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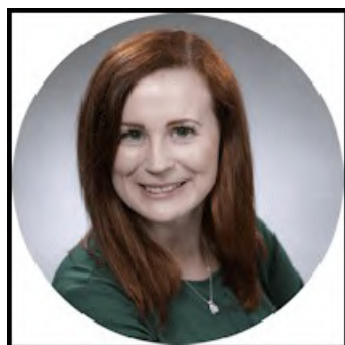
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July Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 10 am

Researching Revolutionary-Era Ancestors

By Allison DePrey Singleton
via Zoom)



As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, interest in Revolutionary-era ancestors is growing. This presentation introduces The Genealogy Center at the **Allen County Public Library** and highlights its extensive collections that support research into colonial and Revolutionary-period families. Attendees will learn about key resources, strategies for locating early American ancestors, and how both in-person and remote researchers can take advantage of the Center's unique holdings.

Allison DePrey Singleton, MA, MLS, has presented at major genealogy events including RootTech (2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025), the Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference, and the Indiana Genealogical Society Conference, as well as numerous other conferences and seminars nationwide. She co-chaired the 2018 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference as part of her role at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she serves as Genealogy Services Manager. In addition to her speaking work, Allison serves as the President of the Indiana Genealogical Society and Vice-President of the Fort Wayne Sister Cities International■

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A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out to all members a few days prior to the meeting. If you have any friends or family that would like to attend, have them contact Scott Hefner at president@srvgensoc.org prior to the meeting for the link. If you have any Zoom questions or issues, please contact Scott at 925-765-7184 or Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



President's Message

By Scott Hefner



There has been much discussion and planning for celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country for quite some time. As we have moved closer to the actual anniversary date of July 4th, the amount of attention and excitement has intensified. The approach of a significant milestone such as a 250 year existence naturally leads to a level of introspection and reflection that doesn't occur most years. What led our ancestors to separate from England? How have we managed to survive so long? What changes have we seen over that time? What kind of future can we expect?

As we go about our daily lives we don't really think about these things, our country just "is" and seems like its survival has always been inevitable. In fact, historians and students of history recognize that there have been many critical junctures along the way since the first settlers arrived on this continent and our founding and continued existence was anything but inevitable.

Starting with our founding, it was by no means universally accepted among the colonists that we should separate from England and go our own way. Many had strong ties to England, including family and friends, and believed it was in our best interests to remain a colony and let England support and protect us. In addition, there was the practical reality that England was the world's greatest power with a dominant army and navy, while the colonies were a loose group of people with disparate interests and no real military to speak of. It was by no means a

foregone conclusion that we could win such a war, and even with French assistance it was almost miraculous that we were successful and the United States emerged as a new country.

While there were many struggles along the way, the United States continued to grow and develop for the next 75 years. However, the issue of slavery and the question of states' rights vs. federal power split the country in 1860, resulting in Southern states seceding from the Union and the Civil War. Again, it was not a certainty which side would win and certainly not inevitable that the country would ever come back together and be able to move forward. Many obstacles and bitter feelings had to be overcome but once again the United States miraculously survived and continued to grow and thrive as one nation.

There were a number of conflicts and struggles over the next 80 years, including the first World War, and I don't want to downplay those conflicts in any way, but the second World War represents a major inflection point in world history and in the history of the United States. Again, as with most wars there was no certainty who was going to prevail, and there were countless points along the way at which the tide could have turned and changed the outcome completely. Amazon had a television series called, "The Man in the High Castle" which posited an alternative result of the war: the Allies lost, and Japan ruled the Western half of the United States, while Germany ruled the Eastern half. Although it seems like fantasy now, it's not as far-fetched as it seems, and if a few key events had different outcomes it could easily have been our reality now.

Of course, as we all know now, enough of these key historical events had favorable outcomes for us and the United States has survived relatively intact. A favorable past is no guarantee of a successful future and current events have many of us concerned about where we will be in fifty, a hundred,

or even another 250 years. I remain optimistic beyond reason, however, and am looking forward to enjoying the celebration of a miraculous achievement and the birthday of a country I'm very proud and blessed to be a part of. Happy Fourth of July to all of you!■

Free Genealogy Research Assistance

Provided by the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society (SRVGS) in partnership with the Danville Library on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 10am-1pm.**

- **Get Help With:** Starting/Researching/Documenting your Family Tree using online genealogy tools
- **Bring:** What you know (names, dates, places, documents) & Your questions!
- **Location:** Danville Library, 400 Front Street, Danville, CA. (925) 314-3750.

