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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 18, 2018

"DNA & Family Secrets

Presented By: Richard P. Weiss

We're all intrigued by the possibility of discovering a long-lost sibling or cousin. DNA kits offered by companies such as Ancestry and 23andMe have exploded in popularity. As the number of people taking these tests surpasses the 12 million mark, more testers are discovering a mystery among their DNA matches. DNA testing is uncovering misattributed parentage, donor children, adoptions, and other family secrets every day. What is the best way to approach these family mysteries? Our speaker will discuss important considerations when a secret is uncovered via DNA testing, lessons learned that will help matches move toward a positive contact outcome, and where to get reputable help and support.

About the speaker: Richard P. Weiss is the Executive Vice President and Director of Programs at DNAAdoption. He is an experienced genetic genealogist and adoption search angel and retired Naval Officer. Richard has co-lead successful Y-DNA and autosomal DNA research projects in both his adoptive and birth families. DNAAdoption is one of the oldest DNA search organizations with deep ties to the traditional adoption search community. It provides education, methods, guidance, and support for DNA searching, contact, and reunion.

MiniClass 9:15-9:45 before the August Monthly Meeting - "What the Census Tells - Part 2" presented by Kathie Mauzey. 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.

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

Do You Check for Religious Newspapers? Posted 3 Jul 2018

Don't neglect searching denominational publications when searching for your ancestor. There may be details in these materials that are not in secular newspapers.

President's Message **By Bill Bluett**

Last month I mentioned that I was researching a gentleman by the name of John Bluett who appears to be a cousin of James Bluett - my great-grandfather. Several years ago, I didn't think there was a family connection. I recently revisited the 1880 census when John was located in Sutro, Lyon County, Nevada. I have now discovered that there are TWO major errors on that census. First, the faded writing doesn't say he was born in Ireland, he was born in England – where his parents were born. The second error was his occupation which was transcribed as being a minister. That is incorrect – he was a miner. Upon researching additional census years, historic newspapers, GOOGLE BOOKS, and Vital Records, it is evident that this particular John Bluett was from Cornwall, England, and was the foreman of the Sutro Tunnel during its construction from 1869 to 1878. Adolph Sutro put his confidence in John Bluett to ultimately complete this four-mile-long tunnel that was to be used for draining water from the numerous working mines located beneath Virginia City. Potential flooding during mining operations was a constant issue and a drainage tunnel was viewed as a solution to the ongoing problem. So, who was Adolph Sutro? Well, he came to America about 1850 as a 20-year-old and ultimately became an engineer, politician, philanthropist and later served as the 24th mayor of San Francisco. Born a German Jew, he moved to Virginia City, Nevada, in the 1860's and made a fortune at the Comstock Lode while mining silver ore. He is today perhaps best remembered for the various San Francisco locations and landmarks that still bear his name.

John Bluett came to America about the same time as Adolph Sutro. John arrived from Cornwall, England, in the early 1850's. He appears in the Gold Hill/Virginia City directories beginning in the early 1860's. This is about the time he married his wife, Susan, who was born in New York. As the Sutro tunnel became a reality, John (or Jack, as he was described in newspaper articles) became the foreman for the Sutro Tunnel Company. Historic newspaper articles written in the 1870's and 1880's seem to indicate that Sutro and Bluett had periodic clashes of opinion because of their, possibly overbearing, "sanguine" personalities. John left Sutro's employment on a number of occasions, but, eventually came back and was accepted into his foreman position without any regrets on either side. He had great compassion for his job, his employees, and even the mules that worked in the mines. Regarding his job: he and his wife and their adopted son lived approximately 30 feet from the tunnel entrance. Regarding his men: he was thoroughly aware of the prejudices which existed among the workmen of various nationalities and he knew how to use them to the best advantage. Hence, the "Cornish shift", the "Irish shift", and the "Hoosac tunnel shift" whose friendly rivalries lead them to outdo one another. I couldn't find a definition for "Hoosac" Maybe it meant the "rest of the mix" other than Cornish or Irish. And, finally, the mules. He found a German immigrant mistreating a team of mules and gave the man a tongue-lashing that he would probably never forget. All these circumstances were found in local historic newspaper articles regarding the activity at the Sutro tunnel.

