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May's Presentation:

Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 10 am

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYFLOWER (VIA ZOOM)

BY ROBERT TRAPP



Is it possible you are descended from a family who came to America on the Mayflower ship in 1620? It is estimated there are over 10 million living American descendants and an estimated 35 million descendants worldwide. Follow the history of the Speedwell and the Mayflower and why the Mayflower was important to American History. The year 2020 marked the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts. 120 people landed in November 1620; half of them died the first year. The landing was too far north and too late for planting crops.

Our speaker is Bob Trapp, a native of the San Francisco East Bay. He is married, the father of 3, grandfather of 6 and is currently retired. He has been researching his family roots since the early 1980s. He has membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in California and Utah, a member of California Genealogy Society and is their (SIG) Special Interest Group leader on Mayflower passengers. He is also a member of New England Historic Genealogical Society. He had worked in the Mayflower Library in the past from 2015-2019. Prior to the Pandemic, he served as Staff Coordinator at the Oakland Family Search Library where he has volunteered for over 29 years.

He is the Current Governor of the Alameda Colony of California Mayflower Descendants and the Colony Membership Chair. Of the 102 passengers on the Mayflower Ship, he is a direct descendant of 24 passengers. Follow the story of Bob's Mayflower family roots, plus learn what is needed to join the Mayflower Society. Bob loves genealogy and helping others find their roots.■

A link to the meeting will be sent out to all members a few days prior to the meeting. 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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Notes on April's Presentation:

Tuesday April 20, 2021

RESEARCHING ANCESTORS IN THE OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORY, 1788-1803

BY: ERIC JOHNSON via Zoom

Notes by Russ Erickson

France was the earliest European country involved from Canada and Acadia down the Mississippi region to Louisiana. The Old Northwest Territory included later states Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Americans from Virginia via the "Ohio Company" infiltrated this region early prior to the Revolutionary War. Early French records can be found in Quebec, with translations to English. The French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan also has records of early settlers. Virginia early claimed some of this territory from 1778-1784, using Kaskaskia as a county seat. The territory was heavily involved in the French and Indian War, part of one of several wars between England and France.

There were 5 campaigns in that war and afterward, many settlers involved came back to settle there. There are War Department records prior to 1800 plus American State papers at the Library of Congress. The Jay Treaty of 1794 to 1796 called the British to withdraw from several forts at Detroit, Mackinac, etc., but they did not. Connecticut and Massachusetts claimed a part of the territory, but never actually included any in their states, and Virginia later also left it. In 1784, 10 states were proposed and surveyed, with 20,000 inhabitants proposed to form a state, but the present states were later formed. In 1785, the Territory was surveyed into townships of 36 square miles with 7 ranges (military lands). One section in each township was to be held for a school. A 1787 ordinance proposed up to 5 states, each with 60,000 people, establishing a territorial government with basic rights that foretold those rights later included in our Constitution's Bill of Rights. Many counties were set by 1800. 1790 and 1800 censuses exist in the Jefferson Papers at the Library of Congress, with 4250 names. One person surveyed much of the Territory for these and likely missed at least half the population.

There were a number of slaves, listed as "indentured" as slavery was illegal there. The population doubled from 1790 to 1800. Ohio had a state census in 1803, then every 4 years to determine the number of representatives in the state Assembly. Indiana in 1807 included present day Illinois. The Territorial Papers of the United States included Native American Treaties. There are many types of documents in these, included data on ferrymen and ferrywomen and tavern owners, both of which were very important. The Journal of the Continental Congress is very "dry" reading, but includes papers of the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1789. It is not indexed. The Draper Manuscript Collection includes information on the French and Indian and 1812 wars. American State Papers note public land and claims to 1838. Clifford Neal Smith amassed a Federal Land Series. Eric Johnson has a book on censuses of the Northwest Territories. In 1836, President Andrew Johnson moved Indian tribes west in this Territory as well as tribes in the lower states during the "Trail of Tears" move. See references supplied by Mr. Johnson in his handout on our WebSite. Note that you must be logged on to the [Website](#) to view the handouts and listen to the recording which will be available until May 18, 2021■

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our member Nancy Jane Brann Alexander who passed away on March 29. Our deepest condolences go out to her family and friends and particularly to her husband Quentin and daughter Xan Alexander who are also members of our Society.



