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# CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## THANK YOU, SHIRLEY!!!



**Shirley Becker** has been the Editor of this Newsletter for many years. She stepped down due to health problems, effective this month. We owe her a tremendous expression of gratitude for the years of dedicated volunteer service to CVGS, including her service as Treasurer and President (2003-2004).

Please express your gratitude to Shirley when you see her. She will still be leading our Computer Group and will be attending most of our monthly meetings and activities.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Susan Johnson**  
**Marcia Mautner**  
**Dolores Hansen Nelson**

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## USING FEDERAL NON-POPULATION CENSUS SCHEDULES

with Everett Ireland, C.G.

**Wednesday, March 25, 12 noon, Auditorium**

**Where does one find non-population schedules and what do they tell us about our ancestors?** These are typically referred to as "Occupational Schedule of the Federal Censuses: Agriculture, Industrial and Manufacturing, Mining and Fisheries."

Many of these original schedules from 1850 to 1880 are hard to locate and have been lost or destroyed over the years. Those remaining are valuable additions to the facts about our ancestor's lives. In 1918, they were given to State archives, historical societies and universities for preservation. The National Archives has attempted to microfilm as many of as possible to make them available to the public.

**Everett Ireland has been an active genealogist for over 20 years** and serves in several genealogical organizations. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of APG, and currently is a member of the Board of Directors of the NGS.

He has lectured at national conferences, and at genealogical society meetings and seminars in Southern California and the Midwest.

Mr. Ireland has published articles and reviews in genealogical publications, both locally and nationally on a variety of topics, including new technology for genealogical research, use of DNA and non-population census schedules.

Professionally, after receiving a degree in Engineering Physics from the U of Michigan, Everett had a career as a government scientist in the field of military command and control systems. He has been a Certified Genealogist since 1993 and specializes in Southern California and Midwest America genealogy.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Brock



Our March board meeting was a lively one. Along with our normal line of business, officer reports, committee reports and the like, this month we took up some proposed amendments to the by-laws for the Society. This is always a topic which brings out a new and unseen side of some of the personalities involved. It's fun and stimulating and I want everyone to know that your board is working very hard to do a good job and to do the right thing. For me...the concept of herding cats keeps coming to mind. But the work is getting done and in the next couple months we will be presenting the results of that work for approval of the full membership.

I, again, find it necessary to touch on the subject of the open office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Program chair for our Society. In thinking about how I might approach the subject this time I remembered a post which Randy Seaver had put on the Society blog,

<http://evgencafe.blogspot.com/>, back in November of 2007 called "**What does every genealogy society need?**"

In that post he talks about the obvious needs of a society like lots of members, "how-to" classes or groups, interesting and helpful programs, work projects and the like? But the biggest thing needed by most genealogy societies is enthusiasm and a steady stream of new and current members willing to volunteer their time and talent. Randy also points to a two page article in the *January/February 2008 issue of Family Tree Magazine* about a 16-year old young man, Anthony Ray, who has a passion for genealogy and helping others. The article states: "He holds three positions in the [Antelope Valley \(CA\) Genealogical Society](#) in the high desert northeast of Los Angeles. In addition to being chairman of the publicity committee, he also heads the cemetery committee and leads an effort to form a Hispanic genealogy team. Anthony also presented 'How I Researched My Five Hispanic Families' in September to the society members."

Randy suggests as do I that members read the *Family Tree Magazine* article about Anthony and be inspired by his excellent example of being a genealogist, a society member and a **volunteer**. I underlined **volunteer** because this is what we need right now.

Please give this opportunity serious consideration. The Society needs you and I know the experience will be rewarding and you will not want for help and encouragement from experienced members who have already been there.

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Societies get a real bonus when members volunteer to serve on a Board or a committee, to lead meetings or speak at a program.

If you think you would be interested in this position, or would like more information about it, please contact **John Finch** at [jan27@cox.net](mailto:jan27@cox.net).

See you at our meetings -- Gary.

