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## MEETINGS

### GENERAL MEETING:

March 19, 2009

LDS Church,

On Brookside, Stockton

7:00 PM

### BOARD:

April 6, 2009

7 p.m.

At the home of Virginia

Kranz

**Our program for the general meeting on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> will be on the Scots-Irish. Helen Moore, who is the Deputy California Commissioner for the Clan Campbell Society of North America, will tell us about the Scots-Irish and share tips on how to conduct research for this ethnic group. Helen has a special treat for us. Her co-presenter is Gary Speed, Pipe Major and Founder of the Ripon Police Pipe Band and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Pipe Band. Gary also is a piper for the Sacramento Pipe Band and will entertain us with a few songs.**

**This will be a great program and one not to be missed.**

**Thursday - March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

**LDS Church, S. E. Corner**

**800 Brookside Road**

**Stockton**





## ONLINE LAND RECORDS

Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>

Digitized land patent documents from Public Domain States: Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

State of Kentucky

Kentucky Land Office

[www.sos.ky.gov/land](http://www.sos.ky.gov/land)

Virginia Treasury Warrants, Revolutionary War Warrants, Early Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants in Kentucky County, Virginia (Some counties in present-day Virginia and West Virginia are also included in this index).

South Carolina Archives Digital Collection

[www.state.sc.us/scdah/pilotintro.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/pilotintro.htm)

Plats for State Land Grants 1784-1868

Greenville County, South Carolina

Register of Deeds

[http://www.greenvillecounty.org/apps/DirectoryListings/ROD\\_DirectoryListing/](http://www.greenvillecounty.org/apps/DirectoryListings/ROD_DirectoryListing/)

The five directories there include information about deeds, historical maps, deed indexes (grantor/grantee, mortgagor/mortgagee, plats), land grants of Old Ninety-Six

Missouri State Archives

[www.sos.mo.gov/archives/land](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/land)

Land Patents - 1831 to 1969

Pennsylvania Digital State Archives

[www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us](http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us)

Warrant Registers 1733-1957

Maryland State Archives

<http://www.msa.md.gov/msa/stagser/s1400/s1426/html/alist.html>.

Patent and Warrant images

Barnstable County, Massachusetts

Registry of Deeds - Records access Site

<https://72.8.52.132/ALIS/WW400R.HTM>.

The Library of Virginia

<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/index.htm>

Digital images of Land Office patents and Northern Neck grants

Texas General Land Office Archives & Records

<http://www.db.glo.state.tx.us/central/LandGrants/LandGrantsSearch.cfm>.

Land grant database and surname index

Minnesota Land Management Information Center

<http://www.gis.state.mn.us/GLO/Index.htm>.

Original Public Land

Survey Plat Maps of Minnesota

University of Nevada at Reno

<http://www.delamare.unr.edu/Maps/digitalcollection/s/nvmaps/plats/Default.htm>

Plats of Nevada State lands

Washington State Digital Archives

<http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/RecordSeriesInfo.aspx?rsid=14>

