

# Saddleback Valley Trails

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Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Main Mission Viejo LDS Church Building, 27976 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive. Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy. Individual membership fees are \$25 per year, joint membership \$30. SOCCGS is not affiliated with the LDS Family History Center.

**With the continuing closure of our physical meeting facilities, we are bringing back most of our meetings virtually. Please check our [calendar](#) for July to see the upcoming meetings that we will be holding virtually. As we move forward, we will continue to assess current events, and adjust the calendar of events accordingly.**

**July 18, 2020 - 10am**

**"How Genetic Genealogy Brought Buckskin Girl Home after 37 Years"**

**Webinar Presented by: Colleen Fitzpatrick**

DNA Doe Project is a non-profit organization founded by Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick and Dr. Margaret Press to use genetic genealogy to identify John and Jane Does, sometimes decades old. On April 24, 1981, the body of a young woman was found along Greenlee Road in Newton Township, west of Troy, Ohio. She was nicknamed "Buckskin Girl," after the tasseled buckskin jacket that she had been wearing at the time of her death. About two hundred leads were followed as a result of the media attention, yet none resulted in her identification. Come hear the fascinating story about how Buckskin Girl was identified and reunited her with her family after 37 years.

**About the speaker:** Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, the founder of Identifinders International, is widely recognized as the founder of modern Forensic Genealogy. She has worked dozens of cold case homicides for law enforcement using genetic genealogy analysis. Most notably, she is credited with solving the 1992-1993 Phoenix Canal Murders – the first case solved using genetic genealogy. In addition to applying her expertise to cold case work, Dr. Fitzpatrick has been the Forensic Genealogist on several historical projects including the Identification of the Unknown Child on the Titanic and the Abraham Lincoln DNA Project. She has also been a key member of the teams that have exposed three international Holocaust literary frauds. Her collaborations include the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, the US Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Office, the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem, and the University of Arizona. She is an Associate Member of the American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS).

She has appeared extensively in the international media including The Today Show, BBC World News Tonight, RTE Ireland Television's Nationwide, Radio New Zealand, The Melbourne Sun, CNN, NPR's Talk of the Nation, More Magazine, and Scientific American. She is the author of three books: *Forensic Genealogy*, *DNA & Genealogy*, and *The Dead Horse Investigation: Forensic Photo Analysis for Everyone*.

**This month we will be offering our speaker's presentation by webinar. More details and a link to register for the webinar will be emailed to all SOCCGS members.**

## Zoom Webinar with Thomas MacEntee ~Kathie Mauzey



At our monthly general meeting on June 20, 2020, Thomas MacEntee presented “Mapping Your Genealogy: From A to Z and In-Between.” Thomas showed a wide variety of maps and how to incorporate the information in your genealogy research. He also showed us creative ways to share genealogy using maps. 89 members attended the webinar.



One new site that I found interesting was <https://uencounter.me> that uses the Google Maps concept and adds a social media aspect to it. Share information about your ancestors by pinning items to a map. Once you enter an address or place a pin in a specific location on a map, you then add details including dates and descriptions. You can set up notifications so when another pin is placed nearby, you will receive a message and you can then connect and exchange information with that user. It makes it easy to see if other users might have ancestors in the same location as your own ancestors.

On **Page 14** of the newsletter is the Online and Offline Historic Map Resources page from Thomas’ handout, reprinted with his permission.

## Membership ~Lynn Souers

As of June 24, 2020, we have 308 members.  
**New Member: George Bull**, Lake Forest

I look forward to the day when we can meet again, and I can thank our wonderful members in person for their support. “Other things may change us, but we start and end with family.”



## Safari News ~Bill Bluet

No safaris are scheduled for July and August.  
In September we will resume the safaris, if libraries are open.



## Genealogy Tip of the Day <http://genealogytipoftheday.com>

### **How Much Do You Know About that Occupation?** Posted 16 Jun 2020

You may be fortunate enough to know what your relative’s occupation was. But do you know anything about that occupation during the time period your relative had it?

There could be clues in that occupation that could help you learn even more about your relative than you already do. And just because you know how the occupation “works” today does not mean that you know how it “worked” in 1750.