## "THE LOST COLONY" PROGRAM REVIEW

Susi Pentico presented "**The Lost Colony**" at the February 25th program meeting. She said that she had enough material for three presentations, and we believe her!

The "Lost Colony" was established on Roanoke Island by Sir Walter Raleigh in August 1587 on the Outer Banks of what is now the state of North Carolina. 115 men, women and children were left there in late 1587, and the ship sailed back to England for more supplies. The ships didn't return until May 1590, and there was no sign of the colonists, except for the word "Croatoan" carved on a post.

Nobody knows for sure what happened to the English colonists - were they killed, did they assimilate with a local Indian tribe, or did they move on to another site, or all of the above? A serious search for any survivors was not made until 1607 when Jamestown was settled by Englishmen. The Lumbee tribe of Native Americans (that currently resides in this area) has oral traditions about being descendants of the Lost Colony, and some had blue eyes, light hair, and European features.

Susi used overheads to present summary statements about the timeline and the events before, during and after the settlement. She had four pages of handouts from the Lost Colony Genealogy and DNA Research Group with the mission of the group, the surnames of the early Roanoke colonists, and information about the Research Group. Several of Susi's ancestral families are from this area of North Carolina and are on the surname list.

The Lost Colony Genealogy and DNA Research Group is trying to prove that some of the colonists survived by comparing DNA samples from descendants of early Outer Banks ancestors with those in England or other parts of the USA. You can read more information on the Group web site at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~molcgdrg/>.

There is more information about the Lost Colony at <http://www.lost-colony.com>. There is a Lost Colony blog at <http://the-lost-colony.blogspot.com>.

This was an informative and interesting talk about an aspect of early American colonial history that does not get much attention in the history books. Perhaps that is because it is a real history mystery.

## RESEARCH GROUP NEWS

by Randy Seaver

The CVGS Research Group on February 11 had 13 in attendance, including three visitors. We introduced ourselves and went around the table discussing our present research adventures, and then worked a bit on Pamela's research problem in more depth.

\* **John Finch** is working on the 7th generation of his daughter-in-law's English ancestry, and is having fun doing it. He's using Ancestry Library Edition down at the Bonita Public Library in his searches. John also found the *Mary and John 1630 Clearinghouse* web site and is finding interesting material on some of his colonial ancestors.

\* **Dick McNulty** mentioned Judy Helton's Adult Ed class on genealogy (Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in Chula Vista) needs new students - has access to Ancestry.com, Family Tree Maker 2009, and Photo software. He had luck using Google Books search at <http://books.google.com/>

\* **Pam Buchan** has been finding records for early Wethersfield CT in colonial times - maps, histories, church records, etc. - in order to find more detail on her ancestors there.

\* **Dolores Nelson** (a visitor) is coming back to genealogy and finding the Internet genealogy world. She has cousins finding her, and hopes to work on adding to and improving the family history books she wrote years ago.

\* **Joan Largey** has family information about Jane Orr's immigration in 1832, at age 16, into Philadelphia, but cannot find a passenger list record. She even knows the ship's name! Since Orr was a married name, and she died in 1917 in Minnesota, she needs to find Jane's maiden name from a death or marriage record.

\* **Dearl Glenn** ordered books about Irish and Scottish Roots, and is glad that his son is working on his mother's ancestry.

\* **Pat and Marcia Mautner** (visitors) are sisters and genealogy newbies, trying to start their research while attempting to find family records back in Iowa. They have family records for their father's side, but their mother's records are closely held by a cousin in Iowa. The group suggested a road trip to Iowa and sweet-talking the cousin into letting them see and copy the family records of interest.

\* **Randy Seaver** briefly discussed his Hoax and Lamphere research, his work on Legacy 7 and FTM 2009, and finding interesting family history for a correspondent. He also passed around a naturalization certificate from 1903 and a five-page Georgia Confederate Pension application.

