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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, most of our meetings are virtual. Please check our [calendar](#) for August 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.

August 15, 2020 - 10am

**"An Accidental Find Leads to a Monumental Discovery:
God's Hand in the Return of the Bradford Journal"**

Webinar Presented by: Scott Miller

The fascinating story of the discovery of the Bradford Journal is a presentation that Scott Miller first produced in 2017, and has been requested and well-received by several Colonies around the State since then. It highlights the miraculous protections that the Bradford Journal providentially experienced to ensure that we have the single most complete history of the Pilgrims and Plymouth ever written. Many of the facts about the Plymouth Plantation and Pilgrims we know today would have been lost to history, had this journal been destroyed or permanently lost. In fact, when it was finally returned to our shores, Massachusetts Senator, George F. Hoar, exclaimed regarding William Bradford's Journal, that "there is nothing like it in human annals since the story of Bethlehem."

About the speaker: Scott Miller, an 11th generation descendant of Governor William Bradford, is currently the California Mayflower Deputy Governor South and Orange County Colony Governor. He has been a member of GSMD since 2011. Scott has been married to his wife, Marina, for nearly 30 years, and is an alumnus of the UCLA Anderson School of Management. He has worked in the Energy Franchise Retail space for nearly 20 years, and is currently the Corporate Training Development Manager for the "ExtraMile Franchise," the 3rd largest convenience store company on the West Coast - exclusively at Chevron and Texaco Fuel Stations.

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 Colleen Fitzgerald ~Sarita Simmons

In case you missed our July monthly meeting (currently being offered as a smooth well-oiled webinar thanks to our IT expert Harry Hansen), our July speaker was Colleen Fitzpatrick, and she had me on the edge of my seat by the end of her presentation. She took us on a DNA journey that was both informative and entertaining. Did I just say entertaining regarding DNA? Yes indeed! Fitzpatrick doesn't let her extensive education and forensic background get in the way of sharing her dry sharp-as-a-tack sense of humor.

Colleen Fitzpatrick was born in 1955 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her BA in physics in 1976 from Rice University and her MA and PhD in nuclear physics in 1983 from Duke University. Let smarts and wit join hands! She actually coined the term "forensic genealogy" when she started writing about it in 2002. She then founded Identifinders International along with her late partner Andy Yeiser, using techniques of forensic genealogy to find missing people.

If you haven't yet joined our DNA SIG to discover the many ways you can utilize DNA to break through that *brick wall* and find long lost relatives, you may be fascinated by some of Fitzpatrick's breakthroughs! She did it *not* in a chemistry lab but at her computer following DNA matches! In 2014, she helped police narrow the list of suspects to *five* men with the same surname, Miller, to crack the case of the "The Canal Killer" that had occurred from 1992 and 1993 in Arizona. In 2017 Fitzgerald co-founded the DNA Doe Project which aimed at identifying John and Jane Does. In 2018 she identified "Buckskin Girl" who died in 1981 near Troy, Ohio. Fascinating stuff. Closer to home, Fitzgerald has also recently been featured in local news. She was instrumental in solving a 52-year-old cold case from Huntington Beach after the Orange County District Attorney's Office hired her as a forensic genealogy expert. Do you think she has her methods down to a *science*? Would you like to learn the steps to take in tracking genetic DNA matches?

Save the Date SOCCGS Annual Seminar, October 17, 2002

Our annual seminar (now to be offered as a fabulous webinar) will also be on the use of DNA, and it will be with none other than CeCe Moore, who recently was the star of the 6-series TV documentary "The Genetic Detective". Although she doesn't normally do guest speaker gigs anymore, she lives locally in San Clemente and loves that SOCCGS started one of the first genealogical society DNA special interest groups! Save this date, **October 17th** and join us for a fascinating forensic journey, complete with a question and answer session on how to best utilize DNA matches to find long lost relatives.

Membership ~Lynn Souers

"History remembers only the celebrated, genealogy remembers them all." Lawrence Overmire

As of July 30, 2020, we have 311 members.

