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This Month's Presentation:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 10 am

Creative Hypothesis Development to Solve Your Brick Wall Challenges

BY: DR. JAN M. JOYCE via Zoom



In difficult genealogical problems, researchers often naturally develop one scenario or hypothesis that logically explains the situation. That working hypothesis takes root and then we move forward, supporting it without considering alternative hypotheses.

Often we are on track. However in more complex genealogical challenges, developing multiple hypotheses early can prove more successful to opening up our thinking, exploring additional possibilities, and arriving at a successful conclusion.

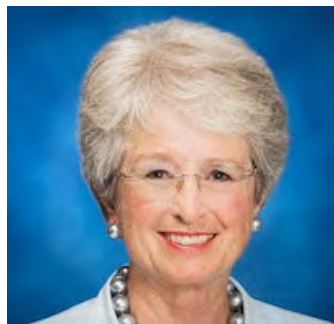
Dr. Joyce is a genealogy researcher whose personal work has focused on Ohio and Pennsylvania, England, Germany, Ireland, and Norway. She began research-

ing in 1998 to understand genealogy customers when she managed marketing initiatives at Genealogy.com. Before beginning her genealogy career, she earned a B.S. in Business Marketing from Miami University, an MBA in Marketing from Ohio State University and Doctor of Business Administration from Golden State University. She has completed the Boston University Certificate in Genealogy Research, Advanced Genealogical Methods Course at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, Intermediate Genealogy & Historical Studies Course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, British Institute-Researching your English Ancestors.

Dr. Joyce worked in marketing for many years and now her career is focused on teaching research methodology, writing and researching her own family. ■

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Notes on The Last Presentation:**Tuesday, November 17, 2020****Women's Suffrage Warriors****Women Win the Vote in California and the Country 1920-2020****PRESENTED BY BEVERLY LANE****Notes by Russ Erickson**

Women's Suffrage started as America's largest social movement for 150 years, beginning in 1776. In the 19th century, women had few rights, losing when they married, with child custody going to husbands as well as property and inheritances. Few jobs were available, except perhaps teaching and wages were half men's. In 1848, there was a female organizing meeting in Seneca, Pennsylvania led by Elizabeth Cady Stanton (mother of 7) with a Declaration of Sentiments, a revolutionary call for women's rights to admit to all rights. 11 Resolutions were passed; the 12th to allow the vote failed until Frederick Douglas promoted it. Lucretia Mott, a Quaker, was prominent at that time. In 1850, Susan B. Anthony teamed with Stanton to form a formidable pair for decades until their deaths in the early 1900s. Anthony was jailed early for voting. Sojourner Truth, African-American, added voting to her campaigns for equality for black women. Ida Wells, a journalist in the south was a suffragette as well as writing against lynching, creating threatened violence moving her to Illinois. Voting rights were especially difficult as Congress was ruled by southern Congressmen. Stanton and Anthony wrote 6 volumes on all the campaigns.

In California, in 1908 in Glen Park, San Francisco, women were very active and marched on the Republican state convention in Oakland. Using a soft appeal, women were allowed to vote in 1911 in California. Prior to that, the vote had been granted in many western states (one reason, a hope to attract more women from the east, since men greatly outnumbered women). Again in California in the early 20th century, suffragists used a fancy automobile to attract crowds to debates and draw to their campaign. Danville had a female-male debate with a favorable vote, winning in Contra Costa, but losing in Alameda County. Fresno and the valley carried the state to allow the vote.

By 1918, women had the vote across the west to Kansas, with the eastern states still against. Early women voters were often verbally assaulted and a national anti-female vote association of men began. Carrie Chapman Catt was prominent during the early 1900s for 30 years--a great orator. Alice Paul (Quaker), with a law PhD, had some education in Great Britain, where suffrage was hard fought, helping her effectiveness. They and others organized a national women's party with a Washington D.C. parade in 1913 before the Wilson inauguration. The Howard U. black university sorority women were at the back of the parade -- bigotry of the time in action. President Wilson was very Southern and against suffrage as well as the black race. He initially tried to stop Negroes working in government jobs. He slowly came around to female voting after women picketed the White House in 1917 and later supported the WWI effort. In 1918, some suffragists were brutally jailed near Washington D.C. and force fed during a hunger strike, helping the cause. By 1919, Wilson became in favor and the 19th amendment for the female vote was passed. 36 states were needed to ratify with eastern states opposed. Tennessee, the 36th state was approached by the suffragists, plying the legislators with liquor. The Tennessee senate passed it and lower house was deadlocked until 24 year old Harry Burn, at his mother's request, changed his vote to yes, passing the 19th amendment in August, 1920.

