

Saddleback Valley Trails

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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.

August 19, 2017

"How and Why the Scots Migrated"

**Presented by
Judith Brooks**

A history of their migratory habits and why a Scot would have come to America from any country and how and when they may have arrived from Scotland will aid you in finding potential Scottish records. Her philosophy is that there is so much more to our ancestry than just historical dates and places. Finding the history of the time and place brings richer meaning to our heritage.

About the speaker: "Find Dem Bones" Judy specializes in Scottish research. She has been researching both her own and her husband's ancestry since 1995 when he became chaplain for the North County Scots and was searching for his own tartan. She is a professional Genealogist, member of numerous genealogical societies, and active in the DAR.

Mini-Class 9:15-9:45 before the August Monthly Meeting - Francie Kennedy will present "The Basics of Dropbox." All mini-classes are held in the classroom to the left of the kitchen.

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

Safari News
~Bill Bluett

There will be no safari destinations in August. Safaris will resume in September when we will travel to the **LDS Family History Research Center** located in West Los Angeles. Check your September newsletter for additional details.

President's Message

By Bill Bluett

It's been about 9 years since we've had **George G. Morgan** as our seminar speaker. My, how time flies! George is based in Tampa, Florida, and is the president of **Aha! Seminars, Inc.** In the October/November 2016 issue of the **Internet Genealogy** magazine, he wrote an article titled **Develop Your Ancestor's Story**. The article looked at available resources for adding "color" to your ancestor's life. The first thing George said was *"There's always something new to learn about your ancestors. It's never over. And perhaps that is what makes genealogy so addictive"*. How true that is. Just when I think I've found everything there is to know about a specific ancestor, another source of information "pops-up". Maybe that's because millions of records are continuing to be scanned and added to genealogy websites. As Yogi Berra once said, *"It ain't over til it's over"*. Well, in genealogy research, I don't think it's ever over.

The first source that George Morgan mentioned in the magazine write-up was HOME SOURCES. This could include letters, postcards, photographs, school report cards, yearbooks, family bibles, and many more items that we may have stashed away in our home or garage. My wife has two shoeboxes filled with her parent's letters to one another when their "courting" process began in 1929. These letters cover approximately a 3 1/2 year period leading up to their marriage in July of 1933. They wrote to one another at least once a week. That's a lot of letters! They lived in rural Iowa at the time and that was the best way to communicate on a regular basis. These letters have helped my wife and I to figure out who some of the other relatives were, how they were related, and where they lived. Some lived in other states as well as Canada. So, all I can say is *"what's in your attic, or closet, or garage?"* Re-check resources within your own home. It's always possible to have overlooked an important piece of information.

Other resources mentioned included FAMILY INTERVIEWS, CENSUS RECORDS, BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH RECORDS, and LAND AND PROPERTY RECORDS. I need to say something about property records. Over the years, I have received packets of documents for ancestors that HOMESTEADED their land. Some packets contained dozens of pages of very interesting information including statements from neighboring families serving as a "witness" to my ancestor's improvement of the land they were living on. With improvements, they gained ownership to their 160 acres after five years. There are many other types of land and property records that can be very helpful to genealogists in uncovering more detail about your ancestors.

The remainder of resources listed by George Morgan included MILITARY RECORDS, OBITS AND DEATH NOTICES, WILLS AND PROBATE RECORDS, NEWSPAPERS, FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORIES, PERIODICALS, and MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS. My personal favorites more recently have been **"Wills and Probate Records"** and **"Newspapers"**. There seems to be more information coming online in the past year or two in these areas. But, all the others mentioned above should not be overlooked. We may need to have some mini-classes covering some of these resource areas so that we can better understand where and how to access the information available. Keep all these resources in mind and see what kind of a picture you can create of your ancestors. Then, you can develop a more complete "written" account of your ancestor's life.

Fourth Friday Class – Genealogy Paper Party Presented by Bunny Smith

Our Fourth Friday class will be on **August 25th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Saddleback Room of the Mission Viejo City Hall. Join the class to learn about organizing your documents to lead you to the next generation. Bring your papers and let's get organized.

Genealogy Tip of the Day

Don't Overlook State Records Posted: 01 Jun 2017

Records created or archived at the state (or provincial) level should be included as a part of your research plan. These materials may mention state land purchases, state census records, court case appeals (even to the state supreme court), institutionalizations, and more. The state archives, state library, state historical society, or similar agencies are good places to start learning more about these records.

Reservations are now open for our October 21st Seminar
“Genealogy Treasures in our Nation’s Archives”
Featuring John Colletta

Following are the topics that haven been chosen for the 2017 Seminar: “The Library of Congress – An Intro and Overview,” “Immigration to America – Colonial Times to WWII (Where Do Your Immigrating Ancestors Fit in?),” “Finding (Overseas) Towns of Origin: With U.S. Sources,” “Using 19th Century Newspapers for Family History.” **Use the form on Page 7** to send in your reservation, or download the form from our website at www.socccgs.org.

