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**CVGS General Meeting (in a Zoom Video Conference)
Carole Sobke on "Old Sacramento, Miss Odessa's Medical
Idioms, and a Pop Quiz"**



This month's program is a short history of the founding of Sacramento, the early flooding problems, with a few of her ancestor's experiences included, and the founding of the Old Sacramento State Historic Park. Miss Odessa, a docent from the Sacramento History Museum, will be talking about the background of some of the medical idioms. If there is time, there will be a quiz on some of the early and strange names for medical ailments. So be prepared with a pencil and paper nearby!

Carole is a fourth-generation San Diegan – her paternal great-grandfather, J.H. Frederick Heilbron, a German immigrant, settled in San Diego in February 1888 and opened the first cold-storage butcher shop in downtown San Diego called Superior Market. Being German, he also had F. Heilbron Saloon and Bottling Works, also in downtown San Diego. Her first four years were spent in Mission Hills, then they moved to Point Loma. She graduated from Point Loma High school, then attended San Diego State, San Diego City College and Grossmont College at various stages of her life! Carole was the bookkeeper for her father's business (Heilbron Electrical Co.) and her husband's business (Adams Auto Parts). She spent 20 years in the Technical Services department at Grossmont College.

Over the years she has had several hobbies - antique cars were so much fun! Currently, she collects antique and studio art clothing buttons, collects ephemera from the 1915/1916 Panama-California Exposition and the 1935/36 California Pacific International Exposition (both grandfathers were involved), delves into genealogy and writes family biographies and stories - the good, the bad and the ugly. She has also done knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, cruel embroidery, quilting and currently she makes cross-stitch greeting cards.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



It finally feels as though spring has arrived. Our most beautiful San Diego weather is on display and our lives are recovering some degree of normalcy. I hope that many of you are vaccinated as I have a greater ease now than before I was fully vaccinated. I am still not going to densely crowded places or giving hugs to many folks, but I am no longer anxious about going out to buy a carton of milk! The future looks a little brighter.

As I looked through my past April newsletters, I found one from two years ago, in April of 2019. I wrote about my kickstart into genealogical research when I inherited a treasure trove of old letters. They began in the 1880s and the last ones were from the 1950s.

Last month's program, from Debby Warner Anderson, was an answer to that find in my aunt's storeroom. Debby did such a wonderful presentation about preserving, transcribing, and researching historical context around old family letters. Once again, I felt immense gratitude about our society and the opportunities our programs offer to enhance our research. There is no one presenter that will appeal to every member's interests, but sooner or later, there is a great match.

All of this is a prelude to saying that we have some great speakers coming up this spring and summer. I hope to see your smiling face at one or all of our monthly programs!

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 prohibition on meetings of groups of people and distancing from others are lifted.

The latest word that we have is that the Chula Vista Library branches may open by September or October 2021.

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).

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 the website on the "Members" tab.

CVGS Program Review – Debby Anderson's “My Great-Grandmother's Letters”

The March 31 program speaker was Debby Warner Anderson on “My Great-Grandmother's Letters.” There were 41 in attendance – 28 CVGS members and 13 guests – in this Zoom meeting.

Debby's great-grandmother was Carrie (Terry) Warner and, as was common in the late 1800s, she wrote letters to her family members on Long Island. The letter collection was passed down to Debby, and she decided to learn about the family stories hiding in them. There were over 200 letters in a shoebox, each in an envelope, but in no particular order. Debby decided to scan them, transcribe them, preserve them, research them, and publish a book about them.

During the transcription process, she kept a list of questions about events, places and people mentioned in the letters. This led to research in the census records, newspapers, FamilySearch, Ancestry.com and other websites. Her great-grandfather had a small rural post office in his home and she researched that. There was a letter describing the birth of Debby's grandfather by Carrie.

