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CVGS 5th Annual Fall Seminar

Saturday, October 2nd, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

At Norman Park Senior Center (270 F Street, Chula Vista)

“Where Do We Go From Here?”

Reserve your seat early. Registration includes refreshments and a catered lunch.

\$25.00 per Person until September 20, and \$30.00 per person thereafter.

Registration form online at

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/Flyers/2010_10_02_seminar.pdf

This Seminar is designed to help people just getting started in genealogy, help new members of our society and help seasoned researchers who want to catch up on new resources and new methods of solving genealogical problems.

There will be opportunity drawings throughout the day, and a door prize will be awarded. Used genealogy books will be on sale and speaker's materials will be available for purchase. A catered lunch will be served.

The Program Schedule is:

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Keynote Address: *Graveyard Gumshoe: Lessons Written in Stone*, by Dr. Jean Wilcox Hibben

9:30 a.m. Introduction to Chula Vista Genealogical Society
by Gary Brock

10:15 a.m. Session 1: Deliveries in the Rear: Getting Family History Information Through the Back Door, by Dr. Jean Wilcox Hibben

11:30 a.m. Catered Lunch from Jimmy's by the Park

12:30 p.m. Session 2: *This is Not Your Grandma's Genealogy: Making the Move from Moving from Paper to Electronic Record Keeping*, by Dr. Jean Wilcox Hibben

2:30 p.m. Session 3: *Coming to the New World After the Conquest 1600-1900*, by Alfredo I. Peña

4:30 p.m. Seminar Ends.

Program Meeting

Wednesday, September 29th,
12 noon, Library Auditorium

Speaker: Paula A. Sassi,
Certified Master Graphologist

**“What Was Great-Grandpa
Really Like?”**

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President's Message

by Gary Brock

Summer is nearing conclusion and those who were fortunate enough to travel to see family and friends, sometimes at far-away places, are returning home. I pray that all who embarked on such travels found delight and happiness on their trips. I know many use this opportunity to do a little genealogy by interviewing older family members, checking out county vital records and visiting local cemeteries. Now it's time to get all that new information organized and filed or posted.

Fall is the time of year the Society prepares and presents a Saturday seminar to celebrate Family History Month which is October. Our fifth annual Fall Seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 October at Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F St., Chula Vista, CA 91910.

A keynote address will be delivered by the renowned genealogist and folk expert Jean Wilcox Hibben PhD, MA, CG. Dr. Hibben will also present two additional 1 hour sessions entitled, "Backdoor Genealogy" and "Moving from Paper to Electronic Records." There will be a catered lunch followed by a third presentation by Spanish/Mexican genealogist Alfredo Peña entitled, "Coming to the New World After the Conquest 1600-1900." There will be opportunity drawings throughout the day and a door prize to round out the day's activities. A book sale is planned, genealogy charts and forms will be available, as well as information on Chula Vista Library resources and experts to demonstrate genealogical internet sites. Speaker materials will also be available for purchase.

Registration is \$25.00/person until 20 September and \$30.00 thereafter. To print out a flyer with registration form follow the following link:
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/Flyers/2010_10_02_seminar.pdf
 If you have no internet access please call Virginia Taylor, 619-425-7922.

The planning committee for this event is headed up by Susi Pentico and they are working very hard to make this year's fall seminar the best we have ever produced. I'm using this opportunity to put out the call for Society members to volunteer to work with Susi and her committee. If you would like to be part of this exciting project just contact Susi at: susicp@cox.net or 619-690-1199.

I hope to see you all at this special functions.

Annual Picnic Review

"The Wheel of Fortune Surname Game"

The CVGS Annual Picnic on August 25th featured an audience participation game called the "Wheel of Fortune Surname Game." CVGS President Gary Brock devised this game featuring information taken from surnames and information taken from the participant's five generation pedigree chart.

Gary created a 16 segment "Surname Wheel of Fortune" with randomly distributed numbers corresponding to randomly distributed numbers on a large map of the USA and the World. The Wheel was spun, and the first audience member, who had an ancestral family on their chart that resided in the selected geographical area, that stood up was selected to be the contestant.

