



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY GAZETTE



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Wednesday, 25 November 2020, 12 noon

CVGS General Meeting

in a Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Ray Raser on "The Mayflower, Voyage of Hope in 1620, and Its Impact on History"

This presentation will describe the Mayflower voyage in 1620, its passengers, the events that led up to the voyage, the landings, the hardships, the first harvest and Thanksgiving, and the impact of this event on the history of the United States of America.

Ray Raser serves as the Governor of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California that currently has approximately 3,000 members. He also represents California as Assistant General to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants based in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Ray also serves, along with his wife Gail, as Co-Editor of the *California Mayflower Quarterly*.

Ray is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in History with emphasis in American Colonial History. He did graduate work at George Washington University and American University in Washington D.C. He is a licensed California Real Estate Broker and retired from a career as a Broker-Builder in industrial and commercial real estate in the Los Angeles area. Ray and Gail are the parents of a daughter, five sons and fourteen grandchildren.



This program will be held online using the Zoom video conferencing platform for meetings and webinars. A Zoom meeting invitation will be sent via email to members on 23 November.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



As you know, we have carried over our roster of Board members until COVID conditions allow us to meet again. We do, however, have two officers who have requested that another member take their place.

Virginia Taylor, having served long years in almost every CVGS office, serves as our First VP - Programs chair and is looking forward to retirement. Every bit of her position can be done through email. Karen Polk, our Treasurer, has become very busy with life and would appreciate someone taking over our budgetary duties. This, too, can be done remotely.

We ask Board members to attend a monthly Board meeting, but this, too, is done on Zoom, at home for now. Please consider giving back to CVGS. Contact me if you are interested: freelady72000@me.com

“I... invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.” Abraham Lincoln

The above quote established the first American Thanksgiving on November 26, 1863. Lincoln's statement was in response to a significant Union victory in Gettysburg. With so much recent political acrimony, I was reminded of this quote. While we all seem to be in very different positions, we are all still Americans and have much for which to be grateful. Even in this contentious election process, we know we have a legitimate process in place to determine the outcome. Some of you may have lost friends or family to COVID, but America is on track to its defeat with a vaccine next year. We have comfort and plenty unequalled in the world. We enjoy freedoms denied in most countries. Wearing a mask and social distancing are small prices to pay for our health and that of our loved ones. Yes, we are tired of quarantine and dark news.

I just hope that each of you stays safe and enjoys a blessed Thanksgiving. This is the time when we must count our blessings and hold our families closer.

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).

Because of the pandemic, there will be no Holiday Luncheon this year. The Society will make a donation to Salvation Army in lieu of donating toys and food for them.

October 21st DNA Interest Group Review

The October 21st DNA Interest Group meeting on Zoom had 16 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- FamilyTreeDNA rolled out Version 3 of their ethnicity estimate, called MyOrigins, which now has 90 regions (it was 24) based on over 8,000 samples.
- 23andMe launched a subscription service called 23andMe+ which requires testing on the new V5 chip and a yearly \$29 fee to see up to 4,500 DNA matches. They restricted current users to a maximum of 1,500 DNA matches (it was 2,000).
- AncestryDNA changed their segment information to include “unweighted shared DNA” and “Longest segment” information on the “Shared DNA” link for each match.
- MyHeritage updated their “Theory of Family Relativity” that uses family trees and records to find common ancestors with your DNA matches.

In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their DNA-related activities, and asked questions. They shared how many AncestryDNA matches they have after the low-cM matches were purged, and how many matches they have listed as 4th cousins or closer AncestryDNA.

This month, we will look at AncestryDNA ThruLines and how to use Ancestry trees of our matches to try to find common ancestors.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 18 November at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. An invitation to CVGS members will go out on 16 November.

