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### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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### DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

**Saturday, October 18, 2008, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library**  
**Auditorium**  
**(365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910)**

**FREE** for all interested persons to attend.

GUEST SPEAKER: **Jean Wilcox Hibben, MA, CG.**

\* **Clue to Clue: Tracking a Family over Time and Miles** -- Using various clues, you can piece together the life of an ancestral family.

\* **John Adam Hollaender: Survivor** -- A Civil War soldier's life story told by his wife, Caroline Maria Trapschuh. In costume and first person.

\* **Bringing your Civil War Ancestor Back to Life: Songs & Stories of the War of the Rebellion** -- Using music and stories to understand events on the battlefield and the home-front.

#### About the Speaker

Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, CG, obtained her bachelors and masters degrees in Speech Communication and worked as a professor in the field for 13 years before leaving academia to pursue her passions: folklore and family history. She recently received her doctorate in Folklore.

A national speaker, she began giving presentations to the genealogical community in 2003 and has been doing public speaking for over 30 years. She also volunteers at the Corona CA Family History Center and trains Family History consultants.

For information on past and future programs, comments about Jean's work, ordering CDs, listings of her various topics, and more, see her website:

<http://www.circlemending.org/>.

There will be a light lunch available at 12 noon -- "make-your-own sandwiches" veggies, fruit, cookies, water, etc. We ask that people take their food into the nearby park to eat. A donation for food will be greatly appreciated.

#### RESERVATIONS REQUESTED:

Please contact Virginia

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so that we can plan refreshments and handout requirements.

# Evidence or Proof?

## How to Apply the Genealogical Proof Standard to Your Family Tree

By [Kimberly Powell](#), About.com

There is nothing more frustrating to a genealogist than locating details on an ancestor in a published book, Web page, or database, only to later find that the information is full of errors and inconsistencies. Grandparents are often linked as parents, women bear children at the tender age of 6, and often entire branches of a family tree are attached based on nothing more than a hunch or guess. Sometimes you may not even discover the problems until quite some time later, leading you to spin your wheels struggling to confirm inaccurate facts, or researching ancestors who aren't even yours.

What can we as genealogists do to

- a) be sure that our family histories are as well-researched and accurate as possible
- b) educate others so that all of these inaccurate family trees don't continue to procreate and multiply?

How can we prove our family tree connections and encourage others to do the same? This is where the Genealogical Proof Standard established by the Board for Certification of Genealogists comes in.

### Genealogical Proof Standard

As outlined in the "BCG Genealogical Standards Manual"

The Genealogical Proof Standard consists of five elements:

- A reasonably exhaustive search for all pertinent information
- A complete and accurate citation to the source of each item used
- Analysis of the collected information's quality as evidence
- Resolution of any conflicting or contradictory evidence
- Arrive at a soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion

A genealogical conclusion that meets these standards can be considered proved. It may still not be 100% accurate, but it is as close to accurate as we can attain given the information and sources available to us.

### Types of Genealogical Evidence

When collecting and analyzing the evidence to "prove" your case, it is important to first understand the different types of evidence:

- Direct vs. Indirect Evidence  
Referring to the **content** of the record,

*Direct evidence* is information that points to a conclusion without a need for other evidence to explain or interpret it.

*Indirect evidence*, on the other hand, is circumstantial information that requires additional evidence or thought to convert it into a reliable conclusion. Direct evidence *usually* carries more weight than indirect evidence.

- Primary vs. Secondary Evidence  
Referring to the **quality** of the record,

*Primary sources* are records created at or near the time of an event by a person who had reasonably close knowledge of the event.

*Secondary sources*, by contrast, are records created a significant amount of time after an event occurred or by a person who was not present at the event. Primary evidence *usually* carries more weight than secondary evidence.

- Original vs. Derivative Evidence  
Referring to the **provenance** of the record,

*Original sources* are records that contribute written, oral, or visual information not derived - copied, abstracted, transcribed, or summarized - from another written or oral record.

*Derivative sources* are, by their definition, records which have been derived - copied, abstracted, transcribed, or summarized - from previously existing sources. Original evidence *usually* carries more weight than derivative evidence.

