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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 15, 2018

"Identifying Old Photos"

Presented By: Gary Fredericksen

What do we do when we are given an old photograph collection filled with unidentified people? Old photos have many small clues that can help us determine the time and place, and sometimes, even the people. This presentation will discuss methods and ideas for identifying photos, with examples of the different types of photographs used during the twentieth century. Join us to learn how to use clothing styles, image format and other information to identify your old family photographs.

About the speaker: Gary Fredericksen is the President of the Sun City Palm Desert Genealogy Club, the newsletter editor for the Palm Springs Genealogical Society and a frequent presenter at Southern California genealogy societies. He is also a genealogy teacher for the College of the Desert Learning in Retirement Program. He has done a number of previous presentations for our society.

MiniClass 9:15-9:45 before the September Monthly Meeting - "Ancestry and FamilySearch Trees" presented by David Flint. 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.



Autumn Begins September 22nd

President's Message **By Bill Bluett**

I have shared a couple of genealogy discoveries that I had while in Lake Tahoe this summer. Well, I have one more to share with you concerning my great-great grandfather, **Bennett Million**. He is the “gentleman farmer” who traveled overland from Wisconsin to California in 1849 (without his family). Then in 1852, he left California by ship for Panama and then traveled across the Gulf of Mexico to the Mississippi River and up the river to Wisconsin. He sold his farm, packed up his family (six children at that time) and crossed the **Oregon Trail** again – this time to **Ashland, Oregon!** What a guy! It appears he was in California by 1849 based on what family members have shared in past narratives (newspaper articles, etc). I have always wanted to find some kind of documentation to verify he was there by that time.

Last spring while researching at the **LDS Family History Center in Orange** I searched a link on their computers for a site called “**Paper Trail – Pioneer Wagon Train Diaries**”. I entered Bennett Million’s name and a “hit” came up. He was mentioned in letters (written in journalistic form) by a man by the name of **Finley McDiarmid**. He was writing these letters to his wife while traveling on a “wagon train” headed for California in 1850. McDiarmid and others in this group were from Wiota, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. Wait a minute! Isn’t Bennett Million from Wiota? He certainly was. And, he is first mentioned in the letters after this 1850 “wagon train” had struggled over the Sierras on the **Carson River Trail** and was approaching “Hangtown” or Placerville in October of 1850. Finley McDiarmid was looking for Bennett Million and others from Wisconsin who were already settled in California. I looked up the names of those mentioned in the letters that Finley was looking for and I find those families that were left behind (for the time being) in the Wiota, Lafayette County, 1850 census. Bennett is mentioned even later in the letters as part of a group of men from Wisconsin that were going to relocate to the Northern Counties of California in early 1851 in search of “gold”. Maybe they were trying to get away from the crowds in the original discovery region. Some of the areas mentioned in the letters are the **American, Feather, Salmon, Klamath, and Eel Rivers, Trinity County, and the towns of Weaverville, Eureka, and Humbolt Bay**. Even the “**redwoods**” are part of the narrative.

Unfortunately, in December of 1851, Finley McDiarmid and his brother-in-law Horatio, were killed by Indians at their cabin on the **Eel River** near **Eureka**. This caused quite an uproar in the surrounding settlements. I would think that Bennett Million would have heard about this incident if he was anywhere in the area. I wonder if this could have prompted him to return to his family in Wisconsin the following spring. While in Northern California, he may have had an opportunity to get a glimpse of Southern Oregon and decide to return to that region and resume farming – which he did in 1854. The Millions homesteaded two 160-acre plots in **Ashland, Oregon**, and resided there the remainder of their lives.

The McDiarmid letters to his wife have given me additional information concerning Bennett Million’s whereabouts in California. I will investigate the Northern California Counties for any possible documentation regarding “mining claims” or whatever they may have to further substantiate that Bennett Million was truly a “Forty-Niner”!

Safari News **~Bill Bluett**

Come join us on September 26th and take part in our safari. We will be traveling to the Los Angeles Family History Center on Santa Monica Blvd. in West Los Angeles. 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 “**Café 50’s**” restaurant on Santa Monica Blvd. Contact Bill Bluett (949) 492-9408 to reserve a spot.

