

# 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.

**November 18, 2017**

### **"Schools, Jails, and Asylums: Your Ancestor's Institutional Life**

**Presented by: Gena Philibert-Ortega**

No matter who your ancestor was, chances are they interacted with at least one institution in their life. These records can help you tell the unique story of your ancestor's life. What records exist for schools, jails, hospitals and asylums? In this presentation we will explore various types of institutional records, what they reveal about our ancestors, and where they can be found.

About the speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a Master's degree in Religion. Her published works include two books, numerous articles published in magazines and online, two volumes of *Tracing Female Ancestors* (Moorshead Publishing), and a QuickGuide from Legacy Family Tree. She is the editor of the Utah Genealogical Association's magazine, *Crossroads*.

**Mini-Class 9:15-9:45 before the November Monthly Meeting - David Flint will present "The Snipping Tool."** 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.



## **President's Message**

### **By Bill Bluett**

This past month I decided to help a friend with her genealogy research and see what we could find. Her mother had died quite a few years ago, but, her 94-year-old father is still living and quite sharp for his age. I thought there might be some information that could be found that might interest her and her father, so I decided to see what I could find mainly on ANCESTRY.COM. For the purpose of this article, I will call my friend Nancy and her maiden name (which I will also withhold at this time) is relatively common. So, I thought I would give it a try. Her father came to America as a young boy from Canada and there is a substantial amount of records for Canada on Ancestry. Hopefully, a fair amount of information would be located. What initially interested me in helping Nancy was the fact that the first place the family settled when they came to the U.S.A. was Lynwood, California. The community is about halfway between downtown Los Angeles and Long Beach. This is where I moved in 1952 with my (divorced) mother and my younger brother and sister.

I started with Nancy's father in the 1940 census and began working back from there. I found the family in both the 1940 and the 1930 census. The 1930 census turned out to be a great find! Listed at 10721-23 Barlow (in Lynwood) were three generations; Nancy's father (six years old), his parents, and the grandparents. So, on one census page, I had Nancy's father, grandparents, and great grandparents. She knew that her father was born in Canada and came to the U.S. A. between 1923 and 1930. The census indicated that the great grandparents immigrated in 1922. Her grandparents arrived six years later in 1928 with Nancy's father as a 6-year-old. It is interesting to note the value of the great grandparent's property. It was valued at \$4500. That's a lot of money in 1930! I noticed the address of the families and looked up the address on GOOGLE and it appears that the lot is a deep piece of property with two additional detached dwellings behind the house that faces the street. Take a look for yourself on GOOGLE! I believe the front building (10723) is where the great grandparents lived and the next dwelling back (10721) is where Nancy's father lived with his parents. It's interesting what you can figure out when looking at an address on GOOGLE. Her family's location is roughly about 2 miles from where I lived in Lynwood. I think I may have had a high school classmate or two that lived on Barlow. The next item I thought I would look for was an immigration record. It didn't take me long to find Nancy's great grandfather's "Declaration of Intention" dated the 18<sup>th</sup> May of 1935 – with his photograph attached to the document! A short time later, I found Nancy's grandfather's Declaration of Intention with his photograph and dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of June of 1933. I think Nancy will be thrilled to see these photos if she doesn't have a copy of them.

I continued following Canadian census records on ANCESTRY and found Nancy's ancestors in the 1916, 1901, 1881, 1871, 1861 records. By the time I got to the 1861 census, I knew the names of her 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandparents. It was her 3<sup>rd</sup> Great grandparents that came from England to Canada in the early 1800's. And, of course, each of these census records indicated where the families lived in Canada. Today, it is amazing how much you can uncover on ANCESTRY in a matter of hours or even a few days. I'll continue searching for additional documentation in the U.S.A, Canada and possibly England. I'm sure Nancy will be surprised at what can be discovered that can give insight into the lives of her ancestors. Even though this isn't my family, I'm having a lot of fun looking up the information for my friend.

### **Safari News**

#### **~ Bill Bluett**

There are no safaris scheduled during November and December. On January 24, 2018, the safari destination will be the Los Angeles Public Library. Hope you can join us at that time.

