



**CHULA VISTA
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Wednesday, 27 January 2021, 12 noon
CVGS General Meeting (in a Zoom Video Conference)
Diane Gould Hall on

"My Visit to Scotland: What I Did Right and What I Did Wrong."

This presentation will cover why Diane wanted to go to Scotland, her preparations and itinerary, the wonderful genealogy research finds, the problems encountered, and the sightseeing. The preparation and information she will discuss are applicable to any genealogy trip in the U.S. or abroad.

Diane Gould Hall is a member of the Mayflower Society, DAR, the San Diego Genealogical Society, the North San Diego County Genealogical Society, and the Aberdeen & North-East Scotland History Society. She has been researching her family for over 18 years, and writes about it in her excellent blog, *Michigan Family Trails* (<http://www.michiganfamilytrails.com/>)

She has had incredible successes researching her family history. One of the biggest was due to a post she made on Rootsweb. A long lost brother was able to find her. In doing so he was able to meet their Mom (who had given him up for adoption as a baby). It was a wonderful, happy reunion for both mother and son that lasted ten years prior to her death. That brother and Diane are now very close friends.



Diane's hobbies, besides genealogy, include traveling, caring for her horses and reading. She is happily married and retired. She thinks genealogy is the most interesting and rewarding hobby there is.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



January is the time for resolutions and this year I am determined to carve out more time for genealogy. With the COVID quarantine, research was going very well until Thanksgiving and Christmas were on the way. Then my schedule went into baking, online shopping and making interminable lists. Now I have no excuses not to get back to this hobby I love.

Whenever my research endeavors are waylaid by holidays, illness, or changes in my home life, I tend to lose my place. This time I am making a plan with priorities. First my list needs to include areas where my research is slim. New marriage records from one of my southern states need to be examined to round out some of my ancestors' profiles. Hopefully pre-planning will keep me from meandering through the rabbit holes of Ancestry and Family Search.

I wish you all a Happy New Year with fulfilled resolutions and good health. I look forward to the probability of seeing you in person in 2021.

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 2020 Newsletter for Zoom program details, or contact Randy Seaver (email randy.seaver@gmail.com).

Do You Have a Research or Family Story to Share?

Do 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! Because we only are sending email newsletters, we are not limited to 10 pages.

As George H.W. Bush said: “You are our living link to the past. Tell your grandchildren the story of the struggles waged, at home and abroad; Of sacrifices made for freedom’s sake. And tell them your own story as well— because everybody has a story to tell.”

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>

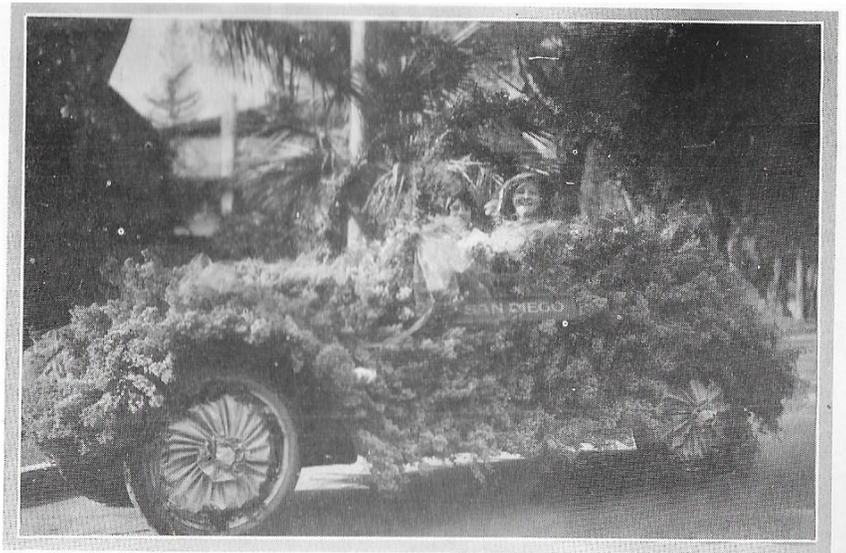
The Board Meeting minutes and General Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at <https://cvgenealogy.org> on the “Members” tab.

