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The Chula Vista Genealogical Society Fall Seminar

Saturday, October 24th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at Fredericka Manor (183 Third Avenue, Chula Vista)

Featuring *Every Life Is a Story* by Susan Walter

Free lunch at 12 noon in the Fredericka Dining Room

Reservations Required by 10/19 – Contact Betsy Keller at (619) 205-4116

The CVGS Fall Seminar will be at Fredericka Manor on Saturday, 24 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The morning will begin with introductions and door prizes in the Auditorium, followed by Susan Walter's presentation. After Susan's talk, we will adjourn to the Dining Room for a sumptuous lunch. CVGS members are encouraged to talk about their own memories and to encourage Fredericka residents to share their memories. There will be a registration list for CVGS members, guests and Fredericka residents to sign up to record their memories and family stories in coming weeks using state-of-the-art digital voice recording equipment.

Susan Walter will present the idea of writing or recording memoirs and family stories for future generations. Because the idea of "writing an autobiography" can be so daunting, the more simplified collection of brief memoirs will be explained in the hopes that it may help to get those with stories to tell to actually tell them. Susan will share some examples of memoirs from her own life, and her very treasured tape recording, featuring the voice of her grandmother, will be heard.

Susan Walter is a historical archaeologist. She and her husband, Stephen Van Wormer, also a historian and archaeologist, have lived in Chula Vista for about 15 years. They live in the 115 year old orchard home of John M. Davidson, who was one of Chula Vista's founders. Stephen was raised in National City; Susan was born in Texas, raised in the San Fernando Valley, and moved to the San Diego area about 30 years ago. They have 2 adult children. Susan and Stephen have cooperated on hundreds of projects throughout the county, as well as working separately. One of Susan's specialties is conducting oral interviews and the collection of local history stories. She loves it when those stories are preserved for future generations. She knows each of you have fascinating tales to tell, because "Every Life Is a Story." We hope to see you all there!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Brock

Most people are back from summer trips and vacation journeys, glad to be back in their own beds and relieved to be back in familiar surroundings. But Wanda and I are just starting out.

Wanda will be on a tour which takes her and three of her cousins from Duluth, MN to Minot, ND, truly a "Little Town on The Prairie" where they will attend Norsk Høstfest, the largest [Scandinavian culture festival](#) in North America. There is also a [Scandinavian Heritage Park](#) in Minot. Can you imagine that, this tiny little town of less than 37,000 people swells to over 100,000 overnight each October when the festival comes to town? It's held at the site of the North Dakota State Fair and you cannot get a room in Minot or for miles around during the festival. The only way to get accommodations is to join a tour and you must do that at least a year in advance.

On their return to Duluth I will pick up Wanda after flying to Minneapolis and renting a car to drive to Duluth. From Duluth, Wanda and I will drive to Iron Mountain MI, another little town, way up north and Wanda's home town, to spend some time with her only remaining sister and to visit some old friends.

This time of year is an especially good time to visit the UP of Michigan [Upper Peninsula] because of all the spectacular colors and the reasonably temperate weather. The Maples, Birch, Ash and Poplars really put on quite a show. The one thing the two of us Michiganders miss most is the fall colors. One year we flew to Massachusetts, stayed on Cape Cod for a week and toured most New England just to see the colors. It is tricky to plan because the spectacular displays only last for about two week in New England. That year we hit it right on the money.

We both will return to San Diego on the 12th of October, all refreshed and ready to get back into the swing of things local. I would like to remind everyone that our fall seminar will be held at Fredericka Manor on Saturday October 24 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM and includes a hosted lunch. We would like to have a strong showing from the membership at this event to give the residents and friends of the manor a sense that our Society is here to help them.

And then on Wednesday October 28 you won't want to miss our own Randy Seaver tell us about Genealogy Vacations as only Randy can. That's our regular Society meeting at the Civic Center branch of the Chula Vista Library at 4th and F Street from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM.

