

# Saddleback Valley Trails

## South Orange County California Genealogical Society

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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.

July 21, 2018

### "Ships of Our Ancestors"

Presented By: Hal Bookbinder

Come learn about your immigrant ancestors' journey to America! During the active years of Ellis Island, 83,000 ship arrivals were recorded. Between 1880 and 1914 about two million Jewish immigrants arrived from Europe, with most passing through Ellis Island. Until the age of flight, immigrants arrived by sea, first on sailing ships and after the middle of the 19th Century, on steamships. This presentation focuses on the ships on which our ancestors traveled, discussing the shift from sail to steam and the governmental regulations which made ship travel safer and more civilized. It will address the experience of our ancestors in getting to the port of embarkation, being processed for passage, life aboard the vessel, on Ellis Island and getting to their destination. It will also address various erroneous myths such as the inhuman conditions in steerage and name changes on Ellis Island

**About the speaker:** Hal Bookbinder writes and lectures extensively on diverse genealogical topics, including border changes, migration, citizenship, safe computing, locating relatives and Jewish culture and history. He has been researching his own roots for more than 30 years and has identified over 4,000 relatives in 28 states and eight foreign countries. He traces two of his lines back to the mid-1700s in modern Ukraine. Other roots reach into modern Moldova, Poland, Belarus and Russia. He has served as president of the IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) and has been honored with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

**MiniClass 9:15-9:45 before the July Monthly Meeting - "Tips & Tricks for Writing Your Ancestor Stories" by SOCCGS Writing SIG members. 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**

Genealogy research doesn't have to stop – even when I'm on vacation. Helen and I are in South Lake Tahoe until the middle of July and one of our favorite things to do (when we're not hiking) is to browse the "thrift stores". On occasion, I find an old book or a reprint of an old book. That is exactly what I found the first day we were in Lake Tahoe. The title of the book is "**Daring and Suffering**" by William Pittenger. He originally published the book in 1863. The book I have is a 1981 reprint. So, who is this guy? He was a Union Army soldier and was one of the first recipients of the Medal of Honor. Why did he receive it? He was one of 22 soldiers, disguised as civilians, that made their way through Southern lines to Marietta, Georgia and seized a locomotive (the GENERAL), and planned to wreak havoc along the railway by destroying key bridges and equipment. This is what became known as "**The Great Locomotive Chase**". You can look it up on your I-Phone or computer for the rest of the story. Disney made a motion picture in 1956 with Fess Parker depicting this event. Pittenger was captured and imprisoned for nearly a year while some of the others were executed for their "act of espionage". His book (much of which was written while imprisoned) is the account of the raid he and the other men undertook in 1862. After the war, Pittenger became a minister of the gospel and served in churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and ultimately California.

Why does the story of William Pittenger interest me? When he came to California, he purchased a small ranch with fruit trees in Fallbrook, California, and used it as a retreat from his time of preaching and being involved in speaking engagements where he related his experience as being a part of the "Great Locomotive Chase". His Fallbrook location is what interested me because my sister-in-law has lived down there since 1976. Helen and I visit the area numerous times each year and have driven right past the original Pittenger home! It is located and cared for by the Fallbrook Historical Society on the original property which is now where the Fallbrook Heritage Center is situated. The farmhouse was built by the Pittenger's in 1895. He died in 1904 and is buried in the **Fallbrook Odd Fellows Community Cemetery** along with his wife and two of their children.

So, here is a "bit of history" that is found right in our own back yard. The story of a man and his fellow soldiers - who were the first recipients of the Medal of Honor for conducting a raid behind enemy lines during the Civil War. My next visit to Fallbrook will include a stop at the original Pittenger farmhouse and a trip out to the cemetery to give my respects to William and his family. I would never have known about this if I hadn't checked out the books at the thrift store. I look forward to reading his story.