Genealogy docents from SRVGS (srvgensoc.org) will be available to help you take your research further.

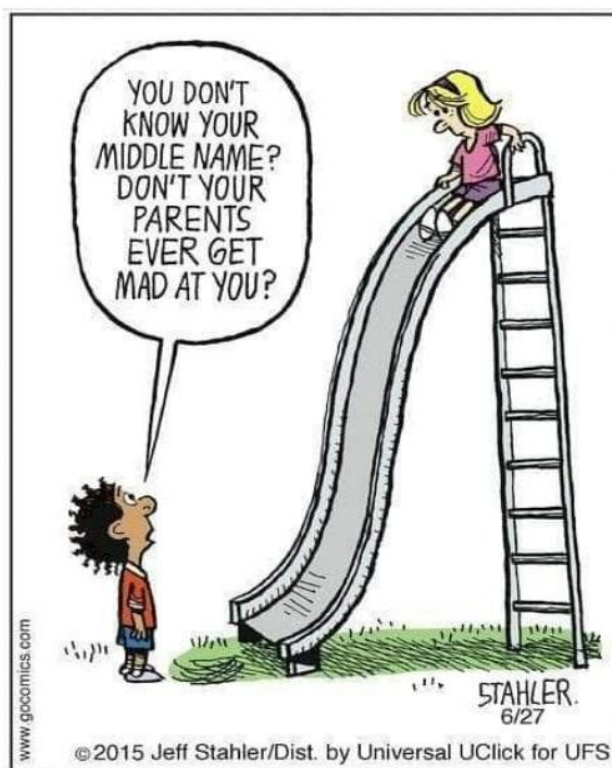
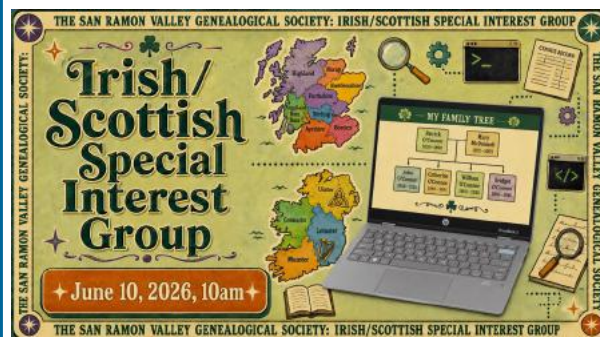


Irish/Scottish SIG Welcomes English & Welsh Descendants!

Were your ancestors “just plain English” or from Wales? You’re invited to join the Irish/Scottish SIG meetings, where we recognize that there is more to the British Isles than Scottish clans or Irish townlands. Contact Leslie Stewart at lwvleslie@gmail.com to be put on our SIG email list. We’d also like to hear from you if you have been interested in this group but had a schedule conflict – we are considering changing the timing of the meeting so now is the time to speak up!■

Product of this week’s AI session led by Bill George...

The agenda of May’s AI SIG meeting was to use AI to create an image which could be used for a variety of things such as illustrating documents (your own genealogy stories perhaps) and communications. Bill started, inspired by a graphic published in [The Neuron](#), and then went through several iterations with specific instructions in the prompt to tailor it, ultimately arriving at this example during our meeting. This may inspire you create some of your own graphics and/or join the AI SIG to find out what else you can do with AI. And your newsletter editor may be inspired to include some in future issues of the newsletter.



Notes on June 16th General Meeting America at 250! Researching Your Revolutionary Ancestors

By Caren O'Donnell

Scott Nomick presented a discussion on Our Revolutionary Ancestors.

As we prepare for and celebrate the 250-year anniversary of America's signing of the Declaration of Independence, Scott Norrick presented a complete timeline of the American Revolutionary period, from 1763 to 1783. He encouraged us to consider that many of us likely had hundreds of direct ancestors that were living at the time of the Revolution. And he challenged us to think about all of the different forms of Patriotic service, not only Patriot Soldiers and Loyalists, but also "forgotten Patriots" such as women, blacks and enslaved, Native Americans, and others.

