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In This Issue

The Searcher's Mission

The Searcher is published quarterly by SCGS (the Southern California Genealogical Society) to serve its members and the genealogical community at large.

The purpose is fourfold:

- to communicate news of our organization to our members;
- to provide a literary outlet where our members (and others, as space allows) may share accounts of their research and family histories;
- to support and promote the research of our members through articles of general genealogical interest;
- to serve the research needs of genealogists and historians who have an interest in Southern California's past.

How to Contact Us

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alicefairhurst@gmail.com

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Monthly Meetings

Free and open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of most months; library is not open for research.

12 – 1 p.m. Lunch with a brown bag or purchase lunch from nearby eateries. Sit, chat and share your questions and genealogy stories while you eat.

1 p.m. Learn from our speakers; ending times may vary. Contact Charlotte Bocage at rubymoon01@yahoo.com for more information.

Saturday, October 11, 2014

1 – 2 p.m. “US Immigration and Naturalization,” Speaker: Hal Bookbinder

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. “American Migration Patterns,” Speaker: Lisa Schumacher

Saturday, November 8, 2014

1 – 3:15 p.m. “Answering Your Questions on PCs and Genealogical Software,” Presenters: SCGS IT Team

SCGS Writers Group



You don't need to be a professional writer to join - just someone who'd like to write your family stories. The only requirement is membership in SCGS. We meet one Tuesday and one Sunday per month, and have loads of inspiration and fun! Recent topics for the tales we brought to meetings have been: names and nicknames, heirlooms, childhood goals and shimmering images, one of those memory pictures you've had for years.

If you want to try us out, please e-mail me jeanealogy2013@snowstarjean.com for further information.

Upcoming Meetings (weekdays 12 – 2 p.m., Sundays 1 – 3 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 7

Sunday, October 12

Tuesday, November 4

Sunday, November 9

Tuesday, December 2

Sunday, December 14

Annual Meeting, Volunteer Recognition and Pot Luck



Join us for the SCGS Annual Meeting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 13 at the Library. Bring your favorite holiday potluck item to share. Bring your cash, checks or credit cards to shop at the annual Silent Auction. Items for the Silent Auction can be brought to the library from November 13 through December 13.

SCGS is your Society and just wouldn't work without you, our volunteers. So come and share our annual celebration with your genealogy friends.

The newly elected Board members will be announced. Long time members and past presidents will be honored. Members of the Board and leaders of our SCGS Interest Groups will give you an update on what has happened during the year as well as plans for next year. As has become a tradition, the Jamboree Committee will raffle off a registration to Jamboree.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us. E-mail scgs@scsgsgenealogy.com for more details.

What to do about the Black Sheep

The Smith's were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. Their line had included Senators and Wall Street wizards. Now they decided to compile a family history, a legacy for the children. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose -- how to handle that great-uncle who was executed in the electric chair. The author said he could handle that chapter of history tactfully. The book appeared. It said, "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties and ... his death came as a real shock."

Genealogy Software Users Groups

Learn how to enhance your genealogy records with photos. For newer ancestors, you may have facial photos; for older ancestors you may have gravestone photos. Bring your ideas and questions to your genealogy software users groups.

Family Tree Maker Users Group

2nd Sunday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Contact Dick Humphrey at rlh1335@gmail.com
for more information.

Meetings: **October 12, November 9, December 14**

Legacy Users Group

2nd Monday, 7 – 9 p.m.

Contact Barbara Randall at barbmran@aol.com
for more information.

Meetings: **October 13, November 10, December 8**

Check out the Legacy-sponsored free Webinar tips on
genealogical research at www.familytreewebinars.com/

Roots Magic Users Group

3rd Sunday, 2 – 4 p.m.

Contact Jay Holladay at jholladay@ca.rr.com
for more information.

Meetings: **October 19, November 16, December 21**

The Master Genealogist (TMG) Users Group

1st Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m.

Contact Evelyn Maynard at
evmaynard42@yahoo.com or (818) 340-7675
for more information.

Meetings: **November 1, December 6**
October 4 no meeting - Volunteer Luncheon

Irish Interest Workshop

5th Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Meeting: November 30, 2014 at the SCGS Library

The Irish Interest Workshop focuses on research in ALL of Ireland. Ireland was one nation now divided into 2 separate parts: the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Church records consist not only of Catholic and Protestant, ie: Church of Ireland, but Presbyterian, Methodist, Quaker and more. One has to look at Ireland as a whole to be effective in finding your roots. You may also need to look in Scotland as many Irish went back and forth for work.

We are not only helping each other with our Irish research at our meetings, but we also have a Rootsworld mailing list now. People are posting their problems and listing resources. You will find more information on upcoming meetings as we get closer to the dates. Check it out. You can either subscribe or check out the archives at:

http://lists.rootsworld.ancestry.com/index/other/Genealogical_Societies/SCGS-IRISHINTERESTGROUP.html

The topic for the November workshop has not yet been set as we go to print, so be sure to check the archives before the next meeting to see what that topic will be. You are also welcome to contact Marge Rossini at marge4scgs@dslexreme.com for more information.

Chinese Family History Group of SoCal

4th Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

We meet at various locations including Southern California Genealogical Society, 417 Irving Dr., Burbank, and the Chinese American Citizen's Alliance, 415 Bamboo Lane, in Chinatown, Los Angeles.

Upcoming meeting dates are October 25, and November 22. The meetings will cover tools and background helpful for the search of Chinese and Chinese American ancestors, with time allocated during most meetings to cover individual questions. If you are attending for the first time, you may wish to notify the group of any special research issues you may have.

For further information please contact us at cfhgsc@gmail.com - use subject heading "New Inquiry."

Family history is all about recording "his story & her story."

Call for Articles

Issue	Theme	Deadline
Winter 2015	Family Humor	October 27, 2014
Spring 2015	Cherished Memories	February 2, 2015
Summer 2015	Adventure	April 20, 2015

In addition to our regular mix of contents, *The Searcher* is looking for theme-specific submission of how-to-research articles, genealogical research articles with endnotes, family or local history stories, and book reviews. We prefer articles of 500 to 2,000 words. A maximum of four graphics will be considered. Send inquiries and/or electronic copies to alicefairhurst@gmail.com.

DNA Interest Group



10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Southern California Genealogical Society
417 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA 91504
(818) 843-7247 www.scsgsgenealogy.com

DNA Interest Group Meeting – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
at the S.C.G.S. Library

Saturday, November 29, 2014 –

Software for Interpreting Autosomal DNA Results

Presenter: Wes Erickson, computer software programmer. Wes studied physics at CalTech before becoming a firefighter. He holds a B.S. in computer sciences and taught at Palomar College in San Marcos. He won the Computing Challenge award of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers in 1998.

- 10:00-10:10 Announcements & Introductions
- 10:10-11:45 Software for Interpreting Autosomal DNA Results
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-1:30 DNA interpretation continued

\$5.00 donation is suggested for attendance. Individualized help will be available for those who want to order DNA tests or who have received DNA results and need help managing their personal page or interpreting their results. Bring your password to access results. Brown bag or join us for pizza for an additional \$5.00. For additional information contact the DNA Team at DNA@scsgsgenealogy.com

Following the regular meeting, those who are Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) Project Administrators or Project Co-administrators are invited to remain from 2–4 p.m. to discuss how they are managing group projects. The Roundtable format allows people to share expertise and create solutions to issues.

Save these dates:

To be held quarterly on the 5th Saturday of a month from 10am – 2pm at the S.C.G.S. Library: Sat., January 31, 2015 (presenter: Colleen Fitzpatrick; (Sunday) May 24, 2015; August 29, 2015; Oct. 31, 2015

For information on the **International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG)** contact **ISOGG Southern California Regional Coordinator**, CeCe Moore, cecemoore@hotmail.com To join ISOGG (no dues) go to the website www.ISOGG.org.

Genealogy is like a magic mirror. Look into it, and pretty soon, interesting faces appear.

SCGS sponsors two DNA projects through Family Tree DNA:

SCGS DNA project for ANY SURNAME, www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=SCGS and the French Heritage project, www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=FrenchHeritage

Family Tree DNA:

Males

(father's line only)

___ Y-DNA12 \$59

___ Y-DNA37 \$149

___ Y-DNA67 \$248

Males

(father's and mother's line)

___ Y-DNA37+ mtDNAPlus \$208

___ Y-DNA37+ mtFull Sequence \$348

Females/Males (mother's line)

___ mtDNAPlus \$59.00

___ mtFull Sequence \$199

ALL: ___ Family Finder (traces through all 16 great-grandparents; gives continental %) \$99.00

Shipping & Handling: \$4.00 (inside the USA), \$6.00 (outside the USA)

To order, call Family Tree DNA at (713) 868-1438 and ask to join either the SCGS project or the French Heritage project.

