

## **Immigrant Genealogical Society**

**April 15, 2012 PSIG/IGS Meeting**

**Speaker: Jean Wilcox Hibben**  
Topic: "Turning Genealogy into Family History"

Library open 12:00 till 5:00    Come for the fellowship!  
PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA

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### **May 6th:**

Crossing a Continent: Migration Between the Revolution and the Civil War (1783-1861)

**Kathleen Roe Trevena**

Retired Computer document writer, 30 Year Genealogist

### **June 3rd:**

Researching Mormon Family History Center On-line Historical Records

**Lorna Rice**

Renowned Genealogist in the South Bay Area of Los Angeles and Director of the Torrance Family History Center

### **Jamboree**

The time is drawing near for the annual Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Genealogy Jamboree -- beginning with a Kids' Family History Camp on Thursday afternoon, June 7th, and extending through three days of sessions running through 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at the Burbank Marriott and Convention Center. There are tours and sessions Friday morning, including "Genealogy World Roundtable Discussions." Three groups of eight hour-long sessions by presenters will occur Friday afternoon, followed by this year's "Hollywood Gala" Jamboree Premier. Saturday's six rounds of presenter sessions will be followed by a banquet, and Sunday's four rounds will conclude with door prize drawings and a grand prize drawing. There are also several Saturday and Sunday breakfasts and a Thursday Luncheon Buffet that

may be selected. And pre-Jamboree events on Thursday are a Family History Writer's Conference, Tech-Trax for Genealogists-Entry Level, and Tech-Trax-Intermediate -- all three running from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Register online at: <[www.genealogyjamboree.com](http://www.genealogyjamboree.com)>

### **Glen Richard Stockslager**

Mr. Stockslager joined our Society in 1993 and was an active member until 2005. He was a descendant of Heinrich Stockschleder (~1600-1679) of Betzdorf, Rheinland, Germany and his great-grandson and family -- 18th c. immigrants to Pennsylvania. His research into his ancestors provided much of the documentation of what is known of this family today, and it is with sadness that we report that Glen passed away last April 20th, at age 82. He moved from Ohio to Santa Monica in the 1950s, and to Escondido in 1975. The IGS has been remembered through a bequest of his family trust. We very much appreciate this thoughtfulness; he will be greatly missed by all.

## **KALENDER**

<b>April</b>		
15	PSIG/General Meeting/Program	2PM
	Jean Hibben	
18		Mailing
25	Board of Directors	7PM
<b>May</b>		
6	General Meeting/Program	2PM
	Kathleen Roe Trevena	
13	CLOSED	Mother's Day
16		Mailing
26-27	CLOSED	Memorial Day

### **SGGS Annual Seminar in April**

Warren Bittner, C.G. will be the keynote speaker at a Sacramento German Genealogy Society (SGGS) seminar to be held all-day Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Sacramento Turn Verein, 3349 J Street. The theme is: "Tracking Down Our German Ancestors." Registration will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m., with the program running from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The pre-registration fee for members is \$40 each or \$50 per couple (\$50 each or \$60 per couple for non-members), and with registration at the door costing \$55. Those pre-registering can also reserve a lunch at a cost of \$8.00. For additional info or to register, contact Milt Kelly at <mekelly4143@comcast.net>, or see their web site at <<http://www.SacGerGenSoc.org>>. Attendees are encouraged to submit their surnames for the Seminar and for the July/Aug./Sept. issue of the Society's quarterly journal.

The annual seminar is the largest event the SGGS hosts, and always features one or two nationally known scholars. Mr. Bittner holds an M.S. degree in History from Utah State University, runs his own genealogical research firm, and was formerly the German Collection Manager for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. His topics will be as follows: German Maps and Territories, German Gazeteers and Levels of Jurisdiction, Marriage Laws and Customs, Elusive Immigrants - Proving the German Link, U.S. Federal Land Case Files - Key Records for German Immigrants, and Welcome to the Library - Reading to Put Your Family into Historical Context.

