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**CVGS General Meeting (in a Zoom Video Conference)**

**on "What the Heck Does That Say?"**

**Overcoming the Challenge of Difficult Handwriting"**

One of the biggest hurdles to overcome in genealogy is the seemingly illegible handwriting in our ancestors' records. Whether you struggle to navigate colonial penmanship that doesn't even look like English or wrestle with contemporary documents that are poorly written, a few good strategies can make all the difference. We'll look at more than 20 techniques to help you figure out what the chicken scratches on the page say as well as what the style of writing might reveal about our ancestors.

Pam Vestal is a professional genealogist and speaker who turned her focus to her longtime love of genealogy after a 20-year writing career. Her articles have appeared in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* and the FGS's *Forum* magazine, and her lectures take her from coast to coast. Pam specializes in conducting genealogical research and then turning that information into illustrated stories that even non-genealogists can enjoy.



Register on the CVGS website for this meeting (<https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/>), and look for the email with the Zoom meeting link on about Monday, 28 March.

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## **President's Message – by Karen Smith**



With the COVID 19 pandemic impact, our little society is changing and re-evaluating our order of business. We began to offer a newsletter membership in pre-COVID days. For ten dollars, you can become a member from afar. The membership is intended for out of town folks. As a newsletter member, you are emailed the newsletter and notices of all meetings. You cannot view recorded videos of our monthly programs, but can watch them live. Our regular members pay \$30 per year and have all the privileges of membership.

Our Board recently discussed the handouts that our monthly speakers often provide. When we contract with a speaker, they are given the choice as to whom the handout is available. Some speakers specify that only members can receive them. We decided to continue to offer that choice to our speakers.

We have such a dynamic society and while it is unfortunate that some members cannot use or do not have the technology to enjoy all the benefits of membership, we offer a tremendous menu of perks. We have a research group, a DNA group and a great speaker every month.

We also have guests from everywhere who come to our groups and monthly programs. They pay nothing, but can participate in Randy's groups and hear our monthly programs. When we met in person, we also had nonmember attendees and we welcomed them then.

My question for you is, should we continue to welcome nonmembers to participate in CVGS? Send me an email if you have feedback about our practices. [Freelady72000@me.com](mailto:Freelady72000@me.com)

## **Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?**

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 Seaver 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/2022/02/best-of-genea-blogs-20-to-26-february.html>

## **Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities**

Visit the CVGS Website: <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/>

The Board Meeting minutes, General Meeting minutes, Meeting handouts, and Meeting recordings are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at the website on the “Members” tab.

## CVGS Program Review – "Analyzing Probate Records"

Cheri Hudson Passey's presentation of "Analyzing Probate Records, Finding Clues to Our Ancestor's Stories" had about 60 members and guests in attendance on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 at the CVGS General Meeting in an online Zoom meeting.

The talk covered the basic steps of a testate (with a will) or intestate (without a will) probate proceeding, including wills, petitions, bonds, inventories, accounts, guardianships and dower. These documents were created to dispose of property according to state law. Each probate case had a packet with all of the papers.

Names, dates, relationships, family connections, places, living conditions, occupations, land ownership, interests, and community members in probate records may be clues for your research.

Researchers can find probate records online (in indexes and digital images) in paper packet and probate book forms, online (e.g., [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org)) and in state and county archives and courthouses. County archives will have original packets and original books. Usually, many papers in the original probate packets will be recorded in a Probate Court clerk's record book, and those may also be digitized.

Researchers should check the FamilySearch Research Wiki (<https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/>) for relevant state laws and possible repositories. See also:

- \* [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Beginning\\_Research\\_in\\_United\\_States\\_Probate\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Beginning_Research_in_United_States_Probate_Records)
- \* [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Probate\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Probate_Records)
- \* <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/courthouses/how-to/>

Cheri's presentation used a selection of probate records from all over the United States to illustrate her comments.

The presentation handout and recording is available on the CVGS website in the Members Only section (Home > Members > [Handouts](#) or [Recorded Zoom Meetings](#)).