Or if you prefer, order online at:

www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=SCGS

OR

www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=FrenchHeritage

FTDNA Webinars

Family Tree DNA offers **FREE** webinars (online seminars) on genetic genealogy and DNA ancestry testing related topics. All webinars are open to both FTDNA customers and the general public with registration. They are recorded, so that they may be attended live or viewed later. Check the schedule at: www.familytreedna.com/learn/ftdna/webinars/

African American Interest Group

2nd Saturday 3:30 – 6 p.m. at SCGS Library

Contact Charlotte Bocage at
rubymoon01@yahoo.com for more information

Meeting dates are: **October 11, November 8, December 13**

Genealogical Society of Hispanic America – SC (GSHA-SC)

Saturday, August 2, 2014: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join us for our annual Fiesta at the Riverside Mission Inn Hotel on Saturday, **October 4, 2014, 10 a.m. – 12 noon**. This fun adventure will include a one hour and fifteen minute tour of the beautiful inn, gardens, arcades, staircases, chapels, and more. Please arrive promptly at 10 a.m. **Due to limited space, an RSVP will be required no later than Oct. 1.** Send your RSVP to Rita Vega-Acevedo at rvacevedo@att.net or call (626) 862-9340. Cost: \$6 per person. Send check payable to GSHA-SC and mail it to GSHA-SC, P.O. Box 2472, Santa Fe, Springs, CA 90670 no later than Oct 1. Please mark “Mission Inn Tour” on the check.

To end the year, please mark Saturday, **December 6, 2014** for our Annual Holiday Party at the SCGS Library. As part of our new tradition to include food, music and culture into this program, we invite you to hear Poet **Karen Cordova**. Her title, **“Cuentos are Conejos. ¡Dios Mio! They are everywhere.”** Cordova, known for her dramatic, humorous, witty and poignant readings will not entertain you, but will offer tips for incorporating poetry into genealogy. Karen will also allow time for questions and answers and provide a handout for all to enjoy. Cordova will also discuss her upcoming poetry book

Farolito, a project with readers and fans already anticipating its release.

LOCATION and TIMES: This series is part of our General Membership Meetings held at the **Southern California Genealogical Society, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, California**. Parking is free across the street. The phone number at the library is (818) 843-7247. The meeting is held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For those coming only to hear speakers, please arrive no later than 10:45 a.m. to find a seat. Please bring a guest and carpool! It’s a great way to reconnect and help another member who wouldn’t be able to come otherwise.

The Southern California chapter has a large collection of Hispanic genealogical records, maps, Hispanic family histories, and history books. At the GSHA-SC chapter meetings, members can check out selected books for a nominal fee, allowing you to research at home until the book has to be returned. Genealogy resources focus on the areas of Arizona, California, Colorado, Mexico, New Mexico, and Texas.

For details contact VP Programs & Education Rita Vega-Acevedo at rvacevedo@att.net.

Beginning Genealogy Classes

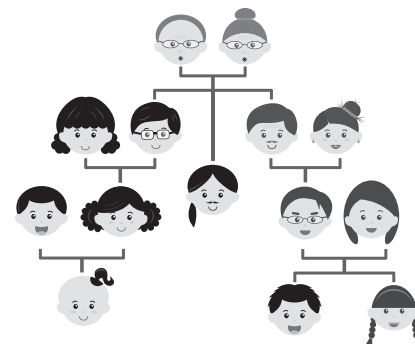
Beginner's Fast Class

An introduction to the basics, including setting goals, keeping organized, identifying resources, using federal and state census records and introduction to Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.com. Free to SCGS members; \$10 fee for non-members.

Saturday, November 8, 2014 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Presenter: Charlotte Bocage

Classes will be held at our library - 417 Irving Dr. - Burbank, Calif.

You can sign up for the classes by calling the library at 818-843-7247 or by email: beginners@scsgsgenealogy.com.



Nominations for the Board of Directors for 2015-2017

Who would be a good person to represent you on the SCGS Board of Directors? We have four three-year term positions to fill. Thank you to Joan DeFato, Alice Fairhurst, Paula Hinkel and Joyce Roberson for their service for the last three years.

We have five candidates who have agreed to be nominated for the open positions: Diane Adamson, Lise Harding, Paula Hinkel, Walt Sturrock, Jean Taeuffer and are still open to additional candidates. Send names to scgs@scsgsgenealogy.com if you would like to run for the Board or have someone to suggest.

The **slate of candidates and their bios** will be announced on the electronic **blog** and on the website under the title **About SCGS**. Ballots will be mailed in November. Results will be announced at the annual meeting on December 13, 2014.



The French-Canadian Heritage Society of California (FCHSC)

Public Welcome!

Join us for the Fall FCHSC meeting held at the SCGS Family Research Library on **Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Program 10:30 a.m. to Noon

“French Canadians who helped settle California and the American West”

As part of this program, please send us stories about your family if they emigrated to California or the Southwest in the 1800s or early 1900s. Send to gouletsuzy@gmail.com

Noon – 1 p.m. Social hour/Potluck.

1 – 4 p.m. “Hands-on” research, Assistance provided by our team of experts as needed.

ABOUT FCHSC

Our primary purpose is to foster an interest in our common French-Canadian, Acadian and French heritage by researching our ancestors and helping others to research theirs. FCHSC sponsors the French Heritage Project as a way to honor our French ancestry at www.frenchdna.org

The **French-Canadian Collection** at the SCGS Research Library is the largest of its kind in the western United States (apart from holdings at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City). Our collection consists of more than 1,000 volumes of French-Canadian, Acadian, and Canadian resources as well as microfiche, CDs, maps, and access to websites. Check our website www.fchsc.org to learn more about this collection.

For more information email us at fchsc@scsgsgenealogy.com Save the date, next meeting March 22, 2015.

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German Interest Group

3rd Saturday 1 – 4 p.m. at SCGS Library

I think we all agree - German research is a challenge. But with the help of the German Interest Group to take some of the mystery out of the process, it becomes more manageable. First we have regular meetings the 3rd Saturday of every month, where programs are presented by members or others who may have a solution.

We have access to an excellent collection of materials that focuses just on German, much of which was donated by F. Walter Hilbig. He was a former contributor to Heritage Quest Magazine and he served for many years as the German specialist at the Family History Library, SLC. We have up-to-the-minute computers to enhance our search capabilities.

Our German Interest Workshops provide topics of interest to assist the researcher. Our attendees add their experiences in a variety of areas, from “how to find a lost car in a strange city” and where to find the best repositories here and in Europe.

Our program theme for 2014 is “Breaking Through Brick Walls”, an attempt to help our members find that elusive clue that will provide the break through.

There is no fee, SCGS membership is desirable but not mandatory. The library hours and our program time is always on the SCGS calendar, available through The Searcher or the SCGS website.

Join us for our meetings on **October 18, November 15, December 20** is our annual Pot Luck.

For further information, contact Lois Burlo: burlolois@yahoo.com

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Book Reviews

Reviewed by Carl Boyer, 3rd



10,600 Marriages from Ninety-Six & Abbeville District, South Carolina, by Larry Pursley. Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 2013, softcover, xiii+164 pages, \$32.50plus \$5.00 shipping. Titles from the Southern Historical Press must be ordered by mail addressed to P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267, or by phone (800) 233-0152 or fax (864) 233-2349.

This is an important work, arranged alphabetically by groom and then by bride, gleaned from about 150 sources, including newspapers, genealogies, county histories, unpublished family records, and collections from libraries not only in South Carolina, but extending west into Georgia and Alabama.

The Ninety-Six District had as its seat the town of Ninety-Six (the origin of the name is not known) and included roughly the northwestern corner of South Carolina, so for the earliest marriages (from 1785) this is a great source. Ultimately Abbeville District (later County) was much smaller, but still an important stopover for many on the migrations into the Old Southwest.

This volume is worth looking into even if you know the date of a marriage as it may lead you to new sources.

The reader should not be concerned with the artistic failures in the title page and list of sources, the placement of pages 1-3 of the text or the lack of an introduction. The lists of marriages are there, with dates and sources, and are extremely valuable. You can find it in the SCGS Library at 975.9 SC.

Forgotten Black Soldiers Who Served in White Regiments During the Civil War, Vol. II, by Juanita Patience Moss. Berwyn Heights, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 2014, softcover, 177 pages, illustrations, bibliography, index, \$21.50. Order from: www.HeritageBooks.com.

This is reviewed without the benefit of having seen vol. 1 of the study by Dr. Moss, who found her great-grandfather's name was not on the monument honoring the black soldiers and sailors who served in the Civil War because he had not served in a segregated unit. Crowder Pacien or Patience (who was born a slave in North Carolina about 1846) had been a member of a white regiment, the 103rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, even though he was identified as "Col'd".

This is the story of Dr. Moss' effort to find other black soldiers who had served, how she faced difficulty in finding the facts, and discovered mixed-race regiments. Denied the right to bear arms for the Union by a law passed in 1792 (but not fully observed during the War of 1812), blacks were allowed to enlist in white regiments as undercooks. Many advanced to become blacksmiths, farriers, hospital stewards and entered other ranks before the Emancipation Proclamation and the advent of the U.S. Colored Troops. Included are over sixty pages of lists of black soldiers serving in white regiments whom she had not listed previously. In addition she offers directions for those seeking still more records.

You can find it in the SCGS Library at 973.7 USA /CIVIL-WAR HISTORY AFR.AMER.

Help Us Find the Missing 40,000 People for the 1890 Project



About nine years ago, SCGS committed to looking for records that would help replace the missing 1890 census for Los Angeles County. So far we have about 60,000 unique names for a county with a population of 100,000. Bill Tully has thought of a way to help us find those missing 40,000 people, most of whom are women and children.

