



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY GAZETTE



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**CVGS General Meeting at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library
(365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910, in the Auditorium)**

Speakers: CVGS Members on “Show and Tell”

It is time for our annual Show and Tell. Our theme this month will be **“Your most unusual or mysterious family history treasure.”** You will determine what is “unusual” or “mysterious.” Your treasure could be antiques, heirlooms, furniture, portraits, photographs, artwork, tools, clothing, jewelry, doodads, books, medals, kitchen items, dishes, utensils, dolls, toys, Bibles, papers, quilts, letters, etc. Tell us how you got the item and what it means to you.

Please send a description and picture of your treasure no later than November 18 to Virginia Taylor (irishdoll@cox.net). She will have Gary make a PowerPoint presentation so everyone can see what your item looks like. We look forward to all of the unusual and mysterious treasures.



PLAN AHEAD: See page 3 for information about the Annual Holiday Party!!

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



There is more to this story than we learned from our parents or teachers. For example, did you ever wonder how Squanto was able to communicate with the Pilgrims? Well, it is because he was captured by the English in 1614 and later sold into slavery in Spain. He spent several years in England, learning to speak English. When he returned to New England, right before the Pilgrims arrived, he found his entire tribe dead from smallpox. It is true that after he met the Pilgrims in 1621, Squanto was very instrumental in the survival of the English Pilgrims.

Another part of this story is about how the Pilgrims came to find religious freedom. They came to America from Holland where they had fled (from England) and had found religious freedom. Their primary aim was to make money and secondly, they wanted to establish a religious theocracy. If you are familiar with the term theocracy, you know it allows for only one religion. In a theocracy the church and state are one, so if a citizen does not follow the faith, he or she can be punished by the state. That is not religious freedom.

These are just a few interesting facts about Thanksgiving. The holiday was made official in 1863, when President Lincoln named it as a show of gratitude for Civil War victories in Vicksburg and Gettysburg. We know that harvest festivals were held by European and American Indian societies for many centuries. So it wasn't really the first Thanksgiving.

For Americans, it is an important time to gather with family, friends, or at church to give thanks for the blessings of plenty, family, and friends. Though we may all do it a bit differently, the intent remains pretty much the same. Whether we have prime rib, chicken, tamales, lumpia or turkey is not relevant. Neither is our religion or race important in this holiday. The crucial part is the gratitude we feel within our hearts for our blessings and bounty. May your heart be full at this Thanksgiving!!

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 – 7 December 2019

The December 7th Saturday Workshop will be “Family Greetings” with Susi Pentico from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Anna's Family Restaurant (8099 Broadway St., Lemon Grove, Ca 91945). We will discuss Lost Ancestors also, to help everyone find more information. Family Greetings, will be discussing what you may want to put in your news notes for the holidays. It can be simple or more lengthy depending on your wishes. If you have never done it before you can learn how it is easily done.

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>.

CVGS Fundraising Suggestions

CVGS is always looking for ways to generate funds, which can add to our ability to provide quality presentations to you, our members, and to enable us to continue funding scholarships to students in the Sweetwater Union High School District.

We believe we have found an excellent fund-raiser. Applebee's has two fundraisers that we are exploring. In one, we ask you to invite friends and family to eat at Applebee's on a certain date and the restaurant donates 25% of the profits back to our society. In the second, we sell tickets to a wonderful breakfast, which includes pancakes, syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, crispy potatoes, orange juice, and coffee. We have to sell 100 tickets and 10-12 of us need to volunteer as servers. The tickets are \$10 each. The gross profit is \$1,000 and we would earn \$500 of that. This sounds like a great way to build team spirit. Please think about both of these options and share your thoughts with us at the next general meeting.

CVGS Holiday Party is Wednesday, 11 December

It's almost time for our annual Christmas luncheon/Holiday Party, on Wednesday, December 11th, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Due to space constraints at the Chula Vista South Library, where we normally hold our event, it will be held in the clubhouse of our President, Karen Smith. The address is 1050 Buena Vista Court, Chula Vista, 91910. It's near Southwestern College.

Hospitality will provide ham with a cherry sauce and turkey with gravy, bottled water, Crystal light punch, coffee and hot water for tea. We will also provide beverage cups, paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils and a few extra serving spoons. It would be nice if someone would bring an ice chest with a bag of ice for the cold drinks. Karen isn't sure if her clubhouse even has a microwave so hot dishes should be brought in crock pots if possible. Jo Ann will bring a couple strip and extension cords to plug everything into. The refrigerator is a small dorm size which isn't much room at all. No stove either but she thinks there is a sink for running water.

