



# San Joaquin County Genealogical Society

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## MEETINGS

General Meeting:  
**Thursday,  
September 19  
5:45 p.m.**

Troke Library  
502 W. Benjamin Holt  
Stockton

Next Board Meeting:  
**October 7, 6:30 p.m.,**  
at the home of  
Virginia Kranz,  
6 W. Loretta, Stockton

*Thursday, September 19, 2013*

*5:45 p.m.*

*Margaret Troke Library  
502 W. Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton*

## Celebrating Sixty One Years! A Tour Through Sixty One Years Of Society History

Have you been a member of our Society long enough to remember reading *this* in your Society newsletter in January, 1982:



HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY!!



This January marks the 30th anniversary of the San Joaquin Genealogical Society. It was formed by Mrs. Dwight Curtis, Sr. (Mary), after the genealogy class she had taught at Stockton College ended in 1952. Meetings were first held in homes, then, as interest grew and a library collection was begun, the Society was given a home in the Western Americana Room of the Library at the University of the Pacific. After several years the growth of both the University's and the Society's library collections outgrew the limited space available, so the Society decided to donate its collection to the Stockton Public Library where it would be more readily

Whether you remember that or not, join us at our general meeting **Thursday, September 19**, for an interactive tour through sixty one years of Society history as emcee **Charlie Lambaren** takes us on a walk down memory lane along with presentation committee members Virginia Kranz, Betty Mathis, Sheri Fenley and Marilyn Rauzi.

As genealogists, we seek to document the significant events of our families' histories. This is our opportunity to take a look at the organization in San Joaquin County which has been responsible for encouraging us all to take a deeper look at our family roots.

Join us for an evening of celebration, complete with anniversary cake! The party just wouldn't be the same without you.

## Our Newest Book Project Available for Purchase!

SJCGS Projects Chairman **Betty Mathis** announces publication of our Society's newest books: *Death Records of Casa Bonita Mausoleum, Stockton CA*, volumes I and II.

The two volume reference set begins with the Stockton mausoleum's records in 1928 through 1948, then continues with segments from 1949-1958 and 1967-1970. Each soft cover volume includes index of names.

This latest project is significant in that it includes hard-to-access records of patients from the Stockton State Hospital, Modesto State Hospital, San Joaquin General Hospital and the Brett Harte Sanitarium in Murphys.

The two volume set is available for purchase for \$25, or either volume may be purchased separately for \$15, plus sales tax and shipping. More information is provided in the order sheet included with this newsletter.

## Katherine Borges to Speak In Modesto

Members who attended our annual dinner last January gave a favorable reception to International Society of Genetic Genealogy Director, Katherine Borges.

Those of you who wished she could have spoken in further detail on DNA testing will be interested to note that our neighboring Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County will be hosting a five hour seminar presented by Ms. Borges on October 26. The early registration, before September 30, will be \$35 for non-members. For more information, click [this link](#).

## Another Job Well Done

In September of last year, **Michael Herring**, the Funeral Director of Casa Bonita Funeral Home, graciously offered our Society the privilege of copying their records. These were cremation records dating back to 1928 and extending to February 1958, plus a number of records dated 1969-1971. These records are a real treasure for the genealogist. Included in the records are the decedents name, age, date of birth, place of birth, date of death, place of death, name of father, birth place of father, name of mother and birth place of mother. Obituaries taken from the Stockton newspaper were also attached to the files. Many of the cremations were persons who were residents of the Stockton and Modesto State Hospitals, which should help fill in the gaps for researcher working in those areas.

We were provided with a spacious working area with tables and kitchen facilities. We worked there every Wednesday, unless there was a funeral scheduled for that day, until the job was completed. The material we gathered is presently being edited and put into book form and will be published soon.

Our special thanks goes out to Michael Herring and the staff at Casa Bonita and to the following members who worked diligently on this project: Melinda Lambaren, Charlie Lambaren, Karen Ramos, Susan Saunders-King, Jo Ann Talbot, Lori Calhoon, Al Avey, Jim McWilliams, Eunice Kenyon, Sheri Fenley, Sylvia Perez and myself.

Thank you all for a job well done!

~**Betty Mathis**, projects chairman

## From Our President

Dear SJCGS Member,

I hope you have had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to a beautiful autumn. The SJCGS has many activities for you to enjoy and participate in the next few months.

