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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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## "Genetics and Human Migration"

April 16, 2016

Presented by

Dr. Stephen Baird

What is DNA? How is it used for genealogy? What does this mean for inheritance? Our speaker, Dr. Stephen Baird, discusses these challenging questions as well as reviewing a DNA case study of his own. This exciting presentation will be accompanied by his musical creations!

**About the Speaker:** Dr. Stephen Baird graduated from Stanford University with a degree in Biology and received his M.D. at Stanford University School of Medicine. He is Emeritus Professor of Clinical Pathology at UCSD School of Medicine, and retired as Chief of Pathology at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in La Jolla, CA. Dr. Baird's research interests were in lymphomas and leukemias and now in prostate cancer stem cells. Additionally, he has spent a good deal of time studying creation stories, Biblical and modern (evolution), as well as the genetics of human diseases and the genetic variations found in all modern human beings. His interests in genealogy relate to how family trees could be used to study inheritance of various traits, both normal and disease processes.

**Safari News**

~Bill Bluett

The Cole Genealogy Library in Carlsbad is the destination for the safari on April 27th. 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. Use their library catalogue at: <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/depts/library/default.asp> and set your genealogy research in motion. You may bring 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The May meeting will be moved to the second Saturday, MAY 14, 2016, due to a scheduling conflict.**

## President's Message

By David Flint

It has not been my custom since being President to write this monthly article about my own genealogy research. However, I'm going to depart from custom this month after some recent work on my Flint line. In reviewing my family files preparing for our trip to Salt Lake City this month, I made some discoveries that really got my interest.

First, I discovered that I had not researched the 1891 England Census for my great-grandfather William Flint. You know how you haven't looked at some of your family files for a while and you see something you didn't notice before? I don't know how I missed this, but searching for the 1891 Census revealed that he had four more children than I was showing for him. I also discovered that my family had not been in London as long as I had thought. This was a perfect "getting ready" mini-project for Salt Lake City because it revealed new areas of research I need to do, as well as taught me some things about my previous research on this family line.

William's son, William James Flint, is my grandfather and my direct-line ancestor among his siblings. Perhaps that's why I had not paid attention to how many brothers and sisters he had because I was previously focusing just on him. Adding four more siblings for William James not only introduced some new people, but I also learned that they were all born between 1878 and 1887 in Winchfield, Hampshire -- a new location for my family. William's last child, Amelia, was born in London in 1889. This indicates that William and his family moved to London sometime between 1887 and 1889.

The second revelation was the familiarity of the given names in this family line. The maiden name of William's wife was Helen Barratt. Among the parents and grandparents of William and Helen were the names John, Sarah, James, Elizabeth, Frances and William. Their eight children were named Frances Helen, William James, Elizabeth Katherine, Henry Charles, Frederick John, Sarah Barratt, Edward John, and Amelia.

My grandfather William James Flint married Alice Fear in 1904. They named their eight children as follows: Amelia Helen, Edward William, Sarah Barratt, Frederick Arthur, Kate Elizabeth, Henry Wallace, Frances Alice, and Thomas Leslie (my father). Is this starting to sound familiar? I had not looked closely at the naming pattern in my Flint line going back four generations, so I had not noticed the similarity in names. It became apparent when I filled in the extra children (and names) for William's family from the 1891 Census.

The odd thing about my father's family is that none of them used their real names. My father (Thomas Leslie) went by Les, his middle name, and his sister Amelia was called Mill, probably a diminutive. Mill married Henry George Pridmore, who was called Lal. My father's brother Edward William was Joe; his sister Sarah Barratt was Nell; his sister Kate Elizabeth was Kit; his brother Henry Wallace was Arthur; and his sister Frances Alice was Fran. These were all my aunts and uncles, and the names were familiar to me as a boy growing up in London. I did not know their real names until many years later as an adult. So, despite the familiarity of given names going back several generations, the names used within our family were entirely different. Thank goodness I have been able to confirm the correct names through my own genealogy research.