Please plan on attending and bring a dish to share. Contact Jo Ann Bonner (jabonner13@gmail.com, 619-892-4278) to coordinate the potluck dishes. The food assignments are:

- A - F desserts
- G - K salads, rolls, butter
- L - P appetizers, condiments, snack trays
- Q - Z potatoes, casseroles and other vegetables

Spotlight On A CVGS Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez **John Finch: CVGS Researcher and One-on-One Helper**

John says his fascination with genealogy began with a series of five photographs, mounted horizontally on a single frame and which were displayed in the hallway of his Hayden Lake, Idaho home. The photographs were of an aged woman, a grandfatherly looking man, a mature woman, a young version of his grandmother, and a baby. His parents explained that when his father was born in 1916, a living five generation family line had been established. To commemorate that event, the photographs had been taken. The baby was his father, Clarence Finch, followed by his grandmother, Edith Bentley Finch, his great grandmother, Jennie Hansen Bentley, his great great grandfather, Peter Hansen, and his great, great, great grandmother, whose name and identity the family did not and does not know.



Even at an early age, John said he understood that five living simultaneous generations was not typical and he wanted to know more about these people, especially the mysterious old woman. He was able to put together a rough pedigree draft of four or five generations and occasionally, had his questions answered by the adults in his life. But each answered question gave rise to many more as he learned more biographical information. He was curious about the people in his tree and the lives they had lived. He wondered what historical events had involved them, what joys, what sorrows, what military service and how did "Grandpa meet Grandma?"

John enlisted in the Navy, January 1961, and started a career in which he served on six combatant ships, had two tours to the Gulf of Tonkin in Vietnam, and undertook three non-wartime WestPac cruises. His two years aboard the U.S.S. Springfield (CLG7) were while the ship was home ported in Villefranche-Sur-Mer, near Nice, France. The Navy had a small support community but no base housing. So the crew and their respective dependents lived in the area's French villas and with the host population. It was a terrific duty station and John was able to travel to many nations bordering the Mediterranean, in Europe, as well as North Africa, and Asia Minor.

John had the opportunity to visit the College of Arms in London where he learned that the Finch name originated in England and that his people migrated to Ireland due to religious and inheritance issues. Early in the summer of 1968, John wrote to his Grandmother Finch with some questions. She ripped a page of hand written vital records from the family Bible and mail it to him. He still has that valuable resource, although the Bible has since been lost.

John married Tomasa Vidaurri. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

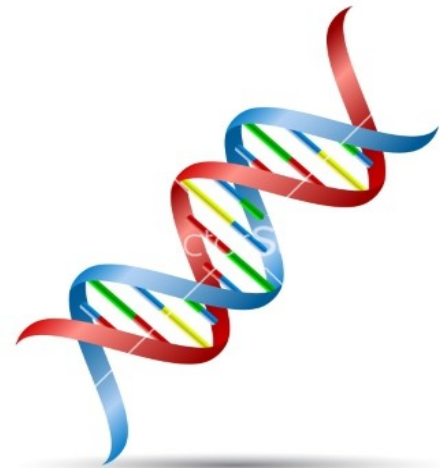
Please register for the General Meetings, the Saturday Workshops, the Research Group and the DNA Interest Group on the CVGS website – www.CVGenealogy.org. Log in with your member ID, then click on "Events" and the Register button for each event, and follow directions. This will help with meeting planning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

October 16th DNA Interest Group Review

The CVGS DNA Interest Group meeting was on 16 October at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in the Conference Room. 12 members were present.

In this meeting, Randy highlighted:

- Ancestry Health and FamilyTreeDNA Health were announced to provide health analysis from DNA samples.
- 23andMe announced their family tree and updated their ethnicity estimates.
- AncestryDNA ThruLines now provide a DNA match summary when you mouse over the ancestor image.
- Randy identified 5 ThruLines for his potential Brigham ancestors and is working to prove the lines.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Karen shared that given the huge families her ancestors had, tracing the descendants from her third great-grandparents created way over a hundred new folks in her tree.
- Diane told about José Nazario Gutiérrez, who was born in July 1806 in Tepatitlan de Morelos, Jalisco, Mexico. He was first married when he was 19 years old to my husband Felipe's great grandmother, Juliana Martínez. They had 11 children. After her death, he married María Trinidad Cortez and had at least 7 children more. Those children were very hard to find and Diane had to go through each entry in the year of 1861 to find Juliana's parent's names and eventually her birth record. J. Nasario would wed a third time to Casilda Hernández and have at least 3 more children. He died at age 72 and his much younger wife lived on. Thus reading between the lines, she was able to uncover a story of ancestors from long ago.
- Tammy asked "why would people have a private family tree?" The answer was "because they choose to" for a number of reasons – including they don't want other researchers to "steal" their tree persons; or the tree is not "finished" or is "unsourced."
- Sam is reworking the family tree for his wife's DNA mystery – one of her parents was adopted and there are several DNA matches.
- Susan has been corresponding with her newfound cousin in Ireland.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 20 November at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

