

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.

Happy New Year

January 20, 2018

"Climbing the DNA Ladder to Get Over Your Brick Wall"

Presented by: Arlene O'Donnell & Barbara Taylor

Have you been thinking about taking one of the DNA tests that are so popular now? Or perhaps you've taken one, and aren't sure how to interpret the results. How can you identify matches on a particular branch of your family tree, and use that information to help break through a genealogical brick wall?

Join our speakers, Arlene O'Donnell and Barbara Taylor, who are both members of the South Orange County California Genealogical Society, as they discuss their experiences using DNA to solve mysteries and expand their family trees. They'll tell us what they've learned along the way, and offer tips and resources that you can apply to your genealogical research.

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.

See Article on Page 8 by Elizabeth Karner on how DNA knocked down her brick wall.

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

[Missouri Naturalization Index](#) posted 7 Dec 2017

A database on the Missouri State Archives website contains an index to naturalizations in Missouri between 1816 and 1955. Not all counties are included.

The [database can be searched on the Missouri State Archives website](#). Read the [areas covered](#) ("About the Project") before searching.

President's Message
By Bill Bluett

Happy New Year! I can't believe it's 2018. It seems as though it was just yesterday that we were all fearful that our computers were going to "crash" as we moved into the new "millennium" 18 years ago! My, how time flies. Our society was not quite 6 years old when that took place. I wonder how many members SOCCGS had at that time? I'll bet someone in our group knows the answer. In the meantime, we look forward to 2018 with well over 300 members "**chomping at the bit**" to get past the Holiday Season and get back to some serious genealogy research. Speaking of the holidays, my wife and I did a little traveling before and after Christmas. First, we traveled to Salt Lake City to see the "**Nutcracker**" performed in the old **Palace Theater**. Helen and I have good friends that live on our street in San Clemente. They have a second home in Sandy, Utah, which is in the greater Salt Lake region. They have two daughters (ages 14 and 11) that are in ballet and perform in the Nutcracker. The Palace Theater was built in 1913 and restored around 1978 and has been kept in pristine condition since the restoration. After the performance, we walked two blocks to see "Temple Square" lit up in all its glory for the Holiday Season. Now, Helen and I have had the opportunity to see "Temple Square" in December with all the Christmas decorations and again in April (during our genealogy research trip) loaded with tulips of many colors that completely fill the area. It's quite a treat to be in Salt Lake City during those two seasons. The weather during our trip was not too bad – mid 40's during the day, but, freezing and below at night. I'm sorry to say there was no time to do any research at the LDS Research Library. I'll have to wait until April to do that.

Our second holiday trip took place a few days after Christmas. We traveled to Iowa to help Helen's stepmother celebrate her **100th birthday!** Pauline lives in a retirement facility in Williamsburg which is about 20 miles west of Iowa City on Interstate 80. The facility looks like a castle sitting on top of a hill with a grand view of the surrounding area. Highland Ridge has apartments, assisted living, and a nursing home for its residents as well as beautiful outdoor grounds and an underground parking structure that has air conditioning as well as heating - depending on the weather! Helen's stepmom didn't want her birthday to be a big deal (even though it was), so, our celebration was primarily immediate family as well as a few close friends that joined in. I have to say that the weather in Iowa was a little less tolerable than it was in Salt Lake City. As a matter of fact, it can be bitter. I guess that's why my wife moved to Southern California a year after completing her nurses training in Iowa City a number of years ago. Regardless of the weather, we all had an enjoyable time visiting with family and Helen's stepmom during our 5 days in Iowa.

There are no more travel plans for us until March for the "spring Training" games in the Phoenix area. We usually attend two or three Angels games with a number of friends from the San Clemente area. Then, we will plan and focus our attention on the next upcoming trip to Salt Lake City the last week in April. David Flint will be putting together his 4th trip for our society. Many of us are looking forward to sharing this time with a few folks that will making this trip for the first time. And, I can guarantee – "**that a good time will be had by all**".

Safari News
~Bill Bluett

On January 24th, we will journey to the Los Angeles Public Library. Since we make this trip just once a year, you will want to make a special effort to go along. In order to prepare for this fact-finding excursion, you can go to the LAPL website to find a listing of the genealogy books available. Also, it is always a good idea to make a list of research goals. We will leave the LDS parking lot promptly at 9 a.m. This will be an all day and into the evening foray. You may bring your lunch, eat in the library food court, or in one of the nearby restaurants. We will have dinner across the street from the library. Don't forget to bring \$\$ for your driver. Make your reservation with Bill Bluett at billbluett@cox.net.

