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## February 23<sup>th</sup> Program Meeting

at 12 noon at the Chula Vista South Branch Library  
(389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista) Conference Room

***“Identifying & Researching Your Ancestors Who Served in the Military”***  
**presented by Margaret Lewis**

Margaret Lewis is the Vice President of the San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group in San Diego, California. Marti is a compelling and influential voice in the genealogy community and she advocates for the study of Family History.

Her genealogical specialty is in Military and Slave Research. She is known for her boundless enthusiasm, and has provided genealogical presentations and workshops statewide in California, including Arizona and Nevada.

Marti's love for genealogy is expressed through her many published articles: "A Soldier's Story;" "My Family Link;" "He Touched Me;" and a family poem "Ancestral Roll Call."

She volunteers as a contributor to the "Find A Grave" web-site transcribing 100's of obituaries and photos. She is also a consultant on African American Genealogy at the Family History Center in San Diego CA. During the month of February, Marti will be teaching classes in "Researching Your Roots" with Particular Emphasis on the Challenges Unique to African Americans, every Thursday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Family History Center, 4195 Camino Del Rio S., in San Diego.

One of Marti's greatest feats was fulfilling a genealogical research request from an inmate in Norco State Prison. In a 12 hour period with only 3 names, she was able to add 5 generations dating back to 1795 to his very prestigious family tree.

In July of 2010, Marti was contacted by the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Texas, to see if she would be willing to share her personal story and documents on her great great grandfather Jacob Wilks, to be featured in an exhibit, which highlights the 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry. The exhibit opened in July, 2010 thru January 3, 2011. Marti is also featured in the exhibit. Two local newspapers from San Antonio, Texas, contacted Marti for telephone interviews about her contribution to the exhibit. See stories on links below.

<http://www.examiner.com/museum-in-san-antonio/riding-into-history>

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/default/article/A-story-of-frontier-valor-783291.php>



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## President's Message by Gary Brock



Our January general meeting was well attended with more than 40 members and guests in attendance. Our own Ruth Himan delighted us with stories of "Mining Genealogy History in Kansas." Her presentation was a CASE STUDY of a child left fatherless by the Civil War. John Christopher Hayley Born in Tennessee, and dying in Arizona. Ruth's presentation was a fine example of researching the "dash", all that which took place in the subject's life between the birth date and the death date, and led her to research in the state of Kansas.

Our February 23 general meeting is the Society's Annual Meeting. The board will be presenting its Annual Report for 2010 and a Purposed Budget for 2011 to be approved by the membership. The board has labored over this budget with the current economic conditions in mind and is struggling to keep the deficit as low as possible. There have been suggestions for new and innovative ways to raise funds which the board will be

considering.

If anyone would like a copy of the proposed budget to study before attending the Annual Meeting please email your request to me at [gary@brocksystems.com](mailto:gary@brocksystems.com) and I will be happy to supply a copy by return email.

Our speaker for February is Margaret Lewis who will talk to us about *"Identifying and Researching your Ancestors Who Served in the Military,"* a really intriguing title. Be sure to be there to see how Margaret unravels this captivating mystery.

**Coming up on Saturday March 5 is the annual Escondido Family History Fair.** This is the largest Genealogy get-together of the year in San Diego County. Several nationally known speakers will be presenting at the all day event. There is no charge for the Fair. Charges only apply to the lunch and the syllabus. Pre-registration must be received by February 20. For more information and a printable registration form go to <http://www.familyhistoryfair.net/index.php> Keep watching our web site, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cacvgs2> or our blog site <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com> for more information and carpools opportunities.

**Finally, CVGS is again planning a free Seminar on April 2.** This one should prove to be very interesting. Michael T. Murphy, a local attorney and Del Stevens, a local insurance broker and financial planner, will team up to try to make some connections between Probates, Wills, Insurance records and the Law and how it all can affect your Genealogy Research. The program will be held at the Bonita branch of the San Diego County Library System, 4375 Bonita Road, Bonita in the Community Room from 10 AM until 2PM. You can bring your own lunch or utilize one of the many eateries close by. To register please contact Virginia Taylor, [cvgprograms@cox.net](mailto:cvgprograms@cox.net).