The contestant then explained information about their selected surname, the research performed, and answered questions about the surname and their research. Points were awarded for 11 criteria, including:

- * the number of times the selected surname appeared on their pedigree chart (up to a 7 generation chart);
- * the number of generations with the surname that the contestant has photos for;
- * the number of generations with the surname that the contestant has newspaper clippings for;
- * the number of audience members with the same surname on their chart;
- * the number of audience members with names on their chart with the same region as the contestant.
- * number of centuries in which the selected surname appears on the chart
- * number of lines on the chart with the selected surname
- * possession of primary information on the selected surname
- * selected surname appears in a published book or journal article
- * completion of five-generation chart with at least a name and date or place.
- * Pedigree Chart has been submitted to CVGS collection.

Points were awarded for each response and added, using a spreadsheet, to provide each contestant's score. Mary P won with 78 points for her Hatch surname in the New England region. Randy S. was second with 76 points for his Smith surname in the New England region. Myrna G was third with 73 points for her Beach surname in the Midwest region. The lowest scores were 28 for surnames in the Pacific Island region and the Eastern European region.

18 attendees participated in the game and a good time was had by all.

Saturday Class

“The Conquest of Mexico: Finding Your Ancestor Among the Conquistadors”

**Saturday, 11 September, 1 p.m.
at Bonita Library (4375 Bonita Road)
Presented by Alfredo I. Peña**

This talk will discuss the myths and realities about the conquistadors that came to Mexico in the 16th century. Some of the families that descend from them will be presented, and the sources that can be used to find a link to one or several of the conquistadors will be provided.

Alfredo Ignacio Peña was born in 1969 in Los Angeles. He has a degree in Graphic Design and has 25 years of experience with publications and advertising. He has worked with the *Ahora-Now*, *Frontera San Diego*, and *El Informador* newspapers and with the PennySaver. Mr. Peña has experience designing publications, editorial design and advertising, and is a member of the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Peña has studied his genealogy following a family tradition passed down for several generations and has been able to trace his ancestry all the way back to Charlemagne. In 2003, he joined CorGoMiUri, the family's group of genealogists. He is a member of the National Genealogical Society, Genealogical Society of the Valley of Mexico, Genealogical Society of Northern Mexico, Society of Hispanic Historical & Ancestral Research, the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Plazola Family page; is moderator for three of those associations; and is working on his lineage papers to join several lineage and hereditary societies. His biography was recently featured in the June issue of the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*.

He is the director and founder of Ancestros, Investigaciones Genealógicas (ancestral and genealogical investigations). He was invited by the San Diego Family History Center to collaborate with them and is now helping with the Hispanic/Mexican research and history section the first and fourth Thursday of every month.

Mr. Peña will also make presentations on these dates to CVGS:

- Saturday, October 2 Fall Seminar at Norman Park Senior Center at 2:30 p.m.: “Coming to the New World After the Conquest, 1600 to 1900.”
- Wednesday, October 27th at the October Program Meeting at CV. Library at 12 noon: “Exodus: The Reasons for the Massive Immigration from Mexico to the U.S.”

Program Meeting

“What Was Great-Grandpa Really Like?”

**Wednesday, September 29th, 12 Noon
in the CV Library Auditorium
Presented by Paula A. Sassi
Certified Master Graphologist**

Paula A. Sassi has worked professionally in the field of handwriting analysis since 1980. Owner and director of her own corporation, Paula serves a diverse group of clients in the area of personnel selection, behavioral profiling, and compatibility analysis. Top businesses and corporations seek her services for help in hiring and promoting personnel as well as in conflict resolution. Author of "Better Handwriting in 30 Days" and editor of "Handwriting Insights", Paula has been featured on national and local television and radio broadcasts where she analyzed the handwritings of the famous and the infamous. Author, consultant and lecturer, Paula will show you how to gain insight into yourself and others through the art and science of handwriting analysis. She offers you one sure guarantee - you will never look at handwriting quite the same again.

The study of Genealogy helps people locate and track their ancestors, however, what if you could really gain insight into their true personalities including how they thought, processed feelings and interacted with others.

In this presentation, Paula A. Sassi, Certified Master Graphologist, will show you how the basic tenets of handwriting analysis can be applied to the research and study of your ancestors. By analyzing old documents, records and letters, you can discover what great grandpa was really like as well as many other people in your family lineage.

From colonial times to the present, you will learn how to discern personality and behavior from the strokes of writing no matter what the time period or heritage of the person. The information you learn at this presentation will allow you to gain further insight into your research efforts.

Paula has offered to analyze handwriting of your ancestors – please bring documents with ancestors' handwriting with you, and sign up for it to be analyzed at the meeting.