Our September 19 membership meeting at Troke Library, 5:45 p.m., will be a special event! We will be celebrating the 61st anniversary of our Society with an informative and entertaining presentation by some of our wonderful, dedicated long-time members. The history, accomplishments, interesting anecdotes and contributions of outstanding members will be covered. Refreshments and anniversary cake will be served, with a time to socialize with fellow members and guests. Please join us.

Our October 17 meeting will be a presentation by a FamilySearch.org associate, Robert Givens, on how to make the best use of the site in your research.

November 21 will be our annual business meeting, with election of officers for 2014. A slate of officers will be sent to you before this meeting. In order to vote, you must attend the meeting. Officers will then be installed at the January dinner meeting. Please consider running for an office (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Librarian.) New ideas and viewpoints and people are welcomed to lead and to invigorate the organization. Or consider working on one of our many committees this year or next year. Let any of our Board members know of your interest(s) and we can fill you in.

Other activities to look forward to are the beginning genealogy workshops, held at the Margaret Troke Library on the following Saturdays: September 28, October 26 and November 16. Each workshop is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Board will also be planning some other membership activities—possibly a local field trip, special interest groups, interactive learning activities for members.

Always remember your suggestions are greatly appreciated. We want to hear from you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 61st anniversary celebration meeting on September 19.

**Lori Calhoon**

SJCGS President, 2013

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# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## September

**Saturday, September 14:** Nueva Galicia Genealogical Society Conference, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. at California State Archives in Sacramento. See enclosed flier and agenda.

**Saturday, September 14:** Mad About Maps Genealogy Seminar at California Genealogical Society, Oakland. Requires early pre-registration. See enclosed article.

**Thursday, September 19:** General membership meeting at the Margaret Troke Library from 5:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. Featured: Celebrating 61 Years at SJCGS!

**Friday, September 20:** Family Legacy Writing Workshop at Chavez Library, 3-5 p.m.

**Saturday, September 28:** Beginners' Genealogy workshop at Margaret Troke Library from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 28:** "Finding Your Japanese Roots" at California Genealogical Society, Oakland. Requires early pre-registration. See enclosed flier.

## October

**Monday, October 7:** SJCGS Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members welcome.

**Thursday, October 17:** General membership meeting at Troke Library from 5:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. Featured speaker: Robert Givens from FamilySearch.org.

**Saturday, October 26:** Beginners' Genealogy workshop at Margaret Troke Library from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 26:** Genealogical DNA Seminar with Katherine Borges, sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County. Pre-register by September 30.

## November

**Monday, November 4:** SJCGS Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members welcome.

**Thursday, November 21:** General membership meeting and annual election of officers at the Margaret Troke Library from 5:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.

## Did You Know?

It helps to pay attention to newsletters from neighboring genealogical societies. The Kern County Genealogy Society President found this item in "The Past Finder" from the Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society, and passed it along.

Found: a website providing links to thousands of digital books on genealogy, biographies and history, set up by Mollie Lynch of Clarkston, Michigan. You can download many of these books on your own computer. Check it out at <http://genealogybooklinks.com/>.

~Melinda Lambaren

## Newsletter Copy Deadline

The San Joaquin County Genealogical Society newsletter is published nine times a year: monthly from January through June and September through November.

Upcoming copy deadline is **September 25, 2013**. Guest submissions pertaining to topics of *specific interest* to the San Joaquin County Genealogical Society are welcome. Please submit articles in either Microsoft Word or plain text format to the attention of the SJCGS Newsletter Editor via email at [sjcogensoc@gmail.com](mailto:sjcogensoc@gmail.com).

## Upcoming California Genealogical Society Seminars

With the library and headquarters of the California Genealogical Society located so close to us in nearby Oakland, we have several opportunities to avail ourselves of their educational presentation.

First, be sure to avail yourself of the upcoming "Mad About Maps Genealogy Seminar," to be presented by the CGS at their library in Oakland on Saturday afternoon, September 14, from 1:00 to 4:00. The workshop will be presented by professional genealogist, professor of geography and author, Dr. Melinda Kashuba. Cost for the workshop is \$20 for CGS members, \$40 for non-members. More information and online registration may be [accessed here](#). Be sure to register soon; registration is limited to thirty participants.

Later in September, the CGS will be offering "Finding Your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and in Japan" on the 28th, again from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This seminar is part of their Ethnic Research series, and is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced researchers. The workshop is free to CGS members; non-member fee is \$20. Again, registration is limited to thirty participants, so see the enclosed flier for more information and directions for online registration.

