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## MEETINGS

**BOARD: April 8, 2010**

**7 p.m.**

Virginia Kranz

### GENERAL MEETING:

**March 18, 2010**

**REI Community Room**

**5757 Pacific Avenue**

**Stockton**

**7:00 PM**

### SPECIAL

### PRESENTATION:

**April 21, 2010**

**Daniel Horowitz from**

**My Heritage Website**

**Chavez Library**

**1:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

**REI Community Room**

**5757 Pacific Avenue, Stockton**



**Leigh Johnson, Archivist**

**San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum**

Please join us for Leigh Johnsen's presentation on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Leigh is the new archivist for the Historical Society, coming from the Holt Atherton Special Collections Department of the University of the Pacific, where he worked as a project archivist arranging the papers of San Joaquin County historian Leslie Crow.

Leigh has published professionally in the *Western Historical Quarterly*, *Church History*, *Spectrum Magazine*, *Documentary Editing*, and *Civil War History*. He has also published in microform the *Papers of Isaac Backus, 1690-1828*, a documentary editing project focused on a noted New England religious dissenter often compared to Thomas Jefferson for his contribution to matters of church and state during the early days of the American Republic.





## THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

Search results are only as good as the question you pose.

Use the plus (+) and minus (-) signs in front of words to force their inclusion and/or exclusion in searches. (NO space between the sign and the keyword).  
Example: +George -Washington

Use double quotation marks (" ") around phrases to ensure they are searched exactly as is, with the words side by side in the same order.  
Example: "John Smith"

Type keywords and phrases in lower case to find both lower and upper case versions. Typing capital letters will usually return only an exact match.  
Example: president retrieves both president and President

Use the tilde sign before a word is helpful to find related words that are nearly the same meaning.  
Example: ~genealogy will return genealogy, geneology, genealogical, ancestry, or family tree  
Example: ~ancestry, will return ancestry, ancestor, ancestors, family tree, genealogy.

Use an asterisk as a wild card, which is helpful to find variations in spelling and word form.  
Example: "John \* Smith", will return people with the name of John Smith and John Smith with a middle name or middle initial followed by Smith.  
Example: librar\* returns library, libraries, librarian, etc.

Use a number range search to match a range of year  
Example: 1700...1750 returns results from 1700 through 1750

Boolean and Special Operators - Combining words with AND as well as OR, helps with refining searches. (Most search engines require that the operators be capitalized). NOT is also acceptable, but it is easier to use a minus sign.

In Boolean searches, always enclose OR statements in parentheses.  
Example: Birth (announcement OR certificate)  
Example: George AND Washington could return George Burns and Grover Washington

## THE GERALD D. KENNEDY REFERENCE LIBRARY AT THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The San Joaquin County Historical Society maintains an archival collection on behalf the County of San Joaquin. The collection includes historic records from the County and the Cities of Lodi and Stockton, as well as books, manuscripts, business and legal records, maps, photographs, and ephemera pertaining to the history of the County.

### Genealogy

The collection includes directories that cover Stockton, Lodi, and other cities of the County during most of the twentieth century and much of the nineteenth. It also holds published and unpublished records of births, marriages, and deaths, as well as marriage certificates from 1874 to 1950. Of special interest are the library's Pioneer Family Register, which includes genealogical research submitted by descendants of longtime County residents, a collection of more formal genealogical resources compiled by individuals, and plat books that afford visual evidence of landholding from 1876 to 1919.

Among the records are warrants for land grants in the San Joaquin Delta; petitions, correspondence, election materials, and maps and drawings for the County's reclamation districts from 1860 to 1960; countywide plat books; and aerial photographs from 1937, 1940, 1957, 1963, 1983, and 1990.

### Photographs

The library holds more than seven thousand photographic images—prints, slides, tintypes, and glass plate negatives—that cover a wide range of historical topics in San Joaquin County. Most of these images can be searched at the Museum with an electronic catalog.

### Agricultural Equipment

Because of the Museum's strength in agricultural technology, the Reference Library possesses owner's manuals, catalogs, and related publications that deal with tractors and other agricultural equipment used in San Joaquin County farming from the 1880s to the 1970s.





## THE GENERATIONS PROJECT

<http://www.byub.org/thegenerationsproject/>

The Generations Project is a television series about discovering your roots. It takes ordinary people on a hands-on journey to learn about their ancestors and in the process discover more about themselves. Watch online at the link above.

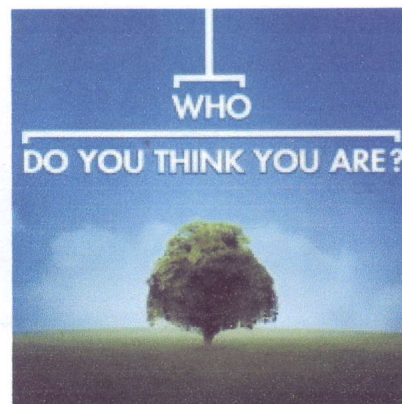
## WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

<http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

Fridays on NBC at 8:00 PM

Seven celebrities embark on the journeys of their lives--the quest to discover the genealogical roots of who they are. Matthew Broderick, Lisa Kudrow, Spike Lee, Sarah Jessica Parker, Susan Sarandon, Brooke Shields and Emmitt Smith. Ancestry.com is NBC's official partner on the series.