August Meeting ~Bill Bluett



Our guest speaker for our August monthly meeting was **Richard P. Weiss**. The title of his presentation was “**DNA & Family Secrets**”. Over 12 million folks have taken the DNA test. Richard pointed out that the reasons for taking the test are for uncovering parentage, adoptions, donor children, and possibly solving family secrets. Approaching these situations can be very emotional, uplifting, or possibly difficult for families or individuals. Richard gave us some excellent insight as to how these circumstances can be best approached – or not. Most cases can be a very sensitive undertaking and everyone’s decisions need to be honored. There is a documentary titled “**Three Identical Strangers**” that is currently in a few theaters. It is the story of triplets that were separated at adoption and reunited later as adults – not knowing that the others existed. It might be an interesting movie to see, or, there is a possibility that it might be too emotional for some folks. You’ll have to make the choice. We thank Richard for the knowledge and information he brought to us regarding this topic.

Before our scheduled program, our members enjoyed some wonderful refreshments provided by our members: **Shirlee Koons, Lynn Lillard, Pat Nostrome, Bunny Smith and Diane Wahrman**. 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 80 members, 1 new member and 5 guests at our August Meeting

New Members:

Alan Kiehn, Laguna Hills (joined at meeting)

Ina Lehr, Mission Viejo (joined during month)

Guests:

Sara Standlee, Irvine; **Donna Roundtree**, Capistrano Beach; **Sandra Dempsey**, Huntington Beach; **Patty McCarthy**, Mission Viejo; **Kathy Abramson**, Irvine

How the guests found us (a new question I’ve been asking on paper):

1 – Mission Viejo Family History Center

4 – Referred by friends

SOCCGS Fundraiser ~Donna Rathman

A big thank you to all the SOCCGS members and friends who participated in our fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen on July 19th. 88 people came out to support us and we raised \$331.80, with an additional donation of \$40, for a total of \$371.80.

From Our Members

Lynn Lillard – The Auto Club is releasing a series of historic maps from their archives. They are reproductions and are being offered free of charge for Auto Club members at local branches. The first map of the series is available now, **1930 Metropolitan Los Angeles**. The next one will be available in October.

**IN MEMORY OF
DENISE ELAINE HIBSCH RICHMOND
1951-2018**

Our member **Denise Richmond** passed away on August 26, 2018. Denise joined SOCCGS in February 2014 after moving to Orange County from the Sacramento area. Denise was an active participant in our society and joined our safaris, Salt Lake City trips, special interest groups, and this year had become the Extra Classes Coordinator. We will miss Denise's sense of humor, positive attitude, and willingness to help others. Denise is survived by her husband **Scott Richmond**, brothers **Martin Hibschi** and **Dean Hibschi**. A memorial service is planned for early October. Visit <https://oconnormortuary.com/current-obituaries/> to sign guest book and remember Denise.

**SOCCGS Seminar
Saturday, October 20, 2018
"Successful Tools for Genealogy Research"
Presented by Thomas MacEntee**

Reservations are now open for our October 20th Seminar

"10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy": In this session attendees will learn how to energize their genealogy research and will be ready to hit the ground running. Whether stuck in a rut with genealogy research for the past year or just wanting to expand the ways in which family history can be pursued, follow these 10 touchstones and you'll be surprised at the results. Covering every aspect of genealogy and even those you never considered, your genealogy research will not just jump, it'll leap!

"Mind Mapping Your Research Plans & Results": Mind mapping is a process of creating a diagram or flow chart of ideas and concepts. Learn about automated mind mapping tools that let you see your research data in a new light. Do you have trouble planning a genealogy research strategy? What if you had an automated way to lay out concepts, variables and actions? Mind mapping can help you create an effective research plan as well as help you connect data points once the research is completed.

"How Do I Know What I Don't Know": You have this sneaking suspicion that you're "missing something" when it comes to researching an ancestor. How do you know what's "out there" and whether it can help your research? And once you identify it, how can you quickly get up to speed to get the most out of that resource? What do you do when you need to "immerse" yourself in the details of a new record set? Where do you go for the best information? What about tips and tricks and that info only "experts" seem to have access to? Your genealogy research can improve immensely if you know how to "fast track" your knowledge on a new record set or resource.