In the meantime a happy October to all.

Gary Brock - gary@brocksystems.com

PROGRAM MEETING

Wednesday, October 28th, 12 Noon
Chula Vista Civic Center Library
Auditorium

Genealogy Vacations

By Randy Seaver

What is the best way to plan and enjoy Genealogy Vacations? Is it to visit five libraries and ten cemeteries in three days and then attending a genealogy conference? Or is it to combine genealogy research with family visits and sightseeing? When you visit a repository or a cemetery, how do you prepare for the visit?

Randy's presentation will provide some guidelines, and some examples from his experiences in England, Norway, on cruise ships, in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and Salt Lake city, and more!

Randy Seaver is a native San Diegan, a graduate of San Diego State University in Aeronautical Engineering, and a retired aerospace engineer with a 38-year career at Rohr/Goodrich in Chula Vista. His ancestry is mainly colonial New England and Upper Atlantic, with a few German and Dutch forbears.

His activities include serving on the CVGS Board (currently Newsletter Editor and Research Chairman), speaking occasionally to Southern California societies and groups, teaching the *Beginning Computer Genealogy* classes at OASIS, and is the Genealogy 2.0 columnist for the FGS's *FORUM Magazine*. He is also a member of NGS, NEHGS, SDGS, and CGSSD. Randy blogs daily about genealogy subjects at [Genea-Musings](#) and [The Geneaholic](#), and is the editor of the [Chula Vista Genealogy Café](#) blog.

SDGS All-Day Seminar on
Saturday, 14 November
[Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

The San Diego Genealogical Society will host an all-day Seminar on Saturday, November 14 at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program will be Everyone Has a Story. Discover Yours! Presented, in four sessions, by Ancestry.com personnel.

Reservations are limited. Cost, including a box lunch, will be \$30 for SDGS members and \$35 for non-members. Make reservations by using the registration form on the SDGS web site -

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casdgs/pdf/2009ancestry.pdf> and mailing it, with a registration check, to Suzette Aprea, 7151 Regner Rd, San Diego CA 92119.

RESEARCH GROUP NEWS

Seven members and a newcomer, Kevin, came to the Research Group Meeting on 9 September and Kevin became a member before the meeting was brought to order. Welcome, Kevin!

John Finch facilitated the meeting in the absence of Randy Seaver. We began the meeting with introductions and John discussed the merits of Member Connect at www.Ancestry.com. Ancestry recently launched this feature that tracks others researching persons in your family tree and alerts you to that activity. For example, Ancestry will report if anyone has taken any information from your tree or added, to their tree, records pertaining to a person in your tree. The benefit of this is that you find out who has a mutual interest in your family and ancestry allows a means to contact that person, which could lead to collaboration. John pointed out that this is just one of many good reasons to have a public accessible family tree on line. Our own Ahnentafels, <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/Ahnentafels/snindex.html>, would be a good place to start.

No one had a specific problem to discuss, but Joan had a document showing research of a Civil War Union Veteran, that may be of interest to another of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society Member and asked if we could pass the information along.

Dick talked about his trip in July to Wisconsin and Illinois for a reunion and family research. He had some good and some bad experiences in contact with various agencies in his search for records and documents. He had very good luck with www.FindaGrave.com and that brought on a discussion by nearly all of us as to the advantages of this site.

Shirley said that she is not making any progress now in her research and has encountered difficulty with her Pearsall, Miller and Sweet families. She is expecting to review a microfilm that may have information of the Pearsall's that has not been previously published and is searching archive.org for church records for a New York State community.

Virginia has had contact with a person, a possible cousin, and is comparing family information.

Gary has been sorting through a box of old photographs and papers that had belonged to his mother. He has been trying to identify all the photographs, to make the task easier, he has been placing the pictures into eras and chronological order.

Dearl has been dealing with a family illness and unable to research just now.

