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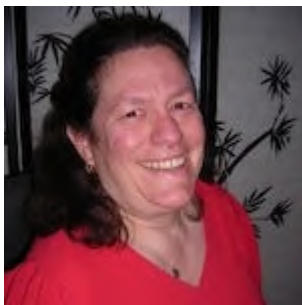
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March Presentation:

Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 10 am

“Jewish Research: Why is This Research Different From All Other Research? ”

By Janice Sellers



This class provides an overview of the unique aspects of Jewish culture and history that affect family history research. Topics include history, geography, naming patterns, languages and alphabets, rabbinical genealogies, kehillah records, yizkor books, cemeteries, and other resources.

Janice M. Sellers is related to actor Peter Sellers and to John of Gaunt, son of a king and father of a king. At least that's what her grandparents told her. Unfortunately, they were wrong, but that's why she has researched her family for 49 years

and now helps others find the right pieces to fit their genealogy puzzles. She specializes in Jewish, Black, forensic, and newspaper research and has taught at local to international levels. Her site is <http://www.ancestraldiscoveries.com/> ■

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 Steve at president@srvgensoc.org prior to the meeting for the link. If you have any Zoom questions or issues, please contact Steve Watty at 925-766-6706 or Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.

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President's Message

By Steve Watty



Are you attending Root-Tech 2024? The world's largest genealogy conference is taking place February 29 to March 2, 2024 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference brings together genealogy enthusiasts, researchers, and industry leaders from

around the world to share their knowledge, ideas, and passion for family history. Here is the link to sign up if you haven't already: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/roottech/registration/>

For those lucky enough to attend in person, I am truly jealous of you and wish you a fun and informative conference. The rest of us have the free online attendance option to use from the comfort of our work desk, laptop or iPad.

Attendees, in person or online, can choose from many classes and workshops that cover a wide range of genealogy-related topics, including DNA research, ethnic and immigrant research, technology and innovation, and much more. Whether in-person or online the attendee has the option to customize their classes and workshop schedule. Prepare your schedule in advance for an organized approach to the conference.

Find and make connections with known and yet unknown "cousins" attending the conference by searching the "Relatives at RootsTech" application on the RootsTech main page.

Take advantage of these next few days with this *FREE* online event, expand your genealogical learnings, communicate with vendors, speakers and connected cousins. After your sabbatical from SRVGS activities, let's jump back into March with our general meeting on March 19, 2024 with our keynote speaker, Janice Sellers presenting "Jewish Research: Why is this Research Different from all Other Research?" ■

Make A Difference



We need you! Every two years in May the SRVGS holds the election of officers for the Board. This is an election year and a new board will be set in June for the 2024/2026 term. All of the current Board members have been in their current positions for at least the past two-year term, some serving multiple terms. Volunteerism has been a key component throughout our history leading to a successful, growing, and vibrant society. But this can only continue with ongoing commitment, active support, and volunteers from our members.

Now we need you to step up, volunteer for a Board or Committee assignment. Training, support, and appreciation will be given to any member willing to commit a few hours each month. Join the team, share innovative ideas, and let your voice be heard. Call or email any member of the board, they are available to answer any of your questions or discuss the responsibilities for any desired position. ■

RootsTech is coming back this month (Feb 29-Mar 2, 2024) and registration open. It will be both on-line and in person, with a fee of \$109 for the 3 days to attend in person, or *FREE* to virtual attendees. Hurry, if you want to go in person. However you can still sign up for the virtual session. Go to [RootsTech Registration](https://www.familysearch.org/en/roottech/registration/) to sign up.



"What's RootsTech?", you say? It is a worldwide genealogical conference sponsored by Family Search, taking place in Salt Lake City and in your computer room at home. There are >200 on line sessions as well as >250 sessions only available in SLC. There will be exhibitors, of interest to you if you attend in person, and nationally and internationally known speakers. If you want to know more or register go to <https://www.familysearch.org/en/roottech/> ■

MEMBER STORY

WHAT WAS THAT NAME AGAIN?

