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CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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December 15th Holiday Luncheon

at 11:30 a.m. at the Chula Vista South Branch Library
(389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista) Conference Room
“Out of the Past and Into the Future”
presided over by CVGS President, Gary Brock

It's Holiday Luncheon time, and the event will feature a slide show on the theme of “Out of the Past and Into the Future.” There will be an Officer Installation with past society Presidents doing the honors.

The luncheon will have turkey, ham, and drinks provided by CVGS. The pot luck breakdown for the rest of the meal will be (for last names starting with):

A-F: salads, rolls, butter;

G-K: snack trays, condiments, olives, pickles, cranberry or apple sauce

L-P: potatoes (regular or sweet), vegetables, or casseroles;

Q-Z: desserts.

Please call Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, or susicp@cox.net) to coordinate potluck dishes.

Members are requested to bring canned food and/or unwrapped toys for donation to the Salvation Army. A gift exchange will be held (maximum value \$10): bring a wrapped gift in order to draw one. For the Door prize: everyone gets a free ticket to win a Santa or an Angel. Opportunity drawing (tickets available for purchase): to win centerpiece decorations. Meat leftovers will be auctioned off to the highest bidders.

Next Saturday Workshop

January 15th, 12 noon
At Bonita Library
(4375 Bonita Rd)
“Research Techniques”
with Susi Pentico

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

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President's Message

by Gary Brock

Last year at this time I wrote about how Christmas was not only a religious holiday but is in fact a secular holiday as well. That this wonderful holiday, fast approaching, is based on an event which took place more than 2000 years ago. It is probably the most popular and anticipated celebration of the year for us here in America. It's the time of year when the older generations celebrate the younger generations by giving gifts in much the same way as the three Kings, Melchior, Balthasar and Caspar presented the Christ child gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.



Christmas was sanctioned by the US Congress as a Federal Holiday and signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant in 1870. Because of the intense gift buying in the days leading up to the actual event, an important economic feature of the season has evolved. The Friday following Thanksgiving is now known as "Black Friday" because this is the point in the commercial year when many retail businesses begin to show a profit or are in "The Black."

A great deal of genealogy takes place during this holiday season. The older generations get together with the younger ones. They, as part of the celebrations, tell the younger generation about the meaning of Christmas and all sorts of stories about the family, its traditions, its heritage and some of the characters who were a part of the family in the past. Young people are usually captivated by stories told by Grandpa or Grandma or Old Uncle Pete around the dinner table or in front of a warm fire. Stories told by the senior generation are very likely to remain in the memories of the younger generations for the rest of their lives.

I remember my Grandfather, a rather stern man most of the time, would become a big softy at the family Christmas get-together at his old, classical, mid-western farmhouse when all of us cousins would gather around him and plead for him to play his somewhat out-of-tune upright piano. He had been the pianist at the old Crowell Theater in our home town during the silent movie era. After the talkies took over he moved on to a saloon in town called the North End. Everyone loved his special "rinky-dink" style of playing and we cousins were completely captivated by how his crippled old hands could make such wonderful music.

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Meeting Minutes and Board Minutes

The Board approved a suggestion to not print the General Meeting minutes or the Board Meeting minutes in the Newsletter due to space reasons and duplication of information.

The minutes of both meetings for the past month can be found on the CVGS web page at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/page08.html>

2011-2012 Officers Elected

Officers for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors were elected at the 24 November Program meeting. They are:

PRESIDENT: Gary Brock
1st V.P. – PROGRAMS: Virginia Taylor
2nd V.P. – MEMBERSHIP: Bobbie Lane
TREASURER: Jaye Wright
SECRETARY: Mary Lou Montez

The 2011-12 Officers will be installed at the 15 December Holiday Luncheon.

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So if you are going to be with these younger generations during this holiday season, you might consider engaging them with stories about their ancestors that you know about. To get things started you might ask them what they know about their Great-Grand Mother or Father. Most likely they'll say they know little or nothing of them. This is your chance to tell them all you know about them and the juicer the story the more you'll keep their attention. In this way, you will have given them the most enduring gift of all, a memory that they can take with them for the rest of their life and perhaps one that they can relate to their descendants over and over again.

