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THE LOST AND FORGOTTEN CEMETERIES OF SAN DIEGO Presented by Seth Mallios, PhD (San Diego State University) Wednesday, September 30th, 12 noon Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Auditorium

San Diego County has a rich and unique cultural history that can be effectively told through the commemoration of its dead. Local cemeteries throughout the region reflect San Diego's multi-ethnic cultural dynamism and pinpoint marked shifts in power from Native American to Spanish to Mexican to U. S. American governance. They also reveal the current struggle for space in a burgeoning metropolis. Many graveyards have disappeared entirely, erasing the last vestiges of too many of the region's formative pioneers. Dr. Mallios will discuss his ongoing San Diego Gravestone Project and its primary goals to preserve local history and reconnect present San Diegans with the past."

Dr. Seth Mallios is currently Professor and Chair of the Anthropology department at San Diego State University. He is also Director of the South Coastal and South East Information Center. Mallios received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1993 and a Master's Degree and Doctorate from the University of Virginia in 1998. An anthropologist and an historical archaeologist, Dr. Mallios was Site Supervisor at the Jamestown Rediscovery project, specializing in the excavation of and research on the original 1607 James Fort at Jamestown Island, Virginia, the oldest permanent English settlement in the Americas. He continues to serve as editor of the journal he founded there, the peer-reviewed *Journal of the Jamestown Rediscovery Center*. His first book, *The Deadly Politics of Giving*, published by the University of Alabama Press, came out in August of 2006.

Since his move to San Diego seven years ago, he has created the San Diego Gravestone Project, an endeavor that has included two books (*Cemeteries of San Diego* [2007] Arcadia Press; and *Cemeteries of San Diego County* [2008] Arcadia Press) and multiple scholarly articles. He developed a Geographic Information System that integrated every archaeological site in the county. Dr. Mallios began excavating at the Nate Harrison Site atop Palomar Mountain in 2004 and continues to dig there every summer. He has just finished his first three archaeological field seasons at the historic Whaley House in Old Town San Diego, having successfully located and excavated the original well.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Brock

Summer is nearing conclusion and those who were fortunate enough to travel to see family and friends, sometimes at far-away places, are returning home. I pray that all who embarked on such travels found delight and happiness on their trips. I know many use this opportunity to do a little genealogy by interviewing older family members, checking out county vital records and visiting local cemeteries. Now it's time to get all that new information organized and filed or posted.

Fall is the time of year the Society prepares and presents a Saturday seminar to celebrate Family History Month which is October. Our fourth annual "Discover Your Family History" seminar will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, 24 October at Fredericka Manor here in Chula Vista, 183 Third Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91910. There will be a luncheon followed by a presentation by Susan Walter on "How to Write Your Family Story."

Following the presentation we plan to have tables set up and manned by Society members who can act as mentors for those residents and guests wishing to get started on their genealogy. We are emphasizing that family and/or friends of residents of the manor attend and learn how to assist residents get started with their family history.

I'm using this opportunity to put out the call for Society members to volunteer to attend the seminar, man the tables and help interested attendees by passing out basic starter information, answer questions and offer advice as to how and where they might get started. I know we have many members who would find this activity very gratifying. Please, if you would like to volunteer, contact Barbara Ibaibarriaga, baribai@cox.net.

There is another function coming up this month at the Stein Family Farm in National City. On Saturday, September 12, Grandparents Day will be celebrated at the historical old farm located at 1808 F Avenue in National City.

The site is now an interpretive center and museum owned and operated by the city of National City. We are planning to have a table at this function to introduce our Society to all who attend. If you would like to help us man this table please contact Barbara.

I hope to see you all at these special functions.

PROGRAM REVIEW August 26th ANNUAL PICNIC

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society annual picnic was on August 26th, and we had 25 members and guests in attendance. After a short business meeting, and eating lunch in the shade on an 85 degree day, we shared RAOGK stories - that stands for Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness. The question to be discussed was "Who has helped us in our research selflessly, and who have we helped?"

