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Gadgets and Tools to Help the Genealogist

Presented by
Gary Schwarz

What "gadgets" or tools do you already have or may want to use that can aid you in your genealogy research? Have you missed getting digitized images from a distant relative who has those old family photos or copies of excerpts from an ancient family Bible? How about recording videos of aunts, uncles, parents and grand parents to save bits of their personality, demeanor and recollections of older times for future generations? What gadgets can help you plan and make your genealogical research trips? See some demos of a few gadgets and tools that you may wish to use in the future to capture, document, and help gather and record sources for your research.

About the Speaker: Gary Schwarz is the current editor of the SOCCGS Newsletter and a docent at the Mission Viejo Library Genealogical Section. Gary is a member of SOCCGS, OCCGS, GRHS, and AHSGR and has been doing family genealogical research for twenty-five years

Safari News

On January 23rd, we will journey to the Los Angeles Public Library. Since we make this trip just once a year, you might want to make a special effort to go along. It is likely we may need more than one car. In order to prepare for this fact-finding excursion, you can go to the LAPL website and peruse the genealogy books available. Also, it is always a good idea to make a list of research goals. Cars will leave the LDS parking lot promptly at 9 a.m. this will be an all day and into the evening foray. You may bring a lunch; eat in the library food court, or in one of the nearby restaurants. We will have dinner on the way home. Don't forget to bring \$\$ for your driver. Make your reservation with Bill Bluett at (949)492-9408 or at billbluett@cox.net.

Mission Viejo Library

~Bunny Smith - SOCCGS Librarian

Thank you volunteers for your service at the Genealogy Section of the Mission Viejo Library last year. You are all greatly appreciated. I want to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Greetings from Your New President

~Francie Kennedy

I am delighted and honored to be your president this year! I am so grateful to all of the officers and committee chairs who have agreed to continue in their roles for the coming year – a huge thank you to all.

I look forward to all the great speakers, the wonderful sharing of information, and the continued camaraderie we have in our Society! Did you know we are frequently mentioned as the friendliest society? Visitors and speakers, as well as our seminar presenters, often mention the atmosphere of friendly, welcoming helpfulness which we embody. At regular meetings, Jack's welcome at the door, the friendly faces of Mary Jo McQueen, Mary Jo Nutall, and Jim Thordahl at the back tables, handling handouts, memberships, explaining the Ralph's program, and then our stellar hospitality chairperson, Barbara, and her team (Sharon and all of the monthly volunteers) has a lot to do with this friendly exchange. There's nothing like lemonade and a home baked cookie at break time, to melt the ice and get people talking about their common ancestral questions, and share their discoveries. When the clipboard comes around again in January, take a moment to consider signing up to bring refreshments one month – it's about much more than cookies!

Enjoy your genealogy search... we are all related.

Francie

Past President's Message

~ Bill Bluett

Our Society had another great year in 2012! Membership continues to hold firm as new folks join our ranks nearly every month. Thank you all for being such an integral part of our "genealogy family." Your enthusiasm and support is what makes our society "special". Also, I would like to thank every Board member for their continued support and hard work this past year. Each one is dedicated in continuing to make our Society a great success.

The 2012 Safari trips were fun and informative for those who were able to join us. Of course, the long journeys to the L.A. area and the San Fernando Valley always include a great dinner with interesting conversation around the table. The October Seminar was another big success this past year thanks to all who volunteered to serve the 131 folks who attended. We were honored to have Loretto Dennis "Lou" Szucs from Ancestry.com as our keynote speaker.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your wonderful support these past two years. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your society president for a second time. Our Board is very pleased to have Francie Kennedy step in as our new leader for the next two years. I look forward to continuing to serve on our society Board as Safari Coordinator and Seminar Chairman in the coming year.

Membership

Nancy Huebotter – nhuebotter@roadrunner.com - joined the society in November.

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

~Jim Thordahl – Ways & Means Chairman

You're welcome to join the Ralphs Communittee Program at any time. If you have any questions, please see me at the next meeting, or you may call me at (949) 492-5334 or send an e-mail to jimandbonniethor@juno.com.

