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WEDNESDAY, November 26th PROGRAM MEETING

from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

**At Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Auditorium (365 F Street)
Georgie Stillman, ASA – “Heirloom Discovery Day”**

Our November 26th program will feature Georgie Stillman, ASA, presenting an “Heirloom Discovery Day.” Georgie will evaluate, provide some historical background and estimate a value of family heirlooms brought in by CVGS members. Her expertise is in evaluating and appraising silver, china, glass ware, furniture, artworks, quilts and samplers.

Georgie Stillman (<http://georgiestillman.com/bio.htm>) has worked as a professional appraiser in London, England, Phoenix, and San Diego since 1971. She has served as president of the American Society of Appraisers (ASA), vice president of the San Diego chapter, and was founding director of the International Society of Appraisers. Georgie has received numerous awards for her outstanding service, including Appraiser of the Year. Besides being a professional instructor at various colleges, she has made many radio/TV guest appearances and written articles for many publications, teaching audiences about antiques and art.



If you would like your item to be evaluated by Georgie, please contact Ralph Munoz (619-421-7251, or email Munoz1951@cox.net) to get on the evaluation list -- there are a limited number of spaces on the list. Ralph has a form for you to complete and return by November 19th.

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President's Message – by Virginia Taylor



“Where has this year gone?” Growing up I heard my Mother make that statement about this time every year. I always thought she was nuts to think the year had flown by. Now I know exactly what she meant. Sitting here today I am wondering “where has the year gone” and why haven’t I accomplished all that I had planned for the year.

Now is the time for all of us to start thinking about our goals for next year. Do we have a particular elusive ancestor we want to find? Do we just want to fill in more blanks on our pedigree chart? Do we want to get all our genealogy papers organized, finally? Or, in my case, get my computer room organized, finally.

I know we all have a very busy six weeks ahead of us but I suggest we take time to start thinking about next year now so we can be more successful than we have been this year. In the mean time, decide what family treasure you want to bring to our next general meeting to be appraised by Georgie Stillman. We have a limited number of items that she can look at so it will be on a first come, first served. Please contact Ralph Munoz (munoz1951@cox.net 421-7251) with the description and, if possible, a picture no later than November 19th.

Also keep a watch out for information on our Christmas luncheon which will be held on Thursday, December 11 at South Branch Library. Your phone tree caller will be calling to find out what dish you plan to bring for sharing. We will also have a bring one/get one gift exchange, \$10.00 limit. We will also have a raffle drawing for a Santa, an Angel and other surprises. As always, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and toys for the Salvation Army.

Hope to see all of you at the next two events. In the meantime have a very Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Election for 2015-2016 Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee announced the slate of Officers for 2015-2016, and the slate will be voted on at the November 26th program meeting, and will be installed at the December 11th Holiday Luncheon.

Membership Dues for 2015

The membership dues for calendar year 2015 are \$30 for returning members, with a \$5 discount if submitted before 31 December 2014. A second member in a family is only \$10.

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

THURSDAY, December 11th HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At Chula Vista South Branch Library Conference Room (389 Orange Avenue)

The annual Holiday Luncheon will have turkey, ham, and drinks provided by CVGS. The pot luck breakdown for the rest of the meal will be coordinated by JoAnn Bonner (phone 619-421-3628, email jabonner13@gmail.com) and Jane Strawn (phone 619-434-4051, email jstrawn23@cox.net)— please contact them by 12/7 to coordinate potluck dishes. The potluck schedule is:



- A to F Surnames: Potatoes (Irish or Sweet), Veggies, Casseroles
- G to K Surnames: Desserts
- L to P Surnames: Salads, Rolls, Butter
- Q to Z Surnames: Snack trays, Condiments, Olives, Pickles, Cranberry Sauce, etc.

There will be a free door prize drawing, and a bring one/get one gift exchange (\$10 limit). Attendees are requested to bring canned food and/or unwrapped toys for donation to the Salvation Army.

