



The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society



FEB 21, 2020

Mark McLaren

"Scotland & Northern Ireland Research"



This presentation will provide information to assist in Scottish genealogy research and include the following topics: 1) The intertwined history of Northern Ireland and Scotland and why both are part of Scottish research; 2) Understanding key moments in their shared history and how those influenced emigration throughout the British empire, primarily to Australia, United States, and Canada; 3) Scottish surnames and how to differentiate which are tied to clans or houses; 4) Review of books and on-line resources available to the researcher; 5) A review of documents available in the Scottish archives and the information they provide. Also, why they should be considered the "Gold Standard" compared to other on-line data bases.

Originally from the Philadelphia area, Mark graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a B.S. degree in Business. His interest in genealogy began in the early 2000s and has expanded over the years. His primary areas of focus are genetic genealogy and Scottish research. He is currently a member of the National Genealogical Society, California Genealogical Society, and the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society. He is a member of the Clan McLaren Society of North America, having served as its treasurer for 12 years, and currently as its president. He also is a member of the Clan Douglas and Ross societies.

MAR 20, 2020

MADELINE YANOV

"Finding Missing Relatives in Institutional Records Part 2"

No Host Lunch at Creekside Cafe with the Speaker following the monthly meeting on the 3rd Friday of the month. Reservations MUST be made by 3:00 PM the TUESDAY prior to the meeting! To do so, please contact Sue Fernstrom at 510-215-0873 or e-mail her at suefernstrom@comcast.net.



Last chance to renew your MDGS membership!

If not received by February 28, 2020, you will no longer receive emails from the club. Pick up an application at the general meeting or download from our website. MDGS membership runs from January through December.

Spotlighting Other Societies

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society

12 MAR Sarah Cliff "Tips on Getting Youth Interested in Family History"
9 APR Ron Arons "Sex, Lies and Genealogy Tapes"
Meetings held Thurs. 7-9 p.m. at LDS Building, 1360 Alberta Way, Concord, CA

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

17 MAR Sharon Hoyt "Brick Wall Busters"
21 APR Robert "Bob" Trapp "Mayflower 400th Anniversary"
Meeting Tues. 10-12 at LDS Building, 2949 Stone Valley Rd @ Smith Rd., Alamo, CA

Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia

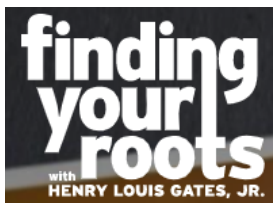
5 MAR Benicia Historical Museum Field Trip (1-4 p.m. 2060 Camel Rd, Benicia, CA)
Meetings held Thurs. 1-3 p.m. Vallejo Naval History Museum, 734 Marin St., Vallejo, CA

Solano County Genealogical Society

7 MAR Brooke Schreier Ganz "Reclaim the Records."
Meetings Sat. at 11:00 a.m.
Fairfield Adult Recreation Center, 1200 Civic Dr., Fairfield, CA

Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society

16 MAR Linda Harms Okazaki "West Coast Immigration in the 20th Century"
Meetings Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton, CA



Only two more episodes left this season of **Finding Your Roots**. Italian History is emphasized in Tuesday's show on PBS.



October 10, 2020

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society's Fall Seminar with Joshua Taylor, (formerly with Genealogy Roadshow). More information to follow soon.

IN MEMORY OF CAROL WOLF

MDGS sends our sincerest condolences go out to Bob Wolf & his family for the loss of Carol.