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March Presentation

Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 at 10am

“Women’s Issues on the Overland Trail” (Via Zoom)

By Bob LaPerriere, MD



The women of the overland trail did not only the domestic chores but they also drove the ox teams, collected “buffalo chips” to fuel the fires, helped pitch the tents, and did many other routine tasks.

And, in addition, they were the ritual caretakers of the dying and the dead. They saw the real enemies of the road as disease and accident. The women carefully noted the cost of the westward movement in human life

Bob LaPerriere is a “transplant” from the Midwest, having been born in Michigan and lived in Chicago and the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1962 with a BA and an MD in 1966. After interning in San Francisco at the U.S. Public Health Hospital he spent two years with the U.S. Public Health Service, staffing a general medicine clinic in Honolulu and then did his dermatology residency at UCSF and was a dermatologist with the Permanente (Kaiser) Medical Group in Sacramento, from 1972 until retirement in 1998.

He has been involved in Sacramento Area history for over 40 years. He started the committee to restore the Historic City Cemetery and was on the Board of the Sacramento County Historical Society for over a decade, and has chaired a variety of historical organizations. His involvement with the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society dates back decades and he chaired the Public Health and Environmental Committee. He also has chaired the Medical History Committee for over 30 years which led to starting Sac’s Society’s Medical Museum. He currently has several positions in the Sacramento area historical and cemetery societies. ■

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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



RootsTech 2025 will be taking place March 6-8 in Salt Lake City. As most of you know, this is a major event in the genealogy community, and it brings together people from around the world to celebrate family connections and genealogy. The event features a variety of classes, keynote speakers, and an expo hall showcasing the latest tools and technologies in genealogy. While it offers extensive online access that millions of people will take advantage of free, many thousands of people will spend the time and money to travel to Salt Lake City to experience it in person. The reasons for this help explain why there is an ongoing need for local societies like ours to continue to exist and have appeal, even when there are so many tools and data sources available to us without leaving the comfort of our own homes.

During my working years I had many opportunities to attend conferences and user group meetings that brought together people who worked with the same software products and experienced many of the same issues I did. I found it highly rewarding, even exhilarating, to leave my regular work environment for a few days and spend time with people who had similar interests and experiences. Part of it was just being around other people who knew what I was talking about and shared my enthusiasm for my work whereas most of my friends didn't understand what I did and found it mystifying or downright boring when I would try to explain. In any event, I almost invariably returned to work from these conferences recharged and with several new ideas that would potentially solve a problem I had been facing at my organization, or would offer new approaches to enhancing the effectiveness of our analytical and information-sharing efforts.

Many of us experience similar feelings when we get together with others who share our passion for genealogy research and knowledge. Presentations by experts in a particular geographical area, military history and data, specific time periods, or a variety of other specialty areas can open our eyes to

new ideas, data sources, and approaches to our research that may never have occurred to us on our own. Moreover, those we interact with at these gatherings don't seem to get bored nearly as fast as our friends or at least they are sympathetic to our eagerness to share our findings about our family history.

I have not attended Rootstech yet but have heard very positive things about it from others, and I hope to be able to go next year. In the meantime, I look forward to more occasions to get together with other members of our Society to swap stories, commiserate over our brick walls, and share our successes and new ideas to keep us enthusiastic and moving forward in our genealogy journeys. I look forward to seeing you all there! ■

SRV Genealogical Society Constitution and By-Laws Changes submitted by Julie Basel, Membership

The SRVGS Board of Directors proposes the following changes to the Constitution and By-Laws:

Article III Section B.

Remove paragraph and replace with:

"Memberships will be renewed annually on the anniversary date of the member join date and delinquent after a two-month grace period. Existing members as of May 31, 2022 will have an annual expiration date of May 31st. A delinquent member shall be dropped from the membership rolls and no longer receive Society communications/emails."

Article III Section E.

Remove "membership and".

These changes will be submitted to the membership for a vote during the annual business meeting in May. The complete Constitution and By-laws can be viewed on our website in the About section.

MEMBER STORY

GENEALOGY QUEST – THOMAS WHITE AND THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

By: Sharon Garrison

The family story I'd heard growing up was that Thomas White, my 4th great grandfather, had participated in the Boston Tea Party. My Quest was to prove it.



