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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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**May 14, 2016**

**MEETING DATE CHANGED**

**"Manifest Destiny": Names at Ellis Island**

**Presented by**

**Joel Weintraub**

About 70 % of immigrants to the U.S. during 1892 - 1954 came through the Ellis Island Immigration Station. The pressures of the "Great Migration" eventually led to immigration quotas. Twenty percent of processed immigrants ended up on detention sheets. Our speaker will enlighten us on how to locate the detention sheets, all four of the ship indexes, as well as addressing the persistent myth on Ellis Island name changes. Learn how the manifest can be an effective genealogy research tool!

**About the Speaker:** Joel Weintraub is a New Yorker by birth and an emeritus Professor at California State University Fullerton. He volunteered for nine years at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). He has created search tools for the U.S. and New York City censuses and is currently engaged in developing locational tools for the 2022 release of the 1950 Federal Census. He is a widely sought after speaker on a variety of genealogical topics and has published articles on many of those subjects.

**Mini-Class 9:15-9:45 before the May Monthly Meeting - "Methodology" will be presented by Francie Kennedy. All Mini-Classes are held in the classroom to the left of the kitchen.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting location will be moved to the Mission Viejo City Hall Council Chambers.**

## President's Message

By David Flint

We are back from our second annual research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and what a week it was! We had a total of 38 people attending, 22 of whom were returning members from our very first meeting in 2015. Of the 16 people joining our trip for the first time, six had visited the Family History Library before, and the other ten were first-time visitors. We had a great week and received excellent help and support from the library staff and volunteers. A number of our group ventured out to do research in a new country for the first time, many with good success. It was also nice to see Mary Jo McQueen again. She joined us for the week from her recent move to Ogden, Utah, and we enjoyed having her with us.

One difference I noticed this year from last is that more of our members were willing to seek help from the research specialists and consultants available at the library. These experts are there to help visitors with their special needs in a number of countries and regions around the world with their research. It was interesting to see our people scattered all over the building throughout the week as they worked on the various floors for the United States and Canada, British Isles, and the International floor. In fact, it was typical for us not to see each other except at lunch time and our few planned get-togethers during the week.

As the leader of our Salt Lake City trip, it is very gratifying to see how well this trip has been supported by our members. After our second outing, it looks pretty clear that it will be an annual event, and our dates are booked for year three. The 2017 trip will be April 23-29, the last week of the month. Information and details will be available later in the year about our 2017 trip.

I left for Salt Lake City on the morning of our April membership meeting, and I appreciate Arlene O'Donnell taking over for me in my absence. It was unfortunate that Dr. Baird and his wife, who had just returned from Salt Lake City, were ill and he was unable to attend the meeting as scheduled. We regret that Dr. Baird was unable to make his presentation, and I want to congratulate Arlene on the job she did filling in with an unscheduled program on very short notice. I heard good reports about the meeting, and special thanks go to Myrna Hamid, Pat Weeks, and Alex Allen, who stepped up to the challenge and each presented a portion of a substitute program that came together very quickly to replace Dr. Baird's program. Their willingness to help out on such short notice is appreciated, and provided an opportunity for everyone to experience the knowledge available among our members and their interest in different areas of genealogy.

Please note that our meeting time in May is changed from our regular schedule. For the month of May only, we will meet on the second Saturday, May 14, in our regular meeting place from 10:00 to 12:00. In June we will also have a change of location for a special program co-sponsored with the City of Mission Viejo. Please see the next issue of our newsletter for details on the June 16 meeting.

### Safari News

~Bill Bluett

The new San Diego Public Library will be our safari destination on Wednesday, May 25th. The library is a very modern nine story structure. The genealogy area is on the ninth floor, so the view is fantastic! The location is at 330 Park Blvd. in downtown San Diego. For more information on the library, you can go to: [www.sandiego.gov/publiclibrary/](http://www.sandiego.gov/publiclibrary/). There is a café in the Garden Courtyard (ground floor) or you can bring your lunch with you. We most likely will plan for dinner on the way home. Don't forget \$\$ for your driver. See you at 9:00 a.m. at the Mission Viejo LDS Church parking lot. Contact Bill Bluett to reserve a spot.

