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## August Program

August 16, 2016  
 7:00 PM Passenger Lists to Naturalization Papers. Kathy Marshall  
 An introduction to the immigration document trail from passenger lists to immigration papers. See below for more information.

## A Few Words from Your President

Bev Johnson

Greetings all. Our respite during July has given me some off-time to ponder the state of our Society as we enter the second half of our 48<sup>th</sup> year as a Society and how we will conclude the rest of 2016 with meaningful opportunities for our members. As your President, I am constantly asking myself, *“How can we better serve our membership? How can we sustain and grow a healthy membership?”* And again, as your President, these two questions have always been my primary focus on the agendas of your Board of Director’s meetings.

To the first question, I can assure all of our members you have a leadership team who individually give their time in various positions to this goal, unselfishly, with hopefully the gratitude of all our members and with the focus of serving our members toward this goal.

To the second question, we are all in this effort together. As of the end of June, we have welcomed twelve (12) new members into our Society during the first six months of 2016. At our last general meeting, one of these new members came up to me and shared, *“I am so excited about becoming a member of this organization. I am happy and willing to help wherever I can.”*

Prior to that conversation, I had four members share we me in our needs to fill, *“I can do that.”* As I see it, this is the attitude and the spirit that will serve us well in the years to come.

As we continue to move forward, each of us has a stake in the successes of this Society. I challenge each of you to ask of yourselves, (my take on a quote of John F Kennedy), *“Ask not what my Society can do for me, but what I can do for my Society.”*

On a lighter note, my grandfather Gustaf Kall, a Swedish immigrant almost gave up *lutefisk* for a new-found love of American baseball, namely, the Chicago Cubs. It’s been a long time for a Chicago Cubs World Series. Maybe this year?

## August Program

By Jennifer McDonald Vice President – Program Chair

August 16, 2016 Meeting

Kathryn Marshall, the Director of the Lodi Family History Center, has graciously agreed to return to speak on The Path from Passenger Lists to Naturalization Papers. An introduction to the immigration document trail that begins with genealogically rich passenger records and their official markings. Passenger records can point to interior destinations via railroad connections, and carry you across time to court records of your ancestor's choice to become a naturalized citizen or not.

A little about Kathryn:



Kathryn Miller Marshall holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California at Berkeley where she taught for many years. Dr. Marshall is the Director of the Lodi California Family History Center, serving there for the past fifteen years.

Kathryn is a frequent speaker at county and regional genealogical workshops, where she focuses on Research Strategies, along with Software, Web Sites and Utilities as well as related genealogical topics. Kathryn has written biographical sketches of pioneers and interpretive panels for museum exhibits, edited historical reference books and published maps of the transportation networks between the Great Salt Lake Basin and California.

Dr. Marshall is a member of the Advisory Board for the California Pioneer Heritage Foundations, which builds monuments, provides living history reenactments at state parks and special events and preserves historical sites in California.

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## Early American Cookery

By Lewis M. Ruddick

We are about to enter the time of the year when North America bursts out with all sorts of natural foods from seeds and berries to greens and roots. You have seen my information about elder berries. I was also sent to the river to pick black berries. Our western woods are filled with thimble berries, blue berries, goose berries, and wild straw berries just to name a few. All require a bit of effort but as a boy I remember that the reward was better than a trip to the candy store and I didn't have to fork over my hard earned change to the store owner. I just received a

facebook post from my 5<sup>th</sup> cousin who had gone to Maine and was picking blue berries with her grandchildren. How wonderful is that?

As you are traveling about pull over at one of the local country stores or roadside produce stands and look at the “home grown” shelf. Some of those canned goods will amaze you. Their jellies and preserves can really charge your palate you when spread them on a fresh baked bisquit at your kitchen table. Ever eaten wild grape jelly?

I fondly remember my mother, both grandmothers and my great aunt doing their annual cooking, canning and jelly making with the “fruits” of my labor. Memories that today’s children will never enjoy even though the resource is still out there. Recipes abound for all of these natural treats in any quality cook book.

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### WELCOME !

We are a better Society by welcoming the following folks as our newest members from January to June, 2016. Please join in by making these folks feel welcomed.