After going around the table, we asked Pam Buchan to tell us about her research problem in Connecticut. She has Abiel Sherman born in 1818 in Norwich CT to Benjamin (1787-1853) and Anna (Johnson) Sherman, but cannot connect

Benjamin Sherman to an earlier ancestral family. She thinks that his parents are Benjamin and Rebecca (Cole) Shepard (obtained from online family trees), but is uncertain due to a lack of original source records. The group recommended looking for deeds, probate, town and newspaper records in the towns where they lived (since CT is a state where many records are kept by the town rather than a county). She has a subscription to the Godfrey Memorial Library, and is pondering subscribing to NEHGS.

All in all, this was a lively group and the two hours went by quickly. The next CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 11 March at 12 noon at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

## SCGS JAMBOREE is JUNE 26-28th

The 40th Annual Genealogy Jamboree, hosted by the Southern California Genealogical Society, will be held Friday through Sunday, June 26-28, 2009, at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, in Burbank, California. Jamboree will offer over 100 lecture sections over the three days, nearly 25% more sessions than were offered in 2008. For up-to-the-minute Jamboree information, read the Genealogy Jamboree Blog at [www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com](http://www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com). Sign up to receive your copy of the Jamboree program here: <http://tinyurl.com/SendJamboreeStuff>.

## GENEALOGY SHOW ON NBC

NBC TV will bring the television program "Who Do You Think You Are?" to American viewers in summer 2009. The show will feature American celebrities, including Lisa Kudrow, Sarah Jessica Parker and Susan Sarandon, as they unearth their family trees. The series will examine a star's family tree and uncover stories about love, secrets and triumphs in his or her family's past, while also weaving the family story into the larger narrative of American history.

## CVGS SURVEY RESULTS

The [Chula Vista Genealogical Society](http://www.chulavistagenealogy.com) (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. The survey results were posted on the Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog - see <http://cvgencafe.blogspot.com/2009/02/cvgs-survey-results-summary.html> for links to all of the posts.

## Books donated to Chula Vista Library November 2008

### Donated by Shirley Becker:

*The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record.*  
Periodical: Jan, July & Oct 1996; Oct 2007; Apr 1998;  
Apr 2000; Jan & Apr 929.3767 NEW

*Schoharie County (NY) Historical Review.* Periodical:  
Fall 2006; Spring 2007; Spring 2008; Summer 2008  
929.3767 SCH

Campbell, K.V. *Sidney (NY) then and now 1772-1972.*  
976.736 CAM

*Tree Talks: Chenango County (NY) federal census  
transcript 1810* 929.7767 TRE

*Tree Talks: Rensselaer County (NY) federal census  
transcript 1800* 929.3747 TRE

### Donated by Ann Stevens:

Dow, Frances. Compiler. *Manhattan Beach (CA)  
Yesterday* 979.493 DOW

*Manhattan Beach (CA) 50-year anniversary magazine*  
979.493 MAN

Manhattan Beach Historical Society. *Manhattan Beach  
(CA) 90266* 979.493 MAN

### Donated by Susan Pentico:

NGS Quarterly theme issue: Law and Genealogy  
929.1 NAT

NGS Quarterly Special issue: Reassembling Female  
Lives 929.1 REA

Dollarhide, William. *Map Guide to American Migration  
Routes 1735-1815* 929.2 DOL

OGS. *Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter: Apr 1996*  
928.3 GEN

### Miscellaneous donations:

*The Leon Cemetery Sections B-C-D of Decatur, Iowa*  
929.3781 CEM

Hoffman, William Leslie, Harvey H. Meeker and  
Harriet Harris. *Hoffman Happenings* Vol. 4 No 1-4;  
Vol. 5 No 1-4 929.2 HOF

*Colson's Corner: quarterly supplement to Corson  
Cousins, a family newsletter* 929.2 COL

Campbell, Starr Hailey. *Youth in family History*  
929.1 CAM

### Purchases with Society funds:

Glenn, Thomas Allen. *Welsh Founders of Pennsylvania*  
2 vols in one 929.3748 GLE

