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January Presentation:

Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 10 am

WESTERN OVERLAND TRAILS

FOLLOWING THE 7 T'S (VIA ZOOM)

BY STEVEN MORRISON



The major trails from the Midwest to the West will be covered in this meeting. The principal routes will include the Oregon and California Trails, the Mormon migrations, the Santa Fe Trail, and more. These were the Overland Rivers which helped populate the West.

Steven Waltz Morrison has seven branches of his family which migrated west on the California and Oregon Trails between 1847-1862. His first book was the remembrances of his grandmother self-published in 1998. Since then he's authored multiple articles and book reviews regarding the Quakers (Religious Society of Friends). These include

three articles for Familia (the journal of the Ulster Historical Foundation), and others for Journal of Scotch-Irish Studies, Directory of Irish Family History Research, and The Assn. of Professional Genealogists Quarterly. The American Soc. of Genealogists awarded him their 2016 Scholar Award. Steven Morrison has been a professional genealogist since 2006. He is the past president of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Assn. of Professional Genealogists, and the Olympic Genealogical Society, in the capital of Washington state. Steven has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College where he became an adjunct faculty member in the graduate program for seven years. He has presented at nearly all genealogy societies in Western Washington, and more than two dozen genealogical seminars and conferences throughout the Northwest. He's also addressed international audiences at the Ulster American Heritage in Omagh, Ireland; the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland at Newry, Ireland, and the Ulster American Heritage Symposium in Toronto, Canada.

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A link to the 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 for the link prior to the meeting.

Notes on the November Presentation:

Tuesday, November 16, 2022

ABSENT ANCESTORS AND HIDDEN CLUES**BY PAM VESTAL (VIA ZOOM)**

Notes by Russ Erickson

Ms. Vestal provides a full 4 page resume of this talk saved on the Society's website. Obstacles to finding missing ancestors: Spelling! Original records had varied spellings dependent on known vocabulary or speech patterns of our immigrant ancestors or knowledge of the sources. (Karel, not Carol, indicating woman instead of man, and Heinz could be Hints or Heince). Use "key words" and wildcards (?) or asterisks for vowels. Using city or rural directories, look at street addresses of possible ancestors to confirm them and their spellings. Look at Google Translate to compare English sounds with those of other languages.

Many ancestors used their middle names or nicknames at times instead of their first names. One can search on line for historical nicknames. Children out of wedlock often had maternal surnames. Use the Family Search research wiki to find records available for cities or counties and for digital records of past lost data.

Religious records are especially good, as one can often find much about families and friends. A family can be in an unexpected religion. Google historical churches in any town, or look at local histories. Baptisms could be separate in time from births, especially for Baptist religion, and Quakers did not baptize. Check ArchiveGrid (<https://www.ocl.org/research/areas/research-collections/archivegrid.html>) for archives everywhere. Also mentioned: <https://wikimediafoundation.org>. Records for minorities were often separate from those for whites in the past in the USA. Note that some immigrants with children married on coming here because, for varied reasons (financial, race, religion, etc), governments in their country of origin would not allow their marriage.

In the 1870 census, all Asians were "Chinese". In 1890, Japanese was added, and by 1920, "other". By 1960, one could choose race. In censuses, neighbors were usually next to the lines for ancestors, but not always, as the census taker might start in a different section the next day. Always check the last page of a census for clean-up data put in at last minute. Remember, information can be wrong in any record either copied or given in error by an informant. The census in 1850 had 3 copies-county, state, and federal vs one in 1790-1820 and 2 in 1830 and 1840 for state and federal. Genealogists get the federal, which meant the second or third copy, with more possible errors.