Dr. Louise and the 1919 Tournament of Roses Parade, by Carole Sobke

My paternal great aunt, Dr. Louise Caroline Heilbron (1873-1923) was San Diego's first woman osteopath and the only medical doctor in my direct lines. Her father moved the family to San Diego in 1888 from Sacramento when Louise was a teenager.

Louise grew up watching her father, J.H. Frederick Heilbron, a Captain in the Sacramento Hussars, an early California Militia Unit, march in many parades and celebrations. She had a great love for parades and began participating in San Diego parades with her decorated car. She was an early car owner, made house calls and when necessary, even drove her patients to where they needed to go. In 1916, she designed two floats for the California Admissions Day parade.

On November 11, 1918, the armistice was signed with the Axis powers ending World War I. The 1919 Tournament of Roses Parade was a special one celebrating the end of the war and was called the Victory Rose Parade. The publicity committee from the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, with a very limited budget, approached Louise, asking for help in designing an entry for the parade. Volunteering herself and her Overland roadster, Louise was the first entry in the Rose Parade to represent the City of San Diego. She planned to decorate her car in San Diego and then drive to Pasadena.



San Diego Sends an Automobile Covered With Fragrant Blossoms as Its Entry

Going to the park commissioners, she requested liberties in the park gardens and was promptly given carte blanche. She took only heather and acacia blooms, and when San Diego's tiny exhibit rolled among the block-long floats at Pasadena it was a basket of purple rimmed with yellow and bearing high crossed handles of yellow. With her was Mrs. Frances B. Davis and Irma Heilbron, her sister. An inconspicuous tablet in the side of the basket bore the legend "San Diego." *San Diego Union*, 16 February 1919.

The three ladies wore yellow hats and dresses, while the roadster was decked out as a giant flower basket. It must have been quite a sight traveling along the highway to Pasadena.

Louise and company returned to San Diego with a silver trophy for a 2nd place win in the Civic Division. Her little entry beat out much larger floats. Jessop & Sons jewelry store on Fifth Avenue displayed her trophy, official parade photograph and a few pennant awards in one of their windows adorned with heather and acacia blooms. One year later Louise returned to Pasadena in her decorated roadster and again won 2nd place honors in the Civic Division. She did not go to Pasadena again but spent many more years participating in parades.

My great aunt was allowed to keep her trophies, but their whereabouts is unknown today. Wouldn't Louise be surprised with the huge, extravagant, mechanical and very expensive floats of today!

December 16th DNA Interest Group Review

The December 16th DNA Interest Group meeting on Zoom had 13 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Pre-Christmas autosomal DNA sales at all of the major companies.
- His updated autosomal DNA strategy – to “fish in all ponds” to find relatives and common ancestors in DNA matches.
- MyHeritage “Theory of Family Relativity” demonstration.

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

- Patricia discussed half-brothers Scott and Danny (Patricia's son) having different Y-haplogroups and how that could happen.
- Susan came back from her trip on which she met her sister's husband's brother in Alvin, Texas and got a “feel” for the area.
- Judy asked the question “How far back can DNA take us?” Discussion indicated that 5th or 6th great-grandparents was near the limit when DNA is helpful.
- Karen S. asked about Neanderthal percentages.

In January, we will look at the process of downloading DNA Match segments from the DNA test site and using matches with known common ancestors to build a Chromosome map on DNA Painter.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 20 January at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. Members can register on the CVGS website and receive an email with the link to JOIN the meeting. Also, an email invitation to all CVGS members will go out on 18 January with the link.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

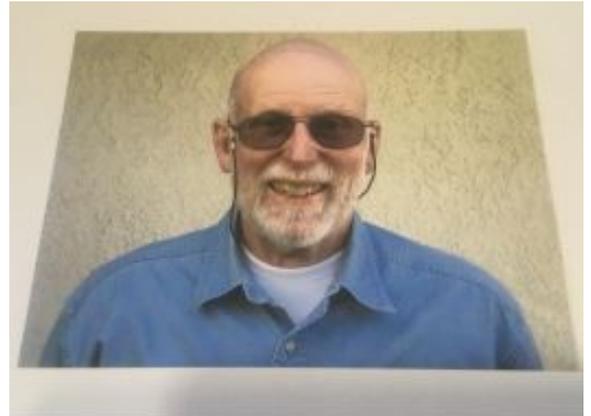
These webinars are sponsored by Legacy Family Tree, and are FREE to watch live, and are FREE for a week after the live event. You must register to view them live at www.familytreewebinars.com. A membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 1,500 webinars at any time.

