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October Presentation:

Tuesday October 17, 2023 at 10 am

“Research a Veteran: Exploring the Basics of Military Research”

By Jennifer Holik



Part 1 of the Research Strategy....

All the records DID NOT burn. Answers can be found and stories written no matter what anyone tells you. There is a strategy to correctly research 20th century military service, regardless of branch. In this session you will learn:

- Where to begin your research at home.
- What questions to ask.
- The first part of the research strategy to learn any veteran’s story from any 20th century war and military branch.
- What records you need to establish the foundation and where to locate them.
- How to create a timeline of service.
- How to begin writing the story.

Jennifer Holik is a genealogical and military research expert, author of more than 20 books on those topics. and an intuitive healer specializing in inherited & war trauma, and ancestral healing. She helps people understand why their family is the way they are and heal. Learn more at www.ancestralsoulswisdomschool.com and www.wiirwc.com Jennifer uses storytelling along with the records to help you understand the deeper impacts of service. You might want a tissue for the story at the end of this session. Part 2 is coming next month. ■

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



Fall has arrived, the days seem shorter, temperatures are dropping, rain is in the forecast and of course pumpkins are everywhere. What a great time of year for us family historians, long nights, deteriorating weather so why not sit in front of your computer and research to your heart's content.

When researching, one of the best sources of family information can be the discovery of an obituary for each of our ancestors. My pet peeve is when I discover that the family did not write or publish one. I know that losing a family member is an emotionally challenging experience and the grieving process can be overwhelming. But one way to cope with this loss and pay tribute to the departed is by writing an obituary. Recently I've helped three different friends with their family history. In all three cases, each has lost a spouse in the last few years. All three neglected to write an obituary (or have a close family member write one) so the departed's legacy will eventually be lost with the passage of time.

An obituary should be a brief biography or notice of a person's death that can be published in newspapers, or online platforms and sometimes distributed to relatives and friends. Remember, one of the primary reasons for writing an obituary is to honor the deceased. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the person's life, achievements, and contributions to society. This then becomes a lasting tribute and serves as a historical record that preserves the legacy of the deceased for future generations. This preservation of family history through obituaries can be an essential resource for genealogical research and family storytelling.

Following this train of thought, our speaker, Jennifer Holik, scheduled for our October 17, 2023 general meeting will present basics of military research with an emphasis on the biographical stories of soldiers' lives. Hope to see you on Zoom for this meeting. ■

The Best Genealogy Websites, published by Family Tree Magazine

Ted Shapas sent in this link to the best genealogy sites for various purposes such as:

- Best Family Tree and Sharing Websites
- Best US and Canadian Genealogy Websites
- Best Genetic Genealogy Websites
- Best Cemetery Websites, and several more

<https://familytreemagazine.com/best-genealogy-websites/>

Check it out, there may be just the site you are looking for. ■

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. ■

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

*Stacey Ballard
Nancy Bircher
Amy Dawson
Marcey Donnelly
Sherie Peterson
Harry and Katherine Tang*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 2023

- 3 Tuesday 11-1 **SRVGEN Picnic Lunch** at Dublin Pioneer Cemetery with Steve Minniear, Dublin Historian, slated to help with a tour of the cemetery.
- 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 Greatest Generation, Adding Context to the Veteran's Story, Part 2 of the Research Strategy**
- 28 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.

December 2023

There are no meetings in December, however our Holiday Party is planned but not firmed up yet. We will post it here and on our website when the details are set.

As of this publishing date, we have speakers scheduled through Feb 2024, so check our website for more details.■

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of member Jim Hanck who co-chaired our Hospitality Committee together with his wife Susan. We offer our deepest condolences to Susan and to his family and friends.



Notes on Last Month's Presentation

By Karen LaDuca

Diseases, Disasters, Distress: Bad for Your Ancestors, Good for Genealogy

By Lisa Alzo

This was a great presentation on how to research some of the bad things that happened to our ancestors starting with family stories (which may or may not be true). Look for proof through historical documents, official records and newspaper articles. Ms. Alzo provided 4 pages of sources and mentioned a couple of others that were not on her handout.

One resource not on the handout is now a Facebook group called GenDisasters.com and may also be found on the Wayback Machine on Internet Archive. Another interesting one that didn't make the handout and may help in finding newspapers to search is <https://theancestorhunt.com>. She reminds us to also look for survival stories related to disasters.