Grantee/Grantor database

Nebraska Homestead Records

<http://cdrh.unl.edu/homestead/>

65,000 homestead records from the Broken Bow Land Office

Schenectady County, New York

Digital History Archive

<http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/property/>

Property Assessments and Land Records

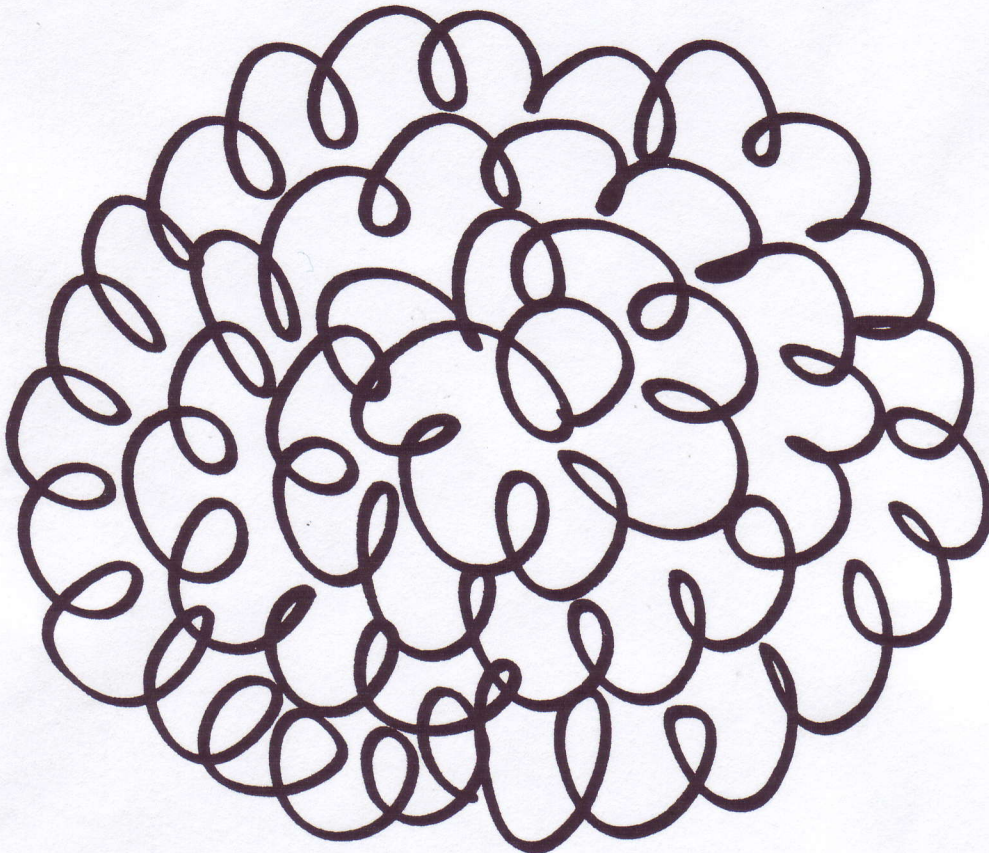
Illinois State Archives

[http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/data\\_lan.html](http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/data_lan.html)

Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database



# THE FAMILY TREE



I think that I shall never see,  
The finish of a family tree,  
As it forever seems to grow,  
From roots that started long ago.  
Way back in ancient history times,  
In foreign land and distant climes,  
From them grew trunk and branching limb,  
That dated back to times so dim.  
One seldom knows exactly when,  
The parents met and married then;  
Nor when the twigs began to grow,  
With odd named children row on row.  
Though verse like this is made by me,  
The end's in sight as you can see,  
Tis not the same with family trees,  
That grow and grow thru centuries!

*Author Unknown*





## MISS GENIE AND THE CASE STUDY

### "The Problem With Pauline" - Part 4

In the last three issues, my research concentrated on proving Helen Hunt is in fact Pauline Sharon Sanford. It solved part of the original research goal which was: What happened to Pauline Sharon Sanford after she married Dr. George B. Sanford in 1875? Since I established that Pauline and Helen are the same person, I can now account for her from the years 1905 to her death in 1917 but I still cannot locate her whereabouts from 1875 to 1905.

When I reach a road block like this in my research, the course I usually take is to take a look at the rest of the family. Parents, siblings, spouses, anyone who may have had some kind of contact with the person. I will start with the most obvious person - Dr. George B. Sanford - Pauline's husband. Below is a chronological accounting of where I can place George from the time he married Pauline - 1875 up until his death. I used census records, city directories, newspaper articles and an usual source that produced surprising information. I decided to contact the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery in Philadelphia where George received his education. I emailed the archivist in the library and was informed on 1 March 1862 twenty six students graduated from the Dental College, one of them was my George B. Sanford and another was John Henry Holliday, better known as "Doc" Holliday. Well, I didn't find a clue about Pauline, but this could be that makings of another story altogether! Back to George:

**1875 - Oct. 7** - Pauline marries George B. Sanford (a dentist) in Neosho County, Kansas. I located both of them in the 1875 Kansas State Census in Neosho County.

