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February 25 Speaker

Our own Susi (Susan Jones) Pentico has done family research for 40 years. Susan's Grandfather's got her started by age 12. She was into it in depth by age 19 when first child was very ill and Doctor needed answers about health of family.

Susi enjoys the learning and sharing with others. She is fascinated by all the links and interlinks within one group that spread out and collect other groups. She finds research to be rewarding and relaxing, vexing and frustrating.

Susi has held various offices of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society. She belongs to the New England Historical and Biographical Society, the National Genealogical Society, and the San Diego Genealogical Society

She does a Beginners/Intermediate Class for the San Diego County Library System in Lemon Grove. She also works with other organizations to promote a better community for our youth and selves. Susi has talked on a variety of topics and has done a newsletter for Mid Atlantic Researchers for three years.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for many things, Refreshment providers for some of the meetings are needed.

Telephone tree workers are needed, you don't even have to leave home for that!!

Our society is only as good as its' members make it and volunteers are its' lifeblood.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW \$20.00 FOR THE YEAR.

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January speaker review

See [Randy's blog](#) for the full account courtesy of Randy

Ken Kramer talked about the development of the TV show, his own career, many examples of interesting San Diego area stories, and showed three videos of South Bay stories. Few people in the audience were aware of the Otay Watch Works, the Salt Factory on San Diego Bay and the Otay River flood in 1916 (see the story about Hatfield).

Ken's goal for the "About San Diego" show is to celebrate the history of the area, the beauty of the county, and give viewers a sense of place - so that they consider it "theirs" - they identify as a San Diegan. The vignettes are really about "who we are" - stories about people and places in our home town.

There are some stories that Ken said he gets asked about all of the time -

* the Belmont Park roller coaster that went off the track and crashed into the Jack-in-the-Box next door (not true, it was a Taco Bell...wait, not true at all, never happened);

He mentioned how several street names were derived:

* "Espola Road" in North County is not a Spanish name - it is the first two letters of EScondido, POway and LAKeside put together

* Pomerado Road" in North County is not a Spanish name - it is a combination of POway, MERton and RANcho bernarDO put together.

There were true stories from long ago:

* In the late 1880's, the city of San Diego contracted for a flume to bring water from the Cuyamaca Mountains to the city. When it was built, the city mayor, California governor and other dignitaries were put in little boats and sent down the flume - a wild ride before Mr. Toad!

* In 1916, the City hired a rainmaker, Charles Hatfield, to fill Lake Morena for \$10,000. Hatfield set up his apparatus and put chemicals into the air, and it started to rain, and didn't stop for days. After 22 inches of rain, the Otay Dam broke and washed away farms, people and livestock in the river valley below the dam, resulting in \$8 million in damages. Hatfield wanted his money, and the city agreed, but Hatfield had to be liable for any damages. He left town quickly.

For our genealogy society, this was a superb program. It brought many community people who are non-members. Hopefully, it will cause some of them to join our society and discover the fun of genealogy and family history.

If you like mysteries, then you have the makings of a good genealogist. Why? Just like detectives, genealogists must use clues to formulate possible scenarios in their pursuit for answers.

How to Develop a Genealogy Research Plan

A major goal in developing a genealogy research plan is to identify what you want to know and formulate the questions which will provide the answers you seek.

Elements of a genealogy research plan include:

- **Objective** - What specifically do you want to learn about your ancestor? Their marriage date? Spouse's name? Where they lived at a particular point in time?

- **Known Facts** - What have you already learned about your ancestors? This should include facts -- identities, relationships, dates and places -- that are supported by original records.

- **Working Hypothesis** - What are the possible or probable conclusions that you hope to prove or disprove through your research?

- **Identified Sources** - Which records are most likely to provide support for your hypothesis? Census records? Marriage records? Land deeds? Create a list of possible sources, and identify the repositories, including libraries, archives, societies or published Internet collections where these records and resources can be researched.

- **Research Strategy** - Plan the order in which to consult or visit the various repositories, considering the available records and your research needs. If you require information from one resource to use in checking another, be sure to take that into account.

The Genealogy Research Plan in Action

Objective:

Find the ancestral village in Poland for Stanislaw (Stanley) THOMAS and Barbara Ruzyllo THOMAS.

