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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 calendar year, joint membership \$25.

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## June 15, 2013

Presented by  
**Nancy Huebotter**

Have you ever found something on the Internet and wanted to know how you can insert it into your family history documentation? So much valuable information can be found on the Internet, but sometimes accessibility seems difficult. This presentation will examine how to use information such as documents and photos found on the Internet, and how to copy and insert them into your documents.

About the Speaker: Nancy Huebotter, a nationally recognized lecturer on various genealogy topics, has spent over 36 years researching her family history. Along with her parents, Nancy researched, wrote, and published a family history book entitled, **Ancestors and Descendants of Thomas Carroll and Ellis Miller (1610 - 2005)**, a 395 year history of her mother's lines. She is currently writing her father's biography, **Not for a Nickel**, especially highlighting his military service and subsequent imprisonment in a German POW camp during World War II. Nancy is a principal technical writer and an instructor for Raytheon, where she has been employed for more than 35 years. She spends her free time engaged in family history research, volunteering at St. Jude Medical Center, reading, knitting or crocheting, or pursuing her dream of becoming a novelist.

*Safari News*  
~Bill Bluett

The **Huntington Beach Library** will be our destination for the June 26th safari. We will leave the LDS Church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. This library has a nice genealogy collection of over 18,000 books, maps, some micro-fiche, etc. They do not have computers for searching online in the genealogy area. So, you might bring a laptop if you have one. You may bring lunch or utilize the library sandwich, snack, and beverage area. Don't forget \$\$ for your driver. There are no plans for dinner on the way home.

Contact Bill Bluett to reserve a spot. Go to their research page for additional information at: [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library).

\*\*\*\*\* **Open House at the SOCCGS Library/Research Center** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Mission Viejo Library - Friday, June 21, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Refreshments will be served!**

**President's Message**  
**Spring is Growing Season**

~Francie Kennedy

I would love to have a long leisurely chat with every single member of SOCCGS, and find out about your research interests. I'd like to know specifics: how can meetings and activities of this society help to deepen your knowledge of research techniques and resources, and reinforce your determination to break down brick walls? As I said at the May meeting, doing this one-on-one would take months, if not years. If you do want to meet face to face, or would rather talk on the phone or via email, just let me know! Meanwhile, I'd love to get a conversation going through a slightly more formalized framework. Look for an email from Herb during the next few weeks, with a message from me and a link to "surveymonkey", a survey company (you can Google it!) that allows us to create our own questions. I guarantee that it is safe to click that link! This survey was written by me with input from the Board, and I really want to get your in-depth feedback. Please take the time to respond if you are willing.

Mini-classes! Friday in-depth study sessions! Facebook! Special Interest Groups! An Open House at the Library! SOCCGS is in a growth phase this spring, blossoming with the new ideas planted by you and your board. Imagination is in high gear at board meetings – the past two meetings were intensive brainstorming sessions. The results are a flowering of knowledge to share with each other.

Beginning in June, mini-classes will be held at 9:15 a.m., for half an hour right before the regular membership meeting. If you come in the door near the Family History Library, walk down the hall and you will see us in rooms 115-116 on the left. I'll be hosting the first session, which will answer questions about blogging, and demonstrate how to find and read them! Blogs are a huge resource, we all will benefit from knowing how to find them and read them. Blogs are full of helpful hints, clues for your research, and inspiration! Read more about blogs in the meeting recap (elsewhere in this newsletter) and come to the mini-class with your questions.

The Mission Viejo Library is closed on Friday mornings, so this is the perfect time for Genealogists to have some fun and learn things in there, without other patrons needing a silent room. We will kick off these once-a-month Fabulous Fridays with an Open House on June 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Stop by for a personal tour of our genealogy research area and see what's new, and how to put our resources to work for your research. Bring your friends! There will be cookies and information served in equal helpings.

July's Fabulous Friday is about a very fun and useful product! Jim Thordahl will teach all who are interested how to create a family calendar, so you will have this great item ready for gift-giving later this year! Contact Jim directly to sign up. (The date is still being finalized as I write.) More Friday classes follow on a monthly basis, on a variety of topics. Stay tuned for the schedule. Be on the lookout for emails, newsletter articles and Facebook posts about all of these new opportunities to learn and enrich your research!

**Open House at the SOCCGS Library/Research Center**

Have you ever wondered what "genealogy gems" you might find at the Genealogy Department of the Mission Viejo Library? **Here's your chance!** Find out where they're hiding!

An Open House is scheduled on **Friday, June 21, 10 am to 1 pm**. There will be ongoing tours of the Library/Research Center. Research help will be available. You may bring laptops. Refreshments will be served.