**1875 to 1879** - George B. Sanford moves from Neosho County, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri.

**1879 to 1882** - K.C. city directory lists Dr. Geo. B. Sanford, dentist, res. - 1121 Pacific and his dental office 620 Main, over the post office in rooms 1 & 2

**1880 - June 11** - The census enumerator found Dr. Geo. B. Sanford living in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. His address is 620 Main Street, age 40, born in New York, married, dentist. No Pauline nor any wife is enumerated with George.

Pauline's parents, an older brother, 2 younger brothers and 2 younger sisters are still in Neosho County, Kansas. No Pauline there either.

**1880 - Sept. 29** - Dr. Geo. B. Sanford, the dentist, is arrested for "obstreperous conduct". (OK, I had to look this one up. It means: marked by unruly or aggressive noisiness; stubbornly resistant to control.) It seems he took his little dog into the Art Exhibition Hall at the annual Kansas City Fair. When asked to remove said dog, he refused. At the insistence of the manager, Sanford is arrested but released as soon as they arrive at the police station. Unable to leave well enough alone, Sanford demands the officers badge number and "made some emphatic gestures" causing the officer to re-arrest him. Dr. Sanford was released the next day.

**1882** - K.C. city directory - dental offices and res. Located 910 Baltimore Avenue, south of 9th. A bonus - also says he is a graduate of Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery.

**1882 - August 17** - newspaper reports "Sanford Divorce Case Takes a Queer Turn". In the middle of a divorce, Mrs. Sanford brings a suit against her husband for \$120 that is in an account at The Bank of Commerce. Mr. Sanford withdrew the money and gave it to her. They become reconciled and were going to skip out leaving their attorneys in the lurch. Attorneys caught wind of their actions and "attached them".

**1890 - April 5** - Pauline's sister Ada Kathryn Sheern/Sharon marries Rudolph Markgraf (a well known architect in Kansas City). The witnesses who swear to Ada's age are George B. Sanford, who identifies



himself as brother-in-law and Mr. Arthur Raffington.

**1894 - June 15** - Dr. George B. Sanford, the dentist, is arrested on charges of Embezzlement after a man who was employed as an office boy by Dr. Sanford pressed charges. Frank Waitt came to Kansas City looking for work. He went to an employment agency who sent him to Dr. Sanford. Dr. Sanford proposed that for a sum of \$200 (to insure the boy's honesty) he would hire Waitt as an office boy and pay him \$10 per week. The money would be returned if at least a 10 day notice was given should Waitt decide to leave Dr. Sanford's employ. The boy only had \$70 which he handed over to Dr. Sanford. He would be paid no wages until the balance of the \$200 was paid. The next day someone convinced Waitt that he would never see his money again. The boy became suspicious of the dentist and gave his 10 day notice. At the end of the 10 days he asked for his \$70 to be returned and Dr. Sanford refused. A warrant was sworn out and Dr. Sanford was arrested. Justice Shannon will hear the case next week. The newspaper gives dental office address as 18 1/2 West 12th Street.

**1895 - Dec. 6** - Arthur Simmons, a dental student, is charged by Lillie Marks with having laid violent hands on her and attempted to restrain her from leaving the dental offices of Dr. George B. Sanford, 1032 Main Street, until she paid a fee of \$1 which she claims never to have contracted. She asserts that she went to the office to consult Dr. Sanford, who was absent, and that after waiting for some hours she became tired and started out when Simmons is alleged to have ill treated her.

**1898 - Sept 16** - Pauline's sister Minnie marries Frances Vestal. Witnesses swearing to her identity is Geo. B. Sanford, who identifies himself as brother-in-law, and J. H. McNeil.

