

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. SOCCGS is not affiliated with the LDS Family History Center.



"SOCCGS Annual Holiday Luncheon"

December 16, 2017

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

(Regular Meeting Location. Please Note Time Change)

Members are invited to bring:

Genealogy or Holiday Items to share and/or Stories to Share.

Canned or Non-perishable Food Items, which will be donated to the South County Outreach Food Bank.**

The Luncheon will be catered.

The Executive Board will provide Desserts.

Important! Please Note:

Please RSVP for luncheon to Barbara Heebner bheebner@cox.net by Monday, December 11, 2017. This is so we can plan for the correct amount of food. We don't want anyone to go away hungry. ☺

** Most needed items for Food Bank: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna, Cereal, Canned Meat, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Oatmeal, Bagged Beans, Bagged Rice, Granola Bars, or monetary donation.

SOCCGS Membership Dues

Reminder that dues for most of our members are payable by January 1, 2018. Watch your in-box around December 1 for an e-mail from Sue Naegeli, Membership Chairman, who will be sending reminders to those members who are due. If you joined after February 2015, your dues are payable on the month you joined and Sue will be sending reminders during the year about a month before you are due. Sue will be happy to receive your dues at the Holiday Luncheon.

President's Message **By Bill Bluett**

It is nearly Christmas and I have been thinking about what the holiday season must have been like in America 100 years ago. What prompted this thought are the stories the SOCCGS Writing Class have been sharing this year regarding their ancestors who served in World War I. The United States entered the war on April 6th, 1917 and, ultimately, over 2 million ended up serving on the battlefields. It must have been a different holiday season for many families with loved ones serving in the military. A warlike situation such as this had not happened on this large of scale since the Civil War over 50 years earlier. First, let me give you a few facts about our country in 1917. The population was about 103 million. It took over 300 years to grow to that figure in contrast to the next 100 years. From 1917 to 2017, our population has grown to approximately 323 million. That is a lot of growth! It is interesting to note that for possibly the first time in America's history, the population actually dropped by nearly 500,000! I suppose that could be attributed to the loss of life in the war and the influenza epidemic from 1918-1920. The number of deaths during this time period was about the same as the Civil War. More about the epidemic later. There were many Americans that were not in favor of the U. S. entering the war and wanted to remain neutral. America became involved because Germany declared that they would target neutral shipping in the designated war-zone. Five American merchant ships went down in March of 1917 and America came into the war in April.

Enough of that! What about Christmas in December of 1917? During this year, there was a young man named **Albert Saducca** who saw a future in selling electric Christmas lights to families. He was a teenage boy whose family owned a novelty lighting company. He suggested that its store offer brightly colored strands of Christmas lights to the public. By the 1920's, Albert and his brothers organized and developed the **NOMA Electric Company** and cornered a large portion of the market until the 1960's. Now, the family Christmas tree was lit in 1917 much like it is today. And, shopping for food and gifts was much more mobile than it was at the turn of the century. Many more automobiles were now on the road. Traveling to visit family and friends during the holidays was becoming much more convenient for the folks who could afford to purchase an auto. There was some suggested food and supply rationing throughout the country, but, not mandatory. Some hotels and restaurants did cut back on serving "meat" to help feed the "overseas" troops. One ad in the New York Times on December 16th, 1917 stated: "**Christmas Dinner, Park Avenue Hotel: Blue Points, Olives, Cream of Tomato, Roast Vermont Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Celery Dressing, Hashed Cream Potatoes, Mashed Turnips, Romaine Salad, Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce or Ice Cream Cake, and Demi-Tasse**". The newspapers called it a - "A No Meat Christmas in the Big Hotels." I guess turkey wasn't considered meat like steak, roast, etc. that could be "preserved" for importing, Do you know what Blue Points are? I had to look it up. Folks were encouraged to eat more perishable food items that could not be shipped overseas, such as, fruits and vegetables. America was only in the war for about 17 months. So, I don't believe the personal sacrifices were as severe as they were during World War II. But, communication to and from loved ones in the military took a little time. Letters had to travel to Europe by ship. Waiting for weeks (or longer) for replies had to create a little anxiety and concern among family members. Otherwise, families most likely experienced a relatively enjoyable holiday season as we do today.