Background: Boston Tea Party Story

In 1773, Britain's East India Company was sitting on large stocks of tea that it could not sell in England. It was on the verge of bankruptcy. In an effort to save it, the government passed the **Tea Act of 1773**, which gave the company the right to export its merchandise directly to the colonies without paying any of the regular taxes that were imposed on the colonial merchants, who had traditionally served as the middlemen in such transactions. With these privileges, the company could undersell American merchants and monopolize the colonial tea trade.

The act proved inflammatory for several reasons. First, it angered influential colonial merchants, who feared being replaced and bankrupted by a powerful monopoly. The East India Company's decision to grant franchises to certain American merchants for the sale of their tea created further resentments among those excluded from this lucrative trade.

More important, however, the Tea Act revived American passions about the issue of taxation without representation. The law provided no new tax on tea. Lord North assumed that most colonists would welcome the new law because it would reduce the price of tea to consumers by removing the middlemen.

But the colonists responded by boycotting tea. Unlike earlier protests, this boycott mobilized large segments of the population. It also helped link the colonies together in a common experience of mass popular protest. Particularly important to the movement were the activities of colonial women, who were one of the principal consumers of tea and now became the leaders of the effort to the boycott.

Various colonies made plans to prevent the East India Company from landing its cargoes in colonial ports. In ports other than Boston, agents of the company were "persuaded" to resign, and new shipments of tea were either returned to England or warehoused. In Boston, the agents refused to resign and, with the support of the royal governor, preparations were made to land incoming cargoes regardless of opposition.

After failing to turn back the three ships in the harbor, local patriots led by Samuel Adams staged a spectacular drama. On the evening of **December 16, 1773**, three companies of fifty men each, masquerading as Mohawk Indians, passed through a tremendous crowd of spectators, went aboard the three ships, broke open the tea chests, and heaved them into the harbor. As the electrifying news of the Boston "tea party" spread, other seaports followed the example and staged similar acts of resistance of their own.'

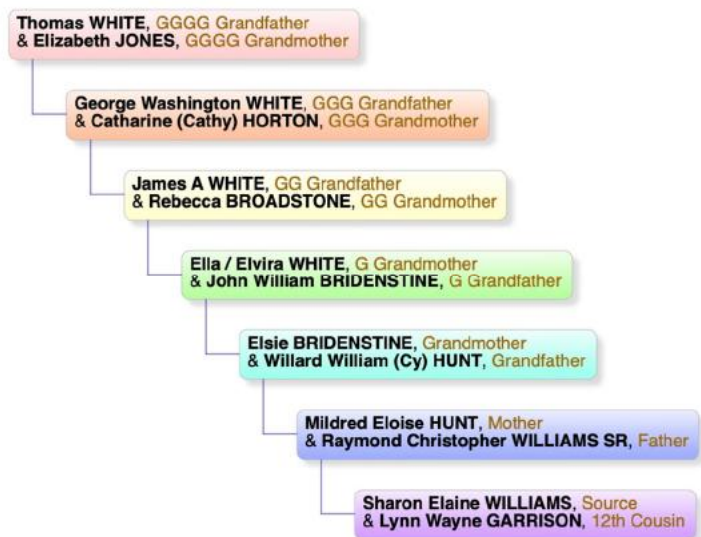
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Family Information and Relationship



Thomas White

b. 19 Mar 1739 Kilkenney, Ireland

d. 13 Sep 1820 Broad Top City, Huntingdon Co, Pennsylvania

m. Elizabeth Jones 1 Jul 1770 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, Pennsylvania

Elizabeth (Jones) White

b. 24 Jun 1755 Douglassville, Berks Co, Pennsylvania

d. 2 Feb 1844 Broad Top City, Huntingdon Co, Pennsylvania

Grave marker says: "mother of 21 children"

Burial:

Evans Cemetery, Six Mile Run, Bedford Co, Pennsylvania

Cemetery Marker: Descendants and members of patriot societies created a monument to Thomas and Elizabeth White's memory which was unveiled July 4, 1889.