**IN MEMORIUM  
VERL DEAN NASH**



Verl joined SOCCGS in May 2002 after he and his wife Sue moved to Orange County. At our meetings he always had a smile and usually told a joke before our break. Verl was also a volunteer at Mission Hospital. He passed away on May 27, 2020. We will miss Verl. His obituary is available to view at O'Connor Mortuary:

<https://oconnormortuary.com/obits/verl-dean-nash/>

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**Beginning Genealogy Classes are Returning!**  
~Arlene O'Donnell

Our Beginning Genealogy classes are returning, virtually! For the next few months, we will offer the **evening class** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Registration can be made through our SOCCGS website under “Events.” The first Webinar-style class will be July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Who are you and where are you from? Do you really know or are you relying on family folklore? Come join our class that will give you an overview of what is in store for you if you join in this exciting journey. This class will equip you with organizational skills, resources, and a road map to get your journey underway! No specific skills are needed other than an insatiable interest in your family's history. Every family has their own special story to tell. Learn about yours!

This is a great opportunity if you have friends or family members who want to find out what Genealogy is all about.

**June SIG Meetings on Zoom**

**Christianne Rottenberg** - Our virtual **Writing Family History Stories** group took place on June 10th with 9 attendees. Please email the moderator Christianne at [writingstories@socccgs.com](mailto:writingstories@socccgs.com) for an invite to the next meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Gayle Meldau** – Eighteen people joined us for the virtual Ireland/Scotland SIG on June 19th. We discussed the IrelandXO website, and the resources available at PRONI, the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland. Email us at [irelandscotlandsig@socccgs.org](mailto:irelandscotlandsig@socccgs.org) if you'd like to join us on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



**Jay Culliney** – The virtual **DNA SIG** meeting took place on June 26, 2020 with 26 attendees. Contact Jay at [dnasig@socccgs.org](mailto:dnasig@socccgs.org) for more information. Next meeting is July 24<sup>th</sup>.

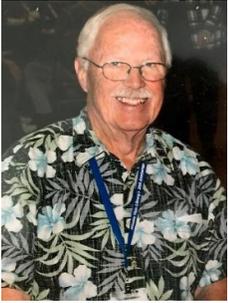


**Gary Schwarz** – The virtual German SIG took place on June 17<sup>th</sup> with 6 attendees. Contact Gary at [germansig@socccgs.org](mailto:germansig@socccgs.org) for more information. The next meeting is July 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Meet the Members**  
~Lynn Souers

**Bill Bluett – Treasurer and Safari Chairman**



**Where did you grow up?**

I was born in Bell Gardens, California, which is about 10 miles south and a little bit east of downtown Los Angeles. My first recollection was the home in Maywood that we lived in until after World War II. Our family then lived on 77<sup>th</sup> near Fremont High School. Later, we moved to 89<sup>th</sup> Street between Avalon and Central in South L. A. My parents divorced about that time and my mother, brother, sister and I moved to Lynwood in 1952. That is where I graduated from High School in 1957.

**Your college/work background**

Compton Jr. College and Cal. State Long Beach were my college “alma maters” where I majored in design drafting and Mechanical Engineering. I worked over 20 years with the Fluor Corporation in the field of “petrochemical” design and engineering. My family and I spent 2 years in Tehran, Iran, in the early to mid-1970’s while I was employed with Fluor. My second engineering career was in the field of “water and sanitation” facilities for another 15 years. I worked for John Carollo Engineers in Fountain Valley and then RBF Consulting in Irvine. I retired in 2001 to our home San Clemente where we have resided for over 43 years.

**What is your best genealogy research tip**

My best genealogy tip for our members would be to do “historical newspaper research” along with all your additional research. What I find in newspapers puts so much more “flesh on the bones” as one might say. This type of research has given me so much more personal detail for many of my ancestors. The information found on these historical pages (which might include a photo) has enabled me to write short stories for over 40 ancestors to date. Our society’s “writing class” has been a great encourager for me to put all this information into “story form” so family members will hopefully read them and better appreciate our ancestors for who they were.

**My most interesting/infamous relative**

Who is my most interesting or infamous relative? That is a hard one to sort out. I have a Revolutionary War veteran that was present when Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington. I have a Civil War veteran that was present when Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox. I have a great-great grandfather who crossed the plains twice from Wisconsin to first travel to California in 1849. Then, returned home, gathered his family, and traveled across the plains a second time and settled in Ashland, Oregon in 1854. But, my most recent find is one that has a lot of newspaper coverage and has made a great story. My great grandfather’s cousin, John Bluett, was the construction foreman for the 4-mile long Sutro Tunnel in Virginia City, Nevada. It was constructed during the 1870’s. John received a solid gold watch and chain in 1879 for his efforts. You can check out Adolph Sutro’s tunnel project online. Much has been written.