- Tuesday, 12 January, 11 a.m.: [MyHeritage Mobile App: All New Features From 2020](#), by Daniel Horowitz
- Wednesday, 13 January, 5 p.m.: [Do You Have an Artificial Brick Wall?](#) by Robin Smith
- Friday, 15 January, 11 a.m.: [From Grandmother to First European Landowner of Canada](#), by Lianne Kruger
- Tuesday, 19 January, 5 p.m.: [Death and Burial Practices in World War I and WW II](#), by Rick Sayre
- Wednesday, 20 January, 11 a.m.: [Another 50 Websites Every Genealogist Should Know](#), by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- Tuesday, 26 January, 11 a.m.: [Introducing Genetic Groups](#), by MyHeritageDNA
- Wednesday, 27 January, 11 a.m.: [Genealogy Escape Room](#), by Thomas MacEntee
- Wednesday, 3 February, 11 a.m.: [Me and My 1000+ DNA Cousins](#), by Diahna Southard

The [2021 Legacy Family Tree Webinars series was announced](#) and adds new series for [Canada and African Diaspora](#)

Spotlight on Ray Brooks, CVGS Researcher, Woodturner, Super Volunteer, and Gardener, by Patricia Diane Godinez

One of our newer members is Albert Raymond 'Ray' Brooks, son of Sara Louise Diley (1918-1970) who died too early of cancer and Arthur Julius Broksch/ Brocksh / Brooks (1911-2011). Ray has a brother and sister. Their father was in the Navy, and after Ray was born in Pittsburgh, PA, the family lived in Virginia, back to Pittsburgh, and then settled in Akron, Ohio. Ray attended college in Bowling Green, Ohio and Kent State, Ohio.



At age 21 Ray joined the Navy and attended boot camp in San Diego. He was then stationed at Coronado/ North Island for the next 4 years. It was the beginning of the computer age, and Ray became a computer programmer. Four years of his computer career was with the Navy. He then worked for the Union Tribune, Fotomat, American Diamond Co., and San Diego Trust & Savings Bank. After 25 years with computers, Ray worked another 25 or so years operating a property management company.

Ray's first marriage produced two children, Sheryl Kimberly and Jason Raymond. Ray is married to Bonnie and they have 3 grandchildren and two great granddaughters and expecting a third GGD in April.

Ray attended the Palomar College Woodworking Program for 8 years and then taught a Fine Decorative Box Making Class and a lab class. He makes between 400 to 1000 tops per year (spinning tops which are sold at the fair) plus numerous Torrey Pines bowls, which are sold at the Torrey Pines Reserve gift shop in La Jolla. Tops and bowls are sold to help fund a program that teaches wounded vets how to wood turn.

"Then there is the garden." They have a 1 acre garden containing plants from cactus to water-wise Grevilleas, Cycads and Dragon Trees. "We have 4 shade houses and a greenhouse plus the open spaces. Someday when the COVID thing is over, we will have another open garden, and all are invited."

Currently, Ray is the Treasurer of the San Diego Horticultural Society and that is where he met CVGS Members Sam and Teri Seat. Ray also volunteers at the San Diego Zoo.

Ray said that back in the late 70's or early 80's, his dad handed him a package of papers with a red cover. It was a history of the Roth and Kasenter families. There were 40 or so pages, a family per page, with extensive notes. It was created by an uncle and apparently, widely distributed within the family. Ray says, "I was hooked!"

Unfortunately, work, his dad's Alzheimer's, running a business, etc., kept him from doing research until a couple of years ago. He added, "I wish I had started back in the '80's, if only to pick the brains of those then alive. All of them are gone now."

His family history research restarted when he had his DNA tested three years ago. One day, he got a note from a cousin and found there are still Broksch family in/around Germany. His dad's family is from

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Randy's Autosomal DNA Testing Strategy, by Randy Seaver

A *Genea-Musings* reader asked “Could you share your updated autosomal DNA testing strategy, inquiring minds want to know!?”

