

CVGS RESEARCH GROUP – 12 January 2022

1) CVGS News

- a) *Family History Gazette* Newsletter published on Sunday – read it on the website for FREE. Spotlight was on member Tameron Hodges.
- b) DNA Interest Group meeting is next Wednesday, 19 January at 12 noon PST on Zoom.
- c) CVGS General Meeting is Wednesday, 26 January at 12 noon PST on Zoom. The speaker is Diahn Southard on “Three Intermediate DNA Strategies.”
- d) *Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates* started on 4 January – Tuesdays, 8 p.m. PST, on PBS.

2) Genealogy News Highlights

- a) Ancestry.com has raised subscription prices for the first time since 2013, effective 1 February – see <https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/blog/were-increasing-our-monthly-subscription-prices-help-provide-you-more-content-and-new-product>. The different plans are:

- * USA Discovery: \$24.99 monthly, \$99.00 for six months.
- * World Discovery: \$39.99 monthly, \$149.00 for six months.
- * All Access (World + Fold3.com + Newspapers.com basic): \$49.99 monthly, \$199 for six months.

- b) 1921 Census of England and Wales Released by UK The National Archives on Findmypast.com – see <https://www.findmypast.com/1921-census> and <https://www.geneamusings.com/2022/01/findmypast-and-national-archives-unveil.html>.

- * Three year exclusive digital access on Findmypast.com for subscribers. Free to view at three repositories in England and Wales. Not available on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, MyHeritage.com or another website for these three years.
- * 18,235,242 images digitized and indexed.
- * Searching all records on Findmypast.com is FREE. Costs to view the 1921 census are \$3.50 to see a household transcription and \$4.90 to see the record image. Pay-per-view necessary to recoup the costs of preservation, indexing and digitizing the census.
- * New census features include addresses, a map of the district in 1921, and employment information, relative to 1911 Census.
- * See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2022/01/checking-out-1921-census-of-england.html> and <https://www.geneamusings.com/2022/01/the-charles-douglas-kingsley-seaver.html> for my forays into the census.

- c) U.S. National Archives to Release 1950 Census with Enhanced Digital Access – see <https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/1950-census-access>.

- * Digital access on Amazon Web Services Registry of Open Data of the 1950 census dataset on 1 April 2022 – over 165 terabytes of data, including the metadata index, the population schedules,

the enumeration district maps, and the enumeration district descriptions for the 1950 Census records. This is approximately 10 times the size of the 1940 Census dataset.

* Will include a name search function created by OCR (optical character recognition) and AI/MR (artificial intelligence/machine learning) tools.

* Interested parties will be able to download the bulk image data for their own uses - certainly Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage will do this, and add their own indexing.

* There will be an opportunity for community members to enhance or correct the name index.

* Unknown how extensive the National Archives index will be, or if it will link to the record images.

c) MyHeritage.com introduced List View for Photographs – see

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/01/new-list-view-for-photos-on-myheritage/>. They also posted a review of their accomplishments in 2021 in <https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/01/2021-myheritage-year-in-review/>.

d) FamilySearch published a 2021 review also – see

<https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/12/familysearch-2021-genealogy-highlights.html>.

e) RootsTech Connect 2022 Conference is March 3-5, 2022 – online, 100% virtual, 100% FREE, exhibit hall, keynote talks, presentations – see <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/>. You need to register to participate.

f) Legacy Family Tree Webinars announced their 2022 schedule – over 100 webinars – see

<https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/12/legacy-family-tree-webinars-announces.html>. They are FREE to view live (with registration required), and to view for seven days after the live broadcast. Access to over 1,600 webinars over the last 10 years for \$49.95 annual subscription, including syllabus material.

3) Randy's Activities

a) End-of-year GeneaMusings.com blog compilations:

* “Best Of” Genea-Musings for 2021 - <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/12/randys-best-geneamusings-posts-in-2021.html>

* Top 50 most-viewed 2021 blog posts - <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/12/top-50-most-viewed-posts-in-2021-on.html>

* RootsMagic family tree database update - <https://www.geneamusings.com/2022/01/rootsmagic-genealogy-database.html>

* 2021 Genealogy Activity Summary - <https://www.geneamusings.com/2022/01/randys-genealogy-activity-highlights.html>

* Posted my Ancestor Score - <https://www.geneamusings.com/2022/01/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-your.html>

b) Started the Research for Parents of 4th Great-Grandmother Betty Noad (1768-1814) of Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

* Reviewed Parish Records of Wiltshire on Ancestry and Findmypast – see

<https://www.geneamusings.com/2022/01/rabbit-holes-with-randy-who-were.html> – and identified likely parent candidates.

- * Searched Ancestry, Findmypast, MyHeritage and FamilySearch for records of Betty and her potential parents, including probate records, and military records.
- * Searched Ancestry, Findmypast and FamilySearch family trees for mentions of Betty and her potential parents.
- * I have no DNA matches that trace back to the potential parents.
- * Conclusion is: the most likely parent candidates are William Noad and Grace Crabb of Trowbridge.

4) Interesting Blog posts:

- a) [Genealogy Mistakes that Everyone Makes \(and How to Avoid Them\)](#) by Amy Johnson Crow on [Amy Johnson Crow](#).
- b) [Locating the Actual place Your Ancestors Lived: Sheldon Land Records in Early Kingstown Rhode Island](#) by Kelly Wheaton on [Wheaton Wood](#).
- c) [How to Write a Professional Genealogy Research Report](#) by Robert on [Legacy Tree Genealogists](#).
- d) [Your Genealogy Webinar Action Plan for 2022](#) by Gena Philibert-Ortega on [Legacy News](#).
- e) [Top Ten 1921 Census Tips](#) by Jane Roberts on [PastToPresentGenealogy](#) .
- f) [A Look Back at My Genealogy Projects in 2021 and A Look Ahead to My Genealogy Projects in 2022](#) by Marian B. Wood on [Climbing My Family Tree](#).
- g) [Is Information on FamilySearch.org Family Tree Accurate?](#) by Amie Bowser Tennant on [The Genealogy Reporter](#).
- h) [13 Reasons to Include Tax Records in Your Genealogy Research](#) by Kenneth Marks on [The Ancestor Hunt](#).
- i) [Digital File Organization for Genealogy](#) by Julie Cahill Tarr on [Genealogy In Action](#).
- j) [DNA for Native-American Genealogy by Roberta Estes: Book Review](#) by Linda Stufflebean on [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#).
- k) [When the Ancestor Trail Leads to a New Locale, Take Your Research Plan With You](#) by Linda Stufflebean on [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#) .
- l) [9 Ways to Effectively Find Obituaries in Online Newspapers](#) by Kenneth R. Marks on [The Ancestor Hunt](#).
- m) [Preparing for the 1950 U.S. Federal Census Release](#) by Diana Elder on [Family Locket](#).
- n) [Should You Plant a Family Tree at MyHeritage.com?](#) by Keith Riggle on [GenealogyTools.com](#).
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