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Saturday, 30 September 2017, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chula Vista Family History Day

at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F St.)

"Ancestors Matter – Let's Find Yours!"

Plan now to attend the Big Event! And not just attend, but help by volunteering to help make our second annual Family History Day a huge success. This fun, FREE community-wide event will encourage our friends and neighbors to explore their genealogies and family histories. And maybe your family needs a little push too?

We'll have a day filled with a variety of activities for all ages... Art projects and story hours for the children ... Basic genealogy techniques & tips for teens and adults ... Volunteer experts to help with computer research of family ancestors and to help build family trees ... and more!

At 10:30 a.m., Randy Seaver will be the keynote speaker on "Genealogy – Be An Ancestry Detective" in the Auditorium.

The day's highlight will be at 12 noon in the Auditorium and will feature CVGS President Cesar Castro exploring the family tree of the retired Chula Vista Police Chief David Bejarano and his ancestors in "Who is Police Chief David Bejarano?" in a presentation similar to the genealogy TV program "Who Do You Think You Are?"



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President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



This past General Meeting, Virginia Taylor, our Program Director, invited members to tell revelations and stories about their most exciting genealogy research find. I told the story about my great-great aunt, Maria Catarina Castro who married Joseph P. Hale in Baja California. Joseph P. Hale came to California during the gold rush era in 1852. He ended up in Baja buying cattle to drive them to Northern California to sell. He later got in the business of harvesting orchilla in Baja and shipping the dried lichen to England. It proved to be a very profitable enterprise.

It is interesting how we find stories and sometimes we find deep dark family secrets. I found one in the Castro family. My sister and I were fortunate to interview my aunt Amelia Castro Adame. She was the last living member of my father's family. She said that there was a deep dark family secret and no one was to talk about it. However, since those involved had already passed away, she would tell us and it was a shocker.

If you want to hear my shocking family story, attend next year's General Meeting on Family Stories because I plan to tell the story.

Membership Address Changes

Members, if you move, or change contact information such as your email or phone number, please notify our Membership person, Karen Smith, at freelady72000@me.com. This way we can keep information coming to you!

Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

Please register for the General Meetings, the Saturday Workshops, the Research Group and the Computer Group on the CVGS website – www.CVGenealogy.org. Log in with your member ID, then click on "Events" and the Register button for each event, and follow directions. This will help with meeting planning and speaker handouts.

Member Services – Contact Karen Smith

Karen Smith is our Membership Chair and reports on Member Services. If you know of a CVGS member with an illness or hospitalization, please contact Karen at freelady72009@me.com so we can get a card to that member.

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 "Members" tab.

Next CVGS Saturday Workshop – 7 October 2017

The October 7th Saturday Workshop will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road). The program will be “Tennessee Research and Some History” presented by Susi Pentico. We will be discussing the development of Tennessee and why we have to look at more than one state. Various URLs and books will be recommended. So other states will be mentioned. Tennessee was broken off from another state early.

Next Computer Group Meeting – 20 September 2017

The next Computer Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in downtown Chula Vista, Calif.).

Class will start at 10:15 a.m. in the Auditorium and go until 11:45 a.m. when we will break for lunch. It is called a “Beginning Computer Genealogy” group. If you have a laptop, you should bring it. Shirley Becker and Gary Brock will be demonstrating very basic computer tasks such as how to find tutorials and use them. We will move to the Computer Lab at 12:30 p.m., and use the library computers, and will follow through on what was learned in the morning class, and stay until 2 p.m.

Next Lemon Grove Meeting – 20 September 2017

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, SusiCP1@gmail.com) for more details. All are invited to attend. Beginners are welcome! Upcoming programs include:

- **Wednesday, 20 September, 6 to 8 p.m.:** “Sharing Information, Reaching Out to Others” by Susi Pentico.

September 2nd Saturday Workshop Review, by Cynthia Teysko

Our group met on September 2nd at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library for a review of seldom used and often overlooked URLs presented by Susi Pentico.

We considered the list of websites and were reminded how valuable newspaper research can be. Local newspapers publish the details about day-to-day happenings of interest to the community such as major and minor accidents, school board meetings, and the comings-and-goings of citizens. Locating family members in newspapers online or in local libraries is often exciting and, at the very least, interesting, and a good way to take a peek into their everyday lives.