26 million ladies were now enfranchised; 9 million actually voted in 1920 because of other barriers such as literacy tests, poll taxes and long residency requirements. African Americans were initially excluded in the south; southern men were against women's suffrage as "women are not as easy to intimidate as the men". States still had the ability to disenfranchise citizens until the Voting Rights Act of 1964. Women still could not serve on juries in many states--Massachusetts not until the 1950s! Many countries-GB, Germany, Scandinavia, etc. had the vote earlier than we. For financial support during the 150 years of campaigns, women had "Equali-Teas", musicals, etc.■



President's Message

By Steve Watty



Welcome 2021, we can only hope this new year will bring a marked improvement over the past historic year. Our lives have been forever changed by the coronavirus pandemic. As of this writing, one is still uncertain when our lives will begin down the path to the old normal or when we will

be able to travel or meet without fear. We still cannot think about traveling, shopping, going to a restaurant, or visiting friends without wearing a mask, constantly washing our hands and the dreaded social distancing restrictions. Oh, how I miss a warm embrace from a loved one, hugs from my grandchildren and the casual mask-less conversation with a friend. The current rollout of coronavirus vaccinations will hopefully restore a sense of normalcy to our lives and gradually return us to pre-pandemic activities. I see the light, do you?

Knowing that in-person meetings would probably not be allowed, the society booked an excellent group of professional speakers to present diverse topics over the next six months. Please review this speaker list and subject matter on the society website, www.srvgensoc.org. These presentations will be brought to our membership, via the Zoom Meeting application, during our scheduled General Meetings. A notification of each meeting and the Zoom Meeting link will be sent to active members before each meeting. I pray that all of you continue to remain safe, healthy and fully engaged in your genealogy research. ■

WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

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

Sheridan Colbourn

Kathy Oldham



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SRVGS CALENDAR

January 2021

- 5 **Tuesday - 10 am** A Board meeting was held via ZOOM video.
- 19 **Tuesday - 9:30 am** The January General meeting will be via a Zoom Link. The speaker will be Dr. Jan Joyce on **Creative Hypotheses Development to Solve Your Brick Wall Challenges** via Zoom
- 26 **Tuesday - 10 am** Last October the Board voted to move the Board Meeting up for several reasons including enabling getting the latest updates into the newsletter and out to the membership by the first of the coming month. This will be the first meeting with this new schedule.

February 2021

- 16 **Tuesday - 10 am** the February General Meeting will be held via a Zoom Link. The speaker will be Kathryn Marshall on **Researching The War of 1812 Records** via Zoom
- 23 **Tuesday - 10 am** The Board meeting will be held via ZOOM video.

March 2021

- 16 **Tuesday - 10 am** The March General Meeting will be via a Zoom Link. The speaker will be Thomas MacEntee on **How Do I Know What I Don't Know? Fast Tracking Your Genealogy Education** via Zoom ■
- 23 **Tuesday - 10 am** The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom video ■



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS*By: Bill George*

Ed. Note: I'm repeating this item below since Bill has had some interest and perhaps your New Year's resolution is to get cracking on documenting your tree locally.

Help Needed with a New SIG

I would like to get a Genealogy Programs SIG started. We could have a monthly get-together and discuss the ins and outs of the main genealogy programs, **Legacy**, **Family Tree Maker**, **Roots Magic** and Macintosh-only **Reunion**. The only problem is that there needs to be at least one person who knows something about each program. I'm familiar with Reunion and could address those questions. You don't have to be an "expert", just interested enough in your program to look something up if needed. If you were an "expert", that would be great. But a few people for each program would make it work. Please contact me (williamcgeorge@gmail.com) if you are interested.

We could do the same thing for Internet Family Tree Web Sites, if there is interest. The major web sites are ancestry.com, myheritage.com and findmypast.com. Please contact me (williamcgeorge@gmail.com) if you are interested and/or have expertise in one or more of the web sites. ■

We Want Your Suggestions...

To Our Membership: The Programs Committee has speakers lined up for the first half of 2021, and your board would like to hear from you on subjects that you would like to hear about as we continue to schedule speakers for the remainder of the year. Please email any of the members listed on P.7 of this newsletter with your thoughts and ideas.

