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WEDNESDAY, August 27th PROGRAM MEETING

from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

At Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street) Auditorium
Hal Horrocks: “British Research – Parish Registers and Census Records”

Parish registers and census records are the core to British research. How to find and use them is the key to finding your English ancestors. All the basics necessary to effectively use them are covered.

Learn the important dates necessary for proper British research and how they relate to church records and the census. Baptism, marriage and burial registers will be explored in detail with many examples given and also how to find them. The British census will be explored in detail from 1841 to 1911 with examples of each along with their anomalies. How to search the online census records will also be explained in detail. Finally, an example of tracing an individual through the census records from 1841 onward using only the information given in a will as the clue is shown using online resources.

A native Californian and longtime Orange County California resident, Hal Horrocks is a professional genealogist, teacher, author and lecturer. He has been doing family research for 15 years and is a member of Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), Orange County California Genealogical Society (OCCGS), Guild for One-Name Studies, Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society (UK), and Cheshire Family History Society (UK). Hal is also the current President of OCCGS. He has written articles for publication in both the U.S. and the U.K.



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President's Message – by Virginia Taylor



As I have watched the neighborhood children return to school this past week I couldn't help but think back to when I was their ages and getting ready to return to school for another year.

Times have certainly changed. We got out for the summer the middle of May and did not go back until the day after Labor Day. By the middle of August I was always anxious to get back and see all my friends.

I lived in town and most of my close friends were farm kids so we did not get to see each other much during the summer. They were busy helping with all the farm chores and I was helping my mother can and freeze all the vegetables from her large garden.

Have you ever stopped to think about how far your ancestors went in school. Did they have to quit in elementary school to help the family? Did they complete high school or did they actually get to attend college? Have you looked for their school records? There is a lot of information to be gleaned from those records. First you need to figure out where they went to school and then you can start hunting for their records. I am sure some states and towns have kept better records than others. All we can do is hope we are the lucky one to find a treasure trove of information that can be found in those records.

No, I have not yet looked for school records. I do know where my parents went to elementary school. That school no longer exists. As far as I know they did not go to high school. I know I need to add school records to my list of things to look for. I will, sometime.

There are still a few weeks of summer left for most of us so get out and enjoy it.

Nametags – by Wanda Brock

Please contact Wanda Brock (wanda@cyber.net) if you need a name tag.

Do You Have Something Belonging to CVGS?

Do you have something - anything - belonging to the Society stashed somewhere in a closet or in your garage? We are compiling a list of our resources/"stuff." If you have a piece of equipment, posters, or anything we might need in the future, please email Karen Yarger at khy13@hotmail.com (or call 619-426-0834) by August 15.

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>

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

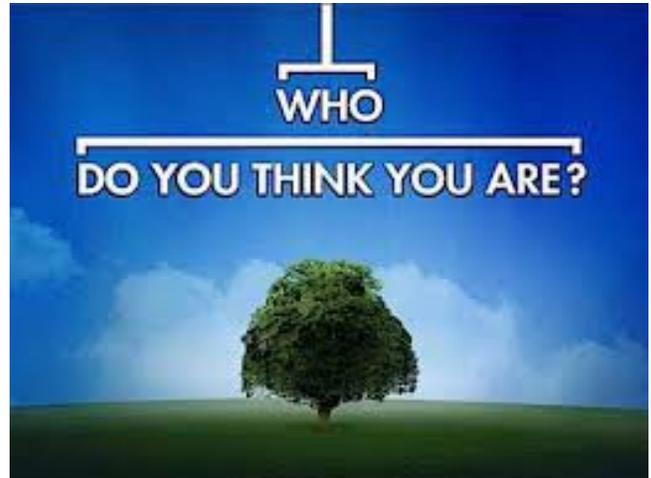
CVGS Honorary Life Member Geni Powell Passed Away

Geni Powell, one of the founding members of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society passed away on July 29th. The visitation, and graveside services were at La Vista Memorial Park, was on August 5th. Geni served as CVGS President for one term in the 1990s and was active until the early 2000s when she moved to Irvine, California to be near her family. If someone wants to send a card to the family, contact her daughter: Genine Miranda, P.O. Box 3393, Chula Vista CA 91909.

