



GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada Street at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Doors will be open at 6:30 PM.

October Evening Meeting Thursday, October 28, 2010

This Ol' House *Documenting Where Your Family Lived* Glenda Lloyd

Glenda Gardner Lloyd is a 4th generation Californian. She grew up on a cattle ranch in northeastern California and attended a one-room country school. She received her BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and her MA from California State University, Sacramento. She taught elementary school and worked as a reading specialist for 38 years. Glenda helped organize and served as the first president of Root Cellar, Sacramento Genealogical Society. She has taught genealogy classes through San Juan Adult Education for the past 25 years. She participates in local seminars for the California State Archives, the Regional Family History Center, the Sacramento City Library, and does workshops for many local societies. She has lectured for the Salt Lake Institute. Genealogy is her hobby and her passion which she hopes to share with all of you.

Day Study Group Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2010
10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Beecher Room, Auburn Library

[Barbara Leak](#) leads the study group. Visitors are welcome.

Family Tree Maker User Group

Thursday, November 11, 2010
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
LDS Stake Building, 1255 Bell Road, Auburn

The New Family Tree Maker 2011 Q&A

The FTM User Group meetings will continue our look at the newly released Family Tree Maker 2011 with time for questions and answers. We had a brief look at version 2011 which was just shipped earlier this month.

Special in-depth topics can be scheduled. Please e-mail our group leader [Jerry Unruh](#) with any requests.

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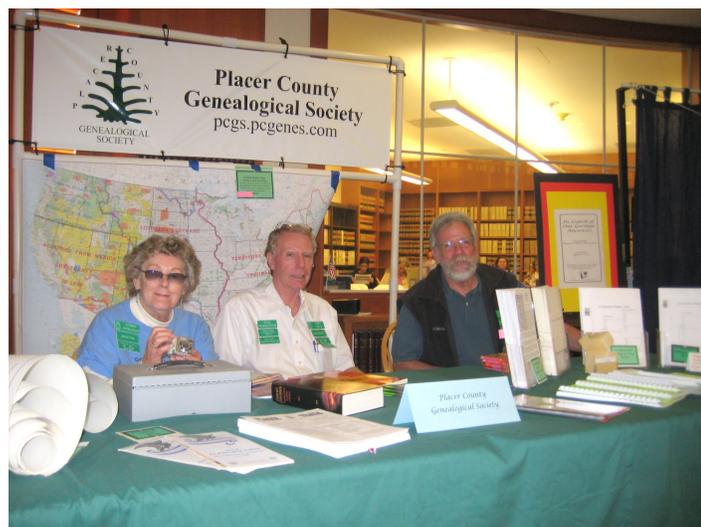


PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

At the September meeting we were able to display our new banner. It has taken us a while to decide that we actually wanted a banner to display our name. Thanks to John Knox who redid our logo so that it could be enlarged for the banner. The copies of the original logo were low resolution and pixelated too much to be able to use for the banner. John also assisted with the design and building of the stand for the banner. Thanks to Super Fast Copy in Auburn for making the banner for us.



Our second use of our new banner was at the Sacramento State Archives for Family History Day. The tree on the banner is green, although it is hard to tell from the photographs.



Here we are at Family History Day representing PCGS.

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Pamela Simning Meet your fellow members

I am a native Californian, born in Oakland and raised in Seiad Valley, Siskiyou County. I was fortunate to have attend Seiad Elementary, a one room school house, and graduate from Happy Camp High School. My love for school led me to Chico State College and their exemplary teacher education program/department.



I taught elementary school 37 years for the San Juan Unified School District. My specialty was second grade. I loved teaching and watching children learn. I became a Master Teacher for Sacramento State College, University of California at Davis and National University. I enjoyed working with student teachers for over 25 years. I still correspond with many of my student teachers who are now teachers in their own classrooms! Another aspect of the profession I loved was the challenge of being selected a California Mentor Teacher. As a mentor, I was busy demonstrating teaching techniques for teachers, piloting new textbooks, teaching workshops, and developing primary curriculum for math, language arts, science and social studies.

I retired in 2004 and began to focus on hobbies. One of my favorite new hobbies began when I joined PCGS. What fun it is to attend classes and meetings and learn how to research family history.

