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THIS MONTH – November 18, 2014
“Case Study: Genealogy of Renee Kaufman”
Presented by: Stephen Morse



This lecture presents a case study using the One-Step Webpages as well as other websites to develop a family history. It illustrates how, with a minimal amount of initial information, an entire genealogy can be obtained. It also shows how to obtain records in spite of name misspellings, and how to avoid accepting wrong information.

Stephen Morse is the creator of the One-Step Website for which he's received both the Lifetime Achievement and the Outstanding Contribution Award from the IAJGS, Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society, first-ever Excellence Award from the Association of Professional Genealogists, and two awards that he cannot pronounce from Polish genealogical societies.

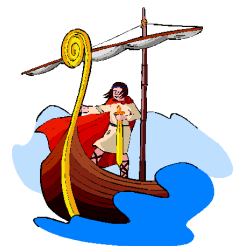
Morse is a computer professional with a doctorate in electrical engineering. He's held various research, development, and teaching positions, authored numerous technical papers, written four textbooks, and holds four patents. He's best known as the architect of the Intel 8086, which sparked the PC revolution 30 years ago.



From the October Meeting

"Scandinavian Research"

Speaker: Cat Nielsen Reporter: Russell Erickson



Ms Nielsen has her BA in geology and MBA in marketing, with a project management certificate as well as being very involved with genealogy.

Her handout includes internet sites for Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, and sites pertaining to

them in the USA. Handouts were also emailed to the membership. The Danish and Norwegian sites have free information and the Swedish archives (SVAR) are available for a fee. One should also search Family Search Wiki which has a section on each country with articles plus training on how ►

to read the old alphabets. Also use Wikipedia and Scandinavian-English dictionaries. Google translation can be helpful on words; not so much for idioms and paragraph structures. At UC Berkeley, there are PhD students in Scandinavian languages who can be hired to translate found documents.

Cat suggests starting with family lore, then to homeland stories if any, then seeking leaving, crossing, and arriving data. Seek family documents, vital records, passports, and naturalization documents. Check maps and create a timeline, working backward. Look for ethnic groups (Sons of Norway, Vasa Order of America (Swede), and Danish Brother and Sisterhood) and FIND THE PARISHES where ancestors began. Parish records are invaluable in Scandinavian research. Seek ethnic newspapers in the USA, with 3 Danish newspapers from 1890 found in Elkhorn, Iowa. If found, check the original town histories.

Note that Scandinavian alphabets have 3 extra vowels, found at the alphabet end. Naming up to the 20th century was by Patronymics (Cat stated Denmark and Norway stopped in 1856, but it carried on for many families). -sen (Denmark/Norway), -son or -sson (Sweden) were added to the father's first name for sons, and -datter (D/N) ordotter (S) for daughters. People could also use army or navy names given during conscription in the armed forces. (Some also took farm names to differentiate themselves if there were too many Olssons, etc. in the area.) Use of too few names in these countries adds to confusion as well as people often changing names.

Land regions break down into county (awt-D/N, Lan-S); hundredshire (Herred (D/N and Harad or hundere-S); parish (sogn-D/N and Socken or Kyrkba-S). Also Kobsted (D/N) for market town and Landsogn for country parish.

The Danish emigration database includes "leaving country" report to police and name of ship (often "inderekte" or indirect, meaning leaving via Liverpool or Cherbourg). The Norwegian emigration documents are all transcribed, but likely much is yet to be done. Records in Scandinavia are in the Lutheran churches, even for non-Lutherans. F-birth, K-confirmation, V-marriage, D-death, T-arrived (in the parish), and A-left (the parish), plus vaccination records. (A is afgangslis-

ter, etc). The Folkbetalang or census gives birth, place, employer, when arrived, and where from. Work might be included, with people working from age 15 prior to 1900, and often after. ■



President's Message

By Russ Erickson

Seven to ten of our SRVGS friends, with members of LAGS, Contra Costa, Mt Diablo, Sonoma genealogy societies and many non-society members attended the Concord FHC seminar in October. There were nearly 60 classes spread among 6 periods of 45 minutes each. Several sessions were given on finding elusive ancestors, such as *finding the hard ones*, *finding maiden names*, *men you cannot find*, *breaking brick walls* (everyone seems to love that phrase), and *Native Americans*. I sat in on the last, not that I have any such ancestors (mine being all Scandinavian, Irish, and German) but simply due to a desire to learn new genealogical items. The topic seemed to fit as I just finished histories of Red Cloud--Sioux and Osceola--Seminole. Taffy Coutts provided a number of source possibilities and noted legal costs now can run into the thousands to prove a tribal connection due to possible income from the hundreds of tribal casinos across the USA and availability of grants and scholarships for Native Americans!

