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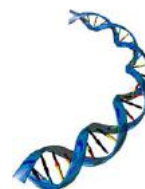


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THIS MONTH – April 17, 2018
"You have your DNA results, Now What?"
Presented by: Pam Miller



This presentation is for those who have submitted DNA samples or are considering it and want to know the best steps and strategies to make family connections from the results. We will develop the concepts necessary to work with your results meaningfully and then we'll explore the various tools for organizing and working with your DNA results. This presentation runs 1.5 hours. A copy of Pam's handout will be e-mailed to you, please bring it to the meeting.

Pam Miller, a native of Dallas, Texas, attended Stanford where she earned a B. A. in Linguistics and an M. A. in Spanish. She was employed as an educator in the Bay Area for twenty-eight years, teaching Spanish and computer science. Pam has been using the various DNA tests in her search since the early 2000s. She has been a member of CGS since 2005 and is currently teaching ongoing DNA classes there. (Editor's Note: This is a repeat of the presentation Pam Miller attempted last July, but wasn't able to complete due to a power failure.) ■



From the March Meeting
"Irish Research:
Finding the Bump in the Boreen"
Presented by: Sean Michael Conley
Reported By: Russ Erickson



Pictures of "Mummers", Straw Men in Ireland a 1,000 years; Road Bowling were presented. There are many variants for first and surnames for 60,000 hamlets in Ireland. He recommends books of Irish names: "Irish Names" by Patrick Woulfe and "Surnames in Ireland" by Mattheson--now on line; surveying names of 1890, indicating localities of name preferences. Naming patterns is not a science, but indicative of origins. Ogham is the oldest writing of names on tombstones, etc. with a hashmark alphabet based on tree names, with varied numbers

of lines in up-down, sideways, and slanted configurations. "Yes" or "no"--there are no such terms in Irish! In the west of Ireland, the number of Gaelic speakers is much heavier, with more English in mid and eastern Ireland in 1890. Presently, there are Gaelic spots in southwest, mid-west, and high northwest Ireland.

Irish sounds phonetically different and names phonetically different in the varied localities of Ireland, making the language complex and confusing. "Lenition"--the first sound of a word can change, including place names. Certain ►



(Photo by: Nancy Alexander)

Sean Michael Conley

word parts can connote relationships--"mac =son, Nic=daughter, Mhic=wife (mh with a "vu" sound), O=grandson or great grandson of. O is more Irish, Mac either Irish or Scot. A very complex language! Surnames began about 800 AD. Anglo-Norman came in about 12th century AD with Fitz, Burke, etc. names. French Huguenots in 17th century, Germans in 1709 in Limerick area, Jewish about 1009. Naming patterns for offspring were given; not a science, but indicative of relationships.

However, "If no nick name, a nobody!", so watch for these in your research. You can find Dennis Hogan's "Alternative Name List" on Google. When looking for a very common name in a locale, see if you can find any uncommon close relative names--easier to draw your attention. (An aside--1/5 of men in Cork at one time named "Florence".) "Stooky" obstinate, "Mara" of the sea. Note boundaries: Civil parish approximates Anglican or church of Ireland, A Barony is a county subdivision of several civil parishes. Townland is smallest, of 60 to 500 acres. In old terms, a Cantred was Anglo-Norman, rarely found now. Treche cat 11th to 12th century term, able to contain about 3,000 soldiers. There is a Poor Law Union, a DED--or electoral division in census terms. For an Irish place name data base: www.thecore.com/seanruid allows searches with many variants. Irish tombstones, even those in older California, can indicate locality of origin in Ireland. Griffith's from 1870, lists lots, tenants, ►

and landlords and can be overlaid in Google maps with current satellite images of the sites!

At present, names might not be listed in a local Irish phone book, but can be found in sports leagues (especially soccer or football) directories.

The 1901 and 1911 Irish censuses are intact. Check civil registries, Parish records, Irish Registry of Deeds Project from 1709 on in Family Search.

"Irish Roots" indexes many Irish records, PRONI for northern Ireland. Check Lorna Maloney Thursday podcast weekly for Irish items. 2 pages of internet sites given SRVGS by email. ■



President's Message

By Ted Shapas



A quick look around the room at one of our General Meetings will illustrate a certain reality: our members come from a demographic with high numbers of birthdays. That begs the question: how can we get *younger* people interested in genealogy? I spoke with **Steve Watty** recently and he told me a great story about how he engaged a young grandson in his family. Steve mentioned that he was doing genealogy research (boring) and discovered that an ancestor was a famous rear-admiral (not boring after all!). The next thing he knew, his grandson was plying the internet for more information. He had become interested in genealogy in a way similar to others in the field – he wanted to know more.