**1905 - April 2** - George B. Sanford sues his neighbor for piling refuse by the front door of his home. Sanford claims the stench is so bad that he and his wife have to move. He loses the case.

**1907 - Sept. 9** - Newspaper article about Dr. George B. Sanford who is the secretary of the Kansas City Post Graduate Dental College at 14th and Grand Avenue. Dr. Sanford discusses the need for a dental clinic for school age children. The clinic would provide free exams and services for the children. Dr. Sanford had started such a clinic in Milton, Pennsylvania and says it would certainly work in Kansas City.

**1910 - April 19** - Census - Kansas City, 420 Laurel Avenue -George B. Sanford, age 70, divorced, born New York, dentist, owns home free of mortgage.

**1920 - August 20** - Kathryn Markgraf, daughter of Ada and Rudolph dies at the age of twelve. Dr. Geo. B. Sanford is listed as one of the mourners who attended the services.

**1928 - December 30** - George B. Sanford dies at the age of 86 in the Kansas City General Hospital of epidemic meningitis. He died all alone. The record clerk at the hospital was the informant on his death certificate - almost every line on the form is completed with the response "Don't Know". George was living at a charity ward called Helping Hands before he died. Carroll & Mast were the undertakers. He was buried in an unmarked, pauper's grave in Leeds Cemetery, Jackson County, Missouri.

George had obviously considered himself a member of the family. Referring to himself as the brother-in-law of her sisters, attended family functions such as weddings and funerals. Even the other dentists he shared an office with at one time or another were mixed up with the Sheern/Sharon family.

Poor old George sure had his share of trouble with the law and maybe a problem with the bottle. But about 1907, it seems like he was on his way to becoming a changed man. He is on the Board for the Kansas City Post Graduate Dental College. He becomes a champion for school age children regarding dental health. He owns his home free of a mortgage. But something happened to poor old George after he reached his acme. How awful to die penniless, childless, and all alone. Then the final indignity of an unmarked, pauper's grave.

Out of all this information only one clue emerges - The newspaper article from 1882 about the Sanford divorce case. It does not give the first names of the Sanford couple and it does not refer to Mr. Sanford as "Dr. Sanford" as every newspaper article I found on him does. But it is certainly something I cannot ignore.

Well, this is where I leave you. Should I find Pauline, I'll be sure to let you know. I hope you have enjoyed the Pauline series. If you have a case that needs cracking, or want to share one you have solved, let Miss Genie know about it. She can be reached at: [sherifenley@gmail.com](mailto:sherifenley@gmail.com) and put Miss Genie in the subject line.





**OUTREACH AT THE LIBRARY  
HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP!**

In an effort to promote the society to the public and to assist in the care of our genealogy collection that is currently being housed there, the San Joaquin Genealogical Society will have a team of volunteers at the main branch of the library twice a week to assist anyone with their research, answers questions about genealogy and family history. We will also be assisting the staff of the library by maintaining our collection in the genealogical reference section on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library.

Members Virginia Kranz, Alice Callistro, Adine Gnekow, Jean Ebenhack, Charlie and Melinda Lambaren and Sheri Fenley have all volunteered to help anyone with a research problem or if you just need help getting started.

If you have ever thought about wanting to participate in our society but just didn't know how, this is the perfect place to lend a hand. **NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED** - only a willingness to help and a friendly smile. Extra Bonus - A nifty personalized nametag will be provided to all volunteers. Uniquely designed by your newsletter editor, it comes in your choice of red, blue or the editor's favorite - fluorescent lime green!



