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**July Presentation:**

**Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 10 am**

## **SCOTTISH GENEALOGY RESEARCH (VIA ZOOM)**

**BY TINA BEAIRD**



**S**cotland's Resources: There's more to Scottish research than *Scotland's People*! While *Scotland's People* is the most well-known resource for seeking information on your Scottish ancestors, it is a subscription service where you pay by credits to view each document. That can become costly when you have common Scottish surnames. There are many additional resources to use in tandem with *Scotland's People* to save you time and money. This lecture is broken down by topic, so we will cover online resources for vital records, military records, maps and directories, crime and punishment and emigration. We will also cover Scottish naming conventions and farm names, and how you can use

those for a more targeted search. Tina will cover sites like GenUKI, Rampant Scotland, Scotland's Places, SCAN network, the National Records Office, and the National Library of Scotland. All are free websites available to you from 'across the pond.'

Tina Beaird is the owner of Tamarack Genealogy and is the Genealogy/Local History Librarian at the Plainfield Public Library. She lectures nationally on military research, Scottish records, and archival preservation. She is First Vice President of the Illinois State Genealogical Society and a Director for the Northern Illinois Historical League and the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board. Tina volunteers her time with several local historical and genealogical societies scanning and indexing historic records. Occasionally, she finds time to research her own family tree, which she has been pursuing for over 25 years. Tina is a baseball fanatic. She and her family have visited 22 out of 30 Major League ballparks. ■

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](mailto:williamcgeorge@gmail.com).

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Notes on the June Presentation:

Tuesday June 15, 2021

## RESEARCHING CANADIAN GENEALOGY

BY: STEPHANIE WEST via Zoom

Notes by Russ Erickson

Please also review the detailed, in depth, hand-out given for this lecture as so much material was covered. Historical Canadian episodes included Jacques Cartier claiming the land for France in 1534, the Acadia settlement in 1605, Quebec began in 1608 as New France, Hudson's Bay Company began in 1670, Halifax for England in 1749, and Canada as a Dominion in 1867. Sources for genealogists include Canada genealogy on the internet, the Library and Archives of Canada (LAC)--a major item, provincial archives (LAC has connections), the Canadian Almanac and Directory, maps and atlases via the Atlas of Canada (geography of Canada is important).

Censuses from 1851 with the last released in 1921. Some provincial censuses from 1666 are on Ancestry. Many Europeans from many religious sects and countries migrated to Canada over the years plus American Loyalists after the American Revolution. Many emigrated also from Canada into the northeastern USA. From 1854 to 1917 naturalization forms are available for all not from Britain. The originals are gone, but data remains especially in provincial records. Quebec has very complete church records, but in French. Elsewhere, church records are scattered in town and local records, libraries and churches. Check LAC and Ancestry, Family Search Wiki.

There are land petitions from 1760s to 1865. There are railroad land records ([glenbow.org](http://glenbow.org)); military records are in Canada and Britain. Newspapers are a good resource, including Halifax and Montreal Gazettes, and others itemized in LAC and the University of British Columbia and Google news under Canadian newspapers. Court and legal records are in provinces as well as federal.

Provinces: Nova Scotia has a website and archive. Ontario (Canada West) with archives, "Ontario families", Archion of Ontario. Quebec (New France early) Genealogie Quebec and Archive British Columbia began in the 1800s with indigenous peoples before that time. Vancouver Island went to the Hudson's Bay Company early on; it has a genealogy society with records--need to be a member. New Brunswick, first French, then Acadians who were deported in 1755, Archives and a Loyalist Collection. Alberta-- Archives and Historical Society for records. Newfoundland and Labrador--joined Canada in 1949; British before that, has a historical society and a genealogy society for records. Manitoba--1869 to Canada from the Hudson's Bay Company. Has archives. Saskatchewan--Provincial archive and eHealth records and a genealogical society to be joined for records. Prince Edward Island has a "register" and archives for records. Peel's Prairie and Provinces covers the prairie provinces. In question period following lecture, the "Home Children" was discussed. Orphanages and poor houses in England sent children to Canada and Australia farms to live and work, and to homes for servitude from 1869 to 1932. In 1973, Canada government finally recognized indigenous peoples' land rights. Check our website for the handout containing a wealth of links and resources■

*In case you missed this presentation, the link to the Zoom recording is available on our website [www.srvgensoc.org](http://www.srvgensoc.org) for our members until July 20, 2021 (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.)*



### Attention, New Members!

Please plan to attend a New Member Orientation Session on Monday, July 12th at 10AM. This will be a Zoom meeting, with an opportunity to learn about SRVGS from board members and committee chairs, and ask questions about our Society or your genealogy journey. This meeting is open to existing members, too. If you haven't received an email invitation and wish to attend, please send a note to Ted Shapas, [tshapas@gmail.com](mailto:tshapas@gmail.com).