In looking for death records, check the list of places to look for them which were given in the handout. One that was new to me is Joe Beine's Online Searchable Death Indexes which gives state by state online links. The link for this is in the handout. Definitely one to bookmark. She also suggests looking for coroner's reports.■

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.

This just in....!

Mark McLaren, leader of our DNA sig reports that *MyHeritage* is offering free upload of your DNA kits into their system. For those of you who don't have a subscription to *MyHeritage*, you may want to take advantage of this opportunity. *Until October 8*, they are giving access to all the tools without charging the unlock fee.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE*By: Bill George*

In October 2023, SIG dates are all “normal”, i.e. meeting on schedule. 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 Oct. 11th, 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 Oct 9th, 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 wil-liamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Publishing – Thursday Oct. 19th (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 Oct 16th, 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 Oct. 25th, 1-2:45pm, (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. ■

**SRVGS is on Facebook!**

Click on the link below or go to:

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



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani



It's October. Time to get ready for Halloween and to learn about goblins in our genealogy.

☞ The California Genealogy Society Library, www.californiaancestors.org, is open from 10-2 Thursday and Friday and 10 – 4 on Saturday. No reservations are needed. 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. Oct. 7th from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a Zoom meeting. The topic will be **Using the Census**.
- On Tue. Oct. 10th from 6-7:30 via Zoom Cari Taplin will discuss **Using Google's My Maps as a Research and Analysis Tool**. \$10-\$15.
- On Wed. Oct. 11th from 6:30-8 Lisa Gorrell and Jacqueline Henderson will host the **CGS Members Roundtable – an online group discussion session**.
- On Fri. Oct. 20th from 10:30-11:30 Robert Trapp will lead the **Mayflower Descendants SIG** in person at the CGS library.
- On Sat. Oct. 21st from 10-12 Sandra Huber will host the **San Francisco SIG** via Zoom.
- Also on the 21st from 1-3 Ron Madson and Karen Halfon will lead a hybrid meeting of the **Family Tree Maker**. Fee for non-members.
- On Mon., Oct. 23rd from 7-8:30 the DNA Skills SIG with Mark McLaren will meet online. Contact Mark at greatscot@earthlink.net for details.
- On Wed. Oct. 25th from 6:30-8 the **RootsMagic Users Group SIG** with Keith Montgomery will meet online.
- On Sat. Nov. 4th from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a Zoom meeting. The topic will be **Vital Records**.

☞ 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 Infor-

mation 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 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 11; 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 11; and the 3rd Wednesday at 6, CGS and OFSC volunteers host **Tips & Talk**. These are in-person discussions at the Oakland FamilySearch Center. Go to the OFSC website for more information 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. Oct. 25th, 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. The upcoming presentation for October is:

- On Wed. Oct. 18th at 6 Mary Risseeuw will present **Nellie Was A Rebel: Using Unusual Sources to Find Her Child's Father**.

☞ 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 on the society's website.

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.

- On Wed. Oct. 4th, 11, 18th, and 25th from 3-4:30 David Lambert and Melanie McComb will explore **Beyond the Grave: Uncovering Life Stories from Death Records**. \$115
- On Thu. Oct. 5th from 12-1 David Furlow will examine **The Odyssey of Isaac Allerton: Rebel Pilgrim**.
- On Tue. Oct. 10th from 3-4 Scott Berg will discuss his book: **The Burning of the World: The Great Chicago Fire and the War for the City's Soul**.
- From Oct. 12th-14th in 6 lectures and recording David Lambert, Rhonda McClure, and Melanie McComb will present **Fall Stay-At-Home**. \$375
- On Tue. Oct. 17th from 3-4:15 on Zoom Steve Inskeep will discuss his new book, **Differ We Must: How Lincoln Succeeded in a Divided America**. \$45 including shipped signed book.
- On Fri. Oct. 20th from 10-11:30 Christopher Ridgway will share **Ablaze! A History of the British Country House on Fire**. This presentation will be moderated by Curt DiCamillo. \$15
- On Tue. Oct. 24th from 12-1 Jennifer Bakkala, Mary Gilchrist, and Anne Hanson will present **Self-Publish Your Genealogy: A Panel Discussion with Authors**.
- On Thu. Oct. 26th from 12-1 Gabrielle Roth and Todd Pattison will offer **Stories From the Archives: Scrapbooks**.
- On Thu. Nov. 2nd from 3-4:30 David Lambert, Matthew Delmont, and Adam Hochschild will share **Stories From War and Wartime, 1918-1945: Researching Veterans and Your Family's Experience of the World Wars**. \$65

