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COUNTY WEBSITES - AN OVERLOOKED RESOURCE

Presented by

Jean Wilcox Hibben

A large amount of helpful information can be found on websites maintained by volunteers. One type of these is the county websites - supplying information of interest to genealogical researchers. Those who attend this presentation will learn about how to locate such sites, the different types of information available, how to navigate the sites, and how to make use of this often overlooked resource.

About the Speaker: A Board Certified genealogist, Jean Wilcox Hibben has been involved in family research for over 30 years. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS), the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Corona Genealogical Society. Jean maintains a website with information about her presentations, CDs, and projects: www.circlemending.org. She is the Director of Corona California Family History Center, and is also an occasional volunteer at the Pacific Region Facility of the National Archives in Riverside County. Jean says "My goal is to assist others in their efforts to connect generations (past to present), completing the family circle."

Safari News

~Bill Bluett

The Southern California Genealogical Society Research Library will be our destination on April 24th. They are located in Burbank and will be open from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM on that day. You can check out their website at www.scgsgenealogy.com/catalogMain.htm for general information regarding their holdings. Hopefully we will be able to visit the Sons of the Revolution Library in Glendale for a few hours after departing Burbank. If not, an alternate location will be selected in the Glendale area. We will then dine at **Conrads** (in Glendale) around 6:30 PM. We will be leaving the LDS Church parking lot in Mission Viejo at 9:00 AM. You might bring a lunch with you or check out some of the local eateries within a short walking distance of the SCGS facility. Don't forget \$\$ for your driver. Contact Bill Bluett to reserve a spot for this great research trip!

Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery.

~Jack Parr

-Aren't we glad our ancestors flattered?

The United States of America.

President's Message

~Francie Kennedy

Always Something New to Learn!

“Welcome to the Future”. This fan of Google learned some new tips when watching the recent Rootstech conference session on Google. Dave Barney, a Google employee, gave the talk. This was the same young man who had just spoken at the Mission Viejo Family History Center the week before, an excellent speaker who got rave reviews from those of you who attended.

When searching for an image of a person in Google Images, do the initial search, and then click on “Search Tools” below the search box. An additional menu pops in!

- Narrow your results by choosing Black & White from the “Any Color” menu.
- Home in on portraits (leaving out travel snapshots) by choosing Face from the “Any Type” menu.
- Try this with a famous individual first to practice the methodology.

You can search using an image rather than text! By either pasting in the URL of an online image or uploading one of your own images - of a person or even a building for example – Google will look for that same image and those like it! Click on the little camera icon at the right edge of the search box, and follow the instructions. (Don't worry; your image does not get put on the Web in this process.)

We love historical newspapers! Google News Archive is available directly via: ***news.google.com/newspapers***. You will see a list of all of the newspapers Google has digitized, with the available dates. Find great articles here! Please do use it, as the speaker said that Google will not put up more new content unless they see it is getting used. (If people who work at Google are Googlers, does that make us the Googles?)

The next presenter on the live-streamed Rootstech stage, Valerie Elkins, talked about several filing systems and note-taking sites available in the Cloud. You can securely and privately put your reference material, photos, to-do lists, etc., up on the various sites, and then have them available to you from your laptop, smartphone or tablet anywhere you are. This is a good way to back up all of your research, too. The sites she mentioned are Evernote, OneNote, Dropbox, and Google Docs. I have used Google Docs a bit – it is great for collaborating on a project over some distance, and you can give access to your chosen collaborators without the documents being made public. I will be checking out those other sites.

All of the recorded sessions are available to watch on demand now, at rootstech.org. Just click a topic of interest, and watch! I watched the archived keynote talks, and the CEO of Ancestry made some great announcements about what they have planned for the next five years... Welcome to the future. Watch it unfold at rootstech.org from the comfort of home.

Have fun searching – and finding!