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

**Nebraska 1860-1954 Tract Books Index** Posted April 15, 2016

This page on the Nebraska State Historical Society website allows users to search a "database (1860-1954 Tract Books Index) [that] has been compiled that allows researchers to locate references within the 163 land tract books that list the first owners of land in Nebraska." These are the tract books from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The index does include some claims that were cancelled. <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/tractbooks.shtml>

**FamilySearch** is indicating the following database as new:

**California, Northern U.S. District Court Naturalization Index, 1852-1989**

<http://searchtip.genealogytipoftheday.com/?p=901>

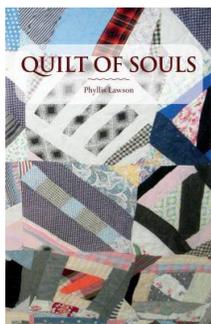
## April Meeting

~ Bill Bluett

While we were expecting to hear a challenging presentation from Dr. Stephen Baird on “Genetics and Human Migration”, it wasn’t meant to be. Both Dr. Baird and his wife came down with the flu and wisely didn’t wish to have it “migrate” to our membership! Thank you, Dr. Baird. Instead, we were treated to a research journey into **Ireland** by our own, **Myrna Hamid** who facilitates our Ireland Special Interest Group (S.I.G.) She wisely recommends we bone up on the history of Ireland before embarking on this journey. For those of us who missed the first meeting of her class, this was an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of one who has “been there”. Myrna shared many resources and experiences and invited us all to join her S.I.G. Imagine, our own Genealogy Section at the Mission Viejo Library is chock full of material on Ireland! (BTW: the Ireland S.I.G. meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month in the Saddleback Room at Mission Viejo City Hall from 10am until noon). Next, **Pat Weeks** enlightened us on the connection of the **French Canadians** to the Irish migration. We learned specific areas that were settled by those immigrants coming to North America. We are now anxious to learn more about those ancestors. Concluding the program was **Alex Allen**, one of our newest members. Alex has spent time with the docents in the Mission Viejo Library and has quickly learned some unusual techniques in researching his ancestors. He has found that his French ancestors settled some of the same areas that Pat Weeks spoke of! His family of Mudd was prolific and left what he terms “Mudd puddles” in their wake! A special thanks to all three of our SOCCGS members who shared their knowledge with us at the April Meeting! Besides regular members, we had a total of 14 guests - of which 3 joined our society. (**See the list of new members and their info in this newsletter**). The 11 remaining guests were: **Ronald Conklin** (Pekin, Ill.), **Allen & Valerie Feldman** (Laguna Hills), **Linda Gostenhufer** (Dana Point), **Alice Kimbrel** (Laguna Woods), **Marie Kulmer** (Mission Viejo), **Linda Schlobohm** (Laguna Niguel), **James & Barbara Schumann** (Mission Viejo), **Charley Speelman** (Mission Viejo), and **Sharon Smith** (Dove Canyon). That must be a record for guests at one meeting! And, as usual, prior to our "special" meeting, we had great refreshments provided by the following members: **Pat Christiansen, Melissa Cottrell, Sondra Koegler, Cheryl Lyman, and Diane Wahrman**. Thank you all for attending another wonderful monthly meeting - that was full of surprises!

### June 18, 2016 Meeting – REMINDER

~Arlene O'Donnell



Our June speaker, Phyllis Lawson, author of *Quilt of Souls*, is being sponsored by SOCCGS and the City of Mission Viejo. If you have not yet read her memoir, you are in for a treat! **We will have our regular SOCCGS meeting at 10:00 AM in the City of Mission Viejo Council Chambers followed by our speaker at 11:00 AM.** Her book will be available for sale and signing at the conclusion. We expect a larger than usual attendance and want to give our SOCCGS members guaranteed seating. You will find at the May Meeting, a signup sheet for your convenience. If you don’t get a chance to sign up, please send Arlene O’Donnell an email that you expect to attend the June 18 meeting. Ms. Lawson’s book was reviewed by Arlene both on Amazon and in our June 2015 SOCCGS newsletter.

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

**Common Genealogy Words in Eight Languages** Posted April 16

For those with ancestors from more than one foreign country and particularly those with family from Germany and points east, [this list may be helpful](#). The list includes: English, Latin, German, Polish, Hungarian, Czech, Ukrainian and Slovak.

<https://christinageorgegenealogy.com/2015/03/02/genealogy-common-terms/>

**FamilySearch Updates** at familysearch.org

[New Hampshire Birth Certificates 1901-1909](#)

[Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic Membership Records, 1865-1936](#)

[South Carolina Deaths 1915-1965](#)

[Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626-2001](#)

[Massachusetts Marriages, 1695-1910](#)

[Massachusetts Deaths and Burials, 1795-1910](#)

[Massachusetts Births and Christenings, 1639-1915](#)

[Georgia Deaths, 1928-1940](#)

## DISCOVER YOUR PAST AT FAMILYSEARCH.ORG



*SOCCGS 2nd Annual Salt Lake City Trip Group Photo at NY Dock*

### Membership Update

There were 72 members in attendance at the April meeting. Of the 14 guests at the meeting, 3 became members:

**Kathleen Bellas**, Mission Viejo, [Kathykbb2@aol.com](mailto:Kathykbb2@aol.com), researching French Canadians – Potrin, Thibodean, Ingman, Olosson, also Klotz and Pollnow.