Some filing systems or indices are problematic; running out of room on one part and shifting to another page later, or putting an "L" portion after "S", etc. Indexers often misread names when dealing with old handwriting. Make a research plan as you go, with 3 or 4 approach steps maximum for any ancestor, revising as you go. Google "records of the poor" to help find the many poor ancestors who might not be in standard records. Records could be only in an original county which could have changed boundaries or name over time--seek historical county of the desired time. City or rural county directories in the past were money makers, so printers tried to include as many people as possible, though some ancestors feared inclusion as exposing too much. Check guides to abbreviations in records (Book by Kip Sperry, "Abbreviations and Acronyms" a general source). ■

*In case you missed this presentation, **Its Not Too Late!** The link to the Zoom recording is available on our website www.srvgensoc.org for our members until Jan 18, 2022. (You may wonder why we retain the recording for only 1 month. We are limited to the amount of space we are allowed for Zoom recordings; and some of our speakers have restrictions on how long we make their presentations available.) The handouts for most of our speakers are retained long term on our website for members.*

Thanks to Russ Erickson.... Russ is retiring from his role as Recording Secretary for the Society after many years of diligent service. We thank you, Russ. Karen LaDuca has graciously agreed to take on this role, going forward. Thank you, Karen.



President's Message

By Steve Watty



We quickly transitioned from the pleasant weather of our Fall season to the usual tolerable California Winter. A welcome chill is in the air and the morning mist covers the landscape. What a perfect time to dive into your genealogy research. The December society break provided a welcome lull giving everyone a period of concentrated

research time. If you are adding to your own family research, helping others, or taking the time to partake in interesting webinars this is the perfect time of year. I hope everyone got their Christmas wish and broke through at least one of their brick walls!

The society continues to book professional speakers into 2022. Our next Zoom General Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2022. Our keynote speaker is Steven Morrison presenting "Western Overland Trails – Following the Seven Ts." The first half of 2022 speaker list is posted on the SRVGS website, so check out the speakers and topics. Post the dates on your calendar so you do not miss these important meetings! We are hopeful that these Covid restrictions will end by the coming summer. Stay tuned, with any luck we will plan an in-person gathering for the society in June.

I hope all of our members have an incredibly happy New Year. Wishing you and yours a healthy, safe, and enjoyable 2022. ■



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The World's Largest Family History Conference is coming up March 3-5 and it is *Free Again* this year! Register now—Ctrl-click the link or the logo on the left: [Roots Tech free registration](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2022

- 18 Tuesday—10am the January General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Steven Morrison on **Western Overland Trails**.
- 25 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom

February 2022

- 15 Tuesday—10am The February General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Kathy Wurth on **Preparing for a Heritage Trip**.
- 22 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom.

March 2022

- 15 Tuesday—10am The March General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Christine Cohen on **Immigration Ports of Entry**.
- 22 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. ■

The Virginia Home continued from P.6

Finding answers to my family's ancestral photograph provided me with a better understanding of the period architecture and family dynamics during the latter half of the nineteenth century. Many family stories, some found and others waiting to be discovered, are intertwined in these documents, pictures, letters, and newspaper articles. The challenge and satisfaction of a research journey such as this is in making the discovery through good detective skills, analysis of records... and a lot of good luck! ■

Genealogy is like a scavenger hunt and a jigsaw puzzle all rolled into one!

The Virginia Home - Its History and Family Connection

By: Steve Watty

Early in my genealogy research, I was given a picture (*Figure 1*) of a Virginia home, belonging to one of my ancestors. I knew it was a home in Virginia because on the back of the picture was the wording "Virginia Home". It was devoid of any date, names, or exact location. As I was a genealogy novice during this time, I put the picture away and continued to build out my family



Figure 1 - "Virginia Home" – Mary Stelzner Collection

Tree.

During subsequent months I gathered additional pictures of family living in Virginia during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Some of these pictures identified people and in others the people were unidentified. Note to self, always include names on pictures with people to help future generations! There are pencils made just for this.

I built out my Tree a couple of generations on the line of my maternal grandmother, Dorothy Isabel (Wilson) Stelzner's "Wilson" line. I knew from vital records that Dorothy was born in Mojave, California and she never lived in Virginia, so I studied the prior generation. Knowing, from previous research, that Dorothy's parents were the only lines with multiple previous generations living in Virginia, I assumed that the "Virginia Home" belonged to one of these families. I learned that Dorothy's father, Thomas Albert Wilson, was born in Surrey County, Virginia on his grandfather, Dr. George Wilson's, Mount Pleasant Plantation in 1848. Was this plantation my "Virginia Home"? I found a historical picture of Mount Pleasant Plantation (*Figure 2*) but this did not match my original picture.



