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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.

April 21, 2018

"The American Civil War at Chapman"

Presented by: Rand Boyd

This presentation gives an overview of the wide variety of primary and secondary source collections that Chapman University holds that deal with the American Civil War. These collections include militaria, ephemera, books, as well as many correspondence collections.

About the speaker: Rand Boyd holds a Bachelor's degree in History from Chapman University and Master of Science degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. He has been with Chapman University and Leatherby Libraries since 2007. Rand is also the subject liaison for the Department of History and the Holocaust Education Program. He belongs to the Academy of Certified Archivists, the Society of California Archivists as well as the Society of American Archivists.

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.

**Safari News
(Change of Date)
~Bill Bluett**

Our destination on **Wednesday, April 18th**, will be the **Orange Family History Center**, 674 South Yorba Street in the City of Orange. We are moving the safari date up one week because many folks will be on the trip to Salt Lake City the following week. Prior to the safari, check out their website for information regarding all the collection holdings at: <http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org>.

We'll be leaving the LDS Church parking lot on Marguerite Parkway at **9:00 A.M.** Keep in mind that it is a couple of miles distance for eating out if you do not bring a lunch. We will not stop for dinner on the way home. Don't forget \$\$ for your driver. Contact Bill Bluett at (949) 492-9408 to reserve a spot.



EARTH DAY APRIL 22nd

President's Message **By Bill Bluett**

I purchased a KINDLE in March of 2015. I thought it would be a more convenient way to read books in my spare time. I've always enjoyed reading in the past. But, in more recent years, I felt that I just didn't have the time and energy to carry around a book hoping that I would have time to open it up and read a few pages. Now, with my KINDLE, it seems more convenient to open it and read a book that I have downloaded. And, I can read under any condition because the screen on the device is backlit. I can adjust the intensity of the lighting wherever I am located. How cool is that?

I have read more books in the last three years than I may have read over a good portion of my life. I download the books from AMAZON.COM for just a few dollars each. Some cost as little as 99 cents. Some are free if you're an "Amazon Prime" member. I now have a total of 108 books in my KINDLE. So, your asking yourself, what does this have to do with genealogy? Well, I have been reading novels, historical biographies, and – MYSTERY GENEALOGICAL NOVELS. Yes, genealogical novels. And, most of these stories have a historical significance. 45 of the books I've read are related to genealogy. I enjoy reading them because the main character is using many of the same research techniques that I use. There are times when I learn something new in the way of researching just from reading the novel. All the circumstances in these books are mysteries that need to be solved. There are times when the main character is in danger because someone does not want the information to be uncovered. This adds a lot of drama to the plot. The authors are men and women from the U.S.A. as well as England and most are involved in doing genealogy research when they are not occupied writing books. There is little or no profanity in all these novels – just to let you know.

Some of the primary authors I have read are **Nathan Dylan Goodwin, Steve Robinson, John Nixon, G.G. Vandagriff, Victoria Prescott, and Cynthia Raley**. Some of these folks have written more than a half-dozen books. There are many additional authors to locate if you search on GOOGLE for "genealogical mystery novels". The most recent book I've finished was titled "**The Vanished Child**" by **Martin J. Lee**. It centered around a historical fact. Between 1869 and the 1960's, around 130,000 orphaned British children (boys and girls) were sent to former British colonies including Australia. Their treatment and conditions in the facilities that housed them was atrocious. This novel brings all this to light. This was a piece of history that I was totally unaware of. The book was educational, gripping, emotional, and even created anxiety as I read the story. In recent years, the Prime Ministers of England and Australia gave public apologies on behalf of their countries for what these children had to endure. It was one of the best historical genealogical novels that I have read. I even e-mailed the author (M.J. Lee) to complement him on his work regarding this topic – and he kindly responded to me!

So, if you would like to take a little break from your genealogy research and cozy up with a good book from time to time, consider reading a historical genealogical novel. You might even learn a few additional "tricks of the trade" as you glide through the pages of one of these most interesting novels.

