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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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August 20, 2016

"Mugbooks and County Histories"

Presented by

Francie Kennedy

U.S. County Histories are a fun and quirky genre of books to discover and use in your research, with information about families and the areas they lived which may be unavailable in any other source. Our speaker will suggest search strategies for finding the titles of your county's history books, and how to locate these volumes both in libraries and online. Biographies are included in these county histories- often with engravings or photographs of people, which gave them the name "Mugbooks". Are the biographies accurate? What can be gleaned and lead to more research ideas? Information about your family may be hiding in plain sight!

About the Speaker: Francie Kennedy is passionate about microhistory, and inordinately fond of maps and old county histories. She believes that the study of the past through the fascinating lens of genealogy can bring us a new understanding of the world we live in and a sense of our own place within the world. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and is a frequent speaker to genealogical societies in Southern California. Past President of the South Orange County California Genealogical Society (SOCCGS), Francie attended Pomona College in Claremont, and is a fourth generation native Californian.

Safari News

~Bill Bluett

There will be no safari in August. We will resume in September with a trip to the Los Angeles LDS Family History Research Center.

President's Message

By David Flint

August is often a vacation time for many of our members, and that's true this year for me, too. My wife and I will be taking a Viking European river cruise, leaving mid-month and returning first week in September. We will fly from Los Angeles to Munich and then to Prague, where we will spend three extra days in the Czech Republic before joining our cruise in Budapest. The cruise will wind its way along the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers ending in Amsterdam. When we end the cruise one of my cousins from England and her husband will meet us in Amsterdam for a couple of days before we fly home. I know that other members of our society will also be traveling this month, so I hope you all enjoy your trip, wherever it takes you, and that you return safely.

I'm a traveler who believes that preparation and advance planning are an important part of any trip, and can be as enjoyable as the journey. I make a practice of studying the geography and history of where I'm going before the trip starts. That preparatory work gives me some background to appreciate the places I will visit, and the history helps me to understand the customs and culture I will encounter. If you know a little about the language, even better. As I was listening last night to a travel webcast about Eastern Europe in preparation for my trip, I was reminded of the similarities between preparing for travel and for genealogy research.

Most of us understand the value of studying the geography and history of an area we will be researching, particularly if it is outside the United States. Often the history of what was happening in that part of the world when our ancestors were alive brings deeper meaning to their experiences, and what may have motivated them in terms of the economy, wars, international events, and other things that affected their daily lives and living conditions. Sometimes it provides a perspective on why they might have left their homeland and moved elsewhere, including to the United States. That kind of preparation for researching new areas in genealogy are just as valuable as preparing for travel to a new area.

Another similarity is recording your research, as well as your travels. When I take a trip anywhere, I always keep a journal. My daily record of where I visited, what I saw, any notable experiences or memories to preserve for future reference are all part of my trip, and I often refer back to them long after the trip is over. Similarly, a good research log of what we are researching, where we are researching, what we find (or don't find) are important details we need for reference when we return home from a genealogy research trip. Those details become part of our sources, and our reference notes to enter in our genealogy program and files at home.

And, of course, our photos are another important part of both activities. We certainly take lots of photos when we travel to record the places we have seen and where we spent time learning about the places visited. In our genealogy research, we also usually come home with photos or scanned media images of documents, books, and other "souvenirs" of our research trip. Those items also become part of our files and documentation of the careful research we have done about our ancestors.

So, whether you are staying home in August to continue your genealogy research, or taking a trip somewhere -- genealogy related or not -- remember to prepare and learn about the area, keep good records of what you see or find, and don't forget to document it, both in writing and with photos or other images. I hope you have a good August, and I will see you in September.