**Please renew your membership if you haven't already done so.**

See you at our meetings -- Gary.

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

**For the Next CVGS**  
**All-Day Seminar**  
**More Details in March!**

**Saturday, March 5th 2011 Workshop**

**is cancelled due to Escondido Family**  
**History Fair (see page 3)**

**Next workshop will be in May.**

## **CVGS Board and Program Meeting Minutes**

The Board Meeting and Program Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website .

Check them out at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/page08.html>

## **January 26<sup>th</sup> Program Review – Ruth Himan presented** **“Mining Genealogical History in Kansas”**

CVGS member Ruth Himan presented her program about finding her Hayley ancestors in Kansas records on Wednesday, 26 January at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library to 40 attendees.

Ruth's presentation started with the story of her great-grandfather, John Christopher Hayley, born in Tennessee in 1871 who died in 1931; the story is that he ran away from home when he was age 14, and family information indicated that he resided in Kansas. In the effort to document his life, Ruth used six tools - pedigree charts, family group sheets, migration maps, timelines, networking and library searches. On the migration map, she entered the known birth, marriage and death locations for family members (children and grandchildren).

In mining for genealogical history, she kept the Tip of the “Iceberg Chart” in mind - it notes that only a small percentage of genealogical records are online. Ruth knew that much of the information on the Internet is inaccurate and unsourced, and she referred to the chart often to make her points. Her research steps included doing preliminary searching on the Internet, collecting evidence, verifying and validating her data with sources, using a research log, keeping a daily journal, and hiring researchers to do courthouse, library and cemetery work.

Ruth took her father and step-mother on a trip to Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee in search of their Hayley ancestors in 2010. She described her travel toolkit - a laptop, camera, phone, recorder, chargers, magnifying glass, comfy shoes, tourbook and door hanger.

Their first stop was in Reno County, Kansas where they met extended family. Then to Hutchinson, Kansas, her father's birthplace. She tracked down several addresses where the family lived, using a gazetteer and newspaper articles at the library, and they took pictures in front of them. At the courthouse, she found that she needed a lot number rather than an address, so at the library she found the lot number on a Sanborn map. The courthouse archives were in the underground "salt mines" and she visited them.

Ruth also did some pro bono research for her CVGS colleague, Jaye, who wanted to know how her grandfather died in Hutchinson in the 1930s. Ruth found several newspaper articles, an obituary, and a death record - she found that he was run over by a young man driving a street cleaner.

Ruth's presentation was interesting, humorous and made the point that you have to get out to the libraries, courthouses and family homes in order to put the jigsaw puzzle of a life together.

## **Escondido Family History Fair – Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. To 5 pm.**

### **All Day FREE Seminar and CVGS Research Trip**

**The Annual Escondido Family History Fair will be on Saturday, 5 March at the LDS Escondido South Stake Center (2255 Felicita Road, Escondido).** The Keynote Speaker at 9 a.m. will be Diane Loosle from the LDS FamilySearch organization in Salt Lake City. There will be five other hour-long sessions during the day, in seven different rooms, with presentations on a range of genealogy and family history subjects.

**Registration for the Family History Fair is by mail only. The registration form is online at [http://www.familyhistoryfair.net/images/stories/REGISTRATION\\_-\\_2011\\_2.pdf](http://www.familyhistoryfair.net/images/stories/REGISTRATION_-_2011_2.pdf). The Fair itself is free to attend. There is a \$13 charge for a class syllabus, and a \$9 charge for a box lunch if you wish to purchase them. Randy Seaver has copies of the registration form available also. The closing date for reservations is 20 February 2011.**

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society will have a booth in the exhibit hall again this year. We will have membership applications and information sheets available as handouts. A laptop computer will be running to show the CVGS website and the Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog.