### Useful Genealogy Blog Posts

- [First Look at the MyHeritage LiveStory Feature](#) by Randy Seaver
- [OUR CHALLENGE: Personal Histories and Compiled Genealogies](#) by Pat Richley-Erickson
- [Revisiting Proof and Truth in Genealogy](#) by James Tanner
- [1950 US Census Part 2: Prepping for the Release](#) by Julie Tarr
- [Why They're Only Clues](#) by Judy G. Russell
- [PERSI: Tips for Getting Copies of Articles](#) by Cari Taplin
- [If you don't share it -- You lose it! -- Part Two](#) by James Tanner
- [A World of DNA](#) by Leah Larkin



## CVGS Field Trip on Wednesday, 23 March

Join Us in a Field Trip to the San Diego FamilySearch Center located at 4195 Camino del Rio South in Mission Valley.

**Wednesday, 23 March**

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



We have some volunteer drivers (Masking PLEASE).

We will gather at the Parking structure at F & Third Avenue, near the Farmers Table, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level, at 10:30 a.m. and drive to the Center by 11. Bring a snack if you want.

Come with us (or drive yourself) and we will see the renovation that makes it easier for your family research at the Center. This is a terrific resource with new equipment and a friendly and knowledgeable Staff.

Note that there are no books or microfilms at the FamilySearch Center now. Everything they have is on the computer system, including all record collections and digital microfilm. Prepare a list of items you want to research before you go. If you want to work in the FamilySearch Family Tree, be sure to know your FamilySearch registration identification (username and password). If you want to copy record images to your computer at home, be sure to bring a USB drive.

Contact John Finch at [jan27@cox.net](mailto:jan27@cox.net)

## Notes From the Education Chair, Susi Pentico

I have arranged a Genealogical Get-together on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road in Bonita CA 91902).

We need to bring our own laptops or iPads with chargers and extension cords to the meeting.

I will bring many of the Germany research books from Mary (Pentico) Nelson's collection.

Part of the time will be spent discussing what or where you are in need of the most assistance. Many genealogy societies are opening again and much of their previous in-house data is now on their websites. I plan to have a partial list at the meeting.

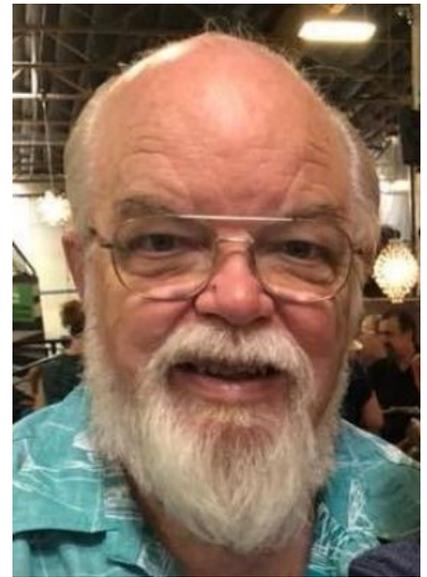
## RootsTech Connect 2022 Conference Highlights

The FREE and virtual RootsTech Connect 2022 Conference was March 3-5, with over 800,000 registrants. There were over 900 classes on various genealogy and family history topics, an Expo Hall with exhibitors, and Keynote presentations by genealogy providers and entertainers. See <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/>.

All of the classes were recorded, and are available on the Sessions page at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/search>. You can watch the classes from the 2021 and 2022 Conference. Many of them have a handout that can be downloaded. These presentations will be available throughout 2022.

## February 9<sup>th</sup> Research Group Review

The February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CVGS Research Group had 37 attendees (with 12 guests). In the first hour, Randy discussed:



