for Genealogists</i>	Pamela Dallas
July 8	<i>Using Maps in Genealogy</i>	Marcia Murray Holstrom
August 12	<i>Scandinavian Research</i>	Mel Stephensen
September 9	<i>Familysearch.org (Tentative)</i>	Marge Bell
October 14	<i>The Five Civilized Tribes of Southeastern United States</i>	Taffy Coutts
November 11	<i>An American Story—The History of Abram Bradbury Lowell and His Family</i>	David Lowell
December 9	(To be announced)	

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