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# CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## NEWSLETTER

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### November 26 "Heirloom Discovery Day"

Georgie Stillman <<http://georgiestillman.com/bio.htm>> has worked as a professional appraiser in London, England, Phoenix, AZ and San Diego since 1971.

She served as president of the American Society of Appraisers, vice president of the San Diego chapter, and was founding director of the International Society of Appraisers. She has received numerous awards for her outstanding service, including Appraiser of the Year.

Besides being a professional instructor at various colleges, she has made many radio/TV guest appearances and written articles for many publications, teaching audiences about antiques and art.

**We will also be having elections for officers for the new term beginning in 2009, be sure to come and cast your vote for your representative.**



DUES in the amount of \$15.00 for the coming year 2009 are now payable. after December 31, 2008 the amount will be \$20.00

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### October Review

We live in an area with an interesting past and a promising future according to Peter Watry. As our guest speaker for October, he spoke of the past of Chula Vista.

Acually he went further back than that and talked of the Indians who lived in the San Diego area for about 6000 years. For those who missed his talk he helped make the history of our area come alive. Peter discussed their lifestyle and what information has been discovered of these people.

He then moved on to the Spanish and explained why and how this area became a grazing land for cattle. Peter presented pictures of our area from long ago, as they say a picture is worth a thousand words, they illustrated that the San Diego area had few trees lots of rocks and scrub so it was ideal for cattle.

Frank Kimball purchased Rancho de la Nacion, he swapped land for a Railroad, which helped build a dam and was then ready to develop south of the Sweetwater river i.e. Chula Vista.

Beginning in 1888 Chula Vista grew into the title of Lemon Capital of the world. Along with the prosperity came homes schools and churches, a thriving community was born, not only lemons, but salt making was begun and continues to this day. Gunpowder material was made from processed seaweed although the business is gone some remnants linger on the bay side.

Gradually lemons faded out, a big freeze helped their demise, but truck farming and the Japanese brought their expertise to the area and our agriculture still prospered.

Peter illustrated with many photographs of familiar buildings and places, if you take the walking tour on Third Avenue there are viewpoints where you can see the buildings still standing. He showed the Rohr buildings as they arrived and now with B F Goodrich in charge.

He even showed the silver dollars being counted. those silver dollars proved to the merchants of Chula Vista that Rohr was an integral part of the economy. It would be nice if there were still something as dependable today.

Times change, the Japanese were interned in 1942 or as they said at the time 'relocated'. Rohr is gone and Chula Vista is a bedroom community for its neighbor. Next step Urbanization which means more traffic more homes and more malls. Wonderful homey Chula Vista is now the second largest city in San Diego County.

**Stop and see the drop hammer at the history center.**

FABULOUS SEMINAR BY JEAN WILCOX HIBBEN  
by Randy Seaver

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society had its Family History Month seminar titled "[Discover Your Family History](#)" on Saturday, 18 October at the Library. [Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD., CG](#) was the featured speaker - she made three presentations:

\* [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 in the first person by his wife, Caroline Maria Trapschuh.

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

The first talk, clue to clue, was an excellent review of "how-to-do" your genealogy and family history research. Using her own Wilcox and Freeman families, Jean showed how to use family records, repository records and Internet records to search clue by clue to find names, dates, places, documents, and stories to determine a family structure and events. As she went through the presentation, she provided wise counsel to all genealogists on the research process. Many in the audience were amazed by the records she found in upstate New York in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The second presentation was a biography of a German immigrant in the 1840's, who became a Civil War soldier and a barber. Jean told John Adam Hollaender's life story as his wife, Caroline Marie (Trapschuh) Hollaender, sitting in a chair holding a memory book, with Adam's Civil War mementos and barber equipment on the table nearby. She then showed the many papers and documents that she found, and told us where she found them. It was amazing to see how much information could be gathered for one person and his family. Of course, Jean's Hollaender family were packrats...and Jean received the collected family papers, mementos, ephemera and other stuff handed down to her mother and then to her, then did the research to put it all together.

