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Wednesday, 26 August 2020, 12 noon

CVGS General Meeting

in a Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Hal Bookbinder on "Born in St. Louis, naturalized in Newark, Why?"

Although a natural-born American citizen, on marrying in 1917 Sara Sacharow lost her citizenship. Years later she was naturalized. This talk discusses naturalization rules over the years, including the treatment of women, children, blacks, Asians and Indigenous peoples. It even discusses how John Adams tried to avert Thomas Jefferson's election by changing the laws of naturalization.

Hal writes and lectures extensively on diverse genealogical topics, including border changes, migration, citizenship, safe computing, Jewish culture and Jewish history. He has identified over 4,000 relatives to the mid-1700s in modern Ukraine. Other roots reach into adjacent areas of Moldova, Poland, Belarus and Russia. He has served as president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and has been honored with its Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a recently retired healthcare IT director who teaches at the university level and, as a volunteer, directs a transition-to-work training program for an addition recovery center. Hal and his family reside in the Los Angeles area. Check out his articles on safe genealogical computing at <http://www.tinyurl.com/SafeComputingArticles>.



This program will be held online using the ZOOM video conferencing platform for meetings and webinars. See page 3 of the June 2020 newsletter for help with Zoom.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



In April of this year, my article for the CVGS newsletter was all about Zoom. For the past four months, Randy Seaver has kept us in programs by using the Zoom application. We are so fortunate to have Randy, who is not only adept at genealogy, but who also embraces new technology with ease.

Well, the Zoom business is booming. Maybe I should say Zooming is booming!

Now the San Diego Genealogical Society is inviting us to their meetings via Zoom and soon we will be inviting others to ours. Because of COVID, there is a new spirit of cooperation among county genealogical societies and it is to everyone's benefit. A member of one society can access the programs of another without joining it. We are sharing the wealth of our combined knowledge and information.

In addition, speakers are readily adapting to this virtual platform. A speaker can do a presentation without driving any distance – he or she simply opens a laptop or turns on a desktop and we are together.

CVGS will be having some new and different speakers in the upcoming months. We have a speaker on immigration and naturalization, one on Scotland, another on British research, a DNA speaker, and much, much more. Once again, I encourage you to try using this new application. If you only have a speaker on your computer, or a smart phone or tablet, you can still join Zoom without a camera and see and hear the programs and discussion. You may want to call another CVGS member to walk you through the use of Zoom. I am happy to help anyone as are others in our society. I hope I see you in a meeting soon!

Please Note: All CVGS Events at Chula Vista Library Are Canceled Until Further Notice!

The Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library and the other branches of the library are closed until the embargo on meetings of groups of people and distancing from others are lifted.

Consequently, all CVGS in-person meetings are canceled. We will try to have Zoom online video conferencing meetings for the Board of Directors, the Research Group, the DNA Interest Group, and the General Meetings with a speaker. See page 3 of the June Newsletter for Zoom program details, or contact Randy Seaver (email randy.seaver@gmail.com).

Unfortunately, the pandemic precautions mean that this Newsletter will only be sent by email to CVGS members. If you have a CVGS member friend that receives the newsletter by postal mail, please call them and let them know about upcoming events and society news. If they can receive it by email, have them email randy.seaver@gmail.com to get on the email distribution list.

Do You Have a Research Story to Share?

Because we are sending email newsletters, we are not limited to 10 pages. If you have a research or family story about an ancestor or your genealogy research, please send it to the editor as a PDF file and we will be happy to publish it. If you have a photograph or document image, that can be published too! This month, I added a book review to page 11!

Ancestry Ownership Changes, by Randy Seaver

The news on 4 August had Blackstone, an investment company, acquiring 75% of Ancestry.com for 4.7 billion dollars.

1) The Ancestry blog post has this:

"Blackstone today announced that the private equity fund it manages has reached a definitive agreement to acquire Ancestry®.

