



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY GAZETTE



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CVGS General Meeting

Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Auditorium

Patricia Diane Godinez on “North and South of the Borders and Beyond”

Patricia Diane Godinez has returned for a second installment of researching and using FamilySearch.org. She will bring an update on numerous families and present some new “cousins” from Canada, Mexico, and Other Places. She likes to think of herself as a DNA Queen with various people, related and not, from 23andMe. Some of her brickwalls have apparently dissolved while others have taken their place.

Patricia “Diane” started researching in 1977 when she was pregnant with the third of her four sons. She worked for years on her husband Ramon’s Hispanic family tree and for many years taught Beginning Hispanic Genealogy, until a major breakthrough on her own lines. In two trips to Canada, with 9/11 interrupting the start of the second trip, and a wait of 30 days, she managed to obtain the long form of her birth certificate. Finally she learned the names of her paternal grandparents. They were listed as Archibald Longhurst and Lulu Squires. Such unusual names she thought and very easy to find. Not quite true.

But within the year, Patricia was back in Canada and face to face with her father, Alfred Thomas Burton Longhurst, and his second family. Since finding and losing her Canadian siblings, Patricia has gone on to helping others to find their lost family members on different continents; North and South America, Europe, and Australia.

Come learn how to think out of the box and break down walls with the help of DNA, determination, and a lot of emails to distant cousins.



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President's Message – by Karen Smith



There is nothing quite like the month of February. First of all, it is short, so the paycheck lasts longer. Second, it often brings weather that is a tiny bit springlike (only in San Diego). And best of all, it is for lovers. While you may not currently have someone fitting that description in your life right now, we are all in love with love.

I decided to focus on the beloved family members who have February birthdays. I am making an effort to add information about them in Family Tree Maker.

The first is my aunt, born on February 4, 1899. She was like Auntie Mame, always being sophisticated (she gave me my first martini, which made me violently sick) and always trying to educate me out of my schoolgirl innocence by teasing me. She failed to change me, but her efforts endeared her to me. When she died in the late 1970s, she left me everything in her meager estate. The best inheritance was the trove of letters, some going back to the 1880s. There were also lots of old pictures of the family. That was when I began to research my family tree.

The next person is my brother, Bruce, born on February 14, 1937. He was the first born of my siblings and was the jewel in the crown of my parents' romantic marriage. I found a love poem my father wrote to my mother the day he was born. How fitting it is that he was born on Valentine's Day. He and I were very close in spite of the years between us. Like my aunt, he was a bit wild and crazy and I adored him. He taught me more about music than I believed possible.

Then came my wonderful grandson, Austin, born on February 15, 1998. He was a joyous child and a pleasure to be around. Luckily, he arrived when my daughter was staying with me and I watched him grow during his first three years on Earth. He is a wonderful young man today, currently starting training for the Army National Guard and continuing to make me proud to be his grandmother.

My last February person is my son, Matthew. He was born February 16, 1969. It was a tricky pregnancy and delivery, so his name, which means "gift of God", is definitely fitting. He put the tech in technology and is my go to person for help with all the technology I use. Lucky for me, he makes time for his technologically illiterate mother and he is a true friend.

Each of these close family members have made or continue to make my life meaningful and this month will be partially devoted to adding pictures, anecdotes, and milestones to their profiles on Family Tree Maker.

Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities

Visit the CVGS Website: <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.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 <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/> on the "Members" tab.

March 7th Saturday Workshop

The March 7th Saturday Workshop will be “Court Documents and Papers” with Susi Pentico from 1 to 4 p.m. at Anna's Family Restaurant (8099 Broadway St., Lemon Grove, Ca 91945). The group will review documents that can be found in Court and related agencies, such as Land Deeds, Land Transfers, Wills, Probates, Codicils, Tax Records, Minute Books, and other documents.

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>.

Hospitality Committee Needs YOU!!

