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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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General Meeting - 19 July 2014

"NEW NETHERLAND RESEARCH"

Presented by

Mary Van Orsdol

In this presentation, Ms. Van Orsdol will present a brief timeline for New Netherland and will discuss family naming patterns. The bulk of her talk will be about the various record groups, which document the lives of the people of New Netherland. Even if you do not have New Netherland ancestors, Mary's approach to researching this minority group in colonial and federal America will give you techniques for researching your own ancestors.

About the Speaker: Mary Van Orsdol is Senior Librarian for Genealogy & Carlsbad History at Carlsbad City Library. She received her B.A. in history from the University of California, San Diego, and her M.A. in American history from the University of Minnesota. She received her M.L.S. from UCLA and has worked as a librarian for over 30 years. Mary has been the head of the Genealogy Division at Carlsbad City Library since 1997 and head of Carlsbad History Collection since 2012. She researches her own family and has a strong research background in New Netherland.

Safari News

~Bill Bluett

There will be no safari trips in July and August. We will resume in September with a trip to the Los Angeles LDS Family History Research Center located on Santa Monica Blvd. in West Los Angeles. Watch for additional information regarding this safari in the September newsletter.

**Use the form in this newsletter to sign up for the October Seminar,
Featuring Joshua Taylor.**

Don't delay! Reservations will close once they reach 125.

June Meeting

~Bill Bluett

It was enjoyable to have **Jean Wilcox Hibben** return as a guest speaker. Her topic title was “**Need Direction – Try City Directories**”. Through her examples, Jean showed us the tremendous amount of information that can be extracted from city directories and how much detail can be filled in between each Federal Census. They can be very helpful between 1880 and 1900 in filling the gap for the lost 1890 census. Some of her examples were not only interesting, but very funny. Jean has a knack for interjecting humor into her presentations. Thank you, Jean, for a most entertaining hour regarding the value of “**City Directories**” to every genealogist. During our break, great refreshments were provided members: **Sandy Crowley, Lorna Irely, Jo Ann Minnig, Jack Naylor, and Pat Weeks.**

Brick Walls & Genealogy Research Suggestions

Linda McBride ordered 4 microfilms through the Orange Family History Center regarding Belgium research. After receiving them, she was surprised to find out that they are “online” at search.arch.be/fr. Also, Linda asked if anyone has done any Greek Research. She needs help in that area.

David Flint was visiting family in Oregon and his sister-in-law gave him some additional items to add to his genealogy files. That reminded him to finish adding that particular file folder (that was sitting at home on his desk) to his Legacy family files. She also gave him a “to-do” list for his trip to Salt Lake City in the spring of 2015.

Denise Richmond attended the SCGS Jamboree and came away with a lot of good information. First of all, she saw Joshua Taylor (our October seminar speaker) and thought he was wonderful. Other useful information was free downloads for some of the speaker “handouts” on the SCGS website. Also, how to use “earbuds” as a shutter release for taking pictures on an Iphone. Denise will have to explain that one to us at another meeting. Or, perhaps at a mini-class?

Barbara Taylor informed the group that ANCESTRY now has a number of Pennsylvania Death Certificates on the website.

Wendy Goodall has been communicating with a Museum in Emerald, Queensland, Australia, and her e-mail contact seems to know all about her mother’s family and even friends of the family. Now, Wendy is wondering, who is this person? Is it a cousin or a friend of the family? Stay tuned as Wendy tries to get to the bottom of this mystery!

Kathy Mauzey attended a genealogical conference in Richmond, Virginia, where she saw Joshua Taylor. That young man really gets around! Kathy was also in touch with the Virginia Historical Society and found information on her husband’s ancestor Peter Mauzey. The “manuscript collections” ended up being a big help for Kathy.

Gil Gillis is working on a story for Jim Thordahl’s “writing class” about an uncle named Lawrence Bullinger (his mother’s brother) who received two Purple Hearts. One was from WWII in Italy and the other from Korea. Additionally, he received a Silver Star at Ft. Riley, Kansas, for his service in Korea.

Membership Update

~Mary Jo McQueen

There were 82 members and 3 guests at the June meeting. Two of the guests joined: **Gary Frederickson**, Palm Desert, CA gary96797@verizon.net and **Betsy Siekierski**, Capistrano Beach, CA 23879@cox.net. **Judith Malone**, Laguna Woods jam92637@comline.com and **Cheryl Lyman**, San Clemente, clyman44@cpx/net have reinstated their memberships. Cheryl is searching ADAY and GRAHAM. Another new member is **Cherie Jones**, Huntington Beach, cjones@bozie.rr.com.

Virgil Sebelius, Laguna Woods was a guest. New email: Tom & Sally Hamilton: tmsgHamilton@gmail.com.

