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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.



May 13, 2017

CHANGE OF DATE FOR MEETING

Cyndi's List: Your Personal Genealogy Catalog

Presenter: Francie Kennedy

When was the last time you used Cyndi's list? This carefully curated and indexed resource has been around since the beginning of the internet, and is better than ever.

- A bit about the evolution of the site
- A portal, a catalog, an index
- How to navigate the site
- What to expect
- Categories and subcategories
- When to use the search box
- Surprises and delights
- What's new; submitting new sites and corrections

About the speaker: Francie Kennedy is passionate about microhistory, and inordinately fond of maps and old county histories. Francie believes that the study of the past through the fascinating lens of genealogy can bring us a new sense of our own place within the world. A member of APG, she speaks to genealogical societies on topics ranging from Google to geography. Francie attended Pomona College in Claremont, CA.

Meeting Place: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 27976 Marguerite Parkway at Hillcrest Dr., behind the LDS Church, Mission Viejo.

Mini-Class 9:15-9:45 before the May Monthly Meeting - David Flint will give a presentation on "Print Friendly & PDF Mini-Class." All mini-classes are held in the classroom to the left of the kitchen.

President's Message

By Bill Bluett

My wife Helen and I will have returned from Salt Lake City by the time you read this newsletter. As you might remember, my March newsletter topic was to research my Irish ancestors who lived in Salt Lake City during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Several of these folks now have their **will and probate records** digitized on **ANCESTRY.COM**. These records have revealed additional information that will help me to uncover more personal data on my Collins and Fallon families. Even Utah historic newspapers provided many articles about these ancestors.

The research trip this year turned out to be much more interesting for my wife (and myself) than in past years. Helen does not usually do genealogy research. But, this year we discovered that she has significant ancestors in this region. Her 3rd cousin, **Ellis Reynolds Shipp** was one of the first female physicians in Utah. Ellis was the daughter (and first child) of William Fletcher Reynolds – the son of James Burt Reynolds, my wife's 3rd great grandfather. At the urging of the LDS Church president, Brigham Young, Ellis entered the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia in 1875 and received her degree in medicine in June, 1878, with honors, at the age of thirty-one (while having six children of her own)! Dr. Shipp's medical practice and teaching career extended over more than 60 years with thousands of patients and students reaping the benefit of her skill and instruction. She founded the School of Nursing and Obstetrics in SLC in 1879. There is a neighborhood community park near the SLC Cemetery named after her and one of the women's dorms in Heritage Halls at Brigham Young University is named after Dr. Shipp. And, for her work in medicine, she is honored with a display room in the Pioneer Memorial Museum which is maintained by the "Daughters of Utah Pioneers." My wife and I visited all these locations during our one week stay. Dr. Shipp's relationship to the medical field was of great interest to my wife because of her own 56 years of service as a professional Registered Nurse. Much of the information I located on Dr. Shipp and her Reynolds parents was easily found on the Internet and at the Research Library in SLC due to the fact that the families were early pioneers to Utah having arrived from Iowa in 1852. They eventually settled in Mt. Pleasant which is about 100 miles south of downtown Salt Lake City.

Visiting Mt. Pleasant was the 2nd phase of the Reynolds research trip for the two of us. We traveled one day to this small town of about 3000 residents to touch base with the local library, visitor center, and of course, the city cemetery. Over 65 Reynolds ancestors are interred at this location thanks to Ellis' father, William Fletcher Reynolds, and his younger brother Levi Burt Reynolds. These Mormon men had multiple wives and fathered many children. Ellis was the oldest of all the children and seems to have been the most successful. She died in 1939 at the ripe old age of 92. Her husband, Milford Bard Shipp, was also a successful physician. He died in 1918 at the age of 82.

It's one thing to find documents at the SLC Research Library. But, to physically visit ancestor locations and view museum artifacts they actually possessed was a special treat. Helen and I feel very fortunate to have had some of our ancestors reside in the Salt Lake City region.

Safari News

~Bill Bluett

The relatively new San Diego Public Library will be our safari destination on Wednesday, May 24th. 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/. 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.

Irish Special Interest Group

The Irish SIG meeting on May 18th is cancelled and the next meeting will be June 16th.

Genealogy Search Tip of the Day

Washington State, County Records, 1803-2010 posted 20 Apr 2017

FamilySearch is indicating the following database has been updated since our last posting:

Washington, County Records, 1803-2010 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1910364>

Membership Update

~ Sue Naegeli

We had 77 members and 1 guest (who joined) at the April meeting.