2014 Season of *Who Do You Think You Are?* Continues

Season 5 of the U.S. television show *Who Do You Think You Are?* is underway at 9 p.m. on Wednesdays on the TLC Network. Three episodes have been shown already, but there are three more new episodes to be shown on August 13, 20 and 27. The 2014 season features shows about the ancestry of:

- Valerie Bertinelli (August 13)
- Jesse Tyler Ferguson (July 30)
- Lauren Graham (August 20)
- Kelsey Grammer (August 27)
- Rachel and Kayleen McAdams (August 6)
- Cynthia Nixon (July 23)



TLC is showing three different hour-long shows each night – usually from 8 to 11 p.m., with the “new” episode at 9 p.m. Check the TV listings to see if they’re showing one you missed earlier.

You can watch trailers for some of the new shows, and the full length video of some of the previous shows, at <http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/videos/new-season.htm>.

CVGS Research Trip to the FamilySearch Library

15 CVGS members took a research trip to the San Diego FamilySearch Library in Mission Valley (4195 Camino del Rio South) on Wednesday, 23 July 2014. Most attendees left the Chula Vista parking garage around 9:45 a.m. and were there just after 10 a.m.

A small group took a guided tour of the Library escorted by library staff, which included a description of their latest hardware - a book scanner and a fast photo sheet-feeder scanner.



Other attendees found useful research materials in the book shelves. Several worked on the computer systems which have all of the commercial genealogy databases to find information about their ancestors.

We left after 1 p.m. and headed to Marie Callender's for lunch and/or genealogy pie. It was a good genealogy day!

September 6th Workshop at Bonita-Sunnyside Library

The **September 6th CVGS Workshop** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) is from 12 noon to 3 p.m. in the Community Room. **Susi Pentico** will discuss “**Basic Genealogy Research Information**” - charts to use, what goes where, etc.

What State or Resource Topics Do You Want at Workshops?

Susi Pentico, our Education Committee Chair is in charge of the Saturday Workshops. She would like to know which topics (countries, states, resources) that you would like to have presented and discussed at a Saturday Workshop. The Workshops are held at Bonita-Sunnyside Library, usually on the first Saturday of the month at 12 noon). For example, do you want information on a specific country or region (e.g., Mexico, Norway, Ireland, etc.), a specific state (e.g., New Jersey, Texas, Iowa, etc.), or a specific resource type (e.g., Vital Records, Military Records, Newspapers, Pedigree Charts, etc.).

Please let Susi know your research and education wants and needs – contact her via email at susiCP@cox.net. Susi will make every effort to provide information and education but needs your input to be timely and effective.

Lemon Grove Research Group News

The **Lemon Grove Research Group** now meets once a month at the **Lemon Grove Branch Library** (location is 3001 School Lane in Lemon Grove) 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. Beginners are welcome! Upcoming programs include:

- **Wednesday, August 20, 6 to 8 p.m. Program: “Planning for a Research Trip”** with Susi Pentico.
- **Wednesday, September 17, 6 to 8 p.m.: Program: “Maryland Research”** with Susi Pentico

Next Computer Group Meeting on Wednesday, 20 August 2014

The **Computer Group** will meet from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 20th** in the **Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street) Computer Lab for Internet work**, led by **Shirley Becker**. For more information, please contact Shirley Becker (clanroots@cox.net).

Randy's Genealogy Links – Commercial Data Providers

There are many commercial (meaning fee-based) data providers for genealogical records and indexed data. Here is a list of some of the most popular sites (prices are retail):

- www.Ancestry.com (\$199 per year for U.S. Collection, \$299 per year for World Collection)
- www.MyHeritage.com (\$119 per year for Unlimited tree, \$119 per year for World Data)
- www.FindMyPast.com (\$199 per year for U.S., UK, Ireland, Australia, Canada data)
- www.AmericanAncestors.org (\$80 per year for data collection, includes NEHGS membership)
- www.Mocavo.com (\$108 per year for Gold subscription)
- www.CensusRecords.com (\$35 for 6 months – only U.S. Census records)
- www.GenealogyBank.com (\$70 per year, historical U.S. Newspaper records)