An important point Scott made throughout his presentation was that records exist in a VARIETY of places, including but not limited to the National Archives, State and Local records, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, Fold3, DAR and SAR, Battlefields.org, and many others. A welcome tip he gave is: Start with the sites you already know, and then continue from there. Each source may have different records, so it's important to check as many as possible, even those you may not have thought of before --- such as Pension Application Files and Compiled Military Service Records.

Scott closed by saying "Enjoy your time researching your Revolutionary War Ancestors, and Good Luck!" I cannot imagine that anyone in attendance did not come away with a whole host of ideas for gathering new information about these important Ancestors.

In case you missed Scott Norrick's timely and information-rich presentation, the **recording** and detailed **handout** are available in the Member Login section of <https://srvgensoc.org/> until July 16, 2026.

Where in the World were your Ancestors during the American Revolution and how did it affect them?

As was discussed at our General meeting in May as we looked at the patriots and others who participated in the Revolution, we realized that many of your ancestors had not yet arrived in America. But the "shot heard round the world" (fired by our member Carol Satterthwaite's ancestor) likely affected their lives, no matter where they were living. As part of our America 250 celebration of the Revolution, we challenge you to research where in the world your ancestors were in the years 1775-1783 to learn how they might have been affected by what was happening in the colonies. We would love to hear your stories in future newsletter issues. Send your submissions to our newsletter editor Barbara Thurston bithurston@outlook.com



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 2026

- 21 Tuesday-10am, the July General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Allison Singleton will present **The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library, Indiana, Overview of Collections and Supporting research of America's 250th year**
- 28 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome

August 2026—No meeting or Board Meeting this month

September 2026

- 15 Fall Picnic at Danville's Hap McGee Park, details forthcoming as they become available
- 22 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

October 2026

- 20 Tues-10am, the October General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Katy Bodenhorn will present **Hidden in Plain Sight...Plus using "Full Text Search" tool on FamilySearch.org**
- 27 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome

November 2026

- 17 Tues 10am, the November General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Sharon Duda will present **Writing the Stories We Don't Want Lost.**
- 24 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

December 2026

- 8 Holiday Party and Cookie Exchange■

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"All of our ancestors give us the precious gift of life. Do we use it wisely? Do we use it well? Do we make a name for ourselves and for our children of which we can be proud?"

Laurence Overmire

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR JULY, 2026

By: Bill George, SRVGS SIG Coordinator

In July, 2026 we have our seven Special Interest Groups meeting as listed below. Variances from their normal meeting times and places are:

- Italian SIG will have a restaurant lunch meeting from 11:30 am to 1:30pm
- DNA SIG will meet a week and a day later on July 28th

Most SIGs meet on-line, except for the German SIG that meets at the Danville FamilySearch Center and the Italian SIG will meet at a restaurant. All meet during the day except the AI SIG that meets at 7pm. All SIG members receive emails from their leaders on how to join each meeting. If wanting to attend a SIG for the first time, contact the SIG leader to be added to their monthly announcement email. Guests are welcome, but en-



Irish/Scottish Research, Wednesday, July 8th, (the 2nd Wednesday) from **10-12 Noon in a Zoom meeting**. They share information from the internet, journals, DNA and books. Leslie Stewart is the SIG leader. You may contact Leslie Stewart, SIG Leader, at lwvleslie@gmail.com.



FamilySearch - Monday, July 13th, (the 2nd Monday) from **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in a Zoom Meeting**. Learn the many aspects of this free, comprehensive genealogy web site. You may contact SIG Leader **Bill George** at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Italian Research, Wednesday, July 15th 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (the 3rd Wednesday) will be **in person at De La Torre's Trattoria in Pleasanton** for lunch. **Please RSVP by July 8** to Karen LaDuca kblquilts@comcast.net if you would like to attend. Share and learn new techniques for researching your Italian ancestors.



Publishing SIG, Thursday, July 16th (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30am - 12 Noon in a Google Meet meeting**. Contact Kathy Javdani at kjisc@aol.com for info on how to join the meeting. Share information and ideas on how to publish and preserve your research. **Francie Lloyd**, is the SIG Leader and can be reached at frances_lloyd@comcast.net.