President's Message

By Steve Watty



The SRVGS fiscal year will end May 31, which means it is time to reflect on the past year and prepare for the new fiscal year. As I review this third year serving as your President, I cannot help but think this year was most definitely challenging. The pandemic shut down our in-person gatherings a year ago and the society had to rely on the Zoom meeting platform for all our virtual meetings. While this technology gave us the chance to stay in touch, I am sure everyone really missed our social and refreshment time at the monthly in-person General Meetings. Sure, we were able to provide professional speakers, that are normally unavailable due to distance or cost, but the informal lunches with these speakers after the meetings left some questions unanswered. Things were simply different this year, but I believe the future looks bright for our society as we transition to the new normal. Our membership is stable and even shows signs of growth. I must again thank our dedicated Board and Committee team members that worked through the challenges during these uncertain times; they did a stellar job.

This year is a non-voting period for Board and committee positions as each serves a two-year commitment. Most of the Board members will tenure out next year, so please give some thought to serving in one of these positions during the 2022-2024 period.

With the new fiscal year comes the annual dues renewal for the society. The membership dues rate did not change for the coming year. The society dues help us maintain a slate of knowledgeable speakers, a monthly informative newsletter, the professional website, and minimal operating expenses. Additional communications will be sent providing either on-line or mail-in options for dues payment. Please continue your membership for another year by renewing soon.

Thank you once again for your commitment to SRVGS. We look forward to serving you for another year. ■



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2021

18 Tuesday - 10am The May General Meeting will be via a Zoom Link. The speaker will be Robert Trapp speaking on The 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower. Note that this was a program originally scheduled for last year at the time of the Anniversary but had to be postponed due to the onset of the Pandemic.

25 Tuesday - 10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom video.

June 2021

15 Tuesday—10am The June General Meeting will be via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Stephanie West speaking on Canadian Genealogical Research

22 Tuesday - 10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom video.

July 2021

20 Tuesday—10am The July General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Tina Beaird on Irish and Scottish Genealogical Research.

27 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom video.■

WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

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

**Kathleen Arritola
Suzanne Cross
Lorna Defiebre
Kate Hare
Martha Levison
William (Bill) Sefton**

A TOAST TO GENEALOGY

By: Lynnet Keihl

Researching my husband Tony's line in northern Italy seemed overwhelming, even though we knew his grandfather, Ferdinand Revelant, was born in 1854 in Magnano, Udine province. Ferdinand went north to Austria, married and had many children. The children (Tony's aunts and uncles) were unable to give us any information about the Italian Revelants.

We made several trips to Udine, where we searched parish records stored in the lower floor of Monsignor Don Lavaroni's home adjacent to the parish church at Artegn, which served Magnano. I extended Tony's line back several generations, which actually pleased me more than it did him. Claiming that I was only interested in the dead relatives, Tony would walk around the town and chat in his limited Italian (which was a lilting version of Spanish) with shopkeepers who had the name "Revelant" on their signs.

I felt we had hit a brick wall, but our daughter, Julie, suggested a way around that brick wall. Returning home from a business trip to Italy, she brought us a telephone book for Udine, with a name highlighted – Dr. SSA Irene Revelant, owner of a translation business and language school in Manzano, about an hour south of Artegn.

So now we knew of someone with Tony's surname who lived in the province his grandfather came from and who spoke English. Preparing for another trip to Italy and hoping we had found someone to help us locate living Revelant relatives, Tony sent Dr. Revelant a letter via DHL. She responded because she was impressed that he would pay \$20 to send her a letter. She agreed to meet us during our trip, even though her father told her we were probably selling encyclopedias. She arrived at Costantini Restaurant near Artegn with her father.

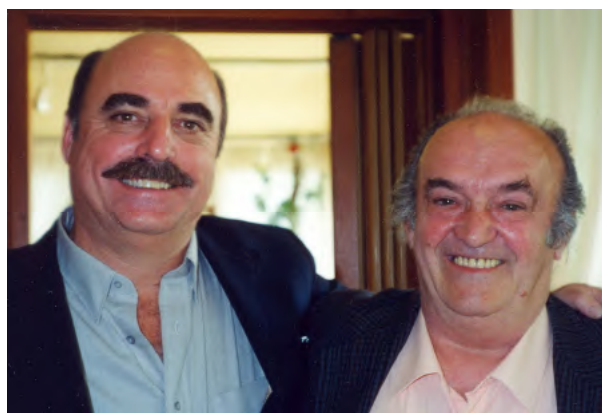
I looked in surprise at Adolfo Revelant, whose face bore a striking resemblance to my husband's face. Surely Tony was related to this Revelant family!

Fortunately, both Irene and her father spoke excellent English and, after exchanging pleasantries, they agreed to meet us the next day to try to learn more about the Revelant family.

The following day we drove on narrow roads through heavy rain to several towns. We talked with Adolfo's relatives trying to learn more about living family members, but no one knew their family history.