The basic Autosomal DNA Testing Strategy is to “Fish in all Ponds” to find relatives using DNA Matches! You will never know what you might find if you don't test everywhere!

1) **Test at AncestryDNA:** They have the most testers, the most (and most "leafy") family trees, so therefore the best chance to find close DNA matches and the most common ancestors for distant matches using the ThruLines feature. Ancestry also has a Shared Matches feature, but does not have a chromosome browser or access to a clustering program.

2) **Download your AncestryDNA test raw data so that you can upload them to other test sites.**

NOTE: Ancestry does not accept uploading of raw DNA test data from other websites. MyHeritage, FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe and LivingDNA permit uploading of raw data, but there may be fees involved.

3) **Upload the raw data to MyHeritageDNA (free transfer, \$29 to unlock analysis features*).** You will receive different DNA matches because MyHeritage has different customers. They also have analysis features such as *Chromosome browser, *Autoclusters (clusters of DNA matches), *Theory of Family Relativity (if you have a MyHeritage tree). You can download a .csv file of your DNA matches and the DNA segments that you share with your DNA matches for further analysis.

4) **Upload the raw data to FamilyTreeDNA (free transfer, \$19 to unlock analysis features).** You will receive different DNA matches, a Chromosome browser, and some of your DNA matches have a family tree. They also have a chromosome browser and you can download a .csv file with the DNA segments that you share with the DNA matches.

5) **Upload the raw data to GEDmatch (free to upload, \$10/month to unlock Tier 1 analysis features).** This is not a testing company - they encourage testers to upload raw data from all testing companies. They have some free analysis tools, including a chromosome browser. Other advanced analysis features are in Tier 1 and several of them are unique.

6) **Test at 23andMe (no upload of raw data is permitted) – you will receive different matches because they have a different customer base.** They have free analysis tools, including Relatives in Common, a chromosome browser, but no user-submitted trees. You can download a .csv file with the DNA segments that you share with the DNA matches. They do have a Family Tree based on relationships with others and shared DNA, which is conjectural. You can run the Genetic Affairs Autoclusters program and obtain a .csv file of your DNA match clusters.

7) **Upload the raw data to Living DNA (free to upload, a fee to unlock ethnicity and analysis features) if you have British Isles ancestry.** This site provides DNA matches, but has no links to family trees or other analysis tools at present.

8) **Run Genetic Affairs AutoClusters on FTDNA and 23andMe data. (\$5/month after trial) and obtain a plot of and a .csv file of your DNA match clusters.**

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Randy's Autosomal DNA Testing Strategy (continued from page 6)

9) Run DNA Painter Chromosome Mapping (after identifying chromosome segments for particular ancestors on other sites), using information from the chromosome browsers for known DNA matches.

Some comments:

* This is what I did without knowing about a strategy. I got in on the AncestryDNA beta test for free, won a FamilyTreeDNA test, paid for 23andMe, and uploaded to the others.

* All of the testing sites run customer specials at certain times during the year and at large genealogy conferences. Plan ahead!

* Each company has a website with a lot of information from scientific to how-to do things on their site. Learn to use each website.

* I am not an expert at all of this, but have some knowledge that may make me dangerous. There are a number of experts who have websites, blogs, Facebook groups, and YouTube channels that explain things in much more detail - learn who Blaine Bettinger, CeCe Moore, Roberta Estes, Paul Woodbury, Debbie Wayne, Diahan Southard, Michelle Leonard, Debbie Kennett, Robin Wirthlin, Margaret O'Brien, Leah Larkin, and others are and read their works.

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/2021/01/genealogy-news-and-education-bytes_8.html.

Dick Eastman publishes genealogy news and technology articles daily on his Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – check for updates at <https://eogn.com/page-18080> (his new website!)

