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THIS MONTH – October 20, 2015

“Using One Note or Evernote in Genealogy Research”

Presented by: Cheryl Tier



Cheryl will be sharing a myriad of ways to use Microsoft OneNote to organize and enhance your life while saving paper and printer ink. You will learn how easy it is to plan a vacation, do Family History, capture material from the Internet and find it once you have it stored. Join us for an opportunity to discover this amazing tool that will truly enhance your life.

Cheryl Teare is a native of the Bay Area growing up in Albany, California. She graduated from Albany High School and attended the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City majoring in business. In 1990 she began her own business in sales and in 2003 added another business called *Cheryl's Shoppe* selling organizational tools. In 2011, she began a blog called www.cherylmakesiteasy.com as a way of sharing tools and ideas to simplify your life and is currently working on a Podcast called Smart Cookies which should be released before Christmas. Cheryl is married to Jim Teare and they reside in San Ramon. They have 9 children between them and 34 grandchildren.



From the September Meeting

“Beginning DNA Genealogy Research”

Presented by: Katherine Hope Borges

Reporter: Russ Erickson



Mrs. Borges is an originator of ISOGG-International Society of Genetic Genealogy. 23 and Me, Ancestry, and Family Tree are the 3 main sources for doing Ancestral study DNA at present. DNA can indicate ancestral paths and origins. Ancestry.com has no “chromosomal browser”, but one can go to Genmatch to get around this problem. (Ancestry worries about use of its DNA results for medical purposes). From 23 and Me results, one can go to “Prometheus” for \$5

and look at medical aspects of your result. The chromosome browser shows matching lengths of DNA segments with other people and helps obtain matches with others with a same name by viewing data in a table. DNA SNPS (single nucleotide polymorphisms) of 7 or more “centimorgans” are best for DNA study.

Types of DNA tests include Y DNA (paternal line), Mitochondrial (Mt) (maternal), ►

and autosomal, the latest with data from both parents. One can go back in time and recover DNA from ancestors using hair clips or even licked stamps (saliva remnant), but at higher cost now. Y DNA is of little use other than to compare males with the same last name. Autosomal can indicate a path back 5 generations, but occasionally even back to the 1600s. DNA can indicate family backgrounds with Haplogroups indigenous to several regions; with European, South Asian, China, Africa, mid-East, and Native American elements. Mt is difficult to use for recent generations.

DNA study can be used for some Lineage societies such as Mayflower. In 2007 DAR would not accept it, then in 2014 would with a 37 segment match (now considered a basic need). Some markers are less important than others, as some degrade or change with generations. DNA corroborates, but is not definitive proof usually. (A few exceptions, such as Samuel Fuller of the Mayflower group who developed a traceable DNA SNP change).

One has to know some history. For instance, members of any Scots clan need not be related even with a similar last name, as many joined a clan for protection in the warring years. (Side note--USA politicians often get a free DNA study; for instance, Michelle Obama, the first Lady has partial Irish DNA).

A law in 2008, SB559 on genetic information, bars use of DNA results to deny medical insurance or employment.

Useful books on DNA use: Megan Smolenskaya--"Who Do You Think You Are", Richard Hill--"Finding Family", Edward Willett--"Genetics Demystified". Also consult <www.isogg.org> ■

WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

Let's all extend a warm Welcome
to our newest member

Pamela Guida Thiede

Please look for Pamela at our meetings and
welcome her to our Society.



President's Message

By Ted Shapas

October is Family History Month, and so of course the Internet is full of ideas on how to enjoy it. Here are three that resonated with me; a Google Search will turn up lots more!

