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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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CELEBRATE PRESIDENTS' DAY



"WPA: Resources for your Genealogy"

February 20, 2016

Presented by

Gena Philibert-Ortega

The Works Progress Administration left behind a legacy that is used by family historians today. In this presentation she will discuss The WPA, projects under the WPA relevant to genealogy, and how you can research some of those records today.

About the Speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega holds a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master's degree in Religion. She is the author of hundreds of articles published in genealogy newsletters and magazines. An instructor for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, Gena has written courses about social media and Google. She serves as past-president of the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She was a researcher for the first season (2013) of the PBS production, *Genealogy Roadshow*. Her current research interests include women's social history, and researching women's lives using material artifacts.

Mini-Class 9:15-9:45 before the February Monthly Meeting – "Flip Pal Scanner" will be presented by Sheila Larson. All Mini-Classes are held in the classroom to the left of the kitchen.

President's Message

By David Flint

Well, we got the New Year off with a bang with an energetic presentation at our January meeting by Jean Wilcox Hibben. We always enjoy having Jean back to speak to our group. This month we look forward to another great program by Gena Philibert-Ortega – this time about the WPA and how its records are relevant to your genealogy research.

At the January meeting I announced that Pat Christiansen is leaving the executive board to give her attention to pressing family commitments. Pat served our Society for three years as Historian and five years as Parliamentarian. I want to thank Pat for the excellent service she provided on the board. She will continue as a member of our Society, but we are sad to see Pat leave the board, and wish her well. We are fortunate that Francie Kennedy has agreed to serve as our new Parliamentarian. We have a vacant position to fill in Pat's absence as the Historian. If you are interested in serving the Society as our Historian, please get in touch with me directly.

Also at our January meeting, Mary Jo McQueen announced that Sue Naegeli will be taking over her role as leader of our Genealogy Research SIG which meets on the first Friday each month. As Mary Jo gets ready for her move to Utah, we are working to fill behind her in all the many places she has been serving our Society for so many years. It's a big pair of shoes to fill, but we are working on it!

I know that many of you have been using the Family Tree Maker (FTM) genealogy program to support your personal genealogy research. The recent announcement by Ancestry.com that they will no longer offer it for sale after the end of 2015 has caused some of you to be concerned, and I know that there is confusion about what, if anything, you should be doing about it. Sheila Larson and I will be offering a workshop in the near future to provide a discussion forum about FTM and what next. Watch our newsletter for the announcement of the date and location of that workshop, and plan to join us and your fellow FTM users for some discussion of alternatives as well as what you can do to prepare for potential changes in how you relate to Ancestry's family trees.

We are now about 12 weeks from our second annual week-long research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. In preparation for that trip we will hold three meetings to help those with reservations for this year's trip to get ready. The first meeting is this month on February 17, and the second one is on March 8. The first two meetings will cover general information about the trip and answer your questions about what to expect for the week in Salt Lake City. Even if you are not going with us this year, you are welcome to attend the meetings to learn more about our trip. Maybe you will join us next year. The third meeting is a workshop on March 30 intended to help those going on the trip to develop a research plan for their week in Salt Lake City. We want everyone to get maximum value from this trip, and we hope everyone with a reservation joins us in those meetings. By the time you receive this issue of the newsletter, I will be in Salt Lake City to attend RootsTech 2016, and will plan to visit the hotel and the library to make sure that all of our plans are working for our arrival in April.

I will close with a teaser for next month. Watch this space for news about a new SIG that will be starting in the next couple of months. I know it will be good news for many of our members who have been waiting patiently for it to begin.

Safari News

~Bill Bluett

The **Cole Library in Carlsbad** is our destination for the safari on February 24th. We will leave the LDS parking lot at 9:30 a.m. This library has one of the finest genealogy collections in Southern California. They have a huge book collection, periodical collection, microfilm, microfiche, and computers. Preparation is the key to making any research trip successful. Plan in advance by using their library online catalogue at: <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/depts/library/default.asp> and set your genealogy research in motion. You may bring a lunch or be prepared to drive a short distance to a local eatery. Don't forget \$\$ for your driver. There are no plans for dinner on the way home. Contact Bill Bluett to reserve a spot.

NOTE: The Cole library is in the process of completing a renovation project. If the library is not reopened by February 24th, we will go to an alternate research location. The status for this safari will be announced at our February 20th monthly meeting.

Check the Calendar at SOCCGS.org for meetings, special interest groups and classes.