**Genealogy Search Tip of the Day** <http://searchtip.genealogytipoftheday.com>

**University of Florida’s Oral History Collection** posted 26 Jun 2020

From the website: The *Samuel Proctor Oral History Program Digital Collection* includes the digital holdings of the **Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP)** at the University of Florida. With over 8,000 interviews, of which over 3,600 are online, the SPOHP collection is one of the largest oral history archives in the South and one of the top collections in the country.

## From our Members

**Metty Thomason** - I watched the following video *Railroad Ties* on Ancestry's new video collection. A very interesting story about 6 strangers pulled together that have a common bond.  
<https://www.ancestry.com/cs/railroadties>

### And our Communication during the Pandemic continues! ~Arlene O'Donnell

It was hard to top off the successes I had last month, but it happened!

I heard from **Barbara Taylor** that what might have been small, relatively inconsequential messages turned into big successes worthy of a drum roll! It seems an exceedingly small DNA match (6 cMs) which could easily go unnoticed, became noticed because it matched on multiple other tests she manages. Together they determined the names of her 8<sup>th</sup> Great Grandparents (hallelujah). She also heard from a 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin DNA match who shared oodles of great background information. Barbara also reported back on the achievements being made by her group indexing a cemetery. She is doing the indexing and 2 other researchers are taking the photographs for Find-A-Grave. Great teamwork, Barbara, and thanks for sharing with us!

And speaking of successes with Find-A-Grave: I was able to locate the burial location of my 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandparents through a response to a message thru Ancestry that I sent in 2016 and was just answered! Following thru, I made Memorial pages in Find-A-Grave for Woodlawn Cemetery located in the Bronx, for both ancestors and completed photo requests. In less than a day I received a response with a photograph of their (sadly) unmarked graves. Add that to my list for after the pandemic subsides, I plan to get busy and order a marker for them.

Just today, I received a slew of new DNA matches from MyHeritage. Have already connected with 2 DNA matches who hail from the region that my John Smith is from! Success just continues.

Please let us know whom you have heard from during recent times. Your fellow researchers will benefit from your handling of the information!

### Free Access to Digital Archives

The British National Archives continues to provide free access to digital records as long as their Kew site is closed to visitors. For more information, go to:  
<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>

### National Ice Cream Day - 3rd Sunday in July (July 19, 2020)



When you get the urge for a snack on a hot, humid summer night, what's the first thing that comes to your mind? That's right....Ice Cream! Therefore, it's only fitting that ice cream be given it's own special day. On this day, we hope you enjoy an ice cream cone, a sundae, or a milk shake. Set the diet aside and splurge a little...have one of each!

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month. He also established National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday in the month.

Ice cream is nutritious. A little heavy on the sugar and calories, ice cream is otherwise good for you. Its base ingredient is milk, which is loaded with healthy vitamins and minerals.

### Other July holidays to celebrate our families:

July 24 – Cousins Day

July 26 – Aunt and Uncle Day and Parents Day

July 30 – Father-in-Law Day

<http://holidayinsights.com/>

## July Free Webinar

### Legacy

**Jul 1 – 11am** – Finding a Father for Molly-Using DNA – Jill Morelli

**Jul 8 – 5pm** – Turning dry facts into exciting narrative – Carol Baxter

**Jul 14 – 11am** – Connecting the Dots-Introduction to Auto Clusters at MyHeritageDNA

**Jul 15 – 11am** – On the Record Trail of My LDS Immigrant Ancestor – Sunny Morton

**Jul 21 – 5pm** - Elusive Immigrant: The search of Dora Luhr – Warren Bittner

**Jul 22 – 11am** – 50 More Websites Every Genealogist Should Know – Gena Philibert-Ortega

**Jul 28 – 11am** – Fabulous Photo Discoveries at MyHeritage – Lisa Louise Cooke

**Jul 29 – 11am** – Researching a Loyalist Soldier – Craig R. Scott

**Aug 4 – 7pm** – Tracing Australian and New Zealand World War One Ancestors – Helen V. Smith

**Aug 5 – 11am** – Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries – Michelle Leonard

Register at [www.familytreewebinars.com](http://www.familytreewebinars.com) If you miss the live Legacy webinar, recordings are in the archives and free to watch for the first 7 days after the broadcast.