## President's Message

*By Steve Watty*



The Olympics are coming, the Olympics are coming! Is everyone excited that the Summer Olympics are only weeks away, starting July 23? Every four years since 1896, with few exceptions, this world sporting event takes place. This Olympics is unusual though, delayed a year because of the Pandemic and attendance now restricted to only

Japan's host country citizens making television viewing our only option.

Has any member found an Olympian in their Family Tree? The Relative Finder <https://relativefinder.org/> a fun application using the FamilySearch World Tree shows connections to potential famous ancestors. Does it show the Olympian category? No, it does not, only some other limited sports categories. Another informative site is the Olympedia <https://www.olympedia.org/> that provides listings of Olympic athletes in various categories. If these two sites would somehow combine their databases, we might have our answer. Currently we will have to rely on our manual research to find that elusive family Olympian. If you found one, share the story about your ancestor with our newsletter editor.

Will I be glued to the television set watching my favorite Olympic sporting events and even those not so popular? You bet I will! Take a break from your genealogy research and enjoy this special celebration and if you know someone competing, all the better. Cheer on our young athletes from the safety of your La-Z-Boy. Go USA! ■

### Update on Family History Centers opening...

The good news is that the Oakland Family Search Center (at the Oakland LDS Temple) is open now for limited in-person research by appointment only. Call them at 510-531-3905. The bad news is that our local Diablo Family History Center is still closed and there is no update on when it will be opening. We'll keep you posted on any changes to the status.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 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.

### August 2021

There are no meetings in the month of August, and no Newsletter is published.

### September 2021

- 21 Tuesday—10am The September General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Diana Elder presenting **CITING SOURCES: The Good, Bad & Ugly**
- 28 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom video

### October 2021

- 19 Tuesday—10am The October General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Joel Weintraub on the **Release of the 1950 Census.**
- 26 Tuesday—10am the Board Meeting will be held via Zoom video.

### November 2021

- 16 Tuesday—10am the November General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Pam Vestal on **Absent Ancestors and Hidden Clues.**
- 23 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom

### December 2021

There are no meetings in the month of December, and no Newsletter is published. However, we do hope to have our usual Cookie Exchange, date, time and place TBD■

*Every evening is a constant battle between spending one more hour on genealogy or getting 6 good hours of sleep.*

## WHAT HAPPENED TO GREAT GRANDMA?

*By: Bill Hewitt*

By the 1990s, I had been working on my genealogy for some time and felt accomplished on the line of my Great-Grandfather Levi Brown Hewitt, his parents, five siblings and four marriages, including twice to the same woman. However, one large puzzle remained... what happened to my Great-Grandmother Mary Delilah (Meitzler) Hewitt, Levi's first wife?

Records of Vermilion County, Illinois had yielded their marriage in 1878, as well as the birth registers of their first two children in 1878 and 1880. Their third child, born in 1882, was known from reliable family records and the child himself. But the next record I had was of Levi's marriage in 1888 to Emily Belle (Davis) Meitzler, a former sister-in-law of his first wife. That left a six-year gap in which Mary Delilah had 'disappeared'.

I searched for a death record without success during a 1991 visit to Vermilion County. I searched and inquired by mail about other records. Cemetery transcriptions held by the Illiana Genealogical and Historical Society in Danville, Illinois, yielded nothing in this or nearby counties. Knowing Great-Grandpa's later track record I searched in vain for a divorce record and possible remarriage of Great-Grandma Mary Delilah.

In a 1997 return trip and visit to the city library, I came across the death of Great-Grandma Mary's father, Frederick Meitzler. An August 1885 newspaper gave details of his farming accident and subsequent death, but mentioned no family members. Continuing at the court house, I found an index card for the probate of Frederick's estate.

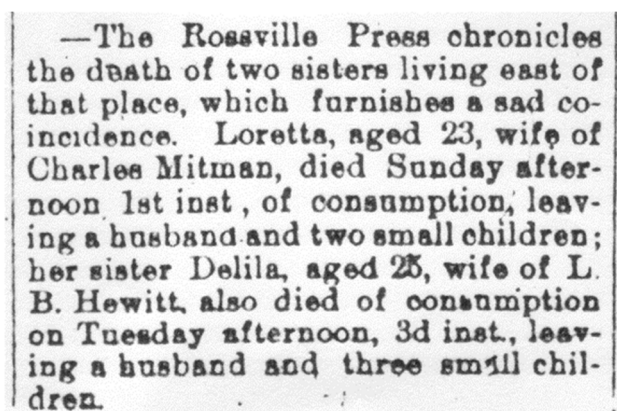
I eagerly shuffled through the packet for his will. Unfortunately, he died intestate, but his children had requested that Great-Grandpa Levi be appointed administrator of their father's estate. One signatory on that request was Great-Grandma, Mary D. Hewitt! This cut the unknown gap from 6 years to less than 3.

