

MARIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Society Newsletter, September 2011

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 17: CIG Meeting, Villa Marin, 10:00am
Sept. 28: General Meeting, LDS Church, **7:00pm**
Oct. 1: Beginners Breakfast, Star, 9:00am
Oct 12: Board Meeting, LDS Church, 7:00pm

New Family History Center Hours for Tuesdays!

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 1:00PM to 9:00PM

Thurs.: 5:00PM to 9:00PM

Closed: Saturday and Monday

Open Sunday by Appointment

Computer Interest Group (CIG)
Saturday, September 17, 2011
Villa Marin, San Rafael
10:00am - Noon

Topic: Footnote.com - Now Fold3.com

How to access and use the many powerful features of Footnote.com. Examples of searches and how to personalize what you find. *Presented by Gene Pennington.*

General Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
LDS Church, San Rafael, 7:00pm

“Our Annual Workshop”

- 1. Beginners to Family History** will spend the evening learning the basics of how to search for your ancestors, where to look for them, procedures, and helpful hints. Taught by veteran genealogist *Jefrey Vaillant*, who specializes in Civil War Genealogy. Handouts will also help beginners get started.
- 2. Sort Your Story:** Led by *Lorel Kapke*, creator of this Genealogy Organizing Made Easy software, you will learn about this great companion product for Reunion, Family Tree Maker, Legacy and many more Genealogy programs. It is designed to organize the genealogist while it creates an easy to use product using your documents, pictures and stories that non-genealogists will appreciate and treasure. Lorel has created online videos and tutorials that insure your success. She is the Program Chairperson for Sonoma County Genealogical Society.

3. The many Benefits of Attending Genealogical Conferences led by long time member and genealogist *Phyllis Garratt*. This workshop will be targeted to all levels of expertise - beginners to the more experienced. The purpose will be to see how broad the genealogical world is...and to increase your knowledge and skills. She will provide a helpful handout to remind you of all you have learned.

As mentioned, the Beginner's group will have a break, but will stay together all evening. The other two classes will run for 45 minutes, then there will be a break, and participants will switch classes. Refreshments will be available.

This is generally one of the most popular meetings of the year. Bring your friends who may be thinking about taking the plunge and searching for their ancestors, or those whose feet are already wet and want some new ideas.

To all Patrons of the San Rafael (Marin) Family History Center

Effective for the past month. You can now order microfilms and microfiche from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City into the San Rafael (Marin) Family History Center from any computer connected to the Internet.

Go to www.familysearch.org/films

Here are the details on how this will work: (at least it's our best guess at this point!)

DETAILS

1. FILM/FICHE ORDERS -- A Patron can now look up a film or fiche in the Family History Library Catalog at familysearch.org and order it on-line from any Internet-connected computer in the world at www.familysearch.org/films. Of course, patrons are welcome to use the computers at the SRFHC. However, our staff will not prepare your order. They will be delighted to show you how to order a film or fiche and can answer questions, but we do not want them privy to any credit card or paypal accounts, so you, the patron, must handle that part of your order

yourself. Only MasterCard and Visa are accepted as credit/debit cards. No American Express. Patrons uncomfortable with online payment options could purchase a prepaid VISA to use from any dealer (Wells Fargo Bank, Safeway, Longs, USA Bank, etc).

2. MONEY -- We will still have the cash register and collect money for copies and other miscellaneous supplies, but we will not be handling payment for film orders or renewals.

3. PRICES -- Film prices are going down, sort of. Fiche prices are going up. Prices include sales tax.

Films: Price is \$5.98 (includes sales tax) for Short Term Loan (about 90 days at our Center---formerly was only 35 days) or \$14.95 for Extended Loan (indefinite period -- 'forever' or until it isn't needed anymore.) Any renewal of Short Term Loan for another 60 days is \$5.98. 2 or 3 short-term loans for \$5.98 never turn into an Extended Loan. You can do 5 or 10 Short Term Loans, and the film will still have a fixed return date. So, if a patron knows that a film will be needed for more than 150 days it is less expensive to go with a \$14.95 extended Loan at the beginning. **NOTE:** All prices quoted are for the Oakland FHC; your price may or may not be the same because of the different taxes each city applies -- so please use this as a real close estimate.

Fiche: All Fiche orders now have a fixed price of \$5.17, no matter how many fiche are in the set. Fiche will continue to be 'permanent' at our Center.

4. PATRON ACCOUNTS -- When a Patron orders a film/fiche on-line it is tied to an e-mail address. A patron can see all the films and fiche ever ordered on the new system using that account. Under the new system, each patron will receive an e-mail when the film leaves the SL Distribution Center, and again when it is checked into our Center. You will not receive a letter. You, the patron, will also receive an e-mail about 10 days before a film is due to be returned to Salt Lake. You then have the option to go on-line and renew the film for 60 days for \$5.94, or change the film to an extended loan for \$14.95, or do nothing and the film will be returned on the return date.

5. HOME FHC -- The first time you place a film or fiche request, you will be given the opportunity to select a home Family History Center. **Be sure you select San Rafael (Marin) as your default center or films may be sent to your closest center by your address.** The "home" FHC is where all films/fiche will be sent -- not to your personal home.