"Blackstone's acquisition will further accelerate Ancestry's global leadership in Family History and consumer genomics, helping us achieve our mission to empower journeys of personal discovery to enrich lives. The Blackstone team is deeply inspired by our mission, aligned with our strategy and is confident in our prospects for the future. They share our purpose and passion for delivering great experiences for our customers. That includes upholding our commitment to protecting our customers' privacy and being good stewards of their data. Our robust consumer privacy and data protections remain unchanged under our new ownership.

"Looking ahead, in collaboration with Blackstone, we will continue to leverage our unique content and technology platform to expand our global Family History business while bringing to life our long-term vision of personalized, preventive health.

"We are grateful to our valued members and vibrant community for their continued trust and support.

"We are thrilled to partner with Blackstone and believe that together we can continue to inspire millions more people to discover their family story and gain actionable insights about their health and wellness."

There have been several blog posts with opinion as to how this ownership change affects genealogists, family historians, and Ancestry customers. See:

- Thomas MacEntee – <https://mailchi.mp/genealogybargains.com/gb-consolidated-5august2020> and <https://www.facebook.com/genealogybargains/posts/3515737461783348> . This Facebook post has comments from many people.
- Roberta Estes – <https://dna-explained.com/2020/08/05/blackstone-group-acquires-majority-interest-in-ancestry-com/>
- Randy Seaver – <https://www.geneamusings.com/2020/08/blackstone-to-acquire-ancestry-my.html>
- Blaine Bettinger – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/geneticgenealogytipsandtechniques/permalink/948215085642192/> . This Facebook post has comments from many people.
- Judy G. Russell – <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2020/08/07/business-as-usual/>
- Vice article – [A Private Equity Firm Bought Ancestry, and Its Trove of DNA, for \\$4.7B](#)

My summary view is that there is nothing to be concerned about as far as our family tree and DNA data is concerned. This is an investment company buying control of Ancestry.com from other investment companies, and their goal is to make a profit by investment and improving products. It appears that the AncestryHealth product may be a breakout product, and Blackstone invests in life science companies. Ancestry products and services won't be changed much, if at all, for the customers. Ancestry protects customer privacy through their Terms and Conditions, which haven't changed much over time. This purchase may result in further investments in new products and services on Ancestry.com over the next few years that benefit the genealogy community.

Genealogy Bargains

Thomas MacEntee publishes a list of genealogy-related bargains – subscriptions, books, classes, DNA, etc. – free, discounted, etc.) often 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/2020/08/genealogy-news-bytes-friday-7-august.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 July genealogy news items:

- [Blackstone to Acquire Ancestry.com for \\$4.7 Billion - My Comments](#)
- [Follow-up on DNA Information and Ancestry.com's Sale to Blackstone in a \\$4.7 Billion Deal](#)
- [The MyHeritage Search Engine for Historical Records Just Got Better](#)
- [AncestryDNA Updates DNA Match Schedule and Genetic Communities](#)
- [Ancestry® Launches AncestryHealth® Powered by Next Generation Sequencing \(NGS\)](#)
- [USCIS Adjusts Fees to Help Meet Operational Needs](#)
- [DAR Begins Accepting Autosomal DNA](#)
- [23andMe Paper on Transatlantic Slave Trade Published](#)
- [Some Polynesians Carry DNA of Ancient Native Americans, New Study Finds](#)

Useful Genealogy Blog Posts for the Last Month

- [Plagiarism and Copyright for Genealogists](#) by Diana Elder
- [14 of the Best Genealogy Tips to Find Your Ancestors](#) by Lisa Lisson
- [10 Awesome Websites With Maps for Genealogy Research](#) by Elizabeth O'Neal
- [When is a Marriage Date Not the Date of Marriage?](#) by Ken McKinlay
- [MyHeritage Announced They Redesigned and Improved Their Search Engine](#) by Randy Seaver
- [Using DNA to Find An Orphan's Family](#) by Diahann Southard
- [Ancestry Match Purge Update](#) by Roberta Estes
- [My Thoughts on the Changes at Ancestry](#) by Kitty Cooper
- [Dear Randy: "How Do You Plan To Pass On Your Genealogy Life's Work?"](#) by Randy Seaver
- [Impact of Ancestry Removing Your DNA Matches in 2020](#) by Margaret O'Brien
- [5 Free Tools to Manage Genealogy Research](#) by Linda Stufflebean
- [The Unknown Sister](#) by Jude
- [Some Updates to AncestryDNA's Matching System and a Database Update](#) by Debbie Kennett
- [Ancestry to Remove DNA Matches Soon – Preservation Strategies](#) by Roberta Estes
- [Dear Randy: How Many Details Do You Add To a Family Tree Profile?](#) By Randy Seaver