**Beginning Genealogy**

Location: Mission Viejo Library - Bill Price Room

Dates: June - Sept: The 3rd Thursday of the month; 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon.

Oct/Dec: 2nd Thurs/mo 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Bill Price Room (due to holidays)

Class Size: 4 Maximum

Requirements: Bring one document e.g. birth/marriage/death certificate, obituary, or any document pertaining to your family. This is a class for those interested in starting their search for their ancestors. Please bring questions!

This class is given by the South Orange County California Genealogy Society. There is no charge for the class; however, we request that you RSVP. There is also a signup sheet at the docent's desk in the Genealogy Room.

Call Arlene O'Donnell for details: 949-466-7178; email: [silkberry@aol.com](mailto:silkberry@aol.com)

**May Meeting**  
~Francie Kennedy

Randy Seaver returned in May, as promised, to give us a thorough introduction to the world of Blogs! Randy is one of the most prolific and well-known bloggers in the world of genealogy, and is well-placed to instruct us. His blog is called GeneaMusings. (Google it!)

A Blog is a “Web-log”, shortened to “Blog”. A Web-log is simply a place a person writes, online, a “log” like a journal, a record of a journey, or a research log. Anyone and everyone can have a blog! Blogger and Typepad are two free sites for creating your own. What you write is your choice. An article or piece of writing is called a “Post”. They show up on the screen with the most recent at the top, and can be tagged or labeled by topic, so people can search your writing for a keyword or name. Most bloggers post a series of short articles about their own research, or a database, a conference, or a location, at whatever pace they feel like it, from once monthly to multiple articles daily (like Randy!)

Randy walked us through how simple it is to set one up, using the template at Blogger. No computer programming necessary – just click, type your article, done. There’s not much more to it than that, though he gave us some good resources for learning more, including the “Blog Primer” at Geneabloggers. (Google it.)

What’s the benefit?

- You have a permanent digital record of your process and progress in research, if you post your finds online.
- Cousins can find you! This is called “cousin bait”.
- Other people will help you with your research, adding comments and suggestions to your posts, suggesting databases to check or approaches to take.
- You become known in the genealogy community! You are treated as “press” at many events!
- You will read other people’s blogs and learn from them! (Do this with or without your own blog.)

Many excellent blogs were listed in the very complete handout, as examples to look at. They covered the gamut of various interests of their owners, from law to geography to technology. These are blogs you’ll want to return to, and even subscribe for notifications of new postings via email. There are fewer magazines published about genealogy now – reading blogs is a way to get the latest news and inspiration at home on your own time – and to share yours with the world. For a personal digital copy of the handout, with clickable links to ALL the sites, email Randy Seaver: [rjseaver@cox.net](mailto:rjseaver@cox.net). Thanks, Randy!

Before the meeting next month we will have a mini-session on blogs! Try looking for some blogs of interest this month, by Googling ‘genealogy blog’, and then be at the SOCCGS meeting by 9:15 to ask questions and share what you learn! **ROOM 115-116 near the Family History Center, from 9:15 am to 9:45 before the meeting.**

Refreshments were generously provided by **Patricia Yocky, Diane Wahrman, Sally Hamilton** and **Jack Naylor**. Diane pitched in with setup and cleanup, and Gary Schwarz assisted with the cleanup too! Thanks to all - we certainly enjoyed the refreshments and social time!

**Membership**

~Mary Jo McQueen

There were 57 members and 2 guests who attended the May meeting.

**Felesia Dailey** Mission Viejo. Felesia is searching for information on **Dailey, Daily, Dunaway, Dunnaway, Gentry and Dixon**. Felesia has become a member. Her email address is [felesiad@gmail.com](mailto:felesiad@gmail.com).

**Bill Erickson**, Mission Viejo, was the other guest. We sincerely hope he decides to become a member. **Everyone: Please remember to sign in at the meetings.**

**Trust your hunches. They’re usually based on facts filed away just below the conscious level.**

~Dr. Joyce Brothers (1927-2013)

*-Genealogists have good hunches because they have so much research squirreled away in their memory and offices.*

## **Brick Walls & Genealogy Research Suggestions**

~Bill Bluett

**Myrna Hamin McGuigan** told us about a woman in her “needle point” class that has at least 30 ancestors or family members with the names **Landon** or **Sterling** as a first name or a middle name. She has made pillows for family members with their name on the front side and has put a pocket on the back to enclose a copy of the person’s genealogy. Isn’t that a great idea?

**Kathy Mauzey** continues to search the “library catalog” at **FamilySearch.org** on a regular basis because so many new files are being added each week. Now, she has found the scanned image of an ancestor’s will from 1848. And, the will is loaded with information including family member names, family possessions, and who was going to receive what. Wills can be a “gold mine” for genealogist!