I want to wish everyone the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years. I hope to see you all at our Holiday Luncheon on December 15 at 11:30 am at the South branch of the Chula Vista Public Library, 389 Orange Ave. in Chula Vista. Bring a wrapped gift (\$10 limit) if you would like to receive one. Bring an unwrapped child's gift or canned food if you would like to donate to the Salvation Army. And, finally, call Susi Pentico (619-690-1188) to coordinate potluck dishes.

November 24th Program Review

Georgie Stillman and “*Heirloom Discovery Day*”

One of the highlights of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society year is the November program meeting with Georgie Stillman, ASA, who presents an "Heirloom Discovery Day" with members' heirlooms as the subjects. This is CVGS' own "Antiques Road Show" program.

Georgie provided basic appraisal advice, noting that "values are a reflection of what rich people and collectors will pay for an item." In many cases, collectors items are status symbols and trappings of wealth, although items handed down by family may be well used. Each person provided a brief summary of what they brought for appraisal and its' known provenance. Georgie then described what the item was, the approximate time it was created, and its approximate value. There were 12 items explained, evaluated and appraised:

- * Sidnie had 6 demitasse spoons handed down from her grandparents. Georgie noted that they had Sheffield crown and leopard marks, were probably made in the early 1940's in England, and that the price of silver is now \$29/ounce.
- * Helen brought a wooden potato masher or pestle, which was probably made in the 19th century. It is handmade of hardwood and well used. She also brought a handmade glass bottle with a leather cover and a stopper. The cover has brand marks on it. Georgie thought that it might be the booze bottle of a western cowboy or rancher, made in the late 19th century.
- * Donna shared a decorated ceramic pot handed down from her great-grandmother, who was born in Ireland. It has a transfer decoration of four muses, and was probably made in the late 19th century in Bohemia or Austria.
- * Bob showed his "monkey band" figurines (8 figures about 1 inch tall holding different instruments) on a small platform with match trays. His uncle bought them in Europe in the 1960s. Georgie said the figurines were probably lead, made in Vienna before World War I, and were quite valuable, especially as a set.
- * Bobbie presented a stereopticon with a number of view cards, handed down from her husband's German ancestors. The stereopticon was from the late 19th century, and the view cards from the early 19th century. Georgie said the stereopticon was fairly common, but the view cards may have significant value, and that Bobbie should check online sites like eBay for values.
- * Susi had a "History of Monroe County, Iowa" book that may be one of a kind. It was self-published in 1896, and it is not in the Monroe County library or historical society. She also had a small child's toy table with a typewriter

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(about 1 inch high and wide) with some moving parts. Georgie said it was German made in the 19th century, was gold finished brass, probably for a dollhouse, and fairly valuable to collectors.

- * Susan brought a 1929 World Series program (Chicago Cubs vs. Philadelphia Athletics) in pristine condition, with player pictures and advertisements. Georgie advised her to go online and determine the scarcity of it, and the value of it to someone interested in sports ephemera.
- * Mary presented a Christmas Tree music box ("Silent Night"). Georgie said it was high quality, but less than 50 years old, and may have more value in the future.
- * Janice showed her father's small Ronson silver plated lighter. Georgie said it was a classic collectors piece because there is interest in smoking items.
- * Jaye shared her father's small pistol. Georgie said that it was probably made in Germany in the 1960s, was in good condition, but she couldn't value it, and suggested finding a gun appraiser.
- * Marta had a long gold chain with charms and gems handed down from her family in Mexico. Georgie said she was not a gemologist, and would need metallurgical tests to appraise the metal parts.
- * Joan brought a 6 inch ceramic plate of her grandmother's. Georgie noted that it was handmade pottery, made in the 19th century in Germany, and of modest value.

This was a fascinating tour of some of our member's family heirlooms and a wonderful display of Georgie's knowledge and expertise.

Renew Your Membership for 2011!

\$20 before 1 January 2011

\$24 after 1 January 2011

Contact Virginia Taylor (irishdoll@cox.net)

Or mail to CVGS:

PO Box 3024, Chula Vista CA 91909-3024.