December 6th Workshop

The Saturday, December 6th Workshop at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) is in the Community Room from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Susi Pentico will lead the discussion on “**Planning Next Year's Events and Goals.**”

Next Computer Group Meeting

The next Computer Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 November 2014 in the Computer Lab at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in downtown Chula Vista, Calif.).

Shirley will make a short presentation on Email Scams and Phishing, followed by discussion. The meeting will also find online websites to research our own genealogy, if at all possible without subscribing to the provider. This is getting harder to do so, please attend and bring any new websites you have found or used for your research.

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, November 19, 6 to 8 p.m.** Program: “Updating Your Tree, Do You Keep It Current?” with Susi Pentico
- **Wednesday, December 17, 6 to 8 p.m.** Program: “Sharing the Holiday With Friends” with Susi Pentico

Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the Global Family Reunion **Join Forces for the Largest Family Reunion in History – June 6, 2015**

FGS and the Global Family Reunion Join Forces for the Largest Family Reunion in History via www.fgs.org. As genealogists and family historians, visiting and interviewing family members is one of the first steps we do when we begin to discover our family history. In fact, capturing our families' stories is an integral part of the research process. For many, it can even be the paramount reason for beginning the search in the first place.

Many times, family historians are left to lament the fact they didn't start sooner...didn't capture those stories...didn't ask...didn't try to find answers and stories...until it was too late.

Moreover, it can be absolutely devastating when the reason we cannot learn the family stories from those who came before us is because of a disease like Alzheimer's, which robs people of their minds...their stories...their self-identity...their lives.

Best-selling author and three-time TED talk speaker A.J. Jacobs along with, well, the world, is planning the Global Family Reunion to show how everyone is connected and to show how finding how everyone is connected can be a powerful thing. Powerful enough to fight Alzheimer's.



Because of the amazing advances in technology, the Internet, genealogy, and DNA research, we can find out how we are all connected to each other. According to Jacobs in his most recent TED talk, finding how we are related gives us, "...an unprecedented history of the human race..." and a sense of "interconnectedness." You can watch A.J. Jacobs TED talk at <http://globalfamilyreunion.com/ted-talk/>.

The plans for the Global Family Reunion on June 6, 2015 in New York are well under way to include presentations by celebrities, genealogists, and famous scientists, music, comedy, games, interactive exhibits, and food. (You can't really have a family reunion without the food, right?)

Plus, FGS is joining forces with Global Family Reunion to facilitate the organization of branch parties at genealogical societies across the United States and around the world to bring the live-streamed event to the branch parties. It will be a global event of epic proportions.

But there's just one essential element missing. And that's you. Using the tools available on the Global Family Reunion website (<http://globalfamilyreunion.com/>), find out today how you are connected to the rest of the world, and then share it with everyone...your whole family! How are you connected? How are you a cousin?

Because, after all, we are cousins in this one big Human Family coming together for our family reunion in order to fight Alzheimer's. Together, we can save our family members...and our family stories.

Genealogical Societies: Interested in organizing a Global Family Reunion branch party to live-stream this epic event and take part in connecting the world to fight Alzheimer's? Contact Randy Whited at info@fgs.org.

NOTE: The Global Family Reunion is using the "universal" family tree websites www.Geni.com and www.WikiTree.com to determine cousin relationships. Are you in one of those trees?

2014 Season of *Finding Your Roots* Continuing on PBS

The PBS Series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* started on Tuesday, September 23, at 8 p.m. for its second season. The 10-part series explores the heritage and ancestry of 30 of today's leading entertainers, athletes, chefs, and media personalities, including Ben Affleck, Jessica Alba, Khandi Alexander, Tom Colicchio, Tina Fey, Sally Field, Derek Jeter, Stephen King, Nas, Anna Deavere Smith, Sting, and Courtney Vance.

Here is the remaining schedule for Season 2 (on PBS, 8 p.m., Tuesdays):

11 November 2014

The British Are Coming
Deepak Chopra, Sally Field and Sting

18 November 2014

Ancient Roots
Tina Fey, George Stephanopoulos and David Sedaris

25 November 2014

Decoding our Past Through DNA
Jessica Alba, Anderson Cooper, Valerie Jarrett, Governor Deval Patrick, and more

You can read more and also watch the available Season 2 videos at <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots>, with other videos available at <http://video.pbs.org/program/finding-your-roots>.

