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Scouts Visit SDGS



Boy Scout Troop 310 from Hemet visited the SDGS Library & Genealogy Center in December. They toured the library and its holdings and received assistance with research on their ancestors from library staff. "It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm," said Miriam Gitchoff, librarian. "I think they will continue to work on their family trees after this outing," said Carole Sobke, library assistant. All Scouts in attendance received their Genealogy Merit Badge (see page 6) according to Penny McBride, BSA Certified Merit Badge Counselor. Assisting was Del Ritchhart, program director. This is part of our Youth Genealogy program. (See *Thanks from a Boy Scout* on page 6)

SDGS 2013 Officers and Directors

The officers and directors were elected at the November 2012 monthly meeting and installed at the January 12, 2013 Annual Meeting and seminar at Marina Village.



Front row left to right: Jane Morrow, treasurer; Nancy Quandt, second vice president; Julia Zuffinetti, membership; Debra Anderson, secretary; Penny McBride first vice president; Chris Kramer, special events; J. Paul Hawthorne, historian. **Back row:** Del Ritchhart programs and Ken Robison, director at large. **In Front:** Dr. Diane Lott, president and Miriam Gitchoff, librarian.

February, 2012

Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega

Gena's two presentations for our February meeting are entitled *American Church Records* and *I Love Libraries: Using Libraries for Your Genealogy*.

American Church Records. Have you looked for your American ancestors' church records? We often concentrate on government sources and neglect other resources that can be equally as valuable. In this lecture we will uncover what can be found in church records, the types of sources and where they are archived. No matter what church or religion your ancestor participated in, church records can fill in an important piece of the puzzle.

I LOVE Libraries! Libraries are essential to genealogical research, but where to start? Learn more about the types of libraries that exist, where to find them and how to effectively search a library's card catalog. Think you know everything there is to know about libraries? We'll uncover a secret or two that will enhance your research.

Review of January Speaker

by Randy Seaver

David Rencher, Chief Genealogist at FamilySearch, wowed 180 genealogists at the SDGS Annual Meeting and Seminar on January 12 with four excellent presentations:

1) *What's New at FamilySearch* provided an overview of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and the FamilySearch.org website. He noted that "FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization in the world," and that "Free is hard to beat!" The FamilySearch organization performs the acquisition, digitization, indexing, organizing and preserving of family history records for the LDS Church. The Library holds 356,000 books, 4,500 periodicals, 2.4 million rolls of microfilm, and 727,000 microfiche in its collection. The website provides access to indexes, and digital images, to over 1,400 record collections from around the world. Some collections are browse (see page 4)

The SDGS Newsletter is published each month except January. Submissions are welcome. The editor reserves the right to edit for space, clarity, and succinctness.

President's Message

A new year has begun and time is flying by. Last month we held our annual meeting with speaker David Rencher. We tried a new venue as hotel prices were extremely high. We made a profit and enjoyed the food and being close to the water.

The move date of the SDGS genealogy holdings to the San Diego looks more like April.

FYI: The Central library must vacate their location in May as the building will be occupied by other city offices. As all this occurs, new members of the Board of Directors are taking their places and learning their duties, and those who signed up as volunteers are into their duties. The membership drive ends February 9 so the



membership cards and yearbooks can be given out at the March meeting. Join now. So there is no disruption with your access to the website and receiving the newsletter. The NGS trip to Las Vegas and Jamboree are being planned.

Our program director has planned almost the entire year's speakers. The Education committee is surveying members to determine topics of interest and locations for meetings.

The Library Transition committee has met to plan the timeline for the sale of duplicate books, the use of the facility, and the sale and/or storage of remaining holdings.

Time is flying by. Preplanning is mandatory to stay on top of dates, groups, members, ideas, plans and more for the benefit of our society. I am aware of this. I keep a tight calendar.

Salt Lake City and the Family History Library

I returned from Salt Lake City and the Family History Library refreshed with memories of the lights, music, and camaraderie of the trip. (I celebrated my *60 something* birthday while there.)

Each evening, my head into books and face into a computer, a group of carolers came and sang on the first floor of the Family History Library and that was my signal to close down and go to dinner. We crossed Temple Square which was aglow with lights, festooned with seasonal plants, and dotted with creches. Thank you Gloria for arranging the research trip in December. Tentatively the dates for the 2103 research trip to Salt Lake City and the Family History Library will be September 8-15.