**If you would like to carpool to the Family History Fair, please contact Randy Seaver** (phone 619-422-3397, email [rjseaver@cox.net](mailto:rjseaver@cox.net)) to reserve your space. We will leave at 7:30 a.m. From the Chula Vista parking garage (second level, opposite the fitness center), and return at about 5:30 p.m.

**This is the only FREE all-day seminar in the San Diego area -don't miss it!**

### **Stay Up-To-Date**

#### **Check the CVGS**

**Website ([www.rootsweb.com/~cacvgs2/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~cacvgs2/) and**

**Blog (<http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>)**

**regularly!**

## **Research Group News by Randy Seaver**

The CVGS Research Group meeting on 12 January 2011 had 17 in attendance. The format of the meeting changed a bit - Randy chose a topic of "Military Pension Records" before opening the discussion to member's research problems and questions.

Randy discussed the information offered by the National Archives - a person can order military pension files, with a limited number of pages or the complete file. The file can now be ordered online at <http://www.archives.gov/>, and sent as paper files or as a PDF file on a CDROM, and paid for with a credit card. Online subscription services have some military pension files available:

1) <http://www.ancestry.com/> has:

\*\* [Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900](#) (indexed, images)

\*\* [American Revolutionary War Rejected Pensions](#) (indexed, images)

\*\* [War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812-1815](#) (not indexed)

\*\* [Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934](#) (index only)

2) <http://www.footnote.com/> has:

\*\* Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files (NARA M804, indexed, images)

\*\* Civil War and Later Veterans Pension Index (NARA T289, index only)

\*\* Civil War "Widow's" Pensions (indexed, images, only 2% complete)

\* Randy ordered a Civil War Pension File on CDROM from NARA on 15 December for \$75, and received it in the mail on 31 December - 81 pages. He described some of the papers in the file, and passed them around. They included declarations, affidavits and vital records. Randy also passed around some pages from a Revolutionary War Pension File that included family Bible pages to prove the marriage and names of the children.

\* Mary Lou ordered a Civil War Pension File online on 28 December and received it on 10 January. She shared some of the details, although it did not have the soldier's father's name which she had hoped for. She noted that the 1913 death certificate for the soldier in the file had somewhat different information than the death certificate she obtained in 2010.

\* Helen told the story of Maude, mother of John Franklin Ables born 1902, one of her ancestors who married three times and was married in the 1920 U.S. census to Samuel Monroe Harris. A John Frank Glenn was enumerated, age 17, as a stepson to Monroe Harris. Helen wanted to know if this was an enumeration error, since "John Franklin" sounds like "John Frank Glenn." The group thought that that was the case, and encouraged Helen to create a convincing proof argument.

\* Bobbie has asked the Lake County, Illinois Deed office to search for a specific deed, but they won't do it because she cannot provide some sort of finding aid - a deed number or a volume and page number of a deed record book. She knows the name, date and land description from a will, but needs to find the deed reference number. The group suggested go there to find it, hiring someone to find it there, or to use the Family History Library microfilms to obtain the reference number and even the deed image.

\* Ruth noted that she found a useful family Bible being sold on eBay. She bid on it, but didn't get it. However, she captured the page images shown on the eBay page.

\* Lana asked where is the best place to do genealogical research in San Diego. The group responded with at home on the Internet, at the FamilySearch Center in Mission Valley, at Carlsbad Library, at the SDGS Library, at the downtown San Diego Public Library and at the Chula Vista Public Library.

\* Lana also asked where she can find colonial records for Virginia and North Carolina. The group suggested the Family History Library microfilms for church, land, probate and tax records, in addition to any published family history books.