Coming CVGS Program Meetings

29 September, 12 noon: Paula Sassi: “What Was Great Grandpa Really Like?”

27 October, 12 noon: Alfredo Peña: “Exodus: The Reasons for the Massive Immigration from Mexico to the U.S.”

24 November, 12 noon: Georgie Stillman: “Heirloom Discovery Day”

15 December, 11 a.m.: CVGS Holiday Luncheon

Research Group News

by Randy Seaver

We had eleven enthusiastic genealogists at the Research Group meeting on Wednesday, 11 August. Some highlights:

* Ann took a family history trip to Clark County, Wisconsin to research her Garvin family and attend a niece's wedding. While there, she met some cousins and visited the newspaper office where she heard "my friend is a Garvin." She visited the friend, who was a cousin with a lot of family pictures. Ann has two family photo albums which have few photo labels, so she wants to know how to track down family members. The group suggested photo websites like www.DeadFred.com, surname and locality message boards, letters to newspapers, etc.

* Dearl found that his great-uncle, a Confederate soldier captured in Tennessee, was shipped to a prison in Chicago in February 1863, and is buried there.

* Gary passed seven of the surname and locality books from the Branson collection - many attendees had families in those books!

* Mary Lou's great-grandfather Harnett came from Ireland before 1861. He served in the Union Army and lived in Ohio, Illinois and Kansas. She has a death certificate and Union Pension papers. She wants to find more information about his life and ancestry. The group suggested county history books, an obituary, birth records of his children, passenger lists, and www.OliveTreeGenealogy.com.

* Virginia thinks she has found cousins who share her Robert Dunlap through Ancestral File and Pedigree Resource File entries on old FamilySearch. Letters are out to the contacts!

* Jaye has many family photos and wants to put them on the Internet. The group suggested writing a blog, creating a static website, or putting them on a photo site with captions.

* Jane's mother-in-law had a photo album with many persons identified. She also found a large 1915 San Diego scene of Thearle's Music Store in an antique store and bought it.

* Dick's Facebook cousin in WI knew about an Ibenthal family bible and sent a four-page family history.

* Sylvia's 2nd great-grandfather worked for Frederick Wilhelm of Prussia, but escaped after 1858 and came to the USA and changed his surname to Kraske, and probably died in the Bay area. She has naturalization papers. The group suggested finding an obituary or distant cousins to see if they have more information.

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Lemon Grove Research Group News

By Susi Pentico

The September 1 meeting had two new attendees that were excited to hear about CVGS activities.

Next meetings of this group at Lemon Grove Library are:

- Wednesday, September 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 6, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, SusiCP@cox.net) for details.

Sunshine Corner

by Ruth Himan

CVGS member Crystal Vail (Virginia Taylor's 90 year old sister) underwent emergency heart surgery last month. Crystal was frequently falling for unknown reasons. During one of these falls, Crystal experienced a severe head concussion. Crystal was hospitalized and the doctors discovered Crystal was not getting sufficient oxygen which may have been the reason for the falls. Crystal underwent emergency heart surgery. Crystal recovered from the heart surgery quite well. It is the initial head concussion that still lingers and concerns the doctors. Crystal is resting and recovering in a private facility and we all wish her a complete and speedy recovery. Virginia suggests to send cards and letters either to Crystal's residence or Virginia's address. Virginia picks up the mail regularly for Crystal and takes it to Crystal. It is nice to see Virginia smile again as her sister continues to recover.

Martha Ann Flannery continues to stay active in her home. Although suffering with back pain, Martha continues her regular morning routines, drives herself to a community lunch each day, and engages in a therapeutic swim each day.

Mary Patterson's husband although still under doctor's care has returned to work after his surgery earlier this summer.

If you know of someone that is need of "sunshine", please email request to rehiman@aol.com.

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* Ruth had a great week with four grandkids in San Jose, and visiting her siblings. She spent time in the San Jose library collecting newspaper articles about her father's ("Wild Bill" Hayley) auto-racing career. The grandkids helped her find material.

* Randy discussed coming CVGS events, using the WeRelate family tree database, and his database problems and solutions.

The next meeting of the CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 8 September, at 12 noon in the Conference Room.

General Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2010

(Highlights)

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Brock at the Elks Lodge, Chula Vista.

Gary made some announcements, including reminding members about the upcoming seminar.

