

**Sunday March 14, 2010**

## **Warren Weimer “Genes, Genealogy & Family History”**

How genes & DNA affect Family Histories-familial affects and propensities for Disease.

Library open 12:00 till 5:00 Program starts at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA

### **Up coming programs**

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#### **April 11th**

**IGS/DPL April Pommern Group.**

Speaking genealogist, **Arlene Eakle**

Genealogical Evidence in Emigration-Immigration Sources for Ancestors  
Leaving Northern Europe for America. No fee.

#### **May & June**

**To Be Announced**

#### **July 11, 2010**

**Joint IGS/PSIG Meeting**

Speaker: Paul Lipinski-Polish Society of California

Topic: **History of Poland with Maps**

Historical Implications on Genealogical Research

### **A Valentine Surprise, “I’ve got you Babe” A History of Marriage, A Social Union or Legal Contract?**

On Sunday, February 14, Board Member Marilyn Deatherage, stepped in for Warren Weimer. Warren had an eye operation and his doctor said it would be best if he rested his eye for a while. Marilyn’s program was an “Eye Opener”, to put it mildly. If you think you know everything there is about the subject of marriage, put that thought right out of your mind. Marriage is thought to have gone back to prehistoric times. There are so many different “laws, statutes, customs, and religious rules” that were brought out in the program that I am still trying to absorb them all. I hope some time in the future we can ask Marilyn to repeat the program and you can attend. It was Really One of Our Best!

**A contribution of Linda Heelan in the German Genealogy Group Newsletter** was a website I used years ago and forgot.

Go to <<http://www.verwandt.de/karten/>> and enter your surname. You will find the highest concentration of the name on a map. You can pick a country from a drop-down menu. German Genealogy Group, *Der Ahnenforscher*, Issue 138, January 2010

**Our society received a beautiful gift** by way of associate member, Fran DeMuri, of the Editors Chatsworth California DAR Chapter. It is astounding but she found a German Bible at a garage sale. It isn’t in mint condition, but that hardly alters its value to us. It is dated 30 Okt. 1903. And when you consider that it is over 100 years old, it is in Very Good condition. The owner did some damage by marking some passages in ink and some in pencil. But it just means he or she found some messages that meant more. At the back, there are four colored maps; one is Kanaan, one of Sinai, one Palestina, and the last Apostelen Pauli Resor. If there were a way to return it to the original family, we would do that, but it is impossible with no name anyway inside.

#### **Error In the February 2010 newsletter.**

The URL address for the site about Yorkville was incorrect, a hyphen was missing. The correct address is

<[www.yorkville-kleindeutschlandhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.yorkville-kleindeutschlandhistoricalsociety.com)>

## **KALENDER**

<b>March</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Day light savings starts - 2AM</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>General Meeting/Program 2PM</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Mailing</b>
<b>April</b>	
<b>3-4</b>	<b>CLOSED for EASTER</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>IGS/DPL /General Meeting/ Arlene Eakle!! NO FEES at 2 pm</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Mailing</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Board of Directors 7pm</b>

**Another contribution by Linda Heelan in the German Genealogy Group** Newsletter sounds too

good to be true, but you may want to give it a try. "Google Translate now translates as you type. (Even though it's spontaneous, it \*IS\* still machine translation, though, so it won't be perfect)...when you are translating other languages into English, Google will show the translation and a speaker icon. Click on the icon and a text-to-speech voice will read the translation for you. <[Http:// translate.google.com/#](http://translate.google.com/#)> Wow, what will they think of next?! German Genealogy Group, *Der Ahnenforscher*, Issue 138, January 2010

**Press release for the Sacramento German Genealogy Society's monthly meetings and annual seminar.**

Sacramento German Genealogy Society (SGGS)  
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<http://www.sacgergensoc.org>

The meetings are held at 1 pm in St. Mark's Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Lusk Dr. & St. Marks Way . St Mark's is located directly behind Country Club Plaza near Watt and El Camino. The seminar will be at the Turn Verein 3349 J St .  
Submitted by: Joan Gray-Fuson (916) 487-2563

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

Presenter: Warren Bittner

Title: "Using Multiple Sources for Solving an Immigrant Problem"

Warren Bittner, with a wide background in German research, will share with us his extensive knowledge of the holdings at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, with ideas about how to use the m.