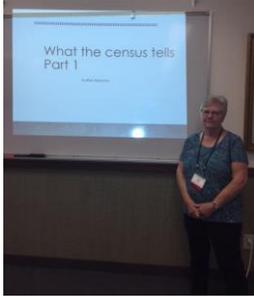
Next month, I will have a story about my second research find while in Lake Tahoe. Helen and I visited Virginia City, Nevada, one day and I now believe that a gentleman that was a foreman for the Sutro Tunnel Company project in the 1860's to 1880's was most likely my great-grandfather's cousin. His name was John (Jack) Bluett and he was from Cornwall, England. I will fill in the details in the August newsletter. In the meantime, Happy Hunting!

**Safari News**  
**~Bill Bluett**

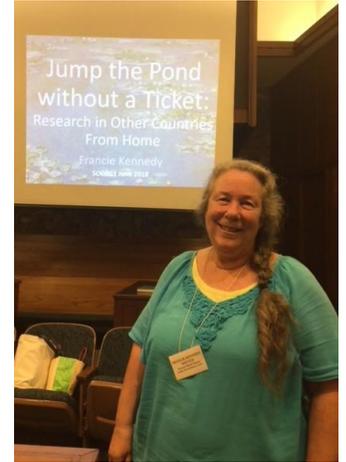
**There will be no safari trips in the months of July and August.** Most likely, we will be traveling to the LDS Family Research Center in West Los Angeles on the fourth Wednesday in September. So, think about reserving that date so you can be a part of our annual trip to an excellent research facility.

## June Meeting ~Kathie Mauzey

Our guest speaker for the June monthly meeting was our SOCCGS member **Francie Kennedy**. Her topic was “**Jump the Pond without a Ticket: Research in Other Countries from Home.**” Francie gave a great talk on finding clues to the location where your immigrant ancestor came from by finding all US census records and all US resources first. By using the FamilySearch Wiki you will learn more about immigration and place of origin.



Kathie Mauzey gave the mini class on “What the Census Tells – Part 1.” Using census records 1940-1900 there are many clues that lead to the discovery of additional records: military service, age at marriage, number of marriages, how many children born/how many living, immigration/naturalization, etc. Stay tuned for Part 2 in August.



Prior to our program, our members enjoyed some delicious refreshments provided by: **Marilyn Kowalski, Tina Murtha, JoAnn Jones, Cindy Reilly and Linda Schlobohm.**

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee and those who helped with cleanup. Please contact Barbara Heebner or Sharon Keener to sign up to bring snacks.

## Membership ~Sue Naegeli

We had 88 members, and 12 guests at our June meeting. We have a total of 306 members.

### Guests:

**Dan Graves and Sally Graves**, Laguna Niguel; **Bob Numrich and Rosita Numrich**, Menefee; **Veronica Bacuden**, Ladera Ranch; **Dave Mirsch**, Mission Viejo; **Julie Tuttle**, Mission Viejo; **Dathryn Bush**, Houston, TX; **Phyllis Ulrich**, Dove Canyon; **Judith Norman, Nancy Harnett, and Faith Doonan.**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Thursday, July 19, 2018**

**SOCCGS Fundraiser - Pizza with a Purpose**, California Pizza Kitchen, 25513 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, Ca 92692. CPK will donate 20% of your check to our organization. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and all beverages (all day). Flyers are needed to participate (**see flyer on last page of the newsletter**, on our web page, and watch for an e-mail from Gayle Meldau that will include the flyer). Share with your FAN Club (Friends, Acquaintances, and Neighbors). For information contact Ways & Means Chair Donna Rathman, [drathman@cox.net](mailto:drathman@cox.net).

**SOCCGS Research Center**  
**Mission Viejo Library**

**New in the Library:**

**Passenger and Immigration Lists Index** by William Filby (24 volumes)

**The Washington Ancestry** and Records of the McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin (3 volumes)

**An Enduring Legacy**, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Vols 6, 10, 11, 12

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**Jewish Roots in Poland** by Miriam Weiner

**The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy**, Vol. I

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Thank you to the Mission Viejo FamilySearch Library for donating books to our society.

On the docent desk are current copies of NEHGS **American Ancestors**, **The NEHG Register**, and **Family Tree Magazine**. Stop by and take a look at our recent acquisitions.