- **1950 U.S. Census Release on 1 April 2022** – Indexing will be verified by FamilySearch-led team of volunteers after Ancestry produces an index by artificial intelligence and handwriting recognition. May be available within one or two months after 1 April 2022. See [FamilySearch: 1950 US Census -- The Next Big Thing in Family History](#) and [Ancestry® to Apply Handwriting Recognition Artificial Intelligence to Create a Searchable Index of the 1950 U.S. Census](#)
- [Improved Color Restoration for Photos on MyHeritage](#)
- [Introduction to Genealogy: A New Online Course From MyHeritage](#)
- **Online Map Websites**
  - Google Maps: <http://maps.google.com>
  - GISGeography Map Collection: <https://gisgeography.com/us-map-collection/>
  - Old Maps Online: <http://www.oldmapsonline.org>
  - Cartography Associates, the David Rumsey Map Collection: <http://www.davidrumsey.com>
  - Library of Congress Map Collections: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/>
    - San Diego Sanborn Maps: <https://www.loc.gov/search/?in=&q=sanborn+san+diego&new=true&st=>
  - Perry-Castenada Library Map Collection: <https://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/histus.html>
  - New York Public Library, Map Division: <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/search/index?utf8=%E2%9C%93&keywords=maps>
  - The National Map - US Topographical Maps: <http://nationalmap.gov/ustopo/index.html>
  - University of Connecticut MAGIC Maps: [http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/historical\\_maps.htm](http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/historical_maps.htm) (Free)
  - Historic Map Works: [www.HistoricMapWorks.com](http://www.HistoricMapWorks.com) (\$\$)
  - Ancestry's "U.S. Counties and Regional Histories and Atlases, 1804-1984" collection: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4078> (\$\$)
  - Ancestry's "Historic Land Ownership and Reference Atlases, 1507-2000" collection: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1205> (\$\$)
  - Ancestry's "U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918" collection: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1127> (\$\$)
- **Finding Public Land Plots and Using Google Earth**
  - Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Patents: <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>
    - Federal Land Patents – Search for State, County and Name; Save the Meridian, Township, Range, Section and Aliquot information (e.g., Kansas, Cheyenne, Carringer, 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Township 03S, Range 040W, Section 3; Aliquot NE 1/4)
    - Survey Plats and field notes
    - Land Status Records
    - Tract Books – more details about the specific tracts

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## February 9<sup>th</sup> Research Group Review (Concluded)

- Earthpoint Tools for Google Earth – <https://www.earthpoint.us/default.aspx> (Sign up)
  - Select “Search by Description” on <https://www.earthpoint.us/Townships.aspx>
  - Creates a File for Input to Google Earth. Save the File (EarthpointFlyTo.KML)
  - Open Google Earth, then click on the KML file
  - Google Earth should “Fly To” the Section in the Township and Range.
- **Land Records on FamilySearch**
  - United States Land and Property -- FamilySearch Research Wiki Articles:
    - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United\\_States\\_Land\\_and\\_Property](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Land_and_Property)
    - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Grants\\_from\\_the\\_Federal\\_Government\\_\(Public\\_Domain\)](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Grants_from_the_Federal_Government_(Public_Domain))
  - Bureau of Land Management – <https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/federal-land-records>
  - FamilySearch Historical Records Collections – <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list>
  - FamilySearch Catalog Search: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>
    - Search by County and State, then Land Records
    - Deed Books Are Indexed by Grantee (Buyer) and Grantor (Seller)
    - Find Names in the Indexes, Note Volume and Page number for Deed, then find the Deed Book Volume and Find the Page. Usually Have to Browse – Only a few states have searchable indexes (New York is one).
- **Searching Records on FamilySearch**
  - They changed the look and feel of the Search Page
    - Best Practices and Search Tips: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/when-i-am-searching-historical-records-what-are-the-best-practices-and-tips>
    - Search Page: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/>
    - Browse All Collections: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list>
      - Filter by Collection Title, Place, Dates, Collection Type

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 9 March 2022 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 7 March with the link.

## Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

These webinars are sponsored by Legacy Family Tree, are FREE to watch live, and are FREE for a week after the live event. Times are Pacific time). You must register to view them live at [www.familytreewebinars.com](http://www.familytreewebinars.com). A membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 1,660 webinars at any time.

- Tuesday, 8 March, 11 a.m.: [RootsTech Roundup from MyHeritage](#), by Daniel Horowitz
- Wednesday, 9 March, 11 a.m.: [‘Hidden Treasures’: Discovering Local Sources in Your Irish Research](#), by David Kelly.
- Tuesday, 15 March, 5 p.m.: [Identifying Unnamed Free Born African Americans – A DNA Case Study](#), by David Rencher
- Wednesday, 30 March, 11 a.m.: [Family Stories in 30 Minutes or Less](#), by Brenda Hudson.

