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June Presentation:

Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 10 am

“Teasing Out the Hidden Story Behind the Genealogical Facts” (VIA ZOOM)

BY PAM VESTAL



One of the biggest challenges we face when writing family histories is how to turn the bare facts into tales worthy of being read, but our ancestors were real people, not just names, dates and places. We'll explore four different approaches that can help us to understand them in the context of the time and place in which they lived, and search for unexpected clues in the information we've already gathered. By digging deeply into the genealogical details, we can bring our ancestors' stories to life.

Pam Vestal is a professional genealogist and speaker from West Linn, Oregon and the owner of Generations Genealogy, LLC. After 20 years as a professional writer, Pam turned her full attention to her long longtime love of genealogy. Since then, her articles have appeared in the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly and FGS's Forum magazine, and her lectures take her from coast to coast. Currently Pam offers genealogical research for clients and works one-on-one with aspiring genealogists who want to improve their skills.

Until the restrictions of 2020, Pam had spoken annually for the previous 5 years at the Southern California Genealogy Jamboree. She has also lectured at regional genealogical conferences and societies in Illinois, Texas, Virginia. Her lectures take her from coast to coast. Pam's website is <https://www.generationsgen.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



I am writing to you this month to ask for your help in shaping the future of our society. As we close this fiscal year we need to plan for leadership changes at the end of the 2023/2024 fiscal year (effective June 1, 2024).

Our achievements during the past couple of years would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our members, especially those who have served on the board and committees. We were able to adapt and evolve, using Zoom technology, to maintain our monthly meeting and special interest groups. We provided excellent speakers from across the United States presenting a wide range of genealogical topics at the monthly meetings. This could not have been accomplished without the commitment and expertise demonstrated by the current leadership group.

We are currently seeking volunteers to join our board and help on our committees. We need individuals who are passionate about our common interest and committed to helping our society grow and thrive. If you have a background in finance, technology, marketing, or any other relevant field, we would be particularly interested in hearing from you. However, even if you do not have a specific area of expertise, we welcome anyone who is willing to contribute a small amount of time and effort to our organization.

If you are interested in volunteering for the board or any of our committees or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We welcome all inquiries and look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your continued support of our society, and I hope to hear from many of you in the coming months. ■



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

October 2023

- 17** Tuesday—10am The October General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Jennifer Holik on **Research a Veteran: Exploring the Basics of Military Research, Part 1 of the Research Strategy**
- 24** Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.

November 2023

- 21** Tuesday—10am The November General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Jennifer Holik on **Research a Veteran: Exploring the Basics of Military Research, Part 2 of the Research Strategy**
- 28** Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. ■

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. ■



Notes on Last Month's Presentation

By Karen LaDuca

Planning a Future for Your Family's Past

By Marian Wood Burke

This was a great presentation to inspire us to make sure that our years of hard work in documenting our families don't get lost. She introduced us to her PASS process:

- Prepare by organizing, identifying and storing materials
- Allocate ownership
- Set up written instructions for the future "a genealogical will"
- Share your family history now

Most of us are probably still at the first step. She had many good suggestions for this step. One that I haven't done yet is to document cousin connections in a spreadsheet along with contact information.

There were many other suggestions for the other steps of her process. These are listed in her handout which is on our website. Be sure to download it before it is taken down. Ms. Wood also has a book by the same name if you want more information. I have become the keeper of family objects and information for my family, as many of you probably also are. I need to start thinking about what will happen to all of these items when I "go to meet my ancestors"! ■

The recording and handout from this session are available by logging in to the member section of our web site. They will be available for one month.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE*By: Bill George*

In June, 2023 SIG dates are “normal”, meeting on-line, except for the German SIG which has cancelled this month’s meeting.. 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 June 14th, 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 June 12th, 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 williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Publishing – Thursday June 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 June 19th, 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 – June meeting cancelled, (Usually the 4th Wednesday) at the Danville Family Search Center, 2949 Stone Valley Rd, Alamo. Members share information from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG Leader Karen LaDuca at kblquilts@comcast.net.

Listen to your elders' advice, not because they are always right but because they have more experiences of being wrong.