January Meeting

~Bill Bluett

The Guest speaker for our January monthly meeting was **Jean Wilcox Hibben**. Her topic was “**Who is that? Why Did my Ancestor Associate with Apparent Strangers?**” Jean gave some examples of people listed along with her ancestors on census and other types of documents that she did not recognize or wasn't sure who they were. She presented several sample cases to illustrate how to determine who these “so called” mystery people were. Discovering who these folks are may unlock and break down a genealogical “brick wall” that has hindered your research. Also Jean reminded the group several times not to forget to **CITE YOUR SOURCES!** Thank you Jean, for the reminders and a most enlightening program topic. Prior to her presentation there were some great refreshments provided by six of our members. Our contributors were: **Noel Jensen, Marilyn Kowalski, Kathie Mauzey, Tina Murtha, Barbara Nash, and Barbara Taylor.**

Membership Update

This month SOCCGS welcomes 7 new members:

Alex Allen, Mission Viejo, CA, mytifred@cox.net. Alex is looking for DeKressier from France.

Barbara Rice, Mission Viejo, CA, Rices32@cox.net. She is searching Novick, Rice and Cohen in Russia/Poland.

Judith Bryant, Mission Viejo, CA, bryantcox@cox.net

Sue Tisdall, Cerritos, CA, suetis@verizon.net

Chuck Leech, Huntington Beach, CA, flyinlion1@verizon.net

Paul F. Osterheus, Valencia, CA 91355

Richard Jenkins (husband of member, Ginny Jenkins)

There were 87 members and 7 guests at the January meeting. Besides those who joined, guests joining us were: **Alice Anderson**, Dana Point, and **Nancy Rogers**, Aliso Viejo.

From Our Members

Information For Carpatho-Rusyn Descendants

~Barbara Nash

For those with Carpatho-Rusyn heritage, the following may be of interest: The “Carpatho-Rusyn Society” website is www.c-rs.org for member application and further information, Phone: 412-567-3077. The society newsletter, “The New Rusyn Times” has many interesting articles and news about Eastern Europe, most recently the Ukraine. You can also listen live to their radio program on Sundays on the website.

Looking for online news from Subcarpathian Rus' in English? Try www.uzhgorod.in/en ... it's heavily weighted toward politics and civic events, but occasionally there is a nice photo or video coverage of cultural and religious events with a Rusyn character. (March/April 2015 issue above).

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International website is www.cgsi.org. Their magazine, “Naše rodina”, is published 4 times/year. The September issue will feature “Czech & Slovak Land Records”; December issue “Genealogical Repositories in Prague”.

The “Slovak Heritage & Folklore Society International” was founded by Helene Cincebeaux in 1986. Her publication is “Slovakia”, and comes 4 times a year with memberships as little as \$15/year. No website, but email is: helenezx@aol.com. Photos of native costumes and art are a real treat. She has been conducting tours around Eastern Europe for 27 years.

Medical Books

~ Barbara Taylor

There is a series of books called ***The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion***, printed in 1880. There are 6 volumes and they can be accessed from an article on Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_and_Surgical_History_of_the_War_of_the_Rebellion Links to each volume is at the bottom of the article (free PDF download on Archive.org).

There is another set of all of the volumes (much larger files) at the US National Library of Medicine at <http://collections.nlm.nih.gov/catalog/nlm:nlmuid-14121350R-mvset> The volumes are searchable by name or military unit.

Mango & Google Translate

~Gayle Meldau

At the November meeting, I mentioned the translation tool available through Mango Languages on the Mission Viejo Library website. When I looked again at the translation tool on Mango, there was description information that the translation tool is provided by Google Translate! Since people can use Google Translate by going to <https://translate.google.com> that's easier than logging into Mango. Francie mentioned Google translate at that meeting – it offers translation for over 80 languages, so it's a great resource for anyone who isn't aware of it.

SOCCGS Research Center

~Herb Abrams

For those of you who attended the SOCCGS seminar last October, you will recall Dick Eastman's presentation on Mocavo. Some of you were wondering if we could subscribe to Mocavo for our library. Now that they are combining with Findmypast you will now have access to their records on our SOCCGS computers. Come on down to the Mission Viejo Library and search this new resource.

Just recently we subscribed to My Heritage which combined with World Vital Records, so that is another resource you might want to check.

OCCGS Genealogy BASH

Saturday, March 5, 2016, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

OCCGS proudly presents "A Day with Lisa Louise Cooke" at the Huntington Beach Central Library Theater. Lisa will be presenting four exciting topics:

- Google Tools & Procedures for Solving Family History Mysteries
- Google! Everything New that You Need to Know for Genealogy
- How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case
- Future Technology and Genealogy

There will be two **FREE** beginning genealogy classes given at the BASH. The public is welcome to attend. **The Book Faire** - OCCGS sells books at bargain prices once a year, and this is the time. Come and build your personal library. There will be over 1,000 books and periodicals on sale. There is **NO** fee to visit the Book Faire. Visit www.occgs.com for all information and online registration.