**The topic for the next Research Group meeting on 9 February at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library will probably be "Land Records."**



## **NBC-TV Show *Who Do You Think You Are?* Returns on Friday Nights**

The NBC-TV (Channel 7/39 in San Diego) show *Who Do You Think You Are?* is returning for the second season on Friday nights in February and March at 8 p.m. The first episode was on 4 February. Celebrities whose ancestry will be researched and presented include Vanessa Williams, Tim McGraw, Steve Buscemi, Kim Cattrall, Lionel Richie, Rosie O'Donnell, Ashley Judd, and Gwyneth Paltrow.



## Computer Group News

We had 13 members at the Computer Group meeting at 12 noon on Wednesday, 19 January, in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Computer Lab.

Randy led the meeting this month, and we visited the updated LDS FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/>) web site, where everything is FREE to any researcher. The pages visited and demonstrated included:

- \* The Home Page that has links for Learn, FamilySearch Centers, Give Back (volunteer indexing) and the Blog. And the Search Box tabs for Historical Records, Family Trees and Library Catalog.

- \* There are currently 540 [Historical Record Collections](#) with 20 to 30 being added each month by the imaging and indexing efforts. The user can find databases for a specific state or country, or choose by places, categories, or date ranges. Some collections have only an index, some have only images arranged in a logical fashion, and some have both indexing and images. Some collections have only indexes that link to images on a subscription web site.

- \* The [Library Catalog](#) page accesses the Family History Library Catalog in Salt Lake City, and is composed of books, periodicals and manuscripts on the shelf at the library, and microfilms and microfiche that can be rented at a FamilySearch Center for about \$6 for a four-week period. The Catalog can be searched by place name, surname, subject, author, title, microfilm number, call numbers and keywords.

- \* The [Learn](#) page includes the Research Wiki and the educational Research Courses and Get Started. The [Research Wiki](#) has information about countries, states, counties, and general topics that can be added or edited by any registered user in a wiki format. The [Research Courses](#) page has more than 120 courses taught by subject matter experts at the Family History Library or professional researchers that can be watched and heard on the Internet. Some courses can be downloaded to a computer.

This was a whirlwind tour of the updated FamilySearch website, and many of the attendees found useful historical records online or microfilms to order at the FamilySearch Center in coming months. Everyone is now more aware of the offerings on the <https://www.familysearch.org/> site and have some insight as to how to navigate the site to help their research.

The next meeting of the CVGS Computer Group will be Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in the Computer Lab at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. Shirley Becker will lead this meeting.

## Chula Vista Centennial Celebration (see Susan Zimmer for details)

Chula Vista's 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of incorporation of the city is in 2011. The Centennial website is at <http://chulavista100.com>. Activities planned in the near future include:

- Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.: Chula Vista City Hall, Council Chambers: **Committee of 100 Meeting**
- Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 p.m., Chula Vista High School Performing Arts Center: **Chula Vista Centennial Concert**
- Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Petco Park: **Chula Vista Centennial Day at the Padres**
- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, All day: **Chula Vista Historic Homes Tour**

## "Genealogy 101" Classes Coming soon!

CVGS will hold another four-session Beginner's class called **"Genealogy 101"** on Tuesday nights (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) in April (April 5, 12, 19, 26) in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. The classes will be taught by Randy Seaver. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the cost of the course syllabus.

Subjects to be covered include the Treasure Hunt, Forms and Charts, Organizing Papers and Files, Genealogy Education, Finding Books, Periodicals and Records, Effective Online Searches, Genealogy Software, Online Family Trees, and more.

Contact Randy Seaver (email [rjseaver@cox.net](mailto:rjseaver@cox.net), phone 619-422-3397) to reserve your spot. There are only 20 seats available! New members are encouraged to take this class to jump start their genealogy search. More experienced members can attend if there are seats available.

## **Book Review – *Life In Civil War America* by Michael J. Varhola** **by Randy Seaver**

The Civil War was a major event in the history of the United States - a clash of cultures that affected nearly every state in the young nation.

Michael J. Varhola has crafted a book that informs and entertains the casual reader and the interested historian about life in the 1860's time period. This is not a book about the Civil War per se - the events, battles, personalities, etc. It is a book about how the people in the United States lived during that time.