German Research SIG, Wednesday, July 22nd, (the 4th Wednesday). This is an in-person meeting only, no Zoom to be held at the Danville Church of Latter Day Saints, 2949 Stone Valley Rd. Alamo. Members share information from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG leader **Karen LaDuca** at kblquilts@comcast.net for more info. ■



AI SIG, Monday, July 27th (the 4th Monday) from **7-9pm in a Zoom meeting**. Learn the many aspects of AI used for Genealogy. See also a website <https://aisig.ancstor.org> that will have helpful AI URLs and an agenda. You may contact SIG leader Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



DNA, Tuesday, July 28th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in a Zoom meeting. This SIG assumes a basic knowledge of Genealogical DNA testing and therefore is only open to those who have completed the SRVGS Intro to DNA class or an approved equivalent. You may contact SIG Leader **Mark McLaren** at greatscot@earthlink.net.

New things coming to our website...

When was the last time you visited our Society's website www.srvgensoc.org? A totally volunteer committee within our Society, headed up by Bill George and Bob Venter, has taken on the task of bringing our website into the 21st century and making it more pleasing to the eye and easier to navigate.

It is not a trivial task even though our website vendor has provided us a template. It involves creating new screens for all of the features we currently have including the membership, photos, events, calendar, etc. and of course, the newsletter including every issue published, and transferring all the data over so it displays correctly.

We anticipate it will be available for viewing by mid June with a planned go live July or August. Our vendor is evidently backed up and it seems that though we will be ready, our vendor will not be. We will keep you posted and announce the official "going live". Going live may involve some downtime, i.e. unavailability of the website, but that is still to be determined and of course there will be notifications in this newsletter and by special emails, so stay tuned. This is the second announcement of what we anticipate will be several.

If you would like to take a peek at this work in progress, follow this link, <https://sb-srvgs.ens-205.com/>. No logins available yet. We welcome any suggestions, ideas for additions, corrections and improvements, but be aware that we may not be able to implement them based on the limitations of the software itself. It may also be that we may implement suggestions as we go along after the go-live based on resources available to do the work. So go ahead and send in your comments and ideas to [Bill George](#) for improvements, suggestions, corrections...you get the idea.■

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"I wish I could relate to the people I'm related to."

Jeff Foxworthy



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

It's July. It's summer, what a wonderful time to relax and learn more family history.

☞ The California Genealogy Society Library, www.californiaancestors.org, has moved to its new location at 1841 Berkeley Way in Berkeley. It will be open at its usual times – 10 AM – 2 PM Thursday through Saturday. Visit the society's website for access to available recordings and videos. Please note any fees for activities. CGS Members are no longer required to register for most events. Members can log into the CGS website, and find Zoom, handouts and survey links directly before the event. If you prefer to register and to receive the reminder emails, you may continue to do so. The speaker may not have handouts ready until the evening before the event.

- On Sat., Jul. 11 from 1-2:30 Joanna Shear will share specifics in a hybrid meeting on **Exploring Resources for California Genealogy**.
- On Sat. July 18 from 10-12 Sandra Huber will lead the **San Francisco SIG** online meeting. Contact sfsig@californiaancestors.org for more information.
- In addition, on the 18th from 1-3 Ron Madson and Karen Halfon will host a hybrid session of the **FamilyTree Maker SIG**. Register at the <http://-ftm-sig.org> or contact Ron at 650-576-4495 or Karen at 415-922-225 for further information.
- On Wed., July 22 from 6:30-8 the **RootsMagic Users Group SIG** with Keith Montgomery will meet online. Contact Keith at kmontgomery@californiaancestors.org to register.
- On Sat., July 25 from 1-2:30 Pam Brett will be discussing **Finding Historical Gems** at a hybrid meeting.
- On Mon., July 28 from 7-8:30 the **DNA Skills SIG** with Mark McLaren will meet online. Contact Mark at greatscot@earthlink.net for details.
- On Sat., Aug. 1 from 10-12 the Introduction to Genealogy Group will hold a hybrid meeting. The topic will be **Organizing Your Family History Work**.

- The **Mayflower Descendants SIG** is no longer meeting. Contact Robert Trapp at rtrapp@californiaancestors.org for help with Mayflower ancestry and how to join The Society of California Mayflower Descendants.

☞ The Oakland FamilySearch Center will be closed for renovations starting June 1, 2026 and is planning to reopen on Sept. 1, 2026. Please check back to confirm the opening date and the date for the Open House. The check website of Oakland Family Search Center, www.familysearch.org/en/centers/oakland_california/classes, for a long list of free in-person and hybrid classes and SIGs. The FSC offers classes and research groups on a variety of family history topics. Some are led by individuals who are members of partner organizations, such as the California Genealogical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Mayflower Society, and others.