**October Seminar**  
**Bill Bluett - Seminar Chairman**

Our 16th Annual Family History Seminar was another great success. We had approximately 120 folks in attendance and about 85% were members of SOCCGS. Some of our guests traveled from neighboring counties to attend. A few even came from out of State. This was the second time we've held our event in the Mission Viejo City Council Chambers and I have to say that it was quite comfortable. And, the huge display screen was a nice plus for viewing. Our program began with the "Presentation of the Colors" by the **Orange County Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution**. Five gentlemen were in uniform and one man dressed in frontier costume. They all lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We certainly thank the Fullerton Chapter for the wonderful opening they provided for our event. Then, I gave our attendees a big welcome. After a few announcements, I introduced our keynote speaker, **John Philip Colletta**, who began with a presentation regarding what you can find when researching at the "**Library of Congress**". His next presentation was a timeline for immigrants coming to America. Later in the morning, the first round of raffle tickets was drawn for door prizes. **Donna Rathman** organized the raffle prize table this year with the assistance of **Francie Kennedy**, **Sherry Penland**, and a few other folks.

After lunch, Dr. Colletta gave two more presentations. One focused on our ancestor's overseas towns of origin and the last presentation was an emphasis on historic newspaper research. The remaining gifts (there were nearly 30 in all) were raffled off in the afternoon. Dr. Colletta is a most interesting, knowledgeable, and witty individual! We feel very fortunate to have had him once again as our "keynote speaker". The display tables and refreshments were in the Saddleback Room located about 80 paces down the outside walkway north of the City Hall entrance. Food was under the direction of **Barbara Heebner**, **Sharon Keener**, **Gayle Meldau**, **Diane Wahrman** and **Linda Groscost**. Our lunches from the "**Corner Bakery**" were great as always. Coffee, tea, water, lemonade, muffins, and bagels were complimentary throughout the day. There was much activity around the vendor tables. **Jackie Hanson**, author of many wonderful books (Matilda's Story, Susan's Quest, etc), had a sales table with all her works. The SOCCGS book sales table was handled by **Judy Davin** and **Kathie Mauzey**. And, the jewelry tables were very successful thanks to **Victoria Crayne**, **Karyn Schumaker**, **Diane Gardner**, and **Judith Bryant**. Our SOCCGS genealogy table answered many questions regarding our Society's activities and class schedules. **Marilyn Kowalski** helped cover that table. The "Legacy" table was covered by **Bob Lozano** and several other folks. Our DAR/SAR table was handled by **Leon and Bunny Smith**. **Jim Thordahl** and **Lana Fitz** headed up the "Writers Class" table with examples of many stories that our members have written about themselves or ancestors. **Hal Horrocks**, from the **Orange County California Genealogical Society** in Huntington Beach, had a table representing the **Association of Professional Genealogist**.

Technical support in the Council Chambers was given by **David Flint**. **Diane Wahrman** and **Cheryl Lyman** covered John Colletta's book sales table while **Tina Murtha** was greeting guests as they arrived for the event. **Leon Smith** and **Eric Savage** were at the parking lot entrance guiding the arrivals into the proper parking spaces. And, **Sue Naegeli** and her crew (**Karen Dill**, **Linda Stucker**, **Sherry Penland**, and **Roxanne Burg**) did a superb job checking people in as they arrived. I must say that all our volunteers did a wonderful job in helping to set up Friday afternoon as well as the day of the seminar.

I would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who assisted in putting the seminar together. If I missed anyone, I apologize. I know we had over 30 volunteers helping to put this event together. You all did an excellent job! We certainly do have a great group of folks. Finally, our society is so appreciative for the help that librarian **Vickie Sullivan** gave us in coordinating this event with the use of the City Council Chambers. It is a wonderful location to hold this annual event. Now, I'm already looking forward to Annual Seminar No. 17 in 2018.

