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February 16, 2013

Introduction to DNA Testing for Genealogy

Presented by

CeCe Moore

A complex subject made understandable for non-scientists. This session will introduce the three types of DNA tests used for genealogical purposes, the DNA testing companies that offer services to the genealogy community, and the practical applications of DNA for family history. Case studies from the presenter's own genetic genealogy research will be shared to demonstrate what can be discovered using DNA.

About the Speaker: CeCe Moore is a professional genetic genealogist who writes the popular blog "[Your Genetic Genealogist](#)". She serves as the lead "23andMe Ancestry Ambassador" and as the Southern California Regional Coordinator for the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG). She is the moderator of ISOGG's DNA-Newbie Mailing List and the administrator for the Proctor DNA Project and co-administrator for the Travis DNA Project and the Adopted DNA Project. CeCe's passion for assisting adoptees recover their heritage has led to her serving on the Advisory Board of the Mixed Roots Foundation and as the Co-Director of the Global Adoptee Genealogy Project (GAGP). She is frequently quoted in the press and consulted in regard to the emerging personal genomics industry, including recently making Newsweek's "Recommended Reading" list for DNA. She is a frequent presenter on her favorite subject - genetic genealogy - speaking locally around the Southern California area as well as at genealogy conferences.

Safari News

~Bill Bluett

Be sure to join us on February 27th and take part in our safari. We will be traveling back to the **Cole Genealogy Library in Carlsbad** which is located on Carlsbad Village Drive just off the 5 Freeway. The car(s) will leave the LDS parking lot at 9:30 a.m. You can bring a brown-bag lunch or travel to a nearby eatery. Also, bring \$\$ for your driver. There will be no dinner planned on the way home.

President's message

~Francie Kennedy

How to do genealogy while you knit (...or drive or walk)

Before the holidays, I had several handmade gifts to finish, so my research was put on hold. My desk became a catch-all for papers, tax records, and receipts to file. The surface of my desk silted up like a river delta. I can no longer see my keyboard, and barely find the monitor. I will excavate that soon! Meanwhile, in the process of finishing a knit blanket and three scarves, I discovered a fabulous genealogy resource! If you have British ancestors, or are simply an Anglophile by inclination, you will want to explore the Web site of the United Kingdom's National Archives at Kew. The main website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk has information about documents spanning 1,000 years of history (!) with good indexes and a growing number of scanned images of documents and maps. Many useful research guides are available. The National Archives digitizes some of their own records, and also works with Ancestry and Find My Past to make other documents available.

When you are knitting, driving, or taking a walk, away from the keyboard, the National Archives **podcasts** are the resource to know about. A podcast is simply an audio recording, like a radio program, and I believe any computer can download and play them these days. They can also be saved to portable devices, like a laptop, an MP3 player or iPod, or saved on a CD or DVD. More than 280 podcasts are now on the site, covering topics ranging from the Magna Carta to Jamestown, civil registration to WW I and WW II, kings and queens, aspects of social history, and various record groups like colonial records and the MI5, are included. The link to podcasts is toward the bottom of the home page; here's the direct address: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/rss/podcasts.xml>

For variety, another site for podcasts is www.genealogyguys.com/. The Genealogy Guys - George Morgan (our seminar speaker a few years ago) and Drew Smith - have a long-running series of broadcasts. You can listen to past episodes from the beginning, if you have a marathon project, or want a helping of genealogy to accompany you on your daily walk! The Guys discuss a wide variety of types of records, sources, search techniques, and events in the genealogy world. It's like sitting around the table chatting with a couple of friends, great fun - and there's plenty to learn from them, too.

My desk is still piled with paperwork, my computer buried and my files chaotic. However, after listening to literally dozens of podcasts, I now feel like I am more comfortable with English, Irish and Scottish history, and the British sources available through Web sites, FamilySearch, and The National Archives. And those gifts were finished in time for the holidays.

Enjoy the search! We are all related.

WILLIAM H. "BILL" TOSH

~Mary Jo McQueen

We lost a good friend and member when William H. (Bill) Tosh passed away December 27th. He was a fine gentleman and will be sorely missed by those of us who knew him. Bill was always willing to help others and share his genealogy research.