Figure 2 - Mount Pleasant Plantation – Historical Picture (Mt. Pleasant in Surrey Co. - Virginia Historical Soc. 2015.1.83)

Delving into Virginia vital records I found that Thomas's father, James Drew Wilson, died in 1851 at the early age of 36 before Thomas was three years old. The 1860 Census recorded Thomas, his mother and siblings, Charles, and William, living in Smithfield, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in another home of his grandfather, Dr. George Wilson. I determined that again this Smithfield home (*Figure 3*)



Figure 3 - Dr. George Wilson Home, 203 Main St., Smithfield, VA (Steve Watty, 2015)

was not the "Virginia Home".

Thomas married Matilda Maurice Bourne in 1874. The Bourne family had a farm outside of Smithfield, Virginia. Could my "Virginia Home" be the Bourne farm that Matilda was raised on? Research revealed that the home was still standing, and a historical picture (*Figure 4*) was available. Strike three, this home did not resemble the original picture (*Figure 1*).





Figure 4 – The Bourne Farmhouse AKA Woodlawn Plantation.

Thomas' mother, Julia Anne (Cabaniss) Wilson, was still a young woman when her husband died in 1851. Did she marry again? Following the census records, I know that she was still a widow in 1860 however I found that by 1870 she had married again. Julia was living in the household of her second husband Charles Benham Hayden with his children. Charles was married twice before and a widower with seven living children from his previous marriages. Vital records show that Charles and Julia married in 1867, six years after Charles' second wife died. Charles was a previous mayor of Smithfield and a well-known lawyer practicing in the Tidewater area of Virginia. Four years after Julia and Charles married, a daughter, Eliza Virginia Hayden was born. The home occupied in 1870 by the Hayden family was listed as 222 Grace Street, Smithfield, Virginia.

Research on this home indicates that it has a notable history in the town of Smithfield. The old brick residence is now known as "Hayden Hall", built circa 1807 by Mrs. Martha Hall. The original home was thirty-six by twenty-three feet, and more than tripled in size in the intervening years.

Charles' mother, Mrs. Julia (Benham) Hayden was a young widow when she and Charles came to Smithfield in 1825 from Connecticut. Julia Hayden was invited to Smithfield, by Archibald Atkinson, to start a school for young ladies. Mrs. Hayden opened her school in 1826 in the school room of the Atkinson home. Within a few years the widow Mrs. Hayden married Sampson White. Her school then became known as Mrs. White's School and was moved to the brick house at 222 Grace Street built by Mrs. Martha Hall. In 1836 Julia bought the home with her second husband Sampson White. In 1846, Mrs. White's son, C. B Hayden, bought from his mother and stepfather their brick residence which he enlarged and improved. He also acquired the property between the residence and Main Street, where he designed a driveway entrance (later known as Hayden's Lane).

Could this "Hayden Hall" be the Virginia Home I sought? And if so, who were the people shown in the original picture? *Figure 5* shows Hayden Hall circa 1977. This home looks similar to my original picture, but some exterior changes are noted. The porch looks smaller and what happened to the upper deck shown in the original picture (*Figure 1*)?



Figure 5 – Hayden Hall, 222 Grace Street, Smithfield, Virginia

The answer is documented in the book "A Pictorial History - Smithfield" by Segar Cofer Dashiell a Smithfield historian. She stated that during the C. B. Hayden ownership the house was more than doubled in size by the addition of a large room, both upstairs and down, to the left of the original hall, and large upper and lower porches built across the front (*Figure 1*). On July 7, 1913, Hayden Hall was sold by Irene, Eliza Virginia and Mary Sue Hayden, daughters of Charles B. Hayden, to Charles Walker Warren. After the deaths of Charles W. Warren and his wife, the house became the home of their only child Walker Pegram Warren. During his occupancy, the double front porch was replaced by a small entrance stoop (*Figure 5*). Bingo, I think we have a match!

The only missing information from the original picture (*Figure 1*) was the identity of the four people, three on the porch and the older lady standing by the tree with a watering can. I believe Julia Anne (Cabaniss) Wilson Hayden (*Figure 6*), my 2nd great-grandmother, is the woman by the tree.