If you are a member of a church that was operating between 1880 and 1900, please ask your minister to allow us to photograph the church's documents. These documents contain names of parishioners—both male and female. Baptism records connect children with parents. The documents are photographed on site. No special

lighting is used, so that further degradation of the documents is minimized.

Contact Bill Tully at stbuly@aol.com and use "1890" as the subject line. Let him know who to contact at the church and he will do the rest of the work.

CENTURY CLUB — We believe in the future!

As we continue celebrating our 50th Anniversary year, SCGS has set a \$50,000 fund raising goal to support our 2,400+ members. Goals for 2014 include: increasing the number of webcast offerings; upgrading our facility for safety and security; expanding the online catalog with CD, map and microform collection information; and digitizing and posting more SCGS produced materials behind the members-only-wall. Donations, no matter the size, will help our organization to reach its goal. Help SCGS become even more valuable to you in your search for your roots.



There are four easy ways to make a donation to the SCGS:

1. Go to the SCGS website (scgsgenealogy.com) and click on the “**Donate**” button (your donation will be considered a General Fund donation unless you specify a program in the comment section of the order form)
2. Donate through PayPal by going to the SCGS blog (SCGS.blogspot.com) or the Jamboree blog (GenealogyJamboree.blogspot.com) and click on the "Donate via PayPal" button. (Unless otherwise noted in the "Add special instructions to the seller" comment box, donations are directed to the General Fund.)
3. Send your check or credit card donation to:
Century Club, SCGS, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA 91504-2408
4. Stop by the Library and donate in person.

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History of the Upper Country of South Carolina, vol. 2, by John H. Logan. Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1980, softcover, iii+124, index, \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping. Titles from the Southern Historical Press must be ordered by mail addressed to P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267, or by phone (800) 233-0152 or fax (864) 233-2349.

Let it be said that the title of this book is very misleading. It is not a history, but a collection of materials and reminiscences assembled for a proposed volume two of the history, the first volume having been published in 1859. A study of the material reveals much about how histories were assembled in the nineteenth century. If nothing else, the practice was much improved over earlier methods, in which "writers" lifted whole chapters of earlier scholars and passed them off as their own (which can be seen by users of books.google.com).

Researchers are indebted to Colleen Morse Elliott of Fort Worth, who added much value by indexing names and places. You can find it in the SCGS Library at 975.9 SC/History.

Ninety Six District, South Carolina, Journal of the Court of Ordinary, Inventory Book, Will Book, 1781-1786, by Brent H. Holcomb. Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1977, softcover, iv+75, index, \$16.00 plus \$5.00 shipping. Titles from the Southern Historical Press must be ordered by mail addressed to P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267, or by phone (800) 233-0152 or fax (864) 233-2349.

This little title by South Carolina's most prolific and active researcher is a key to research in the northwestern part of the state, limited only by the relatively short span of years it covers. It could be very valuable to those studying people who were migrating across the northwest corner. Included in the index are a couple of hundred Negro slaves. You can find it in the SCGS Library at 975.7 SC/Court Wills 1781-1786.



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Susan Summers	Reinhold Tischler	Mary Volland	Sheila Small White	Katherine Peters Yamada
Charlene Suneson	Sara Tobin	Lynn Vomhof	Randy Whited	Susan K. Yaussi
Lisa Sutton	Louann Toledo	Kim R. von Aspern-Parker	Betty Whitson	Carol Yelton
Cj Swenson	Tina Tomaschke	Andrea Wade	Marsha D. Whittaker	Barbara J. Yonck
B. Chris Sykes	Joann Tortarolo	Laura K. Wade	Lois Wildman	Katherine York
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Amber Tauscher	Martha Troncoza	Evelyn Wallace	Merrie & Jim Williams	Nancy Zehler
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Byron Taylor	Beverly J. Truesdale	Carole Walsh	Phyllis Williams	Peter Zwick
D. Joshua Taylor	Cathy Tryon	Elizabeth Walter	Jane C. Willis	

Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc.
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
Year ended December 31, 2013

	General Fund	Building Fund	Total
<u>Revenues</u>			
Donations, restricted, including non-cash of \$11,697	\$ 28,678	\$ -	\$ 28,678
Donations, unrestricted	35,864	-	35,864
Membership dues	73,040	-	73,040
Sale of publications and books, net of cost of sales of \$5,647	6,449	-	6,449
Jamboree program gross receipts	228,642	-	228,642
Other programs and activities	7,508	-	7,508
	<u>380,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380,181</u>
Interest and dividends, net of investment fees of \$7,345	63	48,303	48,366
Total revenues	<u>380,244</u>	<u>48,303</u>	<u>428,547</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
<u>Direct program expenses:</u>			
Computer & website expense, including depreciation of \$909	4,626	-	4,626
Copier expense	1,841	-	1,841
Jamboree expenses, including prom. of \$7,358	158,473	-	158,473
Library supplies and preservation expense	1,375	-	1,375
Other program services expense, including depreciation of \$4,296	11,801	-	11,801
Publications, books, electronic subscriptions	20,425	-	20,425
The Searcher	11,381	-	11,381
<u>Allocable administrative expenses:</u>			
Depreciation (unallocated to programs)	1,255	-	1,255
Facility and equipment repairs and maintenance	9,087	-	9,087
Legal expense	1,856	989	2,845
Membership development	4,687	-	4,687
Other promotion and fundraising expense	3,559	-	3,559
Rent, utilities and insurance	80,559	-	80,559
Other administrative expenses	2,633	-	2,633
Total expenses	<u>313,558</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>314,547</u>
<u>Excess of revenue and expenses</u>	<u>66,686</u>	<u>47,314</u>	<u>114,000</u>
Net realized investment gains of \$65,276			
net of decrease in unrealized gains of \$14,341	-	50,935	50,935
Increase in net assets	<u>66,686</u>	<u>98,249</u>	<u>164,935</u>
<u>Net assets at beginning of year</u>	<u>391,577</u>	<u>1,512,282</u>	<u>1,903,859</u>
<u>Net assets at end of year</u>	<u>\$ 458,263</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,531</u>	<u>\$ 2,068,794</u>

Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2013

	General Fund	Building Fund	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	\$ 156,686	\$ 2,001	\$ 158,687
Cash in money market, savings & CDs	103,983	397,187	501,170
Marketable securities at Charles Schwab	-	1,211,343	1,211,343
Inventory available for sale	17,519	-	17,519
Prepaid expenses	27,968	-	27,968
Deposit on equipment	-	-	-
Equipment, net of \$95,449 depreciation	20,635	-	20,635
Library holdings	174,363	-	174,363
Rent security deposit	12,000	-	12,000
Total assets	513,154	1,610,531	2,123,685
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts & miscellaneous payable	5,802	-	5,802
Unearned 2014 Jamboree income	8,089	-	8,089
Unearned membership dues	41,000	-	41,000
Total liabilities	54,891	-	54,891
<u>Net assets</u>	458,263	1,610,531	2,068,794
<u>Total liabilities and net assets</u>	\$ 513,154	\$ 1,610,531	\$ 2,123,685



Book Reviews

Reviewed by Carl Boyer, 3rd

Revolutionary Soldiers and Wives of Soldiers with Ties to Switzerland County, Indiana, compiled and edited by Marlene Jan McDerment (Berwyn Heights, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 2013), softcover, 527 pages, \$41.00. Order from www.HeritageBooks.com.

Switzerland County, formed in 1814, is located in the extreme southeast of Indiana, southwest of Hamilton Co., Ohio, and across the Ohio River from Boone Co., Kentucky. Marlene Jan McDerment done much more than present the Switzerland Co. records. Each of the 115 individuals treated is referenced to published works, federal records (both manuscript and published), records from other states, and newspapers. In each case the coverage is exhaustive. The format could well be emulated by other researchers on a county by county basis. This was

obviously a work of love, with publication made possible by the process of publishing on demand.

As the individuals are treated in alphabetical order there is no index. One might argue that names mentioned incidentally should be indexed. You can find this work in the SCGS Library at 977.2 N Switzerland/Genealogy.

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Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc.
Recap of Donor and Board Restricted Donations
Year ended December 31, 2013

Purpose	01/01/2013					12/31/2013	12/31/2013
	DONOR RESTRICTED					BOARD	TOTAL
	Restated Balance of Donor Restricted Donations	Donor Cash Additions During 2013	Other Adjustments & Transfers In	Income Incl Real. Unrealized Gain/Loss Net	Amounts Expended from Donor Restricted Donations	Balance of Board Restricted Fund	Balance of both Board & Donor Restricted Funds
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1890 project	3,839	-	-	-	-	-	3,839
Book purchases	-	2,625	-	-	(2,625)	9,324	9,324
CD purchases	-	-	-	-	-	551	551
Chinese SIG	450	75	-	-	-	262	787
Equipment:							
Computer equipment	1,796	1,261	-	-	-	-	3,057
Microfilm Scanner	10,362	-	-	-	-	-	10,362
Family History Writing	-	1,200	825		(725)		1,300
French-Canadian research mat.	15,890	375	-	-	(1,000)	-	15,265
German		1,000					1,000
Irish SIG		326					326
	-		-	-		-	-
Scots-Irish materials	2,978	-	-	-	(441)	-	2,537
Website and GRO database	29,069	7,711	-	-	-	4,354	41,134
Miscellaneous	-	2,408	-	-	(2,408)	-	-
Subtotal (non-building fund)	64,384	16,981	825	-	(7,199)	14,491	89,482
Building fund	1,498,250	973	11,058	99,238	(989)	2,001	1,610,531
	1,562,634	17,954	11,883	99,238	(8,188)	16,492	1,700,013

The Society accepts cash donations which are restricted by the donor for a specific use. Certain receipts are Board approved additions to these same funds. The funds are not always expended immediately, however, but may be held for future use. An example of funds being accumulated for future use is our Website and GRO database fund.

