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**Wed., January 28, 12:00 p.m. -
About San Diego and South Bay**
presented by Ken Kramer.

Ken Kramer is known to most of us for his "About San Diego" radio and television broadcasts that bring us interesting, humorous, historical and always entertaining anecdotes of our region. He has been in broadcasting since he was a kid and experimented with a home constructed radio broadcasting station.

He now has more than 30 years experience and has won 10 "Golden Mike" Awards, 5 Emmy Awards and numerous local awards.

His "About San Diego" series has been honored by the Council of California History, the "Save Our Heritage Organization", and won several national awards for excellence in writing and reporting.

Currently Ken is a contributing reporter for NBC, channel 7/39. Catch "About San Diego" at 6pm on Saturdays.

Members who are ill.

Betty Hampton could use your cards and notes.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW \$20.00 FOR THE YEAR.

COMPUTER GROUP WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS
SOON AS THE DAY IS DETERMINED.

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Holiday Luncheon

We started preparing for the luncheon in November, the board approved the expenditure for the entrees, and a tentative menu was prepared.

At the general meeting people were notified as to the dishes they were expected to bring. the request was made at that time that they notify Susi Pentico as to the dish they would bring so we didn't wind up with too many desserts and not enough entree accompaniments. by the first of December exactly three people had done that,! Susan reported at the December 3rd Board meeting that she had a few salads and desserts signed up. Shirley who was supposed to bring a dessert volunteered her scalloped potatoes so there would be at least one accompaniment.

The day of the luncheon, Susan picked up the ham and turkey; she also brought the soda and sherbert for the punch.

There were seven different cranberry sauce dishes (all good) on the table, two potato dishes, rolls, caesar salad, green bean casserole, corn, rolls (we forgot the butter), ambrosia and a separate table with some very delicious desserts.

Everyone enjoyed the food and the conversation immensely.

The past presidents were named and are listed in the newsletter this month, corrections and/or additions would be appreciated.

The new officers were officially installed by Randy who gave certificates to those who had worked with him during his term as President.

We then went around the tables and had people list their most memorable genealogy event for this year. Some of the stories were funny ,but I think Randy and his cruise got the most attention.

The drawings were held and for a while it looked as if Barbara I. was going to take all the prizes, but there were a couple of others who did well also. The 5 door prizes went rapidly and the lucky winners were envied as they made their choices.

The party broke up about 2:00 p.m. and Nancy Smith loaded her van with the donations for the Salvation Army. People were quite generous this year and it gives a good feeling knowing that we could help others. this past year has really affected charitable donations.

There was many a Happy New Year exchanged as replete members made their way to their cars.

While reputable genealogy sites are quite prevalent online, there are unfortunately several Web sites on the Internet which make fraudulent claims or take money in return for no results. Learn how to check out a Web site before you join or put down any money so that you won't get taken in by a genealogy scam.

1. What are you Getting for your Money?

Look at the details of what is offered. You should expect to be able to see a list of the exact records, databases, and other sources that you'll be able to access through a paid subscription. Look for exact details. A general claim of "marriage records" means nothing - if the site doesn't provide details on the location and time period covered by the marriage records, as well as the source, then you should be suspicious. Most reputable sites even allow you to do free searches to see what specific records are available before you subscribe. Be careful of Web sites that won't provide any type of search results or database list before you join.

2. Look for Contact Information

Look under contact information for a physical address and phone number for the company. If the only way to contact them is through an online contact form, consider it a red flag. You should also do a [Whois search](#) on the domain name to learn about who you are dealing with.

3. Challenge the Search Results

If your search for a name turns up something vague, such as "Congratulations, we've found xxx records on Mary Brown in Charleston, WV" try typing in a bogus name to see what comes up. It's amazing how many sites will purport to have records for "Hungry Pumpnickle" or "aoluouasd zououa."