December Holiday Meeting and Brunch ~Bill Bluett

Approximately 76 folks attended our annual holiday gathering and enjoyed hot cider, meat and eggplant lasagna, bread, and salad. Our meal was again catered by “**Fratello’s Italian Grille**” in San Clemente. Servers in the kitchen were **Barbara Heebner, Sharon Keener, Michael Keener**, and **Bunny Smith** with **Marilyn Kowalski, Diane Wahrman, and Cheryl Lyman** assisting in setting up the kitchen and the dessert and display tables that were located in the gymnasium. A wonderful assortment of desserts was provided by your Board of Directors. Many members brought canned goods to be delivered to the South County Outreach Food Bank. We thank the Kowalski family for getting these items to the food bank. There were a number of items on display for folks to look at including scrapbooks, a quilt, a painting, our Society Historian Books, and a very unique Marriage Certificate. We thank each member who brought items to share and display with our group. Prior to all the activities and brunch, I hosted a brief General Meeting and then introduced Judy Davin who honored our library docents by indicating how many overall hours our docents served in 2017 as well as the number of years that many have served in that capacity. Thank you, docents, for your service. The last item on the agenda was a drawing for the ANCESTRY WORLD DELUXE SUBSCRIPTION. This item is usually given away at our October seminar. For various reasons, it needed to be handled at our Holiday Gathering. And, the winner was **Marilyn Kowalski**. Congratulations, Marilyn! Also, I would like to thank our Membership Chairperson, **Sue Naegeli**, for encouraging folks to sign in and receive their ticket for the Ancestry drawing. Finally, it was an enjoyable holiday gathering. We thank all who helped “set up” and “take down” all the tables and chairs for our holiday event. With that, I would like to wish each of you a “Very Happy New Year.” Hope to see you at our January meeting.

Salt Lake City Trip Update **David Flint**

All of our 20 allocated rooms at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel are now booked for the Salt Lake City trip April 22-29, 2018. Thanks for the great response – our best yet before one of our annual trips! I will contact the hotel to see if it’s possible to obtain additional rooms if needed.

In the meantime, if you are interested in joining our group for the 2018 Salt Lake City week-long research trip, and don’t yet have a reservation, please submit your deposit of \$100 per person along with a reservation form. I will create a waiting list and if more rooms become available, they will be booked on a first-come first-served basis. A copy of the reservation 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> . If you have a specific question about the trip, please contact David Flint davidflint@cox.net .

Ancestry Class at the Mission Viejo Library on January 26th ~GayleMeldau

SOCCGS and the Mission Viejo Library are teaming up again to present an introductory class on using Ancestry.com on Friday, January 26th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity, if you haven’t used Ancestry much, or know someone who would like to get started researching their family tree.

The class is free and is held in the library’s computer Technology Center in the south wing. Registration is required – just call the library reference desk at 949-830-7100, ext. 5105 to sign up.

If you’re an experienced Ancestry user, we’d love to have your help with the class! Email Gayle Meldau at gmeldau@cox.net if you’re interested.

New Legacy Beginners Class – February 2018 **David Flint**

A new beginners class will start in February 2018 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, 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.

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.

Note that the upcoming seminar will include a **HUGE BOOK SALE – the entire WAGS Library Collection**. WAGS has had the library collection in storage for the past year. It's time to let it go, so make sure you don't miss out.

