



Sacramento Valley Chapter

Germans from Russia

A Merged-Chapter of AHSGR and GRHS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

– Eleanor Sissell –

There have been a lot of changes for keeping track of memberships and banking, for our chapter. Lee Macklin will show us how all this works for our members. I am looking forward to the April meeting where we celebrate with the Easter Theme.

I have been traveling to Merced for a few weeks because my elder brother was ill and died on March 16, 2019. I have been adding names to my grandparent's KUKKUS Volga village file. I have been able to find birth, death and immigration information about my grandparents and great grandparents.

I am looking forward to our 50th AHSGR convention anniversary in Lincoln, Nebraska, from July 23-27, 2019. We still have raffle tickets for the convention quilt drawing. AHSGR Board has approved our new charter and GRHS will vote to recognize SVCGR as a merged chapter at their National Convention in July.

Our April program will feature the story The Iron Crosses and tells a compelling story of hard work, faith, untimely deaths, and enduring German Russian values. Iron crosses can be found in German Russian cemeteries in many parts of the U.S. They were crafted by talented blacksmiths, first in the "old country", then in the U.S. until about the 1940s. So, please join us to see what some consider a stunning representation of America's finest folk art. The presentation will be by Doug Scott, Menlo Park, CA.

Sacramento Valley Chapter Meeting Easter Theme

**Sunday, April 14, 2019
2:00 p.m.**

**American River Community Church,
3300 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA**

Program

Iron Crosses by Doug Scott

**Review of SVCGR Website by
Lee Macklin**

Refreshments

**Bring favorite salad, colored eggs
or deviled eggs.**

If you haven't paid your chapter dues, you now have three options. See page 4.

Best wishes to you all, Eleanor Sissell, Chapter President!

♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪

Sacramento Valley Chapter Members



Carrol C. Hayes	March 06
John J. Kreutzer	March 18
Lee Macklin	March 20
Constance K Worster	April 25

[If your Birthday announcement was missed, please contact Alton Sissell via e-mail at asissell@gmail.com to update your member record.]

Lee's DNA Tidbits

AncestryDNA - Initial Steps Here is a very brief background on genealogy DNA tests and the steps you want to perform for the AncestryDNA test specifically. There are three types of DNA tests for the purpose of determining who you are (or are not) related to, as well as finding ancestors you weren't aware of.

First, there is the y-Chromosome (or Y-DNA) test which is the oldest. Only males can take this test and it will only show your direct line of male descendants. This type of test is good for population migration studies and surname researching.

Second, there is the Mitochondrial DNA test (mtDNA) which provides only your direct female line of descent.

Third, and by far the most popular type of test is the Autosomal DNA test. It not only provides information about your male and female line of descents, but also all your other relationships - aunts/uncles, cousins, etc. This is because the Autosomal test is looking at a far greater spectrum of your DNA than the other two types of tests.

The AncestryDNA kit is very easy to use. Simply purchase it online and it will arrive in the mail a few days later. You then spit into a tube, seal it and drop it in the mail in a small pre-packaged box.

However, before mailing the test you need to activate your kit by going online to Ancestry and logging into your account. On the DNA tab, you will fill in the DNA kit identification number and click the Activate button. The lab will not process your DNA if you have not done this because they won't know who the DNA belongs to.

Next, and really important, you need to create your family history tree online at Ancestry AND make it public. If you choose not to do this your DNA results will provide a lot less information especially if you make your tree private.

Then the last step is when your DNA results are posted (usually about 4-6 weeks), you must log back into Ancestry and LINK your DNA results to your tree. Otherwise, again you will be quite disappointed because you will have to do a lot more work to figure out how you and your DNA matches are related.

Tip: Register for a SVCGR "Analyze your AncestryDNA" presentation for an excellent tutorial on how to get the most out of your AncestryDNA results. You can register online in the Programs area on the website (<https://svcgr.org>).

The Ancestry DNA kit is a one-time cost of \$99 (around some holidays they drop it to \$79 or even \$59). The basic U.S. Discovery subscription service cost \$99 per 6 months which you can renew (or cancel any time and you won't lose any of your work up to that point). However, if you want to see international records (German, Italian, British, etc.), then you'll need the World Explorer subscription which costs \$149 per 6 months. Note, some people start with the World Explorer level then renew at the U.S. Discovery level. You can actually switch levels any time.

Village File Inventory Part II

The villages listed below complete the publication names of the Village files contained at the headquarters of The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. These files can be accessed online, for a \$50.00 annual subscription, in addition to your Annual Dues.