Stay Up-To-Date

Check the CVGS

Website (www.rootsweb.com/~cacvgs2/) and
Blog (<http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>) regularly!

Research Group News

by Randy Seaver

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society Research Group met on Wednesday, 10 November at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. There were eight members and guests in attendance.

Randy started the meeting with introductions around the table, and then announced the upcoming November CVGS activities, and the need to complete the Member and Program Surveys. Several attendees filled them out during the meeting. The round table discussion included:

- * Ruth wondered about copyright issues for her January talk and her forthcoming book. The group suggested that she use a release form for text or images she wants to use in the talk handout and the book.
- * Helen found an obituary for her brother that said he had 11 grandchildren, but Helen knew of only five. It turned out that they were counting children of spouses of the children. She added the information to her database for clarity.
- * Sylvia found wrong information in an Ancestry.com Member Tree and wants to correct it. She will try to contact the submitter.
- * Shirley found family papers (dated 1927) in her file that contained four generations of her Sweet family data, including Bible pages that included a great-grandmother's maiden name. However, one sheet claimed a Revolutionary War Pension File for her Benjamin Sweet (born ca 1780) that must be conflated with another Benjamin Sweet.
- * Virginia reviewed Ancestry.com, Footnote.com and the index for the Southwest Pennsylvania newsletter for information about her Robert Dunlop of Washington County PA, with no luck whatsoever.
- * JoAnn talked to her aunt, who sent her research done by an uncle 40 years ago, but it was lost in the mail (empty and torn envelope). We suggested that she contact the Post Office to see if they can be found.
- * Gary is investigating the persons in the will of Timothy Roff that mentions many nieces and nephews, including his (?) Solomon Roff.
- * Randy discussed his trip to Salt Lake City, and the two days in the Family History Library where he found Whittle baptism, marriage and burial data in English parish registers, searched for Vaux land records in Marshall County, Kansas, and the Revolutionary War damage claims in New Jersey.

The next meeting of the Research Group will be on Wednesday, 8 December at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.

Computer Group News

by Shirley Becker

The next meeting of the CVGS Computer Group will be Wednesday, January 19th in the Computer Lab at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. Shirley Becker will lead this meeting.

NOTE: There is no December meeting of the Computer Group.

Saturday Workshop Review

4 December 2010

“Research Charts and Forms”

with Susi Pentico

The Saturday Workshop on Research Charts and Forms had 8 researchers and Susi discussed with them the need to use the various charts previously mentioned in last months chat. It was a hands on event.

Everyone was given the charts to use. They were given a name to research and then we discussed how to put the information on the chart for future information.

Some were able to actually research their own name. One found a Will for an ancestor and some other information.

Everyone was very interested in the Newspaper Abstract books that were used for research. The members were able to adapt the various other items also to the charts: Will, Marriage Certificate, Death Certificate, and Military burial records in a National Cemetery.

Susi talked about Allen W Eckert's book *The Frontiersmen* and the information you can find in books that may not appear to be genealogical because they are in story form. There is another one for New England that is in story form and just as good for that region. They are sourced and accurate genealogical or historical data.

Various types of sources were used by all and exchanged to learn hands-on how to work with the information. They all seemed to feel this type of event was very beneficial using a hands-on method.

Save the Date April 2nd, 2011

For the Next CVGS

All-Day Seminar

More Details to Follow

The Ten Commandments of Genealogy

By Dick Eastman

(The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.)

In the course of writing this newsletter, I get to see a lot of genealogy information. Most of what I see is on the Web, although some information is in books or in e-mail. Some of what I see is high-quality research. However, much of it is much less than that. Even the shoddiest genealogy work could be so much more if the compiler had simply spent a bit of time thinking about what he or she was doing.