Officer Reports: Secretary (Ann): July minutes were approved as published. **Treasurer (Jaye):** July report was accepted as published.

Gary welcomed everyone and introduced the “Wheel of Fortune Surname Game”, a game depending heavily on members’ five generational pedigree charts. The game generated a lot of discussion and it gave members an opportunity to “brag” about their completed research. And in the spirit of competitiveness, points were awarded in a variety of categories. Members also browsed through books that were for sale and participate in a gift exchange. Kudos to Gary for taking the time to develop the game, set forth the rules, and create the maps and spinning wheel to make sure all the rest of us had a good time!

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary



CVGS By-Laws Revisions

To be Voted On October 27th

The CVGS Board of Directors approved revisions to the By-Laws of the society, and will present the changes to the society members at the Program Meeting on 29 September. The membership will vote on the By-Laws revisions on Wednesday, 27 October at the regular society program meeting.

The proposed revisions, were printed on page 6 of the July 2010 CVGS Newsletter. The current By-Laws can be found on the CVGS website at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/includes/ByLaws_adopted_090624.pdf.

Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2010

(Highlights)

Meeting called to order by President Gary Brock.

Present: Jaye Wright, Barbara Ibaibariaga, Randy Seaver, John Finch, Bob Page, Susi Pentico, Virginia Taylor, Bernice Heiter, Shirley Becker, Ann Stevens, Ruth Himan, and Susan Zimmer Absent: Dearl Glenn Guests: Art Roy and Betty Waznis.

Announcements/Correspondence: Betty Waznis, Director of Chula Vista Library: Chula Vista expects a severe budget shortfall which could affect library services. There will be a City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 5, at 4 PM to present the budget proposal; asked society members to attend and speak in favor of library services.

Officer Reports: Secretary (Ann): August minutes were approved as published. **Treasurer (Jaye):** August report was accepted as corrected. **Membership (Virginia):** 2 new members. Current membership = 114. New members have been attracted by Weekend classes. **Programs (Barbara):** September 29: Graphologist Paula Sassi on “What Was Great-Grandpa Really Like?” (looking for writing samples from ancestors; sign up at meeting); October 27: Alfredo Peña, on “Exodus: the Reasons for the Massive Immigration from Mexico to the US”; November 24: Georgie Stillman, “Heirloom Discovery Day”; December 15 (tentative date): Holiday luncheon from 10 AM-3 PM at the South Chula Vista Library. Barbara is starting to work on programs for 2011. October 2 Seminar: Susi reported on seminar; made motion to approve Program Committee report; Randy seconded. Further discussion: John will seek additional publicity from *Union-Trib.* Susi reviewed seminar agenda. Randy asked for a written description of responsibilities at seminar “Computer Table.” Barbara asked what to do with people who arrive just to listen to Mr. Peña; should they be charged for the seminar? The Board consensus was to ask for a donation. Motion to approve the Program Committee report carried.

Old Business:

-- New Evening & Sunday Library Docent Training: John is working on the SOP “talking points” for the docents; however, with computer problems, he has not been able to complete the guide.

-- Bylaw Amendments: amendments (dues increase and wording for Education Chair position) will be presented to members at September general meeting and voted on at the October meeting.

New Business:

--Member & Program Surveys: Ruth reported on the steps taken to revise the Member Survey and the Program Survey. Surveys will be distributed at the October general meeting so that results can be used for future planning.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary

Committee Reports (Highlights) From September 1 Board Meeting

Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z): reported that data entry is done; getting feedback from the committee re: next steps. Cemetery personnel will train on Nexis system so they can access missing data. Susan anticipates that the index will be available on the Internet; not sure about the format.

Computer Group (Shirley): Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (September 15) at 11:30 AM.

Hospitality (Susi): looking for people to help store hospitality supplies. Ruth Himan and Janice Nevills have volunteered to take some of the supplies.

Library Liaison/Public Relations (John): October dates have been reserved; working on November. John will shift from Monday to Wednesday at 11:00 AM for “table talk” help. Current Table Talk coverage schedule: Sunday afternoons alternate with Phyllis & Susi and Shirley & Susi; Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 PM are Barbara (1st & 3rd) and Virginia & Susi (2nd & 4th). John said that volunteers only really need to know the layout of the library so that people can be directed to proper resources. John reminded Board that a replacement will need to be found for his position.

Library Books (Bernice): getting some books from Gary and Shirley that will need to be processed.