New member (joined at meeting):

Vince C. Warlaumont, Lake Forest, e-mail vh1430@hotmail.com searching for **Heath, Jones, Baker and Warlaumont.**

Riverton FamilySearch Library Website

~David Flint

During the past weeks I held a series of “getting ready” meetings with the group of our members going to Salt Lake City in April. (We will all be back from that trip by the time you are reading this.) The purpose of those meetings was to help everyone prepare for the research work they plan to do in Salt Lake City so they are ready to get right to work on the first day at the Family History Library. In one of those meetings, Linda Rogers recommended a website she had recently found to be very useful, and I am recommending it here for your consideration.

The Riverton FamilySearch Library is a very substantial library facility located about 20 miles south of Salt Lake City. They offer many genealogy resources similar to the Family History Library, and a variety of classes in genealogy topics as well as computer use. They also offer classes in how to use genealogy programs such as RootsMagic and Ancestral Quest. They have onsite research specialists in Danish, French Canadian, Native American, German, Scandinavian, Spanish, and Swedish research, and offer classes in many of these.

Their website provides many useful [handouts and guides](#) relating to a variety of topics of interest to genealogy researchers. Most are listed under headings such as research, technical, miscellaneous (which includes computer topics), and specific classes by topic. The links on the website provide PDF files which you can download and print to use for reference on the particular subject matter. This is a worthwhile website with lots to offer if you take time to browse what they have available. You can Google “Riverton FamilySearch Library handouts and guides” to find the website, or you can go to it directly at:

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Riverton_FamilySearch_Library/Handouts_and_Guides

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

[Tennessee Supreme Court Cases](#) Posted: 02 May 2017

This database allows users to search an incomplete database of Tennessee Supreme Court Cases on the Tennessee State Library and Archives website.

From the website: Creating an index to the Supreme Court case files is a huge task, involving many members of the TSLA staff. Supplemented in the early stages by grants from the Supreme Court Historical Society and the Administrative Office of the Courts, the project continues with funding from the TSLAFriends and Ancestry.com. With more than 35,000 cases entered so far, we estimate the project is about 25% complete. Updates are being added to the website as the work progresses.

<http://supreme-court-cases.tennsos.org/>

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

Guardians Do Not Mean Both Parents are Dead posted 27 Apr 2017

A child having a guardian does not mean that both of the child’s parents are deceased. For much of American history a guardian had to be appointed even if the father was dead and the mother was alive. A guardian could also be appointed if someone giving the child an inheritance did not want a parent (usually the father) having control over the property. An immigrant wanting to get married under the legal age would need a guardian to sign off on the marriage even if both parents were living overseas. Do not assume everyone with a guardian had no parents living.

Derivative Citizenship posted 23 Feb 2017

A derivative citizenship is one that is derived from the citizenship of someone else, usually the father or the husband. In the United States, foreign born children under the age of majority when their father naturalized would generally be considered naturalized themselves and would not have to go through the process themselves. If your ancestor immigrated as a child, indicates he is naturalized but you cannot find any naturalization papers in his name, then consider the possibility that he had derivative citizenship through a father’s naturalization.

Probate Record for Frank Mongeon of Worcester, Massachusetts

~Ed Reardon SOCCGS member

An article by Bill Bluett in the March newsletter recounted the breakthrough finding of a probate record for his ancestor John Fallon. Coincidentally, I have just recently had a similar “Ah Ha” moment as the result of a probate record.

The setting is Worcester, Massachusetts. The branch of my tree is **Mongeon**. In the latter half of the 1800’s French Canadians came off the Quebec farms in droves. The attraction in New England was the plentiful opportunity for jobs in the booming woolen and cotton mills. My great, great grandfather **Joseph Mongeon** was one of these immigrants.

Periodically, I go back to this research for the purpose of putting some leaves on the one or two bare branches of my family tree. This time I found two outliers that did not fit in my tree: **Charles Francois and Josephine Marie Mongeon**. I cannot let them remain unattached to the Mongeon tree.

Charles and Josephine independently and suddenly appear in Worcester in 1870-72.

Josephine, age 17, appears in the household of **Charles and Sophia Benoit** in the 1870 census. **Charles Mongeon**, blacksmith, appears for the first time in the 1872 Worcester city directory. Who were these two? Eventually I suspected that they were siblings and that supposition was supported when I found them as children in the 1861 census of Ste-Victoire, Richelieu County, Quebec. They are living with the Charles Benoit family. That census record has them born in Quebec. The Worcester records say both were born 1850-53 in Manchester, New Hampshire, but there are no records available to support those claims. The Drouin collection so far has not revealed a birth in Quebec.

Who were the parents? On what branch of the Mongeon family tree do they belong? The most likely situation for them to be living with the Benoit family is a death of one or both parents before 1861, and the placement of the children with a relative.