Opportunities Available To SOCCGS Members

The Saddleback Valley News Project: Herb Abrams - There are still rolls of microfilm left to be indexed. Relive that old time feeling of genealogy research by cranking through a roll of microfilm on our microfilm reader or use the library's motorized reader. **Put The Saddleback Valley News Project on the front burner of your things-to-do-list.** Herb has put completed rolls online at the SOCCGS Website. They may be viewed at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casoccg/svnavitals.htm> .

Writing Life Stories: Jim Thordahl - SOCCGS' Writing Life Stories Group meeting is held on the **fourth Tuesday each** month. The next meeting is on July 22, 10 to 12 in the Saddleback Room. (The Seminar location) There is always room for more storytellers. Begin writing the stories you want to preserve and join this group at any session. Call me or send an e-mail if you have a question: jimandbonniethor@juno.com /949 492-5334.

Beginning Genealogy Class: Arlene O'Donnell - **Location:** Mission Viejo Library - Bill Price Room. **Date:** July 17, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. RSVP to Arlene to verify schedule and required items to bring: 949-466-7178; email: silkberry@aol.com

Family Tree Maker User Group: Sheila Larson - The Family Tree Maker User Group meets on the first Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Bill Price Room of the Mission Viejo Library. The next meeting will be on July 6, 2014. Bring your laptop if you have one and your questions or problems you are having with the program. Email questions to Sheila Larson at lighthouse1212@yahoo.com.

Legacy User's Group: David Flint - The next SOCCGS Legacy User's Group will meet on Thursday, July 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Saddleback Room in the Mission Viejo City Hall. For questions or more information please contact David Flint at davidflint@cox.net.

England Special Interest Group: David Flint –This group meets on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be July 14, followed by August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8, 10 am to noon. You may join in at any time. Bring your laptop, research notes and questions, and any suggestions for good English research websites to share. Contact David Flint at davidflint@cox.net.

Genealogy 4th Friday Classes: Bunny Smith, SOCCGS Librarian - The Classes on the 4th Friday will continue the series on the Computer Programs that are provided by SOCCGS. The library is closed to the public on Fridays until 1:00 p.m. Therefore, you will need to be at the library entrance before 10:00, when you will be escorted into the library as a group. You may bring your laptop.

On July 25 Francie Kennedy will conduct a class "Creating a Family Map in Google". Bill Bluett & Bunny Smith will follow on August 22 with demonstrations on **Fold 3** and **Newspaper Archives**.

Ways & Means

~Jim Thordahl

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

A record number of SOCCGS supporters (49) are signed up for Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Their participation during the last Quarter (March, April, & May) earned SOCCGS a contribution of \$240.98 from Kroger, parent company of Ralphs Grocery. If you check your *Ralphs Rewards* account on the Internet, among other information, you can see what your share of this amount is. Just Google "my ralphs rewards". Click on Sign In; enter required sign-in data, and click on "My Account." Scroll down to last entry. Then smile.

SOCCGS welcomes new members and new participants in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program. If you have a question, e-mail or call me: jimandbonniethor@juno.com, 949 492-5334

Finding and sharing Information About Slaves

A recent discussion on the Facebook group “Virginia Genealogy Network” by Johnta Lee from Virginia prompted this short article. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219540584747499/>

She wrote:

I just want to say that we black folks that are really into tracing our ancestors, do appreciate any records of the slave owning people that are made available. I have noticed some white families put their history on-line and in books, and fail to mention the slaves. Please considering posting your information in one of the slave databases or sharing through one of the black genealogy sites. We take no offense to the use of the words Negro and or slave.

Any stories you may have of a family friend from your ancestors that were black helps, too.

If you have a blog or website, you can mention the slaves. If your blog site gives you the option to add search terms, some words to use would be, Negro man/boy, Negro woman/girl, Negro wench, Mullato (variant spellings) man/woman/girl/boy/wench/slave ...

If you have a subscription to Ancestry.com or similar family tree sites, a separate public tree from your original tree listing the slaves would be very helpful.

A family tree title like “The Slaves of xxx family” or “The xxx family slaves” or “The people that worked this plantation/farm” or “The slaves mentioned in this family's will.” Then just give any info available such as to which slave went to who or if it was an estate sale, who were the buyers and any information like that.

An example of the people would be to put the slave owner as father and list the slaves as children. In the “About the Tree” section, give a little sentence or two explaining. I have mine as Mastin (Slave Owner) Hale. His wife would be listed as Cealy (Slave) and the children of Cealy. We all know that Cealy wasn't really his wife; she was owned by him.

Three sites that have databases and/or can accept information about slaves:

- AfriGeneas - African Ancestored Genealogy: from Africa to the Americas
<http://www.afrigeneas.com/dataform.html>
- Fordham University: Burial Database Porject of Enslaved African Americans
<http://www.vanishinghistory.org/>
- Unknown No Longer: Virginia Historical Society <http://unknownnolonger.vahistorical.org/forum/>
Facebook groups related to Genealogy and Slaves:
- Genealogy & Historical Databases <https://www.facebook.com/groups/560887300613248/> (search for “Slave” in the search box)
- Slavery Inventory Database <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Slavery-Inventory-Database/124230364254264>
- African American Genealogy Research <https://www.facebook.com/AfricanAmericanGenealogy>
(Shared by Barbara Taylor with permission from Johnta Lee.)