Randy's Top Twenty Free Genealogy Websites

1. FamilySearch: <https://FamilySearch.org> – Search, catalog, books, tree; owned by LDS Church
2. Find A Grave: <https://www.FindAGrave.com> – cemetery memorials, owned by Ancestry.com
3. Google: <https://www.google.com> – search, books, images, maps, scholar, patents, Earth, YouTube
4. Chronicling America: <https://ChroniclingAmerica.loc.gov> – Library of Congress newspapers
5. WikiTree: <https://www.wikitree.com/> – Volunteer, collaborative tree
6. Ancestry.com: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/freeindexacom/#collections> + trees
7. Family Tree Webinars: <https://familytreewebinars.com/> – webinars; owned by MyHeritage.com
8. Cyndi's List: <https://www.CyndisList.com> – Volunteer, genealogy links
9. RootsWeb: <https://www.rootsweb.com/> – Message boards, databases, trees; owned by Ancestry.com
10. U.S. GenWeb: <https://www.USGenWeb.org> – Counties and states, many records
11. Internet Archive: <https://www.Archive.org> – digitized books and records
12. U.S. National Archives (NARA): <https://www.Archives.gov> – finding aids, records
13. Evidence Explained: <https://evidenceexplained.com/> – professional genealogy
14. DAR Genealogy: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy> – Patriot indexes and directions
15. U.S. BLM General Land Office: <https://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> – land patents and maps
16. Joe Beine's Death Indexes: <https://www.DeathIndexes.com> – indexes and more sites!
17. Olive Tree Genealogy: <https://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/> – Canada and New Netherland records
18. Steve Morse One-Step Website: <https://stevemorse.org/> – search helps and records
19. Billion Graves: <https://billiongraves.com/> – more cemetery records
20. The Family History Guide: <https://www.thefhg.com/> – how-to navigate genealogy sites

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 (conferences, webinars, podcasts, video), DNA success stories, and more. See an example at https://www.geneamusings.com/2020/11/genealogy-news-and-education-bytes_6.html.

Dick Eastman publishes genealogy news and technology articles daily on his Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – check for updates at <https://www.eogn.com.wildapricot.org/> (his new website!)

Here are some of the significant October and early November genealogy news items:

- [Reunion 13 Genealogy Software for MacIntosh is Released](#)
- [RootsTech Connect: What It Is and How You Can Participate](#)
- [RootsTech Connect 2021 is Coming!! FREE and Online - 25-27 February 2021](#)
- [How Machine-Learning and OCR Are Changing Family History](#)
- [Reclaim The Records takes on the US National Archives for Billions of Records](#)

- [Grandson of President John Tyler, Who Left Office in 1845, Dies at Age 95](#)
- [Why Are Americans Obsessed with Genealogy?](#)
- [Turn Your MyHeritage Family Photos into Stunning Wall Art](#)
- [Announcing Hank Z. Jones' New Book: *The Palatine Families of New York - 1710: A Supplement*](#)

Useful Genealogy Blog Posts for the Last Month

- [Family History Software that Syncs With Online Trees](#) by Sunny Morton
- [Utilizing MyHeritage AutoClusters to Analyze Your DNA Matches](#) by Roberta Estes
- [10 Resources for Finding an Ancestor's Death Date](#) by Elizabeth M. O'Neal
- [10 Surprising Things You Can Find at Google Books](#) by Lisa Louise Cooke
- [Ten Takeaways From a DNA Practicum](#) by Diana Elder

- [Who Owns Ancestry? Hint: It's not the Mormons](#) by Margaret O'Brien
- [Beginning Concepts: Why Do We Do Genealogy?](#) by Cari Taplin
- [Sources and Why They Matter](#) by Claudia C. Breland
- [4 Cornerstones of Genealogy Research](#) by DiAnn Iamarino
- [Using MyHeritage Record Matches to Find Billion Graves Memorials of My Tree People](#) by Randy Seaver

- [Four Genealogy Books That Will Improve Your Research](#) by Phil Isherwood
- [Comparing Ethnicity Estimates Across Companies](#) by Kitty Cooper
- [I Just Might Get More Genealogy Time With the Ancestry App](#) by Ellen Thompson-Jennings
- [Learning by Osmosis](#) by Jacqi Stevens
- [Mining the Newspapers.com Obituary Index Record Hints on Ancestry](#) by Randy Seaver

NOTE: Randy Seaver also writes a weekly “Best of the Genea-Blogs” post every Sunday – see an example in <https://www.geneamusings.com/2020/11/best-of-genea-blogs-week-of-25-to-31.html>.