MEMBER STORY

MY FIRST VISIT TO THE OAKLAND FAMILY SEARCH LIBRARY

By: Karen LaDuca

Although I have been a FamilySearch Center volunteer for quite a few years, I had never made the trip to Oakland's FamilySearch Library. My visit was prompted by the fact that they had copies of the complete Germans to America series of books, including Series II that covers the years 1840-1850. I have been searching for the arrival record of one of my German ancestors for many years. I know that he was here with his family in 1850 and his naturalization record says that he came in 1849. When I looked up the website to find the hours the library was open, I discovered that the current directors are friends of mine from long ago!

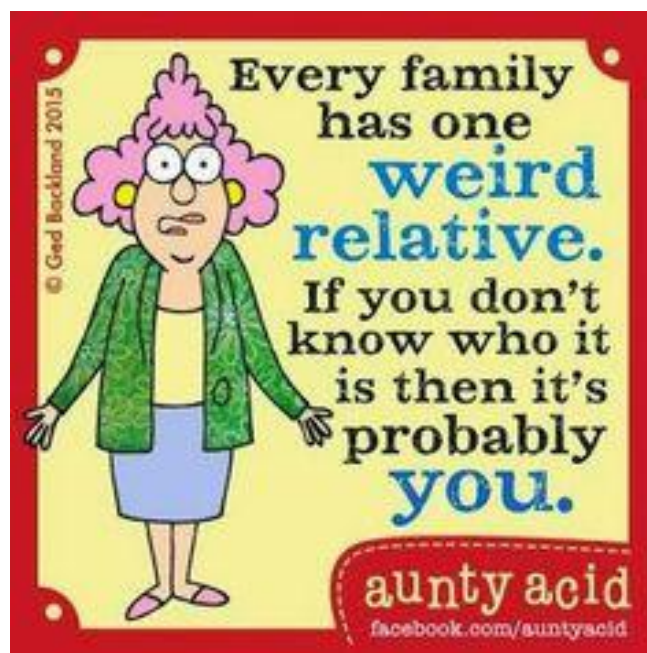
Thanks to our newsletter editor, I also knew that they had Archion (a German Lutheran church record archive) as a premium website. It is not something that is available at the smaller FSCs. I emailed the directors Bruce and Barbara McLeod and we set up a date for my visit when they would be there. And I happened to mention to Karen Olynger that I was going and she offered to drive me there since she has been there often to work with Wade Olofson on her Swedish research!

Bruce and Barbara gave us the full tour of the library and all of their special holdings and equipment. There is one room with stacks of old city directories. They have many reference books, including the series that I was looking for. And lots of computer stations, many with two monitors. There is only one computer, though, that connects to Archion for free. And there is one patron who is there almost everyday to use it. But he is very happy to step aside if someone else wants to use it and is even happy to help. We worked together and found 2 records that I was looking for and he helped me to extract all the information from them. Unfortunately, I had no success with the Germans to America books. But I can check off another source consulted.

What really surprised me was all the equipment that they have to digitize your media. There is one scanner where you can put in a stack of photos and it will digitize them all very quickly. DVDs, VHS tapes, Super 8 tapes, you name it! All can be digitized using the equipment there.

If you haven't made the trip yet, you should go. It is very easy to get to and there is plenty of parking and a designated room for lunch or snacking if you plan to spend the day.

Ed Note: The FSC Library is located on the grounds of the Oakland LDS Temple, 4766 Lincoln Ave., just off Highway 13. The parking is free and in abundance. The gardens and the view are stunning and worth the trip. ■



Memorial Day

**It is foolish and wrong to mourn
the men who died, rather we
should thank God such men lived**



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani



It's June. Let summer begin! What could be a better summer project than learning more about family history.

