

CVGS RESEARCH GROUP NOTES – 11 January 2023

by Randy Seaver

A) Upcoming CVGS Events

- 1) CVGS Education Chair Meeting – Tuesday, 17 January, 1 p.m. at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Bonita CA (4375 Bonita Rd). In-person meeting hosted by Susi Pentico; presenter is Daryl Hern on DAR Applications. No Zoom coverage.
- 2) CVGS DNA Interest Group Meeting – Wednesday, 18 January, 12 noon PST on Zoom. Hosted and moderated by Randy Seaver. Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5091668>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before event.
- 3) CVGS General Meeting – Wednesday, 25 January, 12 noon PST on Zoom. Hosted by Randy Seaver and Karen Smith. Speaker is Diana Elder on “*Research Planning for the Win: Next Steps for Breaking Down a Brick Wall.*” Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5091697>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before event.
- 4) CVGS Newsletter published and sent to Members on Sunday, 8 January. This issue was edited by Assistant Editor Pam Buchan. It is not available yet on the CVGS website.

B) Recent Genealogy News (two months worth!)

- 1) [The Family History Library Is Now the FamilySearch Library—All About the New Name.](#) Also, local Family History Centers are now FamilySearch Centers.
- 2) [USCIS \(U.S. Customs and Immigration Service\) proposes BIG fee hike.](#) Yikes!!!
- 3) [Board for Certification of Genealogists Sponsors 2023 Free Webinars.](#) There are 12 monthly webinars – register for free at [Family Tree Webinars.](#)
- 4) [FamilySearch Year in Review 2022.](#) They had a big year – RootsTech 2022, 1950 US Census, improved FamilySearch Family Tree, Added Record Collections, and Digital Book Library.
- 5) [\[MyHeritage\] Wrapping Up 2022: Year in Review.](#) They had a very big year with lots of new record collections (including 1950 US census), improvements to features, and some innovative features, including [DeepStory](#) (facial animation with a script) and [AI Time Machine](#) (you as a historical person). You can see some of my Time Machine photos at [Some of My MyHeritage AI Time Machine Images](#) and [New Themes Added to the MyHeritage AI Time Machine](#) .
- 6) *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates* television series started 3 January 2023 – on PBS Tuesday night at 8 p.m. (at least in San Diego, check your local listings). See <https://www.pbs.org/show/finding-your-roots/>.

7) 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>.

8) 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 two Six Generation Descendants Reports for 4th great-grandparents [John and Mary \(Parsons\) Richman](#), and for [John and Anne \(Angel\) Marshman](#), both of Wiltshire, to my blog; I have done 10 of these to date using the RootsMagic family tree program. These are cousin bait for genealogy and DNA – if someone Googles a name in these reports, they will find what I know about their birth, marriages, death, spouse and children. By doing this for five generations, it may help with Common Ancestors and Thrulines in AncestryDNA.

2) Highlighted my genealogy blog work in [Randy's Genealogy Activity Highlights for 2022; Top 40 Most Viewed Posts in 2022 on Genea-Musings; Randy's "Best Of" Genea-Musings Posts in 2022](#).

3) My daughter gifted me [StoryWorth](#) for Christmas. [StoryWorth](#) is a subscription site (\$99 for a year) that provides story ideas once a week, encourages you to write family stories, and share them with your family in email, with a book option (\$\$) at the end of the year. I’ve written 10 stories so far – mainly from stories I’ve told on my blog.

4) I made some Genealogy Goals for 2023 – see [Saturday Night Genealogy Fun -- What Are Your 2023 Genealogy Goals](#).

D) Group Questions and Challenges:

1) Share “What genealogy-related gifts did you receive over the holidays?” Some responses:

- * Genealogy Books – suggested were *America’s Untold Story*, *Ancestral Trails*, *Tracing your ancestors from 1066 to 1837*, *The History of Alta California*, *California Colony*
- * Genealogy Equipment - monitor
- * Photographs from relatives
- * German language and handwriting course
- * A family story book

2) "What are your genealogy goals for 2023?"

- * Work on DNA matches
- * Work on brick walls
- * Attend conferences and courses
- * Work on cemetery records

3) What topics would you like to learn about in this Research Group? Websites, record types, repositories, family trees, software, methods, etc.?

- * Tax records
- * Early GA/SC/NC records
- * Finding FamilySearch record collections
- * Employment records

If you have more ideas, please contact Randy by email.

E) Useful Genealogy Blog Posts:

- 1) [16 Places Where You Can Find Genealogy and Family History Books and 64 Genealogy Items to Collect from Your Home](#) by Kenneth Marks on [The Ancestor Hunt](#).
- 2) [Where to Find Birth Information, Where to Find Marriage Information and Where to Find Death Information](#) by Kenneth Marks on [The Ancestor Hunt](#) .
- 3) [Book Recommendation: "Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher"](#) by Drew Smith by Melissa Barker on [A Genealogist in the Archives](#).
- 4) [What are the attributes of a good genealogist?](#) by John Reid on [Anglo-Celtic Connections](#).
- 5) [Genealogy Research: A Complete Guide to the Silent Generation Years](#) on the [GenealogyBank Blog](#).
- 6) [It's Not Online? Maybe It is! Accessing Unindexed Records](#) by Linda Stufflebean on [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#).
- 7) [Tracing Our Saloon Men, Boodlers, and Prostitutes](#) by Kathleen Brandt on [A3Genealogy](#) .
- 8) [Methods to Sort Men of the Same Name: A Baker's Dozen](#) by Linda Stufflebean on [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#).
- 9) [15 Steps to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors](#) by Melissa on [Legacy Tree Genealogists](#) .
- 10) [The Irish way of death](#) by John Grenham on [John Grenham - Irish Roots](#).
- 11) [5 Underutilized Native American Research Resources](#) by Kathleen Brandt on [a3Genealogy](#) .
- 12) [40 Questions to Preserve Your Family History](#) by Denys Allen on [PA History](#).
- 13) [25 Essentials For Genealogy Research](#) by Linda Stufflebean on [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#)

For more, read Randy's Best of the Genea-Blogs series at <https://www.geneamusings.com/search/label/BestofGeneaBlogs>.