Requesting a Microfilm Image from the Family History Library

I often find that I don't have a record image for a document that I "found" on an FHL microfilm/fiche or a book back in the 1990-2005 time period. I have the source information in my notes, but I don't have, or can't find, an image of the document.

The Family History Library now offers a FREE service to obtain a record from microfilm. The FamilySearch Wiki page describing this Photo Duplication Service is https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Photoduplication_Services. The site says:

"Photoduplication is a service provided to FamilySearch 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."

"WE WILL LIMIT YOUR REQUEST TO FIVE (5) REQUESTS PER MONTH. EACH REQUEST CAN CONTAIN ONLY ONE (1) IMAGE. Requests are processed in the order they are received. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery."

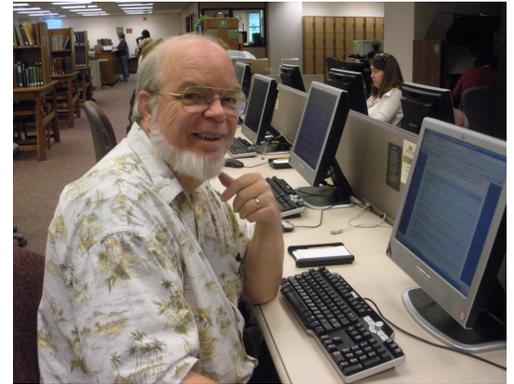
"There is *NO CHARGE* for photo duplication services e-mailed to you. We do not mail photocopies."

I have requested several document images so far, and am waiting for the email with the record images. This is a great way to obtain record images from FHL microfilm, microfiche and book resources, but you have to know the film number, page number, or image number so they easily can find it.

Research Group Meeting Review – 8 October 2014

The October 8th meeting of the CVGS Research Group had 14 attendees.

In the first hour, Randy reviewed the upcoming CVGS events, and then reviewed how to obtain a Social Security Application. He showed some of the photographs of CVGS member Dorothy on her trip to Denmark from Facebook. Lastly, he described the new website, www.FamilyTreeNow.com, which has U.S. census and vital records, including a People Finder database that looks free and useful.



In the second hour, research challenges, questions and successes were shared by the attendees, including:

- 1) Kathleen had several questions, including how to obtain a Marriage record and a Divorce decree in Oregon. The group suggested searching online databases on Ancestry and FamilySearch, for the marriage record, and checking Oregon county court records for information about divorce record access. She also asked how she can find more information about her great-grandmother, born in 1817 and died in 1908 in Oregon. A search on Ancestry.com revealed a Find A Grave entry that helped, but few census records for the person, perhaps due to the variable spelling of the surname.
- 2) Arlene noted that a gravestone for Joseph Hartman (1753-1831) has several generations on the stone (found on Find A Grave), but it's not her Joseph Hartman. Too bad!
- 3) Linda met with Ceasar at San Diego Central Library to work on Mexico records for some of her ancestors.
- 4) Jane's friend insisted that she open the box in her craft room. When she did, she found family pictures, her father's report card with her grandfather's signature.
- 5) Kathleen found a photograph of her grandmother in another person's Ancestry Member Tree.
- 6) Sylvia was told that her Hoover ancestor was a Rough Rider with Theodore Roosevelt in the Spanish-American War. A check on Wikipedia and other sites did not list the name.
- 7) Diane noted that, based on the Anderson Cooper episode on *Finding Your Roots*, that you never know what you're going to find, and that you should contact relatives to see what they know.
- 8) Gary laid out several pictures from his step-father to determine if they were the same person, and some had writing on the back with identifications. He found some matches.
- 9) Virginia's neighbor's daughter wanted to tear up a family photograph because the picture showed an ancestor in a Nazi Youth uniform.
- 10) Susi noted that a change to the number of AncestryDNA matches is coming soon.