Irene and Tony became increasingly frustrated. I insisted we return to the Monsignor's house to find the siblings of Tony's grandfather and bring those lines forward. While there, I saw that Irene and Tony were too impatient to sit for hours reading through old church records. They left and walked around town looking for Revelant shopkeepers. I happily did the research and found the births of two surviving siblings of Tony's grandfather, Antonio and Tomaso Revelant.

After we returned home, Irene hired a professional genealogist, and I hired an assistant to Don Lavaroni. Tony and I had previously walked local cemeteries, and we obtained civil vital records to add to the church records. The Magnano City Clerk was amazing – she translated the civil records and made a chart of the descendants of the two siblings. It wasn't surprising to find that the living relatives Irene helped us find were herself and her father, who are descendants of Antonio Revelant.



Tony and Adolfo, 1996

To celebrate the success of the research, Tony arranged a luncheon at Costantini Restaurant for Austrian and Italian Revelant family members. They met for the first time. It was an exciting event for Tony, as he looked around the table at the smiling faces of American, Austrian and Italian Revelant relatives – all very much alive and toasting each other! ■

Facts get recorded; stories get remembered.

FAMILY SEARCH SIG, MAY 2021*By: Bill George*

If you are a new member of our Society or are just hearing about the SIG, I urge you to ask to be included in the FamilySearch SIG email notifications. Just email wiliamcgeorge@gmail.com and I'll add you. We have 33 members, at present, being notified. Here's the topic we'll cover in May and a little about the SIG.

Our topic in May is how to upload photos and documents about your ancestors to FamilySearch. If you've wondered how you will inform future generations of your genealogy finds and document your people in the FamilySearch Family Tree, this is it.

A little background on the SIG... We've had a very active FamilySearch Special Interest Group since February, 2013, when we first met at the Danville Family History Center. The first topic was demonstrating how to register for the FamilySearch Web Site and a short exploration of it. At that time FamilySearch was just opening up their web site's Family Tree to the public. It took off like a rocket and today has over 1.3 billion people in its "one world", crowd-sourced, anyone-can-edit, universally-accessible family tree. In addition FamilySearch has a robust collection of records and research help, comparable to commercial family tree/research web sites such as Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and FindMyPast.com.

The website has been aggressively updated with new features over the recent years. View the FamilySearch Blog (<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/>) to read about the latest updates. An interesting thing feature of the tree is that if your people go back a ways in the U.S., the older your ancestor, the more likely they are to already have been added to the tree. There is controversy over the fact that anyone can edit the trees and that there are speculative people in the tree without well-documented sources. However, there are hundreds and thousands more who have excellent sources attached and are waiting for you to find them. Even if your relative is one of the speculative entries, at least you have a clue and a starting point for research.

I currently have 33 people in the society that receive a "blast email" reminder of the upcoming FamilySearch meeting. The meetings are held on the 2nd Monday, at 1pm and have been held via Zoom since the beginning of the Pandemic. I'm planning to use Zoom at least until the end of 2021.■

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE*By: Bill George*

In May, 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.



Family Search - Monday, May 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 wiliamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday May 12th, 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 May 17th 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.



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

I couldn't afford a DNA test kit. So I announced that I had won the lottery. I soon found all my relatives.

May is Membership Renewal Time!

This year you have two ways to renew your membership which will expire at midnight on June 1st.

Pay online by credit card or PayPal - log in to your SRVGS account and go to your Profile page. Click the green "Renew Membership" button to start the renewal process. Be sure to click the yellow "Buy Now" button at the bottom of the Print Order Confirmation page to complete your payment.

Pay by mail – print out the membership renewal form that is attached to this email and send it along with your check to SRVGS, P.O. Box 305, Diablo, CA 94528-0305.

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

Danville Family History Center

2949 Stone Valley Rd. Alamo

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Monday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

and 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Closed on Holidays and the month of August



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Subscription Sites Available Free at FHC:

- Ancestry.com
- Fold3.com
- Heritage Quest
- MyHeritage.com
- Origins.net
- ProQuest Obituary Listings
- Godfrey Memorial Lib
- Newspaper Archive
- World Vital Records
- FindMyPast (UK)

You are not the only one chomping at the bit to get back to the FHC for some critical searching and re-searching. Rest assured that as soon as Chris lets us know when it will be opening, we will let you know.

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



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani



It's May and time for all our learning to bloom and grow.