Here are some of the significant December and early January genealogy news items:

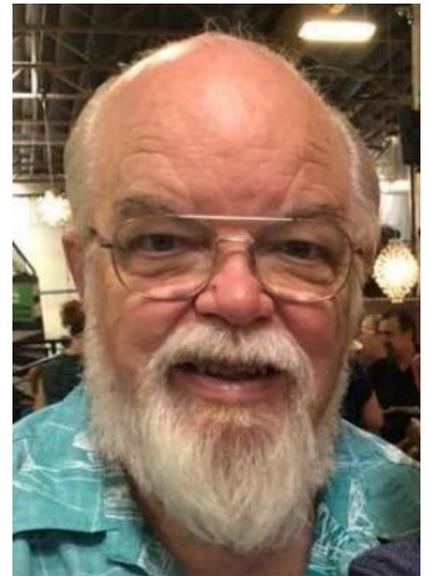
- [Last Known Surviving Widow of a Civil War Veteran Dies at 101 in Missouri](#)
- [myDNA Merges With FamilyTreeDNA and Gene by Gene](#)
- [2020 GenSoftReviews Users Choice Awards](#)
- [2020: MyHeritage Year in Review](#)
- [We Are Family: Adopted Maui Woman Discovers 8 Siblings through 23andMe](#)
- [The Mystery of Deceased Hiker 'Mostly Harmless' Is At Long Last Solved](#)
- [MyHeritageDNA Introduces New Genetic Groups Feature](#)
- [Home access to Ancestry through libraries extended until March 31, 2021](#)
- [RootsMagic 7 Now Available for macOS 11 \(Big Sur\)](#)
- [Introducing Gopher Records, LLC - a New Way to Retrieve Records From the U.S. National Archives](#)

NOTE: Randy Seaver also writes a weekly "Best of the Genea-Blogs" post every Sunday – see an example in <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/01/best-of-genea-blogs-week-of-27-december.html>.

December 9th Research Group Review

The December 9th Research Group meeting on Zoom had 22 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- The Ancestry.com purchase by the Blackstone Group was completed. No effect on customers.
- MyHeritage In Color was improved – see <https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/12/myheritage-in-color-just-got-better/>
- RootsTech Connect 2021 Conference is February 25-27 – free and online, but you need to register.
- 1950 U.S. Census records will be released in digital form by National Archives on 1 April 2022. The big companies will index them which will take several months, and Steve Morse and Joel Weintraub will have tools to find your people by addresses almost immediately.
- He sent in his Mayflower Society worksheet application for review, and sent away for several birth certificates to support the application.
- Lucille Ball is his 7th cousin twice removed – see <https://www.geneamusings.com/2020/11/lucille-ball-is-my-7th-cousin-twice.html>. The FamilySearch Famous Relative's page is at <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/famousrelatives> but you must have your ancestry in the FamilySearch Family Tree.
- Genea-Santa was in the house, and asked everyone what genealogy-related gift they would like for Christmas.



In the second hour, the attendees shared their Genea-Santa wish list. The group asked for: Elves to organize their stuff; Records for a grandfather; books and magazines; NEHGS membership; a 2nd great-grandmother's records; Windows 10; a dictation program to tell stories; house cleaning and junk removal; burial record for great-grandfather; Irish family records from County Tyrone; a Windows computer; more time to research; a new printer; death record of 2nd great-grandfather; automatic source citations; scan mom's photos; confirm photo IDs, Ancestry messages answered; a scanning robot; and more!

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Spotlight on Ray Brooks (continued from Page 5)

Lithuania. (Ray is currently limiting his researching to the USA.) There is the Irish contingent to which Karen (his 2nd cousin in Chicago) and Ray belong. She has been doing a lot of searching there and went to Ireland in 2019. Ray said that for him, the greatest find, “Is that I can do this myself! It is possible to literally immerse oneself in ‘their world’ and I find that fascinating.”

Of course, there are brick walls. One major one is his maternal grandfather, Albert Diley, who seems to appear from nowhere in around 1906 (born 1888). “So I continue to research Pennsylvania and a little New Jersey. I have over 5000 quite interesting persons in my tree and a desire to plod forward.”

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 1/1): 70

New Members: Laurine Curtis
Paul Baltzer

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Tim Williams
Verena Marie Fleming

Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

We Need a Hospitality Chair!
Please volunteer!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro
Carrie Holleron
Carole Sobke

CVGS Society Officers

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| President: | Karen Smith |
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| Second Vice-President, Membership | Carrie Holleron |
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| Secretary | Ana Castro |

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| Historian | Susan Zimmer |
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| 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, 13 February, 10 a.m.