Please note 2 corrections from last newsletter:

1) As per a vote of the Board of Directors, the-paper ~~surname~~ files *pedigree charts* will not go to the San Diego Public Library

2) Our Library Director has taken great care to catalog duplicate copies of books. These books will be shown for sale to members ~~at the April 2013 monthly meeting~~ at a special sale at the library in May. Members will be notified.

Dr. Diane McClure-Lott

Wednesday Library Classes 10 am

Feb 6 Organizing Your Records and Files with Claire McKarns

Feb 13 Computer Basics with Dave Tooley

Feb 20 Researching your German Ancestors with Dona Ritchie

Feb 27 Brick Walls (looking for a new leader.)

There is no charge for these classes. Donations are accepted to cover expenses. Space limited to 15 participants. Please call (858) 279-7347 to register.

Welcome

Welcome Eleanor tum Suden as SDGS newsletter distribution person. Pat Allen has stepped down from this position after many years of help with the society newsletter. Thank you Pat.

Welcome New Members:

Anne Lambert
Andrew Fahy
Lynda Osborn
Sandra Barlau
Robert Johnston

Survey: Your Comments Needed

The Education Committee is requesting your comments regarding current and future classes and programs. If you did not complete a survey at the January meeting, please take a few minutes and do so now. (Survey attached and on the website.) Current classes include Saturday Classes before monthly meetings, Wednesday at the Library classes, Software User Groups, Special Interest Groups (British Isles, German, Writers, and San Diego), Merit Badge classes for Boy Scouts (Youth Genealogy), and Webinars.

SDGS expresses sympathy to Jackie McMasters on the death of her son and Gail Chaid on the death of her husband.

Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

Wisdom of Sirach, Chapter 44, Verses 13 and 14.

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Tidbits from LA Public Library Participants

Home Children/Bernardo Children in Canada have in the past been considered an embarrassment to their descendants. My paternal grandmother, Lulu, and her younger sister were two such orphans who came from England in 1912. I never knew my grandmother in life but while reading the following passage in *Peterborough The Electric City* by Elwood Jones and Bruce Dyer, I felt very close to Lulu. There was added pride in knowing she came from hard circumstances but managed to raise a family who have gone on to their own successes.

The Bernardo Home was an important source for domestic servants and for farm laborers. From the 1860s England's Dr. Thomas Bernardo advocated emigration for British children growing up in desperate situations. In his view, Britain would be relieved of expenses and the child would have the opportunities of the New World. Hazelbrae, a fine house built for Alexander Smith by John Belcher, was renovated and enlarged by George and Margaret Cox, who donated the house, accommodating 150 children, to Bernardo in 1883. Peterborough emerged as the main Canadian distribution centre for Bernardo children from 1889 to 1922. By the 1920s, the Bernardo homes were caught in a major debate between social workers and immigration authorities over the proper purpose and supervision of child immigration and its relationship to the labor force. Peterborough never doubted the philanthropic nature of the enterprise, and there was genuine excitement when the first children arrived in August 1884. The Fire Brigade Band played, 130 girls sang, and 700 people paid a dime to tour the house. Later Dr. Bernardo addressed an overflow crowd at the Bradburn Opera House. **Patricia Diane Godinez**

The Lott family history has taken many twists and turns. One branch became Mormon and consequently I have a great deal of information on the family. What I love about going to the Los Angeles Public Library is putting my hands on old books and documents that let me add additional sources to the information I already have.

The tables are big enough to let you gather and open many books as well as enough room to scan books if you have brought your Flip Pal or bar scanner.

The Lott family, an old Dutch family, marries into the Bergen (i.e., Bergen County, NJ), Van Der Bilt, Roosevelt, and Duryea families and other first families of New Amsterdam (New York). These family books produce information on the Lotts. I get sources to verify dates, names and places from books of the LA Public Library each time I visit. **Diane Lott** □

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October Book Reviews

by Carole Sobke

The Mexican War, 1846–1848, by K. Jack Bauer, 1974, 972.02 B341m.

Bauer's account is considered the best military history of the Mexican War. The events that led to the war, the military weaknesses and strengths, the campaigns and engagements are explained in detail and highlighted with maps. Leading personalities, American and Mexican, military and civilian, are fairly profiled. The author also discusses the problems associated with the large number of untrained volunteers, their desertions and disciplines, the diseases and sanitation, the relations with Mexican civilians in occupied territory and the negotiations which led to the Mexican cession and the end to the war. Includes an index.