Sally Amaral, Dorothy Parker, Eldon Parker, Ron Neder, Paula Adam, Sharon Peterson, Penny Peters, Richard Cato, Dot Kreitner, Theresa Hutson, Mark Davis, Linda Silva, Jared Watson

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### GERMAN ANCESTRY

Apparently we have recently discovered more among us than we realized share a German genealogical link and family history. In response to this interest, we will be organizing a German special interest group. Please join us in this first organized gathering at **6:00PM** on Tuesday, August 16 prior to our August General Meeting. If possible, please bring a print out of names, dates, and places you are researching to kick off the areas of interests in this group.



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### SWEDISH ANCESTRY?

Bev Johnson

If you have Swedish ancestry in your research and if you’ve checked out our *Directory of Membership Services* on our website, you may have discovered I’m available to help. I currently have a paid online subscription to Arkivdigital which gives me access to many Sweden’s Parish, etc. records that have been digitized. If you need access to these records, contact me: Bev Johnson, 526-5009, [jbevjohnson1@att.net](mailto:jbevjohnson1@att.net). More than happy to help.



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**Our Fall Seminar will be October 22, 2016 Mark your calendar!**

Specific information still being compiled!





*Norwegian Cookies*

*Norwegian Cakes*

Norwegian Open-Faced  
Sandwiches

# Norwegian Viking Snack Fest and Recruitment

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016  
11-4 pm

**WHERE:** SALIDA LIBRARY  
4835 SISK RD, MODESTO

**CONTACT:** LINDA SILVA 209-572-0323



*Norwegian Meatballs*

Lefse

Please join us for a fun and free taste of Norway and see what **Garborg Lodge** is all about! We will be serving Norwegian cookies, cakes, lefse, meatballs, open-face sandwiches, and pickled herring.

We would LOVE to see you there!!



*Vikings*

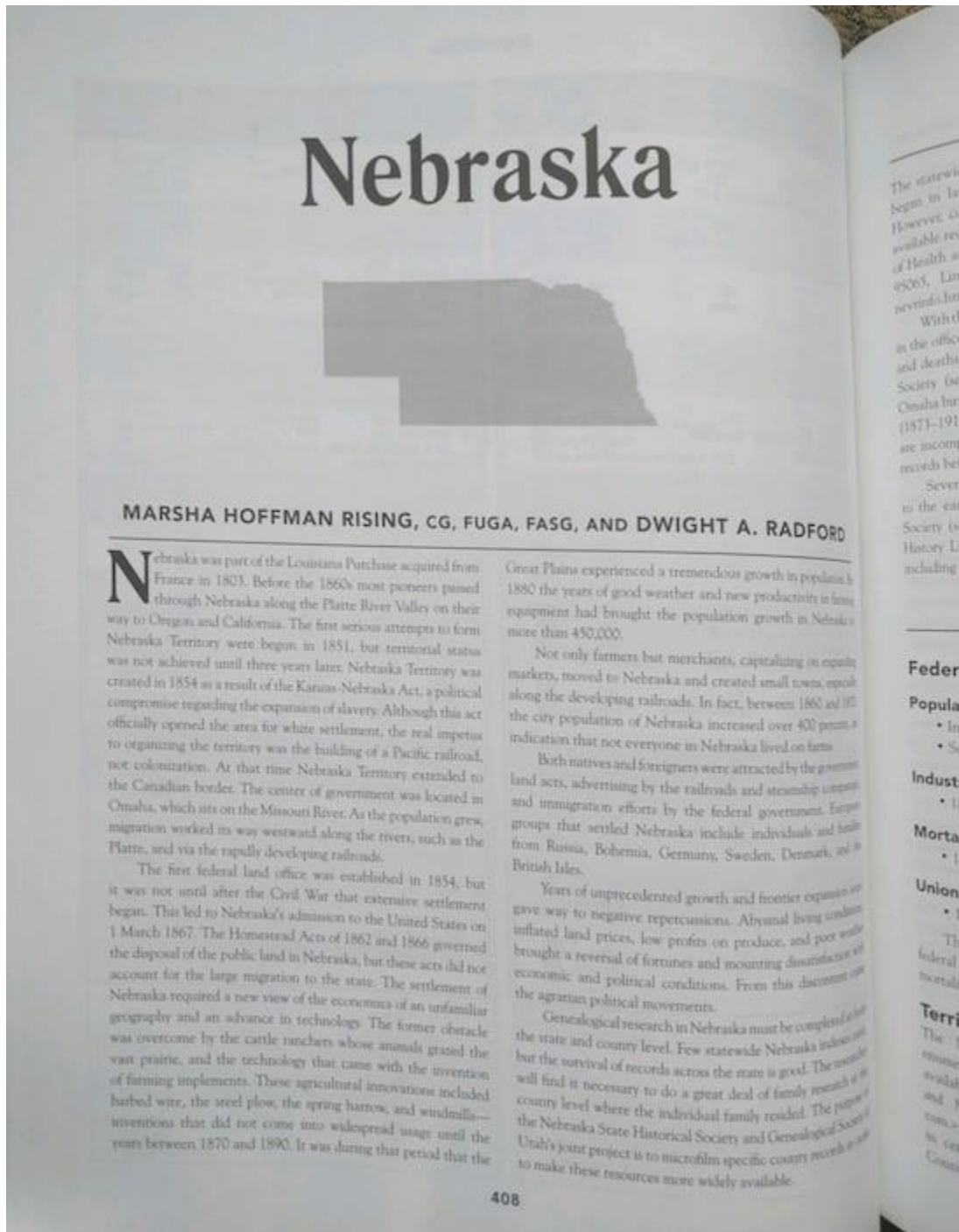
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**Now here is a useful application for your PAD!**