### Southern California Genealogical Society:

**Jul 11 – Online Outreach Program – Presenter: Jean Wilcox Hibben**

**1-2pm** “Doing Family History to Heal Family Present on Behalf of Family Past”

**2-3pm** “On the Contrary, Dead Men (and Women) DO Tell Tales!”

**Jul 15 – 6pm** – Julian to Gregorian: When and How our Calendar Changed – Seema Kenney

**Aug 1 – 10am** – Cousin Baiting and Cousin Talking – Christine Cohen

Register at [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com)

### New England Historic Genealogical Society

**Jul 7 – 1pm - Special Webinar** – Women in 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Bookbinding – Todd Pattison and Dr. Elizabeth DeWolfe

**Jul 9 – 12pm** – What’s New at AmericanAncestors.org – Molly Rogers, Database Coordinator

**Jul 10 – 1pm** – Special Webinar – The Adam Family: The Scottish Architects Who Changed the World – Curt DiCamillo, Curator of Special Collections.

**Jul 23 – 12pm** – Searching the *Register* on AmericanAncestors.org – Don LeClair & Rachel Adams

**Jul 23 – 3pm** – Author Event – Larry Tye with *Demagogue: The Life and Long Shadow of Senator Joe McCarthy*

Register at [americanancestors.org/education/online-classes](http://americanancestors.org/education/online-classes)

**The Family History Library** in Salt Lake City has free ONLINE classes.

Go to [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img\\_auth.php/6/66/July\\_2020.pdf](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/6/66/July_2020.pdf) to view the Family History Library Class Calendar for July and register for the webinars offered by FamilySearch. All classes listed are given in MDT.

### **MyHeritage “Ask the Expert”**

Following the great success, we’re continuing the series throughout **July**. The upcoming sessions will continue to take place every **Thursday** at 1:00 PM EDT (**10am PDT**), and you will have the opportunity to ask questions live. To learn more about each session and register, visit <https://bit.ly/MyHAskTheExpert>

If you missed any of the previous sessions, or you just want to view it again, we are posting some of the recordings on <http://education.myheritage.com/>, where you can find a wealth of additional resources on genealogy and DNA.

**Public Lands and Land Patents in Wisconsin** posted 18 Apr 2020

This site has information on public lands and land patent records at the Wisconsin State Law Library.

<http://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/publicland.php>

## Notice from the Southern California Genealogical Society

We hope to reopen the library on August 4, provided it is permissible by the Los Angeles County Public Health regulations. To prepare the library for this event, we have limited the number of seats at the research tables to 12, repositioned the patron computers for more distance, and changed the location of the sign-in sheet. Cleaning procedures for the library premises and computer stations are being implemented.

### SCGS Library Procedures during Covid-19 for Patrons

- Patrons must wear masks to enter the library, then have their temperature taken.
- Maintain social distancing.
- When signing in, be sure to include phone number.
- Wash hands with soap and water before handling books or computers.
- If using computer, notify librarian when done so computer area can be cleaned.
- Handle only books that you wish to review; do not reshelf them.
- When book review is completed, leave books/pamphlets on table where you have been working.
- All books/pamphlets must be quarantined for 4 days before being returned to shelves. (Librarians will handle the quarantine of materials.)

***Thank you for helping to maintain a Covid-19-safe library.***

**NOTE:** If the library is unable to reopen as planned, the electronic calendar <http://calendar.scsgsgenealogy.com/> will be updated to show cancellations of events and any adjustments to open dates and times. **To allow time for cleaning the library after each use, closing time will be 3:00 p.m.**

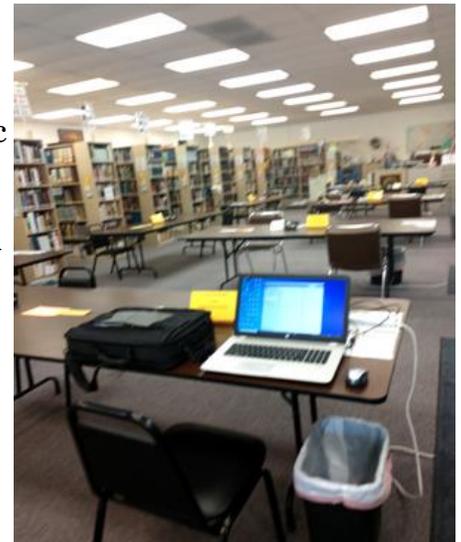
### New Library Hours During Covid-19

Monday & Friday Closed

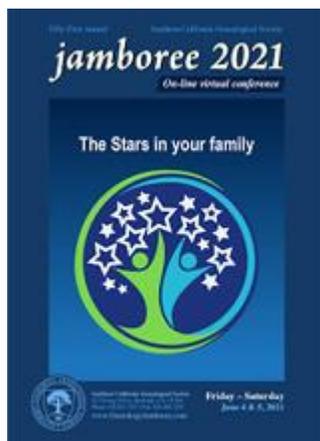
Tuesday-Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First & Second Sundays of each month: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. if a Librarian is available.