Do you enjoy the treats we have after the CVGS General Meeting? Well, our Jo Ann Bonner has been doing this for many years with minimal help. Unfortunately, physical problems are forcing her to give this up. PLEASE think about giving back to our society by volunteering for the Hospitality Chair position. We really encourage you to sign up with another member because more hands make lighter work. Jo Ann says that it is not a difficult job and she is more than willing to help you learn “the ropes.” Contact Jo Ann Bonner at 619-892-2478 or email to jabonner13@gmail.com. Thanks for your help with this!!

Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

Please register for the General Meetings (last Wednesday), the Saturday Workshops (first Saturday), the Research Group (second Wednesday), and the DNA Interest Group (third Wednesday) on the CVGS website – <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.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 Carrie Holleron

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!

Carrie Holleron also 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.

North San Diego County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar is 28 March

The North San Diego County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar is Saturday, 28 March from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad Senior Center (799 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad CA 92008) in Activity Room 111. The program is “New Faces, New Approaches” - seven case studies by NSDCGS members. A \$10 donation is suggested, and a box lunch can be purchased for \$10. Register online at <http://nsdcgs.org/springseminar/registration/>.

Spotlight On A CVGS Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez **Gary Brock - CVGS Researcher and An Advocate For DNA**

The month of February is always a chilly one if not rather cold. If you would like to warm up your heart and catch a few memories, go see the 50 year anniversary of Love Story which features Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal at select theaters on Valentine's Day.

Or you could talk to Gary about his own LOVE STORY which includes his wife Wanda Marie Alexander, who was born in Ashland, Wisconsin. Gary was out of the navy, visiting back home, and trying to get a date for a movie with someone else. Wanda thought that other person might not be the right one for Gary so she went along on the movie date. Gary and Wanda did marry in time and were the proud parents of a daughter and son and 5 grandchildren...Sadly Wanda has passed on.

Gary started life as the only son of Mary Czarrina Roff (born in 1919), and father unknown. Gary's mother would marry his adopted father, Ford Merrill Brock (1902-1947). Gary says he never heard how his parents met but "I know they were very much in love. My mother loved hunting and fishing, as did Ford. They just seemed to be meant for each other."

Through DNA testing and research, Gary has been able to discover his birth father's identity and family members, and reports his latest updates at frequent meetings of the CVGS.

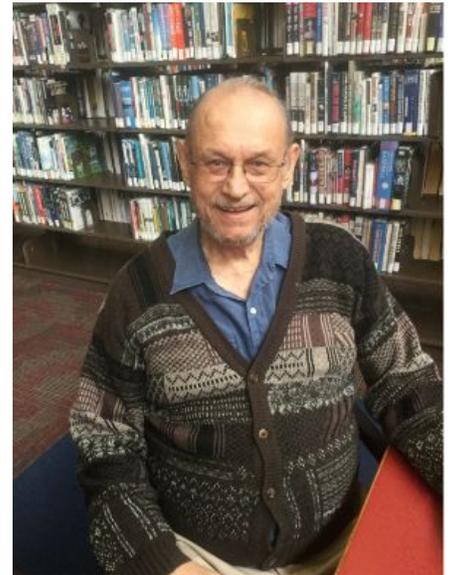
Gary Wayne Brock was 18 and very adventurous. He was just out of high school and not interested in more schooling. He loved the Navy slogan, "Join the Navy and see the world". He also knew that the navy had very good schools in electronics, which was a passion of his. They guaranteed him a slot, if he could pass the tests. Apparently Gary was indeed smart enough and would in time run his own company, Brock & Associates, an information and technological consulting and training firm, for over 30 years.

Gary has served two terms as the President of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society. He has been the Treasurer and the Audio-visual Master for many years and the Webmaster. He has also been the chairman for both the Glen Abbey Cemetery books and for the Estate Papers Project. In the past, Gary and Wanda were gracious host and hostess for the annual picnic at their home in Bonita.

