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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.

September 16, 2017

"War of 1812"

**Presented by
Linda Serna**

Linda Serna tells the story of the War of 1812, one of America's forgotten wars, and broadens our understanding of this time in history. It includes people and places, as well as occurrences, and is rounded out with interesting trivia to make the story come alive.

About the speaker: I have been involved with genealogy in researching and writing family stories for over 30 years. In addition, I was privileged to work as a genealogist for the first season of the PBS Genealogy Roadshow program. Currently, I am Treasurer for the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (SCCAPG), and a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), the Polish Genealogical Society (PGS-CA), and the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America (GSHA-CA) and am past Vice President of Programs for the Orange County California Genealogical Society (OCCGS). Over the last 8 years, I've written and given several presentations on various topics for different groups in California and New Mexico. I am always in the process of writing new presentations. My loves, in addition to public speaking, include history, writing, and traveling. I especially like seeing how individual family stories fit in and make up the fabric of history.

Mini-Class 9:15-9:45 before the September Monthly Meeting - Francie Kennedy will present "Local Libraries Without Boundaries." 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

Well, here it is – September already! And, I was thinking back about the genealogy “New Year’s Resolutions” I had listed in the January newsletter and how many I have accomplished this year. If you don’t have your copy of that specific newsletter, you may just have to go to our website and look it up. But, I did go through the list myself to see where I stand. Here are my results:

Item #1: Membership dues – I paid in December before the January due date (some of you are due in other months than myself).

Item #2: Visit our resource center at the MV Library – I do this once a week because I “docent” at the library.

Item #3: Utilize a historic newspaper website – I love these websites. I try to use them every week.

Item #4: Share a genealogy “find” at our monthly meeting or in the newsletter – I have done both.

Item #5: Join a monthly “safari” – So far, I’ve been on each one this year.

Item #6: Share a story with the monthly “writing Class” – I attend the class each month and have shared several this year.

Item #7: Sign up on the “hospitality” clip board – I feel guilty. I have not done that. I need to call Barbara Heebner!

Item #8: Attend a Special Interest Group (SIG) class – I attend at least two a month.

Item #9: Become a “docent” or a “substitute docent” – I docent every Thursday from noon until 3 pm.

Item #10: Join the SOCCGS Facebook Discussion Group – I haven’t done that either.

So, you see, I haven’t attained all my “resolution goals” for 2017. I still have at least two to go. I will try to make it a point to complete the remainder of the resolutions by the end of December.

Did you find the list from the January newsletter? Have you graded yourself on the accomplishments you have attained so far this year? Actually, there are a couple of additional items I should have had on the list - and they are “key items”! The first is: **Try to attend our monthly meeting/program every month – if you can! And, secondly, be sure to attend our “October Seminar”.**

I have to say that we do have excellent attendance at each of these events every year thanks to all of you who are willing to participate. And, again this year, we will have the comfort of the Council Chambers for our seminar. So, consider joining us again this year on October 21st. In the meantime, check out your “resolution list” and grade yourself. I hope you all come out with an A+ by the end of the year! **Happy hunting on your genealogy trail.**

Safari News

~ Bill Bluett

Come join us on September 27th and take part in our safari. We will be traveling to the Los Angeles Family History Center on Santa Monica Blvd. in West L.A. Go to www.larfhc.org where you can search for books, film, and fiche available at this destination. This will enable you to better plan your day. The car(s) will leave the LDS parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring a brown-bag lunch, \$\$ for your driver, and then enjoy dinner on the way home at the "Earth, Wind, and Flour" restaurant.

**In Memory of
Diane Hearne
1941-2017**

We regret to inform you that our member **Diane Hearne** passed away on August 21, 2017. Diane was a SOCCGS member since 2001. Her son wrote : "Mom passed away peacefully at home yesterday morning at about 10:30. Her last few days were spent in her own room, surrounded by family. With the help of some very capable professionals, we were able to ensure she was comfortable and free of pain.

She was diagnosed with cancer in January of 2015, and was able to beat it back long enough to see both grandchildren go to college, travel from the Amazon to France on a cruise, visit newly discovered relatives in England, and spend a week with re-discovered friends from college. She was also an avid reader, writer, and genealogist and kept up with all of those activities during the last 2 1/2 years. I was fortunate enough to be able to travel home several times a year to visit with her and my Dad for week long trips.