Do you want to know:

- \* what was a Jake? A Joe? A John?
- \* what was a goober grabber, a corn cracker, or a tobacco worm?
- \* who were Ira Frederick Aldridge, Charlotte Saunders Cushman, and Joice Heth?
- \* what wages were paid to civilians, and to soldiers on both sides?
- \* what was pop skull, switchel and embalmed beef?

You can find out about these terms, and hundreds more, in this book.

The chapters of the book outline the content of this work:

1. North and South: One Nation, Two Peoples - a look at each state with an emphasis on their contributions to the war effort
  2. Where People Lived: Life in City, Town and Country - including architectural styles, costs of homes and housing.
  3. Education: From Schoolhouses to Universities - review of opportunities in each state
  4. Slang and Idiom: How People and Events Shaped Language
  5. Religion: What People Believed - denominations, movements, benevolent societies, and more
  6. Fun and Games: How People Entertained Themselves - games, music, sports, theater, circuses, vices
  7. Wages and Currency: Coins, Greenbacks, and Postal Currency
  8. Clothing and Dry Goods: What Items Cost and the Impact of Shortage
  9. Food and Diet: How People Ate at Home and on the War Front
  10. Technology: Inventions That Changed Life and Warfare - including military, medical, farm, transportation, communication, photography
  11. The War on the Home Front: The Draft and Civil Unrest - including attitudes, slavery, reconstruction, terrorism
  12. Brothers at War: Billy Yank, Johnny Reb
  13. Arms, Equipment and Uniforms,: Supplying the Servicemen - weapons, uniforms, rank and insignia, flags
- Appendix A: Civil War Photography, by Maureen A. Taylor  
Appendix B: Civil War Timeline  
Appendix C: Bibliography and Recommended Books  
Appendix D - Resources  
Appendix E - Songs and Poetry

Each chapter ends with definitions of common terms, slang and idioms of the time.

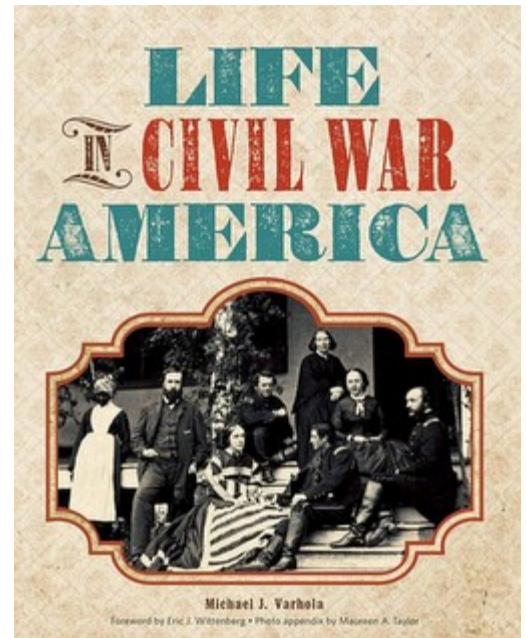
The scope of the book is staggering, but the author manages to convey the important features and realities of daily life in the 1860's, from big cities to small towns and plantations. There are sections that explain military life in the Army and Navy, the typical diets, etc.

The Appendices cover a Civil War time-line, tips for researching ancestors in this time period, Civil War resource books, periodicals, websites and historic sites.

I really enjoyed reading this book in order to be able to understand and relate the events, habits, attitudes, language, education and other features of mid-19th century America. It was fascinating and informative, without being pedantic or tedious. The use of period photographs and the language terms help to keep my interest. I think it is an absolutely necessary book for the casual historian's bookshelf and for public libraries.

More information about the book can be found at <http://www.shopfamilytree.com/product/life-in-civil-war-america/sharing-family-history> The book can be pre-ordered there. The projected publication date is late February 2011.