Then, the "bombshell" hit. One month after the Christmas season of 1917, the massive world-wide influenza epidemic hit. Hundreds of thousands of Americans died of the flu each year for the following 3 years and the average life expectancy in the U. S. dropped by 12 years. Many family members were not around for the following Christmas in 1918. Hence, the decrease in population from 1917 to 1918. Some of us may have lost an ancestor during this epidemic. The holiday season can be an emotional time of the year for many. We remember ancestors and loved ones we have lost in the past. But, we cherish the moments we have with the family and friends that we can celebrate with today. I sincerely hope you have a joyous holiday season as we come to the close of this year.

Safari News
~ **Bill Bluett**

Just a reminder that there will be no safari in the month of December. Our next safari will be to the Los Angeles Public Library on January 24th, 2018. Watch for additional information in the January newsletter for this upcoming journey to L. A.

November Meeting
~ **Bill Bluett**

Our guest speaker for our month of November meeting was **Gena Philibert-Ortega**. The topic selected was “**Schools, Jails, and Asylums: Your Ancestor’s Institutional Life**”. Gena prepared a handout that listed examples of types of institutions and where to find records generated by those institutions. It was interesting when she pointed out how many types of libraries there are: Public, Academic, National, Private, State, and Genealogical libraries. Many of these might house documented institutional information. There are numerous types of archives that should be researched as well, such as: Government, Academic, Museums, Corporations, Historical Societies, and Religious organizations. Besides all these resources, Gena highly recommends “historic newspaper research”. And, don’t forget the possibility of finding diaries, journals, and autobiographies. Actually, the number of sources available are endless when you stop and think about it. Gena also listed some online links to institutional records in her handout. All in all, it was a very informative presentation. We thank Gena Philibert-Ortega once again for sharing her knowledge with our group. Prior to her program, our members enjoyed some great refreshments provided by five of our dedicated members. Our contributors this month were: **Tina Murtha, Joyce Van Schaack, Judy Bryant, Marilyn Sedoff, and Eric Savage**

Membership
~ **Sue Naegeli**

We had 84 members and 3 guests at the November meeting.

Guests

Darlene Bigos, Laguna Woods; **Susan Hargis**, Laguna Woods

New Members

Greg Sedoff, (husband of Marilyn Sedoff) Laguna Niguel; **Molly Gardner**, (daughter of Diane Crayne-Gardner), Mission Viejo.

Salt Lake City Trip Update
~ **David Flint**

As of our last meeting 19 of our 20 rooms are booked for the Salt Lake City trip April 22-29, 2018. We have had a very good response this year for reservations. There is one Deluxe room available, and I expect the remaining room to be booked soon. If you are interested in joining our group for the 2018 Salt Lake City week-long research trip, please submit your deposit of \$100 per person along with a reservation form. If you have a specific question about the trip, please contact David Flint davidflint@cox.net .

A copy of the form and other details about the trip can be obtained by visiting our SOCCGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/SLC18-1.pdf>

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

Neighborly Clues posted 30 Oct 2017

Don’t let the angles and measurements intimidate you. The metes and bounds description of your ancestor’s property lines may mention neighbors and geographic features that can help you determine ancestral associates and approximately where your ancestor lived.

New Legacy Beginners Class – February 2018 ~David Flint

Beginning in February 2018 David Flint will offer a new beginners class for those interested in learning how to use the Legacy Family Tree genealogy software. This award-winning program is rated one of the best in the industry for organizing your genealogy research and building family trees for your family history. The class will be presented in four two-hour sessions, and will meet on the third Thursday each month in place of the Legacy Users Group starting in February. The classes will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Saddleback Room at Mission Viejo City Hall. The first class will meet on Thursday, February 15.

If you would like to be in the new Legacy Beginners class starting in February, contact David Flint davidflint@cox.net to register for the class, and to obtain information you will need to prepare for the first class meeting. Everyone in the class should plan to bring their laptop computer to class to follow the discussion and demonstrations of the software. The monthly Legacy Users Group meetings will resume when the beginners class has completed.