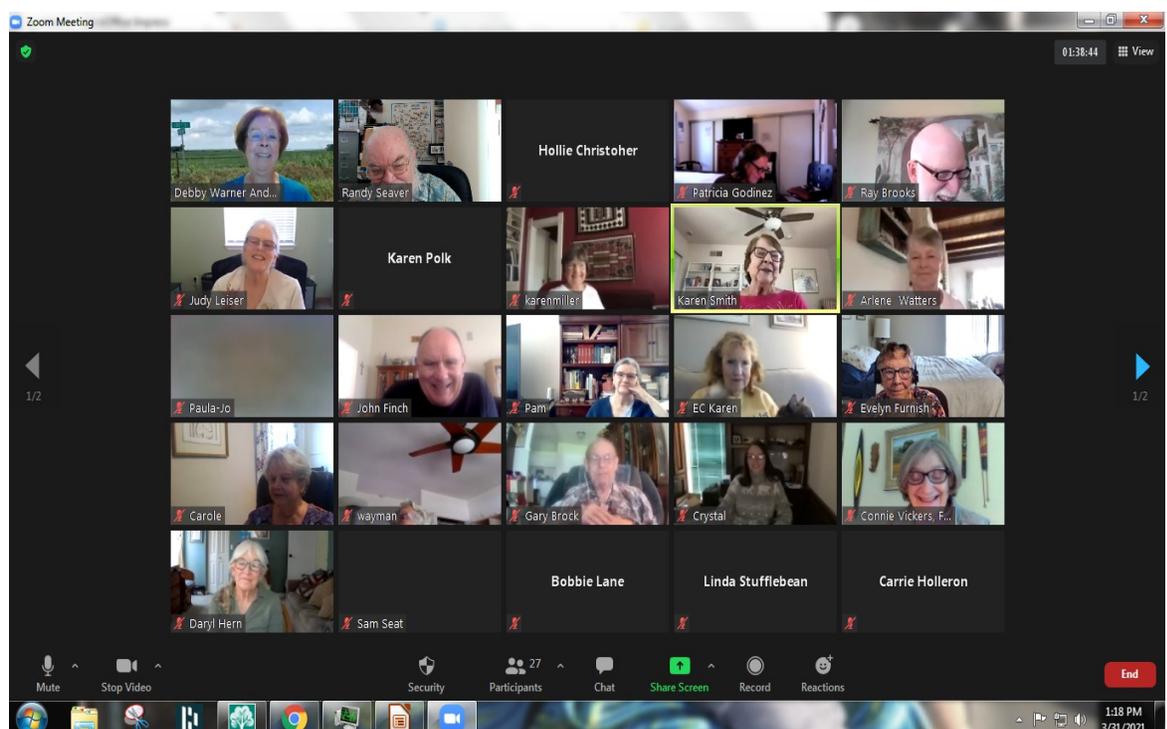
What did she learn? Debby got a good sense of Carrie's personality, sense of humor, home life, and work life. The letters span 1880 to 1910, from college to marriage to family (six sons). There was quite a bit of local history, including local families and church information. She identified similarities between Carrie and herself – including the love of ice cream, roses and flowers.

While researching Carrie's letters and family, she found and contacted descendants of Carrie's brother Forrest, and of her sister Ella. She visited them on her trips to New York, and they had family photographs and stories to share.

Debby used Microsoft Word to transcribe the letters and In-Design software to create the book. The book - *Carrie's Letters* – was published as an e-book using www.Lulu.com for family members to read and cherish.

This was a wonderful presentation of a family research project that memorialized Debby's great-grandmother's life.

CVGS members can watch the presentation and download the handout on the CVGS website – on the “Members” tab, click on “Recorded Zoom meetings.”



March 17th DNA Interest Group Review

The March 17th DNA Interest Group meeting on Zoom had 20 in attendance, including 4 guests. In the first hour, Randy discussed:



- The RootsTech Connect 2021 had over 120 classes on DNA research – go to <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/> and watch them for FREE through February 2022.
- The AncestryDNA match list format has changed – users can easily add DNA matches to Tag groups of Shared matches descended from a known common ancestor to create a cluster.
- Created a spreadsheet of his AncestryDNA matches using Greg Clarke's process using FREE Google Sheets, as shown in [Downloading My AncestryDNA Match List With Google Sheets](#). The list shows the shared cM values, number of segments, match's tree size, and notes for each match.

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

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 21 April 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 19 April with the link.

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/2021/04/genealogy-news-and-education-bytes_9.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>.

Randy writes a weekly “Best of the Genea-Blogs” post every Sunday, which contains links to genealogy blog posts that he enjoyed and learned from, including several other “pick posts” by geneabloggers in Arizona, Canada and Australia. See an example in <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/04/best-of-genea-blogs-week-of-28-march-to.html>.

