



The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

SPECIAL EDITION



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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello Rossmoor Genealogists:

I hope this finds you & your family well and coping as best as we can with our shelter in place. To repeat the obvious, it is a really weird time.

However, it has given us an opportunity to work on our genealogy research. I hope you have put more time into it than I have. There's always something more important to do around the house, it seems. If any of you have made some interesting discoveries while we have been housebound, let us know. Sharing your stories with other members might spur them on in their own research efforts.

After a bit of a hiatus, the board met on Friday, August 14th. Board elections would normally take place at the annual meeting in June. Since we didn't have either that meeting or elections and since shelter in place will probably extend through the end of the year, this year's board members have agreed to continue their service into 2021. The board also agreed to extend all 2020 memberships through 2021. So no one has to pay dues for this coming year.

We are planning to have several genealogy –related Zoom meetings in the next few months, which I think the members will find exciting. For those of you not familiar with Zoom, we will have a practice session before the first Zoom meeting, so you can all feel comfortable joining the meeting.

Happy researching and stay safe.

Margaret Ready

EVERYBODY IS DOING IT—Get ready for ZOOM MEETINGS

Other Genealogical Societies are having good responses to Zoom Meetings/Webinars.

We will be doing two practice/training sessions, to learn how to log in, how to mute, how to set up sound & picture. An email will go out soon with invitations to either training session.

Training Sessions will be on Wednesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. OR Thursday, September 3 at 2:00 p.m.

September 18, 2020 ZOOM Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Gena Philibert-Ortega

We welcome back Gena Philibert-Ortega. She has traditionally been our wonderful guest speaker in July. September 18th she will be presenting:
“Researching Genealogy During a Pandemic”

Thank You Gena for being our first Zoom speaker!

Members will receive an invitation to join this meeting via our club email.



Up Coming Event



LIVE FALL WEBINAR

SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 10 AND 17

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, Host of *Genealogy Roadshow* (PBS) helps you trace your American roots from Colonial times forward



FOUR GENEALOGY SESSIONS OVER TWO SATURDAYS!

SATURDAY 9 A.M. TO NOON (PT), OCTOBER 10

1. BRIDGING THE GAP: FINDING ANCESTORS IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN 1780 AND 1840

Have you lost an ancestor? Connecting our ancestors to colonists can be quite a task. Learn how to employ probate, land, census, tax and other compiled records to help bridge the gap.

2. ONLINE RESOURCES FOR COLONIAL AMERICA

Discover websites, online databases, university projects, online archives and other resources for researching your Colonial American ancestors online.

SATURDAY 9 A.M. TO NOON (PT), OCTOBER 17

3. FINDING THE ROOTS OF YOUR FAMILY LEGENDS

Just because Great Aunt Mabel said your ancestor was from Scotland, doesn't mean that he was. Learn how to uncover the truth behind family legends and stories, and how to integrate them into your personal writing and research.

4. PUTTING IT TOGETHER: A CASE STUDY

Follow a family from early 1800s to the early 1900s as they migrated across America. Watch as records from the home (family bibles and letters) are combined with newspapers and other public records to compile the family. Apply the lessons learned to your own research.



Zoom Webinar Saturdays, October 10 and 17 9:00 AM TO Noon (Pacific Time)

Sponsored by the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society

For more information and to register online, visit www.cccgs.net

Spotlighting Other Societies

SEPTEMBER

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society

10 SEP Ron Arends "Sex, Lies and Genealogy Tapes—Zoom"
Meetings held Thurs. 7-9 p.m.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

15 SEP Micki Jones "SOS for a Photo Mess— Zoom"
Meeting Tues. 10-12

Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia

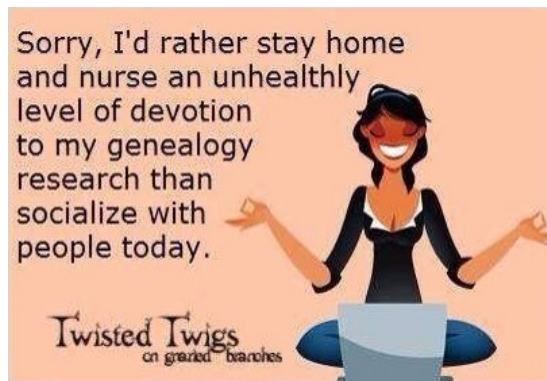
3 SEP Lisa Gorrell "What's The News? Your Ancestors in Newspapers –Zoom"
Meetings held Thurs. 1-3 p.m.

Solano County Genealogical Society

Meetings Sat. at 11:00 a.m.

Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society

14 SEP Stephanie Wes "Canadian Genealogical Resources Online— Zoom"
Meetings Monday at 7:00 p.m.



Other News & Online Resources:

Bay Area Genealogy Calendar <https://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar/>

California Genealogical Society <https://www.californiaancestors.org/>

Reminder that the Family History Libraries are closed

Blackstone to Acquire Ancestry®, Leading Online Family History Business, for \$4.7 Billion

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New York, August 5, 2020 – Blackstone (NYSE:BX) today announced that private equity funds managed by Blackstone ("Blackstone") have reached a definitive agreement to acquire Ancestry® from Silver Lake, GIC, Spectrum Equity, Permira, and other equity holders for a total enterprise value of \$4.7 billion. Current Ancestry investor GIC will continue to retain a significant minority stake in the company.