New Members:

Beverly Libby, Anaheim

Connie Miller, Henderson Nevada

Virginia Dunk, a former member who moved away and rejoined to stay in touch with the Society.

Attendance at our General Meeting on July 18th was 95 (91 members and 4 guests)

Thank you to the 13 members who renewed this past month (July)

I'd like to thank all the members for their support at the various Zoom meetings (SIGs, webinars, General Meeting). Until we meet again in person, it's so great to see your face on the computer screen!



Board Position Filled

At the July 9th Board meeting **Metty Thomason** was appointed to fill the vacant position of **Recording Secretary**. **Thank you Metty** and welcome to the Board. **Roxanne Burg** has been temporarily filling the Recording Secretary position in addition to her duties as Corresponding Secretary. **Thank you Roxanne**.

Sarita Simmons was appointed to the vacant position of **Seminar Chair**.

Safari News ~Bill Bluet

No safaris are scheduled for the rest of the year due to the closure of the libraries during the pandemic.

Beginning Genealogy is back by VIRTUAL demand! By Arlene O'Donnell

As **virtually** all our SIGS are being held **virtually**, it was time for the more formal class "Beginning Genealogy" to meet again! The first evening class was held on July 16th from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. I was assisted by Gayle Meldau and Webmaster Harry Hansen. Registration took place through our SOCCGS website and the class was held using the webinar format. Judging by the great questions the attendees asked, we will have some more new members joining us soon! The August class is scheduled for August 20th at 5:30 PM so get the word out if you know of anyone who might have been bitten by that genealogy bug! They can find the class listed on our SOCCGS.org website under "Events".

Meet the Members ~Lynn Souers



Our "celebrity" profile this month is **Arlene O'Donnell**, our former Vice-President and current instructor of our Beginning Genealogy classes. Arlene grew up in Washington D.C. She attended Boston University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She went on to attend the University of Maryland, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

She entered the field of law enforcement where she was a detective for the Montgomery County Police Department in Maryland. When her husband was transferred to Los Angeles by the United States Secret Service, Arlene took a leave of absence from the MCPD which turned into an early retirement after 20 years of service. Not one to stay still for long, she worked in Risk Management here in California, consulting, and in many different volunteer jobs.

Arlene's best genealogy tip is, "Don't ever give up on those seemingly solid brick walls! Ask for help!" Arlene adds, "Conducting criminal investigations is a lot like genealogy which is probably how I became interested in learning more about my family history. Life is like a puzzle, you just have to figure it out! I wish I knew back in the 1970's and 80's what I know today about family trees and genetics. And this was way before computers for both law enforcement and genealogy."

Arlene's most interesting relative is her **great grandfather, John Smith**, who she has spoken of frequently in her classes and in our newsletter. Arlene has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren (one born during this pandemic!). The oldest grandchild enjoys helping her "Nana" visit those places that have "writing on rocks" and helping take photos for Find-A-Grave. Must be in her DNA!

July SIG Meetings on Zoom

Jane Schrenzel - The Writing Family History Stories SIG held a virtual meeting on July 8 with eight members attending. Several members shared personal memoirs or stories about their ancestors. Our next virtual meeting will be Wednesday, August 12. Please contact writingstories@socccgs.com if you'd like to join us or for more information about the group.



David Flint – 25 people joined us for the virtual England SIG held on July 13th. David Flint shared with the group a review of his collection of research articles he has gathered over many years on topic relating to English Genealogy research. Members attending the meeting then spent most of the second hour sharing family stories and discussing travel in England and talking about English food and customs. It was a fun meeting. Contact englandsig@socccgs.org



Gayle Meldau – Seventeen people joined us for the virtual Ireland/Scotland SIG on Zoom, where Metty Thomason shared a great presentation about her Irish ancestors that emigrated to Canada, and the resources she has used to find records for them. Our next meeting will be on Friday, August 21st at 10am, Melissa Cottrell will be discussing her favorite tips for the Irish & Scottish research. Email us at irelandscotlandsig@socccgs.org if you'd like to join us on Aug 21st.