Ferrell, Ed, comp & ed. *Biographies of Alaska-Yukon  
Pioneers: 1850-1950* vol. 5 929.3748 FER

Henry, Lorraine (Rainwaters). *Native American  
Directory: vital records of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode  
Island, Connecticut, New York and Wisconsin*  
929.1089 HEN

Bunnell, Paul J. *French and Native North American  
Marriages: 1600- 1800* 929.3713 BUN

Connor, Seymour V. *Kentucky Colonization in Texas:  
history of the Peters colony*  
929.3764 CON

Hocker, Edward W. *German Settlers of Pennsylvania,  
genealogical data relating to* 929.3768 HOC

Connolly, William E. *History of Knowles Newspapers*  
071.731 KAN



## CVGS General Society Meeting Minutes February 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Gary Brock at 12:25 PM

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary:** Ann Stevens - Approved minutes for Jan as published; motion by Virginia Taylor; second Susi Pentico.

**Treasurer:** Paul Price - Treasurer's report for Jan accepted as published, motion by Dearl Glenn, second Bob Page, carried.

**Membership:** Virginia Taylor - 25 members + 5 guests present; still working at reconciling membership lists.

**Programs:** John Finch - talked about upcoming programs: 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 (absent)

**Books:** Bernice Heiter (absent)

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

**Newsletter/Computer:** Shirley Becker will happily accept any articles for the newsletter; Randy Seaver will start doing the newsletter in March. Computer group meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays= group to help solve problems & computer resource person to help with computer problems.

**Public Relations/ Nominating:** John Finch reminded members about the Escondido Family History Fair on March 7; CVGS working on presentation for Fredericka Manor on May 12.

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

**Hospitality:** Susi Pentico appreciates volunteers for the phone tree; also asks people sign up to host monthly meetings and 2 seminars.

**Research:** Randy Seaver: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed @ noon in conference room for the research group; April 25: CVGS Seminar (AM session = Pursuing Elusive Ancestors; PM session = panel will develop solutions to brick walls. Randy mentioned that program and member survey results are posted on his blog.

**Nominating Committee:** John Finch recommended that the Nominating Committee end until elections are necessary; position of 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Programs is still open

### New Business:

**2008 Annual Report:** Randy Seaver compiled the report, and it was read by Board members. Motion made by Randy Seaver to accept the Annual Report as read; second Susie Pentico; carried.

**2009 Proposed Budget:** Paul Price reviewed the proposed budget; motion made by Shirley Becker to accept the proposed budget as presented; second Virginia Taylor; carried.

**Drawing:** Marcia Mautner won the Family History Handbook and a CD to go with it!

**Program:** Susi Pentico provided some interesting information on the Lost Colony of Jamestown; she also fielded several questions about the topic.

**The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary**



## CVGS Board Meeting Minutes March 4, 2009

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

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary (Ann):** Feb meeting minutes approved, motion by Dearl, second by Bob.

**Membership (Virginia):** 3 new members (Susan Johnson, Marcia Mautner, Dolores Hanson-Nelson); membership at 82. John made a motion to nominate Leonard ReVeal for honorary membership; second by Shirley; carried.

**Treasurer (Paul):** balance forward \$2558.27; expenses 0; income \$120.50; bank balance \$2678.77; less cemetery project \$137.15; operating capital \$2541.62. Report accepted as amended, motion by Ann, second by Randy.

**Programs (John):** Wed, March 25: Everett Ireland on Federal Non-Population Census Schedules; Sat, April 25: Seminar; Wed, April 29: Shirley Becker on Genealogy Documents Organization. John will take membership applications and seminar flyers to Escondido Family History Fair.

### Committee Reports:

**Library Liaison (Dearl):** April dates approved; working on May.

**Library Books (Bernice):** Received call numbers for last

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batch of books; books now on shelves with list current thru Dec 2008; list to be on website. Dearl has two books (one on Irish research & one on Scottish research) that he is willing to lend to members.

**Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z):** La Vista has contract; waiting for response

**Webmaster (Gary):** Website is current; estate papers committee meeting 2nd & 4th Mondays; up to box 4

**Opportunity Drawing (Bob):** average income \$27; Randy donated FTM 2009 as door prize for April seminar

**Hospitality (Susi):** Grateful that phone tree is covered (Pg 1-Marcia Mautner; Pg 2-Mae Stone; Pg 3-Betty Hampton; alternate- Barbara Ibaibarriaga); March hosts are set (John Finch & Myrna Goodwin).

**Newsletter (Shirley):** Gary to appoint Randy as newsletter editor; motion made by Bob, second Virginia; carried. Computer Group meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays (Shirley to continue if health permits)

**Public Relations (John):** (no report)

**Research (Randy):** 0 new queries; research group meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays; will plan another research trip in May; Randy has been asked to teach some classes in the area; will pass along info to our group.

#### Old Business:

**La Vista Cemetery contract (Susan):** covered under committee report

**High School Essay Scholarship Project (Susi):** distributed application; discussed amount of award; motion by Bob for \$250 scholarship award for HS Essay Project recipient; second Virginia; carried.

**Fredericka Manor project (John):** Fredericka Manor wants to introduce facility to us (lunch & tour) after our speaker; would like CVGS members to attend

**By-Laws Review (Bob):** proposed adoption of 12 By-Law changes. Five changes were moved, seconded, amended, & approved. Two proposed changes were moved, seconded, discussed & withdrawn from consideration. Randy moved, Virginia seconded, to table discussion until the next Board meeting so that Robert's Rules of Order could be consulted and all Board members could consider and discuss the remaining proposed changes; carried. The package of all Board-approved By-Laws changes will be reported in future Board minutes and then presented to the membership in a Society meeting for approval.

#### New Business:

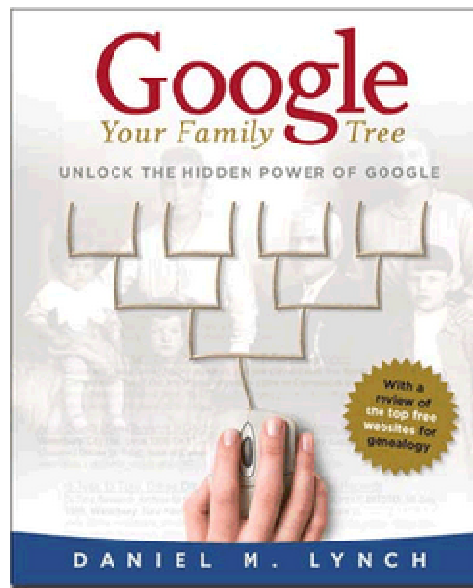
**April Seminar (Randy):** to move to April agenda

**Newsletter subscription for non-members & organizations (mailed & Internet):** to move to April agenda

**Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary**

## BOOK REVIEW: Google Your Family Tree – review by Randy Seaver



Daniel M. Lynch has written a book titled *Google Your Family Tree* (published by FamilyLink.com, Inc., 2008).

I have had a chance to read through it, but haven't yet grasped every nuance and technique mentioned in the book. The reason for this is that it is so chock full of excellent demonstrations, suggestions and tips for genealogists to use in searching the Internet for information about their ancestors and relatives -- my brain hurts!

There is a companion web site at [www.GoogleYourFamilyTree.com](http://www.GoogleYourFamilyTree.com) which has the [Table of Contents and the Foreword](#) by Paul Allen, [Accolades](#) from other reviewers, some [PowerSearch examples](#), and a page to [reserve the copy of the book](#) (\$34.95 retail, plus shipping).