The schedule above is a summary recap of all of the donor restricted cash donations, fund to fund transfers, and Board approved transfers and restrictions received during 2013. At January 1, 2013 the amount on hand to fulfill the donor imposed restrictions other than the Building Fund was \$64,384. As of December 31, 2013 the balance of the donor imposed restricted funds, excluding the Building Fund, is \$74,991.

Queries

Queries are free and are printed in the order they are received, or as space permits. The query should contain the surname(s) being sought, the approximate years (if known) and the geographical areas in which you are searching. E-mail queries to alice-fairhurst@gmail.com, with the words "SCGS Query" in the subject line. You may also mail queries to Query Editor, Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA 91504-2408; however, e-mail is preferred. Always include your phone number and an e-mail address (if you have one) when writing by postal mail.

Robert E. Bason	155 Canonview Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93108 robertbason@yahoo.com (805) 969-0203	HEARNS	Ireland to Worcester, MA, 1850-1925
BASON	PA, IL, IA; 1830-present	McCARTHY	Ireland to Hartford/New Haven, CT; 1880-1920
BENSHOOF	PA, IL, IA, etc.; 1780-present	O'BRIEN	Ireland to Hartford, CT; 1870-1920
HAMMAN	TX, CA; 1800-present	PATTERSON	New England-pre-1776; New Brunswick, CAN- after 1776
McGARVEY	IL, IA.; 1830-present		
WHITTLESEY	MA, etc.; 1680-present		
John T. Bradley	2154 Bonnie Brae, Claremont, CA 91711-1906 (909) 626-8374 jtbradley1832@msn.com	Jeannette M. Hartman	14347 Albers St., #204, Sherman Oaks, CA 91401 Jeannette.Hartman@gmail.com
HOMUTH	Prussia-Pomerania; 1850-1880	(818) 613-7553	France; 1920 and before
JOHNSTON	Virginia; 1830-1870	BRIAUT	PA, IN, IA; 1800-1880
LENZ	Prussia-Pomerania; 1850-1880	HARTMAN	OH, Ireland; 1830-1880
MITTELSTEDT	Prussia-Pomerania; 1850-1880	McCARTHY	OK; 1885-1920
MOORE	KY, DE; 1820-1870	McCORD	France; 1920 and before
ROHRER	MD, PA; 1820-1880	REYNAUD	
SHAFFER	PA; 1820-1870		
ZELLMER	Prussia-Pomerania; 1850-1880	Martha Fern Kowal	1545 Grandola Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90041 (323) 394-5849 marti.kowal@gmail.com
Carol Cronk Cole	629 Myrtle Ave, Terrace Park, OH 45174 (513) 831-6771 cccrole@juno.com	BECK	TX, MS; 1800 on
CRONK	NY-1750-1830; MI-1825 on	JACOBSON	WI; 1880 on
GIBBS	NY; 1755-1940	JOHNSON	IN, CA; 1900 on
GREENE	NY; 1700-1940	MIGUEL	HI; 1900
PATTEN	NY; 1775-1900	RHODES	KY, TX; 1840 on
Bonnie Cosgrove	2763 Inverness Dr., La Jolla, CA 92037 (858) 336-3111 sakdog@hotmail.com	SPANGBERG	WI; 1880 on
HEBLER	OH; 1850-1925	Michelle Ann Launi	6173 W. Van Dyke Ct., Tucson, AZ 85743 (520) 572-6738 3spooky29@q.com
HITCHCOCK	MA; 1756-1850	ALLEN	NY, MI
JULIAN	NH; 1800-1900	HINCHEY	MI, NY; 1800-1910
MARKLEY/	MI, OH; 1830 on	BURBANK	MI, VT, NH, NY; 1800-1855
MERKLE			Looking for George Gilman Burbank's parents. He may be cousin to David Burbank, Luther Burbank, and Rex James Burbank-lived in Carmel CA.
Judy S. Davin	27636 Via Turina, Mission Viejo, CA 92692-2009 (949) 916-7887 judydav@aol.com	Clara M. Lawver	2545 County Road L, Weston, NE 68070-4100 (402) 642-5697 dltrucksales@nntc.net
BASSETT	MO; 1650-1940	CAMPBELL	ONT, Canada from Argyll, Scotland; 1830-1900
HIGGINS	Scotland. MN, CA; 1850-1940	FAY	Grundy Co., IA; Ogle Co., IL; Windsor Ct., VT; Middlesex Co., MA; 1680-1900
SPORLEDER	Germany, MO, CO; 1818-1925		Cornwall, ONT, Canada from Dumfries, Scotland; 1780-1900
WOODSON	VA, IN, IL; 1700-1900	GROVES	IA; Washington Co., IN; Shelby Co., KY; VA; 1740-1900
Wm. R. "Ron" Goldsborough	938 N. Rowland Ave., Camarillo, CA 93010 (805) 987-2154 rgoldsborough@msn.com	MARTIN	Frederick Co, VA; Hampshire Co, WV; 1740-1900
DAY	US/England, UK; 1800 and earlier	MacDONALD/	
GOLDSBOROUGH	US/England; 1800 and earlier	McDONALD	IA; MA; Washington Co., ME; 1750-1900
WINN	US/England, Wales; 1800 and earlier	WASS	Loudon & Frederick Co., VA; 1780-1900
Marva M. Grove	7162 Estepa Dr., Tujunga, CA 91042-3106 (818) 353-0811 mmgenie@roadrunner.com	WHITACRE	Loudon & Frederick Co., VA; 1780-1900
SWETT/SWEAT	ME; 1800-1860 Jacob, b. c. 1721, New Hampshire? d. ?; possibly Franklin Co., ME	WILKINSON	
Pamela Diane Hall	450-B Jeremiah Dr., Simi Valley, CA 93065 (805) 527-8723 pamela.hall50@gmail.com	William P. Marlatt	4072 Winter Wood Ct., Moorpark, CA 93021 bmarlatt@aol.com (805) 529-2443
CARTER	FL, GA, SC, NC, VA; 1500-1930	CLAWSON	France; 1662 and before
HALL	GA; Jacksonville, FL; 1860-1940	MAPLE	France; 1662 and before
		MARLATT/MARLETT/MERLET/MALOTT/MELLOTT	OH; WV; VA; NJ; NY; IN; 1663-1850

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Thank You...



Dear Volunteers, Speakers, Exhibitors, Attendees, and Team 14 and Team 15 Committee members:

No. Wait.

Let me rephrase that

Dear Friends,

Even with its 600,000 words, there are not enough words in the *Oxford English Dictionary* to express the deep gratitude and joy that I feel after this past weekend's Jamboree.

It's taken me a couple of days to distill my thoughts (okay it took a couple of days to just wake up) and I wanted to thank everyone involved in making this year's Jamboree such an incredible success. I know now why Oscar winners take their lists of thank-yous to the podium, because I failed to thank many of the most important people. Thank you all for helping to create an environment that was filled with teaching and learning, sharing, networking and celebrating not only our ancestors but also the deep friendships that have developed between and among Jamboree participants.

I can't list everyone here because I think there is a limit on the length of a Blogger post. But here are some key thank-yous in no particular order.

1. Louise Calaway, Peggy Schultz and Lynne Parmenter, who processed all of the registrations. It is a huge effort to manage the registrations, added orders, cancellations, changes, and keep track of everyone. They form the front line of Jamboree and are in the "heat of battle" from January through June. Louise's hard work is one of the foundations of success. She doesn't get enough recognition and she deserves it, and so much more.
2. Dave Burde who was elected to SCGS president in January has fully embraced the mission of Jamboree and has been a kind and wise sounding board.
3. Vicki Hilb. This crazy woman from Arizona came to Jamboree a few years ago and try as we may, Leo and I just couldn't get rid of her. At first, she helped deliver fliers throughout her state. Then two years ago, she stepped up as Program Chair; and I developed a new definition of "absolutely invaluable." She is many things to me -- my bossy, my confidante, my sister, my friend. I cherish her, her snarky sense of humor, and all that she has done for me and for Jamboree.
4. George, Drew, Jana, Cyndi, the other Paula, Lisa, Thomas, Judy, Jean, Janet, Tom, Gena, Denise, Lisa Louise, Blaine, Bruce, John, Craig, Geoff, Michael, Randy, Megan, Curt, David, Dick, - Oh I am going to get myself in such trouble

here. All of the speakers are so integral to the success of our event, and over the years, the best speakers in the genealogical community have made the effort to come to California. I thank every one of you for your contribution to Jamboree and enriching the value of education available at Jamboree.

5. The members of the Jamboree Committee and the members of the SCGS Board of Directors. There is a lot of overlap between the two groups, which shows the depth of participation of SCGS leadership in our annual event.