Welcome to our new docents **Lillian Hobbs**, **Jane Schrenzel**, **Ann Disney**, **Gary Disney**, **Vicki Kressin** and **Juddy Rogge**. Thank you for volunteering.

**Also at the Library** - The Friends of the Library is hosting its summer book sale on Thursday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room. A large array of materials will be available at discounted prices including children's and coffee-table books along with CDs and DVDs. Most of the materials will range from \$.25 to \$2. Cash and credit cards will be accepted for payment over \$5. Stop by July 12 to stock up on your summer reading and support the Mission Viejo Library!

**Reservations are now open for our October 20<sup>th</sup> Seminar**  
**“Successful Tools for Genealogy Research”**  
**Presented by Thomas MacEntee**

Topics are:

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| 1) 10 Ways to Jumpstart your Genealogy                        | Member Registration \$30     |
| 2) Mind Mapping Your Research Plans & Results                 | Non-Member Registration \$35 |
| 3) How Do I Know What I Don't Know                            | Box Lunch \$11               |
| 4) After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research |                              |

**For information and registration see flyer in this newsletter**

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

**NYC Marriage License Indexes 1950-1995 and 1996-2017** posted 12 Jun 2018

The **1950-1995** and **1996-2017** portions of the index to New York City marriage licenses are now searchable online for free at [NYCMarriageIndex.com](http://NYCMarriageIndex.com). Raw data files can be downloaded in spreadsheet, CSV, or SQL format.

[The 1908-1972 scanned microfilm images are also online.](#)

## 2019-2020 SOCCGS Election

**Parliamentarian Bunny Smith** has designated a Nominating Committee consisting of **Arlene O'Donnell, David Flint** and **Sue Naegeli** to begin selection of candidates for board officers for the 2019-2020 term. The election will be conducted later in the year.

### SOCCGS Facebook Page

**Gayle Meldau**, Publicity Chair, will take over administration of the SOCCGS public Facebook Page beginning in July. **For those who were sending information to Sheila Larson, please send items to Gayle – [gmeldau@cox.net](mailto:gmeldau@cox.net)** Gayle plans to share relevant posts from other genealogy Facebook pages. If you have suggestions for other posts you'd like to see, please let her know (DNA sales, free webinars, local seminars, etc.) If you're on Facebook, please take a minute to Like & Follow our page.

A **HUGE** thank you to Sheila Larson for setting up and managing our Facebook page for so many years!

### From Our Members

**Arlene O'Donnell** received an e-mail from Family History Fanatics:

If any members of the South Orange County Genealogical Society are looking for an opportunity to learn more about using your DNA testing for genealogy research, Family History Fanatics will be producing *"A Summer of DNA"* eConference on August 4th. Speakers and topics will include:

**Diahan Southard** - *Your Tree is Full, There is Still Room for DNA*

**Sam Williams** - *Ancestry DNA Tools*

**Michelle Leonard** - *Adoption and Unknown Parentage*

**Kitty Cooper** - *Segment Triangulation*

The online sessions will begin at **9am Central Time on August 4th**. A final panel discussion will end the day. All registrants will be able to view the conference for 30 days. [Register](#) and get your questions answered by some of the most popular genetic genealogy educators! Presentations are live, not pre-recorded, and you can ask questions throughout. Price is only **\$19.99** until July 21st and then it will be \$24.99. Also, we will be having DNA kits and other stuff as door prizes that will be given away. You don't have to be present to win, but you do have to register. More information is available at: <http://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/summerdna>

**To commemorate Independence Day, Fold3 is providing free access\*** to

our [Revolutionary War Collection](#) July 1–15. We continue to offer everyday free access to

our [Constitutional Convention Records](#), [Continental Congress Papers](#), [George Washington Correspondence](#), and other archives from the founding of our nation! See the original manuscripts written with quill and ink by our founding fathers. Our Revolutionary War collection contains 22 collections with almost 5 million records! Get started searching our [Revolutionary War](#)

[Collection](#) today!

\*Access to the records in the featured collections will be free until July 15, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. MT. Free access requires registration for a free Fold3 account. After the free access period ends, you will only be able to view the records in the featured collections using a paid Fold3 membership. (See article on Page 10 Revolutionary War Pensions? Do You Search Them for Everyone?)