"After Your Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research": Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you're gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on. Through a combination of planning, common sense, and new technologies, we'll review how to create an action plan for preserving your genealogy research.

Reminder: Use the registration form on Page 12 to send in your reservation, or download the form on our website at www.socccgs.info

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 vcrayne65@gmail.com. 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 Donna Rathman at drathman@cox.net.

Seminar Book Donations

We will begin collecting book donations starting in September. Bring to the Genealogy section of the library (not the Mission Viejo Library bookstore) or to the September meeting. Genealogy related books and magazines are appreciated. Contact Kathie Mauzey at famhistory@juno.com.

Fourth Friday Class – DNA Workshop September 28, 2018

Arlene O'Donnell and Barbara Taylor will present a DNA Workshop. Bring your questions regarding DNA: Did you get results and are mystified? Should you submit a DNA test? What do you do with the results? and other questions will be answered.

Salt Lake City Reservations Now Open ~David Flint

Reservations are now open for our 2019 trip to Salt Lake City. This will be our fifth annual week-long research trip to the Family history Library in Salt Lake City. Please hold the dates on your calendar for next year – **March 3-10, 2019**. Reservations are open early because our dates for 2019 are earlier than in past years. We typically go in April. However, the hotel was fully booked well in advance for the month of April, and this was the best week available for our group.

The trip cost covers a full week with seven nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, which is literally next door to the Family History Library. We have a block of 20 rooms reserved for our group. Standard or Deluxe rooms are available and are priced based on single or double occupancy. Details about the trip, including costs, are described in the flyer in this issue of the newsletter. Information is also posted on our website at www.occgs.org. Registration form and information on page 13-14.

Why not plan to join us in Salt Lake City next year for a full week of serious genealogy research at the Family History Library? A deposit of \$100 will reserve your room for the 2019 trip. Final payment is due by January 15, 2019. If you have any questions about the trip, contact David Flint at davidflint@cox.net.

Editor's Note: See article written by Bob Lozano and his breakthrough in Salt Lake 2018, page 8.

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.



September Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in September:

Sep 5 – 11am – What’s Been Done: Using Someone Else’s Research – Thomas MacEntee

Sep 7 – 11am – Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 6): Adding a Death Certificate – Geoff Rasmussen

Sep 12 – 5pm – Examining Migration & Researching Migrants in the British Isles - Julie Goucher

Sep 14 – 11am – Slave Narratives: Telling the Story of Slavery and Families – Ann Staley

Sep 18 – 5pm – Using Lists to Find Proof – Cari Taplin

Sep 19 – 11am – 25 Simple Research Hacks Every Genealogist Should Know – Lisa Alzo

Sep 25 – 11am – Importance of Newspapers for Family Research – Daniel Horowitz

Oct 3 – 11am – Remote Research in the Databases of the Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System – Rick Sayre

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 1 – 10am – What Do I Do Next: How to Unlock Your Genealogy Using Research Plans – Kim

Sep 19 – 6pm – Preserving Family History in the Face of Disaster – Denise Levenick

Oct 6 – 10am – The GPS, Document Analysis, and Citations, Oh My! – Sara Gredler

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

Illinois Genealogical Society

Sep 11 – 6pm – Researching Pre-Fire Chicago – Ginger Frere

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

San Diego Genealogical Society Fall Seminar September 8, 2018

Guest Speaker: Michael Lacopo, D.V.M.

Session 1: More than the Census – Our Families did exist within those ten-year intervals

Session 2: Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving

Session 3: Estate Files: Are you getting the most out of them?

Session 4: The German Immigrant experience in the 18th Century

Information at casdgs.org

North San Diego County Genealogical Society 2018 Fall Seminar, Saturday, October 6, 2018

A Day of DNA with Blaine Bettinger and Kitty Cooper

Morning Track 1 – **Blaine Bettinger**, Visual Phasing Workshop

Morning Track 2 – **Kitty Cooper**, Using DNA Testing to Further Your Genealogy Research

Afternoon Lectures – **Blaine Bettinger**, Evaluating a Genealogical Conclusion Using DNA; Ethical and Legal Considerations for DNA Evidence

Registration is ONLY online at nsdcgs.org. Open registration from August 16 to September 29, or until full.

