



The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

JULY2021

Dear Fellow Genealogists,

I hope you have had a chance to try the suggestions made by our speaker last month, Thomas McEntee, for setting up your research so that you can do it in 15 minute segments. It requires a little upfront work, but once you get it set up, it makes working on your genealogy less intimidating. If you did not get a copy of his handout, call me and I will email it to you.

We hope to be able to offer our meetings both in person and on Zoom in the fall, so that you can choose however you want to attend. This is one positive development coming out of the pandemic.

We are still looking for volunteers to be President, Vice President, Membership Chair & Publicity Chair. It's extremely important to step up and help our club survive. We will also be sending out a hard copy questionnaire along with a self-addressed envelope in July to assess the overall interest in continuing the club. I hope to receive 100% participation in completing the questionnaire. Without your input and offers to volunteer for the Board, we will not be able sustain our wonderful club!

Don't forget, there will be no meeting in August. However, we are looking forward to getting back together in September with new nominees for the Board and renewed enthusiasm for searching for our roots.

Margaret Ready, President

925-787-8738



UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS:

Watch for your email with the link to join the Zoom meeting.

July 16, 2021—Gena Philibert-Ortega

“Finding Images to Tell the Story of Your Ancestors”

We welcome back one of our favorite & informative speakers this month for our Zoom meeting. Gena was a researcher on the first season of PBS “Genealogy Roadshow”. She is a prolific author and has spoken to groups virtually all over the world.

They say “a picture is worth a thousand words” and it can make a difference in how you tell your family story. Even if you weren't lucky enough to inherit pictures of your ancestors, you can illustrate their story with images. Gena will show us places to find images and how to incorporate them into your ancestor's story.

August, 2021 No Meeting

September 17, 2021 James Baker “TBA”



to serve as Board Members

Positions to be filled
President, Vice President,
Membership Chair,
Publicity Chair

Haven't you always wanted to be involved?

The future success of the Society depends upon the contribution of its members, so please consider stepping up to volunteer. *See the next page for job descriptions.*

For more information contact Margaret Ready
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BOARD POSITIONS, OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Election of officers and board members of the society will be held in June. The success of the Society depends upon the degree of participation by our members. If the administration and planning activities are shared by many, then the time demand on all becomes less. Support the society by volunteering to participate.

The Board of Directors is composed of the four elected Officers, two Directors elected from the general membership, the immediate Past President, the Newsletter editor, and the chairpersons of the three Standing Committees. The following is a brief description of the duties of the Officers and Board positions:

President - The president is the principal executive officer and official spokesperson for the Society.

Duties include:

- Preside at all meetings.
- Sign all contracts and other non-financial instruments.
- Appoint ad-hoc committees as required, and serve as an ex-officio member of each.

Vice-President Duties include:

- Assist the President as required;
- In the absence of the President shall assume the office of the President and perform its duties;
- Act as an ex-officio member of the Program Committee.

6. **Membership Committee** Duties include:

- Maintenance of membership applications and information;
- Recruitment of new members;
- Provide greeter and staff reception table at meetings.

Publicity Committee Duties include:

- Publicize all MDGS activities;
- Develop and post flyers and displays regarding MDGS activities;
- Communicate MDGS news and programs to other genealogical societies in the area;
- Digger Newsletter

We need your help! Please send us your contact information below, and check or circle (above) a position or area in which you'd like to participate. You can return this form to one of the board members at the reception table at the meeting or email : Margaret Ready, mready001@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

**An
URGENT
Message**

IMPORTANT QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF MDGS

In July, you will receive a questionnaire by mail to fill out and return in a self-addressed envelope to assess the overall interest in continuing the club. We hope to get 100% participation by the Club's members in order for our club to survive.

Thank you, MDGS Board

Spotlighting Other Societies

MDGS participates in a Networking Group with the following Genealogical Societies:

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society (Zoom Meeting) 2nd Thursday 6:30 – 8 p.m.