Genealogy News Items for October

- [Warrant Issued Permitting Police Full Access to GEDmatch Database](#)
- [MyHeritage Education: New Content to Master Your Genealogy Skills](#)
- [Ancestry® Debuts the World's Largest Digital Archive of Searchable Online Obituaries and Death Announcements, Powered by Cutting-Edge Artificial Intelligence](#)
- [DNA tests show Irish American background much bigger than thought](#)
- [Census Bureau Officials Detail Effort to Hire 500,000 Temporary Workers Across the Country](#)
- [Ancestry® Expands Reference Panel to Deliver More Precise DNA Results and New Regions](#)
- [Irish Man Hilariously Pranks His Family at His Own Funeral](#)
- [Introducing AncestryHealth®: Actionable Health Insights for You and Your Family](#)

Serving In the Chula Vista Genealogical Society A View of The November Board Meeting

The current membership of the CVGS stands at 79 people. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer and serve. With our busy lives and the many things we do for our families and others in our communities, sometimes we forget that even a little effort will be most appreciated.

In a conversation with the November Spotlight Member, John C. Finch, he had the following to say, "I have been a member of CVGS for some twenty years now and served as Library Liaison, Program Chair, and President. I am grateful for all the support given me during my terms of office and I encourage everyone to help support our Society by giving of your valuable time in any kind of volunteer assist. A little of your time will go a long way."



John did not mention that he has been the greatest of teachers and has made several presentations to the group. He is usually found in the little bubble room on the Chula Vista Library on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for one-on-one help to those who have unique genealogy problems.

John also said, "But where am I now, after 20 years of near daily research? Well, I have nearly 6,500 persons named in my digital tree and about half that at ancestry.com. I have included the family of my wife and daughters-in-law, taking me to records available in other nations, such as Mexico, Italy, Holland, and even Indonesia." He does have a nagging problem, though. It is that old woman in the photograph. "I have exhausted research for Mary or Christina or whatever her name is, but I remain committed that one day, she will lead me to know her and all her secrets."

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

- Wednesday, 13 November, 5 p.m.: [Soldier's Homes \(1865-1930\) Caring for our veterans](#), by Rich Sayre
- Tuesday, 19 November, 5 p.m.: [Native American Research: Things You May Not Know](#), by Paula Stuart-Warren
- Wednesday, 20 November, 11 a.m.: [A la Carte: Borders, Maps and Gazetteers for German Genealogists](#), by James Beidler
- Friday, 22 November, 11 a.m.: [No Will? No Problem!](#), by Sharon Monson
- Tuesday, 26 November, 11 a.m.: [I Received DNA Matches, Now What?](#), by Daniel Horowitz
- Tuesday, 3 December, 5 p.m.: [Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest](#), by Paul Milner

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 1,100 webinars at any time.

October 2nd Saturday Workshop Review, by Cindy Teysko

Our group of 8 attendees met at Anna's Family Restaurant for lunch and a presentation by Susi Pentico: "Genealogy is Fun!" Our current meeting room is a cozy place to enjoy American food located at 8099 Broadway, Lemon Grove 91945, (619) 462-9295. Anna's online menu and prices are listed at <https://annasfamilyrestaurantsd.com/35461>

Why is genealogy fun and useful? There are so many reasons. Here is a partial list:

1. **Learning.** Learning about our ancestors and sharing this information increases our family bonds, especially when we include our children. We are able to discuss facts about our forbears giving our children much to consider such as their personal heritage, future education plans, and occupation.
 2. **Travel.** Whether our genealogy research takes us across the pond or across the county, we often find ourselves in archives, court houses, cemeteries, and the places our grandparents lived. I have experienced walking the stairs inside the very house where my father was born in 1910. A very emotional and happy day.
 3. **Life styles of those before us.** As genealogists, we research beyond the names, dates, and places on the pedigree chart. These details of our ancestors' lives are what makes what we do fun, entertaining, and interesting to others. What to consider:
Ancestral culture, language, food, recipes, clothing, home/farm remedies, and more. Learning the history of the places they once lived is a good idea to round-out the lives of those we call family.
- **Family Traits and DNA.** Eye color, height, familial diseases, causes of death, even occupational choices can be researched and shared. Medical history is especially useful to the entire family.

Here are a couple of ideas for future reference:

- There will be a Virtual Genealogy Association Conference online on November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for \$79.00. See the details at www.VirtualGenealogy.org
- There are free Family Tree webinars online. See www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

Thank you, Susi, for an engaging presentation. We all enjoyed sharing our knowledge about our ancestors with the group. **Come join us on the first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. See you there!**

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!

Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?