4. Look for Repeated Terms on the Main Page

Be suspicious of Web sites that repeatedly use words such as "search," "genealogy," "records," etc. over and over on their home page. I'm not talking about sites that use each word a few times, but sites that use such terms dozens and dozens of times. It is an attempt to get high search engine placement and can be a red flag.

5. Free Isn't Always Free

Beware of sites that offer "free genealogy records" in return for sponsors' surveys, etc. You'll generally be taken through page after page of "offers" which will ultimately fill up your mailbox with offers you don't need, and the "free records" at the end will most likely be things you could have accessed for free on your own. Useful free genealogy records are available in many locations online, and you should not have to jump through a bunch of hoops (other than possibly register your name and email address) to access them.

6. Check Out Consumer Complaint Sites

Do a search for the Web site on consumer complaint sites such as [Complaints Board](#) and [Rip-Off Report](#). If you can find anything on the Web site itself, try looking at the fine print under the Web site's "terms and conditions" to see if you can find the name of the company that operates the Web site and then do a search for complaints on that company.

7. Send Them a Question

Use the Web site's contact form and/or email address to ask a question before you plunk down any money. If you don't receive a response (an automated response doesn't count), then stay away.

8. Consult with Others

Search the RootsWeb mailing lists, genealogy message boards, and a search engine such as Google ("company name" +scam) to see if others have had problems with a particular genealogy service. If you don't see any comments on a particular site, then post a message to ask if others have had any experience with the site.

Standards for Sound Genealogical Research

As Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently record the source for each item of information they collect.

test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by the evidence.

seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.

use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original records.

state something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.

limit with words like "probable" or "possible" any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.

avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.

state carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.

recognize the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment.

consider with open minds new evidence or the comments of others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.

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Minutes of General Society Meeting, December 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Randy Seaver at 11:30 AM

Normal protocol and reports were suspended for this end-of-the-year holiday lunch meeting.

Opening Remarks: Randy reminisced about the growth of the CVGS over the last 20 years, how indebted we are to those who began the group and were willing to serve. He characterized his past two years as president as "challenging and rewarding". Randy awarded certificates of appreciation to past Board members and urged members to support the society and its activities.

Luncheon: Major thanks to Susi Pentico and Shirley Becker for putting the luncheon together; there were tons of food and no one went away hungry :

Installation of Officers: Randy installed each officer present by reading their responsibilities and giving them their oath of office.

Door Prizes: Dearl and Wanda were the lucky winners of the door prizes. Then there were separate opportunity drawings for many of the gifts brought by members.

Member Sharing: Many members shared their most significant genealogical experience in 2008; the sharing was entertaining, but also very inspiring as we look toward making further genealogical discoveries in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Stevens, Secretary



Minutes of the CVGS Board Meeting, January 7, 2009

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

Gary distributed SOP guidelines to program chair, secretary, & membership chair; asked for corrections. He also asked Bob to be parliamentarian; motion by Ann, second Virginia to appoint Bob as parliamentarian; carried.

Officer Reports: Secretary (Ann): Dec meeting minutes approved, motion by Paul, second by Bob.

Membership (Virginia): membership-90; still have 18-19 yet to renew.

Treasurer (Wanda): balance forward \$2160.75; expenses \$341.48; income \$300; bank balance \$2119.27; less cemetery project \$137.15; operating capital \$1982.12. Report approved, motion by Randy, seconded by Bob.

Programs:
John Finch appointed as interim 1st Vice-President/Program Chair! Motion by Randy, seconded by Virginia. motion carried.

Upcoming programs: Wed, Jan 28: Ken Kramer on San Diego & South Bay History;

Wed, Feb 25: Susie Pentico on Lost Colony/ Black History;

Wed, March 25: Everett Ireland on Federal Non-Population Census Schedules

Sat, April 25: Seminar; Presentation in A.M. by Randy and Problem solving Panel in P. M.