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

[Old Newspapers On Google](#) Posted: 28 Feb 2018

The "Google News Archive" is no longer being updated, but there is a wide variety of digital images of old newspapers available at <https://news.google.com/newspapers>

[Ohio Obituary Index](#) Posted: 14 Feb 2018

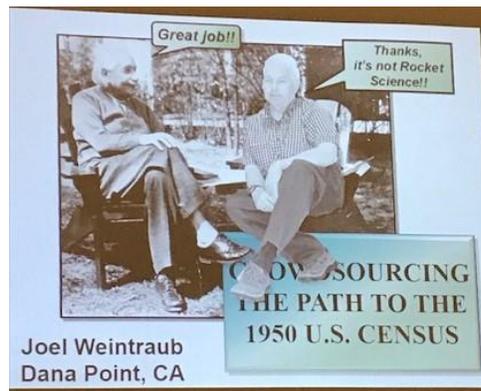
The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums maintains the "[Ohio Obituary Index](#)." From their site: **An index to over 3,500,000 obituaries, death & marriage notices & other sources from Ohio from the 1810s to the present day.**

March Meeting ~Bill Bluett

Our guest speaker for our March monthly meeting was **Joel Weintraub**. His topic was **Crowdsourcing the Path to the 1950 Census**. Joel gave us some comparisons between the 1940 census and the upcoming 1950 census and passed around some original examples of different types of census that he has in his own personal collection. He has been working diligently with Steve Morse for nearly 20 years in getting a jump on upcoming census releases to make the ultimate indexing as short a time frame as possible. It only took several months to index the 1940 census when it came out. Hopefully, there will be a short time frame once the 1950 census is released in 2022. We thank Mr. Weintraub (and Steve Morse) for all the work they have done to make our research a little easier. (Steve Morse One-Step page <http://stevemorse.org>).



Speaker Joel Weintraub and VP Arlene O'Donnell



Last slide from the program



Items from Joel's collection including camera used on census projects



Prior to Joel's program, our members enjoyed some wonderful refreshments provided by five of our members. Our contributors were: **Pat Yocky, Marilyn Kowalski, JoAnn Jones, Cheryl Lyman, and Lillian Hobbs.**



Ralph's Community Contribution Program

SOCCGS receives a quarterly check from Kroger, parent company of Ralphs Grocery Stores for our participation in Ralphs Community Contribution Program. We are grateful to Ralphs and all the SOCCGS participants. At the March meeting **Gayle Meldau** gave a presentation on step-by-step instructions for signing up for this program and encouraged members to join. It's free and the society benefits. Website registration and instructions can be found at www.ralphs.com. If you need help registering, contact **Donna Rathman, Ways & Means Chair**, and she will be glad to assist you. drathman@cox.net

Membership ~Sue Naegeli

We had 76 members, 2 new members and 8 guests (total 86) at our March meeting.

New Members:

MaryAnn Holter, Mission Viejo

Mary Lou Smith, San Clemente

Guests:

Debi Wayne, Laguna Niguel; **Joel Weintraub**, Dana Point; **Ken Otto**, Houston, TX;

Jean Prierer, Lake Forest; **Lisa Graves**, Trabuco Canyon; **Doug Monroe**, Mission Viejo;

Mae Hillman, Mission Viejo; **Phyllis Ulrich**, Dove Canyo



SOCCGS MILESTONE 1,000th MEMBERSHIP

At the March meeting **MaryAnn Holter** became Membership #1000 since SOCCGS began in 1994. MaryAnn received a free 1-year membership to SOCCGS, a SOCCGS tote bag and an Amazon gift card. We currently have 311 active members. I wonder if it will take another 24 years to get to Membership #2000. Welcome MaryAnn

⇐ **MaryAnn Holter** with **Sue Naegeli**, Membership Chair

New Members (Feb/March)

Nancy Peralta, Buena Park

Jeannine Carta-Hanson, Rancho Santa Margarita

Roxanna Aird, Lake Forest

Lee Fruechte, Mission Viejo

Frank & Lynn Souers, Mission Viejo

SOCCGS Research Center



A new photo of the Research Center is now on our SOCCGS website page, courtesy of **Barbara Taylor**.

Thank you Barbara for a great photo. Visit the genealogy center and see what your society offers in the way of subscriptions to genealogy websites, books, and help with your research. The March/April edition of **FamilyTree Magazine** is on the docent desk with many great articles: Genealogy Websites Guide! How to search like a Boss at Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, MyHeritage & More; 15 Sites to Find Immigrant Ancestors; 9 Free Digitized Newspaper Sites and more.