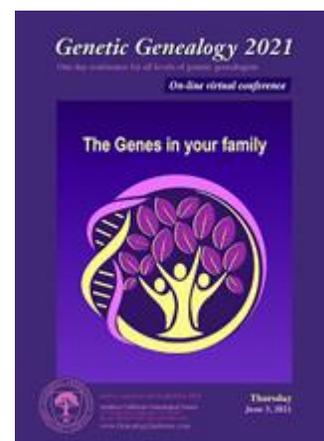
Third & Fourth Saturdays of each month: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. if a Librarian is available.



## JAMBOREE 2021 IS GOING VIRTUAL



SCGS is excited to announce that our 2021 Jamboree will be virtual. We are excited to create something educational, informative, and fun and to provide an venue for Jamboree that anyone can attend! A virtual conference will also allow many who have not been able to make the trip to California to attend Jamboree for the first time. Be sure to check back often for more details on this new online adventure.



## Carlsbad City Library

Carlsbad City Library announced that remote access to Ancestry Library Edition (available through the Carlsbad City Library website with a Carlsbad City Library Card) has been extended through the end of **July**. So keep searching the SIX Carlsbad City Library genealogy databases available from home.

**America's Genealogy Bank**  
**Archives Unbound**  
**Heritage Quest**

**Ancestry Library Edition**  
**Fold3**  
**Newspapers.com**

To access the six databases, click [here](#).

To apply for a temporary Carlsbad City Library card, click [here](#)

If you need assistance logging in or using the databases, contact the Genealogy Desk at [genealogy@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:genealogy@carlsbadca.gov)

Carlsbad City Library, Genealogy & History Division, Senior Librarian Sarah Dana announced that the second in the Branching Out video series is now available for viewing. The New video is "Non-military records in fold3 Library Edition." You won't want to miss it!

To view "Non-military records in fold3 Library Edition," click [here](#) (12 minute video)

And if you missed the first video, "Searching with Wildcards in Ancestry Library Edition," click [here](#) to view it. (10 minute video)

**FamilyTreeMagazine** has just published its annual list of the 101 best genealogy websites. You can find it at the link below. This year's installment includes 17 sites that did not appear on last year's list. There are many that are location specific.

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/best-genealogy-websites/>

### Museums that offer Virtual Tours

[Virtual Tour | Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History](https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour)  
[naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour](https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour)

[How to explore the British Museum from home – The British ...](https://blog.britishmuseum.org/how-to)  
<https://blog.britishmuseum.org/how-to>

[Virtual Tour - George Washington's Mount Vernon](https://virtualltour.mountvernon.org)  
<https://virtualltour.mountvernon.org>

[Museum of the American Revolution](http://www.amrevmuseum.org)  
[www.amrevmuseum.org](http://www.amrevmuseum.org)

[Virtual Tours - Colonial Williamsburg](https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/virtual-tours)  
<https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/virtual-tours>

[The Museum of Flight At Home](https://pages.museumofflight.org/museum-at-home)  
<https://pages.museumofflight.org/museum-at-home>



### Genealogy Search Tip

**Minnesota Official Marriage System** posted 31 May 2020

The [Minnesota Official Marriage System](https://moms.mn.gov/) contains an index of marriage records from a variety of Minnesota counties. Please make certain to check counties and years covered before searching.

<https://moms.mn.gov/>

## A CIRCUS and a ONE MAN BAND

by Linda Olson Kidde

(Historical information used with permission from author Gary Hukriede)

In the summertime, the traveling circus came around. Communities in rural parts of the Midwest welcomed whatever eye-opening sights the circus might bring. From animal acts to unusual exhibits, townsfolk felt as if a piece of magic had landed right before their eyes.

That's what happened in the late 1920's, when the *Jay Gould Million Dollar Circus* arrived. Excitement began with an afternoon parade, followed by an open-air stage performance in the evening. Crowds were many. Lines were long. This was entertainment for all.

*"Million Dollar Circus"* ... where did that name come from? **Jay Gould** had nine children, six daughters and three sons. All of them contributed to their father's business. They were dancers, singers and even aerial act performers. Jay said his children were "worth a million dollars to him."