These classes of evidence are rarely as clear-cut as they sound since a single source may actually be defined by more than one evidence class. For example, a death certificate is an original, primary source for the information directly relating to the death, but may also provide indirect evidence regarding items such as the deceased's date of birth, parent's names, and even children's names. The quality of the indirect evidence will have to be assessed based on who provided that information (if known), whether or not the informant was present at the events in question, and how closely that information correlates with other sources



## Minutes of the CVGS Board Meeting, September 3, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Randy Seaver at 12:05 PM. Present; Ann Stevens, Susan Zimmer, Virginia Taylor, Wanda & Gary Brock, Shirley Becker, Dearl Glenn, Bernice Heiter, Connie Ottinger Susi Pentico, and John Finch. Excused absence - Bob Page

**Officer Reports:** Secretary: Aug. 6 Board meeting minutes approved, motion by Connie, second by Dearl. Membership: Virginia: 1 new member for a total of 92. Treasurer: Wanda: balance forward \$3,106.68, expenses \$459.30, income \$87, bank balance \$2,734.38, less cemetery project fund \$137.15, operating capital \$2,597.23. Approved, motion by Susan Zimmer, second by Susi Pentico. Randy provided Wanda with information re: online banking. Programs: Wed., Sept. 24, Tom Underhill "Internet Safety"; Sat., Oct 18, CVGS Seminar 10 AM-3 PM, speaker Dr. Jean Wilcox Hibben; Wed, Oct 29, Peter Watry on "Images of America-Chula Vista"; Wed, Nov. 26, CVGS elections and Georgie Stillman on "Heirloom Discovery"; Wed, Dec ?, Holiday Potluck & Installation of Officers, South Chula Vista Library.

### Committee Reports:

Library Liaison: Dearl: October dates approved; working on November. Library Books: Bernice reported book inventory is almost finished; still looking for a few more books and needs help completing this project. A book in memory of Bonnie Rundle has been purchased: East Prussians from Russia. Cemetery Projects/Historian: Susan Z. is working on the contract from La Vista Cemetery and will send it out to the board. As historian, she would like copies of the pictures from the picnic; also there is an older group picture of CVGS members floating around. Susan would like a copy and have the people in the picture identified. Webmaster: Gary reported the newly designed website will be up shortly. Estate Papers committee meets 2nd & 4th Mondays; group has finished two boxes out of the five. Opportunity Drawing: Bob (absent). Hospitality: Susi needs another phone tree volunteer. She will work on lunch for the seminar, with menu similar to last year's. Newsletter: Shirley: newsletter on schedule. Computer Group meets third Wednesdays.

Public Relations/ Nominating Committee: John is getting information out on Oct seminar. He needs a vice-president/ program chair for coming year. Research: Randy has 2 new queries and is following up on them.

### Old Business:

October seminar: Randy said the program is defined, facilities reserved, and publicity ongoing. Susi will plan for food for 50 at this time; Jean Hibben is offering 2 CDs as door prizes. Wireless mike: Gary has ordered mike and receiver; should arrive shortly. Essay contest: Susi will meet with Shirley and Bernice, and then email information to the Board. Any suggestions should be forwarded to Susi. **New Business:**

Lack of access to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) in Chula Vista library was discussed; no money to purchase subscription. Conversation about developing a program "Acts of Genealogical Kindness" took place, where members with access to various programs do "look-ups" for others. Randy will pursue this; no coordinator for program, no program.

## Minutes of General Society Meeting, August 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Seaver at 11:35 AM

**Officer Reports:** Accept minutes as published. Motion by Dearl Glenn, second by Larry Schultheis; motion approved. Treasurer's report approved as published, motion by Larry, second by Virginia Taylor. Membership: 22 members and 2 guests present. Virginia reported 1 new member, with total membership at 92. Randy reported upcoming programs: Wed., Sept. 24: Tom Underhill on Internet Safety; Sat., Oct 18: CVGS Seminar with guest speaker Dr. Jean Wilcox Hibben; Wed., Oct 29: Peter Watry on the history of Chula Vista; Wed., Nov. 26: CVGS elections and Georgie Stillman on "Heirloom Discovery".