**Michael J. Varhola, *Life in Civil War America*, F+W Media, Inc., 2011. \$22.99 (retail).**



**COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS****Some New or Updated Databases at [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) (\$\$)**

- \* New Zealand Jury Lists, Maori Land Claims, Electoral Rolls, Naturalizations, City and Area Directories
- \* Savannah, Georgia Slave Manifests, 1811-1860
- \* New Orleans, Louisiana Slave Manifests, 1807-1860
- \* Adams County, Mississippi Slave Certificates, 1858-1861
- \* U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865
- \* Washington DC Slave Owner Petitions, 1862-1863
- \* Washington DC Slave Emancipation Records, 1851-1863
- \* US Freedman Bureau Records of Field Offices, 1865-1878
- \* US Interviews with Former Slaves, 1936-1938
- \* Wilkinson County, Mississippi Slave Ads, 1823-1849
- \* Lubeck, Germany Census, 1857
- \* Germany and Austria, Military Unit Histories, 1760-1919
- \* Germany, State Government Directories, 1801-1928
- \* Burke's family Records (Indexed)
- \* Historical Records of the Soldiers and Sailors of North Brookfield, Mass. (Indexed)
- \* History of Cabarrus County in the Wars (Indexed)
- \* Record of Services of Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men of Kittery and Eliot, Maine (Indexed)
- \* Genealogy of the Stokes Family : ... Settled in Burlington County, N.J. (Indexed)
- \* New South Wales, Australia Tickets of Leave, 1824-1867
- \* London, England Land Tax Valuations, 1910

See all new and updated Ancestry.com databases at  
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/recent.aspx>

**Some New or Updated Databases at [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) (Free)**

See all FamilySearch databases at <https://www.FamilySearch.org/collection/list/>

- \* [United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942](#) (last updated 3 Feb 2011, 2,821,572 record images and index)
- \* [Massachusetts Births, 1841-1915](#) (last updated 2 Feb 2011, 3,818,515 record images and index)
- \* [Texas, Comanche County Records, 1858-1955](#) (last updated 31 Jan 2011, browse images only)
- \* [Virginia, Freedmen's Bureau Letters, 1865-1872](#) (last updated 31 Jan 2011, 834,423 record images and index)
- \* [England and Wales Census, 1881](#) (last updated 28 Jan 2011, 10,711,675 records, index only)
- \* [Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947](#) (last updated 28 Jan 2011, 2,050,112 records, index only)
- \* [Quebec Census, 1861](#) (last updated 28 Jan 2011, 1,094,774 records, index only)
- \* [New York, County Marriages, 1908-1935](#) (last updated 26 Jan 2011, 157,260 record images and index)
- \* [Iowa State Census, 1885](#) (last updated 25 Jan 2011, 503,573 records, index only)
- \* [Minnesota State Census, 1905](#) (last updated 25 Jan 2011, 1,973,884 record images and index)
- \* [South Dakota State Census, 1935](#) (last updated 25 Jan 2011, 673,322 record images and index)
- \* [Wisconsin Deaths and Burials, 1835-1968](#) (last updated 25 Jan 2011, 454,484 records, index only)
- \* [Massachusetts Deaths, 1841-1915](#) (last updated 24 Jan 2011, 2,744,355 record images and index)
- \* [North Carolina Deaths, 1906-1930](#) (last updated 21 Jan 2011, 615,657 record images and index)
- \* [Tennessee, Death Records, 1914-1955](#) (last updated 21 Jan 2011, 1,276,298 record images and index)
- \* [Wisconsin State Census, 1885](#) (last updated 21 Jan 2011, 407,138 records, index only)
- \* [Wisconsin State Census, 1895](#) (last updated 21 Jan 2011, 494,911 records, index only)
- \* [Canada Census Mortality Schedules, 1871](#) (last updated 20 Jan 2011, 45,371 records, index only)
- \* [New Jersey State Census, 1885](#) (last updated 20 Jan 2011, 305,188 records, index only)
- \* [Ohio, Cuyahoga County Probate Files, 1813-1900](#) (last updated 20 Jan 2011, browse images only)
- \* [United States Census, 1930](#) (last updated 20 Jan 2011, 8,521,754 records, index only)
- \* [Delaware Death Records, 1855-1955](#) (last updated 14 Jan 2011, 209,962 record, images and index)
- \* [Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927](#) (last updated 14 Jan 2011, 363,464 records, index only)
- \* [Quebec Notarial Records, 1800-1900](#) (last updated 14 Jan 2011, browse images only)
- \* [Rhode Island, State Census, 1935](#) (last updated 14 Jan 2011, 693,472 record images and index)