Known Facts:

1. According to descendants, Stanley THOMAS was born Stanislaw TOMAN. He and his family often used the THOMAS surname after arriving in the U.S. as it was more "American."

2. According to descendants, Stanislaw TOMAN married Barbara RUZYLLLO about 1896 in Krakow, Poland. He immigrated to the United States from Poland in the early 1900s to make a home for his family, and sent for his wife and children a few years later.

3. The 1910 U.S. Census Miracode index for Glasgow, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, lists Stanley THOMAS with wife Barbara, and children Mary, Lily, Annie, John, Cora and Josephine. Stanley is listed as having immigrated to the U.S. in 1904 (from Italy?), while Barbara, Mary, Lily, Anna and John are listed as having immigrated in 1906 from Italy. Children Cora and Josephine are listed as having been born in Pennsylvania. Cora, the oldest of the children born in the U.S. is listed as age 2 (born about 1907).

4. Barbara and Stanley TOMAN are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Glawgow, Reade Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. From the inscriptions: Barbara (Ruzyllo) TOMAN, b. Warsaw, Poland, 1872-1962; Stanley Toman, b. Poland, 1867-1942.

Working Hypothesis:

Since Barbara and Stanley were supposedly married in Krakow, Poland (according to family members), they most likely came from that general area of Poland. The listing of Italy in the 1910 U.S. Census is likely a mistake, however, as it is the only such record encountered.

Identified Sources:

- 1910, 1920 and 1930 Census for Stanley & Barbara TOMAN/THOMAS in Cambria County, PA
- Passenger lists for the ports of Philadelphia, PA; Baltimore, MD; and Ellis Island, NY.
- Marriage records for the children born in Poland
- Social Security Death Index and SSA application records for Barbara and Stanley TOMAN/THOMAS
- Naturalization Records for Stanley, Barbara, Mary, Anna, Rosalia (Rose) or John

Research Strategy:

1. Check the actual 1910 U.S. Census to confirm the information from the Miracode index.

2. Check the 1920 and 1930 U.S. Census online to see if Stanley or Barbara TOMAN/THOMAS were ever naturalized and to confirm Poland as country of birth (disprove Italy).

3. Search the online Ellis Island database on the chance that the TOMANs immigrated through NYC (more likely they came in through Philadelphia or Baltimore).

4. Check the SSDI to see if Barbara or Stanley ever applied for a Social Security card. If so, then request application from the Social Security Administration.

5. Contact or visit the Cambria County courthouse for marriage records for Mary, Anna, Rosalia and John. If there is any indication in the 1920 and/or 1930 census that Barbara or Stanley were naturalized, check for naturalization documents as well.

6. Order "Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Philadelphia, PA, 1800-1906," FHL microfilm #0419563 from the Family History Center. Search for passenger arrivals for Barbara and/or Stanley TOMAN. Look for town of origin, as well as indications of possible naturalizations for any of the family members.

If your findings are negative or inconclusive when following your genealogy research plan, don't despair. Just redefine your objective and hypothesis to match your new facts.

In the above example, initial findings prompted an expansion of the original plan when the passenger arrival record for Barbara TOMAN and her children, Mary, Anna, Rosalia and John indicated that Mary had applied for and become a naturalized U.S. citizen. The information led to a naturalization record which listed her town of birth as Wajtkowa, Poland. A gazetteer of Poland at the Family History Center confirmed that the village was located in the southeast corner of Poland -- not too terribly far from Krakow -- in the portion of Poland occupied by the Austro-Hungarian Empire between 1772-1918, commonly referred to as Galica. After World War I and the Russo Polish War 1920-21, the area in which the TOMANs lived returned to Polish administration.

Minutes of the CVGS Board Meeting, February 4, 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. Excused absence: Susi Pentico & Bob Page. Guest: Susan Johnson

President report: Gary dealt with some emails and general announcements.

Officer Reports: Secretary (Ann): Jan meeting minutes approved, motion by Randy, second by Dearl. Membership (Virginia): reconciling membership lists to reflect new members & drops. Treasurer (Paul & Wanda): balance forward \$2119.27; expenses 0; income \$439; bank balance \$2558.27; less cemetery project \$137.15; operating capital \$2421.12 Report approved, motion by Randy, second by Ann. Paul reported the audit went well; needs to be better documentation of finances; he has forms to better track income. Programs (John): 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; Wed, April 29: Shirley Becker on Computer Organization.