Given how many lives my Mom brightened as a mother, a wife, a teacher, and a friend, I found it appropriate that she passed away minutes after the solar eclipse ended, where the sun emerged from the moon's shadow and once again brightened the sky."

**August Meeting
~ Bill Bluett**

Our guest speaker for the month of August meeting was Judith Brooks. The topic selected was "**How and Why the Scots Migrated**". Judith gave us an interesting presentation on the history of the Scots and how they migrated all over the world. So don't be surprised if your DNA results shows a little bit of Scots. SOCCGS member Cindie Reilly and guest Jim Owens both wore their tartans. Prior to her program, our members enjoyed some great refreshments provided by five of our dedicated members. Our contributors this month were: **Pat Ballard, Shiryl Boerlin, Noel Jensen, JoAnn Jones, and Barbara Taylor.**

**Membership Update
~ Sue Naegeli**

We had 84 members and 3 guests, and 2 new members who joined at the August meeting.

New members:

Eva Lydick, Laguna Woods, searching for **Nelson** (Swedish descent, **Lawson, Marr, Fox.**
Diane Crayne Gardner, Aliso Viejo.

Guests: **Jim Owens**, Lake Forest; **Sandy Metheny**, Mission Viejo; **Debbie Shetland**, Mission Viejo.

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

SOCCGS receives a quarterly check from Kroger, parent company of Ralphs Grocery Stores, for our participation in Ralphs Community Contribution Program. We are grateful to Ralphs and all the SOCCGS participants this past year. **The new year starts September 1st when all participants must re-enroll to keep your registration active.** You must enroll/re-enroll online. Step by step enrollment instructions are available on the SOCCGS website (main page below" Calendar of Events"). We recommend that you print these instructions and have them before you when you enroll. Website registration instructions can also be found on www.ralphs.com. There is no cost to participate.

Reservations are now open for our October 21st Seminar
“Genealogy Treasures in Our Nation’s Archives”
John Colletta Seminar Topics

The Library of Congress: An Introduction and Overview: The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., is one of the country’s greatest repositories for genealogical research. Yet, because it is dauntingly huge and requires on-site research, it tends to be underutilized. This lecture takes the mystery and trepidation out of using our national library and demonstrates the tremendous benefits of making a research trip to Washington. It explores the institution’s extraordinary website, sketches its history, describes the formalities for using it, and highlights—one reading room at a time—the innumerable and often unique treasures it holds. The lecturer worked half-time at the Library of Congress for twenty years.

Immigration to America, Colonial Times to Post-World War II: Where Do Your Ancestors Fit in? This broad overview covers: 1) the colonial period (Spanish, French, English, Dutch, Africans, Germans, Welsh, Finns, Scots and Scotch-Irish); 2) 1820-1882 (Irish, Swedes, Norwegians, Danes and Chinese); 3) the “New Immigrants” (Bohemians and Slovaks, Poles, Yugoslavs, Russians and Hungarians, Austrians, Jews, Italians, Greeks and Armenians and Japanese); and mentions very briefly: 4) Immigration since World War II (Mexico, Central and South America, Korea, Laos and Vietnam, and the Arabic nations). Key characteristics of each group are sketched, including most prominent occupations and places of settlement in America. General principles and patterns of immigration are also considered.

Finding the Town of Origin: U.S. Sources for Discovering an Ancestor’s Native Town Overseas: This lecture addresses the challenge of discovering an immigrant ancestor’s native town in Europe. It explores a broad range of sources that may contain the coveted information. It also demonstrates the importance of locating the town on a map of the ancestor’s era, rather than a modern map, in order to discover the local history and what repositories may hold the records created in that area at that time. Examples from a variety of different countries utilize resources in print and online to suggest possible methodologies.

Using 19th-Century Newspapers for Family History: Newspapers contain much more information for family historians than birth, marriage and death notices. Perhaps no other single source provides a more thorough picture of an ancestor’s neighborhood. Using many examples, this lecture examines advertisements, judicial calendars and reports, river and harbor news, legal notices, social columns, estate settlements, real estate transfers, local elections, officials, boards, organizations, clubs, and entertainment. Newspapers transform ancestors from disembodied names into real people living in a real world.