Spotlight on Myles Standish by Patricia Diane Godinez **My Genealogy Subject From The Memorable Year of 1620 to Now 2020**

Typically, if you were thinking about Myles Standish, who was born 1584 in Lancashire, England, and married to Barbara (Allen) in 1621, you might also be thinking about the *Mayflower* coming to America in 1620. We know the trip ended in November after the 102 passengers and 30 crew left England. The trip took 10 weeks. The ship left 3 times from different ports in England. First on 5 August, again on 13 August, and finally on 11 September.

With 2020 being the 400th year anniversary of the *Mayflower* landing at Plymouth Rock, numerous people are interested in joining the Mayflower Society. How about you?

There were 22 men who had offspring. By studying their surnames, you might find you have a Mayflower ancestor(s). Those names are easily available by looking at the internet. I recently discovered another Myles Standish. Apparently his niece Hannah Standish is in the family tree of Jim Dibley, my fourth cousin, with whom I share a 23andMe DNA relationship. This relationship was further found to exist by looking at FamilySearch Family Tree. In that case, going up and down using the Relationship Finder, the couple at the top, 9 generations back, was Samuel Sturtevant and Mercy Cornish.



In regards to researching with Jim, he answered an email inquiry about chromosome #3. There was a certain ancestor or couple who apparently had numerous descendants who tested with 23andMe. It is quite fun to see all those DNA cousins lining up together. Now the hard work comes as I try to reach out and get information back. To date, there are 18 DNA cousins on the same chromosome. That seems to be a lot, but from the 22 *Mayflower* men, their descendants number a reported 35 million!

So again, I tried FamilySearch Family Tree looking for and finding Capt. Myles Standish, who had been married first in 1611 to Rose Anne Handley 1584-1621. Apparently she died 29 January 1621, with no known children. Myles married a second time to Barbara (Mullins?) 1588-1659 and they had 7 children. One of Myles' children was Alexander Standish 1627-1702, who married Sarah Alden 1629-1688. Sarah was the daughter of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, 1602-1685. Parents for Priscilla are known to have been William Mullins 1573-1621 and Elizabeth Wood 1573-1604. Are Barbara Mullins and Priscilla Mullins related? Is Barbara even a Mullins?

There are conflicting facts. Priscilla Mullins is the Star of Longfellow's poem, *The Courtship of Miles Standish*, which is set against the backdrop of a fierce Indian war and focuses on a love triangle among three *Mayflower* Pilgrims. John apparently won the heart of Priscilla. Their grandson, Ebenezer Standish 1672-1755 wed Hannah Sturtevant 1680-1759 and that led to the birth of Hannah Standish 1703-1774, who wed Seth Staples 1699-1778. Seth, who was a Veteran of the Revolutionary War, at age 75, went on a 40 mile march with his Unit to defend Roxbury, Massachusetts. As confusing as it all can be, Ebenezer Standish was also the grandson of Myles Standish and his second wife Barbara (Mullins?).

So as the dog days of summer come along, you might find them to be the perfect time to search for your Mayflower ancestors and even if not in your direct surname line, you might be able to connect with DNA cousins or with a stray ex-spouse!

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

These webinars are sponsored by Legacy Family Tree, and are FREE to watch live, and are FREE 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 1,300 webinars at any time.