- From *About Parenting*: **Get the Next Generation Involved** Most children will learn to appreciate their family history if you turn it into a detective game. Start your children or grandchildren on a lifelong journey of discovery by introducing them to genealogy. <http://genealogy.about.com/od/children/a/detective.htm>
- From *FamilySearch*: **Call a relative you haven't heard from in a long time and reestablish those family connections**—Most calling plans allow you to call anywhere in the United States and talk as long as you want for no additional cost. So, you can't use the excuse that it's too expensive to call Aunt Fern in Sheboygan. Take a minute and think about a family member you haven't spoken with in a while and give them a jingle. It's time to renew those bonds!
- A delicious suggestion from *Family Tree Magazine*: **Collect important family recipes**; invite relatives over to prepare and share them. Or, assemble a cookbook and distribute as holiday gifts. <http://familytreemagazine.com/article/Feasting-on-Family-History>

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered for the open jobs that were mentioned at our last general meeting: **Garl Satterthwaite** will help with the A/V equipment; **Mary Tom and Sally Germain Goldner** will distribute our newsletter after January 1st; **Bob Thompson** will help with membership; and **Gladys Warr** will work with **Russ and Patty Erickson** for the October meeting refreshments.

Just like any non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of volunteers like these ►

(and many others!) to keep our programs humming. When I think about our great volunteers, I'm reminded of this quote: "*We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give*". — Winston Churchill. PS: We still need someone to take speaker notes for our newsletter, and some-one(s) to round up refreshments for our November meeting. ■



October 2015

- 6 **Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board was held at the home of Frances Lloyd.
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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>. Please **note** some activities take place early in the month, before our newsletter is issued. Be sure to check with the SIG coordinator if you have a particular interest.



ANCESTRY/FAMILY TREE MAKER – This group focuses on how Family Tree Maker interacts ►

with Ancestry.com. The October meeting will have been held on **October 5th (the 1st Monday) at 1:15 pm at the Danville Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Road.** November 2nd will be the first Monday in November. Susan Rush is the coordinator for this group.



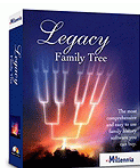
FAMILYSEARCH/ FAMILY TREE - This Special Interest Group will meet **Monday, October 12th** (the second Monday) at 1:15 pm at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road. The topic for the meeting will be; *Uploading Photos to FamilySearch*. This group learns step by step procedures for using the many features of Family Tree on the FamilySearch web site. Bill George is the coordinator and contact person for this group



IRISH - This special interest group will meet **Wednesday, October 14th** and November 11th (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.



PUBLISHING – The publishing group will meet **Thursday, October 15th (the third Thursday) at 10:00 am at the home of Frances Lloyd** in Danville. This informal Group invites you to monthly **third Thursday** meetings. Members share advice, encouragement, and suggestions to preserve their genealogy project, big or small. Members share their projects as they progress to a hoped for completion. 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 is scheduled to meet **Monday, October 26th (the fourth Monday) from 1:15 to 3 pm at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road** in Alamo. They work on "tailor made items" at their meetings as members ask for problem solving issues. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Sharon Clay, the group coordinator at: sharonclay@comcast.net, ►



GERMAN – The German Group will meet **Wednesday, October 28th** (the fourth Wednesday) at **11:00 am., at the home of Carol**

Huvane. This group will have their annual **Oktoberfest in October this year.** If you do not already know what to bring, contact Helen Odegard. The coordinator for this group is Helen Odegard. Please contact Helen if you plan to join the group.

CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

- 8 October Thursday 7 pm** The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society holds their regular meetings on the second Thursday at the LDS Building, 1360 Alberta Way in Concord. Bill Leveque will speak about *“Time Shakers: Putting your Family into Historical Context.”* Bill Levesque is the President of TimeShaker, a company devoted to helping people and organizations capture their past. He works with museums, schools and genealogy groups.
- 12 October Monday 7:30 pm** The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will hold one of its regular meetings on the second Monday at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. Joy Cohn and Tom Matthews will speak about *“Witches; Genealogical Aftermath of Salem Witch Trials.”* You may also go to; <http://www.l-ags.org> for further society information.
- 16 October Friday 1:30 pm** The Mount Diablo Genealogical Society will hold one of its regular meetings at the Creekside Clubhouse meeting room #3 in Rossmoor. They meet on the third Friday of each month. The featured speaker will be genealogy lecturer Susan Goss Johnston, whose talk is entitled *Seeking City Slickers in Lesser-Known Records.*
- 17 October Saturday 8:30 am to 4 pm** An all-day seminar will be held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive in Pleasant Hill, The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will be ►

sponsoring an all-day Fall Fling seminar. The theme is: *Back to the Future: Bring Back the Past with tools from the 21st Century.* There will be 2 speakers, Kathryn Marshall and Jim Baker. Gladys Warr is the seminar coordinator. Go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caccggs/ccggs/events.htm> for more information and the registration form.