Joan has been corresponding with a lady that she met on line and they have been sharing information. Joan suspects that this lady may have confused a great uncle as a grand nephew and asked how she might either prove or disprove the relationship. The group suggested census reports would reveal the correct family relationship.

Kevin had questions about use of internet sites and the protocol for placing family information online.

John is planning for a Fall vacation, driving across the Midwest, and the process to prepare for some genealogical research while on the trip.

PROGRAM REVIEW

September 30th

Dr. Seth Mallios of SDSU on
*The Lost and Forgotten Cemeteries
of San Diego*

The September 30th program meeting of the [Chula Vista Genealogical Society](http://www.chulavistagenealogical.org) featured Dr. Seth Mallios of San Diego State University's Anthropology Department as the speaker. This presentation was one of the "best ever" we've had at CVGS. Seth is an accomplished professor of anthropology, and has written two books (with David Caterino) on San Diego cemeteries - [The Cemeteries of San Diego](#) and [The Cemeteries of San Diego County](#), both published by Arcadia Press and available online and in San Diego bookstores.

Seth described the San Diego Gravestone Project, which includes a study of San Diego's dead and how San Diego treats them, restoration and preservation of grave markers (which are a non-renewable cultural resource), and anthropological analysis of mortuary culture.

The goal of the San Diego Gravestone Project is to document all cemeteries and grave markers in San Diego County erected prior to 1960, to locate them using a Geographic Information System (GIS), to document them with digital photos, using archaeological rigor and standardized methodology. The project includes collecting data about gravestone physical properties (type of marker, type of material, condition) and literal properties (inscriptions, etc.).

There are 23 known cemeteries within San Diego city limits, and about 150 known cemeteries in the County. However, some of the known cemeteries are buried under parks, roads, parking lots and buildings. The most well-known example is Calvary Cemetery in the Mission Hills neighborhood of San Diego. There were over 3,000 burials in this cemetery when it was converted to a park (called Pioneer Park) in 1968. The gravestones were removed and dumped in a ravine at Mount Hope Cemetery several miles away. When the stones were found, the 142 "best looking" stones were salvaged and returned to Pioneer Park and placed in a corner of the park. These stones were not placed on the graves of their namesakes, just put in the corner. The graves are still in Calvary Cemetery under Pioneer Park.

A [1982 article in the Journal of San Diego History](#) listed 38 known cemeteries in San Diego County. Mallios's team found another 110 cemeteries by searching old maps, old photographs, surveys and word of mouth.

Seth provided a chronology of San Diego cemeteries - breaking the known locations down into Prehistoric, Mission and Indian (1769-1847, with Indian, Spanish and Mexican remains), Pioneer (1848-1907, with early American and Victorian graves), and Mega (1908 to the present, with gardens and landscaped grounds). He noted the trends in types of markers and symbols over the years. The shift from above ground columns, tablets and markers to flush in-ground stones took place in the 1910-1920 time period, and was heavily influenced by World War I and the 1918 influenza pandemic.

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GENERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES – SEPT. 30, 2009 (HIGHLIGHTS)

The meeting was called to order by Gary Brock.

Officer Reports: August minutes were approved as published, and the treasurer's August report was accepted as corrected.

* Vice-President (Membership) Virginia Taylor reported: 18 members + 3 guests present; one new member (WELCOME, Kevin Brown); current membership=96.

* Vice President (Programs) Barbara Ibaibarriaga reported on Upcoming programs: Sat, Oct 24, 10 AM, Fall Seminar at Fredericka Manor; must register with Fredericka Manor prior to event-Speaker: Susan Walter "Every Life Has a Story"; Wed, Oct 28, Randy Seaver will talk about going on genealogy vacations; Wed, Nov 25, Georgie Stillman will be back with her local version of "Heirloom Discovery Day" (sign-up sheet for Heirloom Discovery will be available at October general meeting so that people can bring items of interest and have Georgie give some background and insight on the object); and in December, we will have our Holiday Luncheon.