Quotes To Ponder

- The power of a sibling who knows everything about you, who knows the family you grew up in, who carries half your genes—there's nothing quite like that. ~ Jeffrey Kluger
- The advantage of growing up with siblings is that you become very good at fractions. ~ Unknown
- Sisters and brothers just happen, we don't get to choose them, but they become one of our most cherished relationships. ~ Wes Adamson
- What causes sibling rivalry? Having more than one kid. ~ Tim Allen
- Once a brother, always a brother, no matter the distance, no matter the difference and no matter the issue. ~ Brian Pulsifer
- In the cookies of life, sisters are the chocolate chips. ~ Anonymous

Spotlight on Connie Vickers, CVGS Member, Researcher, and Prospective DAR Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez

Connie Vickers, who considers herself to be a beginner in the realm of Family History, is in the process of building her family tree. She and her sister have tested with AncestryDNA and found several people who are related to her, which she has found to be rewarding.

Part of Connie's heritage is in Sweden with the majority in the UK and Ireland. She would like to be able to follow the tracks that led her family from the eastern shores of the United States, through the Midwest, and finally to California. Connie and her sister were born in Chula Vista, while their older brother was born in San Diego. They all grew up in National City. Connie and her siblings are graduates of Sweetwater High School along with her mother, aunts, and uncles. For years Sweetwater was the only high school serving National City, Chula Vista, and other cities in the South Bay. Sweetwater High School is celebrating its 100 year anniversary this year.



Connie knows more about her mother's side of the family which has been researched by her grandmother. Connie's sister is working with her on researching their father's side of the family, as well as digging up those facts that go with the family lore that was passed down. Some of the places that Connie has looked at are Des Moines, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; Nebraska, and Colorado. Ancestors have emigrated not only from Sweden (mother's side) but also from England, Ireland, and Canada. There may be some surprises along the way.

In Connie's family, the name that stands out most is that of Rufus Downer Harvey, her paternal great grandfather. He died of heart failure, as he was crossing a business street in National City. There is a notice of his passing in the *National City News* of June 29, 1934. Thankfully, the article matched the family stories about his death. More research is planned on the Downer connection which Connie believes will lead to her ancestors' participation in the Revolutionary War. Research has located a patriot, Joshua Downer of Preston, Connecticut. Now the hard part: Research, documentation, and proper citations.

Connie has traveled to Europe and celebrated her 60th birthday in Dublin, Ireland. Closer to home was a trip to Mount Hope Cemetery, on Market Street in San Diego. Connie has an ancestor buried there who she believes will lead her to membership in the DAR/Daughters of the American Revolution. Another member of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society, Susan Zimmer, has said she would help Connie in this endeavor.

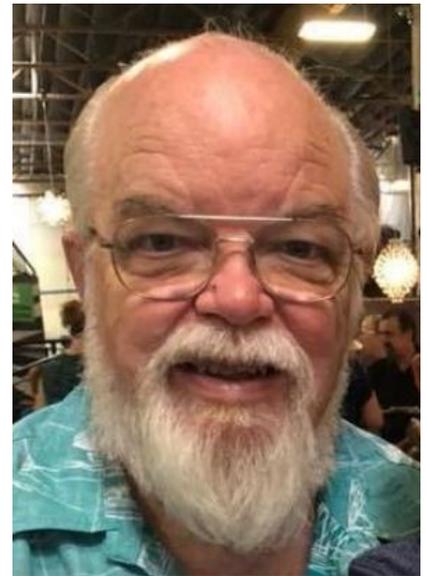
A few notables from San Diego history are buried in Mount Hope. They are Alonzo Horton, the "father of modern San Diego;" Elisha Babcock, the builder of Hotel Del Coronado; Kate Morgan, the reputed resident ghost of the Hotel Del Coronado; George W. Marston, who was involved with establishing Balboa Park, the San Diego Public Library, and the Serra Museum; and Kate Sessions, San Diego's pioneering horticulturalist. Other famous people in Mount Hope are Raymond Chandler, the novelist creator of detective Phillip Marlowe, and Sam Brannon, American journalist, early Mormon pioneer, and California's first millionaire.

March 10th Research Group Review

The March 10th Research Group meeting on Zoom had 27 in attendance, including 4 guests. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- The RootsTech 2021 Connect Conference had over 1 million online attendees, with over 1,500 sessions, which are available to watch for FREE on <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/> until February 2022.
- MyHeritage released their new “Deep Nostalgia” animated faces feature – see <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/02/new-animate-the-faces-in-your-family-photos/>
- FamilySearch has FREE cloud storage of family photographs – see <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/free-cloud-storage-familysearch-memories/>.

In the second hour, the attendees discussed their current genealogy activities, successes and challenges.