☞ 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 visit@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. June 3rd from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will meet. The topic will be **Using the Census**.
- On Wed. June 14th from 6:30-8 Lisa Gorrell and Jacqueline Henderson will host the **CGS Members' Roundtable** online.
- On Fri. June 16th from 10:30-11:30 Robert Trapp will host the **Mayflower Descendants SIG** at the CGS Library.
- On Sat. June 17th from 10-12 Sandra Huber will host the **San Francisco SIG**.
- On Sat. June 17th from 1-3 Ron Madson and Karen Halfon will lead a hybrid meeting of the **Family Tree Maker SIG**. Fee for non-members.
- On Mon. June 26th from 7-8:30 Mark McLaren will lead the meeting of the **DNA Skills SIG** on Zoom.
- On Wed. June 26th from 6:30-8 the **RootsMagic Users Group SIG** will meet online.
- On Sat. June 24th from 10-11:30 via Zoom Annette Burke Lyttle will present **Tax Records: More Exciting Than You Might Think**. Recording can be viewed through July 24th.
- On Sat. Jul 1st from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will have a Zoom meeting. The topic will be **Vital Records**.

☞ 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. 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 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 June 28th from 6-9 the **African American Research Workshop** hold a Zoom meeting.

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

- On Wed. June 21st at 6 Edward Swierczewski, Jr. will discuss **Preparing Our Dough Boys to Win "The Great War"**.

☞ 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 Mon. June 5th from 10-11 Dror Goldberg will discuss his book, **Easy Money: American Puritans and the Invention of Modern Money.**
- On Tue. June 13th from 12-1 Rhonda McClure will present **Understanding Calendar Systems in Family History Research.**
- On Wed. June 14th, 21st, and 28th from 3-4:30 Lindsay Fulton and Ann Lawthers will explore **Researching Impoverished Ancestors in North America.** \$85.
- On Tue. June 20th from 3-4 Jonathan Eig will share from his book **King: A Life about Martin Luther King.**
- On Fri. June 23rd from 10-11:15 Curt DiCamillo will moderate **Downton Shabby: One American's Adventure Restoring His Family's English Castle.**

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. June 6th from 11:30-12:30 Lori Hetrick will present **Data Base Dive: African American Heritage.**
- On Thu. June 8th from 4:30-4:30 Tamika Strong will explore **Researching Roots in Georgia: A Review of select Resources and Research Institutions**
- On Fri. June 9th from 4:30-5:30, Sat., the 10th from 4:30-5:30 and Sun., the 11th from 4:30-2:00 the library shares the **International German Genealogy Partnership Conference.**
- On Tue. June 13th from 11:30-12:30 Claire Vail will present **Introducing American Ancestors.**
- On Thu. June 15th from 3:30-4:30 Reem Awad-

Rashmawi will offer **Introduction to Arab American Genealogy Research.**

- On Tue. June 20th from 11:30-12:30 Juanita Gaston will present **All Shakespeares Are Not From England: Researching An African American Family from Tallahassee, Florida.**
- On Thu. June 22nd from 3:30-4:30 Megan Clark Young will examine **Finding and Using Pennsylvania Land Records to Solve Difficult Problems.**
-  Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com> to register.
- On Fri. June 2nd at 11 Nicka Smith will explore **Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy, 1718-1820.**
- On Tue. June 6th at 7 Fiona Brooker will provide **Another Four Sources for New Zealand Family History.**
- On Wed. June 7th at 11 Mags Gaulden will share **Discovering More From Your Next Generation Sequence (NGS / Big Y) Test.**
- On Tue. Jun. 13th at 11 Richard Hill will examine **The Top 10 DNA Features on MyHeritage.**
- On Wed. June 14th at 5 Francine Crowley Griffs will describe **Ready or Not: Strategies to Discover Ancestors Playing Hide and Seek.**
- On Fri. June 16th at 11 Tara Shymanski will explore **Finding Your Ancestors in Canadian Land Records.**
- On Tue. June 20th at 5 AM Marie Cappart will share **Martin, Durand et Compagnie: Les Noms de Familles et comment Les Utiliser en Genealogie.**
- On Tue. June 20th at 5 Amy Larnier Giroux will explore **Finding Your One Among Millions: Methods and Tips for Urban Research, a New York City Case Study.**
- On Wed. June 21st at 11 Gregory Kontos will offer **Greece's Top 5 Types of Genealogy Records.**
- On Fri. June 23rd at 11 Elizabeth Shown Mills will answer **What's the Evidence? How to Probe Documents Beyond the Obvious. (for webinar members)**

- On Tue. June 27th at 11 there will be **A MyHeritage Webinar**.
- On Wed. Jun. 28th at 11 Dave Obee will provide **A Fresh Light on Old Newspapers**.