Committee Reports:

* Cemetery/Historian: Susan Zimmer reported that the committee is still working on records at La Vista Cemetery.

* Library and Books: Bernice Heiter is preparing the last book order of the year; let her know if there are any books you would like to have ordered.

* Webmaster/Estate Papers: Gary Brock said website is up to date, but he is always looking for new articles to share. Estate Papers Committee has started on Box 5 (out of 6).

* Hospitality: Susi Pentico will send around a sign-up sheet to set up a schedule for hosts/hostesses to provide refreshments at future events. She also indicated that the telephone tree needs a volunteer to fill in (Barbara Ibaibarriaga said she would be a back-up)

* Newsletter/Research/Queries: Randy Seaver has received a couple of "easy" queries. The newsletter will be published by Oct 12 (after the Board meeting next week); he appreciates any newsletter articles people would like to submit. Randy also thanked Virginia Taylor, Shirley Becker, and Susi Pentico for their help in getting the newsletter out when he was on vacation last month.

* Drawing: Dave McCracken won \$10 in the 50-50 drawing; in October, the 2010 Family Tree Maker (donated by Randy Seaver) will be the prize.

Program:

Dr. Seth Mallios, currently Professor and Dept Chair of the Dept of Anthropology at SDSU, talked about San Diego's Lost and Forgotten Cemeteries. He has done extensive research on the cemeteries in San Diego and San Diego County; in addition, he has published some books that chronicle his research on this topic. His insight and knowledge was well-received by the group.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Zimmer (for Ann Stevens, Secretary)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES -- OCTOBER 7, 2009 (HIGHLIGHTS)

The meeting called to order by Vice-President Barbara Ibaibarriaga at 12:10 PM. Present were Paul Price, Ann Stevens, Shirley Becker, Bob Page, Ruth Himan, Randy Seaver, and Susi Pentico.

Absent: Gary Brock, John Finch, Virginia Taylor, Susan Zimmer, Bernice Heiter, and Dearl Glenn

Officer Reports: September meeting minutes approved as corrected (spelling of Dr Mallios' name); Treasurer's report accepted as presented; Membership VP absent.

Programs (Barbara): Sat, Oct 24, 10AM-1 PM: Seminar at Fredericka Manor (more on this event in related newsletter article); Wed, Oct 28, Randy Seaver will talk about "Genealogy Vacations"; Wed, Nov 25, Georgie Stillman will be back with her local "Heirloom Discovery Day"; and in December, we will have our holiday lunch.

Committee Reports:

* Newsletter/Research/Queries (Randy): Thanks to Virginia Taylor, Shirley Becker, and Susi Pentico for their help in getting the newsletter out when Randy was on vacation last month. Randy has received a couple of "easy" queries this month.

* Hospitality (Susi): Susi talked about plans for the Holiday Luncheon; expressed concern about having enough seating and will look into that. Susi will send around a host/hostess sign-up sheet so that members can volunteer to bring refreshments for upcoming meetings.

* Member Services (Ruth): has sent some cards out to members who are ill or need support. RE: shirts – Gary needs to send her a "cleaned-up" logo so she can pursue design plans with the embroidery company.

* Ways and Means (Bob): \$21 taken in at last meeting; \$10 awarded to the winner of a 50-50 drawing. A copy of Family Tree Maker 2010 (thanks to Randy's donation) will be the prize at the meeting in October.

* Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z absent): Barbara mentioned that she and Wilma have been diligently working on the La Vista records and are making good progress.

Old Business:

* Fall Seminar planning: Randy asked about the follow-up plan (i.e., we get sign-ups for people who are interested in telling their stories, then what?) Multiple tape recorders are available for use, and Susi and Randy both have digital recorders, which are very efficient for transcribing. Barbara said that she will discuss with Susan about the best way to handle those "next steps," and a plan will be in place before starting the recording process.