As I am want to do, I casually browsed through the documents with special interest in the inventories and appraisal of personal property. Deep in the stack of probate documents I eventually came across a handwritten letter from Great-Grandpa Levi. It was his "annual" report to the probate judge. The letter began very formally, addressing the

judge: "Dear Sir – I herewith submit to you my first annual report as administrator of the estate of Frederick Meitzler." It continued... "The report is somewhat overdue, but I will plead the long illness and recent death of my wife and my own subsequent illness as a reason for the delay...." Finally! I had the breakthrough I'd been looking for, but in a very unexpected place.

Now I knew that Great-Grandma had died unexpectedly after an illness, sometime 'recent' to the September 6, 1886, date of the letter. To pin her death down exactly I needed to find an obituary or account of her death. This search would have me return to the Danville Public Library.

My hopes hung on the fact that I had been able to find the article about her father's 1885 death. With the library's microfilm of local newspapers for 1886, I began the search in reverse, beginning with early September. The Danville Commercial News was a weekly newspaper, so it would not take many issues to progress quickly back in time. The issue of August 12, 1886, carried a small piece that quoted a neighboring publication, the Rossville Press.



By referencing an 1886 calendar I could pin Great-Grandma Mary Delilah's untimely death to Tuesday, 27 July 1886.... Puzzle solved!

I use this particular experience as faith in persistence and attention to every document that in some way pertains to family. I keep an open mind and eyes, never knowing where the next clue will appear. I still wonder if Great-Grandma was buried in one of the numerous small family farm cemeteries that fell into ruin and abandoned, and eventually plowed under by a subsequent unknowing or uncaring farmer. ■

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

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE**

*By: Bill George*

In July, 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.



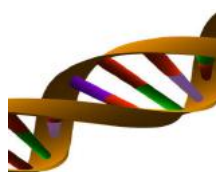
**Family Search - Monday, July 12th,** (the 2nd Monday) **1 pm – 3 pm** in a Zoom Meeting. Learn the many aspects of this free, comprehensive genealogy web site. You may contact SIG Leader Bill George at [williamcgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:williamcgeorge@gmail.com).



**Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday, July 14th** (the 2nd Wednesday) You may contact Patty Erickson, the SIG leader at [russpat@comcast.net](mailto:russpat@comcast.net).



**Publishing – Thursday July 15th,** (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30am – 12noon** via Google Meet. Contact Kathy Javdani at [kjjsc@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:frances_lloyd@comcast.net).



**DNA - Monday July 19th,** (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](mailto:greatscot@earthlink.net).



**German Research – Wednesday July 28th,** (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](mailto:cathytanaka622@gmail.com). ■



## EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani



July is the perfect summer month to relax and learn more about family history.

☞ The California Genealogy Society's Library, [www.californiaancestors.org](http://www.californiaancestors.org), will reopen for research on June 30th! Classes and events will continue online. Check website for details and to sign up for the following activities and note any fees.

- On **Sat. Jul 3rd** from **10:15-12:15** **Introduction to Genealogy** will meet. The focus this month will be on be on vital records.
- Also on **Jul 3rd** and again on the **10th** and **17th** at 1 Pam Brett will lead a three part lass entitled **Finding the "Sweet Spot" Series: Researching Person, Place and Time**. Fee \$10-\$30 per session.
- On **Tue. Jul 13th** from **6-7:30** Ron Madson will discuss **Image Editing for Family History, Learn Irfanview**. Fee \$10-\$30.
- On **Sat. Jul 17th** from **1-3** Ron Madson will host the **Family Tree Maker SIG**. The topic will be **Unlocking FTM Publish Workspace Wizardry**.
- On **Tue. Jul 20** from **6-7:30** Ron Madson will present **Image Editing More Irfanview**. Fee \$10-\$30.
- On **Sat. Aug 7th** from **10:15-12:15** **Introduction to Genealogy** will meet to discuss **Organizing Your Family History Work**.

