

Saddleback Valley Trails

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Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Main Mission Viejo LDS Church Building, 27976 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive. Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy. Individual membership fees are \$20 per year, joint membership \$25. SOCCGS is not affiliated with the LDS Family History Center.

February 17, 2018

"Ask Why: Getting More from Genealogy Research"

Presented by KC Reid

Genealogy is research into the unknown. Make the journey easier and your search more thorough by adding this often-neglected approach to your research repertoire. Overcome those brick walls by changing your approach - as you search for the who, what, when and where, don't forget to ask why! Through examples and discussion, learn how and when to apply this discovery pathway. This will help you identify key events or documents that may be available for your ancestors and guide you in going deeper into the times they lived in and the personal networks they developed.

A professional researcher, analyst, writer and presenter since 1999, KC Reid is a professional genealogist tracking American ancestral lines to immigrant ancestors. She focuses on building the story of those ancestors to help their descendants understand them as more than names on a page, including recommending travel and experiences so clients can literally walk in their ancestors' footsteps anywhere in the world. In addition to her undergraduate degrees in Anthropology and in International Security and Peace, KC holds an M.S. in Strategic Intelligence, another Masters from the prestigious University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and a certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University.

Mini Class 9:15-9:45 before the February Monthly Meeting - Arlene O'Donnell will present "Find A Grave." All Mini-classes are held in the classroom to the left of the kitchen.

Meeting Place: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mission Viejo LDS Church, 27976 Marguerite Parkway at Hillcrest Dr. Enter at the rear of the building.



President's Message
By Bill Bluett

I have been thinking about how gracious the City of Mission Viejo has been in viewing our Society as an outreach and an asset to the community. I was adding up the number of meetings and classes we have each month that utilize the Saddleback Room across the parking lot and the conference rooms in the library. The usage adds up to over 100 days a year! That is an amazing total. Here is a chronological list of what happens each month that is related to our Society:

The first Friday – Sue Naegeli, Genealogy Research SIG **(SADDLEBACK ROOM)**

The second Monday – David Flint, England SIG **(SADDLEBACK ROOM)**

The second Thursday – SOCCGS Board Meeting **(SADDLEBACK ROOM)**

The third Wednesday – Gary Schwarz, German SIG **(LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM)**

The third Thursday – David Flint, Legacy Users Group **(SADDLEBACK ROOM)**

The third Thursday – Arlene O'Donnell, Beginning Genealogy **(LIBRARY CONF. ROOM)**

The third Friday – Irish SIG (multiple leaders) **(SADDLEBACK ROOM)**

The fourth Tuesday – Jim Thordahl, Writing Class **(SADDLEBACK ROOM)**

The fourth Friday – Classes with multiple topics **(in the genealogy area of the library)**

Then, you can add two more days to that total when our October Seminar uses the City Council Chambers and the Saddleback Room to host 130 or more folks. All this space is gifted to us by the City of Mission Viejo. And, how about our **Genealogy Research Center** at the south end of the library with docents available every day of the week! We have been forever grateful for the use of all space provided by the library and the city.

But, let's not forget the LDS Church on Marguerite Parkway. They have hosted our Society meetings on the third Saturday of each month for plus or minus 20 years! We used to meet in a portable building on the property that we nearly outgrew. When the church constructed a new permanent youth facility in it's place, they allowed us to relocate into the chapel. It turned out to be good timing as our Society continued to grow. We now have 90 to 100 folks attend our monthly meetings and I do not believe the "old portable" could have handled that many. Our circumstances have worked out very well as our Society membership continues to increase. In appreciation for all the space that we use, our Society gives a monetary gift each year to the "**LDS Family History Research Center**" as well as the "**Friends of the Mission Viejo Library**". We thank the MV Library and the Church for giving us a place to call "home".

