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May Presentation:

Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 10 am

“Planning a Future For Your Family’s Past” (VIA ZOOM)

BY MARIAN WOOD BURKE



Ancestors' photos, stories, documents, and heirlooms are an important part of your family's past, and they deserve to be protected for future generations and researchers. Learn the PASS process for organizing and storing genealogical materials; curating your collection; writing a "genealogical will" to keep items safe; and sharing your family's history more widely now. Even if you have no obvious heirs for your genealogy, you'll get fresh ideas for steps to take now, with an eye toward preserving family history for the future.

Marian Burk Wood is the author of the popular genealogy book, *Planning a Future for Your Family's Past*. An experienced speaker and a long-time blog-

ger about family history issues and methodology (at <https://ClimbingMyFamilyTree.blogspot.com>), she earned an MBA from Long Island University and a BA from the City University of New York. Marian has been researching her family tree for 25 years, with a special interest in documenting, sharing, and safeguarding family history for future generations. Would you like to do a book giveaway during this talk? I'll happily donate an inscribed copy for one lucky winner, if this fits your format. ■

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

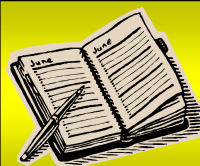


I am writing to inform you of a new resource that our SRVGS society is now offering to our members. We have established a help desk that will be available to assist you with any genealogical research questions or challenges you may encounter.

This help desk will be staffed by knowledgeable and experienced fellow members who are eager to assist you in your research. Whether you are just starting out or have been researching your family history for years, we believe that this new resource will be of great benefit to all our members.

To access the help desk, simply send an email to secretary@srvgensoc.org with your question or research need. You should receive a quick reply, starting the process to hopefully answer your question, from one of our members. The help desk is available to all members of our society, and there is no additional cost to use this service.

We believe that this help desk can be an invaluable resource to our members, and we encourage you to take advantage of it whenever you need assistance. As always, we are committed to providing our members with the best possible resources and support to aid in their genealogical research. Thank you for your continued support of our society, and we look forward to hearing from you at the help desk.■



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2023

- 16 Tuesday—10am The May General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Marian Wood Burk on **Planning a Future for Your Family's Past**
- 23 Tuesday –10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.

June 2023

- 20 Tuesday—10am The June General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Pam Vestal on **Teasing Out the Hidden Story Behind the Genealogical Facts.**
- 27 Tuesday –10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.

July 2023

- 18 Tuesday—10am The July General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Jean Wilcox Hibben on **Beware of the Enchanted Forest: Perils & Pitfalls of On-line Trees.**
- 25 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.

August 2023

There are no meetings in August.

September 2023

- 19 Tuesday—10am The September General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Lisa Alzo on **Diseases, Disasters, Distress: Bad for your Ancestors, Good for Genealogy.**
- 26 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.■

I wish I had realized that family history is a perishable commodity. It disappears with time, as memories fade, and as loved ones pass. I wish I had known that the most important aspect of family history is the preserving the record of the present for the future.

-Guy Black

It's Membership Renewal Time for Many of our Members

SRVGS is transitioning to an annual dues membership basis. Most members will be grandfathered. This means an expiration date of May 31st (from the old system).

Newer members will have an expiration date that is one year from the date that they joined the society. We are making this change to ensure that everyone has a 12-month membership period regardless of the month that they become a member. This will also simplify the dues structure for the society.