Find A Grave Memorial #11601020 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11601020/thomas-white>

Success...Sort of...

I was not able to prove conclusively that Thomas White participated in the Boston Tea Party primarily because the Freemasons kept membership secret and documentation does not exist. He quite likely joined St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston since he was a member of the Masonic Order.

There is a Pennsylvania Historical Marker near his gravesite at the Evans Cemetery, Six Mile Run, Bedford Co., Pennsylvania indicates Thomas White participated.

The Pennsylvania Highway Marker by Evans Cemetery reads:

"Gravesite of Thomas White Member of the Boston Tea Party. Born in Ireland on March 19, 1739. White came to America and is believed to have taken part in the famed "Boston Tea Party" of December 16, 1773. Later he joined the Continental Army serving gallantly during the Revolutionary War. Hence, the White family settled near here where he died on September 13, 1820. Erected by Thomas White Historical Association 1973"

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His name with a short bio is on the Boston Tea Party Museum website as a participant at: <https://www.bostonteatpartyship.com/participants-in-the-boston-tea-party>



One of my sisters (I'm the oldest of seven siblings) who is also doing genealogy research and I located 14 direct descendants. I think Thomas and Elizabeth probably lost a number of children who died young. My sister and I put together and held a Thomas White Family Reunion in June 2011 in Bedford Co, Pennsylvania.

My husband is my 12th cousin. We both have Mayflower ancestors although I've only



found one and my husband had several. ■



Notes on the February 2025 Presentation

By Margaret Goetze

“Germans to America’s Midwest 1848-1900” by Scott Norrick ”

Scott Norrick leads Ancestral Past and has over 30 years of family history research. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) has been published in the Indiana Genealogical Society's Indiana Genealogist, has presented at The Association of Professional Genealogists annual conference and to the Wisconsin Genealogical Society, and has been a featured guest on the radio show/podcast Extreme Genes. Having traced and documented thousands of ancestors and relatives in both the United States and Northern Europe, he is experienced with all of the latest and time-tested genealogical tools and resources.

Scott provided us a 3-page handout that was included in the meeting invitation, and the meeting recording will also be on our website for thirty days.

Between 1850 and 1900 over 4.4 million Germans immigrated to the United States, and primarily to the Midwest. The top reason was economic due to the industrial revolution, the loss of agricultural jobs and the difficulty in acquiring land in Germany. Families were large with 10-15 children, some areas were overpopulated for the land available, and they could only pass land to eldest son. Many were farmers and after poor crop years the option to move became more desirable. The unsuccessful revolutions of 1848 created instability as well.

Prior to 1840, the primary reason for immigration was religious for the Lutherans, Mennonites and Amish, and they often settled in the Mid-Atlantic states especially Pennsylvania.

In 1871, Germany became one country, led by Prussia. Since they were previously independent states, they attempted to align the differing cultures. There were different languages, approach to education, and religions. They wanted to make Protestant the primary religion. These changes increased the number of departures with 1882 becoming the peak immigration year to the US.

So why did they move to midwestern states? During this time, many of the midwestern counties were being founded and were just starting to take off. Some of the Pennsylvania Germans also began to migrate westward. Farmland was plentiful and available at good prices. The US Railroad companies had been granted land for 10 miles on both sides of the rail tracks. They were glad to sell much of it to new settlers. Many didn't have enough money to buy land when they arrived, however they saved up and in 5-10 years they could afford to buy it. Minerals were also discovered, and Germans were recruited as miners. The Midwest had less anti-immigrant sentiment. The East coast was founded by the English, and they were less welcoming to non-English speakers. Many Germans were anti-slavery, so they avoided the southern states.

The majority of the travelers departed from Hamburg or Bremen with New York's Castle Garden as the top destination. Ellis Island did not open until 1892. Most immigrants knew where they were heading, and New Orleans was the second most frequent destination as it enabled people to travel up the Mississippi. It was easier than crossing the Appalachian mountains. It was also less expensive – many cotton ships sailed to Europe, so they were available to transport people back to the US.

Milwaukee to St. Louis to Cincinnati was referred to as the German triangle due to the large number of German settlers. These locations follow the waterways of the Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri rivers as well as the Great Lakes.