## February 16<sup>th</sup> DNA Interest Group Review

The February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CVGS Research Group had 32 attendees (with 12 guests). Randy discussed:

1) **What Are the Odds** – Created by Leah Larkin and Jonny Perl. See <https://dnainter.com/tools/probability>. Watch FREE video “What Are the Odds?” An online tool that can help solve DNA puzzles“ by Jonny Perl at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/what-are-the-odds-an-online-tool-that-can-help-solve-dna-puzzles/>

### 2) **DNA Match List Step-by-Step (on AncestryDNA):**

- Find your DNA Match List – “DNA” on Ancestry top menu, choose “DNA Matches”
- Listed by Centi-Morgan (cM) value down to 8 cM. Provides user name, cM number, number of segments, relationship estimate, tree availability, Note capability, color dot capability, “Common Ancestor.” User can add notes, color dots, known relationship, etc.
- Filter matches by Unviewed, Common Ancestors, Messaged, Notes, Trees, Shared DNA, Groups (New, mother’s side, father’s side, color dots)
- Search capability in “Search” by match name, surname in match trees, location in match trees.
- In “Shared Matches,” “Close ancestors” are those with 20 cM match or more – almost 100% surety they are related to you – somehow.
- Clicking on a DNA match shows you the relationship, cM value, number of segments, color dots, note, family tree (only 5 generations, can expand the tree), ethnicity comparison, shared matches, and common ancestor (only if a ThruLine).
- “Shared matches” show you who else you and your DNA match share DNA with. The matches may have better trees, or be matches with known common ancestors. You can use them to group unknown matches with your known common ancestor matches. Not always correct, but very useful.
- “Common Ancestors” are from Ancestry algorithm to find your ancestors in your matches trees. Works for private and public trees. May use several trees to connect you to a DNA match through a common ancestor. **LOW HANGING FRUIT** – these help you find other matches that may share DNA with you.
- “ThruLines” (“DNA” > “ThruLines”) show you how you and your matches relate to each other through the common ancestor based on each of your ancestors down to 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents.

### 3) **How to Find Common Ancestors**

- Read *The Chester Creek Murders* by Nathan Dylan Goodwin - <https://www.amazon.com/Chester-Creek-Murders-Venator-Cold-ebook/dp/B08PFYYW3J/> (\$12.99 paperback, \$5.49 Kindle). The book provides a how-to recipe to succeed in solving genetic genealogy problems. Oriented to forensic genealogy problems such as catching a criminal who left DNA.
- With a DNA sample, estimate relationship of a DNA match using cM values and the Shared cM Tool at DNA Painter - <https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>
- Try to fill out the DNA match's family tree – starting with known information (name, location, age group, email, social media, etc.). Do ancestor genealogy for your DNA match. Work backwards in time to get to 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents. Build a family tree – use a private Ancestry.com tree and use Hints (trees, records, photos, stories) anywhere to substantiate conclusions.
- From the found ancestors of the DNA match, you then do Descendant Genealogy research. Who were the children, who did they marry, where did they live, who were their children, etc., generation by generation. Eventually, they find descendants of an ancestral couple that fits the profile.

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## **February 16<sup>th</sup> DNA Interest Group Review (concluded)**

### **4) You Only Want to Find Common Ancestors with your DNA matches. You should use my “Do Genealogy” process for a DNA match without a tree or with a small tree:**

- Check if the match has an unlinked Ancestry Member Tree (but not an AncestryDNA linked tree). If so, check it out. Do you see the name of one of your ancestors?
- Search Facebook for a profile to find family names (spouse, parents, children, location).
- Google the name and location (if known). Obituaries or blog posts may be found.
- Search Spokeo, BeenVerified, WhitePages, etc. for contact information and family information.
- Contact the DNA Match (on Ancestry, Facebook or email), share information, and ask questions. That doesn't always work.
- Start a private Ancestry Member Tree “bush” for your DNA match. I have one AMT for all of them – I start a new bush when I have at least a parent.
- Search Ancestry trees, MyHeritage trees, FamilySearch Family Tree, WikiTree, etc. for deceased parents and grandparents names. Add to the bush.
- Search MyHeritage Public Records or FamilyTreeNow.com collection for match, parents, grandparents. MH and FTN shows families, not just individuals. Add to the bush.
- Search Ancestry record collections for each person in your bush. Attach records to person profiles. Investigate “Suggested Records” and “Record Hints.” You can search from the profile in the AMT bush.
- Search FamilySearch, MyHeritage, Find a Grave, Findmypast, American Ancestors, and any other genealogy record provider. Attach records to person profiles in your AMT.
- Search newspaper sites for obituaries, marriages, articles that mention the DNA match, or their deceased parents and grandparents if known. Add to the bush.
- Eventually, you might find a common ancestor. It may be further back than you think. You may run out of records for recent immigrants, or unknown surname people, or name changers and have an end-of-line person.
- The DNA match's tree may be wrong which may lead you astray. Ancestry's “Potential Ancestor” hint may be wrong.
- Your tree may be wrong – or you don't have the Common Ancestor with your DNA match in your tree yet.
- Use every clue and evidence record you can find and try to build a Family Tree for your DNA Match and find the common ancestor(s).
- Critically evaluate each conclusion you make (especially for parents of a person) in the bush based on record hints, source citations, and search results.
- Apply the Genealogical Proof Standard to each person and relationship if possible.
- Using this process, I've been successful for about 30% to 50% of the DNA matches I've used it for.