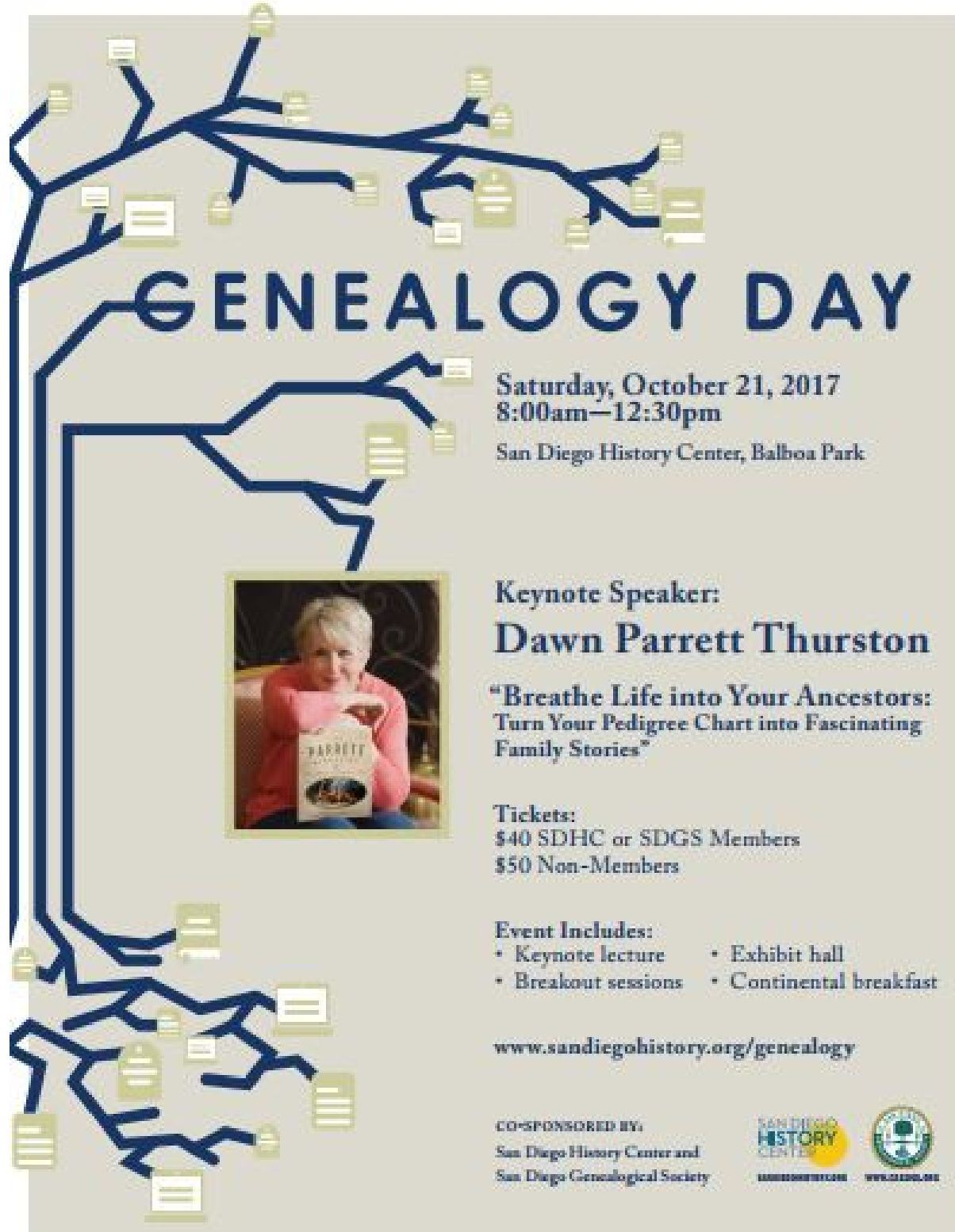
Following our ancestors’ medical histories and/or cause of death gives us insight into our own medical issues. What about our families’ physical quirks? Why not survey family members as to left-handedness, unusually short fingers or toes, and curly or straight hair. As for me, I can thank Grandma Grace, for my pretty curls!

Examples of sites where newspapers can be searched:

- Google Archive: <http://news.google.com/newspapers>
- Ancestor Hunt: www.theancestorhunt.com
- A comprehensive general site for UK and Ireland research is: www.genuki.org.uk. The amount of information at Genuki is never-ending. Get comfortable and Enjoy!

