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## Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly  
2:15pm - 4pm

## Next Member Meeting:

September 15, 2022  
Family History Center

## September Program: To Be Determined

## Next Board Meeting:

2:30pm June 10, 2022  
In-Person or by Zoom  
Email [on.line@gte.net](mailto:on.line@gte.net) for date/time confirmation  
and/or the Zoom link.



## President's Message June 2022



Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,

Our May meeting had a 1950s theme! We watched a webinar by Lisa Louise Cook. She offered many insights into the questions asked by the census-takers. Afterward, we ate snacks while listening to 1950s music! Last I heard, 70% of the "name reviewing" was complete for this census. This shows how fast a project can be completed when volunteers band together with a common goal. Go to this link to find out how you can help: <https://www.familysearch.org/1950census/>



Many of us have family history "brick walls" and mysteries that need solving. Let's try to help each other out! I'd like to add a "mystery" or two to each newsletter for our members to delve into. Many of our members have expertise that could help out another. Please send one mystery per month to [roots@smvgs.org](mailto:roots@smvgs.org), then Mike and I will work on fitting them into our newsletter. I'd like to start with a question about a place called Culloden in Scotland. It is quite famous for being a final battle ground in 1746 between the Jacobites and Cumberland's government army. What I want to find out is if there is a family who took on the place-name of Culloden or if the place-name was derived from a family name? I have a Sarah Colloden, born about 1750, listed as my 6<sup>th</sup> great grandmother. She married James Moor. Their daughter, Margaret, immigrated to the United States. I can't wait to hear about your mysteries!



*Battle of Culloden*



## President's Message (continued from page 1)

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

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, we will present a basic family history class to community members at the Luis Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt, CA.

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 ideas and assistance as we share our love of family history with our community.

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!

### \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

June – No SMVGS general meeting this month.

June 10<sup>th</sup> – SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm at the Family History Center and via Zoom.

June 17<sup>th</sup> – SMVGS presentation at Oasis Senior Center, 1:00pm-3:00pm.

July 21<sup>st</sup> - Lunch meeting at iHop in Santa Maria, 11:30am, bring a story to share.

July 30<sup>th</sup> – SMVGS presentation at the Santa Maria Public Library, 10:30am-12:30pm.

Sincerely,

Sandy Peterson  
President  
SMVGS

ed note: Its not exactly a family mystery, but I do have a mystery. Originally, there were two cemeteries in Los Alamos: the Catholic Cemetery on the south-east side of town and the Protestant Cemetery on the north side of town. The county combined the two cemeteries into the Greenwood Cemetery on the south side of town. The name was taken by the Lopoc Cemetery, and we now have the Los Alamos Cemetery. I bought four gravesites, and, when my wife died, I indicated the one where I wanted my wife buried. It turns out, the site was already occupied, but the occupant's name is not known. The suspicion is that when bodies were moved to the new cemetery, a wooden cross was placed on each them, and the crosses have long-since disappeared. We also believe, from research done by Laura Abeloe, that Faustina Olivera, a rather interesting character, was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, but we do not know where. Newspaper research has not been helpful. I am trying to determine anyone else who might have gotten lost. I will try Catholic and Protestant church records, but, for historic reasons, I doubt they will be helpful. Does anyone have any suggestions on where to look?

**Visit Our Website:** Go to [www.smvgs.org](http://www.smvgs.org) to see the updates. Calendar items, past newsletters, contact information, research links, and more can be found on our website.



**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

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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