Jay Culliney - The DNA SIG held its regular “4th Friday” meeting on July 24th and a second meeting, for advanced members of the SIG on July 27th. Both meetings were two hours in length. The first meeting



included a number of announcements of importance to members. One of these elicited much discussion of the new rules at Ancestry.com on how they would treat (actually dismiss) DNA matches that only consisted of very short segments. Jay Culliney gave the first half of a presentation on “Fun Facts of DNA Science” – to be completed during our August 28th meeting. At the “Advanced Group Meeting,” several topics were discussed, e.g., Y-DNA, trait

inheritance, handling DNA tests for relatives, and DNA Painter during “around the room” contributions from each attendee. This was the first full 2-hr meeting of the Advanced Group, and subsequently this meeting will occur on the 3rd Monday of each month – starting in August.

dnasig@socccgs.org



Gary Schwarz – The virtual German SIG took place on July 15th with 7 attendees. We discussed the use of Google Maps to enhance joining members in collaboration. Those with towns of their ancestors located near each other might work together. Our German SIG Map was opened up for edit to virtual meeting attendees. We use the meeting to encourage each other in maintaining our German research. Contact

Gary at germansig@socccgs.org for more information. The next meeting is Aug 19th.

12 Free Virtual Garden Tours from Home From Gardens Illustrated

With most of us now staying in [self isolation](#), a day out to a springtime garden is off the cards. Thanks to a multitude of virtual tours popping up online though, you can still get a garden fix from the safety of your own home. Here are our top 12 virtual garden tours.

<https://www.gardensillustrated.com/gardens/gardens-to-visit/virtual-garden-tours-best/>

There are nine English gardens including Highgrove Gardens and Kew Gardens; Monet’s Garden at Giverny; United States Botanic Garden; and Scotland’s Garden Scheme (includes several gardens).

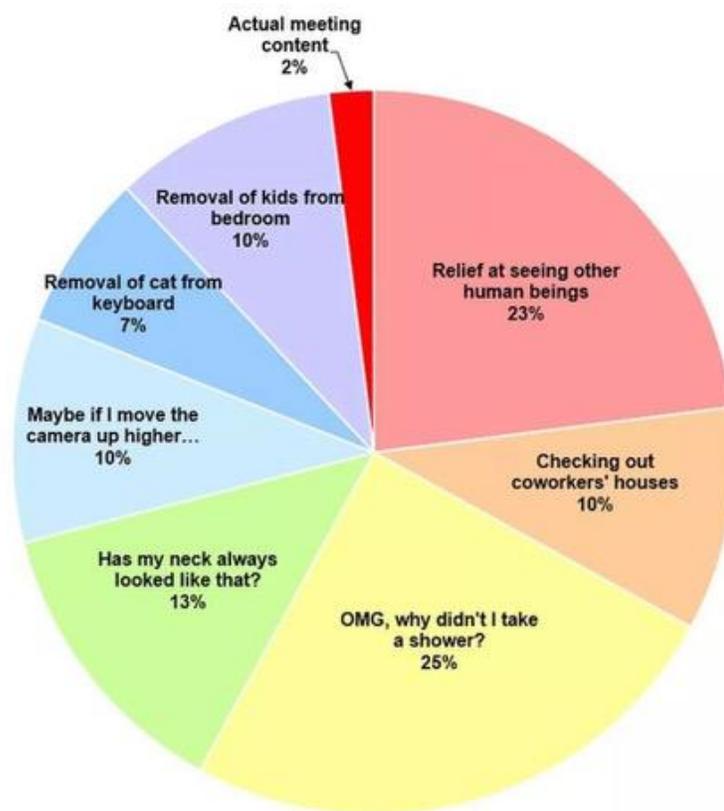
From our Members

Gayle Meldau - Dan Graves has sent us some info about a terrific virtual conference coming up in September from Back to Our Past. Dan and Sally belong to the Bergen County Genealogy society and they heard about it from them. www.backtoourpast.ie.