- On Wed. July 1 from 2-2:15 a staff member will offer the **15 Min. Weekly Tip: AI Use for Genealogy**. On Zoom.
- On Wed, July 8 from 2-2:15 a staff member will offer the **15 Min. Weekly Tip: AI Use for Genealogy**. On Zoom.
- On Wed., July 15 from 2-2:15 a staff member will offer the **15 Min. Weekly Tip: AI Use for Genealogy**. On Zoom.
- On Wed, July 22 from 2-2:15 a staff member will offer the **15 Min. Weekly Tip: AI Use for Genealogy**. On Zoom.
- On Wed, July 29 from 2-2:15 a staff member will offer the **15 Min. Weekly Tip: AI Use for Genealogy**. On Zoom.

Visit www.familysearch.org/en/centers/oakland_california/learning-resources for a wealth of other genealogy research support.

☞ The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS),

www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes, has a growing > online series of presentations, library, and more. These include their on-demand previously aired courses and presentations. If you have questions or feedback, contact Online Education. Register for webinars on the society's website.

☞ Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com> to register for presentations for this month.

☞ The State Historical Society of Missouri has produced nearly 100 On Demand programs through its virtual program series and past events. Freely available through the Society's website, <https://shsmo.org>, on demand topics include genealogy, art, scholarship, signature lecture series, and more.

☞ Here are some other webinars, blogs, and podcasts that are available.

- Auntiejenstrees.blogspot.com
- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <https://extremegenes.com/blog>
- The Genealogy Guys Podcast www.genealogyguys.com
- The Genealogy Squad www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad
- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems <https://lusalouisecooke.com/podcasts>
- Thomas MacEntee's www.genealogybargains.com
- Judy Russell's www.legalgenealogist.com
- Family History Fanatics www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog
- Connie Knox <http://genealogytv.org>
- Www.amyjohnsoncrow.com

☞ The following are sites with large amounts of valuable information:

- The National Archives- www.archives.gov/research/genealogy offers a genealogy tutorial, genealogy research topics and a variety of charts and forms.
- The DAR Library – www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy provides help on the variety of genealogical topics. Also see the upcoming events schedule at www.dar.org
- The Sutro Library hosts the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar, www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar This calendar provides information about events throughout the Bay Area.
- ConferenceKeeper.org lists conferences, events, calls for papers, contests, grants, volunteer opportunities, tours and more. To sign up to receive *Tami at Conference Keeper* which lists events that have been recently added, go to mail@sendfoxmail.com.
- The Sacramento Public Library Genealogy Program has a YouTube channel. Visit its playlist at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwtrWl_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6
- On Tue. June 2 at 6:30pm, **The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society**, www.sfbajgs.org/calendar.html, will have its monthly meeting via Zoom. Guest speaker will share **The Wanderers: A Story of Exile, Survival, and Unexpected Love in the Shadow of WW II**. Check its website for further information and to register.
- On Mon. June 9 from 7-8:30pm, the **Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society**, www.l-ags.org, will host a Zoom meeting. Lisa Gorrell, the guest speaker, will present **Focused Research: Using Research Plans**. The link to register for the meeting is on the site under speakers.
- On Thu. June 11 at 6:30pm, the **Contra Costa County Genealogical Society**, <https://cccgs.net>, will have its monthly meeting via Zoom. Fran Shockley, the guest speaker, will discuss **Using DNA Painter**. Register under events on the society's website