### Committee Reports:

**Cemetery/Historian:** Susan Zimmer: no report.

**Books:** Bernice Heiter (absent)

**Library Liaison:** Dearl Glenn has reserved the library facilities for October and is working on November; any special requests for library to be directed to Dearl.

**Newsletter/Computer:** Shirley Becker will happily receive any articles for the newsletter; next newsletter out the weekend after the board meeting. The computer group meets third Wednesday.

**Public Relations/ Nominating:** John Finch reported that the one position left to fill is the VP-Program Chairperson. **Webmaster:** Gary Brock says that the new webpage design is almost ready; wireless mic has been purchased.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None.

**Drawing:** \$25 Office Depot gift card was won by Susan Zimmer

**Program:** After a spirited game of Genealogy Password, the winning team was Gary Brock and John Finch. However, Susan Zimmer and Ann Stevens are looking forward to a re-match next year. Thanks to Randy for setting up the game and acting as MC. Thanks to those who participated in the "white elephant" drawing; that made for some interesting conversation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Stevens, Secretary.



New business cont'd

Randy also talked about a group of genealogy bloggers that issued an "Olympic challenge" to meet certain goals in research. He proposed that we adopt a similar "New Year's resolution" program to promote research progress among our members and celebrate the successes. Response from the Board was positive. Randy also said that he would not be present for the November Board meeting; Board agreed to change the date to Friday, Nov. 7, at 10:00 AM if the conference room is available. Dearl will check and report back. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM. Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, secretary.

## RESEARCH GROUP NEWS by Randy Seaver

The August meeting of the Research Group had 8 attendees, and all had something to share.

\* Bob Page has been checking his wife's great-grandmothers from Ireland and Nova Scotia. There was a discussion about the different sets of Census Records available on Ancestry.com, HeritageQuestOnline and FamilySearch. HQO has other resources, including PERSI, the Revolutionary War Pension files, and many out-of-copyright books.

\* Dick McNulty is investigating his aunt, who was in the Foreign Service and Women's Air Corps during WW 2. She died in 1961. He had no success on her military records. Working in FamilyTreeMaker, he clicked on Web Search and found a passenger list entry in the 1950's.

\* Shirley Becker is indexing La Vista Memorial Park burials, and is finding interesting causes of deaths in the 1869 to 1887 records. She's also been adding images to her new genealogy computer filing system, and is helping with FamilySearch Indexing.

\* Penny Bollinger is back from a month in Cornwall. She's been active on [www.FindAGrave.com](http://www.FindAGrave.com). A message board post about her paternal uncle's adopted name resulted in his children contacting her with information.

\* Frances Courtney has been writing stories of her family members - she has a notebook almost filled up.

\* Dearl Glenn has been battling computer gremlins, a date/time problem. He's ready to consult an IT shop.

\* John Finch went to the FHC and found a book for a PA County that had information about his Phillips family. The information led to books Torrey's New England Marriages before 1700 and Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island on the CVPL shelf, which had much more information about the earliest Phillips generations.

\* Randy Seaver described his experiences on WorldVitalRecords and Footnote, and passed examples from their databases around.

The only research problem discussed was Randy's Project M - a friend searching for information on his father. The friend was born in Chattooga County GA in 1927, but his father left the family and the last time he saw his father was in 1943. Randy found a 1930 US Census record, Georgia Death Index record and a SSDI record that provided birth date and death date and probable death locality (Irwin County GA). But what should he look for between 1930 and 1969?

The group suggested military records (a discharge record), obtain the SS5 application, obtain a death certificate, look for an obituary to identify survivors, look for cemetery records, look for probate, land, tax and voter records. Some of these might be obtained from a local historical or genealogical society or library in the death location.

The CVGS Research Group meets every second Wednesday at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. The next meeting is Wednesday, 10 September.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Randy Seaver



Our third annual "Discover Your Family History" seminar will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 18 October in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library auditorium. Our speaker, Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, will make three presentations. We need you to register for this FREE seminar, and to invite your friends and neighbors interested in genealogy and family history to attend.