Gary is active in researching Wanda's family tree which goes back a reported 52 generations with some European royalty lines. Theirs is a love story which continues.

Joel Weintraub Speaking on 8 March for San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society

The San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society (website, <http://www.sdjgs.org>) is having Joel Weintraub speak on "Finding Difficult Passengers on the Ellis Island Manifests" on Sunday, March 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. The meeting will be at the Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Dr., La Jolla).



Saturday, 1 February Workshop Review, by Cindy Teysko

Our group of 7 attendees met at Anna's Family Restaurant for lunch and a presentation by Susi Pentico: "Newspapers and Pamphlets—Printed Data on our Ancestors."

Our current meeting room is a cozy place to enjoy good food located at 8099 Broadway, Lemon Grove 91945, (619) 462-9295. Anna's online menu is at <https://annasfamilyrestaurantsd.com/35461>.

First, we shared our stories with each other including those new to the group. We shared current and ongoing research surnames and places, brick walls, successes, tips, and the serendipity of our genealogy finds.

- Newspapers can be a gold mine of information! From the usual birth, marriage, and death notices, to major accidents that made the news (consider transportation, farm, factory, mining incidents), all the way to more folksy information—to add interest and variety to your family history—like family visits, Grange, church, school, or political activities in the area, and articles you can locate by searching a surname. My cousin Dorothea was a teacher all her life. I once found a long news article about an award she won (with her picture!) in a local paper by searching last name. What a great find!
- Yes, you too might locate a photograph of an ancestor in the newspaper, church bulletin/directory, or other local group bulletin/directory (Service clubs, fraternal or women's organizations, the list goes on).
- Location-specific books containing notices clipped from newspapers that have been compiled, transcribed, and published are often located in 'hanging files' in libraries. Also check out local histories, historical and genealogy societies, even small-town Chambers of Commerce can be helpful.
- Leave no stone unturned - Susi shared her favorite places to research: Library of Michigan archives and Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. There are many more, such as Carlsbad Public Library, the genealogy library at the San Diego Central Library downtown, and the National Archives at Riverside (located in Perris, CA).

Useful websites: <http://morethanjustacemetery.com> www.genealogywise.com
www.rhinehartroots.com

Thanks, Susi, for an enjoyable and informative afternoon. Join us on the first Saturday of March at 1 pm at Anna's Family Restaurant for good food, good information, and a good time!

Useful Genealogy Blog Posts for January

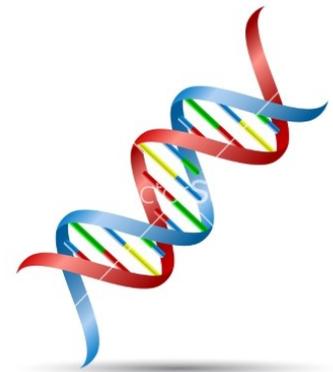
- [How To Share Ancestry DNA Results](#)
- [In Defense of Small Segments](#)
- [Where Are My Ancestors From? 5 Tips for Using Migration Patterns in Family History Research](#)
- [A Free Course: Produce Your Family History Book for \\$20](#)
- [Visiting an Ancestral Home: a Life-Changing Experience](#)
- [What Future Genealogists Will Learn From the 2020 US Census](#)
- [The Genealogy Research Process: The WANDER Method](#)
- [8 Tips For Finding That One Irish Relative](#)
- [Chromosome Mapping -- Why Should You Do It?](#)

January 22nd DNA Interest Group Review

We had 13 attendees at the January 22nd DNA Interest Group meeting, including two visitors.

In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- AncestryDNA match filters, searches, and notes, and using the Common Ancestors filter to find matches with ThruLines.
- AncestryDNA ThruLines showing ancestral lines from common ancestors, and how he adds the line to his RootMagic family tree program with a DNA Match event and a note that describes the match and the common ancestors.