Committee Reports:

Library Liaison March dates approved; working on April.

Library Books (Bernice): received notice that 2 books now available for purchase. Dearl moved to authorize Bernice to order these 2 books; second Shirley; motion carried. Randy noted few resources for Hispanic research; he is looking for more. Issue of members purchasing books at conferences, then asking for reimbursement, came up; Ann to review previous minutes to clarify Board decision; Bernice will put current list of books online (to avoid duplication in purchasing); those going to conventions should look at list & check with Bernice. Gary suggested that list be on website; all agreed.

Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z): meeting of La Vista Committee Thurs, Feb 12, 10 AM in library; asked how newsletters should be saved; consensus to save electronically and printed form.

Webmaster (Gary): Website is current; still looking for old pictures to decorate website; requested that speakers provide a picture & bio for website; estate papers committee meeting 2nd & 4th Mondays.

Opportunity Drawing (Bob): absent

Hospitality (Susi): absent

Newsletter (Shirley): newsletter on schedule; Randy doing newsletter starting in April. Computer Group meets 3rd Wednesdays.

Public Relations (John): March 7 Escondido Fair-need volunteers to cover CVGS table; registration due by Feb 20; publicity in UT & Crossroads website helped publicize last meeting

Research (Randy): 2 new queries; research group meeting 2nd Wednesdays; great trip to Family History Center Jan 31

Old Business:

-- La Vista Cemetery contract (Susan): distributed and reviewed proposed agreement with La Vista; Susan to meet with La Vista reps & report back

-- Board Member Yearly Summary for 2008 Annual Report (Randy): almost complete; will publicize by email; to be presented at Feb general meeting for approval

--2009 Proposed Budget (Paul & Wanda): discussion of proposed budget; changes made to better balance budget; budget to be presented at Feb general meeting for approval

-- Member and Program Surveys (Randy & John): review of findings (most popular topic: using newspaper records-will try for speaker on this); noted that very few members had put family tree online-many don't know how to do it or its value; will pursue more education on this area; not as many responded to survey as desired, but will work to address areas of interest (general meeting speaker, classes, research group, computer group, etc.)

-- High School Essay Scholarship Project (Susi): absent

-- April Seminar (Randy): presented proposal to appeal to broad base; will get brickwall problems from members; noted April 20 (8 PM, NBC) show Who Do You Think You Are? genealogy program-may spark interest in seminar

New Business:

-- By-Laws Review (Gary): distributed proposed changes; by-laws on website; look at changes before March Board meeting; after Board approval, to go to general membership for approval

-- Potential new projects (Gary): program at Frederika Manor: Randy & John will discuss how to get started with family tree; will encourage audience to tell their stories

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary

Magazine Review by Kathleen Marshall

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RESEARCH GROUP MEETING

by Randy Seaver

The CVGS Research Group met on Wednesday, 14 January. Twelve fun-loving genealogists were there to share their research experiences and offer help to several attendees.

Randy Seaver had just returned from a visit to The Generations Network (TGN) and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He summarized his invited visit and tour of the TGN facilities, and the discussions with TGN staff about Ancestry.com, Family Tree Maker 2009, and more. He had two days at the FHL and got a lot of research done.

Gary Brock is still working on his Roff surname in western New York in 1805. He has been looking at Quaker records and New York records.

Joan Largey is starting to research her mother's line. A grandmother came from England in the late 1800's at age 14 with her family that settled in Minnesota. An obituary and death certificate provided her parents names, so she asked what records to find next. The group suggested many types of records in both U S and England and the web site www.FindMyPast.com was recommended as a place to obtain records for a reasonable price per unit.

Rita Clamser has started researching her husband's family. She has data on his father and grandfather (parents born in Holland). She wanted to know how to find things in Holland. The group suggested records to determine the ancestral home and family members.

Shirley Becker brought a large map of New York State from 1804, which she bought recently on a web site. She is also working more on file organization and hopes to have a presentation for CVGS in April.

Shirley Harper brought in an article on DNA research in the magazine *Neurology* and passed it around.

Virginia Taylor summarized the SDGS meeting on 10 January with Lloyd Bockstruck, who gave four presentations to about 200 people.