**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

Presenter: Roger P. Minert, Ph.D.

Title: "The Revised Law of the German Civil Registry: A New Standard for Accessing Old Records"

Once again, we are fortunate to be able to draw on the expertise of Dr. Roger P. Minert, who will explain the newly changed law in Germany regarding access to vital records of our ancestors – an important adjustment that German family historians need to understand.

**Saturday, April 24, 2010, 8:30 am – 4 pm**

SGGS ANNUAL SEMINAR:

John P. Colletta, Ph.D

The seminar will be at the Sacramento Turn Verein 3349 J Street, Sacramento

**Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2**

Department of California & Pacific

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

<<http://www.suvpac.org/camp2.html>>

SUVCW National Graves Registration Database

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) National Graves Registration Project was established in 1996. Since then, hundreds of dedicated people from within and without our Order have graciously devoted thousands of hours of their time and energy visiting cemeteries, recording, verifying, researching and entering the final resting places of Civil War veterans. From the beginning, one thing was missing - the means for the SUVCW and the general public to search and view the results of our labor on the Internet. As the number of registrations grew, it was also apparent that duplication of effort and waste of time was reaching an unacceptable level, without knowledge of what was completed and what needed further investigation. The National Graves Registration Database <[http:// www.suvcwdb.org/home](http://www.suvcwdb.org/home)> is now available to all. The database was activated February 22, 2005. This will make all original registrations available for viewing by the general public, as well as allowing for new registrations to be entered through our online program. It is our hope that this online database program will promote increased interest in the SUVCW National Graves Registration Project and take us to an entirely new level of achievement. Depending on the source referenced, there were between 4.2 and 4.8 million Union Civil War Veterans. Due to mass burials, unreported battlefield losses, burials at sea and other circumstances, we can never expect to register all Union graves, but with your assistance we will succeed in honoring the "boys in blue" to the best of our ability.

**An article by Ruth Bowyer and Lois Edwards**

spoke to me because I have roots in Westphalia and had the wonderful opportunity to visit there twice. The German name for the area is Westfalen. One fact is especially important and it happened in my family. If one of the men in your ancestry married a woman who was heiress to a farm, he may have taken her name. I discovered I was researching the wrong name for a period of time because of this. There are five government regions or Regierungsbezirke in the present German state of North Rhine-Westphalia [Nordrhein-Westfalen]. There was an economic reason for the immigration from the area in the 1830's and '40's; the industrial revolution with the mechanization of cloth weaving. There was a cottage industry of home-based spinning and looms for weaving. When I was there and asked why my ancestor who was 44 with young children would leave, the Mayor of Spenge said people were found dead in the streets from hunger. If you are interested in this region here are some websites mentioned in the article: <[www.genealogylinks.net/europe/germany/nw.htm](http://www.genealogylinks.net/europe/germany/nw.htm)> and <[www.looking4kin.com/ger.htm](http://www.looking4kin.com/ger.htm)> Next, <[feefhs.org/maplibrary.html](http://feefhs.org/maplibrary.html)> has an excellent 1882 map of Westphalia. <[westphalia-emigration.de/](http://westphalia-emigration.de/)> provides emigrant lists from Kreis Meschede and Kreis Olpe. <[www.amerikanetz.de/](http://www.amerikanetz.de/)> is a German group researching American emigration from Westphalia since the 19th Century. For a list of emigrant databases online go to <[www.roots-in-Germany.de](http://www.roots-in-Germany.de)> And, <[www.stenvorde.de](http://www.stenvorde.de)> has indexes to extracted records including emigration and photos. Germanic Genealogy Society, *Germanic Genealogy Journal*, Fall 2009