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. SOCCGS received over \$700 through this program in the last year. We are grateful to Ralphs and all the SOCCGS participants this past year. **September 1st was the start of a new year to re-enroll. Please enroll or re-enroll online and support our SOCCGS programs.** 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.**

Whittier Area Genealogical Society Seminar **Saturday January 27, 2018.**

Speaker: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG, has been involved in genealogy since before her birth, with her mother doing cemetery research four days before her birth. Peggy is a frequent speaker at genealogical societies, workshops, seminars and webinars where she loves bringing genealogy to life.

Topics: 1) Homespun and Calico: Researching the Lives of Our Foremothers.

2) Migration Trails Across America

3) Vital Records Before State Registration

4) Putting America to Work: The Records of the WPA (Works Progress Administration)

Registration by January 20 – WAGS member \$35; Non-member \$40; Lunch \$12; at the door \$45. www.WAGSWhittier.org for registration form.

Several of our members go to this seminar. If you would like to carpool contact Kathie Mauzey, famhistory@juno.com or Bill Bluett, billbluett@cox.net

Genealogy BASH and Book Faire **Saturday, March 3, 2018**

Speaker: Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Topics: 1) More Than Just Names: Advances US Census Research

2) NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives

3) When World Collide: Revolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records

4) Don't Forget the Ladies – A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law

Book Faire – OCCGS sells books at bargain prices once a year, and this is the time. Come and build your personal library. There is **NO** fee to visit the Book Faire.

Registration by February 27 – OCCGS Member \$40; Non-member \$45; lunch \$12; at the door \$50. For information and online registration www.occgs.com

A Few More Pictures From The SOCCGS Seminar October 21, 2017



Opening Ceremony with SAR



Ways and Means Chair **Donna Rathman** and her crew organized the raffle and prize display. If you couldn't attend the seminar, see what you missed! Great prizes. David Flint won the medieval helmet (#23) donated by Vince Walmuth. I think we'll be seeing this at the English SIG.

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

More Than One Courthouse? Posted: 14 Nov 2017

Some counties have more than one courthouse with each one having specific duties or perhaps responsibilities for a certain portion of the county. Does this apply to the county where you are researching? It may seem unusual to have more than one courthouse in a county, but it does happen. I once assumed there were no deeds for a certain relative until I discovered that the county had two courthouses and I was looking in the records of the wrong one.

Search Terms Not on Main FamilySearch Search Screen posted 7 Nov 2017

This was posted to my *Rootdig* blog, but thought it worth sharing here for those who might not see it. [This post discusses search terms that might not appear on the "main" page for a FamilySearch database.](http://rootdig.genealogytipoftheday.com/?p=5682) <http://rootdig.genealogytipoftheday.com/?p=5682>

Just a Farmer

Michael John Neill Blog update 24 Oct 2017

The words screeched their way into my ears like a scoop shovel on a concrete bin floor. I've heard "just a farmer" before and no doubt I'll hear it again, but every time the utterance reaches the harmony of my inner ear, it irritates me on several levels.

I descend from generations of farmers. Generations. In fact, I'm the first generation that didn't support my family by farming. My pedigree charts are saturated with families whose entire lives were devoted to agricultural pursuits. Some of my grandchildren will probably be raised by a farmer as well (and some won't which is perfectly fine). Needless to say, I approach this with a chip on my shoulder.

I recently overheard two individuals discussing an 18th century German language christening entry that was difficult to read. They had apparently worked out the names and locations. But they were not finished. The occupation of the father was giving them difficulties.

The occupation? "Just a farmer" one of them said. I've read a great many church records. The only time I saw the phrase "just a farmer" used was when it indicated they were baptized by "just a preacher." In other words, never. The use of the phrase was frustrating on several levels and not just for the reason already mentioned.

The second was that one should avoid taking a dismissive tone with anyone's ancestor's occupation. Justifiably or not, many of us develop something of a connection with our long deceased forebears and while they may have been far from perfect with long list of "issues," we tend to identify with them as our personal representative from the past. There but for the grace of two hundred years, go us. Being dismissive of their occupation in the past almost comes across as being dismissive of us in the present.

It's okay for me to make jokes about my ancestors, my background, or my ethnic group, but others had best avoid making such jokes. It's a lesson many of us learn early in life.

But this post is not actually about being emotionally attached to our ancestors and their past occupations. It's about how in many societies and cultures one is not "just a farmer."

