

Saddleback Valley Trails

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Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Main Mission Viejo LDS Church Building, 27976 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive. Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy. Individual membership fees are \$20 per year, joint membership \$25.

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October 17, 2015

**South Orange County
California Genealogical Society**

Presents

A Family History Seminar

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(Doors Open 8:00 a.m.)

**Mission Viejo City Hall, Saddleback Room, 100 Civic Center Drive, Corner Las Paz & Marguerite
(North end of the City Hall - directly across the library parking lot)**

"Search, Find & Preserve Your Genealogy Data"

Featuring

Dick Eastman

Genealogy Lecturer and founder of the "Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter"

Topics:

"MOCAVO: Comparing its Search Engine to Google"

"Find Genealogy e-books For Free and For Pay"

"The Organized Genealogist"

"Oh My Goodness, Where's My Data"

Special Note regarding Access to the Seminar:

You may not be able to access La Paz Road off the I-5 Freeway (from Chrisanta Drive to Marguerite Parkway) on the day of the seminar because of the "Walk Against Drugs" event. You may have to exit at Oso Parkway (south of La Paz) and travel east to Marguerite Parkway. Turn left on Marguerite Parkway and travel north to Civic Center. Then, turn left into the library parking lot.

England Research Special Interest Group

The England Research Group will not meet in October and November as David Flint will not be available. The next meeting will be December 14th.

President's Message
Our New Mentor Program
By David Flint

This month I want to focus on a new program proposed by our Membership Chairman, Jack Naylor and put in place by the society's executive board. We call it our **Mentor Program**. This program is designed to help support our new members to get more acquainted with our society and find help getting started (or continuing) in your own genealogy work. For those new members who are beginners in genealogy, we understand that you might find it daunting to figure out how to jump in with your personal genealogy research.

Of course, by joining our society, you have already taken an important first step. You have associated yourself with a large group of people who share your interest in learning more about their own family history. By regularly attending our monthly meetings and other events, you will be exposed to lectures, discussion groups, and other opportunities to learn about various aspects of genealogy and topics that will help you learn about genealogy and advance your research.

One of the first things a beginner can do is take Arlene O'Donnell's beginner class. This is a one-shot, single session class intended to introduce new people to some basic concepts of genealogy research. If you are a beginner and have not already done so, you can contact Arlene and sign up for her class. After attending that class, you may find that you need more help in getting started – and that's where our new Mentor Program comes in. We will match you up with one of our more experienced members who can give you just the help you need. The mentor can work with you and offer suggestions on how you can move research in the direction you want to go. If you are a new member (which can be someone who joined our society within the past two years) and would like to get some personalized help with your own genealogy research, this program is for you.

If you are brand new to genealogy, having a mentor can be very useful as you begin your research by having someone who is readily available to answer questions and connect you with information or resources that will help you with your work, and with others in our society with particular knowledge or experience that you may need. If you are not new to genealogy, just new to our society, a mentor can help you in other ways, such as introducing you to other members in our group with similar interests to yours, and again, by connecting you with other experienced people in our group who are prepared to help you with your research questions.

This is a new program, and we will refine it as our experience shows us ways to make it work for you, our new members. If this sounds like a program that would interest you, please contact Jack Naylor or Francie Kennedy and let them know. Also, if you think you might like to be a mentor and help some of our new members, please talk to Jack or Francie and let them know that too. We need to be sure we have enough people to provide the help and support for those who want it. Your participation in this new program will make it successful and help our new members, whether beginners or experienced researchers, feel welcome in our society. It is one more in a growing list of programs and services available to our SOCCGS members. We hope you support it and use it.

Safari News
~Bill Bluett

The **San Diego California FamilySearch Library** will be our destination on October 28th. The location is 4195 Camino Del Rio South which is near the intersections of the I-15 and I-8 Freeways. This facility has been tremendously upgraded to include 57 computers with many online genealogy websites, 10 microfilm readers, scanners, copiers, 40,000 microfilm rolls, 76,000 microfiche, 10,000 books, magazines and publications, and 420 compac discs. So, this looks like the place to go! We will meet at the LDS Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for this safari. You might want to bring a brown-bag lunch on this trip and \$\$ for your driver. Because of the distance to this library, we will stop for dinner before heading for home. You might want to go to their website to check them out at: <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/SanDiegoCaliforniaFamilySearchLibrary>. Or just go to GOOGLE and type in the name mentioned above.