July Meeting

Our July meeting speaker was Hal Horrocks, President of OCCGS, with "Road Trip" Hal shared how he prepares for genealogy road trips and his tips will help us have a successful genealogy road trip. The mini-class was presented by Gary Frederickson on "Identifying Old Pictures" and gave us an understanding of how photography "developed." Gary also taught the 4th Friday class on "Researching Places." Thank you to those that provided snacks at the break and to **Barbara Heebner** and **Sharon Keener** for making sure we are fed. **By the way**, another person (or two) is needed to help Barbara and Sharon with hospitality. Contact Barbara Heebner (949) 768-2082 or bheebner@cox.net

Genealogy Tip of the Day <http://www.genealogytipoftheday.com> Posted 26 Jul 2016

Venter Do you know what is meant if you encounter the word "venter?" That's the word used in this 1824 will from Tennessee. In this case the word is referring to a wife or mother as the "source of offspring." The intent here is to make it clear which children are to receive this specific inheritance.

Membership Update

There were 79 members and 2 guests in attendance at the July meeting. Guests were Gary and Ardyn Fredericksen. New Members in July:

Werner & Lise Belke, Mission Viejo, lisebelke@aol.com

Laura Jean Rotell, Laguna Woods – laura.rotell@yahoo.com

Esther Denn, Laguna Hills – esther@epm.occoxmail.com

Linda Schlobohm, Laguna Niguel – lindaschlobohm@gmail.com

Ways & Means

~Jim Thordahl

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

SOCCGS received a check for \$80.09 from Kroger, parent company of Ralphs Grocery Stores for our participation in Ralphs Community Contribution Program in the quarter ending May 31, 2016. We are grateful to Ralphs and all the SOCCGS participants (41 during the quarter). Another important note is that we are nearing the end of the Program year. The new year starts **September 1st** when participants must **re-enroll**. If you have any questions please contact Jim Thordahl: jimandbonniethor@juno.com, 949 492-5334. There is no cost to participate.

Reservations are now open for our October 15th Seminar “Tech Tools That Enhance Genealogy Date” Featuring Lisa Louise Cooke!

Following are the topics that have been chosen for the 2016 seminar: “Soothe Your Tech Tummy with These 10 Tech Tools,” “Google Search Strategies for Common Surnames,” “Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers,” “Ways to Inspire Non-Genealogists in Your Family.” Use the form on page 7 to send in your reservation, or download the form from our website at www.socccgs.org

Seminar Jewelry Table

Our new Jewelry Table Chairman, Victoria Crayne, is requesting "**costume jewelry**" to sell at the seminar. This has been a very successful Ways & Means Project in past years. She may be contacted at crayne@prodigy.net Donations will be accepted at the meetings in August and September, or they may be left in the Genealogy Section of the Library. Thank you to Joanne Minnig for her many years of service as Jewelry Table Chairman.

Seminar Opportunity Drawings

Ways and Means Chairman, Jim Thordahl, is requesting donations for the seminar "**Opportunity Drawings**" Table.. Anyone wishing to donate please contact Jim at (949) 492-5334 or jimandbonniethor@juno.com.

Seminar Book Donations

Be thinking about book donations over the next month. We will begin collecting them at the library starting in September. Cookbooks seem to be a popular item.

August Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in August

Aug 3 – Getting Started with Microsoft PowerPoint – Thomas MacEntee

Aug 10 – The Battle for Bounty Land: War of 1812 and Mexican-American Wars – Beth Foulk

Aug 12 – Homestead Act of 1862: Following the Witnesses – Bernice Bennett

Aug 17 – Successfully Applying to a Lineage Society – Amy Johnson Crow

Aug 24 – Using Findmypast to Unlock Your Irish Ancestry – Brian Donovan

Aug 26 – Finding French Ancestors – Luana Darby (rescheduled from July)

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:

Aug 6 – Five Reasons the Records Aren't in the Courthouse – George G. Morgan **Aug 17** – What's in a Name? Every Surname Tells a Story – Teresa "Tessa" Keough

Register at www.scsgenealogy.com, click on programs and webinars.

Illinois Genealogical Society (ISGS)

Aug 9 – Misbegotten Children: Tracing the Family Lines of the Illegitimate – Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1406973931847993857>

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

http://familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule

Free Webinar October 14, 2016

Managing the Genealogy Data Monster – Thomas MacEntee

If you who are a fan of Thomas MacEntee, you will want to know about a free webinar he is doing on October 14. The Legacy Users Group of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society (NSDCGS) is sponsoring a free webinar presented by Thomas MacEntee – “Managing the Genealogy Data Monster”. The webinar will be broadcast remotely by Thomas MacEntee and viewed in Carlsbad at the city's Farady Administration center on Friday, October 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The NSDCGS folks who manage their Legacy Users Group have invited our SOCCGS members to come on down and join them in watching this free webinar. Even though it is sponsored by the Legacy Users Group, the program is not about Legacy – it will have general appeal to anyone doing genealogy research.