By: Leslie Stewart

When I married my first husband in 1965, his name was Joseph Lee Mitchell – or so we thought. I had met Jody's family – his Mitchell grandparents, his Kavanaugh aunts and uncles by his grandmother Mitchell's first marriage – and I knew his mother had died when he was very young after his father had walked out on them. But he was definitely Mitchell when I married him.



A few months after our marriage, we decided to apply for passports, just in case we got a chance to travel after I finished my graduate work. I had my birth certificate; Jody needed his. He came home in great excitement, because he had found out from his grandmother that his birth name was actually Joseph Perry, and he had some grandparents in the Midwest who might know where his father was.

He made some hasty notes on the corner of a handy manila envelope, and I found those a few weeks ago while clearing out files, so I decided to put his parents and grandparents into my family tree. Here was his note about his grandmother, Eva Guadagano, with her phone number, and another phone number in El Monte, CA, which I figured out was for his father. We had made a trip East to see his Guadagano relatives and reconnected with his father as well, so I knew that was correct so far – but how did Guadagano connect to Perry?

I'm not sure I could have unscrambled this without Ancestry's handy breadcrumbs, the ones that suggest additional records to check. When I started looking for Eva Guadagano, I found the family where I expected them in 1940, in Indiana, and when I looked at the sons who were in the family in 1940 and 1950, I found that all of them married and stayed in Indiana.

Ancestry suggested that one of the sons was in the 1920 census under a different last name, Perra. Following this showed me that in 1920 the same family – same first names, same ages, same birthplace and occupation for the father – was living in the same place, but using the last name *Perra*. In 1930 the family was shown as *Perry* (aha!). They had changed from the Italian Perra to the anglicized Perry and then to the even more Italian Guadagano in three decades.

I also discovered that in the 1920 census, there was another son, Leonard or Leo. That matched the name I remembered for Jody's father. Again, I relied on Ancestry's suggestions for the various records for Leo, and found that Leo never made the switch to Guadagano. In 1938 he was still Leo Coobie Perry.

Then Ancestry led me to the records for his service in the Navy between 1943 and 1944, and those records were under Leo Delafura! There was a group of records for Leo Delafura, including ones showing his residence for a number of years in El Monte, and a newspaper obituary which listed surviving children, including a son, Jody Mitchell of New York.

Apparently Delafura was not Leo's official name even when he was in the Navy, however. Jody was born in 1945, shortly after Leo left the Navy in 1944 in Alameda, and the names on the California Birth Record index are his mother's maiden name of Kavanaugh and the last name he was given, Perry. I haven't yet found a marriage record, if there is one, and still need to get the full birth certificate, but obviously Perry was the name that Leo and Betty Jane were using at the time, not Delafura.

By 1950 Joseph L. Perry was an orphan,

living with the Mitchells in El Sobrante , and then

— Kelen	Wife	W	F	44	Mar	Colorado
Craft Bonnie B.	Daughter	W	F	20	Wd.	Washington
Kavanaugh, Duane C.	Son	W	M	18	Nw	Washington
Perry, Joseph L.	Grandson	W	M	4	Nw	Calif
Perry, Elberta J.	Daughter	W	F	38	D	Colorado

1950 US Census

the name Perry vanished.

When he married me, when we were divorced, when he married his second wife and moved to New York, when he died twenty years ago in New York, all the records are under Mitchell. Even his passport was under Mitchell, after he got a notarized statement from his grandparents that he had always used that name (just try that now!) However, thanks to Ancestry's "suggested records" feature, I now know all the other names he might have used and how they fit into my tree.

Editor's note: This article is from one of our members. I encourage all of you to write a short story to be published in a future issue of our Newsletter. There must be something that you are proud of finding, a breakthrough that has been long coming or even a funny, interesting, or possibly ironic story about one of your ancestors. It can be as short as a paragraph or two or as long as two or three pages or so. Publication will be determined by when I receive it and by space available.