SRVGS members will receive an email notice 30 days before their membership expiration date is due. The SRVGS login page will display a "payment due" alert until your payment is posted in the system.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Basel at jbasel@comcast.net. ■

Bill George announces a new section, *New Member Resources*, added to our Society's website

A "New Member Resources" section has been added to the Members-Only section of our website <https://srvgensoc.org> this month. It contains websites for people just starting their genealogy journey and a list of Society members willing to give help and advice on certain topics. Topics we have so far are *California*, *FamilySearch*, *Getting Started*, *General Research*, *Italian*, *Jewish*, *Lithuanian* and *Polish* research with Society member names, emails and phone numbers supporting those topics. If you have experience in an area that might be helpful, please contact me to add your name to the list. My email is wiliamcgeorge@gmail.com. ■



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Notes on Last Month's Presentation

By Karen LaDuca

Learn From Lineage Societies Without Being a Member

By Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal

This was a great presentation on another way to research online for free. Ms. O'Neal's handout included 3 pages of links to various lineage societies plus some great tips on what to do if you find a match. She very thoroughly walked us through using the top 3 websites: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Sons of the American Revolution and National Society United States Daughters of 1812 (covers the years 1784-1816). The DAR has a user tutorial and video to help you. She also lists another website that has a tutorial on using the US Daughters 1812 website. If you find a match it is possible to order applications or supporting documents, usually for a fee.

Although I took notes during the presentation, as I look back at my notes, I think I will go back to recording and watch again so I can stop the recording and take more complete notes. Remember that you need to do this before our next general meeting when the recording will be replaced. ■



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SRVGS *yelp*

The real time Roots Tech is over but the sessions are still available to all of us to view/listen to/ benefit from the myriad of speakers this year and from years past.

How many sessions did you attend? Did you attend some sessions that you really enjoyed? How about writing a one or two sentence review to encourage your fellow SRVGS members to view the session. Send me your comments and I'll publish them in future issues of the newsletter, with your name or anonymously, if you are shy. ■

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There is a fine line between packrat and serious family historian

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

By: Bill George

In May, 2023 SIG dates are "normal", meeting on-line, except for the innovative German SIG. They will be meeting at the Danville FamilySearch Center from 1pm-2:45pm. The publishing SIG is using Google Meet for their on-line meetings. All SIG members receive emails from their leaders on how to join each meeting.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday May 10th, 10am-12 (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 May 8th, 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 wiliamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Publishing - Thursday May 18th (the 3rd Thursday), **10:30-12noon** in a Google Meet meeting. Contact Kathy Javdani at kjjsc@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 May 15th, 1-3pm, (usually 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 May 24th, 1-2:45pm, (the 4th Wednesday) at the Danville Family Search Center, 2949 Stone Valley Rd, 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. ■

MEMBER STORY

ALASKA GOLD RUSH STORIES FROM MY FAMILY

By: *Leslie Stewart*

Both of my mother's parents spent their early years in Seattle. Her father's family, the Dohms, moved there in the 1880s and her mother's family arrived in 1890. The Alaska Gold Rush had a great influence on the city and touched both families.

Part I – Dohm: The Wreck of the Clara Nevada

My grandfather had an older half-brother, Ernest, from his mother's first marriage. The family Bible entry which was transcribed and passed down to me was very specific about Ernest's early death: "died in the wreck of the Clara Nevada on Vanderbilt Reef in the Lynn Canal outside Skagway, Yukon Territory" with the date, Feb. 5, 1895. (I don't know whether the transcription or the original entry was in error, because the actual date was Feb. 5, 1898.)

It is easy to find information about the wreck



of the Clara Nevada, because it is one of "those shipwrecks", the ones that inspire treasure-hunters for years – in this case, there were reports that the ship was carrying a lot of gold on the trip back to Seattle. This made it a much bigger news story than some of the other vessels that came to grief making the frigid run between Seattle and Skagway, the jumping off point for the gold fields.

At first I had simply read a bit on Wikipedia and confirmed that there was such a shipwreck. A year or so ago, I decided to look at Newspapers.com to see whether I could confirm that Ernest was on board. I found a wealth of stories, from the first report of the ship being late arriving in Se-

attle to detailed descriptions of what had probably happened, why the ship was or wasn't considered safe, and lists of anyone who was or might have been on board.