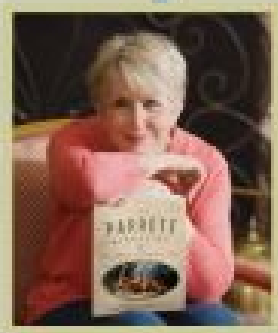
SDHC/SDGS Genealogy Day – Saturday, 21 October 2017

The San Diego History Center and the San Diego Genealogical Society are having the third annual Genealogy Day on Saturday, 21 October 2017, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Keynote speaker will be Dawn Parrett Thurston on “Breathe Life Into Your Ancestors: Turn Your Pedigree Chart Into Fascinating Family Stories.” The cost is \$40 for SDGS or SDHC members, \$50 for non-members. Register at www.sandiegohistory.org/genealogy



GENEALOGY DAY

Saturday, October 21, 2017
8:00am–12:30pm
San Diego History Center, Balboa Park



Keynote Speaker:
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“Breathe Life into Your Ancestors:
Turn Your Pedigree Chart into Fascinating
Family Stories”



Tickets:
\$40 SDHC or SDGS Members
\$50 Non-Members

Event Includes:

- Keynote lecture
- Exhibit hall
- Breakout sessions
- Continental breakfast

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August 30th Program Review, by Randy Seaver

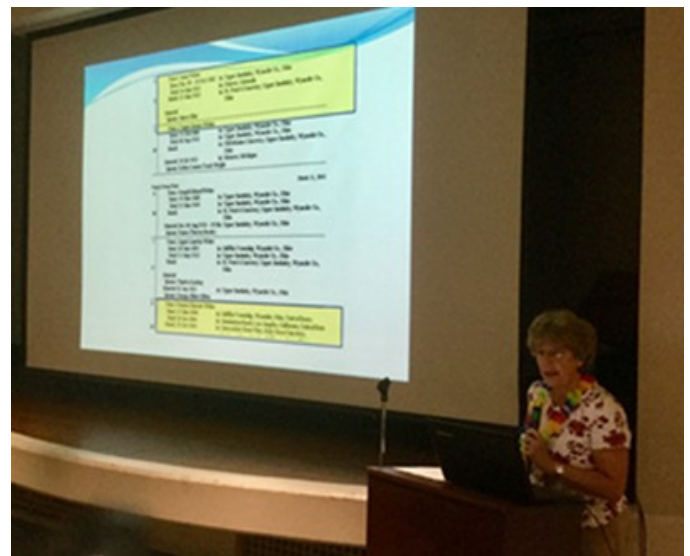
The 30 August CVGS general meeting had 25 members and several guests in attendance, and they heard and saw six members describe their most exciting genealogy research discovery in recent years.

* **Bobbie Lane: "Finding Great-Great Grandparents in Lake County, Illinois"**

Bobbie's most exciting, surprising, and puzzling find unfolded in 2004, at the beginning of my family research. She always thought that her great grandfather, Lorens Titus, was the first German immigrant to Fremont, Lake, Illinois, where she grew up. She began her search for Lorens' parents by going through the census for Fremont, and she was shocked that the 1870 census showed Lorens living with his siblings and parents, Johann and Kundegunde Titus. Bobbie's great-great grandparents lived about two miles away from her home growing up, and she never knew it. After she found their probate records in Lake County Genealogy Society's microfilm, Bobbie found their graves in the parish cemetery, which also contained four other generations of her family.

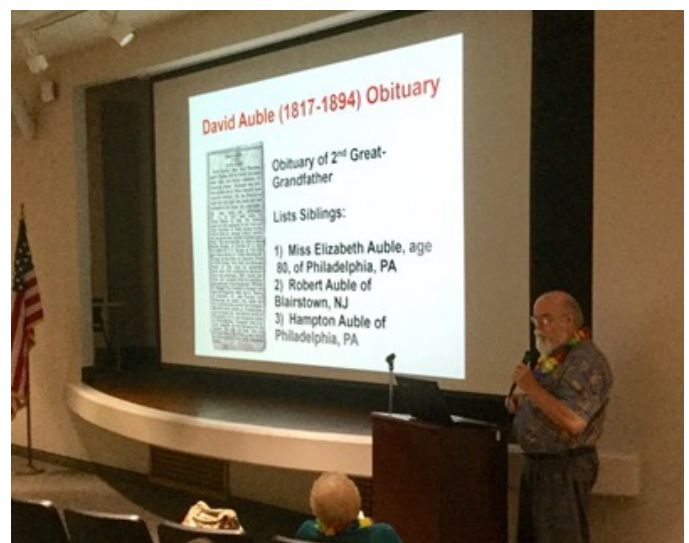
* **Ann Stevens: "Finding Anna . . . And Figuring Out the Rest of the Story"**