In 1878, he led former president Ulysses Grant on a tour through the completed tunnel and the following year received a solid gold watch and chain in recognition of his service as foreman. The watch is currently in the possession of the Nevada Historical Society in Reno, Nevada. I wanted to see the watch, but, they are having difficulty locating it. It is somewhere in the four or five storage locations in the Reno/Carson City area.

John and Susan Bluett relocated to San Francisco around 1885. They lived on Stevenson Street in the heart of downtown San Francisco when the 1906 earthquake hit the area. In 1910, John was located on 48th Avenue which was a few blocks from Golden Gate Park and the ocean. His wife died that year in a home for the aged. He passed away the following year and both are buried in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma, San Mateo County. Who else is buried in that cemetery just south of San Francisco? Joseph Alioto, George Moscone, Joe DiMaggio, Edmond G. "Pat" Brown, A.P. Giannini (Bank of America), and many others.

I am so thankful that I returned to that 1880 census where I found two major entry errors and was able to sort out the correct information. John Bluett is an interesting ancestor that I would have hated to overlook. Maybe, in the near future, the Nevada Historical Society will find that archived solid gold watch and chain so I may have an opportunity to view it.

Safari News
~**Bill Bluett**

There will be no safari trip in August. Most likely, we will be traveling to the LDS Family Research Center in West Los Angeles on the fourth Wednesday in September. So, think about reserving that date so you can be a part of our annual trip to this excellent research facility.

July Meeting
~**Bill Bluett**



Our guest speaker for our July monthly meeting was **Hal Bookbinder**. The title of his presentation was “**Ships of Our Ancestors**”. Hal gave us a great overview of what it was like to be sailing from Europe and England as an immigrant in the 1700’s, 1800’s, and 1900’s. The two busiest ports were Liverpool, England, and (who would have thought) Naples, Italy. Passenger conditions improved over time as larger and faster ships were built. Sailing ships gave way to steam powered ships by the early to mid-1800’s. Passage was not a cheap item. It could cost families thousands of dollars to sail to America. Just getting to the ship was not an easy chore either. Many families lived in very rural areas and had to travel by wagon, buggy, or sled just to get to a railway station or port. We certainly thank all our ancestors for having the courage to leave their country of origin and come to America in the hope of a

better life for their future generations. And, we thank Hal for a most informative presentation.

Before our scheduled program, our members enjoyed some wonderful refreshments provided by four of our members. Our contributors were: **Sherry Penland, Patti Bartlett Russell, Linda Daniels, and Barbara Heebner.**

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee and those who helped with cleanup. Please contact Barbara Heebner or Sharon Keener to sign up to bring snacks.

Sharon Keener & Patti Bartlett Russell



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Spotlight: Webster City Iowa

Webster City is the seat of Hamilton County, in central Iowa. The [Kendall Young Library website](#) features a digital newspaper archive. Click "Digital Archives of Hamilton County" to access the search page. The digital newspaper archive currently includes the *Daily Freeman Journal* (1917-2014), *Daily Freeman Tribune*(1899-1917), *Webster City Freeman* (1870-1946), *Webster City Tribune* (1886-1917), *Stratford Courier* (1892-1922), and *Webster City Journal* (1902-1926). Use the basic search function to find people, places, or events; limit your search by selecting a date range. There is also an advanced search function. The newspaper database can be browsed by title or by year; limit the results by using various search or filtering functions on the left side of the page. Click the newspaper title for an image of the page.

Membership
~Sue Naegeli

We had 94 members, 4 new members and 9 guests at our July meeting.

New Members:

Jean Stewart, Mission Viejo; **Barbara Wallace**, Corona Del Mar; **Peggy & Alan Kaler**, Lake Forest.

Additional New Members who joined during the month of July:

Lana Bui, Rancho Santa Margarita; **Jay Culliney**, Mission Viejo

Guests:

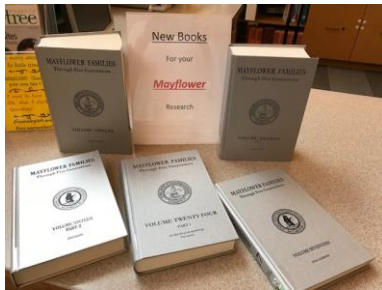
Sandra Trueman, Mission Viejo; **Susan Strickland**, Laguna Niguel; **Kelly Albright**, Aliso Viejo; **Alan Kiehn**, Laguna Hills; **Joel Weintraub**, Dana Point; **Rita Dallas**, Rancho Mission Viejo; **Janice Ruef**, Mission Viejo; **Martha Kaplan**, Laguna Woods.