Bill was born 13 May 1924 in Kansas City, Kansas to William Henry Tosh and Myrtle DeMurl Raymor. His paternal grandparents were Jesse James Tosh and Wilhelmina Pauline Fischer also of Kansas City.

There are nine Revolutionary War patriots in his Tosh line. Thus, he was a proud member of Sons of the American Revolution. Bill shared many stories of his Virginia families, some of which were founders of Roanoke, Virginia.

Bill was a 22-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having enlisted in 1942. He was a graduate of the U.S. Navy School of Music, Orange Coast College and Cal State Fullerton. For many years he taught instrumental music and English in Orange County public schools. His hobbies included harpsichord building, genealogy and performing in local music groups.

Now, perhaps, Bill will be able to sort out those elusive McClanahan's of Botetort County, Virginia.

In the land of the blind, the one eyed man is king. ~Hewell Howser (1945 – 2013) on television.

Brick Walls & Genealogy Research Suggestions

~Bill Bluett

Our President, Francie Kennedy, kicked off our Genealogy Moments segment by sharing with us that one of her current research projects is her mother's family, the **Russells**. They were located in the Missouri area from about 1830 to 1880. Prior to that, her research takes place in the Delaware area.

David Flint showed us a book he purchased at Roger's Gardens in Corona Del Mar. It contains the name of a "Saint" for each day of the year with a story and picture illustrations. He is willing to share the information about any particular day of the year with anyone who asks.

Terri Lancey found marriage information for California on Ancestry.com. She thought the information was from the 1960's forward. Terri found at least three family members listed including her sister.

Karen Guth was watching the Alaskan Loggers show on the History Channel and saw a logger with her mother's family name – **Papac**. After doing some searching, she contacted the person and the family and discovered he was related to her great grandfather's brother. The ancestors are from **Croatia** and one of them may have returned to Russia at some point in time. Hopefully, Karen is on the trail to finding more information about this family.

Noel Jensen is searching for a family named **Fouyer**. She believes they came from **Cornwall** about 1896, but, cannot find them on any passenger lists. They may have traveled to **Canada** and ultimately to Michigan. She is still searching. Anyone have any research ideas?

Donna Hobbs is corresponding by mail to families in Indiana she does not know hoping any one of them might have information on her husband's family line. She did receive one response from a person that just happens to do genealogy and has information on the family line from Germany. Besides e-mail, you can do like Donna and get out those cards and letters!

Legacy User's Group

~ David Flint

The SOCCGS Legacy Family Tree User's Group meets at the Mission Viejo Library from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Bill Price meeting room of the Mission Viejo Library. The next meeting is at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 21.

New Legacy Beginner's Class Starting in January

~David Flint

David Flint is offering a new beginner's class on Legacy Family Tree Software. This class is for anyone interested in getting started with this genealogy software for the first time, as well as those who already use it and would like to review the basics. The remaining two beginner's classes will meet on February 7 and February 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Bill Price meeting room at the Mission Viejo Library. If you are interested in attending the new beginner's class, please contact David Flint directly at davidflint@cox.net.

Membership

SOCCGS started the New Year receiving three new members:

Melissa Cottrell, San Juan Capistrano, CA, mellissag99@cox.net. Melissa is searching for Hayden/Haden, Hill, Harris, Smith, Moore, Larkin, McDonough, Lievens, Cattrell and LaDuke.

Mike Brennan, Mission Viejo, CA, bresnan@cox.net. Mike's research includes Morrissey, Shea, Slattery Brennan in Middlesex and Suffolk Counties, Massachusetts, late 1800s, Also, Brame, North Carolina early 1880s.

George Rockefeller, Laguna Hills, CA, kayandg@gmail.com.

One guest attended the January meeting. **Geraldine Breiner** came especially to hear Gary's program. ☺

Ways and Means – Ralphs Community Contribution Program

~Jim Thordahl

We have received a check for \$187.37 from Kroger for our participation in Ralphs Community Contribution Program for the quarter ending in November 2012. Thanks to 37 SOCCGS supporters this, almost no-effort, no-cost process, helps to provide free genealogical service to our members and beyond. Please contact Jim Thordahl at jimandbonniethor@juno.com or 949-492-5334 for information and assistance.

