

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.

March Evening Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2016
California and the Civil War
Kim von Aspern-Parker

When one thinks of the Civil War, the Golden State is not the first to come to mind. But California was involved in the Civil War and men from this great state did fight. Come and find out more about California's involvement in the Civil War.

Kim von Aspern-Parker is actively pursuing her fourth career and her passion for genealogy, having earlier careers in journalism, dental assistant and dance instructor. Kim now works coaching others on their genealogy and lecturing about her passion. A self-proclaimed "conference junkie", she is an ardent attendee of genealogical conferences and other methods of learning genealogy. She passes this knowledge on in lectures, classes, research, coaching and research tours.

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Day Study Group Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2016

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Beecher Room, Auburn Library

The April Day Study group meeting will explore Death Records.

[Barbara Leak](#) leads the study group. Visitors are welcome. Requests for specific topics are appreciated.

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Family Tree Maker User Group

Thursday, April 14, 2016

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
LDS Stake Building, 1255 Bell Road, Auburn

Family Tree Maker 2014 Q and A

The FTM User Group meeting will continue to look at Family Tree Maker 2014. We will also take time for questions and answers on any version of the program.

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

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THANKS to those who helped your editor prepare the newsletter for mailing last month: Audrey Meyers, Cyndi Davis, Suzan Vander Linden, Carol Peterson, and John and Jacqui Marcella..



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

During one of our programs last year we were reminded to go back to check online resources periodically for updates.

I recently found the biography of my great-great grandfather on a site that had just posted it in November 2015! It had been written in the early 1900’s and I would never have known its existence had it not been online. I was able to verify facts and add some new names for research to my files.

Keep checking!!!!

Just as we near the deadline for the 2016 dues, the PCGS Board is facing a financial dilemma. The dues are no longer adequate to cover the expenses of the organization. One of the areas of discussion is the mailing of newsletters. Many organizations are offering only email options and that is certainly one option we should consider.

It is certainly the hope of the Board to keep the dues as modest as possible to maintain our membership enrollment but some adjustment may need to be considered for next year.

This will be an ongoing topic this year and your input is welcomed.

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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.

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Information in Newspapers

My great grandparents Elisha and Gertrude Hampton were married in Fairplay, Colorado and their first child, Rita, was born there on Dec. 7, 1880. I had this information as well as their marriage certificate when I went there to visit.



Rita Hampton

My great grandfather had worked in the courthouse making copies of records and the library was in the old courthouse. When I went in to see where he worked a substitute librarian was reading the 1880 newspaper.

She showed me a notice in the Dec. 9, 1880 Fairplay Flume stating:

“Our good natured friend E.D. Hampton is the proud father of a little girl. She entered the arena of life on Monday.”

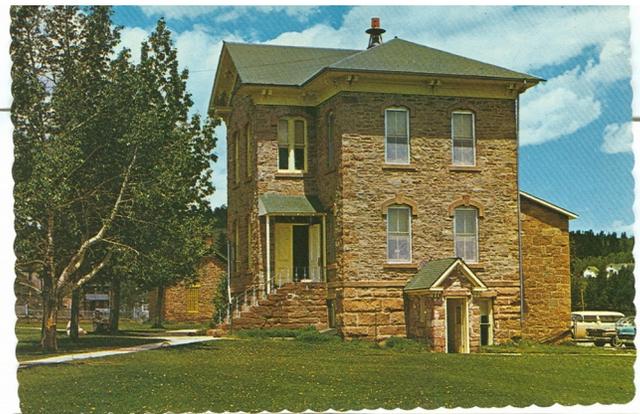
This is something I would not have looked for and such a

nice surprise.

Rita grew up on Howell Mountain in Napa Co. and worked in the SF Mint and the Napa post office. In later years she lived with her brother, William, in Napa. She never married and is buried in the family plot in Yountville Cemetery.



Elisha Hampton kids, left to right Bill, Rube, Ted, Rita & Frank approx. 1892-93



Fairplay CO courthouse where Elisha Hampton worked

On a visit to Sutro Library many years ago I looked at a

Missouri Genealogical Society newsletter which was indexed for the family of Beard as I knew they were from St. Francois Co. near Bismarck.

There was a listing from the St. Louis Christian Advocate newspaper that Christopher Beard, son of James and Zerilda Beard, age 6, had died in Oct. 1857 and was buried in Dent Cemetery. This is the only place I have found mention of this child and provided the location of the family graves.

These 2 experiences with old newspaper information were before the computer age. Now more research can be done online for information contained in newspapers.