This exercise was a good warm up for preparing part of my research work for our Salt Lake City trip. In getting ready I was able to add some new family members to my father's line, learned some new place names, and discovered a number of repeating given names going back at least four generations. I also added all of William's new children to my To-Do List for the trip

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

**SS Is Not Always Steamship** posted 23 Mar 2016

Legal documents frequently contain the abbreviation "ss" after the court location. There is a reason the abbreviation is used in that part of the document. The letters are said to be a contraction for scilicet which is frequently translated as "in particular" or "to wit" and is usually used to state the venue of the court.

**A Reminder From the Depths of the Cloud** posted 28 Mar 2016

Cloud servers fail. Remote servers fail. Your own computer will fail.

Every computer will eventually fail.

Back up your data. In more than one place. Now.

## March Meeting

~ Bill Bluett

This month's presentation was given by our own **Francie Kennedy**, past president. The title of her topic was **Space and Place: The Geography of Our Ancestors**. By using GOOGLE MAPS and other website information, you can see where your ancestor lived and what the area looked like in and around their residence. Old postcards, Birdseye View maps, Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, and historic photos found on the internet can help you visualize what things looked like 50 to 100 years ago, or more! Isn't it great to be able to see in our own minds what our ancestors saw around them in their day? Thank you, Francie, for a very enlightening presentation. Prior to the presentation, we had great refreshments provided by a number of our members. They were: **JoAnn Jones, Bob Lozano, Sue Naegeli, Arlene O'Donnell, and Jim and Joyce Van Schaack**. Our attendance for the meeting included 86 members, 3 guests: **Sheila Bamberg** - Mission Viejo; **Barbara Gormley** - Midlothian, VA; and **Mary Ann Nelson** - Irvine; and one past member, **Mary L. Bump**, who has rejoined. Welcome back Mary. Thank you all for attending our monthly meeting.

## March Mini-Class

This month's mini-class featured folks from the "Writing Group" that meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10 until noon in the Saddleback Room. Members from the group shared snippets of their stories and reasons for wanting to make their genealogy research "come alive"! Also, they cited specific things learned from listening to each other's stories - styles of writing, ways of turning facts into fascinating reading, and getting our collected information down on paper in story form. And, don't forget those special events and memories that are sitting there collected in our minds. It's time to write those stories! Come join the group if it fits into your schedule and develop the passion that the group has developed for creating everlasting stories for friends and family. For more information, contact Jim Thordahl at: [jimandbonniethor@juno.com](mailto:jimandbonniethor@juno.com).

## IRELAND SIG STARTING IN APRIL

The first meeting of our special interest group for Ireland will be on Friday, April 15. Myrna Hamid is the leader of the new group. The Ireland SIG will meet on the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The meeting location is the Saddleback Room in the Mission Viejo City Hall. If you are doing genealogy research on ancestors in Ireland, or would like to learn about doing Irish research, come and join Myrna for the first meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a general discussion and information-sharing group for topics relating to Irish genealogy research. For more information about the Ireland SIG, contact Myrna Hamid: [mhamidi@earthlink.net](mailto:mhamidi@earthlink.net)

## SOCCGS Special Interest Groups (SIG)

In addition to our new Ireland SIG, there is an England SIG lead by David Flint that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (April 11) from 10-12:00 in the Saddleback Room at Mission Viejo City Hall. The German SIG, led by Gary Schwarz, has changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (April 20), 10-12:00 and now meets in the Bill Price Room at the Mission Viejo Library.