Registration: Members \$40 Lunch \$12
Non-Members \$60 NSDCGS Membership \$30

Location: Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave., Carlsbad, Program 9am-4:30pm.

A BLANKET AND BURLAP

(Oscar Glenn Potter)

By Linda Kidde August 28, 2018

The largest campaign of World War I continued for 47 days, from September 26 to November 11, 1918. Over 1 million soldiers from 22 divisions of the American Expeditionary Force, along with 4 French divisions, fought to drive out the enemy. The effort was part of the final Allied struggle to end the War. Among the forces was the 89th Division, where Private First Class Oscar Potter served as a gunner in Company B of the 342nd Machine Gun Battalion.

This operation, known as the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, derived its name from the terrain in northeastern France. On the right of the battlefield was the Meuse River, controlled by the Germans.

In the center of the battle area were rolling valleys and prominent high, thick wooded hills, where the enemy hid and attacked with rifles and machine guns. Heavy fog, wet marshes and muddy roads made movement of troops difficult.

On the far left of the battlefield was the dense Argonne Forest, located on strategic high ground. During the past four years, Germans had built trenches and dugouts. They scattered masses of tangled barbed wire. From treetops, they established observation posts and fired down from secret machine gun nests. Nonetheless, American Divisions persistently dredged through masses of trees and wild, overgrown bushes. By the end of October, after continuous fighting, the Germans gave up the Argonne Forest.

With the left side of the battlefield clear, new Divisions were ordered to attack the center battle area that held dangerous enemy traps in the valleys and woods. The 89th was one of the Divisions in this line of attack.

Oscar was there with the 342nd Machine Gun Battalion. To prepare, the gunners carried large amounts of ammunition into the area. By October 30, they had stored 250,000 rounds of ammunition in nearby woods. On October 31, the 89th and other Divisions were ready, positioned between the Argonne Forest and the Meuse River.

The attack began on November 1. With full force, the 89th captured Barricourt Heights, a high wooded ridgeline where Germans had fired down on advancing Americans. From then on, day and night, fighting continued, as the 89th moved northward.

By November 4, Oscar and his fellow soldiers reached an area around the town of Taily, where the 89th had set up a Division Headquarters. Weather was cloudy to rainy. Visibility was very poor. Roads were fair to bad.

In the fighting and gunfire around Taily, Oscar was wounded in action on November 9 and was admitted to the nearest medical facility.

Less than two miles from Taily, a field hospital had been set up in the village of Nouart. Oscar was taken to Nouart Field Hospital #353. He suffered from G.S.W. (gunshot wounds) to his abdomen and right shoulder, as well as two broken ribs and a broken sternum.

At 8 p.m. on November 9, Oscar no longer suffered.

Someone wrapped his body in a blanket and burlap. There was nothing else to do for him but wait until morning.

The next day, on November 10, Oscar was buried a short distance northeast of Nouart. There a small cemetery bordered the side of a road. Oscar had no box, nothing to hold his body...only a blanket and burlap. He was placed in a simple grave. Far from home and far from family, only a marker with an aluminum peg identified him. The peg read: "Oscar Polley." In the confusion and rush of war, Oscar Potter was buried with the wrong surname.

Meanwhile, fighting continued that day of November 10, as the 89th Division pressed towards the Meuse River on the right side of the battlefield. Slowly the Germans retreated and finally surrendered. On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of 1918, the Armistice was signed. World War I ended.

The National Personnel Records Center at the National Archives in St. Louis has preserved Oscar's Burial File. The file contains over 40 pages of handwritten and typed materials from the War Department beginning in 1918. The next story will describe Oscar's three burials and his long, final journey home to America and family...wrapped in a blanket and burlap.

