

# 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.

**February 16, 2019**

### **"From a Box in the Closet to a Treasured Family Heirloom: Organizing and Digitizing your Family Photos"**

**Presented by: Sara Cochran**

Have you been thinking about digitizing your family photos, but don't know where to begin? Join us as genealogist Sara Cochran guides us through the steps of a successful digitization project. After a brief history of photography, she will review organizing techniques, using a family timeline and other photo identification tips, digitization basics and services, and ideas for creating family heirlooms and gifts.

**About the speaker:** Sara Cochran holds a degree in Library Science/Liberal Arts and a Certificate of Genealogical Research from Boston University, and is a graduate of the Professional Genealogy Study Group certificate program. After nearly 25 years researching her own family tree, which has roots in Britain, Ireland, Italy, and Austria, as well as most of the United States, she began helping others learn about their own family history and preserve their photographic legacy. Currently, she is also the Registrar of the Aurantia Chapter, D.A.R., and the Treasurer of the Southern California Chapter of Association of Professional Genealogists.

**NOTE:** Due to a wedding at the church at the church on the day of our meeting, we won't have refreshments as usual, but will have a 10 minute "comfort break"

**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.

**MiniClass 9:15-9:45 before the February Monthly Meeting - "How to Protect Your Passwords"** presented by David Flint. All mini-classes are held in the classroom to the left of the kitchen.

**President's Message**  
**By Francie Kennedy**  
**"What is Lunch?"**

One of the finest things our society provides is our monthly meeting, gathering together this large group of like-minded people into one place. We all have common ground in our passion for researching our ancestors. Our enthusiasm and excitement is palpable at our meetings! Before the meeting and at break time, we can chat with other genealogists, share our research, read each other's surnames on our nametags, ask about places ancestors are from, and even discover cousins within the group. During the meeting, there is time for asking specific questions, explaining our puzzles, and celebrating discoveries. Beginners, experienced, and expert, we are all members, constantly learning from each other.

We go home jazzed up by the speaker, and ready to jump into some research using new approaches, methods, and new website ideas we have heard about that morning. If you want to extend your social genealogy morning just a little longer before you start that research, join the group for lunch down the street after the meeting at Coco's Restaurant, on Marguerite near Avery. We ask for a show of hands during the business meeting to see how big a table we should reserve. We usually sit at a long table in the back room, and linger, chatting, after we eat. We get separate checks. The serving staff knows us. Often, the speaker is able to join us for lunch, so it is a great time to ask follow-up questions, and learn a little more. Experienced genealogists share the table with new members, and we have a great time talking about our heritage, telling stories, and laughing about our adventures in genealogy.

You are invited to lunch! ~ Francie

**January Meeting**  
**~Bill Bluett**



The guest speaker for our January monthly meeting was our President, **Francie Kennedy**. Her topic was **Place Your Ancestors: Finding and Using Maps Online**. You can find maps that are over 500 years old and the scale of the maps vary. Topographic maps display some of the most detailed physical features and many were even created by the military in the U.S.A. Other types of maps that would be of interest to genealogists include **Political Maps, Migration and Settlement Maps, Urban/City Maps, and Fire Insurance Maps**. Francie's "handout" gave a list of major map collections that are online as well as giving the group encouragement to go to

GOOGLE MAPS and create your own migration map for the route your ancestors may have traveled. We thank Francie for her most informative presentation.

Prior to her program, our members enjoyed some great refreshments provided by five of our members. Our contributors were: **Mike Bresnan, Gayle Meldau, Jo Ann Jones, Vicki Kressin, and Barbara Rice**.



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

**Did They Cross the Wrong Letter?** January 7, 2019

If your ancestor's last name has a "t" in it, did the "cross" on the "t" over another letter and "change" the name? My Butlers became Butters for that very reason.

## **Membership** ~Sue Naegeli

We had 97 members, 2 new members and 4 guests at our January meeting. Total membership is 319.