There are those who are farm laborers, those who are tenant farmers, those who are small farmers owning just enough land to eke out a living, those who own enough land to have some social standing and maybe a hired man, and then there are those who own enough land that they actually manage it instead of physically farming it.

In some languages there are different words for each type of "farmer." It matters to us as researchers today just as much as it mattered to our ancestors centuries ago. It matters not so we can judge our ancestors for their economic success or failure, but so that we can discern as much about them as we can. It helps us to distinguish farmers with the same name from each other. It matters so that we can effectively research them.

How I approach the research for a farm "laborer" differs from how I approach the research for a "planter." If I arbitrarily assume one type of farmer is the same as any other type of farmer, then I'm not going to research that farmer as accurately as possible. I'm not going to be able to mine the records efficiently; I'm not going to be able to interpret them correctly; and I'm not going to be able to tell his story as effectively as I could.

Every ancestor has a story to tell. Some just leave behind more records than others. But don't say your ancestor was "just" farmer, "just" a factory worker, "just" a laborer, or "just" anything.

After all, you aren't "just" their descendant are you?

GenealogyBank Added New Content for 17 Titles

SOCCGS provides a subscription to GenealogyBank on the computers in our Research Center at Mission Viejo Library.

State	City	Title	Start Date	End Date
Arizona	Tucson	Tucson Citizen New!	01/05/1999 – 05/15/2009	1/5/1999 5/15/2009
California	Oakhurst	Sierra Star: Web Edition Articles New!	06/03/2013 – Current	6/3/2013 Current
Illinois	Peoria	Journal Star	05/12/1976 – 05/04/1990	5/12/1976 5/4/1990
Illinois	Springfield	State Journal-Register	12/11/1987 – 02/15/2002	12/11/1987 2/15/2002
Kentucky	Lexington	Lexington Herald	12/29/1943 – 08/03/1978	12/29/1943 8/3/1978
Michigan	Jackson	Jackson News	09/01/1920 – 12/31/1920	9/1/1920 12/31/1920
Michigan	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Gazette	11/23/1877 – 11/23/1877	11/23/1877 11/23/1877
Missouri	Kansas City	Kansas City Star	07/01/1910 – 11/30/1910	7/1/1910 11/30/1910
Montana	Butte	Butte Weekly New!	05/10/2017 – Current	5/10/2017 Current
New Jersey	Newark	Newark Star-Ledger	08/01/1945 – 07/31/1949	8/1/1945 7/31/1949
North Carolina	Charlotte	Charlotte Observer	03/20/1927 – 03/20/1927	3/20/1927 3/20/1927
Pennsylvania	Levittown, Bristol, Langhorne	Bucks County Courier Times: Web Edition Articles New!	12/27/2010 – Current	12/27/2010 Current
Pennsylvania	Washington	Observer-Reporter	03/03/1969 – 08/31/1970	3/3/1969 8/31/1970
South Carolina	Columbia	State	04/01/1913 – 04/30/1953	4/1/1913 4/30/1953
Tennessee	Brentwood	Brentwood Home Page New!	08/11/2009 – Current	8/11/2009 Current
Texas	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Caller-Times	07/16/1967 – 09/15/1972	7/16/1967 9/15/1972
Texas	Quitman, Mineola	Wood County Monitor New!	09/07/2017 – Current	9/7/2017 Current

Genealogy Tip: One of the ways to take advantage of the fact that GenealogyBank is constantly adding new content is to use a feature on the newspapers' search box that lets you search just on the content added since a certain time. To see our newspaper archives' complete title list of more than 7,000 newspapers, [click here](#)

Geronimo and McKinn

By Ed Reardon

Background. GOLD! John McKinn arrived in northern California sometime before 1860, just one of tens of thousands lured by the gold discovery at Sutter's Mill and a chance to get rich. Census records say he was born in Ireland about 1836. Family lore says he immigrated about 1852 at age 16. John is a distant relative via marriage. There is a John McKinn that sailed out of New Bedford in 1856 aboard the whaler Malta as a "greenhand"; could be him on his way to California via a sail around the Horn.

