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COMPUTER DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

General Meeting Program

Wednesday, 29 April 2009

12 noon to 2 p.m.

Chula Vista Civic Center Library
Auditorium

FINDING YOUR ELUSIVE ANCESTORS

Saturday Seminar

Saturday, 25 April 2009

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chula Vista Civic Center Library
Auditorium

The speaker for the April 29 Society General Meeting is Shirley Becker, who will present "Computer Document Organization." Shirley will describe her new methods to put images of documents into her computer file organization system.

Shirley Becker has been doing genealogy research for over 29 years, with an emphasis on New York families. She has been a member of CVGS for 13 years, and has served in many offices, including President in 2003-2004. She currently leads the Computer Group.

10:00 a.m. Registration in Auditorium

10:30 a.m. Program Introduction – Gary Brock

10:40 a.m. **"Doing a Reasonably Exhaustive Search"**
-- presentation by Randy Seaver

12 noon. Refreshments (sandwiches, veggies, fruit, goodies, water) – please eat in Park adjacent to library.

1:00 p.m. **"Solving Your Brickwall Problems"** –
Panel Discussion of Member Research Problems. Panel of Shirley Becker, John Finch, Susi Pentico and Randy Seaver moderated by Gary Brock.

2:30 p.m. Questions from audience answered by Panel

3:00 p.m. Conclusion

This all-day seminar is FREE for all to attend (a donation for the refreshments is appreciated)

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED!!

For more information, and to make reservations, please contact Virginia Taylor (619-425-7922, email irishdoll@cox.net).

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President's Message

By Gary Brock



I am happy to announce the completion of work on revisions to the Society's Bylaws by your Board of Directors. This is always a difficult and at times a contentious undertaking but your board worked diligently and with great cooperation to get the job done.

Their product will be presented at our next general meeting on Wednesday, April 29 for consideration by the entire membership. The proposed new set of Bylaws will then be published in our Newsletter and on our web site during the month of May. Then at our general meeting on Wednesday, May 27 the membership will be asked to vote on adoption.

I urge everyone to read the new Bylaws (changes will be highlighted) so that you can make an informed decision on May 27.

On Saturday, April 25, 10 AM to 3 PM the Society will present the first of our two yearly special Saturday seminars. The theme for the seminar is "*FINDING YOUR ELUSIVE ANCESTORS*." For all the details check out the **EVENTS** page on the society's web site, www.rootsweb.com/~cacvgs2/page3.html.

Shirley Becker will be presenting this month at our general meeting, April 29. Her topic will be "Organizing Your Computer Genealogy Files." Now, what genealogist do you know who has their computer files organized? It seems to me that those two terms, genealogist and organized, don't usually go together. I think we all probably have something to gain by attending Shirley's presentation. So plan to be there to support Shirley and I assure you that you will learn something.

Finally, the society has been asked to provide a speaker at a luncheon on May 12, 10 AM to 1 PM at Fredericka Manor here in Chula Vista. Pam Journey has agreed to be the speaker. We are all invited to the luncheon and those who are interested can get a guided tour of the facility. If you would like to attend the event you should RSVP Betsy Keller at 619-205-4116. Contact Betsy soon so she can prepare name tags and table seating

Gary Brock

Program Review

Using Federal Non-Population Census Schedules

Presented by Everett Ireland, CG
March 25, 2009

Everett's talk covered the mortality, agricultural, social and industrial/ manufacturing census schedules taken by the United States since 1790. He discussed why the Federal government used non-population census schedules, when and how they were taken, where to find the existing schedules, and the information that can be obtained from each type of schedule. His six-page handout included a bibliography, examples of census headings, and a great table showing which records are available for each state for the 1850 through 1885 censuses. Not every schedule is extant for every year for every state.

Everett noted that there are fragments of the 1810 Manufacturers Schedule available, most of the 1820 Manufacturers Schedule is available, the 1830 Manufacturers Schedule is not available, and much of the 1840 Industrial (mining, commerce, agricultural, fisheries) schedules are available. For the years 1850 to 1880, the Mortality, Agricultural, Social and Manufacturing schedules are available, but not for every year in every state. In 1880, there is a DDD Schedule for Defective, Dependent and Delinquent persons. The 1885 schedules were done for only seven recently added states and territories.