There was no tent. Tickets were free, that is, if people were willing to stand. For 25 cents, circus-goers could sit on chairs in front of the stage.

The program opened with daughter **Patsy Gould** singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Nearby stood a white pony and its rider, holding the American flag. Master of Ceremonies was Jay Gould himself, proudly attired in a white suit with a red carnation boutonniere. Removing his hat and holding it closely to his chest, Jay spoke words of prayer to the audience.

Then, at last, what everyone had been waiting for, the circus show began. Elephants, lions, ponies, dogs...trapeze artists, clowns...all of them brought summer enchantment to the awestricken spectators.

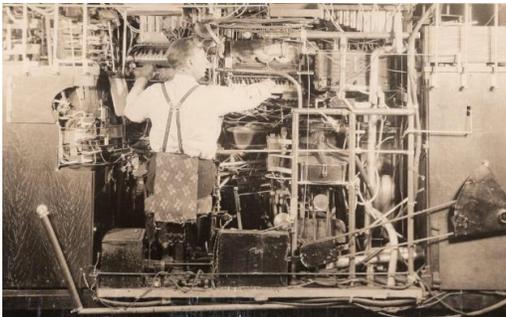
Besides stage acts, there were sideshows and exhibits. One of the more popular exhibits was the supposed mummified body of **John Wilkes Booth**, alleged assassin of President Abraham Lincoln.

Jay Gould liked music. In the early 1920's, before forming his family circus troop, Jay operated the **Eagle Theatre in Montevideo, Minnesota**. That's when, around 1923, a young accordion player from North Dakota appeared on Jay's stage. Years later, the accordion performer promoted his own stage production, **"The Lawrence Welk Show."**

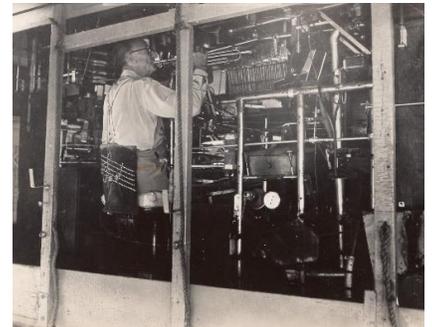
Jay Gould discovered another new talent for his theatre. This man was, according to Jay, a "genius" entertainer. **Albert Nelson from Buffalo, Minnesota**, played nine musical instruments, all at the same time.

Jay's stage was only the beginning of Albert's career, yet the two men remained in friendship.

Albert Nelson, inventor and musician, continually added more parts to his one man band until his nine pieces reached 32 pieces connected together. He called this strange-looking invention the **"Mighty Nelsonian."**



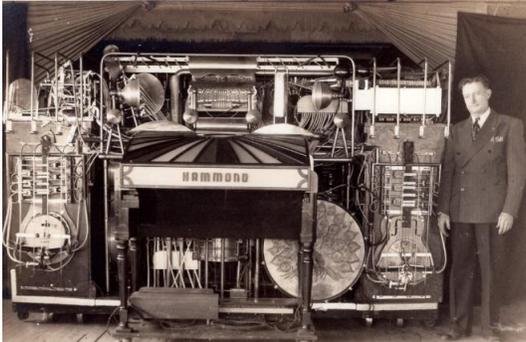
*His trumpet would swing over to him when he pushed a button*



## Circus continued

Only Albert knew how to operate what he had built. He used his lips, feet, knees, fingers and elbows. Among the 32 instruments were violin, cello, drum, trombone, trumpet, guitar, piano, accordion, organ, and banjo.

Difficult to describe, the “Mighty Nelsonian” weighed around 2,800 pounds. It was composed of an estimated 50,000 parts. In all, the “Nelsonian” was 6 feet wide, 12 feet long, and 6 feet high.



Albert discovered he could make a livelihood from his invention and was even invited to perform at the **1933 Chicago World's Fair**. Besides his dear wife Ida, nothing else was more important to him than the “Mighty Nelsonian.” With the instrument loaded on their Ford truck, the couple traveled from Minnesota to Florida to California.

← *Ready for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair*

Albert and his circus friend, Jay Gould, had long gone their separate ways. Jay, with his nine children, formed his family circus. Albert, with his genius creativity, perfected and enlarged his “Mighty Nelsonian.”

In April 1936, the two men came together, when Jay sent a letter inviting Albert to join his circus. Jay wrote, “I am certainly tickled and proud to have you with me.”