The Monongahela of Old, Or, Historical Sketches of South-Western Pennsylvania to the Year 1800, by James Veech, 1892, 974.884 V417m.

The of this book began in 1850 when a surveyor of Uniontown projected a history of Fayette County and began gathering material. The project became so large it was passed on to James Veech for completion. In 1892 Veech's daughter completed the last chapters and it was published. The finished volume contains the history of Southwestern Pennsylvania, chapters on early settlers and settlements, and their involvement in the French and Indian War. A list of the residents of Fayette and neighboring counties in 1772 is included.

Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America (part four), by David Dobson, 2112, 941.1 D635ssa.

As early as 1650 Scots were serving in the colonial militia in New England. These men arrived in America in chains as prisoners after the Wars of the Three Kingdoms, 1639–1651. They were transported to the colonies as indentured servants, and later Scots were recruited by the British into the French and Indian War. A major incentive for immigration was the allocation of land to former military personnel after the war. The Scottish soldiers fought on both sides of the American Revolution; after the war many of the Loyalist Scots settled in the Canadian Provinces. This book attempts to identify the individual soldier by his name, rank, unit, dates, campaigns, place of birth, time of arrival in America, civilian occupation and the date and place of death. Index is by the name of the soldier. □

Many people, other than the authors, contribute to the making of a book, from the first person who had the bright idea of alphabetic writing through the inventor of movable type to the lumberjacks who felled the trees that were pulped for its printing. It is not customary to acknowledge the trees themselves, though their commitment is total. Forsyth and Rada, Machine Learning.

A Little Tenacity Goes a Long Way

by Melissa Strojek
Mansfield Ohio Journal

What is tenacity?

It's the ability to hold fast to an idea or view in a persistent manner.

How it is applied and how dogged we are in guarding it is up to us. I will also proudly tell you that I am the great-granddaughter of Polish immigrants. For those of us who love genealogy and family history, we find ourselves fascinated by those who came before us, especially when they faced many hardships—most of them worse than any of us in today's world have faced. I have had my share of obstacles in life, most of which I will not disclose in this forum, but whenever I think I have lost a battle or have been defeated, I can easily think of those who have gone before me and I try to put myself in their shoes for some perspective.

Imagine traveling to a foreign country where you speak very little of the language, have only the clothes on your back, what you could carry (children included), and had all the money you possessed in your pocket (in many cases this was less than \$20). The most discouraging part of all may have been traveling in the belly of a large ship in very poor, filthy, smelly conditions.

If that doesn't take a huge amount of faith, I'm not sure what does. This is what my great-grandfathers had when they came to the United States to make a better life for themselves in the early 1900s.

If you were relatively poor, it was common practice for the man of the house to come here and work until enough money was saved to send for their families. Sometimes that took years. One of my great-grandfathers was in this country for eight years (from 1913 to 1921) before the rest of his family could come here. He was a coal miner in Pennsylvania. My other great-grandfather was able to come here with his family the first time, but they traveled in the same poor conditions and lost their first child on the way. My great-grandmother was pregnant as well.

When I look at the ship's records I see they had very little money in their possession. They worked hard and made a good life for themselves in spite of all the obstacles they had. They were proud and never dreamed of taking any handouts from anyone.

The example I used is just one of many I could have picked. It does not have to be a big accomplishment, but the point is to hang on to your idea or dream. The world would be a better place (if only a little bit better) if we could all keep this in mind. All it takes is a little tenacity.

Melissa Strojek is a Computer Information Systems student at NC State College. □

Epitaph for Peter Robinson

*Here lies the preacher, judge, and poet, Peter
Who broke the laws of God, and man. and metre.
Lord Jeffrey*

(from page 1 Review of January Speaker) only which means that there is no index and the user needs to browse through the images. I call it digital microfilm. There are over 700 million images and 3.5 billion searchable names in the collection. Volunteers have performed much of the indexing over the past five years.

In addition, the FamilySearch.org website provides over 500 online research classes with expert presenters in video format, a Research Wiki with over 70,000 articles on all aspects of genealogical research, a collection of over 40,000 searchable family history books and manuscripts, the online Family History Library Catalog, searchable genealogy files submitted by LDS members, and the FamilySearch Family Tree (a big family tree with record sourcing, digital images, research discussions, with add, edit and delete capability, available in 2013).

