



The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

November 2020

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello Fellow Genealogists,

I am finding during this crazy time of shut downs and political unrest that working on my genealogy is calming and distracting. I hope you are also able to let go of the external hullabaloo. When we look back on what our ancestors experienced (the 1918 Spanish flu, World Wars I and II) it puts our current situation in proper perspective. Perhaps not the worst that our communities have had to endure.

Digging through old boxes of pictures, I came upon a postcard written in 1910 by my great aunt Jenny to her brother William. It is a postcard sent from Perth, Scotland, where she and her husband were evidently visiting. She says that she saw their grandfather's house that day. That was a very useful piece of information, since I did not know where my great great grandfather lived. I knew he was from Scotland, but had no idea from what part. I am now able to narrow down my record search to a more specific part of the world. I hope you have all been able to discover new things about your ancestors. I would love it if you would share your finds with us. They will encourage me and others to keep plodding along on our own searches.

Our last zoom meeting with Gena Philibert-Ortega was very successful, and we learned a lot about the suffrage movement. We are looking forward to hearing Thomas MacEntee on Nov. 20th, so save the date.

Margaret Ready, President

UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS:

November 20, 2020 ZOOM Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Thomas MacEntee—

"After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research "

Thomas MacEntee is a genealogy professional specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community. He lives in Chicago. As well as being a genealogy professional, Thomas is also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, marketer, network builder and more. He has built his own genealogy-related business called High Definition Genealogy and also created an online community of over 3,000 family history bloggers known as GeneaBloggers. His most recent endeavour, Hack Genealogy, is an attempt to "re-purpose today's technology for tomorrow's genealogy." Thomas describes himself as a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics who likes to teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. He offers a variety of skills and services to others: speaking and lecturing, education, self-publishing, marketing, networking, market analysis, coaching, mentoring, and entrepreneurship. Thomas has written seven books and is editor of close to 100 books and guides.



When it comes to years of genealogy research and material that you have accumulated, what plans have you made to ensure that this legacy does not die with you? In After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research, you will find valuable advice on creating a realistic plan to get your "genealogy affairs" in order. Make sure that the next generation of researchers can benefit from your years of hard work and following your passion.

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

Spotlighting Other Societies

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

12 NOV Grant Din “Stories of the Sacramento Delta”

14 JAN 2021 Thomas MacEntee “Did I Get Everything. Creating a Check List for Genealogy Research”

11 FEB 2021 Nancy Lee “Think Like an Archivist & Archive Genealogy”

11 MAR 2021 Dr. Jan Joyce “Creative Hypothesis Development for Complex Genealogy Problems”

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://cccgs.net/eventListings.php?nm=47>

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

17 NOV Beverly Lane “Women’s Suffrage” 9:30

DEC No Meeting

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

5 NOV Lisa Gorrell “Fleshing Out Your Family Using City Directories” Zoom 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 Meetings Monday at 7:00 p.m.

9 NOV Christine Cohen “Immigration Ports of Entry”

14 DEC Linda Harms Okazaki “West Coast Immigration in the 20th Century”

11 JAN 2021 Pam Vestal “How to Write Ancestral”

8 FEB 2021 TBA

8 MAR 2021 Susan G Johnston “The Records Behind the WWI Draft Registration”

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 at program@L-AGS.org

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

7 NOV Jacqi Stevens “Weaving Strands of Your Family Tapestry

5 DEC Dvorah Lewis “Sutro Library”

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

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

Up Coming Event



25 - 27 FEBRUARY, 2021

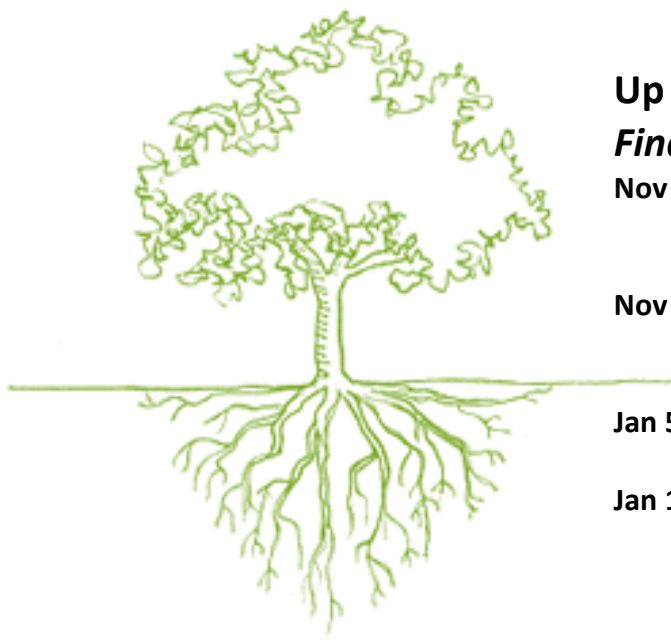
Introducing RootsTech Connect: A **Free Online Conference Experience**

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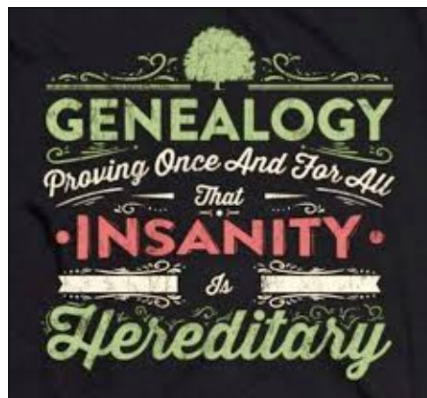


Up Coming Episodes of *Finding Your Roots*

Nov 10th	War Stories	Episode 13
	<i>Guests: Kehinde Wiley, Julianne Moore & Bill Hader</i>	
Nov 17th	Flight	Episode 14
	<i>Guests: Lupita Nyong'o, Lidia Bastianich, Scarlett Johansson</i>	
Jan 5th	Breaking Silences	Episode 15
	<i>Guests: Gayle King, Jordan Peele & Issa Rae</i>	
Jan 12th	Coming To America	Episode 16
	<i>Guests: Nancy Pelosi, Norah O'Donnell & Zac Posen</i>	



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.



Something New on our Website



Go to mdgs.webs.com, under the **More** tab, click **Members Only**, and **Sign In**. Click on **Webinars** to see Gena Philibert-Ortega's two presentations & get the handouts.