6. The sponsors, who support Jamboree in so many ways: Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, NEHGS, findmypast.com, RootsMagic, Family Tree DNA, Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, Ancestor Seekers, Creative Continuum, Family Chartmasters, NGS, FGS, Crystal Inn Salt Lake Hotel, National Institute for Genealogical Studies

7. The staff at the Marriott, who have been partners with Jamboree and SCGS. The renovated convention center turned out beautiful and it was fun to be the first event held in the fresh, new venue. Oh, and the Dove bars.

8. My husband Pieter (the guy in the kilt), who has put up with way more than any man should ever have to. I'm not sure how he does it, but I am so grateful that he does.

9. The exhibitors, who bring their knowledge and products and experience to help guide the attendees. They add to the value of our event, they create programs and systems and books and products that help new family historians on their way to their own pasts.

10. Without volunteers, we would not have a Jamboree. We would not have a genealogical society. We would not be able to have webinars, or printed material, or a 40k plus resource library, or a website, or interest groups or any other aspect of the Southern California Genealogical Society. Jane Van Tour and Lise Harding, prior years' and 2014's volunteer chairs, did phenomenal jobs of recruiting and organizing the volunteers. Wow!

Want to hear about the first time I cried? (I swore I wouldn't but yeah like that's not going to happen.) An attendee came to the information table and thanked me (us) for all of the hard work on Jamboree, and then he went a step further. He said, "think about all of the lives you have changed, all of the people who have learned at Jamboree, how many have benefited from Jamboree." Gulp.

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And the second (and third and fourth) times I cried? They happened in the Pavilion during the Dress Like the '60s contest. We had 40-50 people on the stage, all smiling and happy in a blaze of tie-dye. It looked just like how I envisioned it. That was Cry #2. Then someone started singing "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," spontaneously, in a variety of keys. That was Cry #3. When we ran out of easily-recalled words, we switched to "If You're Going to San Francisco, Be Sure to Wear Some Flowers in Your Hair." #4. It fulfilled a dream for me. I'll never forget that feeling.

Everyone who participated in Jamboree - you all share that. You all have touched lives, changed the lives of hundreds -- thousands -- of people over the years.

Finally, Leo. Leo Myers, who was the man of honor when Pieter and I got married. Who has been the very best work collaborator throughout my career. We've said for years that we share a brain. How close do we think? We finish each others' sentences. We think things at the exact same time. We write emails at the same time with the same ideas -- and hit "send" on those emails at the same time. Ours is a perfect collaboration

- together we have a complete skill set, with attention to detail and creativity. Leo, thank you for being my other other half.

To everyone, thank you for your friendship, your guidance and your CRAZY HARD WORK. Even more than that, thank you for your commitment to our goals of:

1. producing the very best genealogical event we possibly can,
2. bringing together family historians of all ages and all experience levels and all backgrounds,
3. providing opportunities to interact, and
4. encouraging them to learn and
5. having a good time doing it.

Best of luck to Team 15 -- Barbara Randall, Judi Ramsey, Priscilla Pruitt, and Lise Harding -- as they carry on the tradition begun 45 years ago and tended so well by Jan Jennings and the other Jamboree leadership teams.

Paula Hinkel

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 BLACKETT England; 1800's
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 CLARK MA, CT; 1600-1800
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 JOHNSON - JONES LA, KY, NC; 1820
 McGLORY LA; 1860
 MOORE LA, AL; 1880
 NORMON(D) LA; 1810
 PERON LA
 THYMES/TIMES GA, LA, VA; 1830

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**Category II
2nd Place**

November Twenty-second

By Evan Guilford-Blake

We are approaching Thanksgiving and -- much as I love and appreciate its blessings -- in 2012 it fell on November 22nd, a fact that was largely overlooked. It was the forty-ninth anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.



I was a teenager then, in my first year of college and, at 12:30 p.m. Central Time on that Friday, I was at my job: a disc jockey of sorts, spinning a mix of classic and contemporary folk music, jazz and light classical for an FM audience of college students, academics and the rest of the “intellectuals” who, in

those days (as in these) listened mostly to truly alternative radio.

We were a small station in a small college town. Every hour on the hour, we broadcast five minutes of news, picked up via a radio feed from an AP source. Otherwise, “news” was something we ignored. After all, we were known for our bent: music you couldn’t hear on a Top 40 station or on one that was committed to Mozart, Monteverdi and Mahler. There were many and better outlets for those who needed to know what was happening in the world.

I was playing one of my favorites at that moment -- “Your Dedicated Undertaker,” The Gateway Trio’s Chad Mitchell-esque spoof of the funeral industry -- when my boss, the station’s owner, came bursting into the studio (something he never did) and shouted, “Turn on the radio. The President’s been shot.”

I was too stunned to move. “Turn on the goddamned radio!” Howard bellowed -- something else he never did -- “and turn that” -- he pointed to the turntable where “Your Dedicated Undertaker” continued to play -- “off.”

I did both. The radio feed was, of course, awash with speculation and confusing reports that agreed, however, on one thing: The President had been shot while riding in a motorcade in Dallas and he was on his way to a hospital.

I was devastated.

Howard said “Get on the air.” “Me?” I asked, choked.

John Kennedy was my hero. I’d campaigned for him ardently throughout the 1960 campaign and when he won, I felt as though -- for the first time in my young life -- I had done something that had made a difference. But Kennedy was, to me and a lot of others of my age and persuasion, more than just a hero:

He was a beacon that threw a bright ray of light across the darkness that (said my parents and many other adults I knew) Richard Nixon represented. I’d already made plans to join the Peace Corps, to do for my country rather than ask what it could do for me. To help spread the light from that beacon.

Suddenly, it was extinguished.

“It’s your show,” Howard said through his own tears, “you need to do it.”

I nodded, sucked in my breath and held it: No matter how I felt, I was going to be professional. Keeping an ear tuned to the news feed, I flipped the switch that turned on the microphone, coughed once, and said, very slowly, “We interrupt our program for a special bulletin. President Kennedy” -- I started choking again -- “has been shot. A few minutes ago, in Dallas, Texas.” Howard stood there, shaking his head and weeping. “There’s no word about his condition,” I went on, “but he’s been taken to a hospital. We’ll let you know what’s happening as soon we hear more.”

Howard nodded. “Stay on the air,” he said. “Tell them everything as it comes over the feed.” I nodded back.

About forty minutes later, after what seemed like endless repetitions of the few known facts and a string of phone-call questions into the station (which I took -- that was also part of my job -- but could not provide answers to), Howard standing there silently the while, listening and probably praying, the announcement was made: The President was dead.

I felt a desolation unlike any other I have ever felt. I looked at Howard; he nodded. I turned to the microphone and, haltingly, put the news I was sure everyone already knew over the air. I tried to be professional about that too. I failed.

We turned off the news feed. Howard put on the Verdi “Requiem”; it played throughout the rest of my shift. When my three hours ended I left, went back to my dorm from which, happily, my roommate was absent, lay down and, too exhausted even to cry any more, slept. I may have had dreams; when I woke I didn’t remember them. The only dream I remembered was the one that had withered that afternoon.

Every year since, I commemorate that moment: I sit in silence for one minute, at the time of the shooting, and I remember and regret what might have been. And I pray, something I am rarely wont to do. John Kennedy, as history has demonstrated, was not a true hero, but to the boy I was and the man I hoped to become, he has remained one.

Uncle John Burleson

By Jim McLaughlin

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Category I

Honorable Mention

John Burleson was a farmer. That's all he knew and all he ever did for a living. Dad had an assortment of brothers-in-law, but Uncle John was his favorite. I called him Uncle John as long as he lived because I never got old enough to be comfortable calling him anything else.

Uncle John was not a big man, probably no more than five-foot-eight inches tall and 140 pounds, perpetually sun-burned and wind-blown. He dressed in blue bib "Big Smith" overalls and a khaki shirt buttoned up to the neck. Brown leather brogans and a wide-brimmed straw hat completed his outfit. Uncle John bought it all at Levine's and I never saw him dressed any other way. Aunt Zelma would starch and iron the overalls he wore to church on Sunday.

In the front bib pocket of his overalls, Uncle John carried a tin of Prince Albert tobacco and a package of papers, so he could roll his cigarettes. In his later years, after it became a lot of trouble to roll his own, he sometimes carried a package of Camels in there, but he never really liked the redi-rolls, as he called them. I suspect he felt uncomfortable spending so much on smokes.

Uncle John loved to laugh and laughed constantly as he talked. He also cussed as he talked. He did not curse—he cussed. Cursing is a negative thing and cussing, for him, was simply conversation. Uncle John cussed unconsciously, a habit evidently formed as he learned to talk. He would talk and laugh and cuss all at the same time. It was the only way he knew.

He would say something like, "That silly-assed hired hand, ha-ha, got on that damned old, ha, John Deere tractor and, hee-hee, backed the sum-bitch off into the deep end, ho-ho, of the trench silo, hee-hee. Wonder he didn't, heh-heh, break his damn fool neck."

Uncle John was married to Aunt Zelma, one of my Dad's six older sisters. She was a slender woman, cute and freckled and short of beautiful only because of her prominent McLaughlin nose. Their only child was Billy John, four years older than I, and one of my ninety-three first cousins.

Uncle John moved to Lubbock in the mid-thirties and found work on a farm. Later, he became a tenant farmer for Dr. Sam C. Arnett. Some folks would call him a share-cropper, but the tenant farmer package included a modest house where Uncle John and Aunt Zel lived, rent free. Our family visited there often and I thought they must be very rich to have such a large, nice home.

