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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.



June 17, 2017

The Case of the Wrong Headstone

Presenter: Gregory C. Beckman

Augustus Beckmann's family never knew what happened to him after he was shot in the Battle of Shiloh during the Civil War. Now, back in the family after 154 years, our speaker will detail his quest for locating his burial place and correcting the incorrect information on the headstone marking his grave in Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. Join with him on that incredible journey!

About the speaker: Greg is a Government teacher at El Dorado High School and has taught at the secondary education level since 2000. He became interested in his own family history when he learned that 2 of his ancestors (brothers) who had emigrated from Europe, had fought for the South in the Civil War. Focusing on solid research methods, he began a quest to correct governmental documentation on the final resting place of one of those ancestors.

Mini-Class 9:15-9:45 before the June Monthly Meeting - David Flint will give a presentation on "Using Flash Drives." 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.

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

Website Reminder: One-Step WebPages posted 17 May 2017

Stephen G. Morse has a number of search forms on his website for a variety of genealogy databases, often giving options not allowed on the sites themselves. There are also a variety of other search aids on his site. Some of his search links do search fee-based sites, but that's made clear on his site. www.stevemorse.org

President's Message

By Bill Bluett

This month, I need to give a follow-up to last month's "President's Message" regarding my trip to Salt Lake City with my wife. On past trips, I've usually spent most of my time in the LDS Research Library. This year, I spent only half my time in the library doing research. You ask why? Well, the reason was the fact that from 1852 until the mid-1920's, Helen and I had anywhere from 3 to 6 ancestral families living in Salt Lake City with overlapping time periods. Here is a list of the ancestors and their relationship to my wife and myself:

Collins – My G-Grandparents (brick-mason/bartender from Colorado; arrived about - 1884) **Fallon** – My G-Grandmother's brother (miner/bartender from Colorado; arrived about - 1872) **Youngson** – Married to my G-Grandmother's sister (saloon owner, gunfighter accused of killing a Marshall in Leadville, Colorado; painter and gambler in Utah – arrived about 1889) **Reynolds** – Helen's maternal line (converted Mormon family from Iowa, arrived in 1852) **Nowell** – My cousin's paternal line (Mormon family from Missouri; also arrived in 1852) **Bluett** – My G-Grandfather's cousin (born in Cornwall, England; arrived about 1902)

The **Collins**, **Fallon**, and **Youngson** families were related. The **Reynolds**, **Nowell**, and **Bluett** families were not. I immediately started looking through the **Salt Lake City Directories** located on the LDS Research Library 3rd floor and found addresses where all these ancestors resided. These folks were all living within 7 miles of one another according to the residence locations indicated. So, a certain amount of our time was spent driving past locations where these ancestors worked, lived, and are buried. Some original structures or residences are still in existence, but, many are not. Most of the families are interred at the Salt Lake City Cemetery located about one mile from Temple Square. The burial plots for two of these families were only about 50 paces from one another – the **Reynolds/Shipp** family and the **Nowell** family. 1889 was the peak year. Five of the 6 mentioned families were in Salt Lake City at the same time. The primary resources for all my information have been: **City Directories**, **the Census**, **Find A Grave**, **FamilySearch**, **Utah historical newspapers** (articles found on many of the newspaper websites that our society subscribe to), **Ancestry's "Utah Wills & Probate Records"**, and **Google**. Yes, **Google**. When I enter some of the ancestral names, I am directed to websites that even have documented stories written by a family member for publication. So, don't overlook entering an ancestor's name onto the Internet!

As I mentioned in the May newsletter, Helen's 3rd cousin **Ellis Reynolds Shipp**, graduated as a female physician in 1878. Her husband, **Milford Bard Shipp**, was a physician as well. And, his 3 additional wives became physicians! Yes, this was the era of polygamy in Utah. This family created quite a family clinic in Salt Lake City besides raising over two dozen children between the four wives. Helen isn't quite sure whether to be in awe or astonished by this family. Their dedication to the medical profession is certainly to be admired. I have to say, genealogy surprises never cease. What might you discover this year that will "knock your socks off"? You may be amazed at what you find.

Safari News

~Bill Bluett

The Huntington Beach Library will be our destination for the June 28th safari. We will leave the LDS Church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. This library has a nice genealogy collection of over 18,000 books, maps, some micro-fiche, etc. They do not have computers for searching online in the genealogy area. So, you might bring a laptop if you have one. You may bring lunch or utilize the library sandwich, snack, and beverage area. Don't forget \$\$ for your driver. There are no plans for dinner on the way home. Contact Bill Bluett to reserve a spot. Go to their research page on the internet to find out additional information regarding all their holdings at: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library

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

North Carolina War of 1812 Pay Vouchers Posted: 27 May 2017

The State Library of North Carolina has **War of 1812 pay vouchers** available on their site.

