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June Presentation

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 10am

"Putting Your Ancestors on the Map" (Via Zoom)

By Evan Wilson



This presentation offers a practical and insightful guide to enhancing genealogical research through geographic context. Evan Wilson explores how mapping your American ancestors not only enriches your understanding of their lives but also uncovers new avenues of discovery.

Evan Wilson is a professional genealogist and lifelong student of history, language, literature, and more. He was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, where he first caught the genealogy bug while listening to his grandmother's stories of life in small-town Mississippi. After stints in St. Louis and New York for college, he moved to the Bay Area in 2012 to pursue a doctorate in English literature and medieval studies at UC Berkeley. He's been a professional genealogist since 2020 and currently works for AncestryProGenealogists®, the research arm of Ancestry.com. His passions include Southern genealogy and history, maps and geography, and even legal history. (As a former medievalist, he can't help but love the Latin bits!).

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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



It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our recent 40th Anniversary Celebration gathering. As you may be aware this was our first attempt at a “hybrid” meeting where we tried to have an in-person meeting and simultaneously broadcast that meeting over Zoom to those who couldn’t attend in person. Unfortunately, we experienced some technical issues with transmitting the sound to the Zoom participants, and for that we sincerely apologize. For those in attendance, the meeting was quite successful, and I’ve heard many positive comments about the activities, presentations, decorations, and refreshments. In many ways, the event epitomized what has made SRVGS successful over the past 40 years and has made membership so rewarding. For one thing, it brings together people who share a passionate interest in genealogical research and history, and gives them an opportunity to share experiences, insights and discoveries they’ve made with each other. Moreover, it quickly becomes apparent that there is a significant amount of effort involved in operating an organization like this, even if it is intended to be informal and simple. Meeting places need to be arranged and secured, speakers identified and paid for, membership recorded and maintained, technical resources obtained, and many other tasks and functions performed. What SRVGS had at its inception and what has kept it viable for these 40 years is the willingness of our membership to step up and do the things that need to be done. Over the years, countless hours have been voluntarily spent by members to plan meetings and events, do the work to put them on, serve as officers and chairpersons, lead Special Interest Groups, and on and on. In the process, we have become friends who truly enjoy spending time with each other and indulging our common obsession with genealogy. Thank you to all of our members for sharing the load and making it so enjoyable to be part of this organization! ■

Danville Family Search Center 2949 Stone Valley Rd. Alamo Phone: (925)552-5920

The Family Search Center is open for business! 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 – 1pm
 6:30pm – 9:00pm
 Tuesday..... 2:00pm – 5:00pm
 Wednesday..... 1:00pm – 4:00pm

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

Closed major holidays, Thanksgiving week, and the last 2 weeks of December. **FSC will also be closed for the month of August 2025.**

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.

SRVGS 40th Anniversary Celebration

We officially opened our meeting this month with a charming game of Bingo—Genealogical Bingo, that is, thanks to Kathy Javdani. The objective of the game was for each player to circulate with the Bingo card and find people who could attest to meeting any of the requirements in the Bingo card

B	I	N	G	O
1 have 10 or more first cousins	I keep a family history journal	an ancestor who was a Huegonut	an ancestor who lived in 1 of the 13 colonies	I am named after an ancestor
an ancestor who worked on the railroad	an ancestor who fought in the US Civil War	an ancestor who was in trouble with the law	I have published some family history	an ancestor who died in a war
an ancestor who was a minister/priest/nun	an ancestor who was a farmer	Free!	an ancestor who crossed the Plains in a covered wagon	an ancestor who was married more than once
an ancestor on the Mayflower	an ancestor who was in government/law	an ancestor who was shot	an ancestor who was a mariner	an ancestor who was adopted
an ancestor who was a musician	an ancestor who was a teacher	an ancestor who was a twin/triplet	I have a family tree online	an ancestor who was famous

pictured below by signing the appropriate box, but only one box per signer. The first person to call Bingo by having a signer for every box in a column, row or diagonal was the winner. It got quite raucous as the excitement built and frankly Kathy had a problem getting everyone's attention to announce a winner—we were having too much fun. It was a great ice-breaker! Next we moved to the smaller conference room where the room was set up for hybrid segment of our meeting, which for our remote attendees was not ideal since there was evidently no sound. We apologize for that. It underscores that the simpler a task is for the viewer, the more complicated it is to make it so.

