

CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th GENERAL MEETING

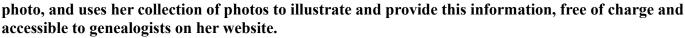
from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

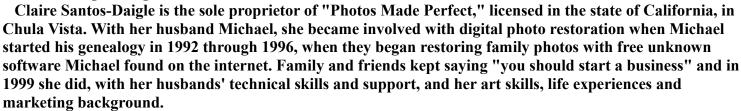
Claire Santos-Daigle – "Photo Dating by Fashions"
At Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street) Auditorium

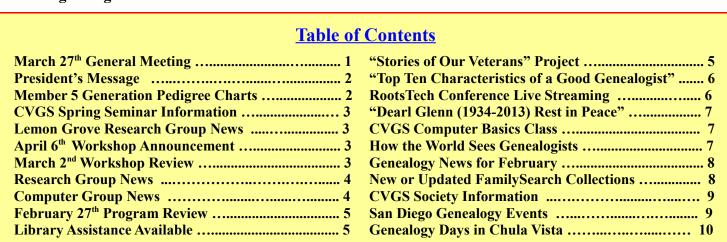
In the field of genealogy some people inherit beautifully preserved collection of photographs while others have only Xerox copies or low quality photos found on the internet. Those genealogist with photos in good condition can arrive at an approximate date taken by the physical properties. Then there are the photographs where the clues of the physical properties are not present and what remains are the clothes and objects in the image.

Claire Santos-Daigle has presented the topic of Photo Dating by photographic processes in the past in her presentation, "Photo Dating 101". Back by popular demand, she will be speaking on the topic of Photo Dating with emphasis on fashions. This topic will briefly cover the physical properties, then how to research fashions by covering fashion eras, fashion terms and resources.

Claire has been digitally restoring photographs for 12 years. She realized through those years that she had developed a talent for determining the date of a photograph by repeated exposure, and began to seriously research how to date a









President's Message – by Virginia Taylor



The seminar is fast approaching. The committee has been very busy getting all the last minute details ironed out. Hopefully it will be the best seminar we have ever given. If you have not yet signed up, now is the time to do it. After March 22, it will cost you \$40.00. You will soon be getting a call from your phone tree caller asking if you plan to attend. I hope all of you will say "yes". Right now we are running about half society members and half nonmembers. We cannot let the non-members out number us.

To make the seminar a success we will need volunteers in various capacities. If you would like to help out please give Karen Yarger a call and offer your services. Karen can be reached at khy13@hotmail.com or 426-0834.

I am sure you will enjoy hearing what CeCe Moore has to tell us about DNA. She has a wealth of knowledge and is very passionate about her subject.

She also makes it fun.

There will be many raffle prizes including gift cards to restaurants, car services, candy, gift baskets and more. The big door prizes will include a 6-month world membership to Ancestry. Com., Roots magic and others. We will also have a table of used genealogy books for your purchase. CeCe will also be bringing books from her friend Richard Hill. It is a genealogy book titled Finding Family.

A good sit down catered lunch is included. What more can you ask for a nice Saturday spent with 100 of vour closest friends? Hope to see you there.

Member 5 Generation Pedigree Charts

Many CVGS members filled out a five generation pedigree chart when they joined, or submitted an updated chart later. CVGS plans to digitize these five generation charts and add them to the Ahnentafel files on the CVGS website. The CVGS website is crawled by Google and other search engines, and distant cousins may find CVGS members in this way because they share one or more ancestors.

The process to digitize and display the charts is simple – there are 31 spaces on the chart, and the names, dates and places for those 31 ancestors of a member will be added to a family tree program and an Ahnentafel Report will be created. Living persons will be made anonymous, and the submitter's names will not be used. The Ahnentafel Report will be provided to the CVGS Webmaster, who will add the names to the Surname Index and put the Report on the website with a unique identifier.

CVGS Board and Program Meeting Minutes

The Board Meeting and Program Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at http://www.CVGenealogy.org on the Resources tab

Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities

Visit the CVGS Website: http://www.CVGenealogy.org Visit the Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog: http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com

Reserve Now!! Saturday, March 30, 2013, 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. **CVGS Spring Seminar:**

CeCe Moore: "Do Your Genes Fit? Discover Your DNA"

It's getting closer! Have you registered yet for the Spring Seminar? If not, go to the CVGS website http://cvgenealogy.org/ for all the information you'll need, including the registration form. The fee is \$35 for CVGS members and \$40 for nonmembers and all registrants after March 22.