The final presentation was a program of about ten songs from the Civil War era. Jean played the banjo, guitar and mandolin, and her husband Butch played the saw (very eerie sound!), to present these songs, and Jean told stories about the songs themselves and their authors. In several cases, she played different versions of the same song, as sung by the Union and rebel sides. Jean has five CD-ROMs of her songs now - you can see the list at [www.circlemending.org](http://www.circlemending.org).


The audience totally enjoyed Jean's presentations - they were informational, fun, touching, and entertaining - we even got to sing along! We posted photographs from the seminar on the Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog - see <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>.

**Finding Ancestors in the Civilian Conservation Corps**  
Posted by Diane

**Q.** My relative worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Where can I find more information about his time there?

**A.** Get resources for learning about your CCC ancestors on the [Now What? blog](#).

The CCC—which happens to be celebrating its 75th anniversary this year—was established March 21, 1933, as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal legislation. By the time the CCC disbanded in 1942, when Congress ceased its funding, more than 2.5 million workers had participated.

It was a multi-agency effort, with the Army camps and various federal agencies sponsorin  Over 4,500 camps were established in all st Americans were segregated in “colored” camps. Each enrollee earned at least \$30 per month, and had to send \$25 of it home to family.

It'll help your search if you know your ancestor's camp and the dates he worked, so ask your family members and pore over your research for clues.

The Colorado state archives has a [statewide CCC enrollment index](#), which gives the enrollee's name, county, birth date and camp.

Employment records of CCC workers are in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. You can fill out a research request following [these instructions](#). Provide as much information as possible, and send either a written OK from the person in the record or proof of the person's death.

Most administrative and other records—project reports, correspondence, the CCC's Happy Days weekly newspaper, publicity materials, meeting minutes, photographs, accident and death reports—are part of Record Group 35 at NARA's College Park, MD, facility. Records of the separate Indian Division of the CCC are with Bureau of Indian Affairs records in NARA's Seattle and Denver regional facilities.

The CCC records aren't indexed and few are microfilmed, so you'd need to travel to NARA or hire a researcher there to use them. The finding aid *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Civilian Conservation Corps* by Douglas Helms should help.

Some of the camps had newspapers, you can learn their titles using the [Center for Research Libraries](#) online search.

Learn more about the CCC on these sites:

- [NARA's online article](#) tells you about the formation and operation of the CCC.

- The Past is Prologue blogger writes about the [CCC's anniversary](#) and suggests resources.

10/22/2008 3:38:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time, UTC-04:00) [familytree-newsletter@fwpubs.com](mailto:familytree-newsletter@fwpubs.com)

## Minutes of General Society Meeting, October 29, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Gary Brock (standing in for Randy Seaver) at 12:20 PM

**Officer Reports:** Minutes corrected to reflect Paul Price as nominee for treasurer (not Bob Page). Accept minutes as corrected. Motion by Bob Page, second Paul Price; approved. Treasurer's report approved as published, motion by Virginia Taylor, second by Ann Stevens. Membership: 20 members + 0 guests present. Current membership is 91. She reminded people to renew their membership for 2009: \$15 before January, \$20 after. Connie Ottinger talked about upcoming programs: Wed, Nov 26: CVGS elections and Georgie Stillman on "Heirloom Discovery"; Wed, Dec. 2, Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers; Wed, Jan 28: Ken Kramer on San Diego and South Bay History.

**Committee Reports: Cemetery/Historian:** Susan Zimmer reported progress in organizing La Vista Cemetery data; always looking for new volunteers.

**Books:** Bernice Heiter (absent)

**Library Liaison:** Dearl Glenn has reserved library facilities for December (still trying to reserve date in Dec for holiday lunch); working on January; direct special requests for library to Dearl.