How the guests found us (a new question I've been asking on paper):

- 1 – Mission Viejo web site
- 3 – Referred by friends
- 3 – Mission Viejo Library

SOC CGS Research Center
Mission Viejo Library
~Judy Davin

To commemorate the 400-year anniversary of the ship Mayflower's arrival in Plymouth, Massachusetts, our Society purchased 5 new volumes of Mayflower Families through Five Generations. We now have 19 of the 31 volumes that have been written. They are located in our Research Center at the Mission Viejo Library in the credenza area.



The books are also called the Silver books. The new books are:
Vol 12, Cooke
Vol 16, Part 1, Alden
Vol 16, Part 2, Alden (and Priscilla Mullins)
Vol 17, Allerton
Vol. 24, Brewster

Our 4th Friday class in October will be about helping with your lineage. Did you know that more than 30 million people around the world have Mayflower ancestors? The 400th year celebration will be in 2020.



The Nomination Process according to SOCCGS Bylaws

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elections

- A. Elections shall be held at the November general meeting.
- B. Newly elected officers shall be installed at the December General Membership Meeting.
- C. The names of new officers and all committee chairs will be published in the January issue of the Newsletter.

Section 2. Nominations

- A. Prior to the election the Nominating Committee shall present to the Executive Board and the General Membership a list of at least one nominee for each office being vacated.
- B. At the August General Membership Meeting the Nominating Committee will announce the nominating process to the membership and the same process will be published in the September issue of the Newsletter.
- C. Nominations may be made by the general membership from the floor at the September General Membership Meeting. Each nominee must be present at the meeting or have given prior written consent to serve.
- D. The Nominating Committee will publish the names of all persons nominated for office, including additional names from the general membership, in the October issue of the Newsletter.
- E. At the November General Membership Meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce the names of all persons nominated for office on the Executive Board, for a vote. Each nominee must be present at the meeting or have given prior written consent to serve.

Section 3 - Voting

- A. All members whose dues are currently paid may vote at Society elections.
- B. If more than one candidate is nominated for any office, voting shall be by secret ballot. All officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast. Ties shall be decided by a flip of a coin. Secret ballots are to be preserved in the event of a challenge.

Section 4. Term of Office

- A. As of the election in December 2012, the term of office shall begin at the January executive board meeting following the installation and, shall continue for a period of two (2) years.
- B. A person may hold only one elective office at any one time.



SOC CGS Seminar
Saturday, October 20, 2018
“Successful Tools for Genealogy Research”
Presented by Thomas MacEntee

Topics are:

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| 1) 10 Ways to Jumpstart your Genealogy | Member Registration \$30 |
| 2) Mind Mapping Your Research Plans & Results | Non-Member Registration \$35 |
| 3) How Do I Know What I Don't Know | Box Lunch \$11 |
| 4) After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research | |

For information and registration see flyer in this newsletter

August Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in August:

Aug 1 – 11am – Jewish Genealogy for the Non-Jew: History, Migration, DNA – Schelly Talalay Dardashti

Aug 3 – 11am – Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 5): Adding an Obituary – Geoff Rasmussen

Aug 8 – 5pm – Genealogical Proof for the Novice Genealogist – Annette Burke Lytle

Aug 10 – 11am – 50 Websites to Find Vital Records – Gena Philibert-Ortega

Aug 15 – 11am – Untangle the Web of Germanic Websites – Teresa Steinkamp McMillan

Aug 21 – 5pm – GPS: Finding Your Way Through Tough Research Problems – James Ison

Aug 22 – 11am – Researching Forces Ancestors (England and Wales) – Kristy Gray

Aug 28 – 11am – How Photos Enhance Genealogical Research – Daniel Horowitz

Aug 29 – 11am – The YDNA Test Should Be Your Favorite – Diahann Southard

Sep 5 – 11am – What's Been Done: Using Someone Else's eSearch – Thomas MacEntee

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 4 – 10am – Loose Records in an Archive: What Are They? – Melissa Barker

Aug 15 – 6pm – How Autosomal DNA is Really Inherited: Case Studies of Siblings – David Dowell

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

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Aug 16 – 12pm – Applying for Dual Citizenship by Descent – Rhonda R. McClure

Register at www.americanancestors.org (under Learn then Online Events)