# SOC CGS Seminar October 21, 2017



Welcome by Bill Bluett



John Colletta



Hospitality



Jackie Hanson



Jewelry Sales



Legacy



DAR/SAR



Hal Horrocks, APG



Book Sales



Writing Class



Herb, Pat and Joyce enjoying the day

## Seminar Ways & Means Project

Total monies raised at the Seminar:

Jewelry Tables - \$353.00

Book Table & Carts - \$121.00 SOCCGS

Mouse Pads & Wood Slats for Tote Bag - \$16.00

Raffle Prize Tickets - \$530.00

Total: \$1020! Thank you all for the overwhelming support given to our Society.

### Membership Update

~Sue Naegeli

#### Welcome New Members:

**Vicki Kressin** - Trabuco Canyon

**Marsha Bardwell** - Laguna Niguel

**Bruce Greenberg** - Mission Viejo

**Maria Gomez-Greenberg** - Mission Viejo

**Rebecca Smissen** - Mission Viejo

**Tim Bardwell** - Laguna Niguel

**Miranda Duval-Dunkle** - Mission Viejo

**Kathleen Kelton** - Mission Viejo

**Gretchen Ikerd** - Mission Viejo

### SOCCGS Membership Dues

**Reminder** that dues for most of our members are payable by **January 1, 2018**. Watch your in-box around **December 1** for an e-mail from Sue Naegeli, Membership Chairman, who will be sending reminders to those members who are due. If you joined after **February 2015**, your dues are payable on the month you joined and Sue will be sending reminders during the year about a month before you are due.

### Salt Lake City Trip Update

~David Flint



At our annual seminar last week I announced that reservations for our 2018 research trip to Salt Lake City were going fast, and 15 of our 20 rooms were already committed. I suggested that you act soon if you want a room for our trip next April. Well, you took me seriously, and we now have only one, possibly two rooms left, depending on how some potential roommate pairings works out. We have several new members joining us next year, so our group will be full, and it will be fun to meet some new researchers visiting the Family History Library for their first research adventure there.

Reservations have been open only four weeks, and our rooms are nearly all gone. So if you are thinking about going with us to Salt Lake City next April, don't hesitate – make a reservation! You will find all the details about the trip on our website at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocccgs/SLC18-1.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocccgs/SLC18-1.pdf) or go to our website at [www.socccgs.org](http://www.socccgs.org) and click on the blue link for 2018 Salt Lake City Trip in the center of the home page. We will stay seven nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel around the corner from the Family History Library. A deposit of \$100 will hold your room and confirm your reservation. Complete the reservation form found on the website and send it with your check payable to SOCCGS. I will create a waiting list if we receive more reservations when the rooms are sold out in case we have a cancellation. All rooms will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Come and join our group in Salt Lake City – April 22-29, 2018. If you have any questions about the trip or reservations, contact David Flint [davidflint@cox.net](mailto:davidflint@cox.net).

**Mission Viejo Library**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1997-2017**  
~Gayle Meldau

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Mission Viejo Library celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a day of special events and activities. Our SOCCGS group had an informational booth at this event where we talked with people about our genealogy resources and services, and handed out our brochures and flyers. More than 60 people stopped by our booth and we added 4 new members, so we had a very successful day! A big thanks to **Bill Bluett, Shiryl Boerlin, Gayle Meldau, Barbara Rice, Denise Richmond, Jim Thordahl** and **Vince Warlaumont** for staffing our booth and talking up our society. **Herb Abrams, Judy Davin, Marilyn Kowalski** and **Jim Thordahl** provided extra staffing at our genealogy desk inside the library during the library's open house that day.



Come visit the Mission Viejo Library in the next couple of weeks to see the twenty-year timeline that extends along the gallery wall – key events from SOCCGS history are included in several panels.

