



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Wednesday, 25 September 2019, 12 noon

CVGS General Meeting

at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library

(365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910) in the Auditorium

Speaker: Gary Brock on “Places, Part 2”

Gary grew up in Michigan and was relocated to Miramar Naval Air Station by the Navy in 1957. After discharge in June of 1960, he returned to Michigan for six months, where he met and became engaged to his wife of 56 years, Wanda. They settled in Santa Monica, and he was employed at UCLA Physics Department engaged in nuclear physics research. After five years at UCLA, he transferred to UCSD and continued research in nuclear medicine for another five years. He left the University in 1978 to start his own data processing business, San Dieguito Data Services, based in Carlsbad, CA. In 1980, he and Wanda moved to the Bay Area where he started Brock & Associates, which he still operates on a reduced basis since retiring in 2002.

Gary is a past President and current Web Master of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society. He is an avid gardener and a Life Member of the Handyman Club of America.

His own genealogy research is difficult because he was adopted at 3 years old, but he has managed to work his mother’s lines back to the Revolutionary War. In addition, he has been able to work his wife's ancestry back to the 5th century because of so many royal and peerage ancestors.



His presentation, “Places, Part 2” is a continuation of his May presentation about traveling around Europe in 2018.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



September is back to school time. I was one of those nerdy kids who couldn't wait to return to school. My entire life I have loved learning new information. Some areas were more challenging for me than others. Basic math stumped me, while I excelled in algebra and trigonometry. History enchanted me and I was a big reader. Weird facts about nature called to me.

I believe that most amateur genealogists are eager learners. The most fun in this pastime is doing your family history and uncovering two areas. First, you sometimes uncover interesting family anecdotes and facts (who knew my father worked as a milkman during the depression?) that touch your heartstrings or inspire you. Second, the story of your family often puts you squarely in the path of big historical events like the American Revolution, the 1918 influenza pandemic, or the Irish potato famine. Both of these items, family stories and historical events, teach us genealogists to have empathy for and understanding of our ancestors. It keeps me coming back to my laptop or rereading an old will, looking for one more gem in the memorabilia of my family. It tells me a bit more about how I came to be who I am.

Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

Please register for the General Meetings, the Saturday Workshops, the Research Group and the DNA Interest 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.

Membership Address Changes

Members: if you move, or change contact information such as your email address or phone number, please notify our Membership Chair, Carrie Holleron, at mncinc@cox.net. This way we can keep information coming to you!

Member Services – Contact Carrie Holleron

Carrie Holleron is our Membership Chair and reports on Member Services. If you know of a CVGS member with an illness or hospitalization, please contact Carrie at mncinc@cox.net 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 General Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at <http://www.CVGenealogy.org> on the “Members” tab.

Next Saturday Workshop – 5 October 2019

The October 5th Saturday Workshop will be “Lost Ancestors” with Susi Pentico, with possibly a guest speaker, and will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Anna's Family Restaurant (8099 Broadway St., Lemon Grove, Ca 91945).

Please note that we have to order something to eat in order to meet at Anna's for free. We can eat like at a Seminar and enjoy the knowledge shared at the same time. Many of our group have eaten here before. The prices are reasonable and they have a great senior menu – soup, sandwiches, small meals, breakfasts served all day, great pies, and good service and food. Of course, they have full course meals too. The menu is online at <http://www.annasfamilyrestaurantsd.com>.

Collecting Donations for the Bonita Optimist Book Sale

Friendly Ann Stevens has been involved in the collection of reading materials for this worthy cause for about 10 years and it is something we can help her with as we downsize and relocate items from our homes.

Ann said she was recruited to join the Bonita Optimist club after she retired. She served on the Board and was active on different committees. The idea of a book sale came from someone she met in Los Angeles.

Their service club adopted the activity and did well with it. She brought the idea to the Optimists and the club approved it. What started as an “add on” to their craft sale in 2009, now is a stand alone club raiser. It is held twice a year, in the spring and again in the fall.

The next sale is scheduled for October 5-6 at the Bonita Museum.

Collecting of books, textbooks, CD's and DVD's, goes on all year round. Ann says this has been a successful effort, as all the money earned goes to fund activities in the community, from foster youth to elementary age children and up to high school students.



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Spotlight On A CVGS Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez **Ann Stevens: Researcher and Organizer of the Family History**

Ann says she got started on family history after seeing “Roots.” As she really enjoys history, mysteries, and research, genealogy seemed like a good mix of these three areas.

One of the highlights for Ann came in 2017 when she visited in Belgium and Luxembourg. She viewed 16 cemeteries and took close to 2,000 pictures of grave markers of possible ancestors. She has also completed the paperwork to reclaim her citizenship in Luxembourg, a Western European country of 613,012 people. It is a place where almost half the population is foreign. There are more expatriates living in Luxembourg than any other European country!