In keeping with my new found hobby, my brother, cousin and I traveled, in June, to research the Simnings/Christensens (my father's side of the family) who lived on the prairies of Redwood County in Southwest Minnesota. What a wonderful adventure it was and as my 90 year old father said, "Minnesota is at its best in June." He was absolutely right! We met generous people-who cared enough to help us find the Christensen/Simning

farms and homes, cemeteries, churches, towns, newspaper accounts, records and documents. And the best part-meeting our first cousin, Bernice Margaret Simning Youngman, who stayed with us for the week in Redwood Falls, MN and helped us with our research!

I'd like to thank PCGS, Sheryl Frank and Barbara Leak for the classes, support, encouragement and help in discovering our family "roots." In October we leave for Northern Italy to research my mother's side of the family, the Stellas and Gaglianis. Ciao, Ciao!



A wild hair day-the wind was blowing across the prairie. Left to right: Bernice Margaret Simning Youngman and Pamela Lee Simning at the New Avon Township Cemetery in New Avon Twp, Redwood Co., MN. Our Great Grandfather Hans Christian Christensen's monument is in the background to the left of Bernice.

The Genealogy Research Team in front of the Bed and



Breakfast, Tatanka Bluffs, in Redwood Falls, Redwood County, Minnesota. Left to Right in Front: Patrick Lance Simning, Pamela Lee Simning, Bernice Margaret Simning Youngman and standing in back our Stella cousin, Steve Alfred Waterson.

Missing link to Auburn pioneer unearthed in cemetery

John Knox became interested in the Bernhard family when he found the Bernhard Museum seemed to have little genealogical information on the Bernhard family and also had some incorrect information. John with some assistance, mostly prodding, from Carol Cramer has done extensive research on the Bernhard Family and the following article published in the Auburn Journal is the latest extension of his efforts. Previous efforts by John resulted in the publication of a book on the Bernhard Family.

By Gus Thomson, Journal Staff Writer
(Originally published September 9, 2010, in the Auburn Journal)

It's hard not to escape the legacy early Auburn resident **Bernhard Bernhard** left on the area.

The German-born farmer's family name is on a complex of 19th century buildings off Auburn Folsom Road that have been turned into a museum and provided thousands of visitors a glimpse into the past over the last quarter century or so.

But when Auburn history sleuth **John Knox** and museum docent **Carol Cramer** teamed to find what they expected to find in the Old Auburn Cemetery, they came up stumped.

Bernhard, whose land-holdings near Old Town Auburn were immense by today's standards, died in 1902. So did his wife, Rosa. But a search of the cemetery found not a trace of the Bernhards on their family plot.

That lack of a marker is being remedied later this month when a new one will be dedicated by the Placer County Historical Society near the graves of other Bernhard family members also buried there. Rocklin's **Roy Ruhkala** and the Ruhkala Monument Company – with roots in Placer County stretching back to 1904 – pitched in with what the historical society is calling a generous donation.

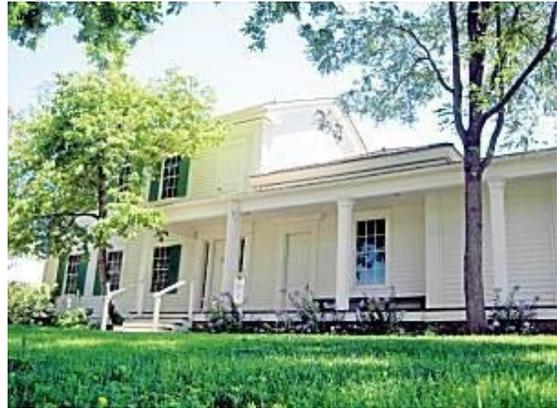
Knox said that earthwork to install a new gravestone also turned up a surprise. While soil tests earlier couldn't locate any markers in the area they were supposed to be, the simply worded "B Bernhardus" gravestone emerged during the work on a new one.

The new marker will be dedicated to the memory of the Bernhard family at 1 p.m. on Sept. 26 at the cemetery. Bernhard senior bought the 17-year-old Traveler's Rest building – now the main museum house – in 1868. It had started out as a stage-stop hotel in 1851.

Knox said he's heard or read plenty of false hyperbole surrounding Bernhard – particularly about the amount of wine he may have produced. What is known is that his 130-acre property stretched from Old Town to the edge of what is now the Skyridge subdivision. Descendents owned the old Traveler's Rest building and much of the land until 1958.

The real story behind the new marker revolves around Knox's efforts to locate a descendent to OK the new one. Knox said he wasn't able to find anyone locally and ended up contacting a great-great-grandson of Bernhard in Texas.