Member Services (Ruth): reported that Crystal Vail is recovering from heart surgery; cards can be sent to her address or to her sister (Virginia Taylor). Martha Ann Flannery continues to stay active in her home. Mary Patterson’s husband has returned to work after his surgery. The Board requested that Ruth send cards to Leonard ReVeal and Betty Hampton; Ruth will also follow up with phone calls to members we haven’t seen for a while. If someone is in need of “sunshine”, please email request to rehiman@aol.com.

Newsletter/Research/Queries (Randy): No paid queries. Research group meets 2nd Wednesday at noon (September 8th) in the conference room to discuss research problems. Newsletter will be out early September. To organize Society events, Randy created a calendar, which was reviewed and corrected. The “keeper of the calendar” will be the President. Historian Susan Zimmer requested flyers and pictures for each event.

Nominations: Art Roy announced nominees for 2011-2012 Board: President-Gary Brock; 1st VP-Programs-Virginia Taylor; 2nd VP-Membership-Bobbie Lane; Treasurer-Jaye Wright; Secretary-Mary Lou Montez. Nominations for Officers to be presented at October general meeting, voted on in November, and installed in December.

Ways and Means (Bob): no report at this time.

Webmaster/Estate Papers (Gary): website up to date; Estate Papers committee resolving some questions.

Class Review “Five Generation Pedigree Charts” presented and written by Ruth Himan

Ruth Himan's 5 generation pedigree workshops on August 14th and 21st were Spontaneous, Enthusiastic, Informative and Fun. The majority of the 21 class participants were established CVGS members, recent graduates of Genealogy 101 and a few new guests.

At the first presentation, the portion of Ruth's visual presentation available illustrated variances in pedigree charts. Presenting the same pedigree data in different chart types can aid in the analysis and comprehension of a family pedigree. A full 360 degree circle chart with starred special recognition of military personnel, was one fine example of a beautifully displayed pedigree chart.

The importance of three initial tools were emphasized:

- 1) a daily journal
- 2) a numbered, date-location formatted pedigree chart
- 3) a resource log to add research data

Of special note, was the fact to start simple "with what is known." Ruth started with adding her name to the first position on the pedigree chart, and to that were added three small penciled numbers-- 1, 2 and 3. Ruth then referred to her resource log and added her sources of information that documented her birth name, date of birth and place of birth - her birth certificate, her marriage certificate, and a Family Bible.

Next Ruth added her parent’s names, birth date/places and marriage information. She referenced (with small penciled-in numbers) where the data for these facts were documented, the repositories for the data, where to find copies, referencing surnames and locations (by country, state and county), dates and comments.

Variations of many pre-printed pedigree charts, resource logs, and starting forms available for use were discussed. Participants were encouraged to customize their genealogy charts and forms to meet their research needs.

A resource log can be used in the "first" steps of documenting data. As a resource log 'matures' it should be flexible and develop with added resource data. Each individual's resource log will reflect the uniqueness of each family history. Some examples of "unique" records for a particular family could include:

- arrival date/port/ship
- state/county at birth or state/county as known today
- records found at Church/Parish/Location/date

A Microsoft Excel file was used as a resource log to demonstrate the flexibility needed to add, sort, merge, and address resource data. Workshop participants were very

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COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS

50% Off Footnote.com Membership for CVGS Members

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that we have worked on a special offer with **Footnote.com**, the premier history website featuring **over 67 million records**. You can now go to this URL http://go.footnote.com/Chula%20Vista%20Genealogical%20Society_society/?xid=807, as a member of our society and receive a **50% discount** off of an annual Footnote membership (retail cost is \$79.95 per year). It is now only **\$39.95** for our society members. Please take advantage of this limited time offer. A member can add on to the existing membership for the same annual rate.

The \$39.95 offer will be good through September 11th. On September 12th, the price will go to \$49.95 and remain there until the end of the year.