**Kathy Karapetian**, San Clemente, [oceanviews949@gmail.com](mailto:oceanviews949@gmail.com), researching Silvey, San Francisco/Oakland 1850; McCutcheon, Quebec 1800; Ferguson, Quebec 1811; MacLeahy (MacLay), Scotland Cemeteries prior to 1850.

**Karen Langer**, Laguna Niguel, [geniefax@aol.com](mailto:geniefax@aol.com) – researching Chicago, Cook Co., IL; Houston Co., MN

### May Free Webinars

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

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

**May 11** – Dirty Pictures—Save your Family Photos from Ruin – Denise Levenick

**May 13** – Messages from the Grave: Listening to your Ancestor's Tombstone – Elissa Powell

**May 18** – Mining the über-sites for German Ancestors – James M. Beidler

**May 25** – Discover American Ancestors (NEHGS) – Lindsay Fulton

**June 1** – Get the Most from AmericanAncestors.org – Claire Vail

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:**

**May 7** -Once Upon a Time at an Antique Store: Telling the Story of Mrs. E. G. Stetson, Gena Philibert-Ortega

**May 18** – Translating Latin Records of German (and other) Catholic Churches – Jean Wilcox Hibben

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

**FamilySearch** – For a list of monthly classes and webinars visit our website:

[http://familysearch.org/locations/library\\_class\\_schedule](http://familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule)

## From Our Members

### Marine Corps Casualty Card Databases (Information from a Marine Corps Newsletter)

~Mike Bresnan

The History Division's Historical Reference Branch holds casualty cards for World War II, War Dogs, Interwar Period 1946-50, Korea, Interwar Period 1955-1965, and Vietnam. Casualty cards were issued when a Marine was wounded, missing, killed or deemed a prisoner of war.

In an effort to increase patron usage and preserve the historic cards, the branch has digitized them and created a database of the information. The cards and corresponding database are NOT COMPREHENSIVE as there are often gaps or omissions. This does not mean that the event (KIA, WIA, etc.) did not happen, just that the branch did not have a card. The Marine Corps History Division is NOT the official repository for Marine Corps casualty information and cannot create new additions to their in-house collection of casualty cards not the online databases.

While the cards for World War II through Korea are not classified, they can often be very graphic. Therefore, to maintain the dignity and honor of the Marines, the individual cards will only be released, upon request, on a case-by-case basis.

To request a card, send an email to [history.division@usmc.mil](mailto:history.division@usmc.mil) or write: United States Marine Corps History Division, Attn: Reference Branch, 3078 Upshur Avenue, Quantico, VA 22134.

### Genealogy Program at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

~Wanda Pittman Jazayeri

The USCIS Genealogy Program is a fee-based service providing family historians and genealogists with timely and accurate access to historical immigration and naturalization records. For more information about the USCIS Genealogy Program and the records available through it, please visit our website: [www.uscis.gov/genealogy](http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy)

### Discovering Your Pennsylvania Ancestors

Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

Randy Seaver will present "Discovering Your Pennsylvania Ancestors" at the program meeting of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Meetings are held in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA.

### Family Names – Why They Developed and How They Changed

Sunday, May 22, 2016, 1:30-3:30 pm

Rabbi Frank Stern will speak about Jewish last names: Your Last Name—and What it Tells about Your Ancestry. The Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society meetings are held at Temple Bat Yahm, 1011 Camelback Street, Newport Beach, CA (admission \$5).

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

**Wildcards Work on Ancestry.com's Keywords** posted April 23, 2016

The keyword box at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) allows searches to [contain wildcard terms](#). Soundex isn't an option in the keyword box, but [this does give some flexibility](#).

**Check the Newspapers for Court Day** posted April 23, 2016

When you have finished analyzing the materials in a court case file, make note of the dates of any court action. Then search local newspapers for possible mention of the case. The court record may only give part of the story. What is in the newspaper may be unsubstantiated, but it may give you a different perspective than what was in the court record.

**Junior Might Not Be the Son of Senior** posted April 22, 2016

Without other information, do not immediately conclude that the person referenced as a "junior" is necessarily the son of the "senior." The references could indicate the two men are father and son, but they could be uncle and nephew as well. It is also possible that the relationship is more distant (or nonexistent) and that the use of junior/senior is simply to indicate which man is which—by using their age.

**Pre-1850 Heads of Household** Don't assume that the oldest male in a pre-1850 household is the person named as the head of household. In some cases the named head of household may be a younger male or in some cases the oldest female.