Legacy User's Group

~ David Flint

The SOCCGS Legacy User's Group meets at the Mission Viejo Library from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Bill Price meeting room. This monthly meeting provides a regular forum for anyone interested in learning about the Legacy Family Tree program -- whether you are a beginner, or you are already using Legacy. This is an informal meeting where you can share ideas with other people who use Legacy. The meeting includes demonstrations on how to perform various functions with the Legacy program, as well as time to address specific questions or problems from those attending the meeting. Feel free to drop in and out of the group as you like. The next meeting is at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 17 at the Mission Viejo Library. See you there.

New Legacy Beginner's Class Starting in January

~David Flint

David Flint will offer a new beginner's class in January where you can learn how to use the Legacy Family Tree genealogy software program. This class is for anyone interested in getting started with this genealogy software for the first time, as well as those who already use it and would like to review the basics. The new class will meet for three sessions – on Thursdays -- January 31, February 7 and February 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Bill Price meeting room at the Mission Viejo Library. If you are interested in attending the new beginner's class, please contact David Flint directly at davidflint@cox.net.

It is not necessary for you to own the Legacy Family Tree software to be in the class. Free copies of the software are available to load on your computer. The class is limited to 10 people based on the size of the meeting room, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. David will advise you on details for the class after he hears from you regarding your interest.

December Holiday Party Meeting

~ Bill Bluett

Over 50 members attended the annual holiday gathering and enjoyed hot cider, lasagna, dessert and good company. Many brought Christmas gifts for children in need, which were then delivered by Karyn Schumaker to the Camp Pendleton Marines. Pat Christiansen installed the elected officers for the year 2013. Our "brunch" was great! The lasagna was prepared by Mary Jo McQueen's husband Bob (and a neighbor). Mary Jo, Barbara Heebner, and Sharon Keener served the food. The desserts were provided by a number of the society Board members. Thank you all for helping to set up a great meal!

Following the General Meeting (prior to our "brunch"), many shared special "Christmas Memories" with the group. It was an enjoyable time hearing memorable stories and being able to view some of the special mementos that folks brought in. We heard from:

Mary Jo McQueen who shared her 12" x 12" family scrapbook with us. It contained a great assortment of old photos including a picture of her grandpa's first car. She had color copies of her scrapbook pages made at Kwik Kopy in Mission Viejo. Our society uses them for our copy work.

Janet Franks came over from her home in Arizona to visit with us. She shared the story of how she put together and published her book about the "grandma's" (Janet and her mother). A picture of each of them is on the front cover at the age they became grandmothers. Janet shared how she talked in the book about the son she lost in Vietnam. Her daughter had a hard time reading about the family dealing with his death. But, she believes it has brought the two of them closer together.

Teress Weber shared the book she put together with her mother's genealogy and ended up including recipes, pictures of her mother's quilting, etc. She had the book done at Staples in Capistrano Beach for a reasonable cost.

Karyn Schumaker records CD's each Christmas for her niece and nephew. Many times she will select musical themes for the child's interest: animals, Disney, you name it. The assortment to select and download is unlimited.

David Flint shared his memories as a child in England and remembers "Boxing Day". It is traditionally the day following Christmas when servants and trades people would receive gifts from their superiors or employers. Also, he recalls traveling to London with his parents to see a pantomime play or performance during the Holiday Season. Also, David lived in Eastern Canada as a child and remembers the family going into the forest and "tagging" a tree for cutting when Christmas time rolled around.

Pat Christiansen has a huge family gathering coming up this Christmas. Pat has 7 children, 29 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. They all can't be here at once. But, they still will have a very large gathering. Also, Pat has been doing some generational research on the subject of "Pyloric Stenosis" which has shown up in her family line for a few generations.

Joyce Van Schaack shared how great it was for her sister to visit them. They shared her 96th birthday and Joyce and Jim's 63rd anniversary. Unfortunately, Lorene (her sister) had a bout with congestive heart failure and the doctor said no to flying back home to Indiana. After recouping for a few days, she flew home, attended Church on Sunday, and went back to her 3 day job with the Veteran's Administration the following week. Great to be young at heart!

Verl Nash briefly told us the story of the "Angel of Hadley", a situation that occurred in Hadley, Massachusetts, around 1675-76 when he had ancestors in that community connected to this event in time. The full story can be viewed if you go to Google.com and type in "Angel of Hadley". Also find it at the en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angel_of_Hadley.