Gottfried Duden published “Report on a Journey to the Western State of North America” in 1829. He contrasted life in Missouri with Germany. Missouri had no king, oppressive taxes, military draft, famine or over-population. Benefits included that the people elected their president, land was available for purchase, and people had both religious and education freedom of choice.

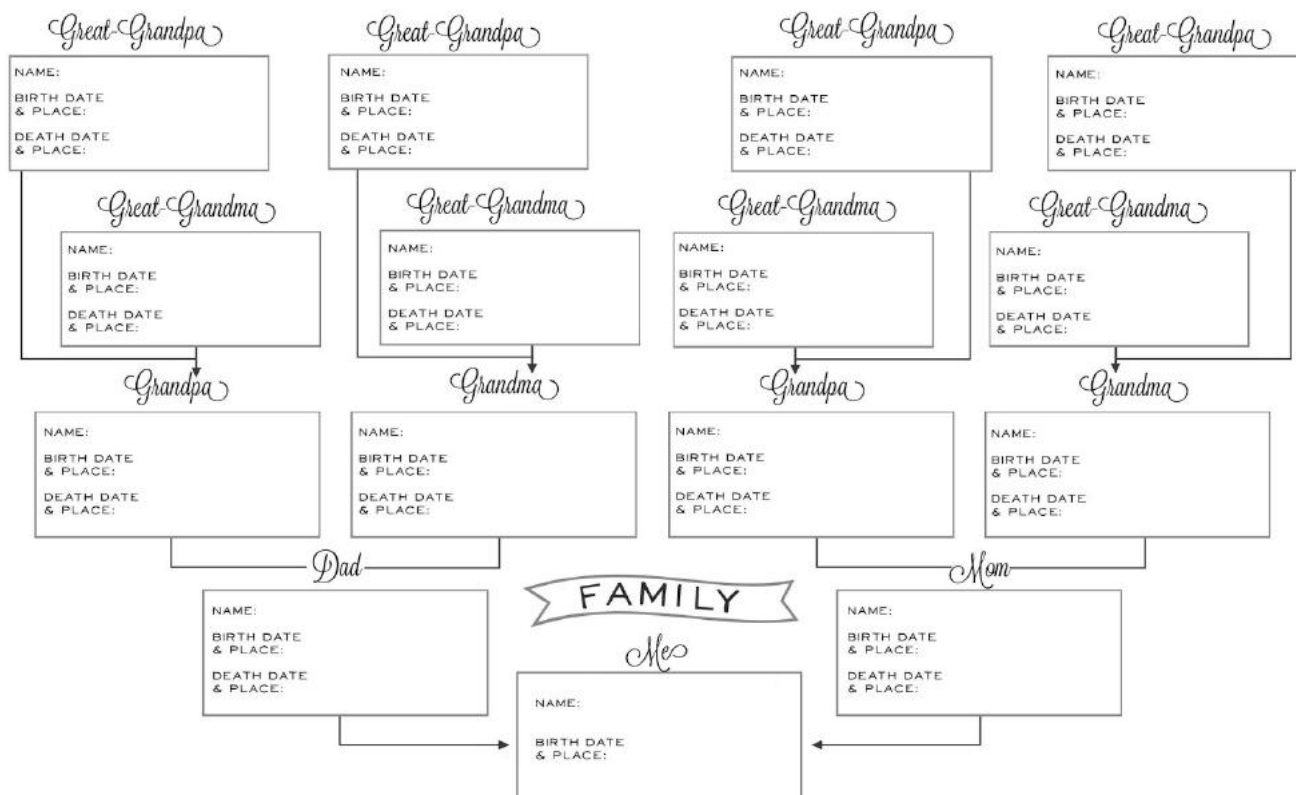
Notes on the November 2024 Presentation (cont'd)

The German immigrants had a significant impact on the Midwest. Many newspapers were published in German although this declined during WWI. The beer brewing industry took off in Milwaukee with the names Pabst, Miller, Schlitz and Blatz. Dairy farming grew. Germans comprised 10% of the soldiers who fought for the Union during the Civil War. There were multiple regiments of German speaking soldiers and only their leader needed to speak English.