Steve Watty demonstrated the creating of a DeepStory in My Heritage by creating

a Life Story of his second Great Grandmother, Julia Cabaniss, narrated by Julia herself. He explained the process, that the app could create the verbiage from the data in the record or you can create all the verbiage yourself and have the person narrate it herself in the voice you select from several options. It was fascinating and I've included the link here so you can see for yourself. Scott made the comment, though, that you might want to be careful who you choose to create the story for, since it could be a little "creepy" having one of your recently deceased relatives narrate his story in a voice you really don't recognize. Click [here](#) to experience the story yourself.



Scott's Intro:



Scott's intro had some interesting facts that were current when our Society was formed, 40 years ago. Ronald Reagan was president, the Iron Curtain, East and West Germany still existed as did the Berlin Wall. The first domain name was registered, but the World Wide Web was not created until 1989. Prodigy was a popular Internet access app and AOL was known as Quantum Computer Services. A cell phone cost \$4000 and was the size of a brick. Genealogy research relied heavily on physical records, microfilm and paper trails, mail and phone correspondence and genealogical societies. Getting more specific, our society started with the first meeting in May 1985 with 51 charter members with Jean Blackmur as the driving force. Her goals included meeting during the day, rather than in the evenings and to focus on education, information sharing and mutual support among members. Currently Mary "Ellen" Brown, Patty Erickson and Marilyn Fullam are our charter members. Francie Lloyd did not become a member until the 4th meeting so she is 'technically' not a

charter member, ha! SRVGS has had 22 presidents with 11 serving multiple terms. We are financially stable, have a steady membership and a strong base of committed volunteers. Countless members have contributed as Board Members, Committee Chairs, Volunteers, SIG chairs (and Newsletter Editors!) The future looks positive for our Society and we have 8 speakers booked so far and into 2026 for our virtual meetings. Our Zoom meetings allow us an inexhaustible supply of qualified and interesting speakers from all over the country and even the world and members who live far and wide.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 2025

- 17 Tuesday-10am, the June General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Evan Wilson will present **Putting Your American Ancestors on the Map**.
- 24 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

July 2025

- 15 Tuesday-10am, the July General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Annette Burke Lyttle will present **Genealogical Proof for the Everyday Genealogist**.
- 22 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

August 2025—No meetings this month

September 2025

- 16 Tuesday-10am, the September General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Dawn Kosmakos will present **Genealogical Case Studies**.
- 23 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

October 2025

- 21 Tuesday-10am, the October General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Melinda Kashuba will present **Detecting Genealogical Fraud & Fantasy**.
- 28 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

November 2025

- 18 Tuesday-10am, the November General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Speaker and subject still to be finalized. Thomas MacEntee will present **Photo Organizing and Preservation—You Can Do It!**

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- 25 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome

December 2025

- 2 There are no regularly scheduled meetings this month, however we will be having a holiday party and our traditional cookie exchange on Tuesday December 2, details (time and place) to be announced as the date approaches.■

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR JUNE, 2025

By: Bill George, SRVGS SIG Coordinator

In June 2025 we have five of seven Special Interest Groups meeting at their normal dates/times. Two SIGS (DNA and Irish/Scottish) are not meeting in June but will be back in July. All SIGs meet on-line, except for the in-person German SIG at the Danville FamilySearch Center from 1pm - 2:45pm. All meet during the day except the AI SIG that meets at 7pm, on Zoom. All SIG members receive emails from their leaders on how to join each meeting. If you're 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 encouraged to join the So-



FamilySearch SIG, Monday, June 9th, (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.



Irish/Scottish Research, No Meeting in June but will resume their regular meeting schedule July on the 2nd Wednesday. 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.



Italian SIG, Wednesday, June 18th, (the 3rd Wednesday) **1:00 pm—3:00 pm in a Zoom meeting**. Share and learn new techniques for researching your Italian ancestors. Please contact Karen LaDuca at kblquilts@comcast.net to be provided the Zoom link to the meeting.