Carol Peterson

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New Family Tree Maker

Software Mackiev was able to get their new versions of Family Tree Maker available by March 1st. However, the updates for people currently using Family Tree Maker 2014 are not yet available. FTM checks for updates with a web site that has apparently not yet been turned over to Software Mackiev. It is possible that the update web site could be having the same problem as RootsWeb. In any case current users of FTM 2014 do not have a means to acquire the upgrade to FTM 2014.1.

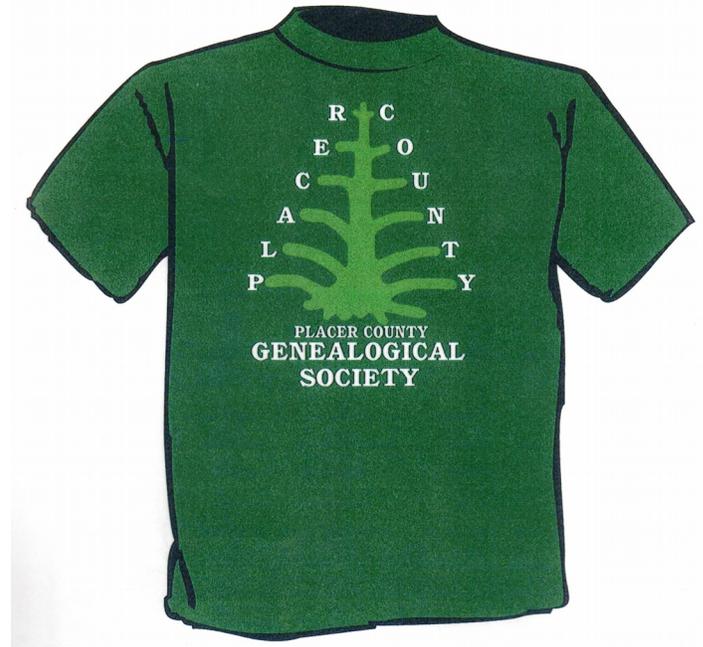
I do know of people who have purchased the new version of FTM for both the PC and Mac and have not seen any problems with the new version.

The latest from Software Mackiev:

FREE updates are coming. They will be available in about a week or so through the built-in update feature. We will send you an email to let you know as soon as they are available.

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PCGS T-Shirts



100 percent pre shrunk cotton fabric. Made locally in Auburn California. Sizes Small to XX Large. Price: \$15.00 each. Good to wear to genealogy events such as Meetings, Seminars and Genealogical Classes locally, National and International. When others see the name Placer County it can make a curiosity that they will ask "Where is Placer County?" or if they are familiar with it perhaps they will ask if you know a certain person or family from Placer County. Who knows, it may be one you are researching. You may contact Audrey Meyers for ordering and information. You may leave her voice mail on the PCGS voice mail at (866) 894-2076.

Also available are name badges that can be ordered with names you are researching. To order please see our Registrar, Robin Marshall, at our General Meetings at Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, on the 4th Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00 PM except for November and December.

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Mailing List: CA-PCGS

From Ancestry.com:

We're currently experiencing a temporary website outage due to RootsWeb hardware failure. Rest assured, our development and web operations teams are busy working to securely restore the site as quickly as possible.

Our initial expectation is to have the site back up and running on or around March 15, 2016.

We apologize for the disruption and thank-you for your patience. We will provide other updates here as we have them.

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.

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2016 Meeting Schedule**Board Meeting**

Wednesday one week prior to General Meeting, (except July, August, December)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Conference Room, LDS Auburn Stake, 1255 Bell Road, Auburn

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| 01/20/2016 | 04/20/2016 | 09/14/2016 |
| 02/17/2016 | 05/18/2016 | 10/19/2016 |
| 03/16/2016 | 06/15/2016 | 11/09/2016 |

Day Study Group

2nd Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

(except July, August, December)

Beecher Room, Auburn-Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn

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| 01/11/2016 | 04/11/2016 | 09/12/2016 |
| 02/08/2016 | 05/09/2016 | 10/10/2016 |
| 03/14/2016 | 06/13/2016 | 11/14/2016 |

Family Tree Maker User Group

2nd Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Conference Room, LDS Auburn Stake, 1255 Bell Road, Auburn

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| 01/14/2016 | 05/12/2016 | 09/08/2016 |
| 02/11/2016 | 06/09/2016 | 10/13/2016 |
| 03/10/2016 | 07/14/2016 | 11/10/2016 |
| 04/14/2016 | 08/11/2016 | 12/08/2016 |

General Meeting

4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

(except - November & December)