### **New Members who joined at this meeting:**

**Jeffrey and Phyllis Bristow**, Laguna Beach

**Wendy Goodall**, Mission Viejo

### **Additional new members who joined during the month of January**

**Kirk Patton**, San Clemente

**Paula & Chris Mimbs**, Mission Viejo

**Charles & Denise Fischer**, Mission Viejo

**Thomas Cripps**, Seal Beach

### **Guests:**

**Aubrey Fischer**, Mission Viejo

**Susan Jaeger**, Mission Viejo

**Jan Crisp**, Mission Viejo

**Sandy Fate**, Mission Viejo

## **Brick Walls and Discoveries – January Meeting**

**Barbara Taylor** – Made a discovery cleaning up her tree with the **Tonkins** and **Adams** families. She found that **Susan Tonkin** married a **Bluett**. She checked with **Bill Bluett** and that person is in his tree, so they became cousins.

**Victoria Crayne** – Would like to see a class on **Google Search**. There is a problem with advertising and what to stay away from. She is leery of clicking on anything as there always seems to be a subscription or money involved. Francie agreed to do another basic Google Search class.

**Gary Disney** – He received an e-mail regarding **ArkivDigital** for Swedish and Scandinavian research. Francie asked the members how many were doing Swedish research, and more than 10 people raised their hands. Francie suggested a possible membership for this website to be added at the Research Center.

## **Mini-Class February 16, 2019 “How to Protect Your Passwords” By David Flint**

Passwords – we all use them in our daily lives, whether it’s for online banking or getting to our family tree data on the Ancestry website. We use our passwords regularly in our genealogy research; protecting the security of your passwords is more important than ever In today’s hectic Internet society.

In this mini-class I will show you a reliable system for remembering your personal passwords for all the websites and databases you use. It’s very simple to use, and it meets the requirements of Internet sites for a “strong” password. What’s best about it, is you don’t need to write your passwords down, although I do recommend that you write down your password “trick” until you get used to it.

The Password Trick: A Foolproof System to Remember Passwords was developed by Thomas MacEntee. His work is the basis of my presentation at our February meeting. A copy of his ebook in PDF format will be available on request after the meeting. Now you can have a safe and reliable system for saving and protecting your passwords.

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday Class February 22, 2019 “Proving Your Lineage”  
By Bunny Smith**

The class will take what we know to be true from the documentation we have and build on it one generation at a time. We’ll consider what to do when we come across a discrepancy in our research, and what we should do when there is no direct evidence to be found. As genealogists we learn from other’s experience. The last part of the class will be a discussion on your roadblock. Class is held in the Saddleback Room 10am to 12pm.

**Safari – Saturday, February 23, 2019  
Los Angeles Public Library: Unexpected Year-round Benefits - Plan Ahead!**

For the first time, a SOCCGS Safari on a Saturday will visit the **Los Angeles Public Library**. **We will leave the LDS parking lot promptly at 8:30 am** (the library opens at 9:30). 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 on the way home. Don’t forget to bring \$\$ for your driver. **Please make your reservation so we’ll have enough vehicles to carpool. Contact Bill Bluett at billbluett@cox.net.**

In addition to using one of the biggest genealogy collections in the Western States at the library itself, getting an LAPL library card while you are there gives you access to special databases from home, plus free museum entry!

Some long-lasting benefits you’ll read about below are just two reasons to join this research trip on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.**

**On the Safari:**

Like a (slightly) smaller version of the library in Salt Lake City, LAPL’s genealogy collection includes every state and many other countries. Here’s a research guide to the collection: <https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/research-guides/genealogy>

The collection you can use in person on the safari includes city directories (from across the country, some on microfilm), family histories (many are not in other libraries), an extensive collection of local county and town histories, a huge map collection (see the map research guide online), periodicals from genealogy societies across the country, and more. Check their “card catalog” once you get your LAPL library card.

To get a taste of what you’ll find, this collection has been digitized and put online for any member of the public to use, even without a library card. Find 122 volumes of Los Angeles City Directories ranging from 1873 to 1987 here: <https://rescarta.lapl.org/ResCarta-Web/jsp/RcWebBrowse.jsp>

**From Home after the Safari:**

Get a library card (free to California residents) when you arrive at LAPL, to take advantage of using these special sites later **from home**: HeritageQuest Online, Access Newspaper Archives, Biography and Genealogy Master Index, the Los Angeles Times and New York Times Historical Archives, numerous history sites and databases, NewsBank and other ProQuest databases, and Digitized California maps from the Sanborn Map Company. (The Sanborn Maps collection have their own information page at this website address: <https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/research-guides/sanborn-atlases>.) Those a just a few examples – many more are available, including ebooks about travel.