- * Joan received wonderful information from her grandfather's brother's granddaughter – her second cousin, and has been helped by the CVGS Research Group.
- * Randy helped Simon in Holland find the parents of Ben Kaber, the World War II soldier that is tending Ben's grave in Belgium cemetery. He was helped by a California Gen. Society member, and two cousins, to take pictures of Randy's wife's great-grandparents home in San Francisco.
- * John was helped by a genealogy blogger, a county library researcher, and the Wake Forest archives to find information in North Carolina.
- * Ann was helped by a CVGS colleague, and by a cousin in Wisconsin, to find information on her great-grandmother that lived to be 106.
- * Susan was helped by a man mowing the grass at an Illinois cemetery. He knew of a lady who had maps, and she was called and came over, and they found the grave of Susan's Civil War ancestor.
- * Myrna was helped by her aunt in Ohio who knew everything about the family in that state. A record hinted that the family was from Pompey, Onondaga County, NY. Myrna found a town book, called the local Historical Society to contact the book author, who was 85 at the time. The author was related to Myrna, had access to the records, and knew where they were buried in the cemetery.
- * Bobbie had several tales to tell – the CVGS Research Group meeting helped her find Titus family records online, which enabled her to find and contact a researcher in Lake County, Illinois, who provided many family records; the librarian in Lake county took her into the "back room" to see birth records; and the speaker at the local German society put her in contact with a distant cousin in Bavaria.
- * Ruth brought her Aunt Helen, and two nieces, from Washington to the picnic - Helen has been the one providing Ruth with lots of family information.

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RESEARCH GROUP NEWS

We had 12 members at our August 12th Research Group meeting, and there were many interesting stories and successes. Here's a synopsis:

* Nancy works at the Stein Family Farm, and is researching the family history of the Steins. She has Carl Stein's declaration of intention and naturalization certificate, but cannot figure out when he immigrated. The declaration does not list an immigration date or ship. The census records give different years - 1881, 1885 and 1884. The group suggested searching for a death certificate, an obituary or anniversary newspaper article to determine his birth date and birth place and perhaps the immigration date and ship.

* Phyllis has a problem with Family Tree Maker 16 - it won't print one family line on a pedigree chart even though the person has parents in the database. We suggested that she check to see if the person is identified as a "natural" child to the parents in the People > Other Parents screen.

* Gary received a box of family photos and papers from his father in Michigan. He passed photos around, and articles about an uncle's arrest for shooting melon thieves in the 1940s. He checked some older research and found that one source provided the parents of Solomon Roff and identified Yates County NY as their residence.

* John had some success at Carlsbad Library - he was able to eliminate one of the two William Patricks in NC in the 1760s.

* Randy showed the Dane County WI plat maps and Andrew County MO cemetery book pages he found at Carlsbad. He also discussed the Jefferson County NY Estate Papers for the Lanfear family, and passed the records around. Finally, he told about finding the McKnew house in San Francisco in Google Street Maps and being contacted by second cousins.

* Phyllis wants to distribute an ancestral book to her children and grandchildren. for each person, she is creating a page with their family data, pictures and an obituary. Two grandsons seem interested!

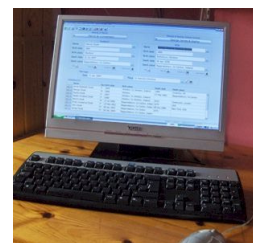
* Jean went to New York City in June and had great luck. She is adopted, and was able to find out the names of her birth parents from marriage records, her own adoption papers from the court, and contacted and met with her mother's sister in Philadelphia and a step-sister too.

* Helen S. said that she found some family records for one of her families in the next-door county.

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COMPUTER GROUP NEWS

There were 9 attendees at the Computer Group meeting on 19 August for hands-on computer genealogy work. When we arrived, we found that all but one of the library's lab computers had the Flash program installed - so now we can access more useful genealogy websites.



We demonstrated how to get to the FamilySearch Record Search site at <http://pilot.familysearch.org> - either through the home page of www.FamilySearch.org or by inputting it in the URL line. It is easier to use the specific database menus rather than the main search menu to do searches. Some databases have only indexes and some have only browsable images. The group reviewed the list of US databases available, and sampled the 1870 US census and the 1900 US census, plus the Texas death records and New Hampshire vital records.

We also went to the 1930 census on the www.Footnote.com site (which is free to access until the end of August) and witnessed the basic search sequences there, culminating in the record images and using the filmstrip to browse adjacent pages.

While others worked on their own problems, we tried to solve some research problems using these new tools. We found Rosa Darling in the 1920 census with her adoptive parents in Nebraska in the 1920 US Census on FamilySearch Record Search for Phyllis. We couldn't find her on Footnote.com in the 1930 census.