Illinois Genealogical Society

Aug 14 – 6pm – National Archives Resources at the Chicago Branch – Jane Haldeman

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

University of Minnesota: Immigration History Research Center Archives

Dick Eastman · July 16, 2018

The following announcement was written by the University of Minnesota:

The University of Minnesota's Immigration History Research Center is home to a rich collection of archival material held in the University Archives that documents the experiences of American immigrant communities in the state of Minnesota throughout history. A number of these archival materials have been digitized in the school's UMedia Archives, allowing visitors around the world to explore hundreds of photographs, newspapers, letters, oral history interviews, and more. Visitors can explore these items through a series of collections, which include the Armenian American Collection, Digitizing Immigrant Letters, Italians in Duluth Oral History Collection, and the Twin Cities Ukrainian and Folk Ballet and Chorus Collection. Each item in this collection is accompanied by full cataloging information. This collection includes many items in English, as well as newspapers and letters in other languages including Italian, Finnish, and Greek.

You can learn more at: <http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/node/5494>.

2nd Annual Genealogy Orange – Aliso Viejo Library
September 15, 2018, 10am – 3pm

Spend the day with OC Public Libraries and **Lisa Louise Cooke**, international genealogy speaker and owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey, Aliso Viejo, CA. 949-360-1730. **Registration Opens August 1.** www.ocpl.org/libloc/aliso/calendar

San Diego Genealogical Society Fall Seminar
September 8, 2018

Guest Speaker: Michael Lacopo, D.V.M.

Session 1: More than the Census – Our Families did exist within those ten-year intervals

Session 2: Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving

Session 3: Estate Files: Are you getting the most out of them?

Session 4: The German Immigrant experience in the 18th Century

Registration opens August 1st for early bird registration. Information at casdgs.org

North San Diego County Genealogical Society
2018 Fall Seminar, Saturday, October 6, 2018

A Day of DNA with Blaine Bettinger and Kitty Cooper

Morning Track 1 – **Blaine Bettinger**, Visual Phasing Workshop

Morning Track 2 – **Kitty Cooper**, Using DNA Testing to Further Your Genealogy Research

Afternoon Lectures – **Blaine Bettinger**, Evaluating a Genealogical Conclusion Using DNA; Ethical and Legal Considerations for DNA Evidence

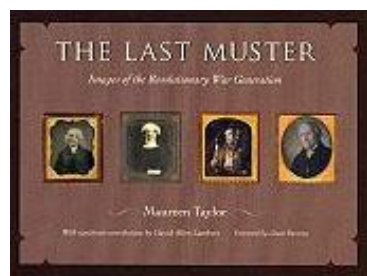
Registration is ONLY online at nsdscgs.org. Open registration from August 16 to September 29, or until full. (NSDCGS members can register now)

Registration: Members \$40 Lunch \$12
Non-Members \$60 NSDCGS Membership \$30

Location: Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave., Carlsbad, Program 9am-4:30pm.

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Photographs Sought for *The Last Muster*



Author Maureen Taylor is seeking images and stories for a third volume of *The Last Muster: Images of the Revolutionary War Generation*.

Together, the two volumes of *The Last Muster: Images of the Revolutionary War Generation*, published in [2010](#) and [2012](#), contain approximately 125 images and biographical vignettes about individuals who lived during the American Revolution and into the age of photography (after 1839).

Do you have an image of someone who was alive during the Revolutionary Era? Or even mid-19th-century photographs in your collection that portray older men and women? Such images may fit the criteria of this project. American officers and soldiers are being profiled but so are loyalists, wives, and widows. To learn more about this project and the image submission guidelines, visit Maureen Taylor's [website](#).

Forty into Eighty-nine
(Oscar Glenn Potter)
by **Linda Kidde**

New soldiers, fresh from training camp, came to France in August 1918 to join the American Expeditionary Force. Among them were troops of the 40th Infantry Division, also known as the 'Sunshine' Division. The 40th was composed of National Guard units from western states. Within this division was the 144th Machine Gun Battalion and Private Oscar Potter.

These men, ready to fight in World War I, began their journey on July 29 when they left Camp Kearny, California. The troops rode by train to Camp Mills, New York, arriving on August 6. They sailed from Brooklyn harbor on the converted passenger ship *Vauban* on August 11.