Ancestry.com went down today, so I spent some time with family.

They seem like nice people.



Twisted Twigs
on gnarled branches

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE*By: Bill George*

In January, 2021 four SIGS will meet via Zoom. The fifth, the publishing SIG, is emailing amongst themselves, waiting until the shelter in place is lifted so they can meet again in person. All SIG members receive emails on how to join each Zoom meeting. See details below:



Family Search - Monday, January 11th (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.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday January 13th (the 2nd Wed) **10 am – 12 pm** in a Zoom meeting. They share information from the internet, journals, DNA and books. Patty Erickson is SIG Leader. You may contact Patty at russpat@comcast.net.



DNA - Monday January 18th (the 3rd Monday) **1:00 - 3:00 pm**, 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.



Publishing – Thursday January 21st, (the 3rd Thursday) **at 10:30am** via Google Meet. Contact Kathy Javdani at kjisc@aol.com for info on how to join the meeting. Francie Lloyd, is the SIG Leader and can be reached at frances_lloyd@comcast.net. ■



German Research – Wednesday January 27th, (the 4th Wednesday) **10 am – 12 pm**, 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

Welcome to 2021, a year full of wonderful possibilities in genealogy. Not even COVID-19 can stop us intrepid genealogists! Let's get prepared through an array of learning opportunities.



The California Genealogy Society's Library, www.californiaancestors.org, is closed due to COVID-19. However, it now has a number of online events scheduled. Sign up now on the website and note any fees. Also, please check the site or Blog for future updates on the closure.

- On Sat. Jan. 16th from 1-3, the Family **Tree-Maker Special Interest Group** will host Russ Worthington as a special guest presenter.
- On Sat. Jan. 23rd from 1-3, Stewart Taimon will present **Excel for Genealogists**.
- On Mon. Jan. 25th from 7-8:30, Mark McLaren will lead the **Advanced DNA Special Interest Group**.
- On Sat. Jan. 30th from 1-3, Theresa Murphy will discuss **Exploring the CGS Website**.
- On Sat. Feb. 6th from 10:15-12:15, **Introduction to Genealogy** addresses how to get started with family research.



Oakland Family History Center, www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library or fhcoakland@gmail.com is closed for the month of January.



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

- On Sat. Jan. 9th from 10-11, Devon Noel Lee will discuss **Writing About the Stars in Your Family with Ease**.
- On Wed. Jan. 20th from 6-7, Shannon Combs-Bennett will explain **The Basics of Genetic Testing and Genealogy**.

- On Sat. Feb. 6th from 10-11, Beth A. Stahr will explore **Unscrambling the New Orleans Passenger Lists**.

SCGS also offers the following webinars at their website free to the public.

- **Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides National Archives** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **Neither Filmed or Scanned: NARA Treasurers Await** by Kerry Bartels
- **Military Records at the National Archives** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **The Many Facets of the National Archives Website** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **National Archives Website Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.



The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), <https://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 online.

- On Wed. Jan. 13th at 3, Eric Jay Dolin will discuss his book **A Furious Sky: The Five-Hundred -Year History of America's Hurricanes**.
- On Thurs. Jan. 14th from 12-1, Molly Rogers will explore **What's New at AmericanAncestors.org**.

- On Fri. Jan. 15th from 1-2:15, Curt DiCamillo will share **The Crown: A Tour of Filming Locations of the Most Expensive TV Series Ever Made.**
- On Thurs. Jan. 21st from 1-2:30, Curt DiCamillo and Carl Raymond will present **New York and London in the Gilded Age.** There is a \$35 registration fee.
- On Thurs. Jan. 28th from 12-1, Lindsay Fulton will share **The Federal Census: Moving Beyond the Population Schedule.**
- On Thurs. Feb. 4th from 3-4, Janice P. Nimura will discuss her book **The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women – and Women to Medicine.**

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

 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 at www.dar.org offers two different types of programming: the Library Lecture Series features authors discussing their historical work and the Genealogy 101 Series offers presentations on a variety of genealogical topics led by the professional genealogists on staff at the DAR or by other experienced genealogists. Both series are held throughout the month on Saturdays and are free to the public. See the upcoming schedule here: www.dar.org/libraryevents

 Ancestry.com offers online courses. Some are FREE, while others require a subscription. You can READ about them <https://www.ancestryacademy.com/browse>

 The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center offers a number of webinars. Go to <https://acpl.cms.wise.oclc.org/genealogy> to register online for them. Also explore the Genealogy Center Videos at <https://acpl.cms.wise.oclc.org/our-services>.