- Tuesday, 11 August, 11 a.m.: [Working with Different Family Tree Views on MyHeritage](#), by Uri Gonen
- Wednesday, 12 August, 5 p.m.: [Dissecting a Civil War Pension Packet--Union and Confederate](#), by Jill Morelli
- Tuesday, 18 August, 5 p.m.: [The Advance of Research Habits over Recent Decades — And the Downside](#), by Tom Jones
- Wednesday, 19 August, 11 a.m.: [Getting to Know Mexican Church & Civil Registration Records](#), by Colleen Robledo Greene
- Tuesday, 25 August, 11 a.m.: [How to Use MyHeritage DNA Results to Enhance Your Family Tree](#), by Michelle Leonard
- Wednesday, 26 August, 11 a.m.: [Slack for Genealogy Projects](#), by Thomas MacEntee
- Wednesday, 2 September, 11 a.m.: [Using Chromosome Browsers, Segment Data and Triangulation](#), by Michelle Leonard

San Diego County Land Records

CVGS member Connie Vickers asked a question at the Research Group in July about finding land records in San Diego County. After some online research, I found:

- San Diego County land records are online at the County Recorder's office from 1977 to the present. You can search, order documents and pay online at * San Diego County land records - <https://arcc-acclaim.sdcountry.ca.gov/>
- FamilySearch Books has SDGS *Leaves & Saplings* issues with specific index years for pre1977 – search at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results>
- I emailed Peter Steelquist, who is the expert on San Diego family history records. His comments were:

“The only source I know of for San Diego County land records (recorded deeds, etc.) is at the San Diego County Recorder's Office.

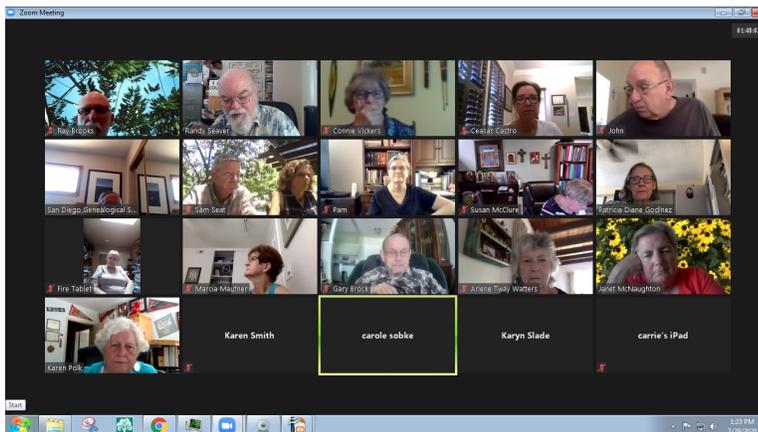
“Formerly only on 16mm microfilm, the film has now been digitized and can now be accessed on their computers. The bad news is that they have not been indexed -- except for the 'grantor-grantee indexes' which span several years and can be searched to get the docket number. With that, you can then look up the documents. It is a little convoluted and their systems are very 'old school'. It can take hours of searching to find records, particularly early records, as the handwriting may not be easy to read.

"At the Pacific Hwy. Office (1300 Pacific Highway), the land records office is on the first floor at the far north end of the building. There is free parking in the underground parking accessed from the south end of the building. Copies of documents are \$2 per page (you can use a camera to take pictures of the screens). I have not been there since the pandemic began, so am not sure how this may have impacted access. The staff there has always been very helpful and instructive."

July 29th Program Review

On 29 July 2020, Randy Seaver presented “Discovering Jane's Roots in California, Australia and England” with 20 in attendance in a Zoom meeting.

This was a research story about Jane (Whittle) McKnew (1847-1921), who was born in Australia, came to California in 1851, married Elijah McKnew in 1865, had 11 children, and died in San Francisco. She and her family were 1906 San Francisco earthquake survivors, and Randy and Linda have a photo on their family room wall of the family out on the street in front of their house after the earthquake, including Linda's grandmother, Edna McKnew (1884-1974).



Jane's death certificate said her parents were Joseph Whittle and Rachel Moore. With help from his blog readers, Randy found that her parents were really Alexander and Rachel (Morley) Whittle who married in 1840 in England and migrated to Sydney in 1841 on the ship *Brothers*. They were from Lancashire in England. Randy found the marriage and baptism records for Alexander and Rachel in Bolton-le-Moors, but Rachel was illegitimate, born to Jane Morley (1780-1834). Further research identified several more generations of ancestors. Alexander was a publican in Sydney, and left in 1949 to go to the California gold country, but committed suicide in 1853 because of “drink and an absconding wife.” Rachel married again in 1854 in San Francisco, and ran a bawdy house in Sacramento until her death there in 1861.