By August 24, the men had crossed the Atlantic and arrived in Le Havre, France, an important port on the English Channel. Le Havre served as one of the Allies' principal ports of entry into France. After disembarking, the troops marched through narrow streets of the town to the outskirts of Le Havre, where they rested in a transit camp for a day.

On August 26, Oscar and his fellow soldiers of the 40th Division continued southward from Le Havre by train. The men rode in crowded, rough boxcars, stopping in villages along the way. Covering almost 275 miles in two days, the soldiers reached La Guerche-sur-l'Aubois, a small town in the center of France. The 40th and its units based themselves in villages around this town. Orders had already arrived that would eventually change the role of the 40th Division.

Oscar and the 144th Machine Gun Battalion marched six miles north to the village of Torteron, where they remained into October. Here the soldiers underwent daily drills. Oscar's battalion practiced using heavy machine guns that were supported by tripods and required three or four men to operate. Each machine gun had the fire-power of about 80 rifles.

On September 5, Oscar received a promotion, elevating him from Private to Private First Class.

During August and September, the 40th Division was experiencing changes to its composition. Following orders issued on August 16, the 40th would not fight as one division. Instead it became the 6th Depot Division and, as a depot, provided replacements of its own men, sending them out to join other divisions.

That's what happened to Oscar. On October 8, Oscar received orders that transferred him and 31 other men of the original 40th Division into the 89th Division. These troops from the 40th helped fill in gaps left by soldiers of the 89th who had been killed or wounded. The 89th Division had been seeing action since August; in September the 89th fought in the first major American offensive of the war; and now in October the 89th needed replacements.

By October 14, Oscar and other replacement troops had traveled almost 280 miles by rail from central to northeastern France. There Oscar met up with the 89th and, in particular, his new gunner comrades of the 342nd Machine Gun Battalion, Company B. Encamped near the village of Epinonville, Oscar was six miles from the Meuse River and the Forest of Argonne, areas held by the Germans.

The 89th Division awaited orders to attack.

The battle soon to come, raging within the forest and along the river nearby, would be the bloodiest engagement of World War I for the American Expeditionary Force.

The Meuse-Argonne Offensive would bring the end to Oscar's life.

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U.S. National Archives Recalls Fire That Claimed Millions of Military Personnel Files Dick Eastman · July 27, 2018



The National Archives and Records Administration recently marked the 45th anniversary of a devastating fire at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Missouri, that destroyed approximately 16–18 million Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) documenting the service history of former military personnel discharged from 1912 to 1964.

Shortly after midnight on July 12, 1973, a fire was reported at the NPRC's military personnel records building in St. Louis, Missouri. The fire burned out of control for 22 hours and it took two days before firefighters were able to re-enter the building. Due to the extensive damage, investigators were never able to determine the source of the fire.

The fire destroyed paper records in 1973 which sadly is before the capability of making digital copies for backup purposes existed. You can read more in an article by Kerri Lawrence in the *National Archive*

News at <https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/archives-recalls-fire>

(Editor's Note: This article has additional pictures and the records preservation effort.)



Genealogical Society of North Orange County Seminar with Kory Meyerink on July 28, 2018

Several SOCCGS members attended the all-day seminar in Yorba Linda. (pictured) Kathie Mauzey, Linda Stucker, Linda Rogers. Other SOCCGS members attending were Francie Kennedy, JoAnn Jones, Christianne Rottenberg, Joeline Mack, Doug Mason, Norma Longmire, Jerry Williams, Ferris Worden. Norma, Ferris and Jerry also belong to the North Orange County group. The sessions were interesting and informative and there were many door prizes and

raffle items. Some of our members came home with a door prize or raffle item.

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

World War Two Draft Registrations Include After the War posted 7 Jul 2018

Those using the World War II draft registrations should remember that these registrations included in databases on *FamilySearch*, *Fold3.com*, and *Ancestry.com* (published as “*U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947*”) include registrations through 1947—after the war was over and include men who reached 18 through that point in time.

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

Just Read a Newspaper posted 27 June 2018

A great way to get a perspective on your ancestor's time and place is to read an issue or two of their hometown paper while you are searching for that obituary. In addition to the national news, there will be local news. Reading the paper will give you a history lesson in microcosm and may make you aware of things you never learned in history class. It might give you an entirely different viewpoint on your ancestor as well. And being familiar with the newspaper's layout and general style never hurt either.