George Washington

~Transcribed by Gary Schwarz

The Father of our Country was born in Westmorland Co., Va., Feb 22, 1732. His parents were Augustine and Mary (Ball) Washington. The family to which he belonged has not been satisfactorily traced in England. His great-grandfather, **John Washington**, immigrated to Virginia about 1657, and became a prosperous planter. He had two sons, **Lawrence and John**. The former married **Mildred Warner** and had three children, **John, Augustine, and Mildred**. **Augustine**, the father of George, first married **Jane Butler**, who bore him four children, two of whom, Lawrence and Augustine, reached maturity. Of six children by his second marriage, George was the eldest, the others being **Betty, Samuel, John Augustine, Charles and Mildred**.

Augustine Washington, the father of George, died in 1743, leaving a large landed property. To his eldest son, Lawrence, he bequeathed an entire estate on the Potomac, afterwards known as Mount Vernon, and to George he left the parental residence. George received only such education as the neighborhood schools afforded, save for a short time after he left school, when he received private instruction in mathematics. His spelling was rather defective. Remarkable stories are told of his great physical strength and development at an early age. He was an acknowledged leader among his companions, and was early noted for that nobleness of character, fairness and veracity which characterized his whole life.

When George was 14 years old he had a desire to go to sea, and a midshipman's warrant was

secured for him, but through the opposition of his mother the idea was abandoned. Two years later he was appointed surveyor to the immense estate of Lord Fairfax. In this business he spent three years in a rough frontier life, gaining experience which afterwards proved very essential to him. In 1751, though only 19 years of age, he was appointed adjutant with the rank of major in the Virginia militia, then being trained for active service against the French and Indians. Soon after this he sailed to the West Indies with his brother Lawrence, who went there to restore his health. They soon returned, and in the summer of 1752 Lawrence died, leaving a large fortune to an infant daughter who did not long survive him. On her demise the estate of Mount Vernon was given to George.

Upon the arrival of **Robert Dinwiddie**, as Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, in 1752, the militia was reorganized, and the province divided into four military districts, of which the northern was assigned to Washington as adjutant general. Shortly after this a very perilous mission was assigned him and accepted, which others had refused. This was to proceed to the French post near Lake Erie in Northwestern Pennsylvania. The distance to be traversed was between 500 and 600 miles. Winter was

at hand, and the journey was to be made without military escort, through a territory occupied by Indians. The trip was a perilous one, and several times he came near losing his life, yet he returned in safety and furnished a full and useful report of his expedition. A regiment of 300 men was raised in Virginia and put in command of Col. Joshua Fry, and Major Washington was commissioned lieutenant-colonel. Active war was then begun against the French and Indians, in which Washington took a most important part. In the memorable event of July 9, 1755, known as Braddock's defeat, Washington was almost the only officer of distinction who escaped from the calamities of the day with life and honor. The other aids of Braddock were disabled early in the action, and Washington alone was left in that capacity on the field. In a letter to his brother he says: "I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet I escaped unhurt, though death was leveling my companions on every side." An Indian sharpshooter said he was not born to be killed by a bullet, for he had taken direct aim at him seventeen times, and failed to hit him.

After having been five years in the military service, and vainly sought promotion in the royal army, he took advantage of the fall of Fort Duquesne and the expulsion of the French from the valley of the Ohio, to resign his commission. Soon after he entered the Legislature, where, although not a leader, he took an active and important part. January 17, 1759, he married Mrs. **Martha (Dandridge) Curtis**, the wealthy widow of **John Parke Curtis**.