Use the form on Page 10 to send in your reservation, or download the form on our website at www.socccgs.org

Seminar Jewelry Table

Our Jewelry Table Chairman, Victoria Crayne, is requesting "**costume jewelry**" to sell at the seminar. This has been a very successful Ways & Means Project in past years. She may be contacted at crayne@prodigy.net Donations will be accepted at the meeting in September, or they may be left in the Genealogy Section of the Library.

Seminar Opportunity Drawings

Ways and Means is requesting donations for the seminar "**Opportunity Drawings**" Table. Anyone wishing to donate please contact Bill Bluett billbluett@cox.net.

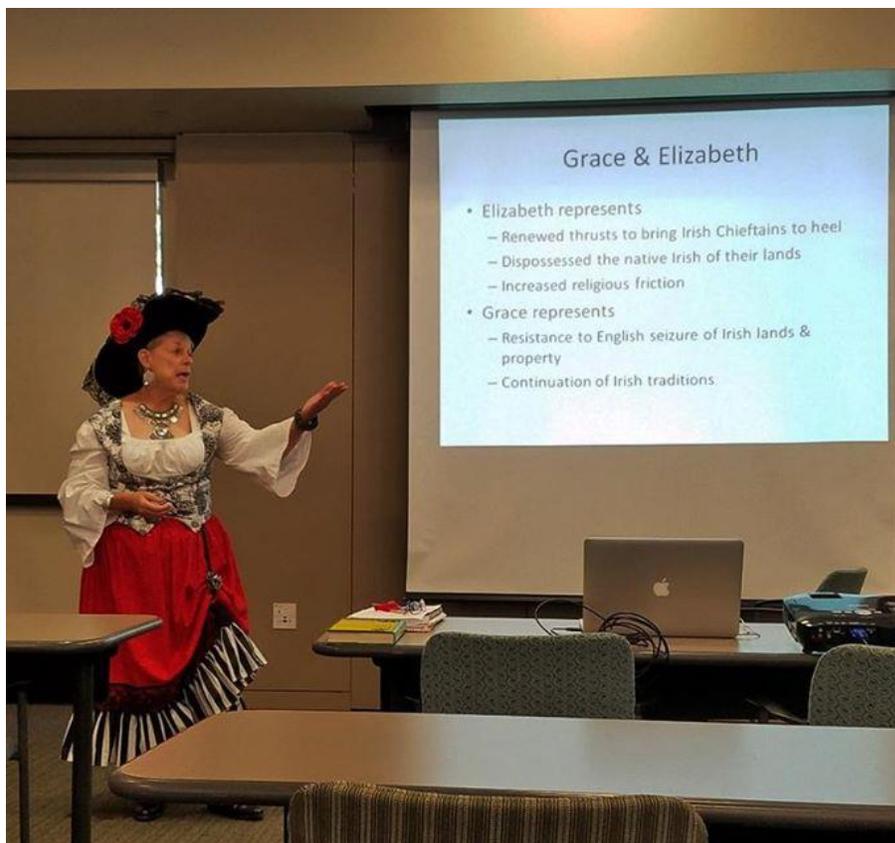
Seminar Book Donations

We will begin collecting book donations starting in September. Bring to the Genealogy Section of the library or to the September meeting. Genealogy related books and magazines are appreciated. Contact Judy Davin judydav@aol.com.

Historic Personage Sighting ~Myrna Hamid, Irish SIG

Last month it was reported that Grace O'Malley, The Irish Pirate Queen (1530-1603) was seen at the Irish SIG meeting on 21 July 2017. In case you missed the presentation, here she is regally dressed with a large plumed hat, and it was reported there was a dagger in her boot.

Actress Ruth Kurisu portrayed The Irish Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley.



The next Ireland Special Interest Group is on Friday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Saddleback Room at the Mission Viejo City Hall, directly across from the library. This is a general discussion and information sharing group for topics relating to Irish genealogy research.

We will also be exploring what would be most helpful to group members. Be prepared to share the surnames you are researching, the location in Ireland if you know it and any brick wall you are struggling with.