Dave McCracken thinks that one of his great-grandfathers in PA was named Robert Huntsinger and had his name changed to Emanuel Lehr after being adopted by a Lehr family. The group suggested he search for guardianship and court records in the specific PA county.

Dick McNulty is still waiting for the FBI to send him more information about his uncle, a resident of Leavenworth Prison, McNeil Island prison in WA, and other state prison systems. The uncle was incarcerated for stealing stamps from post offices. Dick's son was fascinated by the 200 page file already available, but said it was "disgusting."

John Finch submitted a query to a Pennsylvania genealogical society and received an answer - they found nothing that would help him.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 February in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room (365 F Street, Chula Vista CA)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Gary Brock

Our January general meeting was a grand success with 58 members and guests in attendance. Ken Kramer showed us why he is so popular on his show "About San Diego" on NBC 7/39. Ken's fascinating stories and busted myths about San Diego people and places were a delight. The Research and Computer group meetings were also well attended.

Our February 25 general meeting is the Society's Annual Meeting. The board will be presenting its Annual Report and a Purposed Budget for 2009 for approval by the membership.

I intend to make another plea for someone to step forward as a candidate for the open office of First Vice-President and Programs chair. We really need to get this board position filled. Our faithful Ex-President and current Public Relations Chair, John Finch, has been filling in at this position. But we really need to take some of the load off John and fill this position with a duly elected officer. Several eminently experienced board members have pledged to provide a successful candidate with all the help and guidance needed. So, please, give this issue some serious consideration. I know the candidate will find the position a wonderfully fulfilling experience.

Coming up on Saturday March 7 is the Escondido Family History Fair.

Finally, CVGS will again be having an all-day free Seminar titled "Finding Your Elusive Ancestors" on Saturday, 25 April from 10 am to 3 pm in the Library auditorium. A light lunch and a handout will be provided and of course opportunity drawings at \$1 per ticket.

Please renew your membership if you have forgotten to do so.

See you at our meetings -- Gary..

COMPUTER GROUP NEWS by Shirley Becker

We did have a good attendance for the January meeting despite a rather rocky date for the group. We met in the non computer room and discussed new programs and old. Gary and Randy used the projector to illustrate the various features of Family Tree Maker 8 and 16. 2009 was discussed, Dick McNulty is a firm believer in the merits of 9, he brought out some of the good features.

Some of the members brought up problems they were having with their computers, these were discussed and suggestions made on how to solve them or where to find them in their databases.

On computer group Wednesdays we usually have both rooms available so if you want to discuss a computer problem instead of working on the computer feel free to come and bring your problem to the attention of the group. There will be someone available to help you at that time.

See you there.

Randy posted a good article on the computer group at <http://cvgencafe.blogspot.com/>

Migration within the USA by Susi Pentico

Migration in the USA had many reasons but my research implies that most of the movement was religiously created. This was a surprise to me from my earlier thoughts.

The reasons that have surfaced as I researched over the last 40 years are: free land, - given in service of country, religious reasons, space needed for expanding families, rule changes regarding their living area, other families and friends going, or their land and climate not satisfactory. The Routes used were water ways: rivers and creeks, indian and game trails, & gaps in mountain ranges. Many then settled on the land near the water for ease of access and escape.

It was interesting to find religion such a dominant factor for people moving after arriving in the 'New Land'. Since most movement from Europe and elsewhere was of a religious nature in order to have 'Freedom of Worship' it amazed me to find the same still happening here.

The first split within the New England Colony was because of religious demands by the Puritans. Roger Williams who founded Providence in the Rhode Island Colony was first to separate due to religious differences. Ironic as it seems the very people who detested their persecution in England came to this land and did the same thing to those who did not agree with them.

In Virginia (our first settled Colony) the rules were constantly changed by England. An Indian maiden was allowed to marry an English man and than suddenly it was wrong to marry an Indian. In fact Virginia would not marry White and Indian. You were also forbidden to marry your spouses sibling if your spouse died. It brought heavy fines and imprisonment. When these laws came into effect, the mixed families moved.

This factor caused many families to migrate to Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and beyond. Many also went to North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and west. What one region allowed another would not.

Land tax and ownership laws, even though they were all persons from England were different in different regions also. The ownership of land in Virginia was easier and cheaper than Pennsylvania, that was one of the major reasons when people moved they verified it was not Pennsylvania land.