While the program is free, registration is required to give NSDCGS an attendance count for the meeting room. A flyer with details about this program is posted on our SOCCGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/MacEntee%20WebinarFlyer.pdf>. A group of us will be driving down to Carlsbad for this program, and you are welcome to join us in a carpool. Contact David Flint if you are interested in attending this webinar program in Carlsbad.

Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference

August 31 – September 3, 2016 Springfield Illinois

Join fellow genealogists and family historians at the FGS 2016 National Conference, “Time Travel: Centuries of Memories,” designed to inspire you and enrich your family history. Hosted by FGS with local host Illinois State Genealogical Society. For information and registration: www.fgsconference.org

Czechoslovak Area Genealogy Club

~Lynn Lillard

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2016, at 1:30, at the Jagerhaus Restaurant, 2525 East Ball Road, Anaheim, CA (on Ball Road west of the 57 Fwy). The topic will be “Brick Walls and Getting Through Them, Our Own Workshop.” Anyone wishing to attend can contact Nancy Pestal butterflynp@cox.net Website: CAGC-CA.org This is a valuable local resource for those researching the Czech Republic. Lynn would be happy to carpool to the next meeting if anyone is interested, contact her at grannylillard@yahoo.com

German Genealogy Research Special Interest Group

10:00 – 12:00 Third Wednesday of the Month

Bill Price Room - Mission Viejo Library

We will present and discuss techniques on German Genealogical research, ways to find from which towns our ancestors came, sources which are available for each of our ancestors' towns, changes in the geography of Germany. This is an opportunity to share and gain knowledge about German Genealogical research. Beneficial if you bring your laptop computer but not required.

Contact: Gary Schwarz SOCCGS_GERSIG@att.net

Genealogy Search Tip of the Day posted 18 Jul 2016

The Canadian Virtual War Memorial From the website: “The Canadian Virtual War Memorial (CVWM) is a registry of the more than 118,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders who have given their lives serving Canada or the United Kingdom.” <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial>

German Russian Books Available at Mission Viejo Library

~Gary Schwarz

Seven books were donated to SOCCGS:

- *The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the Years 1763 to 1862* by Karl Stumpp
- *From Katherine to Khrushchev; The Story of Russia's Germans* by Adam Giesinger
- *Homesteaders on the Steppe* by Joseph S. Height
- *Memories of the Black Sea Germans* by Joseph S. Height
- *Russian German Settlements in the United States* by Richard Sallet, translated by LaVern J. Rippley and Armand Bauer
- *Steppes to Neu Odessa, Germans from Russia Who Settled in Odessa Township, Dakota Territory 1872-1876* by Cynthia Anne Frank Stupnik
- *Steppes to Nue Odessa: Germans from Russia Who Settled in Odessa Township, Dakota Territory 1872-1876; Second Edition* by Cynthia Anne Frank Stupnik
- *The Black Sea Germans in the Dakotas* by George Rat

The Emigration from Germany to Russia is a key reference to German Russian research. It contains "Revision Lists [like an 1817 Census]" which contains names and ages of family members in different areas in Russia settled by people emigrating from areas which we consider Germany today. It contains passport information for some families. It provides reasons for moving and routes and methods of migrations. The reasons for migrating to Russia can be applied to migrations from Germany to other areas.

From Katherine to Khrushchev inserts the ethnic German Russian group's history into Russian and Eastern European history between the reign of Katherine the Great, Tsar of Russia and the time that Khrushchev was the leader of the Soviet Union. It is a great historical reference.

