



The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

May 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Genealogists,

As we look forward to some relaxation of restrictions on gatherings, we are reserving our usual rooms for our monthly meetings. At this point, it is unclear when we will be able to gather, but having the rooms reserved gives me hope that we will soon be able to occupy them. It will be great to see all of you in person again.

In the meantime, for those of you who might have relatives or ancestors in Contra Costa County, you might want to check out the website at cocohistory.com. There is a video on there (CCHS:The video!), which describes the collections they have at their location in Martinez.

If you'd like to attend genealogy courses online, you might want to go to Family Search, which offers interesting and valuable courses.

Or, on the other hand, if you are tired of sitting in front of a computer during our shut down, do get out and enjoy this beautiful weather we're having.

Best regards,

Margaret Ready, President

2021 UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS:

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

May 21, 2021—Steve Morse, "Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index"

The 1950 Census will be released next year. But there won't be an index until later.

Before the indices are compiled, there will still be ways to access the information. Initially, the only way to access a name in the census will be by location. Stephen Morse will show us how this works.

Morse is well known as the designer and compiler of the "One Step Website: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools" which has evolved over more than 20 years to include a wide range of tools and aids for accessing genealogical information.

The census is organized by Enumeration Districts, so in order to find a person, you need to start with the Enumeration District. In addition to locating a person without the index, knowing how Enumeration Districts work helps to locate persons whose name was transcribed incorrectly, either in the original census, or in later indices. All information in census microfilms has been arranged by Enumeration District since 1880, so this information is useful for earlier censuses as well.



June 18, 2021—Ralph Severson "What's New at FamilySearch.org"

July 16, 2021—Gena Philibert Ortega "TBA"

August, 2021 No Meeting

September 17, 2021 James Baker "TBA"

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.

- June 10 Madeline Yanov "Coming to America: The Ellis Island Experience"
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.

- June 3 Round Table Discussion (training) (Via Zoom)
July 1 Nancy Loe, "Picture This: Cataloging Digital Family Photographs"
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.

- June 14 Ralph Severson "Family Search Sources"
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.

- June 24 James Tanner "Family Search"
July 22 Gina Philibert-Ortega "Jello Molds, Peacocks & Turtle Soup: Family & Food History"

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

- May 20 Mary Herzog "What's in Your Closet? Home Sources for the Genealogist"
June 17 Kelly Wheaton "Using 'My Maps' on Google Maps"

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

- May 18 Robert Trapp - 400th Anniversary of Mayflower. (Via Zoom)
June 15 Stephanie West - Canadian Genealogical Research
If you would like to be a guest at this Zoom meeting please email President, Steve Watty at president@srvgensoc.org <president@srvgensoc.org>:

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

June 5: Beverly Lane: Women's Suffrage Movement in the West

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.

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

May 15 Julie Miller "Advanced Research in Passenger Arrival Records"

June Lisa Louise Cook "Google Search"

No July Meeting

Nov 20 Roberta Whitman Koford "Pension Records"

Please register for these presentations at scsgonline.org

2021 CCCGS 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

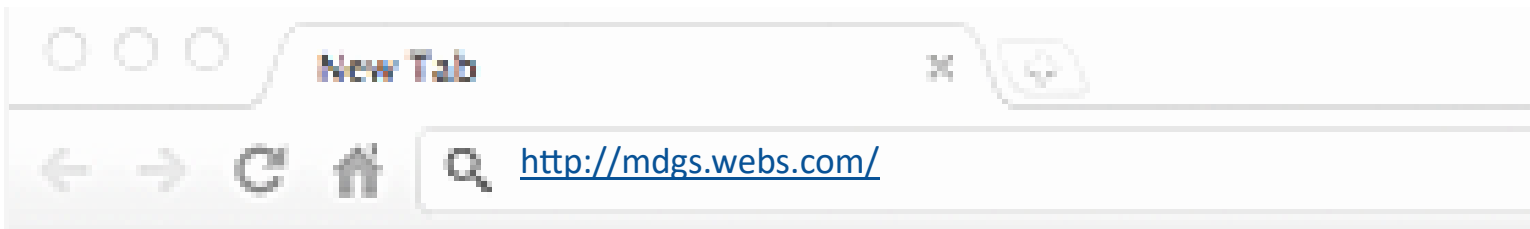
1. Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors
2. Researching Your Civil War Ancestors
3. Researching Your WW 1 Ancestors

4. Who's Little Joe: Photo Detecting 101
5. 20th Century Pictures

To Register:

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





FROM OUR WEBMASTER:



Nancy Calhoun's **webinar**, "Shakin' out the Smiths." given Friday 4/16 has been posted on the MDGS Website and is available for members to view.

There are also two **webinars** with Thomas McEntee:

"After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research" from 11/20/20

"Successful Collateral and Cluster Searches" given on 2/15/19

To view the talks, go to the website, mdgs.webs.com and click on the "More" tab and go to "Webinars."

If you are a member, but have not arranged access to this part of the website, the directions are in the "Members Only" tab under "More."

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