As we migrated across the American soil it was: religion & land space for family, that created movement. The Latter Day Saints, the Mennonites, the Brethren, and many other groups of religions had specific needs or ideas they wanted to practice.

After the Revolutionary War, men were given land to cover the expense of serving their country, there was no money or funds at that time. Many did not keep that land or ever set foot on it. A veteran sold to the land dealer and the dealer sold to whom ever would buy. So land dealers made more money than the veterans. Land was available in many states. But the amount of men that actually moved there was small compared to what was handed out.

Land was again given to our people in the Homestead Act. Again shifting people to different regions to live.

I hope this gives you a different perspective on migration in our country

Cemetery Project

Provides "Acts of Genealogical Kindness" by Susan Zimmer

You're looking for an elusive ancestor. If only you could find out where he was buried, it might lead you to additional information about his mate, his children, details from his obituary.

If only there were places you could look on the Internet to locate burials. Fortunately, there are. Sites such as Find a Grave and Interment.net can provide lists of burials at cemeteries around the country, even those which have fallen into ruin. And on many county GenWeb sites, volunteers often post cemetery records and sometimes even pictures.

Locally, volunteers from our Chula Vista Genealogical Society are compiling burial data at La Vista Cemetery in National City, which gives us the opportunity to do genealogical acts of kindness. When the data is complete and entered on-line, someone somewhere looking for an ancestor may find a birth place, a relative's name, or the name of a child, a little genealogical treasure, thanks to us.

The project's goal is to gather the burial data at the memorial park which began operations as early as 1869, primarily birth and death dates. As we work on the records, we find other bits of useful information. Knowledge of a veteran's marker could lead a researcher to government military files.

A few listings have obituaries pasted on the back. The older records include such tidbits as cause of death (snakebite), place of death (corner of Highland and 23rd Street), and names of extended family members.

Anyone with an ancestor who once lived in National City would love to have these facts. When our work is complete, we will put it out on the Internet.

At this point, our volunteers are working as pairs checking data that has already been entered. Others are typing up old records. The project is approximately two-thirds complete and we definitely could use some additional volunteers. Most of us put in one or two hours a week, with a maximum being four hours.

If you can help, or if you want to learn more about the project, please consider attending the Cemetery Steering Committee meeting Thursday, February 12 at 10 a.m. in the Civil Center Library Conference Room. All are welcome.

ESCONDIDO FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

by Randy Seaver

The next CVGS Research Trip will be on Saturday, 7 March, to the Escondido Family History Fair - a one-day seminar with notable speakers, including keynote speaker Leland Meitzler. The program begins at 9 a.m. All classes are free but a copy of the Syllabus (\$12) or Box Lunch (\$8) must be purchased in advanced to ensure availability. This Fair requires advance registration - Randy and Gary have forms, or obtain one at www.FamilyHistoryFair.com. If you want to carpool with the CVGS group, please contact Randy at rjseaver@cox.net or 619-422-3397.

FHC RESEARCH TRIP A SUCCESS

by Randy Seaver

Ten genealogy buffs went on the CVGS Research Trip to the San Diego Family History Center in Mission Valley on Saturday, 31 January. We carpoled from the Chula Vista parking garage - thank you Ann Stevens and Charlotte Clark for driving!

We arrived just after 10 a.m. and surprised the staff with our crew. After signing in, Randy Seaver gave a brief overview of the books, microfilms, microfiches and equipment available at this FHC. He reviewed most of the subscription databases available on the computer stations (Ancestry World, Footnote, WorldVitalRecords, OneGreatFamily HeritageQuestOnline, Godfrey Memorial Library, etc.) and demonstrated how images can be downloaded to a USB drive. Over half of the attendees had a USB drive with them.

The staff gave us ten computers all in one aisle to work on, which really helped Randy be visible for questions and help. He showed several researchers how to do screen captures into OpenOffice documents for download to the USB drive, searched for elusive ancestors in databases, and helped navigate the Family History Library Catalog and ordering microfilms of records.

We shared lunch out in the shade (it was sunny and warm) and talked about our finds so far, and discussed recent genealogy breakthroughs. We left the center after 2 p.m. and were back in Chula Vista by 2:45.



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Kathleen Marshall

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.hsjs.org.