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.occg.com

SOC CGS Membership Dues

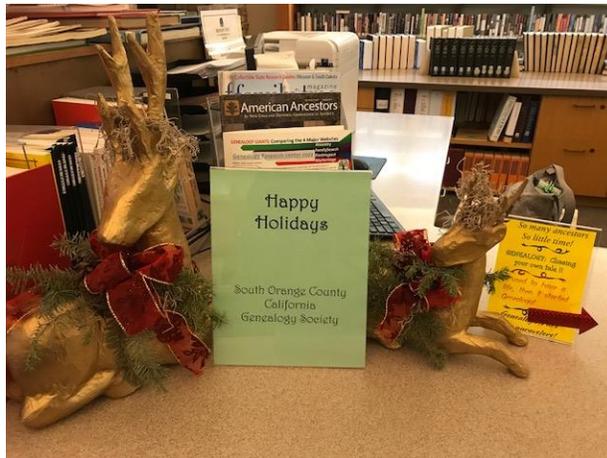
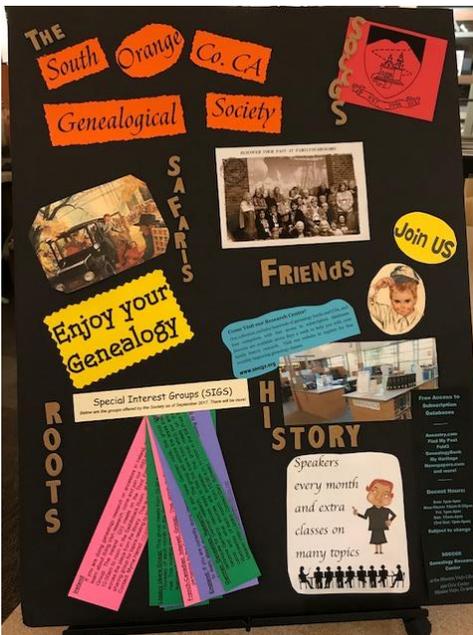
Reminder that dues for most of our members are payable by **January 1, 2018**.
Check your inbox from Sue Naegeli, Membership Chair, for reminder notice.

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Gayle Meldau, Sue Naegeli, Bunny Smith, Bill Bluet, Marilyn Kowalski, Barbara Heebner, David Flint, Arlene O'Donnell, Donna Rathman, Gary Schwarz, Judy Davin, Kathie Mauzey.

SOC CGS Research Center



Left: Poster created by **Marilyn Kowalski**
Above: Holiday Decorations by **Judy Davin**

At the Holiday Luncheon **Judy Davin** announced that the docents have worked a **total of 2332 hours for 2017**. She also recognized four docents who have worked at our SOCCGS Research Center at Mission Viejo Library for 20 years: **Pat Weeks, Herb Abrams, Bunny Smith, Kathie Mauzey.**

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Sharing Genealogy/Holiday Items & Stories



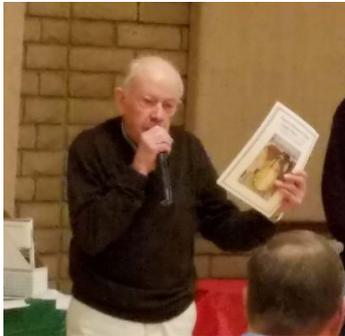
David Flint



Crayne Family Quilt



Donna Rathman



Herb Abrama



Marilyn Kowalski
Ancestry Winner



Michael Keener, Sharon Keener
Barbara Heebner, Hospitality



Delicious Italian Lunch, Yummy Desserts.



A Good Time was had by all. See you Next year!

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

[Chicago, Illinois Genealogy Site](http://www.chicagogenealogy.com/) posted 30 Nov 2017

Those with an interest in the Chicago, Illinois, area may wish to take a look at this site:

<http://www.chicagogenealogy.com/>

Food Drive December 2017



Marilyn Kowalski was in charge of the Food Drive at the Holiday Luncheon on December 16th. This year our members donated 489 pounds of food and it took 2 cars to transport the items to Marilyn's home. The Kowalskis then transported the items to the South County Outreach Food Bank. Marilyn had a contest that day for our members to guess how many pounds would be collected. Come to the January 20th meeting to see who had the best guess on the number of pounds of food SOCCGS donated.

CDBaby ~ **Pat Weeks**

I had a pleasant surprise when ordering a cd on line as a Christmas present. Here is the response I received from the company, CDBaby, acknowledging my purchase.

“Thank you for your order with CD Baby. Your CD has been gently taken from our CD Baby shelves with sterilized contamination-free gloves and placed onto a satin pillow.

A team of fifty employees inspected your CD and polished it to make sure it was in the best possible condition before mailing. Our world-renowned packing specialist lit a local artisan candle and a hush fell over the crowd as he put your CD into the finest gold-lined box that money can buy.