**Jim Thordahl** showed us an example of a genealogy calendar that he has put together. It includes a family picture for each month, birth dates, marriage dates, and death dates for at least five generations. The family line is at the beginning of the calendar. He has software information available if anyone might be interested in creating a genealogy calendar. Doing a project like this might prompt you to dig a little deeper into your research!

### **2013 - Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars**

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

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

### **Library Docent**

~Bunny Smith – Society Librarian

Attention Anyone Who Wants to Volunteer at the Library!

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

### **Mission Viejo Library Genealogy Docent Schedule**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>(3rd Saturday)</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)</b>

### **New At the Library**



A beautiful set of oak map drawers has been donated to our library in the memory of deceased member, **Elmer L. Christiansen**. Mr. Christiansen passed away on 4 June 2006. He was the husband of member, and parliamentarian /historian, Patricia Christiansen.

We now have proper flat storage for the loose map collection. Cataloging and labeling of the maps is in progress. At the present time, you may browse the collection. The case was installed by Jack Naylor and Bob McQueen.

### **New Computer at Genealogy Docent Desk at the Library**

Herb Abrams, the man that never takes the step back when tasks need to be done, has installed the new computer at the docent’s desk in the library. It is a Windows 7 machine similar to some of the machines SOCCGS provides and maintains for library genealogy patrons.

Thank you Herb!



## ***The Life and Times of Your Board***

~Francie Kennedy

Our dedicated Society historian, Patricia Christiansen, suggested that each officer and committee chair share with you a bit of our history and biography. Three of us will do so each month, and in exchange we hope this encourages you to share a paragraph or two for publication in the newsletter!

Please know that you are encouraged to share biographical information and stories about yourself and your ancestors. This is a great way to break the ice and get started on those biographies you have been thinking about writing! Send them to Gary Schwarz, and in the subject line of your email write: **SOCCGS – newsletter – article**. Send these in all month long, so that Gary has plenty of material in a variety of lengths stockpiled for future newsletters. We are sharing our stories, please share yours, too! Thanks! – Francie

### ***Frances Leona “Francie” Kennedy***

I chose my nickname in high school, after being called Fran or Frannie by my family, growing up. Frances (with an e) is such an old fashioned name; I was never Frances except to my teachers. I am happy that I was named after two grandmothers and my mother – this was my first hint of the continuity of names between generations. I grew up in southern California, the child of two native Californians. The earliest evidence I have for a California ancestor is a marriage in 1858 in San Jose, four generations ago (Franklin Fowler and Rosaline Taylor).

One of the highlights of my “youth” was the opportunity to travel to Europe annually for many years. (Remember Freddie Laker’s Airbus? \$99 to London!) I spent a semester abroad in Greece, worked for a summer in a youth hostel in the Norfolk Broads, hitchhiked (it was perfectly safe way back then) all over England and Scotland, and sailed a 50’ ketch from England to Sweden for Midsummer, returning via Denmark and Germany to moor by the Tower Bridge in the Thames.

My alma mater is Pomona College in Claremont, California. Interested in many things, I changed my major several times. I started as an English major, changed to art history for a while, and then discovered the natural world and wound up as a biology major. Bird watching and plant hunting consumed me in my 20’s. I have a respectable life list of birds, and used to be able to key out plants in the field. I still keep a record of the birds I see. My interest in nature grew into a career in landscape design and teaching about gardening. That in turn grew into more than 20 years working as a public servant, helping the community understand how to water their gardens, reduce runoff, and improve their landscapes, including attracting birds. As a byproduct of this job, I taught at Santiago Canyon College for 7 years, training others in my field of water use efficiency.

I have always loved libraries, and soon after I moved to San Juan Capistrano in 1981, I got involved with the local library. I enjoyed being on the Friends of the Library Board for 20 years, and served as president for several terms. For the first 25 of the last 32 years I lived in the Los Rios Historic District in San Juan Capistrano behind the train station, setting my clock to the train whistle. This neighborhood is on the National Register of Historic Places as the oldest residential street in California that is still residential, and I actively fought to keep it that way. My historic preservation efforts included serving as a City Commissioner, and leading a residents’ group focused on preservation of that quaint quality of life.

The greatest pleasure in my life is spending time with my daughter and my mother, who both live nearby. I designed and built a house a few years ago, and admit that I am still unpacking! I am working full time, but in my spare time and vacations I paint with watercolor, am a dedicated knitter and brand new quilter, and like to read history and mystery. I love genealogy research, and helping others get started. It is an honor to serve as your Society president this year – it is proving to be more interesting and rewarding than I ever could have imagined!

