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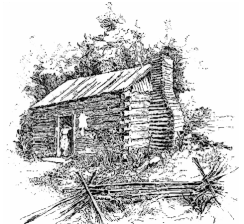
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**THIS MONTH – November 21, 2017**

**"The Old Northwest Territory "**

**Presented by: Pamela Dallas**



The creation of the northwest territory eventually defined and created the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and a portion of Minnesota. And through the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, laws and practices were established that would help create and govern the entire country. Every state, those already in existence and those created after the northwest territory were shaped by the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

Pamela has enjoyed conducting personal and client research for more than 25 years using a wide variety of repositories and record sources. She has presented genealogy lectures at national conferences and one day seminars as well as local society meetings. Pamela's genealogical focus is Midwest research, methodology and unique record sources. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society, Genealogical Speaker's Guild, and the Association of Professional Genealogists. ■

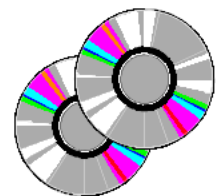


**From the October Meeting**

**"Workshop: Making a  
Family Research Video"**

**Presented by: Dr. Jan M. Ahrens**

**Reported By: Russ Erickson**



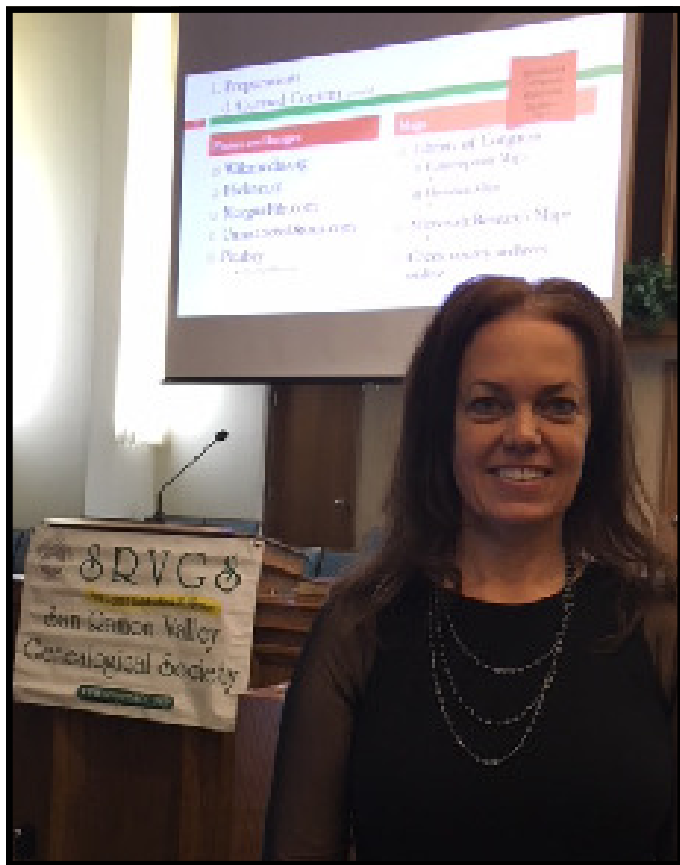
Make family history and genealogy palatable for non-genealogists. One can spotlight the most interesting ancestors, include documents and pictures in a video and include family members, grandparents, etc., using audio, with music intros.

Apple has thousands of non-copyright free

music. *imovie* is also useful. You can concentrate on military, immigration, a country or part of the world, family lore proofs, occupations, and special history events. You could also plan a video around family heirlooms.

Dr. Ahrens's average video is 10 to 12 minutes, and ranges from 6 to 20 maximum ►

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(Photo by: Nancy Alexander)

**Dr. Jan M. Ahrens**

for keeping attention of the audience.

A digital book can be made, with hot links to brief videos. Our genealogy should go out to the world as books or videos to preserve all our work. Using grandchildren as speakers engages them in family history interest. Determine your topic as noted above; consider period music for transitions. Identify your audience--is it relevant for them? Writing out your video can reveal areas needing work. Use data you already have; doing new research will take time and detour you. Use family tree, documents, pictures, maps, keepsakes, etc. You can use Google images, curated historical events, pictures of historical houses, ships, ethnicity, etc. For immigration patterns, include reasons, disasters, pictures of early villages from the internet.

Always consider COPYRIGHTS! Look for public domain, copyright free, usage rights, or labeled for re-use .

Check Wikipedia.org, Flickr.com, Morguefile.com, Pixabay, Unrestricted stock.com. ►

Hearthstone-bio histories, Hatthi trust, etc.

File your visual elements in a video dedicated folder, and number each item going into the video. In writing your script, include an introduction and conclusion. Identify items you have that might make it more interesting. Highlight interesting facts.

Use visual software, either Mac or PC. Use transitions between images and cue to changing subjects. Crop images, use zoom, include fun elements and family member voices. Recreate old photos with current family members in outfits and poses. Scripts can be recorded in one sitting or in small pieces (it is easier to change and manipulate). Music intros and outros help. Add sound effects where appropriate. Edit as needed.