- On Sat. June 13 from 1-4pm, the **Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society**, <https://scchgs.org>, will hold an *in-person* **Heritage Expo: Research and Resources** at the Central Park Library in Santa Clara. See the society's website under events for details.
 - On Thu. June 18 at 1pm the **Napa Valley Genealogical Society**, <https://napagensoc.org>, will hold its monthly meeting in the hybrid format. The guest speaker, Sara Cochran, will present **Grandma Said What? Gathering and Verifying Your Family's Oral History**. Register on the society's website.
 - On Sat. June 20 at 12:30pm, the **Sonoma County Genealogical Society**, www.scgsonline.org/Events, will hold a hybrid **Free Half Day Seminar** featuring **Lisa Gorrell and Cindy Brennen**. See the society's website for details and to register.
 - From June 12-14 the **Ontario Genealogical Society** will hold a virtual conference entitled **From Steamships to Microchips**. For details and to register visit the website <https://ogs.on.ca/virtual-conference-2026/>
 - From June 12-17 (In-person Courses In Pittsburgh, PA)) and from June 22nd-26th (Virtual Courses) the **GRIP Genealogy Institute** will take place. For details and to register visit the website <https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/>
 - From Aug. 6 -9 the **Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania** will hold its **PaGE 2026 Virtual Conference**. For details and to register visit the website at <https://events.genpa.org> .
 - From Sept. 16-18 **We Are Cousins** will hold its **9th We Are Cousins Virtual Genealogy Conference**. Register at <https://wacconference.com/>
 - On Sept. 18 and 19 the North Carolina Genealogical Society will hold its hybrid **2026 Fall Conference from Raleigh, NC**. Save the date registration details to follow.
 - On Nov. 6 and 7 the Texas Genealogical Society, www.txsgs.org, will hold its hybrid **2026 TxSGS Family History Conference**. Registration details to follow at www.txsgs.org/2026
 - On Nov. 16 the Italian Genealogical Group will host its first virtual conference, **"Italian Genealogy: The Boot and Beyond"**. For more information, go to: <https://www.italiangen.org/events/>
-  The Allen Public Library's Genealogy Center offers many webinars. Go to www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy to register online. Also, explore the Genealogy Center Videos at <https://acpl.lib.ironaribsn.us/explore-genealogy/our-services> . Recorded Genealogy Center programs can be found on the Genealogy Center
- On Tue., July 7 from 11:30-12:30 Elizabeth Hodges will offer **Finding Your Family's Story at the Genealogy Center**.
 - On Tue., July 14 11:30-12:30 Ryan Johnson will explore **Our National Stacks: Maximize Tools and Records at the U.S. National Archives Remotely and In Person**.
 - On Tue., July 21 from 11:30-12:30 Heather Zbinden will discuss **What We Wore: Fashion in Photos, 1850s to 1929**.
 - Legacy Family Tree Webinars offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com> to register for presentations for this month.
 - On Wed., Jul 1 at 12 AM Claire Bradley will present **Ireland's 1926 Census: A guide to the New Release**.
 - Also, on the 1st at 8:30 AM Kimball Carter will share **Create Maps Using Power Point and Google Slides**.
 - In addition, on the 1st at 9:45 Natalie Webb will describe **Spreadsheets for Genealogists: Mastering Charts, Filters, and Pivot Tables**.
 - Again, on the 1st at 11 Rhonda Lauritzen will offer **Automating Oral History: Best Tools for Transcribing Audio**.
 - Finally, on the 1st at 12:30 Andrew Redferen will list **10 Essential Digital Skills for Family Historians**.
 - On Wed., July 8 at 11 Gail Miller will present **Only A Date? Five Things You May Be Missing in Kentucky and Virginia Marriages**.
 - On Fri., July 10 at 11 Donna Rutherford will explore **Researching in Warwickshire**.
 - On Tue., July 14 at 11 Dawn Carlile and MyHeritage Webinars will share **Treasures Abound in Old News by MyHeritage**.

- On Wed., July 15 at 11 Blaine Bettinger will discuss **Advanced Topics in DNA 4 of 5: Advanced Clustering and Organizing.**
- On Fri., July 17 at 11 Henrietta Martinez Christmas will examine **Wills and Testaments in the Spanish Colonial Southwest.**
- On Tue., July 21 at 5 Jennifer Zinck will demonstrate **DNA Helps Identify Parents for James Dolan.**
- On Wed., July 22 at 11 Marian Pierre-Louis will explore **Solving Pre-1850 Identity Mysteries: The Case of Martha Brown Chandler.**
- On Tue., July 28 at 11 Loic Duchamp and MyHeritage Webinars will discuss **Clusters and Triangulation: Turning DNA Matches into Family Connections.** On Wed., July 29 at 11 Alice Childs will present **Mastering Mid-Atlantic Research: Resources and Methodologies for ICAPGen Accreditation.**■