Dan patiently explains, and demonstrates, how to effectively perform genealogy searches on the Internet using Google's Basic and Advanced Search boxes. The use of keywords, quotes, and commands are shown using real genealogy oriented examples. He also shows how to obtain results in Web, Images and Video, Books, News, Language Tools, Maps, Blogs, etc. There are chapters on using Google Alerts, Google Earth, Google Notebook, the Google Toolbar, and Tips and Tricks (e.g., flight status, weather, current time, currency, population statistics, patent search, tracking parcels, stock prices, mathematics, unit conversions, etc.).

The book includes appendices on "Getting Started in Genealogy" and "Top Sites for Genealogists" that are basic but useful (although I disagree with some of the cited top 10  
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best "free" web sites to use for genealogy). There are also appendices for other Internet Search engines, the history and evolution of search engines, a syntax summary and quick reference pages.

The adage that "we don't know what we don't know" certainly applies to Google! I didn't know that Google could be used to do ALL of those things, and I have not explored every one of them YET, but I will! I use Google mainly for web and image searches, and use the Books, News and Maps features when I remember that they are available to use.

I think that this book should be on the desk of every genealogist doing online research. With a book like this, dedicated to use by genealogists, I will be able to do my searches more efficiently and faster, and be able to investigate more avenues in my research.

My conclusion is that this book is a vital addition to the library of beginning genealogy researchers, and is a great reference book for experienced researchers.

### REFRESHMENT HOSTS

March 25: John Finch, Myrna Goodwin

April 29:

### CVGS SOCIETY OFFICERS

President:	Gary Brock
First Vice-President, Programs (acting)	John Finch
Second Vice-President, Membership	Virginia Taylor
Treasurer	Paul Price
Secretary	Ann Stevens

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Cemetery Steering Committee	Susan Zimmer
Computer Group	Shirley Becker
Estate Papers	Gary Brock
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Susi Pentico
Librarian – Books	Bernice Heiter
Library Liaison	Dearl Glenn
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Opportunity Drawing	Bob Page
Parliamentarian	Bob Page
Public Relations	John Finch
Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Webmaster	Gary Brock

### TELEPHONE TREE VOLUNTEERS

Page 1 – Marcia Mautner – 619-227-2733

Page 2 – May Stone – 619-585-3395

Page 3 – Betty Hampton – 619-423-2415

Alternate: Barbara Ibaibarriaga – 619-477-4140

### SAN DIEGO GENEALOGY EVENTS

**Saturday, March 14 – 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.**

**SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Program: *British Isles Panel Forum***

**June Hanson, Mary Russell, Jackie Webster**

Research techniques needed to effectively use British Isles records.

Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church  
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, corner Jackson Dr.

(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs/>)

**Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

**COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY  
OF SAN DIEGO**

**9:00 – User groups – Family Tree Maker and  
Macintosh; SIG: New Websites**

**10:15: Announcements, Program:**

*Digital Imaging and Editing Live Webcast*

**with The Digital Photo Guy, Lee Otsubo**

Location: Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD  
San Diego (see map at [www.cgssd.org](http://www.cgssd.org))

**Tuesday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon**

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Meeting**

9:30 – social hour

10:00 – *Adoption Records*

**presented by Stephanie Weiner.**

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

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

**Friday-Sunday, June 26-28**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GEN. SOCIETY  
JAMBOREE 2009**

Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel & Convention  
Center. More info later.

(<http://www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com>.)

**GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA**

- Wednesday, March 11, 12 noon - Research Group Meeting, Conference Room
- Wednesday, March 18, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting, Computer Lab
- Wednesday, March 25, 12 noon – General Society Meeting, Auditorium,
- Wednesday, April 1, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting, Library Conference Room
- Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. Auditorium: *Finding Your Elusive Ancestors Seminar*  
10:00 a.m. Registration;  
10:30 a.m. *Doing a Reasonably Exhaustive Search* with Randy Seaver;  
12 noon: Refreshments;  
1:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: *Solving Your Brick Wall Problems* – with CVGS Expert Panel
- Wednesday, April 29, 12 noon: General Society Meeting, Auditorium  
Shirley Becker *Computer File Organization*
- Wednesday, May 27, 12 noon – General Society Meeting

All CVGS Program Meetings are held in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista. Contact John Finch, [jan27@cox.net](mailto:jan27@cox.net), 619-426-4906 for details.