New Business:

* Paul Price has submitted his letter of resignation to the Board; a replacement treasurer will need to be found. This opening will be announced at the next general meeting.

* The Oxford Street Post Office is going to remain open so there is no need to change our PO Box address.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM. Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary

COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS

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

- The Connecticut Nutmegger, Volumes 37-41
- The American Genealogist, Volumes 29-33
- ACGS Index of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials
- Massachusetts Vital Records: Marriages 1913
- The Virginia Genealogist, Volumes 6-10

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

- Holocaust Collection, including
 - Concentration camp registers and documents from Dachau, Mauthausen, Auschwitz, and Flossenburg.
 - The "Ardelia Hall Collection" of records relating to the Nazi looting of Jewish possessions, including looted art.
 - Captured German records including deportation and death lists from concentration camps.
 - Nuremberg War Crimes Trial proceedings.
- Baltimore City Directories, 1863-1923
- Boston City Directories, 1786-1926
- Brooklyn City Directories, 1862-1900, 1902-1912
- Buffalo City Directories, 1861-1923
- Chicago City Directories, 1843-1916, 1923
- Dallas City Directories, 1878-1923
- Detroit City Directories, 1861-1923
- Fort Wayne City Directories, 1861-1923
- Los Angeles City Directories, 1873-1924
- Louisville City Directories, 1861-1923
- New Orleans City Directories, 1861-1923
- New York City Directories, 1786-1922
- Newark City Directories, 1861-1923
- St. Louis City Directories, 1863-1923
- San Francisco City Directories, 1861-1923

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

- 1860 Census Index (view images on Footnote.com)
- 1930 Census Index (view images on Footnote.com)
- Australia and New Zealand records
- Selected Mexico Newspapers
- Selected Canadian Newspapers

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

- Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad, 1963-1974
- Honolulu, Hawaii Passenger Lists, 1900-1953
- Atlanta GA Federal Penitentiary Index, 1880-1922
- US Patent and Trademark Office Patents, 1790-1909
- US Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives, 1888-1895
- London, England Marriage Banns, 1754-1921
- London England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1637-1812
- Many Italian and German Books

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:

- Illinois, Cook County Birth Registers, 1871-1915
- United States Census, 1920 (51% complete) (no images)
- Wisconsin State Census, 1855
- Mexico Census, 1930 (17 states) (29% complete)
- Mexico, Coahuila, Catholic Church Records, 1627-1978 (browse images only)
- Mexico, Tlaxcala, Civil Registration, 1867-1937 (browse images only)
- England, Cheshire School Records, 1796-1950
- France, Protestant church records, 1612-1906
- Italy, Palermo Province, Monreale diocese, Catholic Church Records, 1530-1919 (browse images only)
- Slovakia, Presov Record Books (Hungarian and Slovakian Place Names), 1592-1952 (browse images)
- Argentina National Census, 1869
- Argentina National Census, 1875
- Argentina, Tucuman, San Miguel de Tucuman, Catholic Church Records, 1727-1949 (browse images only)

COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS

Webinars (Web seminars)

Webinars are online seminars, usually in the form of a PowerPoint presentation where you can hear the presenter's voice and see the charts. Some of the most recent webinars include:

- "Getting the Most Out of Footnote" at <http://blog.footnote.com/the-worlds-first-footnote-webinar/>.
- New England Historic Genealogical Society has quite a few online seminars at http://www.newenglandancestors.org/events/online_seminars.asp
- Ancestry.com has many webinars listed at <http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Webinars.aspx> including:
 - Best Strategies for Searching Ancestry.com
 - Getting Started on Ancestry.com
 - Family Tree Maker 2010 New Features Demo
 - Genealogy in Gotham: New York City Research
 - Ancestry World Archives Project: New Features Demo
 - Introducing Ancestry.com ExpertConnect
 - European Research: Tips and Tools for Success
 - Genetic Genealogy Made Easy

Genealogy Podcasts on *The Genealogy Guys*

The "Genealogy Guys" are Drew Smith and George G. Morgan. They have been podcasting (like a radio show on your computer) for several years now on a weekly basis.