Wed, April 29: Shirley Becker on Spring Cleaning and preserving your materials

Surveys to be distributed at Jan general meeting; John to review them & plan programs around member interests

Committee Reports:

Library Liaison (Dearl): Jan dates approved; working on Feb; still waiting on library decisions.

Library Books (Bernice): library to put green dots on genealogy books as they are processed; updating book list; donated books from Ralph Zahn (thank you note to follow)

Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z): not much done during holidays; meeting of La Vista Committee on Thurs, Feb 12, 10 AM in library (Dearl will reserve room). Susan needs pictures from Christmas party; Shirley believes she has some past newsletters that she will get to Susan.

Webmaster (Gary): Website is current; still looking for old pictures to decorate our website; estate papers committee meeting 2nd & 4th Mondays.

Opportunity Drawing (Bob): has seminar door prize; has other books for prizes; considering 50-50 drawing rather than other prizes.

Hospitality (Susi): absent

Newsletter (Shirley): reviewed upcoming conferences; newsletter on schedule.

Computer Group meets 3rd Wednesdays ordinarily. Not sure when January meeting will be.

Also asked for formation of a "Sunshine Committee" (sympathy and get well cards to members)

Public Relations (John): wants to work on ad for cemetery CDs sale in Calif Genealogical Society Alliance (\$25=6 times per year); working on brochure for April seminar; will advertise seminar in CGSA newsletter.

Research (Randy): no new queries; research group meeting 2nd Wednesdays; trip to Family History Center Sat, Jan 31; mentioned SSDC Graveyard Rabbit blog

Old Business:

La Vista Cemetery contract (Susan): no new info; when finalized, will send out copy to board.

Handoff of notebooks to new officers: done; Wanda will work with Paul through audit.

2008 Annual Report: on Feb agenda; Randy will mail out past report, board to update

April 25 Seminar: Randy will present in AM; John, Shirley, & Randy-problem solving panel in PM.

New Business:

Officers Yearly Summary & Budget & Audit review: Feb agenda

5-generation charts: need to have one for all members

Meeting adjourned at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Stevens, Secretary

RESEARCH TRIP TO FHC ON 31 JANUARY

CVGS will have a research trip to the San Diego Family History Center in Mission Valley (4195 Camino del Rio South) on Saturday, 31 January. We will leave the Chula Vista parking garage in a car pool at about 9:40 a.m. so that we are at the FHC when it opens at 10 p.m. We will plan to leave the FHC at 2 p.m. to return to Chula Vista. If you want to car pool, please contact Randy Seaver (rjseaver@cox.net, 619-422-3397).

The Family History Center has a good surname and local history book collection, a great CDROM collection, thousands of microfilms and microfiche records, and access to Ancestry, Footnote, WorldVitalRecords, Godfrey Library, HeritageQuestOnline and several other genealogy web sites. If you want to use the computers, plan to bring a flash drive to capture your images so that you can transfer them to your home computer.

CHULA VISTA GENEALOGY CAFE BLOG POSTS by Randy Seaver

The Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog had these posts in December:

- * [Genealogy Days in Chula Vista - December 2008](#)
- * [CVGS Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, 12/10](#)
- * [CVGS Holiday Luncheon was Fun!](#)
- * [Genealogy News Summary for December](#)
- * [November 2008 Program Photo Gallery](#)
- * [CVGS Member and Program Surveys](#)
- * [CVGS Holiday Luncheon Photos - Post 1](#)
- * [CVGS Holiday Luncheon Photos - Post 2](#)
- * [CVGS Holiday Luncheon Photos - Post 3](#)

Did you miss the genealogy news of the month, or the photos from the November program and the Holiday Luncheon?

Be the first on your block to see the latest on the CVGS society blog at <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>.

COMPUTER GROUP NEWS by Shirley Becker

A small group of dedicated computer researchers attended our Dec 17th meeting.