March Meeting

At the March 2013 Society meeting, Gary Schwarz introduced us to the technological version of a Swiss Army Knife! Having all of his tools work together, and choosing compact lightweight versions, he traveled to the Ukraine and was able to stay connected with home, and take with him all the tools he needed for research in his magic backpack. Discussing netbooks and laptops, Gary reviewed all the features of the equipment, all those ports and plugs, demystifying things like what the “VGA” port is for! We all got a good idea of what to look for in our next laptop or tablet when we buy a new one. Gary demonstrated creating a DVD from an interview he did, so it can be shared with other family members. Talking about images, we learned about Photoshop Elements, Picasa, and MS Office Picture Manager. And finally, a low-tech but wonderful idea for binding your own booklets using a heavy duty stapler is a great way to save newsletters and typescript or photocopied books, making more space on your bookshelves. Gary is a well-informed presenter full of both technical knowledge and imaginative ideas! If you missed the presentation, ask him how he uses mint tins!

Beverly T. Long

~Mary Jo McQueen

We are sorry to report the passing of Beverly Long on 12 February 2013. Beverly was a Life Member and SOCCGS' 15th Founding Member. She was a most faithful docent for over ten years. Beverly loved working on her family history and did extensive research in Kentucky. She donated many Kentucky books to the SOCCGS collection. Beverly was a member of Aliso Canyon DAR.

Beverly T. Boyd was born in Los Angeles County on 9 December 1915 to Leonard H. Boyd and Lucy Elsie Whipp. Her husband Jack E. Long, who died in 1971, preceded her in death.

Membership
~Mary Jo McQueen

We welcomed our newest member at the March meeting. **Dottie Para**, who lives in Mission Viejo is researching **Hatfield** (1848) New York & New Jersey, **Morris** (1600's- Present) New Jersey, **Wardell** (1803-Present) New Jersey, **Valentien** (1847-Present) Holland & New Jersey, **Glasbrenner** (1861) Germany & New Jersey and **Bauer** (1882-Present) Germany, New Jersey. mimidp@cox.net. Forty-seven members signed in at the March meeting. One guest, **Joyce Schrock**, from San Juan Capistrano was introduced by membership Chairman, Jack Naylor. **Pat Nostrome, Naomi McCabe, Barbara Wilgus, Arlene O'Donnell** supplied delicious refreshments for our break, which were enjoyed very much. Thank you very much!

Brick Walls & Genealogy Research Suggestions

David Flint was going through some books in his garage and ran across one titled "How to Find Your Own Roots" printed in 1977. It was a free handout at your local Great Western Savings. My, how times have changed! Great Western Savings?

Arlene O'Donnell has a DNA match through ANCESTRY. With the help of a distant cousin in Raleigh, North Carolina, old newspaper articles have been uncovered with stories about her great grandfather. It seems he had a difficult life. There is mention of his house burning down in 1891 and the fact that he was committed to an asylum later on in his life.

Barbara Taylor's dad was in the Merchant Marines during World War II. In 1988, there were some benefits given to Merchant Marines – two years after her father died. She found documentation regarding his service on ANCESTRY and submitted the information. It took two years, but, Barbara received a DD Form 214 Honorable Discharge document for her father's service – 68 years following his time of service!

Milissa Cottrell found someone that had some of the same family genealogy that she has except the maiden name of one of those family members. A woman that Milissa talked to insisted that the maiden name she had was correct. Milissa didn't think the woman was correct. It was a difficult experience talking to this person on the phone. How can one best deal with a situation like this?

Barbara Taylor said it is best to just try to ignore the emotion aspect and just deal with the facts.

Pat Weeks says there is a book in our genealogy section on "Cherokee families" that is difficult for her to read and follow because of the way it is written and presented. Could anyone help her that may be familiar with this particular book?

Verl Nash wrapped up our "brick walls" segment regarding how he has dealt all his life with the misspelling and mispronouncing of his name. His grandson even gave him a t-shirt with all the misspellings. Thank you, Vern (I mean Verl) for sharing this bit of information with us.

2013 - Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars

The live broadcast of each session is open to the public and FREE to all (space is limited to 1000 attendees). Webinars are recorded, archived, and available for the next twelve months day or night to SCGS members, in the members-only section of the SCGS website.

Info and Schedule: <http://scgsgenealogy.com/extension-series/jes2013.html>

Legacy User's Group
~ David Flint

The SOCCGS Legacy 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. This monthly meeting provides a regular forum for anyone interested in learning about the Legacy Family Tree program -- whether you are a beginner, or you are already using Legacy. This is an informal meeting where you can share ideas with other people who use Legacy. The meeting includes demonstrations on how to perform various functions with the Legacy program, as well as time to address specific questions or problems from those attending the meeting. Feel free to drop in and out of the group as you like. The next meeting is at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18 in the Saddleback Room in Mission Viejo City facilities across the parking lot from the Library. See you there.