Our featured speaker is CeCe Moore, a noted genetic genealogist, who will present lively and informative talks on DNA testing, what they mean and how we can use them in researching our family histories.

You're encouraged to take advantage of 23andMe's spectacular \$99 deal for the genetic test and to bring your test results to the seminar for a chance to have CeCe help you to interpret them. But do it soon - the results usually take 4 to 6 weeks to return to you.



The seminar will be held at the Chula Vista Municipal Golf Course in Bonita (4475 Bonita Road) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 30th, and includes a catered lunch. Sign in begins at 8:30 a.m. Remember, this is also our big fundraiser for our scholarship program.

It's almost here! Have you signed up yet? Don't wait! Go to our website http://cvgenealogy.org/ and register today. For more information, see the CVGS website, http://cvgenealogy.org/ and our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ChulaVistaGenealogicalSociety), or contact Gary Brock at gary@cyber.net at (619) 475-4054, or Karen Yarger at khy13@hotmail.com.

Lemon Grove Research Group News – by Susi Pentico

The Lemon Grove Research Group meets twice a month at the Lemon Grove Library from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, SusiCP@cox.net) for more details. All are invited to attend. **Upcoming programs include:**

- Wednesday, March 6th: "Learning How to Blog" with Susi Pentico
- Wednesday, March 20th: "Writing an Effective Query" by CVGS Staff
- Wednesday, April 3rd: "Building a Research Toolbox" by Thomas MacEntee on CDROM
- Wednesday, April 17th: "Update on Your Research?" by CVGS Staff

Next CVGS Workshop on Saturday, 7 April 2013

The next CVGS Workshop will be on Saturday, 7 April at 12 noon until 3 p.m. at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) in the Community Room. The workshop will be led by Gary Brock who will show a CDROM featuring Thomas MacEntee on "Building a Research Toolbox."

CVGS 2 March Workshop Review - "Learning to Blog"

"Learning to Blog" by Susi Pentico was presented with 9 in attendance. It was well received and people were going home to learn more and hopefully start blogging. They were sent the links to start and become bloggers. We will be doing this again in the May Workshop (with DearMyrtle's "More Blogging for Beginners" CDROM) because the attendees wanted more information. We also had two attendees become members. Virginia finally picked a title for her blog.

CVGS Research Group Review – by Randy Seaver

We had 12 attendees at the 13 February 2013 meeting of the Research Group, which met in the library Auditorium.

In the first hour, Randy discussed the Find A Grave website, how to navigate in the New York Land Records on FamilySearch, looked at his Ancestry DNA autosomal test results, and provided attendees a look at the FamilySearch Family Tree, including the known problems of duplicate persons and multiple sets of parents.



In the second hour, the attendees shared what they have been doing recently, and brought up questions or problems from their research:

- * Shirley has browsed the New York Land and Probate collections on FamilySearch, but has not found much for her New York families. She has been corresponding with another Wright researcher who insists that his William Wright is also Shirley's William, and that Shirley should change her online family tree. Shirley has evidence convincing to her that this should not be done. She also asked "Why do people do DNA tests without posting a family tree?" Great question!
- * Susi has been looking at New York and Pennsylvania probate records on FamilySearch, and has found some of her families in guardianships that name the parents and the guardian, but don't name the children involved for some reason.
- * Mary Lou was cleaning up her garage and found a storage box with Civil War era trading cards with soldiers photos, including signatures. The names are from her 2nd-great-grandfather's regiment from Livingston County, N.Y. She wants to share these with descendants if possible, and would love to find one that her ancestor traded to someone else. She wondered what she should do. The group suggested posting on the surname and county mailing lists on Rootsweb and Genforum, and to look for a GAR post in Livingston County that might be able to help.
- * Caroline was a guest who found Susi's blog online and came to the meeting.
- * Kitty has been making autosomal DNA cousin contacts. One cousin is going to Ireland to take pictures of homesteads and towns there.
- Joanna has been finding lots of ancestors, and their records, with John's help on Wednesday mornings.
- * Gary has dropped his Roff in New York research for now, and is focusing on his Blay line, which lived in Canada. He also asked where he can find Revolutionary War records. The group suggested the Ancestry and FamilySearch record collections, the complete Pension and Bounty Land Warrant files on Fold3, and the DAR website.
- John is working on his Civil War veterans, and has found a descendant of a soldier in the same regiment.
- * Sam is working a lot in Find A Grave finding burial locations of his relatives. He asked if there was a "master list" of resources to check to make as complete a search as possible. Randy promised to send him one for both traditional and online resources.