We always admired Uncle John's cotton crop as we went out to visit. Driving out 19th street, when you saw perfect, tran-

sit-straight, weed-free rows, with healthy cotton a couple of inches taller than any in the adjacent fields, you knew you were looking at Uncle John's farm. There was no better farmer. We knew that and Dr. Arnett knew it. Uncle John farmed for him until they both retired.

I said all Uncle John could do was farm. That is not true. He could play a fiddle about as well as Bob Wills. I remember many Saturday nights when my parents gathered with Dad's brothers and sisters at Uncle John's to have a big hoedown. Uncle John and a few others played and everyone danced in the big living room. The men slipped out on the back porch and drank beer and the women got bent out of shape over it. We children, all cousins, played, shut up in the adjacent dining room. Mother, or one of our aunts, checked on us periodically.

One clear spring morning when I was five or six years old, after a violent panhandle thunder storm, I rode with Dad out to see if Uncle John had suffered any damage. His cotton was gone. The hailstorm had centered on Uncle John's farm and wiped out every stalk of his cotton. Damage stopped scarcely fifty yards into the neighboring fields, but all of Uncle John's cotton was gone—not even a twig remained. Dad and I were devastated.

"What are you going to do, John?" Dad asked.

"Well, heh-heh, I don't know, Paul, but I'll have to do something. Look around though, ha-ha. Just look around at this day. Ain't this the prettiest damn day you ever saw?"

As soon as the fields dried out, Uncle John replanted and managed to make a small crop—enough to survive for another year.

A few years later, Uncle John caught his left hand in the power take-off on his tractor and lost four fingers. Aunt Zelma managed to get him into the car with his bloody hand wrapped in a towel. She learned to drive a 1936 Chevy on the way to the hospital in Lubbock. Aunt Zel was like everyone else back then. She did what she had to do.

The doctors saved his thumb and split his palm into two stubs which gave him some use of that hand. With a lot of practice, he learned to roll his own cigarettes. A couple of years later, I understand he cried when he discovered he could still play the fiddle.

When Uncle John was ready to retire, Dr. Arnett donated the farm to Lubbock Christian College, which is now called Lubbock Christian University and has almost two thousand students. The campus is on 19th street, just inside Loop 289,

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My Grandfather's Grave

By Thomas L. Stepp

I never knew my grandfather. Even at the age of seventy-one, I still dwell on that from time to time. That he died fifteen years before I was born has something to do with it, but geography and a tradition of Appalachian mountain solitude and privacy have played their strong roles.

My mother's father was an heir to the life of reclusive souls living in the dramatically beautiful terrain of remote Madison County, North Carolina. He was heir to the lifestyle traditions of a deep, rural mountain wilderness and his years on this earth were backwoods in every way. A trip on horseback from the forty acres from which he wrested his subsistence to the county seat was a least a day's ride each way over rutted roads awash with summer thunderstorms or dangerously frozen ice and snow in the winter.

The layout of the homestead, my mother's childhood home, has been described to my family by the heirs of people who knew him and others who were raised in the area. Legends repeated along the banks of Doe Branch and on the road that follows its course echo the probability that he was tall and thin, rode a large black horse, farmed his land, and ran a part-time neighborhood store or supply shop, likely with a pint of retail moonshine for sale day or night. His WWI draft registry says he had brown eyes and black hair. I know nothing more except that like many of his kindred he was adept at performing on multiple musical instruments.

His name was Canie Lee Goforth and to me he is a man of mystery. I did not know where he was buried until I was in my fifties. My mother seldom spoke of her early life, making only occasional references to the long walk to a one-room school and her misery when that daily trek took place in the winter. She was with my grandfather when he died on May 3, 1927, a date recorded in our family Bible. Although she might have told my brothers and me more of that story, she actually said little about growing up and had put those years in her past. Olga Lee Goforth, like her father, was heir to that mountain sense of privacy and "not telling your business."

My mother was charming and had many friends in her later life as a well-known and established resident of the city of Columbia in South Carolina. However, her outgoing nature remained devoid of any interest at all in telling tales from her early years. She had faced what life had put before her until the day of her father's death. Shortly afterward she made her way to Asheville Normal School. She moved on from there to a career as a teacher, wife and mother and her life in the city. To our chagrin, we, her children who loved her, never pressed her for details. We did not know how hard her early life might

have been. Later information implies that it was bitter-mountain-winter difficult, like the fierce storms that frequently forced her family into a freezing storm shelter carefully dug out under the house.

Olga took the story of her father's passing and burial with her on her death in 1998. But, likely unwittingly, she left a clue—an unusual record indicating the right of my grandmother to be buried at her husband's side. Lydia Goforth had been buried near our Columbia home and nary a word was uttered at the time about the possibility of interment on an isolated ridge in North Carolina.

My family traced that paper trail to that precise ridge. Most of the discovery occurred on one, long serendipitous day. Searches for records led to conversations with persons bearing our ancestral names. Local records led to false starts and have since been corrected. No death certificate could be found. But we located one man who knew the site of Canie Lee's grave and knew it was not where the records stated. My grandfather rests, not in a cemetery, but on private land he had once owned. There is not another grave in sight. When we first saw it, we found it overgrown and marked with simple, unmarked stones. It was very close to being lost forever.

Although I never knew my grandfather, my intuition suggests our relationship began to emerge several years later when we gathered as a family and placed a five-foot long, three hundred pound, carefully inscribed gravestone over his body. We had immutably marked that burial space for at least decades to come. And, on that wintry Saturday following Thanksgiving in 2005, more than seventy-eight years after his death and in the seventh decade of my life, we honored his life. I believe he knows we came.

Remembering

Albert Johnson Lewis (1933-2011)

California-born Al Lewis served as president of the Southern California Genealogical Society in 1998. A retired teacher, he was an avid historian who was well versed in world history and served as a role model for students and genealogists alike. He shared his knowledge of Scottish and Irish history, culture, and genealogy at SCGS workshops. Active at Scottish games he celebrated his heritage as a "proud MacLeod." He is missed.

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and not nearly as remote as it was in the forties. A bronze statue of a chaparral in front of the main campus building is just about where Uncle John's living room once stood.

Uncle John and Aunt Zel retired to a little house in Vashti, Texas, where they lived about a half mile from my parents, who also retired there. When I visited Mom and Dad, I'd always go over to see Uncle John. He was in his late seventies, and still had a grin on his face and a spring in his step.

The first time I went to visit him there, Uncle John said, "Come on, Jim-Boy. Heh-heh, I want to show you something."

He ushered me out the back door of the cramped little house. He had dug out all the grass, and the entire back yard from the house to the fence was a vegetable garden. The rows were perfectly straight, the plants robust and healthy, not a weed in sight. Assorted vegetables stood in orderly ranks and string beans climbed the perimeter fence.

As we stepped outside, Uncle John unconsciously wrapped his knarled left hand around a well-used hoe leaning against the back door and started to cultivate around the base of his plants. I have never seen a more beautiful garden. We visited over an hour and all the while, Uncle John was unconsciously tending his garden with that razor-sharp hoe. When I left, he was grinning and cussing, standing knee deep in squash plants, almost hidden between the corn and the okra.

About a year later, I visited my parents and they told me I needed to go over and pay my last respects to Uncle John. He had cancer, was bedridden, and not expected to last much longer. I did not go.

I never saw Uncle John sick and shriveled, helpless in bed. I remember him healthy, dressed in blue bib overalls and khaki shirt, grinning, cussing, and hoeing weeds in his garden. I remember him saying, "Damn your hide, little weed. Git outa there. I got you now, you sum-bitch, heh-heh-heh."

That's how my Uncle John would want to be remembered.

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It's fifty years later and, as another Thanksgiving approaches, I can recall the many things to be grateful for. But, as Shakespeare wrote, we are such stuff as dreams are made on. And, sometimes, we are unmade, at least temporarily, by such stuff as dreams are destroyed on. It's fifty years later; for the most part I've recovered. But I'll never recover completely. It is the moment of my life that changed my life, and the one I need to share, especially with those who either have their own memories, or are too young to understand why those of us who lived through it cannot forget.

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By Beverly Truesdale

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The Redemption of Ceit Mhor

By Kay Fairhurst Adkins

Gather round the fire, me kith and kin, an' I will tell ye a story. As ye noticed, there were an extra plate at table tonight, as there will be every nicht during this week of the full moon, for November is the month o' the Mourning Moon, a time to remember those who came afore us.

Tonight, we will right a wrong done long ago to ain of our very own. A wrong that has placed unwonted shame deep into the bones of our line from Ceit Mhor (pronounced Kate Mor "Big Kate"), of whom I will speak, down through her son Alexander MacKenzie, tae his son, Alistair Og MacKenzie, tae his daughter Isabella MacKenzie, tae her daughter Mary Matheson, tae her daughter Mary McRae, tae her daughter Elizabeth Raymond, tae her daughter Alice Megaw, and on tae me. As the line ends with no cradle ever gracing my home, the wrong will die out here as well, but not without first having the full light of truth shone upon it so it may shrivel an' die of it's ain falseness.



I have seen photographs of the eternal resting places of both Reverend Lachlan Mackenzie¹ and of Ceit Mhor². A great stone slab tells all who come that the late Minister of Lochcarron died on the 20th of April, 1819, in the 37th year of his ministry. His simplicity of manners, his vivid imagination, and his holy unction in his ministrations are praised. At the end of his life, he is praised in the churches and mourned by his parish.

