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This Month's Presentation:

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SWEDISH RESEARCH

Presented by: Sven-Ove Westberg

Swedish Genealogy 101 is an introduction to Swedish genealogical research. The focus will be on Swedish church books. Church books are the main source of information in Swedish genealogy. The goal is to give the audience a basic understanding of how to use the Church books in their research. Mr. Westberg will also give insight into Swedish jurisdictions, names, the alphabet and where to find the information.

Mr. Westberg was born in Sweden and moved to US 1999. He has done genealogy since 2001. He is a member of CCCGS and California Genealogy Society. He has also served on the board of CCCGS. In Sweden he is a member of Bodens Överluleå Forskare Förening, Genealogiska Föreningen, DIS and Rötters Vänner.

Mr. Westberg is also a member of the Vasa Order of America. He is the chairman of the local lodge in Concord as well as a member of executive board for the Northern California District Lodge. Last year he served as District Master. The District Master is the highest officer in the district. ■

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A Summary of Last Month's Presentation:

Austria-Hungary A Genealogical Potpourri

Presentation by: George Fulton

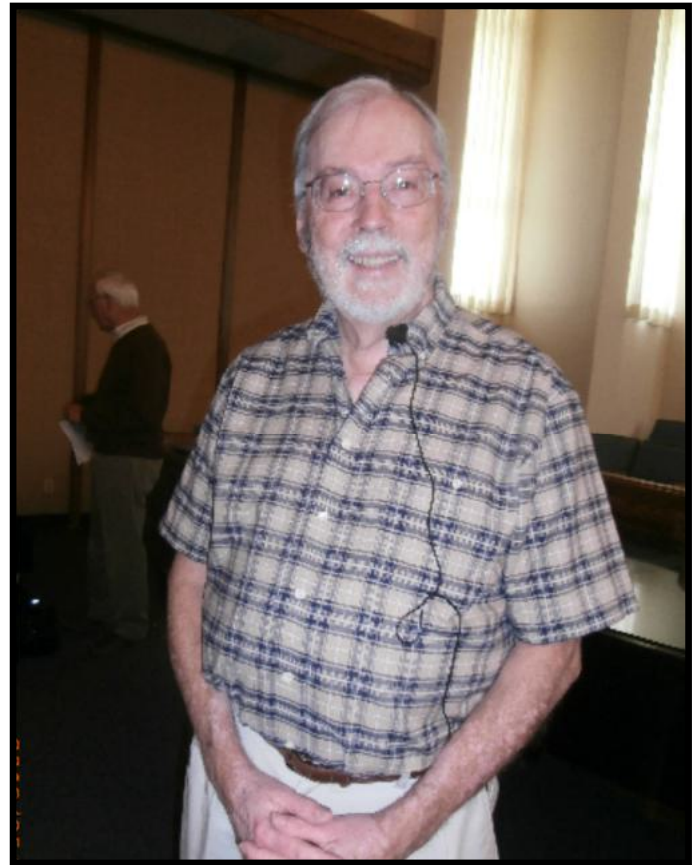
Reported by: Russ Erickson

The Austro-Hungarian Empire involved parts of Austria, Bohemia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Croatia, Ukraine, Italy (northern), with many languages, including Gypsies and Yiddish. It changed many times from 1600s with wars and diplomacy.

Handwriting in old records was poor, in Latin and old German and Cyrillic (Russian and Ukrainian differ). The book "If You Can, I Can" gives ways of reading the old writing. One can obtain "Fraktur" script for computers, transferable to English. Kurrentschrift and printed Cyrillic are also available.

From 1618 to 1648, the 30 year war, Protestant vs. Catholic, saw the empire go Catholic and prior Protestant church records were destroyed. In 1780s, the monarchy declared all houses must have numbers and these were placed in all church and civil records from that date, making genealogy research easier as so many families had names in common. In 1867, *Ausgleich* diplomacy made Hungary and Austria equal. In 1918, after WWI, the empire was dissolved and countries formed. Town names changed historically with all these changes.