**Stay up-to-date with news in the Genealogy World – visit Dick Eastman's blog daily:**

[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/)

## **Lemon Grove Research Group News with Susi Pentico**

The second February meeting is on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Shirley Becker will present "Organizing your Computer Genealogy." It should be very informative. Shirley teaches the computer classes for CVGS, and is knowledgeable about both Windows and Macintosh computer systems.

The first March meeting is on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The subject will be about exchanging information on the upcoming CVGS seminar on April 2, and the Escondido Family History Fair, sharing of rides and other activities.

These meetings are held at Lemon Grove Library from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, [SusiCP@cox.net](mailto:SusiCP@cox.net)) for more details. All are invited to attend.

## **Ask Gene E. Allogee – Research Tips and Techniques**

**Question: I can't afford to subscribe to [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) or other subscription websites. How can I access their historical record collections like the census, military, passenger list, newspaper and vital records?**

**Answer: Use Ancestry Library Edition (a somewhat different version with the Ancestry historical records) at local libraries that have a subscription, or at some large LDS FamilySearch Centers.**

Many local libraries subscribe to Ancestry.com's Ancestry Library Edition, which includes almost all worldwide historical record collections, but not the Ancestry Member Trees or the newspaper collections. Here in the San Diego area, the San Diego Public Library branches and the San Diego County Library branches have an Ancestry Library Edition subscription, Carlsbad Public Library branches do also, and I'm not sure about other city libraries. The Chula Vista Public Library does not have it, but Bonita Library (part of the County system) does have it. You just have to fight for computer time at these libraries. Note that it is only on the internal library servers, not on the wireless network at the libraries.

The San Diego Multi-Stake FamilySearch Center (what used to be called the Regional Family History Centers) in Mission Valley has free access to Ancestry Family History Library Edition, which is all Ancestry.com collections except for the Family Trees. The Center also has free access to many other subscription sites like [www.Footnote.com](http://www.Footnote.com), [www.WorldVitalRecords.com](http://www.WorldVitalRecords.com), and others. There is no time limit on these computers unless there is someone waiting to use them, which is rarely the case.

## **Query: Lee and Lorna Lampkin**

Edith Gillespie (415 E. Fulton St., Celina, Ohio 45822 e-mail [emk.gill@frontier.com](mailto:emk.gill@frontier.com)) asks:

"Lee Lampkin (b. 20 Apr 1893, d. Jan 1987) and his wife Lorna (b. Feb. 1, 1895, OH, d. July 2, 1985) died in San Diego, and are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego. Lorna is my aunt and for some unknown reason, she severed contact with all her family in Ohio about 1933. She was married to Kenneth Thompson, who died in 1931, and she evidently married Lee about 1933 (where?). I would like to find the reason she turned her back on family who loved her. I have her death certificate, application for Social Security, and her California voters registration. Lorna's death certificate gives her usual residence as 1500 Third Avenue, Space 89, Chula Vista, CA. Does anyone know of the Lampkins, or know someone that might know of them?"

## **CVGS Volunteer Opportunities**

**Two Board of Directors positions are available:**

**Hospitality Chair**

**Member Services Chair**

**Please contact President Gary Brock for more details**

## **CVGS Hospitality**

**HELP!**

**Please contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188) if you volunteered to provide refreshments at CVGS meetings. The sign-up sheet was misplaced.**



## Renew Your Membership NOW!

**\$24 for Calendar 2011**

Contact Bobbie Lane at meetings or by email  
([dlane1938@cox.net](mailto:dlane1938@cox.net)).