The McKnew 1906 home in San Francisco at 4131 19th Street still stands, but has been modified, and Randy and Linda have seen it on the outside. Linda's brother Paul rescued the family photographs when their grandmother died, and Randy showed several more family photographs of the McKnew family.

The handout has more resource information – email Randy at randy.seaver@gmail.com for a copy.

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.

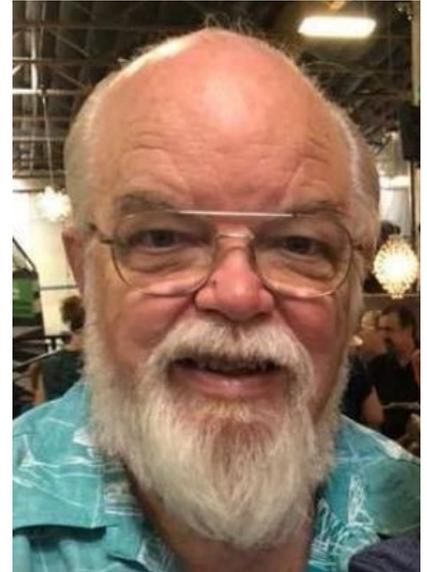
Hospitality Committee Needs YOU!!

Do you enjoy the treats we have after the CVGS General Meeting? We need a member to volunteer to be the Hospitality Chair. The task entails signing up two volunteers to bring refreshments at each general meeting, organize the Annual Picnic and Holiday Luncheon food, and attend the Board meeting each month. Contact President Karen Smith (619-656-0996 or email at freelady72000@me.com). Thanks for your help with this!!

July 8th Research Group Review

The July 8th Research Group meeting on Zoom had 12 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Connie asked about land records for San Diego County in email. The County Recorder office has 1977 and later digitized on their website, order online via credit card (<https://arcc-acclaim.sdcountry.ca.gov/>). FamilySearch and Ancestry have nothing. SDGS has pre-1977 indexes in Leaves and Saplings. County Administration Building in downtown San Diego has all deeds on microfilm and they have been digitized and can be searched at the County Recorder's office.
- All society conferences, institutes and seminars are online only for the foreseeable future.
- MyHeritage announced their Photo enhancer that sharpens photos.
- Finding Denmark church records for his grandsons' ancestors
- Finding and using Hilperston, Wiltshire tax records for the 1773 to 1793 time period.



In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their genealogy research activities over the past month.

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 12 August at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. An invitation to CVGS members will go out on 10 August.

July 15th DNA Interest Group Review

The July 15th DNA interest Group meeting on Zoom had 13 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- AncestryDNA will change some features on their site, including:
 - * Changing how they analyze segment lengths. They will provide a more accurate report on number of segments and length of segments (by early August).
 - * They will report the length of the largest segment. Essential for endogamous relationships (by mid-August).
 - * Matches will be re-calibrated to removed many false matches. Minimum total shared cM will be 8 cM instead of 6 cM. This should remove 2/3 of false matches. (by late August)
 - * You can save your 6-8 cM matches by adding a Note, adding it to a group (colored dots), or messaging the DNA match. Best strategy is to save at least your Common Ancestor matches.
 - * A white paper will be published – see <https://www.ancestrycdn.com/support/us/2020/07/2020whitepaper.pdf>
- GEDmatch has a new tool for finding common ancestors in Tier 1 tools (\$10/month)

In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their DNA-related activities.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 August at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. An invitation to CVGS members will go out on 17 August.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 8/1): 71

New Members:
Ray Brooks

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Mary Pentico Nelson
Shirley Becker

Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

We Need a Hospitality Chair!
Please volunteer!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro
Carrie Holleron
Carole Sobke

CVGS Society Officers

President:	Karen Smith
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Secretary	Ana Castro

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Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Open
Librarian	Open
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/DNA Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

User Groups, Classes and Program
Meetings on Zoom – see
www.casdgs.org

Fall Seminar

Saturday, 19 September, 9 a.m.