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 12 November at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.

October 29th Program Review – Annette Hubbell's "Witness to Gettysburg"

Annette Hubbell, wearing a mid-1800s period costume, wowed the 45 CVGS attendees in the 29 October program at Bonita-Sunnyside Library with her spellbinding enactment of "Witness to Gettysburg." In two sessions, she brought Miss Hattie Elizabeth Turner to life as she relives the Battle of Gettysburg and a small town's courageous efforts to care for 30,000 Union and Confederate casualties suddenly left in its aftermath, weaving into it stories of historic characters.

"Miss Hattie" states "I remember everything as though it was yesterday" as she described the times before and during the early years of the Civil War. Her husband was a Captain in the Pennsylvania 90th regiment of the Union Army, and she and two other women followed the regiment to help feed, sew, comfort and pray for their men, who ended up in Gettysburg in June 1863. On June 29th, Gettysburg was a lovely green town with rolling hills and orchards, with 90,000 Union soldiers and 70,000 Confederate soldiers lined up preparing for the fight. The battle erupted, it was noisy, hot, bloody, and fearful for Hattie and others caught up in it. She said "We are strong women, but no one is prepared for this." Then she was notified that her husband is one of the dead.

By 4 July, the battle was over, and there were 8,000 wounded left on the battlefield. There were 23,000 Union dead, and 28,000 Confederate dead, plus 5,000 dead horses, fouling the streams. The stench of rotting corpses was pervasive. What would the people of Gettysburg do? They burned the horses, buried the dead where they lay, and set up temporary field hospitals in houses and barns within a 30 mile radius. Those wounded soldiers that could walk went to the train station to recuperate at home. Those with a hope for survival were treated, operated on, bandaged, and hoped to recover. Those with no hope of survival were comforted until they died.

By 22 July, there were 500 tents on 80 acres, and each person like Hattie had 50 to 80 persons to care for. There were only 3,000 patients by 2 August, and only 100 by early November. President Lincoln came to Gettysburg on 16 November, and Miss Hattie was there. She went home on the train, but was not the same person who came to Gettysburg.

After a break, Annette returned for her second presentation in dark "widow's weeds" clothing. Set some years later, she noted that the Civil War tore the fabric of social and political America. The people of Gettysburg did what they had to do and did it well. Hattie described the 7 layers of dress that she wore, noted that the shackles of traditional activity for women had been reduced, and that, because of the work of women after the battle in Gettysburg, nurses were able to serve in the military after the war. She discussed the mourning and burial traditions prevalent at the time - boiling and dyeing clothes black, wearing a black cockade, etc. She told several stories of Gettysburg residents who helped the soldiers, and read several actual letters from soldiers about their experience.

Hattie's final words were "We who survived are haunted by what we saw." What a powerful story!

For more information about Annette and her program, visit www.annettehubbell.com.

After the program, Annette answered numerous questions about Miss Hattie, the Civil War, and Annette's journey in presenting this one-woman dramatic presentation.

Six Stages of Genealogy Addiction

Genealogy begins as an interest; Becomes a hobby; Continues as an avocation; Takes over as an obsession; In its last stages, is an incurable disease.

PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) Now On FindMyPast.com

The Periodical Source Index (PERSI) is still on HeritageQuestOnline, and an older version is still available in book form at many libraries. However, the most recent version of PERSI is now on FindMyPast (www.findmypast.com), a subscription genealogy website.

During the past 30 years, the Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, Indiana) Genealogy Center has created more than 2.5 million searchable records in PERSI, indexing every article from more than 8,000 different periodicals, including magazines, newsletters and journals, according to location, topic, surname, ethnicity and methodology. FindMyPast.com now has the most complete version of PERSI online. FindMyPast.com is working in tandem with the Genealogy Center to provide frequent updates to the collection as new entries are added.

PERSI is an essential tool in helping genealogists and family historians locate valuable information, and this new partnership with findmypast.com will transform PERSI into an even more powerful resource. Findmypast.com subscribers will be able to search and view digitized images of the articles, allowing unprecedented access to the information contained in these periodicals.