Catherine Schoenborn

~Diane Hearn

Catherine Schoenborn, immigrated to Wisconsin with her family from **Alsace-Lorraine** in 1837. I found a description of the sailing ship *Manchester*: about 126 feet long, a 31 foot abeam and the depth of the hold only 15 feet. Built in New York, launched in 1825, its service ended in 1834, disappearing in the Florida Keys in 1841. The ship averaged crossings of 42.4 days in her nine years of service. Catherine's obituary relates that one of her favorite reminiscences was the trip to the United States on an old sailing vessel and of the mutiny of the sailors. After 42 days, I might consider joining the disgruntled sailors myself.

It's taken a lot of digging (still in progress) to flesh out Catherine's life. The family settled in **Fond du Lac, Wisconsin** and Catherine married Joseph Pelkey, a French Canadian hotel keeper, probably



Catherine
Schoenborn/Pelkey,
Kennoe/Livernash
1828-1923

originally named Pelletier, in 1847 in Sheboygan. They had four children: Joseph Henry, William Adam, Cornelia and Elizabeth. In 1858 a man named Joseph Pelkey was arrested and found guilty of receiving and buying stolen goods. The story is that he then headed for California and died on the way. By 1860 Catherine was running a boarding house in Racine, Wisconsin with her four children ages two through 12. In the next eight years, she apparently married a second time to an **Oliver Rennoe** (her 1868 marriage certificate (to her third husband) lists her as Katharina "Kennoe"). Oliver, an esteemed Civil War soldier, died September, 1867 in **Sauk Centre, Stearns County, Minnesota**. Catherine's parents and siblings were farmers in **Stearns County** by 1860 and I'm guessing that's why she moved there with Oliver. Seven months after his death, following a fairly quick engagement in April 1868, Catherine married her third husband, **Edward**

Livernash. Taking on more than I certainly would have, Catherine moved with Ed to **Parker's Prairie**, a new settlement north of Sauk Center. I found an account of life in this new settlement in a website dedicated to Otter Tail County given in a talk by **Frank Saunders** in 1928:

"During the fall of 1868 the selection of squatter's claims was all confined to what is



Virginia Bailey, Mayme Bailey, Catherine Livernash,
Adelaide Hammond about 1920

now the township of Parkers Prairie. As the winter season began few people remained to abide throughout the winter....As I recall that period it was a long loathsome cold winter with three feet of snow, without roads or communication with the outside world or anyone else. (Somehow I doubt Catherine read this account before she moved there). During the winter we were anxiously looking forward to the coming of spring and the influx of many settlers. The first to arrive was the Ed Livernash family coming here from Sauk Center during the month of March. They brought their claim shanty all ready for erection, shoveling away the snow, and erecting two by four studding, covering the side with rough boards and roofing

with white canvas. All was completed in a short time." It sounds charming.

I read 221 souls inhabited Parkers Prairie in 1870, growing to a peak of 677 in 1900 and back down to 296 in 1970. Interesting are the percentages in 1905 of foreigners including 24% from Germany and 58% from Sweden. I searched for Italian and Greek immigrants to no avail. The author goes on to describe the school (round logs, covered with a dirt roof), attended by Ed's daughters, Ana and Nellie.

Adeline/Adelaide (nicknamed Dodo) Livernash was born to Edward and Catherine Livernash in Sauk Center in 1869. Another daughter named **May (Livernash)** died before 1880. In the

early 1880s Edward traveled west and bought land in Montana near Rosebud County. Her obituary calls Catherine a “Montana Pioneer”, as she moved there before the railroad.

According to her great granddaughter, Catherine and Edward Livernash, spoke French. The Livernash family (originally d’Yvernage, then Livernois) were French Canadians. I no longer bat an eye at misspellings: Catherine/Katherine, Livernoche/Livernash, Kennoe/Reno or country of origin: Germany/France. I’m so curious though, I want to know the name of Edward’s first wife, was she French or German? Did she die in childbirth? I’ve spent a long time looking for them in the 1860 census with no luck As I scroll, I notice boxes at the bottom of each page to mark the following: # of white males, #of white females, # of colored male and white females, #s of idiots, paupers, convicts, deaf and dumb, and foreign born. Even though over half of the residents in 1860 in the small town of Milford, Wisconsin were foreign born, the census taker was lazy, he only marked the white males and females. I came to the decision that the idiot is the one browsing 50 census pages on her computer.