New or Updated Databases at www.AmericanAncestors.org (\$\$)

- See list of all document sets on the NEHGS site, http://www.AmericanAncestors.org/database_search/

New or Updated Databases at www.Footnote.com (\$\$)

- See list of all document sets on Footnote.com at <http://www.footnote.com/documents/>

New or Updated Databases at www.WorldVitalRecords.com (\$\$)

- Texas Marriages and Divorces
- See list of all document sets on World Vital Records at <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/contentsearch.aspx>

New or Updated Databases at www.GenealogyBank.com (\$\$)

- New Content for 50 Newspapers in 26 States
- See list of all available newspaper titles at <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/newspapers/sourcelist/>

Family Tree Maker 2011, with over 100 program enhancements, is now available to purchase online for \$39.95 at <http://www.familytreemaker.com>

New or Updated Databases at www.Ancestry.com (\$\$)

- Ellis Island Oral Histories, 1892-1976
- Boston Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1943
- US Naturalization Indexes, 1791-1992
- Book Indexes to Boston Passenger Lists, 1899-1942
- England, Andrews Newspaper Index Cards, 1790-1976
- New York County Supreme Court Naturalization Petition Index, 1907-1924
- Some Italian Family History Books
- U.S. School Yearbook Index
- England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941
- Australia Cemetery Index, 1808-2007
- See New and Updated Ancestry databases at <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/recent.aspx>

New or Updated Databases at FamilySearch Record Search (Free) <http://pilot.FamilySearch.org>

- New Brunswick, Provincial Return of Births and Late Registrations, 1810-1906
- Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840-1949
- Prince Edward Island Baptism Card Index, 1721-1885
- Prince Edward Island Death Card Index, 1721-1905
- Prince Edward Island Marriage Registers, 1832-1888
- Mexico, Distrito Federal, Catholic Ch. Rec., 1886-1933
- Freedmen's Bureau Marriages, 1815-1869
- Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947
- Illinois, Probate Records, 1819-1970
- Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850
- South Dakota State Census, 1945
- Tennessee Death Records, 1914-1955
- Austria, Vienna Population Cards, 1850-1886
- Belgium, Death Registration, 1851-1900
- France, Quimper et Leon Catholic Diocese, 1772-1909
- Italy, Napoli Province Municipal Records, 1809-1936
- Spain, Lugo Diocese Catholic Records, 1550-1930
- Sweden, Sodermanland (1640-1860), Uppsala (1613-1860), Orebro (1641-1860) Church Records
- England, Durham Diocese Marriage Bonds, 1667-1819
- England, Yorkshire, Allertonshire Marriage Bonds
- Chile, Concepcion Civil Registration, 1885-1903
- Jamaica, Civil Birth Registration
- Nicaragua, Managua Civil Registration, 1879-2007
- Peru, Lima Civil Registration, 1874-1930
- Sri Lanka, Colombo Dutch Ref. Ch. Rec. 1677-1900
- South Africa, Cape Prov. Dutch Ref.Ch.Reg.1660-1970
- New Zealand Immigration Passenger Lists, 1871-1915
- See all Volunteer-indexed databases on the Pilot Record Search site at <http://pilot.familysearch.org>

Weekender Program Review

“Surnames – Origins and Meanings”

by Gary Brock on 29 August 2010

written by Susi Pentico and Gary Brock

CVGS President Gary Brock presented “Surnames – Origins and Meanings” on Sunday, 29 August as a followup to the Surname Game played at the Annual Picnic, with about 30 people in attendance. Gary started his presentation by giving a history of the development of the use of names over history. He put up this nice word “Etymology.”

He then gave us a history of language usage and name development. He explained the difference between a “common” name (given at birth) and a “Christian” name (given at baptism). Languages developed, not from an identifiable people or tribe, but rather in a group of loosely related peoples, still partially prehistoric, up until about 4,000 BC.

Gary showed a migration chart that depicted the migration paths of Homo Sapiens up out of Africa to the Middle East and then splitting, with one branch leading West into Europe and the other to the East. The chart showed that humans were in central Africa about 200,000 years ago, in the Middle East about 100,000 years ago, had migrated to East Asia by 40,000 years ago, and had migrated to the Americas by 15,000 years ago.

The earliest use of surnames was by the Chinese. Surnames were given so that the rulers could keep track of the people in their kingdom, region, or area. Soon, it became evident that they had to add another name to differentiate people with the same given name (e.g., taxes were collected, and one Henry claimed they paid when it was another Henry). By 1370, surnames were used through out most of Europe. Initially, people were named for either where they lived, what they did, or what they looked like. For instance, John who lives over the hill became John Overhill, Tom who lives at the Lang crossing of the river became Tom Langford, and Peter who lived near the woods became Peter Underwood. Patronymics were used in some areas, where the father’s given name was carried to the son (e.g., the son of Peter had a surname of Peterson).

