

MARIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Society Newsletter, March 2011

Mark Your Calendars

March 19: CIG, Villa Marin, 10:00am
March 23: General Meeting, 7:00pm
April 2: Beginners Breakfast, Star, 9:00am
April 13: Board Meeting, 7:00pm

Reminder: General Meetings now start at 7:00pm!!!

**General Meeting
March 23, 2011, 7:00pm**

“THE REMEMBRANCE ALBUM OF HARRIET PRUDEN”

**Written by Richard K. Pate – Based on
a true story**

How many ways are there to get to know your unknown Ancestors? One way is through getting to know others from the same period! Richard Pate will introduce you to a fantastic story of a girl at odds with her period of history...and how her family and friends tried, in a manner typical of their period of history, to persuade her not to elope and go west. Ohio, to Indiana, finally to California, Harriet's friends' inspirational poetry chronicles her life and travels from 1831 ending in 1909 in Santa Rosa. How this story came about, and how it influenced her whole life thereafter for 80 years is the tale author Pate will tell. A true American love story from the Old West.

If your curiosity is peaked, go to Richard Pate's website at www.RKPate.com While you are there, visit the descendants page to see if you are related to someone in the album. If so, Rick Pate wants to talk to YOU!

**Computer Interest Group (CIG)
Saturday, March 19, 2011
10:00am - Noon
Villa Marin, San Rafael**

Topic: Ancestry.com - What's New?

Examples and discussion of the new Ancestry.com website and resources. Some new features and collections have been added the past couple of months. We'll examine those features as well as some tips and tricks to help your research. *Presented by Gene Pennington.*

This meeting is open to all, members and non-members. If you happen to have a laptop bring it along as it may help you follow the presentation.

Free Websites Available at Our Family History Center

Alexander Street Press - American Civil War
<http://alexanderstreet.com>

Research Data: Contains indexed, searchable information on over 4 million soldiers and thousands of battles, together with 15,000 photographs.
<http://asp6new.alexanderstreet.com/cwdb/>

Letters and Diaries: Contains approximately 100,000 indexed pages of diaries, letters, and memoirs, including 4,000 pages of previously unpublished manuscripts, such as the letters of Amos Wood and his wife and the diary of Maryland planter William Claytor. <http://solomon.cwld.alexanderstreet.com/>

Images, Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera: Provides a vivid history of the American Civil War with over 1,400 images. <http://cpho.alexanderstreet.com/>

Our Family History Center Hours

Family History Center and the Genealogical Society Library

Located at the LDS Church, 220 North San
Pedro Road, San Rafael

Hours

Wed. & Fri. : 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Tuesday. & Thurs.: 5:00PM to 9:00PM
Closed: Saturday and Monday

Open Sunday by Appointment

California Genealogical Society and Library Offering

Celtic Workshop – Saturday, March 19, 2011,
12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Celtic Roots: Scotland & Ireland
Research, Cath Trindle. [Register online.](#)

Go to their website at <http://californiaancestors.org>
look to the right side of the home page and find
“What’s Happening”. Scroll down to see the above-
mentioned workshop and click on “Register Online”
to get the full details of this workshop.

Also on the same page you can find this link to in-
formation about their annual Salt Lake City Re-
search Tour, scheduled for May 15-22, 2011 under
“What’s New”:

“Join us for the 11th Annual CGS Salt Lake City Re-
search Tour to the Family History Library, May 15-
22, 2011. [Download](#) the information flier or [register
online.](#)”

Sonoma County Genealogy Society Offering

Christine Rose

All-Day Genealogy Seminar in Santa Rosa Saturday, April 16, 2011

Christine Rose is a Certified Genealogist,
Certified Genealogical Lecturer, and Fellow, Ameri-
can Society of Genealogists. Her lecturing experi-
ence includes national conferences, many regional
seminars, and local seminars, including New York,
Chicago, and San Francisco.

Her **topics** on April 16, in order of presenta-
tion, will be:

Addicted to Courthouses

Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions

**Using Little-Known and Neglected
Sources: A Potpourri**

Solving the Problem in 25 Hours or Less

For additional information click on the following
link: <http://www.scgs.org/calendar.html> and then
on: [Christine Rose](#)

**Memorial donations to the Marin
County Genealogical Society** can be a way to
honor a special person. The family, or other desig-
nated party, will receive an acknowledgement of your
gift to the Marin County Genealogical Society. Do-
nations are tax deductible. Recycling, memorials,
and other donations help sustain our ability to offer
the quality programs you enjoy each month.

**Please remember to bring your recy-
clable items to our general meetings!**