We checked several different sites starting with Cyndi's list. This is one of the most recommended sites for researching genealogy on the web, but is also one of the most difficult to navigate. We chose only one topic to work with, Queries and Message Boards. This was a springboard to many other sites. To use an analogy, most people dove in and happily swam around.

There are so many web sites listed it is hard to pick and choose, but we finally wound up on old favorites rootsweb and genweb. Several of the attendees had not used them before, especially genweb and were happy to see more places to look for free items. genealogy.com is also a good place to check surnames. Their site genforum.com is a query site and has many years of queries archived. Try it. See you in January.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Gary Brock

I want to again thank all of the membership for your confidence in my ability to serve as your President. I am proud and humbled and will do my best to uphold your confidence.

Well, we are starting out the new year with several important and unresolved issues.

First, the Chula Vista City Council and the Library management are still having difficulties getting budget matters under control. We have been warned that there may be additional cuts in library access and services. It is not clear at this time if any changes they may deem necessary will affect the schedule or venue of up coming society events. We will do our best to work with the Library administration to come up with schedules and locations that work well for the most number of members. For now we will continue our current policy of Genealogy Wednesdays.

Second, I find it necessary to make another plea to the membership for someone to volunteer to take on the unfilled board position of 1st Vice President and Program Chairman. While this is the second most important position on the board it is not that difficult a position to handle. It is such an interesting position because in this post you get to meet and work with all of the fascinating people who make up our speakers and presenters at our monthly general meetings and seminars. Experienced members who have held this position have pledged to give the successful candidate all the help they need. Come on folks, it's not fair to ask the same few to do all the work. I know the person who steps up and takes on this position will have a very satisfying experience.

Finally, some good news. Our schedule for speakers for the year is filling up fast thanks to the good work of our outgoing Program Chair, Connie Ottinger. Our first general meeting of the year will be Wed, Jan 28, with a presentation by Ken Kramer. Ken will tell us a little about the history of San Diego through stories on his program About San Diego which airs on NBC 7/39. He also promised to try to include a few stories about the South Bay.

February is the month our Annual Report is presented to the membership along with the purposed budget for the up coming year. The results of our Program and Membership surveys will be made available to all who attend. And to top it all off Susie Pentico will present "Lost Colony/ Black History." So be there and participate in the business of our society.

I hope to see you all at the meetings – Gary
(email gary@brocksystems.com, phone 619-475-4054).

You Know It's Time to Double Check When

by Terry Prall Source: GenWeekly, 15/Sep/2005

I'm sure we have all enthusiastically entered newly discovered information into our family group sheets, computer programs, or notes without taking the time to carefully examine them or cite the source. As you go back through your data later on (something that is HIGHLY recommended), you are amazed at the information you had earlier recorded.

You may also be distressed at what you find on your family posted on internet sites. Someone erred in reporting three generations of your family and has cited some rather dubious sources, if any, for dates and events. I have about given up trying to get great-uncle Harry moved from a possible relative's family to his rightful place with Grandmother Bess Catherine and great-aunt Pansy Nell. I have him with his family in the census and city directories. No matter, there he is online with the wrong family!

All that being said, YOU KNOW IT'S TIME TO DOUBLE CHECK YOUR SOURCES WHEN . . .

(1) Great-grandfather (born 1710) and great-grandmother (born 1686) were married in 1715.

(2) The first child of your 5th great-grandparents was born in 1824. They were married in 1740.

(3) Great-aunt Harriet (1899-1976) married Great-uncle Simon (1893-1925) in 1927.

(4) The birthplace listed for your 10th great-grandmother, born in 1592, is Plymouth, Massachusetts.

(5) Your great-grandfather was born in 1897, when his mother was 63 years old.

(6) Quincy Vann (born 1695 in Virginia and died 1777 in Maryland) was a private with the 3rd Pennsylvania Infantry at the Battle of Yorktown in 1781.

(7) Jakob Laurenz and Katrina Jansen, who emigrated from the Netherlands in 1885 with children Jan and Maria, were married in Louisville, Kentucky in 1916.