Figure 6 - Julia Anne Cabaniss (1829-1897) – Mary Stelzner Collection

The youngest girl sitting on the front porch step, I believe is Eliza Virginia Hayden, the only daughter of Julia and Charles B. Hayden and stepsister to my great-grandfather Thomas Albert Wilson. The two older girls are probably two of Julia's stepdaughters. Using the approximate age of Eliza, we can date the "Virginia Home" picture (*Figure 1*) to circa 1885.

In 2015, I verified the "Virginia Home" picture was in fact Hayden Hall with Carolyn A. Keen a local historian well-versed in local buildings and their history. I visited Smithfield soon after, took a picture (*Figure 7*) of the home and even met the new owner, Mrs. Sarah Gilliam, a local attorney who was leaving for work when she saw me taking pictures of the house. Sarah invited me back the next day to take a tour of the house, but my schedule did not allow this as I was returning to California the next morning. I hope to return to Smithfield soon and will take up Sarah's



Figure 7 – Hayden Hall 2015 (Steve Watty 2015)

offer if still available.

In 1973 the town of Smithfield purchased Hayden's Lane from the Walker Pegram Warren estate during a public auction. The Hayden's Lane (*Figure 8*) was the original entrance to the property, purchased

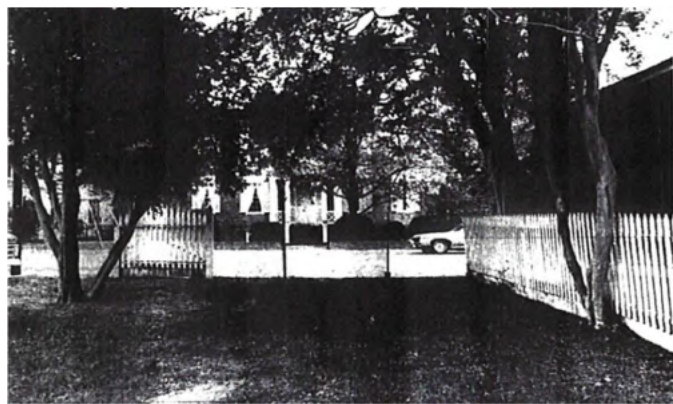


Figure 8 – The Hayden's Lane prior to 1975 – From Grace Street looking toward Main Street

and designed by Charles B. Hayden, and part of the Hayden Hall estate. In 1975 the Woman's Club of Smithfield appropriated money to create a "mini-

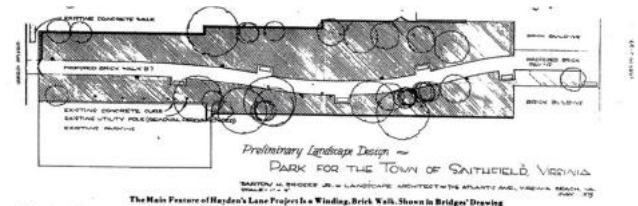


Figure 9 – Hayden Lane 1975 - Park Project

park" (*Figure 9*) of the corridor that connected Main and Grace Streets. During this buildout colo-

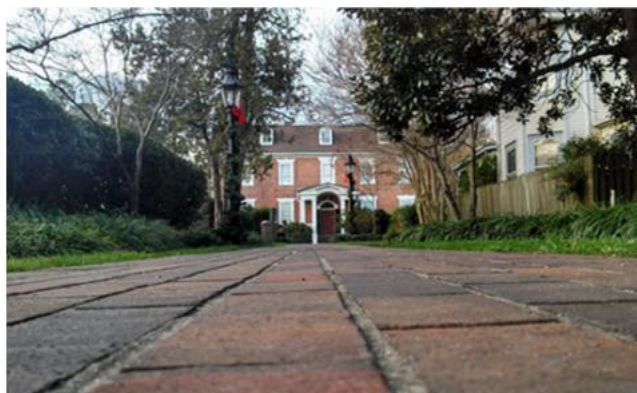


Figure 10 - Hayden's Lane 2015 – Looking toward Grace Street and Hayden Hall.

nial style wooden benches, six gas lights, numerous decorative plantings and a brick walk were added. The result of this project (*Figure 10*), is now a beautiful walking path between Main Street and Grace Street.