**Newsletter/Computer:** Shirley Becker will happily accept any articles for the newsletter; newsletter out a little later in Nov due to delayed Board meeting. Computer group meets on 3rd Wednesdays. **Public Relations/ Nominating:** John Finch reported the slate of officers in nomination for a two-year term: Pres-Gary Brock, VP-Programs-no nominee yet, VP-Membership-Virginia Taylor, Treas-Paul Price, Sec-Ann Stevens. Hearing no nominations from the floor, the slate was submitted to the membership. Voting will be Nov meeting and installation at Dec meeting.

**Webmaster:** Gary Brock is challenging us with passwords to access the monthly newsletter. He requested pictures for the website, and he reported on the Estate Papers Committee.

**Hospitality:** Susi Pentico needs more help on her committee; anyone interested, please contact Susi.

**Research:** Randy (absent). John said the Research group (2nd Wednesdays at noon) is working at overcoming "brick wall" problems.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Drawing:** A genealogy t-shirt was the prize won by Grace Lee.

**Program:** Peter Watry provided a very informative talk about the history of Chula Vista. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Stevens, Secretary



**New Business:** Board mtg  
April Seminar?? Yes, April 25; consider lecture in the AM, problem solving in PM

Survey of Interest: survey done at beginning of Randy's term to see what people wanted to learn about; decision to pass out survey at Nov meeting or email to get responses back.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM. Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Stevens, secretary.

## Minutes of the CVGS Board Meeting, November 7, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Randy Seaver at 12:15 PM. Present Ann Stevens, John Finch, Virginia Taylor, Wanda & Gary Brock, Shirley Becker, Dearl Glenn, Bernice Heiter, Connie Ottinger, Susi Pentico, and Bob Page. Excused absence - Susan Zimmer

**Officer Reports:** Secretary (Ann): Oct Board minutes approved, motion by Gary, second Dearl. Membership (Virginia): 1 new member; membership is at 93. Virginia reminded people dues can be paid now: \$15 before Jan 1. Treasurer (Wanda) balance forward \$2137.02; expenses \$530.17; income \$423.30; bank balance \$2030.15; less cemetery project fund \$137.15; operating capital \$1893.00. Approved, motion by Ann, second Bob. Programs (Connie): Wed, Nov 26: CVGS elections and Georgie Stillman "Heirloom Discovery"; Wed, Dec 10: Holiday Luncheon & Installation of Officers, recognition past CVGS Boards and honor past presidents; South Chula Vista Library (Multi-Purpose Room); Wed, Jan 28: Ken Kramer on San Diego & South Bay History; Wed, Feb 25: Susie Pentico on Lost Colony/Black History. Susan Z. to work with Randy on CVGS history and invite past presidents to Dec luncheon.

### Committee Reports:

Library Liaison (Dearl): December dates approved; working on January. Library Books (Bernice): has books to process (some donated, some purchased). Met with Patrice, Library Community Liaison, to review CVGS contributions to library (over 3000 items in our section). Patrice promised her cooperation; Bernice will work to avoid duplication in book purchases. Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z): Webmaster (Gary): Website is current; still looking for old pictures to decorate our website; will continue the challenge of connecting newsletter password to genealogy. Estate Papers committee meets 2nd & 4th Mondays; group nearly finished with box 3 (out of 5). Opportunity Drawing (Bob): has some donated books to use for upcoming drawings. Hospitality (Susi): Due to size of CVGS, would like to have more help with hospitality; also needs a phone tree volunteer; also needs to get refreshment hosts for 2009 meetings. Noted that supplies for Dec lunch were purchased with supplies for seminar. Newsletter (Shirley): newsletter on schedule. Computer Group meets third Wednesdays. Public Relations (John): has notified Star News and Union Trib re: events; John is also giving talks in community re: genealogy. Research (Randy): 1 new query; no research group in Dec; considering trip to Family History Center on Sat, Jan 31. Talked about Assoc of Graveyard Rabbits (blog for people getting information on cemeteries)

### Old Business:

La Vista Contract: Gary will see Susan Z. Essay contest: talks still ongoing. Nominating Committee: John presented slate of officers at Oct meeting; still no VP-Programs; no nominations from floor; elections in Nov; installation in Dec. Good idea to invite new officers to Dec Board meeting for smooth transition.