6. E-MAIL ADDRESS -- What if a patron does not have an e-mail address? Anyone can set up a free E-mail account at gmail, yahoo or hotmail. That e-mail can then be checked on any computer with an internet link, ie. at a friend's house, at the public library or senior center, or in any Family History Center.

7. TRANSITION --

a. All Films that are ordered at SRFHC before Aug 2 are registered under the new system with SRFHC as the patron who ordered the film. We will process these films as we have always done and you will receive a call when they arrive as always. However, if you would like them renewed so as to be kept for a longer period you need only let us know. For the short term films now in the SRFHC or ordered before Aug 2, there will be no renewal fee.

b. All Films that were ordered from our Center by Fri. July 29th will be considered by Salt Lake to be an Extended Loan -- that is they will have no fixed return date in the Salt Lake FHL system. **HOWEVER** -- we will still send them back on the due date unless the patron requests an extension!!! This means that Patrons who want to extend a film don't have to pay for it, but they do have to request the renewal.

We are excited about this new opportunity and hope you will be patient with us as we implement it.

Sincerely,
Sonja Jensen,
Director, Marin Family History Center

Many thanks to Sonja Jensen for her thorough and stimulating presentation on "FAMILYSEARCH.ORG" at our August meeting !!

Last Call!!

**Northern California Family History Expo, San Mateo, CA
October 7-8, 2011**

**Event Location
San Mateo Co. Event Center
2495 S. Delaware St.
San Mateo, CA
(605) 574-3247**

This third annual Expo runs from 7:00am-5:00pm each day. It offers a myriad of classes as well as exhibitors, advertisers, and local vendors. There will be many educational opportunities directed at the novice, as well as the experienced genealogists.

The registration fee schedule is:

Registration Fee - \$95
Friday Only - \$60
Saturday Only - \$60
At the Door - \$120

Those not interested in classes may browse the hall without charge.

For more information, check out the website at:

<http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent.aspx?cid=36>

A warm welcome to our newest MCGS member **Malcom Barker** of San Rafael who is researching the names ***Barker & Anderson !!***

October General Meeting Preview

Save the DATE of October 26th. Steven Morse, popular lecturer for MCGS in the past, will devote the full meeting to introducing **"From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You wanted to know but were afraid to Ask."**

Ancestry Day in San Francisco Daylong Event Features Genealogy Experts, Lectures and Consultations

Ancestry.com and the California Genealogical Society (CGS) are partnering to present [Ancestry Day in San Francisco 2011](#)

Saturday, November 5, 2011, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco, located at 5 Embarcadero Center on the waterfront near the historic Ferry Building.

This full-day event will help you start or hone your genealogical skills. Explore the world of genealogy, listen to engaging lectures, meet with expert staff and learn about the incredible resources available at Ancestry.com and at the California Genealogical Society Library.

The day will include:

- * More than a dozen family history lectures
- * Ancestry.com experts on-hand to answer your questions
- * One-on-one consultations with genealogists
- * Beginner's classes where your family and friends can learn the basics

[Registration](#) is open. The **“early bird” price (through October 5, 2011) is \$42** for the all-day event. To learn more about the classes and consultation offerings, visit: [Ancestry Day in San Francisco 2011](http://ancestry.com/ancestryday-sanfrancisco) at <http://ancestry.com/ancestryday-sanfrancisco>.

About Ancestry.com:

With more than five billion historical records and in excess of 20 million family trees, Ancestry.com is the world's largest genealogical database. Have you explored what Ancestry.com has to offer? Visit [Ancestry.com](#).

About CGS:

The California Genealogical Society, founded in San Francisco in 1898, maintains a library in Oakland, gathers and preserves vital records, and offers research services and online databases. CGS dis-

seminates information through publications, meetings, seminars, workshops and its website: CaliforniaAncestors.org.

Goldie Magee has retired from her volunteer position of **“Sales”** at our meetings. We thank her for all the years she faithfully put out our books for sale.

Carolyn & Paul Hacker have generously agreed to take charge of the **“Sales Committee.”** We appreciate their willingness to take on this position.

If anyone has something appropriate that we can sell please let them know.

Inscriptions & Tombstones for Mt. Tamalpais Cemetery Published

Volume 1 of the Mount Tamalpais Cemetery inscriptions and tombstones has been printed. Five paper copies only were printed since it runs over 600 pages. The copies were distributed as follows:

- 1) MCGS library at the Marin Family History Center
- 2) The Anne T. Kent California History Room at the Civic Center Library
- 3) Mount Tamalpais Cemetery
- 4) MCGS Research, Cathy Gowdy
- 5) MCGS Historian, Carolyn Schwab.

The book encompasses the entire history of the Cemetery up to about 2008. There will be another volume produced to include those areas not yet completed and recent burials.

Additional printed copies of this Volume 1 will be available at \$40, including tax and shipping and handling, but only after at least 5 orders have been received. A PDF version is available on a CD for \$15, including tax and shipping and handling. The PDF version is better for viewing the maps included, contains links to each section of the cemetery, and is every-word searchable.

Memorial Acknowledgement

We are sad to announce the death of Bill Kooiman, husband of Esther Kooiman. Esther is a past president of the Marin County Genealogical Society. Bill passed away on Friday, September 9, 2011. In addition to being the husband of one of our past presidents, Bill also audited our books at least once and attended some family functions of our Society.