During the same 1973 auction, Hayden Hall was purchased by Dr. Robert May, a Hampton veterinarian. The house and acreage sold for \$85,600. The Colonial brick residence was described as containing the equivalent of four floors, counting the full attic and full basement, and had approximately 7,285 square feet of living space.

Other ownership changes occurred between the time Dr. May owned the property and the current owner Mrs. Sarah Gilliam. I do not believe any structural changes were made to the residence during those years. The 2021 Zillow Zestimate values the property at \$590,327. Zillow shows the residence as a 4-bedroom, 2.5 bath structure of 4,636 square feet. This reduction in square footage, from the 1973 auction, may eliminate the attic and/or basement areas previously counted as living space.

...see P.3 Virginia Home for the continuation and completion of this article.

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WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

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

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

By: Bill George

In January 2022, the five SIGS will meet online. The Publishing SIG is using *Google Meet* and the rest, *Zoom*. All SIG members receive emails from their leaders on how to join each meeting. See details below.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday, Jan 12th (the 2nd Wednesday)
 You may contact Patty Erickson, the SIG leader at russpat@comcast.net.



Family Search - Monday, Jan 10th, (the 2nd Monday) **1 pm – 3 pm** in a Zoom Meeting. Learn the many aspects of this free, comprehensive genealogy web site. You may contact SIG Leader Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Publishing – Thursday Jan 20th, (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30am – 12noon** via Google Meet. 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 Jan 17th, (the 3rd Monday) **1 – 3pm**, 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 Jan 26th, 10am – 12noon, (the 4th Wednesday) in a Zoom meeting. Members share information from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG Leader Cathy Tanaka at cathytanaka622@gmail.com. ■



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

Happy 2022! May all your genealogy resolutions come to fruition. Here are some learning opportunities to help you reach your goals.

The California Genealogy Society Library, www.californiaancestors.org, is open for individual research by appointment only. Classes and events will continue online. Check website for details and to register for the following activities. Note any fees.

- On Tue. Jan. 4th from 6-8 **Introduction to Genealogy** group will meet. The focus of this month will be **Genealogy Basics Overview**.
- On Tue. Jan 11th from 4-5:30 Kim Hayden will share **California Research: Center for Sacramento History** as part of the society's California Research Series. Register online.
- On Sat. Jan. 15th from 1-3 Ron Madson will lead the **Family Tree Maker SIG** with a discussion of **Ancestry's new use of your data**.
- On Tue. Jan. 18th from 4-5:30 Emily Blodget will discuss **California Research: Government Publications at California's State Library**.
- On Tue. Jan. 25th from 4-5:30 Elena Smith will present **California Research: Historical Resources at California's State Library**.
- On Wed. Jan. 26th from 6:30 – 8 the **Roots Magic SIG** will meet at which some of the **New features of version 8** will be demonstrated.
- On Tue., Feb. 1st from 4-5:30 Dvorah Lewis will offer **California Research: Sutro Library: Journey to the West of the West: Genealogical Treasures at Sutro Library**.
- On Sat., Feb. 5th from 10-12:15 **Introduction to Genealogy group** will meet. The focus of the meeting will be **Using the Census**.

The Oakland Family Search Library, [www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland California FamilySearch Library](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library), is open by appointment. Email fhcoakland@gmail.com or call 510-531-3905 for an appointment or to register for online classes. In addition, the website has links to online classes at the other Family Search Regional Librar-

ies. The Family History Library in Salt Lake 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 from 6-8 Jane Lindsey will provide **French Canadian Assistance**. No appt. required.
- On Wed. Jan. 26th from 6-8 Pat Jenkins will facilitate the **African American Research Workshop**. See Zoom link on the library's website.

The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html offers free webinars. Register online in advance. The upcoming presentations are:

- On Sat. Jan. 8th from 10-11 Annette Burke will explore **French Canadian Settlements in the Midwestern U.S.**
- On Wed. Jan. 19th from 6-7 Kitty Cooper will discuss **When DNA Predictions are Useful and Accurate**.
- On Sat. Feb. 5th Kimberley Nagy will present **Untying the Knot: Divorce Records**.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes 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 their webinars at their website.