**Free Museum Entry:**

The Los Angeles Public Library and local cultural institutions have partnered to give you free or reduced cost entry to places you want to go. A few of the great museums and attractions in the program are: the Autry Museum, La Brea Tar Pits Museum, Japanese-American National Museum, The Museum of Tolerance, Catalina Island Museum, Battleship Iowa, and many more! Find out more about this offer and reserve your pass using your LAPL library card at: <https://www.lapl.org/explorela>.

## **DNA Special Interest Group**

**We're very excited to announce that in March, we will be starting a DNA Special Interest Group (SIG).**

Genetic genealogy is a new and exciting field. The analyzing of DNA test results in conjunction with traditional genealogy methods has helped family researchers confirm their paper trail for their ancestors - even resolving some of those brick walls. It has also helped adoptees find their biological parents and has even helped criminal investigators solve cold cases. It has proven to be a useful tool.

Analyzing your DNA test results and paying attention to those "cousin matches" and their trees can point you in the proper direction where you can focus your search on finding those much-needed records on an elusive ancestor. It can also help you feel confident that your research has been correct if you can see the shared DNA that you have with descendants of that questionable ancestor.

The DNA we have received is a gift from our ancestors and is another evidence to explore and use in our tree building. In this DNA SIG we will attempt to improve our knowledge of genetic genealogy through various formats: discussions, questions and answers, workshops, presentations and pointing out the many self-help resources available.

Interested members please send your email address to Jay/Kari who will send you a brief survey to gauge experience levels and interests within the group. This will help plan the meetings for the year.

Hope to see you there!

Organizers/Contacts (Please copy both of us on any communications regarding the DNA SIG):

Kari Carbajal ([karicarb@cox.net](mailto:karicarb@cox.net))

Jay Culliney ([culliney@earthlink.net](mailto:culliney@earthlink.net))

### **Meeting Schedule for 2019 (tentative):**

22 March    26 April    26 July    27 September

All meetings are held in the Saddleback Room, 10:00 am – noon; schedule subject to change, check the calendar at [soccgs.org](http://soccgs.org)

### **Contest to Rename Brick Walls Section of the Meeting**

At the monthly meeting, members have a chance to ask questions and share research that they are having difficulty with, along with discoveries made during the month. Francie announced a contest to rename this section of our membership meeting, which we have been calling, "Brick walls."

Francie has a sense that when we say things like, "This is a brick wall," or, "I can't find it," or "That won't work," these statements tend to come true. In an effort to open our minds to the possibilities of breakthroughs and discoveries, she would like suggestions for a new name for this segment of our program.

For the member submitting the chosen new name, Francie offers the reward of a year's membership renewal in our society, which she will happily pay for herself.

Please send ideas to Francie:

[president@soccgs.org](mailto:president@soccgs.org)

Subject line: Brickwalll

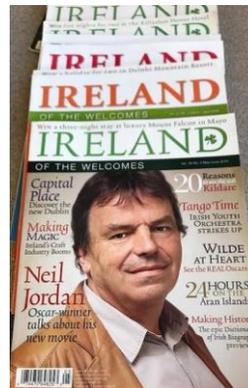
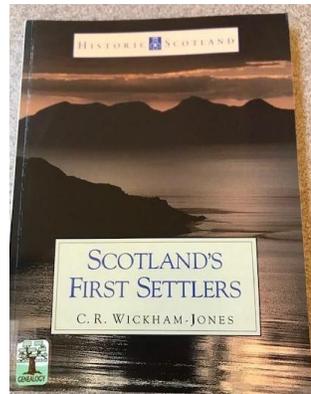
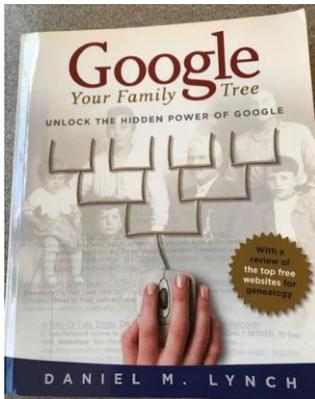
**Due date: 8 February 2019, at midnight.**

## Thank You

SOCCGS would like to thank **Myrna Hamid** for writing the memorial for Ed Reardon that appeared in the January newsletter.