For more information, contact Myrna Hamid: mhamid1@earthlink.net

Fourth Friday Class – “Getting the Most Out of Your Ancestry DNA” Presented by Gary Fredericksen

Our Fourth Friday class will be on **September 22 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Saddleback Room of the Mission Viejo City Hall. Join the class to learn about Ancestry DNA and Other Genealogy Related Topics.



Fall Begins – September 20th

Special Guests at October England SIG Meeting ~David Flint

I wanted to let everyone know that I will have two special guests at the October 9 meeting of our England Special Interest Group. If you have attended any of our meetings over the past few months, you already know that my cousin Eric, and his wife Mary, are visiting me from England in September and returning home in the first week of October. I have invited Eric and Mary to come to our England SIG meeting on October 9. We will devote the time in that meeting to discussing anything that the members of our group (and their visitors) would like to know relating to living in a small English village, some history, and other things of interest relating to moving to the English countryside from a major city like London.

Eric and I grew up together when I was a boy and still living in London. His father and my father were brothers, and we saw each other on a regular basis along with others in our extended family before my family left England in 1954. Eric and Mary live in the little village of Mickleham, Surrey about 25 miles south of London. My wife and I have visited them in England, and Eric and Mary have traveled to the United States several times before. They are both retired and are experienced travelers. Eric is an avid gardener, artist and bicycle rider. He likes history, as I do. Mary is a retired teacher. I think you will enjoy spending some time with Eric and Mary at our October meeting. Eric is going to do a walk around his village and take some pictures to share with our group in his presentation. He and Mary are willing to answer any questions about their travel experiences and life in England.

Please join our group on Oct. 9th for a special meeting and an opportunity to chat with someone with first-hand knowledge about life in England where your ancestors lived. This will be an informal meeting and we will have plenty of room for extra people to attend above our normal group attendance. If you plan to attend, please let me know by email at davidflint@cox.net so that I have some idea how many people are coming. We will meet in the Saddleback Room at the Mission Viejo City Hall at 10:00 a.m. I look forward to your meeting my cousin and a fun meeting.



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

Buyers at the Estate Sale posted 9 Aug 2017

If you are fortunate enough to have a list of people who purchased property at your ancestor's estate sale, consider locating those people in the decennial census before and after the sale. Where they were from or where they moved to may help you on your ancestor. Purchasers at estate sales were usually neighbors or relatives of the deceased.

Is There a Hidden Wife? Posted 11 Aug 2017

If all records indicate the wife of your ancestor is "Mary," keep yourself open to the possibility that the ancestor could have been married twice to women with the same first name. If other details about the Marys are very inconsistent, it could be that there were two Marys instead of one.

Collecting Scraps of Newspaper

SERENDIPITY

~Arno Loyd "Gil" Gillis

In 1963, while visiting Scobey, Montana, my wife's hometown, we visited her original home. This was her parent's 1923 homestead. It is a wheat farm in northeastern Montana. The buildings had been abandoned to the weather in 1953 at the time of her father's death. Her brother had removed virtually all personal property.

As my wife and I explored the various dilapidated building we found a newspaper clipping of the bottom portion of an obituary. The deceased was not named, but it did state the "the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery two miles west of Cincinnati."



Ten years later in 1973, while visiting her brother in Albuquerque, a discussion of family roots resulted in her brother showing us a clipping of an obituary of Moses C. Robertson who died in Cincinnati, IOWA, in 1893. Moses was the great-grandfather of my wife and her brother. The clipping was torn off at an angle, which we recognized as probably matching the clipping we had back home in Billings, Montana.

We took a copy of her brother's top half of the clipping and after returning to Montana, we copied the bottom half for ourselves and mailed the original end piece back to her brother. Both families now have the complete obituary!

Upon our retirement in 2005, my wife and I took a two-month auto trip which included going to Cincinnati, **Iowa**. Not much town now but we found the cemetery "two miles west of Cincinnati" and after walking rows of graves we found Moses' gravestone. It is tipped on its side but the inscription is clearly visible.