One of the papers wrote, "Porter Earnest Dohm was a Seattle boy", and it has been known before that he was on the Clara Nevada. His previous steamer experience was as assistant pantryman on the City of Kingston. His father is employed in the Hotel Northern." According to another list of crew members, he was known as "Doughnuts", a nickname given to my grandfather as well, apparently from their last name – but since their father was a hotel steward and Ernest was a pantryman, who knows?

The lure of the possible cargo of gold spawned various theories about the wreck, and there was even a book that was written fairly recently about what happened to the Clara Nevada that dark and stormy night on the Lynn Canal. For my family, it was just plain personal – they lost their oldest son. He was almost 24.

Part II – Davenport: Disappeared in the Gold Fields

My grandmother's second oldest sister, Gertie Keene, was very close to her mother, but her sisters didn't like her very much. In 1894, at the age of 21, after many consultations between Gertie, her mother, and a spiritualist, Gertie married an artist and sign painter named Richard Davenport.



According to their marriage record, Richard's mother's maiden name was Bienville, his father's name was John Van W. Davenport, and he was born in San Francisco. I've been unable to confirm any of these statements, but their son was named Sidney Van Winkle Davenport, leading me to assume that the Van W in papa John's name was also Van Winkle. There was a firm in San Francisco in the late 1800s called Van Winkle and Davenport, but the partners broke up with some animosity well before Richard's marriage, and there is no mention of John

MEMBER STORY

ALASKA GOLD RUSH STORIES FROM MY FAMILY (CONT'D)

By: *Leslie Stewart*

Davenport although Richard shows up as a draftsman.



From various family correspondence, it's clear that the marriage was troubled. The couple was living in Vancouver, BC, but Gertie was back and forth on long visits home. Two years after the birth of little Sidney in 1895, Richard decided to try his luck at the gold fields. Gertie's brother

later wrote about Richard, "He went to Alaska during the gold rush in 1897, and was heard from a few times, then dropped completely out of sight." At the beginning of October 1897, a Seattle paper published a piece by a reporter in Alaska, naming various Seattle men he had encountered. The article noted, "Richard Davenport wishes his friends particularly to know that he would reach the lake in time."

It's interesting that the Keene family always said that Richard "disappeared", not that he died. Gertie waited for seven years before remarrying. Then in 1904, in Chicago, a newspaper that was certainly never seen by the Keenes reported on a man who was briefly arrested for not paying a hotel bill, because he



was waiting for funds to arrive from his gold interests in Alaska. His name was Richard Davenport, a "mining promoter and gold assayer". According to the newspaper report, "Davenport declares he is a graduate of a western art school . . ." which

matches a disappearing husband who was an artist from San Francisco. Was it coincidence that he reappeared seven years afterwards?

I have found a few more mentions of Richard. In 1910, Richard A. Davenport, born in California, with a mother born in Louisiana (remember Bienville?), working as a sign painter, was living in Chicago with a wife and baby. There is a marriage record for this couple from Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1906, with details which generally match – Richard is an artist, born in San Francisco, etc. (By 1920, wife and 2 children are on their own.)



And in 1948, Richard A. Davenport, born in California, with a father born in Connecticut just like the 1910 Richard, but a mother born in Rhode Island (?), died of nephritis in a tiny town called Eureka in the wilds of Nevada. The death certificate said he was married, and named the wife from the 1910 census. He had been in town six months. No occupation was noted, but in 1948 Eureka was a mining town – lead and silver, no gold. ■

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!



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani



It's May, the month of yes you may. You definitely have permission to learn so much about genealogy.

☞ The California Genealogy Society Library, www.californiaancestors.org, now is open from 10-2 Wed – Fri and 10 – 4 on the 3rd Sat. No reservations are needed. Please email vis-it@californiaancestors.org by 7pm the day before you plan to visit to say you are coming. Refer to the society's website for updates on reopening and to register for the following activities. Note any fees. Also, visit the website for access to available recordings and videos.