Safari News
~Bill Bluett

The **Cole Library in Carlsbad** is our destination for the safari on **February 21st**. We will leave the LDS parking lot at 9:30 a.m. This library has one of the finest genealogy collections in Southern California. They have a huge book collection, periodical collection, microfilm, microfiche, and computers. Preparation is the key to making any research trip successful. It might be wise for you to do some planning in advance by using their library online catalogue at: <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/depts/library/default.asp> and set your genealogy research in motion. You may bring a lunch or be prepared to drive a short distance to a local eatery. Don't forget \$\$ for your driver. There are no plans for dinner on the way home. Contact Bill Bluett to reserve a spot.

January Meeting
~ **Bill Bluett**

Our guest speakers for January were two well-known members of our Society. **Arlene O'Donnell** (who serves as our Vice-President) and **Barbara Taylor** (who is our Facebook Coordinator). Their topic was **Using DNA to Scale Brick Walls**. Arlene gave us information on the companies that provide DNA testing and how you can go about connecting with folks that may have a match to your DNA. Arlene has connected with many 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and even 4th cousins that she would otherwise not have known. Barbara is the “DNA king” for number of family members she has encouraged to take the DNA test. The results to date have given her a tremendous number of responses from other folks who are in the testing pool. Barbara gave us a “case study” on how DNA testing has broken down a number of “brick walls” in her genealogy research. We certainly thank Arlene and Barbara for sharing their successes with our group. Prior to their presentation, our members enjoyed some great refreshments provided by five of our dedicated members. Our contributors this month were: **Melissa Cottrell, Myrna Hamid, Jack Naylor, Denise Richmond, and Linda Rogers.**

Membership
~**Sue Naegeli**

We had 89 members, 1 new member and 12 guests (total 102) at our January meeting.

New Members:

Margaret O'Neill, Laguna Woods – Researching Richardson (England 1800-1999) Cahill, Collins, McVeigh, Tague, Tanner (Ireland 1850), Sweighbaum (Ukraine, Minnesota 1850) Skauge, Moe, Pearson, Sjostrom (Sweden 1850).

Michael Flynn, Irvine

Guests:

Suzanne Weber Echevarria, Dana Point; **Steve Spillman**, Mission Viejo; **Janice Preston**, Mission Viejo; **Sherry Budreau**, Laguna Woods; **Sally & Rich Light**, Mission Viejo; **Janet Riordain**, Laguna Niguel; **Luan Jones**; **Phyllis Ulrich**.

Salt Lake City Trip Update
~**David Flint**

Since my last update there has been a room cancelation. This was a reservation for a double room shared by two female roommates. One of them needed to cancel, but the other still plans to go and needs a new roommate. Therefore, we have a half-room available for a female willing to share the Double-Deluxe room. The cost for this shared double occupancy is \$525.

If you are a woman interested in sharing a double room with another female for our Salt Lake City trip April 22-29, please contact me directly for details as soon as possible. All other rooms are reserved, and we currently have 34 people registered for our 2018 trip. I am in the process of firming up our arrangements for this year's trip, and I would really like to fill the open half of this double room.

I can provide a copy of the reservation form and other details about the trip if you contact me. If you have any questions about the remaining room, or any other question about the trip, please contact David Flint davidflint@cox.net.

No England SIG meeting in February

The regular monthly meeting of the England Special Interest Group in February is canceled. David Flint is out of town and will not be available to lead the group in its regular meeting date of February 12. The regular meeting schedule is expected to resume in March, and updated information will be provided in next month's newsletter. Watch the newsletter for further information.

New Legacy Beginners Class – February 2018 **~David Flint**

This is a final reminder that the new Legacy beginners class will start in February. There is still room to join the class for SOCCGS members interested in learning how to use the Legacy Family Tree genealogy software.

This award-winning program is rated one of the best in the industry for organizing your genealogy research and building family trees for your family history. The class will be presented in four two-hour sessions, and will meet on the third Thursday each month in place of the Legacy Users Group starting in February. The classes will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Saddleback Room at Mission Viejo City Hall. The first class will meet on Thursday, February 15.

If you would like to be in the new Legacy beginners class starting February 15, contact David Flint davidflint@cox.net to register for the class, and to obtain information you will need to prepare for the first class meeting. Everyone in the class should plan to bring their laptop computer to class to follow the discussion and demonstrations of the software. The monthly Legacy Users Group meetings will resume when the beginners class has completed.