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/collections/war-of-1812-pay-vouchers>

May Meeting

~ Bill Bluett

Our guest speaker for our “early” May monthly meeting was our own **Francie Kennedy**. Her topic was **Cyndi’s List: Your Personal Internet Catalog for Genealogy**. It’s amazing that Cyndi’s List now has over 213 main categories and more than 332,000 links to genealogy related sites on the Internet. Francie visually showed our members what the website looks like, how to navigate to a category of interest, and gave some examples of the extensive amount of information that can be found within each category. We thank Francie for giving us a most interesting presentation and reminding us not to overlook **Cyndi’s List** as a resource. Prior to his program, our members enjoyed some delicious refreshments provided by four of our members. Our contributors this month were: **Lillian Hobbs, Lynne Lillard, Bob Lozano, and Cheryl Lyman**.

At the April monthly meeting refreshments were provided by **Shiryl Boerlin, Melissa Cottrell, Jesse Ellison, and Fionna Heringer**. Thank you to all members who provide refreshments at the meetings and to our Hospitality Committee, Barbara Heebner and Sharon Keener, for making sure we have snacks at the break. Please contact Barbara or Sharon (see page 7 for e-mail) to sign up to bring refreshments (cookies, cheese/crackers, fruit, lemonade, water) or to help at the break – many hands make light work.

Membership Update

~ Sue Naegeli

We had 85 members and 8 guests, 3 who joined at the May meeting.

Guests: **Lori Slater**, Mission Viejo; **Claire Christy**, Laguna Woods; **Sue Miller**, Laguna Woods; **Bonnie Chancellor**, Garden Grove; **Collette Blackstone**, Oregon.

New members:

Don Bennefiel, Dana Point, searching for **Benefiel, Squire, Stolebarger, Miller** – all in Kansas.

Barbara Bennett, Mission Viejo, barbennett@sbcglobal.net

Marcia Roy, Mission Viejo (rejoined), geniebuff@gmail.com

Kathryn Paye, Laguna Niguel, kathryn.paye@gmail.com

Mini-Class on Flash Drives Presented by David Flint

Our June mini-class will cover the basics of using a flash drive. This topic was requested in the open discussion of future classes at our May meeting. David Flint will present this short, 30-minute program at 9:15 a.m. immediately before our regular monthly meeting on June 17 at the LDS Church building in Mission Viejo. The mini-class will meet in the Relief Society Room, a couple of doors down the hall from the kitchen. The class will have a printed handout and live demonstrations of various procedures in using a flash drive with your computer.

Fourth Friday Class – Searching the FamilySearch Catalog Presented by David Flint

Our Fourth Friday class in June will be on June 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Saddleback Room of the Mission Viejo City Hall. David Flint will present a program on **Searching the FamilySearch Catalog**. Many of us use FamilySearch regularly in our genealogy research. It is a very rich database of genealogy resources that includes material located at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City not found anywhere else, plus material that has been digitized and is available to use free online. The online material available includes digitized copies of microfilms, books and other items that were previously accessible only if you visited the library in person.

Despite its value, some people don’t use FamilySearch saying they don’t understand how it works, or find it too cumbersome or difficult, or that it changes too often. This class is intended to overcome some of that resistance or lack of comfort in using the FamilySearch website by understanding how to use the catalog. We will do live demonstrations in this class of how to do eight basic types of search for material you will find on FamilySearch. We will also look at a couple of special features on this database, including the FamilySearch Research Wiki.

Give FamilySearch another look – come and join us for this class to learn how to use this valuable online resource to support your personal genealogy research. Bring your laptop computer to the class so you can follow along with the exercises in class. There will be a printed handout. For questions or additional information, contact David Flint davidflint@cox.net.

Gazetteer – A Useful Research Tool ~David Flint

In recent meetings with members talking about their genealogy research, I am often surprised to find that more people are not regularly using a gazetteer. This is a very useful research tool, and I recommend it to you as a means of clarifying questions relating to names and locations of your places when doing research, if you are not already using one.

A gazetteer is simply a geographical dictionary of place names. Depending on the particular gazetteer you are using, it might provide short entries, typically arranged alphabetically, helping you to locate a place by county and state (for the U.S.), and by similar levels of jurisdiction for other countries. Some gazetteers provide limited information related to location, where others give more extensive background information on geography, with maps, local history, characteristics of the area and population, statistics, population, etc.