Visit our Web Site – <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/> and our Chula Vista Genealogy Café blog – <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>.

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## CHULA VISTA GENEALOGY CAFÉ

### Posts in February 2009

- 2/25 -- [Susi Pentico's "The Lost Colony" presentation today](#)
- 2/22 -- [CVGS Meeting is Wednesday, 25 February - Susi Pentico is Speaker](#)
- 2/16 -- [CVGS Survey Results - Summary](#)
- 2/15 -- [CVGS Member Survey Results - Post 7](#)
- 2/14 -- [CVGS Member Survey Results - Post 6](#)
- 2/13 -- [CVGS Member Survey Results - Post 5](#)
- 2/11 -- [CVGS Research Group Meeting - 2/11/09](#)
- 2/11 -- [Genealogy News Summary for February](#)
- 2/9 -- [CVGS Member Survey Results - Post 4](#)
- 2/8 -- [CVGS Member Survey Results - Post 3](#)
- 2/7 -- [CVGS Member Survey Results - Post 2](#)
- 2/6 -- [CVGS Member Survey Results - Post 1](#)
- 2/5 -- [CVGS Program Survey Results](#)
- 2/2 -- [Genealogy Days in Chula Vista - February 2009](#)
- 2/1 -- [CVGS Research Trip to San Diego FHC](#)

## GENEALOGY SOFTWARE NEWS

- RootsMagic 4 has released a free beta version at <http://www.rootsmagic.com/preview/>. It is free to use good through 31 March 2009.
- Family Tree Maker 2009 Update was released. It adds book-making, source citation templates, calendars and other features to FTM 2009. If you have an earlier version of FTM 2009, it is a free upgrade. See [www.familytreemaker.com](http://www.familytreemaker.com)

## NEW U.S. DATABASES AT ANCESTRY.COM

- Iowa State Census Records, 1836-1925 (updated)
- U.S. Civil War Soldiers Records and Profiles
- Louisiana slave Records, 1719-1820 (updated)
- Confederate Applications for Presidential Pardons, 1865-1867
- Georgia Confederate Pension Applications, 1879-1960
- Historic Land Ownership and Reference Atlases, 1507-2000 (updated)
- Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925 (updated)
- Selected U.S. Naturalization Records – Original Documents, 1790-1974

## [WWW.ALLCENSUS.COM](http://WWW.ALLCENSUS.COM)

By Randy Seaver

Every once in awhile somebody puts together a really useful web site that puts information all in one place for researchers to use.

Lorine McGinnis Schulze has created the <http://www.allcensusrecords.com/> web site to gather information about all of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom census records in one place as an aid to researchers. The records for each year, the questions asked in each census year, and the web sites where indexes, images and transcriptions are available are listed.

Lorine has another "all-in-one-place" web sites too - the <http://www.naturalizationrecords.com/> site. Her main web site is <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/> and she specializes in USA and Canada records.

Thanks to Lorine for the <http://www.allcensusrecords.com/> site - it is a Favorite of mine now (how have I missed it for so long?). It is my first stop when I want to find Canadian and English census records, since they are not all in one online location. Since I have an Ancestry.com US subscription, I go to Ancestry as my first stop for USA census records.