Homesteaders on the Steppe contains farming methods, customs, songs, and humorous limericks of protestant German Russians in the Black Sea region. It lists German origins villages of pioneer settlers in colonies of the Black Sea Region sorted by colony. It contains "Chronicles" of many colonies written around 1848 by mayors and other prominent people. The chronicles describe the journey to their assigned colony, the problems of building the colonies, the soil conditions, and the general condition of the colonies after a few decades of existence.

Memories of the Black Sea Germans contains a variety of topics comprising documentaries and diaries, reports and reminiscences, historical and cultural essays, and stories in dialect, poems in both German and English, and a comprehensive history of a large German-Russian settlement.

The Black Sea Germans in the Dakotas describes journeys of German Russians that came to the USA and settled in the Dakotas with reference also to some that settled in Nebraska. The book also profiles towns where German Russians settled.

Russian German Settlements in the United States lists colonies in Russia, both their German and Russian names. Statistics for Russian colonies as well as settlements in the USA. The book has good photos of early settler's homes and families.

Steppes to Nue Odessa, Germans from Russia Who Settled in Odessa Township is about German Russians settled in Odessa Township of Yankton County in Dakota Territory.

If you have German Russian ties or know someone that does, please come to the Mission Viejo Library, SOCCGS Research Center, and look through these books especially the Stump and Giesinger books. The Cynthia Anne Frank Stupnik books are localized but are still worth browsing. The other three books may have a lot of good information for you as well.

These books will only be available for a few months or until it is decided whether to incorporate them into our book collection.

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

Bureau of Land Management Tract Books posted 30 Apr 2016

If you have been using the Bureau of Land Management Tract Books which were recently published digitally on the FamilySearch site, there is a guide to what locations are contained in which volume. Not all states' tract books are on line. There is a link to the book and link to the guide at: <http://searchtip.genealogytipoftheday.com/?p=922>

Future Genealogy Events

Aug 5, 2016, 10-12:00-Sue Naegeli – Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall
Aug 8, 2016, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG - Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Aug 17, 2016, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Aug 18, 2016, 10-12:00-Arlene O’Donnell - Beginning Genealogy Class – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Aug 19, 2016, 10-12:00-Myrna Hamid – Ireland SIG – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
August - Legacy Users Group - no meeting in August
Aug 23, 2016, 10-12:00-Jim Thordahl – Writing Family History Stories – Sdlbk Rm, MV City Hall
Aug 28, 2016, 1:30-3:30 OCJGS, “Overview of Intl Assn. of JGS Convention in Seattle” www.ocjgs.org
Sep 2, 2016, 10-12:00-Sue Naegeli – Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall
Aug 31-Sep 3, 2016 FGS Conference 2016, Springfield, Illinois - Time Travel: Centuries of Memories
Oct 14, 2016, 11-1:00pm – NSDGS Legacy Users Group – Free webinar with Thomas MacEntee, Faraday Administration Center, Carlsbad. Register by Oct. 10 legacusersgroup@gmail.com
Oct 12-23, 2016 – Great Canadian Genealogy Summit, Ontario Canada, <http://www.cangensummit.ca/>

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SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Membership/Renewal Application

() New 1 Year: () Individual, \$20.00 () Joint Membership at same address, \$25.00

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Name(s) _____

Address: _____

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I do not wish to share my personal information with other members.

South Orange County Ca. Genealogical Society

Mission Viejo, California
Presents

A Family History Seminar

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Doors Open 8:00 a.m.)
City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive,
Corner La Paz & Marguerite - Mission Viejo

"Tech Tools That Enhance Genealogy Data"

Featuring

Lisa Louise Cooke

Founder of the "Genealogy Gems" website (including Podcasts!)

Topics

"Soothe Your Tech Tummy with These 10 Tech Tools"

"Google Search Strategies for Common Surnames"

Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers"

Ways to Inspire Non-Genealogists in Your Family"

Refreshments - Opportunity Drawings For Gifts -

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Pre-registration must be received by October 12th /Tickets will be \$30 at the door!

(Seminar information & registration form also available at www.socccgs.org)

SOC CGS '2016' Seminar Registration

Name(s) _____ Registration: _____ @ \$25.00

_____ Box Lunch: _____ @ \$9.00

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____ Total: \$ _____

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