For the next 20 summers, touring from town to town and state to state, Albert was a featured performer in the *Jay Gould Million Dollar Circus*.

Curious crowds wanted to know how 32 musical instruments could be played...at once...in harmony...by one man.

Impossible, townsfolk probably thought.

Let's go see it, they told one another.

So off to the summer circus they went.



The friendship and business partnership between Albert Nelson (1884-1964) and Jay Gould (1886-1967) was a success.

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Today the “Mighty Nelsonian” is silent. With the help of family, friends and community, the instrument stands preserved. It is on display in Albert's hometown, Buffalo, Minnesota, inside the Wright County Historical Museum. The Ford truck is there too.

Albert's life is memorialized in a thoroughly detailed book written by his great-nephew, **Gary Albert Hukriede**. Published in 2006, *The Mighty Nelsonian: The Story of Albert Nelson* is a history of Albert's life and his one-man band. Mr.Hukriede includes many photographs, documents and even samples of Albert's handwritten musical compositions. Throughout the book, fans and family contribute their recollections of Albert and his “musical marvel.”

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I sincerely thank my third cousin, Mr. Gary Hukriede, for his kind permission to use information and photos from his book for this story.

Albert Nelson was my first cousin twice removed.

## Circus continued

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[www.findagrave.com/memorial/76843771/jay-edward-gould](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76843771/jay-edward-gould). (Jay Gould obit from *Glencoe Enterprise*, September 28, 1967.)

[www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM3VEN](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM3VEN) (colored photos of “Mighty Nelsonian” in the Wright County Historical Museum)



## Lewellen-Brown-White House (Tarkio) 1854 – Hill Country History By Beverly Bevel

I have been partnering with Rhonda Roederer on several enslaved/slaveholder Lewellen projects. We represent both sides of America’s slavery period.

This is the home of slaveholder, **Jesse Lewellen** who we believed was one of our slave holders. Fortunately, the house he built and enslaved my relatives has become available and has the slave quarters. This is very rare to find. The quarters were built by the slaves themselves.

As ancestors (white and black), we are working in partnership with the Holly Springs Mayor and historians to preserve this property. Our goal is to effect change, education, and community by rebuilding this once enslaved plantation into a local community center: Lewellen Community Center for Change.

Please feel free to click on the Lewellen Brown White link for the full story written by myself, my DNA-slaveholder cousin, and the local historian of **Holly Springs, Mississippi**. We are very very proud of this blog.

The below link will navigate you to the entire blog series regarding this historical house

[Lewellen-Brown-White House \(Tarkio\) \(1854\)](#)

The Lewellen-Brown-White House, also known as “Tarkio”, is an endangered Greek Revival house with surviving slave quarters that is significant both to the local African-American community and African-Americans throughout the country.

<https://hillcountryhistory.org/2020/03/25/lewellen-brown-white-house-tarkio-1854/>



### **Genealogy Tip of the Day**

**Return Trips Across the Pond?** Posted 15 Jun 2020

If your relative immigrated, don’t assume they only crossed the border or ocean only one time. It was not unheard of for immigrants to make return trips to the old country. Sometimes this was done to bring other immigrants on the return trip. The immigrant might have thought they wanted to go back home to stay only to realize that they really did want to immigrate. Some returned for short visits to family members for one reason or another with no intention of remaining in the home country.

Never assume that relative only made one trip to immigrate. That first trip could have been one of a series of voyages.

Please share any stories, information, websites, etc., that were helpful in your research. Send to [newsletter@socccgs.org](mailto:newsletter@socccgs.org) and mention newsletter in the subject.

### Future Genealogy Events

**In Person Genealogy Events for Orange County have been cancelled for July due to the COVID-19 virus. Many events are now taking place online.**

**See the Calendar at SOCCGS.org for list of Special Interest Group meetings and contact information.**

**Jul 11, 2020 – OCCGS Free Webinar with Bill Beigel, WWII Researcher, Researching the Silent Generation: Researching and interpreting World War II Veterans' Military Records – 10am Part 1 11:15am Part 2** [occcgs.com](http://occcgs.com) for information and registration

**Jul 12, 2020, 10am – SHAAR Virtual Meeting – Getting the Most Out of Popular Genealogy Websites** [Shhar.org/events](http://shhar.org/events)

**Jul 16, 2020 – 5:30-7:30pm – Virtual Evening Beginning Genealogy Class – Arlene O'Donnell.** Registration can be made through our SOCCGS website under "Events." [www.socccgs.org](http://www.socccgs.org)

**Jul 18, 2020, 1pm – WAGS Virtual Meeting** (rescheduled from June)– Kristi L. Sexton – Grandma's Dress Quilt: From the Bed to a Book. WAGS members will receive an e-mail invitation. If not a WAGS member, send an email to [program@wagswhittier.org](mailto:program@wagswhittier.org) and an invitation will be sent to you.