## Interested in Carpooling to Nearby Seminars?

If you spot an announcement for an out-of-town genealogy workshop you are interested in attending but are reluctant to drive to by yourself, send us the workshop information in an email at [sjcogen-soc@gmail.com](mailto:sjcogen-soc@gmail.com). We'll be glad to help connect SJCGS members interested in carpooling to nearby workshops or seminars.

## Want to Become More Involved in Your Society?

Here are some of the latest opportunities for members to become more involved in your Genealogical Society. If one of these activities interests you, we'd love to hear from you!

- **Volunteer** along with other SJCGS members as a genealogy research coach at the Chavez library in downtown Stockton on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our research coaches provide guidance to beginners' questions on genealogical research, either regarding our extensive collection of books we've donated to the library, or concerning online research using the library edition of Ancestry.com. To see how you can help, please join us at Chavez library on Tuesdays, or call **Virginia Kranz** at 209 477 0634, or email her at [r.kranz@comcast.net](mailto:r.kranz@comcast.net).
- If you have a talent as a gracious host or hostess, volunteer to assist or head up our Welcoming committee, coordinating refreshments for our general meetings and beginners' workshops. To get involved, contact **Melinda Lambaren** at [chasmellamb@gmail.com](mailto:chasmellamb@gmail.com) or call 209 477 3209.
- Consider running for office. Each of our officers serve for a term of one year. SJCGS conducts elections for the upcoming calendar year during our November meeting. We are looking for candidates interested in running for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian. If you're not quite ready to nominate yourself or another member for an office, consider volunteering for one of our many committees as a way to get more involved in SJCGS.



## Call for Nominations for Upcoming Elections

According to the timeline established in our recently-updated bylaws, the SJCGS is in the process of establishing the 2013 Nominating Committee and preparing to submit a slate of officers for the elections which will be held during our November meeting. This vital process helps your Society determine its leadership for the upcoming calendar year. Please help us by volunteering your suggestions, nominations—and even your own time to help make this effort a success!

Consider volunteering to **serve on the Nominating Committee** itself, helping the committee to seek qualified candidates for each of the Society's elected offices. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, we need to hear from you immediately. Please email the Committee Chairperson, Jacqi Stevens, at [afamilytapestry@gmail.com](mailto:afamilytapestry@gmail.com) before Sunday, September 15.

The Nominating Committee needs input from our membership. Please provide suggestions for qualified candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian. You are also welcome to nominate yourself for any of these offices.

In mid September, the Nominating Committee will send out a **call for nominations** to all members. Please be sure to respond to this request as quickly as possible, to assist the committee in preparing its slate of officers to submit at the October 7 Board meeting.

Once the slate is accepted by the Board, it will be distributed to membership in preparation for the November 21 election.

## Writing Your Family's Story?

If you have considered writing a book on your family's history, you will be interested in an upcoming workshop to be presented at local libraries. Author **Linda Weaver Clarke**, who has published several historical romance novels, travels the country teaching a two-hour [Family Legacy workshop](#). The goal of the class is to help participants get their family history in writing in a variety of story formats.

Linda Weaver Clarke is scheduled to speak on Wednesday, September 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Manteca library, followed by the same presentation at the Maya Angelou branch from 4 to 6.

On **Friday, September 20**, from 3 to 5 p.m., she will [teach at the Chavez library](#) in downtown Stockton. Since a small group of SJCGS members are interested in attending this session, the author has agreed to meet with us for a **follow-up Question and Answer session** over dinner. ***If you plan on joining this group, please let us know by sending an email to [sjcogensoc@gmail.com](mailto:sjcogensoc@gmail.com).***

Those not able to attend any of these weekday sessions can still join in on the Saturday session at the Modesto library. A flier for the Modesto session is enclosed with this newsletter, and provides more information on the class.

## Help Spread the Word

We've enclosed a flier on our upcoming Beginning Genealogy workshop on September 28. If you know of people who are interested in researching their family history but could use some help getting started, this would be an excellent way to begin. Please pass along the announcement to others.

New Publications of the

## ***San Joaquin Genealogical Society***

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Death Records of Casa Bonita Mausoleum \$15.00  
Stockton, CA August 1928 to December 1948 Book 1  
Soft cover, indexed, 101 pages

Death Records of Casa Bonita Mausoleum \$15.00  
Stockton, CA 1949 to 1958 & 1967 to 1970 Book 2  
Soft cover, indexed, 81 pages

Purchase both of the above books number 1 and 2 \$25.00

Both books are alphabetical by the name of the deceased and written in the same format. Information includes their name, their birth date and place, their death date and place, their parents' names and place of birth, and the place of interment.