Gary found four Roff families in Tompkins County NY in the 1850 census on FamilySearch, which gives him more leads to connect to his Solomon Roff.

We found some 1860 and 1870 census records on www.Ancestry.com for Clough and Sharp families in Ohio for Cynthia, and then found several newspaper articles and some book citations for her William Graves Sharp. Randy emailed these articles to himself and will email them to Cynthia.

It was a quick two hours. The next CVGS Computer Group meeting will be Wednesday, September 16 at 12 noon in the Computer Lab at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista).

GENERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 26, 2009 (HIGHLIGHTS)

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Brock.

The July minutes were approved as published, and the treasurer's July report was accepted as published.

Announcement from Nancy Smith: Grandparents Day at the Stein Farm will be held on Sept. 14 from 10 AM to 4 PM; all are invited.

Barbara Ibaibarriaga reported on upcoming programs: Wed, Sept 30, Seth Mallios, a professor at SDSU, will talk about "San Diego's Lost and Forgotten Cemeteries"; Sat, Oct 24, seminar at Fredericka Manor by Susan Walter (11 AM free lunch provided); Wed, Oct 28, Randy Seaver will talk about going on genealogy vacations; Wed, Nov 25, Georgie Stillman will be back with her "Heirloom Discovery Day"; and in December, we will have our holiday lunch.

For the October seminar, members were encouraged to send Gary the questions that have worked for us when we conducted oral interview with our ancestors.

Bernice announced that some books and journals were "free for a donation" at today's picnic. In addition, Randy offered some items for bid.

Members and guests then had lunch and shared stories about our "Genealogy Angels"—those who have helped us break down those brick walls or have helped us to move forward with our research. White elephant gifts were also exchanged.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Zimmer (filling in for Ann Stevens)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES -- AUGUST 26, 2009 (Concluded)

Betsy needs to have CVGS members contact her if they are planning to attend lunch; suggestion to have a sign-up sheet at the Sept. general meeting. Barbara also said that she would like to have members available at tables so as to answer questions that people might have. To further plan for this event, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, September 23 (time to be determined), open to anyone who would like to help with the seminar; both Betsy and speaker Susan will be invited to attend.

New Business

-- Grandparents Day at Stein Farm: Sat, Sept 12, from 10 AM to 4 PM. John will have the postcards ready by then as well as flyers on the fall seminar; membership applications will also be available.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM. Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES -- SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 (HIGHLIGHTS)

Meeting called to order by President Gary Brock.

Present were Barbara Ibaibarriaga, Virginia Taylor, Paul Price, Ann Stevens, John Finch, Susan Zimmer, Bernice Heiter, Bob Page, and Ruth Himan. Absent: Shirley Becker, Dearl Glenn, Randy Seaver, and Susi Pentico

Guest: Wanda Brock

President's comments: Gary out of town for Oct Brd mtg; Barbara Ibaibarriaga will chair the meeting.

Officer Reports

-- Secretary (Ann): August meeting minutes approved;
-- Treasurer's report (Paul) accepted as presented;
-- Membership (Virginia) now at 95 with 1 new member.
-- Programs (Barbara): Wed, Sept 30, Dr. Seth Mallios, a professor at SDSU, will talk about "San Diego's Lost and Forgotten Cemeteries"; Sat, Oct 24: Seminar at Fredericka Manor, to include a buffet lunch and Susan Walter talking about "How to Write Your Family Story";

Committee Reports

-- Library Books (Bernice): Made \$25 on book sales at the picnic; additional books for sale will be brought to upcoming meetings. Bernice looking to purchase books of interest to members to expand collection.

-- Newsletter/Research/Queries (Randy absent): no new queries. John Finch will host the Sept research group on the Sept 9.

-- Member Services (Ruth): two cards have been sent out to members. Ruth is also working on getting the logo ready for a CVGS shirt.

-- Ways and Means (Bob): asked about a drawing at the fall seminar at Fredericka Manor; consensus was that Betsy Keller (from the Manor) would probably take care of that, but Barbara will check.

-- Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z): Thanks for the steady work of Barbara and others on the committee. Ann Diffley has offered to work on this committee so Susan is having her double-check the information on the completed the 1869 List of Burials.

-- Public Relations (John): still working on the postcard design for people to get more information on CVGS; Motion to authorize that 250 cards be printed at a cost not to exceed \$50; seconded and carried.