- On Sat. May 6th from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will meet. The topic will be **Genealogy Basics Overview**.
- On Wed. May 9th from 6:30-8 Lisa Gorrell and Jacqueline Henderson will host the **CGS Members' Roundtable** online.
- On Sat. May 13th from 1-4 Stewart Traiman will host an **Excel for Genealogy Workshop** on Zoom. \$20-\$30.
- On Fri. May 19th from 10:30-11:30 Robert Trapp will host the **Mayflower Descendants SIG** at the CGS Library.
- On Sat. May 20th from 1-3 Ron Madson and Karen Halfon will lead a hybrid meeting of the **FamilyTreeMaker SIG**. Fee for non-members.
- On Sun. May 21st from 2-3 there will be an online **Info Session & Virtual Meetup for the 2023 CGS Salt Lake City Research Trip**.
- On Mon. May 22nd from 7-8:30 Mark McLaren will lead the meeting of the **DNA Skills SIG** on Zoom.
- On Wed. May 24th from 6:30-8 the **RootsMagic Users Group SIG** will meet online.
- On Sat. May 27th from 10-11:30 Craig Siulinski and Laura Bajuk will host the **Eastern European SIG** online.
- On Sat. June 3rd from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will meet. The topic will be **Using the Census**.

☞ 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 BYU. The Family Search Library in Salt Lake City also presents a number of webinars each month. Check the Oakland Family Search Library website for a list of numerous online webinars and classes.

- On Wednesdays at 11am and 7pm CGS and OFSC volunteers will host **Tips & Talk**, information discussions in person at the Oakland FamilySearch Center.
- On Wednesdays from 4-8 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 May 24th from 6-9 the **African American Research Workshop** hold a Zoom meeting.

☞ The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html offers a variety of webinars. Register online in advance. The upcoming presentation for May is:

- On Wed., May 17th at 6pm James Baker will present **Why Didn't We Match**.

☞ The New 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 at its website.

- On Wed. May 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from Kyle Hurst, Hallie Kirchner, Ann Lawthers and Kimberly Mannisto will present **Pennsylvania Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy**. \$115.
- On Thu. May 11th from 12-1 Rhonda McClure will discuss **Huguenot Family History: Research and Resources**.
- On Mon. May 8th from 3-4 Chad Williams will share his book, **The Wounded World: W.E.B. DuBois and the First World War**.
- On Thu. May 18th from 2-3 Miriam Mora will explore **"Israel Is We": Jewish Americans and the New Nation State**.
- On Tue. May 23rd from 3-4 Mark Lee Gardner will share his book, **The Earth is All That Lasts: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull and the Last Stand of the Sioux Nation**.
- On Thu. May 25th from 12-1 James Heffernan will present **Getting Started in Lithuanian Family History Research**.
- Until Wed. May 31st **On Demand: Finding Origins: Cluster Research in Practice**. \$85
- On Mon. Jun 5th from 10-11 Dror Goldberg will discuss his book, **Easy Money: American Puritans and the Invention of Modern Money**.

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. May 2nd from 11:30-12:30 Eve Snyder will describe **HistoryForge: Mapping Your Family History**.
- On Sun. May 7th from 11-1:30 Ron Arons will explore **Prohibition and Criminal Ancestors**.
- On Tue. May 9th from 11:30-12:30 Dana Kelly will share **Genealogy Resources at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library**.
- On Wed. May 10th from 4-5:30 Katharine Andrew will present **She Came From, Nowhere: A Case Study Approach**.
- On Thu. May 11th from 3:30-4:30 Christine Cohen will examine **Mysterious Codes: Passenger Manifests Letters and Numbers**.
- On Tue. May 16th from 11:30-12:30 Kate Townsend will explore **Court Records Research Without the Law Degree**.
- On Thu. May 18th from 3:30-4:30 Kathy Meade will share **Database Dive: Tracing Your Swedish Roots with ArkivDigital**.
- On Tue. May 23rd from 11:30-12:30 Eleanor Jarman will present **In Search of the Blonde Tigris: Finding Missing Persons**.
- On Thu. May 25th from 3:30-4:30 Craig Siulinski will examine **Using Blogs to Share Family History Writing**.