**for Android and iPhone/iPad**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 19, 2016](#)

Handheld devices grow more and more powerful every year. Now the mobile device in your hand can not only create digital images of documents and pages from a book, it also can even perform OCR (optical character recognition) that converts the printed words into computer-readable and editable text. This should be a very useful tool for genealogists, historians, and anyone else who does a lot of research and needs to save much of the information found.



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ABBY FineScanner has been available on other operating systems and has become one of the most powerful OCR products today. New versions for Apple iOS and for Android were released recently and are also gaining in popularity. ABBY FineScanner is available in two versions: free and paid.

The free version of ABBYY FineScanner lets you scan documents, apply perspective corrections, use filters, and print from the app. A \$39/year Pro Subscription adds OCR and removes ads. Either version will convert your smartphone or tablet into a powerful mobile scanner to quickly capture any paper, create electronic copies in PDF and JPEG formats, and (optionally in the Pro Subscription version) extract text from scans for further editing and sharing in DOCX, XSL, PDF, and 9 other formats.



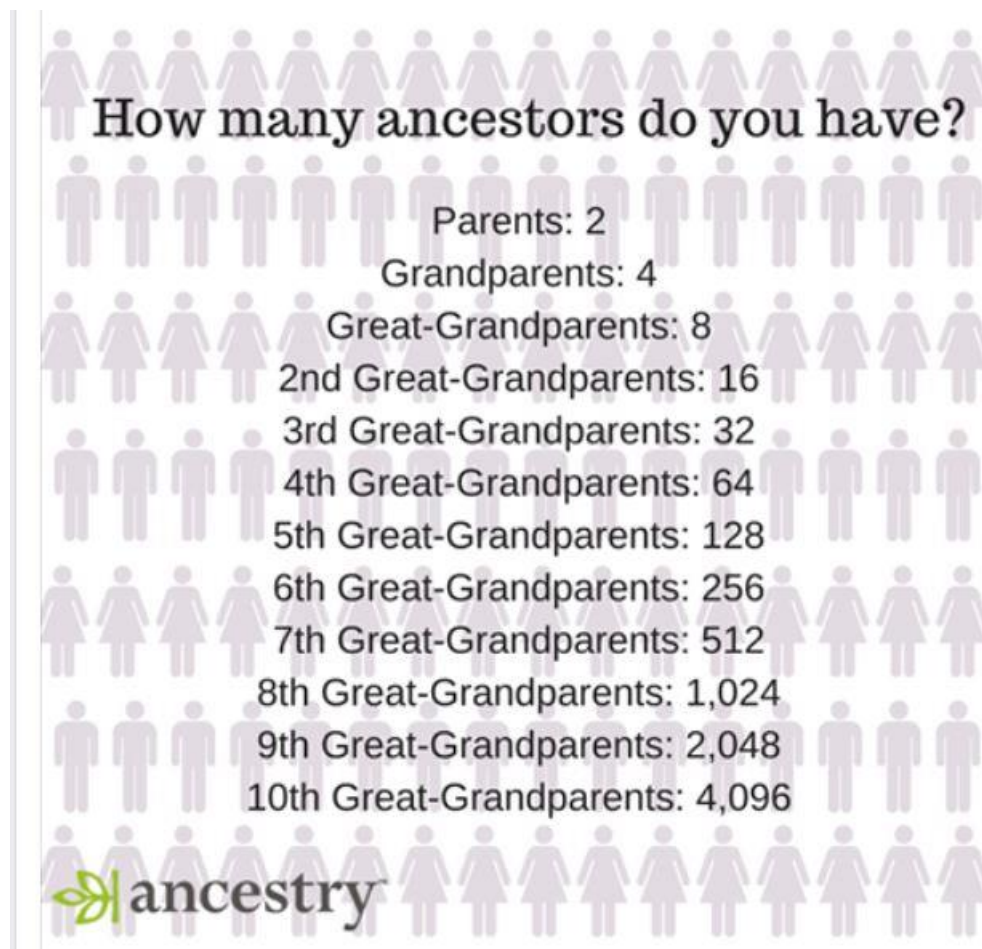
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Both the free and paid versions will scan any printed or hand-written papers, create perfect digital copies and save them to JPEG or PDF documents. The program also includes something called BookScan, a unique feature for digitizing books quickly and easily. It splits facing book pages into two separate images, removes any defects, and straightens curved text lines.