FamilySearch News for July 2014

1. FamilySearch announced two new mobile apps for iOS and Android devices – FamilySearch Tree (view the FamilySearch Family Tree) and Memories (to add photos, documents, stories or audio files to persons in the Family Tree. You can read more at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-mobile-apps-ios-android/>.
2. FamilySearch now has 1,795 record collections available to search and/or browse – see the list at <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list>. They are adding 10 to 20 new collections every month, so check often for new additions. Tip: You can use the “Filter by collection name” field in the upper-left-hand corner to see a list of record types (e.g., “census”) or locaton (e.g., “new york”).
3. FamilySearch has implemented “Research Hints” from within the FamilySearch Family Tree – records for a specific person that need to be added to the profile for that person. Users of Family Tree can also create a “Watch List” for person profiles in the Family Tree that produces a weekly email for changes to the persons on the list.
4. The Family History Library offers a Photo Duplication Service for patrons who would like individual images from microfilm or fiche, copies of records, or pages in books that can be found in the Family History Library. Please read through this page before making a request – https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Photoduplication_Services.

New Content at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com added more than 700 million new records during the second quarter of 2014. New records include the final wave of already digitized collections made available through our collaboration with FamilySearch including:

- Philippines, Civil Registration, 1888-1981 – 24.2 million records
- Czech Republic, Land Records, 1450-1889 (in Czech) – 3.9 million records
- Netherlands, Census and Population Registers, 1645-1940 – 2.7 million records
- Zimbabwe, Death Notices, 1904-1976 – 329, 000 records
- La Libertad, Peru, Civil Registrations 1903-1988 – 1.3 million records

Other new record collections added in the second quarter of 2014 include:

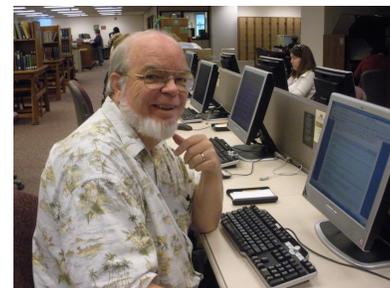
- Quaker Birth, Marriage, Death, and Memorial Records, 1650-1910 – 8.5 million records
- New York, State Census, 1905 – 7.2 million records
- Surrey, England, Land Tax Records, 1780-1832 – 1.9 million records
- Puerto Rico, Civil Registrations, 1885-2001 – 5.4 million records
- Montana, County Marriages 1865-1950 – 1.9 million records
- Michigan, Divorce Records, 1897-1952 – 1.1 million records

Ancestry.com also expanded the functionality of the sliding controls in search results to allow more of the fields entered in the search form to be controlled by sliders – up to 10 fields. Additionally, improvements were added to the display of the fields entered that are not editable with sliders. With this update, users can expand the section of fields below the sliders to see all of the entered search criteria.

Research Group Meeting Review – 11 June 2014

The June CVGS Research Group was on Wednesday, 9 July at 12 noon
There were 15 members in attendance.

In the first hour, Randy discussed some recent additions to the online genealogy world, including:



- * **Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1944, on Ancestry.com**
- * **Find-A-Record (www.FindARecord.com) - a new website that provides online and offline resources for a specific geographical location**
- * **FamilySearch Family Tree Hints for persons in the Family Tree**
- * **Puzzilla (www.puzzilla.org), an add-on to the Family Tree that finds descendants of a specific person**
- * **Uploading a GEDCOM file to a new Ancestry Member Tree**

In the second hour, the group discussed their research challenges, questions and successes:

- * **Susi described the problems she has with her Meyers line (John - Valentine - Philip) in Pennsylvania.** There were two Valentine Meyers in the 1790 census, and researchers have struggled to sort them out. Susi's Valentine Meyers died in 1822, and his probate record identifies his son John. However, the county boundaries changed often as the population went west, and records for one location are often in several county jurisdictions. She had a Meyers book that described her Meyers families, but wanted to know how she could find more records to prove identities and relationships. The group suggested finding records of all Meyers persons, including siblings of her known ancestors, in order to find probate, land, church, tax, military, cemetery, newspaper and other records that would provide evidence with which to draw conclusions.
- * **Diane D. has had problems entering persons into the FamilySearch Family Tree without a birth or death date - the system won't let her do it.** The group suggested estimating the dates so that other researchers could contribute more information.
- * **Helen has entered information for several generations of her husband's family into the FamilySearch Family Tree, but has been unable to connect them to other persons in the Family Tree.** She has received emails saying her work will be deleted if she doesn't add more persons and/or link to other persons in the Family Tree. The group suggested adding herself and her ancestors until she can link to others already in the Family Tree.
- * **Sylvia received some original Travis County, Texas marriage certificates about 20 years ago when she visited the county courthouse.** The office was trying to empty their file cabinets, and gave them away to persons who wanted them. She passed them around, encased in plastic to preserve them.
- * **Joanna is trying to connect to Roger Williams of Rhode Island, and asked if she should work on descendants of Roger.** The group advised working backwards in time and find the link that way in order to avoid making mistakes and negating years of work.
- * **Diane G. shared her father's obituary that she found using Google. Her father's second family did not mention her mother or herself in the obituary, but listed her children as his grandchildren.** She also found the obituary of her step-father, which didn't mention Diane either. She described visiting her father's family in Canada several years ago, and not being well accepted. She also provided information on her father's surname line back into the 16th century to a cousin, and received a nice report from him. Her point was that obituaries and stories may be incomplete.
- * **Sylvia asked "What is the purpose of a marriage bond?"** The group noted that a bond was a guarantee that the groom was not currently married and would show up at the wedding. The bondsman was usually a friend or relative of the family.