Old Business

-- Fall Seminar planning: Barbara is in touch with Betsy Keller, Fredericka Manor contact, and Susan Walter who will be talking about "How to Write Your Family Story".

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COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS

Latest Genealogy Software

Ancestry.com has announced that Family Tree Maker 2010 is now available for purchase online at <http://www.familytreemaker.com> starting at \$39.95. The program will be available in select retail stores.

Legacy Family Tree Version 7.0.0.107 is now available online at www.LegacyFamilyTree.com for download. The retail price is \$29.95. The Standard Edition (with some features crippled) is FREE.

RootsMagic Version 4.0.5.0 is now available at www.RootsMagic.com. The retail price is \$29.95.

Family Tree Builder 4.0 is now available at [www.MyHeritage.com/Family Tree Builder/](http://www.MyHeritage.com/Family_Tree_Builder/). It is FREE, but some features are crippled without a Premium MyHeritage account.

New or Useful Web Sites

- The England Jurisdictions 1851 project simplifies research by consolidating data from many finding aids into a single searchable repository that can be accessed by clicking in a parish boundary. Features include contiguous parish and radius search lists and relevant jurisdictions as they existed in England in 1851.
- Search in over 7 million United States Patents at <http://www.google.com/patents>
- Google News Archive quadrupled its holdings – search at <http://news.google.com/archivesearch/about.html>
- Minnesota Death Certificates Index, 1904-1907, 1955-2001 at <http://people.mnhs.org/dci/Search.cfm>
- Large online community of Civil War buffs at <http://www.civilwar.com/>

New or Updated Databases at www.Footnote.com (\$\$)

- Washington DC City Directories
- Eastern NY Naturalizations
- Massachusetts Town Records, 1620-1915 (mainly Barnstable Co.)
- Massachusetts Vital Records Transcripts

New or Updated Databases at www.Ancestry.com (\$\$)

- Ontario Marriage Records by Clergy, 1896-1948 (W)
- UK Army Prisoners of War 1940-1947 (W)
- Books about German settlers in the USA (US)
- US Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880, NY (US)
- Selected US Naturalization Record Indexes, 1822-1855 and 1906-1966 (US)
- Many German record books (W)
- East India Register and Directory, 1844 (W)
- Thacker's Indian Directory, 1895 (W)

New/Updated LDS www.FamilySearch.org Indexing Projects (Free)

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:

- Cook County, Illinois Marriages, 1871-1920
- Wisconsin State Census, 1875, 1885, 1895
- Arkansas County Marriages, 1837-1957
- New York State Census, 1892
- British Columbia Birth Registrations, 1854-1903
- Chihuahua, Mexico Catholic Church Records, 1622-1958
- Opava, Czech Rep. Church Books, 1571-1905
- Pernambuco, Brazil Civil Registration 1889-2003
- Merida, Venezuela Parish Registers, 1654-1992

New or Updated Databases at www.NewEnglandAncestors.org (\$\$)

- *The Virginia Genealogist*, 1957-2006
- Massachusetts Vital Records, Marriages, 1912
- Early Maine Deeds and Wills, Volumes 6-10
- ACGS Index of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials
- *The American Genealogist*, Volumes 24-28
- *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, Volumes 32-36

COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS

Interesting Articles from Genealogy Blogs (click on links)

- Sharon Tate Moody wrote an excellent tutorial on the organization of land records at U.S. county courthouses. It is published as her weekly genealogy column in the Tampa Tribune at <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2009/aug/23/tr-learn-the-ropes-to-mine-courthouse-deed-records/life/>.
- Don't Expect the Genealogical Helper to Reemerge by Leland Meitzler on the [GenealogyBlog](#).
- Genealogy: Similar to Cocaine, Amphetamines, and Other Drugs of Stimulation by Dick Eastman on [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#).
- Digital Genealogist to Cease Publication by Dick Eastman on [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#).
- Back to the Land - Again by Carolyn L. Barkley on the [GenealogyAndFamilyHistory.com](#) blog.
- 101 Ways to Research Your Family Tree for Free by Kimberly Powell on [Kimberly's Genealogy Blog](#).
- Hurdling the "Brick Wall" without Landing in a Pothole (The Real Value of Source Citation): by Erica on the [GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com Blog](#).
- Shot Myself in the Foot by Thomas Fiske on Leland Meitzler's [GenealogyBlog](#).
- Genealogy is more than just craft. by George Geder on the [George Geder blog](#).
- Genealogy Rant (Pet Peeve) by Lorine Schulze on the [Olive Tree Genealogy Blog](#).
- Genealogy Through A Wider Window by Leah on [The Internet Genealogist](#) blog.
- Case Studies: Learning by Example by Kimberly Powell on [Kimberly's Genealogy Blog](#).
- Ancestry.com in Arbitration over the Drouin Collection by Dick Eastman on [Eastman.s Online Genealogy Newsletter](#).
- Electronic Publishers: Scribd by Denise Olson on the [Family Matters](#) blog.
- Is There a Loyalist in Your Family Tree? By Carlyn L. Barkley on the [GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com](#) blog.
- The ProGen Study Group – An Online Genealogy Education Opportunity by Amy Coffin on the [Geneabloggers](#) blog.
- Finding daughters married names in census records by Randy Seaver on the [Genea-Musings](#) blog.