A probate record partially answered the question. The will of **Frank Mongeon** dated May 19, 1872, was probated in Worcester on June 4 of that year. Frank died May 20 at age 49. His civil death record lists him as **Francis** and his father as **Henri**. In his will he leaves all to his only two children **Charles and Josephine**. The executor of the estate named by Frank was Charles Benoit. He is Charles F. in the death certificates of Josephine and Charles F. Jr.

Frank, a boot maker, first appears in the Worcester city directories in 1871. His prior whereabouts remain a mystery.

The net result is that with the aid of the probate record this branch of the Mongeon tree is pushed back in time one generation.

Josephine married **Napoleon Benoit** in Worcester in 1877. There must be a strong Mongeon connection to Charles Benoit. What is it? Was the wife of Charles Mongeon a Benoit? She is probably the daughter of Charles Benoit by his first wife. But the proof is lacking. The mystery is also on the Benoit side because prior to 1861 I can find no trace of Charles Benoit or his first wife **Marie Durand**.

It would seem that knowing the age of Frank Mongeon and the name of his father the lineage could be pushed back another generation or two, but despite the effort no records have come to light. The hunt continues for that elusive connection to my family tree.

Dr. Baird’s Program Notes

~David Flint

If you attended our April general membership meeting, you know what a great program we had, with Dr. Stephen Baird talking about “Diseases That Ravaged Our Ancestors” with special emphasis on the 1918 influenza pandemic that affected millions of people worldwide. This program combined two programs Dr. Baird had presented to our society in the past. Those past programs were so popular that Arlene O’Donnell kept getting requests to repeat them. So that’s what happened last month, and it was very well received.

During the program, Dr. Baird gave us his permission to share copies of his program with our members. He had a handout, which was an extensive list of diseases with their “old names” and the term used today for those diseases. However, his slide program had much more detail about the history of diseases, and the development and spread of the 1918 flu epidemic, that was not captured in the handout. His program notes are available in the form of a PowerPoint slide presentation. I have his program and will convert it to a PDF document that can be emailed to anyone interested in having the detailed information from Dr. Baird’s program slides. If you would like to have a copy of Dr. Baird’s program notes from last

month's presentation, please send a request by email to David Flint davidflint@cox.net. The PDF document can be printed. However, each slide converts to a single page in the PDF document, so it is 66 pages in length.

Spotlight: Toledo, Ohio, Cemetery and Obituary Resources

by Valerie Beaudrault, Assistant Editor

The Weekly Genealogist, May 18, 2016

The city of Toledo is located in northwest Ohio on the western shore of Lake Erie along the Michigan border. It is the county seat of Lucas County.

[City of Toledo Cemetery Records Database](#)

The city of Toledo has created an online index to burials at Forest, Haughton, Stateline, Maplewood, and Collingwood Cemeteries. The database can be searched by last name and first name, and limited by various date criteria. The data fields in the search results include record ID number, first name, last name, suffix, birth date, death date, funeral home, cemetery, and section/lot/row/grave indicators.

<http://toledo.oh.gov/gravetracker/>

[Blade Obituary Index](#)

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library has created an online index to obituaries found in *The Blade*, a Toledo daily newspaper, which has been continuously published since late 1835. The newspaper was known as *The Toledo Blade* until 1960. The index can be searched by keyword or by last name, first name, address, and year. Click the name link in the search results to view the detailed record, including headline, name, date of death, age, address, spouse, source, newspaper, newspaper date (year, month, day), type, location of the item in the newspaper, and photo. Deaths recorded in the *Toledo City Directory* and other Toledo newspapers are also included in the index. A link in the record allows you to request a copy of the obituary.

<http://obits.toledolibrary.org/obits/>

Genealogical Society of North Orange County 2017 Seminar

Saturday July 29, 2017, 9:00am-3:30pm

Thomas MacEntee, Creator of GeneaBloggers, is the speaker for the day long seminar. His topics are:

- 1) Mind Mapping Your Research Plans and Results
- 2) Wolfram Alpha for Genealogists
- 3) Genealogy Education: Getting Your "Free" On
- 4) U.S. and Canada Newspaper Resources and Strategies

The seminar will be held at the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center, 16881 Bastanchury Rd., Yorba Linda. Between Rose Drive and Imperial Highway.