**Do you remember newsreels at the movies?** If you are in your 60's or above, you must. I still have nightmares about planes dropping bombs from seeing newsreels. David A. Norris has an article about these artifacts. If you would like to see some samples of newsreels for FREE you may do so. You must have Windows Media, Realplayer or Quicktime on your computer. If you don't have any of this software, the sites often have instructions on downloading them. Dial-up to Internet is okay, but high-speed will save time. "A German newsreel company, Deutsche Wochenschau GmbH, can be searched and viewed online at <<http://www.wochenschau-archive.de>> To get the English language version, click on the British Union Jack. The collection "inventing Entertainment: The Motion Pictures and Sound Recordings of the Edison Companies" at <<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/edhtml/edhome.html>> has early clips. Universal City Studios, just miles from our library, donated their collection to the National Archives in 1976. There are 601 different Universal Newsreels at <[http://www.archive.org/details/universal\\_newsreels](http://www.archive.org/details/universal_newsreels)> These newsreels are in the public domain, so you may download high-resolution copies and, if you want, burn them to DVD's.

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**If you had a family member who fought in WWII**, you will be interested in the following information. "Historical records site Footnote<[footnote.com](http://footnote.com)> has posted the Web's largest collection of WWII photos, documents and information." There is "an interactive version of the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii. You can maneuver across a life-size image of the wall naming the 1,177 sailors killed on the Arizona in the 7 Dec. 1941 bombing... or search for a name and link to its image. You'll also get details about the person's service." "WWII Hero Pages... let you create an online tribute for WWII veterans with photos, timelines and stories." Of interest to almost anyone are digitized WWII images. There are 80,000 "available online for the first time, or search captions naming people, places and events." All of the above.  
*Family Tree* May 2009

**An article by Tony Bandy** gives us some good information on the subject of DNA. More and more you hear people talk about having their DNA done and some of them have been able to connect with cousins. I am tempted to try because I still have so much to find. Be aware that a female will only be able to find out about her maternal line, but males can find out about both male and female lines. The male line will find the Y-DNA and the female lines are mitochondrial DNA or MtDNA. This can determine our "haplogroup". For more help understanding all this, go to <<http://offers.genetree.com/landing/dna.php>>. Here are some websites to contact for more information. Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF), <<http://www.smgf.org/index.jsp>> Another site is: <<http://www.genetreecom/help/sitemap>>. In addition there is: Genetealogy.com, <<http://www.genetealogy.com/index.html>> Also, try: Opposing thoughts at <<http://www.popsci.com/scitach/article/2003-12/putting-gene-back-genealogy>> And, of course, there is always Cyndi Howells at: <<http://cyndislist.com/dna.htm>> *Internet Genealogy*- August/September 2009