We have some interesting programs coming in the next three months, in addition to our regular Computer Group and Research Group meetings. Please take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about Internet Safety, Chula Vista History and genealogy research.

I hope to see you at the meetings -- Randy (email [rjseaver@cox.net](mailto:rjseaver@cox.net), phone 619-422-3397).

Dear members,  
We have been notified a member is no longer able to do the phone tree calling due to illness.  
We are looking for someone that can step up and make the monthly phone calls to remind people about the meetings. If you can do this we would really appreciate a phone call or email to let us know.  
I can be reached at [SusiCP@aol.com](mailto:SusiCP@aol.com) or 690-1188.

### Phone Tree



### Computer Group

August was the month we discovered that Ancestry still hadn't been erased so we took advantage of the moment and kind of cruised around looking at things.

We learned a little of NUCMC and now know a little about looking for manuscripts in the US.

We looked at Message boards and how to use them, they are an important part of your genealogy research. How are people going to know that you are looking for someone unless you tell them?

Keep it brief, keep it informative and make it clear exactly what you are looking for in your ancestral line.

This month I still haven't decided what we are going to do, if you have a suggestion email me.

I thought perhaps a brief review of how to find things in an online catalog so that you have a to do list ready to take with you. A little late for Carlsbad.

There is an LA Library trip on the first of November, there will be more information in the newsletter on this in October. Deadline will be October 25th. See you on September 17th.

## Saving Your Family Treasures: Saving the News

– Maureen A. Taylor

Is there a genealogist alive who doesn't have at least a couple of news clippings? I doubt it. Almost everyone has a collection of notices, obituaries, and articles from newspapers. Within a matter of months, those crisp new clippings can become yellow and fragile, so making them last seems to be a challenge. In fact, the durability and preservation of those clippings depends on both the type of paper they're printed on and how you store them.

### Type of Paper

Paper made before c.1865 consists of a variety of fibers—cotton, flax, linen, and even some wood pulp. If you have clippings from papers printed on this “rag” paper, count yourself lucky. They will last forever with correct storage conditions. The need to mass-produce news in the nineteenth century meant publishers used wood pulp for newspapers because it was inexpensive. Unfortunately it becomes yellow and brittle over time. Older clippings that are brown and crumbly are showing the signs of wood-based paper.

### Saving Them

Acid migration from wood pulp-based papers will stain photographs, other clippings, and anything else stored with them. Prevent this damage by doing one of the following:

–De-acidify using special solutions.

Several brands of de-acidification chemicals are on the market as sprays or solutions, including Archival Mist, Bookkeeper, and Wei T'O. Whatever you purchase, follow the directions carefully and test a small piece of the newspaper first to see what happens to the ink.

–Store in acid- and lignin-free paper or high quality plastics like polypropylene or Mylar.

--Remove all paper clips and rubber bands beforehand because both deteriorate over time.

–Photocopy onto acid and lignin-free paper and discard the original.

--Identify each clipping with the name of newspaper, the date, and the page. You'll need this data to cite your sources or track down another copy of the paper.

–Scan the clippings and print them on a acid and lignin-free paper.

--If you choose this method, make sure your printer has water- and light-resistant inks like those used with Epson photo printers.

Both storage materials and chemical solutions are available from specialty suppliers. For vendors search the product name in an online search engine or ask your public library for a list of the companies that they use for preservation products.

### Lamination Vs. Encapsulation

A commonly held belief is laminating news clippings preserves them. Actually the opposite is true. Lamination subjects your clippings to heat, glue, and poor-quality plastics. It destroys the object you're trying to save. For the sake of your clippings, never laminate them. If you want to protect them from damage encapsulate them between two sheets of polypropylene plastic or in Mylar sleeves with acid free adhesive. You can seal all sides or leave one open. Before encapsulation, de-acidify the paper.