**The SOCCGS booth morning shift:**  
**Denise Richmond,**  
**Jim Thordahl,** and  
**Vince Warlaumont**



**Veterans Day Observance**  
**El Toro Memorial Park**  
**November 11, 2017, 11 am**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Observance will be held at El Toro Memorial Park, 25751 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest. The keynote address "Leadership in Complex Times" will be given by Lt. Col. Troy Alexander, Commander of the Southern California Recruiting Battalion. The observance includes a wreath presentation, honor guard firing salute, historical display by American Legion Post 862, and vocals by John Huntington. For information: 949-951-8244

## England SIG October Meeting - Report on Special Program ~David Flint



On October 9 about 40 of your fellow genealogists joined our England SIG group for a special program presented by my cousin Eric Flint, and his wife Mary, who were visiting from England. We had a larger than usual crowd for our meeting, which added to the interest of the morning. Eric and Mary shared the presentation, with each of them switching between sections of their program as the morning progressed.

Eric began with a pictorial walk around the village of Mickleham, Surrey where they live. Mickleham is an old village recorded in the Domesday Book, which also records the existence of a church. Mickleham is a pretty little village with about 500 people and lots of interesting history. The village walk highlighted all the main points of interest including the village church (St. Michael and All Angels), the old blacksmith shop and forge (now a restaurant), the old alms houses, historic cottages, old police house, village hall, Box Hill School, and other notable places.

Mickleham boasts two pubs for a small village, each with its own loyal clientele. The Running Horses is a 16<sup>th</sup> century coaching inn and post house located on the main road directly across from the church. The King William IV (1790), known to locals as “The Willie”, is up Byttom Hill at the back of the village, and is well-attended despite the uphill walk to get there. The local pub is another well-established English tradition, and serves as an important social gathering spot for the villagers.

Throughout the program Eric showed historical photos from The Francis Frith Collection demonstrating how much of the village has remained unchanged over the past couple of centuries. The Frith Collection is available online and in book form, and is a valuable resource for finding historical photographs of the places in England where your ancestors lived.



One custom of interest to our group was the tradition of “public footpaths”. If it can be proved that the public has had continuous, unchallenged use of a footpath over 20 years, a public right-of-way is established, allowing access to cross private land. The landowner must provide open access and keep the route visible and unobstructed for the public to pass over the land.

Many such public footpaths have existed all over England for centuries, and English courts regularly uphold the public’s right to such free access when landowners interfere. A recent case near Mickleham went in favor of the villagers when a wealthy developer opened an exclusive golf course on the old Cherkley Court estate (former home of Lord Beaverbrook) and tried to restrict access for hikers to pass over the land. They lost in court, and that footpath is still open to the public today.



St. Michael's Church is an important center of village life in Mickleham. Research by the local history society indicates that there was a Saxon church on the current church site dating to the 900's, and it was renovated extensively during the 1800's. The 12<sup>th</sup> century Norbury Chapel is the oldest part of the existing church. The baptismal font dates to the 13<sup>th</sup> century and is still used regularly today. The lych gate, built in 1898 at the perimeter of the churchyard, served as a shelter for the coffin and pall bearers outside the church until the minister arrived, or until the pall bearers were summoned to bring the body inside for the funeral service.

Another feature of the old church is the "leper's squint" – an opening in the exterior wall of the church where those with contagious diseases could view the services at the altar from outside the church without endangering the congregation inside. Mary is responsible for administering the marriage records of this church, and gave a brief overview of the process she follows to maintain the parish marriage register and the marriage certificates and other official records for the registry office.

Eric is an avid gardener, and many of the people who live in Mickleham have beautiful gardens. He closed the program with a segment showing a visit by his local art club to sketch and paint the pretty floral scenes in his garden. I appreciate the time and work Eric and Mary put into developing their program for our meeting – taking photos, researching the local history, and setting their slides to music. I think they did a wonderful job, and I was glad their program was so well-received.

Thanks to everyone who attended our meeting to help make it a success. It was fun for me to introduce my cousin and his wife, to share this little bit of my heritage, and to show you a glimpse of life in a small English village. I will also be writing an article about Eric and Mary's program for the parish magazine in Mickleham.