Spotlight on Past Members of the CVGS Board, Who Are Fondly Remembered, by Patricia Diane Godinez

Here they are gathered around a table at the Chula Vista Library, planning activities for their fellow Chula Vista Genealogical Society Members. If there was food on the table, you'd almost be thinking it was the family gathered for a Thanksgiving feast. Yes, we are family, through our times and memories of what we do each month, as we work hard to find our lost family members and our ancestors.

Many of these friends you know because of past Spotlights and their personal stories. Others have yet to share. But without a hardy Board of volunteers, and our society programs and newsletters, would you know...what you know, about your ever growing family tree?

Current Board Members serving but not shown in the photo from late 2018 are Carrie Holleron, Karen Polk, Susan Zimmer, Ann Stevens, and Carole Sobke.

Past and some Present Board Members shown in this photo are the late Wanda Brock (in the pink), Gary Brock, Susi Pentico, Shirley Becker, Karen Yarger, Ceasar Castro, Ralph Muñoz, Randy Seaver (standing), Sam Seat, Virginia Taylor, Ana Castro, and Karen Smith. Missing from the current Board is the late Jo Ann Bonner, who was to be the Spotlight Person for March.



No one is ever gone as long as we remember their names and the good times we have had together. Others are not gone when we remember their sacrifices for us. Four hundred years ago, 102 passengers aboard the Mayflower, came to the shores of a new land, in hopes of a better life for themselves and their families. Some in our CVGS group are descendants of those early Pilgrims. Others of us came later on different ships or flying thru the air. Or perhaps walking, riding, or just being carried by mom or dad.

How lucky we are to be here in the United States of America. May each of us have a blessed Thanksgiving with our memories & those who join us around the family table.

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 one of my recent blog posts to page 11!

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 1,400 webinars at any time.

- Tuesday, 10 November, 11 a.m.: [Why I Love — and How to Use — the Newspaper Collections at MyHeritage](#), by Sunny Morton.
- Wednesday, 11 November, 5 p.m.: [Deeds Not Words: Finding Your Merchant Marine Ancestors](#), by Michael L. Strauss.
- Tuesday, 17 November, 5 p.m.: [Separating and Merging Identities of Same-named Men](#), by Shannon Green.
- Wednesday, 18 November, 11 a.m.: [Surname Projects and DNA Projects](#), by Mags Gaulden
- Tuesday, 24 November, 11 a.m.: [MyHeritage Mobile App: All New Features From 2020](#), by Daniel Horowitz
- Tuesday, 1 December, 5 p.m.: [Once upon a time: It's all about the story](#), by Carol Baxter
- Wednesday, 2 December, 11 a.m.: [Four ways DNA Painter can help with your family history research](#), by Jonny Perl
- Friday, 4 December, 11 a.m.: [Your DNA questions answered live with Diahan](#), by Diahan Southard.
- Tuesday, 8 December, 11 a.m.: [Find a Boatload of Passenger Lists on MyHeritage](#), by Sharon Monson
- Wednesday, 9 December, 11 a.m.: [The Most Prominent Citizens: Using County Histories](#), by Cari Taplin