With the suitable OKs, the Auburn Cemetery District and Manager **Sue Burkett** were able to approve a new monument in an old cemetery that already boasts the markers for 19th century outlaw **Richard "Rattlesnake Dick" Barter** and **Eulalie**, California's first published woman poet.



The Bernhard Museum in Auburn is keeping the Bernhard Bernhard legacy alive in Auburn and a new marker in the Old Auburn Cemetery will add a new historic touchstone.

NARA Publishes List of Digitized Records

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has compiled a listing of federal records that have been digitized and placed online by Footnote.com and Ancestry.com. The list includes both microfilmed and manuscript records that have been digitized. This is a handy list to refer to if you want to know if a particular collection of records is online. To view the list and learn more, visit <http://www.archives.gov/digitization/digitized-by-partners.html>.

Upcoming General Meetings

November 22, 2010 – Member Sharing

Bring an item you have from an ancestor and talk about it. Or if you don't have an item you can share a story about your research successes or talk about your ancestor.

The following is currently the schedule for our meetings in 2011.

General Meeting	Day Study Group	FTM User Group	Board Meeting
01/27/11	01/17/11	01/13/11	01/19/11
02/24/11	02/14/11	02/10/11	02/16/11
03/24/11	03/14/11	03/10/11	03/16/11
04/28/11	04/11/11	04/14/11	04/20/11
05/26/11	05/09/11	05/12/11	05/18/11
06/23/11	06/13/11	06/09/11	06/15/11
07/28/11		07/14/11	
08/25/11		08/11/11	
09/22/11	09/12/11	09/08/11	09/14/11
10/27/11	10/10/11	10/13/11	10/19/11
11/28/11	11/14/11	11/10/11	11/16/11
		12/08/11	

How to Begin Seminar (8:30 - 4:00) 03/19/11

We were unable to get all of the dates that we normally have. The January Day Study group is on the third Monday rather than the second Monday. This hopefully will not be a problem for anyone. We may have to reschedule if there is a problem for Barbara and we can not find someone to fill in for that one Day Study Group Meeting. The Day Study Group meets from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Beecher Room in the Auburn Library. The normal day is the second Monday and the DSG does not meet in July, August, and December.

The November/December General Meeting is usually the Monday prior to Thanksgiving since Thanksgiving seems to fall on the fourth Thursday. For 2011 the November/December General Meeting will be the Monday after Thanksgiving. General meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in the Beecher Room in the Auburn Library from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Doors will be open at 6:30 PM.

Members are welcome to attend Board Meetings, we would just like to know ahead of time due to the small room size. Please notify any Board Member if you would like to attend.

September General Meeting

Grand Army of the Republic

Pamela Dallas



Pam Dallas spoke on the *Grand Army of the Republic* and also brought gifts. Although Pam's computer decided to commit suicide, Pam happened to bring the overheads for her presentation. Pam will finally get a new laptop.



French Records of the Lower Rhine

The *Archives départementales du Bas-Rhin* in France holds public and private records dating back to the 8th century. The name *Bas-Rhin* means Lower Rhine and is part of the Alsace region of France. Many of the Archives' records are now online. But be prepared, the website is in French.

To search the online collections, go to <http://archives.cg67.fr/>. Scroll down to "*Accéder aux registres en ligne*" (access to online registers). Click on "License" then scroll down to "*J'accepte ces conditions*" (I accept your conditions) and checkmark the empty field. In the same field, the word "*License*" appears. Now scroll down and click on "*Application Flash*." On the virtual keyboard, press the first letter of the town you're looking for, then select one of the listed towns. Parish records are coded green. Civil records are in red. Double click on one of the folders. *Bon chance*.

Bavarian Research Register

The "Bayern Register" is a genealogy databank of German family names, containing data from about 300 researchers from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands and USA. It is now available online at <http://bayernregister.wirthinger.de/>

The register contains 66,000 family names, as well as towns and villages from Lower Bavaria, Upper Bavaria, Upper Palatinate and Schwaben. Currently, the website is available in German only. (French and English will come, but it may take a while.)

To search the data collection, click "*zur Datenbank*." Use the first line to search for surnames, the second for town names, and the third for German zip codes.

The following information is given: surname, German zip code where the name appears, researcher's number. Now, step back to the sidebar and click on "*Listen – Mustervorlagen*." Here you will find a pdf file titled "*Liste aller Teilnehmer sortiert nach der Teilnehmernummer A-Z*." Look up the researcher's number to find contact information for the researcher who searches that particular family.