Other seminar topics included internet site usage, research in foreign countries such as Latin America, Wales, Germany, Russia, Ireland and Texas. The use of city directories, courthouse, church and tax documents were summarized. Aspects of publishing your genealogical work were covered in several lectures. Jan Sideway (*Capture the picture*) noted two free internet sites for downloads--*Irfanview* and *Capture for Mac* that allow the adept to download pictures, census sheets, etc in pictorial form to enhance your genealogical work. If you have not been to an October FHC seminar, enjoy one next year. ■





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SRVGS CALENDAR

November 2014

- 4 **Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board was held at the home of Frances Lloyd in Danville.
- 18 **Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo. From the I-680 Freeway, take Stone Valley Road east 2 1/2 miles.

December 2014

Our Society will not hold a general meeting during the month of December. Enjoy the Holiday season and look forward to meeting again in January, 2015. The next Board meeting is to be held on Tuesday January 6, 2015.

SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

NOTE: For San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society Special Interest Group contact information and schedules, you may also visit the web site at <http://srvgensoc.org/sig.htm>



ANCESTRY/FAMILY TREE MAKER – This group focuses on how Family Tree Maker interacts with Ancestry.com. This group will have met **Monday November 3rd (the first Monday) at 1:15 pm at the Danville Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Road. Please note the starting time of 1:15 pm on the regular first Monday.** Susan Rush is the coordinator for this group.



IRISH - This special interest group will meet **Wednesday November 12th (the second Wednesday) at 10:00 am, at the home of**

Russ and Patty Erickson in Pleasant Hill. Patty Erickson is the contact person for this group.



FAMILY SEARCH/ FAMILY TREE - This Special Interest Group will meet **Monday November 17th (the third Monday) at 1:15 pm at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road. Please note that this group is meeting one week later than usual.** Bill George is the coordinator and contact person for this group.



GERMAN – The German Group will meet **Wednesday November 19th at 10:00 am., at the home of Helen Odegard. Note that this group is meeting one week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving.** The coordinator for this group is Helen Odegard. Please contact Helen if you plan to join the group.



PUBLISHING – The publishing group will meet **Thursday November 20th at 10:00 am at the home of Frances Lloyd** in Danville. This informal Group invites you to monthly **third Thursday** meetings. Members will offer advice, encouragement, suggestions and guide you to publishing sources as you develop your book, big or small. Members share their writings as their progress to a finished project. Society members interested in joining should let Francie, the group coordinator, know that they plan to attend.



LEGACY SOFTWARE – This is a **genealogy software users** group. This group will meet **Monday November 24th from 1:15-to 3 pm at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road in Alamo.** If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Sharon Clay, the group coordinator. ■

NOTICE:

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CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

- 10 November Monday 7:30 pm** The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will hold one of its regular meetings at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. Susan Goss Johnston will Uncover Stories in Letters of Condolence. The web address for the society is: <http://www.l-ags.org>
- 13 November Thursday 7 pm** The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will hold one of their regular meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the LDS Building, 1360 Alberta Way in Concord. Ralph Severson of the Oakland Family History Research Center will speak about FamilySearch WIKI.
- 18 November Tuesday 6:15 pm** The Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical society will hold one of its regular meetings in the Cedar Room of the Santa Clara Central Park library, 2635 Homestead Road in Santa Clara. Ray Albin, author of "*Wealth, Land and Slaveholding in Mississippi ...*" will be the guest speaker. His book tells the story of a family whose story begins in Virginia, then Tennessee and moves to Mississippi. The story includes an important court case involving the family during the California Gold Rush. Visit www.scchgs.org for further information.
- 21 November Friday 1:30 pm** The Mount Diablo Genealogical Society will hold one of its regular meetings at the Creekside Clubhouse meeting room #3 in Rossmore. They meet on the third Friday of each month. Steve Morse will Present "*A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools*".

Notice: The results of our membership survey taken in September, have been posted. Click the link from our home page on the web at: www.srvgensoc.org.

Announcing the Annual SRVGS Holiday Cookie Exchange!