He showed how the Agricultural Schedule could be used to determine how a certain individual's holdings grew or diminished over a 10-year period by comparing successive census records.

The presence of both a Population Schedule and an Agricultural Schedule permitted some studies of error and omission rates. One study found that 12% of the records were omitted, misspelled or illegible.

Everett's words of wisdom were to not overlook the non-population schedule, they provide many clues and information, they are hard to find, but offer great rewards to the researcher.

This was a helpful and informative program for all researchers in that it offered additional resources for those stymied by the lack of more traditional resources.

GENEALOGY SOFTWARE REVIEW

Special Meeting
Wednesday, 22 April 2009
12 noon to 2 p.m.
 Chula Vista Civic Center Library
 (in Conference Room)

Randy Seaver will demonstrate three new genealogy software programs (for Windows computers) that were released in the past year. They are:

- Family Tree Maker 2009
- Legacy Family Tree 7
- RootsMagic 4

Each of these programs have significant improvements over previous versions, including charts, reports, book generation, place location and mapping, source citations, including images, audio and video, and web searching.

Randy will show the features of each program using his computer projecting images on the wall.

If you want to upgrade your genealogy software, but are unsure which program to select and use, this special program is for you!

Useful Land Measurements

1 Link = 7.92 inches

1 Rod, Pole or Perch = 25 links = 16.5 feet

1 Chain = 4 rods = 100 links = 66 feet

1 Mile = 80 chains = 320 rods = 5,280 feet

1 Square rod = 30.25 square yards = 272.25 square feet

1 Square chain = 16 square rods = 4,356 square feet.

1 Acre = 10 square chains = 160 square rods

1 Acre = 4,840 square yards = 43,560 square feet

1 Square mile = 640 acres

1 Section = 1 square mile

1 Township = 36 square miles = 6 miles square



FREDERICKA MANOR

FREE Special Program/Luncheon
Tuesday, 12 May 2009
10 noon to 2:15 p.m.
 Fredericka Manor Retirement Community
 (183 Third Avenue, Chula Vista)

The Fredericka Manor Retirement Community has invited CVGS members to a luncheon on 12 May 2009. The schedule:

- 10:00-10:30 AM: Coffee & Registration
- 10:15-10:30 AM: Free raffle drawing...Welcome
- 10:30-11:30 AM: Pam Journey's "Beginning Genealogy" Presentation
- 11:30-12:00 noon: Raffle drawing, Lunch table assignments, etc.
- 12 noon -1:00 PM: Lunch in Main Dining Room
- 1:15-2:15 PM: Optional tour

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED!

You may bring your spouse or a guest. You must RSVP with Betsy Keller at 619-205-4116

For further information, contact John Finch at (619) 502-9107, or via email at jan27@cox.net.

Research Trip to San Diego Public Library on Saturday, 2 May

The next research trip to a local San Diego repository will be Saturday, 2 May. We will go to the San Diego Public Library in downtown San Diego.

Their California Room has a wealth of San Diego area resources, including City Directories, an index to the San Diego Union newspaper, and all San Diego newspapers on microfilm.

The Genealogy Room houses a good genealogy surname and locality book collection, including a full set of the New England Historic Genealogical Register, the American Genealogy Biographical Index, and other resources.

CVGS will have a carpool from the Chula Vista parking garage in downtown Chula Vista – we will leave from the second level, midway between the Fuddrucker and Marie Callender entrances, at 9:15 a.m.

Please contact Randy Seaver to sign up for the carpool – call 619-422-3397 or email rjseaver@cox.net.

Research Group News

by Randy Seaver

The Research Group meeting on March 11 had only eight attendees, but it was a loquacious bunch. Fun, too, with lots of good research experiences this past month. We went around the table, and had these discussions:

* John Finch found that his daughter-in-law's ancestry in England has at least one first cousin marriage. He also received a ship's drawing and a booklet with information about his Hull and Gaylord families from the *Mary and John 1630 Clearinghouse*.