### SOCCGS Research Center ~Judy Davin

Visit the SOCCGS Research Center at the Mission Viejo Library and take advantage of our computer programs and resources. New books on the docent desk: Google Your Family Tree; Scotland's First Settlers; Ireland of the Welcomes magazine (several issues).



**NOTE: The Mission Viejo Library will be closed Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> President's Day and Friday March 1 Staff Inservice Day.**

### What is money basket for?

We have one of the premier research centers in the west, right at the Mission Viejo Library! With four computers for patrons, and eleven subscription websites, we are second-to-none for online research capabilities! Others may have more computers, but few have more sites for you to use! The money basket has been passed around at general membership meetings for the past 25 years, and it is used to collect money specifically to support our Genealogy Research Center. From the small things, such as paper and ink cartridges for the printers, to the larger expenses like subscriptions to websites with rare databases, your donations help support what we offer free of charge for your research. When the money basket goes by at the meeting, you are certainly not obliged to put money in it, but if you want to, feel free to give generously to support our research center! Thank you!

### OCCGS

### GENEALOGY BASH

**Saturday, March 9, 2019, 8:00 to 3:30 pm**

**Speaker: Crista Cowen** "The Barefoot Genealogist" will be presenting four exciting topics:

- DNA and Ancestry – How to Utilize it
- Ancestry Search Tips and Tricks
- Finding and Sharing the Stories in Your Family Tree
- Introduction to the Genealogical Professional Standards

**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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>** For information and online registration [www.occg.com](http://www.occg.com).

## Genealogy Jamboree – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash May 30 – June 2, 2019

The 50th Annual Genealogy Jamboree will again bring your nationally known speakers to keep you in touch with the latest developments in the field of genealogy. From coast to coast, from North to South, from our neighbors - Canada and Mexico, and from the Old World, our speakers can help you find your ancestors' lives and stories. You'll be able to learn from many tried and true speakers and get surprising insights from speakers that are new to Jamboree.

By popular request, Jamboree will again be 3 packed days - Friday through Sunday. The Exhibit Hall will open at 12:00 PM on Friday and be open through early afternoon on Sunday. The Exhibit Hall is *free* to the public so be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and family.

Thursday, May 30 – Genetic Genealogy all day conference.

Check the schedule at <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

### February Free Webinars

#### Legacy

**Feb 5 – 5pm** – Six Feet Under Down Under – Cemetery records in Australia – Jill Ball

**Feb 6 – 11am** – DNA and the GPS solves a mystery: Hamiltons in Colonial New England – Shellee Morehead

**Feb 13 – 5pm** – Reconstructing Your Genetic Family Tree – Blaine Bettinger

**Feb 19 – 5pm** – Applying Evidence to Genealogical Research Questions – Melissa Johnson

**Feb 20 – 11am** – Online Sources for French Genealogy Part 1: Compiled Records, Church Records and Civil Registration – Paul Woodbury

**Feb 22 – 11am** – Using Timelines and Tables to Analyze Your Research – Cari Taplin

**Feb 27 – 11am** – Spreadsheets 401: Excel-lent Inspiration

**Mar 5 – 5pm** – Polled! Finding Your Ancestors in New South Wales Colonial Muster and Census Returns – Carol Baxter

Register at [www.familytreewebinars.com](http://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 2 – 10am** – Looks Like We're Cousins - Tips for Genetic Genealogy Collaboration – Paul Woodbury

**Feb 20 – 6pm** – Is Your One-Place Study at a Distance? No Worries with the Internet – Tessa Keough

**Mar 2 – 10am** – Irish Research – What's New – Donna M. Moughty

Register at [www.scsgenealogy.com](http://www.scsgenealogy.com) click on Programs and Webinars

#### New England Historic Genealogical Society

**Feb 14 – 12pm** – Introducing AmericanAncestREES – Claire Vail

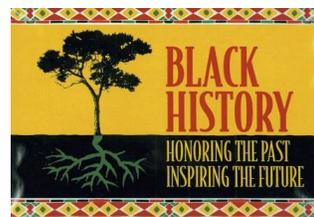
Register at [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org) (under Learn then Online Events)

#### Illinois Genealogical Society

**Feb 12 – 6pm** – Revelers, Hogkillers and Disobedient Children: Early Illinois Laws – Judy G. Russell Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>



# February



**MARIA'S JOURNEY: THE BEGINNING**  
(Maria Jonsdotter Nelson Olson - my Swedish grandmother)  
by Linda Olson Kidde

Her journey into the world began on September 13, 1875. Newborn Maria joined two brothers, ages 5 and 2.

