

CVGS RESEARCH GROUP NOTES – 12 April 2023

by Randy Seaver

A) Upcoming CVGS Events

- 1) CVGS DNA Interest Group Meeting – Wednesday, 19 April, 12 noon PDT on Zoom. Hosted and moderated by Randy Seaver. Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5236501>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before the event.
- 2) CVGS Education Chair Meeting – Tuesday, 18 April, 1 p.m. PDT at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Bonita CA (4375 Bonita Rd). In-person meeting hosted by Susi Pentico. The topic is “**Migration Routes Used Early in Tennessee and Surrounding Areas.**” No Zoom coverage.
- 3) CVGS General Meeting – Wednesday, 26 April, 12 noon PDT on Zoom. Hosted by Karen Smith. Speaker is Lisa Louise Cooke on “**The Genealogist’s Google Search Methodology.**” Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5236505>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before the event.
- 4) CVGS Special Meeting – Wednesday, 10 May, 12 noon PDT on Zoom. Hosted by Karen Smith. Speaker is Mark Olsen on “**Introduction to Family Tree Maker.**” Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5241745>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before the event.
- 4) CVGS Newsletter published and sent to Members via email on Sunday, 9 April. It is not available yet on the CVGS website.

B) Recent Genealogy News

- 1) [MyHeritage CEO Gilad Japhet's Address at RootsTech 2023](#) is available on YouTube.
- 2) [Family Tree Webinars 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon is 13-14 April 2023.](#)
- 3) [Chris Paton's new book "Tracing Your Belfast Ancestors" was published.](#)
- 4) [Anne Hanson’s new book "Buried Secrets, Looking For Frank and Ida" was published.](#)
- 5) [New Irish Genealogy Resources 2011-2023 ebook published,](#) authored by Claire Santry. \$9.99 payable by PayPal to the author.
- 6) The RootsTech 2019 to 2023 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.
- 7) Ancestry Has 1,202 FREE Index Collections – see <https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/freeindexacom/>.

C) Randy's Work

1) [Randy's Genealogy Links Page](#) -- Randy Seaver's genealogy blog, Genea-Musings, has a page with links and information about beginning genealogy tutorials and guides, online data portals, genealogy societies, commercial genealogy research services, vital records, town, county and state records, census records, military records, immigration and naturalization records, cemetery records, probate records, land records, historical newspapers, surname and locality books, maps, online family trees, state and national archives and repositories, map collections, general reference sites, FamilySearch links, and much more.

D) Group Questions and Challenges:

1) CVGS Member Sam Seat presented his research on the topic of "Who Is Millicent?" He presented the DNA portion of the study last month in the DNA Interest Group.

In his presentation, Sam outlined what he knew about Millicent, who was likely enslaved in 1845-1865 in Hardin County, Tennessee. She had 11 children, perhaps by one man named Eli Cherry. He tried to find her parents from available records but there are only hints from the DNA matches and from fairly sparse records.

2) If you have ideas for research topics, brick wall challenges, etc., please contact Randy by email (randy.seaver@gmail.com).

E) Useful Genealogy Blog Posts:

1) [Ancestry 2023 Updates: New Genealogy and DNA Tools and Features](#) by Diane Henriks on [Know Who Wears the Genes in Your Family](#).

2) [Old And New Tools At MyHeritage](#) by Ellen Thompson-Jennings on [Hound on the Hunt](#).

3) [24 Reasons to Research Institutional Records and Where to Find Them](#) by Kenneth Marks on [The Ancestor Hunt](#).

4) [Genealogy Information in City Directories](#) by Kenneth Marks on [The Ancestor Hunt](#).

5) [The real limitations of Artificial Intelligence: Incomplete, Inaccurate, Misleading, and Flat Out Wrong](#) and [Despite Limitations Artificial Intelligence Will Benefit Genealogy](#) by James Tanner on [Genealogy's Star](#).

6) [RootsTech 2023 Summary from FamilySearch](#)

7) [8 Things a Genealogist Should Carry at All Times](#) by Daniella on [MyHeritage Blog](#).

8) [Awaiting the widow's thirds](#) by Judy G. Russell on [The Legal Genealogist](#).

9) [Mail Call! What Post Office Records Can Tell Us About Our Ancestors, Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) by Linda Stufflebean on [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#).

10) [DNA Explain Blog to be Preserved for Future Generations in the Library of Congress](#) by Roberta Estes on [DNAExplained - Genetic Genealogy](#).

11) [Three Resource Wikis for Genealogy](#) by Gena Philibert-Ortega on [Legacy News](#).

12) [REVIEW: Generation by Generation: A Modern Approach to the Basics of Genealogy](#) by Thomas MacEntee on [Genealogy Bargain\\$](#).

13) [Canadian 1931 Census to Be Released on June 1st 2023](#) by Chris Paton on Scottish GENES

- 14) [20 Best Genealogy, DNA, and Family History Apps for 2023](#) by Thomas MacEntee on [Genealogy Bargain\\$](#).
- 15) [Trail Resources](#) by Marcia Philbrick on [Heartland Genealogy](#).
- 16) [Does Your Genealogy Have A Future?](#) by Ellen Thompson-Jennings on [Hound on the Hunt](#).
- 17) [Ancestry's New Tree Edit History Feature and Tool Icons](#) by Diane Henriks on [Know Who Wears the Genes in the Family](#).
- 18) [How to Access Ancestry's 1,202 Free Collections](#) by Kenneth Marks on [The Ancestor Hunt](#).

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