 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. Oct. 3rd from 11:30-12:30 Jonathan Fairchild will explore **The Roots Beneath Your Feet - The Homestead Act of 1862**.
- On Wed. Oct. 4th from 11-11:30 Curt Witcher will share **Wednesdays with Witcher: Collecting Stories of Our Lives: Tips for Recording Oral Histories and Life Stories**.
- Also on the 4th from 4-5 Edna Medford will examine **The Pursuit of Freedomium a "Free State" The Emancipation**.
- On Thu. Oct. 5th from 3:30-4:30 Sara Allen will discuss **DNA Testing to Locate Ancestors Back in the Old Country**.
- On Tue. Oct. 10th from 11:30-12:30 Jen Baldwin will present **Exploring American History in British Newspapers**.
- On Wed. Oct. 11th from 11-11:30 Curt Witcher will share **Wednesdays with Witcher: Collecting Stories of Our Lives: Tips for Recording Oral Histories and Life Stories**.
- Also, on the 11th from 3-4 Dr. Alfred Brothers will examine the ACGSI Hybrid Program – Medical Genealogy & Your Health.
- On Tue. Oct. 12th from 3:30-4:30 Ari Wilkins will discuss **Scaling the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Research**.
- On Sat. Oct. 14th from 7-11 AM Judy Russell will offer **The Legal Genealogist: A Three Program Virtual Showcase**.
- On Oct. 17th from 11:30-12:30 Cynthia Theusch will provide **Tips on Deciphering Records in Foreign Languages**.
- On Wed. Oct. 18th from 11-11:30 Curt Witcher will share **Wednesdays with Witcher: Collecting Stories of Our Lives: Tips for Recording Oral Histories and Life Stories**.
- On Thu. Oct. 19th from 3:30-4:40 Elizabeth Hodges will discuss **Navigating Fold3: Your Gateway to Researching Military Ancestors and Beyond**.
- On Fri. Oct. 20th from 8am–3pm, 8 presenters will share **The Genealogy Network of Texas**

Daylong Virtual Program.

- On Tue. Oct. 24th from 11:30-12:30 Allison Singleton will explore **Black and White and Read All Over: Delving Into African American Newspapers.**

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

- On Wed. Oct. 4th at 11 Jonny Perl will describe **Beginning with DNA Painter.**
- On Fri. Oct. 6th at 11 Diane Warmesley will explore **Tracing West Indian Ancestors: Strategies & Resources.**
- On Tue. Oct. 10th Tal Erlichman will offer **The Latest Photo Feature from MyHeritage.**
- On Wed. Oct. 11th at 5 Carol Baxter will present **Help! How Do I Separate Genealogical Fact From Fiction?**
- On Fri. Oct. 13th at 11 Jill Morelli will share **Gold! Gold! Gold! The 1897 Klondike Rush.**
- On Tue. Oct. 17th at 5 Ann Staley will examine **Steamer Kate Explosion: Correlating Indirect Evidence to Identify and Correct an Error.**
- On Wed. Oct. 18th at 11 Judy Russell will offer **The Gentlemen Judges: Justices of the Peace.**
- On Fri. Oct. 20th at 8:30 AM Barbara Little will explore **Deconstructing Family Stories: Are They Fact, Fiction, or a Little of Both** (a 2023 Reisinger Lecture).
- Also on the 20th at 9:45 Shannon Green will present **Lineage of Land: Tracing Property Without Recorded Deeds** (a 2023 Reisinger Lecture).
- In addition, on the 20th 12:30 Gary Ball-Kilborne will share **The Many Wives of Howard William Lowe: Working with Social History to Glean Genealogical Insights** (a 2023 Reisinger Lecture).
- On the 20th at 1:45 Jennifer Zinck will examine **Assumptions: Problem-Solving Friend or Foe?** (a 2023 Reisinger Lecture).
- On the 20th at 3 Karen Stanbary will discuss **DNA Analysis Methodology: Defeat the Ge-**

nealogy Gremlin with Pedigree Evaluation, Mitigation, and Reasoning (a 2023 Reisinger Lecture).