SOCCGS Extra Classes Coordinator

Denise Richmond is now the Extra Classes Coordinator. Denise will coordinate the Mini-Class before the general meeting and the Fourth Friday Class. If you have knowledge in an area of genealogy, have used a website or genealogy tool that was helpful, please contact Denise. These classes help our members in their research. The mini-classes are no more than 30 minutes and a PowerPoint presentation is not required. Denise is conducting a **Mini-survey: What tool or skill would help your research, e.g., knowing how to create a table/timeline in Word or saving to a flash drive?** Email response to Denise Richmond - denisedigsroots@yahoo.com
Thank you Denise for filling this position.

From our Members

Barbara Taylor: I used **Golden Arrow Research** to help me find military records for my father and step-father <http://www.goldenarrowresearch.com> There is a form to fill out and they will follow-up with you by e-mail for more details or clarification.

Another good site for information about military records: Geoff Gentilini specializes in the research of military records and is founder of Golden Arrow Military Research, one of the most highly regarded military research organizations in the United States <http://www.mymilitaryservicerecords.com>

Replace Veterans' Medals, Awards and Decorations:

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals>

Judy Davin: Amy Johnson Crow's posting on using Linkpendium was great. We have added it to the computers at the research center.

<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/find-millions-of-genealogy-websites/>

Writing Family History Story

~Pat Christiansen

Here's the latest from the WFHS Special Interest Group: In wishing to reach a bigger audience to provide research material, entertainment, and general historical information, the Group is pursuing avenues in addition to the "Story Book" which has been available only at the Seminar and December showcase. The e-news format of the SOCCGS Newsletter is opportune. An index of the over 200 short stories that have been presented in the Group sessions over the last four years will soon be available here. Each month the Group will submit data on the stories just presented.

Here are their achievements from a recent lively session: *Remington Relations* by Bill Bluett, (See presidents message, March issue); *Cousin Connection* by Linda Kidde, (Octogenarian collects family history and generously shares); *Fabulous Family Book* by "Gil" Gillis, (How a family treasure was saved); *Baseball Anyone?* By Pat Christiansen, (Her father, the crime stopper); *Filles du Roi* by Lana Fitz, (17th Century King of France sends hundreds of young women to Quebec to marry); *3rd Cousin: Secret Agent for Treasury Department*, Jeanne McIntrye with her husband, Robert, (Secret Service protective assignments for eight Presidents and high profile domestic and international leaders; investigated fraud and counterfeit cases for IRS and helped solve high profile notorious crimes); *Love Child* by Jim Thordahl (Western New York and Wisconsin; Steff, Wilcox, and Phillips surnames).

If you would like to read any of these stories, contact the "storyteller."

Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research

April 14, 2018, 10:00 am

Lizeth Ramirez archivist/Reference Librarian jointly with the SHHAR Board of Directors will make a presentation on local Latino History, SHHAR services and Genealogy Book Collection. El Modena Branch Library, 380 S. Hewes St., Orange. Info: shhar.net

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

Chart Those Things That Do Not Agree Posted: 03 Mar 2018

Sometimes making a chart of conflicting information can help in analyzing it, noticing trends, and in reaching a conclusion. It may cause you to notice sources that have been overlooked and, at the very least, gives you a summary of what you know to share with others.

**Genealogical Society of North Orange County
One Day Seminar with Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA
Saturday July 28, 2018, 9:00 to 3:30**

The seminar will be held at the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center, 16881 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda, between Rose Drive and Imperial Highway. Kory Meyerink will present four classes:

- 1) Keeping Up with the Joneses: How to Learn about New Sources and Techniques
- 2) Free State-Provided Sources, Ready and Waiting Online!
- 3) Evaluating Evidence and Resolving Discrepancies
- 4) Cemetery Research on the Internet: Pitfalls and Promises

GSN OCC Member Pre-Registration by July 20th \$30

Non-Member Pre-Registration by July 20th \$35

Box Lunch \$12

Registration at the door \$40

For more information call 714-420-9844 or go to www.gsnocc.org

**North San Diego County Genealogical Society
Spring Seminar, Saturday, April 28, 2018,**

The seminar will be held at the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad . Registration begins 8:45 a.m – Program 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

Life Stories – Our Messages to the Future: Memories and Memorabilia.