Many of the cremations were patients of the Stockton State Hospital, Modesto State Hospital, San Joaquin General Hospital and the Brett Harte Sanitarium in Murphys

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Sub Total	-----
CA residents add .08% sales tax	-----
Postage \$2.50 for the first book and 50 cents for each additional book.	-----
<b>Total</b>	-----

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San Joaquin Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 690243  
Stockton, CA 95269-0243

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# Teen & Adult Program



## Free Genealogy Workshop for Beginners

**Saturday, September 28, 2013  
11 a.m.—1 p.m.**

### **Finding Your Roots—Basic Document Research**

Presented by the San Joaquin Genealogical Society  
Learn what documents are useful, where to find them, and how to get them  
including birth certificates, marriage licenses, and death certificates.

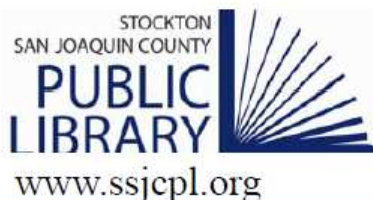
### **After the presentation, volunteers will be available for individual help in online research.**

Bring whatever data you already have: birth, marriage,  
death dates of ancestors, where they lived, etc.

**Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.  
Sign up at the Troke Branch Library's Information Desk.  
Participants may bring their own laptops.**

### **Troke Branch Library**

502 W. Benjamin Holt Dr., Stockton  
(209) 937-8221 or (866) 805-7323 (READ)



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Society and Friends of the  
Stockton Public Library





# Nueva Galicia Genealogical Society

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## 2013 Genealogy Conference

**Date:** 14 Sep 2013

**Time:** 8am—5pm

**Location:** California State Archives,  
1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA

**Registration fee:** \$75 if received before  
September 1st. \$80 after. (Includes  
continental breakfast and lunch)

**For registration** information e-mail:  
[allieavelar@gmail.com](mailto:allieavelar@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.nuevagalicia.net>



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### Speakers:

**José Enciso Contreras**, Dr. Enciso has a doctorate in law from the Universidad de Alicante, Spain. He also received his licentiate degree in law from the Universidad de Zacatecas.

**Andrés Resendez**, Dr. Resendez has a Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago and is currently a Professor of History at UC Davis.





## **Nueva Galicia Genealogical Society**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogical Conference

Saturday September 14, 2013

At the California State Archives,

1020 O Street, Sacramento, California

### **Agenda**

#### **Morning Session: With focus on Nueva Galicia's Colonial Period**

- Continental Breakfast at Vallejo's, 1100, O street – 7:30 to 8:00
- Registration and introduction of officers and speakers – 8:00 to 8:30
- Who do you think they are, 30 min. - 8:30 to 9:00
- From Zacatecas, Zacatecas, Dr. Jose Enciso Contreras, "The Roots of Independence in Nueva Galicia" "Las Raices de la Independencia en Nueva Galicia" 1 ½ hours, 9 to 10:30 - Includes a question and answer session. (the presentation will be in Spanish with an English translation)
- 15 minute break – 10:30 to 10:45
- UC Davis Professor, Andres Resendez "Colonial times in Nueva Galicia" - 1 ½ hours 10:45 to 12:15 – Includes a question and answer session
- Lunch: 12:15 to 1:15 - Walk to Vallejo's around the corner at 1100, O Street.

#### **Afternoon Session: With a Focus on the Californio Families**

- Who do you know they are - 1/2 hour - 1:15 to 1:45
- Tour of the state archives, with emphasis on the holdings of Joaquin Murrieta and Tiburcio Vasquez - 45 minutes 1:45 to 2:30
- Break - 15 min. - 2:30 - 2:45
- Stanley Lucero – Pueblo Las Juntas - 2:45 to 3:45
- Robert Hernandez - Joaquin Murrieta and Tiburcio Vasquez, Fact or Fiction – 3:45 to 4:30
- El Trio Capital, musical performance - 4:30 to 4:45
- Closing Ceremony and door prize– 4:45 to 5:00

#### **After the conference: With a Focus on getting to know one another , sharing stories, histories and genealogies.**

- No Host Dinner to follow at Vallejo's after the conference for those interested, with a serenade by "El Trio Capital" Dinner without drinks, \$15.00 per person. RSVP if you plan to attend the dinner to [NGGS-2013-Googlegroups.com](http://NGGS-2013-Googlegroups.com)
- For those attending the conference, there will be a door prize, an autographed book in Spanish, authored by the distinguished, Dr. Jose Enciso Contreras. Epistolario de Zacatecas, a selected collection of letters sent to the court of Spain between 1549 – 1599 You must be present to participate in the raffle.