- 7 November Saturday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.** An all-day Family History Seminar with over 30 classes will be held at the Sacramento Regional Family Search Library, 2745 Eastern Avenue in Sacramento. For details of classes, on-line registration and free syllabus, go to sacfamilysearchlibrary.org The keynote speaker will be: Bryan Austad, Director of User Experience and Research at familysearch.org.

- 7 November Saturday 9 am to 3 pm** The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will hold a fall seminar about DNA. It will be held at the Menlo Park LDS Church, 1105 Valparaiso Street in Menlo Park. The featured speaker will be Angie Bush, Genetic Genealogist, MS (Biotechnology), BS (Molecular Biology). There will be a program of four lectures:

- Y-DNA & mtDNA Testing
- Understanding Autosomal DNA
- Using mtDNA for Genealogical & Adoption Research
- DNA and the Genealogical Proof Standard.

For more information and registration details, go to: <http://www.smcgs.org/programs/seminars> ■

"Remember me in the family tree. My name, my days, my strife; Then I'll ride upon the wings of time and live an endless life." ~ Linda Goetsch

EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

Welcome to October – Family History Month. It's a month full of learning opportunities.



The California Genealogical Society (CGS) www.CaliforniaAncestors.org is providing free access to the CGS Library to non-members throughout the month. It also is providing a wide variety of learning sessions.

- Beginning on Thurs., Oct 1st from 11:30 -1:30 and continuing every Thursday through the month, the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, there will be a **Family History Informal Lunch and Learn Discussion** with an opportunity to meet and share with other researchers. Register online.
- On Sat., Oct. 3rd the **Introduction to Genealogy** class will be held from 1-3. Another session will meet on Sat. Nov. 7th from 1-3. Register online.
- On Sat., Oct. 17th, the **San Francisco SIG** will meet from 10 – 11:30. Register online.
- Also on Sat, Oct. 17th the new **Family Tree Maker SIG** will meet from 1-3. Register online.
- Beginning on Wed., Oct. 21st from 1-2:30 and continuing every Wednesday for three more sessions, the 28th, Nov. 4th, and Nov. 11th, CGS in cooperation with Oakland Family Search will present the **Beginning Genealogy Series** at the Oakland Family Search Library. Register online.
- Beginning on Sat., Oct. 24th from 10:30 – 12:00 and continuing every Saturday for three more sessions, the 31st, Nov. 7th, and Nov. 14th, CGS will present the **Beginning Genealogy Series** at CGS. Register online. ►

- On Sat., Oct. 24th from 1 – 3 Susan Goss Johnston will present **Introduction to State and Federal Land Records**. Register online.

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



In October the Oakland Family Search Library, <https://familysearch.org>, has a variety of offerings. Note: there is occasionally a small fee to cover the cost of hand-outs for these sessions. Pre-registration is required because classes may be cancelled if there is insufficient enrollment. Pre-register at 510-531-3905 or at fhcakland@gmail.com.

- On Sun., Oct. 4th, from 3-5 Zack Wilske will present **Beyond Passenger Lists: Documenting 20th Century Immigrant Lives**.
- On Sun., Oct. 18th Robinn Magid will present **Jewish Records Indexing: Go for the Record**. The session will include possible leads for Poland, Galicia/Ukraine, Belaurus and Lithuania.
- On Wed., Oct. 21st, at 6:30 Janice Sellers will present **Online Resources for Jewish Genealogy**.

Enjoy learning from home?

You can check the FamilySearch website <https://familysearch.org> for tutorials, wikis, discussion forums, and webinars.



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

- On Sat., Oct. 3rd from 10-11 Eric Siess will present **Ten Steps to Better Genealogy**.
- On Wed., Oct., 21st from 6-7 Jean Wilcox Hibben will present **The Devil is** ►

in the Details: Overlooking Minutiae can Create Lineage Limbo.