Or mail to CVGS:

PO Box 3024,  
Chula Vista CA 91909-3024.

**If not renewed, this is your last  
Newsletter!**

## Meeting Host Volunteers

February 23<sup>rd</sup>:  
March 30<sup>th</sup>:

**Please contact Susi Pentico to volunteer!**

## Telephone Tree Volunteers

Page 1 – Marcia Mautner – 619-227-2733

Page 2 – needs a volunteer!

Page 3 – Barbara Ibaibarriaga – 619-477-4140

## CVGS Society Officers

President:	Gary Brock
First Vice-President, Programs	Virginia Taylor
Second Vice-President, Membership	Bobbie Lane
Treasurer	Jaye Wright
Secretary	Mary Lou Montez

## Committee Chairs

Cemetery Steering Committee	Susan Zimmer
Computer Group	Shirley Becker
Education	Susi Pentico
Estate Papers	Gary Brock
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Open
Librarian – Books	Bernice Heiter
Library Liaison	Ruth Himan
Member Services	Open
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Parliamentarian	Bob Page
Public Relations	Olive Lenane/Janice Nevills
Ways and Means	Bob Page
Webmaster	Gary Brock

## San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, 10 a.m.

***SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY***

**Speaker: Randy Seaver**

**“The Genealogical Proof Standard” and  
“Doing a Reasonably Exhaustive Search”**

St. Andrews Lutheran Church  
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, San Diego  
Sue Aprea ([sdgs.sueaprea@cox.net](mailto:sdgs.sueaprea@cox.net))

Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

***NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (COGG)***

**Speaker: Jean Hibben**

**“Deduction vs. Induction:  
Using Logic in Research”**

Carlsbad City Council Chambers,  
1250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad.  
Pauline Ballentine ([paulineb@cox.net](mailto:paulineb@cox.net))

Saturday, January 15, 2011, 9 a.m.

***COMPUTER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF  
SAN DIEGO***

**Speaker: Tom Underhill**

**”Scanning Tips and Tricks”**

UCSD Robinson Auditorium  
[cgssd-board@ucsd.edu](mailto:cgssd-board@ucsd.edu)

Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

***NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY***

**Speaker: Anne J. Miller, PhD**

**“Evaluating Genealogical Evidence”**

Carlsbad City Council Chambers,  
1250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad.  
Tom Gordinier ([tgordinier@san.rr.com](mailto:tgordinier@san.rr.com))

## 2011 Regional and National Events

Saturday, Mar. 5, 2011 – 8 a.m. To 5 p.m.

***ESCONDIDO FAMILY HISTORY FAIR***

**Keynote Speaker: Diane Loosle**

LDS Escondido South Stake Center  
2255 Felicita Road, Escondido

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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, February 2, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CV Library Conference Room
- **Saturday, February 5, 12 noon – Workshop: Shirley Becker, “Beginning Computer Organization”** at Bonita Library (4375 Bonita Road) Community Room
- **Wednesday, February 9, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CV Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, February 16, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CV Library Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, February 23, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Margaret Lewis: “Identifying & Researching Your Ancestors Who Served in the Military”** at **Chula Vista South Branch Library**.
- **Wednesday, March 2, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CV Library Conference Room
- **Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. – CVGS Research Trip** to Escondido family History Fair (all day)
- **Wednesday, March 9, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CV Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, March 16, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CV Library Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, March 30, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Paula Sassi, “Handwriting and History”** at CV Library Auditorium

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All CVGS Program Meetings are held, unless otherwise noted, at the  
**Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library**, 365 F Street, Chula Vista  
Contact Virginia Taylor ([irisihdoll@cox.net](mailto:irisihdoll@cox.net), 619-425-7922) for details.

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