## RESEARCH GROUP REVIEW by Randy Seaver

We had ten genealogy researchers at the monthly CVGS Research Group, and everybody shared their activities over the past month and what they hope to accomplish in the next month. Randy discussed the newspaper article about the putative President of America and the Genealogy News of the Month before we went around the table.

\* Dave McCracken took Randy's advice from last month - and put aside his Lehr family search frustrations to work on his paternal grandparent's ancestry. He created a short report for his grandfather's family, identifying 21 people in a 1928 family photograph. He did it for his paternal grandmother's family too - a photograph with the people clearly identified.

\* Dick McNulty bought Family Tree Maker 2009 from Ancestry, and when he installed it he lost his FTM 16 icon and gained over 100 desktop icons. His wife finally found his FTM 16 database so he can start working in FTM 2009. He received a Final Payment work Sheet from NPRC for his aunt the WAC in World War II.

\* Phyllis Learned has been stuck on her Crowley brick wall. The group suggested that she research another family so that she can make progress on her research.

\* Shirley Becker received a lead on her great-grandmother's maiden name, and will research it. She is waiting for DNA results from ancestry for her Wright cousin in Texas. Back in 1999, a cousin sent over 100 pages of Siver/Sypher information that she rediscovered in her re-organization efforts. Recently, she received several wills and deeds from another cousin that she is going to transcribe.

\* Virginia Taylor swabbed her cheek and sent her mitochondrial DNA sample to Ancestry. She also received information from a contact after correcting her mother's 1930 census entry.

\* Art Roy had an "oh boy" experience - he discovered ten generations of ancestors in his family lines on Ancestry in the Drouin Collection (Quebec church records). He is capturing both the Ancestry summary and the handwritten record image. He's having a great time reading the French entries, and looks forward to many more family lines to find.

\* Shirley Harper is helping a friend in Tennessee find records for her birth parents. They know the parents names, but the records are inconsistent.

\* Dearl Glenn is having a good time learning his way around his new computer and Windows Vista, and is trying to find his genealogy data salvaged by the Geek Squad.

\* John Finch received a birth record from the English Civil Registry after sending away for it to an agent. He's ordering two marriage records now. While recovering from his operation, he signed up for <http://www.findmypast.com/> pay-per-view service and has found some English census images for his grandkids English ancestry.

\* Randy Seaver shared the newspaper article about his mother's baby shower, his GeneTree mitochondrial DNA results, and progress on his Project M research for his friend - he received an SS5 application and wrote letters to Ed's siblings asking for information about Ed's father.

The next Research Group meeting will be Wednesday, 12 November at 12 noon in the Library Conference Room.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Randy Seaver



I thought that our "Discover Your Family History" seminar on Saturday, 18 October was excellent. Jean Wilcox Hibben made three presentations that informed and entertained us. Only about 25 of our members were there, which was disappointing. We did have about 8 guests and visitors. Your Board worked really hard to make this seminar work.

I would like to thank Shirley Becker and Susi Pentico for doing the hard work of planning, buying, setting up and serving the snacks and luncheon at the seminar. Everyone enjoyed the fruit, vegetables, crackers, bread, meat, cheese, and bottled water provided by CVGS to the attendees. Virginia Taylor handled the reservations and registrations, Wanda Brock handled the finances at the seminar, and both worked the CD sales. Gary Brock managed the setup of the electronics, and Bob Page sold opportunity drawing tickets - the prizes were two CDs of Jean Hibben's CD-ROMs of folklorical songs.