### Storage

Slow deterioration by placing clippings in an environment with a stable temperature and humidity. The ideal is 77 degrees F and 50% humidity. Fluctuations accelerate deterioration. Damp conditions encourage mold and mildew and high temperatures cause newspapers to become brittle. Insects and rodents like to use paper for nests or food, so carefully select a storage area. Protect clippings; use acid and lignin free folders and boxes. A windowless interior closet combined with correct enclosures will help keep them safe.

Now that you know the options, decide how to preserve your newspaper clippings based on your budget and the clippings you own. Saving the ones you have in your genealogical notes is a lot less expensive than locating new copies years later.

Maureen A. Taylor is the author of *Preserving Your Family Photographs* (Betterway 2001) and *Scrapbooking Your Family History* (Betterway 2003).

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### ARTS & CRAFTS RECORDING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY (SCRAPBOOKING AND PHOTO ENHANCEMENT)

To help adults plan, document, organize, record and enhance their family histories through creative historical records, using up to date genealogy programs on the internet and digital imaging software to restore and enhance family photos.

Chula Vista Adult School  
1034 Fourth Avenue  
619-691-5760)

**M 2:30-5:30 CVA Rm 301**

This class is FREE and will have FTM 2008 on the computers as well as access to Ancestry.com.

Please encourage folks to join us for these classes.

I really love the FTM 2008 and have shared it all across the USA this year.

Judy Helton

## CVGS PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS

We had 30 members and guests at our CVGS Annual Picnic on 27 August - lots of good food, good conversation, a white elephant gift exchange and a "Genealogy Password" game.

Randy played the role of "Allen Ludden," and set up the game using the rules for the 1960's TV game. The words used were all genealogy oriented. He typed 64 of them up in an MSWord document table in three columns, printed them off and cut them into strips. During the game, he tore the strip into three pieces and put one piece in an envelope to hand to each team, keeping one for himself. We used only 20 words in the hour we played. Linda Seaver was the timekeeper and scorekeeper.

We had six teams play, then had the top two teams play for the championship - John Finch and Gary Brock were the champs. We used five words per game. The hardest words to guess were "emigrant," "naturalization," "vital," "legacy" and "administration." The craziest clue was "hair" and "roots" was guessed immediately (go figure!). A good time was had by all, and everybody appreciated how difficult it is to define the clues and to guess the answers under a five second deadline.

The picnic concluded with the white elephant opportunity drawing, and the door prize drawing (a \$25 Office Depot gift card) won by Susan Zimmer.

### **Records Created by FamilySearch Indexers to Remain Free**

Tuesday July 29, 2008

Ever since last week's announcement of the joint census projects between FamilySearch.org and affiliate companies such as FindMyPast.com and Ancestry.com, there has been trepidation (and even downright disgust) that FamilySearch might remove access to free indexes created by volunteers at the indexing section of FamilySearch.org. In response, the company released an announcement today in an effort to clear up the confusion.

Basically it states all data indexed by FamilySearch volunteers will continue to be made available for free to the public through FamilySearch.org - now and in the future. Access to the related digital images may not always be free to everyone, but FamilySearch will, "seek to provide free public access to digital images of original records." Due to affiliate obligations, some digital records may only be available for free access to FamilySearch members

## Lemon Grove Library Events. Susi Pentico

Every month for several years now I have gone to Lemon Grove and presented a class in genealogy. It started when I was care provider for my Uncle whom lived two blocks from their library. Each month we meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the Library at 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. .

We have a topic we cover and then we share the knowledge of what has happened since we last met. This way we have some Brick Wall time and some helping each other with support and experience. We also use the computers at various times to show the new website's or the data on a paid site that I or another member may have.

Sometimes the participants choose the next topic and other times I suggest what we should cover regarding what their questions and comments have been.

This last month we covered some information on YDna and the difference from MTdna. We also went over some excellent tips I have picked up over the years for doing research using an Atlas or map and doing census research. We discussed using a different color for each family line and then you can see where the families converge for a marriage to happen. You can see as they travel and if you lose contact with a family member where you may be able to find them again. It can narrow down where to look, by following your dots on map or pins on map.