### **5) Do Descendant Genealogy – Help yourself and others!**

- I am adding descendants of my 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents to my family tree in RootsMagic.
- I sync my RootsMagic tree to my Ancestry Member Tree. That generates Record Hints to improve my tree profiles.
- It also adds content to the Ancestry tree database that Ancestry uses to find ThruLines.
- Living people are the biggest challenge because online trees hide them.

**The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 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 14 March with the link.**

## Spotlight on Eileen Jane Furnish CVGS Member, New To Researching, A “Sweetheart”

by Patricia Diane Godinez

One of the newest members to the Chula Vista Genealogical Society is Evelyn Jane Furnish, who goes by the name of Jane. She was recruited into our group by long time member, Gary Brock.

Jane said, “Gary has helped me trace my Boone (my maiden name) line to 1475 A.D. My ancestors crossed the Pond in 1735. He also helped me trace my grandmother’s line (Hunter) back to England for several generations. This was my grandmother on my mother’s side. My father’s mother’s line was Callie Willie Neely, from Ireland. It was and is, the most difficult line to trace since the Neely were commoners and left few records. On my mother’s father’s line, the McLeans are easier to trace since the McLeans were fairly wealthy and even had a castle which I visited years ago.”



If you have a chance to speak with Jane, an only child, about her family tree, you might find some cousins in common. Her mother, Jeanette McLean (1908-2004) was married to Wilbur Henry Boone (1908-2009), son of Sumpter K. Boone (1880-1938) and Callie W. Neely (1884-1955). They are part of the famous Boone family of American lore. Squire Boone Sr. and his wife, Sarah Jarman Morgan were the 2nd great grandparents of Daniel Boone (1816-1892). In Jane’s line, her great, great grandparents were Daniel Webster Boone (1846-1920) and Martha Ann Elizabeth Flannigan (1859-1936), a son of the Daniel, who was born in 1816.

According to Google...the Daniel Boone (1734-1820), we all know, was an American Pioneer and frontiersman whose exploits made him one of the first folk heroes of the United States. He became famous for his exploration and settlement of what is now Kentucky. He was also the brother of Squire Maugridge Boone Jr. and Israel Boone, who is a direct ancestor in Jane’s family tree.

In regards to the Duart Castle, it was likely constructed in the 13th century by Clan MacDougal and gifted to Clan MacLean. At their thickest, the walls of Duart are 10ft of solid stone. During the English Civil War HMS Swan attacked Duart Castle as part of Oliver Crowell’s fleet of six ships but adverse weather caused the ship to sink off the coast of Mull, Scotland. Moving ahead in time, Sir Fitzroy Donald MacLean regained ownership of the castle in 1911 and began the long process of restoration. It has some of its former glory but the process is far from complete. Jane added, “We visited the McLean Castle about 45 years ago. It was a dismal place. There was a dungeon in the kitchen where the McLeans would imprison their captives and they often fought pirates who sailed into their outlet.”



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## Spotlight on Jane Furnish (Concluded)

Remembering a Longhurst connection to “the Boone” family, I traced back on Lola Mae Boone (1903-1904), the great grandchild of George Parsons and Caroline Longhurst (1827-1896). They were my 3rd great grand uncle and aunt. Caroline, who was born in England and traveled to Ontario, Canada, along with her parents, other siblings, and brother James Longhurst, my direct line. Caroline would have descendants born in the United States. Unfortunately, Lola, was the last of the line and died in Detroit. On her Boone side, Lola was the 7th generation down from Squire Boone Sr. Luckily, the Boone descendants on Jane’s side, are living today.