Sat., March 7, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ESCONDIDO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER:

2009 Family History Fair.

Keynote address plus 5 sessions with 7 class options per session. Register online for classes. Attendance is free.

Syllabus \$12, Box lunch (optional): \$8.

February 20 deadline.

See website for a map and directions.

Location: Escondido LDS Stake Center,
2255 Felicita Ave. Escondido.

Event URL: <http://www.familyhistoryfair.org>

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>

COMING EVENTS

Wed., February 25, 12:00 p.m. -

CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

Meeting

"Lost Colony" and "Black History"
presented by Susi Pentico.

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

Contact: Randy Seaver, 619-422-3397, rjseaver@cox.net
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Sat., February 14, 12:00 - 2:30p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Program: Joel Weintraub, Ph.D.,

Preparing Location Search Tools for the 1940 Census.

A look at the planning, and unique aspects and questions of
the 1940 Census.

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

Event URL:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casdgs/index.shtml>

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Sat., February 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF SAN
DIEGO**

9:00 - User groups: Legacy and RootsMagic;
SIG: Web-Based Genealogy.

10:15 - Break, refreshments.

10:30 - Announcements followed by program:
"Using Google for your Genealogy"

by

Gena Philibert Ortega

Everyone knows that Google is a search engine
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., February 24, 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 - "The Hand in the Snow - Finding Relatives of
Alaskan Plane Crash Victims," by Colleen Fitzpatrick.

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

Contact: Barbara Rainville, barain@roadrunner.com

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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. 7

FEBRUARY 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 **volunteer needed**

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

February Host

**Joan Largey
Barbara I**

March Host

**John Finch
volunteer needed**



MEETINGS

Our next **General Meeting** will be held on **Feb 25 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 **Feb 11** at 12:00
noon in room C2, the conference room.

The **Computer Genealogical Group** will meet on
Feb 18 at 12:00 noon in C1, the computer room.

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

These are book(s) we have just added to EveNDon.com:
Directory Page: 1831 New York State Register

These are some of the book(s) we have added in the past 8 days:

Directory Page: 1848 Connecticut State Register
Directory Page: 1829 Georgia State Gazetteer
Directory Page: 1850 Indiana State Gazetteer
Directory Page: 1869 Kalamazoo County Michigan
Directory Page: 1863 Michigan State Gazetteer
Directory Page: 1855 Nashville TN
Directory Page: 1831 Pennsylvania State Register
Directory Page: 1835 Virginia State Gazetteer
Directory Page: 1878 Woodford County Illinois
Directory Page: 1903 Churches/Clergy and 1920 Episcopal Churches/Clergy
Census Page: 1754-1830 Will Index from Bedford County Virginia
Military Page: World War 1: 4th Division, 28th Division
Directory Page: 1903 Toronto Canada Directory
Census Page: 1850 MA Vital Records: Andover, E. Bridgewater, Edgartown, Foxborough, Gardner, Gill, Great Barrington, Grafton, Greenfield, Hamilton, Hanson, Hardwick, Hinsdale, Holliston, Hubbardston, Lee, Leicester, Lincoln Lynn, Lynnfield

Eve and Don Krieger
<http://www.evendon.com>

Hi All,
I don't know what search engine you use over in the USA, we tend to 'Google' here; but whatever one you use, there are two key phrases that will reveal a wide variety of ancestral search sites here in the UK:

1. As Nelda (Hi!) has found... the 'fhs' in the address below stands of course for 'family history society' ~ and almost every County (the equivalent of your 'State') in England has one of these; indeed there are also quite a few for those towns, and other localised areas (e.g. the East-End of London) that have significant histories. So Google for '(county/town)+ fhs'

2. 'Google' also for 'Online Parish Clerks'. These are a relatively new phenomenon. Parish Clerks are usually responsible for several small villages and many of them have, I guess out of pride, placed local BMD records taken DIRECT from Parish records, online via a countywide site. e.g. www.sussex-opc.org for the county of Sussex. These are very often more accurate than many of the major ancestral research sites and frequently go back to the 16th & 17th Centuries as they are First-Hand transcriptions.

Hope this is of use!