The next meeting of the CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 13 February at 12 noon in the Auditorium (note the change of venue) at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in Chula Vista).

CVGS Computer Group News by Shirley Becker

The computer group will meet on Wednesday, the 20th of March, in the Library Computer Lab. I need people to bring suggestions for others to follow in internet research. If you have found a new site or a different type of site that will help in research please let us know. Please join us on the 20th of March for further adventures on the internet.

February 27th Program Review - Hank Z. Jones, Jr. on "Palatines"

Hank Z. Jones, Jr. always has a fun and informative presentation, and he did not disappoint on 27 February with his talk on "Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine and Other Emigrants."

Hank, of course, "wrote the books" on Palatine Emigration to Ireland and the United States (and we have them in the Family Research section of the Chula Vista library). He started out noting that "Palatine" was a generic term in the early 18th century for a person of German origin. Many of them came from the Pfalz region on the Rhine called the "Palatinate."

After discovering his own connections to Irish Palatines, he began work on his book for the Palatine Families of New York, making a comprehensive study of the 846 families that arrived in 1710, then tracing as many as possible to their ancestral homes in Germany, and document the results. Other books treated later arrivals to New York, and also Palatines to Pennsylvania. He found that "to find one tree, you have to search the forest," because many of the families came from one location and knew, worked and socialized together when they arrived in America.

Hank noted that he had made many mistakes, and from those mistakes learned a number of lessons, including:

- * "An immigrant is an immigrant..." and the research process is the same no matter when they migrated.
- * Don't look overseas too early investigate the American resources first.
- * American colonial churchbooks have significant data and are ripe with clues as to European origins
- * They came in groups the saving grace of his 40-year Palatine project. Study the names of neighbors, baptismal sponsors, and witnesses to marriages, wills and deeds for clues
- Study the juxtaposition of names on all available unalphabetized lists on which your ancestor appears.
- * German churchbooks are a prime source in establishing your Palatine roots
- * Other German sources to be utilized in your research include emigrant permission lists, court records, oaths of allegiance, deeds, probate records, historical and genealogical libraries, and German periodicals.
- Be open to all spelling variations of German names.
- Follow your instincts as well as your intellect.

Hank's handout provided a great bibliography of books to help trace the origins of 18th century German emigrants.

Library Assistance Every Wednesday

CVGS member John Finch has volunteered to provide genealogical research assistance and advice in the Family Research section of the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (on the south side of the library, past the library Help desk and the CD/DVD section, near the collection of genealogy books and periodicals).

John will be there on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to help members and guests. Wi-fi Internet is usually available in this area, so bring your laptops or mobile devices.

"Stories of Our Veterans" Project," by Susi Pentico

We want to start a project that captures the stories of our Veterans. Our society has many, many veterans. We want to start with our own families, and then move on to others. We thought of this a few years ago, and it fell through. It is time we save at least our own memories. With the new technologies out there, such as Living Legacy or Saving Memories, we can do this for our Society. Please contact Susi Pentico (susicp@cox.net) to offer to help work on this project..

Top Ten Characteristics of a Good Genealogist, by Randy Seaver

What does it take to be a "good" genealogist? Here's my Top 10 list:

- Practices life-long learning genealogy and family history requires continuous learning by the 1. participants in order to be successful, in books, periodicals, websites, video, seminars, conferences.
- 2. Has research and organizational skills - has repository and online research skills, able to find information, save it in a logical location, and be able to find the items that were saved. Uses charts, reports and software to stay organized.
- 3. Knowledgeable about genealogical resources - knows, or knows how to find out, the availability and limitations of home sources, repository sources, and online sources.
- Practices genealogical standards knows Genealogical Proof Standard principles, cites sources, 4. analyzes process and results, critically evaluates evidence, and reaches sound conclusions.
- 5. Has good computer skills - able to work in genealogy software, navigate the Internet, use technology, and effectively search genealogy databases.
- Exhibits patience and persistence understands record limitations and accessibility, follows projects 6. to a logical conclusion
- 7. Can multi-task - works on several projects in different stages of development at the same time.
- 8. Willing to share - engages with other researchers in personal conversation, email or message board postings, social media, online family trees, and participates in society activities.
- 9. Has a passion for genealogy and family history - loves the challenge of the "hunt" and conveys that passion to family members, colleagues, readers, and clients.
- 10. Solve the most difficult puzzles knowing they need to go beyond the individual ancestor being studied to look at the web of family and community relationships, including historical and social context.