Record sources: The usual, plus Genteam (in German and English for Austria). compgen.de for German speaking areas. ICARUS records (International Center for Archival Research; indexed, cannot download. Hungary (Ottoman until 1687, then Hapsburg) has Catholic records from the late 1600s. Czechoslovakia split in 1993 to Czech and Slovak. The Czech language is difficult. Poland is complex due to so many changes from invasions from 1754 on and much WWII damage to records, but a surprising amount are still extant. The Ukraine has Archives for a fee and a history of control by Russia and Austria. The Balkans began WWI (archduke Ferdinand murdered) and was changed to Yugoslavia in 1918, then divided after WWII. Vienna has many church records from the 1500s. ►



(Photo by: Nancy Alexander)

George Fulton

Austria had 78 parishes before 1600. The Catholic church made certain records mandatory in 1614 and more from 1771, but requirements were seldom followed. In 1784, church records became civil. Early church records had Liturgical dates-based on church event such as Easter, or by Feast days. Records were alphabetized unusually, by sound alike letter as B and D! and sometimes by first names. The city of Opava is online (in Czech) with church records.

Mr. Fulton found he was related to Gregor Mandel 24 ways, as a distant cousin. Note:< Archive.org> takes all types of documents and makes them available to the public. ■



President's Message

By Steve Watty



The SRVGS fiscal year ended May 31, which means it is time to reflect on the past year and prepare for the new fiscal year. As I review my first year serving as your President, I am reminded of the many society members I have the pleasure of working with, from the Board through the various committees and the general membership. It does indeed take a dedicated team to work through the challenges presented to a society of this size and I believe our group did an admiral job fulfilling our mission statement.

This year is a non-voting period for Board and committee positions as each serves a two-year commitment. During the normal course of business openings do occur due to moving from the area, illness, or other personal reason. This year, a few positions opened, volunteers stepped up to fill most of them. On the Board, Bob Thompson is replaced by Jerry Basil as the 3rd Vice-President – Membership. We thank Bob for his past dedicated service recording new and renewed membership information, preparing the yearly handbook and member's nametags. We welcome and look forward to working with Jerry in this membership position. Bob Thompson accepted the position of society Parliamentarian; he is replacing Virginia Rood. Virginia fulfilled her commitment of many years in this position and we thank her for her past service.

Volunteers keep us going. We need help filling the positions of Historian, another member of the Programs committee, and A/V coordinator. Should you find yourself with a spare hour or two each month, please give some thought to filling one of these positions.

The Board is very happy to let you know that in the year 2018-2019, we had enough income, from dues and donations, to meet our expenses and still maintain a healthy reserve fund. Most of our expenses provide for the knowledgeable guest speakers at the General meetings. The 2019-2020 approved balanced budget allows for continued guest speaker bookings ►



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SRVGS CALENDAR

June 2019

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

July 2019

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

WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

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

Karen LaDuca

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

► and conversion of our website, membership, dues tracking and email distribution software to a new combined hosted web service. We will roll out the new website in late summer, so stay tuned.

Thank you again for supporting SRVGS. I look forward to talking to each of you during this coming year and would like to hear your ideas for improving the society even more. ■

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, June 10th (the 2nd Monday).

This month's topic will be how to upload "Memories" (photos, documents, recordings) to the FamilySearch.org web site. **Bill George** is the SIG Leader at: williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



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

Patty Erickson is SIG Leader. You June contact Patty at: russpat@comcast.net.



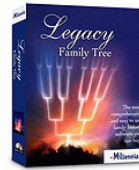
DNA - Monday June 17th (the 3rd Monday) **1:00 - 3:00 pm, at the Danville Family History Center.**

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. Mark McLaren is SIG Leader. You may contact Mark at: greatscot@earthlink.net.