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Family Search Center Changes

Kevin Ganschow, gans5@sbcglobal.net, has been appointed the new Director of our Danville FSC, replacing interim Director Rudy Wolf who has been transferred to the Oakland FSC. Current hours are below but look for changes soon. Appointments are not needed.

Monday 10-1

Tuesday 2-5

Wednesday 1-5

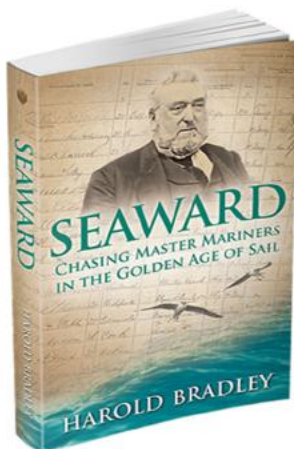
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

Sharon Donovan



We have a published author in our midst! Harold Bradley, a member of our Society since 2019, announces below the publication of his book, please see below.



Seaward: Chasing Master Mariners in the Golden Age of Sail is now published.

A biographical & historical memoir and a case study in bringing family history to life

Previously presented to SRVGS's Publication and Irish-Scottish SIGs in May 2023

Learn more here:

www.hbradleyauthor.com



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 2024

- 19 Tuesday-10am The March General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Janice Sellers on **Jewish Research: Why is this Research Different from all Other Research?**
- 26 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

April 2024

- 16 Tuesday-10am, The April General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Robert M. Wilbanks IV on the subject of **Heading West, Starting Fresh: Our Ancestors and American Expansion.**
- 23 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

May 2024

- 21 Welcome Back! The Annual General Meeting/Elections will be held in person with Lunch included.
- 28 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

June 2024

- 18 Tuesday-10am, The June General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Kim Richardson will present **A New Strategy for Brick Walls.**
- 25 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

July 2024

- 16 Tuesday-10am, the July General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Steve Little will present **AI-Assisted Genealogy via Zoom Link.**
- 23 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.■



Notes on Last Month's Presentation

By Karen LaDuca

"How Can Historical Context Genealogy Help My Family History?"

By Peg Kapustiak

Ms. Kapustiak challenged us to go beyond names and dates in our family trees by looking at historical events during our ancestors' lifetimes, documenting family stories, researching the cities and towns where they lived, finding out about the schools, churches and occupations they took part in, and identifying reasons for immigrating or relocating. Her handouts give suggestions of many different things to think about in doing this research. And she also gave us ideas about how to incorporate historical context into our family tree reports.

Another important point that she made was to remember to document our own families' stories and document them for the future. We spend so much of our time searching for our ancestors that we sometimes forget that we need to tell our own stories for future generations. And she gave us some suggestions to make this a less daunting prospect. My mother-in-law took the time to hand write many pages of the story of her life. It is a treasured item for our family.

She also provided us with an interesting list of resources, some familiar and some not so well known. One in particular that I had not heard of is Preservation Directory Organizations and Resources. I will certainly be checking that one out. Ms. Kapustiak's ideas will give us all many new avenues to follow.■

"It is easier to transmit information than to record it; it is easier to record information than to preserve it; it is easier to preserve information than to locate and recall it once it has been recorded and preserved." E.L. Applebaum, Library of Congress Processing Department

—submitted by Leslie Stewart who found this in a 1965 file!

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE*By: Bill George*

In March, 2024, the SIGs are all meeting on schedule. However the German SIG is changing the venue for this month only. See below. The Publishing SIG is using Google Meet for their on-line meetings. The German SIG is meeting in person. All SIG members receive emails from their leaders on how to join each meeting.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday Mar. 13th, 10-12noon (the 2nd Wednesday) in a Zoom meeting. They share info from the internet, journals, DNA and books. Patty Erickson is the SIG leader

You may contact Patty at russpat@comcast.net.



Family Search - Monday Mar. 11th, 1-3pm, (the 2nd Monday) via Zoom. Learn the many aspects of this free, comprehensive genealogy

web site. You may contact SIG Leader Bill George at williammcgeorge@gmail.com.



