

# CVGS RESEARCH GROUP NOTES – 9 November 2022

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### A) Upcoming CVGS Events

- 1) CVGS Education Chair Meeting – Tuesday, 15 November, 1 p.m. at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Bonita CA (4375 Bonita Rd). In-person meeting hosted by Susi Pentico. No Zoom coverage. Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5024415>.
- 2) CVGS DNA Interest Group Meeting – Wednesday, 16 November, 12 noon PST on Zoom. Hosted and moderated by Randy Seaver. Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5024411>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before event.
- 3) CVGS General Meeting – Wednesday, 30 November, 12 noon PST on Zoom. Hosted by Randy Seaver and Karen Smith. Speaker is Christine Cohen on “*Immigration: Ports of Entry*” Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5023002>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before event.
- 4) CVGS Officer Elections to be held at November 30<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Candidates for President, Vice President-Membership, Vice President – Programs, Treasurer, and Secretary will be elected.
- 5) The in-person CVGS Holiday Party will be Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at the Bonita Museum in Bonita, CA 91902 (4355 Bonita Road) from 12 to 2 p.m. PST. There will be finger food and holiday cookies/treats. The newly elected officers will be installed.
- 6) CVGS Newsletter published and sent to Members on Tuesday, 8 November. This issue was edited by Assistant Editor Pam Buchan. It is not available yet on the CVGS website.

### B) Recent Genealogy News

- 1) [New and Improved Family Statistics on MyHeritage](#) provided. If you have a family tree on MyHeritage, you can see statistics about the profiles in your tree - Ever wondered which of your relatives lived the longest, the average age of your relatives at marriage, or which first names are the most common in your family? Did you know that there’s a handy section of the MyHeritage website that can tell you all of this and much more? We’re delighted to announce that our useful Family Statistics feature has just received a major upgrade! Family Statistics is a totally FREE feature that provides dozens of enlightening and fun insights about your family. If you love spotting trends and analyzing data, you won’t want to miss it. Family Statistics shows you dozens of different analytics for your family tree. Using the metrics on the page, you can better understand your family history across several categories: places, ages, births, marriages, children, divorces, and now, relationships.
- 2) ["The Sawtooth Slayer" by Nathan Dylan Goodwin Was Published](#). Linda Stufflebean has an excellent review at [Hot Off The Presses: The Sawtooth Slayer by Nathan Dylan Goodwin, Book Review](#). You can get the Kindle version for \$5.99 retail or paperback for \$13.99 at Amazon

(order it at [https://www.amazon.com/Sawtooth-Slayer-Venator-Cold-Case-ebook/dp/B0B8ZP2V6C/ref=sr\\_1\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/Sawtooth-Slayer-Venator-Cold-Case-ebook/dp/B0B8ZP2V6C/ref=sr_1_1))

3) [WikiTree \(a free collaborative family tree\) held a FREE Genealogy "WikiTree Symposium" and "WikiTree Day" on 4-5 November 2022.](#) You can watch all of the video presentations until 4-5 December. The Symposium videos are at [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:WikiTree\\_Symposium\\_Schedule](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:WikiTree_Symposium_Schedule) and the WikiTree Day videos are at [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:WikiTree\\_Day\\_Schedule](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:WikiTree_Day_Schedule).

4) Registration for RootsTech 2023 (2-4 March 2023) is now open. It will be Online (free) and In-Person (in Salt Lake City, \$98 registration) – see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2023-virtual-in-person>.

5) The RootsTech 2019 to 2022 videos are online for free at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/search?f.language=en-US&f.conferenceYear=2019&p.index=0&p.pageCount=10>. You can use the “Search” box at the top of the page to select a topic. You can use the “Year” filter for a specific year. You can use the “Speaker” filter to find a specific speaker’s content.

### **C) Randy’s Work**

1) Added “Web Links” for some of my genealogy sketches of my ancestors to my Ancestry Member Tree. This is an easy way to add a permanent link to something you wrote on an Ancestry Member Tree profile. The “Web Links” button is at the bottom of the “Source” list on an Ancestry Member Tree profile. Copy the URL of what you want to save, then save the RL to the “Web Link” field and write a title or description of the URL.

2) Added [Find A Grave](#) memorials to a “Virtual Cemetery” of my ancestors and relatives on Find A Grave. Sign in (or create a free membership) and go to your member profile, and add to one of your “Virtual Cemeteries.” Your “virtual cemeteries” can be public or private. I set up two “virtual cemeteries” – one for my [Carringer ancestors](#) and another for my [Seaver ancestors](#). From any Find A Grave memorial, you can add the memorial to your “virtual cemetery.” Go to the profile for your relative, and click the “Save To” button. Then create a new “Virtual Cemetery” or “Save to” a selected “virtual cemetery.”

3) My genealogy blog is at <https://www.geneamusings.com>. I write a weekly blog post for “Amanuensis Monday” (Amanuensis means a ["A person employed to write what another dictates or to copy what has been written by another"](#)). I have transcribed over 600 probate records, land records, military pension files, etc. Why? Because transcription of records is the best way to capture and understand the details in the original documents that provide family history and relationship information of my ancestors and relatives. The most recent one is posted in <https://www.geneamusings.com/2022/11/amanuensis-monday-1828-petition-to.html>.

## **D) Useful Genealogy Blog Posts:**

- 1) **Organized: How I Hope to Leave My Genealogy to My Heirs** by Lisa S. Gorrell on **My Trails into the Past**.
- 2) **Easy Ways You Can Share Your Genealogy Beyond an Ancestry Tree** by Amy Johnson Crow on **Amy Johnson Crow**.
- 3) **Using Timelines in Genealogy** by Jennifer Jones on **Tracking Down the Family**.
- 4) **Six habits of the highly effective researcher** by John Grenham on **John Grenham - Irish Roots**.
- 5) **12 Reasons Why You Can't Find Someone On Ancestry and 7 Reasons Why You Can't Find Yourself On Ancestry** by Margaret O'Brien on **Data Mining DNA**.
  
- 6) **Not Everything Online is Free** by Dick Eastman on **Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter**.
- 7) **12 Signs You're Addicted to Family History Research** by Daniella on **MyHeritage Blog**.
- 8) **How to Share Family History Stories on the Big Genealogy Websites** by Sunny Jane Morton on **Family Tree Magazine**.
- 9) **Organizing Genealogy Research : What You Need to Organize** by Jennifer Dondero on **The Occasional Genealogist**.
- 10) **3 Tips for Genealogy Research in New England** by Marian Pierre-Louis on **Legacy News**.
- 11) **County Histories: A Valuable Resource** by Cari Taplin on **Genealogy Pants**.