This won't work for all families (no famous admirals in mine, for instance), but maybe it's an infamous ancestor that strikes a younger person's fancy. Horse-thieves, embezzlers, rum-runners – these are all colorful characters with interesting stories to be uncovered by curious minds – all that's needed is the spark that you provide. The good news is that accessing these stories has never been easier, and no one is more comfortable with the technology used to do so than young people!

Bob Venter and **Russ Erickson** are our most recent and certainly well-deserved Honorary Life Members. Both were recognized at our March General Meeting for their years of service to our Society in various capacities. Congratulations, Bob and Russ! ■



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SRVGS CALENDAR

April 2018

- 3 Tuesday - 10:00 am** A Board meeting was held at the home of Frances Lloyd.
- 17 Tuesday - 10:00 am** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo.

May 2018

- 1 Tuesday - 10:00 am** A Board meeting will be held at the home of Frances Lloyd.
- 15 Tuesday - 10:00 am** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo.

SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

NOTE: For San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society Special Interest Group contact information refer to your Society Handbook. For schedules, visit our web site at: <http://www.srvgensoc.org/sig.html>.

Please **note** some activities take place early in the month, before our newsletter is issued. Be sure to check with the SIG coordinator if you have a particular interest.



FamilySearch - Monday, April 9th (the 2nd Monday) 1:15 – 3 pm at the Danville

Family History Center. Learn how to search records and study family trees on the FamilySearch.org web site. Bill George is the SIG Leader. williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday April 11th (the 2nd Wednesday) 10 am – 12pm, at the home of Russ and Patty Erickson in Pleasant Hill. Patty Erickson is SIG Leader.

You may contact Patty at russpat@comcast.net. ►



Publishing – Thursday April 19th (the 3rd Thursday) from 10 am – 12 pm, at the home of Francie Lloyd in Danville. This informal Group shares advice, encouragement, and suggestions to preserve their genealogy project, big or small. Members share their projects as they progress to a hoped for completion. Society members interested in attending should let **Francie Lloyd**, the SIG Leader, know they plan to attend.



Family Tree Maker/Ancestry – Monday, April 16th (the 3rd Monday) 1:15 – 3 pm at the Danville Family History Center. Study records and family trees using the Ancestry.com web site and learn how to use Family Tree Maker software. **Susan Rush** is the SIG leader. You may contact Susan at gen4you@astound.net.



Legacy Family Tree – Monday, April 23rd (the 4th Monday) from 1:15—3pm. The group discusses how the Legacy genealogy program works and is for beginners as well as experienced Legacy users. **Sharon Clay** is the SIG Leader and can be contacted at: sharonclay@comcast.net.



German Research – Wednesday April 25th, (4th Wednesday) 10 am at a members home. Please contact Helen at odegardsh@gmail.com if you plan to attend the meeting. ■

WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

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

Carole Allen

Barbara Tillinghast

Please look for them at our meetings and welcome them to our Society.

“In our family an experience was not finished, nor truly experienced, unless written down or shared with another.”

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

It's time to spring into action.



The month begins with the California Genealogical Society (CGS) www.CaliforniaAncestors.org For all the following activities, register online:

- On Sat., Apr. 7th with **Intro to Genealogy** from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm
- Also on the 7th the **DNA Study Group** will meet from 1 to 4 pm.
- On Sat. the 14th from 10 am to 12:30 pm, the **San Francisco SIG** will meet.
- Also on Sat., the 14th the **Family Tree Maker SIG** will meet from 1 to 3 pm
- On Sat., the 21st **Chinese Ancestry Day** will be celebrated at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center from 9 am to 4 pm.
- May meetings begin on Sat. the 5th with **Intro to Genealogy** from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm This will be followed from 1 to 4 pm, by the **DNA Study Group**.

For more upcoming events from Santa Cruz to Sacramento check the CGS "San Francisco Bay Area General Calendar" at: <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>



This month the Oakland Family Search Library, https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_family_Search_Library, offers the following support:

- On Thurs., Apr. 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, from 10 am to 4 pm, Beryl and Wade Olofson will provide individual help.
- On Wed., the 11th, from 7 to 8 pm, the **Mac Users Workshop** will meet.
- On Wed., the 25th from 6 to 8 pm, Alvis Ward will lead the **African American Research Workshop**.

You can check the Family Search website <https://familysearch.org> for tutorials, wikis, discussion forums, and webinars. February's ►

numerous webinars are listed at: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Enjoy learning more from home?