Donation: Members \$30, Non-Members \$35, Registration at the door \$40

Contact www.gsnocc.org for information and map

North San Diego County Genealogical Society

Friday, July 14, 2017, 12-2pm

The NSDGS Legacy Users Group is sponsoring a special presentation by our own **Francie Kennedy** "Put Your Ancestors On the Map." This presentation is designed for all genealogists from beginners to experts and will take place at the Faraday Administration Center, Room 173, 1635 Faraday Ave., Carlsbad, CA. There is no charge for the class and no reservations required. Information/Questions? Contact Jill Scott at legacyusersgroup@gmail.com

Genealogy Tip of the Day

In the Paper After Death posted Apr 23, 2017

Newspapers can contain references to people long after they died. They can be mentioned in obituaries of their children or other family members, retrospective columns, references to their former residence or farm, etc. Don't assume that someone will not be in the paper after they died.

May Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in May:

May 3 – Take Me Back to Where I Belong: Transportation Records of the Freedmen’s Bureau - Angela Walton-Raji

May 10 – Introduction to Danish Genealogy – Fritz Juengling

May 12 – New York City and State Government Vital Records – Jane Wilcox

May 16 – MAXY DNA: Correlating mt-at-X-Y DNA with the GPS – Debbie Parker Wayne

May 17 – Remember Me: Lifestreaming and the Modern Genealogist – Thomas MacEntee

May 24 – WikiTree: Free for All without a Free-for-All – Eowyn Langolf

May 31 – The Great War: Researching Your World War I Ancestors – Michael L. Strauss

June 7 – Researching Your Minnesota Ancestors – Paula Stuart-Warren

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:

May 6 – Beyond the Surface: Analyzing and Capturing Genealogical Data – Nicka Smith

May 17 – Location, Location, Location: One Place Studies in North America – Tessa Keough

Register at www.scsgenealogy.com, click on Programs and Webinars.

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

May 18 –“Resources for Pennsylvania Genealogy” presented by Ann Lawthers

Register at www.americanancestors.org (Under Education and Online Classes)

Illinois Genealogical Society (ISGS)

May 9 – Cause of Death: Using Coroner’ Records for Genealogy – Lisa A. Alzo

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

Spotlight: Patchogue-Medford Library, New York

by Valerie Beaudrault, Assistant Editor

The Weekly Genealogist, April 12, 2017

The Patchogue-Medford Library serves the communities of Patchogue and Medford on Long Island, Suffolk County, New York. The [Celia M. Hastings Local History Room](#) webpage provides a number of online resources, including:

Index to Birth, Marriage, and Death Announcements in the Long Island Advance

Established in 1871, the *Long Island Advance* weekly newspaper was previously published as *Advance* and the *Patchogue Advance*. Library volunteers extracted birth, marriage, and death announcements from 1879 through 1926 to create the online index. The database can be searched by last name, first name, and keyword or phrase. Narrow your search by event type and by date or date range. The data fields in the search results are last name, first name, event, and issue date. Additional information may include the name of the spouse or parents.

World War One Veterans' Survey -Scroll down the page to locate the World War One Veterans' Survey link on the left. These records of 225 Patchogue-area men who took part in the First World War are drawn from a 9-item survey sent to veterans on Armistice Day 1918. Browse through the database or search by keyword. The data fields in the results are last name, first name, middle name, and type of item. A link to a transcription of the item and an image of the original record is provided. The surveys were bound into scrapbooks, which can be viewed on the website. <http://history.pmlib.org/longislandadvanceindex>

Future Genealogy Events

May 5, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

May 6, 2017, OCCGS 11:00am Colleen Fitzpatrick – “How To Use Autosomal DNA” - www.occg.com

May 8, 2017, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall

May 10-13, 2017 National Genealogical Society Conference – Raleigh NC www.ngsgenealogy.org

May 17, 2017, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm, MV Library

May 18, 2017, 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)

May 18, 2017, 10:00-12:00 -David Flint - Legacy Users Group - Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall

May 19, 2017, NO CLASS THIS MONTH – WILL RESUME IN JUNE

May 21, 2017, 1:30-3:30 – OCJGS – Joel Weintraub will present “The 1950 Census” www.ocjgs.org

May 23 2017 -10-12:00-Jim Thordahl - Writing Family History Stories - Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall

Future Events (con't)

May 23, 2017 9:30 – NSDCGS –**Carol Baird** “They Ain’t Nuthin’ to Me – How to Evolve a Family History” Carlsbad City Council Chambers www.nsdccgs.org

June 2, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

Jun 6, 2017 – OCJGS – **Daniel Horowitz**. Chief Genealogist of MyHeritage – “What’s New on MyHeritage” For information www.ocjgs.org Phone (949) 423-3746 \$5 in advance/\$7 at door

Jun 9-11, 2017 – **Genealogy Jamboree**, Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, Burbank, CA

Link: <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

Jul 29, 2017, 9-3:30 – **GSNOOC Seminar** with **Thomas MacEntee**, contact www.gsnocc.org

Aug 30 – Sep 2 – **Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference** – Pittsburg, PA www.fgs.org

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