Jane grew up in California and graduated from Burlingame High School. She worked in Santa Barbara for 25 years as a realtor. Her father started the family history research but she said she was too busy to assist him and he was disappointed. The records were left with a cousin and then, Jane picked up the research. Jane was married to Brendan Furnish for 61 years before he died in 2015. Together they had five children. Jane currently serves as the CVGS Hospitality Chairperson for in person meetings.

## More 1950 United States Census News

There is more news about the release of the 1950 United States Census collection on 1 April 2022 (72 years after the official census date, as required by law).

- The National Archives will release the census images on Amazon Web Services. See [National Archives: 1950 U.S. Census Release Will Offer Enhanced Digital Access, Public Collaboration Opportunity](#) for more information.
- Ancestry.com will use a proprietary name search function created by an artificial intelligence and optical character recognition tool to create an index of the census entries. This may take a month or two. See [Ancestry® to Apply Handwriting Recognition Artificial Intelligence to Create a Searchable Index of the 1950 U.S. Census.](#)
- FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com will use volunteers to review the automated index to ensure that every name is included and indexed correctly. A human review will refine the index and help ensure that everyone included in the census can be found. See [How Indexing the 1950 Census Will Be Different.](#)

In addition, the One-Step Pages on [www.SteveMorse.org](http://www.SteveMorse.org) has tools, developed by a team led by Joel Weintraub, to use to find the Enumeration District of a person in the 1950 United States census. This will help a user to find the correct dataset to browse through before there is a useful index. You can find the Steve Morse tools at <https://www.youtube.com/c/JDWTalks>.

You can watch a number of YouTube videos about the 1950 census, preparing for the census, and using the Steve Morse tools. DearMYRTLE has a Census Genie video series at [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=dearmyrtle+census+genie](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=dearmyrtle+census+genie).

You can even participate in upcoming videos (Wednesday evenings in March, and nightly from April 1-15) if you wish by registering on the DearMYRTLE blog (<https://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/censusgenie.html>).

## Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 3/1): 94

New Members:

Susanne Paradis  
Stan Mitchell  
Michael Dowotonik  
Margie Davis  
Pat Francisco

## Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

## Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

When In-Person meetings resume!

## Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro  
Carrie Holleron  
Carole Sobke

## 2022 CVGS Society Officers

President:	Karen Smith
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Secretary	Daryl Hern

## Committee Chairs

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Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Jane Furnish
Librarian	Open
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/DNA Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Webmaster	Gary Brock
Member at Large:	Patricia Diane Godinez

## San Diego Genealogy Events

*San Diego Genealogical Society*

([www.casdgs.org](http://www.casdgs.org))

All Meetings on Zoom

*Monthly Program*

Saturday, 12 March, 10 a.m.

Speaker: David Rencher AG<sup>®</sup>, CG<sup>®</sup>,  
FUGA, FIGRS

Session 1: “Come see what’s new at the  
Family History Library and  
FamilySearch”

Session 2 “Out of the Ashes - Irish  
Genealogical Collections”

*North San Diego County Genealogical  
Society* ([www.nsdcdgs.org](http://www.nsdcdgs.org))

All Meetings on GoToWebinar

*Monthly Program*

Tuesday, 22 March 2022, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Mary Kircher Roddy on  
“Really???-Proving and Refuting  
Family Lore”

Register at <https://nsdcdgs.org/program-meetings/>

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*National Genealogical Society 2022  
Conference (Sacramento, Calif.)*

24-28 May 2022

Register at

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

**GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA**

- **Wednesday, March 9, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, March 16, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Tuesday, March 22, 1 p.m. – Genealogy Get-Together** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (see page 4)
- **Wednesday, March 23, 11 a.m. – FamilySearch Center Field Trip** (see page 4)
- **Wednesday, March 30, 12 noon – General Meeting: Pam Vestal on “What The Heck Does That Say? Overcoming the Challenge of Difficult Handwriting”** in a Zoom video meeting
  
- **Wednesday, April 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, April 20, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, April 27, 12 noon – General Meeting: Jill Morelli on “FamilySearch: The Other 95%”** in a Zoom video meeting

All CVGS Meetings are held in online Zoom video meetings unless otherwise noted.  
Please register on the CVGS website – go to <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/>  
and click on the links in the “Upcoming Events” section.

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