The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/overview.html continues to offer free webinars. Register in advance on line. This month it will be presenting:

- On Sat., April 7th from 10-11 am Michelle Goodrum will discuss **Land Records: Using Indexes & Deeds to Move Your Research Forward**.
- On Wed., Apr. 19th [sic] from 6-7 pm, Craig R. Scott will share **Finding Females: Maiden Name Not Known**.
- On Sat. May 5th Michael Strauss will present **Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors**.

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

- **Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides National Archives Website** 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.
- **How to Get the Most Out of a Genealogy Conference** by George Morgan.
- **National Archives Website Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.



The Illinois State Genealogical Society (ilgensoc.org) continues its webinar series. The initial presentation of each webinar is free to the public.

- On Tues., Apr. 10th, at 8 pm Central, Jill Morelli will share **Friedrich Eiler in Illinois: Fragments Fuse to Identify One Individual**. Register ►



(Photo by Ted Shapas)

The German SIG met for our sixth Annual Spring German Luncheon at D.J.'s Bistro in Concord on Wednesday the 28th. Ten members and 2 guests attended. This social event is enjoyed by all, we visit, get to know each other better, discuss a little genealogy and enjoy good food. We're all looking forward to next year. (Pictured l—r: Bob Venter, Sue and Jim Hanck, Dorothy Baker, Barbara and Ted Shapas, Ken Hensley, Murry and Astrid Eisland, Wayne Mortensen, Helen Odegard and Margaret Olivas.

at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8235096187730802435>



The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) www.Americanancestors.org/education/ online 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 Coordinator Ginevra Morse at gmorse@nehgs.org.

- On Thurs., Apr. 19th from 12 to 1 pm, Don LeClair, Associate Director, Database Search and Systems will present **Tracing Mayflower Lineage: Resources at AmericanAncestors.org**. Register online.

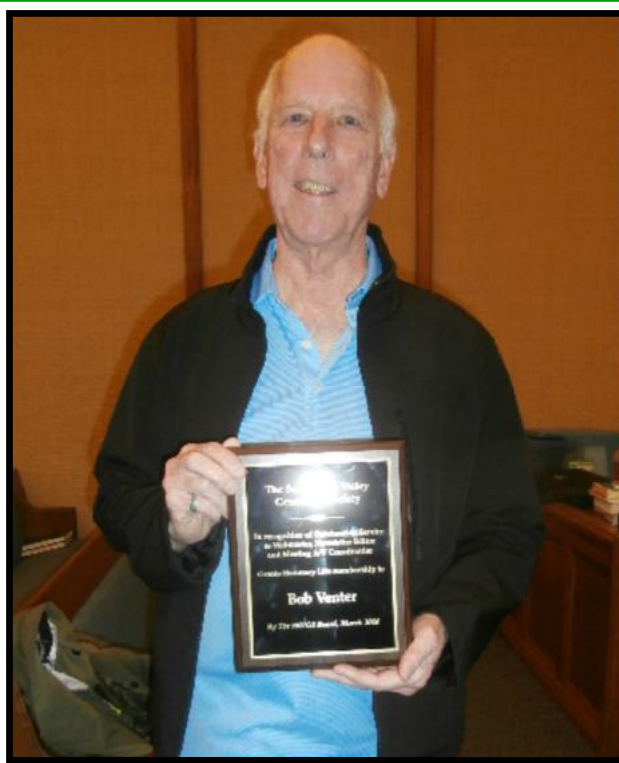
Unable to attend the live broadcast? A recording of the free events will be posted to the NEHGS website the following day. ►



Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to FamilyTreeWebinars.com to register. April's webinars

include:

- On Wed., Apr. 4th from 11 to 12 noon, Schelly Talalay Dardashti will discuss **Jewish Genealogy for the Non-Jew: History, Migration, DNA**.
- On Fri. Apr. 6th from 11 to 12 noon, Geoff Rasmussen will present **Legacy 9 Unlocked (part 3): Adding a Census Record**.
- On Tues., Apr. 10th from 11 to 12 noon, MyHeritage Webinars will share **Genealogy for Advanced Users: Grow Tree Family Tree Online**.
- On Wed., Apr. 11th from 5 to 6 pm, Rorey Cathcart will present **Georgia: Gateway to Westward Expansion**.
- On Fri., Apr. 13th from 11 to 12 noon, Tessa Keogh will share **Researching Your Oregon Ancestors**.
- On Tues., Apr. 17th from 5 to 6 pm, ►



(Photos by: Nancy Alexander)

Last month the Society chose to show its appreciation of two of its long-time members by honoring them with a *Life Time Membership* in the society. This was in recognition of their years of untiring efforts and outstanding service, which they selflessly provided to the society. The society extends its heartfelt thanks Russ Erickson and Bob Venter.