From the California Gold Rush to the Salem witch trials, from European aristocracy to the beaches of Africa, and from the Civil War to the Holocaust, "Who Do You Think You Are?" will reveal the fabric of humanity through everyone's place in history. Each week, a different celebrity takes a journey into their family's past, traveling all over the world.





## MEET HENRY AND KATIE BRANDT



This orphan photo of Henry & Katie Brandt is looking for living descendants who they can claim kinship.



## PHOTO BACKGROUND STORY

Ms. Shelley Cardiel from Kirkland, Washington purchased this photo in a second hand store and sent it to our research team, Charlie and Melinda Lambaren. Why? Written on the back of the photo is : MR. AND MRS. HENRY BRANDT, LODI, CALIFORNIA.

Ms. Cardiel suggested that perhaps the San Joaquin Genealogical Society could track down a living family member and give the photo to them. The research team handed the photo off to me . A quick search of some basic records – census, city directories and cemeteries and I found whom I believe to be Henry and Katie Brandt.

In the 1930 census, Henry (age 37), his wife Katie (age 37) and their two children Alice (age 14) and Harry (age 9) are living in Elkhorn Township on Alpine Road. Henry and Katie have been married for 20 years. All members of the family were born in South Dakota. The parents of both Henry and Katie were born in Russia. Henry owns the farm where they have a vineyard.

So in the 1920 census, I found the Brandt family right where they should be – in Lincoln Township, Hyde County, South Dakota. Henry (age 26), Katie (age 25), Alice (age 4 3/12) and Harry (age 3/12). There is a juicy clue here as well – living with the family is Henry Goehring (age 28) who is identified as Henry's brother-in-law. We now have a probable maiden name for Katie.

SJGS member Adine Gnekow was so very helpful and located where Henry and Katie are buried. Lodi Memorial Cemetery located at 5750 E. Pine St., Lodi .  
Henry Brandt buried Feb. 16, 1956  
Katie Brandt buried August 10, 1951

I had to stop the research here due to other commitments. If there is anyone out there who knows of this family or **even better** who would like to take the project on – find a descendant to give the photo a home – please let me or any board member know and I will turn over the photo and all the research done up to this point.

SHERI FENLEY – [sherifenley@gmail.com](mailto:sherifenley@gmail.com)

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**THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU**

A huge thanks to member Gail Gardner who lives in Virginia. Each and every time Gail renews her membership, she never fails to add a little extra donation to the society. It's people like Gail who make the world a better place!.



# FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE'S 40 BEST BLOGS

## The Fab 40

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/fab-forty>

On March 1, 2010 Family Tree Magazine announced the 40 Best Genealogy Blogs in their latest issue of the magazine. You can read the article written by Maureen Taylor (better known as The Photo Detective) by entering the link above into the address bar of your internet browser and clicking GO. Maureen gives us a mini summary for each of these blogs. These genea-bloggers post frequently about every genealogical topic under the sun. Each one has his or her own specialty, so you'll want to check out all of them.

### BEST PHOTO OR HEIRLOOM BLOG

**Shades of The Departed**, [www.shadesofthedeparted.com](http://www.shadesofthedeparted.com)

**The FamilyCurator**, [www.thefamilycurator.com/](http://www.thefamilycurator.com/)

### BEST NEWS AND RESOURCES BLOG

**Genealogy Blog**, <http://genealogyblog.com>

**Eastman's Online Genealogy Newslettter**, [www.blog.eogn.com](http://www.blog.eogn.com)

**The Ancestry Insider**, <http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/>

**DearMyrtle**, <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>

### BEST LOCAL OR REGIONAL BLOG

**California Genealogical Society and Library Blog**

<http://calgensoc.blogspot.com/>

**Midwestern Microhistory**, <http://midwesternmicrohistory.blogspot.com/>

**Sandusky History**, <http://sanduskyhistory.blogspot.com/>

### BEST HOW-TO BLOG

**Genealogy Tip of The Day**, <http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/>

**Genealogy Guys**, [www.genealogyguys.com](http://www.genealogyguys.com)

**The ProGenealogists Blog**, <http://blog.progenealogists.com>

**Family Matters**, <http://moultriecreek.us/family/>

### BEST HERITAGE BLOG

**Small Leaved Shamrock**, <http://small-leavedshamrock.blogspot.com/>

**Tracing the Tribe: The Jewish Genealogy Blog**,

<http://tracingthetribet.blogspot.com/>

**George Geder**, <http://george-geder.blogspot.com/>



**Steve's Genealogy Blog**, <http://stephendanko.com/blog/>  
**Scottish Genealogy News and Events**, <http://scottishancestry.blogspot.com/>

### **BEST GENETIC GENEALOGY BLOG**

**The Genetic Genealogist**, [www.thegeneticgenealogist.com](http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com)