[Google Advanced Search](#) Posted: 03 Mar 2018

Using Google's "advanced search" can allow you to refine your searches more effectively than just using the usual box. [https://www.google.com/advanced\\_search](https://www.google.com/advanced_search)

**Genealogical Society of North Orange County**  
**One Day Seminar with Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA**  
**Saturday July 28, 2018, 9:00 to 3:30**

The seminar will be held at the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center, 16881 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda, between Rose Drive and Imperial Highway. Kory Meyerink will present four classes:

- 1) Keeping Up with the Joneses: How to Learn about New Sources and Techniques
- 2) Free State-Provided Sources, Ready and Waiting Online!
- 3) Evaluating Evidence and Resolving Discrepancies
- 4) Cemetery Research on the Internet: Pitfalls and Promises

GSNOCC Member Pre-Registration by July 20<sup>th</sup> \$30

Non-Member Pre-Registration by July 20<sup>th</sup> \$35

Box Lunch \$12

Registration at the door \$40

For more information call 714-420-9844 or go to [www.gsnocc.org](http://www.gsnocc.org)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Genealogy Orange – Aliso Viejo Library**  
**September 15, 2018, 10am – 3pm**

Spend the day with OC Public Libraries and Lisa Louise Cooke, International genealogy speaker and owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey, Aliso Viejo, CA. 949-360-1730. **Registration Opens August 1.** [www.ocpl.org/libloc/aliso/calendar](http://www.ocpl.org/libloc/aliso/calendar)

**July Free Webinars**

**Legacy** is presenting several free webinars in July:

**July 6 – 11am** – Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 4): Adding Estate/Probate Records – Geoff Rasmussen

**July 11 – 5pm** – The Art of Negative-Space Research: Women – Jeanne Larzalere Bloom

**July 13 – 11am** – Freedmen's Bureau Records – Valuable to ALL Southern Research – Diane L. Richard

**July 17 – 11am** – Special Tools that can take your research to the next level – MyHeritage Webinars

**July 17 – 5pm** – It's a Numbers Game! Understanding Recognized Genealogical Formats – Alice H. Veen

**July 18 – 11am** – Trails of Daniel Boone and other Western Travelers – J. Mark Lowe

**July 25 – 11am** – Photoshop: What you need to know as a photographer – Jared Hodges

**July 31 – 11am** – An Overview of Important Historical Record Collections – MyHeritage Webinars

**Aug 1 – 11am** – Jewish Genealogy for the Non-Jew: History, Migration, DNA – Schelly Talalay Dardashti  
Register at [www.familytreewebinars.com](http://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:**

**July 18 – 6pm** – Beginner's Guide to Photographing Family Treasures – Devon Noel Lee

Register at [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com) click on Programs and Webinars.

**Illinois Genealogical Society**

**July 10 – 6pm** – Museums Have Records, Too! Locating Your Ancestors Behind Closed Doors – Melissa Barker  
Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

**Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society**

The library of the Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society is moving to a new home. The library of **190 books** will be located in Westminster ½ mile from the Springdale/Westminster exit off the 405 freeway at the home of Michelle Sandler, Librarian for OCJGS. To schedule an appointment to use the library call **949-423-3746** or send an email to [info@ocjgs.org](mailto:info@ocjgs.org)

## **My Hometown by Karen Rezek Langer**

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois vital records begin in 1872, even though Chicago became a city in 1837.

In 1870 Immigrant neighborhoods were known as “The City of Pine,” which surrounded the prosperous business district and homes of the wealthy. Wood was everywhere.

On October 8, 1871 a “Perfect Storm” included wooden floors, boats, brigs & bridges, warehouses, city & county buildings, stores, train cars, hotels & houses, sheds, fences, streets, sidewalks, lumber mills & yards, grain elevators, and huge coal piles, sheds full of hay and other feed, and wood shavings for heating & cooking.

Plus, the summer of 1871 had been abnormally dry and unusually warm for the season. Tired firemen recuperating from a devastating fire the night before had only primitive and worn-out fire equipment. An increasingly strong southwest wind was the proverbial last straw.