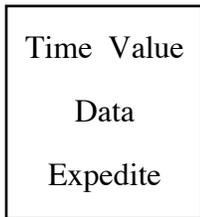
**An excellent article titled "States of Mind"** by David A. Fryxell, contributing editor of Family Tree magazine gives us some websites for states that offer the most information on genealogy. For his choice of best state for records is Massachusetts. I have this state early and it can't get better. Go to <[www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcidx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcidx.htm)> that "includes an index to vital records (1841 to 1910) and an in-progress database to more than a million arrivals through the port of Boston (1848 to 1891)." Across the country, go to "the Washington State Digital Archives <[www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx)> At last count...75 million records, with 63 million of them searchable." In Virginia, the "Library of Virginia <[www.lva.lib.va.us](http://www.lva.lib.va.us)> online offerings include land patents and grants...birth and death register indexes (1853 to 1896), wills and administrations (to 1800) and Confederate pension applications." The "Missouri State Archives site <[www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp)>" has "a birth and death records database encompassing 185,000 pre-1910 entries from 87 counties." Arizona is "the only state to post searchable databases <[genealogy.az.gov](http://genealogy.az.gov)> of birth certificates (1855 to 1932) and death certificates (1844 to 1957), which you can click on to view PDF's of the actual records." The Wisconsin Historical Society at <[www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy)> lets you "search more than 150,000 obituaries and biographical sketches, 1,000,000 births and 1,000,000 marriages, 400,000 deaths, 16,000 historical and biographical articles, Civil War records and veterans' censuses." Join the society and the Research Service will do the work for you. For Illinois, go to <[www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases/html](http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases/html)> to find "a 1763 to 1900 marriage index, two death indexes (pre 1916 and 1916 to 1950), military and veterans records from the War of 1812 on, land records, and servitude and emancipation records. Also use the "Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD)...at <[www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/irad/iradholdings.html](http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/irad/iradholdings.html)> No. 8 is Utah, and the state historical society at [history.utah.gov](http://history.utah.gov) and state archives at <[www.archives.state.ut.us](http://www.archives.state.ut.us)> Try the Cemetery and Burial Database at <[history.utah.gov/research\\_and\\_collections/cemeteries](http://history.utah.gov/research_and_collections/cemeteries)> The United States government had a Census for the Utah Territory in 1850 and "territorial censuses exist for 1856 and 1872". For Minnesota, go to the state historical society at <[www.mnhs.org/genealogy](http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy)> for "research guides and databases of births (1904 to 1934), deaths (1904 to 2001), old photos and maps....A People Finder lets you search...with a single click." Go to <[www.ironrangerresearchcenter.org](http://www.ironrangerresearchcenter.org)>. There are probate records dating to territorial days. No. 10 on Fryxell's list is Texas. In Houston, there is the Clayton Library <[www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton](http://www.houstonlibrary.org/clayton)>. "Records date to colonial days, including Spanish and Mexican town censuses, and to...citizen claims for government compensation <[www.tsl.state.tx.us/repclaims/index.php](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/repclaims/index.php)> when it was independent.

**I heard this story on National Public Radio this week.** A tourist became lost on the frozen North Sea. He "had climbed on the ice off the coast of St. Peter-Ording in northern Germany to admire the sunset. He soon became disoriented, so he began flashing his camera for help." Here is where it becomes almost unbelievable. "A woman in southern Germany who was admiring the sunset on her computer, via a beach webcam, saw the flashes and alerted police, who rescued the man." *The Week*, February 19,2010

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### The Week in Germany

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#### German Athletes Ready for Winter Olympics in Vancouver

- Germany hopes to win many medals at the February 12-28 Olympic Games in Vancouver. But German athletes will have their work cut out for them if they wish to repeat their feat of winning the most medals as they did four years ago in Turin.

Winter Olympics: >[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_PR/GIC/2010/02/12\\_Olympics\\_PM.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_PR/GIC/2010/02/12_Olympics_PM.html)>

#### German Carnival Begins with Traditional Yelling-Women Parade

- Yelling women in fancy dress invaded Cologne's town hall on Thursday, February 11 to kick off six days of frenzied, non-stop carnival celebrations on the streets of the western German city.

Carnival: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_PR/GIC/2010/02/12\\_Weiberfastnacht\\_PM.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_PR/GIC/2010/02/12_Weiberfastnacht_PM.html)>

#### Carnival - Crazy, Zany Winter Days

If you visit a town in Germany's Rhineland or in the southwestern region during the supposedly dark days of winter you're likely to find the whole place thrown topsyturvy. That's because the period before Ash Wednesday is known as Carnival or the fifth season.

Crazy, Zany Carnival: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/07\\_Culture\\_Lifestyle\\_Travel/06/02\\_Carnival\\_Carnival.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/07_Culture_Lifestyle_Travel/06/02_Carnival_Carnival.html)>

#### Germany's New Face in the EU

Germany's new EU Commissioner Günther Oettinger expressed a clear commitment to the expansion of renewable energies on February 10, when he took up his

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#### Afghanistan: New Mandate for a New Strategy

With a new mandate for the deployment of the Bundeswehr in Afghanistan, Germany is implementing a change in strategy, including enhanced efforts to train Afghan security forces, almost a doubling of civilian engagement, and the reintegration of insurgents into society. Of 5,350 troops, 1,400 are due to remain in the training sphere. Afghanistan: [http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_PR/P\\_Wash/2010/02/11\\_Westerwelle\\_AFG\\_PR.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_PR/P_Wash/2010/02/11_Westerwelle_AFG_PR.html)