Early Registration, OCCGS Members by Feb 26 - \$35

Non-Member, Early Registration by Feb 26 - \$40

Late Registration after Feb 26 and at the door - \$45

Lunch – options – No orders after Feb 26 - \$10

NSDCGS Spring Seminar 2016

Saturday, March 19, 2016, 8:45 am to 3:30 pm

"The Power of DNA" by CeCe Moore will be presented by the North San Diego County Genealogy Society. Topics: 1) The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basics; 2) Genetic Genealogy Case Studies; 3) I Have My Results: Now What? 4) Unexpected Surprises Revealed by DNA Testing.

Registration: Member \$25.00; Non-Member \$40; Lunch \$10. For information nsdcgs.org/bulletin-board

February Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in February: **Feb 10** The Scots-Irish in America - Peggy Lauritzen; **Feb 17** Getting Started with Microsoft Word – Thomas MacEntee; **Feb 19** Problem Solving with FANS – Beth Foulk; **Feb 24** A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0 – Cyndi Ingle. 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: **Feb 6** Scanning and Photo Retouching for Beginners – Tom Underhill; **Feb 17** The Family Historian's Publishing Primer – Nicka J. Smith. Register at www.scgsgenealogy.com, click on programs and webinars.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

~Dick Eastman

U.S. National Archives has Recently Launched History Hub

January 20, 2016 - The National Archives and Records Administration has recently launched a **FREE** History Hub, an online research support community, where members of the public can ask questions about research at NARA. The new site is a pilot for the next 6 months, and hopefully will be fully funded after that time. However, there is no guarantee of that.

There's a dedicated Genealogy section in the History Hub. To access it, go to <https://historyhub.archives.gov/welcome> and register for an account, and then you can contribute in any way that you'd like!

New Illinois State Genealogical Society Genealogy 'Newsletter' is now Online

January 18, 2016 - The Illinois State Genealogical Society's latest "Newsletter" (January/February 2016) and previous issues also are now available free on the ISGS website at www.ilgensoc.org. Most genealogists will find this publication interesting — even those without Illinois ancestors.

For example, the schedule of webinars on the second Tuesday of each month — free online lectures includes several topics with wide appeal. Check it out at: http://www.ilgensoc.org/mo_newsletter.php

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

Going Back and Forth and Mushroom Huntin' Posted 21 Jan 2016

Whenever I locate a record, I look at adjacent records to see if there are other records that may be on the same family or may mention ancestral associates. It's not just one type of record where this may help as:

- families may record several **deeds** at the courthouse on the same day causing the records to appear page after page;
- the **census** may include other relatives on the same pages or on pages in close proximity to the desired entry;
- **tax records** may include other family members living nearby on an adjacent page;
- siblings may marry on the same day and appear consecutively in the **marriage records**;
- family members may die a few days apart (either due to illness or a mother and child who do not survive) and appear adjacent to each other in the **death records**.

And so it goes. An incomplete index may only direct you to one of these entries. Sometimes it's up to us to find the other one. *Remember: If you are lucky enough to find a mushroom in the woods in the springtime, there may be more nearby. Don't stop at just one.*

A Few Cemetery Trip Suggestions _Posted Jan 24 2016

Before heading to a cemetery to take pictures, there are several things to keep in mind, including:

- having the **permission** of the landowner, if appropriate
- knowing **how to get** to the cemetery
- having **adequate materials** to clean the stone without harming it
- having some way to **take notes** to augment your photographs
- knowing **how to use** your digital camera or phone
- **dressing appropriately**—old clothes are best
- being prepared to take pictures in the **shadows**
- arriving while there is still **plenty of light**
- having a cemetery travel buddy may be a good idea as well

This list is not comprehensive, but is suggestive.

Not Really Widowed Posted 23 Jan 2016 and 25 Jan 2016

Many divorced women in the 19th and early 20th century found it easier to say they were widowed instead of saying they were divorced. This individual's 1900 census enumeration indicated she was a widow when in fact she was divorced and her ex-husband was very much alive. Sometimes divorcees would refer to themselves as "grass widows," but that term was not approved by the census department.

Men also gave incorrect marital status accounts to avoid mentioning their divorce. In 1900, Conrad Haase in Hancock County, Illinois' Appanoose Township, indicated he was widowed. He wasn't. He was divorced. Always take those marital status entries with a grain of salt.

Who Were You Named After?