**Jul 25, 2020 - GSNOCC Seminar – CANCELLED**

**Jul 26, 2020, 10am – OCJGS Virtual Meeting – Direct from the Ukraine! Alex Krakovsky: Jewish Records in Ukraine.** Free to OCJGS Members, \$5 donation for non-members. You must register in advance for this meeting: [ocjgs.org](http://ocjgs.org)

**Sep 2-5, 2020 – 2020 FGS Family History Conference is going Virtual – Kansas City, MO -** <http://fgs.org/conferences>

**Oct 3, 2020 - OCCGS – DNA Day with Blaine Bettinger.**

**Oct 10, 2020 – Hemet-San Jacinto Gen Soc Seminar with Diahna Southard.** Rescheduled from March 21, 2020. <https://hsjgs.org/>

**Oct 17, 2020 – NSDCGS Fall Seminar Webinar– Fritz Juengling – Names, Places, Dates: Beyond the Obvious** <https://nsdcgs.org/fallseminar/>

**Mar 6, 2021 – OCCGS Bash with Michael L. Strauss, AG**  
**2020 Programs**

**June 20 – Thomas MacEntee – Mapping Your Genealogy: From A to Z and In Between**

**July 18 – Colleen Fitzpatrick – “How Genetic Genealogy Brought Buckskin Girl Home after 37 Years”**

**Aug 15 – Scott Miller –OC Mayflower Colony**

**September 19 – Connie Rodriguez – Hispanic Research**

**October 17 –Annual Seminar – A Day With CeCe Moore**

**November 21 – Joel Weintraub – 1950 Census**

**December 19 – Annual Year End Holiday Gathering**

**Genealogy Search Tip**

**Manuscripts from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936 to 1940** posted 25 June 2020

This limited set of digital images contains images of [2900 documents](#) from [300 writers](#) produced during the American Great Depression while working for the Work Projects Administration's "Folklore Project." <https://www.loc.gov/collections/federal-writers-project/about-this-collection/>

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## Online and Offline Historic Map Resources

### Generic

- **Cyndi's List: Maps, Gazetteers & Geographical Information**  
<https://www.cyndislist.com/maps>
- **David Rumsey Map Collection**  
<https://www.davidrumsey.com/>
- **Google My Maps**  
<https://google.com/mymaps>
- **History Pin**  
<https://historypin.com>
- **Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection**  
<https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>
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<https://www.pinmaps.net/>
- **Rootsmapper**  
<https://rootsmapper.com/>
- **uencounter.me**  
<https://uencounter.me/>
- **What Was There**  
<http://www.whatwasthere.com/>

### Canada

- **Geographical Names in Canada**  
<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/maps-tools-publications/maps/geographical-names-canada/10786>
- **Library and Archive Canada: Map Archives** <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/atlas-canada/explore-our-maps/map-archives/16868>
- **Library and Archive Canada: Maps, Charts and Architectural Plans Collection: A Search Guide**  
<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/maps-charts-plans/pages/maps-charts-architectural-plans.aspx>

- **Library and Archive Canada: National Topographic System Maps**  
<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/topographic-information/maps/national-topographic-system-maps/9767>
- **The Atlas of Canada**  
<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/maps-tools-and-publications/maps/atlas-canada/10784>

### United States

- **American Civil War Maps**  
[https://americancivilwar.com/civil\\_war\\_map/](https://americancivilwar.com/civil_war_map/)
- **American Memory Project – Library of Congress Maps**  
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/?fa=part+of:geography+and+map+division>
- **Ancestry.com: Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers**  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/44/>
- **Atlas of Historical County Boundaries**  
<https://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>
- **Bureau of Land Management – GLO Records** <https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/>
- **Digital Sanborn Maps**  
<http://sanborn.umi.com/>
- **Historic Map Works**  
<http://www.historicmapworks.com/>
- **Mapping History**  
<https://mappinghistory.uoregon.edu/>
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- **United States Digital Map Archive - USGenWeb** <http://usgwarchives.net/maps/>

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