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Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov
3rd Thursday monthly
2-4pm

Next Meeting:

September 16, 2:15pm
Family History Center
908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria

Program: Cindy Ransick

discusses the Historical Museum

Next Board Meeting:

10:00am, August 20, 2021

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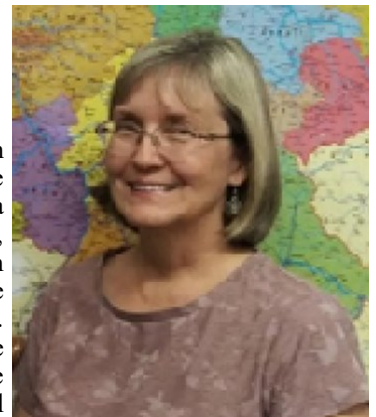
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President's Message August 2021



Hello SMVGS Members and Friends,

Event Report: Our July lunch gathering went very well! We met at Maramonte Park in Santa Maria. It was a beautiful day, and we had ten members and two guests in attendance. Stories were shared plus some cupcakes, and we visited while we ate our lunches. A bit of SMVGS trivia is that we used a homemade sound-system at our lunch meeting for the first time ever! Thanks to all who made this a wonderful event!



Short Story: I've been working on a bit of a "family history mystery" over the last few months. Some photos, a birth certificate, and a memorial card were found in an abandoned trailer by my cousin several months ago. He first found a few items, then later, found a few more. These lovely items are not connected or related to me or my cousin, but they must have been precious to their owners at one time. Who knows why the trailer or the ephemera were abandoned, but these would have been awfully valuable to me. Moody appears to be the main family surname with, possibly, the surname of

White being a connection. Using all of the information on both the birth certificate and the memorial card has brought me no closer to finding a living family member with whom to share these photos and documents. Ancestry, WhitePages, Facebook, LinkedIn, and more, have all been searched for clues to solve the mystery. Twice, I thought I had found a likely descendant, but my letter came back "Return to Sender," and my email was undeliverable. Maybe the family is all but deceased? Until they can be reunited, their treasure is safe with me.

Calendar Item: Our SMVGS Board will meet next on August 20th at 10:00am. For the meeting location, or for a Zoom link, please send an email to roots@smvgs.org. All are invited to attend. We'll be discussing our next few months of meeting programs as well as our Santa Maria Public Library display in October.



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Calendar Item: September 16th at 2:15pm is the date of our next General Meeting. We believe that we'll be meeting at the Santa Maria Family History Center, 908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA. Cindy Ransick will be our speaker. She is the director of the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society Museum here in town. We look forward to hearing from her about the museum and the projects they've been working on. As of 6 Aug 2021, we will have to wear masks in the FHC.

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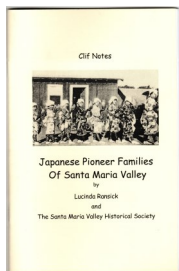
Hope to see you at our board meeting or at our September meeting!

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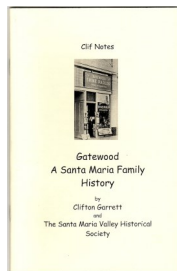


Historical Society Update

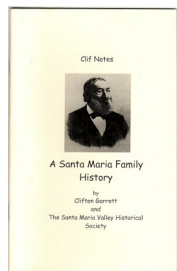
The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society is excited to announce the release of the fifth booklet in the Clif Notes series called: Japanese Pioneer Families of Santa Maria Valley. The books in this series typically consist of a time-line of events in addition to short detailed discussions of related items. Next up, and not far down the pipeline, is a booklet on the naming of the Santa Maria streets.



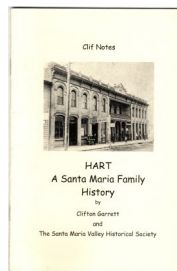
Japanese Families



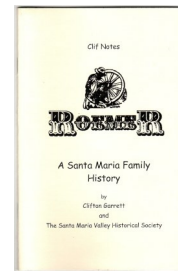
Gatewood Family



Battles Family



Hart Family



Roemer Family

If you have an idea for a future Clif Note, contact Mike (your editor) or send an email to Cindy Ransick at smvhsmuseum@outlook.com.

ed note: A Bit of Irony

For years I have been finding little hints here and there that my oldest daughter may be a distant cousin of her husband. Of course, I tease her about it. Recently while, once again, reviewing the Erlinda Pertusi Ontiveros book "San Ramon Chapel Pioneers," I came across something that I seem to have missed in the first several passes through the book. My wife was a Foxen descendent. A Goodchild married a Wickenden. The Wickendens had married into the Foxens. None of this was news. But my mother was an Eggleston. I saw that Gerald Goodchild married, as his second wife, Elaine Eggleston. Whether by blood or by marriage, it turns out that my wife and I were cousins.

The Santa Maria Family History Center hours are:

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA
www.smvgs.org
ca_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org
805-928-4722

The FHC is free and open to the public.

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Visit the Research Library at The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society Museum

Tuesday - Saturday
11:00am to 4:pm
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