One of the biggest challenges of researching our German ancestors is the fragmentation of records. In Germany, churches were the primary sources, there were no standards for record keeping in the different entities, boundaries changed, and language varied. Records were lost during the world wars.

Many of us know it is essential to know the town of origin for your ancestor so you can then seek out the church records. Gazetteers can assist in understanding boundaries at different points in time. Germans usually kept good records. The tradition was to pass the family bible on to the eldest daughter so perhaps this may help you in tracing where a family bible may have gone for your ancestors. Another tip is to look at neighbors for the first person who immigrated – their neighbor may be from the same city. If you can find old obituaries, they may also give new clues.

Scott gave us new insights into the lives and the positive impact of our German ancestors. If you are looking for additional assistance in researching your German ancestors, you may want to join our German Special Interest Group which meets in person on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:00 to 2:45 at the Danville FamilySearch center at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. ■



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR****March 2025**

- 18 Tuesday-10am, the March General Meeting will be held via Zoom link. Bob LaPerriere MD will present **Women's Issues on the Overland Trail.**
- 25 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

April 2025

- 15 Tuesday-10am, the April General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Tom MacEntee will present **Getting the Most out of Census Records.**
- 22 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

May 2025

- 20 Tuesday-11am, the May General Meeting and **40th Anniversary Celebration** will be held in person and on Zoom. Details forthcoming.
- 27 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

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.

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"Genealogy: An account of one's descent from an ancestor who did not particularly care to trace his own." —Ambrose Bierce

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

By: Bill George, SRVGS SIG Coordinator

In March, 2025 we have seven Special Interest Groups meeting at their normal dates/times. 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 want 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 Society.



FamilySearch SIG, Monday, March 10th, (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, Wednesday, March 12th, (the 2nd Wednesday) **10:00 am - 12:00 pm in a Zoom meeting**. They share information from the internet, journals, DNA and books. Leslie Stewart is the SIG leader. You may contact Leslie at lwvleslie@gmail.com.



Italian SIG, Wednesday, March 19th, (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 kblquilt@comcast.net to be provided the Zoom link to the meeting.

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DNA SIG, Monday March 17th, (the 3rd Monday) **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.



Publishing SIG, Thursday, March 20th, (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30 am - 12:00 pm in a Google Meet meeting**. Contact Kathy Javdani at kijsc@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, March 24th, (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, March 26th, (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 kblquilt@comcast.net.



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

It's March, the unpredictable month of change. May these learning opportunities provide you with just the change you want.

☞ 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. Mar. 1 from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a hybrid meeting. The topic will be **Vital Records**.
- On Sat. Mar. 15 from 10-12 Sandra Huber will lead the **San Francisco SIG** via Zoom. Contact sfsig@californiaancestors.org for more information.
- Also, on the 15th from 1-3 Ron Madson and Karen 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 Sat. Mar. 22 from 2-4 Stewart Blandon Traiman will discuss **Excel for Genealogists**. Pre-registration required. See Education-Events on the CGS website for further details.
- On Mon. Mar. 24 from 7-8:30 the DNA Skills SIG with Mark McLaren will meet online. Contact Mark at greatscot@earthlink.net for details.
- On Wed. Mar. 26 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. Apr. 5 from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a hybrid meeting. The topic will be **Organizing Your Family History Work**.

☞ 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. The SIGs include:

- On Wed. Mar. 5 at 11 **German Research Discussion** with Robert Jackson. In person only.
- On Tue. Mar. 11 at 11 Cindy Thomson will facilitate a **Hawaiian Research Discussion**.
- Also, on the 11th at 1:30 Denise Plaskett will present **FamilySearch 103: Efficient and Effective Searches**.
- On Wed. Mar. 12 at 11 Jennifer Dix will offer **Intro to Genealogy**. Hybrid.
- On Thu. Mar. 13 at 11 Daniel Horowitz will share **MyHeritage Advanced Features and Technologies**.
- Also, on Thu. Mar. 13 at 6:30 Denise Plaskett will present **FamilySearch 103: Efficient and Effective Searches**. Hybrid.
- On Wed. Mar. 19 at 1 Jared Weaver will lead the **Danish Research** group. In person only.
- On Fri. Mar. 21 at 11 Kelvin Brewer will discuss **AI Expand Your Family Search With Full Text**. Hybrid.