Publishing – Thursday June 20th (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, at: frances_lloyd@comcast.net. ►



Legacy Family Tree – Monday, June 24th (the 4th Monday). 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: sharonlclay@comcast.net



German Research – Wednesday June 26th, (the 4th Wednesday) **10 am – 12 pm, at a members home.** Please contact Cathy Tanaka at

cathytanaka622@gmail.com if you plan to attend the meeting. ■

EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

It's time to enjoy a summer of genealogy learning opportunities:



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

- On Sat., Jun 1st **Intro to Genealogy** class, part 2, Census, will meet from 10:15 am -12:15 pm.
- Also on the 1st from 1-3:30 pm, the **DNA Study Group** will meet.
- On Wed. June 5th from 11 am -1 pm, join the **Field Trip to the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park**.
- On Sat., June 8th from 1-3 pm, Vivian Kahn will discuss **Looking for Your Mishpoha In All the Right Places: How to Dig Up Your Jewish Family Roots**.
- On Sat., the 15th from 10 am – 12:30 pm, the **San Francisco SIG** will meet.
- Also on the 15th the **Family Tree Maker SIG** will meet from 1-3 pm.
- In addition on the 15th from 1-3 pm, Maureen Hanlon will share **Historic Newspapers** at the Oakland Family Search Library.
- On Sat. the 22nd from 1-4 pm, Stewart Blandon Traiman will explain **Excel for Genealogists**. ►

- On Sat., July 6th the **Intro to Genealogy** class, part 3, Vital Records, will meet from 10:15 am -12:15 pm.
- Also on Sat. the 6th the Intro to the **DNA Study Group** will meet from 1-3:30 pm.

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



In June the Oakland Family Search Library, [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland California FamilySearch Library](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library), offers the following support: (See website for registration details.) Pre-register for classes at: fhcoakland@gmail.com or at 510-531-3905.

- On Sat., June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 10:30 – 11:30 am, Mr. Perrone will lead an **Indexing Workshop**.
- On Wed., June 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th from 6-9 pm, Jane Lindsay will offer **French Canadian Research** assistance.
- On Thurs., June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, from 10 am — 4 pm, Beryl and Wade Olofson will provide individual help with **Swedish research**.
- On Wed., the 12th from 7-8 pm, the **Mac Users Workshop** will meet.
- On Wed., the 26th from 6—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. June's numerous webinars are listed at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars.



At the Concord Family History Center, 3700 Concord Blvd., Concord on Sat., June 15th at 10 am, Susan Swindell will present a class on *Useful Genealogy Websites*. Contact Jackie at 827-4729 for further information.

Enjoy learning 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 Wed. June 19th at 6 pm, Janet Hovorka will discuss **Heirloom, Documentation or Junk: What to Keep and What to Toss**.
- On Wed., July 17th at 6 pm, Shannon S Christmas will present **More Power: Genetic Genealogy Apps and Extensions**.

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, <https://ilgensoc.org>, continues its webinar series. The initial presentation of each webinar is free to the public.

- On Tues., June 11th at 8 pm Central, Kathryn Lake Hogan will share **From East to West: Ancestral Migration Through Canada**,

Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7862376047580017667>



The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), www.Americanancestors.org/education/online-classes, has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for both guest users and NEHGS members. It contains subject guides on a variety of genealogical topics, informative videos, webinars, online courses, and more. If you have questions or feedback, ►

contact Online Education

- On Thurs., June 20th from 3-4 EDT, Ann Lawthers will present **Using Occupations to Trace Ancestors**.

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/events offers a Genealogy Tutorial, Genealogy Research topics and a variety of charts and forms.



Ancestry.com offers online courses; Some are FREE, while others require a subscription.