DNA SIG, No Meeting in June but will resume their regular meeting schedule July on the 3rd Monday. 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.



Publishing SIG, Thursday, June 19th, (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30 am - 12:00 pm in a Google Meet meeting**. Contact Kathy Javdani at kjjsc@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



AI SIG, Monday, June 23rd, (the 4th Monday) from **7:00 pm—9:00 pm in a Zoom Meeting**. Learn the many aspects of AI used for Genealogy. See also a website <https://aisig.ancestor.org> that will have helpful AI URLs and an agenda. You may contact SIG leader Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com



German Research SIG, Wednesday, June 25th, (the 4th Wednesday) from 1-2:45pm at the Danville FamilySearch Center, 2949 Stone Valley Road, Alamo. **This is an in-person meeting only, no Zoom**. Members share information from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG Leader Karen LaDuca at kblquilts@comcast.net . ■



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

It's June. Let the summer begin by learning more family history.

☞ The California Genealogy Society Library, www.californiaancestors.org, is open Thursday through Saturday from 10-2. Refer to the society's website for specific procedures for Saturday visits and to register for the following activities. Note any fees. Also, visit the website for access to available recordings and videos.

- On Sat. June 7 from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a hybrid meeting. The topic will be **Using the Census**.
- Also, on the 7th from 1-2 Robert Trapp will lead the **Mayflower Descendants SIG** in-person at the CGS Library. Contact Robert at rtrapp@californiaancestors.org for more information.
- On Wed. June 11 from 6:30-8 Madeline Yanov will discuss **Finding Missing Ancestors in Institutional Records—Part 1**.
- On Sat. June 14 from 1-2:30 Stewart Traiman will share **LGBTQ Genealogy**.
- On Sat. June 14 from 10-12 Sandra Huber will lead the **San Francisco SIG** via Zoom. Contact sfsig@californiaancestors.org for more information.
- In addition, on the 14th from 1-3 Ron Madson and Karen will host a hybrid session of the **FamilyTree Maker SIG**. Register at the <https://-ftm-sig.org> or contact Ron at 650-576-4495 or Karen at 415-922-225 for further information.
- On Mon. June 23 from 7-8:30 the **DNA Skills SIG** with Mark McLaren will meet online. Contact Mark at greatscot@earthlink.net for details.
- On Wed. June 25 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. June 28 from 11-12:30 the **Irish Group SIG** will hold its quarterly meeting. Register on Facebook at CGS Irish Ancestors or on the CGS SIG website.
- On Sat. July 5 from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a hybrid meeting. The topic will be **Vital Records**.

☞ The website of Oakland Family Search Center, https://www.familysearch.org/en/centers/oakland_california/classes has recently been updated. Check the website 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. Many 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. Many classes are available both in-person and via zoom.

- On Tue. June 3 from 11-12:30 Roger Prince will lead the Scotland Research Discussion. In person only.
- On Wed. June 4 from 11-12:30 Robert Jackson will facilitate the German Research Discussion. In person only.
- Also, on the 4th from 1-2:30 Jane Lindsey will offer the French-Canadian Research Discussion. In person only.
- In addition, on the 4th from 6:30-8 James Rasmussen and Dr. Cacey Farnsworth will share Getting Started Part 1- RootsTech Video Series. Hybrid.

- On Tues. June 10 from 11-12:30 Denise Plascett will lead **Let's Talk FamilySearch: A Group Exploration**. Hybrid.
- On Wed. June 11 from 11-12:30 Ralph Severson will facilitate the **Portugal/Madeira Azores Research Discussion**. In person only.
- On Wed. June 18 from 11-12:30 Esta Weaver will offer the **Norwegian/Swedish Research Discussion**. In person only.
- In addition, on the 18th from 11-12:30 Jared Weaver will lead the **Danish Research Discussion**. In person only.
- Also, on the 18th from 6:30-8 Kyra Byrant and Jana Greenhalgh will offer **Getting Started Part 2 – RootsTech Video Series**. Hybrid.
- On Thu. June 19 from 1-2:30 Debbie Hunt will facilitate the **Italian Research Discussion**. In person only.
- On Sat. June 21 from 11-12:30 Jane Lindsey will explore **Ancestry Website Research**. In person only.
- Also, on the 21st from 1-2:30 Kyra Byrant and Jana Greenhalgh will again offer **Getting Started Part 2 – RootsTech Video Series**. Hybrid.
- On Tues. June 24th from 11-12:30 Denise Plascett will share **Let's Talk Family Search: A Group Exploration**. Hybrid.
- On Wed. June 25 from 11-12:30 Sue Severson will lead the **DNA Special Interest Group**. In person only.