- On Tues. Jan. 5th from 11:30-12:30 Melissa Tennant will share **Piecing the Census Puzzle Together.**

- On Thurs. Jan. 7th from 11:30-12:30 there will be a discussion on **How to Organize Your Autosomal DNA Matches at Ancestry.com.**
- On Thurs. Jan. 14th from 3:30-4:30 Dr. Shelley Murphy will explore **Finding Descendants of the Enslaved Labors Who Built the University of Virginia.**
- On Tues. Jan. 19th from 11:30-12:30 Jen Baldwin will present **Strategic Searching on Findmypast**

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

- On Tues. Jan. 5th at 5 Michelle Patient will answer **Where Else to Look? When Matches Don't Reply.**
- On Wed. Jan. 6th at 11 James M. Baker will share **Genealogy Unplugged: When Offline Records Are the Best.**
- On Tues. Jan. 12th at 11 Marsha Novak will present **MyHeritage Mobile App: All New Features From 2020.**
- On Tues. Jan 26th at 11 Ran Snir will discuss **The New Ethnicity Estimates on MyHeritage DNA Tests.**

 Here are some other webinars and podcasts that are online:

- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <https://extremegenes.com/blog>
- The Genealogy Guys Podcast <http://genealogyguys.com>
- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems <https://lusalouisecooke.com/podcasts>
- Lisa also has an hour genealogy chat on YouTube at 9 am on Thursdays entitled Eleven-tes.
- Thomas MacEntee's <https://abundantgenealogy.com>

- Judy Russell's www.legalgenealogist.com
- Family History Fanatics <https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog>

AND THERE IS MORE!

www.ConferenceKeeper.org, lists conferences, events, calls for papers, contests, grants, volunteer opportunities, tours and more. You can sign up at mail@sendfoxmail.com to receive *Tami at Conference Keeper* which lists events that have been added in the last week.

Save the Date:

- On Sun. Jan 3rd from 12 -1 The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, www.sfbajgs.org will hold it's monthly meeting via Zoom. This month's topic is **Genealogy Clinic: Brainstorming with the Mavens**. Please email noa@jewishlearning.works to register. *Ed note: sorry, by the time this newsletter is published it will be too late for this session but keep your eyes open for other sessions at www.sfbajgs.org*
- On Mon. Jan. 11th from 7-8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, <http://www.l-ags.org>, will have a ZOOM meeting. Pam Vestal will share **How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read**. For additional information contact: Tom Mathews at program@L-AGS.org.
- On Sat. Jan. 12th, at 12 the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, www.scgsonline.org, will have a virtual meeting. Judy Russell will present **Dowered or Bound Out: Records of Widows and Orphans**. Register for this presentation at www.scgsonline.org.
- On Thurs. Jan. 14th from 6:30-8 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, www.cccgs.net will hold a Zoom webinar. Thomas MacEntee will answer **Did I Get Everything? Creating a Checklist for Genealogy Research**. Go to the Events page of the Society's website to register.
- On Tues. Jan.19th from 6:30-8:30 the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org will present via Zoom. Janice M. Sellers will discuss **Researching Historic LGBT Relatives**. Go to their website to register. ►

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SRVGS is on Facebook!

Click on the link below or go to:

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

- Tues., Jan. 26th at 10 the Sacramento German Genealogy Society, www.sggs.us will present Dr. Thomas Aigner via Zoom. Dr. Aigner will discuss **Archives in the Digital Era: ICARUS, Matricula, Topotheque**. Go to the Society website to register.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

By: Kathy Javdani

Please note that some conferences are opting to hold virtual presentations instead of their usual on-site conference. Visit the conference site for registration and updates.

- From Feb. 25th – 27th **RootsTech** will present its annual conference virtually and **COMPLETELY FREE**. Go to <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng> for more information.
- From June 11th -12th the Southern California Genealogical Society will hold its annual jamboree virtually. See www.genealogyjamboree.com for details. ►

- From July 17th - 24th the 2021 International German Genealogy Conference (National Conference) will meet virtually. This year's theme will be **Researching Together Worldwide/ Weltweit Gemeinsam Forshen**. See the Sacramento German Genealogy Society, www.sggs.us for details. ■

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