## NEWEST PUBLICATIONS FROM THE SAN JOAQUIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Great Register of Voters - San Joaquin County, CA

Alphabetical list of all the qualified voters

1866 - 1871 A - Z - soft cover, 195 pages 20.00

1871 - 1879 A - Z - soft cover, 141 pages 20.00

1879 - 1886 A - L - soft cover, 177 pages 20.00

1879 - 1886 M - Z - soft cover, 140 pages 20.00

1886 - 1890 A - L - soft cover, 173 pages 20.00

1886 - 1890 M - Z - with Supplement 1890 - 1891 - soft cover, 140 pages 20.00

All six (6) books 100.00

List of Graduates San Joaquin County-1870 - 1930 Stockton High School, 1898 - 1930  
Lodi High School, Indexed 127 pages, soft cover, 15.00

Stockton City Directory 1852 & 1854

Alphabetical list of Residents & other useful information, soft cover, 54 pages 12.00

Stockton City Directory 1871-1872

Alphabetical List of Residents, Towns & Businesses, soft cover, 182 pages 20.00

Stockton City Directory 1873-1874

Alphabetical List of Residents & other useful information, soft cover, 62 pages 12.00

Stockton City Directory 1878

Alphabetical list of Stockton & San Joaquin County Residents, soft cover, 100 pages  
15.00

Grantee Index to Deeds San Joaquin Co., CA . Covers Book A of Deeds Volumes 10 to  
18, 1860 - 1868, Alphabetical, soft cover 176 pages 15.00

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18, 1860 - 1868, Alphabetical, soft cover 177 pages 15.00

Set of Grantee and Grantor 27.00

Postage & Handling \$2.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> book, .50 for each additional book. California  
residents add 8% sales tax.

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## RESEARCH



## NEWS FROM OUR RESEARCH TEAM

Charlie and Melinda Lambaren have been very busy with lookup and research requests lately. Melinda said that the increase is due to referrals from the Stockton Library. Due to budget cutbacks and limited staff, they are no longer doing obituary lookups. The following is a report of Charlie and Melinda's recent research requests.

*William Powell of Minnesota was looking for an obituary for **Harold Powell** who died in 1977 in Stockton. That was found and we also viewed his death certificate and the information was sent.*

*Bob Bartlett, requested an obit for **Donald Bartlett** who died in 1994. Charlie could not find an obit and his money was returned. We gave him the web site for the County Records office so he could look for a death certificate.*

*Chris, from Lompoc, CA wanted obituaries for--**Alice, Ralph, Thelma, Harry, and Naomi Batie, George, Sherman, & Leone Beaumont, Eunice, & John A. Foster, James McCracken**. All obits were found except for George Beaumont. A death certificate was found for George and that was sent to her. She has indicated that more requests are coming!*

*Andrea from Oklahoma was looking for obituaries for **Hulburt & Norma Ball** and those were found. She also wanted one on **June Rohrer** with a death certificate. It was found also.*

*Lisa, from Massachusetts, was wanting an obit for a person that died in Tracy. She was referred to the Tracy Genealogy Society.*

*Margaret, from Ohio, needed stories about her Uncle, **Yens Yensen**, from Denmark, who was killed in a train accident in 1909 near New Hope. Mr. Yensen's feet were ground off by a train! We found 4 articles, but no obituary.*

For a nominal fee (discounted for SJGS members), Charlie and Melinda will research or lookup your genealogical requests. You can email them at:

[melrlamb@juno.com](mailto:melrlamb@juno.com) and put SJGS Lookup in the subject line.



## GENEALOGICAL EVENTS IN THE AREA

**The Sacramento German Genealogy Society** announced their Annual Spring Seminar will be held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sacramento Turn Verein located at 3349 "J" Street. "Linking Up With Our German Roots" will be presented by **Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA** beginning at 8:30 AM and ending at 4:15 PM. For more information visit the website at: <http://www.sacgensoc.org/>

**The San Mateo County Genealogical Society** has **Steve Morse**, creator of the One Step Website on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM, 1700 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo

**The Sonoma County Genealogical Society** presents **Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck**, nationally known genealogical lecturer and writer to give an all day seminar on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., Harry A. Merlo Theater, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, Highway 101 at River Road, Santa Rosa.