--to be continued--

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

FamilySearch is indicating the following databases including images has been updated:

[Iowa, Death Records, 1921-1940](#)

[Virginia, Death Certificates, 1912-1987](#)

[Virginia, Marriage Certificates, 1936-1988](#)

[Virginia, Divorce Records, 1918-1988](#)

[West Virginia Deaths, 1804-1999](#)

Salt Lake City Advantage

By Bob Lozano

Almost all of us, sometime or another, hit that proverbial genealogical brick wall during our research. I have not been immune to that. For the past three years, or more, I have been researching an enigmatic ancestor of mine – my maternal great-great-grandfather: Thomas Edward Taylor. He is an enigma because of what he left behind around 1851.

Thomas Edward Taylor was born around 1819 somewhere in London, Middlesex, England, where he probably grew up into adulthood and became an engraver (Family Search.org). London is a very complex area in which to search for an ancestor due to the large number of parishes that cover the area. Family Search Wiki lists 134 separate parishes in this area, and when you look at Middlesex, the quantity more than doubles. Why is it difficult to locate his baptismal record and birth place? Well, it's because he left no record of who his parents were. There are some tantalizing clues though. David Flint, casting a search net with Ancestry.com into the London Metropolitan Archives, located two 1816 baptismal records under the name of Thomas Edward Taylor, with two different sets of parents. Which one is my ancestor?

In 1851, when Thomas would have been about 32 years old, a passport (No. 4678) was issued by the British Government under the name "Thomas Taylor" and was listed on an index of the passport applications register (Find My Past.com). The passport issued on 14 May 1851 would have been obtained by filling out an application for it. Unfortunately, the application contains little more information than the index listing (Atkinson). Was this my great-great-grandfather? And, where did he go?

In 1859, an extensive survey on the colonization of Baja California was published by Ulises Urbano Lassépas. It covered the period up to 10 Mar 1857. Listed in this publication is a Tomás (Thomas) Taylor, an English citizen who had been living in the municipality of Comondú for the past six years, thus making his arrival time around 1851 (Lassépas 156). Tomás was married at this time. His wife, a native of Baja California, was the widow of another Englishman, Pedro (Peter) Davis (*Ibid.*). The marriage gave him possession of the site of San Juan Londó and properties of his wife, Susana Real, which included an urban estate in Loreto and a vegetable garden in Comondú (*Ibid.*).

This marriage would have been recorded in a church record. A typical Catholic Church record of this period would have contained the names of the bride and groom's parents, along with the birthplace or residence of the respective parents (Ryskamp 293). As of this writing, no record of either a church wedding or a civil ceremony has been found.

The marriage to Susana Real resulted in a family of six children – one girl and five boys. A typical Catholic Church record of this period would have contained the names of both the paternal and maternal grandparents (*Ibid.* 274). Copies of the original baptismal records were traced down and examined. None of the records have any mention of the paternal grandparents.

The last record to capture Thomas' parents would have been the death certificate. Thomas died on 17 Sep 1908 at the age of 90, in the city of La Paz, Baja California (Family Search.org). His oldest son, Tomás, my maternal great grandfather, was the person who presented a doctors' certificate on 18 Sep 1908 to a civil judge who recorded the death as Certificate No. 110 (*Ibid.*). In this certificate, I translated the phrase that the names of the father and mother of the deceased were "ignored" by his son. This single word called into question what kind of relationship existed between my great grandfather and his grandparents.

It was this researched information that I took with me on our April Salt Lake City trip. There, I had great discussions with two of the experts in the Family History Library – Phil Dunn and Victor Austin, which resulted in the formulation of different strategies for my research. I met Phil on floor B2 of the library and discussed the known life of Thomas E. Taylor and what I was after. Phil proposed a strategy using the assumption that Thomas was married in England and left his family for Baja California (Dunn). I am now researching this hypothesis to prove, or disprove, the underlying assumption.

Walking into floor B1, I must have looked like I could use some help. When the docent asked, I replied I did and he introduced me to Victor. It was here that a breakthrough was realized. I sat down with Victor and briefed him on how I was looking for records in Baja California that would give me additional information on Thomas. One of the documents I brought up was the copy of my translation of the 1908 Death Certificate No. 110. I lamented to Victor the fact that the names of Thomas' parents were "ignored". He read the original, and explained that in that context, the word *ignorando* meant "did not know" (Austin). This changed the whole meaning and my total perception of what had occurred on 18 Sep 1908. Breakthrough.