Auburn-Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn

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| 01/28/2016 | 05/26/2016 | 09/22/2016 |
| 02/25/2016 | 06/23/2016 | 10/27/2016 |
| 03/24/2016 | 07/28/2016 | *11/21/2016 |
| 04/28/2016 | 08/25/2016 | |

*Monday Prior to Thanksgiving

How to Begin Seminar

TO BE DETERMINED – May move to Spring 2017

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Beecher Room, Auburn-Placer County Library

Newsletter Meeting (Lunch & then Newsletter)

Wednesday one week prior to General Meeting and after Board Meeting, (except - July, August, December)

12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sizzler Restaurant, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn

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| 01/20/2016 | 04/20/2016 | 09/14/2016 |
| 02/17/2016 | 05/18/2016 | 10/19/2016 |
| 03/16/2016 | 06/15/2016 | 11/09/2016 |

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February General Meeting

Our February meeting had Jim Baker speaking on *Strategies for Finding People in Historic Online Newspapers*. Jim is always a very entertaining speaker.



Jim Baker with his wife, who helped keep Jim under control.

Jim provided several case studies and examples of how to find newspaper sites. He covered the strategies that he uses to find these sites as well as what to expect to find as you explore these sites.



Cyndi Davis introducing Jim to our audience.



Our Registrar Bill Heisch checking membership and taking 2016 dues

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Our President Alora Lipsmeyer with our Recording Secretary Susan Howland Thompson

Two Newsletter Delivery Options Available

Individual and family memberships pay the same dues rate. However, we have two new dues rates based on how you receive your Placer Trails newsletter.

- 1) For \$10 per year, you can access the newsletter electronically on the Internet; a paper copy will not be mailed to you.
2) For \$15 per year, you can access the newsletter electronically and also continue to receive a printed, paper copy of the newsletter in the mail.

A notice will be sent out on the newsletter mailing list when each new issue of the newsletter is published. The notice will include a link to the newsletter file, which you can download or view online. The electronic version of the newsletter is published in PDF format and can be viewed using the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you prefer to read your newsletter on paper, but want to take advantage of the lower dues rate, you can print out the newsletter from your computer at home.

The bylaws amendment, as adopted by the membership on November 23, 2015, changes only ARTICLE 3, SECTION 4, which now reads as follows:

- (a) No fee shall be charged for making an application for membership in the corporation.
(b) The annual dues payable to the corporation by members shall be on a calendar year basis and shall be due on the first day of January. The annual dues amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.
(c) First annual dues paid by new members joining on or after the first day of October in any calendar year shall be deemed paid for the following calendar year.
(d) Memberships shall be non-assessable.

With the electronic rate it is important that you keep the registrar updated with your e-mail address.

Dues are due on January 1.

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PLACER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: First Middle Last

Spouse's Name (if a family membership)

Address: Street

City, State, Zip Code

Phone: (please include Area Code) E-Mail: (please include Spouse's e-mail for family membership)

Electronic Rate Membership: \$10.00 \$
Mail Rate Membership: \$15.00 \$
Book Fund Contribution: \$
Total Enclosed \$ [] cash [] check

Make checks payable to: Placer County Genealogical Society
PO Box 7385
Auburn, CA 95604

Electronic Rate: This rate shall entitle members to receive electronic only access to and/or delivery of the corporation's newsletter and meeting notices.
Mail rate: This rate shall entitle members to receive by postal mail delivery printed copies of the corporation's newsletter and meeting notices.
Note: A family membership is defined as two or more persons residing at a single mailing address. You are encouraged to register a family membership. Family memberships are entitled to one vote per family member in attendance at meetings, not to exceed two votes per family.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

General Meeting (Fourth Thursday of the Month) – March 24, 2016 *California and the Civil War* with **Kim von Aspern-Parker**

Day Study Group Meeting (Second Monday of the Month) – April 11, 2016 *Death Records* [Barbara Leak](#) leads the Day Study Group.

Family Tree Maker User's Group (Second Thursday of the Month) – April 14, 2016 – *Family Tree Maker 2014 Q&A* with [Jerry Unruh](#).

Placer County Genealogical Society Board Meetings (Wednesday prior to General Meeting) – 10:00 a.m. at the LDS Church on Bell Road. All members are welcome to attend please check with a board member to confirm date and time.

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For Updates on Meetings and Other Events:

Check our web site

pcgs.pcgenes.com

or

PCGS Voice Mail (866) 894-2076

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April 1, 2016
Email: placetrails@pcgs.pcgenes.com**

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