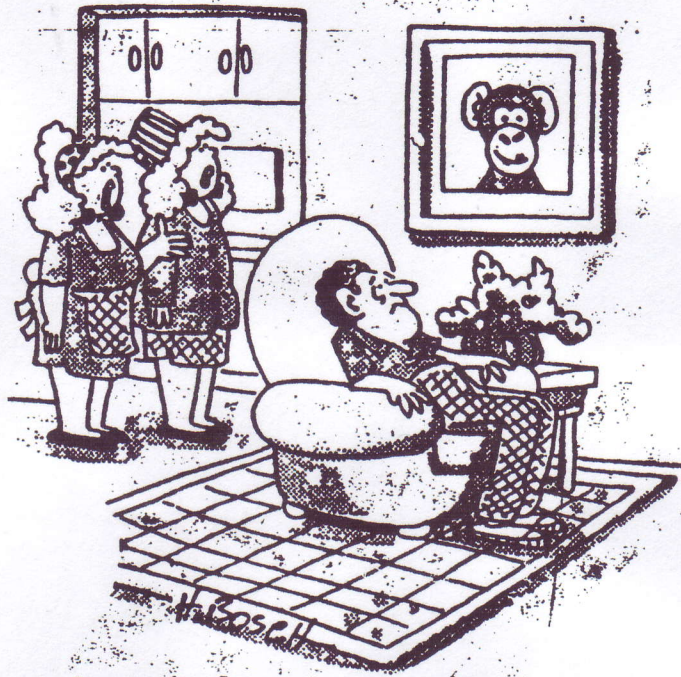
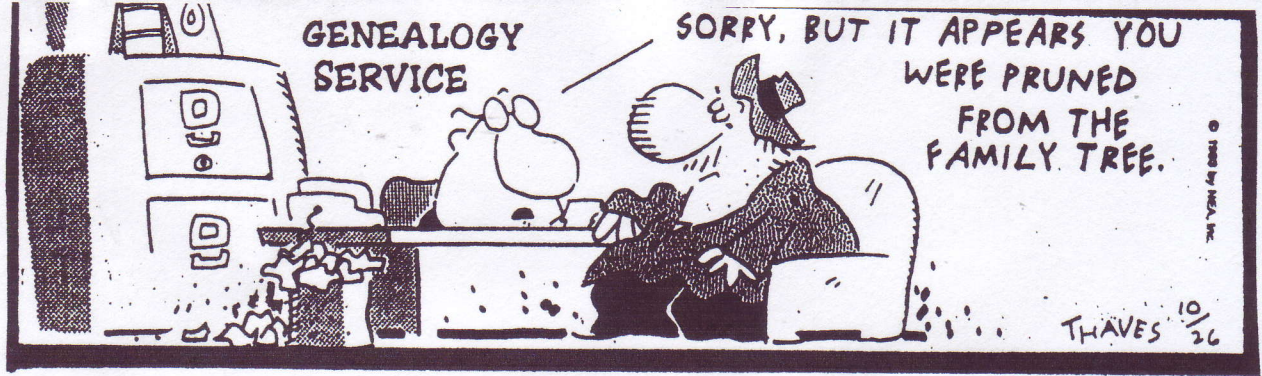
The **CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** is pleased to have local Bay Area author **FRANCES DINKELSPIEL** as the guest speaker on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Her book, ***Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isaias Hellman Created California***, is a San Francisco Chronicle best-seller which has been getting rave reviews since its publication by St. Martins Press in November 2008. Frances will share some of the backstory about how she learned about her great-great-grandfather and the eight years she spent researching and writing the book. Isaias Hellman's story is a page-turner and a must-read for anyone interested in California history.