It tells nothing of his cruel use of that imagination to hound and persecute, as he did to our very own Ceit Mhor. Her resting place has no headstone or formal marker to honor her life and mourn her death. Buried in a ruined churchyard, there is a modern signpost over her grave with her name. Better that the site remain unmarked both by headstone and by the visitors

who come to gawk at the resting place of the wicked sinner brought to God through the godly Minister of Lochcarron.

For that is the tale they celebrate even today as "The Wonderful Conversion of Muckle Kate," for Muckle Kate³ she was, or Big Kate as some would call her. As recently as March 2013, this tale shows up in print as an example that even the worst of sinners can be saved by God's grace⁴. The Reverend Mr. Lachlan called her "An ill-looking woman without any beauty in the sight of God and man." She is touted as having "very masculine dimensions" and is accused of having "been guilty of every forbidden crime in the Law of God, except for murder." Indeed, this Muckle Kate they speak of is fearsome indeed and none of the Minister's appeals can reach her.

But the Reverend Lachlan is uncommonly canny and devises a plan to reach her conscience. A pamphlet called 'Muckle Kate, or Sovereign Grace: Much More Abounding' first promulgated the story. So far as I can tell, the original pamphlet is lost to us, but the damage caused by it and by Mr. Lachlan carries on.

The author of "Muckle Kate"⁵ explains "It was customary among the Highlander to meet at nightfall in each other's houses, and spend the long evenings in singing Gaelic melodies. The women brought with them their distaffs and spindles, while the men mended their brogues or weaved baskets and creels. This was called 'going on ceilidh'."

So far as we know, this is the only sin she is directly accused of. Going on ceilidh. All other sins are merely hinted at. The Reverend Lachlan, "knowing this, and having a turn for rhyming, composed a Gaelic song in which all Kate's known sins were enumerated and lashed with all the severity of which the composer was capable. This song Mr. Lachlan set to music, and sending for some persons who were known to 'go on ceilidh' with Kate he taught them the song and instructed them to sing it in her hearing on the first opportunity."

The legend states that Kate was stricken upon hearing the song when it was first sung in her hearing, leading immediately to agony. Full awareness of her sins came upon her as God "drove the truth right home to her heart." The words of the Reverend's song are lost, but according to the story, Muckle Kate acquires a conscience. In remorse over her many alleged sins, she takes to wandering, goes blind, and is driven mad by guilt. The pamphlet states that "She was a 'wonder to many,' as well she might be, for at her age, between 80 and 90, it is rare to see a person called by grace."

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Aye, Ceit Mhor was well into her 80's when Reverend Lachlan turned his satiric wit to torment her by training the young folk of the village to taunt her with his hateful song.

The way they tell it, it all fits nicely into a pamphlet and makes a fine story for the Church Gazette. But that is not the whole story. For most folk, second sight is not a mystical gift, but the ability to look farther than most people bother to set their gaze. So I ask, what would make an 80 year old woman such a target for Reverend Lachlan's vitriol?

This information is obtained from Christopher & Donald MacKenzie and their niece Cathie MacRae of Ardelve, Scotland. They are descendents of Ceit Mhor's grandson Alistair Og MacKenzie whose croft, Craigmhore, still stands. They are descended from his son, Christopher, while my descent is through Alistair Og's daughter Isabella MacKenzie. In a letter dated 20 June 1985, they tell that Ceit Mhor was widowed early in life and left with two sons.

They write of a Mrs. MacRae whose uncle was neighbor to a niece of Reverend Lachlan Mackenzie. This niece lived in the Manse for some years during Mr. Lachlan's time and knew Ceit Mhor. She recalled Ceit Mhor as "a patient, intelligent, kind-hearted, tall, large featured woman, who was independent in her ways and manner. Loneliness, sorrow, and poverty were her lot for much of her life."⁶

That is the woman ridiculed by a Minister of God and set forth as the wickedest sinner. It seems that his niece knew more of Christian charity than did he.

So why did the Minister Lachlan, so loved and admired by the time of his death in 1819, hound poor, widowed Ceit Mhor?

Being born in 1754, Lachlan Mackenzie only knew life in the Highlands as it was well after the Jacobite Risings ended in 1746, but Ceit Mhor's long life took her through most of the turbulent 18th Century. We don't know the exact dates of Ceit Mhor's birth or death, but a wee bit of figuring can give us an idea. Reverend Lachlan's gravestone states that he died in 1819 in the 37th year of his ministry, so his ministry lasted from 1782 to 1819. All are agreed that Ceit Mhor was in her mid eighties at the time of this conversion. Thus, she was likely born sometime between 1697 and 1734. We know her grandson Alistair Og was born in 1877 and have a statement that Ceit Mhor was widowed young. That leads us to the likelihood that she was born around 1730. There is a possibility that we are missing a generation and that Alistair Og was actually her great grandson. This would put her birth closer to 1710.

The Jacobite risings attempted to return King James and the House of Stuart to the throne, and pitted the Highland supporters of the rightful King against the English and the Lowland English sympathizers. In the wake of the uprisings came

punitive laws to break the Highlander of his ways and to bring peace – a peace enforced by armed soldiers who disparaged the old ways of the Highlands.^{7, 8}

Jacobites who had raised arms against the King of England were imprisoned or executed. Their estates were forfeited, and their land and money went to the King. The clan system was dismantled and weapons were confiscated. England knew she needed to break the back of the Highland culture if she wanted to end the threat of Jacobite risings once and for all. The signature Tartan cloth of the clans was outlawed along with playing of pipes, unauthorized gatherings, teaching Gaelic, and singing traditional songs. The first offense of wearing Highland garb meant imprisonment for six months without bail; a second offense could lead to transportation to the colonies.⁹

But is this cultural changing of the guard reason enough to harass a poor aged woman? No. With her advanced years, patience alone would see Ceit Mhor to her grave. There was something more. Something beyond the regular ministerial zeal to save souls, though a reading of "The Wonderful Conversion of Muckle Kate" would not lead you to that conclusion.

In that pamphlet, Reverend Lachlan takes Muckle Kate "kindly by the hand," leading her through the crowd to the Communion Table. Family lore, as passed verbally to my mother during a visit to Craigmore, says otherwise. At roughly 85 years of age, blind Ceit Mhor was forced by Reverend Lachlan to crawl on her knees down the crowded aisle of the church to publicly beg forgiveness at the altar, demeaning herself before him in front of his entire congregation.

Reverend Lachlan was known to despise moderates among ministers, saying that "there would be streets in Hell paved with the heads of graceless ministers"¹⁰. In fact, three members of the Presbytery of Lochcarron recognized the danger of his zealotry and held back his license for over a year. As written in the "Brief Memoir of the Rev. Lachlan Mackenzie, composed by his sister, Anne Mackenzie,"¹¹ the ministers who stood in her brother's way did so out of jealousy. Only after their unexpected deaths was Reverend Lachlan licensed as a Minister, with people of the neighborhood feeling that they had better not cross him lest they meet with an untimely end themselves.

Reverend Lachlan intensely desired to put an end to the "barbarous practices" which prevailed in the Highlands, and made his parishioners sign a list of rules to ensure that they be "more orderly in going to church and returning home on the Sabbath, as well as at burials." Rules to abstain from drinking at burials, rules to inform against anyone suspected of drinking at meeting, rules to go home immediately after sermon without any conversations in the churchyard, rules to suppress any habit or practice contrary to the word of God.¹²

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Life in the Klondike

By Pat Fryman

My grandmother, Katie Galvin Vogt of Mankato, Minnesota, used to collect newspaper articles that named relatives and friends. They were a genealogy goldmine. The following story is about Patrick Galvin, Katie's uncle, who traveled to Alaska with his wife and sister-in-law in the early 1890's. Patrick was there when the big gold strike was announced. The article follows:

New Tale of Klondike

**Pat Galvin, millionaire, is here from Alaskan gold diggings
Refused a \$1,000,000 offer
He bought a lot in Dawson for \$45 and sold
it the following spring for \$11,000.**

There is a corner of the Hoffman house which may be called the headquarters of the Klondike club. There, at any hour of the afternoon or evening, you may find two or more of a half dozen men who have "struck it" on the Klondike and have come direct from Dawson city to Madison Square to put their dust into circulation.

That this worthy purpose is attained goes without saying to men who know the limited resources of the upper Yukon for entertainment.

Yesterday afternoon, young William LeGrand Cannon of Dawson city, a cousin of aqueduct Commissioner Henry W. Cannon, was reminding a friend that another returned Klondiker, also of Dawson city, had violated one of the club rules when he had been robbed of a bag full of nuggets in the Tenderloin a few nights before.

"Keep the nuggets; you never know when you'll need them," is a maxim on the Klondike.

At that moment a thin wiry form, clad in black from Sombrero came down the marble lobby.

"Pat Galvin," cried Cannon.

"The same," was the reply.

"Why I left you on Bonanza Creek!"

"And you find me here."

Barring Joe Ladue, Galvin is the biggest winner of them all. As Jack Oakhurst remarked, "The only thing we know about Luck, is that it will turn." Galvin's luck turned.