September Meeting

~Bill Bluett

The guest speaker for our September monthly meeting was Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew. The topic she presented was “Homesteading That Little House on the Prairie.” Her handout gave us a history of how people acquired land since the Revolutionary War, how the government broke up the land into mile square sections, and a brief lesson on how to read a survey map in order to locate an ancestor’s parcel. Jamie also listed where to find these records and glean the information found on these documents. We thank Jamie for giving us a most interesting presentation. Prior to her presentation, we enjoyed some excellent refreshments provided by a number of our members. They were **Patti Russell, JoAnn Jones, Donna Osterheus, Marilyn Sedoff, and Bob Lozano.**

Membership Update

~Jack Naylor

There were 86 members and one guest at the September general meeting. The guest was **Margaret Marflitt**, who joined that day. She lives in Laguna Woods. Her email address is mmarflitt@comline.com. She is searching for information about **Scott** in Ayrshire, Scotland and **Colling** in Yorkshire, England.

Another new member is **Gayle Meldau**, Mission Viejo. Gayle is a recently retired librarian at the Mission Viejo Library.

Nancy Soltes, who joined earlier in September, is searching for the descendants of **Gregg Smith**, Boston, MA who was killed in the 2nd Battle of Bull Run. nancysoltes@cox.net

New member **Patty McNamee** is from Orange County, but now lives in Washington, pmcnamee_4006@comcast.net Patty is an Archivist at the National Archives in Seattle. Searching for **Wenerd, Kohlas, and Koch** in Philadelphia and Hesse Cassel; **Beynon** in Pennsylvania and Wales.

October Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in October: Oct 7 Wearables and Genealogy – Wacky and Wild or Worth the Wait; Oct 14 Colonial Immigration- The English Pioneers of Early America; Oct 16 Billions of Records, Billions of Stories; Oct 21 What Happened to the State of Frankland - Using Tennessee’s Pre-Statehood Records; Oct 28 Complex Evidence – What is it? How Does it Work? And Why Does it Matter? Register at www.familytreewebinars.com

The Southern California Genealogical Society has two free webinars: Oct 3, Eric Siess - Ten Steps to Better Genealogy; Oct 21, Jean Wilcox Hibben - The Devil is in the Details: Overlooking Minutiae can Create Lineage Limbo (Jean presented this topic to our society in June.). Nov. 7, Cyndie Ingle – Building a Digital Research Plan. Register at scsgenealogy.com, click on programs and webinars.

1,300 Biographical Sketches

The following is a press release from GenealogyMagazine.com: More than 1,300 biographical sketches are now freely accessible at www.genealogymagazine.com/biographies.html. Each biography identifies the original source, long out-of-print books such as Paddock’s *History and Biographical Record of North and West Texas*, published in 1906 by Lewis Publishing Company in Chicago.

In the late 1800s and 1900s, Lewis and other publishing companies sent representatives across America to compile local histories and interview area residents. To finance the printing, representatives sold pre-publication copies. These volumes are sometimes known as “mug books.” Those wanting to see their biography in print had to purchase the book in advance.

However, “mug books” are often valuable sources for the genealogist. Interviewees were typically asked their full name, date and place of birth, names of parents (including mother’s maiden name), name of spouse, name of spouse’s parents, and names of children. Names of grandparents, siblings and aunts and uncles are frequently found as well.

The biographies in GenealogyMagazine.com’s collection are also gleaned from rare sources such as Margaret Turner Stewart’s *Two Hundred Clubwomen: Second District Alabama Federation of Women’s Clubs*, 1953. An avid genealogist, Margaret Stewart sent questionnaires to 200 clubwomen in The Yellowhammer State, asking them to write a brief biographical sketch and include the names of their parents and grandparents.

Docent Profile - Gary Schwarz

I have been a docent for about seven years. The reason I joined SOCCGS is that I thought I had to be a member to be a docent. Why did I want to be a docent, because many times that I wanted to use Ancestry at the library, there were no docents scheduled or they could not find substitutes for their shifts? What benefits did I reap from becoming a docent?