(8) Hiram Lancaster, your 11th great-grandfather, is recorded in the family genealogy written in 1903, as the progenitor of your entire New England line. He was the father of 37 children by nine wives. Three sons named Hiram survived into adulthood. There are no surnames given for their wives, however their given names match those of three of the elder Hiram's wives.

(9) The John Smith you listed as your great-grandfather is listed in the mortality 1880 index as having died childless.

(10) Your cousin sends you pedigree charts for the family traced back seven generations. Your 4th great-grandmother was born in 1784 and her father was born in 1612.

Have fun with your research, cite your sources, and double-check the sources cited by others whenever possible!

I am a retired teacher and began researching about 16 years ago. I was curious about the national origin of the Prall surname and no one in the family could help. Things quickly got out of hand. I have traveled to ten states for onsite research and have attended numerous regional and national conferences, including Stamford Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research. I am a five year attendee of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and I am putting together a series of presentations of various aspects of research.

STRATEGIES FOR USING TAX RECORDS,

by Emily Anne Croom

"He was excited. Excited and happy, like a dog which has followed a cold trail for a long time, and suddenly finds it a hot one."--Nurse Detective Hilda Adams about Inspector Patton 68

Research in tax records has produced this reaction of excitement for many genealogists and resulted in many "hot trails." A number of states and towns have preserved tax records that date to their early years; others have not been so diligent. Nevertheless, the genealogist needs to use them whenever they exist. They are particularly valuable for research in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, and early West Virginia when it was part of Virginia. The surviving records are usually found in county courthouses or in state archives. Many have been microfilmed and are available from the Family History Library.

Tax records are kin to land records because residents paid taxes on land they owned, and on slaves, horses, cattle, oxen, personal property, and luxury items like clocks and carriages. In some cases, specific items were taxed in a given year, such as furniture, mirrors, and window curtains in Virginia in 1815. Sometimes, as in Virginia, the land tax records and personal property tax records are separate. People who owned no land could have paid poll taxes (head taxes) on themselves, slaves, or sons of taxable age. Widows were not normally taxed except on their land and slaves, although men of taxable age in their households were taxed. Following, existing tax rolls for an ancestor over a period of years can give the researcher quite a bit of information. Yet, each state had its own laws, forms, and lists of taxable property. Free men began being taxed when they became 16, 18 or 21 years old, depending on the state and the time period. Slaves were often classified in the tax rolls in age groups, such as under 12, 12 to 16, 16+, or 16 to 55. These categories varied from place to place and year to year. Usually, the tax laws designated an age after which a person was exempt from certain taxes.

What kind of information, in general, may be shown in these records? Below are some of the standard column headings, but these vary from state to state, even from year to year:

1. Name of the person charged with the tax, usually the head of household
2. Names of free men of color being taxed
3. Number, and sometimes names, of taxable free white males in the household
4. Number of acres of land owned, sometimes with location information--adjoining neighbors, watercourse, distance from the courthouse, or district number
5. Name of original grantee of land
6. Number of slaves in the household each year, sometimes with their names
7. Rent received on rented property
8. Number of horses, oxen, or cattle owned
9. Value of land, slaves, or other taxable property
10. Amount of tax paid

What other information might the genealogist glean from studying some tax rolls?

Past Officers of CVGS:

Founding Mother-Sandy Palumbo 1982-1989
June Dawson president 1989-1990, 1990--1992
Peggy Donovan-president-1992-1993,1994-1995, 1995-1996
Eveline Simmons Historian 1992-1994
Mary Nelson-secretary 1991-1992, 1995-1996
Genie Powell president 1993-1994
Helen Thompson-Treasurer 1989-1990, 2nd vice president
1997-1998
Nina Schultheis president 1997-1998
Shirley Becker treasurer 1997-1998
Bernice Heiter president 1999-2000
Susi Pentico-1st vice president 1999-2000
Pat Postma 2nd vice president 1999-2000
Wilma Pichon secretary 1999-2000
Dearl Glenn treasurer 1999-2000
Susi Pentico president 2001-2003 **
Shirley Becker president 2003-2004
John Finch 1st vice president
Susi P. 2nd vice president
Randy Seaver treasurer
Susan Zimmer secretary
John Finch president 2004-2006
Randy Seaver president 2006-2008
Connie Ottinger-secretary 2004-2008
Please note: The facts come from existing society minutes
and are as accurate as I could make them but please excuse an
discrepancies. There appear to be no minutes for 2001-2003
so information there is guesswork. I have included all
persons in the society who are still living and still members as
far as possible. Where someone filled an office but was
never president, I have so indicated. In 2004-2008, all other
officers besides president are people already on the list.

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1. Relationships, either expressed, deduced, or suggested
2. Suggestions of birth order among sons in a family,
depending on when they first were named or became a head
of household
3. Suggestions of death year or moving, when someone no
longer was listed, when an estate was listed, when someone
was named as guardian of the children or administrator of an
estate, or when someone is taxed for the property formerly
belonging to another person
4. Occupations, expressed or implied by paying license fee
5. Suggestions of family groups of slaves, when, over the
years, the same slaves were named in a household;
sometimes, slaves' ages
6. Changes in a person's net worth or lifestyle, expressed in
changes in the number of slaves, livestock, and luxury items
7. Preliminary identification of neighbors by studying
adjoining landowners and watercourses, or when the tax
collector dated each entry and it appears that he visited the
households in person. [END]

This article was excerpted from a recent reprint of Emily Anne Croom's
excellent manual, THE SLEUTH BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS:
Strategies for More Successful Family History Research.
Genealogical.com <tips@genealogical.com>

COMING EVENTS

Sat., Feb. 21, 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
**HEMET SAN JACINTO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY.**

Seminar.

Speaker Jana Sloan Broglin.

Hot Off The Press

*3 Centuries of Genealogy as Reported in the
Newspapers*

The Keys to the Courthouse

*The Way to Unlock All the Records
Found in the Courthouse and
How to Use What You Find!*

Hooker's Crooks & Kooks:

**or Aunt Merle Really Didn't Run A Boarding
House**

*A Hilarious Light Hearted Look at Searching for the
Black Sheep in the Family (Done in Costume)*

Land Records of the Old Northwest Territory

*Learn Migration, County Formation, Survey Systems, etc.
That Determined the Land Settlement Standards for
Much of the United States*

Pre registration: \$25; at door \$30. Optional: Lunch if
registration postmarked by Feb 16: \$8.

Flyer with details on the speaker, topics and lunch, map,
registration form, at www.hsjgs.org.

Sat., Mar. 7

2009 Family History Fair

ESCONDIDO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER.

. Watch www.familyhistoryfair.org for information.

Sat., Mar. 28 9 -4

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY.**

Spring Seminar.

\$30.00 non-member

Lunch \$7.50

Speaker: Kory Meyerink.

Where Did I Come From & How Did I Get Here?

Principles & Pitfalls of Immigration Research,

Getting There from Here

Getting There When There's Nothing Here.

Carlsbad Senior Center

799 Pine Ave.

Carlsbad

Registration form available at

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

Fri.-Sun. June 26-28

2009 Jamboree

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY. .**

Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel & Convention Center.

NOTE: This is a date change, effective Sep 20, 2008.

COMING EVENTS

Wed., January 28, 12:00 p.m. -

CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

Meeting

"About San Diego and South Bay"
presented by Ken Kramer.

Auditorium, Chula Vista Civic Center Library,
365 F Street, Chula Vista

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Sat., January 17, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF SAN
DIEGO:**

9:00 - User groups: Family Tree Maker and Macintosh;
SIG: DNA Genealogy.

10:15 - Break, refreshments.