* Dick McNulty's nephew in North Carolina had a box in his basement from his father's (Dick's brother) house. The box has many items from Dick's grandfather's life, including a baptism certificate from 1869, and information about the grandfather's second wife, who didn't die until 1989. Her obituary revealed her maiden name, that she had eight siblings, and worked with the IRS in Minneapolis. There was also a picture of Dick's grandfather with his Model T in about 1920. Dick has started to share his data on his uncle's life of crime with this nephew.

* Virginia Taylor phoned the Boone County, Indiana County Clerk's office for her marriage certificate, and got a lot more. In addition to the requested certificate, they sent her the marriage license application which had much more information, including parents names and the answers to questions about health, previous marriages, etc. She got to talk to a real person, who had the marriage certificate in her hands in two days.

* Shirley Becker has been emailing with the granddaughter of her niece, who saw her genealogy data online. The results of a Y-DNA test on her cousin in Texas indicated that he doesn't match anyone else in the Wright Surname Project. The results of the test for another Wright cousin have not been returned yet.

* Pam Buchan hit the jackpot this month, finding the complete 52-page Revolutionary War Pension File of Isaac Johnson (of Connecticut) online at www.Footnote.com. She has been transcribing the pages (using side-by-side windows of the image and her word processor) and marveling at the detailed information. Then her monitor died.

* Gary Brock is still working on his Roff line. He thinks that they were in Chautauqua County, New York in around 1805. He has been checking cemetery records online. We suggested that he check land, probate and tax records to establish residence, Quaker records for vital events, and the New York state census records too.

* Randy Seaver showed the nifty Y-DNA Haplogroup Migration Map he received from Genebase, and passed his 20-marker Y-DNA certificate around. He also related that there were no exact matches on Genebase, Ancestry,

FamilyTreeDNA or Ysearch.com for his results. That's probably good, because there were no Seaver folks at those sites either!

* Pam Buchan wondered what records are available for the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II. We mentioned that www.militaryindexes.com has excellent online listings, and that the National Archives site (www.archives.gov/genealogy/) describes their holdings. She also wondered about day-to-day events from the past. We suggested the free New York Times archives (www.nytimes.com) for 1851-1922.

The two hours went very fast, and it was great to see the steady progress being made by each participant.

The next CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 8 April at 12 noon at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

Computer Group News

by Gary Brock

At the Computer Group meeting on 18 March, we looked at Cemetery Records and Land Records by state and county on the USGenWeb sites

(www.USGenWeb.org). Using these web sites, I have looked at every one of the 200 cemeteries on line in Cayuga County NY for any reference to my Roff line, with no luck.

* John Finch worked on land records in Berks County PA for the years 1781-1794 looking for the Low or Lowe surnames.

* David McCracken searched for land records for the surname, and found some Land Grants in Virginia in the 1664 time frame.

* Marie Fleming struck gold when she found her 3rd-great-grandfather in a passenger list for the Bark Columbia on a voyage from Bremen, Germany to New York City on 17 November 1851.

* Richard McNulty is still searching for relatives in Wisconsin using Find a Grave (www.FindAGrave.com).

* Dearl Glenn discovered that some CVGS web pages are available (cached) in Search Engines even though they are no longer available on the web site.

The next meeting of the CVGS Computer Group will be on Wednesday, 18 April at 12 noon until 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library.

There are 12 computers available for attendees to use to find genealogy information on free web sites. There is no access to subscription sites unless the attendee has a personal subscription.

Randy Seaver says ...

"I only work on Genealogy on days that end in 'Y'."

CVGS General Society Meeting Minutes March 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Gary Brock at 12:20 PM.

President Comments: Gary announced that the Board has been working on the by-laws; a report to the membership will be given at the meeting in April.

Officer Reports:

Secretary (Ann Stevens): Approved minutes for February as published; motion by Randy Seaver; second Wanda Brock.

Treasurer (Paul Price): for Feb accepted as published, motion by Bob Page, second, Virginia Taylor.

Membership (Virginia Taylor): Reported 27 members + 3 guests present; total membership = 83.

Programs (John Finch) spoke about upcoming programs: Sat, April 25: Seminar; Wed, April 29: Shirley Becker on Computer Documents Organization; Tues, May 12: Lunch & program (Pam Journey on Beginning Genealogy) at Frederica Manor; Wed, May 27: Peter Rowe (UT staff writer) on Newspaper Research from an Archivist's View. John also gave highlights from the Escondido Family History Fair event on March 7.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery/Historian (Susan Zimmer) reported that the Cemetery Committee met: will focus on working at La Vista on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Books (Bernice Heiter): (absent)

Library Liaison (Dearl Glenn) has reserved library facilities for April; working on May; direct special requests for library to Dearl.