Ann's brick wall discovery centered around her great-aunt, Anna Weber Clair, who committed suicide in 1921 in Denver, Colorado. Trying to get more information on Anna's life prior to her death proved to be elusive . . . until her probate records were found. With this document, Ann discovered that earlier documents about her great-aunt (i.e., she was despondent due to leaving her husband in an asylum in Portland, Oregon) were not true. Ann's great-aunt was mentally ill and even with the 24-7 care and supervision provided by her brother and other members of the family as well as some time spent in an Ohio asylum, she was unfortunately still able to take her own life.



* **Randy Seaver: "Finding Elizabeth Auble's Will"**

Randy's most exciting find in 2016/7 was the will of Elizabeth Auble (1814-1899) of Philadelphia. She was the "old maid" sister of his 2nd great-grandfather, David Auble. Before he found this will, Randy knew about four siblings of Elizabeth. The will bequeathed money and property to 22 persons, including her three living brothers, and descendants of four heretofore unknown siblings, Sophia, William, Sarah and Nathan Auble. They were all children of John and Anna (Row) Auble who married in 1804 in New Jersey. This find spurred descendency research for this Auble line, and Randy added over 200 cousins to his genealogy database. Several have already appeared on his AncestryDNA cousin match list.



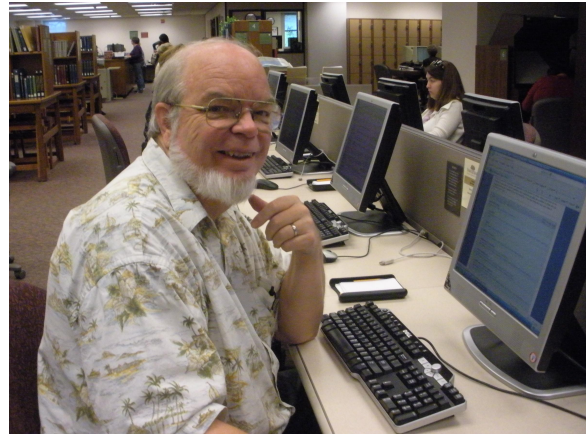
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August 9th Research Group Review

The [Chula Vista Genealogical Society](#) Research Group meeting on Wednesday, 9 August had 11 attendees.

In the first hour, Randy reviewed:

- * The MyHeritage purchase of Legacy Family Tree software and Legacy Family Tree Webinars on 3 August. This appears to be a win for both parties - MyHeritage gains millions of potential subscribers and DNA testers, while Legacy gains potential software users and webinar attendees plus financial support.
- * The *Family Tree Magazine* list of the Top 101 FREE genealogy websites was published, and Randy's blog, *Genea-Musings*, was on the list.
- * Find A Grave is changing their website presentation and has a beta test site up at <https://new.findagrave.com/>. Check it out!
- * Randy's blog post about what to do with collected family papers, with comments, is at <http://www.geneamusings.com/2017/07/dear-randy-what-can-i-do-with-my.html>.
- * A project in July has been finding where the land for his 18th century Gates ancestors was located in Stow, Massachusetts. A Facebook friend helped locate it, and probably lives on the land.



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

- * Diane wrote an "Honoring Our Veterans" sketch of her grandfather's World War I Canadian Expeditionary Force service. She found a 94 page report about his life story at the www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org site.
- * John found Canada census and marriage data for ancestors who migrated from New Brunswick to Massachusetts and Manitoba to Minnesota. He found other marriage records on www.USGenWeb.org.
- * Virginia successfully downloaded the updated RootsMagic version 7.5.2 to her desktop and laptop computers and is working with it.
- * Ralph mentioned the \$69 AncestryDNA special. He recently misplaced his "paper" tree and needs to find it. He distributed copies of it to family members some time ago.
- * Helen is trying to trace both lines of a match to her brother's Y-DNA test from Illinois. One source for the match's line is "some people said..."
- * Gary has a first cousin DNA match on 23andMe that may identify his biological father. Gary was adopted and knows his mother's family, but doesn't think the match is on his mother's side of the family. The cousin's grandfather had three children including a son with whom there was a bad relationship. The cousin match lives in the area of Michigan where Gary is from.
- * Sam asked, "How do you transcribe a document?" Randy uses one window for the word processor, and another window for the document image on the screen, and scrolls and/or magnifies the image as required. Gary uses the free Transcript program which has two panels open - one for the transcription text and the other for the document image.