Creating a first-class genealogy work is not difficult. In fact, it is expected. It should be the norm. Please consider the following "rules." If you follow these guidelines, you, too, can produce high-quality genealogy reports that will be useful to others:



The Ten Commandments

1. Never accept someone else's opinion as "fact." Be suspicious. Always check for yourself!
2. Always verify primary sources (see Footnote #1); never accept a secondary source (see Footnote #2) as factual until you have personally verified the information.
3. Cite your sources! Every time you refer to a person's name, date and/or place of an event, always tell where you found the information. If you are not certain how to do this, get yourself a copy of "Evidence Explained" by Elizabeth Shown Mills. This excellent book shows both the correct form of source citation and the sound analysis of evidence.
4. If you use the works of others, always give credit. Never claim someone else's research as your own.
5. Assumptions and "educated guesses" are acceptable in genealogy as long as they are clearly labeled as such. Never offer your theories as facts.
6. Be open to corrections. The greatest genealogy experts of all time make occasional errors. So will you. Accept this as fact. When someone points out a possible error in your work, always thank that person for his or her assistance and then seek to re-verify your original statement(s). Again, check primary sources.
7. Respect the privacy of living individuals. Never reveal personal details about living individuals without their permission. Do not reveal their names or any dates or locations.
8. Keep "family secrets." Not everyone wants the information about a court record or a birth out of wedlock to be posted on the Internet or written in books. The family historian records "family secrets" as facts but does not publish them publicly.
9. Protect original documents. Handle all documents with care, and always return them to their rightful storage locations.
10. Be prepared to reimburse others for reasonable expenses incurred on your behalf. If someone travels to a records repository and makes photocopies for you, always offer to reimburse the expenses.

The above "commandments" apply to online data as well as to printed information. Following the above "commandments" will increase the value of your work and make it valuable to others.

Footnote #1: A primary record is one created at or immediately after the occurrence of the event cited. The record was created by someone who had personal knowledge of the event. Examples include marriage records created by the minister, census records, death certificates created within days after the death, etc. Nineteenth century and earlier source records will be in the handwriting of the person who recorded the event, such as the minister, town clerk or census taker.

Footnote #2: A secondary record is one made years after the original event, usually by someone who was not at the original event and did not have personal knowledge of the participants. Most published genealogy books are secondary sources; the authors are writing about events that occurred many years before they wrote about the event. Transcribed records are always secondary sources and may have additional errors created inadvertently by the transcriber(s). Most online databases are transcribed (secondary) sources.

Book Review – *The Journey Takers* by Leslie Albrecht Huber by Randy Seaver

Author Leslie Albrecht Huber has written a wonderful book titled *The Journey Takers* about her immigrant ancestors and their lives. The book's back cover says:

"Leslie Albrecht Huber's ancestors were journey takers, leaving their homes in Germany, Sweden, and England behind to sail to the US and start new lives here. Huber sets out to trace these journeys and to understand her family -- who they were and what mattered to them. As she follows in their footsteps, walking the paths they walked and looking over the land they farmed, she finds herself on a journey she hadn't expected. Based on thousands of hours of research, Huber recreates the immigration experience in a way that captures both its sweeping historical breadth and its intimately personal consequences."

The book is divided into four parts:

- * In Germany: The Story of the Families of Georg Albrecht and Mina Haker
- * In Sweden: The Story of the Family of Karsti Nilsson
- * In England and Beyond: The Story of the Family of Edmond Harris
- * In Fremont, Utah: The Story of the Family of Earl Albrecht

Leslie's book provides a magnificent example of family history writing - displaying the breadth and depth of her research, weaving historical and cultural events into the lives of her ancestors, and re-creating realistic scenes and family conversations at places in the stories. Throughout the book, Leslie's own family challenges and triumphs are woven into the narrative - she takes you from the ancestral past to her family's present on the same page. This reader felt that he was riding along with Leslie while visiting the ancestral places, and was witnessing her struggles as she tried to balance her family life with the thrill and drive to do more family research.

Significant historical and family research was conducted to generate the factual information in this book. She used published and unpublished resources in family papers, published books and periodical articles, and unpublished records found in the Family History Library microforms and in the local repositories in the places that she visited.

Leslie visited each ancestral place of the immigrant ancestors that she writes about. She spent several days, or several weeks in the case of the German towns, in the places trying to "see and feel" the homes, churches, and countryside of these locales. At each site, she found helpful and knowledgeable local persons that knew the history, the lay of the land and the local record repositories.