Gary had created tables to define the origin and meaning of each of the surnames used in the Surname Game at the Picnic. Not everybody who played the game was at the talk, so he shared the information on the people who did attend the picnic. The first name shared was ERDMAN, which is also ARDTMAN and it means “armor.” He discussed the SMITH/SCHMIDT surname which covered many pages of data. The name

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Computer Group News

The next meeting of the CVGS Computer Group will be Wednesday, August 18th in the Computer Lab at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. Shirley Becker will lead this meeting.

Class Review

“Five Generation Pedigree Charts” presented and written by Ruth Himan

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surprised to learn how much data can be collected and recorded for each pedigree entry. The presentation demonstrated how essential this organizing of information will become in later genealogy research.

The Pedigree Chart of each workshop participant was reviewed for readiness for the CVGS Picnic Surname Game. Suggestions were given to expand, print and update these charts.

Other key workshop points included brief explanations on:

- The difference between an ancestry and a pedigree chart
- Genealogy Terminology
- Family Group Sheets
- Census worksheets
- Fun with Fact-Assumption-Conclusion worksheets.
- Preparation to get the most out of your visit to a library using on-line databases.

All of this information led into a lengthy and informative discussion on wanting more workshops to learn more. The participants were encouraged to add these class requests to their CVGS survey sheets.

Change your Favorites!

**The New England Historic Genealogical
Society website is now**

www.AmericanAncestors.org

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SELF means servant; WEBER means a weaver of cloth; HOFFMAN is a farmer. He found nothing for BELLWOOD and two other names. He used Google, Ancestry and two or three other sites to find answers.

It was a very interesting talk because of the history of the human race and the language development was shared before the meaning of the various surnames.

Welcome New Members

**Frances E. Cornall
Connie Vickers**

Do you need a ride?

If you need a ride to the next CVGS event, please contact Gary Brock to arrange a ride.
(gary@brocksystems.com or 619-475-4054)

Meeting Host Volunteers

**September 29: Bob Page
October 27: Mary Patterson, Joan Largey**

Please contact Susi Pentico to volunteer!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

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Ways and Means	Bob Page
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San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, Sept. 11 – 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Program: “Oral History: Tips for a Successful Interview” by Peggy Rossi and “Courthouse Records” by Everett Ireland

Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd (at Jackson Drive)
(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs/>)

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Tuesday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – COGG

Program: “Scanning and Photo Retouching Basics” by Tom Underhill
Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad.
(<http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/>)

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Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO (CGSSD)

Program: “For Family or Money? Publishing Your Genealogical Work” by Debby Horton
Location: Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, La Jolla (www.cgssd.org)

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Tuesday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Program: "Research in England" by Fred Spong

Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad.
(<http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/>)

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Saturday, October 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
2010 Fall Seminar: “The ‘Hidden Treasures’ in the National Archives and How to Find Them”
\$35 members, \$40 non-members, lunch included
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel – San Diego
2270 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley
(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs/>)

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See all upcoming San Diego genealogy programs online at <http://www.cgssd.org/events.php>

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, September 1, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting, CV Library Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, September 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, CV Library Conference Room**
- **Saturday, September 11, 1 p.m. – Class: “The Conquest of Mexico: Finding Your Ancestor among the Conquistadors” by Alfredo I. Peña at Bonita Library Community Room**
- **Wednesday, September 15, 11:30 a.m. – Computer Group Meeting, CV Library Computer Lab**
- **Wednesday, September 29, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Paula Sassi: “What Was Great-Grandpa Really Like?” CV Library Auditorium**
- **Saturday, October 2, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Seminar: “Where Do We Go From Here?” See page 1**
- **Wednesday, October 6, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting, CV Library Conference Room**
- **Saturday, October 9, 1 p.m. – Class: “Wills and Probates” by Susi Pentico and Shirley Becker at Bonita Library Community Room**
- **Wednesday, October 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, CV Library Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, October 20, 11:30 a.m. – Computer Group Meeting, CV Library Computer Lab**
- **Sunday, October 24, 1 p.m. – Weekender Program: TBD. CV Library Auditorium**
- **Wednesday, October 27, 12 noon– Program Meeting: Alfredo I. Peña “Exodus: The Reasons for the Massive Immigration from Mexico to the U.S.” CV Library Auditorium**

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All Regular CVGS Program Meetings are held, unless otherwise noted, at the
Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista

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