Speaker: **Thomas MacEntee** on
The Coded Census - Deciphering US
Census Codes and
1950 Census - Are you Ready?

FREE!!!

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

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

All Meetings on GoToWebinar

Monthly Program

Tuesday, 26 January, 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: **Colleen Fitzpatrick** on
“Holocaust Survivor Max Kurzem,
The Mascot Documentary”

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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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My Golden Rules of #Genealogy ... What Are Yours?

(c) Thomas MacEntee (copied by permission)

- 1. There is No Easy Button in Genealogy.** You will work hard to find your ancestors. Genealogy will require more than passion; it will require skills, smarts and dedication. Don't believe the hype of instant hints, smart matches and shaky leaves. If it were that easy, the journey of discovering our roots would have little or no meaning.
- 2. Research from a Place of "I Don't Know."** Your genealogy research will likely run counter to your cherished family stories. It will upend your preconceived notions about certain events and people. It will change the way you think about your ancestors. This can only happen if you research with an open mind and take off the blinders.
- 3. Track Your Work and Cite Your Sources.** When I started out in genealogy, I'll admit I was a name collector and would "dump" almost any name into my database. Years later, I am crossing out entire branches of a tree that never really should have been "grafted" on to mine. Use a research log, track your work, cite your sources, and analyze data before it is entered into any software or online family tree program.
- 4. Ask for Help.** The genealogy community is populated with people of all skill levels and areas of expertise, most of whom want to assist others. There are no stupid questions; we all started as beginners. There is no right way to ask. Post a query on Facebook or ask a question during a webinar or email your favorite genealogy rock star.
- 5. You Can't Edit a Blank Page.** Which means: you have to start in order to have something to work with. That project you keep putting off, like publishing your family history, won't complete itself. Commit yourself to move from "obsession" to "reality." Remember: A year from now, you'll wish you had started today.
- 6. Work and Think Like Your Ancestors.** While I'm not sure about your ancestors, mine were resourceful and developed tools and skills to get what they wanted. They were not "educated" per se, but they had "street smarts" and knew where to go so they could learn new things. Also make sure you have a plan; my ancestors didn't just wake up one day and on a whim decide to come to America and make a better life. They had a plan, they had a network of people to help them, and they made it happen.
- 7. You Do Not Own Your Ancestors.** Researching your roots can create emotional connections to not only your ancestors, but to the actual research itself. Many people become "possessive" of their ancestors and fail to realize that a 3rd great-grandparent is likely the ancestor of hundreds of others. You can't take your research or your ancestor with you when you die; take time to share your research and be open to differences in information and research when collaborating with others.
- 8. Be Nice. The Genealogy Community is a Small Place.** While there are millions of people searching for ancestors, genealogists worldwide have developed a community with relatively few degrees of separation. Whether it is online in a Facebook group or in-person at genealogy conference, it is likely you'll already know someone. Being "genealogy nice" is not fake; the connections with other researchers tend to be deep and genuine. We know that all of our roots are interlocked and a genealogist can't always go it alone.
- 9. Give and Be Abundant.** Exchange information freely with other researchers; don't hold data "close" to you or exchange it in lieu of something else. Most genealogists who have heard me speak know my own story of abundance: Don't let your hand keep a tight grip on information. Let it go. Once your hand is free, it can be open and ready to receive the next good thing coming your way.

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, January 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, January 20, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, January 27, 12 noon – General Meeting: Diane Gould Hall on “My Trip to Scotland – What I Did Wrong and What I Did Right” in a Zoom video meeting**

- **Wednesday, February 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, February 17, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, February 24, 12 noon – General Meeting: John Finch on “DNA Dynamics” in a Zoom video meeting**

All CVGS Meetings are held in online Zoom video meetings unless otherwise noted.
Please register on the CVGS website.

A PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

Lord, help me dig into the past
And shift the sands of time
That I might find the roots that made
This family tree of mine;
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads
On which my fathers trod
And led them through so many lands
To find our present sod.
Lord, help me find an ancient book
Or dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away
In some forgotten crypt;
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts
My soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.

Curtis Woods, Tennessee Author