RootsTech Conference Live-Streaming

The 2013 RootsTech Conference is March 21 to 23, 2013 in Salt Lake City. The Keynote addresses and several other speaker presentations will be shown, live, on the Internet, at www.RootsTech.org. The schedule for the three days is:

- Thursday, 21 March: 7:30 a.m. (PDT) to 4:15 p.m.
- Friday, 22 March: 7:30 a.m. (PDT) to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 23 March: 7:30 a.m. (PDT) to 11:00 a.m.



These presentations are an excellent way to (virtually) attend RootsTech for FREE and enjoy some of the best conference presentations in the comfort of your own computer den.

Dearl Glenn (1934-2013), Rest In Peace! by John Finch

Dearl Glenn died on the 6 February 2013 in Chula Vista. He was a long term, Honorary Life Member of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society, and held the office of Treasurer, and then Library Liaison, for many years.

Dearl volunteered countless hours at the library as a docent to our research collection, tending to the books, and improving the genealogical forms and the member pedigree charts held in the filing cabinets. He met with members and the public interested in family research and provided guidance and advice. He was a very personable man and expressed himself in a manner reflecting his rural Americana values. Quick witted and somewhat outspoken in his opinions, but he was always mindful of the issues of others.

A veteran of the Korean War, Dearl was proud of his service as a career United States Marine. He had seen action at the Chosen Reservoir, a decisive battle in that conflict with many casualties that earned the survivor's the moniker, "The Chosen Few". He also served in Viet Nam.



A simple goodbye would not suffice in the loss of a man of this stature. So, Old Friend, in an appreciation for all you accomplished, I say to you, Semper Fi.

Services for Dearl have not been announced at the time of this newsletter. CVGS will donate an appropriate book to the Family Research collection at the Chula Vista Civic center Library in remembrance of Dearl.

CVGS Computer Basics Classes

Shirley Becker has received some requests for a class in basic computer usage - using shortcuts, copy and paste, moving text, saving files in folders, and similar things. It will be one class a week, lasting an hour and a half, for four weeks. We are trying to set it up now and as soon as the class is set, everyone will be notified.

How the World Sees Genealogists



Genealogy News from February

- FamilySearch Family Tree, a FREE connected family tree, is available for all registered users. Go to https://familysearch.org/tree/ to add or edit your information, sources, and discussions.
- Www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com (part of Legacy Family Tree) has 138 hours of genealogy webinars (online seminars) available, including syllabus material, for an introductory price of \$49.95 per year.
- Legacy Family Tree has over 40 laminated 4-page QuickGuides on many topics available (http://www.legacyfamilytreestore.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=71) for \$7.95 each, PDF download for \$2.95 each.
- The early registration deadline (\$195 for members, \$230 for non-members) for the National Genealogical Society Conference in Las Vegas (8-11 May at the LVH – Las Vegas Hilton) is 19 March 2013. More information at www.NGSGenealogy.org.

New or Updated FamilySearch Record Collections

FamilySearch.org now has 1,490 record collections – for FREE - on their website. You can see the list at https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list. Put a place name in the Search Field to see records available for a specific state or country. Some collections are indexed and searchable, and some collections have to be browsed (meaning you go page by page, although many records collections have indexes to help you find specific records). Notable collections from the past month that were added or updated include:

- Missouri, County Marriage Records, 1819-1969 (browse images)
- **United States, Internal Revenue Service Assessment Lists, 1863-1874 (browse images)**
- Pennsylvania Probate Records, 1683-1994 (browse images)
- New York, Probate Records, 1629-1971 (browse images)
- New England, Petitions for Naturalizations, 1787-1906 (browse images)
- Alabama, County Probate Records, 1830-1976 (browse images)
- **United States, Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783 (browse images)**
- United States, Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, 1775-1783 (indexed, images)
- Rhode Island, Deaths and Burials, 1802-1950 (indexed)
- New Jersey, Deaths and Burials, 1720-1988 (indexed)
- Florida Deaths, 1877-1939 (indexed)
- Wisconsin State Census, 1855, 1875, 1895 (indexed)
- **United States, Freedmans Bank Records, 1865-1874 (indexed)**
- South Dakota State Census, 1905, 1915, 1025 (indexed)
- Oregon, Death Index, 1903-1998 (indexed)
- New York, Deaths and Burials, 1795-1952 (indexed)
- Michigan Marriages, 1866-1925 (indexed, images)
- Massachusetts, 1865 State Census (indexed, images)
- Florida State Census, 1935, 1945 (indexed, images)
- Canada Census, 1851, 1871, 1891 (indexed)
- Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Marriage Indexes, 1885-1951 (indexed, images)
- Vermont, Land Records, Early to 1900 (browse images)
- New York, Passenger Arrival Lists at Ellis Island, 1892-1924 (indexed, images)
- Tennessee Death Records, 1914-1955 (indexed, images)
- Ireland, civil registration, 1845-1958 (indexed)

Welcome New Members

Patricia Diane Godinez **Jeff Jenkins** Larry and Gina Lupian

Current Membership (as of 3/6): 91

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to: Susan Zimmer Dearl Glenn

Meeting Host Volunteers

March: John Finch, Pam Buchan

April: Shirley Becker, Virginia Taylor

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Page 1 – Dorothy Alvord – 619-469-3483

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Page 3 - Pam Buchan - pbuchan@cox.net

Page 4 – Joanna Ward – 619-691-8608

CVGS Society Officers

Virginia Taylor **President:** First Vice-President, Programs Ralph Munoz

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San Diego Genealogy Events

Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 9:30 a.m. NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY COGG **Speaker: Dorothy Miller** "Update on family Tree Maker 2012" Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. Pam Boyle (boylepam@gmail.com)

Saturday, March 16, 2013, 9 a.m. COMPUTER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO

> **Speaker: Denise Levenick** "Preserving the Past: Archiving and Digitizing Your Family Keepsakes" **UCSD Robinson Auditorium** cgssd-board@ucsd.edu

Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 9:30 a.m. **NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY** GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY **Speaker: Hal Horrocks**

"Researching British Parish Records" Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. Tom Gordinier (tgordinier@san.rr.com)

Saturday, April 13th, 10 a.m. To 12:30 p.m. SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Nancy Loe

"Finding Hidden Materials in Libraries and Archives" and "Organizing Your Research"

St. Andrews Lutheran Church 8350 Lake Murray Blvd., San Diego Del Ritchhart (dritchh1@san.rr.com)

2013 Regional and National Events

March 21-23, 2013 **ROOTSTECH CONFERENCE** Salt Lake City, Utah (http://www.rootstech.org)

May 6-12, 2013 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Las Vegas, Nev. (http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

See all upcoming San Diego genealogy programs online at http://www.cgssd.org/events.php

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- Wednesday, March 6, 12 noon CVGS Board Meeting, at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- Wednesday, March 13, 12 noon Research Group Meeting, at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- Wednesday, March 20, 12 noon Computer Group Meeting, at CVCCB Library Computer Lab
- Wednesday, March 27, 12 noon Program Meeting: Claire Santos-Daigle: "Photo Dating by **Costumes**" at CVCCB Library Auditorium
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- Wednesday, April 3, 12 noon CVGS Board Meeting, at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- Wednesday, April 10, 12 noon Research Group Meeting, at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- Wednesday, April 17, 12 noon Computer Group Meeting, at CVCCB Library Computer Lab
- Wednesday, April 24, 12 noon Program Meeting: Randy Seaver: "Google Your Genealogy" at **CVCCB Library Auditorium**
- Saturday, May 4, 12:30 p.m. CVGS Workshop: "More Blogging for Beginners" by **DearMYRTLE (on CDROM)** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0

All CVGS Program Meetings are held, unless otherwise noted, at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch (CVCCB) Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista Contact Ralph Munoz (munoz1951@cox.net) for program details. Visit our Web Site – http://www.CVGenealogy.org Visit the Chula Vista Genealogy Café blog - http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com

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