Another highlight of Ann’s research was when she went to Germany to meet some cousins. They had dinner at a 500 year old inn which had been owned and managed by her ancestors. It is still in family hands.

Ann Marie Weber was born and raised in Manhattan Beach, California. Her parents, Robert John Weber and Barbara Elisabeth McGhee, were also born in California. She is 3/4 German and 1/4 Irish. Her maternal grandfather, Edward McGhee was born in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Ann was a Sweetwater High School teacher of English and speech communication for seven years. She moved into counseling for 14 years at Southwest High School. Then it was on to Eastlake High as part of the opening staff where she continued counseling for another 8 years. Finally she became part of the administration for 6 years.

Ann first retired in 2007 and five years later, she volunteered in the Chula Vista Library Tech Services, where she learned to process genealogy books for the CVGS collection. She was offered a job at the library. But effective Sept. 4, 2019, Ann retired again, after seven years.

She will however be at the Bonita Museum Optimist Book Sale on October 5-6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You might see her there with her husband of 46 years, Del Stevens, or maybe with her two sons, Mark and Eric, or maybe even with Shelby, her lovely age 10 granddaughter.

Want to be a CVGS Member in the Spotlight?

You too can have a short genealogy autobiography published in the CVGS Newsletter for FREE! If so, please send your one-page genea-biography to Diane Godinez (godinezenriootay@yahoo.com). A photograph of you doing genealogy research would be great also!

Interesting Genealogy Blog Articles

- [The Pending Reinvention of Ancestry.com](#)
- [A First Look at RootsMagic 8 - Big Changes Ahead](#)
- [Dear Randy: Where Can I Find a Full-Featured, Free, Updatable Online Family Tree?](#)

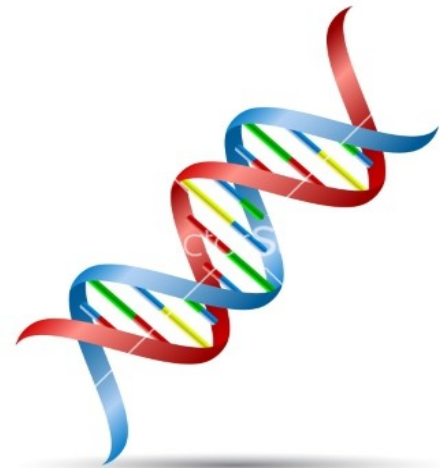


August 21st DNA Interest Group Review

The CVGS DNA Interest Group meeting was on 21 August at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in the Conference Room. 9 members were present.

In this meeting, Randy highlighted:

- News from the monthly DNA Central newsletter
- AncestryDNA now has surname searches of match trees
- AncestryDNA Notes are very useful
- Join the “Genetic Genealogy Tips and Techniques” Facebook group for latest news
- DNAPainter has a FREE relationship estimation tool based on the shared cMs survey
- The Leeds Method for grouping your DNA matches
- Randy's Leeds Method spreadsheet for his AncestryDNA matches



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Karen S. asked about the Leeds method and asked for a definition of a DNA segment in the matching process.
- Jo Ann did a 23andMe DNA test several years ago and her AncestryDNA results came in last month. Now she is waiting for her 3rd kit to arrive from Living DNA because they say they specialize in English and Irish ancestry. Her father was born in England and she knows next to nothing about that side of her family tree.
- Gonzalo's wife Rosa found new information on her relatives. She also found one of her great-grandmother's names to be different. Now they have to check whether that is her maiden name or if she was married more than once.
- John shared DNA research successes with identifying the probable true biological father of his orphaned Great-Grandmother and with confirming probable ancestors shown on AncestryDNA ThruLines.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 18 September at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

Randy's Tip of the Month

Are you looking for a family history book or county history book with your family names in it? There are a number of FREE digitized book websites available for books that are out of copyright:

- Google Books: <https://books.google.com/>
- Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/>
- HathiTrust: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
- FamilySearch Digital Library: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>
- MyHeritage Compilation of Published Sources: <https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources>

The free-to-read and download books are out-of-copyright (published before 1924). If you need to see an in-copyright book, then go to WorldCat (<https://worldcat.org>) and search for the book and determine the nearest library that has it. Try to access it by going to the specific library or use Inter-Library Loan.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