Upcoming Special Events

- From Aug. 6 -9 the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania will hold its **PaGE 2026 Virtual Conference.** For details and to register visit the website at <https://events.genpa.org>.
- From Sept. 9-11 the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society will hold its virtual **2026 New York State Family History Conference.** Visit www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/nysfhc-2026- registration for further information and to register.
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Events from Local Societies

- On Thu., July 9 at 6:30 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgcs.net>, will have its monthly meeting via Zoom. Janice Sellers, the guest speaker, will discuss **Researching and Transcribing American Colonial Handwriting.** Register under events on the society's website
- On Sat., July 11 the Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group, www.svcgg.org/meetings.html, will hold its monthly meeting on Zoom. Pamela Brighton will examine **Insights & Transcription with MyHeritage and Ancestry.** Register on the society's website.
- On Thu., July 16 at 1 the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, <https://napagensoc.org>, will hold its monthly meeting in the hybrid format. Anthony Ray, the guest speaker, will present **Early California Families.** Register on the society's website.
- On Mon., July 20 at 4:30 The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, www.sfbajgs.org/calendar.html, will have its monthly meeting via Zoom. Guest speaker, Sarah Lee Meyer will discuss **Creating a Successful Personal Genealogy Website: Considerations and Decisions.** Check its website for further information and to register.
- On Tue., July 21 from 6:30-8:30 the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, <https://scchgs.org>, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. Guest speakers Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz will share **Amazing Finds in the Dusty Archives: Creative Uses for Primary Sources.** See the society's website under events for details.
- On Sat. July 25th from 4-7 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags, will host a members BBQ. The link to RSVP



And there's more....

The following are sites with large amounts of valuable information:

- The National Archives- www.archives.gov/research/genealogy offers a genealogy tutorial, genealogy research topics and a variety of charts and forms.
- The DAR Library – www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy provides help on the variety of genealogical topics. Also see the upcoming events schedule at www.dar.org
- The Sutro Library hosts the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar, www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar. This calendar provides information about events throughout the Bay Area.
- ConferenceKeeper.org lists conferences, events, calls for papers, contests, grants, volunteer opportunities, tours and more. To sign up to receive Tami at Conference Keeper which lists events that have been recently added, go to mail@sendfoxmail.com.
- The Sacramento Public Library Genealogy Program has a YouTube channel. Visit its playlist at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

War Veteran Database Update

If you have patriot or loyalist or other Revolutionary War ancestors that you didn't submit for our database, it's not too late! Send your information to Karen LaDuca at kblquilt@comcast.net including:

- Name
- Your relationship to that person
- Birthdate and place
- Spouse name, marriage date and place
- Death date and place
- Service Information
- Service State/colony
- Notes (any additional information)

And if you have information on your ancestors who served in other wars, you can begin gathering that information, too. There will be tabs available for French and Indian War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I and II and other war veterans.

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**** The FSC has been having phone issues that are still not resolved. Contact Kevin Ganschow at (925)209-5489 or gans5@sbcglobal.net if you need to reach the FSC, ask questions, or schedule time at the FSC.**

The Family Search Center is open for business. There have been no changes to the hours for 2026. See scheduled open hours below. The FSC contains nine computers (with flash drive slots), scanners, a printer, lots of reference books, Wi-Fi access, and friendly docents to help you along your genealogy path! Digital resources include:

- ♦ Alexander Street (US social and cultural history)
- ♦ American Ancestors (from New England Historic Genealogical Society)
- ♦ Ancestry Institution
- ♦ ArkivDigital (Sweden)
- ♦ FamilySearch
- ♦ FamNet (New Zealand)
- ♦ Findmypast (United Kingdom)
- ♦ Geneanet (France, Belgium, Netherlands)
- ♦ Fold3 (military)
- ♦ Geneanet (France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Germany)
- ♦ Goldie May (organizing tools)
- ♦ MyHeritage Library Edition
- ♦ Irish Ancestors
- ♦ Newspaper Archive
- ♦ Paper Trail (19th century westward American migration documents)
- ♦ Puzzilla
- ♦ 19th Century British Library Newspapers

Hours are:

Monday.....10:00am – 1:00pm

Note Monday eve hours cancelled due to unavailability of volunteers to staff it.

Tuesday..... 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Wednesday.....1:00pm – 4:00pm

Appointments outside of normal hours may be arranged by calling (925)837-7010.

Note that the FSC is always looking for volunteers to man the center during the above hours. This is a good opportunity to help others and get some of your own research done. ■