July Meeting
~ Bill Bluett

Our guest speaker for the July monthly meeting was **Colleen Greene**. Her topic was **Utilizing the Digital Public Library and the HathiTrust for Family History Research**. Colleen was a member of our society from 2003-2007 when her name was Colleen Robledo. Now, she is married and serves as the **Marketing & Web Systems Librarian** at California State University, Fullerton. Colleen introduced us to the **Digital Public Library of America** website which is a **free** underutilized online resource packed with a rich and extensive digitized collection of records. It has books, manuscripts, maps, photos, letters, diaries, military records, telephone directories, church records, and government records – just to name a few! Many of these items may not necessarily be found on other genealogical websites. So, check it out! The **Hathitrust Digital Library** (pronounced hah-tee) houses collections from research institutions (most universities). It is a **free** website as well. It’s content is similar to the DPLA website, but, also includes digitized books via the Google Books project. You really need to check out these two resources for additional information that you may not have seen before regarding your ancestors. We thank Colleen for bringing these two websites to our attention. Prior to her program, our members enjoyed some great refreshments provided by four of our dedicated members. Our contributors this month were: **Marilyn Kowalski, Bea Norred, Bunny Smith, and Diane Wahrman**.

Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) <https://dp.la/>
HathiTrust Digital Library <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

Membership Update
~ Sue Naegeli

We had 92 members and 10 guests, and 2 new members who joined at the July meeting. 4 new members joined earlier in the month.

New members:

Bette Evans, Laguna Woods, searching for **Wilson, Driver, Chew, Chance, Rickets, Estes, Stroh, Sell and Barckley**
Linda Kiddee, Rancho Santa Margarita
Alfred Luppe, Mission Viejo
Charlie Hastings, Lake Forest
Larry & Sue Martin, Laguna Woods

Guests: **Debra Waller**, Laguna Woods; **Judy Rogge**, Mission Viejo; **Tom & Diane Grinham**, Mission Viejo; **Lisa Hayes-Swartz**, Rancho Santa Margarita; **Connie & Raul Rodriguez**, Claremont; **Connie Williams**, Mission Viejo; **Phyllis Ulrich**, Dove Canyon; **Mariann Bamberger**, Laguna Woods

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

Are Wills Replacing the Deeds? Posted: 20 Jun 2017

My relative purchased a farm in the late 1860s. It still owned by a descendant today. The last deed to the property recorded in the local recorder’s office is that deed of purchase in the 1860s. There are no other deeds. That’s because every transfer after that time has been through a bequest in a will when the current owner died—in 1877, 1939, and 1969. The wills served to transfer title. There’s no missing deeds, it’s just that at the time the will served as the “deed” because it transferred title.

Newsletter Change Coming

~David Flint

At our July 15th meeting I announced that we will start distributing our newsletter to members via email (instead of by US mail) beginning with the September 2017 issue. This is a cost-saving measure implemented by the board to reduce our Society's operating cost. The cost of printing and mailing our monthly newsletter currently requires 27% of our annual budget. By implementing this change in September, we will save about one third of that cost for the remainder of 2017, and the full cost in our 2018 fiscal year.

Our new distribution process will be as follows. At the beginning of each month, you will receive an email that includes a link where you can go to get that month's issue online. It will be in the form of a PDF file that you can download and print if you like, or you can simply read it online.

We will implement a trial run of that new procedure using the August issue as a test. You will receive your August newsletter by mail as usual, and you are reading it right now. You will also receive an email with an explanation, and a link to show you how to find the newsletter online by clicking on the link. That link is intended for SOCCGS members only, so please do not forward or share that link.

Testing the new procedure a month in advance will allow us to discover any unanticipated problems and to correct them before we distribute the September issue, which will go out by email only. If you experience any problem getting your newsletter online through this message, please contact us at test.socccgs@gmail.com

We recognize that this new process may be less convenient than getting your newsletter in the mail, but the change is not being done for convenience. It is a budget matter, and we are trying to reduce our operating costs to benefit the future financial stability of our Society. We also realize that there may be members with special needs, and the email process may present concerns. If you have special needs and email distribution won't work, please contact Bill Bluett. Please understand, however, that we are not offering an alternative to all members for the sake of convenience.

One last point – this new distribution process will only work if you check your email. So please get in the habit of reading your email around the first of each month to see the one relating to your SOCCGS newsletter. We hope we will have your cooperation and support as we get this new system in place quickly and working properly as the way we send you the newsletter in the future. We look forward to a smooth transition to the new process, with our trial run this month, and full conversion to email distribution in September. Thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Historic Personage Sighting!

~Myrna Hamid, Irish SIG

Grace O'Malley, The Irish Pirate Queen (1530-1603) was seen at the Irish SIG meeting on 21 July 2017. She recounted her life story including her historic meeting with Queen Elizabeth I in September of 1593. Grace was regally dressed with a large plumed hat and a dagger in her boot! She helped us better understand conditions in Ireland in the 1500's.