You can upload videos to You Tube, Google Drive, and Family Search. Check Audacity (<http://www.audacityteam.org/>) for free software. For PC, GoPro, MovieMaker. On line, there is You Tube Video Editor, and other pay versions.

Do videos in an area without background noise! You need quiet. Set a time goal to do your first.

[Editor's Note: You can download Jan's complete presentation from our website at: <http://srvgensoc.org/resources/handouts.html>] ■

## Reminder – Intro to Genealogy “Bag Lunch” Session Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017.

The next session of our popular *Intro to Genealogy* series will be held after the general meeting at the Danville Family History Center. During this session we will review previous topics, answer questions and discuss the next step to organized research. Bring any family information and questions. Assistance will also be available to help with the History Center Library if needed.

Anyone (members, friends, family) interested in genealogy is welcome to attend these free sessions. So bring your bag lunch, stay after the general meeting and pick-up some tips to aid in your genealogy research. ■



## President's Message

By Ted Shapas



Thanks go out to the SRVGS team for setting up and manning several tables at the recent Family History Discovery Day in Danville. I'm probably missing some names, but the list of volunteers includes **Gay Scott, Bill**

**& Diane George, Sande Burns, Steve Watty, Carol & Garl Satterwaite, Judy Gustafson, and Russ and Patty Erickson.** You will find photographs of the event in our Photo Album at: [http://srvgensoc.org/photo\\_album/discovery\\_day\\_2017.html](http://srvgensoc.org/photo_album/discovery_day_2017.html)

The event was well organized and attended, and with a wide array of genealogy-related subjects addressed through talks and displays. Kudos for pulling this together to our Family History Center friends, **Teresa Coons and Chris Engstrom!**

We have two volunteer opportunities for those wishing to help our Society. Our Program Committee is looking for one more person to work on our monthly programs. As **Wayne Mortensen** often says, being part of this committee is a great way to interact with outstanding, local genealogy talents. Please see Wayne or **Karen Olynger** for more information. A very important feature of our monthly meetings is our audio-visual system. **Bob Venter** has been keeping this on track for a good long time, but is deservedly looking for a replacement. If you have A/V technology skills, or want to learn some - please see Bob for details. And speaking of volunteers, many thanks to **Alice Ganley** for becoming our new Recording Secretary!

For those of you who frequent the Heritage Collection at the Pleasant Hill Library, a heads-up. This library will be closing and torn-down (date TBD) and will be rebuilt as a smaller, community library. At this time it's not clear where the Heritage Collection will go, although it's pretty clear that it won't be in Pleasant Hill. You can read more about this collection here: <http://guides.ccilib.org/genealogy/>. ■



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SRVGS CALENDAR

#### November 2017

- 7 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board meeting was held at the home of Frances Lloyd.
- 21 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo.

#### December 2017

- 5 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** There will be no Society meetings in December. In place of our Board meeting on Dec. 5, the Society will hold its annual **Christmas Cookie Exchange** at the home of Francie Lloyd. All are welcome.

### SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**NOTE:** For San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society Special Interest Group contact information refer to your Society Handbook. For schedules, visit our web site at: <http://www.srvgensoc.org/sig.html>.

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.

#### Changes to the SIG schedule this month:



German SIG meets one week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



Family Tree Maker SIG will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from now on.

**Note:** Except for the **Publishing SIG**, the Society Special Interest Groups **do not meet in December.**

## SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



**Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>** (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) **10 am – 12 pm**, at the home of Russ and Patty Erickson in Pleasant Hill. Patty Erickson is SIG Leader. You November contact Patty at [russ-pat@comcast.net](mailto:russ-pat@comcast.net).



**FamilySearch - Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) **1:15 pm – 3 pm** at the Danville Family History Center. We will cover how to upload photos and documents to your family in the FamilySearch Family Tree. **Bill George** is the SIG Leader. [william-cgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:william-cgeorge@gmail.com).



**German Research – Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>**, (one week early on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) **10 am** at the home of a member. Please contact **Helen Odegard**, SIG Leader, at [odegardsh@gmail.com](mailto:odegardsh@gmail.com) if you plan to attend the meeting.



**Publishing – Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>** (the third Thursday) **from 10 am – 12 pm**, at the home of **Francie Lloyd** in Danville. This informal Group shares 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 attending should let **Francie Lloyd**, the SIG Leader, know they plan to attend. Check the Society Handbook for Francie's contact information.



**Family Tree Maker/Ancestry – Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>** (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) **1:15 pm – 3 pm** at the Danville Family History Center. FTM 2017 has been released and everyone's curious about how it's being received. **Susan Rush** is the SIG leader. You can contact Susan at [gen4you@astound.net](mailto:gen4you@astound.net). ▶



**Legacy Family Tree – Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** (the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday) **from 1:15 pm - 3 pm**. The group discusses how the Legacy genealogy program works and is for beginners as well as experienced Legacy users. **Sharon Clay** is the SIG Leader and can be contacted at [sharonclay@comcast.net](mailto:sharonclay@comcast.net). ■

## EDUCATION

*By: Kathy Javdani*

It's November and time to celebrate and give thanks for family as we learn.