Publishing - Thursday Mar. 21st, (the 3rd Thursday), **10:30-12noon** in a Google Meet meeting. Contact Kathy Javdani at

kjisc@aol.com for info on how to join the meeting. Francie Lloyd, is the SIG Leader and can be reached at frances_lloyd@comcast.net.



DNA - Monday Mar. 18th, 1-3pm, (the 3rd Monday), 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.



German Research - Wednesday Mar. 27th, 1-2:45pm, (the 4th Wednesday) at DJ's Bistro in Concord. Members share information

from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG Leader Karen LaDuca at kblquilt@comcast.net. ■



SRVGS is on Facebook!

Click on the link below or go to:

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



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani



It's March and spring is coming. It's time to update our genealogy knowledge.

☞ The California Genealogy Society Library, www.californiaancestors.org, is open from 10-2 Thursday and Friday and 10-4 on Saturday. Refer to the society's website to register for the following activities. Note any fees. Also, visit the website for access to available recordings and videos.

- On Sat. Mar. 2nd from 10-12, the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a Zoom meeting. The topic will be **Vital Records**.
- On Wed. Mar. 13th from 6:30-8, Lisa Gorrell and Jacqueline Henderson will host the **CGS Members Roundtable** – an online group discussion session.
- On Fri. Mar. 15th from 10:30-11:30, Robert Trapp will lead the **Mayflower Descendants SIG** in person at the CGS library.
- On Mar. 16th from 10-12, Sandra Huber will host the **San Francisco SIG** via Zoom.
- Also, on Mar. 16th from 1-3, Ron Madson and Karen Halfon will lead a hybrid meeting of the **Family Tree Maker SIG**. This session will also include members of the Irish Ancestry Network. Fee for non-members. Register through the FTM-SIG website or contact Ron Madson (650) 576-4495 or Karen Halfon (415) 922-2255
- On Mon. Mar. 25th 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. 27th from 6:30-8, the **RootsMagic Users Group SIG** with Keith Montgomery will meet online.
- On Sat. Mar. 30 from 10-11:30, via Zoom **Thomas MacEntee** will offer **You Can Do This: Photo Organizing and Preservation**.
- On Sat. Apr. 6th from 10-12, the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a Zoom meeting.

☞ To contact The Oakland Family Search Library, www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library/

[Classes and Workshops](#). Email fhcoakland@gmail.com or call 510-531-3905 for Information or to register for online classes and workshops. In addition, the website has links to online classes at the other Family Search Regional Libraries and BYU as well as RootsTech classes. In addition, the Family Search Library in Salt Lake City presents a number of webinars each month. Check the Oakland Family Search Library website for a list of numerous online webinars and classes.

- On the Wed. 6th, 12th, 20th and 27th at 11am, and Mar. 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 6:30pm, CGS and OFSC volunteers host Tips & Talk. These are hybrid discussions at the Oakland FamilySearch Center. Go to the OFSC website for more information on specific topics and to register for a session.
- Jane Lindsey will provide French Canadian Assistance. Appt. only.
- On Thursdays from 11-6, there will be assistance for Swedish Research. No appt. required.
- On Wed. Mar., 27th from 6-9, the African American Research Workshop meeting will be held on Zoom.

☞ The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html offers a variety of webinars. Register online in advance.

- On Wed. Mar. 20th at 6 Cheri Passy will discuss **Analyzing Probate Records: Following the Clues Left After Death**.
- On Sat. Apr. 6th at 10 Susan Skilton will present **Research Land Records in California**.

☞ England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), www.americanancestors.org/events has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for both guest users and NEHGS members. It contains subject

guides on a variety of genealogical topics, informative videos, webinars, online courses, and more. If you have questions or feedback, contact Online Education. Register for its webinars on the society's website.