Presentations by NSDGS members:

Steve Baird – Johnny, We Must Go: Songs as Memoir

Marilyn Bleck – Memoirs Guided by Sentimental items

Lyn Corder/Jane Cohen – Memories of Our Ancestors: How Even Fragments Might be Important

Jan Quigley – Memoirs of the Bruce Family 1776-1853

Margaret Read – Memoirs from Handwritten Treasures

Kip Sturdevan – Memoirs through Images

Boxed lunch is available for \$10 per person. Suggested donation of \$10.

For reservation information: Jean Tempke, jtempke@roadrunner.com



What is Wrong with this Tombstone?

[Dick Eastman · February 7, 2018 · Genealogy Basics](#)

Look closely at the picture. Do you see what is wrong with it?

Christiana Haag's gravestone is in the Old Mission Church Cemetery in Upper Sandusky, Ohio



April Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in April:

Apr 4 – 11am – Jewish Genealogy for the Non-Jew: History, Migration, DNA – Schelly Talalay Dardashti

Apr 6 – 11am – Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 3): Adding a Census Record – Geoff Rasmussen

Apr 10 – 11am – Genealogy for Advanced Users: Grow Your Family Tree Online – Uri Gonen

Apr 11 – 5pm – Georgia: Gateway to Westward Expansion – Rorey Cathcart

Apr 13 – 11am - Researching Your Oregon Ancestors – Tessa Keough

Apr 17 – 5pm – Better Together: Making Your Case with Documents and DNA – Patti Lee Hobbs

Apr 18 – 11am – Lincoln’s Laws and Records of War – Judy G. Russell

Apr 24 – 11am – Get the Most from the MyHeritage Search Engine for Historical Records – Daniel Horowitz

Apr 25 – 11am – Verifying Information You Find Online – Marian Pierre-Louis

May 2 -11am – Special Appearance by the Founder and CEO of MyHeritage – Gilad Japhet
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:

Apr 7 – 10am – Land Records: Using Indexes & Deeds to Move Your Research Forward – Michelle Goodrum

Apr 19 – 6pm – Finding Females: Maiden Name Not Known – Craig R. Scott
Register at www.scsgenealogy.com click on Programs and Webinars.

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

Apr 19 – 12pm Tracing Mayflower Lineage: Resources at AmericanAncestors.org – Don LeClair
Register at www.americanancestors.org (Under Education and Online Classes)

Illinois Genealogical Society

Apr 10 – 6pm – Friedrich Eiler in Illinois: Fragments Fuse to Identify One Individual – Jill Morelli

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

Family History Library Class Calendar

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library go to Classes and Online Webinars

Breaking through brick walls using DNA

~Barbara Taylor

First major brick wall broken January 2018: At the end of our talk in January about DNA, I mentioned that I had just broken through an Irish brick wall using recent DNA matches. The discoveries have been even more exciting since then.

First, I got a new 2nd cousin match on my father’s side right after I returned from my holiday vacation. This was the very first DNA match I could identify to any of my father’s direct family other than my two half-brothers who had done DNA testing last year. As I began looking at the 2nd cousin’s match to the family DNA tests I manage, I saw that I already had that cousin in my family tree and her tree agrees with mine so that was nice and easy.

I created a chart to show the ancestors of each of the shared matches I could see for the 6 solid matches to either me and/or one of my half brothers:

1. Known 2nd cousin Betty; her farthest known ancestor was my *paternal* great grandfather **Hugh Henry Thornberry (1852 – 1932)** who came from Northern Ireland to Pittsburgh, PA where he spent most of his life until he retired and went to Rochester, NY to live with a daughter. On his death certificate, Hugh’s father’s name was “unknown” from Ireland and mother’s name was “Jane (unknown)” from Ireland.

2. New 2nd cousin 1x removed William; his farthest ancestor was **William Thornberry (abt 1800 - ?)**, whose son was **Matthew Thornberry (1826 - 1885)** who came from County Tyrone, Northern Ireland to Pittsburgh, PA. This was really exciting as I had seen Matthew on some of the research I had done, but could never tie him to my family. I had talked to some of his descendants previously with no luck connecting us together.
3. New 3rd cousin James who was also descended from Matthew.
4. New 4th cousin 1x removed Elizabeth; her farthest ancestor was **Alexander Thornberry (1789 - 1869)** who lived and died in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.
5. New 5th cousin 1x removed S.R. (granddaughter of Elizabeth); her farthest ancestor was also **Alexander Thornberry (1789 - 1869)**.
6. New 5th cousin Ellen; her farthest ancestor was also **Alexander Thornberry (1789 - 1869)**. Based on the DNA results, Matthew's father William had to be a brother of Alexander.