December is cookie time! Come join in the fun of a relaxing morning of genealogy conversation. Bring a batch, or two, of your favorite cookies - some to be shared and some so that everyone has cookies to take home. We will also have soup, veggies, coffee, and tea. If baking is not your thing - Oreos are mighty good. **Tuesday, 2 Dec 2014, 10 - noon**, at the home of Francie Lloyd in Danville - see your SRVGS Handbook for the address and contact information.

EDUCATION

By: *Kathy Javdani*

November definitely is a month for sharing and learning more family history.



The California Genealogical Society (CGS) www.CaliforniaAncestors.org starts the first Saturday of each month with its

- **Introduction to Genealogy** class from 1-3. This month the class will meet on Sat., Nov. 1st and next month on Sat., Dec. 6th. Please register on line.
- Also on Nov. 1st from 10:30 -12 Linda Okazaki will lead the **Ethnic Discussion Group: Nikkei Ancestry**. Please register on line.
- On Sat., Nov. 8th from 1 – 3 Susan Goss Johnston will present **What Became of Aaron Case? An Introduction to the F.A.N. Principle**. Register on line.
- On Nov. 15th, the **San Francisco SIG** will meet from 10 – 11:30. This SIG always meets on the third Saturday of each month.
- On Sat., Nov. 22nd from 1 – 4, Janice Sellers will present the class **Vital Records and the Calendar Act of 1752**. Register on line . ▶

For more upcoming events from Santa Cruz to Sacramento check the CGS "San Francisco Bay Area General Calendar" at: <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>



In November the Oakland Family Search Library, <https://familysearch.org> continues its fall offerings,

- On Wed., Nov. 12th, the **Mac Users Workshop** led by Bill George starts at 7 PM. The **Mac Users Group** meeting will be on Sat., Nov. 22nd from 1:30-4.
- On Wed, Nov. 5th from 6:30 – 8, Janice Sellers will present **Jewish Genealogy: Why is the Research Different from All Other Research?**

Also you can always check the Family Search website <https://familysearch.org> for tutorials, Wikis, discussion forums, and Webinars.

Enjoy learning from home:



The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) www.scsgenealogy.com continues to offer free Webinars. Register in advance on line. This month it will be presenting :

- Sat., Nov. 8th from 10-11 **Historical Newspaper Research for Genealogists** by Pamela Weisberger
- Wed., Nov. 19th from 6 – 7 **The WW I Draft Card: Don't Do Research Without It** by Tim Pinnick.
- Sat., Dec. 6th from 10 -11 **Bundling, Banns, and Bonds: Love and Marriage in Early America** by Billie Fогarty

There are also free genealogy presentations and PDF notes for researching information at NARA on the SCGS website under Webinars www.scsgenealogy.com/weinar/overview.html



The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) www.Americanancestors.org has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for both guest users and NEHGS members. It contains subject guides on a variety ►

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Deadline to put information in the Newsletter is the Last Thursday of the month.

Members are encourage to submit articles for the Newsletter by mail or email to the Coordinator.

INDIVIDUAL HELP

Do you need individual help in overcoming a "brick wall" in your research? Go to the SRVGS web site at: <http://srvgensoc.org/>, click on RESOURCES, then click on INDIVIDUAL HELP FOR SRVGS MEMBERS.

of genealogical topics, informative videos, Webinars, online courses, and more. If you have questions or feedback, contact Online Education Coordinator Ginevra Morse at gmorse@nehgs.org. [EDUCATION](#)

Free Webinar - Tues., Nov.18th 3 p.m. EDT (12 p.m. PDT) **Sharing Your Family History: Ideas from NEHGS** by Penny Stratton, Publishing Director

With the holidays approaching, you may be thinking of ways to share your genealogical findings with your family. Join publishing expert Penny Stratton as she provides tips for organizing materials for a variety of formats, including home-produced documents, photobooks, Register-style publications, and simple online presentations. She'll include examples from our library and archives. Register today! Unable to attend the live broadcast? A recording of the event will be posted to their website the following day.



From an article by Gena Philibert-Ortega here are some Webinars and lec-

tures that are online:

- Legacy Family Tree Webinars: <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>
- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <http://extremegenes.com/>
- RootsTech 2014: Featured Lectures Online <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/rootstech-2014-video-presentations-online/>
- Genealogy Boot Camp http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/community/en/community/thomas%20jay%20kemp/genealogy_boot_camp/player.htm

Save the Date:

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Jan. 12th-16th at the Salt Lake Hilton. Register at <http://www.ugagenealogy.org/aem.php?lv=r&eid=12>

HappyThanksgiving! ■

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