## North Orange County Genealogical Society Seminar

**Cyndi Ingle, owner and creator of Cyndislist.com**

**Saturday, July 30, 2016, 9:00 am -3:30 pm**

Nationally known speaker, author and genealogy internet guru **Cyndi Ingle**, owner and creator of CyndisList.com, will present four sessions in this all day seminar: **1) A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0** **2) Newspaper Tools Online: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly** **3) The Internet: Lower your Expectations to Raise your Research Potential** **4) Ten Resources I Use Every Day: Miscellaneous Tips for the Online Researcher.** Seminar held at the Danish Church and Cultural Center, 1881 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda, between Rose Drive and Imperial Hwy. Pre-Registration post-marked by July 22: \$30 GSNOCC member, \$35 Non-Member, \$40 at the door. For information call 714-319-5994 or go to [www.gsnocc.org](http://www.gsnocc.org) for information and map

## **“Hitting the Wall” Becomes a Connecticut Vacation**

By Karen Sepp

My seventh DAR application under a Revolutionary War patriot from Connecticut, ancestor Samuel Leffingwell, was submitted after three years of determined searching through every Internet source I could locate and paying the cost of documents and long distance phone calls to Connecticut for additional information. It was confidently mailed to NSDAR with my \$75 application fee in 2013. A year later, in May, 2014, there was an official reply requesting additional evidence within no later than two years for Lois Leffingwell in generation 6 as the daughter of Benjamin Leffingwell in generation 7. Two experienced genealogists volunteered to search for me at the archives in Salt Lake City without achieving success. After overcoming the initial sadness, and refusing to succumb to defeat, a plan was devised to rent a cottage on a lake in Connecticut in June 2015 for two weeks to visit my sister and family in Connecticut and also my son and family, with three sweet granddaughters under age 3, in Massachusetts.

The preliminary itinerary was to visit the county clerks' offices I had previously spoken to on the phone in the last year as well as the County Archives in New London. Upon arrival, during the first week, my husband and I visited county clerks in Bozrah, Montville twice, and New London, searching through their archives, but found no evidence of the family I was seeking. We visited a Baptist church in the town of Leffingwell, also without luck. Along the way, we were advised to visit the Connecticut State Library in the state capitol to expand our research in their archives. The next day, we drove north to Hartford to spend the day there. Just by luck, we entered the large courthouse building at the basement level and the security guard directed us down the hall to the archive library.

At the library entrance, we met with the librarian who guided us to the Dewey Decimal System card files (very familiar to me) in the hallway and showed us the wooden drawers with the card files for probate records and then the wills just down the hall. Within 30 minutes, my husband had found a card for Benjamin Leffingwell and I found the card for the Bible Record which we hoped might be productive. With anticipation, we handed the cards to the librarian who went into a back room and returned with a folder. Inside the folder, I immediately found the transcript of the bible record for my entire Leffingwell family! I squealed loudly as I hugged the poor petite librarian. I continued to jump up and down when reading that my search for Lois Leffingwell was actually for Louise Leffingwell with the same birthdate born in June 1776 in CT, who had taken the nickname of Lois. She married my great x3 grandfather David Maples (a common name in CT confusing my search), thereby calling herself Lois Maples of Hartwick, NY. The shy librarian then handed my husband a microfilm that possibly had the probate record and after twenty minutes of scrolling, he found the will for Benjamin Leffingwell listing Lois Maples as his daughter and an amount of money that she was to inherit. The record also included a receipt for the inheritance signed for by Lois Maples.

The rest of our vacation was magical and fruitful as we visited family and friends and hugged our beautiful baby granddaughters.

I will be forever grateful to a distant relative who brought the records to the Connecticut State Library in 1948 to be officially transcribed from the original source under the supervision of the Examiner of Public Records. My DAR application was approved just three weeks after I forwarded my additional proof with my letter to the NSDAR.

### **April Free Webinars**

**Legacy** is presenting several free webinars in April:

**Apr 6** – Getting to Know Findmypast: Your Source for British and Irish Genealogy – Jean Baldwin

**Apr 8** – Confirming Enslaved Ancestors Utilizing DNA – Melvin Collier

**Apr 13** – U.S. Land Records-State Land States – Mary Hill

**Apr 20** – Fire Insurance Maps-The Google Maps of Their Day – Jill Morelli

**Apr 27** – Researching Your Ancestors in England and Wales Part 2: The Parish Chest – Kristy Gray

**May 4** – Google Drive for Genealogists – Thomas MacEntee

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:**

**Apr 2** – Researching Your Civil War Ancestor: A Comprehensive Study – Michael L. Strauss

**Apr 20** – The Peripatetic Germans: Emigration and Immigrations (1693-1914) – James M. Baker

Register at [www.scsgenealogy.com](http://www.scsgenealogy.com), click on programs and webinars.