As I built out a private DNA tree to see if I could tie all of these to my Thornberry family, I noticed that cousin James' tree mentioned that his great grandfather **William H Thornberry (1851 Northern Ireland - 1911 Pittsburgh, PA)** had brother named Henry with no details. I wrote to James asking about his William and Henry. Meanwhile, I had been filling in as many details as I could find on all the matches and their families, and realized that James' missing Henry had to be my great grandfather Hugh Henry. I had not heard back from James, so I sent him a copy of my list of the matches I was seeing with their names so he could check them on his side.

The message I finally got from James several weeks later was a huge surprise. He included a scan of a 17 page section of a family history book put together by his father's cousin, Carol, who is the sister of my new match William. It included many details that I had not found as well as many old family photos. It turns out that in fact, his great grandfather William was the brother of my great grandfather Hugh Henry – born only 15 months apart. It needed DNA to tie all the pieces together.

The other matches are descended from Matthew's 2nd wife. The family history book James sent me had many more details including information about the ship that some of the family came on and I was able to confirm that.

One of the things that always bothered me was that it seemed Hugh Henry had come to the US by himself as a teenager. Carol also suspected the same thing about their ancestor William H. Thornberry. It now appears that the brothers (William H and Hugh Henry) came to this country together around 1869/1870, which makes more sense than them coming alone. I had noticed that William had filed for naturalization the same day that Hugh Henry received his. I had also seen William and Hugh Henry living near each other and working in the steel mills when I searched the Pittsburgh historical city directories, but could never tie them together. I suspected they were related, never guessing that they might be brothers.

Their father Matthew came to this country with his 2nd wife **Eliza Jane Burrows (1826 Ireland – 1906 Pittsburgh, PA)** and their remaining living children (Matilda, James, Isabella, Eliza Jane) in 1885. Matthew died of sunstroke in July 1885 after only being in Pittsburgh a few months; he had been a farmer in Ireland and worked at a gardener in Pittsburgh.

Since some of our DNA matches were to Matthew's 2nd family, that was more evidence to tie them all together. On Hugh Henry's death certificate, it was his stepmother "Jane" who was named, not his birth mother **Ellen Martin (abt 1828 – abt 1854)** who apparently died when the boys were babies. It all makes sense in retrospect. And, because I had been in our Irish SIG group with Myrna Hamid, I knew how to find Irish records to confirm what the trees said and was able to do that for many of them.

Second major brick wall broken in February 2018: After that brick wall came crashing down and before the dust had settled, I got a message from the wife of a DNA match saying that she knew who my Grace Waters was. On my father's *maternal* side, the farthest I had gotten was to **William James Adams (1861 Ducktown, TN – 1932 Pittsburgh, PA)**. His death certificate listed an unknown father from Tennessee and mother Grace Waters also from Tennessee. Census records

said that both his parents were from England. I had not been able to find anything on a Grace Waters from Tennessee and didn't know where to start in England. The match's wife told me that she had sent for the widow pension file from NARA for Grace's 2nd husband **Michael Mahoney (1837 - 1895)** and that I might find it interesting to read.

It turns out that **Grace Waters (1844 Ladock, Cornwall – 1913 Conemaugh, PA)** first married a **James Adams (abt 1839 England – 1865 Coal Valley, IL)** who died in a coal mining accident. Grace then married Michael Mahoney, also a coal miner, and went on to have 13 more children after the 4 she had with James Adams. The pension file contained letters from other family members to support Grace's claim. Michael Mahoney had suffered greatly as a civil war soldier who was captured and held in two prison camps.

Using the many details from Grace's pension application file, I was able to take the Adams and Waters lines back a couple more generations. I was able to use what I learned from David Flint's England SIG group to find parish registers and bishop's transcripts of birth and/or marriage records to support the research.