You can listen to their latest podcast on their website at www.genealogyguys.com. You can also listen to archived podcasts from the individual podcast posts.

The Guys also have several videocasts of interviews posted at <http://genelaogyguys.blip.tv>.

NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* TV Show to Air Starting in January



Lisa Kudrow

Susan Sarandon

Sarah Jessica Parker

According to an article at the www.hollywoodreporter.com website, Lisa Kudrow (formerly with "Friends") was in Cannes promoting (along with other things), the new NBC series "Who Do You Think You Are?" which will air in primetime starting in January. Seven episodes have already been produced.

The adaptation of the BBC documentary series was created/exec produced by Alex Graham along with Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky. Kudrow, as well as Susan Sarandon and Sarah Jessica Parker are among the celebrities who have their ancestry revealed.

"[Who Do You Think You Are?](#)" will be a 42-minute show with commercials. It's also reported that NBC.com is working on a partnership with Ancestry.com to create a cross-platform interactive Web site to coincide with the television series.

Genealogy Videos on *Roots Television*

There is a wealth of entertaining, instructive and humorous videos about genealogy research on the Roots Television website (www.RootsTelevision.com). You can watch them on your computer with an Internet connection.

Some of the recent offerings include:

- [Michelle Obama's Roots](#)
- [Great-Grandfather's Story Revealed After 40 Years](#)
- [Adopted Man Identifies Birth Father](#)
- [Tracing Your Family Roots - Court Records](#)
- [Finding Hard-to-Find Locations](#)
- [My Story: Peggy McDonald](#)

CVGS Donations to Chula Vista Public Library – August 2009

Donated by June Dawson:

* Records of the Reformed Dutch Church. Hackensack & Schraalenberger, NJ, 929.3749 R62

* Nelson-Anderson. Danette L. & Cynthia V. Waters. Genetic Connections. (A_Guide to Documenting Your Individual & Family Health History), 616.042 NEL

Donated by estate of Chesley Cox:

* Dorrel, Ruth, comp. Pioneer Ancestors of Members of the Society of INDIANA Pioneers. 928.3772 DOR

Donated by Catherine Clark:

* The Dinghy. (Supplement to The Second Boat {the Mayflower}). Periodical, Vol 1, nos. 2-6 929. 3747 DIN

Donated by Shirley Becker:

* The Historical Review: Schoharie County. Periodical. Fall/winter 2008, 929.3747 SCH

* Tree Talks: Church of the Assumption, Syracuse, NY: Marriages, 1844-1864, 929.3747 CHU

* _____; Payments to people involved in building the Erie Canal 1829-1821, 928.3737 KIN

* _____; Subject & surname index to- vol 47, # 1, 2 & 3, 2007; 929.3747 SUB

* _____; Subject & surname index to- vol 48, # 1,2,& 3, 2008; 929.3747 SUB

Donated by Susan Pentico:

* Myers, Robert Man. The Children of Prode 975.8 SMI

* National Genealogical Society Quarterly. June 2008 929.1 NAT

Donated by Randy Seaver:

* Smith, Drew. Social Networking for Genealogists 929.1028 SMI

Purchased with Society funds:

* Smith, Clifford Neal. British & German Deserters Discharges, & Prisoners of War Who May Have Remained in Canada & the US, 1774-1783; Part 1 & Part 2: Deserters & Disbanded Soldiers from British, German, & Loyalist Military Units in the South, 1782 929.37 BRI

* Smith, Clifford Neal. German Mercenary Expatriates in the US & Canada; 3 volumes in 1; 929.37 SMI

If you have a special book that would benefit CVGS members, please donate it or request it be purchased. Contact Bernice Heiter (619) 422-8778

Lost and Forgotten Cemeteries of San Diego Program Summary (Concluded)

There was much more in the hour-long talk, of course! This presentation was an enjoyable, amusing and informative walk through San Diego's past. Seth is an excellent presenter and an expert in San Diego burial cultural history.