July 8 Laurie Werner Castillo "The Life & Times of Our Ancestors: Historic Disasters, Epidemics, Politics and Other Calamities"
Sep 9 Lisa Gorrell "Down on the Farm: Records to Document Your Farming Ancestor"
OCT 2021 CCCGS Fall Webinar—see page 3
Nov 11 Judie & Joseph Palmer "Making History Personal"
To Register go to CCCGS Events Page
If you are interested go to CCCGS Events page <https://cccg.net/eventListings.php?nm=47>

Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia (Zoom Meetings) 1st Thursday 1:30 p.m.

July 1 Nancy Loe, "Picture This: Cataloging Digital Family Photographs"
Aug 5 Vallejo Neighborhoods Part 2 (Training)
Please contact us at 707-334-0675 or President@gsvb.org if you are interested in attending our ZOOM meeting.

Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society (Zoom Meeting) 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

July 12 Jackie Stevens "Blogging"
Aug 9 Jeff Valant
Sep 13/Oct 11 Gina Philibert-Oretga
Nov 8 Kathryn Madden Trindle
Dec 13 Janice Sellars "Irish Genealogy"
Guests contact Tom Mathews at program@L-AGS.org

Marin County Genealogical Society (Zoom meeting) 4th Thursday 7:00 p.m.

July 22 Gina Philibert-Ortega "Jello Molds, Peacocks & Turtle Soup: Family & Food History"
Aug No meeting
Sep 23 Genealogy Roundtables

Napa County Genealogical Society (Zoom meeting) 3rd Thursday 1:30 p.m.

June 17 Kelly Wheaton "Using 'My Maps' on Google Maps"
July 15 Penny Stratton "Sharing Your Family History: Ideas from NEHGS"
Aug 19 Nancy E. Loe "Essential US Records for Genealogy Research"

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society (Zoom Meeting) 3rd Tues. 10-a.m. -12

June 15 Stephanie West - Canadian Genealogical Research
July 20 Tina Beaird - Irish and Scottish Genealogy
If you would like to be a guest at this Zoom meeting please email President, Steve Watty at president@srvgensoc.org <president@srvgensoc.org>:

Solano County Genealogical Society (Zoom Meeting) 1st Sat. at 11:00 a.m.

Sep 4: Nicka Smith: Held in the Balance: The Trask 250
Oct 2: Annette Burke Lytle: Our Quaker Ancestors: Their History and the Records They Left "
Nov 6: Christopher Diaz Vacaville's Historic Japanese Community
Dec 4: Ron Arons Sex, Lies, and Genealogical Tape
Non-Members – can join us by contacting the society at scgs@scgsca.org no later than 4 pm the day prior to the event.

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Sonoma County Genealogical Society (Zoom meeting) **4th Thursday 7:00 p.m.**

June Lisa Louise Cook "Google Search"
July 17 Nancy E. Loe "Organize Like An Archivist"
Nov 20 Roberta Whitman Koford "Pension Records"
Please register for these presentations at scsgonline.org

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL WEBINAR **A Genealogy Dynamic Duo!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Saturday
October 9**

CRAIG R SCOTT
Military Historian



**Saturday
October 16**

MAUREEN TAYLOR
The Photo Detective



2 SPEAKERS
2 SATURDAYS
5 GENEALOGY LECTURES

1. Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors
2. Researching Your Civil War Ancestors
3. Researching Your WW 1 Ancestors
4. Who's Little Joe: Photo Detecting 101
5. 20th Century Pictures

To Register:

<https://cccgs.net/store.php?sid=7>



Watch for an announcement on our
NEW WEBSITE.

We have had to make a change in our webhosting site,
due to a merger/sale of the old site. More information
will be coming by club email soon.



The Heritage Collection at the Walnut Creek Library will be opening soon and they are looking for volunteers. The periodical collections have been moved from the old Pleasant Hill Library, but are not in order. If anyone is interested, please contact Geri Willinger at email: gegwillinger@yahoo.com or phone: 925-351-9300