- Wednesday, 11 September, 5 p.m.: [Advanced DNA Techniques: Using Phasing to Test DNA Segments](#), by Blaine Bettinger
- Tuesday, 17 September, 5 p.m.: [Civil Law Concepts and Genealogy](#), by Claire Bettag
- Wednesday, 18 September, 11 a.m.: [Research Latin America Genealogical Resources on the Internet](#), by Daniel Horowitz
- Tuesday, 24 September, 11 a.m.: [Unlocking English & Welsh Civil Registration Records](#), by Mike Mansfield
- Wednesday, 25 September, 11 a.m.: [Meaningful Tables and Graphs for Correlation in Family History](#), by Ruth Wilson Craig
- Friday, 27 September, 11 a.m.: [The Home Archivist: Preserving Family Records Like a Pro!](#), by Melissa Barker
- Tuesday, 1 October, 7 p.m.: [The Stories Behind the Segments](#), by Blaine Bettinger
- Wednesday, 2 October, 11 a.m.: [A Day Out With Your DNA](#), by Diahann Southard

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. A membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 980 webinars at any time.

What's New in the Genealogy World

- [NGS and FGS Announce Intent to Merge](#)
- [Free Legacy Family Tree update now available \(version 9.0.0.318\)](#)
- [Ancestry.com Owners Aim to Extract \\$900 Million Payout With Loan](#)
- [Ancestry CEO Margo Georgiadis Reveals the Company's Health Ambitions](#)

Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?

Randy Seaver publishes "Genealogy News Bytes" every Tuesday and Friday with links to genealogy news articles, new or updated online record collections, genealogy education opportunities (webinars, podcasts, video), genealogy bargains, DNA success stories, and more. See an example at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2019/09/genealogy-news-bytes-6-september-2019.html>

Dick Eastman publishes genealogy news and technology articles daily on his Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – check daily at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Useful DNA Research Blog Posts

- [Native American & Minority Ancestors Identified Using DNAPainter Plus Ethnicity Segments](#)
- [Why Use a Chromosome Browser](#)
- [Charts for Understanding DNA Inheritance](#)
- [First Steps When Your DNA Results are Ready – Sticking Your Toe in the Genealogy Water](#)
- [Segment Triangulation: Proving an Ancestral Line](#)
- ["Children of the Dust": How Genetic Genealogy Helped an Amerasian Woman Locate Her G.I. Father](#)
- [How to Build the Best Family Tree for DNA Matches](#)
- [Help Your DNA Match Expand Their Family Tree](#)

August 28th Program Review – Bob Chicca

Our August 28th General Meeting speaker was Bob Chicca, who was a U.S. Marine and a survivor of the capture of the USS Pueblo by North Korea on 23 January 1968. The ship was on a reconnaissance mission off the coast operating in radio silence with 83 men aboard (two Marines, two civilians, the rest were in the U.S. Navy) under the command of Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher.

North Korean ships and MiGs attacked the ship about 25 miles off the coast, and it was captured and towed to Wonsan harbor. Before the capture, the crew tried to destroy the classified documents, but did not destroy the equipment. Bob was shot in the leg during the capture, and the crew was blindfolded and tied up after the capture. One crew member was killed.

After their capture, the crew was taken to Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea by bus and train under guard. They were interrogated for intelligence information and filmed for propaganda purposes. They stayed the first 40 days in an unheated building in the middle of winter, eating mostly turnips for meals, with some bread and rice, and very little water. They were moved to a prison compound later. When the crew was filmed, they often showed the “Hawaiian good luck sign” which appeared in magazine articles that explained the real meaning of the sign. The crew were beaten severely for this action.

Bob had a leg operation filmed for propaganda purposes, and had a six month recovery period. He lost 50 pounds during the captivity, and suffered beatings and interrogations during captivity.

After Richard Nixon was elected in November 1968, the beatings stopped and the injuries were treated. North Korea wanted the USA to admit that they were inside the 12 mile limit before the capture,. The crew was released on Christmas Eve, 1968 at the crossing at Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea. They were flown to Hawaii, and then to San Diego where the ship had been based. The crew and their families were housed in the El Cortez Hotel.

The U.S. Navy considered that the capture was a military failure, the crew were not heroes, and the Court of Inquiry wanted Commander Bucher court martialed. He wasn't.

The CVGS audience was spellbound as Bob described the events and his own experiences. It brought back memories of that time for many of us, and the happiness that the crew was returned after almost a year in captivity.

For more information, see the Wikipedia about the USS Pueblo incident at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Pueblo_\(AGER-2\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Pueblo_(AGER-2)) .

Genealogy Bargains

Thomas MacEntee publishes a list of genealogy-related bargains – subscriptions, books, classes, DNA, etc – free, discounted, etc.) every day on <https://genealogybargains.com/>. There is always something genealogical for sale!