### ***Corresponding Secretary Note***

~Marilyn Kowalski

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

## **2010 U.S. Census Map**

~Tina Murtha

I have a high school friend that helps keep many of us up to date with interesting things on the Internet. I thought this might interest others.

Remember about 3 years ago you filled out a census form? Well, here are the first results of this process. What you will see is a map of the United States - not just the 48 states but all of the 50 states.

Territories are not in the census - but they did provide information during this process.

So let us say you are in Virginia, you can go by county and as you zoom in by city to see the increase or decrease and then you can see the changes of the various races within these cities.

Fascinating!!! Just glide your cursor over the map and it displays every county. Can't imagine how long it took to create this map!! You'll need to go to full screen mode to see it all! Amazing!!!

<http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=thab1>

## **Locality Locator**

~Gary Schwarz

When I was planning a trip to Ukraine, I needed the current names of villages which had different names in the past. I was searching for villages which had German names but whose names have been Russian/"Ukranianized" after the area became part of the Soviet Union. I was directed to The **JewishGen Gazetteer** website (see below) which contains the names of one million localities in 54 countries in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. I was able to find a village that was named "Worms" in the 1800's that had been renamed "**Vinogradnoye**" in Soviet times. The searches can be done phonetically, so my search for "Worms" returned "Vorms" as well. The gazetteer will also give coordinates of the location and direction and distance from a larger city. It will also pull up the location on a Mapquest map, a Google map, an Expediamaps map, MULTimap map, or a JewishGen Resource map.

If you are having trouble finding the location of a town in Eastern Europe, using the JewishGen Gazetteer may be of some help.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/communities/loctown.asp>

## **Family Search**

~Gary Schwarz

### **Personal Ancestral File (PAF)**

For all you die hard Personal Ancestral File program users who wonder where you can download it these days since the FamilySearch.org website has changed again, it can still be located at <https://familysearch.org/products>. Since PAF is not supported anymore (although it's still a good program), you may want to look at some of the other programs described at the site like: Ancestral Quest Basic, Legacy Family Tree, Roots Magic, etc. for Windows or MacFamily Tree, FamilyInsight for the Mac.

### **Film Ordering**

If you still order films because you can't get that cranking the microfilm reader out of your system (not everything is digitized and won't be for a while), go to <https://www.familysearch.org/films/> site.

### **Online Courses**

You can go to <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html> to view all the online courses available to you at FamilySearch. How to research different locations: Czech Republic, Germany, Columbia, Guatemala and many more. How to research records in different languages: Chinese, Japanese, German, Russian, etc. There are many courses at different levels on how to do genealogy research.

### **WIKI**

You can go to [https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page) to learn about and use Wiki's for your research.

### **Old Sites**

You can still get to the "Old Family Search" which is probably the easiest way to look up film numbers at [https://familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](https://familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp). The software people keep pushing the old stuff back in the corner but even they are not comfortable letting it go away.

The above links are where these items were found today. They may be somewhere else or gone when you read this.

## **Legacy User's Group**

~ David Flint

The next SOCCGS Legacy User's Group will meet on the second Thursday, June 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please note that the meeting location has moved to the Saddleback Room 1 in the Mission Viejo City Hall, directly across the plaza from the library. Also, note that the June meeting is not on the regular third Thursday meeting date. This monthly meeting provides a regular forum for anyone interested in learning about the Legacy Family Tree program -- whether you are a beginner or you are already using Legacy genealogy software. This is an informal meeting where you can share ideas with other people who use Legacy. The meeting includes demonstrations on how to perform various functions with the Legacy program, as well as time to address specific questions or problems from those attending the meeting. Feel free to drop in and out of the group as you like. Bring your laptop computer to the meeting. For questions or more information, contact David Flint – [davidflint@cox.net](mailto:davidflint@cox.net) . See you there.

## **Family Tree Maker User Group**

~Sheila Larson

The SOCCGS Family Tree Maker User Group meets on the first Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Bill Price Room at the Mission Viejo Library (across from the public computer area). We are enjoying learning from each other how to get the most out of the program and have are having some laughs in the process. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Bring your laptop, your questions and become a part of this growing group by calling or emailing Sheila Larson at 949-436-0500 or [lighthouse1212@yahoo.com](mailto:lighthouse1212@yahoo.com).

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### **South Orange County California Genealogical Society Membership/Renewal Application**

New    Renewal                       Individual, \$20/yr.    Joint Members, same address, \$25/yr.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to: SOCCGS

Mail with application to: SOCCGS, P.O. Box 4513, Mission Viejo, CA 92690