Computer Group - Taken From Randy's blog

We had a full house - 12 genealogists - in the Computer Lab for the monthly Computer Group meeting. Randy was asked to demonstrate library online databases and then library catalogs.

First, we visited the Chula Vista Library's online databases - the genealogy-related databases are newspapers, and the library has 20 current newspapers via NewsBank. These are accessible from home using a Chula Vista library card. We checked out the San Diego County Library, the San Diego City Library and the Carlsbad Library online databases also, but needed a library card to access them. Randy explained that all three had Ancestry Library Edition for use at the library branches, but not at home. He used his Carlsbad card to demonstrate use of HeritageQuestOnline.

Randy showed the New York Times archives and Shirley suggested the <http://www.fultonhistory.com/> web site for upper New York newspapers.

Finally, Randy showed the Google News Archive site at <http://news.google.com/archivesearch/> which is different from Google News.

We looked at the Catalog search features of the Los Angeles Public Library (<http://www.lapl.org/>) for those going on the SDGS trip there on 1 November. We revisited WorldCat (<http://www.worldcat.org/>) which had been covered in an earlier session. and then went on to again visit NUCMC (<http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>) to demonstrate finding books and manuscripts at other libraries, that can be ordered through Inter-Library Loan.

Lastly, we looked for vital records in different states - using [www.vitalrec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com), [www.deathindexes.com](http://www.deathindexes.com) and <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/vitalrecords.html>.

Some attendees followed along on their own computer system, others watched the demonstrations, and several did their own research in online databases.

Cluster genealogy is the idea that ancestors did not live in a vacuum but in a cluster of relatives, neighbors, friends, and associates. Studying the history of one person naturally puts the researcher in contact with members of this group, as witnesses to each other's documents, as neighbors, as in-laws, as fraternal brothers and sisters, as business partners or clients, and so forth. Our ancestors often migrated in family groups, as church congregations, or as a group of neighbors. They often lived very close to other family members. They worshipped with, went to war with, bought land from, and were buried near friends and relatives. Although we may not know the names of this group when we begin researching a focus ancestor, we must train ourselves to look for its members.

Sometimes we call this the "whole family" or the "big picture" approach. Regardless of the name, the principle is the same: We cannot have long-term success if we limit ourselves to a one-name/one-person approach.

When research begins on a focus ancestor, the genealogist may know nothing more than the name, with perhaps a date and place of marriage or an entry on a census record. If applicable, after 1850, the next effort is to find that person in the context of a family in other census records. Then we move to other basic sources--such as vital records, wills and probate files, family Bibles, church records, and newspaper obituaries--to find names, dates, places, and relationships in the life of the target ancestor. We branch into land records, military and pension files, naturalization documents, and other sources that sometimes identify the spouse, children, birth and death information, or parents.

We compile at least two family group sheets from this information: one with the focus ancestor as a parent in a family, the other with the ancestor as a child. These two nuclear families are the beginning, and an important part of the ancestor's cluster. Sometimes these charts are all we need to move back in time to the parent and grandparent generations.

When we cannot find direct statements of events, names, dates, places, and relationships we need for our focus ancestor, we search for clues and evidence wherever we find them to get answers indirectly. The cluster is often the path toward these clues. Some clusters provide more help than others, and some are easier to identify than others. However, one thing is certain: a researcher has a greater chance of success when studying the cluster than when clinging to one name as the sole subject of the research.

#### WHY THE CLUSTER?

Why is the cluster approach necessary? For those who have never tried this approach or have not yet needed it to build pedigree charts, convincing is often in order. Mostly, we use the cluster approach because we want solutions. As in mysteries, the family and close associates may hold the key to the answer. True, some of the people you will research with this approach may not be related to you. However, if you stick stubbornly to a one-name-only approach, you may end up claiming as ancestors people not related to you.