- Many attendees watched RootsTech classes during the three days of the online conference.
- Karen M. found a newspaper record of an extradition of her family member.
- Ray emailed and phoned with a 90-year old cousin, whose grandfather never knew his father.
- Art used FamilyTreeNow.com to find addresses and phone numbers of family members.
- Pam asked about RootsMagic 8 status – Randy noted that it is still in development.
- Chuck attended a Katherine Schober class on German research.

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 14 April 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 12 April 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, 13 April, 11 a.m.: [The new and improved Legacy Family Tree Webinars website](#), by Geoff Rasmussen and Daniel Horowitz
- Wednesday, 14 April, 5 p.m.: [Jewish Genealogy with JewishGen.org](#), by Deborah J. Kroopkin.
- Friday, 16 April, 11 a.m.: [An African Canadian Family History Mystery](#), by Mags Gaulden
- Tuesday, 20 April, 5 p.m.: [Turning Raw Information into Evidence: Tips for Drawing and Explaining Conclusions](#), by J.H. Fonkert
- Wednesday, 21 April, 11 a.m.: [3 Ways to Advance Your Research with Correlation](#), by Shannon Green
- Tuesday, 27 April, 11 a.m.: [Recent updates to MyHeritage's historical record search engine](#), by Dana Drutman
- Wednesday, 5 May, 11 a.m.: [Solving a Brick Wall with DNA – A Case Study](#), by Larry W. Thomas

Dr. Louise and the San Francisco Earthquake, by Carole Heilbron Sobke

April 18, 2021 is the 95th anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake and fire. The following is one woman's story of her survival and how she spent the next five months.

My Great Aunt, Dr. Louise Caroline Heilbron, an osteopath, left Sacramento in 1905 and moved to San Francisco, where she set up her practice. San Francisco turned out to be a bad choice. At 5:12 AM on Wednesday April 18, 1906, a 7.8 to 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck San Francisco. Pictured at the right is a view of Sutter Street up from Grant Avenue. Dr. Louise's office and residence, located at 826 Sutter Street, was five blocks from the Grant Avenue intersection. This photo could also be the other direction on Sutter, but it does show the destruction in that area.

Dr. Louise wrote a letter to her mother describing what her actions were after the earthquake. Parts of it were published in the *San Diego Union* in the April 23rd issue:



April 1906. San Francisco after the earthquake and fire. "Sutter Street up from Grant Avenue." 8x10 inch glass negative, Detroit Publishing. View full size.

"Mrs. C. F. Heilbron has received an interesting letter from her daughter, Dr. Louise Heilbron, who was in San Francisco at the time of the disaster and is still there. Following are excerpts from the letter:

"This is a most terrible catastrophe. No words can describe the scene. Damage from earthquake everywhere. I dressed after the shock and went for Dr. and Mrs. Parker...Met Mr. Tyndall and we went to the Mechanics Pavilion and worked. I know I ran twenty miles back and forth, bandaging and sewing cuts until orders came to remove all the injured. Despite all reports everyone was removed and no dead ones among them. We had numbered every cot and gotten the names and labeled all the injured. The work was for naught for when they removed the injured the labels counted for nothing. We left and parted – he to help more helpless people and I to Waldeck hospital. I succeeded in removing Mrs. Pitting to the Marine hospital: also left Mrs. Bragg's sister there. We went out to Mr. Barnes' and as the fire looked threatening I stayed with little Mrs. Bragg and baby at the Barnes' beautiful home.

"As the report this morning at 5 a.m. (Thursday) was that the fire had only reached Jones Street, I started to try to save a few clothes. Walked into town with Mrs. B. from Scott and Washington, and the men at the house packed my trunk, but for what use? We got only to Van Ness avenue. I have nothing with me but what I have got on. Van Ness avenue has been dynamited: perhaps the city this side will be saved. The fire is still dangerous.

'No lives have been lost (with few exceptions) since the earthquake. It would take a long time to tell of the sad as well as the ridiculous things going on all over.'"

Mechanics Pavilion was built in 1882 and was the first major arena built in San Francisco. It could seat 11,000 people and was touted as the "Madison Square Garden of the West." The pavilion survived the earthquake, but the nearby Central Emergency Hospital did not, much of it was destroyed. By 5:30 AM

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the morning of the earthquake the pavilion was turned into a hospital and morgue. Department stores were broken into for pillows, blankets and mattresses while drug stores were ransacked for medical supplies. By 1 PM the fires that were spreading through much of the city had reached the roof of the pavilion. The building was evacuated, and it was completely destroyed within a few hours. Many of the evacuees were taken to Golden Gate Park by any means possible and placed on the grass. This is probably why the name labels were as Dr. Louise called it “for naught.” Others were taken into nearby homes where they were cared for.