2) *Interpreting and Evaluating Name Lists*. Name lists are used to identify persons within a specific cohort (e.g., a tax list from a certain place in a specific year). While these lists do not always provide much information about a person, they can be used to find further information about the person. Users of name lists should ask the questions: What does or doesn't the record tell you? Where does the trail lead? What is the background of the list? David used two examples of name lists that could be used to infer ages, property owned, property value, and voting rights.

3) *Irish Estate, Land and Property Records* While the examples related to Ireland, the process of finding and using estate, land and property records applies to the United Kingdom and to other European countries. David discussed the types of estates (landed, crown and encumbered), the owners, the overseers, tenant farmers, and record keeping. He also described the three types of leases (lives, one life and 21 years, and tenants at will). The landholders were about 10% of the population in the 1800s in Ireland, and there are several books available to help find them (see separate article). The Tithe Applotment of 1829 and Griffith's Valuation of 1854 are available to identify leaseholders and occupiers of property. An index to the Townlands of Ireland and Irish Estate records is available at several repositories in Ireland.

4) *Framing the Problem for Overseas Research* Framing involves identifying your desired outcome, then framing your objectives—what do you want to find, and how can you find it. David described six potential goals: find the property where they lived, find proof that they came from a particular parish, identify siblings and/or parents, identify living relatives or cousins, extend the pedigree one or more generations, visit the homeland area, learn the history, and visit historic sites. Each of these outcomes requires specific tasks to achieve it, and the record collections, repositories visited, and the research processes are unique for each outcome. David recommended setting reasonable expectations for your trip overseas, and being flexible so that you can follow unexpected leads. □

For a genealogist, there is no truth without proof!

A Growing Addiction

by Diane Altona

You may have one of these addicts in your own family. It's highly likely that you at least include one of them among your acquaintances and you may even be friends with one and yet not be aware of that person's addiction. Oh, you'll possibly realize that there's something just a bit peculiar about their behavior, a certain obsessive quality, a tendency to persist on one subject of conversation to the exclusion of all others. What you may not know is that there is an actual clinical name for these people who live and work among us all.

They are called, in Latin, the respected language of science, *Homo sapiens genealogii*, or, in layman's terms, genealogists.

As a service to those who may not know how to recognize a genealogist, I offer the following twelve guidelines to aid in the identification of these addicts among you, the first step in understanding their addiction.

When greeting you, does he or she ask you for your maternal and paternal surnames? This is a common speech pattern of a genealogist.

A related question to #1 that may be posed to you is what nationality you are, or more accurately, in this land of mixed ethnicities, what all your national origins are.

Look at his or her arms. Is the right arm larger than the left? If so the person may be either a jai-alai player or a genealogist with muscular overdevelopment as a result of having cranked and rewind reel after reel, totaling miles of vital records microfilm at a Mormon Family History Center, known among the cognoscenti as the LDS Family History Center.

Look at the eyes of your suspected addict. Do they appear watery? Are they red and dry? Do they bulge or nearly disappear in a squint? All these can be symptoms of genealogical addiction, due to staring long hours at history books, computer screens and microfilms.

If the suspected addict is someone you have known since school days, have they suddenly switched from hating history to discussing what happened in 1066 in England, or 1789 in France as if they were items off today's news broadcasts? This can be a sign of either delayed mental maturity or genealogical addiction.

Instead of knitting booties for a new grandchild, the addict may often construct a fan chart of ancestors for the new grandbaby. Framed.

An addicted grandparent will whip out photos not only of the grandchildren, but also of Great Uncle Wilford because the new little baby "looks just like him." The observer should refrain from calling attention to the fact that their only resemblance is their baldness.

If the subject of vacations comes up, the addict will often express an eagerness to travel. When asked where, he or she will give a list of towns where ancestors have lived, places

well known for their scenic wonders and available activities, such as Garbage Junction, Iowa, or Muckmouth, Georgia, eschewing Lake Tahoe or Yellowstone National Park or a Mississippi River cruise because they lack genealogical importance.

Like faithful pilgrims who long to trek to Mecca or Santiago de Compostela or Lourdes, the genealogy addict will frequently speak in hushed tones of a desperate need to follow their zeal to their own shrine, Salt Lake City and the greatest of genealogical libraries in the world.