- On Tue. Mar. 5th, 12th, and 19th from 3-4:30, Bonnie Hofmeyer and Ann Lawthers will explore **Verifying Your Jamestown Lineage**. \$85.
- On Thu. Mar. 7th from 3-4, Brooke Kroeger will share her book, **Undaunted: How Women Changed American Journalism**.
- On Mon., Mar. 11th from 3-4:15, James L. Swanson will discuss his book, **The Deerfield Massacre: A Surprise Attack, a Forced March, and the Fight for Survival in Early America**. \$12.50 for a ticket, \$5 for a ticket and a signed book.
- On Thu. Mar. 14th from 1-2, Peter Lanchidi will present **Jews, Freemasons, and a Nineteenth-Century Debate on Universality**.
- On Sat. Mar. 16th from 11 -2:30, David Lambert, Christopher Child, and Melanie McComb will offer **Basics of Early New England Research**. \$125.
- On Tue. Mar. 19th from 12-1, Rhonda McClure will examine **The Scots-Irish in America: Origins and Migrations**.
- On Thu. Mar. 21st from 12-1, Claire Vail will share **What's New at American Ancestors**.
- Also, on Mar. 21st from 3-4, Greg Steinmetz will discuss his book, **American Rascal: How Jay Gould Built Wall Street's Biggest Fortune**.
- On Fri. Mar. 22nd from 10-11:15, Curt DiCamillo and Christopher Ridgway will present **Haridans and Heroines: The Women of Castle Howard**.
- Available for purchase until Mar. 31st **Beyond the Grave: Uncovering Life Stories from Death Records**. \$115
- Available for purchase until Mar. 31st **Wartime Stories, 1918-1945: Researching Veteran and Homefront Experiences of the World Wars**. \$65 Unable to attend the live broadcast? A re-

cording 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. 5th from 11:30-12:30, Melissa Tennant Rzepczynski will discuss **Finding Her: Our Female Ancestor**.
- On Thu. Mar. 7th from 3:30-4:30, Kelli Bergheimer will present **Sorting Your DNA Match Lists**.
- On Tue. Mar. 12th from 11:30-12:30, LaDonna Garner will explore **Digging for Courthouse Records**.
- On Wed. Mar. 14th from 4-5, Dieter Ullrich will share the **ACGSI Hybrid Program: The Explosion of the Steamer Eclipse**.
- On Thu. Mar. 14th from 3:30-4:30, Elizabeth Watson will discuss **Getting out of the Archives and Into the Pubs to Trace Your Irish Ancestry**.
- On Tue. Mar. 19th from 11:30- 12:30, Denys Allen will examine **Vital Records of Pennsylvania from 1682 – Today**.
- On Thu. Mar. 21st from 3:30-4:30, Robert Wilbanks IV will offer **United States Military Records: A General Overview**.
- On Tue. Mar. 26th from 11:30-12:30 Elena Burtseva will present **Specifics of Genealogical Research in Russia**.

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

- On Fri. Mar. 1st at 11, Janna Helshtein will explore **Telling Your Family's Story with MyHeritage's AI Features**.
- On Tue. Mar. 5th at 5, Benjamin Hollister will share **Beyond the Church Register: Finding**

and Using Religious Archives in Australia.

- On Wed. Mar. 6th at 11, Michelle Leonard will examine **Using DNA to Identify Irish Ancestral Locations**.
- On Fri. Mar. 8th at 11, Joe Saunders will discuss **Researching in Cumberland and Westmorland**.
- On Tue. Mar. 12th at 11, Moshe Etliis will present **Getting the Scoop on Your Ancestors from Old Newspapers**.
- On Wed. Mar. 13th at 5, Ellen Kowitt will share **U.S. Synagogue Records as a Genealogical Resource**.
- On Fri. Mar. 15th at 11, Lisa Medina will offer **Top 10 Digital Repositories for Mexican Research**.
- On Tue. Mar. 19th at 5am, Elisabeth Zetland will present **Webinaire MyHeritage en Francais**.
- Also on Tue. Mar. 19th at 5, Jill Morelli will explore **Maternal Threads Unwoven: Identifying Margareta's Mother in 18th Century Sweden**.
- On Wed. Mar. 20th at 11, Dana Leeds will offer **7 Tips for Using AI As Your Genealogy Assistant**.
- On Fri. Mar. 22nd at 11, Elizabeth Shown Mills will explore **Census Clues: Sweet Potato Simon, White Potato Wille, & Cows that Grow Wool. (for webinar members)**
- On Tue. Mar. 26th at 11, Sharon Monson will discuss **Government Money: MyHeritage's U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936-2007**.
- On Wed. Mar. 27th at 11, Jenny Hansen will answer **Which Hans Jensen is Mine? Navigating Patronymics in Scandinavian Research**.
- On Tue. Apr. 2nd at 6, Jenny Joyce will examine **Non-Conformism in England and Wales**.