Newsletter/Research/Queries (Randy Seaver) would appreciate any articles people would like to submit. 2nd Wed at noon in conference room for the research group; April 25: CVGS Seminar (AM session = Finding Your Elusive Ancestors (and doing a reasonably exhaustive search); PM session = 4-person panel will develop solutions to brick walls. No queries at this time.

Computer Group (Shirley Becker) said that the computer group meets on 3rd Wednesdays to help solve problems & computer resource person to help with computer problems.

Public Relations (John Finch) – no report at this time

Webmaster (Gary Brock): -- said website is up to date; always looking for old pictures. Estate Papers Committee working on Box 4

Hospitality (Susi Pentico): (absent).

Old Business:

Still need a 1st Vice-president, Programs

Drawing: Myrna Goodwin won money from a 50/50 drawing

Program: Everett Ireland provided some interesting information on Federal Non-Population Census Schedules. He elaborated on numerous resources to help further our research

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary



CVGS Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Gary Brock at 12:14 PM. Present were John Finch, Virginia Taylor, Paul Price, Shirley Becker, Dearl Glenn, Susan Zimmer, Bernice Heiter, Ann Stevens, Randy Seaver, Susi Pentico & Bob Page. Guest: Wanda Brock

President's comments: Gary reminded the Board to demonstrate proper meeting protocol so that business could be conducted in an efficient manner.

Officer Reports:

Secretary (Ann): March meeting minutes approved, motion by Randy, second by Dearl.

Membership (Virginia): 0 new members; 1 renewal, membership at 83; membership rosters distributed.

Treasurer (Paul): balance forward \$2678.77; expenses \$233.90; income \$61.50; bank balance \$2506.37; less cemetery project \$137.15; operating capital \$2369.22. Report accepted, motion by Susi, second by Bob.

Programs (John): Sat, April 25: Seminar; Wed, April 29: Shirley Becker on Computer Documents Organization; Tues, May 12: Lunch & program (Pam Journey on Beginning Genealogy) at Frederica Manor; Wed, May 27: Peter Rowe (UT staff writer) on Newspaper Research from an Archivist's View. John suggested we start working on the October seminar; he and Randy will report at May meeting.

Committee Reports:

Library Liaison (Dearl): May dates to be submitted; working on June.

Library Books (Bernice): A flash drive with the book list was given to Gary so that the list could be available on the website; Bernice has 5 bound copies of the Book List to be on file in the Library & available to members to borrow. Bernice & Gary are speaking to the Glen Abbey Widows Club to talk about the Glen Abbey Cemetery Project.

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CVGS Board Meeting Minutes

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Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z): La Vista presented a revised contract to review. Sue also has a binder of past newsletters; she will merge these with current files; she also needs pictures of past speakers and pictures from the Christmas party.

Webmaster (Gary): Website is current and always looking for new photos; estate papers committee mtg 2nd & 4th Mondays; almost through box 4.

Opportunity Drawing (Bob): income at last meeting \$30; door prize of \$10. He has FTM2009 and a reference book as door prizes for the April seminar.

Hospitality (Susi): will try to brew fresh coffee for the upcoming meetings.

Computer Group (Shirley): Computer Group meets 3rd Wednesdays; may work on cemetery research.

Public Relations (John): developed job description for PR chairperson; PR to be a part of the annual year-end report to society.

Newsletter/Research/Queries (Randy): will publish newsletter by Sunday; 1 new query; research group meeting 2nd Wednesdays; April 22 will have a meeting showing what's available in FTM2009, RootsMagic4, and Legacy Family Tree programs (more information to follow); will plan a research trip on May 2 to the downtown San Diego Library.

Old Business:

La Vista Cemetery contract (Susan): Board discussed additions to the previously submitted contract; motion by Virginia, second by Susi to accept the latest version of the La Vista Cemetery Project Contract; motion carried.