 The California Genealogy Society's Library, www.californiaancestors.org, still remains physically closed due to COVID-19. However, it does have a number of online events scheduled via ZOOM. 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. May 1st from 10:15-12:15 **Introduction to Genealogy explores a Genealogy Basics Overview.**
- On Tue. May 4th from 6:30-8 Brandon Wofford-Asuncion will share **Remembering Our Ancestors in Asian-American Cemeteries.**
- On Tue. May 11th from 6-7:30 Linda Okazaki will examine **WWII "Internment Camps" and Mass Incarceration in the U.S.**
- On Sat. May 15th from 1-3 the **Eastern European Special Interest Group** will meet.
- On Sat. May 15th from 1-3 the **Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group** will meet.
- On Wed. Jun 2 from 6-7:30 Jen Baldwin will explore **Strategic Searching on FindMyPast.**
- On Sat. Jun 5th from 10:15-12:15 **Introduction to Genealogy** will meet.

 Oakland Family History Center, www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library The library is closed during May. However, it still offers some support services. Email fhcoakland@gmail.com or call 510-531-3905 for further details or to register for an online class. The Family History Library in Salt Lake also presents a number of webinars each month. Go to https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/f/f3/April_FHL_Webinars.pdf for the list of May webinars.

- On Tues. May 12th Ralph Severson will present **Our Portuguese-American Ancestors: From the Azores and Madeira to the U.S.**

 The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/overview.html offers free webinars. Register

online in advance. The upcoming presentations are:

- On Sat. May 1st from 10-11 Sarah Callis will discuss **WikiTree: The Free Family Tree.**
- On Wed. May 19th from 6-7 Andrew Lee will explore **Using GEDmatch Basic Tools.**
- On Wed. June 16th from 6-7 Jennifer Warner will examine **Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors.**

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 Mon. May 3rd from 12-1 Stephanie Call will share **Shalom/Salem: Archival Stories from Salem's Jewish Community.**
- On Wed. May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 3-4 experts at American Ancestors will discuss **Massachusetts Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy.** Cost: \$115.

- On Thur. May 6th from 12-1 Stephanie Call will explore **Stories from the Archives: Diaries.**
- Also on May 6th from 2-4 Joshua Jelly-Schapiro will present **Names of New York: Discovering the City's Past, Present, and Future Through Its Place Names.**
- On Wed. May 12th from 3-4 Daniel James Brown will share **Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II.**
- On Thurs. May 13th from 1-2:15 Curt DiCamillo will explore **The Untold Story of Jewish Families and Their English Country Houses.**
- On Thur. May 20th from 3-4 Karen Burciaga will share the **Beggars' Songbook: Music of the Dutch Revolt.**
- On Fri. May 21st from 3-2:15 Curt DiCamillo will moderate **Artful Stories: Paintings from Historic New England.**
- On Tue. May 25th from 3:30-4:30 Skip Finley will present **Whaling Captains of Color: America's First Meritocracy.**
- On Thur. May 27th from 12-1 Lindsay Murphy will discuss **Using the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center Archives for Family Research.**

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 provides 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 at <https://>

ancestry.com/academy.

 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 [The Genealogy Center - Our Services | Allen County Public Library \(oclc.org\)](http://The Genealogy Center - Our Services | Allen County Public Library (oclc.org)).

- On Thur. May 4th from 3:30-4:30 Melissa Tennant will share **Meet the Genealogy Center Online Portal Version 2.**
- On Tue. May 6th from 3:30-4:30 Sara Allen will delve into **Using Wanda's DNA Matches to Uncover Her Immigrant Roots – Part 2.**
- On Tue. May 11th from 11:30-1:30 Kathryn Lake Hogan will present **Find Your American Ancestor Using Canadian Records.**
- On Thur. May 13th from 3:30-4:30 Nicka Smith will examine **Reverse Genealogy: Finding Cousins and Chasing the Living.**
- On Tue. May 18th from 11:30-12:30 Cynthia Theusch will answer **Are There "Black Sheep" in Your Family?**
- On Tue. May 25th from 11:30-12:30 Elizabeth Hodges will explore **Researching Your Quaker Roots in Ireland.**

 Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month including the following LIVE Webinars. Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com> to register.