☞ 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. If you have questions or

feedback, contact Online Education. Register for its webinars on the society's website.

- On Tue. June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1 Else Churchill will present a 5-week course on **17th Century English Research**. The 5 90-minute classes will have handouts and will be recorded.
- On Thu. June 12 from 2-3:30 Kenyatta D. Berry will share **10 Million Names: A Conversation About African American Family History and Healing**.
- Also, on the 12th from 12-1 Rhonda McClure will explore the **Best Published Resources for German Research in America**.
- On Mon. June 16 from 3-4 Marcus Rediker will discuss his book, **Freedom Ship: The Uncharted History of Escaping Slavery by Sea**.
- On Fri. June 20 from 1-2:30 Curt DiCamillo will share **Favorite Art, Architecture & Memorabilia**. \$15.
- On Mon. June 23 from 3-4:15 Bennett Parten and Manisha Sinha will lead a panel discussion on **The March to Freedom for All Americans, 1860-1920**.

Unable to attend the live broadcast? A recording of the free events will be posted on the NEHGS website the following day. Many courses with fees are available on demand following their initial presentation.

☞ The Southern California Genealogical Society, www.scsgenealogy.com/webinars, offers a series of free webinars.

- On Sat. June 7 from 10-11:30 Karen Fortin will share Exploring the Library of Congress Digital Collections. Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9182731234156155481>

☞ The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center offers many webinars. Go to <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy> to see the current list and to register online. Also, explore the Genealogy

Center Videos at <https://acpl.lib.in.us/explore-genealogy/our-services>. Recorded Genealogy Center programs can be found on the Genealogy Center section of the library's YouTube channel.

- On Tue. June 3 from 11:30-12:30 Robin Everett will share **Mom, I Found Great Great Grandma in the Archives!: Researching the Wyoming State Archives.**
- On Tue. June 10 from 11:30-12:30 Kate Howard will examine **Building a Family Medical History When Adoption Obscures the Truth.**
- On Thur. June 12 from 3:30-4:30 Laurel Haas will present **Proving a Maternal Third Great Grandmother With DNA.**
- On Tue. June 17 from 11:30-12:30 Timothy Anderson will discuss **Settling Ohio: First Peoples and Beyond.**
- On Thur. June 19 from 3:30-4:30 Amy Carpenter will discuss **Metes & Bounds, Township & Range, Land Platting and Graphing.**
- On Tue. June 17 from 11:30-12:30 Colleen Murray will offer **Creating an Irish Research Plan.**

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

- On Wed. June 4 at 2 am Mia Bennett will offer **Hidden in the Newsprint: UK Edition.**
- Also on Wed. June 4 at 11 Blaine Bettinger will present **Foundations in DNA 3 of 5: Understanding Autosomal DNA.**
- On Fri. June 6 at 11 Roberta Estes will explore **Rewriting the Tree of Mankind: The Million Mito Project – What is It, How We Did It, and What It Means to You.**
- On Tue. June 10 at 11 Sharon Monson will offer **A Gateway to 5.7 Million Records: Using MyHeritage's "Histories, Memories, & Biographies" Collection.**
- On Wed. June 11 at 5 Gail Miller will examine **Top 5 Strategies for Researching Early Kentucky and Virginia Families.**