Patti Lee Hobbs will discuss **Better Together: Making Your Case with Documents and DNA.**

- On Wed., Apr. 18th from 11 to 12 noon, Judy G. Russell will present **Lincoln's Laws and the Records of War.**
- On Tues., Apr. 24th from 11 to 12 noon, Daniel Horowitz will discuss **Get the Most from the MyHeritage Search Engine for Historical Records.**
- On Wed., Apr. 25th from 11 to 12 noon, Marian Pierre-Louis will share **Verifying Information You Find Online.**
- On Wed., May 2nd there will be a **Special Appearance by the Founder and CEO of MYHeritage** by Gilad Japhet.

Save the date:

- On Sat, Apr. 7th, at 11 am the Solano County Genealogical Society will meet at the Moose Lodge at 623 Taylor St., Fairfield. Richard Rand will discuss **Reading Old Handwriting for Genealogists.** ►

- On Mon., Apr. 9th at 7:30 pm, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will meet at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Speaker to be announced.
- On Thurs., Apr. 12th from 7-9 pm, the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will meet at the LDS Church at 1360 Alberta Way, Concord. Dr. James Baker will share **Opening Pandora's Box: When DNA Finds Unexpected, Improper Ancestors.** For info email cccgsca@gmail.com
- On Thurs., Apr. 12th the San Mateo County Genealogy Society www.smgs.org will hold a workshop (fee) led by Maggie Melaney on Reading the U.S. Census. On May 5th from 9-3 the Spring Seminar – 2018 host Sheila Benedict as she presents *Forensic Genealogy, California Research: Missions to Present, and California Historic Missions and Their Records* at the Menlo Park LDS Church, 1105 Valparaiso, Menlo Park. See website for registration and further details. ►

- On Sat., Apr. 14th from 9-11:30 am, the Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group, www.svcgg.org will meet at 875 Quince Ave., Santa Clara. The program will include a **Genealogy Research Class, Getting the Most of Ancestry** by Pamela Brigham and **Reunion for the Mac** by Martha Wallace.
- On Fri., Apr. 20th at 10 am the Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society (mdgs.webs.com) will meet at the Rossmoor Creekside Clubhouse. Speaker Alvis Ward will discuss **DNA and Genealogy**.
- On Sat., Apr. 21st from 10-11:30 am, Jan Siegmann will present **There Is More To Family Search and Ancestry Than Meets the Eye** at the Concord Family History Center at 3700 Concord Blvd., Concord. To register and for further information contact Jackie Hein at 925-827-4729.
- On Wed., May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 6-8:30 pm, CGS and the Oakland Family History Center will hold classes on **Intermediate Records Series – Land, Church, Court and Immigration for Genealogy**. See the CGS website for registration. ■

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

By: Kathy Javdani

- ♦ From Ap. 22nd thru 29th CGS has scheduled its **Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip**. Contact CGS for information.
- ♦ From May 2nd thru 5th, the **National Genealogical Society Conference** will convene in Grand Rapids, MI.
- ♦ On Sat., Apr. 28th from 8:45 am to 4 pm, The Sacramento German Genealogy Society (SGGS) <https://sggs.us> will hold its Spring Seminar 2018 at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks. Speaker D. Joshua Taylor will present **Digging for Data; Discovering Family Connections** with 4 topics. See website for registration information.
- ♦ The annual **Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree** will convene in Burbank from May 31st – June 2nd. Check www.genealogyjamboree.com for registration information. ■

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Deadline to put information in the Newsletter is the Last Thursday of the month.

Members are encouraged to submit articles for the Newsletter by mail or email to the Coordinator.

INDIVIDUAL HELP

Do you need individual help in overcoming a "brick wall" in your research? Go to the SRVGS web site at: <http://srvgensoc.org/>, click on RESOURCES, then click on INDIVIDUAL HELP FOR SRVGS MEMBERS.

Proposed Changes to the SRVGS Constitution

(Submitted by: Bob Thompson)

SRVGS Board of Directors proposes the following changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article V. Section B

Remove phrase "and no officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in any one office".

Article VI. Section C

Remove "Annual Meeting" and replace with "election of that Office,"

These changes will be submitted to the membership for a vote during the annual business meeting in May.

(Editors Note: You can view the complete constitution and By-laws on our website at: <http://srvgensoc.org/by-laws.html>)

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