We also talked about the helpful way to use a census. George Schweitzer was very strong in advocating that when you are doing census research you do not take just your ancestors name of that page. Generally, the family will have married into a neighbor or two. So as I used this method for the last ten years, I can say it saved hours of going back to recall a census when with the page in hand I can quickly see if that name was a neighbor.

George S advocated if the name was on top of page cover previous page plus that page. He recommended at least 20 names up and down. I have found the page before if name on the top and page after if name on the bottom has saved many hours of research and paper printing.

Also when a family moved they did not move by themselves they took many neighbors and family kin with them. So when in a new area and your name doesn't show look for those other surnames that may have gone with those kin. Maybe this is where your kin dies but the other kin is there. So then you know to look for possible death data or more collateral information to find out what happened. Sometimes they die between places but with the dots to connect and learning the migration routes you can back track to find where they died.

I am planning a class with the dissecting of a Will or Probate Record at the next meeting. All are welcome to attend.

## COMING EVENTS

**Wed., September 24, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:**

**Meeting**  
**"Internet Safety"**

presented by Tom Underhill.

Location: Auditorium, Chula Vista Civic Center Library,  
365 F St., Chula Vista

Contact: Randy Seaver, 619-422-3397,  
rjseaver@cox.net@#@#@#

**Sat., September 13, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**10:00-11:15 a.m.** - Beginners Class, "Vital Records."

**10 a.m.-noon** - RootsMagic User Group.

**Noon-3:00** - Paul Lapinski will speak on "History and Research in Germany, Poland, and Austria." He has served as Vice-President, President, and Conference Chair of the Polish Genealogical Society of California and currently is editor of its quarterly publication.

Location: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church,  
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, corner Jackson Dr.,  
San Carlos area. Park in south lot, enter south door.  
Contact: Gloria Osborn, 619-298-2447, globob22 at

yahoo.com

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**Sat., September 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF SAN**

**DIEGO:** Meeting

9:00 - User groups for Legacy and Macintosh  
Session, "Computer Genealogy 101," by Randy Seavers.

10:30 - Announcements and Program:

**DNA FOR GENEALOGISTS**

Barbara Bowling Gosink, M.D.

This presentation is an update of Dr. Gosink's talk given to  
CGSSD last year.

Location: Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, La  
Jolla. See a link to maps [www.cgssd.org](http://www.cgssd.org).

Contact: cgssd-board@ucsd.edu  
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**Tue., September 23, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL**  
**SOCIETY:**

**Elaine Alexander**

**U.S. Ports of Arrival and Their Records.**

Elaine will discuss the records generated at the 101 Ports of  
Entry through the years, where they are located, and how  
they may be accessed.

Location: City Council Chambers, 1250 Carlsbad Village  
Dr., Carlsbad.

Contact: Barbara Rainville, barain@roadrunner.com  
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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Many good wishes to all those who have  
birthdays this month

### TELEPHONE TREE VOLUNTEERS

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Page 2 May Stone 585-3395

Page 3 Betty Hampton 423-2415

Each one will call one page of the roster to remind us  
of meetings and special events, if any. If you do not  
wish to be called please notify your caller.

### REMINDER

#### September Hosts

**Kathy Dobbins**  
**John Finch**

#### October Hosts

**Ana Stevens**  
**Phyllis Learned**



### MEETINGS

Our next **General Meeting** will be held on **Sep 29, 2008** at 12:00 noon.. It will be in the auditorium of the Main Chula Vista Library at 365 F Street.

**Board meetings** are held the **first Wednesday** of the month at 12 noon in Room C1 in the library. Members welcome.

The **Research Group** will meet on **Sep 10** at 12:00 noon in room C2, the conference room.

The **Computer Genealogical Group** will meet on **Sep 17** at 12:00 noon in C1, the computer room.

**Estate Committee** meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at noon

## LETTER FROM LEONARD REVEAL

(of wine bottle fame)

Good Afternoon, One -and -All,

My apologies for not writing sooner but everything is pretty much rather mundane now. However, as I have been getting calls about my health and what is going on I thought I had better send out the latest word.

First of all, Dialysis 101. Questions have indicated that the working of dialysis is not readily understood.