Consider these reasons for the cluster approach:

In family papers and oral traditions, each child may remember or record different facts about a parent; we put the facts together to get a more complete picture.

1. For some ancestors, answers are not found in documents they themselves created. If Major Grace sells his land to Stark Brown, he may not mention he inherited his land from his father. However, when Stark Brown sells the land to Pleasant Luster, the deed may name Major's father as the original patentee of the land.

2. Some ancestors left few records; the only way to learn about them is through records others created. One Mississippi man "disappeared" for a few years from his researcher; then, in someone else's diary, she found that he had gone to California during the gold rush. Ancestors who owned no land, for instance, will not appear in the deed books, except maybe as witnesses to others' transactions. Why were they asked to be a witness? Maybe the seller was a brother-in-law, cousin, or the nearest neighbor. The other person's transaction places the ancestor in that place at that time, alive. That one piece of information is sometimes very important.

3. When several people by the same name lived in the same county at the same time, their nuclear families and close associates are sometimes the keys to sorting them out. We want to find the right elusive ancestor, not just anybody by the same name.

#### WHO IS THE CLUSTER?

When you run into that old brick wall in your search, what are your options? Give up on that line and go to one likely to have more information readily available? Get on the Internet with query after query: "I need the parents, grandparents, wife's maiden name, birth date birthplace, and names of in-laws of Donald Doe of Whatever County, Iowa. I've looked everywhere, and all I can find is that he came to Iowa as a young man just after the Civil War. Will share information"?

A query such as this says several things: (1) The descendant may have nothing of substance to share in return, (2) the descendant probably has not looked everywhere, and (3) the descendant may not have a clue of what to try next. That is not uncommon for researchers at some point along the way. What about the option of researching for the next of kin?

The would-be researcher in the query needs to list everything known and make a research plan. It is cluster time. The disclaimer is some searches do come to a dead end before you are ready, but the good news is that many tough searches can be solved. The successful ones often involve the cluster. The cluster includes next of kin, extended family, neighbors, friends, associates, and other people of the same surname.

The foregoing article was excerpted from Chapter Three of **THE SLEUTH BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research**, by Emily Anne Croom, recently published by Genealogical Publishing Company.

## Hospitality and Communication

The CVGS Telephone Tree is in need of help.

It would be greatly appreciated if members would assist in calling members to remind them of meetings, refreshments and other seminars.

It has also been suggested we expand in activities. If you can not call for three months maybe we should rotate the phone calls each month.

We also need back up people to help set up and take down the refreshment services for meetings and seminars.

I want to thank all those in the past whom have stepped forward to do this willingly and graciously.

Everyone is also asked to please sign up for the various programs we will have in the year 2009. Please do not forget the spring seminar in April and the one in October for Family History month also. If unable to provide refreshment maybe a small donation for us to do it for you. We do not have Refreshment's in August or December Please contact SusiCP@aol.com for the time you would like to assist with.

Thank you.

Susi Pentico:Hospitality Chairperson



The San Diego County Library in Lemon Grove has genealogy meetings on the first and third Wednesday of every month. The events have covered: Wills, Probates, Deeds, Land Records and many other topics.

The events are informative and helpful to the attendees. We also take time to do some Brick Wall work to assist our fellow genealogists.

We do cover other areas besides the USA.

The time is 6 to 7:45 p. m.. If you live in the area do come by and share in the time.

Susi Pentico

## NYS Archives Item # B0256 Applications for and Sales of Forfeited Estates and Military Lots

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~johnnasgenealogy/ypage/Item%20B0256/B0256.pdf>

## Monthly Password Challenge by Gary Brock

For last months' issue of our CVGS Newsletter Randy included my challenge in the email announcing the password for that issue. The challenge was to explain how the password, "sith", was related to the month of October. I included the clue: 'It is rooted in Scottish folklore and is not from Star Wars.' How many made the connection?