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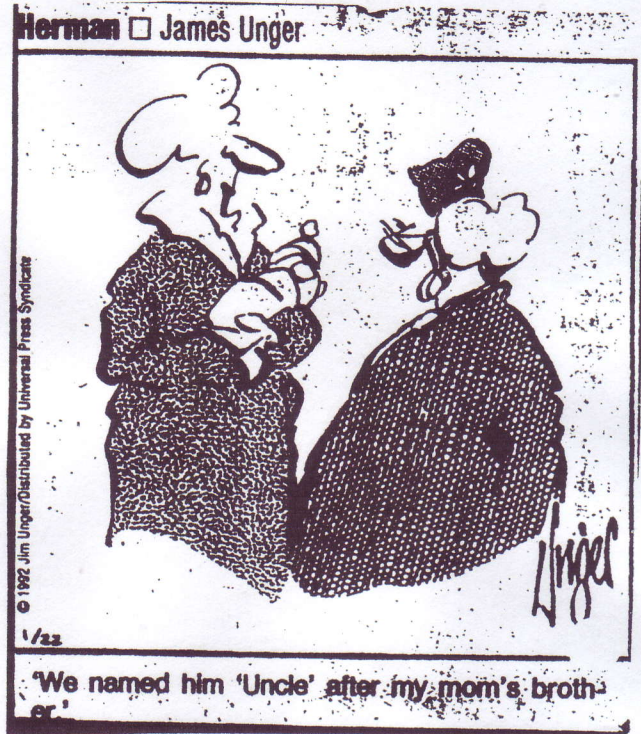
## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

A big welcome to the newest member of the San Joaquin Genealogical Society - Ms. Randy Doughty from Fresno, California. Randy said that she plans to come to Stockton to do research in the near future and hopes to attend a meeting while here. We look forward to meeting you Randy!



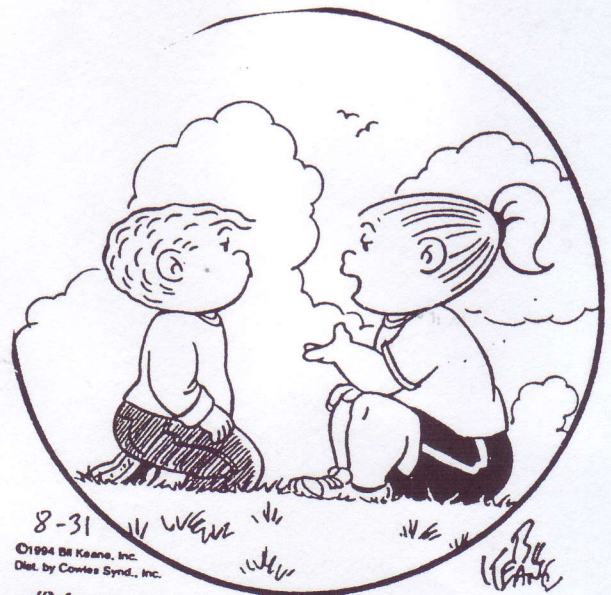


"He had his ancestry traced."



"We're not interested in family history. We just want to find out if we have any relatives in Florida we can visit."

NATIONAL ENQUIRER



"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a GIFT. That's why it's called the present."





**LOOK WHAT WE HAVE FOR YOU IN MAY !**

LOCAL HISTORIAN and 4<sup>th</sup> GENERATION STOCKTON RESIDENT  
DEL MCCOMB will lead us in a walking tour of the Rural Cemetery on May 9<sup>th</sup>  
at 1:00 PM. Come and listen to Del as he brings the past back to life with  
stories about some of the cemetery's more notable residents.

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**SAN JOAQUIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
DUES FOR THE YEAR - JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2008**

**\$10 per member and \$15 per family**

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I am willing to help with the following: (check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone committee to notify members of meetings, changes or other items

\_\_\_\_\_ Research (do research for those who request our Societies services)

\_\_\_\_\_ Projects (always need transcribers and typists)

\_\_\_\_\_ Program Committee (work on setting up programs and speakers for meetings)

\_\_\_\_\_ Set up and clean up

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Send dues to: Barry Wood, 1910 S. Church St., Lodi, CA 95240**

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