In the second hour, some of the attendees discussed:

- Visitor Diane N. from Pennsylvania discussed her DNA matches with descendants of her 2nd great-grandparents from Ireland. She is relatively new to genealogy but has a good knowledge of genetic genealogy.
- Gary described Wanda's royal lines back to Charlemagne and his DNA matches with his half-brothers in Michigan that led to his birth father's name.
- Linda is using YDNA tests and autosomal DNA tests of her brother and her cousins to try to break down the brick wall of her great-grandfather.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 February at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Library Auditorium.

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/2020/02/genealogy-news-bytes-friday-7-february.html>.

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

Here are some of the significant January genealogy news items:

- [Layoffs at genetic testing companies reflect the changing market](#)
- [A Court Tried To Force Ancestry.com To Open Up Its DNA Database To Police. The Company Said No.](#)
- [Massachusetts Governor Seeks to Cut Access to Public Domain Records](#)
- [Introducing the 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon \(March 12-13\)](#)
- [Genealogy Book Notice: "The Sterling Affair" by Nathan Dylan Goodwin](#)

January 29th Program Review

The January 29th CVGS program featured well-known California speaker **Gena Philibert-Ortega** from the Temecula area. Her topic was **“20 Places to Find Maiden Names.”** There were 29 in attendance.

She noted that researchers looking for maiden names should start at the end of a person's life, know the town/county/state/country where the person lived and search for records in those places, and determine what records exist in those places at the time the person lived there.

Gena's list of genealogy records with maiden names included:

- Marriage records will always have the females current name, and for a later marriage may have the maiden name also.
- Child birth certificates may have the mother's maiden name.
- Child middle names may be the mother's maiden surname.
- Child church baptism record will probably have the mother's maiden name.
- Newspapers may have milestone articles (birthdays, marriages, anniversaries, etc.), legal notices, marriage license applications, obituaries of parents and siblings all may list a maiden name.
- Military records of husbands and sons, especially pensions, may mention a maiden name.
- Funeral records may list the female's maiden surname or pallbearer names.
- Land deeds sometimes identify the female's father's name if land is given or sold to a son-in-law.
- Census records may include the female's parents or siblings in an enumeration. Who lives near them?
- Church records of baptism, marriage, burial, membership, confirmation, etc. may provide a maiden name.
- County histories are very useful by providing family relationships, including a wife's parents, siblings and maiden name.
- Cemetery records can be helpful – check the gravestone inscriptions, who is buried in the plot, the contract records of the cemetery, and the Find A Grave or Billion Graves memorial may list a maiden name.
- The Family Bible will often list parents names; some are available on FamilySearch, DAR, AmericanAncestors, Cyndi's List.
- Naturalization records of females will always provide a birth surname and birth date.
- Published genealogy books sometimes provide excellent clues.
- Farm directories provide clues – some are available in FamilySearch digital library.
- Online family trees provide clues but need to be confirmed.
- Lineage applications (DAR, SAR, Mayflower, etc.)
- Digitized books available on Google, Internet Archive, FamilySearch, HathiTrust, etc.
- DNA matches may lead to determining maiden names.
- Social security applications and claims index on Ancestry may provide maiden names and parents names.
- Divorce records almost always provide a marriage history.

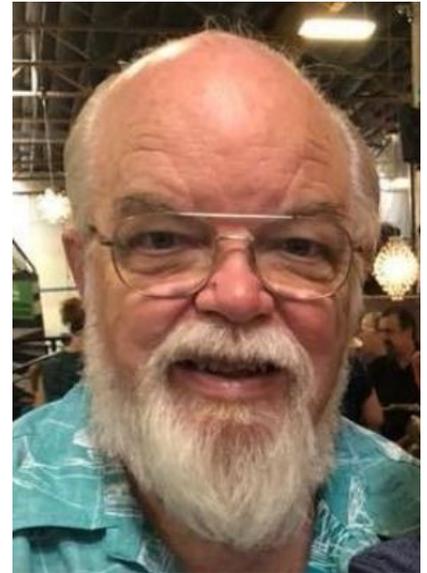


Gena's handout also featured resources (genealogy websites, finding aids, libraries and archives, etc.).