Genealogy Tip of the Day <http://genealogytipoftheday.com>

Would a Chart Help? Posted 25 Jan 2018

Whenever information is confusing or overwhelming, I ask myself if there is some way that I can make a chart using the information that I know. Sometimes the final chart helps to reach a conclusion or decide where to go next.

Other times just thinking about the chart and the process of creating it causes me to realize that there are records or details I do not have. That sometimes gets my research going. At the very least I have a summary of the information I have.

You can get over that brick wall with the help of DNA **And thinking outside of the box!** **By Arlene O'Donnell**

On Saturday, January 20th we packed the audience to learn some new tips to solve those proverbial brick walls. It was evident that our large gathering had, for the most part, done DNA testing, but had not found the results useful in their family history research. It is our hope that you came away with some very specific tools to get back and chisel that brick wall. We gave a list of tips and for those who missed the presentation, we are giving them (here) once again.

Interpreting DNA results depends on what your goal is. The scientific aspect is at best interesting, but not especially relevant for most genealogists. What is important is the understanding that all our matches represent family members who all connect with us in some way. Ancestry.com has offered some basic tools in the Ancestry Academy (DNA 101, Understanding DNA, etc.) and FaceBook has many groups dedicated to sharing experiences with DNA testing. (DNA Detectives, DA Newbie, etc.) Test drive all of these and see where it leads! An important fact is that your list of DNA matches is constantly changing as more are added. Keep checking back to see who is new. Send out lots of messages to your matches. Encourage them to link their DNA results to their tree (if they have not done so) and ask about their data sources. Be kind! Many of them have never explored genealogy. Encourage them!

Above all, share your experiences with others. What has worked and what has not. You may gain additional information and a new friend together. A "Private Tree" doesn't always stay "Private". Check out those "Shared Matches" in Ancestry. Old-fashioned detective work is what it takes. DNA can help unlock that mystery and get you over that brick wall.

SOCCGS – DNA follow-up to our talk Jan 20, 2018
by Barbara Taylor

A question came up about Ancestry's new rule that every adult needs a separate Ancestry account and how to do DNA tests for elderly relatives who do not have email.

If you have permission from someone to manage their DNA test and they don't have email or don't want to be bothered, you can:

1. Order a DNA test under your regular Ancestry account and have it shipped to you.
2. Create a new email address for them on gmail or any other email service.
3. When you receive the test, open the package, go to <https://www.ancestry.com/dna/activate> to Register and Activate the Ancestry DNA test using the Activation Code provided with the DNA test kit using the new email address for the person under their name. This step automatically creates a free guest account on Ancestry.
4. Be sure to write down the email address and password for this new account. Provide that email address and password to the person who is taking the test so they can also view the results directly if they choose to. Remember: the person who takes a DNA test is always the legal Owner of the test even if you pay for it.
5. On Ancestry, in the Settings section of the new DNA test account, go to "DNA Result Access" and add your own email address for your regular Ancestry account and the Role as "Manager" if they want you to manage the test. Other options are: Viewer or Collaborator.
6. Log out of that account and into your regular Ancestry account. On your regular Ancestry account, the new DNA test will be listed on your own list of tests under the DNA tab. You will receive email status notifications as the test is received at Ancestry and results are completed. That makes managing several DNA tests easier from one account.
7. Put a note in the DNA test kit instructions that the test has already been registered and activated for them. Mail the DNA test kit to the person who will be taking it or give it to them in person. They then take the test and mail it to Ancestry. Then you wait for email notifications that it was received and that results are ready.
8. The box used to mail the test back to Ancestry has a USPS tracking number. If you copy that number or take a photo of it, you can track the package via USPS also to see when it arrives at Ancestry.

If someone buys a DNA test themselves and wants you to manage it, they can follow the steps 4 and 5 above to make you the manager of the test. They can still see the DNA test results themselves and don't need a paid subscription to Ancestry to do that. Other options for sharing tests are: Viewer or Collaborator. Ancestry has detailed instructions about what each Role can do.

The Following is the handout from the January meeting.