We all had a wonderful celebration afterwards and the whole party marched down the street to the post office where the entire of Portland waved “Bon Voyage” to your package, on its way to you in our private CD Baby jet on this day, December 13, 2017.

We hope you had a wonderful time shopping at CD Baby. In commemoration, we have placed your picture on our wall as “Customer of the Year” We're all exhausted but can't wait for you to come back to CDBABY.com!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We miss you already and patiently await your return. “

Now that is how to keep the customer really happy!!

Newspaper Clippings & a DNA Match Helped Me Knock down a Brick Wall **By Elizabeth Karner**

I had researched my cousin twice removed, Frank, his wife, Evelyn, and daughter, Patricia, as far as I could. They all lived in Allentown, PA. I found an Oct. 1931 Marriage License Application for his marriage on Ancestry.com, so I assumed that he had married Evelyn. I checked the 1940 census but found no records of them living together, but I did find a record for Evelyn's parents. It listed her father as head of household, mother, a boarder, and a grandchild with my cousin's last name. That's curious, I thought, why was the daughter of my cousin living with her grandparents and not her parents? Thus, a mystery presented itself. I didn't have the time I needed to continue my research, so the mystery remained unsolved, but was not forgotten.

I found no records for Patricia other than the 1940 census. I ordered a 1946 obituary for her maternal grandmother, Elsie, from the Allentown Library. It stated that her daughter, the girl's mother, Evelyn, was living in Forked River, New Jersey. I attempted to locate Evelyn in New Jersey, but to no avail. I figured that she may have remarried but all I had to go on was her maiden name. Then I ordered a 1965 obituary for my cousin, Frank. It stated that he'd died in New York, so I knew that they had definitely parted ways at some point.

In the meantime, I asked my 92 year-old first cousin once removed, Joe, to take the Ancestry.com DNA test, which confirmed that we were close cousins. I received an email message through Ancestry DNA for my cousin as I was his sponsor. It was from a third to fourth cousin of his, Mary, who was also my cousin. Thus, began a new relationship for me with Cousin Mary.

Mary emailed me Newspaper.com clippings about my family and Evelyn's from the Allentown newspaper, the Morning Call. I requested that she send me any clippings about Evelyn's family, hoping that researching her family might help me learn more about my cousins Frank and Patricia. One such clipping was a 1980 obituary for Evelyn's father, with whom my cousin, Patricia, had lived. The obituary gave the married surname of another living granddaughter of his (his son's child), Gwendolyn.

I crafted a polite inquiry letter to Gwendolyn after Googling her home address. I explained in the letter that I was doing family research and that Patricia was a cousin of mine. Did she know anything about Patricia? I was surprised by a quick reply from Gwen. She'd given me some information and requested that I call her for more. I spent over an hour on the phone with Gwen. She told me that Patricia was her favorite cousin.

I learned that Patricia was born in Dec. 1931, so she was conceived out of wedlock. She'd lived with her grandfather until he remarried in 1949, then lived with her mother, Evelyn, in New Jersey at age 18. Unfortunately Gwen didn't know anything about Evelyn and Frank's marriage or possible divorce or annulment. That same year Patricia had a baby, Ricky, out of wedlock, but several years later married and in 1952 had a daughter, Sandra. Ricky died at age five because he couldn't breathe – he may have had polio. Patricia died in a 1955 auto accident on the Garden State Pkwy., but her husband survived. As a young adult, Sandra married, but died in a 1970 auto accident on the way to meet her husband. She lost her life on the same parkway as her mother. I was saddened by their tragic lives and my hopes of connecting with Patricia were dashed.

My brick wall had collapsed with these findings. I would not have been able to get the information I had without the DNA tests and the help of a new-found cousin who supplied me with pertinent newspaper clippings.

The Twelve Key Blog **~Denise Hibsich Richmond**

The Twelve Key blog is written by Claire Kluskens, a senior reference and projects archivist at the U.S. National Archives in Washington, D.C. The blog includes articles about historical and genealogical records at the National Archives. She recently wrote about how to use her website. <https://twelvekey.com/2017/12/06/how-to-use-this-blog-website/> I discovered her while reading her article about finding postmaster records. She's worth following.