 The State Historical Society of Missouri has produced nearly 100 On Demand programs through its virtual program series and past recorded 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/p/1950-census.html>
- 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>
- Lisa also has a genealogy chat on YouTube at 9 am on Thursdays entitled **ElevenSes**.
- 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 offers help on the variety of genealogical topics. Also see the upcoming events schedule at www.dar.org/libraryevents.
- The Sutro Library hosts the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar, www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar. The calendar provides information about events throughout the Bay Area.
- Conference Keeper, <https://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_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6R

Events from Local Societies

- On Sat. Mar. 2nd at 11, the Solano County Genealogical Society, <https://www.scgsca.org/>, will have its monthly meeting via Zoom. Dr. Bob La-Perriere, the guest speaker, will present **Women's Issues on the Overland Trail**. Non-Member Guests are welcome to attend this free event. If interested, send an email to the society at scgs@scgsca.org no later than 4 p.m., March 1st to request an invitation.
- On Thu. Mar. 7th at 1:30, the Genealogy Society of Vallejo- Benicia, <https://gsyb.org>, will have its monthly meeting at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum. Brendan Riley, the guest speaker, will discuss **Irish Ancestry**.
- On Mon. Mar. 11th from 7 -8:30, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will host a Zoom meeting. The guest speaker, Jennifer Holik, will present **Research a Veteran**. The link to register for the meeting is on the site under speakers.
- Also on Mon. Mar. 11th from 4-5:30, the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, www.sfbajgs.org/calendar.html, will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. W. Todd Knowles, the guest speaker, will share **The Knowles Collection**.
- On Thu. Mar. 14th from 6:30 -8, the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. Guest speaker Henriett Martinez Christmas will share **Mexican Catholic Parish Records, Pre-Marital Investigations**. Register under events on the society's website.
- On Fri., Mar. 15th from 10-noon, the Mt. Diablo Genealogy Society, <https://facebook.com/mdgensoc/events> will hold its monthly meeting at the Club Room at Creekside in Rossmoor. See its Facebook page for details.
- On Tue. Mar. 19th from 6:30 -8:30, the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, <https://scchgs.org>, will hold its Zoom general

meeting. The guest speaker, Gene Stowe, will present **Inherit the Land: Jim Crow Meets Miss Maggie's Will**. See the society's website to register.

- On Thu. Mar. 21st at 1, the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, <https://napagensoc.org>, will have Gena Philibert-Ortega as their guest speaker on their hybrid meeting. Her topic will be **25 Tips for Researching Your Female Ancestors**. See the society's website to register.

Upcoming Special Events

- From Feb. 29th -March 2nd, the **RootsTech 2024 Conference** will be hybrid with presentations both in person at Salt Lake City and online. Register at www.rootstech.org.
- From May 16th-18th NGS will hold its **2024 Virtual Family History Conference**, Expanding Possibilities, Register at conference.ngsgenealogy.org
- From June 23rd-28th the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburg (GRIP), www.gripitt.org, (part of NGS) will hold its virtual conference.
- From July 21st-26st the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), ighr.gagensociety.org, will hold a virtual conference.
- From Sept. 11th-13th the 7th WAC (We Are Cousins) Virtual Genealogy Conference will take place. Register at wacconference.com/register.
- On Sept. 20th and 21st the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org will hold its hybrid New York State Family History Conference. For details go to www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/nysfhc/about ■