Although it may be a violation of privacy, if possible get a look at what arrives in the suspected genealogist's home mailbox. A preponderance of magazines such as Family Chronicle, New England Ancestors, and Swedish-American Genealogist is a positive piece of evidence that this indeed is the home of *Homo sapiens genealogii*.

If your public library houses a genealogy collection, accompany your suspected addict on the excuse that one of your friends wants you to look up their Aunt Gudrun. If the suspect suddenly startles everyone within earshot with a window-splintering scream of "I found Great-great-great Grandpa Uriah!" you can assume you are sharing a ride back home with a yarn-dyed genealogy addict.

Hobbies that require spending a great deal of time in cemeteries, such as making tombstone rubbings, photographing grave markers, or simply searching for old, undocumented gravesites are, if you'll pardon the expression, a dead giveaway.

There are other manifestations, perhaps, but these 12 steps to discovering and understanding the genealogists in your life will perhaps make the information a bit less painful to bear. There is no known cure for such an addiction because there is never an end to tracing all the ancestors of any genealogist.

I know. My name is Diane and I am a genealogist. □

Genealogy Searching Then and Now - Part 1: Then (pre-1999) Part 1

By Randy Seaver

Genealogy Research "Then" (before 1999):

Libraries, archives, courthouses, vital record offices, family history centers, genealogical societies and historical societies held many linear feet of books, periodicals, and paper records, and only some of them had indexes. Some records were on microfilm or microfiche at the repositories. You had to visit these repositories, and it took awhile to browse through all of the paper on the shelf! Researchers wrote letters to government record offices or repositories requesting information, especially certified copies of vital records. Photocopy machines were used to obtain copies of records, or records were abstracted or transcribed.

After about 1980, the LDS Family History Centers had the Family History Library Catalog, 1790 to 1850 U.S. Census index, International Genealogical Index and Ancestral File on microfiche. As CDROMs became available in the 1990s, family trees were published on CD, as were additional census indexes for 1860 to 1880, and other resources. (See page 7)



Free BC Historical Records Online from *Kamloops Weekly*

People worldwide now have easier research access to images of the original historical records of births, marriages and deaths in British Columbia. A partnership between the BC Archives and the Vital Statistics Agency, as well as an in-kind donation by FamilySearch International, has resulted in original records being scanned, indexed and now available from anywhere in the world for printing free of charge through the Royal BC Museum/BC Archives website.

Since 1997, the Vital Statistics Agency has provided the BC Archives with annually updated indexes to publicly releasable vital event information. The BC Archives is allowed to release personal information about deaths that occurred at least 20 years ago, marriages that took place at least 75 years ago and births registered at least 120 years ago.

In the past, the photographed images of actual documents were only available on microfilm at the BC Archives reading room, at a FamilySearch International centre or through a number of libraries across the province. "This free access to digital images of historical vital event records is long overdue," said Kathryn Bridge, manager of centralized access at the Royal BC Museum.

"The upload of more than 700,000 scanned and indexed documents in the first few months of test operation is unique in Canada. No other province has made this much rich data available online." Provincial registration of births, marriages and deaths began the year after British Columbia joined the Confederation in 1871.

The registration records contain information that can be used to trace a family tree, determine medical history, reveal the history of a community or patterns of illness over time. Birth registrations include name, date and place of birth, parents' names and the mother's maiden name. Marriage registrations include the name, age, birth place and marital status of the bride and groom, the date and place of the ceremony, names of the couple's parents, names of witnesses and the person who performed the ceremony. Death registrations include the name and birth date of the deceased person and date, place and cause of death.

Phase 1 of the data upload is substantially complete. Phase 2, will add more images and indexed information, including pre-1872 records and deaths that occurred overseas during the Second World War between 1939 and 1945. More than 200,000 images of death records from 1985 to 1991 and approximately 19,000 images of marriage records from 1933 to 1936 will also be added.

Phase 2 will bring the number of scanned records to the one-million mark. Each year, more vital-event images will be uploaded by the Vital Statistics Agency. To access the images of historical birth, marriage and death records, go online to <http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch>. □

Epitaph: Here lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon me for not rising.
from *Twisted Twigs*

Thanks from a Boy Scout

Sorry for the late response. Thank you so much for all the information you shared with us. It was really helpful and interesting. I was able to finish my merit badge. I shared this information with my grandmother who is working on researching our family history. Through Ancestry she was able to connect with a family member who lives in Indiana, and she just recently went to visit with them. They were able to share family history and pictures. I am going to see my grandma at Christmas and she is going to share all the info she learned and pictures. I plan to continue researching my family history.