**In Memory of
David English
1930-2017**

David English was a member of SOCCGS for many years. Many of our members also knew him as a volunteer at the National Archives in Laguna Niguel. David became interested in genealogy in the 1970s and spent many hours with his wife, Faye, researching their family histories and became an expert genealogist. He is survived by his son Roy, daughter Denise, son-in-law Jeff and their three boys, Brad, Andrew and Tyler all of Garden Grove. His Obituary can be viewed at:
<http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/chillicothegazette/david-english-condolences/187196686?ci d=full>

January Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in January:

Jan 3 – 11am – Did I Get Everything? Creating a Checklist for Genealogy Research – Thomas MacEntee

Jan 5 – 11am– Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 1): Your First Few Legacy Tips – Geoff Rasmussen

Jan 10 – 5pm – Quality, Time and Completion: Developing a Research Plan (Part One) – J. Mark Lowe

Jan 12 – 5pm – Full Circle: Tracing the Descendants of a Slaveholding Ancestor – Nicka Smith

Jan 16 – 11am – Genealogy for Beginners: Start Your Online Family Tree – Daniel Horowitz

Jan 16 – 5pm – Finding Thomas' Father: an 18th Century Prince William County Virginia Case Study – Pam Stone Eagleson

Jan 17 – 11am – Introducing the Geni World Family Tree – Randol Schoenberg

Jan 24 – 11am – Finding Jamestown Ancestors – KC Reid

Jan 30 – 11am - Understanding DNA Matching Technology – MyHeritage Webinars

Jan 31 – 11am – Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast and MyHeritage – Sunny Morton

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:

Jan 6 – 10am Introduction to WikiTree's Free Online Collaborative One-World Family Tree – Peter Roberts

Jan 17 – 6pm – Free Land: Homesteading the West – Jamie Mayhew

Feb 3 – 10am – Jumping the Pond: Finding the Origins of Your Immigrant Ancestor – Donna Moughty

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

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

Jan 18 – 12pm – Hosting an Online Family Reunion – David Allen Lambert

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

Illinois Genealogical Society

Jan 9 – 6pm – Finding Scottish Ancestors Online – Nancy Loe

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

Chicago Homicides 1870-1930 posted 6 Dec 2007

This database at Northwestern University in Chicago contains information on homicides in Chicago, Illinois <http://homicide.northwestern.edu/database/>

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS MINCE PIE DISASTER

By Robert Mc Intyre

Christmas 1949 — I'm pretty sure it was 1949. Dad and mom had a brand new shiny green Nash automobile shaped like an upside down bath tub. My older sister Gloria hadn't yet quit school and ran off to Vegas and married a sailor — that was 1952. My baby brother, Michael, wasn't in the house — he was born March 9, 1950. Santa had left me a Schwinn bicycle under the Christmas tree — it wasn't a new one, but it was a Schwinn which would be great for my paper route delivering the Long Beach Independent and would make me the envy of the neighborhood kids. So I'm pretty sure it was Christmas 1949. My sister Gloria was 15, an unhappy sophomore at Excelsior High School in Norwalk. I was 11, and my brother Ed was 10. He was into everything and usually destroyed everything he was into — more about Ed and mince pie later.

Mom was great a cook. She really was a cook at Mike's Restaurant on the corner of Carson and Norwalk in Hawaiian Gardens, between the towns of Cypress, to the east and Lakewood, to the west, where she also performed weekend dinner shows as a hula dancer. Mom was talented and was a great cook before she did it for a living.

Besides roast turkey, with a magic stuffing that included *distilled spirits* — *Mmmm*, flaky home cooked biscuits, green beans with pearl onions, corn on the cob and cranberry sauce, mom made both mashed potatoes with homemade gravy and her own special potato salad, which consisted of mayonnaise, boiled potatoes, black olives, chopped scallions, diced celery, diced dill pickles, sliced boiled eggs, seasoned with garlic and celery salt and sprinkled with paprika. I don't know where she got the recipe, whether it was handed down from her mother, Grandma Alice or she made it up herself. What I do know is no matter how much she made, it was never enough. The recipe was handed down to my late wife Ginger and me. My son, Robert and his girlfriend, Vishka are the next generation keepers of the recipe.

Pies — Lordy did mom make pies. Apple, pumpkin, and mince pies and just for me — 'cause I loved 'em, she might buy a boysenberry pie from the local café over on Norwalk Boulevard, where I once got caught trying to steal a boysenberry pie — it just beckoned to me, I couldn't help myself. The humiliating experience taught me a life of crime wasn't for me.