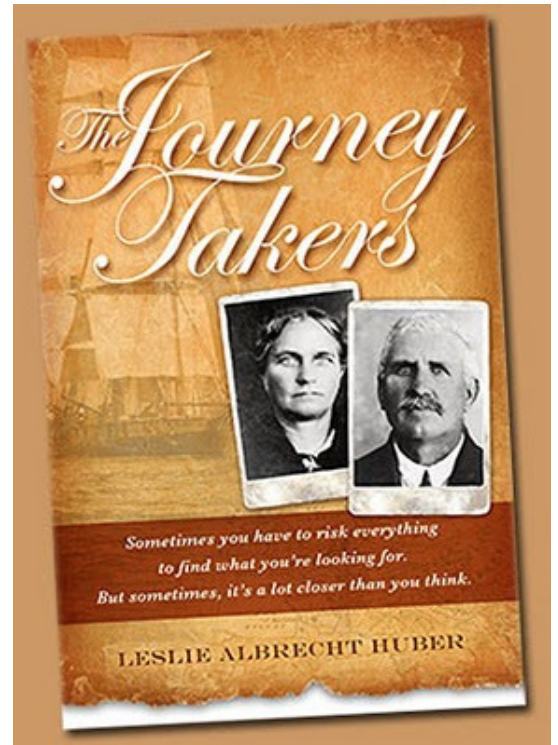
What sets this book apart from a dry "what, when, why, where and how" recitation of the research facts, experiences and conclusions is the use of re-created family stories and conversations between her ancestors throughout the book. While they are based on Leslie's imagination, they seem to be realistically based on the historical situations, and on records and diaries for similar persons in the same or similar situations.

The impact of larger historical events - wars, economic conditions, cultural movements, church upheavals, immigration travails, etc. - on the ancestral families are one of the most interesting parts of the work for me. Woven throughout the stories are the conversion of the ancestral families to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which was one of the major reasons for their immigration to the United States.

I really enjoyed reading this book because it provides excellent examples of family history research. It made her immigrant ancestors - the journey takers - come to life as real people with real feelings and fears. They overcome hardships and family tragedies to persevere and settle in Utah in the late 1800s. Their specific stories are Leslie's stories to tell, but they are instructive to all of us with immigrant ancestors from Europe and the process of migrating and settling within the United States. Leslie tells their unique stories passionately and well.

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Leslie Ann Huber, *The Journey Takers*, Foundation Books, 2010, 332 pages, 6 x 9, with appendix and bibliography. ISBN 2010924144, \$19.95 (paperback). The book can be ordered through Leslie's website, <http://www.thejourneytakers.com/>.



COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS

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

- Cuyahoga County OH Marriages, 1941-1973
- Dublin almanac and General Register of Ireland for 1841
- Historic Catalogs of Sears, Roebuck and Co., 1886-1993
- Index to Register of Deeds, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1667
- Parish Registers of St. Mary Aldermary, London
- Marriage Licences of Vicar-General of Archbishop of Canterbury, 1669-1679
- Harrow (England) School Register, 1801-1893
- Hamburg NY Prospect Lawn Cemetery Index, 1850-1950
- France Phone directory, 1907
- Upper Berry, France Births (1557-1907), Marriages (1561-1907), Deaths (1541-1907)
- US Military and Naval Academies, Cadet Records and Applications, 1805-1908
- Canada, CEF Burial Registers, First World War, 1914-1919
- Pennsylvania Veterans Burial Cards, 1777-1899
- World War II Prisoners of Japanese, 1941-1945
- California, WW1 Soldier Service Cards/Photos
- Quebec, Canada Land Grants, 1763-1890
- Alaska Alien Arrivals, 1906-1956
- See New and Updated Ancestry databases at <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/recent.aspx>

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

- See list of all available newspaper titles at <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/newspapers/sourcelist/>

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 FamilySearch Beta Search (Free) <http://beta.FamilySearch.org>