- On Fri. June 13 at 11 Adwoa Ulzen-Setrakian will discuss **Family Legacies Reclaimed: "Building Family Ties Through Genetic Genealogy".**
- On Tue. June 17 at 5 Denise Cross will share **The One Place Study as a Research Tool.**
- On Wed. June 18 at 11 Cheri Passey will present **Bridging the Generations: Connecting the Enslaved in Your Ancestors" Records to Their Descendants.**
- On Fri. June 20 at 11 Ken McKinlay will offer **Exploring Library and Archives Canada Online.**
- On Tue. June 24 at 11 Gilad Katz will share **Latest Updates to the MyHeritage Mobile App.**
- On Wed. June 25 at 11 Sharon Gillins will examine **Southern Ancestors...Black and White... in the Freedmen's Bureau.**
- On Fri. June 27 at 11 Yvette Hoitink will present **Hand-written Text Recognition Harnessing the Power of Intelligence to Transcribe and Search: .**

☞ 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://lisalouisecooke.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>

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/playlist?list=PLwtrWl_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6.

Events from Local Societies

- On Thu. June 5 at 1:30 the **Genealogy Society of Vallejo- Benicia**, <https://gsvb.org>, will hold its monthly in-person meeting at the Vallejo Naval and & Historical Museum at 734 Marin St., Vallejo. The guest speaker, Glen Holstein, will discuss **The Geography of Genealogy**. The event is free and all are welcome. See the society's website for details.
- On Sun. June 22 from 1-2:30 **San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society**, www.sfbajgs.org/calendar.html, will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. Gary Perlman will examine Canadian Resources for Jewish Genealogy. Register on the website.
- On Thu. June 12 from 6:30 – 8 the **Contra Costa County Genealogical Society**, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. Cynthia Patton, the guest speaker, will present **Setting Goals to Focus Your Genealogy**. Register under events on the society's website.
- On Mon. June 9 from 7 -8:30 the **Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society**, www.l-ags.org, will host a hybrid meeting. Jamie Lew McManus Mayhew will be the guest speaker. She will explore **Hidden Treasures: Unleashing the Full Potential of the FamilySearch Website**. The link to register for the meeting is on the site under speakers.
- On Thu. June 19 at 1 the **Napa Valley Genealogical Society**, <https://napagensoc.org>, will present Evva Housley at a hybrid meeting. Her topic will be **Irish Census Substitutes**. Register on the society's website.
- On Sat. June 28 at 10:15 the **San Mateo County Genealogical Society**, www.smcgs.org, will hold its monthly meeting in person at the San Mateo Public Library. The guest speaker, Pamela Brigham, will examine discuss **Plan Ahead: Mining All the Gems for Your Research Trips**. Register on the society's website.
- On Tue. June 17 from 6:30 – 8 the **Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society**

ety, www.scchgs.org, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. The guest speaker, Annette Burke Lyttle, will present **Genealogical Proof for the Everyday Genealogist**. Register on the society's website.

Upcoming Special Events

- From June 13 -25 the **2025 IGGP (International German Genealogy Partnership) International Conference** will be held at Columbus, Ohio. For details and to register go to <https://iggp.org/2025-attendee-registration/> .
- From June 22-27, the **GRIP Genealogy Institute**, <https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org>, will be offering a series of virtual courses and the in-person courses from July 13-18 in Pittsburgh, PA from May 23 – 26. Go to <https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/#schedule> for details and registration.
- From Aug. 6-8, the **Foundation for East European Family History** will hold its **Annual Conference** on-line. Go to <https://feefhs.org/> for details and registration .
- From Sep 17-19 the **8th We Are Cousins Virtual Genealogy Conference** will be held. For details and to register go to <https://wacconference.com/> .
- From Sep 19-20 the **New York Genealogy and Biographical Society (NYG&BS)** will hold its **2025 New York State Family History Conference** using a hybrid format. For details and to register go to <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/nysfhc/about> . ■

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Marvin & Renee Christensen
Patrick McGinnis
David W. Davis

SRVGS 40th Anniversary Celebration cont'd

We moved back to main gym for a lovely luncheon, sandwiches, several salads, cheese and cold cuts, punch and cupcakes for dessert. No one went home hungry.

Weldon Theobald, Hospitality Chair, arranged the catering, the tables and decorations. Thank you, Weldon, He reported that we had 45 attendees and there was very little leftover and thanks to the RSVP responses he was able to plan accordingly.



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