Legislative Petitions

~Kathie Mauzey

The Legacy webinar archive has a presentation by Judy Russell on "The Treasure Trove in Legislative Petitions." This opened up another avenue of research for me and one that was successful. One of the resources listed was for the Virginia State Library, Virginia Memory, "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection." <http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitons>

This collection is for Legislative Petitions of the General Assembly, 1776-1865. You can search by name, county or keyword. In Berkeley County I looked at all the titles, and then focused on those petitions for "citizens" or "inhabitants." In 1787 the east half of Berkeley Co. wanted to separate from Berkeley and form another county. There was a petition opposing this action which was signed by over 100 citizens, including my John Doke. Another petition in 1789 was in opposition to dividing the county, and John Doke also signed that petition. This information is evidence that my ancestor was in a particular place at a particular time.

Americans have petitioned their state and federal legislatures on a wide variety of issues. Check the state library or archives where your ancestor resided, and the Library of Congress, American Memory Project for legislative petitions. Happy Hunting!

September Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in September:

Sep 6 – 11am – Top Tech Tips – Geoff Rasmussen

Sep 13 – 5pm – Finding Isaac Rogers – Nicka Smith

Sep 15 – 11am – The ABCs and 123s of Researching Your Ancestor's School Records – Melissa Barker

Sep 19 – 5pm – When Does Newfound Evidence Overturn a Proved Conclusion? – Tom Jones

Sep 20 – 11am – Wolfram Alpha for Genealogists – Thomas MacEntee

Sep 27 – 11am – Quick Guide to Texas Research – Deena Coutant

Oct 4 – 11am – No Easy Button: Using “Immersion Genealogy” to Understand Your Ancestors – Lisa Alzo

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:

Sep 2 – 10am – Cailite agus Aimsigh: Lost and Found – Irish History and Records – Barbara M. Randall

Sep 13 – 6pm – Location, Location, Location: One Place Studies in North America – Tessa Keough

Sep 20 – 6pm – Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research – Cyndi Ingle

Oct 7 – 10am – Think Like a Historian: Why Do People Do What They Do? – Sara Gredler

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

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

Sep 28 – 12pm – Introduction to Heraldry in America. Presented by Nathaniel Lane Taylor, PhD, FASG

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

Illinois Genealogical Society

Sep 12 - 6pm- Luxembourgers on the Prairie: Researching Your Luxembourg Ancestors – Lisa Oberg

Oct 10 – 6pm – Funeral Homes and Family History: They're Dying to Meet you – Daniel Earl

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

Family History Library Class Calendar -

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

go to Classes and Online Webinars.

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

Vermont Digital Newspaper Project posted 3 Aug 2017

Those with Vermont ancestors may wish to take a look at the [Vermont Digital Newspaper Project](#), which has digital images of Vermont newspapers between 1836 and 1922.

http://libraries.vermont.gov/online_library/digital_newspapers

Future Genealogy Events

Sep 1, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - **Genealogy Research SIG** – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

Sep 2, 2017, OCCGS 11:00 “Colonial Records and Where to Find Them,” Hal Horrocks; 12:30 “Tales to Docs to Stories: Building Your Family Story from Family Tales and Documents,” Linda Serna, occgs.com

Sep 11, 2017, 10-12:00-David Flint - **England SIG** - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall

Sep 15, 10-12:00 – Myrna Hamid – **Ireland SIG** – Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall

Sep 16, 2017, 10:00-4:00, Genetic Genealogy with CeCe Moore, Aliso Viejo Library,

Register online: www.ocpl.org/genealogy

Sep 20, 2017, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – **German SIG** – Bill Price Rm, MV Library

Sep 21, 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)

Future Events (cont)

Sep 21, 2017, 10-12:00 -David Flint - **Legacy Users** Group - Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall
Sep 22, 2017, 10-12:00 – **4th Friday Class** – Gary Fredericksen, “Getting the Most Out of your Ancestry DNA and Other Genealogy Related Topics” Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Sep 26, 2017, 10-12:00-Jim Thordahl - **Writing Family History** Stories - Sadlbc Rm., MV City Hall
Sep 26, 2017, 9:30-12:00 – **NSDCGS** - Gena Philibert-Ortega, “Overlooked Federal Records and Repositories” Carlsbad City Council Chambers www.nsdcgs.org
Oct 6, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - **Genealogy Research SIG** – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

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April 2017

South Orange County Ca. Genealogical Society

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A Family History Seminar

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Pre-registration must be received by October 18th / Tickets will be \$35 at the door!

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