The first benefit was that I could use Ancestry any time the library was open. If there was no docent available when I wanted to use an SOCCGS computer, I would be the substitute docent for myself. At first this turned out not to be such a good benefit as I thought, because any library patron can use Ancestry on their own laptop in the library or on the library's computers. But, as I used the SOCCGS computers more and more, the additional genealogical programs proved to be a great help in finding additional resources for research information. If patrons did not show up during my shift, another benefit was that I could do my own research.

The best benefit of becoming a docent turned out to be working with other people at the library: people just starting out, those not new to genealogy but needing help with some of the programs on the computers, getting printouts when Ancestry updates their program, and just being there to make the computers available to others. It is really satisfying to help someone find an ancestor on a census for the first time and to see their amazement.

Another best benefit is that I had to join SOCCGS. I have met a lot of very fine and wonderful people at the Society that I would not have known if I had not joined and gotten involved in Society activities.

Judy Davin – Co-Librarian with Bunny Smith By David Flint

This month Judy Davin began working in a new role as Co-Librarian with Bunny Smith, who is currently our Librarian. In this new job, Judy will focus on our Docent Program. She will be working closely with Bunny to see how we can provide our docents with more support and training so that they can continue doing a good job serving the public and our members at the genealogy desk in the Mission Viejo Library. Judy also serves as a docent herself, and has a first-hand sense of the needs of our docents. As President, I am very thankful to Judy for taking on this important job, and trust that our docents will welcome her new level of involvement at the library.

Our docents are special people, and are the society's "public face" in their position of dealing with members of the general public who are looking for help with their family history. We appreciate their work, and look forward to Judy's contribution. Our docents will likely see more of Judy around the library. If you are interested in learning more about our docent program, and how you can help in their work, please contact Judy Davin or Bunny Smith. We are always looking for new docents, and for substitutes for temporary service when other docents are away.

Connecticut Cemetery Resources

[Wethersfield Historical Society, Wethersfield, Connecticut](#)

The town of Wethersfield is located in Hartford County in central Connecticut. The Wethersfield Historical Society has shared resources related to the Wethersfield Ancient Burying Ground and Village Cemetery, which dates back to the late 1630s. Researchers will find a history and timeline for the Wethersfield Burying Ground, an interactive map and burial index, and biographies of Wethersfield residents. Click the Interactive Map link to search by the name of the deceased, date of death, inscription, and notes. Click the name link to view a photograph of the gravestone, a line-by-line transcription of the inscription, and GPS coordinates. Click the "map it" link to pinpoint the gravestone on the interactive map. Website: wethersfieldhistory.org/burying-ground/

[Otis Library, Norwich, Connecticut](#)

www.otislibrarynorwich.org

The city of Norwich is located in New London County in southeastern Connecticut. The Otis Library has made a cemetery database available through its Local History and Genealogy collection. Scroll down the page to the City Cemetery Plot Listings. Click the link to open a new webpage with alphabetical burial listings for nearly twenty local cemeteries. The data fields include last name, first name, middle initial, date of interment, when died, age (years/months), where died, section/lot, and notes. The notes field contains information related to removals and re-interments, veteran status, and specifics about location of the plot within a lot.

Information from NEHGS The Weekly Genealogist, Vol. 18, No. 365, Sept 9, 2015

The Day of the 2015 SOCCGS Family History Seminar

~Bill Bluett

Book Sale Table – Kathie Mauzey will greet you at this table, which is a Ways & Means project for SOCCGS. Genealogy related books and magazines, fiction and non-fiction books will be offered for sale.

The Jewelry Table – It's back again this year. Jo Ann Minning, Noel Jensen and Karen Schumaker will offer a selection of mostly vintage costume jewelry. Great bargains await! This is a SOCCGS Ways & Means project as well.

Genealogy Table Sales – Gary Schwarz will be at the table offering a "Genealogy Handbook" and other miscellaneous items. Proceeds will benefit the SOCCGS Library.

Jacquelyn Hanson – Author Jackie is a member of SOCCGS. Her historically accurate books written about her family are a wonderful read. They are entertaining and educational which is a great combination!

Family Tree Maker Table – Sheila Larson will be at this table to demonstrate the latest FTM program along with her FlipPal scanner showing how to scan photos and save them to your computer. Be sure to check out this table!

SOCCGS Genealogy Classes – Stop by this table and consider signing up for one of our many classes offered throughout the year. A SOCCGS member will assist you with information.