Speaker: Tom Jones, PhD, CG on
"Combining Sources to Identify an Immigrant
Origin and Arrival Record"
"Building a Credible Lineage, Despite Missing
Information, Conflicting and Incorrect
Records, and Finding Undocumented
Publications"
"Overcoming Research Barriers: A Case
Study"
"Finding 'Unfindable' Ancestors"

FREE!!!

Register at <https://casdgs.org/event-3582557>

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Upcoming Conferences

Federation of Genealogical Societies
2020 Family History Virtual Conference

September 2-5, 2020

Registration:

<https://fgs.org/conferences/registration/>

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GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, August 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, August 19, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, August 26, 12 noon – General Meeting: Hal Bookbinder on “Born in St. Louis, naturalized in Newark, Why?”** at Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, September 9, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, September 16, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, September 30, 12 noon – General Meeting: Colin Whitney on “England Research”** at Zoom video meeting

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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.

Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities

Visit the CVGS Website: <https://www.cvgenealogy.org>

Visit the Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog: <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>

The Board Meeting minutes and General Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at <https://cvgenealogy.org> on the “Members” tab.

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Book Review: "New Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy" by Brian Mitchell

Brian Mitchell has written a new and updated edition of the standard classic book - New Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy - for 2020. The book (122 pages, \$25.00) is available to purchase on Genealogical.com - see <https://genealogical.com/store/new-pocket-guide-to-irish-genealogy/>. The publicity for this book says:

"Pocket Guide is a bit of misnomer, for in fact this 7" x 10" publication is one of the most complete and informative books on genealogical research in Ireland ever written. When Brian Mitchell wrote the original Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy in 1991, with revisions in 2002 and 2008, access to Irish record sources was through examination of original and microfilm copies of historical sources in record offices. Genealogists now, however, have ready access online to most of the Irish record sources. Therefore, Brian Mitchell has completely revised his guide to meet the needs of today's researchers and direct them to the most current websites and resources.

"Mitchell's original premise remains the same: that the examination of seven major records will throw quite detailed light on most peoples' Irish ancestry. By skillfully blending Irish history, record sources, case studies, maps, charts, and his own mastery of the subject, Mitchell has put together a masterful handbook to Irish genealogical research.

"Following introductory chapters on the background of Irish genealogy and how to get started in your research, Mitchell describes the nature and uses of all significant record sources in Ireland, including but not limited to civil and parish registers, gravestone inscriptions, wills, census returns and census substitutes, the Griffith's Valuation, tithe books, newspapers, hearth money rolls, the registry of deeds, estate records, and ordnance survey memoirs. Also included are the addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and websites for the major record repositories, as well as a section discussing DNA and genetic genealogy as applicable to Irish genealogy research. Finally, Mitchell offers a step-by-step guide to tracing your Irish ancestors, first itemizing the three steps researchers should take first, and then including case studies to illustrate how to apply these steps.

"Enriched by the author's experience as a professional geographer and leading Irish genealogical researcher, the New Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy is an invaluable tool for all those seeking Irish ancestors."

As a researcher with little Irish research experience, but a need to learn more about the Irish records, repositories and research process, I found this book to be "just right" for me. It provided an excellent overview, and enough detail to understand the history, geography and available record collections.

This is a modern genealogy book – with plentiful links to websites and inclusion of genetic genealogy information. The "Three Steps" and the two Case Studies are very helpful.

In my decades long collection of "Seaver" surname materials, I have found many Seaver families resided in Ireland, and some of them migrated to North America. With the help of the information in this book, I have added hundreds of Seaver people to my family tree database with reference to the sources described in this book.

All-in-all, this is an excellent book for the bookshelf of a beginning or intermediate Irish genealogist and a public library genealogy section. It does not overwhelm the reader, but serves as an introduction to the challenging and fascinating world of Irish genealogy research.