- Belgium Marriages, 1563-1890
- Belgium, Antwerp Police Immig. Index, 1840-1930
- Brazil, Catholic Church Records
- Canada Census, 1881
- Chile, Concepcion Civil Registration, 1885-1903
- Colombia, Catholic Church Records
- England, Lancashire, Cheshire, Yorkshire Parish Reg
- France Births and Baptisms, 1546-1896
- Georgia Deaths, 1928-1930
- Germany, Bremen Passenger Departures, 1904-1914
- Germany, Hessen, Darmstadt City Records
- Guatemala Civil Registration, 1877-1934
- Guatemala City, Sagrario Baptisms, 1898-1920
- Illinois, Belleville Diocese Parish Records, 1729-1956
- Jamaica, Church of England Parish Reg., 1664-1880
- Jamaica, Civil Birth Registration,
- Louisiana, E. Dist. Naturalization Petitions, 1838-1861
- Maryland, Naturalization Indexes, 1797-1951
- Maryland, Naturalization Petitions, 1906-1931
- Maryland, Register of Will Books, 1792-1983
- Massachusetts Naturalization Index, 1906-1966
- Mexico Census, 1930
- Minnesota Territorial Census, 1857
- Minnesota, State Census, 1885
- Netherlands, Zuid-Holland Civil Reg., 1811-1942
- New Mexico Deaths, 1889-1945
- New York State Census, 1905
- N.Y. W. Dist. Naturalization Index, 1907-1966
- N.Y. E. Dist. Naturalization Petitions, 1865-1957
- Nicaragua, Managua Civil Registration, 1879-2007
- North Carolina Deaths, 1906-1930
- Oklahoma, App. Enrollment to 5 Tribes, 1898-1914
- Ontario Births, 1891-1914
- PA, Philadelphia City Death Certificates, 1803-1915
- Quebec, Catholic Parish Registers, 1621-1900
- Rhode Island State Census, 1885
- Rhode Island State Census, 1905
- South Africa, Orange Free State Estates, 1951-1973
- South Dakota State Census, 1945
- Spain, Catholic Church Records, 1500-1930
- Tennessee County Marriages, 1790-1950
- US Census (Slave Schedule), 1950
- US Index to Naturalizations of WW1 Soldiers, 1918
- US, Mormon Battalion Pension Appl., 1846-1923
- Utah, Terr. Case Files of US Dist. Courts, 1870-1896
- US, Index to Pension Office Corr., 1889-1904
- US, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942

**Target the FAN Club to Solve
Elusive Ancestor Problems**
by Randy Seaver

I love it when respected genealogists take a complex subject and make it simple to understand.

Several professional genealogists have advised and spoken about the "FAN Club" Principle (see https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Elizabeth_Shown_Mills) while pursuing elusive ancestors - the Friends, Associates and Neighbors. Now Elizabeth Shown Mills has defined a method she uses - and it makes a lot of sense. She described it in her Transitional Genealogists Forum mailing list post dated 8 November 2010 (see <http://tinyurl.com/27nd9p4>) The description of the BullsEye concept is:

"It may help to think of genealogical research as a bull's eye. Our specific ancestor is the target. When we start to research a newly identified ancestor, that's who we focus on. Much of the time (or MOST of the time, in some areas!), we do seem to run out of records before we find the clear-cut evidence we need to identify his family or sort him from other same-name individuals.

"At that point, we need to move out a ring on the bull's eye--i.e., we extend the search to all known kin and all records created by those known kin. If that does not produce the evidence we seek, we move out to another ring of the bulls' eye: others of the same surname who are in the same area but aren't known to be kin. From there, if need be, we move out another ring to known associates--and, eventually, to the ring we might call "associates of associates."

I encourage all researchers to read all of Elizabeth's post, and the entire thread.

Like I said, it is simple, and elegant. What I really like about it is that it focuses attention on one group of FANs at a time, but eventually gets to the whole community.

My guess is that over 50% of elusive ancestor, or "brickwall" problems, can be solved using this approach. Almost all of the Case Studies published in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, and other peer-reviewed scholarly journals, are solved by using the FAN Club principle in conjunction with applying the Genealogical Proof Standard (see <http://www.bcgcertification.org/resources/standard.html> for more details).