O’Leary wooden house pre-fire showing barn in back (Chicago Historical Society)



O’Leary house – minus barn. (Chicago Historical Society)

This fact is beyond dispute – the great fire started in Mrs. O’Leary’s cow barn on De Koven Street and went northeast from there. As for the cause, no one knows for sure.

The most interesting theory of the cause of the fire was written in a 1985 book titled, “Mrs. O’Leary’s Comet: Cosmic Causes of the Great Chicago Fire,” written by Mel Waskin (ISBN13:978897331814). Here are his series of coincidental unfortunate events.

At about the same time of the Great Chicago Fire, the citizens of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, heard a terrible roar crashing through the forest. Then they saw flames covering the sky. People who inhaled hot air died instantly. Survivors likened it to a snowstorm, but the snowflakes were replaced by burning coal. Some 1,200 people died and 400 farms were destroyed.

To the east in Manistee, Michigan, tornado-like winds drove flames westward along the Manistee River. Ten people died and 20,000 lost their homes.

By comparison Chicago’s burnt district was over four miles long and one mile wide. 17,500 buildings (out of 59,500) and 73 miles of wood plank & pine block streets were destroyed. Only 120 bodies were recovered, but the official estimate of the dead was nearly 300.

Author Waskin believes these disasters in Chicago, Peshtigo and Manistee were caused by a comet which touched down in the Midwest.

Other possible causes (not probable) include: 1. Spontaneous combustion caused by methane from the fresh and healthy hay in the O’Leary barn. 2. Someone went into the O’Leary barn to get milk after dark (the O’Leary family was in bed by 8:30) and brought a lantern which fell over. 3. A local card-player needed milk to substitute for whisky in beer when it was gone....*someone would actually use milk punch as a chaser for beer?* 4. A group of three men trying out a new terrier which was after the rats in the barn when someone

dropped a lighted match. 5. A group of young men were playing cards in the barn and kicked over their lantern.

It was this last scenario that my family, the Rezek's, handed down through the generations. The small homes and households in the neighborhood were crammed with people, so the card-players most probably met at various barns during the week if available, but most assuredly on weekends. Someone would provide the place and others would provide refreshment – definitely beer, as Bohemian, German and Irish men loved their beer. In fact, Shults's saloon was on the corner of Jefferson & DeKoven – only half a block from the point of origin.

Within forty-five minutes, seven fire companies managed to find their way to DeKoven Street, but arrived too late to check the quick spread through the immigrant neighborhood.

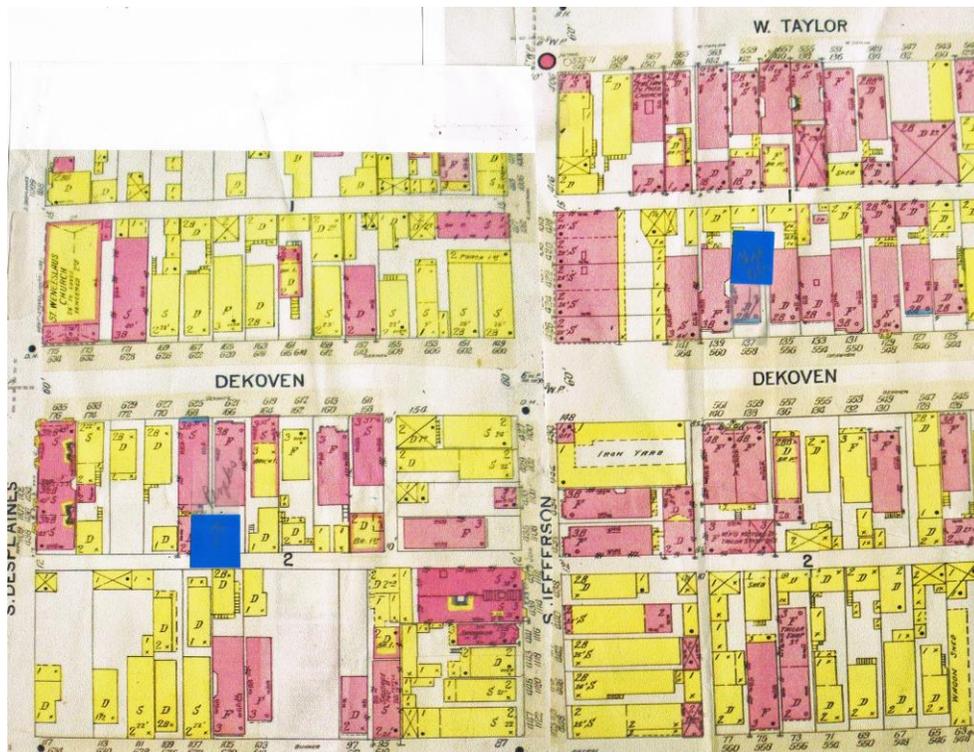
The fire lasted from Sunday night around 8:30 pm to early Tuesday morning...a little over 30 hours. A cold drizzle started around 11:00 pm on Monday, then turned to a down pour, which put out the remainder of the fire.