Upcoming in September is a webinar meeting of the **Back to Our Past Group in Ireland**. Normally, this is only an attended event in Ireland, but they are doing it this year online. 10 Euros, according to Wendy is \$11.40 USD. A sweet deal. 3 days and over 40 hours. Plus, you don't have to travel to Ireland. Pick and choose some or all of the presentations. Even if only one lump of coal turns into a diamond, it is worth it!

Harry Hansen - Thought I would share this with everyone since we spend so much time in Zoom meetings and webinars. We all need a good chuckle.

Diagram of Zoom Meeting Attention Span



Take a Genealogy Vacation This Summer ~Gayle Meldau

Were your summer travel plans cancelled this year? How about taking a virtual trip to another state for an online genealogy conference? Most genealogical societies are hosting online events this year, so it's a great opportunity to attend a conference while staying safe. Many of the conferences are charging less than their in-person events, and you save on hotel and meal expenses! The website, www.conferencekeeper.org does a fantastic job of compiling genealogy events across the nation. Click on the link below to view upcoming virtual events, and make your travel plans today. <https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/> Conference Keeper is also listed on the SOCCGS website.

Member Hobbies
~**Sarita Simmons, Historian**

Greeting SOCCGS members! I am looking for photos for a new section we are adding to our newsletter. I've noticed that during this COVID-19 pandemic that the first question most people have is "What have you been doing? How are you staying busy?" Thus the concept has been born to add a *Member Hobbies* section in our newsletter to answer that question ... and in the process we have another opportunity to get to know one another better.

We initially kicked off with some of our BOD members. I'm now looking to feature our members. Please send me an email regarding your favorite hobby/hobbies and if you have a photo send it along. It can be anything from oil painting, gardening, cooking, boating, hiking, collectibles, genealogy, music - piano; guitar, flute, tuba, wine-tasting, home-brewed beer, camping, puzzles, magic tricks, traveling, genealogy, birdwatching, floral arranging, horseback riding, calligraphy, pottery, jewelry making, photography, dancing, baking, writing, etc.



You get the idea. You can send me a jpeg from your camera or a photo from your iPhone. If you don't have a photo, I'm happy to take a photo (properly socially distanced of course ... zoom lenses come in great). I'd also love to receive a few sentences about your hobby or pastime, such as 1) how long have you been doing it 2) how did you start, what prompted your interest 3) do you share this hobby with family or friends 4) do you belong to a group?, any pertinent information you'd like to share. Please send all info and photos to Sarita.simmons@gmail.com or historian@socccgs.org

Thank you! I can't wait to see how you've passed your time during these challenging times.

Opportunities Abound for Reaching Out to Others During this Pandemic
By Arlene O'Donnell

Our members have been busy reaching out to others to share our research knowledge and successes. I am pleased to share some of our experiences. Our own Lynn Souers had a cousin share with her an obituary of a great aunt that led her on the trail of an ancestor who had once been a Pinkerton Detective at a racetrack in San Francisco! Further clippings and mementos in an old scrapbook yielded a career of security details that included the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition of 1909. Imagine a life insurance policy costing \$4.00!

My own successes were multiple this past month! I had reached out via AncestryDNA and MyHeritage DNA test results to several matches and now we are messaging nearly every day! One lady in Dublin, Ireland is an adoptee with 3 first cousin matches! What luck! She is my closest lead thus far in Ireland. I am helping her build her family tree. Another of my "cousins" in England has a spreadsheet going tracking those who match with some cousins and not others. In so doing, another sibling has shown up for my Great Grandmother in Ireland! (John Smith's wife) Look out John Smith, I am coming....

I have found 2 previously unknown marriages (in family lore) and they took me down more rabbit holes. We all know how that goes.

Please let us know whom you have heard from during recent times!