Ed Reardon has been presenting a short report on portions of Irish history for the past two meetings of the Irish SIG. He arranged for his friend, actress Ruth Kurisu, to dramatize a character from this colorful chapter of Irish history. Ruth's performance was entertaining and informative. Many thanks to Ruth and to Ed.

CeCe Moore, The DNA Detective

Saturday, September 16, 2017

The **OC Public Libraries** is sponsoring a day of **Genetic Genealogy with CeCe Moore**, Saturday, September 16, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey, Aliso Viejo, phone 949-360-1730. **Admission is Free.** Bring your own lunch or select one of the \$10 options offered by the Corner Bakery at registration. Demonstrations of Ancestry.com Library Edition at lunch time.

Register online: www.ocpl.org/genealogy

August Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in August:

Aug 2 – 11am – Tracing Your West Country Ancestors – Kirsty Gray

Aug 9 – 5pm – A Taxing Matter: Using Tax Lists in Genealogy – Judy G. Russell

Aug 11 – 11am – Using Pictures with Legacy Family Tree – Geoff Rasmussen

Aug 15 – 5pm – Analyzing Probate Records of Slaveholders to Identify Enslaved Ancestors – LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson

Aug 16 – 11am – Finding Your Ancestors in German Directories – Ursula Krause

Aug 23 – 11am – How to do Mexican Research and Be Successful – Jonathan Walker

Aug 30 – 11am – Getting Started with Evidentia – Ed Thompson

Sep 6 – 11am – Top Tech Tips – Geoff Rasmussen

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 5– Using atDNA to Verify and Expand Genealogy – Emily D. Aulicino

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

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

Aug 24 – 12pm – Fraternally Yours: Finding Your Ancestor in American Fraternal Organization Records Presented by Rhonda R. McClure, Senior Genealogist

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

Illinois Genealogical Society

Aug 8 – 6pm – Ten Years is a Long Time: Census Substitutes for the In-between Years – Amy J. Crow

Sep 12 - 6pm- Luxembourgers on the Prairie: Researching Your Luxembourg Ancestors – Lisa Oberg

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

Family History Library Class Calendar - https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library go to Classes and Online Webinars.

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

Texas Digital Newspaper Program posted 7 Jul 2017

The **Texas Digital Newspaper Program** is housed on the *Portal to Texas History* website. The site has over 400,000 images of newspapers and other items. Images can be searched for specific text items and individual newspapers can be browsed using links at the **bottom of the main page**.

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/>

Cincinnati, Ohio, Birth and Death Records from 1865-1912 Posted: 26 Jun 2017

Cincinnati Birth and Death Records from 1865-1912 are online at the University of Cincinnati Archives. It is a collection of over 528,000 records. <https://drc.libraries.uc.edu/handle/2374.UC/2032>

Future Genealogy Events

Aug 4, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

Aug 5, 2017, OCCGS 10:30 “Digital 4 Keeps” 12:00 “I Thought I was Organized-So Don’t Do What I Did”

Aug 12, 2017, 12-3:30 – **SCGS Lunch & Learn** – Crista Cowan “Getting the Most of Ancestry”

For information: <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com> click on programs, then lunch and learn

Aug 14, 2017, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall

Aug 16, 2017, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm, MV Library

Aug 17, 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)

Aug 17, 10-12:00 -David Flint - Legacy Users Group - Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall

Aug 18, 10-12:00 – Myrna Hamid – Ireland SIG – Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall

Aug 20, 1:15 pm – **Questing Heirs Gen Soc** – Claudine Burnett “Died in Long Beach” Cemetery Research Methods. Held at Lakewood Masonic Center, Long Beach. www.qhgs.info

Aug 18-20, Genealogical Society of Hispanic America 2017 Conference, Ontario, CA. For information: www.gsha.net

Future Events (cont'd)

Aug 22, 2017, 10-12:00-Jim Thordahl - Writing Family History Stories - Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
Aug 22, 2017 9-11:30 – **NSDCGS** –Mary Van Orsdol “So Who Is This Rathbun Fellow?” - Carlsbad City Council Chambers www.nsdcgs.org
Aug 25, 2017, 10-12:00 – 4th Friday Class – Bunny Smith “Genealogy Paper Party” Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Aug 27, 2017, 1:30-3:30 – Judy Bart Kancigor “What did they eat? Your ancestors’ recipes as a clue to your roots. Temple Bat Yahm, Newport Beach www.ocjgs.org
Aug 30 – Sep 2 – Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference – Pittsburg, PA www.fgs.org
Sep 1, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Sep 16, 2017, 10:00-4:00, **Genetic Genealogy with CeCe Moore**, Aliso Viejo Library,

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April 2017

South Orange County Ca. Genealogical Society

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A Family History Seminar

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Refreshments - Opportunity Drawings for Gifts -

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Pre-registration must be received by October 18th / Tickets will be \$35 at the door!

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