Future Genealogy Events

Orange FamilySearch Library www.ocfamilyhistory.org (see calendar for research help)
August 3, 2018, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
August 4, 2018 - OCCGS program - Gary Fredericksen – 11:00 “Researching Places” 12:30 “Source Citations Made Easy” occgs.com
August 11, 2018, 10:00 – **San Diego Gen Society Program** – Sara Cochran **1) Irish Eyes are Smiling: Finding Records in the Land of Saints and Scholars; 2) Irish Eyes are Smiling: Civil Registration Records** St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, San Diego
Info: <http://casdgs.org>
August 13, 2018, 10-12:00 – David Flint - **England SIG** – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
August 2018 - Society of Hispanic Historical & Ancestral Research - No presentation this month. Info: Shhar.net
August 15, 2018, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – **German SIG** – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
August 16, 2018, 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)
August 16, 2018, 10-12:00-David Flint – **Legacy Users Group** - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
August 17, 2018, 10-12:00 – **Ireland/Scotland SIG** – Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall
August - RootsMagic User Group – No Meeting in August.
Aug 22-25, 2018 – FGS Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN <http://visitfortwayne.com/fgs2018>
Aug 26, 2018, 1:30 pm – **OCJGS program Sara Cochran “Grandma Said What? Gathering and Verifying Your Family’s Oral History”** Temple Beth Sholom, ocjgs.org
August 28, 2018, 10-12:00- Jim Thordahl – **Writing Family Stories** – Saddleback Rm
August 28, 2018, 9:30 - **NSDCGS program Margaret Read “Trails West: How My Ancestors Traveled to the Western Coast of America”** Carlsbad City Council Chambers, nsdcgs.org
Sep 8, 2018, San Diego Gen Soc Seminar – speaker Michael Lacopo, casds.org
Sep 15, 2018 – 10am-3:00pm – **OC Public Libraries presents “Genealogy Orange with Lisa Louise Cooke”.** Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey, Aliso Viejo. Registration opens August 1st.
www.ocpl.org/libloc/aliso/calendar
Oct 6, 2018, 9-4:30, **NSDCGS Fall Seminar, A Day of DNA with Blaine Bettinger and Kitty Cooper,** Carlsbad Senior Center. nsdcgs.org/fall seminar
Oct 20, 2018 – SOCCGS Annual Seminar, 9-3:30pm. Thomas MacEntee “Successful Tools for Genealogy Research.” (See flyer in newsletter)

2018 Programs

July 21 – Hal Bookbinder – “Ships of our Ancestors”
August 18 – Richard Weiss – “Family Secrets”
September 15 – Gary Fredericksen – “Identifying Old Photos”
October 20 – Thomas MacEntee - Annual Seminar Program
November 17 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – “The Records that Tragedy Leaves Behind”
December 15 – Annual Year End Holiday Gathering

Genealogy Tip of the Day

Random Miscellaneous Things Appear in... posted 6 Jul 2018

Deed books in some locations contain items besides land transactions. There may be marriage contracts regarding property (sometimes just personal property), slave manumissions, wills, records of apprenticeships, or other items. Just because your ancestor never owned real estate does not mean that they won’t appear in a deed book. Today a county’s deed books usually only contain land transfers between private individuals, but that was not true in some locations in the earlier days of settlement

Genealogy Search Tip of the Day

Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files

Posted: 27 Jul 2018

US National Archives Microfilm Publication M313, "Index To War Of 1812 Pension Application Files" has been digitized at placed at Archive.org. Each roll is a separate PDF file. [This portal to the images of the microfilm rolls was created by the Indiana Society of the War of 1812.](#)

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SOC CGS Website: www.socccgs.org



**SOC CGS Research Center, located at the
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SOC CGS E-mail: cmvgs@netzero.net**

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Membership/Renewal Application

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

() Renewal New Address or E-mail Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____ Make Check payable to: SOCCGS

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

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

April 2017



So. Orange County Ca. Genealogical Society

Mission Viejo, California

Presents

A Family History Seminar

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 - 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

"Successful Tools for Genealogy Research"

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Thomas MacEntee

Founder of "High-Definition Genealogy" website

Topics

"10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy"

"Mind Mapping Your Research Plans & Results"

"How Do I Know What I Don't Know"

"After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research"

Refreshments - Opportunity Drawings for Gifts -

Ancestry Subscription Drawing - Sales Tables and Displays

Pre-registration must be received by October 17th / Tickets will be \$35 at the door! (no lunch)

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