SOCCGS January 2018 – Using DNA to Scale Brick Walls
Arlene O'Donnell and Barbara Taylor

Tips from Barbara:

1. Set a Goal for your Search.
2. Take an inventory.
 - a. What resources do you have already?
 - b. What facts are available?
 - c. What records documents are available?
 - d. What family stories are available?
 - e. Can DNA help solve the mysteries?

3. Methodology from DNAAdoption.com:
 - a. Make a plan.
 - b. Document what you do as you go along
 - c. Identify DNA matches with common ancestors
 - d. Build DNA trees to find more connections
 - e. Use the power of Ancestry hints
 - f. Document possibilities for unknown persons
 - g. Zero in on possible unknown persons using DNA
 - h. Eliminate other possibilities
 - i. Document and prove each theory

Resources:

- DNA Adoption www.dnaadoption.com, a non-profit that helps people learn how to use DNA to find family

Tips from Arlene:

Think outside the box! The answer might be right in front of you!

1. Your list of DNA matches changes daily regardless of the testing company. Re-check the list often (online). In AncestryDNA, “no family tree” may not mean what it seems!
2. Ask your matches open-ended questions that exhibit honesty and your willingness to collaborate with them to a common goal.
3. Organize your DNA match results in a meaningful tool that works for you. There is no right or wrong way to process your results so that they make sense to you and your research.
4. Contacting your matches may (and it will) lead to data sources you missed or aren’t aware of.
5. Remember your “DNA matches” are your family. They may know where the secrets are hidden!

Resources:

Facebook Group: DNA Detectives

Ancestry Academy: DNA 101

Understanding DNA

Smolenyak and Turner, “Trace Your Roots with DNA”, Rodale Press 2004

**Genealogy BASH and Book Faire
Saturday, March 3, 2018**

Speaker: Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL

- Topics:** 1) More Than Just Names: Advances US Census Research
2) NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives
3) When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records
4) Don't Forget the Ladies – A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law

Book Faire – OCCGS sells books at bargain prices once a year, and this is the time. Come and build your personal library. There is **NO fee** to visit the Book Faire.

Registration by February 27 – OCCGS Member \$40; Non-member \$45; lunch \$12; at the door \$50. For information and online registration www.occgs.com

Genealogy Search Tip of the Day <http://searchtip.genealogytipoftheday.com>

[Digitized Polish Historic Newspapers and Serials](#) Posted: 30 Jan 2018

This site housed, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, may be of assistance to those with Polish connections. [Digitized Polish Historic Newspapers and Serials](#)

Safari to Los Angeles Public Library ~Kathie Mauzey

On the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August, November and December) our members visit a research center. On January 24th **Bill Bluett, Kathie Mauzey, Judy Davin, Denise Richmond, Linda Stucker and Lynn Machen** visited the Los Angeles Public Library for a day of genealogy research. We had a great time discussing our new “finds” and enjoyed a nice dinner before heading home. If you haven’t been on Safari, consider joining one in the future.



Bill Bluett



Denise Richmond



Judy Davin



Lynn Machen



Linda Stucker

Beginning Ancestry Class Hosted with the Mission Viejo Library ~Gayle Meldau

On Friday, January 26th, SOCCGS and the Mission Viejo Library presented our third joint “Beginning Ancestry.com” class in the library’s Technology Center. **Judy Davin** presented an overview of the services and resources available through SOCCGS, and **Gayle Meldau** demonstrated search tips for Ancestry. Twenty-seven people attended, and they were excited to find some of their ancestors. They were assisted by SOCCGS members **Bill Bluett, Kathie Mauzey, Lynn Machen, Barbara Rice and Kathleen Kelton**, and librarian **Sandy Brimer**. Our next joint Ancestry class will be held in April – consider joining us as a participant or volunteer!



OC Public Libraries – Genealogy Speaker Series Chinese American Genealogy Lecture – Bowers Museum February 18, 2018, 1pm

Learn how to research the Chinese American genealogy of Paper Sons at this Chinese American Genealogy workshop with Steve Kwok. Steve Kwok is current Chair for the Chinese Family History Group of Southern California, affiliated with the Southern California Genealogical Society located in Burbank, California. Ticket info: **FREE event** (does not include access to museum galleries).

February Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in February:

Feb 13 – 11am– Have Nordic Ancestors? Count Yourself Lucky – Nordic Records are Amazing - MyHeritage Webinars

Feb 20 – 5pm – Using Swedish Taxation Records to Solve Tough Genealogical Problems – Jill Morelli

Feb 21 – 11am - Tribal Quest: A special project to document the family histories of tribal people – Golan Levi

Feb 23 – 11am – Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 2): Adding an Online Document – Geoff Rasmussen

Feb 28 – 11am – Find Your Roots in German Farm Histories – Gail Blankenau

Register at www.familytreewebinars.com If you miss the live Legacy webinar, recordings are in the archives and free to watch for the first 7 days after the broadcast.

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Feb 3 – 10am - Jumping the Pond: Finding the Origins of Your Immigrant Ancestor – Donna Moughty

Feb 21 – 6pm – Navigating the Seven C's of Genealogy – Thomas MacEntee

Register at www.scgsgenealogy.com, click on Programs and Webinars.

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

Feb 15 – 12pm – Early New England Families Study Project – Alicia Crane Williams

Register at www.americanancestors.org (Under Education and Online Classes)

Illinois Genealogical Society

Feb 13 – 6pm – Illinois Digital Resources – Tina Beard

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

Family History Library Class Calendar

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library

go to Classes and Online Webinars.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



I have a collection of greeting cards and postcards that were given to my grandparents, Frank and Nancy (Bass) Sauber, in the early 1900's. This Valentine card was given to my grandfather probably before 1920. On the back is written in pencil:

To Uncle Frank
from
James Freeman

I'm not sure if "Uncle Frank" is an "honorary uncle" or James Freeman is a family member I haven't discovered yet. So far, I don't have a Freeman family in my database, but I'll keep searching (I'm never "done").

The card had a small backing that flipped down so that it would stand up and the colors are still beautiful.

~Kathie Mauzey

Celebrated on **February 17th**, National Random Acts of Kindness Day has grown in popularity each year. It is celebrated by individuals, groups and organizations, nationwide, to encourage acts of kindness. It is a favorite day to many, as people everywhere are enjoying doing these acts of kindness.

Herb Abrams came across this letter from our SOCCGS founding President, Mary Ellen Lytle, reflecting on the first year of our society. Look how far we've come!

President's Message Saddleback Valley Trails, December 1994

I want to thank all the members of this Society for help they have given me this past year, and especially my Executive Board. I could not have done it alone. I am very proud of all the gains we have made this year. I know we will continue to grow and become an outstanding organization.

The Society started out just last January with a meeting at Arby's and soon the little room was full. I didn't know what to do, and one of you went out and asked the manager if we could move into the dining room. Permission was granted. The attendance for this first meeting was about fifty-two. I would have been satisfied with twenty-five people. Several offices were filled that day, including a by-laws committee, and the name of the society was chosen, the SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

As we were a little crowded at Arby's, the February meeting was moved to Sizzler on the Lake in Mission Viejo. The by-laws committee worked very hard during the month and presented the society's by-laws to the group. These by-laws were passed, and the society was off and running!

March found us a permanent home, the Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center in Mission Viejo. Several of our members had worked hard with the Center's manager to make arrangements that we could afford. Our programs began with John Williams from the National Archives in Laguna Niguel who spoke on the new CD-ROM computer index system of early census records being tried at the Archives.

Judy Deeter, the Vice President and Program Chairman, began her series of programs in April. She also planned beginners' workshops after the meetings and one at the Archives.

The Society has grown each month. I was hoping that by the end of my year we would have one hundred members. This goal was met in May and the current membership is about 130.

The Society's main project is to work with the City of Mission Viejo in planning the new city library. We hope they will give us space for a genealogical section.

Again, I want to thank each of you for becoming members of our Society, and my thanks also to the Executive Board. If it were not for all of you, we would not have this great group. I only had an idea but you made it work. I do hope that during 1995 we will all become better acquainted and make new friendships.