- On Tue. May 4th at 7pm Sunny Morton will discuss **Comparing Australian Content on the Giant Genealogy Websites.**
- On Wed. May 5th at 11am Larry W. Thomas will present **Solving a Brick Wall with DNA-A Case Study.**
- On Fri. May 7th at 11am Brian Sheffey will examine **Researching the Descendants and Ancestors of the Weeping Time People.**
- On Tue. May 11th at 11am Daniel Horowitz will share **Latest Updates to MyHeritage Genetic Groups.**
- On Wed. May 12th at 5pm Blaine Bettinger will discuss **DNA Downer: Strategies for Dealing with DNA Fatigue.**

- On Tue. May 18th at 5pm Claire Ammon will explore **The Paternal Ten: Searching for Missing Heirs**.
- On Wed. May 19th at 11am Lisa Alzo will present **Notion for Genealogist**.
- On Fri. May 21st at 11am Kathryn Lake Hogan will offer **Researching Canadian Nurses, Pilots and Sailors in the First World War**.
- On Tues. May 25th at 11am Ofer Karp will share **Advanced DNA Features on MyHeritage**.
- On Wed. May 26th at 11am Michelle Leonard will answer **How Testing Multiple Relatives Can Turbocharge Your DNA Research**.
- On Tue. Jun 1 at 7pm Elena Fowler will present **Revitalising Pacific Connections with Big Y**.
- On Fri. Jun. 4th at 11am Mags Gaulden will explore **Solving Family Mysteries with mtDNA Projects**.



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://lislouisecooke.com/podcasts>
- Lisa also has an hour genealogy chat on YouTube at 9 am on Thursdays entitled Eleven-tes.
- Thomas MacEntee's www.genealogybargains.com
- Judy Russell's www.legalgenealogist.com
- Family History Fanatics <https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog>

And there's more....

- The Sutro Library hosts the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar, <https://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar>. This calendar provides information about events throughout the Bay Area.
- [Www.ConferenceKeeper.org](http://www.ConferenceKeeper.org), lists confer-

ences, 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.

Events from Local Societies....

- On Sat. May 1st at 11 the Solano County Genealogical Society, www.scgsca.org will hold its monthly meeting with guest speaker, Linda Okazaki, discussing **WWII Japanese Internment Camps**. To register for this ZOOM meeting contact scgs@scgsca no later than 4pm on the day prior to the meeting.
- On Thur. May 6th at 1:30 the Genealogical Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will present Cat Nielsen as their guest speaker. She will present **Your Camera As A Research Tool**. Contact 707-334-0675 or President@gsvb.org to register to attend this ZOOM meeting.
- On Mon. May 10th from 7-8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, <http://www.L-AGS.org> will host a ZOOM meeting with Thomas MacEntee as guest speaker discussing **Getting Ready for the 1950 Census**. For additional information contact: Tom Mathews at program@L-AGS.org.
- On Thur. May 13th from 6:30-8 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net/> will hold a ZOOM meeting. It is the annual business meeting followed by **Show & Tell** where participants share genealogical breakthroughs or physical ancestral finds. Register on the society's website.
- On Sat. May 15th at 12 the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, www.scgsonline.org, will present Julie Miller via Zoom. She will explore **Advanced Research in Passenger Arrival Records**. Register on the website.
- On Tue. May 18th from 6:30-8:30 the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org, will hold its May meeting via ZOOM. Janice M. Sellers will share **Researching Historic LGBT Relatives**. Register on the website.
- On Thur. May 20th at 1 the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, <https://napagensoc.org> will have its May meeting via ZOOM. Their guest speaker, Mary Herzog, will explore **What's In Your Closet? Home Sources for the Genealogist**.

Register on the website.

- On Fri., May 21st at 9:30 the Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society, <https://mdgs.webs.com/calendar> will host a ZOOM meeting. The speaker, Stephen Morse, will present **Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: Searching With and Without a Name Index**. Register on the website.
- On Mon. May 23rd from 1-2:30 the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, <https://www.sfbajgs.org>, will hold a ZOOM meeting. Daniel Horowitz from MyHeritage will explore **How a Record Match Almost Led Me to an Insane Asylum**. Register on the website.
- On Tue. May 25th at 1 the Sacramento German Genealogy Society, www.sggs.us will present Milan Pohontsch who will share **Wendish Genealogical Research**. Register on the website

Upcoming Special Events!

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

- From June 11th -12th the Southern California Genealogical Society will hold its **annual jamboree** virtually. See www.genealogyjamboree.com for details.
- From June 13th – 18th the all virtual **2021 Texas Institute of Genealogical Research**, www.txsgs.org, will take place. Check the website for fees and details.
- From July 17-24th 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.
- On Sat. Oct 9th and 16th the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net> will hold its 2021 CCCGS Fall Webinar via ZOOM. On the 9th from 9-1 Craig Roberts Scott will offer three lectures on **Researching Military Records from Three Major American Wars**. Then on the 16th from 9-12 Maureen Taylor will provide two presentations on **Photo Detecting 101**. See the Society's website for upcoming registration details. ■

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