But this tale is about a mince pie that became a family story that was told over and over again with uproarious laughter, at family holiday gatherings. What is a mince pie, and further, what is the main ingredient — minced meat? I had to look it up. Mince pie is a traditional English pie. Which makes sense — my mother was English — well actually she was born in Los Angeles, but both her parents, Alfred and Alice emigrated from Manchester England. So it is safe to say mom got the recipe from her mother. It is also safe to say none of her children were interested in having her recipe. Dad loved it, though, even though he was raised on southern cooking.

Minced meat is a mixture of chopped, dried fruit, beef, spices, and distilled spirits (kinda goes with the stuffing, doesn't it? And explains why dad liked it.) Other ingredients include normal pie stuff: nuts, flour, sugar, salt, eggs, and butter. *Distilled spirits Mmmmm!*

At the time, we were living in the small house dad built on Juan Street, in Hawaiian Gardens, after we lost the dairy. Small accurately describes it. A living room/bedroom for mom and dad and sister Gloria, a bathroom, where my brother Ed and I slept in bunk beds, and a small kitchen; total square footage about the size of our living room today. Dad had started construction on two bedrooms at the back of the house, but the add-on was nowhere near habitable.

Because mom made such a large meal and our house was **SOooo** small, food was scattered all over the house, in various stages of preparation or simply cooling down, before we could all gather 'round for Christmas feasting. On our couch, she placed three pies fresh out of the oven to cool — an apple pie, a pumpkin pie, and her and dad's favorite — a mince pie.

My brother Ed, who had been outside playing with his rowdy friends rushed in through the front door, yelled “When are we gonna eat?” and did something he had been repeatedly warned to stop doing – he launched himself backwards and plopped down on the couch, right on the – **just out of the oven hotter than hell** – mince pie. The apple pie and pumpkin pie bounced off onto the floor and Ed shot up from the couch screaming in pain and pulling his pants down. My sister Gloria and I were laughing, hysterically. Mom broke into tears and ran into the kitchen screaming something about everything being ruined. Dad grabbed Ed and carried him into the kitchen and slapped cold, wet rags on his scalded butt and tried to console mom, who was now concerned about Ed’s scalded bottom..

When things settled down, mom was able to salvage the apple and pumpkin pies. Though not attractive, they were tasty, as was the rest of our Christmas dinner. Mom and dad did without their mince pie – it did not survive. No one would have eaten it anyway after Ed’s butt had been in it. Mom beamed with pride as the meal she prepared was devoured by her family. Dad consoled himself over the loss of mince pie by finishing the bottle of brandy that had provided the distilled spirits for the stuffing and mince pie. Needless to say, Ed had Christmas dinner standing up.

Future Genealogy Events

- Jan 5, 2018, 10:00-12:00** - Sue Naegeli **Gen. Research SIG** – Sadlbck Rm, MV City Hall
Jan 6, 2018, OCCGS, Speaker Ted Gostin, 11:00 “Finding your Immigrant Ancestor Online” and 12:30 ”Emigration Records: Tracking Immigrants from the Other Side.” Info: occgs.com
Jan 15 2018, 10-12:00-David Flint - **England SIG** - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
Jan 17, 2018, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – **German SIG** – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Jan 18, 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)
Jan 18, 2018, 10-12:00-David Flint – **Legacy Users Group** - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
Jan 19, 2018– **Ireland SIG** – Myrna Hamid - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
Jan 23, 2018, 10-12:00- Jim Thordahl – **Writing Family Stories** – Saddlebck Rm
Jan 23, 2018, 9:30 - **NSDCGS** program, Jean Wilcox Hibben – “Beware the Enchanted Forest: Perils and Pitfalls of On-Line Trees”
Jan 27, 2018 – **WAGS Annual Seminar** Information: www.WAGSWhittier.org
Feb 2, 2018, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** –Sadlbck Room, MV City Hall
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
May 31-Jun 2, 2-18 – **Genealogy Jamboree 2018**, Burbank, CA www.scsgenealogy.com
Aug 22-25, 2018 – **FGS Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN** <http://visitfortwayne.com/fgs2018>

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

2018 programs continued

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

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