ROSENHEIM, VOLGA

ROSENORT, MOLOCHNA

ROSENTAL, MOLOCHNA

ROSENTAL, VOLGA

ROTHAMMEL, VOLGA

ROTOVKA, ROSTOV DISTRICT

SAMARA to SWEDISH COLONIES

SAMARA, VOLGA

SAMAU, CRIMEA

SARATA, BESSARABIA

SARATOV, VOLGA

SAREPTA, VOLGA

SCHABO, BESSARABIA

SCHÄFER, VOLGA

SCHAFFHAUSEN, VOLGA

SCHILLING, SARATOV, VOLGA

SCHOENAU, MOLOCHNA

SCHOENCHEN, VOLGA

SCHOENDORF, VOLGA

SCHOENESEE, MOLOCHNA

SCHOENFELD, VOLGA

SCHOENTAL, VOLGA

SCHUCK, VOLGA

SCHULZ, VOLGA

SCHWAB, VOLGA

SCHWED, SAMARA, VOLGA

SEELMAN, SAMARA, VOLGA

SEEWALD, VOLGA

SELZ, ODESSA

SEMENTOVKA, VOLGA

SHCHERBAKOVKA, VOLGA

SIBERIA

SIEBENBURGEN SACHSEN

SOFIENTAL, BESSARABIA

SOLODYRI, VOLHYNIA

SOLOTHURN (WITTMAN), VOLGA

SOUTH AMERICA

SPARRAU, ZAPOROZHIE

SPEYER, ODESSA

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

STAHL am KARAMAN, VOLGA

STAHL am TARLYK

STEPHAN, VOLGA

STRASSBURG, ODESSA

STRASSBURG, VOLGA

STRASSENDORF, VOLGA

STRECKERAU, VOLGA

STRAUB, VOLGA

SULZ, ODESSA

SUSANNENTAL (WINKELMANN), VOLGA

SWEDISH COLONIES

TAJIKISTAN to TIEGENHOF

TAJIKISTAN

TARUTINO. BESSARABIA

TAURIDA, S. RUSSIA

TEPLITZ, BESSARABIA

TIEFENBRUNN, MOLOCHNA

TIEGE, MOLOCHNA

TIEGENHAGEN, MOLOCHNA

WEIMAR, VOLGA

TIEGENHOF, ZAPOROZHYE

UNTERDORF to URBACH

UNTERDORF, VOLGA

URBACH, VOLGA

VAKARSKII to VOLLMER

VAKARSKII, ODESSA

VIKTORFELD NR 1, ZAPOROZHYE

VOLGA VILLAGES

VOLHYNIA

VOLLMER, VOLGA

WALDHEIM to WORMS

WALDHEIM, MOLOCHNA

WALLDORF. MOLOCHNA

WALTER, VOLGA

WARENBURG, VOLGA

WASSERAU, MOLOCHNA

WEINAU, MOLOCHNA

WEST PRUSSIA

WIESENMÜLLER, VOLGA

WILHELMSTAL, ODESSA

WITTENBERG. BESSARABIA

WORMS, ODESSA

**YAGODNAYA POLYANA to YERUSLAN
RIVER COLONIES**

YAGODNAYA POLYANA, VOLGA

YERUSLAN RIVER COLONIES

ZHITOMIR to ZURICHTAL

ZHITOMIR, ODESSA

ZUG (GATTUNG), VOLGA

ZÜRICH (ECKHARDT), VOLGA

ZURICHTAL, CRIMEA

2019 Chapter dues were due January 1st and many people still have not paid. You now have **three options:**

1. Go to our new chapter website (<https://svcgr.org>), and on the Home page, **click the image** above MEMBERSHIP. Then scroll down and click the "Print Membership Form" button. Fill it out and bring it to our next chapter meeting. This does **not** require a log in to the website.
2. Mail your completed form and check to:
Deanne Ellsworth, 4925 Arboleda Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628-5203.
3. Better yet, on the **Membership** page of our website, click the "**Renew Membership Online**" button near the top right of the page. Then, make sure your profile is up to date and pay your \$15 dues online with a credit or debit card. **However, first you**

4. **will need to get your website log in account and SVCGR member profile set up.** Lee will demo this at our upcoming chapter meeting. You can email Lee anytime (webmaster@svcgr.org) to arrange a time to meet with him and get you set up.

SO, PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING OUR APRIL 14TH CHAPTER MEETING, TO HEAR A GREAT PRESENTATION ON "THE IRON CROSSES", AND TO SEE A DEMO OF OUR NEW WEBSITE AND ALL OF ITS EXCITING FEATURES.

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