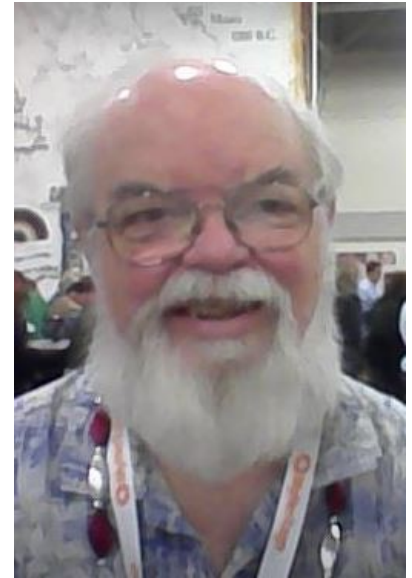
Randy Seaver publishes "Genealogy News Bytes" every Tuesday and Friday with links to genealogy news articles, new or updated online record collections, genealogy education opportunities (webinars, podcasts, video), genealogy bargains, DNA success stories, and more. See an example at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2019/11/genealogy-news-bytes-friday-8-november.html>.

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

CVGS October 9th Research Group Review

The October 9th Research Group meeting had 14 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Ancestry released a Newspapers.com Obituary Index in late September which is fabulous – see <https://www.geneamusings.com/2019/09/new-collection-on-ancestrycom.html> .
- GenealogyBank released link that finds articles about your FamilySearch Family Tree ancestors – see <https://www.geneamusings.com/2019/10/genealogybank-offers-historical.html>
- Family Tree Maker 2019 was released with many new features.
- Two new genealogy TV programs - *A New Leaf* (on NBC) and *Finding Your Roots* (on PBS) programs were started.
- The MyHeritage Conference 2019 videos are available for free at <https://education.myheritage.com/learn/all/webinar/>
- We watched the Yaniv Erlich TEDMED talk video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15d79fYA5Q>.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Susi supplied a link to Maureen Taylor's Vivid-Pix podcast (<https://player.fm/series/the-photo-detective/the-vivid-pix-fix-and-a-contest>) and one other one from her mail that morning. She also expressed that distant kin can be as helpful as close kin and not to ignore them or not ask them for help even if they are professionals.
- Diane talked about Estefania de la Torre and her 12 children as found in the 32 hints attached to her name on FamilySearch.org. Her husband was Juan Godinez. Estefania and Juan were born in different states of Mexico and wed in an area near Guadalajara, Jalisco. From there, they moved around and had their children in seven other areas near Lake Chapala, in the Mexican states of Jalisco and Michoacán. Using the hints is a lot faster and more accurate way to research people who were on the move.
- Bobbie broke through a partial brick wall while on her trip to Lake County, Illinois in September. She had not been able to find any information in the Illinois state death index or the Lake County death index on her great-great-grandfather, Adolph Petrie, and his wife. Bobbie was looking through the Petrie file at the Lilac Cottage Research Center, in Waukegan, when she found a note about a donation of two Bibles and other items pertaining to Mary Dwelly Petrie, who married one of Adolph's sons. She asked to see the Bibles with family information in them, but the librarian could not find them. Instead, Bobbie was given another file on the Dwelly family, and it contained a note with Adolph Petrie's death date on it. She still doesn't know where the couple was buried, but she now has a few new leads to go on.
- Jo Ann found an 1840 U.S. census for one of her families that listed 17 slaves.
- Lynn found out that her brother passed away in 2011 but the family did not tell her.
- Susan needs identification of persons in several old family photos.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 13 November at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 11/1): 79

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Susan McClure

Meeting Host Volunteers

November 27: Susan Zimmer and
Carole Sobke

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
Treasurer	Karen Polk
Secretary	Ana Castro

Committee Chairs

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, Nov. 9th, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

Speaker: Lisa Alzo on

“Ten Ways to Jumpstart your Eastern
European Research” and
“Crossing the Pond: Successful Strategies for
Researching Eastern European Ancestors”

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

Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich

cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 26th, 9:30 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Judith Brooks on

“Using Ancestral Religious Migratory
Patterns to Locate Church Records”

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

Contact: Jim Jacobson (ljj2001@cox.net)

Upcoming Conferences

RootsTech 2020 SLC

February 26-29, 2020

Salt Lake City, Utah

Salt Palace Convention Center

Register at <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>
(\$169 early bird price ends on 11 October)

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, Nov. 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Nov. 20, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Nov. 27, 12 noon – General Meeting: CVGS Members “Show and Tell”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, December 7, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Family Greetings”** at Anna's Restaurant (see page 3)
- **Wednesday, December 11, 11 a.m. – CVGS Annual Holiday Party**, at clubhouse at 1050 Buena Vista Court, Chula Vista, 91910, near Southwestern College (see page 3)
- **Wednesday, December 18, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Saturday, January 4, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Recording Your Event”** at Anna's Restaurant (see page 3)

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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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