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Member Meetings
Jan-Jun, Sep-Nov
3rd Thursday monthly
2-4pm
if no coronavirus quarantine
Family History Center
908 Sierra Madre
Santa Maria

NEXT MEETING
To Be Determined
Family History Center

Presentation: To Be Determined

Next Board Meeting
June 17, 2:00pm
Zoom
Contact Sandy for details

Library Docent
By appointment

JUNE MEETING CANCELLED

President's Message June 2020



Dear Society Members,

It's very disappointing that we are again not able to meet this month. Even though we usually shut down for the months of July and August, the Society Board is contemplating having a lunch meeting during the summer, if the quarantine rules will allow that. We do hope to see you all in July or August.

With all of this social-distancing, our Board members have decided to share more ideas of fun and interesting places to go "virtually" so we can keep expanding our knowledge of genealogy subjects.

From Deanna

I just watched "Tackling Difficult Chapters of Our Family History", and highly recommend it. It is helpful if you are wondering whether or why you should include some of those stories when writing the biographies of your ancestors. Some of the 2020 titles/webinars available to watch include:

Family Search App for the Intermediate/Advanced Users
What's new at Ancestry
Preserving the Fabric of Our Family
German Research
Photos Capture the Story
Discover Your Family with Interviews
Introduction to What Are the Odds (WATO)
Several on DNA and genealogy
Happy Researching, Learning, and writing.

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President's Message

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From Stephanie

Legacy Family Tree Webinars: You need to register at <https://familytreewebinars.com> to listen to the live webinar, which is free on the day of presentation and for a short period after. You will not be able to print the syllabus. Membership allows access to a large collection of webinars and the syllabus that accompanies them. Webinars I have found useful:

- A Month's Worth of Must-Have Tech Tips to Start Using Today-Gena Philibert-Ortega
- Spreadsheets 101 – Excel-lence in Genealogy-Mary Kircher Roddy
- Advanced Googling for Your Grandma-Cyndi Ingle

Linkpendium.com-Karen Isaacson Leverich: the focus is on the county level.

Cyndi's list: Free. Categorized links to genealogical websites.

I recently listened to Maureen Taylor's podcast with guest Robert Henshaw, curator of the U.S.Navy's museum and photo archive. I have yet to explore it, but will soon because I have a distant relative who served in the Navy in WWI.

From Brenda

Sign up for Thomas MacEntee's newsletter and other free information.

<https://abundantgenealogy.com/>

After signing up:

- Check the "Free Resources" tab
- Download his "Research Log"

From Sandy

I chose to highlight BYU (Brigham Young University) FHL (Family History Library) Webinars. First of all, let me say that there are too many good webinars here to choose from! Each month the Library offers one "live" webinar per week. If you'll go to <https://fh.lib.byu.edu>, you'll usually see a colorful poster that announces the live webinars that will be offered for the current month. Just above the poster you'll see a link to view the live webinars via Zoom meetings, a free application that you'll need to download before the class starts. The classes usually run about one hour and the teachers show their slides of the subject matter, which you can photograph, if you'd like. You can watch from home, or when the FHC (Family History Center) opens, often the live classes are offered there.

There are two teachers at BYU FHL whom I enjoy the most because of their clear and concise teaching methods, plus their voices are easy to understand over the internet. You will not see their faces, so clear voices are important. Kathryn Grant is one of the teachers and James Tanner is the other. These two may be choosing very interesting or important topics (at least to me) or they are assigned these topics. I'm not really sure which it is. None the less, I highly recommend these teachers.

Another exciting aspect of the BYU FHL webinars is that they are all recorded for future viewing. The recorded webinars are "stored" on a BYU FHL YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hqNOQt-2AfeVEpDuc7sCA>. You will type YouTube.com into your browser, then search that site for "BYU Family History Library". There are many choices on the first page, but you can also search using the magnifying glass to search by topic or teacher. A 4-part set of classes called The Basic Series taught by James Tanner is a good one for those just starting. Another set of classes by Bob Taylor highlights The Family History Guide and how it can help you comprehensively with different areas of Family History.

Basically, if you had a year set aside to watch webinars from BYU FHL every few days, you would not be able to view everything that they have to offer! I hope you'll take advantage of this wonderful and FREE website that promotes family history on the highest level.



Treasurer's Message

Our fiscal year starts March 1 and dues were to be collected at the March meeting. Since we haven't had a meeting for 3 months, dues were not collected. The Society still needs the dues so if you haven't paid your dues yet, please mail your dues to the treasurer.

Dues are: \$15 individual, \$25 family

Please mail your check to me at: 1386 Solomon Rd, Orcutt, CA 93455

Shirley Brady
SMVGS Treasurer

Current 2020 paid memberships:

- Shirley Brady
- Brenda Brownlee
- Ron Calvert
- Michael Farris
- Susan & William Marvos
- Maureen Morrow
- David Nelson
- Sandy Peterson
- Jeanette Tabar
- Nancy Thompson
- Eileen Trujillo
- Robert & Donna Viadella
- Peggy Weyant

Provided by Deanna from:

genealogytipoftheday.com

The Census Was Not Created for Genealogists

Despite lamentations to the contrary, the US Census is not taken to be a genealogical document. It is taken for a variety of governmental purposes and the data it contains is used by a host of governmental and private agencies.

It is not meant to provide a genealogical record for future generations. No census was ever taken as a means of providing a genealogical record for the future. Public records may provide information of use to genealogists, but those records were created for other reasons. That information was asked for other reasons. Military records, land records, pension records, court records, probate materials, and other records generated by a government body were not created to leave a genealogical record.

The census was not either.

Instead of lamenting the details of the US Census questionnaire, ask yourself

have I preserved all the unique materials in my possession?

Would your descendant want to find a record of you kvetching on Facebook about inadequate census questions (if the Facebook post was even preserved in twentysome years) or would they rather find copies of letters and other materials you had worked to preserve and perhaps even some writing about your own life?

From Maureen

Susie Lee done fell in love,
She planned to marry Joe.
She was so happy 'bout it all,
She told her pappy so.

Pappy told her, "Susie gal,
You'll have to find another.
I'd just as soon yo' ma don't know,
But Joe's yo' half brother."

So Susie put aside her Joe
And planned to marry Will.
But after telling Pappy this,
He said, "There's trouble still."

"You can't marry Will, my gal,
And please don't tell yo' mother.
But Will and Joe and several mo'
I know is yo' half brother.

But Mama knew, and said, "My child,
Just do what makes yo' happy.
Marry Will or marry Joe;
Yo' ain't no kin to Pappy."



Bulletin Board

We'd love to help you research your family or scan your photos!

Santa Maria Family History Center

908 Sierra Madre Ave.,

Santa Maria, CA 93454

805-928-4722

Hours:

Mon, 10 am - 2 pm; Tue & Wed, 10 am - 2 pm & 7 pm - 9 pm

Temporarily closed due to quarantine



Editor's Message

Ancestry.com has given our society a free subscription to their new Newsletter:



Below is an interesting item from the news letter. I have also made the entire newsletter a separate attachment to this mailing of Genie if you would like to read it.



If you haven't already tuned in, come watch Roots Less Traveled on NBC Saturday mornings. Streaming available on NBC.com and Hulu.

The series features relatives as they set out on an adventure to solve mysteries in their family tree. From rumors of ancestors aboard the Titanic to stories of homesteaders forging a new path for future generations, the duos discover the truth behind the tales that have been passed down for generations, revealing the inspiring lives their ancestors led. In partnership with Ancestry®, they learn how their past has shaped their present and through this shared journey how family bonds are deepened