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

**Seattle City Directories** Posted 16 Oct 2017

There are a [variety of Seattle, Washington, directories on this site.](#)

<http://cdm15015.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p15015coll2>

**To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War I, the following stories are from our members in Jim Thordahl's writing group:**

**One Beaver Family "Doughboy"  
By Jim Thordahl**

A hundred years have passed since America reluctantly entered The Great War when almost four million American men and women answered the call to arms. One of those "Doughboys," Merrill J. Palmerton, joined the Beaver Family Tree (WNY) when he married my wife's cousin, Maude Beaver. He was 25 years old when he joined the Army in February 1918. Most likely he was conscripted like ninety percent of the 3 million men furnished to the new National Army. His ID number: 1712684.

Merrill was born in Collins Center, New York, a small hamlet about twenty miles south of Buffalo, to this day, still surrounded by dairy farms and hay fields. About 1810, the Palmerton family took root in Western New York, wilderness at the time, when Joshua moved there from Vermont. Three generations later Merrill joined the growing clan. Reared on a farm, Merrill at a young age tackled a variety of jobs including barbering, and then turned to carpentry. By the time he registered for the Draft, like 24 million other men, he had found his calling as a machinist and was working for a manufacturing company in Buffalo, quite a leap from the rural life he had known. At that time, Merrill J. Palmerton still resided in Collins Center, was single, and rightly claimed his mother, Hester Ann, as a dependent. Merrill's father, Duane, had died only weeks earlier. The middle initial J is for his mother's maiden name, Johnson.

Merrill and Maude were married in August of 1917, now four months since America joined the Allies to defeat the Central Powers in, as President Wilson proclaimed, the "war to end all wars." Less than a month later the new husband was called for a physical exam. With Merrill now working and living in Buffalo and Maude teaching school in their hometown, the young couple would enjoy only brief interludes together before Merrill was inducted into the Army on February 28, 1918. He was assigned to Headquarters Company of the 304 Field Artillery and served in the same Unit throughout his enlistment. The 304 FA was an element of the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, known as the "Statue of Liberty" Division with that emblem on their shoulder patch. The 77<sup>th</sup> was organized in August 1917 from mostly draftees from New York City and later filled with recruits from farther afield. In April Private Palmerton joined the boys of Battery "B" and went "over there," sailing to France from Hoboken, New Jersey aboard the Leviathan. He was on his way to war after only half of the traditional four months of training before deployment. The Division was billeted in France for two more months of training before taking a post "on the line."

The 77<sup>th</sup> Division with its 27,000 soldiers would take part in the final battle of the Great War, known as the Argonne-Meuse Offensive in which its infamous "Lost Battalion" advanced so rapidly that it became surrounded. After 100 days of almost constant fighting the battle brought the war to a close when the guns fell silent at 11 o'clock on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month in 1918. Yet, demobilization took several months, and the Division did not return Stateside until April. Private Merrill Palmerton had been overseas for exactly one year when he returned aboard the U.S. S. Agamemnon. The crossing from Brest, France to Hoboken took eight lingering days. He was released from duty on May 10, 1919 when the Division was demobilized at Camp Mills on Long Island. Many of his comrades did not return to their homes and families in America. Almost 2000 fighting men of his Division lost their lives in "The Great War."

Merrill returned to his career in metal works as a machinist and draftsman for companies in Buffalo where the auto industry had expanded. He purchased a home on Regina Street where he and Maude raised their two daughters. After retirement he returned to his home town environs, and when Merrill died in 1966 he was laid to rest in the cemetery of his hometown. Maude survived him by almost 30 years and reached the age of ninety-nine.

This brief story of one of our “Doughboys” is in tribute to the 100 year anniversary of America’s entry into World War One and in memory of Private Merrill J. Palmerton’s comrades who fell on battlefields far from home.

## **When Blue Becomes Gold** **By Linda Kidde**

Sunday, September 24, 2017, was Gold Star Mother’s Day. That day was an annual tribute to mothers who lost a child in military service.

The history of Gold Star Mothers began in World War I. During the War, many American families hung in their front window a flag with one blue star on it for each family member serving in the military. If a family member died in the War, a gold star was sewn over the blue star. Gold stood for the honor and glory given to the loss of a cherished life.