- On Wed. Mar. 26 at 11 Ralph Severson will present **Portuguese Records and Naming Traditions**. Hybrid.
- Also, on the 26th Esta Weaver will lead the **Norwegian Research Group**. In person only.
- On Thu. Mar. 27 at 1 and also at 6:30 Sue Severson will discuss **DNA Part 1**. Hybrid.

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 Wed. Mar. 5 at 3 Jeffrey Boutwell will discuss his book, **Boutwell: Radical Republican and Champion of Democracy**.
- On Thu. Mar. 13 at 12 David Allen Lambert will examine **Friend or Foe: Researching Colonial Ancestors During the American Revolution**.
- On Fri. Mar. 14 at 1 David Wood will share **Eyewitness to Revolution**.
- On Wed. Mar. 19 at 3 Megan Marshall will share her book, **After Lives: On Biography and Mysteries of the Human Heart**. \$18
- On Thu. Mar. 20 at 3 Start Weitzman and Stuart Weitzman will explore **Der Shusterman: Stuart Weitzman and the History of the Jewish Shoe Industry**.
- On Thu. Mar. 27 from 3-4 David Levering Lewis will discuss his book. **The Stained Glass Window: A Family History as an American Story, 1790-1958**.
- On Tue. Apr. 1 at 3 Lee Hawkins and Martha Jones will lead a panel discussion **The Power of Learning Your Family History**.

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 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. Mar. 4 from 11:30-12:30 Elizabeth Hodges will share **My Great-Grandfather's Secrets, Using DNA, Oral History, and Historical Context to Discover Untold Stories**.
- On Tue. Mar. 11 from 11:30-12:30 Kate McKenzie will explore **Beyond the Pines: Exploring Your Black Forest Ancestry in Baden-Wuerttemberg**.
- On Thu. Mar. 13 at 3:30 Elizabeth Hodges will examine **Tracing Your Irish Roots: An Introduction to Irish Genealogy**.
- On Tue. Mar. 18 from 11:30-12:30 Alison Diamond will discuss **Finding Your Ancestors in the Argyll Estates Archives**.
- On Thu. Mar. 20 at 3:30 Britta Brewer will present **IGG: A DNA Tool Solving the Unsolvable**.
- On Tue. Mar. 25 from 11:30-12:30 Christina Clary will examine **Building Your Family's Story Using AI on FamilySearch: A Case Study**.

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

- On Tue. Mar. 11 at 11 Daniel Horowitz will share **RootsTech 2025 Recap**.
- On Wed. Mar. 12 at 5 Jenny Hansen will explore **Danish Probate Records**.
- On Fri. Mar. 14 at 11 Gill Thomas will present **Researching Your Hampshire Ancestors**.
- On Tue. Mar. 18 at 5 Annette Burke Lyttle will

discuss **DNA Meets the Paper Trail: Pedigree Triangulations Strategies for Early 19th-Century Research on Migration**

- On Wed. Mar. 19 at 11 Alex Feretti will offer **Off the Boat: Tracing Your Ancestor Back to the Old Country**.
- On Fri. Mar. 21 at 11 Nefi Arenas Salazar will examine **Mexican Notarial Records: An Invaluable Source for Reconstructing the Past of Mexican Families**.
- On Tue. Mar. 25 at 11 Diane Henriks will present **Start Your Family History Journey for Free with MyHeritage**.
- On Fri. Mar. 28 at 11 Steve Little will share **Picture the Past: An Introduction to AI Images for Family Historians**.
- On Tue. Apr. 3 at 2 Diana Elder will discuss **DNA Meets the Paper Trail: Pedigree Triangulations Strategies for Early 19th-Century Research**.

 On Sat. Mar. 1 at 10 the Southern California Genealogical Society, www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinars, this month is hosting Allyson Maughon. She will be discussing **Solving Your Picture Problems**. Go to the above link to register.

 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.