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

- On Tue. May 2nd at 7 Kerry Farmer will explore **Convicts: From Trial to Freedom**.
- On Wed. May 3rd at 11 Maurice Gleeson will present **Using Multiple WATO Analyses to Break Through a Brick Wall**.
- On Fri. May 5th at 11 Janice Lovelace will examine **Working on the Railroad: Pullman Porters and Maids**.
- On Tue. May 9th at 11 Gilad Katz will offer **The Latest Mobile Features on the MyHeritage App**.
- On Wed. May 10th at 5 Cathie Sherwood will

share **A Military Heritage: Finding Your British Army Lineage in Pre-20th Century.**

- On Fri. May 12th at 11 Michael Strauss will examine **Spies, Slackers, and Aliens: Records of the American Protective League.**
- On Fri. May 19th at 11 Colleen Greene will discuss **Your 19th and 20th Century Mexican Ancestors in the U.S.**
- On Tue. May 23rd at 11 Paul Woodbury will present **Fishing in Your Match List with MyHeritage DNA Tools.**
- On Wed. May 31st at 11 Grant Din will explore **Finding Chinese Railroad Worker Files in the U.S.**
- On Fri. Jun. 2nd at 11 Nicka Smith will present **Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy, 1718-1820.**

 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, however there are far too many to list here. Visit their website to see what's available.

 Here are some other webinars and podcasts that are online:

- 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 **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 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.

Events from Local Societies

- On Thu. May 4th at 12 the Genealogy Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will hold its Annual Potluck (GSVB Anniversary Celebration) at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum at 734 Marin Street in Vallejo. There will be no guest speaker.
- On Mon. May 5th from 6:30 -8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will host a Zoom meeting with Janice Sellers as guest speaker. She will discuss **Jewish Genealogy Research**. Register at the l-ags website.
- On Thu. May 11th from 6:30 -8 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold its Annual Business Meeting and "Show and Tell" via Zoom. Register under Events on the society's website.

- On Sat. May 20th at 12 the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, <https://scgsonline.org>, will have a Zoom meeting featuring Melinda Kashuba as guest speaker. She will discuss **Using Maps in Genealogical Research, Part 1**. Register on the society's website.
- On Tue. May 16th from 6:30 –8:30 PM the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, <https://scchgs.org>, will hold its general meeting on Zoom. The guest speaker, Jean Wilcox Hibben, will present **Avoiding Fallacies in Family History: A Key to Research Success**. See the society's website to pre-register.
- On Thu. May 18th at 1 the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, <https://napagensoc.org>, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom with the topic TBA. Register on the society's website.
- On Fri. May 19th at 10 the Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society, <https://mdgs.webs.com>, will have its monthly hybrid meeting on Zoom and at the Fireside Room at Gateway in Rossmore. Guest speaker TBA. For the Zoom presentation email mdgs.webs@gmail.com at least 2 days prior to the meeting to receive the link.
- On Mon. May 22nd from 4-5:30, the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogy Society, <https://sfbajs.org>, will hold a meeting on Zoom. Rabbi Scott Kalmikoff will discuss **Death and Burial**. Register on the society's website.
- On Tue. May 23rd, the Sacramento German Genealogy Society, <https://sggs.us>, will have a hybrid meeting via Zoom and at 2745 Eastern Ave., Sacramento. Guest speaker, Michael Lacopo will examine **Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Reevaluating the "Evidence"**. Register on the society's website.
- On Thu. June 1st at 1:30 The Genealogy Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will hold its June meeting in-person at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum at 734 Marin Street in Vallejo. The guest speaker, Stephen Morse, will examine **The 1950 Census One Year Later**.

