

# CVGS RESEARCH GROUP NOTES – 8 February 2023

## by Randy Seaver

### A) Upcoming CVGS Events

- 1) CVGS Education Chair Meeting – Tuesday, 21 February, 1 p.m. at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Bonita CA (4375 Bonita Rd). In-person meeting hosted by Susi Pentico. No Zoom coverage.
- 2) CVGS DNA Interest Group Meeting – Wednesday, 15 February, 12 noon PST on Zoom. Hosted and moderated by Randy Seaver. Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5150279> Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before event.
- 3) CVGS General Meeting – Wednesday, 22 February, 12 noon PST on Zoom. Hosted by Randy Seaver and Karen Smith. Speaker is Cyndi Ingle on “*Smarter Searching: Refining Search Parameters for Genealogist*” Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5150284>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before event.
- 4) CVGS Newsletter published and sent to Members on Tuesday, 7 February. This issue was edited by Assistant Editor Pam Buchan. It is not available yet on the CVGS website.

### B) Recent Genealogy News

- 1) [New Resource: World Archives Rebrands as Storied, Launches Next-Generation Family History Platform](https://storied.com/). This site was formerly World Archives, and included the digitized newspaper website NewspaperArchive. The user can create a family tree, add digital content from record collections, include friends, associates and neighbors, create a family group to share stories and photos, etc. See <https://storied.com/>.
- 2) FamilySearch has changed their homepage layout to provide more content for profiles you may be interested in. See <https://www.familysearch.org/eurona/feed/home>. Move the “Try new home page features” to the right.
- 2) *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). There are four more episodes in this series. See past episodes in <https://www.pbs.org/show/finding-your-roots/>.
- 3) Registration for RootsTech 2023 (2-4 March 2023) is open. Plan ahead!!! It will be Online (free) and In-Person (in Salt Lake City, \$98 registration) – Register at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023>. The Calendar of Topics/Speakers (in-person, live streamed, recorded) is at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/calendar>. You can create a Playlist of virtual classes you want to watch. Some speakers have handouts. There is also an Exhibitor Hall that you can access virtually.
- 4) The RootsTech 2019 to 2022 videos are online for free at the On-Demand button - <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/search>. 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) My grandson Logan is 16, a junior in high school, and had an interview assignment as part of his social studies class on the topic of “My Family’s Emigration.” He chose me to be interviewed about one of his immigrant ancestors, with ten questions. I chose his 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather, Leone Giovanni Morandi (1894-1979) who was born in Bagni di Lucca in England, came to the U.S. in 1926 and settled in Salt Lake City, and then in Petaluma, California. I wrote about it in [Rabbit Holes With Randy -- Helping My Grandson With an Immigration Interview.](#)

2) Added two Six Generation Descendants Reports for 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents [Simon Wade and Phebe Horton](#), and [Humphrey White and Sibel Kirby](#), to my blog; I have done 12 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.

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 17 stories so far in 7 weeks – mainly from stories I’ve told on my blog. I wrote about it in [Rabbit Holes With Randy - Telling Family Stories in Storyworth.](#)

### **D) Group Questions and Challenges:**

1) Reviewed my Top 20 genealogy websites – see separate report. Other suggested sites include The Family History Guide; Family Locket; Substack “Research Buzz”; University of Montreal.

2) Genealogy books mentioned included Nathan Dylan Goodwin books (fiction); Steve Robinson books (fiction); M.J. Lee books (fiction); Barbara Rae-Venter book (DNA); and one other I didn’t write down.

3) Marshall clow reviewed 120 Ancestry message conversations – 25% responded, 35% read but didn’t respond; 40% didn’t read or respond.

4) If you have more ideas for research topics, brick wall challenges, etc., please contact Randy by email.

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

- 1) **[The Easy Way to Find Deeds in PA](#)** by Denys Allen on **[PA Ancestors](#)**.
- 2) **[Genealogy and Probate Records](#)** by Kenneth Marks on **[The Ancestor Hunt](#)**.
- 3) **[Top 5 Irish Genealogy Websites](#)** by Diane Henriks on **[Know Who Wears The Genes In Your Family: Family History and Genealogy](#)**.
- 4) **[The 3 Genealogy Mistakes You Have to Tame to Improve Your Skills](#)** by Jennifer Dondero on **[The Occasional Genealogist](#)**.
- 5) **[Review Your Research, Break Down a Brick Wall](#)** by Julie Cahill Tarr on **[Genealogy in Action](#)** .
- 6) **[Elizabeth Shown Mills reveals her secret to success in genealogy](#)** by Geoff Rasmussen on **[Legacy News](#)**.
- 7) **[Cause of Death: Chilblain, Phthisis, Ship Fever or Paroxysm? What Are They?](#)** by Linda Stufflebean on **[Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#)**.
- 8) **[My Top 10 Genealogy Tips](#)** by Paul Chiddicks on **[The Chiddicks Family Tree](#)**.
- 9) **[How and Why to Create a Free FamilySearch Account and Add Yourself to the Family Tree](#)** by Alice Childs on **[AliceChilds.com](#)** .
- 10) **[Are you Googling Your Ancestors?](#)** by Gena Philibert-Ortega on **[Legacy News](#)** .

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