10:30 - Announcements followed by program:

**"How to Make a DVD of Your Family History
Research Experiences"**
by

Del Ritchhart

Location: Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, La
Jolla. See a link to maps on our home page at
www.cgssd.org.

Contact: cgssd-board@ucsd.edu
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Tue., January 27, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

9:30 - Social hour, with sweets and coffee.

10:00 - "Grandpa was in Jail? Researching the Black Sheep
and other Infamous Relatives," by Gena Ortega.

Location: City Council Chambers, 1
250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad.

Contact: Barbara Rainville, barain@roadrunner.com
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Sat., February 7, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

GERMAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION: Meeting

Bob Brenner: "Tracing Your Ancestors by Addresses"

Evelyn Noderer: "Research in Rochester, New York" and a
report on the Federation of Genealogical Societies'
Conference in Philadelphia.

Location: Joyce Beers Community Center,
Vermont St. north of University Ave., in

Uptown District Shopping Center, North Park
Contact: Evelyn Noderer, enoderer@san.rr.com

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JANUARY 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

January Host

Virginia Taylor

February Host

Joan Largey
Barbara I



MEETINGS

Our next **General Meeting** will be held on **Jan 28
2009** 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 **Jan 14** at 12:00
noon in room C2, the conference room.

The **Computer Genealogical Group** will meet on
Jan 21 at 12:00 noon in C1, the computer room.

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

INTERESTING WEB SITES

by Randy Seaver

Here are some of the interesting web sites I visited in the last month:

- a) <http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces> - Trans-Atlantic slave trade voyages database of over 10 million African-American names from 35,000 voyages.
- b) <http://images.google.com/hosted/life> - 110 Years of Life Magazine photographs are online. On many of the photos, you need to click on the link labeled "View Full Size" in order to see the high resolution version.
- c) http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2008/11/online-genealog.html - Links to online genealogy dictionaries and lists.
- d) <http://www.123people.com/> -- permits the user to input a first name and a second name and see what the web presence is for people with the name combination.
- e) <http://www.naturalizationrecords.com/> -- part of the [Olive Tree Genealogy](#) suite of genealogy and family history web sites specialized in records of Canada and the northeastern United States.
- f) One of the additions to the LDS New FamilySearch is the Research Wiki for Family History located at https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page. This wiki will have information on every state and every county when populated.

New York Information from Shirley

Many New York obituaries can be searched from the User-Contributed Data Forum in the search box at the top of [genealogybuff.com](http://www.genealogybuff.com)

Also, the data library for New York is found at <http://www.genealogybuff.com/ny/>

Here are some other New York reference and research tools:

New York Newspapers
<http://www.genealogybuff.com>

New York Counties
<http://www.genealogybuff.com>

New York Cities
<http://www.genealogybuff.com>

Another society lost as members lose interest and fail to take an active part.

The British Isles Genealogical Research Association (BIGRA) will no longer meet. The members have voted to merge with the San Diego Genealogical Society (SDGS) and will sponsor British Isles programs through SDGS. BIGRA's book and film collections at the San Diego Family History Center will continue to be maintained and new materials will be added.

From About.com by Kimberley Powell

Free Database of Slave Voyages Launches
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Another great resource for individuals researching their African ancestors has launched online. "Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database," the result of a two-year interactive project spearheaded by Emory University, documents the slave trade from Africa to the New World over three centuries, from the 1500s to the 1800s. Included on the free site is searchable information on nearly 35,000 slave trade voyages, covering more than 95 percent of all voyages that left ports from England -- the country with the second-largest slave trade -- and documenting two-thirds of all slave trade voyages between 1514 and 1866. The names of 70,000 human cargo are also documented, although these are the slaves' African names, making locating an ancestor by their Westernized name difficult. But whether or not you can identify a specific ancestor, the Voyages database, which expands on "The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade" CD-ROM published in 1999, is rich in history and context. Search for yourself at www.slavevoyages.org