By Patricia Ann Dean Christiansen

Starting with me might be a good place to begin:

Patricia Ann Dean (Christiansen). My Godparents, Luther and Theda Killian, had a scot terrier named Patrick (plus a few more names to establish his pedigree). If I had been born a boy I would have been named Patrick; but since I was a girl I was named Patricia. By the way, Patricia means patience.

Barbara K. Dean. (my sister) When my father went in to register my sister's birth, he inadvertently wrote "K." for the name "Kay" (he was in a hurry) and my sister has had to live with an initial the rest of her life. His comment, "Everyone knows what that means." Well not everybody.

Nancy Lou Dean. (my sister) This sister's name was selected from a currently popular comic strip in the 1930s; "Nancy (and Sluggo)." In later years, when my sister was reminded of the origin of her given name, she said that as long as it was a "popular" comic strip, that was OK.

John William Roy Dean. (my father) My paternal grandfather gave all of his sons four (4) names. Judge Roy Bean was a notorious lawman; prior to that he was a somewhat notorious bad guy. Judge Bean died in March 1903; my father was born nine months later in December 1903 and was stuck with "Roy" as part of his given name. Though seldom used, it made good living room conversation.

Charles Samuel Leroy Dean. (my uncle; my father's youngest brother) Again, someone on the left side of the law caught grandfather's attention and he slipped in the name of "Leroy" into my uncle's compilation of given names. Butch Cassidy aka Robert Leroy Parker died in 1908; my dad's youngest brother wasn't born until 1920. That didn't stop grandpa from drawing from notoriety and slipping in part of Parker's name.

Clyde Beeman Henry Dean. (my uncle; my father's eldest brother) I'm impressed that this uncle was named for several notables. (1) Beeman's Pepsin Chewing Gum and; (2) William Henry Harrison the ninth president of the United States. The gum was invented by a doctor to ease digestion and Harrison moved to Ohio (grandfather was born in Ohio) as a state representative, before running for presidential office. Harrison died about a month after the election from pneumonia. The daughters in this family were spared the "notoriety names."

Melba Carolyn Christiansen. (my sister-in-law) My father-in-law was besot with the voice and figure of opera singer "Melba." Of course, he had to name one of his daughters after this talented and famous performer. My mother-in-law reserved the right to give a middle name: Carolyn, the one that is used today.

Mary Jane Christiansen. (my sister-in-law) She was actually named for a special type of popular patent leather shoe, "Mary-Janes." Once again my mother-in-law started calling her "Jane" from the outset so that she wouldn't have to carry the stigma of children chiding her about being a pair of shoes.

Kerry Ann Christiansen. (our daughter) My husband did a similar naming of our first-born, a daughter. We were on a walk one night and walked past a Sears store with a display of children's shoes. A certain line called, Kerry Brooke Shoes, appealed to him. I insisted that the "Kerry" part was great, but her middle name would be "Ann." By mutual agreement that was what she got.

Rebecca Irene Shultz. (my mother) I will conclude with something a little more conventional. My mother was named for her great grandmother, Rebecca Jane Gibson. I think that it is time to stop while we are ahead.

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

1837 County Maps of Ireland Posted: 27 Jan 2016

This site has high resolution maps for all 32 counties from Lewis Topographical Dictionary of Ireland 1837
<http://www.swilson.info/lewismaps37.php>

Future Genealogy Events

Feb 5, 2016, 10-12:00-Mary Jo McQueen – Genealogy Research SIG – Sadlbc Rm. MV City Hall
Feb 6, 2016 – 11:00 – OCCGS meeting, speaker Joan Lowry & 12:30 speaker Joan Rambo
Feb 8, 2016, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG, Saddleback Room, City Hall
Feb 18, 2016, 10-12:00-Arlene O'Donnell - Beginning Genealogy Class – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Feb 18, 2016, 11-1:00-David Flint – Legacy Users Group, Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Feb 19, 2016, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Feb 23, 2016, 10-12-Jim Thordahl – Writing Family History Stories, Sadlbc Rm. MV City Hall
Feb 23, 2016 - 9:30 NSDCGS program –Civil War Widow's Pensions – Union and Confederate (changed from Jan), Carlsbad Council Chambers
Mar 4, 2016 – 10-12:00-Pam Naegeli – Genealogy Research SIG – Sadlbc Rm. MV City Hall
Mar 5, 2016 – OCCGS Genealogy Bash – Featured Speaker is Lisa Louise Cooke.
Mar 8, 2016, 4-6:00 pm – OCJGS, speaker Megan Lewis on U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum records
Mar 19, 2016 – NSDCGS Spring Seminar, CeCe Moore “The Power of DNA” Carlsbad Senior Center

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