Many gazetteers are in book form and commonly found in the reference section at genealogy libraries, as well as general public libraries. Many of the well-known gazetteers are also available online, which makes it easy to search for information on the fly during your research, without having to own a personal copy of the work if you are not at a library when you need this kind of information.

You can find helpful general information about gazetteers in the **FamilySearch Wiki** by entering “gazetteers” in the Wiki search box. For information about, and links to, available online gazetteers for specific states, regions, or countries, go to the FamilySearch Wiki and enter in the search box your place name, plus the word “gazetteers”. For example, if you enter “germany gazetteers” you will find a specialized Wiki page for gazetteers in Germany, including information about how to find place names in the FamilySearch catalog, and how to use specific gazetteers for that country. Similar information is available for states in the United States using the FamilySearch Wiki.

In our recent England SIG meeting we discussed using the *Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales* to help with English research, where the name of the parish where your ancestor lived is very important. This is a six volume reference work in book form that is also available to search online (FREE) at FamilySearch. I regularly carry my personal copy of *A Genealogical Gazetteer of England* by Frank Smith when I go on research trips so that I can quickly locate places correctly.

If you are not currently using a gazetteer, I recommend taking a look next time you visit a genealogy library, or consider looking online to find one that relates directly to any area where you are doing research. You may be surprised to find how helpful they are in advancing your work, or finding a location that has stumped you in the past.

Salt Lake City Dates for 2018 by David Flint

We have confirmed the dates for our next trip to Salt Lake City in 2018. We will be going again in the last week in April – April 22-29, 2018. That’s seven nights, Sunday to Sunday, same as this year. We have a block of 20 rooms booked for next year. We are not yet accepting reservations for 2018, but I wanted you to be aware of next year’s dates so that you can plan ahead and hold those dates on your calendar.

Later in the year I will announce when reservations are open. Information will be on our website soon. Please consider joining our group for a fun week-long research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. If you have any questions about plans for next year’s trip, please contact David Flint davidflint@cox.net.

Genealogy Search Tip of the Day

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps posted 25 May 2017

The Library of Congress is placing digital images of Sanborn Fire Insurance maps on their site. The set of images is not complete, but more are being added monthly. www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps

Our Salt Lake Success Stories

Pattie Liebenow

I have a 5x great-grandfather, William Kennedy who fought in the Revolutionary War. I filed an application in February with the DAR but was told I needed a stronger connection between William and his son David Kennedy. At one of our getting ready meetings, Kathie Mauzey mentioned deeds were a good source of family information and only available on Microfilm at the Family History Library. I started to search the Augusta County, Virginia deed index and found a deed from David Kennedy to his younger brother George Scott Kennedy. This deed listed all nine of the siblings and stated that their father, William Kennedy had received a land patent dated November 18, 1786. A little more digging got me the patent number 1894. Last week I was on the Library of Virginia website and put that patent number in and found the Military Warrant for 100 Acres of land for William's three years of service on the Virginia Continental Line. On May 4th I was accepted into the DAR.

Kathie Mauzey

At our “getting ready for Salt Lake” classes, David Flint encouraged us to use the genealogy experts at the library. His words were “don’t stew, no stewing, ask the expert.” I was working on my Grimshaw English line and had hit a brick wall. A marriage record from 1859 for a Thomas Phillips to Hannah Grimshaw in Burnley, Lancashire, shows Hannah’s father as Philip Grimshaw, deceased, occupation engine tender in cotton factory. After seeking help from Phil, one of the experts on the England floor, he was able to find the burial record for Philip Grimshaw on July 22 1855 and also an index to a coroner’s report showing his death date as July 20, 1855. As Philip had worked in a factory, Phil thought the death might have been a factory accident. After returning home, I checked the British Newspapers site in our SOCCGS Research center and found the Burnley newspaper article for his death – “Man Killed on the Railway.” The article gave quite a bit of detail about the accident and also the fact that he was married and “had not lived with his wife for many years.” The website for the burial that Phil used was new to me – Lancashire Online Parish Clerk Project www.lan-opc.uk. Many of the entries on this site have not been filmed. By not “stewing” and asking the expert I was able to break through that wall.