The paid Pro Subscription also will recognize text from scans in 193 languages and save results in 12 formats (DOCX, PDF, TXT and more), preserving the original document formatting.

I have been using the free version for a couple of days and am impressed with it. I will probably upgrade to the paid version with OCR capabilities the next time I have a need for OCR. Until then, I'll settle for the free version.

You can learn more at <http://www.finescanner.com/>.



### Speaking of the Above

by Lewis M. Ruddick

Some of you may know that one of my "other" major surnames is Gann. My 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandparents in one branch are both birth Ganns; each from a different Gann branch. In June I attended the Gann Gathering in N. Little Rock, Arkansas. What a wonderful genealogical learning experience. There I met and exchanged information on a broad range of Gann family subject and provided some information of my own. If you are fortunate enough to belong to one of the large surname specific families I highly recommend that you attend a gathering of you "clan" t least once in your lifetime. The preparation for my trip alone was worth the experience. I learned that I had immediate Gann cousins living here in Turlock and throughout the area. Heretofore I thought they were only in San Joaquin County and Mariposa County. Surprise! I quickly learned that they covered the great central valley and the eastern foothills and even in my old stomping grounds in Contra Costa County as well.

In addition to Little Rock en route we stopped at the Midwest Genealogy Center Library in Independence, Missouri. If you have Midwestern ancestors I highly recommend that you visit this outstanding library. The facility and the staff are among the best I've encountered in the United States. My Gann family archive records are stored there. BUT they had nothing on my Ruddick surname even though some of my Ruddick family lived there and nearby.

<http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>



For those of you who would like to report your research here is a forum. They also put on an excellent training program.



48th Annual Southern California Genealogical Society  
**jamboree 2017**  
 Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, Burbank, CA June 8-11, 2017

Call for

Presentations to the 48th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree Conference (Friday through Sunday, June 8 – 11, 2017 at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, Burbank, California), the 5th Annual SCGS Genetic Genealogy Conference (Thursday, June 8, 2017), workshops throughout both conferences, AND, the 2017 Jamboree Extension Series Webinar program. Presentations will be accepted through the online portal July 15, 2016 – August 21, 2016.

Speakers interested in submitting lecture presentations or workshops for 2017 must submit their proposals through the Jamboree Speaker Portal at:

<http://2017callforpresentations.surveyconsole.com>

A copy of this call for presentations can be found at:

<http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/2017/storage/2017JamboreeCallforPresentations.pdf>

You may download a copy of the submission form at:

<http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/2017/storage/CallforPresentationSubmissionForm.pdf>

Only those presentations submitted through the portal and accompanied by a signed copy of the Call for Presentations agreement (emailed, faxed or mailed) will be considered.

Please follow the links for full information.



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GSSC web page:	<a href="http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html">http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html</a> . The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.	
General meeting:	7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.	
Board meeting:	7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.	

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**We have 156 members for 2016**



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