Upcoming Special Events

- From May 3-6th the **New England Regional**

Genealogical Consortium will hold an in-person event in Springfield Mass. For more information visit www.nergc.org

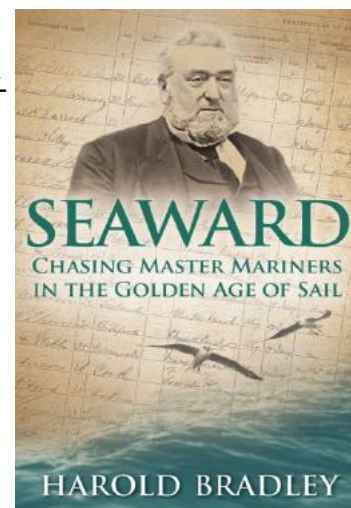
- From May 31st – Jun 3rd the **National Genealogical Society** will hold a hybrid conference both in-person in Richmond, VA and online. For further information visit <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.
- From Oct. 9th – 14th there will be a California Research Trip to the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City. Early bird pricing now available. For information visit californiaancestors.org/2023-salt-lake-city-research-trip.■

Special Meetings for Members only...

SRVGS member Harold Bradley will soon be self-publishing his book *Seaward* and has agreed to talk about it with SRVGS members on **Wednesday, May 10th at 10AM**.

If you would like to attend, please send an email to tshapas@gmail.com so we can include

you on the Zoom list. Sponsored by the *Irish-Scottish* and *Publishing* Special Interest Groups. ■



When was the last time you visited our Society's website www.srvgensoc.org? There's lots to see there including the latest list of speakers and their subjects that have been booked so far, through September, 2023. The Members Only section, accessible using your login has contact info for our members, the recording of the previous month's speaker and handouts, et.al.■

Announcing our Society's New Photo Album!

Our society Webmasters, Bob Venter and Bill George, have put together a society photo album as an adjunct to our website, accessible to members only. You can navigate to it by first logging in to the society website (srvgensoc.org) and then selecting 'Photo Album' in the left-hand margin, which will then take you to the photo album located on an external server.

In the photo album you will find pictures of our Board of Directors and other support personnel to help you recognize them when we meet in person. You will also find photos taken at some of our various society events, such as our recent Holiday Celebration of last December. In addition, there is our link to our 'Historic' photo album which was located on our previous website of several years ago.

Your webmasters would like to hear from you regarding your impressions, comments or questions, and hope you find the album interesting.■

Attention all passionate genealogists!

You have an opportunity to share your knowledge. The Danville Family History Center is looking to expand hours into evenings and Sunday afternoon to make it easier for those who cannot attend during the day. If you have an interest in helping others, please contact Rudiger Wolf at 925-699-7040 or rhwolf@hotmail.com. He will provide more information and coordinate with you.■

Spring has sprung,
The grass is ris
I wonder where the birdies is.

What's that you say,
the bird is on the wing.
Why that's absurd
The wing is on the bird!

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Family Search Center Changes

You may have noticed the new name. The Church is standardizing the naming worldwide. Henceforth the name is changing from *Family History Center* to *Family Search Center*.

Rudy Wolf is the new interim director of the Danville FSC. Current hours are below but look for changes soon. Appointments are not needed.

Monday 10-1
Tuesday 2-5
Wednesday 1-5

What apps are available at the FSC nearby?

For the last couple of months I have published a list of the premium websites available at the Oakland FSC but come to find out that the list is different from those available at the Danville and Livermore FSC's. Karen LaDuca has very kindly taken the task on to identify what is available locally and this is what she has come up with. In the meantime, I'm going to try and find out why the list is different from the Oakland FSC. So look here for an update on this subject, but meanwhile, here's what you can use locally....

- 19th Century British Library Newspapers
- Alexander Street - American Civil War
- American Ancestors - New England Genealogical Society
- Ancestry Institutional
- Arkiv Digital -Swedish research
- FamNet - New Zealand research
- FindMyPast - UK research
- Fold 3 - military records
- Geneanet
- Irish Ancestors - John Grenham's website
- MyHeritage Library Edition
- Newspaper Archive
- Paper Trail - overland trails to the West
- Puzzilla■