☞ 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 only. Email [fhcokland@gmail.com](mailto:fhcokland@gmail.com) or call 510-531-3905 for an appointment or to register for an online class. In addition, the website has links to online classes at other Family Search Regional Libraries. 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](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/f/f3/April_FHL_Webinars.pdf) for the list of July webinars.

- On **Wednesdays** from **6-8** Jane Lindsey will provide French Canadian Assistance. No appt. required.
- On **Wed. Jul 28th** from **6-8** the African American Research Group will have a Zoom meeting.

☞ The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), [www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-](http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-)

[index.html](#) offers free webinars. Register online in advance. The upcoming presentations are:

- On **Wed. Jul 21st** at **6** Nicka Sewell Smith will explore **The Most Southern Place on Earth**.
- On **Sat. Aug 7th** at **10** Diana Elder will share **Jurisdictions Explained: Finding New Avenues of Research for Your Family**.
- On **Wed. Aug. 18th** at **6** Steven W. Morrison will describe **Profile of a Quaker – Finding a Friend in Colonial America**.

SCGS also offers the following webinars at their website for 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
- **The Many Facets of the National Archives** 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), [www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes](http://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. Jul 7th, 14th, and 21st** from **3-4:30** Tricia Labbe, Anne Lawthers, and Rhonda R. McClure will explore **Researching Acadian Ancestors**. Fee \$85.
- On **Thur. Jul 8th** from **12-1** Molly Rogers will answer **What's New at American Ancestors. Org?**
- Also on the **8th** from **3-4** Peter S. Canellos will discuss his book entitled **The Great Dissent-**

er: **The Story of Joan Marshall Harlan, America's Judicial Hero.**

- On **Fri. Jul 9th** from 1-2:15 Ken Turino will share **Reimagining Historic House Museums.**
- On **Tue. Jul 20th** from 3-4 Menachem Kaiser will share his book **Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure.**
- On **Thur. Jul 22nd** from 12-1 Robert Charles Anderson will present **The Great Migration to New England: Conventicles to Companies to Congregations.**
- Starting on **Fri. Jul 16th** until **Oct. 31st**, there will be an online conference entitled **Researching 17th – Century Settlers to New England.** Fee \$125.
- **Tue. Jul 27th** from 3-4 author Dorothy Wichenden will share her book **The Agitators: Three Friends Who Fought for Abolition and Women's Rights.**

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](http://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/national-society/genealogy](http://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy) offers help on a variety of genealogical topics. Also see the upcoming events schedule here: [www.dar.org/libraryevents](http://www.dar.org/libraryevents)

 [Ancestry.com](http://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.lib.in.us/genealogy> to check the listing for July and 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://familytreewebinars.com> to register.

- On **Tue. Jul 6th** at 7 Cathie Sherwood will discuss **Death is not the End – Litigation Remains: Exploring Australian Wills and Pro-** ►

bate.

- On **Wed. Jul 7th** at 11 Paul Woodbury will explore **Grandpa's Eyes and Grandma's Hair: Tracing the Origin of Physical Traits with Genetic Genealogy.**
- On **Tues. Jul 13th** at 11 there will be a **MyHeritage Webinar** about the latest features on MyHeritage.
- On **Wed. Jul 14th** at 5 Sunny Morton will share **Comparing Jewish Resources on the Giant Genealogy Websites.**
- On **Fri. Jul 16th** at 11 Natalie Bodle will examine **Using Irish Newspapers and Other Printed Material.**
- On **Tue. Jul 20th** at 5 Alison Hare will present **The Time of Cholera: A Case Study about Historical Context.**
- On **Wed. Jul 21st** at 11 Judy Russell will discuss **That Scoundrel George.**
- On **Tue. Jul 27th** at 11 there will be a **MyHeritage Webinar** showing strategies to use on offline records.
- On **Wed. Jul 28th** at 11 Kimberly Ormsby Nagy will explore **Specialized Lineage Societies – more than Just DAR, Dames and Mayflower.**
- On **Tue. Aug 3rd** at 7 Helen V. Smith will present **Burying the Body in England.**
- On **Wed. Aug 4th** at 11 Roberta Estes will examine **10 Ways to Find Your Native American Ancestor Using Y, Mitochondrial and Autosomal DNA.**

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](http://www.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-

- Thomas MacEntee's [www.genealogybargains.com](http://www.genealogybargains.com)
- Judy Russell's [www.legalgenealogist.com](http://www.legalgenealogist.com)
- Family History Fanatics [www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog](http://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog)
- Connie Knox <http://genealogytv.org>