In 1918, an American mother, Grace Seibold, lost her son in World War I. For comfort and companionship, she gathered a group of other mothers who had lost their sons in the War. In 1928, the mothers formed the “American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.” in Washington, D.C. In 1936, Congress designated the last Sunday in September as “Gold Star Mother’s Day.”

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My grandma, Detta Potter, lost two sons in World War I. She was the mother of 15 children. Two of Detta’s nine daughters had already died when her two eldest of six sons, enrolled in the military in May of 1918. Oscar, 25, and Carl, 24, had been working as farm laborers and helped their father with the family-owned dray business using horses and wagons.

I can only imagine the pride and sadness Detta experienced when she said good-bye the day they left for military training. She gathered her two sons, who were dressed in suit, tie and hat, for a family picture outside their modest home. In that photo, Oscar and Carl were surrounded by some of their sisters and one brother. The youngest sister was only two years old, and Oscar held her in his arms. Of course proud mother Detta stood next to her children.

Thank goodness someone took this last family picture for her that day. Not knowing what soon would happen, Detta expected to see her sons come home after the War. Oscar and Carl did come home, but not alive.

Carl died in France on October 4. Oscar died in France on November 9, shortly before the Armistice was signed on November 11. Approximately three years later, at the request of their parents, the bodies of Oscar and Carl were brought together from France in separate coffins to their family home in Chamberlain, South Dakota.

In an article from the *American Legion Weekly* magazine of March 3, 1922, Detta is quoted: “Our house is small, but when my sons were living, I had a place for them, and when they were returned, I had them brought to the house that they left to go to war. We kept them three nights and two and a half days.”

After a large community funeral service, Oscar and Carl were buried in the family plot of the local cemetery.

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Did Detta Potter become a member of the national “American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.”? I tried to find the answer. I contacted the national office, and their Service Officer put me in contact with Holly Fenelon, author of the book *That Knock at the Door: The History of Gold Star Mothers in America*. Holly spent ten years researching materials for her book. She had the resources to discover for me that Detta Potter had not filled out an application to be a member of the national organization.

With great disappointment, I let my question go and stopped thinking about it. Perhaps I’d never know if any organization recognized Detta as Gold Star.

A few weeks later, my cousin in Ohio called. She had cleaned out one of her closets and found a magazine from the *American Legion Auxiliary National News*, dated September 1970. In it was an article titled: "Six Gold Star Sisters." The article listed the names of Oscar and Carl's sisters. The last sentence stated: "Mrs. Detta Potter, Gold Star Mother of these daughters and sons, passed away July 1955."

That miracle magazine, found in a closet, brought a long-forgotten Gold Star Mother to light. Even though my grandma passed away 15 years before the article was written, the 1970 *American Legion Auxiliary News* magazine awarded Detta the distinguished honor that was hers. Blue became Gold for a mother of two sons lost in World War I.

### **November Free Webinars**

**Legacy** is presenting several free webinars in November:

**Nov 1 – 11am** – Is This the End? Taking Your German Brick Walls Down Piece by Piece – Ursula Krause and Luana Darby

**Nov 8 – 5pm** – New York City Genealogical Research: Navigating Through the Five Boroughs – Michael L. Strauss

**Nov 10 – 11am** – Using Non-Population Schedules for Context and Evidence – Jill Morelli

**Nov 15 – 11am** – British and Irish Research: The Differences – Brian Donovan

**Nov 21 – 5pm** – Research in Federal Records: Some Assembly Required – Melissa Ruffner

**Nov 29 – 11am** – Understanding Alabama – Rory Cathcart

**Dec 6 – 11am** – Finding Your Roots in Catholic Records – Lisa Salinas

Register at [www.familytreewebinars.com](http://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:**

**Nov 4 – 10am** – We're Here in America, Now What? – Jennifer Alford

**Nov 15 – 6pm** – Ancestral Hunting Grounds: Doing On-Site Research – Jean Wilcox Hibben  
Register at [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com), click on Programs and Webinars.

