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## Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly  
2-4pm

## Next Meeting:

October 21, 2:15pm  
Family History Center  
908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria  
(masks required)  
or  
Zoom

**Program:** Miles Meyer  
"The Family History Guide"

## Board Meeting:

11:00am, October 8, 2021

## Library Docent

By appointment

## President's Message October 2021



Hello SMVGS Members and Friends,

Can you believe that it's October already here, and the weather has cooled down so much? Last month, we had a fantastic and captivating presentation shared by Cindy Ransick of the S.M. Valley Historical Society Museum. Her storytelling skills intrigued everyone in attendance at the Family History Center. She spoke about her book, The Ladies of the Valley, which is available at the museum for \$30.



This month, we have a special guest who will be speaking to us at our General Meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:15pm. Miles Meyer, from Florida, will be virtually presenting to us about "The Family History Guide," an educational website created to teach the use of several family history websites and databases, as well as offer family history-related activities and ideas. Miles is a scientist by training and has been active in genealogy for over 25 years. He is the current Director of the Vero Beach Florida Family History Center, plus the Director of Education for The Family History Guide ([www.thefhguide.com](http://www.thefhguide.com)). Please join us at the FHC or from your home via Zoom. *(The wearing of masks is required in the FHC at this time.)*

From October 6<sup>th</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup>, our society will be displaying military-themed items at the **Santa Maria Public Library**, as well as advertising what we do and how we can help members of our community begin researching their family history. Stop by the display case that's located on the left, just before the main check-out counter on the 1st floor. Stephanie, Deanna, and Shirley have been working hard to gather photos and memorabilia for the display. This display was postponed since last October! Please invite your friends and family to take a look!



**Board Meeting Update!** >>> Our SMVGS Board needed to meet earlier than previously planned. So, we met on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Everyone should have received an invitation by email. Sorry for the last minute change. We discussed our next few months of meeting programs, plus the nominating committee, which needs to be chosen in November, as well as a possible "field" trip to a library in Santa Barbara.

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### 3 "SAVE THE DATE" items to add to your calendar:

- 1) On November 6<sup>th</sup>, a virtual genealogy seminar will be presented by Michael Strauss.

**A Special Reminder**>>>>Next month, the virtual genealogy seminar with Michael Strauss on November 6th will take the place of our General Meeting, so we won't be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, as usual. Watch for more information about the seminar!

- 2) RootsTech Connect 2022 to be held virtually on March 3-5.
- 3) SLOGGS is planning a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah in May 2022...and we're invited. Contact Susan for more information at [susancox16@gmail.com](mailto:susancox16@gmail.com).



**Update on the Antique Shop Photos** >>>> Remember the photos that I found at the antique shop (Déjà Vu) in Old Orcutt last month? Well, the second photo, which was of Gladys Kelly Walker, has been shared with about five people who had her listed on their Ancestry.com tree. The front and back scans of the photo were sent to Gladys' distant relatives! I'm so pleased that she's being remembered and that her sweet smile is being enjoyed by those who knew a bit about her life.

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, November 6, 2021**  
join us at our  
Co-sponsored Virtual Program  
featuring

**Michael L. Strauss, AG**

- Hidden Clues Found Inside the U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1840
- Pennsylvania: Discover your Ancestors in the Keystone State

First class begins at 10:00am, with a break and business meeting at 11:00am.  
Second class will begin at 11:30am. Zoom link to be sent Nov. 4th.

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& The Santa Maria Valley Genealogical Society

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I recently learned about "Off the Charts: Presenting Ancestors' Stories," a group who meet monthly as a subgroup of the Monterey County Genealogy Society. Their goal is to "think outside the box and beyond the [pedigree] chart." They show support for each other's family history work and excitement about how they're sharing it. Their meetings include family history topics and speakers on writing, crafts, photo projects, organization, trips, reunions, issues, and much more. For more information, contact Karen at [karenb1115@yahoo.com](mailto:karenb1115@yahoo.com).

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**The Santa Maria Family History Center** hours are:  
 Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm  
 Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 1:30pm - 4:30pm  
 908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA  
[ca\\_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org](mailto:ca_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org)  
 805-928-4722  
 The FHC costs nothing to use and is open to the public.  
**Masks must be worn in the FHC at this time.**

Visit the Research Library at  
**The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society Museum**  
 Tuesday - Saturday  
 11:00am to 4:pm  
 616 South Broadway, Santa Maria, CA  
[santamariahistory.com](http://santamariahistory.com)  
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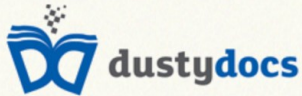
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### 3 Interesting websites to check out:

[www.DustyDocs.com](http://www.DustyDocs.com) Links to Free Parish and/or BMD Websites in the British Isles+



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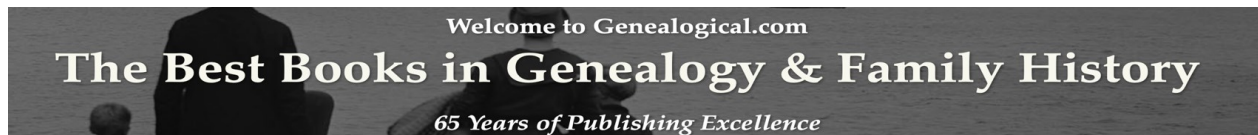
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ed note: If you have done, or are thinking about doing, a family history book, you have probably been looking for family pictures, individual and family portraits and maybe a family reunion picture.



Here are a couple of alternatives I found that might spice up that family history a bit.



Grampa and me