By May 2nd Louise was working as the superintendent of nurses at St. Paulus Evangelical Lutheran Church. It was turned into a hospital two days after the earthquake. Pews were removed from the church auditorium and replaced with cots. Dr. Louise had thirty nurses in her charge, most of whom were from French Hospital. The oldest continuing hospital in San Francisco, French Hospital was built for the French population in 1851. Nearly every hospital room was damaged in the earthquake and the patients were evacuated, many to temporary tent cities. It was rebuilt and still exists today in more modern facilities.

Louise returned to San Diego by September of 1906. She moved back into her mother’s home where she temporarily opened an office, re-establishing her practice. She would stay in San Diego until after her mother’s death in 1923.

Four years later, on the anniversary of the earthquake, a group of 50 people gathered in San Diego at one of their homes. All were survivors (except for 3 guests) of the San Francisco earthquake who relocated to San Diego after the disaster. They met for the purpose of exchanging their stories about those harrowing days. Dr. Louise told of her work at the Mechanics Pavilion and then stated she was one of the last to leave the temporary hospital before it burned to the ground. One of the guests, Judge M. A. Luce, talked about how the effects of the disaster gave San Diego a large influx of “a desirable class of citizens.” (*San Diego Union*, 19 Apr 1910).

The earthquake was felt in Sacramento where my great-grandparents Frederick and Henrietta Biewener resided. Their orphaned nephew, Theodore Lages, was living with them at the time. He wrote in his memoirs of his childhood that the earthquake woke him up and from his bedroom window he watched the spire of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church tower swaying. One of the Biewener photo albums in my possession has several photographs of the aftermath of the earthquake and fire.

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.”

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 4/1): 71

New Members:

Pat Postma (re-join)

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Virginia Taylor

Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

We Need a Hospitality Chair! Please volunteer!

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Ana Castro
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Carole Sobke

CVGS Society Officers

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San Diego Genealogy Events

San Diego Genealogical Society

(www.casdgs.org)

All Meetings on Zoom

Monthly Program

Saturday, 8 May, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Nicka Smith on
“Reverse Genealogy and DNA and
Finding the Living” and
“The Family DNA Project”

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

All Meetings on GoToWebinar

Monthly Program

Tuesday, 25 April, 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Michael Brophy on
“A Guide to Massachusetts Record
Repositories”

Register at <https://register.nsdcgs.org>

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Upcoming Conferences

National Genealogical Society (Online)
(17-21 May)

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

SCGS Genealogy Jamboree (Online)
(4-5 and 11-12 June)

<https://genealogyjamboree.com/>

Don't Overlook the Obvious Sources of Genealogical Information!

By Dick Eastman

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Most experienced genealogists are aware of the major "online powerhouses" that contain text or even images of millions of historical records. Such web sites include MyHeritage.com, FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, Findmypast.com, Fold3.com, Archives.gov, EllisIsland.org, FreeBMD.org.uk, WikiTree.com, and many more. However, I suspect many of us "old pros" might be overlooking some of the most valuable research sites of all.

If you haven't looked at your favorite search engines, I would suggest you check out what is available. You may be pleasantly surprised. You might check Google.com, Bing.com, Baidu.com, Yahoo.com, Yandex.ru, Ask.com, or DuckDuckGo.com.

Actually, I have used search engines for years to find all sorts of online information, including info about living and deceased people. However, I have to admit I haven't used the search engines to find genealogy information as much in recent years as I used to. The reason? I simply forgot. In fact, I am rather embarrassed to admit that. I got so wrapped up in the "sophisticated" web sites listed earlier that I usually forgot about the more common search engines.

However, I recently experienced a memory-jarring "reminder." I wasn't using the simplest of all tools, one that also often produces excellent results. Perhaps you need a reminder also so here is my (updated) recommendation.

My most recent experience involved a search for information about my own father. OK, obviously I already knew a lot about him but not everything. My father passed away 31 years ago and I certainly remember a lot of detailed information about him. However, he died several years before the invention of the World Wide Web. Could the Web provide any information about a man who never heard of the Web?