The statistics were terrible - of the 100,000 homeless, 20,000 went out of town, 15,000 were cared for by friends/family, and 13,000 families needed complete or partial assistance. A month after the fire (November 1871) relief authorities were caring for more than 60,000 persons at regular distribution points. And winter was just beginning.

My family comes to Chicago:

By 1867 all four adult Rezek brothers arrived in Chicago. Vaclav Rezek was the oldest and the last to leave Jankov, Bohemia. Their parents died in Jankov many years before the four men and their families immigrated to Chicago. One brother left city life for a farm around Algonquin, IL. Another brother had no living descendants by 1910.

Fortunately, all the Rezek's resided on the opposite side of DeKoven Street and were able to watch in horror the quickly moving fire through the night. Below: Sanborn Map 1906-1911 showing the O'Leary house (137/558) and the Rezek's two houses (166/621, 168/625) DeKoven Street. Addresses changed in 1909.



O'Leary House

Rezek House

**No Ticket Needed  
(Oscar Glenn Potter)  
by Linda Kidde**

Built in 1912 in Belfast, Ireland, the SS Vauban was a passenger steamship, traveling from New York to the east coast of South America. To meet the frantic needs of World War I, changes came to the ship's design, its passenger list and its international route.

Vauban was 511 feet long, 60 feet wide and weighed 10,660 tons. The dining area and cabins were comfortable and entertaining for a maximum capacity of 610 passengers: 280 first class, 120 second class and 200 third class. A leisure ticket to South America on the Vauban cost around \$300.

In 1918 the SS Vauban became a troopship. America needed a multitude of quick transports to send men to France. Available passenger ships hastily converted from comfortable, leisure accommodations to jam-packed military movements of soldiers.

Oscar Potter and the 144<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion, to which he belonged, needed to pay no ticket to travel on this former fine luxury ship. They were paying with their service...and sometimes their lives. In this desperate time of war, they offered their manpower, even their limbs and souls. The Vauban, filled beyond capacity with soldiers, supplied none of the rest and relaxation that a first, second or third-class ticket holder had once received.

The ship transformed to satisfy military needs. The dining hall, passage ways and open decks became sleeping areas for troops. Even the ceilings supported hammocks. In the converted dining hall, more berths unfolded when night arrived. Meals in the dining hall came three times a day from large kettles holding 70 pounds of food. Lining up in cafeteria style to fill their mess kits with food, the men stood as they ate.

In case of disaster, the ship supplied life jackets, lifeboats and rafts. Storms at sea or German submarines could cause trouble or even sinking. Every day during their trans-Atlantic voyage, whistles blew unexpectedly, forcing the men to practice abandon-ship drills.

Despite danger and discomfort, travel so far was all part of their military adventure. Oscar, a farm laborer from the plains of the Midwest, and many others like him had never before ventured far from home. The military sent them to the Camp Kearny training facility in California. Then orders came to move their journey farther. On July 29, Oscar and the 144<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion rode amassed in railroad cars, crossing the width of America. They arrived on August 6 at Camp Mills on Long Island, New York.