Mary Ellen Lytle, Founding President, 1994

FamilySearch is indicating the following database has been updated or modified:

[Utah, Birth Certificates, 1903-1914](#)

[Sweden, Örebro Church Records, 1613-1918; index 1635-1860](#)

[United States Passport Applications, 1795-1925](#)

[Ohio, County Naturalization Records, 1800-1977](#)

[United States, Native American, Eastern Cherokee Indian Reservation Rolls, 1848-1970](#)

[Texas, County Marriage Records, 1837-1965](#)

[Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Passenger Lists, 1800-1882](#)

[Luxembourg, Civil Registration, 1796-1941](#)

[United States Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783](#)

[United States Rosters of Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors, 1775-1783](#)

Private Frank Savicki
The first WWI American prisoner of war to escape
German prisoner-of-war camps and live to tell about it.
By Robert Mc Intyre

Private Frank Savicki, was a young Pennsylvania coal miner, born in Poland. December 1916, he became a naturalized U.S. citizen. April 1917, he enlisted in the American Expeditionary Force. July 1917, at Chateau Thierry, he was one of only three survivors in his unit. That evening, Savicki was captured. German officers interrogated him then locked him in a small room at a farm house, where he was left for two days, in the dark, without food or water. On the third day he began a two day march to a prisoner-of-war camp at Laon where he was interned with several hundred allied prisoners, about fifty of whom were Americans. The prisoners were divided into small gangs of six to twelve and worked from seven in the morning 'till nine at night working on roads, railroads, or unloading supplies. At Laon, the living conditions were terrible. There were no beds or blankets — the men slept on the floor. No means of washing, no one had a change of clothes. Everybody was covered with lice. Every morning the prisoners were given a chunk of bread, which was expected to last all day, along with what was supposed to be coffee. At noon, they were fed a soup made from grass and bits of horse meat, along with another cup of the coffee.

After six weeks in Laon, Savicki and about forty other Americans were moved to Rastatt, in Baden. They made the trip in a box car. Enroute for three days and two nights, they were fed one piece of bread and two drinks of water. Conditions were better at Rastatt. They were able to bathe and change clothes. He spent fifteen days at Rastatt where he received two Red Cross packages that contained canned meat, beans, tobacco, and crackers called hard tack. Savicki and several Russian prisoners worked every day on a farm owned by an elderly German and his wife.

Savicki was sure the mountains in the distance were Switzerland. After two weeks on the farm, he made his escape. He traveled all night, and in the morning he was hiding in a clump of brush only yards from a German border sentry station. Between him and freedom were the risks of being spotted by sentries, railroad tracks, barbed wire, and a river — the upper Rhine. After dark, he began slowly crawling — across the railroad tracks, through barbed wire — along the way he found a long pole and decided to try to pole vault across the Rhine to Switzerland and freedom. After six hours he reached the river's edge stood up, ran toward the river and planted his pole in the river. The pole sank in four feet of mud and Private Frank Savicki landed belly deep in water and short of freedom. He scrambled out of the water and up the bank, certain he would be shot. But the sentry either didn't hear him, see him, or didn't care to be bothered. By daylight, he reached a small Swiss village. An old man dried his clothes before a fire place and fed him breakfast. The village graciously bought him a railway ticket to Berne and the arms of the Red Cross. Private Frank Savicki was the first American prisoner of war to escape German prisoner-of-war camps and live to tell about it.

Genealogy Tip of the Day

Gossip Column Reveals What the Obituary Does Not Posted 26 Jan 2018

Researchers come at items in newspapers from a variety of ways: manual searches, digital images with indexes that indicate the page, digital searches that target the specific item, etc. No matter how you get to it, make certain you read the entire page the item is located in—particularly obituaries. A 1940-era obituary listed out of town relatives, but did not specify the relationship. In a separate item in the local “gossip” section, they were again named—along with their relationship to the person whose funeral they were attending. It may seem like in this case it would be “obvious” to find them, but sometimes when images come to our computer screen zoomed in from search results, it can be easy to not look at anything else. That's a mistake.