A poem is never finished, only abandoned.

~Paul Valery

-As are our genealogies.

Virginia Baily Hearne Tibbetts

~Diane Hearne

Virginia loved “fun, pretty, cheerful” things. If she didn’t want to talk about something, she’d blithely flutter her hands to erase the subject. I was so impressed observing her teaching third grade in 1964, I changed my mind and decided I wanted to be a teacher.



Virginia Bailey Hearne
Tibbetts
(1909-1993)

Active in high school, her yearbook description read: Class Hockey 26; Operetta 25, 27; Girls’ Glee Club 25, 26, 27; “Ariel” staff 26; Song Leader 26; Vice President French club 24; Parliamentarian Girls’ League 26, 27; Secretary Forum club 24; French Club 24, 25; Pomona college.

The Santa Ana Daily Register had this to say of one of her performances at Willard Junior High School on December 7, 1923:

“One of the outstanding pleasures was the youthful sweetness and power of Virginia Bailey’s voice, as she sang the title role of “Little Almond Eyes.” Despite her youth, the voice of the young prima donna went ringing through the auditorium with every note clear and true. Her song in the second scene, “My Every Thought is for My Love” was particularly pretty.”

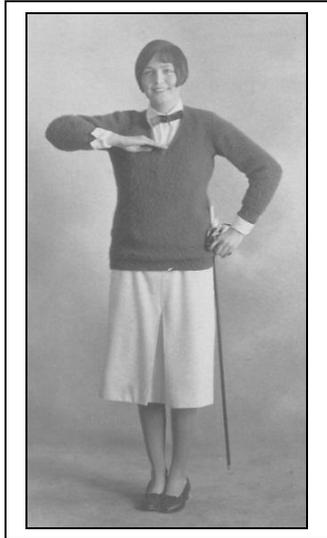
She kept up a correspondence and friendship with Roger Hearne from their years together in high school until their marriage in 1934. The marriage was colorful according to the paper:

“Mr. and Mrs. Roger Millar Hearne are in Palo Alto today attending the Stanford-USC football game during their honeymoon stay in the north. She made a lively bride in a fuchsia formal afternoon dress with which she carried orchids and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Homan wore black satin with a corsage of red rosebuds and white gardenias. Her mother, Mrs. Adelaide Safley, was present for the occasion and presented a charming picture in a formal afternoon frock of a new fall green. Her corsage was of gardenias.”

After graduating from Scripps College in Claremont (the tuition apparently a gift from Dodo), Virginia went to USC for her 5th year for teaching. She began teaching French at the Visel Studio according to *the Santa Ana Register* on June 20, 1931, but her wedding announcement said that she was a member of the teaching faculty at Cypress. Female teachers were not allowed to be married so she had to lie to keep her position.

My husband, Pat was born in 1938 and his sister, Susan, in 1946, who sadly passed away from cancer seven years later. Virginia went back to teaching, while taking care of Pat, Roger and Mayme. Ten years after Roger’s death in 1969, she married Jim Tibbetts, the widowed father of a teaching friend.

Glendora’s daughter, Jody, remembers being invited to family dinners at Roger and Virginia’s on Christmas Eve. All five of the kids had to stay in the spare room, being told it was an adult party!



She continued telling her nonchalant stories about family when asked, as always waving her hands in the air when she didn’t care to answer questions. She never lost her love of music. Returning from the grocery one day, she said she’d been singing and dancing down the aisle with her cart when a nice gentleman walked up asking “May I have this dance?”

Happiness Is

~Jim Thordahl – Ways and Means Chairman

The other day when my wife asked me, “How happy are you, Jim?” I replied: “Happier than a member of SOCCGS who participates in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program.” Then she asked, “Why?” So I explained how every time I shop at Ralphs they contribute to our Genealogical Society and it does cost a cent. How happy are you? If you have a question, call me: 949 492-5334 or email: jimandbonniethor@juno.com.