When the British Parliament had closed the port of Boston, the cry went up throughout the provinces that "The cause of Boston is the cause of us all." It was then, at the suggestion of Virginia, that a Congress of all the colonies was called to meet at **Philadelphia**, Sept., 5, 1774, to secure their common

liberties, peaceably if possible. To this Congress Col Washington was sent as a delegate. On May 10, 1775, the Congress re-assembled, when the hostile intentions of England were plainly apparent. The battles of **Concord** and **Lexington** had been fought. Among the first acts of this congress was the election of a commander-in-chief of the colonial forces. This high and responsible office was conferred upon Washington, who was still a member of the Congress. He accepted it on June 19, but upon the express condition that he receive no salary. He would keep an exact account off expenses and expect Congress to pay them and nothing more. It is not the object of this sketch to trace the military acts of Washington, to whom the fortunes and liberties of the people of this country were so long confided. The war was conducted by him under every possible disadvantage, and while his forces often met with reverses, yet he overcame every obstacle, and after seven years of heroic devotion and matchless skill he gained liberty for the greatest nation of earth. On Dec. 23, 1783, Washington, in a parting address of surpassing beauty, resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the army to the Continental Congress sitting at **Annapolis**. He retired immediately to **Mount Vernon** and resumed his occupation as a farmer and planter, shunning all connection with public life.

In February, 1789, Washington was unanimously elected President. In his presidential career he was subject to the peculiar trials incidental to a new government; trials from lack of confidence on the part of other governments; trials from want of harmony between the different sections of our own country; trials from the impoverished condition of the country, owing to the war and want of credit; trials from the beginnings of party strife. He was non-partisan. His clear judgment could discern the golden mean; and while perhaps this alone kept our government from sinking at the very outset, it left him exposed to attacks from both sides, which were often bitter and very annoying.

At the expiration of his first term he was unanimously re-elected. At the end of this term many were anxious that he be re-elected, but he absolutely refused a third nomination. On the fourth of March, 1797, at the expiration of his second tern as president, he returned to his home, hoping to pass there his few remaining years free from the annoyances of public life. Later in the year, however, his repose seemed likely to be interrupted by war with France. At the prospect of such a war he was again urged to take command of the armies. He chose his subordinate officers and left to them the charge of matters in the field, which he superintended from his home. In accepting the command he made the reservation that he was not to be in the field until it was necessary. In the midst of these preparations his life was suddenly cut off. December 12, he took a severe cold from a ride in the rain, which, settling in his throat, produced inflammation, and terminated fatally on the night of the fourteenth. On the eighteenth his body was borne with military honors to its final resting place, and interred in the family vault at Mount Vernon.

Of the character of Washington it is impossible to speak but in terms of the highest respect and admiration. The more we see of the operations of our government, and the more deeply we feel the difficulty of uniting all opinions in a common interest, the more highly we must estimate the force of his talent and character, which have been able challenge the reverence of all parties, and principles, and nations, and to win a fame as extended as the limits of the globe, and which we cannot but believe will be as lasting as the existence of man.

The person of Washington was unusually tall, erect, and well proportioned. His muscular strength was great. His features were of a beautiful symmetry. He commanded respect without any appearance of haughtiness, and ever serious without being dull.

[While searching for my great-great-grandfather's birth info in Green, Henry or Hamilton County, Ohio on the January Safari at the Los Angeles Central Library, I found a book with a portrait with signature and two page biography for the presidents from George Washington through Benjamin Harrison. Since George Washington's birth day is in February, I thought I would transcribe this biography into a MS Word document and include it into this month's newsletter. The book was: "Portrait and Biographical Album of Greene and Clark Counties, Ohio"; Chapman Brothers, Chicago, 1890. See also about Braddock's Defeat: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Braddock_expedition, which may have given Washington when he later fought against the British rather than with them.]

Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.

~George Washington

It is far better to be alone, than to be in bad company.

~George Washington

*-Ancestors in bad company
may make interesting genealogy*

Similarities

~ Patricia Ann (Dean) Christiansen

In August of 1943, my mother **Rebecca Irene Shultz Dean (26 Sep 1904-23 Dec 1984)**, my sisters **Barbara K. Dean (b. 7 Feb 1934)** and **Nancy Lou Dean (b. 5 Jul 1936)** and I [**Patricia Ann (Dean) Christiansen (b. 29 Nov 1932)**], packed our belongings into four suitcases and headed west to **Phoenix, Arizona** in the company of two other women in a 1939 Plymouth sedan. My sisters' are married surnames and are both still living.)

My parents had been having trouble in their fourteen-year marriage and decided to separate. The length of the separation was not defined; nor was a divorce (to my knowledge at the time) a certainty.