- You can READ about it at: <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy>
- And at: <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy/courses>
- Also at: <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy/courses/skills>



Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to FamilyTreeWebinars.com to register. June's webinars include:

- On Tues., Jun. 4th at 7 pm, Carol Baxter will present **They Really Didn't Swim! Finding Your Ancestors in New South Wales Colonial Shipping Records**.
- On Wed., Jun. 5th at 11 am, Israel Pickholtz will explore **Lessons in DNA: One Man's Success and What He Learned on the Journey**.
- On Fri., Jun. 7th at 11 am, Bruce Dune will discuss **Foundations of Scottish Genealogy 7 of 12: Using Scotlands Places for People in Land and Tax Records**.
- On Tues., Jun. 11th at 11 am, there will be a exploration of **MyHeritage Mobile App: New Features**.
- On Wed., Jun. 12th at 11 am, MyHeritage Webinars will present **Initiation a MyHeritage ADN in French**. ►

- On Wed., Jun. 12th at 5 pm, Cyndi Ingle will share **Tracking Your Digital Bread Crumbs: Bookmarks, Toolbars, Notes and Other Applications**.
- On Tues., Jun. 18th at 5 pm, Patricia Stamm will explore **Using Another Library Source: the Government Document Section**.
- On Wed., Jun. 19th at 11 am, Henrietta Martinez Christmas will discuss **Researching in New Mexico**.
- On Tues. Jun. 25th at 11 am, Mike Mansfield will present **Hidden Content Treasures You Might Have Missed at MyHeritage**.
- On Wed., Jun. 26th at 11 am, Gena Philibert-Ortega will share **A Month's Worth of Must-Have Tech Tips To Start Using Today**.
- On Fri., Jun. 28th at 11 am, Marian Pierre-Louis will discuss **5 Steps to Becoming a Good Ancestor**.
- On Tues., Jul. 2nd at 7 pm, Cyndi Ingle will offer **Remedies for Copy & Paste Genealogy**.
- On Wed., Jul. 3rd at 11 am, Paul Woodbury will present **Evaluating Shared DNA**.



Here are some other webinars and podcasts that are online:

- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio: <http://extremegenes.com/>
- The Genealogy Guys Podcast: <http://genealogyguys.com/>
- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems: <http://lisalouisecooks.com/podcasts/>
- Genealogy Boot Camp: http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/community/en/community/thomas%20jay%20kemp/genealogy_boot_camp/player.htm



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

Save the date:

- On Sat., June 1st at 11 am, the Solano County Genealogical Society, www.scgsca.org will meet at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center, 1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield. Sarah Clift will present **Tips for Adoptees**.
- On Sat., June 8th from noon to 4:00 pm, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will meet at the Livermore Family History Center at 950 Mocho St., Livermore for the **Workshop: Succeeding Together to Find Interesting Ancestors**.
- On Tues., June 18th from 6:45-8:30 pm, the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org will hold its general meeting at the Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara Dr. Christine Bell Green will discuss **Searching for Ancestors in Canadian Records**.
- On Fri. Jun. 21st at 10 am, the Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society, www.mdgs.webs.com will meet at the Rossmoor Creekside Clubhouse. There will be a webinar with Lias Lisson presenting **Researching Common Surname Ancestors**. ■

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

By: Kathy Javdani

- ⇒ From June 15-17, 2019 the Second International German Genealogy Conference will be held in Sacramento. For information visit <http://iggpartners.org>
- ⇒ From Aug. 14th -17th the Northwest Genealogy Conference will be held in Arlington, WA (40 miles north of Seattle). For more information and to register go to www.NwGC.org

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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.

It's Time to Renew Your SRVGS Membership!

The SRVGS year runs from June 1st through May 31st. As we are now a few weeks into June, it is time to renew your membership. At only \$20 per year for individuals, this is a great value and, remember, it is tax deductible. With monthly speakers on relevant topics, Special Interest Groups, research assistance, a great social experience and many other ways to help you enjoy your genealogy pastime, you couldn't do better. If you haven't done so already, please fill out the membership form which came with your newsletter or download a copy from http://srvgensoc.org/forms/srvgs_mem_app.pdf and return it with your check as soon as possible. We have another wonderful year ahead of us. ■



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

Danville Family History Center

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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, the month of August
and Thanksgiving week.

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Subscription Sites Available For Free at FHC:

- Ancestry.com
- Fold3.com
- Heritage Quest
- MyHeritage.com
- Origins.net
- ProQuest Obituary Listings
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- World Vital Records
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