- Auntie Jen's Family Trees, <https://Auntiejentrees.blogspot.com>
- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <https://extremegenes.com/blog>
- The Genealogy Guys Podcast www.genealogyguys.com
- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems <https://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts>

- The Genealogy Squad <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad/>
- Lisa also has a genealogy chat on YouTube at 9 am on Thursdays entitled [Elevenes](#).
- Thomas MacEntee's www.genealogybargains.com
- Judy Russell's www.legalgenealogist.com
- Family History Fanatics www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog
- Connie Knox <https://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.
- Html://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. Mar. 6 at 1:30 the Genealogy Society of Vallejo- Benicia, <https://gsyb.org>, will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. The featured speaker, Candice Buchanan, will explore **Finding the Women in Our History**. See the society's website for details.
- On Mon. Mar. 10 the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, www.sfbajgs.org/calendar.html, will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. Hal Bookbinder will discuss **Jewish Fraternal Organizations of the Early 20th Century**. Register on the website.
- Also, on Mon. Mar. 10 from 7 -8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will host a hybrid meeting. The guest speaker, Jean Wilcox Hibben, share **Forget Me Not: The Story of a Milwaukee Pioneer**. The link to register for the meeting is on the site under speakers.
- On Thu. Mar. 13 from 6:30 – 8 to 12 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. The guest speaker, Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew will present **FamilySearch.org: Tips, Techniques and Surprises For Using**. Register under events on the society's website.
- On Sat. Mar. 15 the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, <https://scgsonline.org>, will have its monthly meeting via Zoom. The guest speaker, K.B. Barcomb will explore **WWI Records, Resources, and Research Methods**. Register on the society's website.
- On Tue. Mar. 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. The guest speaker, Daryl Lee, will discuss **Chinese Labor in Santa Clara County in the 19th Century**. Register under Upcoming Events on the society's website.
- On Thu. Mar. 20 at 1 the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, <https://napagensoc.org>, will hold its monthly hybrid meeting. Bob LaPerriere, the guest speaker, will discuss **Women's Issues on the Oregon Trail**. Register on the soci-

ety's website.

- On Sat. Mar. 22 at 10:30 the San Mateo County Genealogical Society, www.smcgs.org, and the Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group, www.svcgg.org, will hold a joint meeting via Zoom. A panel will discuss **The Best of Rootstech**. Register on one of the society's websites.

Upcoming Special Events

- On Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 the California Genealogical Society, www.californiaancestors.org, will sponsor an **Irish Research Seminar**. Feb. 28th will feature 30 consultations and March 1 will offer in-person lectures.
- From March 6-8 RootsTech 2025 will be held live in Salt Lake City and online. Register at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>
- On Apr. 5 from 6am – 2 pm the Virtual Celtic Connections Conference 2025 will take place via Zoom. Register at <https://celtic-connections.org/regportal.html>
- From May 23 – 26 the National Genealogical Society will hold its **2025 Family History Conference – Tales & Trails** in Louisville, Kentucky. Go to <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/> for details and 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. Go to <https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/#schedule> for details and registration. ■

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Let's all extend a Warm Welcome to
our newest member,

Michelle Oliveira

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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.

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.



The World's Largest Family History Conference is coming up March 6-8, 2025 and it is both Virtual and In Person again this year! Register now—Ctrl-click the link for [Roots Tech registration](https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/). Note that the Virtual is FREE again this year. The In-Person fee is \$129 for the 3 days.

You can also go to the <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/> site for detailed info on the event. Don't miss this marvelous event.



SRVGS is on Facebook!

Click on the link below or go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/srvgensoc>

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Our society realizes many of us are faced with that familiar brick wall, or maybe we need suggestions on where to look after we've begun chiseling into the bricks.

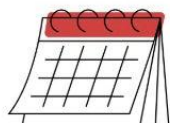
Under New Member Resources on our website, <https://srvgensoc.org>, is a list of our society members willing to help in specific areas (ALL members can use this, not just new.) You can also send a query to the email: secretary@srvgensoc.org

We want to help!

**San Ramon Valley
Genealogical Society**

Annual Meeting and 40th Anniversary Celebration!

**Lunch, door prizes, games,
speakers!**



In person and Zoom!

**Tuesday,
May 20th**

11 AM - 1 PM

More Info

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