- On Tue. Oct. 24th at 5 Elizabeth Zetland will present **Reimagine, la Nouvelle Application Photo de MyHeritage.**
- Also on the 24th at 11 Lisa Lisson will answer **Are You Missing Important Family Clues in Your Old Family Photographs?**
- On Fri. Oct. 27th at 11 Elizabeth Shown Mills will present **Dissection & Analysis of Research Problems: 10 Steps to a Solution.**
- On Wed. Nov. 1st at 11 Nancy Loe will share **Finding Females in US Naturalization Records, 1790-1945.**

☞ 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.

And there's more....

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 **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>

 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=PLwtrWI_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6R

Events from Local Societies

- On Thu. Oct. 5th at 1:30 the Genealogy Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will have its monthly meeting *in person* at the **Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum**. Marisela Barbosa-Cortez, the guest speaker, will discuss **Hispanics and Latinos in Vallejo**.
- On Mon. Oct. 9th from 7-8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will host a Zoom meeting. Pam Vestal will share explore **Teasing Out the Hidden Story Behind the Genealogical Facts**. The link to register is on the site under ‘speakers’.
- On Thu. Oct. 12th from 6:30-8 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. Guest speaker Janice Sellers will present **Jewish Genealogy: How is This Research Different from All Other Research**. Register under events on

the society’s website.

- On Tue. Oct. 17th from 6:30 –8:30 the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, <https://scchgs.org>, will hold its general meeting via Zoom. The guest speakers, Mary Hanel and April Halberstadt will share **Local History and Genealogy Resources in Selected Santa Clara County Libraries and Archives**. See the society’s website to register.
- On Mon. Oct. 23rd from 4-5:30 the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, www.sfbajgs.org/calendar.html will hold its monthly meeting on Zoom. Jane Neff Rollins, the guest speaker, will present **Learn Just Enough Russian for Genealogy**. See the society’s website to register.

Upcoming Special Events

- From Oct. 6th – 8th the Southern California Genealogical Society presents the SCGS 53rd Jamboree. It will be hybrid this year, in person in Burbank and online. Register at <https://genealogyjamboree.com/jamboree-2023>
- From Oct. 9th to 14th there will be a **California Research Trip to the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City**. For information visit <https://californiaancetors.org/2023-salt-lake-city-research-trip>.
- On Oct. 28th from 11-3 The San Mateo County Genealogical Society, www.smccgs.org, will hold a **free Genealogy Fair** at 55 W 3rd Ave. in San Mateo. For more information, contact president@smccgs.org
- From Nov. 2nd to 4th the New York Genealogy and Biographical Society, <https://newyorkfamilyhistory.org> will hold the 2023 New York State Family History Conference in-person and Online. Visit <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/nysfhc/about> for details and to register.
- 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. ■



SRVGS FALL PICNIC

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Court Yard next to OLD St. Raymond Church

City of Dublin
Heritage Park and Pioneer Cemetery
6600 Donlon Way
Off Dublin Blvd near San Ramon Valley Blvd.
Dublin

Light lunch will be provided

Tour of Pioneer Cemetery



RSVP by
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 to

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(925) 872-0880

Danville Family Search Center
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Phone: (925)552-5920

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. You can reach Rudy at 925-699-7040 or rhewolf@hotmail.com. 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■

Want to Help or Do You Need Help?

We are developing a **New Members Section** for our web site, along with some helpful information for beginning/intermediate genealogists. We have begun a list of members to be included who have volunteered to assist members:

- Steve Watty - General Research
- Francie Lloyd - Getting Started in an Organized Manner
- Karen LaDuca - Italian Research, Dutch Research
- Kathy Javdani - California Research
- Bill George - FamilySearch.org
- Barbara Thurston - Jewish Research
- Ted Shapas - Polish and Lithuanian

If you have an area of expertise and would like to help newer members please contact Karen LaDuca at kblquilt@comcast.net or Bill George at wiliamcgeorge@gmail.com to have your contact information added. This will be listed exclusively in our members-only section of the <https://srvgensoc.org> website. Thank you for helping.

Any members looking for help in a specific area can also contact us and we will try to connect you with someone who can assist. ■

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, into 2024. The Members-Only section, accessible using your login has contact info for our members, the recording of the previous month's speaker and handouts. The members-only area also has a recently added feature of bios on most of our board members as well as some historical pictures of our society's previous years. ■

October is Family History Month.