Also, I am forwarding your information to other scouts in my troop to let them know how helpful you were and let them know you are available to help them.

Again, thank you so much for helping me not only to earn my merit badge, but inspiring me to want to learn more about my family history. Spencer

Just a reminder that we can touch someone's life, even in a tiny way, by giving them just a few minutes. It's also a reminder what the Society members do for one another, and the general public, is appreciated although often unspoken. This is a letter from the Scout who came to the office with his mom and met with Carole and me. It definitely made my day!
by Penny McBride □

NEHGS Database News Name Origins

by Julie Helen Otto, NEHGS Staff Genealogist
CLARISSA/CLARISSA HARLOWE (f): The innocent heroine of Samuel Richardson's great novel of that name (1748/9). The name was often mutilated to "Clary" or "Claricy" in England and rural America. (See George R. Stewart, *American Given Names: Their Origin and History in the Context of the English Language*, 1979.) Clarissa Harlowe Barton (1820–1907) is better known as Clara Barton, "Angel of the Battlefield" during the Civil War and founder of the American Red Cross. Clarissa H. Partridge (b. 1822), daughter of Amos and Clarissa (Hill) (Slocum) Partridge of Bellingham, Mass., probably was named for her mother rather than Richardson's heroine. Clarissa Harlowe Kellogg (prob. b. Galway, N.Y., 12 June 1799–prob. d. LeRoy, N.Y., 9 June 1873), was the daughter of Ezra and Abigail (Olmstead) Kellogg and the wife of Samuel Dauchy (Timothy Hopkins, *The Kelloggs in the Old World and the New*).

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German Migration to the East

<http://www.galiziengermansdescendants.org/Data/History2.pdf>

A family tree produces some good fruit, some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples. Author unknown.



I established that a cousin's family in Denmark did live on the same farm that is generally not listed in any gazetteer. The family lived in the same farm for about 100 years. I was also able to expand that family to three generations. The rest of the time I mostly goofed off but was able to assist a couple of society members with small things. **Chris Christensen**

The paid researcher assigned to me helped by affirming that I had done all the research in all the right places for my early Pomeroy family. Gordon (the researcher) found that my question regarding two wives for one of my ancestors was a problem of the original document in the Barbour Collection in Connecticut being incorrectly filmed. He recommended that I contact the town of Somers where the documents are still being held (which I didn't know), and the Connecticut Genealogical Society to see if they have the same film as the incorrect one in the Family History Library. His assurance made me feel good. I always think I am missing "something."

Pam Journey

The little meeting with a DNA expert may have blown open the door of years of frustration, but again it has led to many more questions. With the Family Tree DNA web site not helpful and very confusing, I asked for help understanding who is "matchable" on these sites. I was shown we match 3 people in particular, but one with a least 30 markers matched with 0 distance. Hurrah right? Nope, now I need to know who that George is...and did they do good solid research. To make it worse the fella that is a match has not returned my emails yet! At least I now know who we "are not" related to...that really helps...and the hunt continues. **Nita Freer**

The Library was generous this time. I found a beautiful picture of my Gr. Grandmother on my father's side. Through her brother I found so many more of my ancestors. This isn't the family I've been researching for oh so many years but I am happy. Just like the rest of you, I'll keep looking. **Bert White** □

Are you a Legacy user?

If so, we are looking for you. The Legacy User Group will begin meeting soon with a new agenda. Date & times for the meetings to be determined.

Whether you're a beginner, intermediate or advanced we will have something for you. Contact Diane Hall at detroit_family@yahoo.com.



by Marilyn Hoffman

Southern California Genealogical Society is hosting "Ulster Irish Seminar" Saturday, March 16 featuring Fintan Mullan and Dr. Brian Trainor. Topics include *Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research*, *The Ulster Plantation: Sources for 17th Century Families*, *Researching the Farming Community in 18th and 19th Century*, and *Sources Available for Research by County*.

Mr. Mullan is Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation, and Dr. Trainor is retired Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. These experts come to the States every five years to lecture. The flyer and registration form is in the January-February issue of the *SCGS Journal* and at SDGS Library. Register online at scgsgenealogy.com. Contact scgs@genealogy.com for more information.