Why Arizona? Mother (a long-time smoker) had contracted pneumonia almost every year of her adult life; recovery after each bout became longer and longer and with three children born within 42 months of each other (two with major surgeries before they were a month old) our mother was worn down and certainly less than well. Now with three young daughters and plans to leave **Columbus, Ohio**, for warmer climes, was not an easy decision. Perhaps, too, the choice to move as far away as possible from an unhappy marriage was an underlying motive that allowed things to move forward as they did.

At this time, my grandmother, **Hannah Essie Potter Shultz (2 Jul 1874-16 May 1960)**, lived in the small community of **Broadlands, Champaign County, Illinois**. My grandfather **Samuel Earl Shultz (29 Feb 1872-6 May 1942)**, had long-since retired and died six months after the start of World War II. Our mother had arranged a final meeting with her mother before we started our trek west on Route 66 from Chicago, Illinois. It would be many years before my mother and her mother would be reunited.

For now, the focus of this story is on my father, **John William Roy Dean (10 Dec 1903-6 July 1966)**, after he was left on his own in Columbus. Dad remained in the same rental house as we had lived as a family.

In order to make ends meet, dad rented out the two other bedrooms in the house to students attending Ohio (State) University. For the grand sum of \$7 per week, the students each had their own room, kitchen privileges, and shared the only bathroom in the house. Our German Shepherd Jinx, a retired police dog, was all that remained of our family, staying with our father. It was Jinx who alarmed Dad that something, one night, was amiss.

Our father was a petroleum engineer and worked for Standard Oil of Ohio (SOHIO Oil Company). As the war continued, even as a married man with three children, he was deferred from the draft because of his occupation; he was more valuable working with the oil company in civilian life than he would have been as a soldier in the Army.

One night, a burglar broke into the house with the intention of stealing cash that dad had gathered from the several gas stations he supervised. Perhaps more valuable were the gas ration stamps that were also part of any gas and oil transactions.

Taking up a baseball bat that he kept for protection, Dad crept down the stairs (the two roommates close behind) and they observed the thief ransacking dad's desk, looking for the money. What the thief got instead was a whack on the shins from the baseball bat and then pinned to the floor by the roommates while my dad called the police. Our house was only one in the 20 on the block with a telephone.

Evidently, dad wrote to mother in Arizona and related the incident. The years passed and I have now been married for over 50 years. For untold decades, I have kept a baseball bat or two behind the bedroom door of each of the homes in which I have lived since being married.

In 2006, I met up for the first time with a cousin, **Anne Marie (Nelson) McCracken (16 Jan 1935-28 Feb 2008)**, in Mansfield, Ohio. Anne Marie was the daughter of my father's sister, **Mary Frances Dean Nelson (11 Sep 1912-19 Feb 1999)**. During my visit with Anne Marie and her husband, **Norman**, we talked about many of the things that were remembered from the past by each of us.

Anne Marie said that she knew the name of one of the roommates that had been in the house at the time that the burglary had taken place. Would I like to meet him? Oh, yes, indeed I would like to meet **Homer Grant**.

Now retired, Homer and his wife were in the process of selling their home and moving to smaller digs. We spent the better part of an hour talking about my dad and his handling of the burglary. This discussion with a person who had been there allowed me to learn why all these years I had thought it prudent to keep a baseball bat hand.

Unlike my father who had cash in the house; we had seven children and cash was not something that was readily available. I would like to say though that I hit a home run in making that trip to Ohio in time to meet up with my cousin and her family and Homer Grant.

Anne Marie also provided me with copies of letters and pictures of our common ancestors; these items are very dear to me. This trip was timely in more ways than one; Anne Marie Nelson McCracken died of mesothelioma a year and a half later.

2013 Seminars

13 April, 8:00am - 3:30pm - Spring Seminar - North San Diego Genealogical Society presents Thomas MacEntee on "The Traditional and the Technological"; email Tom Gordinier for more info: tgordinier35@gmail.com

02 March, 8:00am - 3:30pm - "The Bash" - Orange County California Genealogical Society presents speakers: Barbara Renick, Jean Wilcox Hibben, Norma Keating, CeCe Moore, Gina Philibert-Ortega, Randy Seaver, Linda Serna, Dawn Thurston; more info: <http://www.OCCGS.com>.

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