High School Essay Scholarship Project (Susi): applications distributed to counselors & ASB at CVHS; deadline for essays is mid or end of April

April Seminar Planning: Randy reported that so far there are only 2 problems submitted for the afternoon session; asked for more; Board agreed that lunch should be "make your own" sandwiches.

By-Laws Review (Bob): Board finished reviewing the proposed By-Law changes; general thoughts included the need for by-laws to be consistent with what society is doing and updated to reflect current practices. Nine changes were moved, seconded, & approved. Two proposed changes were moved, seconded, discussed & withdrawn. Motion made by Virginia, seconded by Susi, to accept Bob's motion to approve the amended by-laws; motion carried. The package of all Board-approved By-Law changes will be presented to the membership at the April Society meeting for approval.

Fredericka Manor project (John): (had to leave-no further report)

New Business:

Newsletter subscription for non-members and organizations (mailed & Internet) – moved to May Board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary

Hospitality Help Needed!

by Susi Pentico

As Hospitality Hostess I would like to ask for helpers for the Seminar on April 25th. I will be purchasing makings for sandwiches that will be presented on trays to our guests to make their own. I would appreciate help in the set up of event and maybe some refreshments in the form of fresh fruit pieces, and brownies and cookies for ease of handling. I will be purchasing bottled water for the guests and setting up the coffee pot for coffee and the other pot for tea or cocoa. Please contact me at SusiCP@aol.com if you are able to assist me at this time for the society.

Lemon Grove Library Talks

By Susi Pentico

Susi is still presenting data to people who come to the talks and roundtables at the Lemon Grove library. We normally have a presentation and then discussion period. On the nights of the Round Tables we go around the table and share the problems that persons are having difficulty with or have had good results solving.

We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month 6:15 to 7:55 pm, unless library is closed or major activities takes precedence.

The Migration Trail's In and Across Virginia will be our topic of interest at the next meeting (April 15).

We meet at 6:15 normally in the auditorium area. Some days the library sends us out to share at the computers or open area. We have had as many as 12 and as few as 3 attend. Some people have come for more than four years. They are always invited to our events and some do come and share when we are meeting on weekends.

Anyone wanting to come is welcome. Various presenters have been Shirley Becker and Randy Seaver. I look for others to come and share also.

Susi plans to have a list of the dates for the next four months in the next newsletter so that you can plan accordingly.

You Know You Are Addicted to Genealogy When ...

- You begin referring to cemeteries as ancestor farms and to headstones as concrete evidence.
- Your dream vacation is spending a week at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City
- You ask all the people you meet – “what are your grandparents surnames.”
- When you can recite all the counties of a State you've researched, but have never lived in.
- You have more photographs of dead people than living ones.
- You can answer all of the queries on Genforum.

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

Refreshment Hosts

April 25: Susi Pentico

April 29: Shirley Harper, Susi Pentico

CVGS Society Officers

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

Standing Committees

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

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, April 11 – 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Program: *The Hand in the Snow:
A Different Kind of DNA Talk*
Presented by Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D
A forensic genealogy case study.
Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, corner Jackson Dr.
(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs/>)

Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
**COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY
OF SAN DIEGO**
9:00 – User groups – Legacy, RootsMagic.
SIG: Digital Imaging and Scanning
10:15: Announcements,
Program: *Spring Cleaning for Genealogists*
presented by Dorothy Miller, Ph.D
Maintaining the computer to preserve it
physically as well as keep it organized and
running efficiently.
Location: Robinson Auditorium complex at
UCSD San Diego (see map at www.cgssd.org)

Tuesday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**
9:30 – social hour
10:00 – *Call Me Lucy*
presented by Dr. Stephen Baird.
About mtDNA and Deep Female Ancestry.
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. 100 lectures. Exhibit Hall.
(<http://www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com>.)

See all upcoming San Diego genealogy programs
online at <http://www.cgssd.org/events.php>

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, April 8, 12 noon - Research Group Meeting, Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, April 15, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting, Computer Lab**
- **Wednesday, April 22, 12 noon – New Genealogy Software Review, 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 – Conference Room, eat in park.
 1:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: *Solving Your Brick Wall Problems* – with CVGS Expert Panel
- **Wednesday, April 29, 12 noon: General Society Meeting, Auditorium**
Computer Document Organization with Shirley Becker
- **Wednesday, May 6, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting, Library Conference Room**
- **Tuesday, May 12, 10 a.m. – Fredericka Manor Special Event**
- **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, 619-426-4906 for details.