Looking back at my experience in the Salt Lake City Family History Library, I cannot overstate the advantage of doing research there. In addition to the treasure trove of film, books, maps, documents, etc. is the opportunity to sit down with genealogy experts for specific countries and areas. Had I not met, and talked, to Phil Dunn and Victor Austin, my research would still be going in a sideways direction. I look forward to my next trip there to once again take the "advantage" offered by Salt Lake City.

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Future Genealogy Events

Orange FamilySearch Library www.ocfamilyhistory.org (see calendar for research help)
Sep 1, 2018 - OCCGS program – Kristi Sexton – 11:00 “Figuring Out Family Search” 12:30 “Digging for Dirt in the Cemeteries” occgs.com
Sep 7, 2018, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli – Gen. Research SIG –Sadbck Room, MV City Hall
Sep 8, 2018, San Diego Gen Soc Seminar – speaker Michael Lacopo, casds.org
Sep 8, 2018, 10am - SHHAR – John Schmal - “The History of Jaliscos and Zacatecas”
Orange FHL Info: Shhar.net
Sep 10, 2018, 10-12:00 – David Flint - England SIG – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
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 1st.
www.ocpl.org/libloc/aliso/calendar
Sep 15, 2018, 1:30 - RootsMagic User Group – Orange FHL
Sep 19, 2018, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Sep 20, 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)
Sep 20, 2018, 10-12:00-David Flint – Legacy Users Group - Sadbck Rm, MV City Hall
Sep 21, 2018, 10-12:00 – Ireland/Scotland SIG – Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
Sep 23, 2018, 1:30 pm – OCJGS program Michelle Sandler “How to Research on FamilySearch.org” Temple Beth Sholom, ocjgs.org
Sep 25, 2018, 10-12:00- Jim Thordahl – Writing Family Stories – Saddleback Rm
Sep 25, 2018, 9:30 - NSDCGS program Carol Baird “From ESS to ESSE and IKINS-from Alsace and England to Kansas” Carlsbad City Council Chambers, nsdcgs.org
Sep 28, 2018, 10-12 – Fourth Friday Class – Arlene O’Donnell & Barbara Taylor will present a DNA Workshop. Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
Oct 6, 2018, OCCGS program – Ann Miller – 11:00 “Overcoming Obstacles That Interfere with Finding Your Ancestors”; 12:30 “Evaluating Your Genealogical Evidence” Huntington Beach Library occgs.com
Oct 6, 2018, 9-4:30, NSDCGS Fall Seminar, A Day of DNA with Blaine Bettinger and Kitty Cooper, Carlsbad Senior Center. nsdcgs.org/fall seminar
Oct 20, 2018 – SOCCGS Annual Seminar, 9-3:30pm. Thomas MacEntee “Successful Tools for Genealogy Research.” MV City Hall (See flyer in newsletter)

2018 Programs

August 18 – Richard Weiss – “Family Secrets”

September 15 – Gary Frederickson – “Identifying Old Photos”

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

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

“Delay” in Settling the Estate? Posted 19 Aug 2018

Your relative died in 1850, but records indicate that his estate was not settled up and the farm sold or transferred to someone else until 1869. Don’t conclude that there had to be “drama” or some court action that you cannot find. It could be as simple as the family waiting until the widow had died or the youngest child reached the age of majority. Mother may have put her foot down and issued an edict that she was living on the farm until she died. The children could have decided to let mother have control and the money from the farm until she died. The heirs could have decided it was easier (and cheaper) to wait to “settle up” until all the heirs were of age and a guardian would not need to be appointed.

Genealogy Tip of the Day

Copy the Cover posted 31 Jul 2018

Copy the covering for any packet of loose papers from which you make copies. Citation will be much easier if you do and there may be clues on the cover you need later. The time to make the image/picture is when you have it.

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**SOCCGS Research Center, located at the
Mission Viejo Library, Marguerite Parkway at La Paz, (949) 470-8498
SOCCGS E-mail: cmvgs@netzero.net**

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Membership/Renewal Application

() New 1 Year: () Individual, \$20.00 () Joint Membership at same address, \$25.00

() Renewal New Address or E-mail Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____ Make Check payable to: SOCCGS

Mail **with application** to: SOCCGS, P.O. Box 4513, Mission Viejo, CA 92690-4513

I do not wish to share my personal information with other members.