Nelda found another useful resource overseas.
Oxfordshire wills library - <http://wills.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk/>

[San Francisco Mortuary Records](#)

Those with San Francisco roots have a free, convenient way to access that city's mortuary records thanks to an SFgenealogy.com indexing project

genweekly.com announcement

In October we launched a web site called [Live Roots](#) that is a search engine for genealogists. Today, we added the entire GenWeekly archive (2004-2008) to Live Roots, making it easier than ever to search for GenWeekly articles.

From: "Harold Miller" <halned1@gmail.com>

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.

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, NY and the surrounding Hilltowns and of their ancestors and descendants. Recent additions include families buried in the Westerlo Rural Cemetery.

Harold (Hal) Miller
[Berne Historical Project](#)
[Berne Blog](#)



Minutes of General Society Meeting, January 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Gary Brock at 12:25 PM
Officer Reports: Approved minutes for Nov as published; motion by Bob Page; second Art Roy. Approved minutes for Dec as published; motion by Randy Seaver, second Larry Schulteis. Treasurer's report for Nov & Dec approved as published, motion by Ann Stevens, second Paul Price. Membership: 44 members + 24 guests present. John Finch talked about upcoming programs: Wed, Feb 25: Susi Pentico on Lost Colony of Jamestown; Wed, March 25: Everett Ireland on Federal Non-Population Census Schedules; Sat, April 25: Seminar; Wed, April 29: Shirley Becker on Computer Organization.

Committee Reports: Cemetery/Historian: Susan Zimmer reported La Vista Cemetery indexing started mid-2005-about 1/3 done; always looking for new volunteers; meeting for volunteers on Thurs, Feb 12, 10 AM, CV Library.

Books: Bernice Heiter reported 2500+ books inventoried in CV Library

Library Liaison: Dearl Glenn has reserved library facilities for February; working on March; direct special requests for library to Dearl.

Newsletter/Computer: Shirley Becker will happily accept any articles for the newsletter; newsletter out on time. Computer group meets on 3rd Wednesdays; resource group to solve problems and computer resource person to help with computer problems.

Public Relations/ Nominating: John Finch (no report)

Webmaster: Gary Brock said website is up to date; Estate Papers Committee working on Box 4

Hospitality: Susi Pentico asks that people sign up to host monthly meetings and 2 seminars. **Research:** Randy: planning trip to Family History Center on Sat, Jan 31 (bring lunch); 2nd Wed @ noon=research group; requested that surveys be completed; CVGS would like to know what you know so as to help you advance and create programs to meet your needs

Drawing: Dave & Jan MacCracken =a book on genealogy; Eric Orgovan=Psychic Roots book.

Program: Ken Kramer provided much interesting information on San Diego & South Bay history. Also mentioned his About San Diego program on at 6 PM Sat & Sun evenings on NBC.

The meeting adjourned at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary



The **Chula Vista Genealogical Society (CVGS)** conducted a member survey of genealogy and computer skills and interests during December 2008 and January 2009. The purpose of this survey is to help the Board provide classes that help educate our members and improve their skills, and to sense if the society's programs and groups are meeting the needs of the members. We had 22 responses to our survey - about 25% of our membership. Here are their responses to some of the questions posed:

1(a). How many years have you been pursuing genealogy research? (22 responses)

- * 0-2 years: 9%
- * 3-5 years: 23%
- * 6-10 years: 18%
- * 11-20 years: 18%
- * over 21 years: 32%

1(b). How many years have you been a member of CVGS? (22 responses)

- * 0-2 years: 32%
- * 3-5 years: 18%
- * 6-10 years: 14%
- * 11-20 years: 18%
- * over 21 years: 4%

2. What caused you to start doing genealogy research? (22 responses)

- * Family member - 3
- * Interest in family - 3
- * Family papers - 2
- * Curiosity - 2
- * Find my grandfather's name - 2
- * Doing my memoirs - 1
- * Interest in ancestors - 1
- * History buff - 1
- * Find ethnicity - 1
- * I'm oldest in family - 1

- * Join the DAR - 1
- * I love research - 1
- * Family medical reasons - 1
- * Doing a photo project - 1
- * Took a genealogy class - 1

3. How often do you do some genealogy research activity (e.g., daily, weekly monthly): (22 responses)

- * Daily - 18%
- * 2-6 times a week: 18%
- * Weekly - 23%
- * 2-4 times a month - 14%
- * Monthly - 14%
- * Occasionally - 9%
- * Rarely - 5%