As usual, the month begins with the California Genealogical Society (CGS) [www.CaliforniaAncestors.org](http://www.CaliforniaAncestors.org) For all the following activities, register online:

- On Sat., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m., the **Intro To Genealogy** class meets.
- Later on the 4<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3 p.m., the **DNA SIG** meets.
- On Sat., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3 p.m., there will be an **Interest Meeting for Eastern European Genealogy SIG**.
- On Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> **Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War** will meet.
- On Sat., the 18<sup>th</sup> the **Family Tree Maker SIG** will meet from 1 - 3 p.m.
- December begins on Sat. the 2<sup>nd</sup> with **Intro to Genealogy** and the **DNA SIG**. Both meet at the same times as their November sessions

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



This month the Oakland Family Search Library, [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland California FamilySearch Library](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library), offers the following support :

- On Thurs., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am. - 4 p.m., Beryl and Wade Olofson will provide individual assistance on **Swedish research**. No appointment is necessary.

You can 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.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/overview.html](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/overview.html) continues to offer free webinars. Register in advance on line. This month it will be presenting:

- On Sat., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 11 a.m., Jennifer Alford will present **We're Here in America, Now What?**
- On Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7 p.m., Jean Wilcox Hibben will present **Ancestral Hunting Grounds: Doing On-Site**.
- On Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 - 11 a.m., Dianhan Southard will share **Your Mom's mtDNA**.

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

- **Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides National Archives Website** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **Neither Filmed or Scanned: NARA Treasurers Await** by Kerry Bartels
- **Military Records at the National Archives** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **The Many Facets of the National Archives Website** by Kerry Bartels ►

with downloadable notes.

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



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

- On Tues., Nov. 14, at 8:00 PM Central, Thomas MacEntee will present **Illinois Gold: Hard to Find But Valuable Prairie State Resources for Genealogical Research**. To attend this webinar, register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5490586515192783362>



The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) [www.Americanancestors.org/education/online](http://www.Americanancestors.org/education/online) 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](mailto:gmorse@nehgs.org).

- On Thurs., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM Sheilagh Doerfler will discuss **Navigating Notarial Records in Quebec** Register online.

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



Ancestry.com has courses at the Ancestry Academy. Some 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> ►



### SRVGS at the Family History Discovery Day Fair 2017

The San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society was well represented at this year's very successful **Family History Discovery Day Fair**, held on October 14<sup>th</sup> as part of Family History Month. Here is the Society booth staffed by our society members: (from left to right) Russ Erickson, Steve Watty, Sande Burns, Patty Erickson, and Gay Scott. Many other members also supported the fair. For a complete list see Ted Shapas' President's Message on page 3. You will find more photos of the Fair in our Photo Album at: [http://srvgensoc.org/photo\\_album/discovery\\_day\\_2017.html](http://srvgensoc.org/photo_album/discovery_day_2017.html)

- Also at <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy/courses/skills>



Legacy offers a huge number of free webinars this month. Go to [Family-TreeWebinars.com](http://Family-TreeWebinars.com) to register. October's webinars include:

- Wed., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m., **Is this the End? Taking Your German Brick Walls Down Piece by Piece** by Luana Darby.
- On Wed., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m., Michael L. Strauss will present **New York city Genealogical Research: Navigating Through the Five Boroughs.** ►
- On Fri., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., Jill Morelli will share **Using Non-Population Schedules for Context and Evidence.**
- On Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., Brian Donovan will present **British and Irish Research: the Differences.**
- On Tues., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m., Melissa Ruffner will discuss **Research in Federal Records: Some Assembly Required.**
- On Wed., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Rorey Cathcart will present **Understanding Alabama.**
- On Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. PST, Lisa Toth Salinas will share **Finding** ►

## Your Roots in Catholic Records



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

- 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](http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/community/en/community/thomas%20jay%20kemp/genealogy_boot_camp/player.htm)



The DAR Library at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) offers two different types of programming. The Library Lecture Series features authors discussing their historical work and the Genealogy 101 series offers presentations on a variety of genealogical topics led by the professional genealogists on staff at the DAR or by other experienced genealogists. Both series are held throughout the month on Saturdays and are free to the public. See the upcoming schedule here: [www.dar.org/libraryevents](http://www.dar.org/libraryevents)

### Save the date:

- On Thurs., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9 p.m., the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will meet at the LDS Church at 1360 Alberta Way, Concord. For info email [cccgsc@gmail.com](mailto:cccgsc@gmail.com)
- On Mon., Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, [www.l-ags.org](http://www.l-ags.org), will meet at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Martha Wallace will present **Land Records in Public Land State.**
- On Fri., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., the Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society will meet at the Rossmoor Creekside Clubhouse. The program will begin with a mini-presentation, by Terry Richards entitled **Genealogy Records in the Oakland Law Library.** Melinda Kashuba, the main speaker will present **Migration to the Gold Rush.** ■

## HOW TO REACH THE BOARD MEMBERS

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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.

**Danville Family History Center***2949 Stone Valley Rd. Alamo*

Phone: 925-552-5920

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

and 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Closed on Holidays and the month of August

**FHC Director:**Teresa Coons [coonieclan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coonieclan@sbcglobal.net)**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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