For the Adams line, I have quite a few DNA matches that I had not been able to connect together until I heard from that match's wife. So far, I have connected 6 of them to that same Adams or Waters line:

1. New half 2nd cousin 1x removed Timothy whose wife sent me Grace's information. He is descended from Grace Waters and her 2nd husband Michael Mahoney.
2. New 3rd cousin Carol who is descended from **Elizabeth Adams (1864 Pennsylvania or Illinois – 1910 Rock Island, IL)**, daughter of James Adams and Grace Waters. Elizabeth is one of the previously unknown children of James and Grace. No documents with her parents' names have been found. Only the matching DNA shows the connection.
3. New 3rd cousin Barbara also descended from Elizabeth Adams.
4. New 3rd cousin Mark also descended from Elizabeth Adams.
5. New 3rd cousin Lisa also descended from Elizabeth Adams.
6. New 3rd cousin 1x removed Madeline (niece of Barbara) also descended from Elizabeth Adams.

As I was researching the Adams family, I was trying to understand why they might have come from England to Tennessee and how some of them ended up in Coal Valley and Rock Island county, Illinois. Using the English records, I learned that they came from Saint Agnes parish near Truro in Cornwall. Saint Agnes is a market town that had a very active copper, tin and arsenic mining industry at one time. In the 1841 English census, William Adams was listed as a tin miner; in the 1851 census, he was listed as a copper miner.

I still wasn't sure I had the right family, given how common a name like Adams is, so did some research on Rock Island county, Illinois and found an interesting book titled *Portrait and biographical album of Rock Island County, Illinois: containing full-page portraits and biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens of the county* written in 1885. When I searched inside it, there were lots of references to the name Adams, include many pages about our former US presidents with that name (who are related to me on my mother's side, not this Adams family). Later in the book, I found an article about **William Adams (1810 England – 1869 Jo Davies, IL)**, described as "a prominent farmer of English birth," which listed his parents and went on to describe his parents' family and named all their children, including my ancestor James Adams (b. 1839), William's brother. It mentioned that William had gone to work in the mines as a child in Ireland, which I confirmed in the 1851 English census where both William (age 13) and older brother John (age 15) as well as their father were working in the mines in Saint Agnes. They came to the US in 1854 and it is not surprising that many of the men worked in the coal mines here. William went on to become a "prominent farmer," served as a School Director for 15 years and Assessor for three years.

I am still in awe of the breakthroughs that have happened for me recently – both sides of my father's family now go back many more generations than they did just two months ago and only through DNA could I have made those connections. The kindness of two different cousins who were

willing to share a great deal of information with me made all the difference in using the DNA connections to their full potential.

I went into more depth in this article about how we use DNA to solve brick walls since we didn't have time to do that in our January talk. I hope some find it useful.

Genealogy Tip of the Day

[Know What You Are Searching](#) Posted: 28 Feb 2018

An announcement about digital images of [German baptismal certificates at the Newberry Library in Chicago](#) flew across my screen and I immediately decided to search them. Looking at the catalog entry first is advised—the vast majority of these items are apparently from Pennsylvania—according to their catalog entry. Always know what you are searching—don't assume the collection contains material that it does not. Just because this collection is housed in Chicago, Illinois, does not mean that it contains only Illinois materials—or any Illinois materials

Spotlight: Sullivan County, Indiana *by Valerie Beaudrault, Assistant Editor* The Weekly Genealogist, Sep 20 2017

Sullivan County is located in southeastern Indiana. Its county seat is Sullivan. The [Sullivan County Public Library](#) has made a number of genealogical resources available on its website.

Funeral Home Indexes

The Aikin Funeral Home had locations in Greene and Sullivan Counties. The records cover 1905 through 1947. The data fields include last, first, and middle name; age, date of birth, date and place of death, cemetery, and Aikin book and page numbers. The McHugh Funeral Home had locations in Sullivan County. The index covers 1908 through 1985. The data fields in the index include last name, first name, middle name, sex, date of death, and burial.

Other Death-Related Indexes

These resources include coroner's inquests (January 1916-August 1917); notices of deaths found in Sullivan County newspapers (1870-1905); index to obituaries from Sullivan County newspapers (1909-present); and a death records index (1921-1931). The data fields vary by index.

Indexes of High School Graduates

The Sullivan High School index covers 1882 through the present. The Dugger High School database begins with the class of 1935. The North Central High School database begins in 1960. The data fields are last name, first name, middle name, and class year.