## LDS FAMILYSEARCH.ORG COMPLETED PROJECTS

These databases are available for FREE at <http://pilot.familysearch.org/> - the LDS site for volunteer-indexed and browsable databases -- recently completed projects:

- Massachusetts Death Records 1906-1915
- Guanajuato 1930 Mexico Census
- New Hampshire Early to 1900 Births
- Arizona– 1920 US Federal Census
- Illinois– 1920 US Census
- Florida– 1920 US Census
- Massachusetts– 1920 US Federal Census
- Arkansas Marriages [Part 1]
- Prince Edward Island 1861 Census
- Nova Scotia 1861 Census
- New Brunswick 1861 Census
- Kentucky– 1870 US Census (Part 2)
- Guerrero– Censo de Mexico de 1930
- Queretaro– Censo de Mexico de 1930
- San Francisco CA Funeral Home Records, 1835-1931

## MY VISIT TO SALT LAKE CITY

By Randy Seaver

I was invited by **The Generations Network** (TGN, owner of Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com, Family Tree Maker, etc.) to attend a one-day seminar at their offices, and two dinners with TGN executives and managers, on January 9-10. I took the opportunity to meet with the organizers and attendees of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (a set of week-long intensive courses) and to visit the Family History Library for two days.

My exploits there were summarized in nine posts on my daily genealogy blog, [www.GeneaMusings.com](http://www.GeneaMusings.com). The posts include:

- [Day 1 in Salt Lake City](#)
- [Day 2 in Salt Lake City - a Visit to TGN - Part 1](#)
- [Day 2 in Salt Lake City - A Visit to TGN - Part 2](#)
- [Day 3 in SLC - the TGN Dinner and FTM 2009](#)
- [Day 3 in SLC - the Family History Library](#)
- [Day 4 in SLC - a day of football, food and good company](#)
- [Day 5 in SLC - Back to the FHL, and a treat](#)
- [Checking out the Family History Library - Post 1](#)
- [Checking out the Family History Library - Post 2](#)

## DearMYRTLE's ORGANIZING CHECKLISTS

Professional genealogist and author **DearMYRTLE** has revised her semi-famous **Finally Get Organized Checklists**, and is posting them one month at a time. The first three are on her DearMYRTLE's Genealogy Blog at <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com>. The three lists posted so far in PDF format are:

- [January 2009 Organizing Checklist](#)
- [February 2009 Organizing Checklist](#)
- [March 2009 Organizing Checklist](#)

The intent of these checklists is to help beginners and experienced genealogists manage all of the paper and computer files that they accumulate during their genealogy research efforts. These suggestions are practical and doable.

## UnclaimedPersons.org Has Success in Finding Families of Deceased Persons

By Richard Eastman

Genealogists have a special knack for rummaging through old newspapers and being able to trace lineage through documents. Many genealogists trace their own families, but nearly 500 genealogists are providing a public service by helping county coroners find the families of those who died without known next of kin.

Coroners' investigators say they never stop searching for family members; but, if they haven't turned up within three months, the deceased's information usually gets added to the unclaimed database. Their names are listed in no particular order. Each entry includes the deceased person's age as well as place of death and birth location, if known. Some even have listings of tattoos, height and eye color.

At that point, genealogists who belong to Unclaimed Persons ([www.unclaimedpersons.org](http://www.unclaimedpersons.org)) step in. "We're making a difference to somebody. Each person deserves to be remembered," said Megan Smolenyak, a professional genealogist who operates [rootstelevision.com](http://rootstelevision.com) and coordinates the volunteers' efforts.

"We have 493 volunteers at the moment, so I'd love to see us get to at least 500. I'm especially pleased with the fact that we've solved 44 cases so far – not bad for a spontaneous group of genealogists just formed last June. Each one of those cases means the world to someone, so it's a great opportunity to use our sleuthing skills for a truly meaningful purpose."

"If they don't have a family, they become part of our family," said San Bernardino (California) County Supervising Coroner's Investigator Randy Emon.

If you would like to read more or even become a volunteer in this public service effort, look at <http://www.unclaimedpersons.org>. You also might like to read a newspaper article about the efforts of these volunteers at [http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci\\_11713453](http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_11713453) and at <http://www.insidesocal.com/news247/2009/02/sadness-reality-attach-themsel.html> as well as an Ancestry January/February 2009 article at <http://www.unclaimedpersons.org/pdf/unclaimed.pdf>.

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