### **New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)**

**Nov 16 – 12pm** – Navigating Notarial Records in Quebec – Sheilagh Doerfler

**Dec 14 – 12pm** – Searching Databases on AmericanAncestors.org – Don LeClair

Register at [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org) (Under Education and Online Classes)

### **Illinois Genealogical Society**

**Nov 14 – 6pm** – Illinois Gold: Hard to Find But Valuable Prairie State Resources for Genealogical Research – Thomas MacEntee

Registration: <http://ilgensoc.org>

### **Family History Library Class Calendar -**

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library)

go to Classes and Online Webinars.

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

**Name Thesaurus** Posted: 26 Oct 2017

This site, [Name Thesaurus](http://namethesaurus.com), has spelling and other variants for millions of names. Most of the variants are phonetic and appear to be English/Germanic based, but this site can give you a good working list of [possible alternate spellings for most surnames](https://namethesaurus.com/Search.aspx).

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### **Illinois-Hancock, McDonough, Rock Island, and Schuyler County Newsletters**

This set of images of west-central Illinois historical society newsletters is hosted by Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

[http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/wiu\\_hsn](http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/wiu_hsn)

### **Future Genealogy Events**

**Nov 3, 2017, 10-12:00** – Sue Naegeli – **Gen. Research SIG** –Sadbck Room, MV City Hall

**Nov 4, 2017, OCCGS 11:00 am** “Let No (Wo)man Put Asunder – Researching Ancestors Who Divorce” and **12:30 pm** “Sticking to the Union: Using Labor Union Documents for Genealogical Research – Jane Neff Rollins. For information: [ocgs.com](http://ocgs.com)

**Nov 13, 2017, 10-12:00**-David Flint - **England SIG** - Saddleback Rm, MV City Hall

**Nov 15, 2017, 10-12:00**-Gary Schwarz – **German SIG** – Bill Price Rm, MV Library

**Nov 16, 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](mailto:silkberry@aol.com))

**Nov 17, 2017– Ireland SIG – No class this month**

**Nov 18, 2017, 1:00 pm** – **RootsMagic Group**, Orange Family History Center, 674 So. Yorba

**Nov 28, 2017, 10-12:00** **Writing Family History Stories** - Sadlbck Rm., MV City Hall

**Nov 28, 2017, 10:00 am** –**NSDCGS** - K. C. Reid, “Ask Why: Getting More From Research” Carlsbad City Council Chambers [www.nsdcs.org](http://www.nsdcs.org)

**Dec 1, 2017, Gen. Research SIG – No class this month**

**Jan 27, 2018** – **WAGS Annual Seminar** Information: [www.WAGSWhittier.org](http://www.WAGSWhittier.org)

**Mar 3, 2018** – **OCCGS Genealogy Bash** featuring Judy Russell – The Legal Genealogist

**Aug 22-25, 2018** – **FGS Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN** <http://visitfortwayne.com/fgs2018>

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

**How Title Passed For Every Piece of Property** Posted: 29 Oct 2017

If your ancestor owned real estate, make certain you have a record for how each piece of property left his ownership. Was it deeded in her will, sold for back taxes, sold before his death, quitclaimed by the heirs after her death? Each of these transactions has the potential to reveal significant information—particularly if the property was still owned by the ancestor at their demise.

**Searching for Please Copy** posted 16 Sep 2017

Newspapers used to request that out-of-town newspapers copy certain news items that involved former residents. If a newspaper requested an item on your ancestor be copied by other towns search to see if they also requested those towns copy items on other residents. It could be a clue as to who traveled with your ancestor

**FamilySearch** is indicating the following databases have been updated:

[New Jersey State Census, 1855](#)

[Washington, Soldier Home Records, 1891-1945](#)

[Ohio Soldier Home Records, 1888-1919](#)

[Kentucky Death Records, 1911-1963](#)

[West Virginia Will Books, 1756-1971](#)

[United States, War Relocation Authority centers, final accountability rosters, 1942-1946](#)

[Massachusetts State Vital Records, 1841-1920](#)

[Finland, Church Census and Pre-Confirmation Books, 1657-1915](#)

[Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880 – 1920](#)

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