When our Civil War broke out, to thwart the Confederacy from seizing the Southwest, the Union in November 1861 at Sacramento raised a battalion of 1500 men known as the California Column. The battalion included John McKinn. The troops moved by ship to San Diego, and from there marched 170 miles overland to Yuma by January, then another 500 miles to Fort Thorn, New Mexico by July 1862. The California men never met more than skirmishers of the Confederate army and had minimal casualties. By May 20 the main Confederate army had been beaten in northern New Mexico by another Union army. In the southwest of New Mexico skirmishes around Fort Thorn continued in 1862. Elements of the California Column often found themselves fighting the Apaches after 1862.

The net result for this story is that John McKinn elected to stay in New Mexico when the battalion was disbanded about 1867. New Mexico in those days was in the midst of transformation. The residents of the Spanish land grants were contending with the influx of Anglos, and both of them were contending with very unhappy Apaches. McKinn married Luceria [Lucaria] Abyetta on September 10, 1867, in Belen, New Mexico, about 35 miles south of Albuquerque. John was enumerated in the 1870 census at Elizabeth City, Colfax County, as a cook with the Aztec Quartz Mining Company. Luceria and son Martin are enumerated with her father in Las Nutrias, Socorro County. In the 1880 census John, Luceria and children are listed at Georgetown, Grant County, in the southwest corner of New Mexico. He is listed as a dairyman. George Town was a booming "silver" city in the 1880's, but a victim of the national Silver Panic of 1893, and a ghost town by 1903. It is in what is today the Gila Wilderness. Later the McKinns settled in the verdant Mimbres valley near where Gallinas Canyon Creek empties into the Mimbres river. Later news reports about McKinn are datelined Mimbres. The McKinn ranch was outside of Mimbres in the Mimbres river valley.

Fast Forward to 1885. The New Mexico Territorial census of June 1885 lists John McKean, a stockman, in the Mimbres River District, Grant County. On September 11, 1885, John's sons Martin and James [called "Santiago" by the Spanish mother], brought the family horses and cattle to pasture. Unfortunately for them, horse acquisition was a major activity of the Apache. Geronimo's Chiricahua band of Apaches happened upon the sons. They killed Martin and abducted ten-year-old James along with the horses. The Silver City Enterprise reported the event on September 15, 1885. At the time General George Crook and the U.S. Cavalry were pursuing Geronimo and his band. After numerous skirmishes Geronimo was exhausted and cornered in the badlands of Sonora, Mexico. On March 25-27, 1886, during negotiations for surrender, the photographer C. S. Fly asked Geronimo if he could photograph the meeting. Geronimo agreed. Fly was even allowed to photograph near the Apache camp. His photographs received national distribution.

A photo of several children in front of a wickiup included a white boy; this was McKinn. At this point in time Santiago had assimilated, spoke Apache and considered himself an Apache. He did not want to go home. He bitterly resisted being returned to "civilization." The rescue of Santiago was reported in the New York Times of March 30, 1886. The Silver City Enterprise captured the family reunion in its edition of April 9, 1886.



Santiago became a blacksmith and married Victoria Villanueva. John McKinn and wife Luceria in 1900 were living in San Juan, Grant County, along with James/Santiago and wife Victoria. Various reports say that John was driven insane by the fate of his son Martin.

Later in life Santiago came to hate the Indians. This surfaced when he had to deal with two of his daughters-in-law, one a full-blooded Chiricahua and another of partial Indian descent. By 1920 Santiago and Victoria were living in Phoenix. Santiago died there in 1941 and Victoria in 1965. Both are buried in St Francis cemetery.

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

Women in Gainful Occupations 1870 to 1920 posted 1 Nov 2017

An interesting book I discovered on *GoogleBooks*: [Women in Gainful Occupations 1870-1920](#) written by Joseph A. Hill for the US Department of Commerce-Bureau of the Census

North Carolina Colonial Court Records posted 31 Oct 2017

The State Archives of North Carolina has a collection of [digital images of colonial court records on their site](#). See the [CCR finding aid](#) to learn more about what is contained in this database.