There they underwent embarkation training to learn about the ship they would soon board. On August 10, the men rode the Long Island railroad to crowded ferry boats. Finally, the soldiers saw the loading docks in Brooklyn, where the Vauban was docked. The young men, wide-eyed to cross the Atlantic, remained shrouded from the mystery of danger abroad.

Oscar, along with 1,411 troops, crammed into every available space on board. They more than doubled the 610 leisure passengers who, before the War, had paid for their South American leisure travels.

The ship sailed on August 11. Vauban's destination was Europe.

Oscar was #135 on the Passenger List. He traveled 3<sup>rd</sup> class.

No ticket needed.

--To Be Continued--

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

**Second or Third Page?** Posted 21 June 2018

When locating any record online as a digital image (or on microfilm) always make certain you have the entire record. It's best to navigate through the images until you get to the next record. Ignoring pages may cause you to overlook information.

## National Day of the Cowboy

**Date When Celebrated :** Fourth Saturday of the month

*National Day of the Cowboy* was created in 2005 to preserve the role and contributions cowboys and cowgirls made to the western heritage and history of our country. Every year on this day, the NDOC gives recognition awards to individuals, organizations and projects that contribute to the preservation of both pioneer history, and the promotion of cowboy culture.

Shortly after the Civil War, cowboys and cowgirls began to appear in America's heartland and the wild west. They were largely ranchers and ranch hands, raising cattle, horses and other animals. Cowboys herded them across the plains to feed the animals, and ultimately to slaughterhouses to feed a growing American population.

It was a wild and often lawless time. In the absence of the rule of law, Cowboys developed their own code to live by, known as the "Cowboy Code of Conduct" or the "Cowboy Code of Ethics". They were simple and logical rules of behavior. The rules could readily apply at any time, even today.

### Cowboy Code of Conduct

- Live each day with honesty and courage.
- Take pride in your work. Always do your best.
- Stay curious. Study hard and learn all you can.
- Do what has to be done and finish what you start.
- Be tough, but fair.
- When you make a promise, keep it.
- Be clean in thought, word, deed, and dress.
- Practice tolerance and understanding of others.
- Be willing to stand up for what is right.
- Be an excellent steward of the land and its animals

### Celebrate *National Day of the Cowboy*

- Go to a rodeo, where cowboy skills are on display
- Buy a cowboy hat
- Dress up like a cowboy.
- Read a book or article on cowboy and cowgirl history
- Watch a Western movie that features cowboys.

Happy *National Day of the Cowboy!*

### The Origin of National Day of the Cowboy:

In 2005, the non-profit organization National Day of the Cowboy (NDOC) created *National Day of the Cowboy* and made this an annual event.

The U.S. Senate has recognized *National Day of the Cowboy*, and the impact cowboys have had in our country's history. Information from <http://holidayinsights.com>

### Revolutionary War Pensions? Do You Search Them for Everyone?

Posted on [June 18, 2018](#) by [mjnrootdig](#)

I've written about the [American Revolutionary War pensions on Fold3.com](#) before. I've made several finds in this series of records and not just for veterans. The pensions have a full name index on Fold3. For whom should you search:

- Anyone who was of an age to have served.
- Anyone who was of an age to have married a veteran.
- Anyone who might have had knowledge of a widow's marriage to a veteran.
- Anyone who might have testified in a veteran's or widow's application.

That includes a great deal of ground. But I've seen neighbors, associates, and children of veterans mentioned in applications—particularly when the widow was filing a claim. Of course, keep in mind that the American Revolution was from 1775-1783 and search for people in [American Revolutionary](#)

War pensions on [Fold3.com](http://Fold3.com) accordingly. Children who might be named could easily have been born after that time.

### **Fold3 Revolutionary War Records free to search July 1-15**

### **The Weekly Genealogist (NEHGS) Vol. 20, No. 20, Whole #896, May 23, 2018**

Database News - by Molly Rogers, NEHGS Database Coordinator

This week we're announcing three new parishes in Massachusetts: (Image-Only) Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900: [St. Mary \(Randolph\)](#), [St. Mary \(Marlborough\)](#), and [St. Patrick \(Stoneham\)](#). With these additions, this collection now includes 335 volumes and 45 parishes. For tips on browsing this free collection, view our [how-to video](#).