Two Irish Entrepreneurs

~Jim Thordahl

As we don a bit o' green to join the Irish in their annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the 17th of March, I thought about where I might find a gene or two of Irish on my family tree. I concluded there wasn't much chance of any connection unless a marauding Viking made off with a bonnie lass from the Emerald Isle a thousand years ago. So I turned to my grandson's paternal tree and that family's proud heritage of rugged Irishmen. What I found was a fascinating story of two young men from Ireland who tried their luck on the American frontier. It was in the Oklahoma Indian Territory where their Irish entrepreneurial spirit took hold.

Just when the Shirley brothers arrived in America is not clear. **John Shirley**, (b. 1827/28) the older brother and a practicing physician, was hired by the Army to tend to Indians in **Texas**. John married **Jane Patillo from Dardanelle, Arkansas**. When the last small band of **Caddo Indians** was relocated to the Oklahoma Territory in 1859 (another "trail of tears") John relocated as well and established a thriving enterprise on the **Washita River**, trading with Indians and servicing the frontier Army outposts. His connections with the Army won him a major contract to build a road to **Fort Sill**, still a significant Army base. Conveniently and apparently good for business, the route chosen passed his trading post and the river crossing where John collected a toll – so the story goes. After John Shirley died, in 1875, his wife sold the property and moved to **Silver City** (now a ghost town) on the **Chisholm Trail**. Oklahoma Territory census is not available before 1900. However, from later censuses and obituaries, I have identified four of their children.

When **William Shirley** (b. 1830) joined his brother in America or whether they traveled together is not known. However, he, too, settled in the Oklahoma Territory and established a trading company, perhaps the first in this Indian Territory. The brothers' benevolence toward the Indians was vital during the Civil War when support by the Union Army suffered as the Territory endured disparate loyalty, much as Missouri did, and the Army was consumed with the War effort. William was especially favored by the Caddo Indians, was an interpreter, and married an Indian princess (about 1870). William's enterprises extended to cattle ranching and farming. William also contracted with the Army, to provide hay to Fort Sill. Not all the Indians tribes were friendly, and during the **Red River War, 1874-1875, Kiowa Indians** burned his establishment. He and his help escaped with 40 horses and mules and eight wagons, which suggests the wealthy size his agricultural enterprise. It was the Caddo Indians who petitioned the 55th Congress for his adoption, a tradition not recognized by our government. Just the same, William was included on the Roll in Indian Censuses and in 1901 granted an allotment after the remainder of Oklahoma was opened for settlement. William died in 1907 and is buried in **Riverside Cemetery, in Anadarko, Oklahoma**. A legendary tale of how this town got its name suggests that William deferred the honor of having the town named after him, and instead suggested the honor should go to the Indian tribe (**Nadaco**) of his wife, **Habunista**. William is my grandson's **3rd great grandfather**. Through census and court records, I have traced many of the descendants of William's only child, **Harry**.

To tell the preceding tale I relied upon online stories made available by the Oklahoma Historical Society, rootsweb.com and okgenweb.org.

Family Tree at Family Search

Family Tree is an updated approach to organizing and recording your genealogy online. It is free, available to everyone, and provides an easy way to share information, compare research, and go further faster by working together. Family Tree development is ongoing and aggressive, so you can expect frequent updates, including additional training materials. To check it out, go to <http://www.familysearch.org> and at the top of the page next to the FamilySearch logo click on Family Tree link. If you don't already have one, create a FamilySearch account. Sign in and find the Help link in the upper right corner of the Family Tree page. Follow the Help link. Click on "see all Family Tree Training Materials". Click on "Guides and Manuals". Browse the manuals. A "Photos" piece is still in Beta testing at this time, so non-church accounts will not be able to attach photos yet but maybe soon.

**Age is a case of mind over matter.
If you don't mind, it don't matter.**

~Satchel Paige

*- To good genealogists, it matters;
To careless genealogists, it don't matter.*

POSSLQ and Other Terms of Endearment

~Patricia Ann Dean Christiansen, with help from Wikipedia and Charles Osgood

A few months back I received an email from my sister-in-law, **Mary Jane Christiansen Kupfer (b. 3 Dec 1945, Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah, USA)**. Jane is the youngest of my husband's (**Elmer Leon Christiansen, b. 18 Apr 1929; d. 4 Jun 2006**) five brothers and sisters. Jane and I were discussing the state of the nation, the lack of respect of teenagers, the waywardness of some grandchildren and various other social crises that were not like the "old days."