### **SCGS DNA Interest Group**

Saturday, March 31 brings to the SCGS at 417 Irving Drive in Burbank, CA a special presentation by David Dowell, Ph.D., a genealogist and research librarian, on "Genetics, Genealogy, and Ethics." Beginning at 10 a.m., Dr. Dowell will devote the first half-hour answering your questions about DNA testing. Following this, his topic will be "Bioethics concerns versus the public's right to know." Lunch is Noon to 1 p.m., and attendees will then be offered individualized help by Dr. Dowell. Following this regular meeting, those who are Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) Project Administrators or Co-Administrators will remain to discuss how they are managing group projects, and upcoming changes to the Y-DNA haplotree and a new FTDNA personal page will both be reviewed. A \$5 donation for the regular meeting is suggested, and if you don't wish to brown-bag your lunch an additional \$5 will secure you a share of the pizza to be ordered. You may call Alice Fairhurst at 626-331-4791, or email her at <[fairhurst@gmail.com](mailto:fairhurst@gmail.com)> for additional information.

### **Ulster History and Genealogy Summer School 2012**

Here's an opportunity one doesn't often see. The Ulster Historical Foundation and the University of Ulster are jointly running a Summer School, June 20-26, to help those of us "across the pond" to find out about our Ulster ancestors and to explore the history of Ireland's northern province. These six days allow participants to conduct their own research at Belfast's main archives and libraries and to visit some of the area's most historic sites. Why is it a

Summer School? That's because you'd be registered as a University of Ulster student for that week, thus allowing access to the University's library, computer suite and a range of electronic resources. Last year saw the visit of a whole group of researchers from the East Tennessee Historical Society! Learn more by visiting: <<http://www.ancestryireland.com/summerschool>>. Not sure if this applies to you? See: <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotch-Irish\\_American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotch-Irish_American)> Thanks to the National Genealogical Society (NGS) for publicizing this announcement

### **She Has Her Names!**

Member Carolyn Flint took us at our word and submitted over a page of detailed information concerning the individuals she is researching. We can't run the whole list because of space considerations, but we'll display it on top of our map cabinet at the IGS Library, next to the upcoming events bulletin board. Carolyn's principal interest is the ALLEN family of Russell County, Virginia and Fountain County, Indiana. But she is also interested in one of the Allen family brides, a NOWLAND (or NOLAN) of County Mayo, Ireland. Can any of you Irish researchers lend her a hand? She's also looking for leads on the mother of Baptist preacher Rev. Geo. Thos. Mayfield, a German called "Margaret Apple" (APPEL). Further, Rev. Mayfield's wife was of a LOMAX family which is said to have come via France and England from Como, Italy.

### **Our Renewing Members**

Robert Singiser - **Singiser, Sengeis(s)en, Singeis(s)en;**

### **Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles**

The JGSLA has regular monthly programs at various locations, and two upcoming programs you may wish to consider are the "Assisted Research Day" on Sunday, April 2nd, 1 - 6 p.m. at the L.A. Family History Library with Steve Morse on "The 1940 Census"; and Sunday, May 6th's 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. "Forensic Genealogy: CSI Meets Roots and The Database Detective," with Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. at Wilshire Blvd. Temple in West Los Angeles.

### **JustaJoy.com Family Heirloom Exchange**

You've probably heard by now that there are web sites like "DeadFred" that attempt to match up photos with the names that go with them. Now here's an innovation that takes this to the next level. SCGS member Doug Miller, per the Winter 2012 issue of *The Searcher* (newsletter of the Southern California Gen. Soc.), personally collects all manner of documents from the Revolutionary War. He has teamed up with a woman who seeks to reunite antiques and other artifacts with the families to which they once belonged - Joy Shivar of the above-named Family Heirloom Exchange. JustaJoy.com advertises items that are added nearly every day by antique dealers and others, and these surname-related items have some 40,000 associated families! The result is that one now may search the listings for Miller's Rev. War pay documents & other archival materials. A \$20 annual membership fee allows one to be notified of new items that match any of twenty surnames on a personal search list, as well as entitling buyers to review full information on any item and contact sellers directly. No site commission or fee is generated from "exchanges." Visit <<http://www.JustaJoy.com>> Thanks to SCGS for this tip, and for having negotiated a \$5 reduction

in the annual fee for SCGS members -- making the cost just \$15 if submitted with the form in the last Searcher.