A relative of mine and I were discussing my father's life recently and we both knew he belonged to a certain men's fraternal organization but neither my relative nor I remembered all the details. I had a vague recollection that Dad was a "grand master" (or a similar title) of the local lodge for several years. My relative stated, "I don't remember that." I certainly did not remember the details either.

A quick check of my favorite search engine refreshed memories I had not thought about for 31 years. Yes, Dad was the "grand master" for quite a number of years, according to the rather lengthy description of that lodge listed online.

Later, I started performing searches on several other deceased relatives: aunts, uncles, cousins, and even information about my great-great-grandfather who died in 1887. I even picked up some new (to me) information about great-great-granddad.

After poking around online looking for ancestral information, I found the searches worked well for people who lived the last half of the twentieth century. As I looked for older and older information, I found less and less information was available but occasionally bits and pieces of information could still be found. Even my great-great-grandfather, a farmer who died in 1887, more than 100 years before the invention of the World Wide Web, was listed with several significant facts about his life.

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NOTE: When I searched for my great-great-grandfather's name, I wasn't expecting much. Luckily, another person who is a genealogist and appears to be a very distant cousin of mine had posted information about HER ancestor who just happened to be the same man. Her online data provided me with two (probably) accurate facts about great-great-granddad that I did not know previously.

My task for this summer is to visit his grave in Maine and then visit the local town clerk's office to see if I can verify the information.

In my father's case, he had a rather common name. When I searched for his name, I found more than a dozen people listed who had the same first and last names. However, his middle name was unique. I had no difficulty in finding the several records about him that I wanted. If he had an even more common name (How many John Smiths are listed?), I probably could have narrowed the search by adding the name of the town where he lived, the state, his occupation, or other identifying information.

Summation: Information may be found wherever you might find it. Yes, the online genealogy sites are excellent sources of information and I probably will continue to use them frequently. However, once I exhaust the obvious searches, I will start looking for less obvious sources of information. However, I will never refer to the World Wide Web as "less obvious." Indeed, it will be one of the more valuable resources that needs to be checked.

I hope you will do the same.

Published 18 March 2021. Link: <https://eogn.com/page-18080/10211182>

Randy's Note:

- I would add Geni.com, AmericanAncestors, Find A Grave, Billion Graves, Library and Archives Canada, ScotlandsPeople, Irish Genealogy, and other country-specific genealogy websites to the list of online digitized records.
- Don't forget to use online newspaper websites – such as Newspapers.com, GenealogyBank, NewspaperArchive, Chronicling America, Accessible Archives to find news articles, obituaries, wedding announcements, land transactions, legal notices, etc. for your ancestors.
- Google Books, Internet Archive, HathiTrust, MyHeritage, and FamilySearch Books have millions of digitized books (most from before 1925 that are out-of-copyright) that may have family history information and stories.

Spring Into Action



Chula Vista Genealogical Society is having a Virtual Spring fund raiser from March thru April.

50% of the raised funds will stay with CVGS

The other 50% will be donated to *Community Through Hope*.

Community Through Hope provides services throughout Chula Vista.

Your donation will provide funds for emergency nutrition and a diaper bank and support the most vulnerable.

Your donations can be sent to:

Karen Polk P. O. Box 3024 Chula Vista, CA 91909-3024

Please make **check** out to **Chula Vista Genealogical Society**

OR

Contributions can be made on the website

<https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org>

Be sure to Click the donations button.

Spring into action for the community



GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, April 14, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, April 21, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, April 28, 12 noon – General Meeting: Carole Sobke on “Old Sacramento, Miss Odessa's Medical Idioms, and a Pop Quiz” in a Zoom video meeting**

- **Wednesday, May 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, May 19, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, May 26, 12 noon – General Meeting: Judy G. Russell on “No Vitals, No Problem” in a Zoom video meeting**

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

Where There's a Will, There's a Way

From the *Huntington, West Virginia Herald Dispatch*, February 2, 1930. Reprinted from the KYOWVA Genealogical Historical Society Winter 2020 newsletter.

Taken from the book *To Will Or Not to Will*:

- To my wife, I leave her lover, and the knowledge that I wasn't the fool she thought I was.
- To my son, I leave the pleasure of earning a living. For 25 years he thought the pleasure was mine. He was mistaken.
- To my daughter, I leave \$100,000. She will need it. The only good piece of business her husband ever did was to marry her.
- To my chauffeur I leave my cars. He almost ruined them and I want him to have the satisfaction of finishing the job.
- I want six of my creditors for pallbearers—they have carried me for so long, they might as well finish the job.