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/collections/colonial-court>

December Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in December:

Dec 6 – 11am – Finding Your Roots in Catholic Records – Lisa Salinas

Dec 13 – 5pm – I Thought He Was my Ancestor: Avoiding the Six Biggest Genealogy Mistakes – James M. Baker

Dec 15 – 11am – Finding Your Nordic Parish of Birth – Jill Morelli

Dec 19 – 5pm – The Law and the Reasonably Exhaustive (Re)search – Judy G. Russell

Dec 20 – 11am – Palmetto Pride – South Carolina for Genealogist – Rorey Cathcart

Dec 27 – 11am – Problems and Pitfalls of a "Reasonably Shallow Search" - Elissa Scalise Powell

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:

Dec 2 – 11am - Your Mom's mtDNA – Diahna Southard

Dec 20 – 100 Days to a Better Family History – Tammy Hepps

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

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

Dec 14 – 12pm – Searching Databases on AmericanAncestors.org – Don LeClair

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

Illinois Genealogical Society

Dec 12 – 6pm – Ephemera: Genealogy Gold – Sharon S. Atkins

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

Family History Library Class Calendar

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

go to Classes and Online Webinars.

Future Genealogy Events

Dec 1, 2017, Gen. Research SIG –No meeting this month

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

Dec 19, 2017, 10-12:00- Jim Thordahl – **Writing Family Stories** – Saddleback Rm

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

Dec 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)

Dec 21, 2017, 10-12:00-David Flint – **Legacy Users Group** - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall

Dec 22, 2017– **Ireland SIG** – **No meeting this month**

Jan 5, 2017, 10:30-12:30 – Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

Jan 27, 2018 – **WAGS Annual Seminar** Information: www.WAGSWhittier.org

Feb 28-Mar 3, 2018 – **RootsTech, Salt Lake City** <http://RootsTech.org>

Mar 3, 2018 – **OCCGS Genealogy Bash** featuring Judy Russell – The Legal Genealogist http://occgs.com/mtg_event/bash/bash.html

Aug 22-25, 2018 – **FGS Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN** <http://visitfortwayne.com/fgs2018>

2017 Programs

December 16 – Annual Year End Holiday Gathering

2018 Programs

January 20 – Barbara Taylor/Arlene O'Donnell – “Climbing the DNA ladder to get over your brick wall”

February 17 - To be Determined

March 17 – Joel Weintraub – “What can we expect from the 1950 census”

April 21 – To be Determined

May 19 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – Topic to be determined

June 16 – Francie Kennedy – Topic to be determined

July 21 – To be Determined

August 18 – To be Determined

September 15 – To be Determined

October 20 – Annual Seminar Program

November 17 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – Topic to be determined

December 15 – Annual Year End Holiday Gathering

Spotlight: Morgan County Public Library, Indiana

The Weekly Genealogist, November 15, 2017

Morgan County is located in central Indiana. Its county seat is Martinsville. The [Morgan County Public Library](#) has made a number of resources available on its Genealogy webpage, including the following databases:

[Morgan County Cemetery Database](#)

This database can be searched by last name and first name. Limit your search to a single cemetery by selecting from the dropdown list. The data fields in the search results are last name, first name, birth and death dates, and cemetery name. Click the search result for a detailed record. The data fields in the detailed record are first name, last name, dates, note, cemetery name, township, location, and other information. Use the Back button to return to the search results.
<https://in.evanced.info/morg/genealogy/cemeteryview.asp>

[Morgan County Obituary Finder](#)

This index can be searched by last name, first name, middle name/initial, maiden name, date of death, birth date, spouse's name, survived by, other, and obituary source. Click the search result for a detailed record, including cemetery name, residence, parents' names, and funeral home.
<https://in.evanced.info/morg/genealogy/obitview.asp>

Using Timelines in Your Genealogy

Familytree magazine online 11/27/2017

Dogs might be man's best friend and diamonds are supposedly a girl's, but for genealogists, timelines have them beat. Timelines can not only help you find holes in your research, they can also be a beautiful way to share your ancestor's story. From your basic, facts-driven timelines to a polished piece, get into the habit of using timelines in your genealogy

Genealogy Search Tip of the Day

Tips for Dating Postcards posted 22 Nov 2017

The Center for Southwest Studies at Ft. Lewis College has a [page of tips for dating U. S. postcards](#).
https://www.fortlewis.edu/finding_aids/images/M194/PostcardDating.htm

Happy Holidays

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SOC CGS Research Center, located at the
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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.

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