Lemon Grove Research Group News
By Susi Pentico

The December meetings are on the 1st and 15th. We will celebrate Christmas on the 15th.

In January, the group will meet January 5th for a roundtable sharing of joys and woes of ones genealogy. We also will discuss the use of some charts and forms to help you keep track of your research easier. On January 19th, we hope to be discussing "Organization of your Genealogy" with Shirley Becker as our guest. These meetings are held at Lemon Grove Library from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, SusiCP@cox.net) for more details. All are invited to attend.

Ask Gene E. Allogee
Research Tips and Techniques

Question: There are so many different websites with online vital records information – where can I find an organized list?

Answer: You're in luck! Lists of online vital records are on Joe Beine's websites. They provide links to free, subscription and state office websites. Joe's sites include:

- * <http://www.genesearch.com/> - Joe's professional research site, with links to all of his web pages.
- * <http://www.deathindexes.com/> - A collection of links for each state relating to death records and obituaries, including some big city guides.
- *** A list of the available Social Security Death Index sites is at <http://www.deathindexes.com/ssdi.html>.
- *** Online obituary indexes, death notices and finding aids are at <http://www.deathindexes.com/obituaries.html>.
- *** Online cemetery indexes and burial records are provided at <http://www.deathindexes.com/cemeteries.html>.
- * <http://www.germanroots.com/vitalrecords.html> - A collection of links for each state relating to birth, marriage and divorce records.

The links on these sites often lead to commercial sites like Ancestry.com and the State vital records offices, or services that can obtain vital records from state vital records offices.

Also note that more vital records indexes and databases are added monthly, so check these sites often for your state of interest.

Welcome New Members

Joanna Ward
Karen Yarger
Donna Pagel

Meeting Host Volunteers

January 26th: Janice Nevills, Olive Lenane

Please contact Susi Pentico to volunteer!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

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CVGS Society Officers

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Ways and Means	Bob Page
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Annual Seminar and Luncheon

Speaker: Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Mission Valley

Reservations: Sue Aprea (sdgs.sueaprea@cox.net)

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2011 Regional and National Events

Feb. 10-12, 2011 - FamilySearch. RootsTech - A New Genealogy & Technology Conference.

Early sponsors include BYU, NEHGS, Ancestry.com, FGS. Salt Lake Convention Center (former Salt Palace); conference rate accommodations have been arranged with Radisson Hotel and Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. See <http://rootstech.familysearch.org>

Mar. 5, 2011 - Escondido Family History Fair

Mar. 25, 2011 - North San Diego County Genealogical Society. All-day seminar with Steve Morse. Flyer and registration form at <http://nsdscgs.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/2011-spring-flyer.pdf>

May 11-14, 2011 - National Genealogical Society. NGS 2011 Family History Conference.

Theme: *Where the Past is Present*. Online registration will open 1 December 2010. Location: North Charleston Convention Center, Charleston, South Carolina. Details at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info.

June 10-12, 2011 - Southern California Genealogical Society. 42nd Annual Genealogy Jamboree. Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel.

Sep. 7-10, 2011 - Federation of Genealogical Societies. Annual Conference. Springfield, Illinois. Watch for information at <http://www.fgs.org>

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

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, December 1, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CV Library Conference Room
- **Saturday, December 4, 1 p.m. – Workshop: Susi Pentico, “Research Charts That Help Organize Your Information”** at Bonita Library (4375 Bonita Road) Community Room
- **Wednesday, December 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CV Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, December 15, 11:30 a.m. – Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation**, at Chula Vista South Branch Library.
- **Wednesday, January 5, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CV Library Conference Room
- **Saturday, January 15, 12 noon. – Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Research Techniques”** at Bonita Library (4375 Bonita Road) Community Room
- **Wednesday, January 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CV Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, January 19, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CV Library Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, January 26, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Ruth Himan, “Mining Genealogical history in Kansast CV Library Auditorium**

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All CVGS Program Meetings are held, unless otherwise noted, at the
Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista
 Contact Barbara Ibaibarriaga (baribai@cox.net, 619-477-4140) for details.

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 Visit the **Chula Vista Genealogy Café** blog – <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>.

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