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July 30th Program Review - "American Indian Genealogy"

The CVGS program meeting on Wednesday, 30 July was well attended with 33 members and 6 guests.

Donna Bradley, from Anza in Riverside County, presented "How to Prove Your American Indian Genealogy." Donna had provided a chart and five maps of California to the society to use as learning aids, and Gary showed them on the screen while Donna lectured.

The chart showed the hierarchy of how Native Americans were categorized anthropologically, linguistically and socially - from core groups (many tribes with a similar language base) to tribes (in a core group) to bands (in a tribe) to villages (in a band) to families (in a village). Researchers need to understand the hierarchy in order to do Native-American research. She noted that some native Band names have been lost due to time, and English or Spanish names have been substituted.

The maps showed the different core groups in the Americas, the tribes in California (in several different core groups), and the tribes in Southern California, and the bands in San Diego County area. For instance, the coastal California core group is the Athabaskan, who migrated over eons from Alaska into Western Canada, Washington, Oregon, California and Baja California.

Donna noted that the DNA website (www.DNATribes.com), offers a 26-marker autosomal DNA test that can distinguish between core groups. However, she did not display her own results, nor results from any other autosomal DNA test.

She said that if Native-American heritage is not proved, then the heritage will be forgotten, and the opportunity to receive U.S. government benefits will be lost. Tribal benefits might include government, medical, legal, financial, college and tribal income. To receive benefits, a person must have a family member on the tribal rolls after 1900 and before 1972.

Donna provided some of the history of how American Indians came to be on Indian reservations, and some of the problems that occurred over centuries of mistreatment by the European colonists and immigrants, including:

- * Indians did not have surnames until the late 1800s
- * If they were on U.S. census records, they often said they were White
- * Some Indians married white people, especially on the frontier.
- * They are usually buried on tribal land.
- * They could not own land or vote until they became American citizens in 1924
- * They did not start scalping, the whites did. The U.S. government paid a \$50 bounty for every Indian scalp in about 1850. The goal was to annihilate the Indians.
- * By 1900, the Indian population was down to about 400,000.
- * The non-tribal education system tried to "civilize" Indian children by stealing them and teaching them white social values and practices
- * Tribal identification is through the mother's tribe, not the father's tribe.

Donna said that proving American Indian heritage is difficult. She recommends not going to the tribe for genealogical information. There are records in the National Archives, especially Indian agent reports in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that might provide useful information.

Donna wrote the book *Native Americans of San Diego County* in 2009, published by Arcadia Publishing. You can order it at <http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/9780738559841/Native-Americans-of-San-Diego-County>.

This was an informative talk for those interested in Southern California Native-American history and ancestry, but did not discuss Indian history, culture, migration, or records in other parts of North America.

Library Book News, by Ann Stevens

Books Donated by Nina Schultheis

For those with roots in West Virginia, you are now able to access a treasure trove of information . . . right here in your own back yard!!! Thanks to donations from one of our life members, Nina Schultheis, the CVGS has numerous books focusing on names, dates, and places relative to the history, people, facts, and folklore of the state of West Virginia.

* 975.4 The West Virginia Heritage, a 7-volume set, compiled by the West Virginia Heritage Foundation, is a compilation of articles and documents relating to West Virginia history.