Helpful YouTube Videos

- DearMYRTLE: [WACKY Wednesday - MyHeritage Photos: Colorizing & Mixtiles](#)
- Ellen Thompson Jennings: [Gifts As Easy As One Two Three](#)
- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems: [The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Genealogy](#)
- Lisa Lisson: [How To Find Unusual Genealogy Resources](#)
- Cheri Hudson Passey: [Poll Taxes and Voting Records-Amie Bowser Tennant](#)
- Family History Fanatics: [Searching Newspapers.com for Your Ancestor's Social News – Tutorial](#)
- MyHeritage: [We're Live! Learn about Death, Burial, Cemetery, and Obituary Records on MyHeritage!](#)
- Genealogy TV: [Genealogy Research in Cemeteries: 10 Tips](#)
- Lisa Louise Cooke Genealogy Gems: [Best Search Tips: The Genealogy Center Online \(Allen County Public Library\)](#)
- American Ancestors: [Exploring American Ancestors' Databases \(Facebook Live Event\)](#)
- Ancestry: [Newspapers.com® Marriage Records Index | The Barefoot Genealogist | Ancestry](#)
- MyHeritage: [We're live with Roberta Estes! Learn how to use AutoClusters for your DNA Matches!](#)
- BYU Family History Library: [Improving Your Genealogical Research Skills - James Tanner](#)
- GenealogyBank: [Using GenealogyBank to Tell Your Ancestors' Stories](#)
- MyHeritage: [A Vast and Virtual Genealogical Library is Waiting for Your Exploration](#)

October 28th General Program Review

The speaker for the October 28th CVGS General Meeting was Marshall Clow, who is a software engineer and an SDGS member. Marshall gave three mini-presentations in a Zoom meeting attended by 30 people, including 8 who were not CVGS members. The presentations were:

1. **“Always Read the Source Document.”** Marshall found an English parish record for the baptism of an ancestor in an index collection on Ancestry, but followed up by looking for an image of the baptism record. This particular image showed the parents names, and their parents names, in addition to the baptismal information.
2. **“Fleshing Out an Obituary.”** One of his family members had an obituary published in the newspaper with the birth date and place, the death date and place, the parents names, the spouse's name, a sister's name, and the names of the children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. Marshall researched all of the names and found them, and their relationships, in available records, including a deceased daughter's name. In the presentation, the obituary was shown with anonymized surnames based on dog breeds.
3. **“Building a FAN Club”** (Family, Associates, Neighbors). A researcher builds a FAN club when they cannot find a direct indication of parental or other relationships, or for DNA match reasons also. In this talk, Marshall discussed using wedding and funeral announcements, census records, property records, vital records, business records, and other records to identify people that the person of interest dealt with in their lifetime to identify a set of parents.

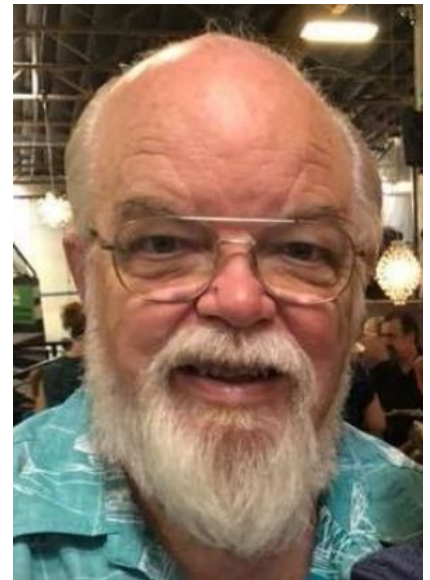


The handout and video recording of this program is in the Members section of the CVGS website under “Recorded Zoom Meetings” – <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/page-18155>

October 14th Research Group Review

The October 14th Research Group meeting on Zoom had 19 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Hank Z. Jones has a new book out – *The Palatine Families of New York – 1710: A Supplement*. We need this book for the Chula Vista Library shelves.
- MyHeritage has a new family photo Wall Art project – see <https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/10/new-turn-your-myheritage-family-photos-into-stunning-wall-art/>
- Randy's "7 Generations in 1" chart that showed birth countries on one page based on an ahnentafel list.
- MyHeritage released a major collection of historical Norway church records -see <https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/10/myheritage-releases-major-collection-of-historical-norway-church-records-1815-1938/>
- Irish birth, marriage and death certificate images are now online for free – see <https://www.irishcentral.com/roots/genealogy/irish-genealogy-resource-free>
- Reclaim the Records released the Missouri birth and death index collections – see <https://www.geneamusings.com/2020/10/tuesdays-tip-check-out-missouri-death.html>.
- Ancestry.com added the "Newspapers.com Marriage Index, 1800 to 1999" with over 200 million links to articles on the Newspapers.com website – see <https://www.geneamusings.com/2020/09/tuesdays-tip-check-out-ancestrycom.html>