### **Saturday, March 24th "Spring Seminar"**

The North San Diego County Gen. Soc. is teaming with the Carlsbad City Library Genealogy Division to host Curt B. Witcher of the Allen County Public Library in presenting a program on "Ancestral Origins." Using these origins as research keys will be his first topic under the theme, but he will also discuss methodological issues in historical research and outline strategies for effective use of Allen County's Genealogy Center. Tom Gordinier <tgordinier@san.rr.com> can answer questions, while Carolyn Hoard <gchoard@roadrunner.com> can take your reservations.

### **Creole in Las Vegas**

The Creole Reunion of the year is set for May 11-12 at the Suncoast Hotel & Casino. The Open Forum Session on Saturday morning will cover the national impact of the Creole Heritage Center (at Natchitoches State U.); research, documentation and promotion of the culture; Creole genealogy & family histories; establishment of regional chapters of the Creole Heritage Center; saving the Creole language; and more. You may register online at: <<http://www.nsula.edu/creole>> or call 318-357-6685.

### **Federation of Genealogical Societies**

The FGS, to which your IGS belongs, will have its 2012 conference in Birmingham, AL, 29 August through 1 September at the Convention Complex & nextdoor Sheraton.

### **Save the Date...**

"The Genealogy Event" is a two day public event featuring a variety of exhibitors, learning opportunities and one-on-one expert sessions. It will be held Friday, Oct. 26th and Saturday, Oct. 27th at Metropolitan Pavilion, NY, NY. The French-Canadian Heritage Society of California (FCHSC)

Sunday, March 25th marks the Spring Meeting (Réunion de Printemps) of this special interest group connected to the SCGS. Their research team assists with personal research at the SCGS Library every Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., or conducts look-ups for a fee (email <[fchsc@scsgsgenealogy.com](mailto:fchsc@scsgsgenealogy.com)> ). But this meeting features talks by Doug Miller on The French House DNA Project, and by Dallas Joseph Bordenave, Jr. on a Louisiana Creole's understanding of race typing from DNA results -- in addition to the usual research assistance provided by their research team. The public is welcome; contact the above email address or call 818-843-7247 for further details.

### **French Surname Mapping**

Those of us who conduct German research know that there are ways to track current residents by surname across Germany through the online telephone directory. But did you know that the same kind of tool is available for France as well? Access the website <<http://www.geopatryme.com>> and enter the surname of interest in the Votre nom search box. Click Valider. A map then appears showing where people of this name were born in France, by Département. Click the list of Départements to see a list of the towns

where births of babies with this surname occurred. Thanks to Earl F. Charvet (2008), who has granted permission to freely distribute this info in electronic form.

### **Need a Contact in Alsace?**

*Der Ahnenforscher*, the newsletter of the German Genealogy Group, Inc. of Kings Park, NY has an interesting item contributed by Valerie Kirchmann, who was at a Paris genealogical expo and encountered a man who expressed an interest in having a US contact. He is Jacques Cerini <[jacquescerini@gmail.com](mailto:jacquescerini@gmail.com)>, and he is credited with being responsible for the Ile de France section of the Cercle Généalogique d'Alsace, with main office in Strassburg. I'm sure he wouldn't mind hearing from our members as well. --Ed.

### **St. Wendel, Saarland, Germany**

Okay, I admit it. This one is probably of interest just to me, but my wife has Schwingel-Schiffler-Schneider ancestry from very near here, and so I couldn't pass up publishing this item from "The GGG," in the same newsletter as above. Roland Geiger does historical & genealogical research for hire, transcriptions of old into modern German, and guided tours in Sankt Wendel and the surrounding area. You may contact him by mail at Alsfassener Str. 17, 66606 St. Wendel, Germany, by email at: <[rolgeiger@aol.com](mailto:rolgeiger@aol.com)> or phone at: ++49-6851-3166. Web page: <<http://www.hfrg.de>>--Ed.