Their father, Jon Arvidsson, was a worker on the Mølnerud farm, where each of the children were born. They lived in Fryksände parish of Värmland county, Sweden.

Jon had married Gertrud Persdotter, on June 3, 1870. First son, Per Johan, was born soon after, on July 23, 1870. Second son, Alfred, arrived on September 26, 1873. Now with two sons and a daughter, Jon and Gertrud's family was expanding.

All appeared well on the Mølnerud farm in 1875 when Maria was born. Household Examination Rolls were conducted annually by the Lutheran Church to list everyone, parish by parish and household by household. Swedish records indicated that Jon, Gertrud and their three children lived on the farm with Gertrud's mother, Maria Jansdotter, and seven other male and female farm workers.

1878, however, was the year of tragedy for the Swedish family. Jon died on January 13, 1878, of bröstinflammation (breast inflammation). He was 40. Gertrud found herself widowed with three small children to care for, and she was expecting again.

Jon had been gone only three months when, on April 21, 1878, twins Kristina and Olof Vilhelm were born. Now with five children and no husband, Gertrud, 32, perhaps felt overcome with responsibility. Yet another tragedy later that year brought more sadness. On November 4, 1878, twin baby Kristina, just six months old, died from scarlet fever.

Grief and heavy burden rested upon Gertrud. Somehow, she must find better opportunity to provide for her family. She decided to do what thousands of other Swedish citizens were doing at the time...leaving their homeland. Perhaps America was the answer.

Gertrud requested a certificate from the parish minister allowing her to go. On August 15, 1879, her certificate was granted. She said good-bye to her mother, Maria Jansdotter, knowing they would never see each other again.

Gertrud, with her three sons and one daughter, said farewell to Sweden. A life of new challenge awaited them. Little Maria was only three years old.

Maria's Journey...to be continued

Source Information for story "Maria's Journey: The Beginning"

Ancestry.com. *Sweden, Indexed Birth Records, 1859 – 1946*

Birth listing for Maria. September 13, 1875

Ancestry.com. *1878 Dödbok for Fryksände, Värmland*

1878 death record listing for Jon Arvidsson. January 13, 1878

1878 death record listing for baby Kristina. November 4, 1878

Ancestry.com *Sweden, Emmigrants Registered in Church Books 1783 - 1991*

Household member emigration listing for: Gertrud Persdotter,

Per Johan Jonsson, Alfred Jonsson, Maria Jonsdotter, and

Olof Wilhelm Jonsson. August 15, 1879

Ancestry.com. *Sweden, Church Records, 1451 – 1943*

*Värmland Fryksände Husförhör* (Household Examination) 1876 – 1880

(AI:31); page 297 (image 267/453)

Household Examination listing Gertrud and children *flyttat* (moved)