January 15th Research Group Review

The January 15th Research Group meeting had 16 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- **RootsWeb mailing lists will be inactive March 2. The list archive will be available online, but new posts will not be permitted. Some of the mailing lists have created a mailing list on Groups.io.**
- **GenealogyBank obituaries from two collections have been merged into one collection.**
- **RootsMagic Version 8 has been delayed until February or later.**
- **His Italian research for his grandsons ancestry – he found more records in the northern part of Italy near Genoa online at Antenati (<http://dl.antenati.san.beniculturali.it/>) and FamilySearch.**
- **He set two goals for 2020 – enter his DNA segment data into DNA Painter and apply to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD).**



In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their genealogy-related activities:

- **John spent most of his time enjoying the Holidays, but did some “cousin” fill-ins with the aid of the Ancestry.com DNA ThruLines/Common Ancestor feature.**
- **Karen S. wished that we could have a “problem solving session” at our research meetings.**
- **Karen P. found some ancestors from the 1635 time frame. She and several others would like a GEDCOM how-to session at the research meeting.**
- **Arlene synced her FamilySearch Family Tree profiles to RootsMagic and is cleaning up lots of duplicate names and alternate names that are repetitive and annoying. She has the Crossover program for the Mac and is looking forward to RM coming out with a native Mac program. She is becoming more familiar with RM and stay out of trouble when she can.**
- **Gary told the group about the “My Ancestors” books he put together for his four local and oldest grandchildren as their Christmas present from grandpa B. They all seemed to be very intrigued with their book and he told them that this is a work in progress and that he would be updating their books from time to time for years to come.**
- **Julie said she is taking a break from the old French archive translations (meaning as translated as her very limited French allows). She has decided she is too bogged down by them, and will return temporarily now and then. She will go back to her Rose family branches this month, beginning with her shocking outlaw in-law!**
- **Marshall discussed the 1926 Canadian Prairie Provinces Census that became available in 2019 on FamilySearch; Ancestry’s new searching facilities for DNA matches are helpful. He really like searching for matches that are “Unviewed,” “have public trees,” and “Have shared ancestors;” He talked about his great-great-grandmother, who emigrated from Germany to the US, and who died (age 39) in 1880. The only documents he has for her are 1870 census, 1880 census, and her death certificate. She’s listed as the mother on a few christening records as well. There’s someone by that name (but about 4 years older) who arrived in Baltimore in 1848 with a family, but he has been unable to find a trace of any of the family members.**

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 12 February at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Library Auditorium (the tax classes are in the Conference Room).

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 2/1): 76

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Meeting Host Volunteers

February 26: Susi Pentico and JoAnn Bonner

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

Telephone Tree Volunteers

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CVGS Society Officers

President:	Karen Smith
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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, March 14th 2020,
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega on
“25 Tips For Researching Your Female
Ancestors” and
“The Secret Lives of Women: Research Female
Ancestors Using the Sources They Left Behind”

at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd., San Diego 92119

Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich
cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 25th, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
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Speaker: Toni Perrone on
“Marriage and Inheritance Customs in
Germany”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad)
Contact: Jim Jacobson (lijj2001@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>
(\$189 early bird price ends on 24 January)

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, February 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Wednesday, February 19, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Wednesday, February 26, 12 noon – General Meeting: Patricia Diane Godinez on “North and South of the Border and Beyond”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, March 7, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Court Documents and Papers”** at Anna's Restaurant (see page 3)
- **Wednesday, March 11, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Wednesday, March 18, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Wednesday, March 25, 12 noon – General Meeting: John Finch on “TBD”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, April 4, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “”** 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

Contact Virginia Taylor (irishdoll@cox.net) for program details.

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