Mailing List: CA-PCGS

We have a mailing list at [RootsWeb](#) for PCGS. Announcements of meetings and other information of interest to PCGS members will be made available through this mailing list. It is also a place to gloat about your recent finds and general discussion among our members. If you have trouble subscribing please e-mail at the address below.

CA-PCGS is a mailing list for the members of the Placer County (California) Genealogical Society (PCGS) to discuss the activities of the Society. If you are a member of the Society you can subscribe by sending "subscribe" to <mailto:ca-pcgs-l-request@rootsweb.com> (mail mode) or <mailto:ca-pcgs-d-request@rootsweb.com> (digest mode). To switch from one mode to the other, you should unsubscribe from one and then subscribe to the other. There is no "no mail" mode -- if you want messages to stop, you should simply unsubscribe. You may also search or browse the archives or subscribe at http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Genealogical_Societies/CA-PCGS.html. If you have trouble subscribing or unsubscribing please send an e-mail to maillist@pcgs.pcgene.com

Please feel free to communicate with other members and the PCGS board through the mail list on any topic of interest to the PCGS.

PCGS Voice Mail (866) 894-2076

Don Cortez of Three Ring Service has graciously donated a voice mail telephone number for Placer County Genealogical Society. The answering message will announce basic information and the upcoming PCGS meetings. Callers can leave messages for board members, chairpersons and the research committee. Thank You, Don Cortez.

Civil War Graves Registration Database

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) established a National Graves Registration Project in 1996. Hundreds of dedicated people have devoted thousands of hours visiting cemeteries, recording, verifying, researching and entering the final resting places of Civil War veterans, both Union and Confederate. The resulting database may be searched online at SUVCW website at <http://www.suvcw.org/>.

Newsletter Get Together

A group of us get together on the day of the board meeting after the board meeting to fold, label, and stamp the newsletters in preparation for mailing for those who still would like a paper copy. We meet at the Sizzler Restaurant on Lincoln Way and have lunch and then tend to the newsletter. The participants change slightly each month – take a look at the front page of the newsletter each month to see who attends. With the number of people who attend the newsletter takes very little time, but the visiting with everyone during lunch and the newsletter is very enjoyable. Last month (September) we had a visitor from Australia.



From left to right: Alan “Captain” Webb, John Knox, Audrey Meyers, “Fred” Knox, Jerry Unruh, Bob Baker, Susan Vander Linden, Carmel Barry-Schweyer, Bev Russell.



From the other end left to right: Bob Baker, Susan Vander Linden, Carmel Barry-Schweyer, Bev Russell, Alan “Captain” Webb, John Knox, Audrey Meyers, “Fred” Knox, Jerry Unruh.

Internet Research

The Internet has changed the way that we do genealogical research. I am surprised how many people who use Ancestry at home. It is interesting to see all the Ancestry advertisements in all the media. This is just an indication of how popular and prosperous genealogy can be. Ancestry is just an example and there are numerous other pay sites and even more sites that are free to access. I utilize the Internet on a regular basis and I do find a lot of additional information to add to my database. As more and more records are digitized and made accessible on-line the Internet will become even more useful; however, there are still a lot of records that are not available through the Internet and may never be available in the future.

I find that I regularly refer to the following image put out last year by the California Genealogical Society. PCGS posts indexes of information available at the Placer County Archives. However these are just indexes and are not the actual records. We still have more indexes to make available but neither we or the county will ever be able to make all of these records available on the Internet. Our members that volunteer at the Archives are amazed at the variety of records available at the Archives.

Genealogy Research

INTERNET
is just the
tip of the iceberg.

*Most research
is done in:*

**LIBRARIES
ARCHIVES
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

General Meeting (Fourth Thursday of the Month) – October 28, 2010, *This Ol' House - Documenting Where Your Family Lived* with **Glenda Lloyd**

Day Study Group Meeting (Second Monday of the Month) – November 8, 2010, – [Barbara Leak](#) leads the Day Study Group.

Family Tree Maker User's Group (Second Thursday of the Month) – November 11, 2010 – *Introducing Family Tree Maker 2011* with [Jerry Unruh](#).

Placer County Genealogical Society Board Meetings (Wednesday prior to General Meeting) – 10:00 a.m. at the Carnegie Library on Almond Street in Auburn. All members are welcome to attend, but please let a board member know due to space restrictions and to confirm date and time.

For Updates on Meetings and Other Events:

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