



# The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Fellow Genealogists,

As we head into fall, there seems to be less certainty about where and if in person meetings will be held. Based on preferences of those who returned their questionnaires, the Board is researching hybrid meetings, allowing those who want to meet in person to do so and those who would rather watch the program on Zoom to do that. Of course, this is all predicated on being able to meet in person in the future. We are making plans as best we can given an ever-changing environment.

For those of you who want to explore more topics in genealogy online, you might check Family Tree University which has just published their fall programs, including topics like "Using U.S. Vital Records" and Beginner Genealogy Workshop Collection" to name a few. The website is: [university.familytreemagazine.com](http://university.familytreemagazine.com).

I am sorry to say that this is the last edition of the Digger, which has been so magnificently produced by Susan Rush. We have been unable to find a replacement for Susan. I want to thank Susan for her years writing this outstanding newsletter and for her valuable contribution to the Board.

If we can assemble a slate of officers for the coming year, we will have an election at our September general meeting. We are still needing a President, Vice President and Digger editor.

*Margaret Ready, President*  
925-787-8738

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## UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS:

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



**September 17, 2021**

**James Baker "GOOGLE-The Genealogist's Best Friend"**

James M Baker is a certified Genealogist specializing in German, Midwest, Early American and DNA. He will be discussing several Google Apps like Google Images, Alerts, Books, Translate, You Tube, Maps and Search as well as connection to Wikipedia.

**October 15, 2021 Lisa Gorrell: "Did Your Ancestor Attend Church? Researching in Religious Records"**

**November 18, 2021 Robert Trapp "The 401st Anniversary of the Landing of the Mayflower, and what is needed to join the Mayflower Society"**



## to serve as Board Members

Positions to be filled

President, Vice President,  
Publicity Chair– Digger Editor

***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.

For more information contact Margaret Ready

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*In Remembrance*



**Shirla Klenk**

21 Jun 1933– 12 Aug 2021



## From the Editor

TIME TO SAY GOOGBYE

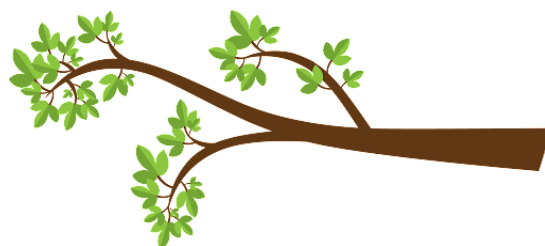


After almost 8 years, I'm sorry to say this is my last Digger that I will be putting together.

I have enjoyed sending out an informative, colorful Digger newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed time, content and proof reading. Also, thanks to the other members of the Publicity Team, Wendy Watling & Anne Winter. You have both been wonderful to work with and have done a fabulous job on the Rossmoor Newspaper Article, sending out emails, reworking the website & adding to the Facebook page.

It's time to play catch-up on my family tree!

Susan Rush  
Publicity Chair



*It's not too late to sign-up*

## 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



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

**2 SPEAKERS  
2 SATURDAYS  
5 GENEALOGY LECTURES**

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

To Register:

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

# 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.

Sep 9 Lisa Gorrell "Down on the Farm: Records to Document Your Farming Ancestor"

OCT 9 & 16 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.

Oct 7 Gay Scott "A Year in Salem: The Witchcraft Crisis of 1692"

Nov 4 Jeff Solomon "Naturalization"

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

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

Sep 13/Oct 11 Gina Philibert-Oretga

Nov 8 Kathryn Madden Trindle

Dec 13 Janice Sellars "Irish Genealogy"

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

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

Sep 23 Genealogy Roundtables

Oct 28 KB Barcomb "Finding World War I and World War II Ancestors Online"

Nov TBD

Dec Holiday Lunch

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

Sep 16 Annette Burke Lytle "Diving Deep into Ancestry's Collections"

Oct 21 Pam Vestral "How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Want to Read"

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

Sep 21 Diana Elder "Citing Sources: The Good, Bad & Ugly (ZOOM)"

Oct 19 Joel Weintraub "Release of 1950 Census, April 2022 (ZOOM)"

Nov 16 Pam Vestal "Absent Ancestors & Hidden Clues" (ZOOM)

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

Sep 18 Annette Burke Lyttle "Bounty Land: It's Complicated"

Oct 16 Jill Morelli "Too Many Marys: Solving Identity & Same Name Conundrums"

Nov 20 Roberta Whitman Koford "The War of 1812: Service Records, Pension, and Bounty Land"

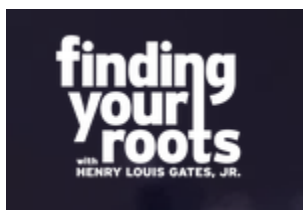
Please register for these presentations at [scsgonline.org](https://scsgonline.org)



New genealogy resource site (similar to Angie's List)

<https://ldsgenealogy.com/index.htm>

"A free website that is designed to help anyone quickly locate more record sources for U.S. ancestors. The site catalogs over 1,500 websites so that rather than visiting all those websites individually, you can come to the U.S. genealogy records directly and find the record sources in one place."



Season 8

A new season of Finding Your Roots premieres in January 2022! Tune in for all-new episodes as Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores fascinating ancestries and family mysteries for an array of notable guests.

Guests: Terry Crews, Leslie Odom Jr., Rebecca Hall, Mario Lopez, Lena Waithe, Pamela Adlon, Kathryn Hahn, Melissa Villaseñor, John Leguizamo, Anita Hill, Andre Leon Talley, Regina King, Tony Danza, Brittany Packnett Cunningham, David Chang, Lee Daniels, Nathan Lane, Raul Esparza & Erin Burnett.



**It's time to renew your dues.... Please download an application from the website and mail to the address at the bottom. Dues paid now through January will be considered paid through 2022.**



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<https://mdgs.webs.com/>

Check out the changes on our [WEBSITE](#).

You should have received an email with the password for the "Members Only" sections to view our past Zoom meetings. Wendy Watling is our Webmaster, so check in with her for any questions about the website.

Looking for Volunteers at The Heritage Collection at the Walnut Creek Library  
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](mailto:gegwillinger@yahoo.com) or phone: 925-351-9300