**Celebrate National Library Week**  
**April 10-16**

The week of April 10-16 has been designated as National Library Week. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association. It is a time to celebrate the contribution of our nation's libraries and library personnel and to promote library use and support. Many public libraries now have dedicated genealogy or local history collections, making them an essential destination for every roots researcher. The Mission Viejo Library has a dedicated genealogy section with volunteers and resources provided by SOCCGS. The following websites can be accessed free of charge on the computers at the SOCCGS Research Center (service paid for by SOCCGS).

**Ancestry.com** (Service paid by the Mission Viejo Library and also available at the library technology center)

**My Heritage** – international genealogy site

**World Vital Records**

**American Ancestors** – hosted by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Rich source of New England genealogy information.

**British Newspaper Archives** – newspapers from 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries

**Newspaper Archives** – newspapers from 655 U.S. cities some dated to the early 1800s

**Newspapers.com** – 3300 newspapers from 1700s to 2000s.

**Genealogy Bank** – Historical Newspapers (1690-2007)

**Fold3** – scanned images of war and original military documents and more.

**Find My Past/Mocavo** – a very large collection of British Records, also in process of scanning PERSI

**PRDH** – French Canadian parish registers and other documents of the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Take advantage of what is offered at the Research Center. Our docents are available to help you with your research, Monday-Thurs 10-5:30, Fri 1-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4. You never know what you'll find until you look. **Check out SOCCGS.org for a complete list of websites, books, CDs and calendar of meetings, special interest groups and classes.**

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

ONLINE CITY DIRECTORIES

**San Francisco City Directories Online** Posted: 20 Feb 2016

This page on the San Francisco Public Library website has [links to free copies of San Francisco between 1850 and 1982.](http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=2000540401)

**Indianapolis City Directories 1855-2001** Posted 20 Feb 2016

The Indiana University website has a collection that consists of all published Indianapolis city directories ranging from 1855-2001. <http://ulib.iupui.edu/collections/icd>

**Brooklyn, New York, Directories 1856-1908** Posted 19 Feb 2016

Brooklyn New York, city directories covering the years 1856-1908 have been digitized by Brooklyn Public Library and can be viewed on their site. [www.bklynlibrary.org/citydir/](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/citydir/)

**Cincinnati City Directories Online** Posted 17 Feb 2016

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (Ohio) has an extensive collection of city directories from 1819-1941 (not all years included) on their virtual library website.

[http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.library.org/virtuallibrary/vl\\_citydir.aspx](http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.library.org/virtuallibrary/vl_citydir.aspx)

**San Francisco Databases-Mostly Free** posted 17 Jan 2016

This [page on San Francisco Genealogy](http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sf/sfdata.htm) has links to a variety of databases from the San Francisco area. Most of them are free. <http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sf/sfdata.htm>

**Early Florida Auto Registrations, 1905-1917** posted 20 Mar 2016

The Florida State Archives website has "Early Florida Auto Registrations" from 1905-1917 on their website. The database is name searchable. <https://www.floridamemory.com/collections/early-autos/>

## **When the Females Can't Be Found From Rootdig, posted March 6, 2016**

A few thoughts on missing female ancestors. These are not comprehensive and may apply to difficult male ancestors as well.

### **Never assume your female ancestor did not marry again after her husband died.**

The less well-set and younger your female ancestor was when her husband died, the more likely she was to marry again. It's simple economics and the reality of the time. Even if the widow was older and better set, there's still a good possibility she married again for a variety of reasons. Her disappearance after her husband's death may be as simple as her being listed under a new last name.