There are some interesting articles available online about Seth Mallios and the San Diego Gravestone Project:

* [The San Diego Gravestone Project](#) (with a list of pre-1960 burials at the Jewish Home of Peace Cemetery in San Diego)

* [City of the forgotten dead](#) (describes the Calvary Cemetery debacle)

* [Cemeteries are the repository of centuries past](#)

San Diego Genealogical Society Library has Moved!

The San Diego Genealogical Society Library will be relocated to 7343 Ronson Road, Suite O, San Diego, CA 92111. The move will take place in October and November, with a grand opening in mid-November. Check the SDGS website for more information – see www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs/.

Lemon Grove Genealogy Group Notes from Susi Pentico

We are working on blog queries for all those who attend. I will be putting them on line within the next few days. We will be talking about "Surnames and how they may help with Research" at our next meeting.

We also have a member that is dealing with citizenship like the gentleman in the paper that thought he was a citizen, but yet it's not been recorded.

This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. We cover from Beginners to Advanced as time permits. I also share data on line with the members who have internet access.

Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Lemon Grove Library from 6 to 8 pm (3131 School Lane, Lemon Grove CA 91945, 619-463-9819).

Download Record Images ... Don't Link to Them by Randy Seaver (originally published on www.geneamusings.com)

One of the major issues facing genealogy researchers is how to effectively capture, save and use images of genealogy records that pertain to our ancestors. Ancestry.com has made it very easy for researchers with a www.ancestry.com subscription to attach a link to record images to persons in an Ancestry.com Member Tree. However, there are two problems with this seductive and easy task:

- 1) **The "attached" (really "linked") record images do not download to a family tree program, even to Ancestry.com's Family Tree Maker 2010.**
- 2) **If access to a record database is removed from the Ancestry.com website, then the "linked" record images are not available to users.**

The latter instance is what has happened to thousands of Ancestry.com subscribers that "captured" images from the Drouin Collection of Quebec baptisms, marriages and burials - the database was recently removed from access by Ancestry.com as a result of a court order (and then reinstated one month later after resolution of the problem. Consequently, the "linked" images in Ancestry Member Trees disappeared from the user databases - because there were only links to the images, not saved images attached to persons (like family photos are uploaded and attached).

The latest versions of Family Tree Maker 2010 permit the subscribed user to download their Ancestry Member Tree from Ancestry.com, including all of the images and other media uploaded by the user, but not the record images "attached" ("linked") by the user to their tree directly from Ancestry.com databases. However, the subscribed user can upload a new Member Tree to Ancestry.com from within FTM 2010 that includes all images and media that the user has attached to their FTM 2010 tree from files on their computer.

What should a genealogy researcher do in order to prevent "record image loss" due to either scenario? My "best practice" recommendations include:

- 1) **Download and save to your computer hard drive any record images that pertain to persons in your family tree.** Doing this, you have "captured" the record. Be sure to name the image file clearly. Print it out if you want to using your favorite image program. Be sure to note the source citation of the record image - both the original data source and the online data source. The software programs can capture images and sources from a Web Search, and can be used to do this task. Frankly, I find it easier to do the downloading and saving directly from the database provider into a file folder where I can name it and find it easily.
- 2) **Attach the saved record images to persons in your family tree program.** The latest program versions (FTM 2009/2010, RootsMagic 4, Legacy Family Tree 7, The Master Genealogist 7, Reunion) make this very easy to do. While you're at it, input the source information into the Source fields of the program. You'll be glad you did!
- 3) **Do not attach record images to persons in your Ancestry Member Tree directly from the Ancestry.com record databases --** the links to these images (and therefore the images themselves) will disappear if you do not renew your Ancestry subscription or if the database is removed from Ancestry.com.
- 4) **if you do not have Family Tree Maker 2009/2010, make all changes to your family tree in your genealogy software program on your computer, not in the Member Tree on Ancestry.com.** If you use any other program, you can download only a GEDCOM from Ancestry.com that will not include the record images that you have attached to persons in your Ancestry Member Tree. If you have all of your data, including images, only in an Ancestry.com Member Tree, then you will need Family Tree Maker 2010 in order to download everything to your personal computer.