Basically, the kidneys are the blood's filter. Anything that is ingested that would go to a liquid at room temperature goes into the blood. The blood goes through the kidneys and they take out excess water/liquid and other toxins then to the bladder and elimination. In my case the kidney function had decreased to at least 15%, heading for complete renal (kidney) failure in a very short period of time.

The reasons were two-fold—lymphoma and chemotherapy. Hence I need mechanical filtration of the blood. This is known as hemodialysis. So, I am hooked up to the machine three times a week for 3-1/2 hours. My appointment begins at 3:00 p.m. and usually I am home by 7:30 p.m. I am sitting in a 'lounge chair' and I can read, sleep, watch TV (not too good) or watch my DVD player.

There are four ways to get 'hooked up.' A catheter is put into the chest and to the heart with a 'blood out' and a 'blood in' attached. This was my original method of treatment. The problem with this one is that there is a high risk of infection, which I did encounter, and it had to be removed.

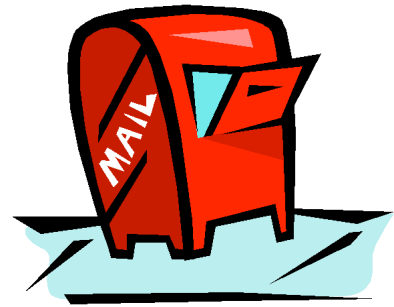
Fortunately about 10 days prior I had the surgery for the graft so access was available immediately. The most 'popular' method is either fistula or stint (graft). The fistula ties an artery and vein in the arm (usually) for the blood routing. The stint, which I have, goes from my left elbow to the top of my left arm. As the vascular surgeon was unable to get a usable artery and vein in the same arm, he inserted the synthetic graft, thus connecting one of each. Needles are entered into the stint (smarts) and I get hooked up to the machine. The last method is a catheter in the stomach and a portable dialysis machine is used at home. Sounds great for a do-it-yourself system but it takes 5-6 hours a day and the risk of infection is high.

Now for the important part. **LIFE HAS NOT COME TO AN END**; at least not for Crystal and me. On Tuesdays, we may go to Barona Casino for the night (free room and board). I have my various meetings I attend, my French class, have booked a 14 day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to SD via the Panama Canal for February, (check out Dialysis at Sea website). In mid- October I will have a 6:00 a.m. treatment and we will drive to Ventura for the Seaside Highland Games for the weekend. As you can see, we are not housebound. We still attend plays, opera, lyric opera, and other fun functions in the San Diego area. We just need to make some advance planning when an evening or out of town activity is planned. It is possible that we may get to Maubourguet and Galashiels next year.

Edinburgh and Maubourguet both have dialysis service centers. Just have to let them know ahead of time. AND TriCare will pick up the tab for treatments.

Diet is different but Crystal has the handling of that. I am aware of things I am not supposed to eat. And I am not about to go against the dietary requirements. If you want to find out, go to the Internet and call up dialysis on Google and have a ball. If we come to visit you for a meal we will let you know what I can't have. Basically I am on a high protein diet as the dialysis takes protein out of the blood so I have to replace it, oh, with crab, lobster, filet, you know, junk food. **REMEMBER:NO PITY PARTIES.** Just think how lucky and fortunate I am that medicalscience has progressed this far. And who knows what the next five-tenyears will bring. Can't wait. I think this is about it for now. I am **WELLAND HAVE BETTER BLOOD** than any of you. I feel fine and life is lookinggood to me. Thank God that I have Crystal to take care of me.

Love to all,  
ME



Monday, September 01, 2008

**Orphan Photos and Photo Sharing**

Posted by Maureen

Last week on the **Today Show** I mentioned **DeadFred.com**. It's a fun site for folks trying to reconnect with lost family photos or to post pictures if you want photos to lead the way to a reunion with lost family. It's a win-win either way.

There are a couple of other sites I'd like to mention though. If you've ever lost a camera and thought those pictures (and the camera) are gone forever, think again. There is a blog that tries to link up individuals with their equipment and precious pics. **Found Cameras and Orphan Photos** has a Facebook group, a link to success stories and updates every Thursday. What a fun idea! You'll see wedding images, vacation shots and candid pictures all waiting to be claimed by their rightful owner. I'll definitely be adding this to my Facebook page.