#### **Genealogy Search Tip**

#### **War of 1812 Pensions Are to the Ps** posted 23 Jun 2018

War of 1812 pension records from the National Archives are currently in the scanning process and are being posted online at [Fold3.com](http://Fold3.com). Now including through the letters "P" for some states.

#### **Future Genealogy Events**

- Orange FamilySearch Library** [www.ocfamilyhistory.org](http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org) (see calendar for research help)  
**July 6, 2018, 10-12:00** – Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall  
**July 7, 2018, OCCGS - Colleen Greene – 11:00 “Facebook for Genealogy”- 12:30**  
**“Utilizing the Digital Public Library of America and the HathiTrust Digital Library for Family History Research”** occgs.com  
**July 9, 2018, 10-12:00** – David Flint - **England SIG** – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall  
**July 14, 2018, 10am** – **Society of Hispanic Historical & Ancestral Research** – “**Spanish and Mexican Land Grants**” – **Tom Saenz** meets at Orange FamilySearch Library. Info: Shhar.net  
**July 18, 2018, 10-12:00**-Gary Schwarz – **German SIG** – Bill Price Rm, MV Library  
**July 19, 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](mailto:silkberry@aol.com))  
**July 19, 2018, 10-12:00**-David Flint – **Legacy Users Group** - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall  
**July 20, 2018, 10-12:00** – **Ireland/Scotland SIG** – Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall  
**July - RootsMagic User Group – No Meeting in July and August.**  
**July 2018 - OCJGS – No Meeting in July**  
**July 24, 10-12:00**- Jim Thordahl – **Writing Family Stories** – Saddleback Rm  
**July 24, 2018, 9:30 - NSDCGS program** Mike McMahon will discuss **Goggle Photos**. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, nsdcgs.org  
**Jul 28, 2018, 9-3:30, GSNOC Annual Seminar** - Speaker is Kory L. Meyerink  
Information: [www.gsnocc.org](http://www.gsnocc.org)  
**Aug 22-25, 2018** – **FGS Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN** <http://visitfortwayne.com/fgs2018>  
**Sep 15, 2018 – 10am-3:00pm** – **OC Public Libraries presents “Genealogy Orange with Lisa Louise Cooke”**. Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey, Aliso Viejo. Registration opens August 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.ocpl.org/libloc/aliso/calendar](http://www.ocpl.org/libloc/aliso/calendar)  
**Oct 20, 2018 – SOCCGS Annual Seminar, 9-3:30pm. Thomas MacEntee “Successful Tools for Genealogy Research.”** (See flyer in newsletter)

#### **2018 Programs**

- May 19** – Gena Philibert-Ortega – “**Social Media Tools for Genealogy**”  
**June 16** – Francie Kennedy – “**Jump the Pond without a Ticket: Researching in other countries from home**”  
**July 21** – Hal Bookbinder – “**Ships of our Ancestors**”

**August 18 – Richard Weiss – “Family Secrets”**

**September 15 – to be determined**

**October 20 – Thomas MacEntee - Annual Seminar Program**

**November 17 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – “The Records that Tragedy Leaves Behind”**

**December 15 – Annual Year End Holiday Gathering**

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April 2017



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## A Family History Seminar

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Doors Open 8:00 a.m.)

City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive, Corner La Paz & Marguerite - Mission Viejo

### "Successful Tools for Genealogy Research"

Featuring

## Thomas MacEntee

Founder of "High-Definition Genealogy" website

### Topics

"10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy"

"Mind Mapping Your Research Plans & Results"

"How Do I Know What I Don't Know"

"After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research"

**Refreshments - Opportunity Drawings for Gifts -**

**Ancestry Subscription Drawing - Sales Tables and Displays**

Pre-registration must be received by October 17th / Tickets will be \$35 at the door! (no lunch)

#### SOCCGS '2018' Seminar Registration

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00

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Non Member Registration \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Box Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$11.00

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