Capturing the Research Process, by Randy Seaver

One of the recent discussions on the [Transitional Genealogists Forum mailing list](#) has been about how to document the research process - whether it's for a client or for yourself so that you can pick up where you left off when you get new information. Linda Gardner of Massachusetts started the discussion with her message titled "[Are research reports published?](#)" Read the whole thread to discover all of the comments and suggestions.

She, and others, know that the articles published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, *The Genealogist*, and other peer-reviewed journals are a distillation of the research process, and apply the [Genealogical Proof Standard](#) to reach their conclusions.

There seem to be very few step-by-step examples of research processes on the Internet, other than the random blog entry by someone discussing their research progress (or lamenting their brick wall problem).

One resource that does provide a description of a step-by-step research process is Emily Anne Croom's book, *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists, Strategies for More Successful Family History Research*, published by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, reprinted 2008. There are three chapters with a detailed description of the research process for:

- * "Finding the Parent Generation: The Search for Isaac Heldreth's Parents" (pages 141-149)
- * "Finding Slave Ancestors: The Search for the Family of Archie Davis Sr." (pages 150-162)
- * "Finding the Parent Generation: The Search for Ann (Robertson) Croom's Parents (pages 163-202).

I read the last one recently, and was enthralled by how the author worked her way through many records at a time when there were no census indexes or online databases. The problem is very typical of the brickwall problems that all of us have in the 1800 to 1850 time period when there are few vital records, the census records are head-of-household only until 1850, and the family is spread across several states and counties.

Another book with similar Case Studies is Marsha Hoffman Rising's *The Family Tree Problem Solver, Proven methods for scaling the inevitable brick wall*, published by Family Tree Books, Cincinnati, 2005.

CVGS Research Group News (concluded)

* Cynthia found a book on Clough family while at Carlsbad Library. It said that one cousin married composer Stephen Foster, and she recalls meeting a Foster descendant who played the piano beautifully when she was a young girl.

* Ruth has traced both sides of her Hayley line back to Jamestown in Virginia. She's working on two family books or pamphlets to share with her family.

* Virginia passed around the Zionsville IN book she received, and is downloading the Demoss surname book from the BYU Family History Archive site.

* Bobbie had a wonderful research vacation in Lake county IL. Two sisters live on the Titus family farm in Fremont township, and she slept in the farmhouse. She made large plastic displays with nine family documents as gifts for her sisters. She came home with many pictures from the area, a plat map showing all of the family holdings in 1881, a picture of great-grandparents obtained from a local museum, and recent newspaper articles about selling one of the Titus farms and property. They are off to Nova Scotia next month for another trip.

This was a really good meeting with many good examples and research successes.

Lemon Grove Genealogy Group News by Susi Pentico

The Lemon Grove Genealogy Group is meeting every first and third Wednesday of the month at the Lemon Grove Library from 6 pm to 8 pm. We shared web sites and data on Facebook, Genealogywise.com and World Vital Records this past Wednesday night.

We exchanged data on how the progress is coming on a blogging query. Some of them have them done and are ready to have them put up.

Clayton found data to share with us about immigrants and law changes. Seems like everyone was making some finds that would help them in the future.

Remember when stuck to check for **LAND RECORDS**. They may hold the clues you so desperately need to find the answers to your questions. Census records are nice but not always accurate. Land Records are far more reliable than census data. Wills, probates, school tax records, road tax records, and business licenses are all very reliable sources. Do not worry so much if you do not find in the census.