### **Two Semi-Famous Welsh-Americans**

"A Welshman--Mr. John C. Evans--was the first man to sow wheat in the State of Minnesota, a state which with its annual yield of ninety million bushels is now the greatest flour-producing state in the Union. Mr. Evans, who is 81, was born at Llanrhaidr, Oswestry, in 1831, and emigrated in 1850. In 1852 he took up a farm at Galena, Illinois, and in the following year he surrendered this farm to his father, Mr. Edward Evans, and with his brother, Mr. Edward S. Evans, began farming in Le Sueur camp, Minnesota, and there he has lived ever since.

"A movement is on foot among the Welshmen of the United States to place a monument on the grave of Aneurin Fardd in Los Angeles, California, where he was buried a couple of years ago. In the thirties and forties, Aneurin, although a North Walian, was well known in South Wales eisteddfodic circles. Some twenty years ago he wrote some interesting reminiscences of his eisteddfodic ventures."

--from "*Wales*," A National Magazine, Edited by J. Hugh Edwards, M.P., (Volume II, No. 10, October 1912, page 569, and Volume III, No. 1, January 1913, page 43).

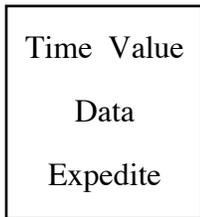
### **Welsh-American Influence in the Election of Woodrow Wilson**

The Volume III, No. 1, January 1913 issue of "Wales" carried an article on the President-Elect and his Democratic Party leaders who could claim Welsh parentage. "Dr. Woodrow Wilson's political 'chiefs' include the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, [head] of the 'special' department, and [head] of the 'publicity' department. Each of these is of Welsh parentage, three of the five are Welsh-speaking,

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and three bear distinctly Welsh names.” Here they are:  
> Wm. F. McCombs, Chairman - Welsh on his (unnamed) mother’s side.  
> Wm. G. McAdoo, Vice-chairman - great grandson of Welsh-American General John Lloyd, of Georgia.  
> Joseph E. Davies of Wisc., Sec’y. - of Anglesey parentage, and with a mother who claimed relationship to Mr. Lloyd George and with Under Home Secretary Ellis J. Griffiths.  
> Willard Salisbury, ‘Special’ Dept. - descended from an historic North Wales family.  
> Joseph Daniels, ‘Publicity’ Dept. - (Welsh connection unnamed).

**Spiegel Online International**

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**The Week in Germany**

**Mar 16, 2011** Click here to view the Newsletter online [http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/newsletter/The\\_\\_Week\\_\\_in\\_\\_Germany/TWIG\\_\\_120316.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/newsletter/The__Week__in__Germany/TWIG__120316.html)

**Chancellor Merkel Visits German Troops in Afghanistan**

During her stay in Mazar-e-Sharif, the Chancellor confirmed that the year 2014, a date that has been internationally agreed upon, is the deadline for the withdrawal of Bundeswehr personnel.

Merkel in Afghanistan: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_\\_pr/P\\_\\_Wash/2012/03/12MerkelAFG.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/P__Wash/2012/03/12MerkelAFG.html)>

**Leipzig Book Fair with 20,000 New Publications**

Some 100,000 books, more than 2,000 publishers from 44 countries, many international writers are expected at Europe’s largest reading festival and Germany’s second largest book trade show, the Leipzig Book Fair.

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**German Women Defend Relay Gold.** Magdalena Neuner predicted six medals at the 2012 Biathlon World Championships. When she packed her skis and rifle up for the final time at Ruhpolding, she held only four, but one of those came in the relay, as her three teammates willed out a defense of their crown. Ruhpolding Wrap Up: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_\\_pr/P\\_\\_Wash/2012/03/12-ruhpolding.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/P__Wash/2012/03/12-ruhpolding.html)>

**Sustainable Ways to Community Prosperity in South Carolina and Virginia.** Delegations from Denmark and Germany will come together with business and community leaders and interested citizens on March 27 and 29 in Charleston, SC and Charlottesville, VA for day long forums on sustainable ways to community prosperity. Sustainable Ways to Community Prosperity: <[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_\\_pr/TCB/2012/03/13SWCP-events.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/TCB/2012/03/13SWCP-events.html)>