I received one response from Paula-Jo of Pacific Beach stating that the word sith could mean Peace, fire or faeries. Ah-ha, faeries, that was the connection. While doing research for an October password I found the following entry in Wikipedia under Halloween:

*In Scotland, folklore including that of Halloween, revolves around the ancient Celtic belief in faeries Sidhe" or "Sith" in modern Gaelic. Children who ventured out carried a traditional lantern (samhnag) with a devil face carved into it, to frighten away the evil spirits. Such Halloween lanterns were made from a turnip or "Neep" in "Lowland Scots", with a candle in the hollow inside. In modern times, however, such lanterns use pumpkins, as in North American traditions, possibly, because it is easier to carve a face in a pumpkin than a turnip. The practice of hollowing out pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns may have its roots in this practice.*

*Houses were also protected with the same candle lanterns. If the spirits got past the protection of the lanterns, the Scottish custom was to offer the spirits parcels of food to leave and spare the house another year. Children too were given added protection by disguising them as such creatures, in order to blend in with the spirits. If children approached the door of a house, they were given offerings of food – Halloween being a harvest festival – which served to ward off the potential spirits that may lurk among them. This is where the origin of the practice of Scottish "guising" – a word which comes from 'disguising' – or going about in costume arose. It is now a key feature of the tradition of trick-or-treating practiced in North America.*

Well, now you have an idea on how I go about deriving a password for access to our Newsletter each month. The question is, can you, the reader, follow my sometimes perverted logic and come up with the password relationship or connection?

So, there is the challenge. Can you figure out what the password connection, though obscure or maybe a little bizarre, will be each month? I'll keep the password related in some way to genealogy and to something about the month to which it applies. And I'll include a clue or two. I do all my research on the Internet so everyone should have an equal chance to arrive at an answer and practice their online research skills at the same time.

If you email me a reasonably correct entry on the password relationship I'll be happy to acknowledge you in the next Newsletter if space is available. I will also try to provide an explanation in the following month of how I arrived at or came to associate the previous months' password. I'm sorry I don't have a prize to offer for winning entries but who knows, maybe we can come up with one in future.

## COMING EVENTS

**Wed., November 26, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:**

Elections

"Heirloom Discovery Day" facilitated by Georgie Stillman.

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

Contact: Randy Seaver, 619-422-3397, rjseaver@cox.net  
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**Wed., November 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**BRITISH ISLES GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH  
ASSOCIATION:**

England/Wales SIG

June Hanson will discuss "Emigration from England and  
Immigration to the US."

Location: San Diego Family History Center, 4195 Camino  
del Rio South, Mission Valley

Contact: June Hanson, 619-583-8352,  
june92115@yahoo.com  
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**Tue., November 25, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY**

Carol Baird, "My Red Hair has Roots: from King  
David or Clairrol?" She will describe her experiences in  
tracing her Karliner family, a major case study.

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

Contact: Barbara Rainville, barain@roadrunner.com  
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**Tue., December 9, 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY:**

Holiday Party

Annual Meeting & Holiday Luncheon. 11 a.m-noon -  
Social Hour. Noon - Lunch, entertainment("Sound Waves,"  
Oceanside High School Show Choir), program.

\$28 per person.

**Reservation deadline: Dec. 2.**

Registration form at URL below.

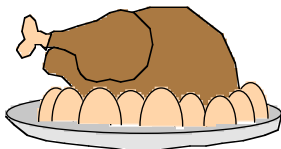
Location: Lake San Marcos Country Club,  
1750 San Pablo Drive, San Marcos

Contact: Nina Anderson, 760-599-9958,  
ninaanderson@sbcglobal.net

Event URL:

<http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/christmas.html>

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Many good wishes to all those who have  
birthdays this month

### TELEPHONE TREE VOLUNTEERS

Page 1 **volunteer needed**  
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

November Hosts

Volunteers needed

December

Society



### MEETINGS

Our next **General Meeting** will be held on **Nov 26 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 **Nov 12** at 12:00 noon in room C2, the conference room.