The major challenge for some researchers is to create and use an organized file folder system with a consistent file naming convention so that you can find the record images easily on your computer hard drive. If you don't know how to do this, contact a knowledgeable computer user in your local society, or your friendly neighbor computer geek, to teach you how - it is not difficult.

Unfortunately, what I have recommended above does not mesh well with the "Genealogy in the Cloud" vision that seems to be the future of genealogy research. Ancestry.com is very well-positioned to be the major player in the Genealogy Cloud competition. They have made it easy for subscribers to move data between Ancestry.com and FTM 2010. No other family tree software program can upload the attached media to an Ancestry Member Tree, or download attached media from Ancestry.com to the software program.

At this time, there is NOT a seamless synchronization between FTM 2010 and Ancestry Member Trees. Uploading from FTM 2010 creates a NEW Ancestry Member Tree, and does not update an existing Member Tree. A downloaded Member Tree into FTM 2010 can create a new family tree, or can be merged into an existing family tree. Ancestry.com's goal is to provide a synchronization feature that permits a user to change their database information in either a Member Tree or an FTM database and have it automatically update the other element.

Meeting Host Volunteers

October: Ann Stevens
 November: Hosts needed

Please contact Susi Pentico to volunteer!

Holiday Luncheon in December

In December we will have a potluck Holiday Luncheon, with meats and drinks provided by CVGS. Please be thinking of that now,

Remember that in December we donate gifts for children/teens and food to the Salvation Army. I am sure with economy as it is any item would be appreciated. We will also have a holiday gift exchange.

More information will be in the November newsletter.

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Page 1 – Marcia Mautner – 619-227-2733

Page 2 – May Stone – 619-585-3395

Page 3 – volunteer needed!

Alternate: Barbara Ibaibarriaga – 619-477-4140

CVGS Society Officers

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Sunshine Committee	Ruth Himan

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, October 10 – 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

10 a.m.: RootsMagic class

12 noon: Program: *Using Google for Your Genealogy*, by Gena Ortega

Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church
 8350 Lake Murray Blvd, corner Jackson Dr.
 (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs/>)

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Tuesday, October 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY -- COGG

9:30 – Social Hour

10:00 – Program: *Exploring Ancestry.com*, by Randy Seaver

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

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Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO MINI-FAIR

9:00 – *Using Footnote.com*, by Randy Seaver, or
How a Senior Computer Geek Becomes a Computer Genealogist, by Gene Powell.

10:15: Announcements,

10:30 – *Now That You Started a DNA Project, What Now*, by Corlee Morris, or
Tarsia, Italy and Compiling Records from Secondary Sources, by Ellen Barbieri

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

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Tuesday, October 27, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

9:30 – Social Hour

10:00 – Program: *Dating Old Photos by Clothing*, by Sue Bouse Team

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

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

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **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 Computer Lab**
- **Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m. – Special Meeting at Fredericka Manor – featuring *Susan Walter on Every Life Has a Story*, Free Lunch in Fredericka Dining Room.**
- **Wednesday, October 28, 12 noon – Program Meeting: *Randy Seaver of CVGS on Genealogy Vacations*, Library Auditorium**
- **Wednesday, November 4, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting, Library Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 11, 12 noon - Research Group Meeting, Library Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 18, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting, Library Computer Lab**
- **Wednesday, November 25, 12 noon – Program Meeting: *Georgie Stillman with an Heirloom Discovery Day*, Library Auditorium**

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/~cacvgs2/>

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