The book sells on Amazon for \$445.54, if you can find it.

[Epistolario De Zacatecas 1549-1599](#) by Jose Enciso Contreras (1996)

[\\$445.54 used \(1 offer\)](#)



# Linda Weaver Clarke

Author and Lecturer



"Ms. Clarke is terrific. She appeals to genealogists and aspiring authors. I was terribly impressed! She instructs for two hours; the people were genuinely attuned to what she presents. She just impressed the heck out of me. She KNOWS her subject and can present it wonderfully. As I say, she is terrific, thorough, professional, yet strikes just the right chord with her audience."

– Mary Jo Gohlke, Adult Programming  
Stockton Public Library, California

Meet author

**LINDA WEAVER CLARKE**

at

Modesto Library Auditorium  
1500 I Street  
Modesto, CA

## **Family Legacy Writing Workshop**

Saturday, September 21, 1:00 – 3:00

RSVP: 209-558-7814

### **WHAT IS FAMILY LEGACY?**

Each of us has a story from our ancestors or even our own story to tell. If these stories are unwritten, then how are your children going to know of their heritage? It's up to us to write these experiences down. Turn your family history into a variety of interesting stories, something your children will be proud of.

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a variety of interesting stories.

Make your ancestors come alive on paper.

Learn the most important  
elements of writing.

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# Finding Your Japanese Roots

## in the U.S. and in Japan

Learn how to document your unique family history

Densho Digital Archive, 2008

**The California Genealogical Society proudly announces the newest offering in our ongoing ethnic research series: Researching Japanese Ancestry.**

Join Linda Harms Okazaki for the premier of this half-day seminar. The first half will focus on background and research in the United States:

- the political climate and pertinent U.S. laws
- internment camps
- post WWII experience
- repatriation and redress.

The second half of the seminar will concern research in Japan:

- finding your koseki
- understanding ohaka and kakocho
- visiting relatives, cemeteries and temples

The seminar is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced researchers. Attendees are welcome to bring a bag lunch at noon to meet seminar participants and discuss their Japanese-American history.

**When:** Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** California Genealogical Society  
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2  
Entrance on 22nd  
Oakland, California

**How:** Register online:  
<http://tinyurl.com/Japanese2013Reg>

**Cost:** Free for members. Non-members fee is \$20.00 (non-refundable) and can be applied towards membership on the day of the class.

This class is limited to *thirty* participants. Preregistration is required. Walk-ins will not be admitted.

**QUESTIONS?** Call CGS: (510) 663-1358 or E-mail: Jane Lindsey at [events@californiaancestors.org](mailto:events@californiaancestors.org)

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# **Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County**

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## **Genealogical DNA Seminar**

Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Telle Center, 1600 Carver Road, Modesto, 95350

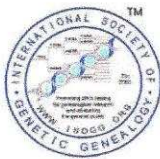
Saturday October 26, 2013

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



**Katherine Hope Borges**

**Director and Co-founder**



### **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF GENETIC GENEALOGY**

The first society founded to promote the use of DNA testing in genealogy

#### **Seminar Topics**

##### **1. "Crash Course in Genetic Genealogy"**

Learn about different types of DNA used for genealogy, how that DNA is passed to you from your ancestors, and how DNA can help you with your genealogical mysteries.

##### **2. "I've DNA tested so now what?"**

Once your results are in, what are the next steps I should take? How do I understand the results? What projects should I join? Learn all of this and more!

##### **3. "Autosomal DNA: The New Revolution"**

Learn about different autosomal DNA products and how you can use it to learn about your origins and many more ancestral lines.

##### **4. "Famous DNA"**

Hear about different types of famous people's DNA, what the DNA tells you about their origins, and how you can learn whether you match someone famous.