Scottish researchers should read *Lord Selkirk's Settlers* by Christine Woodcock in the December-January 2013 issue of *Internet Genealogy*. It discusses the Highland Clearances from 1785 to 1886 which resulted in inhumane eviction of thousands of tenant farmers. Stripped of their livelihood, they wandered aimlessly, many dying of starvation and cold. Lord Thomas Douglas, Fifth Earl of Selwick, used his inheritance to buy large land grants in Prince Edward Island and Manitoba, Canada, beginning in 1803. Each emigrating family was given 50 to 150 acres for a nominal fee. Most families prospered and some descendants later moved to Ontario and Saskatchewan. Excellent records are available and the author lists eleven helpful websites, including passenger lists for four ships used to emigrate. *Internet Genealogy* magazine is available at Carlsbad Cole Library. □

(Continued from page 5) The local FHCs had some microfiches and microfilms in their file drawers, and more could be ordered from Salt Lake City. My local FHC had most of the available census records on microfilm at the center. I usually had to order films of manuscripts, typescripts, state vital records, state census records, military records, immigration records,) and much more. The ordering process took two to three weeks, and you had to order the items at the FHC, pay the rental fee, and wait for the phone call that the items had come in, and then you had to go back to the FHC to review the item within two to four weeks. There were usually microfilm and microfiche printers available. I spent almost every Saturday between 1988 and 2002 at the local FHC.

Researchers collected paper. The photocopies and microfilm copies of book chapters and records for each surname or locality, and created more paper like family group sheets, pedigree charts, research logs, to-do lists, to organize and plan their research.

Genealogy software became available in the 1980s with Personal Ancestral File, and then other programs were developed over time to automate the data entry process, to make charts and reports. By 1999, Family Tree Maker was the most popular software program, and was "improved" every year.

Randy's blog on this topic was in two parts. This article will continue in subsequent issues.. Editor

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Events Calendar Unless noted, classes held at SDGS Genealogy Center 7343 Ronson Road Suite O, San Diego, CA 92111

February 2	Family Tree Maker User Group 10am Contact: Dave Tooley DJSJ21643@aol.com
February 4 and 18	Writers Group 10am Contact: Anna Acosta anna8851@aol.com
February 5	Reunion User Group (RUG) 12–2pm Contact: Anne Alves fansv@cox.net
February 6	Class: Organizing your Files with Claire McKarns
February 8	Family Tree Maker for Mac 10am Contact: Carol Jackson cjnest@cox.net
February 9	10:00 am Monthly Meeting Speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega St Andrews Lutheran Church
February 13	Class: Computer Basics with Dave Tooley
February 13	Lost Treasures 1:00pm Contact: Bonnie Fago ribbonbear@gmail.com
February 20	Class: Researching Your German Ancestry with Dona Ritchie
February 20	German Interest Group (GIG) 1pm Contact: Miriam Gitchoff mgitch@cox.net
February 22	San Diego County Special Interest Group 10am Contact: Martha Stead mstead2@cox.net
February 23	Roots Magic User Group 10am Contact: Chris Christensen rjchris47@yahoo.com
February 27	Class: Brick Walls (Group is looking for a leader) Contact Carole Sobke cjsobke@cox.net
Save the Date: Upcoming Events	
May 8–11, 2013	SDGS Trip to National Genealogical Society Conference Las Vegas, NV Contact: Chris Kramer chriskramerart@yahoo.com
June 7–9, 2013	Southern California GS Jamboree in Burbank, CA Contact: Chris Kramer chriskramerart@yahoo.com
September 8-15	Research Trip to Salt Lake City and Family History Library
September 21	Fall Seminar Speaker: TBD



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The Education Committee provides the following opportunities:

- ▶ Saturday Classes (Topics rotate; held prior to monthly meetings)
- ▶ Wednesdays at the Library (Topics vary)
- ▶ Software User Groups
- ▶ Special Interest Groups (German, British Isles, San Diego, Writers)
- ▶ Webinars (Topics vary)

Please give suggestions or comments about: Topics. Scheduling. Location. Instructors. Handouts. Other.

We are considering new ideas such as:

- ▶ Discussion Groups based on **REGIONS** (national and/or international)
- ▶ **Mobile Classes** in a variety of locations such as branch libraries, etc.

Do you have a location preference for classes? (Example: Pt. Loma, La Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Valley...)

Would you help organize a **Discussion Group**? (Topic Examples: DNA; Midwest; Dixie; New England; Other...) If so, please provide your name & topic.

Thank You!

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