Other Sullivan County Records

The Marriage Returns database covers 1882 through 1899. Searches can be limited by year. The data fields are groom's last, first and middle name; bride's last, first and middle name; and marriage date. The index to Sullivan County wills, books 1-7, covers 1850 through 1939. The data fields are last, first, middle name; title, dated, recorded, will book, page number, and downloadable image.

Patriot's Day

Date When Celebrated: Third Monday in April

Some people know little or nothing about Patriot's Day. To New Englanders, it is a big, big day. In the states in New England, it's a holiday with a day off of work. Banks, schools, post offices, and businesses have the day off.

Patriot's Day commemorates the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. This battle began the American Revolutionary War. It also honors the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere", that evening when Paul Revere rode through town warning the colonists that "The Red Coats are coming!" (from www.holidayinsights.com)

Future Genealogy Events

Apr 2018 Class Schedule, Orange FamilySearch Library www.ocfamilyhistory.org
Apr 6, 2018, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** –Sadbck Room, MV City Hall
Apr 7, 2018, OCCGS – 11am -Beginners' Guide to DNA Part 1; **12pm** Part 2 ocgs.com
Apr 9, 2018, 10-12:00 – David Flint - **England SIG** – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
Apr 14, 2018 , 10-11:30 – Presentation on local Latino History, El Modeno Library, 380 S. Hewes, Orange. Information: shhar.net
Apr 18, 2018, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – **German SIG** – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Apr 19, 2018, 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)
Apr 19, 2018, 10-12:00-David Flint – **Legacy Beginners Class** - Sadbck Rm, MV City Hall
Apr 20, 2018, 10-12:00 – **Ireland SIG** – Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
Apr 21, 2018, 1:00-2:00 – **RootsMagic User Group**, Orange FamilySearch Library.
Apr 22, 2018, 1:30-3:30 – **OCJGS** – DNA Success Story – Chris Greene, Temple Beth David, 6100 Hefley St., Westminster. Information: www.ocjgs.org
Apr 24, 10-12:00- Jim Thordahl – **Writing Family Stories** – Saddleback Rm
Apr 24, 2018, 9:30 - NSDCGS program, Francie Kennedy will discuss “**Million Volume Library: Finding and Using Online Books.**” Carlsbad City Council Chambers, nsdcgs.org
Apr 28, 2018 – NSDCGS **Spring Seminar** – “Life Stories Our Messages to the Future: Memories & Memorabilia.” Presentations by society members. <http://nsdcgs.org/spring-seminar/>
May 2-5, 2018 – NGS Annual Conference, Grand Rapids MI www.ngsgenealogy.org
May 31-Jun 2, 2018 – **Genealogy Jamboree 2018**, Burbank, CA www.scgsgenealogy.com
Jul 28, 2018, 9-3:30, GSNOC Annual Seminar - Speaker is Kory L. Meyerink
Information: www.gsnocc.org
Aug 22-25, 2018 – FGS Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN <http://visitfortwayne.com/fgs2018>

2018 Programs

March 17 – Joel Weintraub – “Crowdsourcing the Patch to the 1950 U.S. Census”
April 21 – Rand Boyd – “The American Civil War at Chapman”
May 19 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – “Social Media Tools for Genealogy”
June 16 – Francie Kennedy – “Jump the Pond without a Ticket: Researching in other countries from home”
July 21 – Hal Bookbinder – “Ships of our Ancestors”
August 18 – Richard Weiss – “Family Secrets”
September 15 – to be determined
October 20 – Annual Seminar Program
November 17 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – Topic to be determined
December 15 – Annual Year End Holiday Gathering

Genealogy Tip of the Day

Those Bondsmen Don't Pay Up Unless Necessary posted 16 Feb 2018

Bondsmen (sometimes called securities) on an administrator's bond are not saying they are paying the bills of the estate. They are saying that they are vouching for the administrator and that if the administrator runs off, doesn't pay the bills, etc. that they are “good for it” and have the funds to pay the bills—and the court will enforce the bond if necessary. If the administrator does his job, the bondsmen have no need to worry. Consequently, the bondsmen are people who knew the administrator and trusted him to “do right” by the estate.

Genealogy Search Tip

[Oklahoma State Vital Records Index](#) Posted 26 Feb 2018

Oklahoma State Department of Health, Vital Records Division has published the "[Oklahoma State Vital Records Index](#)" on its website. Please read about the index and how to search it before beginning any search.

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