Visit our Web Site – <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caevgs2/> and our Chula Vista Genealogy Café blog – <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>.

Articles and Newsletters at Ancestry.com Learning Center

Have you checked out the [Ancestry.com Learning Center](#)? There are several new online publications there, in addition to articles, videos and webinars. Among the FREE "goodies" on the site are:

* [The Ancestry Weekly Discovery](#) - The Ancestry Weekly Discovery brings a weekly boost to your research with helpful articles, tips, and information on the latest new tools to help you discover your family's history. It's also a gateway to the [24/7 Family History Circle blog](#) where you can interact with columnists and other readers and share your tips and comments on newsletter posts.

* [The Ancestry Monthly Update](#) -- The Ancestry Monthly is an e-mail newsletter created specifically for Ancestry.com subscribers and registered users. Each issue contains great articles that tell you what's new on the site and explain how to get the most out of your subscription. Get tips that will help you with your family history, discover exciting new record collections, or check out interesting and humorous finds from readers just like you.

* [Ancestry Magazine](#) -- Why did they come here? Where did they live? What were their lives like? And how do I learn more? When all you know about great-great-gramps is a name, turn to *Ancestry Magazine*. Six times a year, *Ancestry Magazine* and [Ancestry Digital Magazine](#) give you the insight, experience, and know-how you need to transform your family history questions into answers. From original articles to expert advice, rely on *Ancestry Magazine* to help you uncover your past.

* [Article Archive](#) -- The largest genealogy article collection -- over 13,000 articles by respected genealogy writers -- on every topic you can think of. The site has a Search box - input a topic or an author's name to see the holdings.

There are also [Videos](#) and [Webinars](#) available at the [Ancestry.com Learning Center](#).

All of the articles, videos and webinars are FREE at the [Ancestry Learning Center](#). They are a tremendous resource, especially for beginning researchers, or for researchers working with a new-to-them topic or record set.

You can sign up to receive the [Ancestry Weekly Discovery](#) and [Ancestry Monthly Update](#) newsletters via email.

Chula Vista Genealogy Café Blog

Posts in March 2009

- [Genealogy News for March](#)
- [CVGS Research Group Summary - 11 March 2009](#)
- [CVGS Program 25 March - Using Federal Non-Population Schedules](#)
- [Program Summary - "Using Federal Non-Population Census Schedules"](#)
- [Genealogy Days in Chula Vista - April 2009](#)

Genealogy Software News

RootsMagic 4 was released on 25 March 2009 by RootsMagic, Inc. The latest version of the award-winning genealogy software was updated to work with the latest genealogical technologies available today.

New features include integrated web search, improved SourceWizard for citing sources, sharing events among multiple persons, creating pre-defined groups of persons, person and place mapping, recording DNA tests, and improved navigation and data entry. RootsMagic 4 is also one of the only desktop genealogy programs certified to work with "New FamilySearch".

If you purchased RootsMagic 3 on or after August 1, 2008 or as part of a special genealogy conference offer during 2008-09, you are eligible for a free downloadable upgrade of RootsMagic 4 by visiting <http://www.rootsmagic.com/myupgrade> and entering information about your original order.

For a limited time, users of Personal Ancestral File (PAF), Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, or The Master Genealogist can buy RootsMagic for the upgrade price of \$19.95. Go to <http://www.rootsmagic.com/upgrade> for more information.

New Web Sites Coming Soon!

Keep an eye out for two new web sites coming soon from FamilyLink.com:

- www.GenSeek.com – links to the Family History Library Catalog, online databases, and more.
- www.WorldHistory.com – provides maps, events, people – link your folks to world history.