Edward died in 1898 back in Minnesota after purchasing land there. His obituary says that he “leaves an aged wife, a daughter, Mrs. T.E. Hammond of Forsythe, Mont., a brother, who resides in this city and one in Wisconsin. “ I bristled when I read this as Catherine, his “aged wife” was the age I am today. He also had a quite a few unmentioned grandchildren. I’ll blame the reporter at the Wadena, Minnesota newspaper for being rushed that day.

In 2000, your great grandson and wife, Glendora, found the graves of Edward and Catherine in a cemetery in Montana after walking down a dirt road through pastures with grazing black bulls eyeing heifers just fences away. The sacrifices we make for genealogy. A 4H group has installed small markers.

Glendora said that Catherine foresaw the future, considered herself a psychic and saw spirits on South Birch Street in Santa Ana where she Dodo. She used an X to sign her name as many did in those days. Relatives said they were afraid of her, that she was difficult and that her house was spooky. Pat also remembers that it smelled – “not necessarily a bad smell.” (Note to self: take an extra shower the next time the grandchildren come to visit.)

Catherine’s son-in-law, in his will, stipulated that his mother-in-law be taken care of in the “manner to which she had been accustomed.” As far as I’m concerned, knowing the life she must have lived, crossing the Atlantic, running a boarding house, delivering eight children, being a farmer’s wife in Minnesota and Montana and traveling by covered wagon, she deserved to be treated royally along with as many spirit friends as she wanted.

Adelaide “Dodo” Livernash Hammond Safely (1885-1959)

~Diane Hearne

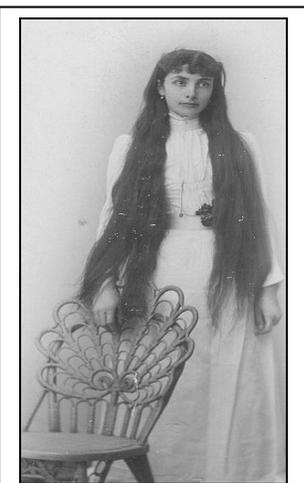
Adelaide (Dodo) Livernash continued to live in ***Santa Ana, California*** after the death of her husband. They had apparently been traveling to Santa Ana to spend the milder winters since 1912. Dodo had been a Past Matron of Eastern Star in Montana, a member of Herman Chapter in Santa

Ana and a lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church. She remarried in 1923 to ***George Safely***, a successful business man who once had a seat in the House of Representatives. Glendora thinks a lot of Dodo’s money came from him (he died in 1926 with no children). She lived quite well, had a live-in housekeeper. All four of her children inherited a house in Santa Ana.

Glendora her granddaughter describes her in colorful terms:

“I don’t know how well Pat [my husband] remembers Dodo, but she was a real ”battle-ax” with her family - ruled them totally. She never knew, or acted like she didn’t, that Aunt Mayme smoked. Mayme would blow the smoke down the toilet on her Sundays to stay with her. Dodo also disliked Catholics intensely even though her background was decidedly Catholic (her marriage certificate says she was married by a Catholic priest). She didn’t believe in inoculations. Glendora says that Marvel (her younger daughter), waited on Dodo hand and foot and got most of Dodo’s money which caused bad feelings. I wonder about the significance of her remarriage in 1923, the same year her mother died.

Glendora and I just discovered a little more about Dodo in the basement of the old Santa Ana Courthouse. In 1912, Dodo bought land in Huntington Beach for “Ten Dollars Gold Coin.” The contract states that the grantee will not use the premises for “vending intoxicating liquors for drinking purposes” and that no



*Adelaide Livernash
Hammond Safely
“Dodo”
1885-1959*

part of said premises, shall ever be conveyed, transferred, leased or demised to (continued page 6)

any person other than of white or Caucasian race.” Reading up on the history of Huntington Beach I learned that after the railroad arrived around 1904, lots that had sold for \$200, a year before, skyrocketed to \$3000. Then oil was discovered. Dodo’s Livernash relatives had lived in Huntington Beach as early as 1910. Pat says his mother told him she remembers sitting on a porch in Huntington Beach watching the pumping oil wells. We found other deeds – one other property in Huntington Beach and two in Santa Ana. All were in the name of Adelaide Hammond. Our guess is that maybe this was her husbands way of passing on part of his wealth to his wife before he died. More research on the location of the Huntington Beach land remains to be done.