The **Computer Genealogical Group** will meet on **Oct 19** at 12:00 noon in C1, the computer room.

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

Information forwarded by Susi Pentico.

## USCIS ESTABLISHES GENEALOGY PROGRAM

Customers can now turn to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for help in researching their family's immigration history through the agency's new Genealogy Program.

USCIS maintains historical records documenting the arrival and naturalization of millions of immigrants who arrived in the United States since the late 1800's or and naturalized between 1906 and 1956. Until today, the process to request these records was handled through a Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA) request.

"In many cases, USCIS is the only government agency that has certain historical records that provide the missing link which genealogists or family historians need," said Jonathan "Jock" Scharfen, USCIS' Acting Director.

The agency anticipates interest in genealogy to continue to grow. In the past four years alone, USCIS received more than 40,000 FOIA requests for historical records. The new genealogy program will create a dedicated queue for genealogists, historians and other seeking genealogical and historical records and reference services that generally require no FOIA expertise. As a result, USCIS will provide more timely responses to requests for records of deceased individuals.

Individuals may submit genealogy records requests by using the new forms, G-1041 - Genealogy Index Search Request, and G-1041A - Genealogy Records Request. Both forms are available on the new USCIS Genealogy Program page at:

<http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>

The fees include:

Genealogy Index Search - \$20

Copy of a File on Microfilm - \$20

Copy of a Textual File Copy - \$35

For the New Yorkers among us

I am very happy to report there is now on line access to the Knowersville Enterprise July 1884 - July 1888 and the Altamont Enterprise July 1888 - June 1905, July 1906 - December 1976, and July 1977 - December 1979.

<http://historicnewspapers.guilpl.org/>

The digitization of this collection was coordinated by the Guilderland Public Library. The original newspapers are owned by the Altamont Enterprise and Albany County Post and were microfilmed by the New York State Newspaper Project and the New York State Library.

Let me also take this opportunity to announce that the Berne Families Genealogy now has over 72,000 names of individuals who once lived in Berne and the surrounding Hilltowns and of their ancestors and descendants. Recent additions include families buried in the Westerlo Rural Cemetery.

Berne Historical Project - <http://www.Bernehistory.org>

Berne Blog - <http://berneny.blogspot.com>

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Books donated to Library August 2008  
by Chula Vista Genealogy Society

### Donated by John Finch:

*Inhabitants of New Hampshire - 1776* 929.3762  
Wilson Emily S

### Unknown donor:

*Massachusetts Genealogical Research* 929.3766  
Schweitzer, George K

### Donated by Susan Pentico

*Chanceford Townships; Chanceford* 929.3748  
& lower Chanceford Townships; York cty, PA;  
Original PA land records

*Peach Bottom and Fawn Townships;* 929.3748  
*York cty; PA Original PA land records*

*Fact & Folklore (PA)* 976.883  
O'Hara, John L

*More Fact & Folklore (Waynesburg PA)* 974.8830

*The Berkeley Journal (Periodical of* 929.3754  
*Berkeley co., WVA):issue 21 1996; 25 1999,*  
*26 2000; 29 2003; 30 2004*

*The Mammoth Book of Native Americans* 970.0069  
Lewis, John L., ed.

*The Marsh Family* 929.2  
Mullet, Elizabeth Estlack & Helen Jane Estlack

### Donated by Linares chapter, D A R

*The Mayflower Quarterly (General society of* 369.12  
*Mayflower descendants- numerous Issues from*  
*Feb 1993 to March 2006*

### Purchased with CVGS funds:

*Genealogical Resarch in Ohio* 929.3771  
Sperry, Kip 2nd ed

*The Norman People* 929.342

*American place names of long ago* 917.3003  
Bahn, Gilbert S ( placed in circulation)