TOP 50 Genealogy Web Sites

Kory Meyerink MLS, AG, FUGA, has compiled the 2009 list of the 50 most popular genealogy web sites - they are listed at <http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2009.htm> He presented the list at the BYU Computerized Genealogy Conference held on March 13 and 14. The top 10 are:

1. www.Ancestry.com
2. www.Genealogy.com
3. www.MyHeritage.com
4. www.Rootsweb.com
5. www.MyFamily.com
6. www.FamilySearch.org
7. www.FindaGrave.com
8. www.Geni.com
9. www.Footnote.com
10. www.AncestorHunt.com

New Databases at Ancestry.com (\$\$)

- Montana Death Indexes, 1907-2002 (updated)
- United States Obituary Collection (updated)
- World War I Draft Registration Cards (updated)
- US City Directories (updated, mainly 1935-1945)
- US Public Records Index (1950-1993) (partial)
- UK City and County Directories, 1600s-1900s
- London (England) Births, Deaths, Poor Law Records
- Irish Canadian Emigration Records, 1823-1849

LDS FamilySearch.org Indexing Projects

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

- 1920 U.S. Census – 6 states, index only
- Arkansas County Marriages, 1837-1957 (partial)

New Databases at Footnote.com (\$\$)

- 1930 United States Census (84% complete)
- Footnote Pages for persons in 1930 U.S. Census
- Cherokee Indian Agency (TN) – NARA M208
- Guion Miller Roll (Cherokee)

Interesting Articles from Genealogy Blogs

- [Computing in the Clouds](#) by Dick Eastman
- [SeekingMichigan.org Puts Historical Records Online](#) by Dick Eastman
- [Pop-Top Genealogy](#) by Dick Eastman
- [An Introduction to the Best Civil War Resources for Local & County Research](#) by Leland Meitzler
- [Finding 1861–1869 Names of Residents & Civil War Soldiers – Part One](#) by Leland Meitzler
- [Finding 1861–1869 Names of Residents & Civil War Soldiers – Part Two - Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware & the District of Columbia](#) by Leland Meitzler
- [Digitized Death and Burial Records 1538-1854 Now Available at Scotlands People](#) by Leland Meitzler
- [LibraryJournal Ratings of Subscription Genealogy Site](#) by Randy Seaver
- [Secrets of a Successful Genealogical Society](#) by Kimberly Powell
- [Why Genealogy is Important to Mormons](#) by Jessica Grayless
- [Conceptual Overview of Genealogical Research](#) by Dan Lawyer
- [Follow that Genealogy Hunch](#) by Lorine Schulze
- [Internet Genealogy – It's Just the Tip of the Iceberg](#) by Kathryn M. Doyle
- [First, you have to get a milch cow; then . . .](#) by Terry Thornton
- [Hairstyles!](#) by Maureen Taylor
- [Weekend With Shades - Saturday - April 4: An Easter Story](#) by Penelope Dreadful
- [Obituaries: Clues from Beyond, Part 1](#) by Schelly Talalay Dardashti

QuickSheet: Citing Ancestry.com Databases and Images by Randy Seaver

Correctly citing sources of my research results is one of my major failings, so I was excited to find the latest [QuickSheet by Elizabeth Shown Mills](#) available from [Genealogical Publishing Company](#), one of the largest genealogical book publishers. I need all the help I can get!

This [QuickSheet](#) is available as a four-page, folded, 8.5 by 11, laminated, and lightweight guide easily found on a bookshelf or easily carried in a briefcase or laptop case for easy reference.

The source citations for Ancestry.com databases and images in this [QuickSheet](#) are based on those in the book: [Elizabeth Shown Mills, Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace \(Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2007\)](#).

However, the [QuickSheet](#) citations are specific for Ancestry.com databases and images. *Evidence Explained* did not cite many of the Ancestry.com databases explicitly. In fact, I cannot find a source citation model in *Evidence Explained* for online Family Trees at all.

The four pages of this [QuickSheet](#) are chock full of information. The first page, shown above, has a short column of Basic Principles about Ancestry.com database types and the requirement to create citations for both the source that Ancestry used and the database/image that Ancestry provides as a product. There is a set of Basic Templates that can be used as a guideline for any other Ancestry.com database, created by an outside party. The balance of the first page and the other three pages are devoted to Models for Common Record Types, supplying a Source List Entry, a First Reference Note and a Subsequent Reference Note for each type (similar to *Evidence Explained* models).

This [QuickSheet](#), along with *Evidence Explained*, will help me improve my source citation capabilities and enhance the quality of the family history books I hope to write. The source citation for this product is:

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