- On Jan. 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th Christopher C. Child, Ann Lawthers, and Melanie McComb will present **Connecticut Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy**. \$115.
- On Tue. Jan. 11th at 3 Brian Matthew Jordon will share his book **A Thousand May**

Fall: An Immigrant Regiment's Civil War.

- On Thu. Jan. 13th from 12 – 1 James Heffernan will discuss **How to Progress From Inherited Research**
- On Sat. Jan. 15th from 10-1 Kyle Hurst, Ginerva Morse, and Eileen Curley Pironti will present **Using Microsoft Word to Write Your Family History**. \$85.
- On Wed. Jan 19th from 3-4 Debbie Applegate will explore her book **Madam: The Biography of Polly Adler, Icon of the Jazz Age**.
- On Thu. Jan. 20th from 12 -1:30 Curt Dicamillo will examine **Ultimate Bling: Britain's Royal Collection**. \$35.
- Also, on the 20th from 3-4 Charles Gallagher will share his book **Nazis of Copley Square: The Forgotten Story of the Christian Front**.
- On Sat. Jan. 22nd from 11-12:30 there will be a **Virtual Preservation Roadshow: Documents, Bound Volumes, & Photographs**. \$85.

Unable to attend the live broadcast? A recording of the free events will be posted on the NEHGS website the following day.

 The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center offers a number of webinars. Go to <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy> to see the current list and to register for them online. Also, explore the Genealogy Center Videos at <https://acpl.lib.in.us/explore-genealogy/our-services>

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

- On Wed. Jan. 5th at 11 Diahan Southard will share **The Only Thing That You Need to Know about DNA and Genealogy**.

Here are some other webinars and podcasts that are online:

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

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- Lisa also has an hour 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 <http://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
- Ancestry.com offers online courses. Some are FREE, while others require a subscription, You can read about them at <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy>
- 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.
- ConferenceKeeper <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. Jan. 6th at 1 the Genealogical Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will hold a **Training on the 1950 Census**. Email President@gsvb.org to request a Zoom invitation.
- On Mon. Jan. 10th from 7-8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will host a Zoom meeting with Lisa Gorell as guest speaker. She will discuss **Focused Research: Using Research Plans**. Register on the society's website.
- On Thu. Jan. 13th from 6:30 -8 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net>, will

hold a Zoom meeting with James Baker as guest speaker. He will be exploring **Mayflower to Minuteman: Finding Colonial Records (1610-1790)**. Register on the society's website.

- On Tue. Jan. 18th from 6:30-8:30 the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org will hold a virtual meeting. Kenneth C. Davis will share **Why We Don't Know Much About History** – featuring some of America's hidden history. Register on the society's website.
- On Sat. Jan. 15th the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, www.scgsonline.org will host Lisa Gorell as guest speaker. Lisa will present **Finding Records to Document Your Farming Ancestors**. Register on the society's website.

Upcoming Special Events...

- RootsTech Connect 2022, www.RootsTech.org will take place virtually from March 3-5.
- From May 25-28, 2022 the California Genealogical Society will host the 2022 National Genealogical Society Family History Conference at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacra-

mento. Refer to <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

- From Aug. 19-27 the So. California Genealogy Society Jamboree will hold three virtual conferences. Visit <https://genealogyjamboree.com> for further details. ■

Update on Danville FHC opening...

Chris reports that the Danville Family History Center will be re-opening in January 2022. Appointments are required starting Jan 3, 2022 and may be scheduled by calling (925)837-7010 or (925)360-9232. Fitted face masks are mandatory indoors for everyone. Patrons will be spaced 6' apart. Hours of operation:

Monday 10am-1pm

Tuesday 7pm-9pm

Wednesday 1pm-4pm

The Concord FHC and the Livermore FHC are also open and no appointments are necessary. The Oakland Family Search Center (at the Oakland LDS Temple) is open now for limited in-person research by appointment only but Chris Engstrom understands that there is plenty of availability. Call them at 510-531-3905. ■

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