The next meeting of the CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 13 September at 12 noon in the Conference Room of the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in Chula Vista).

[Upcoming Family Tree Webinars \(www.familytreewebinars.com\)](http://www.familytreewebinars.com)

- Wednesday, 13 September 2017, 11 a.m. PDT: Nicka Smith on [“Finding Isaac Rogers”](#)
- Friday, 15 September 2017, 11 a.m. PDT: Melissa Barker on [“The ABCs and 123s of Researching Your Ancestor's School Records”](#)
- Tuesday, 19 September 2017, 5 p.m. PDT: Tom Jones on [“When Does Newfound Evidence Overturn a Proved Conclusion?”](#)
- Wednesday, 20 September 2017, 11 a.m. PDT: Thomas MacEntee on [“WolframAlpha for Genealogists.”](#)
- Wednesday, 27 September 2017, 11 a.m.: Deena Coutant on [“Quick Guide to Rexas Research”](#)
- Wednesday, 4 October 2017, 11 a.m.: Lisa Alzo on [“No Easy Button: Using “Immersion Genealogy” To Understand Your Ancestors”](#)

These webinars are sponsored by Legacy Family Tree, and are FREE to watch live, and for a week after the live event. You must register to view them live at www.familytreewebinars.com. Membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 500 webinars at any time.

[August 16th Lemon Grove Program Review, by Cynthia Teysko](#)

Our group met at the Lemon Grove Library on Wednesday evening, August 16th.

Susi Pentico presented a review of genealogy-friendly websites including a number of new ones that some of us had never used. Here is a small sample:

- www.dunhamwilcox.net – what appears to be an extended family site is actually much more. It includes record collections from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Michigan, and beyond.
- www.mooseroots.com – Here one can search U.S. Census Records, Immigration Records, BMD, Canadian WWI enlistments, Japanese-American Detainees, and Casualties of the War on Terror (US), among many others. This is a unique and interesting site.
- [Http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/](http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/) – Included here is the “Race and Slavery Petitions Project,” containing abstracts of legislative and court petitions and related documents. This could be a 'gold mine' for African-American genealogy research. The site offers the ability to send for a copy of the original petition. Presented by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
- www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/researching-newspapers-for-genealogy-for-free – We all want access to as many newspapers as possible to discover our ancestors' stories. This site is full of links to free, searchable newspapers listed by state, and lessons on how best to search historical newspapers.

After sifting through many, many websites, the group began reviewing our individual “We’re Related” apps and checking the celebrity family trees against our own. This app is the brainchild of Ancestry.com and shows how someone who is named in a family tree might be related to a famous person such as George Washington or Lady Gaga. At least three of our group (including myself) are related to Sarah Palin (!). Sarah’s pedigree matched several people in my tree and led me to another line of which I was unaware. This Smartphone application just may be attractive to the next generation and interest them in our favorite, all-consuming hobby. ;)

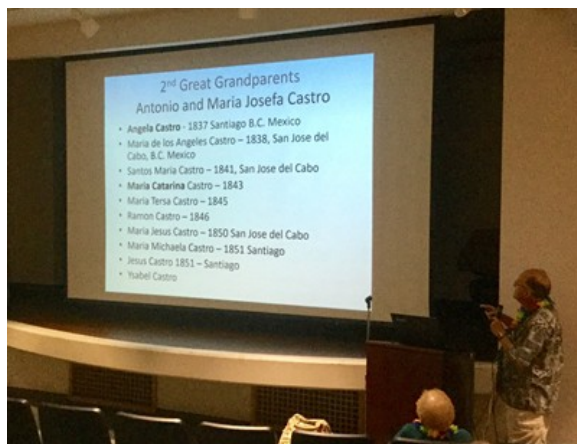
August 30th Program Review (Concluded)

* Susi Pentico: "Five Henry Huffmans"