 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://lislouisecooke.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. June 1st at 1:30 the Genealogy Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will hold an in-person monthly meeting at 734 Main Street in Vallejo. **Stephen Morse**, the guest speaker, will examine **The 1950 Census One Year Later**.
- On Mon. June 12th from 7 -8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will host an in- person meeting at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. **Stephen Morse**, the guest speaker will discuss **The 1950 Census: Searching With and Without a Name Index & the 1950 Census: One Year Later**.
- On Thu. June 8th from 6:30 -8 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. Guest speaker Pam Vestal will explore **Tracking Down Your Eastern European Ancestors (Part 1)**. Register under events on the society's website.
- On Tue. June 20th from 6:30 –8:30 PM the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, <https://scchgs.org>, will hold its general meeting via Zoom. The guest speaker, Sandy Schaad, will present **Historical Records of the American Colonization Society**. See the society's website to register.
- On Thu. June 15th at 12 the Fairfield County Genealogical Society, <https://fairfieldgenealogysociety.org>, will have a **Full Board Meeting and Picnic**. Bring your favorite dessert. Lunch will be provided. Call 803-635-

981 for directions, details, and to RSVP.

- On Fri. June 16th at 10 the Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society, <https://mdgs.webcom>, will have its monthly hybrid meeting on Zoom and at the Vista Room at Hillside in Rossmore. The guest speaker Evan Wilson will discuss **Evaluating Unsourced Material**. For the Zoom presentation e-mail mdgs.webs@gmail.com at least 2 days prior to the meeting to receive the link.
- On Sun. June 25th from 1-2:30, the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogy Society, <https://sfbajgs.org>, will hold a meeting on Zoom. Daniel Horowitz, the guest speaker, will answer **Did My Family Lie, or Are the Records Wrong?** Register on the society's website.

Upcoming Special Events

- From Aug 1st -3rd the **Foundation for East European Family History Studies** will hold a hybrid conference in Salt Lake City and on Zoom. For more details visit <https://feefhs.org>
- From Aug 24th -26th the **Genealogical Society of Hispanic America** will hold a hybrid conference in Salt Lake City and on Zoom. For more information and to register visit <https://www.gshaa.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 <https://www.californiaancestors.org/2023-salt-lake-city-research-trip/>

Save the Date!

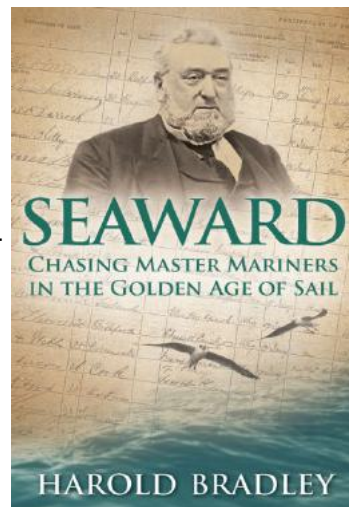


We are planning an in-person (gasp!), live, face-to-face picnic for October 3, 2023, contingent on our getting the site reserved. Food and refreshments to be served. Stay tuned and check back here for more details and confirmation of the date.

Special Meetings for Members only...

SRVGS member Harold Bradley, who will soon be self-publishing his book *Seaward*, spoke to the Irish/Scottish and Publishing SIGs in May.

A recording of this talk can be found in our Members Only area of our website for a limited time for those of you who were unable to attend. ■



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!

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 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 Sunday afternoon to make it easier for those who cannot attend during the weekday. 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.■

Two men take a short cut through the cemetery late at night. Right in the middle of the cemetery, they are startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they find an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. "Holy Cow, Dude, " one says after catching his breath. "You scared us half to death. We thought you were a ghost! What are you doing here so late at night?" "Those fools!" the old man grumbles, "they misspelled my name!"

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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■