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Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov

3rd Thursday monthly

2:15pm - 4pm

Next Member Meeting:

May 19, 2022, 2:15pm

Family History Center

Zoom link will be sent out

May Program: 1950 US Census webinar

plus 1950s theme

Next Board Meeting:

2:30pm May 13, 2022

In-Person or by Zoom

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



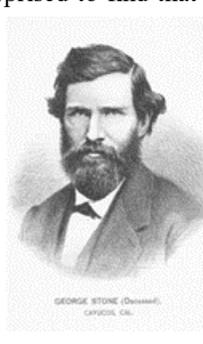
President's Message May 2022



Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,

Do you know what happens when you start to go through your old genealogy computer notes and files? It's like you're in a time warp. Time doesn't matter. Reviewing your old notes brings back the excitement of that long ago search that you started but never resolved. Just this morning, I found a list of books that I wanted to find at local libraries or buy from Amazon.com in regard to a search for George M. Stone (1830-1882). I created that list in 2005! Only two, out of nine, of those books were found and viewed. While looking through my old notes for George, my interest in his life was rejuvenated. I had wanted to create a booklet about his life back then, but first it was important to me to find out where he was buried. I always assumed that he must have been buried locally, in or near Cayucos, CA, where he died, or possibly that he was buried on private property. Logging onto Ancestry.com today, and hoping that all of these years later a new record might be found, I was pleasantly surprised to find that a fellow researcher, Mary H. Miller, had found his

Colma, California. She foundagrave.com in That cemetery and others 2004, but his burial wasn't Dolores, is buried in that cemetery once though marker. Anyway, now his known, and I won't have rural Quintana Cemetery San Luis Obispo County, was also looking forward



to revisiting the Old Santa Rosa Chapel Cemetery in Cambria in search of his grave. I may need to take a road trip anyway! Who knows? You might find it fun and rewarding to take some time to review your old notes and files to see what treasure awaits. Plus, new records are added to websites every day. Creating a booklet about George's life is still a dream of mine.

burial information in added the location to September of 2021. had been checked in found. George's wife, Colma, and I visited she has no grave final resting place is to explore the small, off of Highway 1 in after all. Oh shucks! I



In April, we heard from Nancy Converse, our secretary. She had many examples of forms, charts and timelines that can be useful for organizing and recording your family history research. If you're looking for a copy of a research log or a census form, be sure to look on-line or to ask Nancy. She's always willing to share!

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Our May meeting will have a 1950s theme! We'll be watching a webinar by Lisa Louise Cook at the Family History Center at 2:15pm on May 19th. In-person and a Zoom link will be available. "Volunteers are busy ensuring that information indexed by computers is complete and accurate. By participating, you are helping people to discover details about their family that have been hidden for 72 years." Go to this link to find out how you can help:

<https://www.familysearch.org/1950census/>

We'd like to thank two anonymous donors for their very generous donations this year! You know who you are. We're very grateful to you for your support!

There are a few **UP-COMING EVENTS** that our society will be involved with this summer and fall:

In June, we will present a general family history class to community members at the Luis Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt, CA.

In July or August, we will be presenting a family history class that focuses on Ancestry.com in partnership with the Santa Maria Public Library.

Also, at the public library, we will set up a month-long display with the theme of "Immigration" for the month of October. Please let a board member know if you are able to help with any of these events. We welcome your in-put and assistance as we share our love of family history with our community.

SAVE THE DATE items to add to your calendar:

May 13th – SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm, via Zoom or in person at the SMFHC.

May 14th – SLOGGS Meeting, 10:00am, we're invited to participate via Zoom.

Watch for email, and see attached flyer.

May 19th – Program: 1950 US Census webinar plus 1950s theme, 2:15pm, SMFHC, Zoom link will be sent out.

June – No SMVGS meetings this month.

July - Lunch meeting, more info TBA.

Sincerely,

Sandy Peterson
President
SMVGS





Thanks to those who participated in our survey! We will be using your input for future programs and events. Results of our December 2021 Member Survey.

SMVGS Member Survey Summary-December 9, 2021

(Members responding to Survey: 11)

Genetics

- (3) Basics about DNA
- (6) Understanding your DNA test results
Have: Ancestry & Family Tree
- (2) Cousin mapping
- (1) Pedigree and Fan charts
- (6) Chromosome Painter
- (0) Other: A forum for genealogy questions or discussions

Navigating Genealogical Websites and Programs

(Please indicate if you need computer assistance.)

- (3) Family Search
- (2) Legacy Family Tree
- (5) MyHeritage
- (4) Ancestry
- (2) FindMyPast
- (4) RootsMagic
- (4) Fold 3
- (1) Other:
 - (2) newspaper.com
 - (1) americanancestors.com

Meeting venue and types

(Check any that apply and please add any suggestions or thoughts.)

- (9) In person-Family History Center
- (5) In person-Outdoor park
Windy but ok
- (4) Via Zoom
- (4) Local fieldtrips
- (5) Personal presentations (Trips, Helpful hints, Using a website, etc.)
- (10) Webinars (BYU, Family Search, Legacy Family Tree, Family History Guide, etc.)

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.



Annual membership dues & new memberships (\$15 individual, \$25 family) should be sent to:

**SMVGS, c/o
Shirley Brady
1386 Solomon Rd
Orcutt, CA 93455**

Thank you!



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.

No mask needed if vaccinated.

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



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

*Second Saturday ~ May 14, 2022

General Meeting via **Zoom**

Overview of Genealogy Research in England by David Flint
Location Aides in English Research by David Flint

Session 1

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Overview of Genealogy Research in England

This program reviews the three main record groups you are likely to use for genealogy research in England: Census records, Civil Registration records and Church parish records. Each of these record types covers a different time ranging from 1538 to the present, and each can provide key information about your ancestors in England. The program will compare the different types of records with illustrations of the content, historical context, and some websites to access them online. A printed handout with short bibliography is provided.

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 p.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Business Meeting

Session 2

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Location Finding Aids: Maps, Gazetteers and Websites to Find Your Places in England

This presentation will focus on location finding aids to help you find the places in England where your ancestors lived, including specialized maps, gazetteers and websites. The talk will include demonstrations for using specific websites that are helpful in researching place names and counties in England. A printed handout with short bibliography is provided.