Susi's most exciting find was very different than most. As members worked to put together the Genealogical Society back in the 1980s, something unusual happened. There were seven of them working to make this happen. When they got around to doing Five Generation Charts and swapping them around at their meeting, there were five of them that were direct descendants of Henry Huffman/Hoffman. There were various birth dates until a deed was found in Virginia that clarified who this Henry Huffman was. He was born about 1740 in Virginia. In Virginia you had to be 18 to own land. That helped us to determine his birth and help sort the siblings and family. He sold this land, in 1805, in Greene County, Pennsylvania and died in December 1811 or January 1812 when the will was probated. With five Henry Huffmans living in this area, it took a bit (3+ years) to find which one was the direct descendant. Two were cousins, one was an uncle and one was Henry born 1803 and the other one was Henry the father of Henry born 1803, which was Susi's line. A tax receipt required by Greene County gave them more solid evidence. It was also filed in Hampshire County, Virginia

* Ceasar Castro: "Catarina Castro's Irish Husband in Baja"

As he was researching his ancestors, Ceasar Castro discovered that two of his great-great aunts, Angela and Catarina Castro, married Irishman in Baja California. Intrigued, he started investigating why and how the Irishman ended up in Baja. Catarina married Joseph P. Hale on 28 August 1857. Joseph P. Hale came to New York in 1849 from Ireland when he was 13 years old. In 1852 he earned enough money to sail to California during the Gold Rush period. He was not very good at gold mining and turned to buying and selling cattle. He first bought cattle in Arizona but then switched to Baja for cattle. At that point he must have met Catarina and they married in 1857 in Miraflores, Baja California. They had two daughters, Josephina and Anita. Settling in Baja he discovered the orchilla lichen along the west coast of Baja. The plant is used to produce a bluish dye. He negotiated a contract with the Mexican government to harvest and sell the plant. He shipped the dried plant to England and made a fortune. At the time of his death on 21 April 1893, the *San Francisco Morning Call* newspaper estimated his estate was worth two million dollars. His daughter, Josephina married Robert John Lascelles Boyle in London, England in 1890. He became the 11th Earl of Cork. They had no children. So Ceasar has no Earl of Cork cousins.



* Patricia Diane Godinez: "A Dream Come True"

Diane told about the search for her father, Alfred Thomas Burton Longhurst, a sailor in the Canadian navy. She retraced her research footsteps as she made two trips to Victoria, British Columbia. During the first trip to the island of Vancouver, she obtained 10 addresses from the telephone book. She wrote letters to five of her mother's Podgorenko people and the other five letters went to, she was hoping, to her father's Longhurst people. A second cousin named Sam Podgorenko called on the eve of the bombings of 9/11/2001. Eventually, Diane received, in the mail, her long birth certificate with her grandparents' names of Archibald Longhurst and Lulu Squires. Using internet sources, Diane continued to search for her father until April 2002, when she read the email message, "He is alive!" In time, more email messages followed. Ramon surprised Diane with tickets and transportation to travel to Brampton, Simcoe, Ontario, and she met her father Fred, his second wife, Terry, and six half siblings, just in time to spend her 55th birthday with them in July of 2002.

Welcome New Members

Juanita Hulu

Current Membership (as of 9/1): 93

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Wanda Brock, Susi Pentico,
Nancy Yates, John Finch

Meeting Host Volunteers

October 25th: Bobbie Lane and Joanna Ward

Contact Jo Ann Bonner to sign up!
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San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, October 14th, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PROGRAM MEETING

Speaker: Colleen Greene on
“Overview of Cloud Computing for Genealogy”
“Cloud Computing for Genealogy:
Applications”
at St. Andrews Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, San Diego
Contact: www.casdgs.org

Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN.
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Speaker: Douglas A. McOmer on
“Name Indexing of Foreign Language
Documents”
at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr,
Carlsbad CA 92009)
contact: Pauline Ballentine
(paulineb@cox.net)

Tuesday, Sept. 26th, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN. SOC.

Speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega on
“Overlooked Federal Records and
Repositories”
at Carlsbad City Council Chambers,
(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr.,
Carlsbad CA 92009)
contact: Jean Tempke
(jtempke@roadrunner.com)

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GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10:15 a.m. – Beginning Computer Genealogy class**, at CVCCB Conf. Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 20, 12:30 p.m. – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Comp. Lab
- **Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Family History Day** at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, October 7, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Tennessee Research and Some History”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, October 11, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, October 18, 10:15 a.m. – Beginning Computer Genealogy class**, at CVCCB Conf. Rm
- **Wednesday, October 18, 12:30 p.m. – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Comp. Lab
- **Wednesday, October 25, 12 noon.– Program Meeting: David Hanson: “Ghosts of the USS Midway”**at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, November 4, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Lost Ancestors”** 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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