### **Your female ancestor appears to have been dropped off by a UFO a few days before her marriage.**

There are several reasons someone's first appearance in a location can be when they marry. They may have moved to a new area for a "fresh start" as a young adult and part of that fresh start included a new spouse. It is also possible that person may not appear in any records even though they have lived in the area for some time. If the time period is such that this ancestor should appear in a census enumeration, consider the possibility that they are listed in the census, but under the last name of a step-father, even if they were never adopted and never actually "used" his last name as their own. The last name they gave for themselves at marriage could have been the name of their actual birth father and, if he died at the right time, they may never have been enumerated with their birth father in any census and may appear in all census records with their step-father's last name.

### **Your female ancestor appears to have been picked up by a UFO a few days after husband dies.**

If she didn't marry again (already discussed) consider the possibility that the recently widowed ancestor moved to live with one of her children. The search for a widow after her death should include a comprehensive search in the areas where her children were living when and after her husband died. And don't forget to search the marriage records. The widow could have found a new spouse when she tired of living with her children.

### **You Failed to Research the Subsequent Husband Completely.**

Information on the non-ancestral husband of your ancestor could be crucial to your research on the actual ancestor. She could have qualified for a military pension based upon the second husband's service; she may have actually known the second husband before she married her first husband; her second husband could have been related to her first husband; or one of another in a list of less likely, but still informative, scenarios.

### **Have all the children and grandchildren of the elusive female been fully researched?**

There may be a direct statement about the elusive female's maiden name in a record on her children or grandchildren. It's also possible a child, grandchild, or even great-grandchild has a middle name that is the unknown maiden name.

### **Have all the associates of the female ancestor (and her husband) been fully researched?**

It is possible that someone who appears as a bondsman, frequent witness, neighbor, etc. is actually a relative of the female ancestor with whom you are having issues. If she is the administratrix or executrix of her husband's estate, who are the bondsmen on her bond? Associates of your ancestral couple are not aliens who have been dropped off the UFO—they have a connection to your ancestor or their spouse.

Unless your challenging female ancestor *was* actually dropped off by a UFO. In that case, there may be fellow aliens (literally) who are her relatives and who appear as witnesses and in other legal documents and also appear out of nowhere. You may descend from aliens of the outer space kind and not the "born in a different country kind." Those aliens could also explain those unusual DNA results you received too.

### Another Genealogy Tip of the Day

#### **In the Front of the Index** posted 15 Mar 2016

Don't rush right to the name you want in a local records index. Take a quick look in the very front (and the back) of the index. Sometimes there can be guides to the index or other interesting and helpful bits of information-like a list of alternate names.

## Future Genealogy Events

**Apr 1 2016**, 10-12:00-Sue Naegeli – Genealogy Research SIG – Sadlbc Rm. MV City Hall  
**Apr 3, 2016**, 1:30-3:30 – OCJGS – Emily Garber will present Beyond the Manifest-methods for confirming one’s ancestral origins, [www.ocjgs.org](http://www.ocjgs.org) for information  
**Apr 11, 2016**, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG - Saddleback Room, MV City Hall  
**Apr 15, 2016**, 10-12:00-Myrna Hamid – Ireland SIG – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall  
**Apr 16, 2016** - Orange Family History Fair, “A Story to Tell” [ocfamilyhistory.org](http://ocfamilyhistory.org)  
**Apr 20, 2016**, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm. MV Library  
**Apr 21, 2016**, 10-12:00-Arlene O’Donnell - Beginning Genealogy Class – Bill Price Rm, MV Library  
**Apr 21 2016**, Legacy Users Group – no meeting this month  
**Apr 26, 2016**, 10-12:00-Jim Thordahl – Writing Family History Stories - Sadlbc Rm. MV City Hall  
**May 6, 2016**-10-12:00-Sue Naegeli – Genealogy Research SIG – Sadlbc Rm. MV City Hall  
**Jun 2-5, 2016** – SCGS Genealogy Jamboree – Marriott Hotel, Burbank [www.genealogyjamboree.com](http://www.genealogyjamboree.com)  
**Jul 30, 2016** – Genealogy Seminar with Cyndi Ingle, Yorba Linda, [www.gsnocc.org](http://www.gsnocc.org)

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