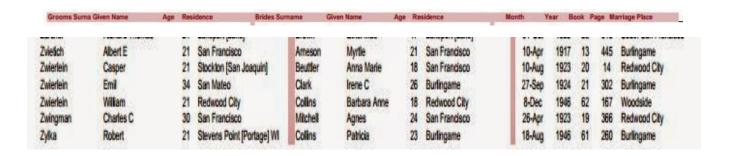
## San Mateo County Marriage Index 1853-1948

One of the earliest projects undertaken by SMCGS was an index of marriages through the year 1900. A few years ago we decided to create a database from that original index, add some details and perhaps add a few years.

Russ Brabec, Barry Goyette, Jo Rebuck, Walter Castor, Norma Sheehan, George Zinckgraf and Cath Trindle worked on the project adding residence, and adding the years 1901 through 1948. This was no lightweight project, it took a few years. The cutoff date coincided with the beginning of the statewide index of marriages which is available on microfilm and on various genealogical websites.



FamilySearch subsequently scanned some of the Marriage License Applications for San Mateo county. This is not the same record set, but if it is used in conjunction with the index you might be able to find the record by date.

The SMCGS Marriage Index includes the name of the bride and groom, their age and their normal residence as well as the date and place of marriage. I have been surprised at the number of people who were married in the county that did not live in the county. Additionally, when the law changed and it was possible to get a license in any county of California and get married in another county, you can find residents of other counties taking out their licenses in San Mateo County and then getting married in their home counties. I've always wondered whether it was just a little easier to get the license in San Mateo county

This has been a long-term project which built on an earlier project to index the marriages through 1899. That Index did not include all the information that was included in this newer index, however, so even those records were reconsulted.