## **STAY IN THE HOUSE and BE QUIET!**

By Patricia Ann Dean Christiansen

Circa: 1936, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

Our mother, **Rebecca Irene Shultz Dean** (26 Sep 1904), was married 3 Sep 1929 in Columbus, Ohio ... about one month before the stock market crashed on 28 Oct 1929. For most city folk, this was a devastating occurrence. For our grandparents, not so much; they were farmers, livestock growers, had gardens and were able to maintain themselves satisfactorily. When certain items required hard cash ... such as fuel or machinery ... bartering became the method of transaction in many cases. For about the next decade, until the start of World War II, the Depression was upon not only the nation but the entire world.

Our father, **John William Roy Dean** (10 Dec 1903) was a petroleum engineer employed by Standard Oil of Ohio (SOHIO). His education and choice of employer allowed him “perks” not currently available to the depressed populace. One of these perks was a Plymouth Sedan automobile. As part of his employment and under his purview, our father bought land, built service stations, hired personnel, made payroll, trained mechanics, purchased inventory and solicited service contracts from various entities in municipal governments who would service their vehicles at a Standard Oil Service Station. Standard Oil was forward thinking and fuel generated automobiles, aka the internal combustion engine, were the future no matter the current economy.

Our little family was living in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, from about 1932 until 1939. The rented Tudor style home in which we lived, at 4730 Winton Road, provided the suburban atmosphere that was conducive to growing a family. And grow we did! Mother bore three little girls in 42 months.

**Patricia Ann** (29 Nov 1932); **Barbara K.** (7 Feb 1934); and **Nancy Lou** (5 Jul 1936). As the mother of a large family myself, I reflect back on my mother’s life and it must have been exhausting.

As a child, I was energetic, always busy, and into everything; Barbara was sickly and had required major surgery at three weeks of age; and my baby sister, Nancy, was just that ... a baby. Mother required major surgery after Nancy’s birth ... mother hemorrhaged so severely that it was life-threatening. The surgery that saved her life prevented further child bearing.

Each afternoon we would all be put into our separate beds; the two younger sisters into a crib or bassinet and I into my “big girl” bed. The idea being that mother could get some rest as well and be rejuvenated to carry on her role as a mother and wife for the balance of the day.

That plan didn’t always work. I would feign sleep by closing my eyes until bed check was done; then I would be up getting into things ... things that would amuse me until nap-time was over ... things that were sometimes noisy and disturbing to others. Like singing and playing my toy piano.

Finally, my mother had enough. She could see that perhaps I was getting too old for naps and needed to be guided into something constructive that would be safe and quiet. She set up an area that held all kinds of interesting things ... pieces of ribbon, an old felt hat of my dad’s, coloring books, picture books, a baby necklace that had a knot in the chain (with a straight pin I could undo the knot ... and did), colored paper, a jar of paste, classified section of the newspaper turned sideways to practice printing alphabet letters or draw on and a box of watercolors, if I wanted to paint. There was also a sleeve of saltine crackers that she called “cookies” for me to eat if I got hungry. All this with the firm admonition, I was to “STAY IN THE HOUSE!” and “BE QUIET!”

Eventually, I was given a “work” apron which had pockets to hold my crayons, scissors and a pencil. Our mother was a skilled, innovative seamstress. The fabric that was used was from a pair of coveralls that were beyond repair and had once belonged to our Dad; he wore them when he worked on his car.

For the past 80 years I have followed my mother’s instructions. From the time that I was a student and working to put myself through school and using middle of the night hours to do homework; to having roommates that snored or talked in their sleep I used the time to sew costumes and create dance steps; to being so tired that I couldn’t sleep ... as a wife and mother I would fold the 25 loads a week of laundry; to being a widow with insomnia and discovering the joy of genealogical research, writing life stories and the Internet.

Staying in the house and being quiet has been quite productive for me ... and it allows others to get a good night’s rest; especially the “quiet” part.

## Future Genealogy Events

**May 6, 2016**, 10-12:00-Sue Naegeli – Genealogy Research SIG – Sadlbc Rm. MV City Hall  
**May 9, 2016**, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG - Saddleback Room, MV City Hall  
**May 20, 2016**, 10-12:00-Myrna Hamid – Ireland SIG – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall  
**May 18**, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm, MV Library  
**May 19**, 10-12:00-Arlene O'Donnell - Beginning Genealogy Class – Bill Price Rm, MV Library  
**May 19, 10:30-12:30 NEW TIME**-David Flint - Legacy Users Group – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall  
**May 22**, 1:30-3:30, OCJGS, “Family Names-Why They Developed and How They Changed” Rabbi Stern  
**May 24**, 10-12:00-Jim Thordahl – Writing Family History Stories – Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall  
**May 24**, 9:30 am – NSDGS Program Meeting – “Discovering Your Pennsylvania Ancestors” by Randy Seaver,  
**May 27**, 10-12:00-**4<sup>th</sup> Friday Class** – Sue Naegeli – Color coding & numberin your files with Ahnantafel Numbers System  
**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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