October 15th Seminar

Following are the topics that have been chosen for the 2014 Seminar: **“Creating Your Personal Family History Website”**, **“Going Digital: Organizing Your Research Files Electronically”**, **“The Modern Genealogist: Timesaving Tips for Every Researcher”** & **“Successful Searching Online: Clustering for Genealogists”**. Use the form on page 7 to send in your reservation, or download one from our website.

Seminar Jewelry Table

Jewelry Chairman, **Jo Ann Minnig**, is requesting costume jewelry to sell at the Seminar. This has been a very successful Ways & Means Project at past Seminars. She may be contacted at (949) 582-3682 or jbminnig@earthlin.net. Please bring donations to the July general meeting or they may be left in the Genealogy Section of the Library. Donations will be accepted at the meetings in August and September as well.

Update on the Salt Lake City Trip

~David Flint

Planning for our trip to Salt Lake City next year is nearing completion. We have a block of 23 rooms at the Downtown Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, and as of this writing, all of our rooms are sold out. If you are interested in making a new reservation, please let me know and I will add you to the waiting list. The trip is still eight months away, and it is possible that we might have a cancellation. However, we will be able to accommodate changes only within the existing block of rooms we have already, and I do not anticipate that we will be able to obtain any additional rooms. At this point we have a total of 40 people who will be going on the trip, which is April 26 to May 3, 2015.

We have a few special events planned for our week in Salt Lake City, including a banquet and speaker at the hotel on Monday evening, when the Family History Library closes early. (More on those later.) Between now and the time we leave I encourage those of you who are joining us to start thinking about your research plans. I know it is several months before we leave, but that time will fly by quickly. Now is a good time to think about what you want to accomplish when you arrive at the Family History Library. Consider your end-of-line ancestors on your current family lines, and whether you can take any of those back another generation. Check the Family History Library catalog at www.familysearch.org for books, microfilms or microfiche that you can access directly when you are there, and make your to-do lists now so that you hit the ground running. Review family files in your genealogy program and make sure your files are in good shape. Do any file maintenance necessary, and plan to take your laptop computer with you. The library has wifi access and power available at all work stations. They also have lots of public access computers on all floors.

Soon, we will begin holding “getting ready classes” to help everyone learn what to expect on the trip, especially if this will be your first visit to the Family history Library. We want to help you to be organized and to start preparing you for your visit. We also plan to have some fun. I will inform you about the preparatory meetings as they are scheduled. We will have a special class on how to make best use of FamilySearch so that you can use that website and its extensive resources to help you get ready. Watch the newsletter and our SOCCGS website for future updates and announcements related to our trip, and thanks to everyone for your enthusiastic support of our first annual research trip to Salt Lake City.

About Joshua Taylor

In 1995, at a young age, Joshua discovered his passion for genealogical and historical research. Now, more than 15 years later, he devotes much of his time to promoting and exploring the convergence of history and genealogy through his activities as a research, speaker, and author.

Born in Logan, Utah, Joshua currently resides in Boston, Massachusetts and is the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Data Strategy Manager - United States and Canada for findmypast.com.

We look forward to hearing Mr. Taylor's presentations at the October 15 Seminar.

Genealogy Television Productions are Returning.

Joshua Taylor is a featured genealogist on the “**Genealogy Roadshow**” returning to PBS on July 23. Coming this fall is “**Who Do You Think You Are**”, which will air on The Learning Channel (TLC). Also, to air this fall on PBS is “**Finding Your Roots**” starring Henry Gates, Jr.

Hospitality Committee

Hospitality Chairman, Barbara Heeber, has announced a new member to the Committee. Sue Lamond will now be assisting Barbara and Sharon Keener. Thanks Ladies. You do an outstanding job!

July Substitute Newsletter Editor - Mary Jo McQueen

2014 Future Genealogy Events

July 6-12 - American Historical Society of Germans from Russia International Convention, Lincoln, Nebraska, http://ahsgr.org/Conventions/Convention_2014.htm

July 23-27 - 44th Annual International Germans from Russia Heritage Society Convention, Spokane Washington, <http://www.grhs.org/>

August 9 - GSNOC Seminar One Day Seminar with Henry "Hank" Jones, JR., F.A.S.G. Fullerton, Public Library and Conference Center, <http://www.gsnocc.org/gsnocc-seminar.html>

September 27 - San Diego Genealogical Society Seminar, Cyndi Ingle from Cyndi's List, <http://casdgs.org>

October 18 – SOCCGS Seminar featuring D. Joshua Taylor.

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