



# The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

April 2021

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Genealogists, I hope you were able to listen to our zoom meeting last month with Janice Sellers. She was outstanding and had an amazing number of websites we could use to gain more knowledge of our Irish ancestry. For those of you unable to attend, you can go to the Members Only Section of our website at [mdgs.webs.com](http://mdgs.webs.com) to pull up her very valuable handout. It will be available for a few more weeks.

This month we will hear Nancy Calhoun on researching common surnames. That should be an interesting one also.

For those of you who do not have [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and would like to use it for free, the county library is still offering it online. If you have a library card, you can go to the Contra Costa County library website from home and type "ancestry.com" in the search bar and it will take you to their website. Happy searching.

*Margaret Ready, President*

# 2021

## UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS:

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

### April 16, 2021—Nancy Calhoun, "Shaking Out the Smiths".



Many of us have names in our family trees that are so common that they are impossible to research: The Allens, Johnsons, Jones, for example, and yes, the Smiths. Nancy Calhoun will give us clues on how to research these names more successfully. Her topic is "Shaking Out the Smiths." As a professional librarian, Calhoun worked at the Muskogee, Oklahoma Public Library as Head of the Genealogy and Local History Departments, she has worked at the Oklahoma Historical Society, and at a university library. Nancy was in journalism and printing for many years. Her education includes a B.A. in History and English. She has been a genealogist for 40 years, has attended several national conferences and has won many awards in genealogical writing competitions and for her photography work. Her personal genealogical research is in Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Southwest Virginia. She is a member of DAR, United Daughters of the War of 1812, plus national, state, local genealogical and historical societies.

### May 21, 2021—Steve Morse, "Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: Searching With and Without a Name Index."



# Spotlighting Other Societies

**Contra Costa County Genealogical Society** Zoom Meeting & Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m. 2nd Thursday

8 APR 2021 Mark McLaren “Review of DNA Testing Company Differences & Tools”

13 MAY 2021 Business Meeting & Show & Tell

10 JUN 2021 Madeline Yanov “Coming to America: The Ellis Island Experience”

To Register go to CCCGS Events Page

If you are interested go to CCCGS Events page <https://cccg.net/eventListings.php?nm=47>

**San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society** Zoom Meeting Tues. 10-12

20 APR 2021 Eric E. Johnson - Researching Ancestors in the Old North West Territory. (Via Zoom)

18 MAY 2021 Robert Trapp - 400th Anniversary of Mayflower. (Via Zoom)

15 JUN 2021 Stephanie West - Canadian Genealogical Research

If you would like to be a guest at this Zoom meeting please email President, [Steve Watty](mailto:Steve.Watty@srvgensoc.org) at [president@srvgensoc.org](mailto:president@srvgensoc.org) <[president@srvgensoc.org](mailto:president@srvgensoc.org)>:

**Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia** Zoom Meetings held Thurs. 1:30 p.m.

6 MAY 2021 Cat Nielsen “Your Camera As A Research Tool” (Via Zoom)

Please contact us at 707-334-0675 or [President@gsvb.org](mailto:President@gsvb.org) if you are interested in attending our ZOOM meeting.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society** Zoom Meetings Monday at 7:00 p.m.

12 APR 2021 Gena Philibert-Ortega “10 Databases You Didn’t Know Were on Ancestry.com

10 MAY 2021 TBA

14 JUN 2021 Ralph Severson “Family Search Sources”

Guests contact [Tom Mathews](mailto:Tom.Mathews@l-ag.org) at [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Solano County Genealogical Society** Zoom Meetings Sat. at 11:00 a.m.

24 Apr 2021 10:00 a.m. Cecelia Pena & Armando Perez “Storytelling Is In Our Blood”

Non-Members – can join us by contacting the society at [scgs@scgsca.org](mailto:scgs@scgsca.org) no later than 4 pm the day prior to the event.



Board members have agreed to continue their service into 2021. The board also agreed to extend all 2020 memberships through 2021.