Wearing a sweater, mud covered overalls and a brimless hat precisely as he had crossed the Dalton Pass, he refused \$1 million for part of his holdings as he stepped off the steamer at Seattle a few weeks ago.

Galvin showed a pocket piece in the form of a nugget with a small streak of quartz. It was the second largest nugget ever taken out of the Klondike and is worth \$470.

"There," he said, "I'm going to give that to my father in the County Kerry; he is 84 years old. But I think he will dance an Irish jig when I drop that before his eyes next month. My wife, my sister and I are going back to the old sod for the winter, and the rest will do me good after our drive over the Dalton Trail.

"My wife and I were in the first party to come over the Klondike Trail. We started with 11 pack horses and arrived with four. It was the hardest journey I ever experienced. I walked 547 miles, and when the horses broke down, my wife walked the last 150 miles of the journey. Our provisions ran low and for a few days we lived on flour and water, and I'm telling you that we were mighty glad to get it.

"I have been eating oysters in New York pretty steadily for 24 hours, but I haven't found anything better than flour mixed with water on the last stages of that journey.

"The Klondike? Yes, some stories have probably been exaggerated about individual discoveries, and yet, as one of the pioneers in Dawson city, I can say in all truth that the country is rich with gold beyond any man's dreams. Six hundred seventy-two claims have been recorded along Bonanza and El Dorado and Hunke Creeks and no more claims are to be had there now. But there are other creeks in other districts and other tributaries on the Yukon which have not been scratched, and I see no reason why gold should not be found there in other places.

"People will not live on oysters and terrapin there this winter, but I don't think there will be any actual suffering for lack of food. When it was known that the steamers could not reach Dawson city, 5000 people went down to Fort Yukon, 400 miles below, for their grub. About 5000 are left at Dawson and they will get through the winter all right. It takes \$1000 at least, to get into the country with enough grub to get a start.

"The climate need not keep anybody away, for although I have seen it 87 degrees below zero when you would have to stop and catch your breath, the climate on the whole is clear and healthy and the weather from April to June is the finest I ever saw."

Mr. Galvin purchased a town lot in Dawson city for \$45 and sold it the following spring for \$11,000. It is worth \$40,000 now. An old friend Harry, a well-known gambler, being unable to find a place for social recreation was helped out by Galvin, who loaned him this bit of ground for a tent.

Rule 5 stands out. “That if any of us, through slavish fear or a desire to gratify an appetite, shall break through any of these resolutions, he shall be reckoned infamous.”¹³ And that is precisely what he did through his song of Muckle Kate. He took the large, kind, independent woman who had already lived through a lifetime of repressive rules designed to crush her beloved Highland culture, a woman who freely enjoyed going on ceilidh and celebrating the culture that had been outlawed through much of her life and made of her an example. For if

he wouldn’t hesitate to crush a poor, blind, elderly woman, what wouldn’t he do to the other parishioners?

An’ now, my darlin’s, ‘tis time for bed. My tale is told an’ a long buried truth has seen the light o’ day. For the first time in many a long year, our ain Ceit Mhor lies peaceably at rest in her grave while the Reverend Lachlan is beginnin’ to squirm in his. I feel it in me bones.

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These hundreds of lists were published originally in 1851, and have also been available in a 1926 reprint. The great value of this edition lies in the new full-name index. You can find it in the SCGS Library at 975.6 NC /MILITAR 1812.



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Obituaries from Tennessee Newspapers, 1851-1899, by Jill K. Knight. Greenville, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, reprint 1995, softcover, iv+471 pages, index, \$38.50 plus \$5.00 shipping. Titles from the Southern Historical Press must be ordered by mail addressed to P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267, or by phone (800) 233-0152 or fax (864) 233-2349.

This fascinating tome is much more than its title suggests. In addition to the details from obituaries (taken from the author's extensive collection of bound volumes and microfilms of nineteenth-century newspapers, as well as the microfilms in the Tennessee State Library and Archives), there are many entries such as "DeVORE, Warning—'Don't trade with wife Vashti DeVore' as she refuses to be a wife. Signed, Francis P. DeVore. (Murfreesboro Courier, 15 April 1824.)." This is one of many entries outside the period indicated by the title. Words were not minced: "HENDERSON, Adam, killed yesterday by explosion of soda fountain at confectionary shop on Union Street in Nashville, cut in bowels and considerably mangled. (Home Press, 20 May 1852, Franklin, TN.)."

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Revolutionary Soldiers and Wives of Soldiers with Ties to Switzerland County, Indiana, compiled and edited by Marlene Jan McDerment (Berwyn Heights, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 2013), softcover, 527 pages, \$41.00. Order from www.HeritageBooks.com.

Switzerland County, formed in 1814, is located in the extreme southeast of Indiana, southwest of Hamilton Co., Ohio, and across the Ohio River from Boone Co., Kentucky. Marlene Jan McDerment did much more than present the Switzerland Co. records. Each of the 115 individuals treated is referenced to published works, federal records (both manuscript and published), records from other states, and newspapers. In each case the coverage is exhaustive. The format could well be emulated by other researchers on a county by county basis. This was obviously a work of love, with publication made possible by the process of publishing on demand.

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October 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 Open 10am–4pm 10am–4pm French-Canadian Research Team	2 Open 10am–4pm	3 Open 10am–2pm	4 Closed to Researchers 10–11:30pm Jamboree Extension Webinar
5 Open 10am–4pm 4–6pm United Daughters of the Confederacy Meeting	6 Closed to Researchers	7 Open 10am–6pm 12Noon–2pm Writers Group	8 Open 10am–4pm 10am–4pm French-Canadian Research Team	9 Open 10am–4pm	10 Open 10am–2pm	11 Closed to Researchers 9–11:30am Jamboree Committee Meeting 12Noon–3:15pm Lunch & Learn 3:30–6pm African Amer. Int. Group
12 Open 10am–4pm 1–3pm Writers Group 4–6pm Family Tree Maker User Group	13 Closed to Researchers Columbus Day 7–9pm Legacy User Group	14 Open 10am–6pm	15 Open 10am–4pm 10am–4pm French-Canadian Research Team 6–7:30pm Jamboree Extension Webinar	16 Open 10am–4pm 6–8pm Board Meeting	17 Open 10am–2pm	18 Open 10am–4pm 1–4pm German Interest Group 1:30–5pm Hispanic Saturday (at L.A. Public Library)
19 Closed to Researchers 2–4pm RootsMagic User Group	20 Closed to Researchers	21 Open 10am–9pm 11am–3pm Hispanic Tuesday	22 Open 10am–4pm 10am–4pm French-Canadian Research Team	23 Open 10am–4pm	24 Open 10am–2pm	25 Open 10am–4pm 10am–12Noon Chinese Family Group of SoCal (location TBA)
26 Closed to Researchers 10am–4pm FCHSC Interest Group Workshop	27 Closed to Researchers	28 Open 10am–6pm	29 Open 10am–4pm 10am–4pm French-Canadian Research Team	30 Open 10am–4pm	31 Open 10am–2pm Happy Halloween 	1


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2 Open 10am-4pm 4-6pm United Daughters of the Confederacy Meeting	3 Closed to Researchers	4 Open 10am-6pm 12-2pm Writers Group	5 Open 10am-4pm 10am-4pm French-Canadian Research Team	6 Open 10am-4pm	7 Open 10am-2pm	8 Closed to Researchers 9-11:30am Jamboree Committee Meeting 9:30am-12:30pm Beginners Fast Class 12-3:15pm Lunch & Learn 3:30-6pm - African Amer. Int. Group
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23 Closed to Researchers	24 Closed to Researchers	25 Open 10am-6pm	26 Closed 	27 Closed	28 Open 10am-2pm	29 Closed to Researchers 10am-2pm DNA Interest Group 2-4pm DNA Adm. Roundtable
30 Closed to Researchers 10am-4pm Irish Interest Workshop						



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21 Closed to Researchers 2–4pm RootsMagic User Group	22 Closed to Researchers	23 Christmas Week Closed	24 Christmas Week Closed	25 <i>Seasons</i> Closed <i>Greetings</i> 	26 Open 10am–2pm	27 Open 10am–4pm
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President's Message



Our 45th Jamboree was a tremendous success! I sincerely thank all the volunteers who worked tirelessly for months in both planning for and then working at the Jamboree. Without your help, we could not have pulled this off. What a great way to celebrate the 50th Year anniversary of SCGS! I also thank the outgoing Jamboree leadership team of Paula Hinkel and Leo Myers who have grown Jamboree tremendously over the last decade!

As we move ahead during the remainder of the year, we have several projects planned. The Jamboree Webinar Extension series will be continued throughout the year with a great lineup of speakers! We will be working on greatly expanding our marketing efforts into new areas, especially social media and will be selecting a new state-of-the-art microfilm scanner for high resolution digitization of films at the library.

Please join us at the SCGS Annual Meeting and Pot Luck luncheon from 11 AM to 3 PM on December 13, at the Library. The volunteers who keep our organization running will be recognized! Officers and board members will be on hand to answer questions and discuss plans for the coming year. The annual Silent Auction will help you complete your holiday shopping, and the Jamboree Committee will raffle off a registration for Jamboree 2015. For more information about the Annual Meeting see our website or email scgs@scgsgenealogy.com.

We hope to see you at the library, and of course at next year's Jamboree!

Sincerely,

David H. Burde, President
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