In the second hour, the group discussed:

- Do you add DNA matches to your Ancestry Member Tree? Randy said he does when there is a clear line to a common ancestor and records to support the parent-child-spouse relationships.
- Do you contact your DNA matches? Some people do, with varying responses.
- Do you Google names of ancestors or relatives? Some people do, and including a spouse's or parents first names, and a location, helps.
- Has anyone used the www.TruePeopleSearch.com website to find living people? This site provides addresses, phone numbers, an age, and possible family or associates for free. Other information costs money like many other people finder websites.
- Colin's uncle worked at Bletchley Park in England during World War II, and found his mother listed on the website.
- Daryl explored FamilySearch Books – <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>
- Susan is on vacation in Boston visiting families and ancestral towns along the way.
- Patricia showed a photo of her large Canadian family.
- Gary is scanning family photos from albums.
- Carole found a Dutch ancestor in 1625.

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 November at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. An invitation to CVGS members will go out on 9 November.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 11/1): 70

New Members:

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

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
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	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

San Diego Genealogical Society
(www.casdgs.org)
All Meetings on Zoom

Monthly Program

Saturday, 14 November, 10 a.m.

Speaker: **Del Ritchhart** on
"Cooperation, Coordination and
Collaboration - The 3 C's to Success"
and

"GENSMARTS - Applying Artificial
Intelligence to Your Genealogy Research"

FREE!!!

(SDGS Invites CVGS Members –
see future email to register)

North San Diego County Genealogical
Society (www.nsdccgs.org)

All Meetings on GoToWebinar

Monthly Program

Tuesday, 24 November, 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Pam Vestal on
"Voting Records: Genealogy's Best
Kept Secret"

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Upcoming Conferences

RootsTech Connect 2021

25 - 27 February 2021

Virtual – Worldwide – FREE

Registration:

<https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>

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GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- Wednesday, November 11, 12 noon – **Research Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- Wednesday, November 18, 12 noon – **DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- Wednesday, November 25, 12 noon – **General Meeting: Ray Raser** on “**The Mayflower, Voyage of Hope in 1620, and its Impact on History**” at Zoom video meeting
- Wednesday, December 9, 12 noon – **Research Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- Wednesday, December 16, 12 noon – **DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- Wednesday, December 30, 12 noon – **No General Meeting**

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All CVGS Program Meetings are held in online Zoom video meetings unless otherwise noted.
Contact Virginia Taylor (irishdoll@cox.net) for program details.

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 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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My Mayflower 1620 Passengers, by Randy Seaver

Since the Mayflower was on the high seas 400 years ago this week, I thought it might be helpful to share this with you.



You can see more information about the Mayflower on the MayflowerHistory.com website.

Here are my ancestors who were aboard the ship:

On my paternal grandmother's side:

- William White (1587-1621), who married
- Susanna (Jackson) White (1592-1675)
- Peregrine White (1620-1704), who married Sarah Bassett (1628-1711)
- Richard Warren (1578-1628), who married Elizabeth Walker (1580-1673)
- George Soule (1601-1680), who married Mary Bucket (1603-1676)
- Francis Cooke (1583-1663), who married Jeanne Hester Mehieu (1586-1666)
- John Cooke (1607-1695), who married Sarah Warren (1614-1696)

On my paternal grandfather's side:

- William Brewster (1566-1644), who married
- Mary (--?--) Brewster (1569-1627)
- Stephen Hopkins (1581-1644), who married Mary Kent alias Back (1580-1613)
- Constance Hopkins (1606-1677), who married Nicholas Snow (1604-1676)

On my maternal grandmother's side:

- Edward Fuller (1575-1621), who married
- Ann (--?--) Fuller (1581-1621)
- Samuel Fuller (1608-1683), who married Jane Lothrop (1614-1678)

I have 14 of the 104 passengers who settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620 in my ancestry.

Are you my cousin with any of these folks as our common ancestor? Please let me know in email who your Mayflower passengers were and I will print them next month.