From the FindMyPast home page, it is difficult to find. I found it through the "US and World Newspapers" link, and the PERSI landing page is at <http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>.

Some guidelines for readers and researchers:

- * PERSI is an index for article titles and authors in periodicals. A searcher can enter search fields for Who, Where and Keyword. When searching for a surname, the Last Name is required, and the Location and/or Keyword are optional. A user can filter the search results by Country, State, County, City/Town, Subject, Article Keyword, Periodical, Publisher and Publication Date (with a date range of up to +/- 40 years if desired). To make another search, the user will have to Clear all the Filters.
- * PERSI does not contain an every-name index for the articles that are indexed. Only the title is indexed, plus the publication information.
- * PERSI contains only the genealogy and family history periodicals that have been submitted to Allen County Public Library for inclusion in the PERSI.
- * A searcher should enter surnames to see what is available, but just entering a location and/or a keyword without a name may reveal a published list of records for a certain location.
- * If you find an article that you want to read, you can check the list of repositories that have the periodical issue at the bottom of the screen and contact that repository. Or you can engage the research services of the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center and order a copy of your periodical article. An "Article Request Form" can be downloaded as a PDF document here: www.genealogycenter.org/pdf/ArticleRequest.pdf. The charge is \$7.50 for each order form submitted (up to 6 requests per order form), and a 20 cent charge for each page copied.

CVGS Member Kevin Brown Passes Away

CVGS member Kevin Charles Brown (1952-2014) passed away on 21 October 2014. His obituary appeared for several days in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

Welcome New Members

Lyla Prince
Wendy Falkenham

Current Membership (as of 11/1): 91

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Bethel Williams, Ann Stevens
Diane DeVincenzo, Kevin Brown's family

Meeting Host Volunteers

November 26: Jane Strawn, Karen Smith
January 28: Susi Pentico, Virginia Taylor

Contact Jo Ann Bonner to sign up!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Page 1 – Dorothy Alvord – 619-469-3483
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CVGS Society Officers

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Research Group/Queries Randy Seaver
Seminars Susi Pentico
Ways and Means Bethel Williams
Webmaster Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, November 8th, 10 a.m. To 12 noon

**SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR**

Speaker: Connie Rascon Gunther
“Gaining Wisdom and Drive from your Genetic Memory”

“Use your Heritage to Build Resilience “
at St. Andrews Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd., San Diego
Info: Paul Hawthorne
(paulhawthorne@gmail.com)

Saturday, November 15th, 9 a.m.
**COMPUTER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
SAN DIEGO**

9 a.m.: User Groups
10:30 a.m.: Gena Philibert-Ortega
“Newspaper Research for the 21st Century”
contact J. Paul Hawthorne
(jpaulhawthorne@gmail.com)

Tuesday, November 25th, 10 a.m.
**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN.
SOCIETY**

Speaker: Jean Wilcos Hibben
“Christmas Traditions of our Ancestors -
Ghosts of Christmas Past: Tunes, Tales, &
Ancestral Traditions,”
contact: Jean Tempke
(jtempke@roadrunner.com)

2015 Regional and National Events

February 11-14, 2015
**ROOTSTECH 2015 and
FGS CONFERENCE**
Salt Lake City, Utah

Info: www.rootstech.org and www.fgs.org

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

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Saturday, Nov. 1, 12 noon – CVGS Workshop: Susi Pentico “Maryland Research,”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 5, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting,** at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- **Wednesday, Nov. 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting,** at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Nov. 19, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting,** at CVCCB Library Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, Nov. 26, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Georgie Stillman: “Heirloom Discovery Day”** at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- **Wednesday, Dec. 3, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting,** at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- **Saturday, Dec. 6, 12 noon to 3 p.m. – CVGS Workshop: “Sharing the Holiday With Friends,”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting,** at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- **Thursday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m. To 2 p.m. – Holiday Luncheon,** at Chula Vista South Library (389 Orange Avenue)

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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
 Contact Ralph Munoz (munoz1951@cox.net) for program details.
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