England Research Tip

~David Flint

Many of you are aware that FamilySearch.org is a very powerful database for genealogy researchers, and includes some great reference information contained within its Family History Research Wiki. In a recent meeting of our England Special Interest Group, I shared a link for “[Quick Research Links – England](#)”. This page in FamilySearch contains external links to many online sources for information about England, including links grouped by county and special topics, other links for Ireland, Scotland and Wales, plus links for articles about online collections. This is a handy reference sheet for anyone doing genealogy research in England (and other parts of the British Isles) and I recommend bookmarking this webpage in your browser favorites for future use. You can browse the webpage for yourself to see what’s available. Go to the FamilySearch Wiki at https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page > in the search box enter “quick reference links england” and Click on GO > in the Search results: select [Quick Research Results-England](#) > Click on this link and explore. Happy hunting!

Uncovering Hidden Histories in Orange County

Saturday, June 10, 2017, 10am – 2pm

Presented by the Orange County Historical Commission and OC Parks: Discover the rich history of Orange County and learn how you can connect with historical resources in your own community.

- Q&A with authors of “People’s Guide to Orange County”
- Tours of the newly restored Irvine Ranch Historic Park
- Storytelling and children’s crafts

Irvine Ranch Historic Park, 13042 Old Myford Rd., Irvine, CA 9201 - **Free Admission**

Mayflower Society News: Patriot to Passenger Project

~Barbara Taylor

The Patriot to Passenger Project is a published list of Patriots who descend from Mayflower passengers, helping to build a bridge between other heritage societies. This is a work in progress and Patriots are being added all the time. If you are a Mayflower descendant and have a Patriot in your lineage, visit www.themayflowersociety.org/resources - scroll down to the Patriot Project and click on "Patriot to Passenger" to open the page. If you do not see your Patriot listed, please send their information to Muriel Curtis Cushing, Flash1620@comcast.net or by mail to 200 Harbor Walk Drive U#352, Punta Gorda, FL. 33950-3714.

(excerpted and shortened, from an article in the "Mayflower Quarterly" Magazine, Vol. 83, No. 2, Summer 2017)

Also from Barbara: **Replace Veterans' Medals, Awards and Decorations:**

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.html>

New Guide from Ancestry

Ancestry just put out this new guide - **Tips for Finding the Stories of the Women in Your Family Tree** - and you can download it in PDF format by clicking:

<http://c.ancestry.com/cs/media/finding-womens-stories.pdf>

June Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in June:

June 7 – 11am - Researching Your Minnesota Ancestors – Paula Stuart-Warren

June 9 – 11am – The Increasing Need for Foreign Language Indexing – Devin Ashby

June 14 – 5pm – How Harry Potter Can Teach You About DNA – Blaine Bettinger

June 16 – 11am – What Now? Your Next Steps with Autosomal DNA Testing – Diahan Southard

June 20 – 5pm – Beating the Bushes: Using the GPS to Find Jacob Bush's Father – Elissa Scalise Powell

June 21 – 11am – Virtual Family Reunions: Super Easy, Super Fun – Pat Richley

June 28 – 11am – Canada's Top 10 – Kathryn Lake Hogan

July 5 – 11am – Censational Census Strategies – Mary Roddy

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:

June 21 – 6pm – Turn Family History Facts Into Stories You Can Share – Annette Burke Lyttle

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

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

June 15 – 12pm – Choosing A DNA Test for Family History Research - Christopher C. Child

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

Illinois Genealogical Society

June 13 – 6pm - Preserving Old Family Letters: Tips From an Archivist – Melissa Barke

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

Future Genealogy Events

Jun 2, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

Jun 6, 2017 – OCJGS – Daniel Horowitz. Chief Genealogist of MyHeritage – "What's New on MyHeritage" For information www.ocjgs.org Phone (949) 423-3746 \$5 in advance/\$7 at door

Jun 9-11, 2017 – Genealogy Jamboree, Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, Burbank, CA

Link: <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

June 12, 2017, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall

June 15, 2017, 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)

June 15, 10-12:00 -David Flint - Legacy Users Group - Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall

June 16, 10-12:00 – Myrna Hamid – Ireland SIG – Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall

Future Events (con't)

June 21, 2017, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm, MV Library

June 27, 2017, 10-12:00-Jim Thordahl - Writing Family History Stories - Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall

June 27, 2017 9:00-11:30 – NSDCGS –**Mary Anne Vincent** “A Different Way to Look at Our Family Tree” - Carlsbad City Council Chambers www.nsdccgs.org

July 7, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

July 14, 2017, 12-2:00 – NSDCGS – **Francie Kennedy** “Put Your Ancestor On the Map” Faraday Administration Center, Carlsbad. Contact Jill Scott at legacyusersgroup@gmail.com

Jul 29, 2017, 9-3:30 – GSNOC Seminar with **Thomas MacEntee**, contact www.gsnoc.org

Aug 30 – Sep 2 – Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference – Pittsburg, PA www.fgs.org

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