Photos aren't the only focus of a site called **Ancient Faces**. If you want to share and collaborate on family history you can set up a family space. Share stories, pictures and even a recipe or two. Sign up for their e-newsletter to keep up with any new developments.

## Newspaper Archive Web Sites by Randy Seaver

Historical newspaper articles can be used to find news items, announcements, and obituaries of our ancestors, and often provide unique information available in no other resource - either on line or in printed form.

Bill Dollarhide authored an excellent list of historical newspaper archives web sites available online in the January/February 2008 issue of the **Everton's Genealogical Helper** (which is available at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library stacks).

A three part list - mega-sites, US State or Regional sites, and International sites.

The large mega-sites included:

\* [www.NewspaperARCHIVE.com](http://www.NewspaperARCHIVE.com) - NewspaperARCHIVE is a paid site with over 2,800 titles of newspapers from 1759 to the present. Some are available for online home use through libraries (if you have a library card)

\* [www.GenealogyBank.com](http://www.GenealogyBank.com) - GenealogyBank is a paid site with over 2,500 titles of newspapers, including Historical Newspapers 1690-1980, and America's Obituaries 1977-present with over 26 million obituaries. GenealogyBank is affiliated with NewsBank. Public libraries (with a library card) may provide home access.

\* [http://www.proquestk12.com/productinfo/pq\\_historical\\_newspapers.shtml](http://www.proquestk12.com/productinfo/pq_historical_newspapers.shtml) - ProQuest Historical Newspapers is an institution (paid) site for Historical Newspapers and other collections. Public libraries (with a library card) may provide home access to some databases.

\* [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) - Ancestry is a paid site that includes Historical Newspapers (from Newspaper ARCHIVE) and Birth, Marriage and Death Announcements, 1851-2003 from the ProQuest Historical Newspapers collections for 8 large city newspapers.

\* [www.WorldVitalRecords.com](http://www.WorldVitalRecords.com) - World Vital Records is an individual (paid) site with access to the Newspaper ARCHIVE collection and the Small Town Newspapers collection.

\* [www.Accessible.com](http://www.Accessible.com) - Accessible Archives is a paid site with nine historical newspapers from the eastern USA.

\* [www.loc.gov/ChroniclingAmerica/](http://www.loc.gov/ChroniclingAmerica/) - Chronicling America is a Free site at the Library of Congress, with selected newspapers from 1897 to 1910.

\* [www.SmallTownPapers.com](http://www.SmallTownPapers.com) - Small Town Papers is a Free site with over 250 small town newspapers.

Joe Beine has collected a number of regional and state newspaper archives, which includes all that are in the Dollarhide article, and they can be found at <http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm>.

Many newspaper archives in printed or microfilm format can be found in local or state historical societies, public and private libraries, or at the newspapers themselves. Some of them have partial or complete indexes. For a specific locality, a researcher should try to find the indexes and the holdings in that locality.

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Genealogy in our Schools By **Kimberly Powell**  
Tuesday August 26, 2008

While I applaud any effort to get school students interested in genealogy, I can't help but cringe every time I get an email from a student who needs to know the meaning of his surname for a school project. There are so many better applications of family history as a learning tool - oral histories, immigration, DNA....

One teacher who recently contacted me takes his students on annual field trip to Ellis Island where they learn about the immigrant experience, and search for names on the Wall of Honor. Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., from the PBS documentary series *African American Lives*, speaks about the many opportunities for using genealogy and DNA research to "revolutionize the way we teach history and science to African American students."

For teachers who don't want to get into student family histories and the emotional finds that can sometimes uncover, there are also options - including researching an influential figure from the local community, or interviewing local WWII veterans and preserving their stories.

What ideas do you have for incorporating genealogy in the classroom? Let's help get students excited about the past!

This little article is to alert members that we are trying to get a genealogy project started at one of the local schools. There will be more news of this in later issues. Meanwhile if you have suggestions please let any bard member know.