Robert Chicca,
USMC 1968



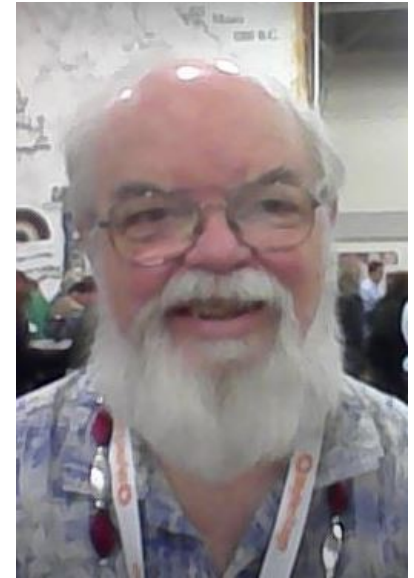
Robert Chicca 2019



CVGS August 14th Research Group Review

The August 14th Research Group meeting had 13 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Family Tree Maker 2019 pre-orders now available, release is “soon.”
- Virtual Genealogical Society Conference is November 1-3 online.
- How Randy uses Ancestry Record Hints – see <https://www.geneamusings.com/2019/08/dear-randy-how-do-you-use-ancestry.html>
- Online published books resources – WorldCat.org, Google Books, Internet Archive, HathiTrust, FamilySearch Digital Library, and the MyHeritage collection.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Daryl asked about voice to text transcriptions. The group suggested web-based and mobile app tools.
- Lynn is quite new to the study of her family on both sides. She has a book of her father's family tree dating back to England and her mother's side of the family, but her records are just on pages of paper. She needs help in getting both sets of records compiled so she can understand the genealogy of both sides.
- Diane spoke about making up her own 200 year descendancy chart for the Houghton Family, who immigrated from England to Canada. She got the idea from an old PAF descendancy chart of Carlota Godinez, her late husband's paternal aunt. Diane's own third generation great grandfather, Samuel Houghton, was born 6 August 1820. Today's draft had four pages but will continue to grow as more families are identified. She will share the findings with other family members, like newly discovered 4th cousin Vic Johnson, who lives in Toronto. She listed parents, children, spouses and the date and country of birth, and date and country of death. If the person had Canadian ties, she put in the province like Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, etc., or the name of a state in the USA such as New York, Michigan, etc. If the location was Toronto, she put that in because it has been an important city ever since 1834.
- Karen shared that she is finding descendants from all of her known third great grandparents and it is a bigger task than she anticipated. She is hopeful that she can better identify the surnames of her DNA matches.
- Bobbie came upon a family photo, while looking for something else online. It was an elementary school picture from 1926 near her uncle's farm in Lake County, Illinois. One of the students was listed as an orphan from Chicago, and she thought it might be Joe Koziel, who lived with her father and siblings (some were in the picture). On checking Joe's obituary, she was disappointed to realize that it couldn't be Joe because he was born in 1924. Other information in the obituary didn't sound right, so she will further investigate the accuracy of the obituary information. She has inquired with some of the research facilities she hopes to visit soon and found out some important information. One facility is closed for renovation; another has moved to a new locale; and one research center requires a previous made appointment.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 September at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 9/1): 80

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Meeting Host Volunteers

Sept. 25: Diane Godinez and Fran Cornell
October 30: Lynn Wright and Karen Smith

Contact Jo Ann Bonner to sign up!
(619) 421-3628

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro – 619-781-8441
Carrie Holleron – 619-421-8309
Carole Sobke – 619-465-5286

CVGS Society Officers

President:	Karen Smith
First Vice-President, Programs	Virginia Taylor
Second Vice-President, Membership	Carrie Holleron
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Secretary	Ana Castro

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Education	Susi Pentico
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Jo Ann Bonner
Librarian	Ann Stevens
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/DNA Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, October 14th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

Speaker: Julianne DeWalt Adamik on
“Starting at the Very Beginning - Genetic
Genealogy for the Beginner”

and

“Using DNA as a Supplement to Traditional
Genealogy Research”

at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
(8350 Lake Murray Blvd, San Diego)

Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich

cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 24th, 9:30 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Ray Raser on
“The Mayflower Society and Available
Records”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad)

Contact: Jim Jacobson (lj2001@cox.net)

Upcoming Conferences

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, Sept. 11, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 18, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 25, 12 noon – General Meeting: Gary Brock: “Places, Part 2”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Lost Ancestors”** at Anna's Restaurant (see page 5)
- **Wednesday, October 9, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, October 16, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, October 30, 12 noon – General Meeting: Randy Seaver: “Researching Historical Newspapers”** at
- **Saturday, November 2, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “TBD”** at TBD

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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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