### **BEST CORPORATE BLOG**

**Ancestry.com Blog**, <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/>

### **BEST CEMETERY BLOG**

**The Association of Graveyard Rabbits**, [www.thegraveyardrabbit.com](http://www.thegraveyardrabbit.com)

**Granite in My Blood**, <http://granite-in-my-blood.blogspot.com>

### **BEST ALL AROUND BLOG**

**FootnoteMaven**, [www.footnoteMaven.com](http://www.footnoteMaven.com)

**Creative Gene**, <http://creativegene.blogspot.com>

**Genea-Musings**, [www.geneamusings.com](http://www.geneamusings.com)

**GeneaBloggers**, [www.geneabloggers.com](http://www.geneabloggers.com)

### **BEST PERSONAL OR FAMILY HISTORY BLOG**

**Educated Genealogist**, <http://sherifenley.blogspot.com/>

**Our Georgia Roots**, <http://ourgeorgiaroots.com/>

**West in New England**, <http://westinnewengland.blogspot.com/>

**BeNotForgot**, <http://benotforgot.blogspot.com>

**What's Past is Prologue**, <http://pastprologue.wordpress.com>

**Heritage Happens**, <http://heritagehappens.blogspot.com/>

**Janet The Researcher**, <http://researchergal.blogspot.com/>

**WeTree**, <http://wetree.blogspot.com/>

**Greta's Genealogy Blog**, <http://gretabog.blogspot.com/>

**kinexxions**, <http://kinexxions.blogspot.com/>

**Apple's Tree**, <http://appledoesntfallfar2.blogspot.com/>

**Little Bytes of Life**, [www.littlebytesoflife.com/](http://www.littlebytesoflife.com/)

**Herstoryan**, [www.herstoryan.blogspot.com](http://www.herstoryan.blogspot.com)

**AnceStories: The Stories of My Ancestors**, <http://ancestories1.blogspot.com>

And why yes! That is my blog – “The Educated Genealogist” that you see in the Best Personal or Family History Blog.

Take some time to visit each of these blogs and leave comments. You'll be glad you did!



## GENEALOGICAL EVENTS COMING SOON !

### **Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am to 3:45 pm - Root Cellar-Sacramento Genealogical Society

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks

**Daniel M. Lynch, author of "Google Your Family Tree"**. There will be four sessions: Introduction to Google for Genealogists; Using Google for Genealogy Research; Google News Archive, News Timelines and Google Alerts; Google Images, Video and other Tools for Genealogy.

### **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm - Sonoma County Genealogical Society - Merlo Theater, Wells

Fargo Center for the Arts, Highway 101 at River Road, Santa Rosa

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Seminar - **Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr. and Anthony Hoskins**

### **Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>**

National Genealogical Society Conference

Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah

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**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** - Please join us for an afternoon with Daniel Horowitz. Daniel is the Genealogy Manager for MyHeritage.com, a company dedicated to providing technology tools for genealogists.

Daniel will show us how to search effectively on the internet as well as introduce us to the Genealogy Super Search Engine.

All who attend will receive a FREE copy of "Family Tree Builder", a great software program.

**WHERE:** Chavez Central Library, Stewart Hazelton Room, 605 North El Dorado Street, Stockton

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**COST:** FREE and refreshments will be served





## **Daniel Horowitz**

Genealogy & Translation Manager, MyHeritage.com  
Born (1971) and raised Caracas, Venezuela.

- Computer engineer, former teacher and director of the "Searching for My Roots" genealogy project in Venezuela (1991-2005).
- Founding member and lecturer, Jewish Genealogy Society of Venezuela until 2005 when he moved to Israel.
- Member and webmaster, Israel Genealogical Society.
- Board member, International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies.

Daniel is visiting the West Coast and will be speaking in these venues:

**April 17: Family History Fair, LDS Church Building, 2881 Orchard Ave., Grand Junction, Colorado.**

- "Face Recognition and Photo Tagging for Genealogy Research"
- "Family Tree Builder"

**April 18: Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento, Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento, California.**

- "Face Recognition and Photo Tagging for Genealogy Research"

**April 19: San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills branch, California.**

- "How to Preserve Memories in a Digital Era"

**April 21: San Joaquin Genealogy Society, Cesar Chavez Central Library, Stewart Hazelton Room, 605 North El Dorado Street, Stockton.**

- "Genealogy Super Search Engine and How to Search Effectively on the Internet"

**April 26: Computerized Family History & Genealogy Conference, Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.**

- "Genealogical Developments for Europe and Asia"

**April 27: Utah Jewish Genealogical Society, Family History Library, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.**

- "MyHeritage Smart Matching Technology - Find Relatives Without Searching"

Come to the closest venue, learn the latest technology developments in genealogy and receive a FREE copy of the software "**Family Tree Builder**"

Contact Daniel to schedule a lecture for your group on his next visit to California in Jun-July 2010  
[Daniel@MyHeritage.com](mailto:Daniel@MyHeritage.com)



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## **Gold Rush Days Series**

Newspaper abstracts from the *San Joaquin Daily Republican* and *Stockton Independent* published in Stockton, California  
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DUES FOR THE YEAR - JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2010**

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

Circle one:    Renewal                      New Member                      Individual                      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**

**Check payable to: San Joaquin Genealogical Society**