1000memories’ Online Photo Digitizing Technology

~ Matthew Deighton at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com Inc., the world’s largest online family history resource, announced today it has acquired 1000memories Inc., the San Francisco-based startup that has been focused on helping people digitize and share the estimated 1.7 trillion paper photos stored in their albums, attics, and shoeboxes.

Founded in 2010, 1000memories’ mission has been to help families and friends preserve their personal memories and share those memories with others. 1000memories will provide Ancestry.com members a compelling new way to share their family history discoveries with friends and family as well as scan and add their old photos to their family trees. It also brings an innovative team to the Ancestry.com family to advance Ancestry.com members’ abilities to share the past with others.



The 1000memories acquisition also brings with it the popular “ShoeBox app” that turns mobile phones into photo scanners providing an easy way to digitize, save, and share photos online or on-the-go. With more than 500,000 downloads since its launch, the ShoeBox app has become a popular way for people to get their old photos out of their shoeboxes and into the cloud.

To mark today’s announcement, 1000memories has launched a new version of ShoeBox for iOS, enabling Ancestry.com members to post photos directly to their forebears’ profiles on Ancestry.com. This is the first step in a broader plan that will see tighter integration of the two services in the coming months.

“1000memories has built a popular way for people to capture and share their memories,” said Eric Shoup, Executive Vice President of Product for Ancestry.com. “The addition of the 1000memories team, their website and the Shoebox mobile app provides a powerful boost to Ancestry.com’s mission of empowering our users to discover, preserve, and share their family histories.”

“We began with the idea that the web provides an amazing vehicle for capturing and sharing the memories we hold most precious,” said Rudy Adler, cofounder of 1000memories. “We’re excited to expand our reach to Ancestry.com’s millions of users and help them share and preserve their family stories in a beautiful way.” More info see: www.genealogyblog.com/?p=22146 .

Czech-American TV is Celebrating Nine Years of Existence in December

~ Beverly Evans

Czech-American TV dedicates itself to promote Czech culture, tradition and history through various educational programs and documentary films.

On Czech-American TV you can watch documentary films about genealogy, cuisine, language video classes, folk art, music and dances that create the Czech culture. All of the shows are in English which makes them accessible to a large audience. Streamed shows of the past six months are conveniently stored in the online archive for viewers to watch.

The Czech-American TV program is available via Internet at www.catvusa.com any time. For additional information contact: Ivana Scott, Public Relations Manager; Phone: (708) 813-0028; email: media@catvusa.com.

I was at the pinnacle of my career one day and the next day I was put out to pasture. I felt like a race horse with a broken leg. ~Jack Klugman (1922 - 2012)

“Dancing came easy for me, acting came hard” ~Charles Durning (1923 - 2012)

2013 - Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars

5 Jan - Sat 10am PST Lisa A. Alzo; Family History Writing Made Easier: Genealogist's Cloud-Based Tools

16 Jan - Wed 6pm PST Linda Geiger Woodward; Never having to Ask, Where Did That Come From?

2 Feb - Sat 10 am PST Eric Basir - ericb@photografix.pro; Digital Organization for Documents and Photos

The live broadcast of each session is open to the public and FREE to all (space is limited to 1000 attendees). Webinars are recorded, archived, and available for the next twelve months day or night to SCGS members, in the members-only section of the SCGS website.

Info and Schedule: <http://scgsgenealogy.com/extension-series/jes2013.html>

Wars are not paid for in wartime, the bill comes later.

~Ben Franklin

Surname List

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocccgs/surnames.htm>

Members, please check your information on the SOCCGS Surname Website. If corrections and/or additions are necessary notify Herb at hvabrams@cox.net or (949-581-6292). New and old members are encouraged to add information by sending an email to Herb listing surnames, locations and years being researched.



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