## Future Genealogy Events

- Orange FamilySearch Library** [www.ocfamilyhistory.org](http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org) (see calendar for research help)
- Feb 1, 2019 - 10-12:00** – Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** – Saddleback Room MV City Hall
- Feb 2, 2019** – **OCCGS program** - Larry Naukam – 11am “Where in the World Do You Think You Are: Using Maps and Land Records; 12:30pm “Visiting the Archives: Planning a Genealogy Vacation with a view to Archives” Huntington Beach Library [ocgs.com](http://ocgs.com)
- Feb 9, 2019 - 10-11:30** – SHHAR – Linda Serna – “Native American Research” Orange Family History Library Info: [www.shhar.org](http://www.shhar.org)
- Feb 11, 2019 - 10-12:00** David Flint - **England SIG** – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
- Feb 15, 2019 – 10:12:00** - Ireland/Scotland SIG - Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
- Feb 20, 2019 – 10-12:00** – Gary Schwarz - **German SIG** – Bill Price Rm. MV Library
- Feb 20, 2019 - 7-8pm** – GSNOCC – Andrew Carroll “American War Letters” Yorba Linda Comm Center [www.gsnocc.org](http://www.gsnocc.org)
- Feb 21, 2019 - 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](mailto:silkberry@aol.com))
- Feb 21, 2019 – 10-12:00** - David Flint - **Legacy Users Group** – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
- Feb 22, 2019 – 10-12:00** – Bunny Smith - **4<sup>th</sup> Friday Class** – “Proving Your Lineage” Saddleback Rm.
- Feb 23, 2019 - 9-4pm** - Palm Springs Gen Society – Blaine Bettinger “Decoding Your DNA Seminar” Information: (760) 285-4728
- Feb 24, 2019 – 1:30pm** – OCJGS program –Jane Neff Rolans “Holocaust Research” Temple Beth Sholom, Santa Ana [www.ocjgs.org](http://www.ocjgs.org)
- Feb 26, 2019 – 10:12:00** - Jim Thordahl – **Writing Family Stories** - Saddleback Rm
- Feb 26, 2019 – 9:30** – NSDCGS program – Len Enlow “Immigration: Searching Ellis Island and Castle Garden Records” Carlsbad City Council Chambers [www.nsdccgs.org](http://www.nsdccgs.org)
- Feb 27-Mar 2, 2019** – Rootstech, Salt Lake City, Utah. [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org)
- Mar 1, 2019 – 10-11:30** - Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** – Saddleback Room MV City Hall
- Mar 9, 2019** – **OCCGS Genealogy Bash** featuring Christa Cowan “The Barefoot Genealogist” [http://ocgs.com/mtg\\_event/bash/bash.html](http://ocgs.com/mtg_event/bash/bash.html)
- Apr 27, 2019 – 9:30am** NSDCGS Spring Seminar – **Member Case Studies** [nsdccgs.org](http://nsdccgs.org)
- May 8-11, 2019** – NGS Conference, St. Charles MO [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
- May 30-Jun 2, 2019** – Genealogy Jamboree <http://genealogyjamboree.com>
- Jun 15-17, 2019** – International German Genealogy Partnership Conf, Sacramento, CA <https://iggpartner.org>
- Aug 3, 2019 – 9am to 4pm** – GSNOCC Seminar – Dr. Thomas W. Jones, Yorba Linda Community Center. Info: [www.gsnocc.org](http://www.gsnocc.org)
- Aug 21-24, 2019** – FGS Conference, Washington D.C., <https://fgs.org>

## FamilyTreeWebinars.com Adds Closed Captioning

Legacy Family Tree Webinars, the leading genealogy and DNA webinar platform, announced the addition of closed captioning to its service. Implemented as a full human-curated transcription via synced subtitles, closed captioning is now available as an option for all live and members-only webinar recordings released since May 1, 2018. In addition, the most popular 50 webinars on the platform and all MyHeritage-specific webinars have been captioned. Legacy will add captioning to all new webinars going forward.

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

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## The Day the Music Died Day

**Date:** Always February 3

The Day the Music Died Day commemorates the untimely death of singers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper. These three Rock singers died in an airplane crash on February 3, 1959, at the height of their popularity.

Every generation has their music idols. These three were among the top of the 1950's generation. Those who grew up in the fifties mourned the premature deaths of their music idols. Memorials and remembrances occurred for years. Today, there are many websites memorializing their deaths, and detailing the events before and after the tragedy.