CVGS Annual Picnic (concluded)

* Helen's found a book listing her great-great-grandfather's death in the Civil War in Mississippi. She wrote to the town mayor for help. A researcher contacted her and sent pictures of houses where sick and wounded soldiers lived during the war, and sent pictures of tombstones in the local cemetery, including that of her Confederate soldier.

* Gary's mother died three years ago, and his 88-year-old step-father married again. The new wife encouraged him to sort out the barn filled with family history things, and Gary recently received a box chock full of photographs, mementos, and his mother's genealogy research papers.

* Ann has been helping her elderly neighbors answer family history questions by finding records online that provide information about family members and homes.

After the RAOGK talks, we had our "bring one, get one" white elephant gift exchange and everyone seemed pleased with their gift. Bernice had a book sale going, and gave away many sets of duplicate periodicals. Randy had received free copies of RootsMagic 4 and Family Tree Maker 2009 recently, and they were given to people that wanted them, for a donation to CVGS.

Thank you to Nancy Smith for bringing the ice cream treats for dessert – it was a warm day and the goodies were appreciated!

Grandparents Day at Stein Farm Is Saturday, September 12

Grandparents Day will be celebrated on Saturday, 12 September, at the Stein Family Farm Museum in National City, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The farm is located at the corner of F Avenue and 18th Street just across from the John Otis elementary school.

The public is invited to this FREE family event to experience life on a farm in a much earlier time. Children can take part in sewing and laundry with a scrub board, and will meet the pig, the goose and the chickens that live at the farm. They will see antique farm machinery, view the butterfly garden, the herb beds, and the orchard. Many of the plantings are typical of the time when the farm was the home of the Steins, of German heritage.

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society will have a table at the Farm with family group sheets and pedigree charts to encourage people to write down their family history information. For more information, call 1-619-477-4113. Visit their website at <http://www.thesteinfamilyfarm.org/>

What's Up with Windows 7 ? by Gary Brock

As an IT (Information Technology) person of sorts I read several industry journals and newsletters weekly. As you can imagine most of these publication and the articles in them are really boring and full of acronyms and techno-ease like, “SME” (Small-Medium size Enterprises) as in, “Most SME’s are now starting to look at upgrades having skipped the VISTA release...” And “OS”, as you may already know, stands for (Operating System

I have noticed recently that Windows 7, the soon to be released new version of the Windows OS from Microsoft, is the subject of more and more articles in these trade papers. The bulk of the articles deal primarily with, “how Windows 7 fits into the future of IT and “what SME’s should be doing to plan for the obvious and inevitable deployments and upgrades.” If you are a network administrator at one of these SMEs there is much to be learned about such things as “AppLocker”, “BitLocker”, “BranchCache”, “DirectAccess”, “EnterpriseSearch” and “Virtual Desktop Infrastructure”. How about those gobbledygook terms? Well these are all tools that the enterprise IT overseers and mobile power users have been demanding for some time and will now be available in Windows 7. But there is little being said that would apply to us individual PC and Laptop user that just want to do a few simple operations like get email, prepare a document or surf the internet. So I will try to glean what I can from these articles that would be of interest our community and put it into language that I hope more of us can understand.

First, there seems to be a consensus in all the articles that it’s probably not a good idea to jump into a Windows 7 upgrade without some serious planning first. In an article called, “Are You Ready For Windows 7?” by Sandra Kay Miller (*Processor* magazine, August 14, 2009) she quotes David Jackson, a former corporate IT professional who now provides targeted consulting to organizations and nonprofits with limited IT budgets, who says:

“It pays to plan well in advance for an OS upgrade. The easiest OS upgrade path is to make the switch when you purchase new hardware. OEM versions are often the least expensive, and you know the OS will be compatible with the hardware on which it’s running.”

That’s good practical advice. If, however, you are planning to upgrade your existing hardware, Jackson stresses the importance of testing third-party applications prior to moving to Windows 7 and if you have critical applications that won’t run on the new OS, it may be more economical to make do with the older OS. I should also note here that it has been announced that Microsoft plans to pull support for Windows XP in the spring of 2014.

In the same article Sandra tells us that Windows 7 will offer a variety of editions ranging from Home to Enterprise and that, although SMEs may opt for the Professional version, the Ultimate and Enterprise editions offer a number of additional features, including the gobbledygook items I mentioned above.