- On Sat., Nov., 7th, from 10 – 11 Cyndi Ingle will present **Building a Digital Research Plan**.

SCGS also offers the following webinars at their website for free to the public.

- “*National Archives Website Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides*” by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- “*Military Records at the National Archives*” by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- “*How to Get the Most Out of a Genealogy Conference*” by George Morgan.



The Illinois State Genealogical Society (ilgensoc.org) continues its webinar series. The initial presentation of each webinar is free to the public.

- On Tues., Oct. 13th, at 8 pm Central, Steve Szabados will present Polish Genealogy. To register go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8211336816720900865>



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

- Tues., Oct. 20th at 12 PST Christopher Carter will present *Advanced Searching on American Ancestors.org*. This presentation will also include a review of basics for searching. Register online at <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/watch> ►

Unable to attend the live broadcast? A recording of the event will be posted to the NEHGS website the following day.



Ancestry.com has recently launched FREE courses at the Ancestry Academy. More than a half a dozen courses are FREE, while others require a subscription.

- You can READ about it at <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy>
- And at <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy/courses>
- Also at <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy/courses/skills>



From an article by Gena Philibert-Ortega here are some other webinars and lectures that are online:

- Legacy Family Tree Webinars <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>
- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <http://extremegenes.com/>
- The Genealogy Guys Podcast <http://genealogyguys.com/>
- Genealogy Boot Camp http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/community/en/community/thomas%20jay%20kemp/genealogy_boot_camp/player.htm

Save the Date:

- Oct. 4th – 11th the California Genealogical Society’s trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN led by Jeffrey Valliant. For further information and to register, consult the CGS website.
- Oct. 10th from 9 -4, the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org will present *Family Discovery Day*.
- Oct. 17th from 9-4, the Fresno County Genealogical Society will have its 12th Annual Genealogy Seminar in Clovis featuring Lisa Louise Cooke. ►

Register online at roots-web.ancestry.com/-cafcs or phone 559-600-6230

- On Oct. 21st and Oct. 22nd the National Archives will post its 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair. Go to www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/2015/schedule-handouts.html for further details.
- On Nov. 7th from 9 to 3 the San Mateo County Genealogical Society will present the Fall 2015 Seminar: **Digging into DNA** with Angie Bush at the Menlo Park LDS Church at 1105 Valparaiso. Go to SMCGS.org/programs/seminars
- On Nov. 7th from 8:30 – 2:15 the **2015 Seminar** with a variety of classes will be held at the LDS Church at 2745 Eastern Ave., Sacramento. Go to sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/seminar-2015.html

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SRVGS is Trying Out a Facebook Page

By: Bill George

SRVGS has set up a new public Facebook page dedicated to our Society. It's at <http://facebook.com/srvgensoc>. From your responses over half of you use Facebook, so please check it out and possibly 'Like' the page. When you 'Like' the page, posts to it will appear on your Facebook feed. We will post a small number of announcements and genealogy tips, reflecting what's going on in the Society. You're encouraged to comment on anything that's posted or to post something yourself. The idea is that people will learn from what you write. Tips from experience are always appreciated. If you don't care to 'Like' the page, which is like 'Friending' someone on Facebook, you won't receive the posts. You can just go to the Facebook page any time you like, and see what has been posted.

At the October 20 SRVGS meeting, the Mini-Ed topic will be our new Facebook Page and how to use Facebook to do genealogy related searches. williamcgeorge@gmail.com ■

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

Members are encouraged 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.

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Monday: 1:00pm - 4:00pm**Tuesday:** 7:00pm - 9:00pm**Wednesday:** 10:00am - 4:00pm

and 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Closed on Holidays and the month of August

FHC Director:**Taressa Earl** jntaress@hotmail.com**Subscription Sites Available For Free at FHC:**

- Ancestry.com
- Fold3.com
- Heritage Quest
- MyHeritage.com
- Origins.net
- Proquest Obituary Listings
- Godfrey Memorial Lib.
- Newspaper Archive
- World Vital Records
- Findmypast (UK)

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