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Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov
3rd Thursday monthly
2-4pm

Next Meeting:

January 20, 2022, 2:15pm
See President's Message for details

January Program: Nancy Converse will talk about the books available for family research at the SM Family History Center

Board Meeting:

December 30, 2021

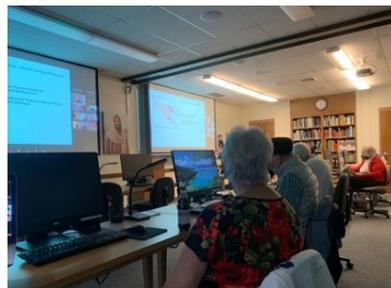
Zoom or by email

Email on.line@gte.net for date/time confirmation and/or the Zoom link.

President's Message December 2021



Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,



SMVGS group at SMFHC watching Michael Strauss presentation

Michael Strauss' presentation last month, which was cosponsored by our society and the SLOCGS, was excellent...as expected! From our society, we had nine people who watched in-person at the SMFHC and six people who watched over Zoom. Michael taught us how to use the 1790-1840 Census Returns and about Researching in Pennsylvania. We've heard that SLOCGS has asked Mr. Strauss to present again in November 2022. We're looking forward to it.

Our **December Luncheon** date is nearly upon us! Please RSVP to on.line@gte.net as soon as possible to make sure we have a seat reserved for you. We're meeting on December 9th at 11:30am in the conference room at iHop, 202 Nicholson Ave., Santa Maria. We'd love to hear your five-minute family history story. Enjoy lunch with friends, a short survey, and perhaps win a door prize!

In **January 2022**, at our general meeting, Nancy Converse will enlighten us about the wealth of information the large collection of useful books at the SM Family History Center has to offer. This is also the month when the slate of officers and committee chairpersons will be presented to the society members by the nominating committee in preparation for our elections in February. Nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting as long as the nominee gives consent and has been a society member for six months or more. Please try to attend in-person at the SMFHC (908 Sierra Madre) on January 20th at 2:15pm. Masks are required. There will be no Zoom link for this meeting.

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SAVE THE DATE items to add to your calendar:

- December 9th – Luncheon, 11:30am, iHop conference room, try to RSVP by Dec 8th.
- January 20th – Nancy Converse's "SMFHC Books" & presentation of officers slate, 2:15pm, SMFHC.
- February 17th – Program, plus election of officers & committee chairs, 2:15pm, SMFHC.
- March 3rd-5th – Virtual RootsTech 2022, FREE registration at www.rootstech.org.
- May 2022 - SLOCGS trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. See flyer with the November newsletter.

Christmas is a special time to spend with family and friends. Now is a great time to create and share gifts made with ancestor photos and stories, such as small books or framed photos. Be creative and have fun looking for frames at thrift stores or garage sales.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Sandy Peterson
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Visit Our Website: Go to www.smvgs.org to see the updates. Calendar items, past newsletters, contact information, research links, and more can be found on our website.



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Remember that our Nominating Committee will be contacting society member regarding the February officer and committee chair elections. Please consider running for a position.

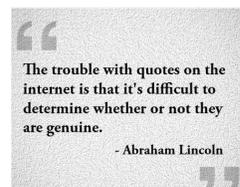
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From familyhistorydaily.com

There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his. – Helen Keller

If you don't know history, you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree. – Michael Crichton

This one is from the same website, but its authenticity is questionable:



The Santa Maria Family History Center hours are:
Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
1st & 3rd Sundays, 1:30pm - 4:30pm
908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA
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
smvshmuseum@outlook.com
805-922-3130