Legacy – Jack Naylor (filling in for David Flint) will conduct demonstrations of the Legacy Family Tree genealogy program. This is a well-rounded and easy-to-use genealogy program for both beginners and experienced genealogists. Stop by the Legacy table and find out for yourself about this full-featured genealogy software. Also, don't forget that David teaches a Legacy class. Ask Jack about the date and time of classes.

DAR/SAR – Bunny & Leon Smith are the local registrars for "Daughters of the American Revolution" and Sons of the American Revolution." Persons interested in either organization may stop by their table for information.

Opportunity Prizes – Jim Thordahl will display a number of gifts which will be raffled off during the day. Be sure to stop by his table display and take a look.

Grand Prize – Our speaker, Dick Eastman, will make the drawing of the day for an Ancestry World Deluxe one year subscription.

Don't delay! We are closing in on our October 17th seminar with Dick Eastman. Make your Reservations Now.

SOCCGS '2015' Seminar Registration

Name(s) _____ Registration: _____ @ \$25.00

_____ Box Lunch: _____ @ \$9.00

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____ Total: \$ _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Can the Denominational Archives Help? posted 9/2/2015

If your ancestor was a member of a mainline church, does their national (or regional) office have an archives that could assist you in your search? Church archivists may have records of disbanded congregations, information on former preachers, and details of when congregations were formed and ceased to exist.

Salt Lake City Reservations for 2016 Now Open
~David Flint

Reservations for the 2016 SOCCGS research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City are now being accepted. We have booked a block of 25 rooms at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, located on Temple Square, next door to the Family History Library. The dates for our second annual trip are April 17-24, 2016. The cost is \$450 per person (double occupancy) and \$750 per person (single occupancy). You must be a SOCCGS member to participate in this trip. For more information go to our web page www.socccgs.org and look under announcements.

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Complete details below and return this form with deposit of \$100 per person – 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) Single(s) 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

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

[Map of Quebec Catholic Parishes Until 1912](#) Posted: 31 Aug 2015 05:46 PM PDT

This page on the "Quebec Records" site has a map of Catholic parishes in the Province of Quebec until 1912. www.genealogiequebec.com/LAFRANCE/carte.aspx

[Contrats de mariage de la région de Québec, 1761-1946](#) Posted: 12 Sep 2015 06:32 AM PDT

[This site indexes marriage contracts](#) in Quebec between 1761 and 1946. It is in French.

<http://applications.banq.qc.ca/apex/f?p=131:5:::NO::>

[ELCA \(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America\) Archives, etc.](#) Posted: 12 Sep 2015 06:42 AM PDT

The Archives section of the ELCA website [has a search function](#) and a list of [downloadable resources](#) (including an ELCA family tree). <http://www.elca.org/Resources/Archives>

State Reporters on Google Books Posted 24 Aug 2015

Many state reporters (where cases appealed to the state supreme court) are summarized have been digitized by *GoogleBooks*. While most of the summaries focus on the reasons behind the appeal, there may be genealogical details in the cases and the existence of an appeal would indicate an original action in a lower court. One way to locate entries in these reporters is to include the last name, the name of the county, and the name of the state when searching in *GoogleBooks* at <http://books.google.com>

Future Genealogy Events

Oct. 2, 2015, 10-12:00-Mary Jo McQueen - Genealogical Research SIG - Sdlbk Rm, MV City Hall
Oct 7, 2015, 1:00pm – Beyond Passenger Lists: Documenting 20th Century Immigrant Lives, Zack Wilske, Historian USCIS, Huntington Beach Public Library, sponsored by OC Jewish Gen Society. \$5/\$7
Oct/Nov - England SIG on hiatus. Next meeting is December 14th.
Oct. 15, 2015, 10-12:00-Arlene O'Donnell - Beginning Genealogy Class – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Oct 15, 2015, 11-1:00-Jack Naylor (David absent) – Legacy Users Group, Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Oct 16, 2015, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Oct 23, 2015, 10-12:00-Bunny Smith – “Documentation to Prove Your Lineage”
Oct 27, 2015, 10-12:00-Jim Thordahl – Writing Life Stories – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Jan 30, 2016 – WAGS Annual Seminar –Guest Speaker is Thomas MacEntee of Geneabloggers

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