### And there's more....

- The Sutro Library hosts the [Bay Area Genealogy Calendar](#). This calendar provides information about events throughout the Bay Area.
- [ConferenceKeeper.org](#) lists conferences events, calls for papers, contests, grants, volunteer opportunities, tours and more. You can sign up at [mail@sendfoxmail.com](mailto: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 **Mon. Jul 12th** from **7-8:30** the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, [www.l-ags.org](http://www.l-ags.org) will host a ZOOM meeting with Jacqi Stevens as guest speaker. She will discuss **Blogging: Installment Plan for Publishing Your Family's Story**. For additional information contact: Tom Mathews at [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org). Register on the society's website.
- On **Thur. Jul 8th** from **6:30-8** the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold a ZOOM meeting with Laurie Werner Castillo as guest speaker. She will explore **Historic Disasters, Epidemics, Politics and Other Calamities**. Register on the society's website.
- On **Sat. Jul 17th** at **12** the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, [www.scgsonline.org](http://www.scgsonline.org), will present Nancy E. Loe via Zoom. She will share **Organize Like An Archivist: Taming Genealogy Records and Research**. Register on the society's website.
- On **Tue. Jul 20th** from **6:30-8:30** the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, [www.scchgs.org](http://www.scchgs.org), will hold its July meeting via ZOOM. Martha Wallace and the GenBuds will present **If Maps Could Talk: An 1889 Map Project**. Register on the society's website.

- On **Thur. Jul 15th** from **1:30 -3** the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, [www.napagensoc.org](http://www.napagensoc.org), will have its July meeting via ZOOM. Their guest speaker, Kelly Wheaton from NEHGS will offer a recorded presentation on **Sharing Your Family History: Ideas from NEHGS**. Register on the society's website.
- On **Fri. Jun 16th** at **9:30** the Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society, <https://mdgs.webs.com/calendar>, will host a ZOOM meeting. The speaker, Gena Philbert Ortega will present on a topic TBA.
- On **Sun. Jul 11th** at **4** the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, <https://sfbajgs.org/>, will hold a ZOOM meeting. Adrian Praetzellis will explore the Archaeology of San Francisco Jews.
- On **Thur. Jul 1st** at **1:30** the Genealogical Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will present Nancy Loe as their guest speaker. She will explore **Cataloging Digital Family Photographs**. Please contact 707-334-0675 or [President@gsvb.org](mailto:President@gsvb.org) to register to attend this ZOOM meeting.

### Upcoming Special Events!

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 **Jul 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, <https://sggs.us> for details.
- From **Sept. 19th -26th** the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa will hold its virtual conference, **"Irish Lines and Female Finds"**. For more information and to register go to <https://bifhsgo.ca/>.
- On **Sat. and Sun., Sept. 25th and 26th** the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society will hold the **New York State Family History Conference**. On-demand sessions will be available for viewing until October 18th. Register at <https://nysfhc.newyorkfamilyhistory.org>.
- On **Sat. Oct 9th and 16th** the Contra Costa

County Genealogical Society 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, <https://cccg.net>, for upcoming registration details.

- 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 Sacramento. Registration information to follow.
- \* *Reminder to all that there will be no Newsletter in August, so please remember to check these sites for their August sessions. ■*

## WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

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

**Terri Anderson**

### DEAR ANCESTOR

Your tombstone stands among the rest;  
Neglected and alone.

The name and date are chiseled out  
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care

It is too late to mourn.

You did not know that I exist

You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you  
In flesh, in blood, in bone.

Our blood contracts and beats a pulse  
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled  
One hundred years ago  
Spreads out among the ones you left  
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,  
I wonder if you knew  
That someday I would find this spot,  
And come to visit you.

Twisted Twigs on Gravelled Branches

## What! You haven't renewed your membership yet?

Membership renewals for 2021-2022 were **due by June 1st**. If you haven't renewed yet, you are in danger of being dropped from the rolls. You'll miss your monthly newsletter and access to the members-only section of the website. You won't get the reminders and the links to monthly meeting and the speakers...and all of the Ed sessions.

There are two ways for you to renew - on our website or by mail.

1. **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.

2. **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](mailto:jbasel@comcast.net).



## We Want Your Suggestions...

To Our Membership: The Programs Committee has speakers lined up until the end 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 going into 2022. Please email any of the members listed on P.5 of this newsletter with your thoughts, suggestions and ideas.



Martha was upset that the German website was in a foreign language.

## Danville Family History Center

2949 Stone Valley Rd. Alamo

Phone: 925-552-5920

Still  
Closed!

**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, the month of August

### FHC Director:

Chris Engstrom: [cechocolatego@gmail.com](mailto:cechocolatego@gmail.com)

### Subscription Sites Available For Free at FHC:

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