Additional time will be made available at the end of the program for individual DNA questions

**Cost: \$30 for GSSC members, \$35 for nonmembers for early registration and \$40 after deadline & at the door. Early registration deadline 9-30-13 Mid-day lunch break with several restaurants nearby.**

**Submit the attached seminar registration and check to:**

**GSSC P. O. Box A, Modesto, CA 95352-3660**

**You are also invited to join our society. A form for that purpose is attached as well.**



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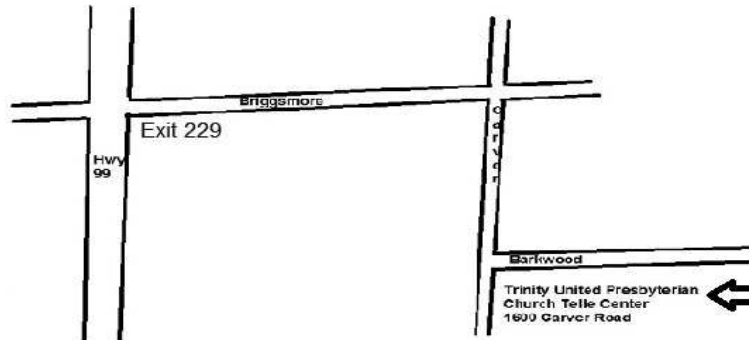
## Genealogical DNA Seminar with Katherine Hope Borges

Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Telle Center, 1600 Carver Road, Modesto, 95350  
Saturday October 26, 2013  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Trinity United Presbyterian Church,  
Telle Center,  
1600 Carver Road, Modesto, 95350



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\$30 for GSSC members, \$35 for nonmembers early registration and \$40 after deadline & at the door

Early Registration Deadline - September 30, 2013

"DNA - Genealogical Research using modern tools"

### Seminar Application Form

- ☐ GSSC member \$30
- ☐ Non-member \$35
- ☐ Late registration \$40



Please check one above

Number attending

Amount paid

Name

Address

City/ State/Zip

Area Code / Phone

Email

mail registration form and check payable to GSSC to: GSSC, P. O. Box A, Modesto, CA 9532-3660

## Tools to Help You Use Maps For Research

When you document your family's history, do you include the use of historic maps? If not—or if you wish to find more directions on how to do so—consider these great resources.

Rocky Mountain Corridor genealogist [Jen Baldwin](#) recently wrote a great overview on using maps at Archives.com. In her article, "[Exploring Your Ancestors' World With Geography](#)," Jen described the "secret weapon" you need to know about in using maps for research, and she lists online and CD resources for finding a wide variety of historic maps.



Genealogy blogger (and fellow newsletter editor for the [Chula Vista Genealogical Society](#)) Randy Seaver recently posted on how he used historic maps to determine the [transportation routes westward](#) his immigrating ancestors might have taken. Also, in Randy's "[Genealogy Links](#)" page, scroll down to the heading "Maps," for additional resources.

If you prefer relying on books, last July blogger Colleen Brown Pasquale reviewed William Dollarhide's *Map Guide to America's Migration Routes* and explained how the book helped her determine her fourth great-grandfather's route through the Indian Nations to the Western Country in 1811, in an interesting article you can read by [clicking here](#).

Countless other online resources can boost your genealogy research. Click on these others to explore the possibilities. An international example uses [surnames](#) from [County Clare in Ireland](#), the Newberry Library provides an [Atlas of Historical County Boundaries](#), the [Old Maps Online Portal](#) allows you to search maps from around the world. There's a lot to be learned from bloggers, too. *The Legal Genealogist* [Judy Russell shares map resources](#) she discovered from Samford University's Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research. [Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems](#) checks out FamilySearch's Map App. Even *Mashable* gets in the act, showing you [how to customize your own Google Map](#)—handy for tracking, say, family immigrations. Hey, there's even a [genealogy map resource on Pinterest](#)! With so many ideas, it isn't hard to imagine how you can put maps to good use, too.

## Stockton to Host Seminar

The SJCGS is honored to be selected as host for the upcoming day-long seminar sponsored by the California State Genealogical Alliance. The Saturday event will be held at the University of the Pacific next **February 22**.

The event will feature classes by four widely-recognized genealogists from the California State Genealogical Alliance. Look for more information on seminar topics and registration directions in this newsletter soon.

## Resources for Beginners

If you have friends asking for tips on how to get started with genealogical research, don't forget to tell them about the SJCGS resources available at the Chavez library in downtown Stockton.

SJCGS volunteers are on hand at the Chavez branch every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to provide answer beginners' questions on genealogical research. The well-stocked genealogical reference area also provides a wealth of resources to beginners and advanced researchers alike.



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