Information from: <http://www.holidayinsights.com/>

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

*FamilySearch* is indicating that the following databases are new or have been updated:

[England, Cheshire Bishop's Transcripts, 1598-1900](#)

[Czech Republic, Church Books, 1552-1981](#)

[Germany, Baden, Stebbach, Church Book Extracts, 1675-1951](#)

[Germany, Baden, Archdiocese of Freiburg im Breisgau, Catholic Church Records, 1678-1930](#)

[England and Wales Census, 1911](#)

[Great Britain, War Office Registers, 1772-1935](#)

[United States, Native American, Eastern Cherokee Enrollment Records, 1908-1910](#)

[North Carolina, Department of Archives and History, Index to Vital Records, 1800-2000](#)

[Ireland Census, 1911](#)

[Tennessee, Confederate Pension Applications, Soldiers and Widows, 1891-1965](#)

[New York, Church and Civil Deaths, 1824-1962](#)

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#### **Spotlight: Florida Digital Newspaper Library**

The [Florida Digital Newspaper Library](#) is part of the digital collections of the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida. The collections include current Florida newspapers (2005 to present), historic Florida newspapers, and the Historic News Accounts of Florida. Click "text search" at the top of the page, and enter a keyword. (You can also search from the main page by entering a keyword and selecting "Include the document text in search"). Your results will appear as thumbnails and text with the search term highlighted. Results can be sorted by rank, title, or date. Scroll to the bottom of the page to view the Historic News Accounts of Florida. This collection draws from newspapers published outside of Florida and contains information on Florida events between 1762 and 1885, when local press was very limited. Enter a search term to begin, and use the drop-down list to search the full citation, full text, newspaper title, or location.

#### **Genealogy Tip of the Day**

**Contact the Locals** posted January 6, 2019

Have you determined if there are materials that a local library or genealogical/historical society has that may be helpful to your search? Frequently individuals in charge of these collections are uniquely positioned to be aware of research nuances in the area and their facilities may have specialized materials not available elsewhere.

A Google search for "yourcounty yourstate historical/genealogical society" may get you on the path to more information.

## **Civil War Facial Recognition** **Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 20 Nov 2018**

Photography was a new technology at the time of the U.S. Civil War. An estimated 40 million photos were taken during the Civil war – although only four million are believed to remain today. Many have been treated as heirloom photos by families ever since. Still others are valuable for their historical value. One problem is that many of the people shown in the old photographs have never been identified, until now.

In a marriage of the latest technology and 150-year-old technology, computerized facial recognition techniques are now identifying many of the people in the old photographs.

Computer scientist and history buff Kurt Luther created a free-to-use website, called [Civil War Photo Sleuth](#), that uses facial recognition technology to cross-reference vintage photographs with a database and hopefully assign a name to unknown subjects.

Anyone may upload their own photographs or select from the many photographs that are already available online, such as photos from the [U.S. National Archives and Records Administration's web site](#). The software in the Civil War Photo Sleuth web site then maps as many as 27 “facial landmarks” on each photograph. Once it finishes cross-referencing, the site will serve up a slate of closely similar photographs that already have names attached.

For any one photo, the web site often identifies a number of potential candidates, rather than just one. In that case, humans have to compare the photographs of potential candidates to identify the correct person, if possible.

A lot more information about the [Civil War Photo Sleuth](#) may be found in an article by Annie Palmer in the *Daily Mail* web site at <https://dailym.ai/2S6gUwy> while the Civil War Photo Sleuth web site may be found at: <https://www.civilwarphotosleuth.com>.

### **2019 Programs**

**January 19 – Francie Kennedy – “Mapping our Ancestors”**

**February 16 – Sara Cochran – “From a box in the Closet to a Treasured Family Heirloom: Organizing and Digitizing your Family Photos”**

**March 16 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – “Pinning and Tweeting your Family History”**

**April 20 – Dr. Stephen Baird – TBD**

**May 18 – Jane Neff Rollins – “Let No (Wo)man Put Asunder – Researching Ancestors Who Divorce”**

**June 15 – Kristi Sexton – “Digging for Dirt in Cemeteries”**

**July 20 – Kelli Bergheimer – “Online Tools to Organize & Collaborate with Your Cousins”**

**August 17 – TBD**

**September 21 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – topic TBD**

**October 20 – Annual Seminar**

**November 16 – TBD**

**December 14 – Annual Year End Holiday Gathering**

### **Genealogy Tip of the Day**

**Partially Cut Off** posted January 4, 2019

O, Mc, Mac, Van, Vander, De, and similar prefixes can easily be removed from a name when it is being entered into a record. O'Neill can become Neil, Vandenberg can become Berg. Names that are compound names can only appear partially in a record: Greenberry becomes Green or Berry.

Any name can have part of it cut off before it gets recorded

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