Newspaper Can Name Those Who Never Lived There Posted: 28 Jan 2018

Do you regularly look for people in their parents' hometown newspapers? They may never have lived in the area at all, but may appear in “hometown” newspapers as visiting relatives. Great way to discover connections.

Future Genealogy Events

- Feb 2, 2018, 10:00-12:00** - Sue Naegeli **Gen. Research SIG** – Sadlbck Rm, MV City Hall
- Feb 3, 2018, OCCGS** Speaker Lisa Schumacher, 11:00 “1890 Census Substitutes” and 12:30 “Speaking Well of the Dead” Info: occgs.com
- Feb 10, 2018, 10:00** – **Society of Hispanic Historic & Ancestral Research** – John Schmal – “History of Northwestern Mexico.” www.ocfamilyhistory.org (See calendar for events)
- Feb 12, 2018, England SIG** – **No class this month**
- Feb 15, 2018, 10-12:00**-Arlene O'Donnell - **Beginning Genealogy Class** – Bill Price Rm, MV Library (Small class size – for reservation contact Arlene at silkberry@aol.com)
- Feb 15, 2018, 10-12:00**-David Flint – **Legacy Beginners Class** - Sadlbck Rm, MV City Hall
- Feb 16, 2018– Ireland SIG** – Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
- Feb 21 2018, 10-12:00**-Gary Schwarz – **German SIG** – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
- Feb 23, 2018, 10-12:00** – **Fourth Friday Class** – Bunny Smith “Preparing an Application for Lineage Society” – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
- Feb 27, 10-12:00**- Jim Thordahl – **Writing Family Stories** – Saddleback Rm
- Feb 27, 2018, 9:30** - NSDCGS program, Linda Serna – “Tales to Docs to Stories: Building Your Family Story from Family Tales and Documents.” Information: nsdcgs.org
- Mar 2, 2018, 10-12:00** – Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** –Sadlbck Room, MV City Hall
- Mar 3, 2018** – **OCCGS Genealogy Bash** featuring Judy Russell – The Legal Genealogist http://occgs.com/mtg_event/bash/bash.html
- Apr 28, 2018** – **NSDCGS Spring Seminar** – “Life Stories Our Messages to the Future: Memories & Memorabilia.” Presentations by society members. <http://nsdcgs.org/spring-seminar/>
- May 31-Jun 2, 2018** – **Genealogy Jamboree 2018**, Burbank, CA www.scgsgenealogy.com
- Aug 22-25, 2018** – **FGS Conference**, Ft. Wayne, IN <http://visitfortwayne.com/fgs2018>

2018 Programs

- January 20** – Barbara Taylor/Arlene O'Donnell – “Climbing the DNA ladder to get over your brick wall”
- February 17** – KC Reid – “Ask Why: Getting More from Research”
- March 17** – Joel Weintraub – “What can we expect from the 1950 census”
- April 21** – Rand Boyd – Special Collections, Chapman University
- May 19** – Gena Philibert-Ortega – Topic to be determined
- June 16** – Francie Kennedy – Topic to be determined
- July 21** – To be Determined
- August 18** – To be Determined
- September 15** – To be Determined
- October 20** – Annual Seminar Program
- November 17** – Gena Philibert-Ortega – Topic to be determined
- December 15** – Annual Year End Holiday Gathering

A Message from the Sponsor Posted: 26 Jan 2018 **Genealogy Tip of the Day**

Not all Christian denominations practice infant baptism, but baptismal records of those that do can be genealogically significant. Sometimes these records provide dates of birth or, at the very least, dates of baptism that can help approximate a birth time frame. But there's more than that. There are the sponsors of the child. Sponsors at baptisms can be relatives, the neighbors, friends, the parents, or...sometimes the pastor. But those names are clues. If your family went to a church that practiced infant baptism, obtain the records for all their children. See the children for whom your ancestor was a sponsor. The names of these sponsors can be particularly important when working with immigrant ancestors.

[Illinois Digital Archives](#) posted 28 Nov 2017 **Genealogy Search Tip of the Day**
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