Jane came up with a question that intrigued me somewhat and after a few attempts at spelling the word that I thought she wanted; I finally found the answer on the Internet. It was the term, "POSSLQ." Wikipedia is my friend and ally in such matters and I was able to return via email the solution to my sister-in-law's question. I now quote Wikipedia:

"POSSLQ is an abbreviation (or acronym) for "Persons of Opposite Sex Sharing Living Quarters," a term coined in the late 1970s by the United States Census Bureau as part of an effort to more accurately gauge the prevalence of cohabitation in American households.

"After the 1980 Census, the term gained currency in the wider culture for a time. CBS commentator Charles Osgood composed a verse which includes:

*There's nothing that I wouldn't do
If you would be my POSSLQ
You live with me and I with you,
And you will be my POSSLQ.
I'll be your friend and so much more;
That's what a POSSLQ is for. "*

I continue again with Wikipedia: "After demographers observed the increasing frequency of cohabitation over the 1980s, the Census Bureau began directly asking respondents to their major surveys whether they were *unmarried partners*, thus making obsolete the old method of counting cohabiters, which involved a series of assumptions about Persons of Opposite Sex Sharing Living Quarters. The category *unmarried partner* first appeared in the 1990 Census, and was incorporated into the monthly Current Population Survey starting in 1995. By the late 1990s, they [the terms] had fallen out of general usage and returned to being a specialized term for demographers."

At least one genealogical software program, PAF (perhaps there are others), has POSSLQ listed as an option to explaining a family group when you are trying to describe a living condition that fostered a child or children outside the bounds of a formal marriage. Other than divine intervention or marriage, there had to be an answer. Whatever the cause ... some of us wouldn't be here, were it not for those certain POSSLQ situations of the past.

In another, more current vernacular, the term fiancée is often used now-a-days when making introductions; possibly to add a sense of legitimacy to an existing POSSLQ relationship. The Census inquiries do not care one way or the other ... only a correct answer is wanted.

Beginners Genealogy Class

~Jack Naylor

A friend interested in genealogy?

Tell them of the new SOCCGS Beginner's Genealogy Class taught by Jack Naylor. Learn how a man can be both the first and second son of his mother and father, why the Mann Act was important and what happened to the man who shot himself three times in the head.

Become a member of the next class. Call or e-mail Jack at 949-586-6689 or jigsaw1948@cox.net for the next scheduled class.

Library Docent

~Bunny Smith – Society Librarian

Attention Anyone Who Wants to Volunteer at the Library!

This is a great way to get your genealogy on track with a regular schedule at the library. It doesn't matter if you have not been trained, that can be arranged. If you are interested please contact Bunny Smith.

Alimony is like buying hay for a dead horse. ~Grouch Marx *-How does this relate to genealogy?*

Corresponding Secretary Note

~Marilyn Kowalski

Greeting and best wishes to all our SOCCGS folks! Do you know someone in our society family whose day would be a little better by receiving a card or a note to let them know we are thinking of them? As your Corresponding Secretary I invite you to call me: Marilyn Kowalski 949 586 7257 or email me: >ma_Kowalski@sbcglobal.net< with the recipient's name and address (if different from the SOCCGS membership roster) and reason for the card. I'll send them a greeting from SOCCGS to meet their situation. **Friendship isn't a big thing....It's a million little things .**

Our whole life is solving puzzles.
~Erno Rubik

-Genealogists get some great ones to solve.

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

20 Apr - 9:00am – 5:00pm – Orange County Family History Fair - OCFHC, 674 S. Yorba St, Orange, CA – Registration Form, Syllabus and Info at <http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org> .

28 Apr - 1:00 – 6:00 pm - Israel Expo 2013 - OC Jewish GS - Place: Samueli Jewish Campus, 1 Federation Way, Irvine, CA 92603 - **For Information:** Sandy Bursten sandybee1@cox.net or 949-854-8854, <http://www.isralexpo.org/> or <http://www.ocjgs.org>

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