So we individual or consumer users will probably be selecting either the Home or Professional editions to upgrade our existing hardware. Again from Sandra’s article we learn that, although Microsoft is providing a discounted upgrade package for WinXP users so they will not have to bear the brunt of a full-priced version, to upgrade these machines to Windows 7 will require a clean install. That means that end users will still be responsible for backing up and reloading user data and applications like Office and your Family Tree Maker and Photo Album software etc.

For Vista machines, the upgrade path could be equally murky. The migration path is very specific according to the OS edition. For instance, Windows Vista Business can only upgrade to Windows 7 Professional and Windows Vista Ultimate to Windows 7 Ultimate. But for users upgrading between editions, a clean install must be performed. Clean installs are also required for upgrading between 32-bit and 64-bit versions.

The hardware requirements for Windows 7 are basically the same as they are for Vista, the first time ever a release of Windows hasn't required significantly more horsepower than the previous one. And it runs better on that hardware, or at least *feels* like it does.

According to Matt Buchanan on (Gizmodo, The Gadget Blog).

“Windows 7 is the biggest step forward in usability since Windows 95. In fact, over half of what makes it better than Vista boils down to user interface improvements and enhancements, not so much actual new features,”

“Its fancy new user interface, the heart of which is Aero Peek, making every open window transparent except the one you're focusing on at the moment so you can find what you're looking for, actually changes the way you use Windows. It breaks the instinct to maximize windows as you're using them; instead, you simply let windows hang out, since it's much easier to juggle them. In other words, it radically reorients the UI (user interface) around multitasking.”

“After six months of using Aero Peek and the new launcher taskbar, going back to Vista's taskbar, digging through collapsed app bars, or even its Peek-less Alt+Tab feels barbaric and primitive.”

Windows 7 brings back a sense of a tightness and control that was sometimes missing in Vista. There's a technical reason for this relating in part to the way graphics are handled, moments where I've felt like I wasn't in control of my PC have been few and far between, even during the beta and release candidate periods.

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What's Up with Windows 7 ? by Gary Brock (concluded)

The Verdict -- Well, after going over the comments of several of these pundits I get the idea that most feel that Windows XP was a great OS in its day and that Windows Vista, once it found its feet several months in, was a good OS. Now with Windows 7, the OS is great again. It's what people said they wanted out of Windows: Solid, more nimble and the easiest, prettiest Windows yet. There's always a chance this won't be a huge hit come October, given the economy and the state of the PC industry. And for us individual consumer users there is always some reluctance to be the guinea pig and wait for the bugs to be dealt with. But here with Windows 7 we may have something people can grab without fear.

Welcome New CVGS Member

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San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, September 11 – 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

10 a.m.: RootsMagic class

12 noon: Program: *My Irish Experience* –
by Tom Byrne

Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church
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(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs/>)

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Tuesday, September 8, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY -- COGG

9:30 – Social Hour

10:00 – Program: *My Ancestor was from England*
-- *That's all I Know* -- by Fred Spong.\

Location: City Council Chambers
1250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad
(<http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/>)

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Saturday, September 19, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY
OF SAN DIEGO

9:00 – User groups – FTM, RootsMagic
SIG: Computer Genealogy 101

10:15: Announcements,

Program: *Publishing a Family History Book in
the Internet Age* -- by Tom Underhill

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

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Tuesday, September 22, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

9:30 – Social Hour

10:00 – Program: *ONLINE: How You Get There
Does Make a Difference* -- By Barbara Renick

Location: City Council Chambers
1250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad
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GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- Wednesday, September 2, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting, Library Conference Room
- Wednesday, Sept. 9, 12 noon - Research Group Meeting, Library Conference Room
- Wednesday, Sept. 16, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting, Library Computer Lab
- Wednesday, September 30, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Seth Mallios of San Diego State University on *Cemeteries of San Diego County*, Library Auditorium
- Wednesday, October 7, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting, Library Conference Room
- Wednesday, October 14, 12 noon - Research Group Meeting, Library Conf. Room
- Wednesday, October 21, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting, Library Comp. Lab
- Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m. – “Discover Your Family History” Seminar at Fredericka Manor – Susan Walter on *How to Write Your Family Story*
- Wednesday, October 28, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Randy Seaver of CVGS on *Getting the Most out of Your Genealogy Vacations*, Library Auditorium

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