* 975.4 The West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia, a 25-volume set, edited by Jim Comstock, is a well-organized alphabetical composite of all aspects relating to West Virginia history.

* 975.4 The West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia Supplemental, a 24-volume set, also edited by Jim Comstock and others, has information on the counties and famous sites of West Virginia along with numerous stories about the people of the state.

There are also some additional books about specific counties and the development of the state. If West Virginia is in your blood, you will really want to check on these resources right here in our Chula Vista Library collection.

The Journal of San Diego History

The CVGS has just obtained and processed into our collection 27 volumes of *The Journal of San Diego History*. There are additional volumes in the Chula Vista Library Local History Room, but now we have easy access to them right here on our shelves! If you have history in San Diego, you will enjoy spending some time reviewing these periodicals. You can read stories about the people (like Father Junipero Serra, Ellen Browning Scripps, Sol Price, Joaquin Velazquez de Leon, and others), the places (like the Del Mar Race Track, Villa Montezuma, Balboa Park, Stonewall Mine, Liberty Station, and others), and the businesses (like the tuna industry, Qualcomm, Showley Bros. Candy Factory, and others) that helped shape San Diego. These journals are an interesting and fun way to spend a few minutes in the Chula Vista Library.

CVGS Research Group Report (concluded from page 6)

* Gary was checking online trees on Ancestry.com and found Anne Boleyn on two lines of his wife's ancestry.

* Mary Lou took the "Google for the Wise Genealogist" online course at NIGS and found some photos of her ancestors. She also found a diary of one of the men in the Civil War regiment that her great-grandfather was in that mentioned his name. There was lots of great information about the regiment's activities during the war.

* Jane won one hour of research from SCGS at Jamboree, and recently received her results. The researcher found naturalization records from Rhode Island and vital records from Nova Scotia for her ancestors that extended her ancestry two more generations.

* Karen also took the Google course with NIGS and noted that it opened up quite a few research possibilities and opportunities.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 13 August from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in downtown Chula Vista).

Welcome New Members

Lily Galarza
Barbara Zaragoza

Current Membership (as of 8/6): 85

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Bernice Heiter
Family of Geni Powell

Meeting Host Volunteers

Aug. 27: Mary Lou Montez and Sunny Van Cleave

Sept. 24: Ana Castro, need another!

Contact Jo Ann Bonner to sign up!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Page 1 – Dorothy Alvord – 619-469-3483

Page 2 – Jacquie Goodman – 619-482-0350

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Page 4 – Diane Godinez – 619-429-8880

CVGS Society Officers

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Seminars	Susi Pentico
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San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, August 9th, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Linda Serna
“Ethnic Groups, They Came to America”
“Foreign Research”

at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd., San Diego
Info: Paul Hawthorne
(paulhawthorne@gmail.com)

Tuesday, August 12th, 10 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN.
SOCIETY

COGG Speaker: Anne Renshaw
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contact: Pam Boyle
(boylepam@gmail.com)

Saturday, August 16st, 9 a.m.
COMPUTER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
SAN DIEGO

Speaker: Randy Seaver
“Crafting Great Source Citations”
contact J. Paul Hawthorne
(jpaulhawthorne@gmail.com)
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Tuesday, August 26th, 10 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN.
SOCIETY

Speaker: Alice Volkert
“Through Their Eyes”
contact: Jean Tempke
(jtempke@roadrunner.com)

2014 Regional and National Events

August 27-30, 2014
FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETIES CONFERENCE
San Antonio, Texas
Info: www.fgs.org

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

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, Aug. 6, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- **Saturday, Aug. 9, 1 p.m. – CVGS Workshop: Ken Robison: “Family Tree Maker 2014”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, Aug. 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Aug. 20, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, Aug. 27, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Hal Horrocks, “British Research: Parish Registers and Census Records,”** at CVCCB Library Auditorium.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 3, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- **Wednesday, Sept. 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- **Saturday, Sept. 6, 12 noon – CVGS Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Basic Genealogy Research Information”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, Sept. 24, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Ceasar Castro: “California and the Mexican-American War, Part 2”** at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- **Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. To 3:30 p.m. – CVGS Fall Seminar: “TBD”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)

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All CVGS Program Meetings are held, unless otherwise noted, at the **Chula Vista Civic Center Branch (CVCCB) Library**, 365 F Street, Chula Vista
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