April 2017



So. Orange County Ca. Genealogical Society

Mission Viejo, California

Presents

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

Non Member Registration _____ @ \$35.00

Address: _____

Box Lunch _____ @ \$11.00

City & Zip: _____

Total: \$ _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Information: (949) 492-9408 or at
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SOCCGS
4th Annual Research Trip
Family History Library
Salt Lake City



March 3-10, 2019

Come and spend a fun week with your fellow genealogists doing family history research at the largest genealogy library in the world. Once you arrive in Salt Lake City, your trip package includes:

- Seven nights at the Salt Lake Plaza hotel (next door to the Family History Library)
- Six full days of research at the Family History Library
- Research assistance from experienced SOCCGS members, plus staff genealogists and specialists at the library
- Monday evening banquet at our hotel with a guest speaker
- Wine and cheese reception mid-week at our hotel
- All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet Saturday morning before the library opens
- Hotel shuttle service between the airport and hotel
- Special events with our group
- A nice bunch of people to hang out with during the week

Registration Fees:

- Double Occupancy: Standard Room - **\$475 per person**; Deluxe Room - **\$525 per person**
- Single Occupancy: Standard Room - **\$800 per person**; Deluxe Room - **\$875 per person**
- A deposit of \$100 per person is required to hold your room reservation. Please state your room preference at the time you make your reservation.
- Final payment of fee is due by January 15, 2019.
- When all rooms are booked, a \$100 deposit will place you on a waiting list in case extra rooms or cancellations become available.

Complete details below and return this form with deposit – make checks payable to SOCCGS – mail to SOCCGS, P.O. Box 4513, Mission Viejo, CA 92690

Name (as you would like it on your Name Tag): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is a total deposit of \$_____ (@ \$100 per person) for the following reservation request(s):

[] Double(s): [] Standard or [] Deluxe Room || [] Single(s): [] Standard or [] Deluxe Room

How many total in your party? _____

Do you have a roommate? (Name) _____

Is this your first time visit to the Family History Library? [] Yes [] No

(See additional information over)

Additional Information

- You are responsible for providing your own transportation to and from Salt Lake City.
- To participate in this trip you must be a member of SOCCGS – no exceptions. (This is an IRS requirement.) Membership application form is available on request.
- A deposit of \$100 per person is required to hold a room. A reservation cannot be accepted without a deposit. We have a limited block of rooms, and all reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. When all rooms have been reserved, your \$100 deposit will place you on a waiting list in case we can get additional rooms from the hotel, or there is a last-minute cancellation.
- If you stay less than all seven nights at the hotel, there is no reduction in fee.
- Final payment must be received no later than January 15, 2019.
- Make all checks payable to SOCCGS.
- Additional registration information will be requested after your reservation is confirmed, including a contact person in the event of emergency.
- Individual cancellations must be received before January 1, 2018. Late cancellation may result in forfeit of deposit based on hotel refund policy. Cancellations within 30 days of the trip date may result in loss of the deposit and final payment if we are unable to return the room to the hotel without penalty.
- You must be physically able to make this trip. SOCCGS is not responsible for personal illness or injury. You will be required to sign a liability waiver and release.
- Travel and/or trip interruption insurance (at your own expense) is recommended.
- SOCCGS is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or personal property. Baggage is at your own risk, unless otherwise insured.
- Meetings will be scheduled before the trip to answer your questions and provide additional information. We will also hold classes about getting ready for your trip, what to bring (or leave behind), what to wear, where to eat, research preparation, etc. Attendance at these meetings is not required, but is strongly encouraged, especially if this is your first visit to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.
- Return the completed reservation form on the other side of this page with your deposit of \$100 per person to SOCCGS, P.O. Box 4513, Mission Viejo, CA 92690.
- This trip is expected to book up fast, so please make your reservations as early as possible to assure that you obtain a room with our group.
- If you have questions, contact the group leader -- David Flint -- 949.551.6300
davidflint@cox.net