August Free Webinar

Legacy

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

Aug 6 – 5pm – Preparing a Portfolio: Applying to Become a Certified Genealogist – Angela Packer McGhie, CG

Aug 11 – 11am – Working with Different Family Tree Views on MyHeritage – Uri Gonon

Aug 12 – 5pm – Dissecting a Civil War Pension Packet – Union and Confederate – Jill Morelli

Aug 18 – 5pm – The Advance of Research Habits over Recent Decades – And the Downside – Tom Jones

Aug 19 – 11am – Getting to Know Mexican Church & Civil Registration Records – Colleen Robledo Green

Aug 25 – 11am – How to Use MyHeritage DNA Results to Enhance Your Family Tree – MyHeritage webinars

Aug 26 – 11am – Slack for Genealogy Projects – Thomas MacEntee

Sep 1 – 7pm – Willkommen in Australien! Researching German-Australian families – Benjamin Hollister

Sep 2 – 11am – Using Chromosome Browsers, Segment Data and Triangulation – Michelle Leonard

Register at 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.

Also check the Legacy catalog for FREE webinars to be viewed any time.

Southern California Genealogical Society:

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

Aug 8 – 1-2pm – **The Basics of GEDmatch** (lunch & learn) – Julie Huffman

Aug 19 – 6pm – The Most Prominent Citizens: Using County Histories – Cari Taplin

Sep 5 – 10am – Who Needed it Anyway? Researching Around the Missing 1890 Census – Sara Cochran

Register at www.scgsgenealogy.com

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Aug 11 – 3pm – **Author Event** – Gretchen Sorin - *“Driving While Black: African American Travel and the Road to Civil Rights*

Aug 13 – 1pm - The ABC's of Using School Records in Family History Research – David Lambert

Aug 14 – 1pm – Speed, Style & the English Country House: Auto, Horse and Airplane Racing at England's Historic Houses – Curt DiCamillo

Aug 20 – 3pm – **Author Event** – Susan Eisenhower – *How Ike Led: The Principles Behind Eisenhower's Biggest Decision*

Aug 25 – 1pm – Jews in the Catskills During and After the Holocaust – Phil Brown

Aug 26 – 3pm – **Author Event** – E. Dolores Johnson – *Say I'm Dead: A Family Memory of Race, Secrets and Love*

Register at americanancestors.org/education/online-classes

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

To view the Family History Library Class Calendar for August and register for the webinars offered by FamilySearch go to https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/c/cb/August-2020.pdf All classes listed are given in MDT.



An Obituary for a House?

[Dick Eastman · July 1, 2020](#)



If deceased people can have obituaries published, why can't a house have the same thing when it "dies?" In fact, that has been done.

A house at 1720 Julian Street, Denver, Colorado was demolished quietly on the afternoon of June 8, 2020. She is believed to have been aged somewhere between 121 and 135 years—her origin story is certainly complicated.

The "obituary" for 1720 Julian, written by Katie Rudolph, may be found in the Denver Public Library's web site at: <https://history.denverlibrary.org/news/julian>.

The 19th Amendment Ratified August 18, 1920

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/womenshistory/19th-amendment.htm>

Women in America first collectively organized in 1848 at the **First Women's Rights Convention** in Seneca Falls, NY to fight for suffrage (or voting rights). Organized by **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and **Lucretia Mott**, the convention sparked the women's suffrage movement. Not everyone followed the same path in fighting for women's equal access to the vote, and the history of the suffrage movement is one of disagreements as well as cooperation.

While women were not always united in their goals, and the fight for women's suffrage was complex and interwoven with issues of civil and political rights for all Americans, the efforts of women like **Ida B. Wells** and **Alice Paul** led to the passage of the 19th Amendment. Signed into law on August 26, 1920, the passage of the 19th Amendment was the result of decades of work by tens of thousands across the country who worked for change.

Use this site to discover some of the **stories of women and men** who fought for women's suffrage rights. You'll also find resources for children and adults, including essays on suffrage, **storymaps**, and **lesson plans**.



[See the 19th Amendment on display in the new exhibit ***Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote*** at the National Archives Museum](#)

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

Search for Places of Birth Posted: 2 Jul 2020

When searching digital images of newspapers, consider searching those newspapers in the area where the ancestor died for the town/county your ancestor was born in. It can be a great way to locate others who were born in the same place as your ancestor and who died or later lived in the same general place as your ancestor. If your ancestor was born in Milroy, Indiana, and died in Macon County, Missouri, and you find other references to Milroy, Indiana, in Macon County newspapers—that could be a clue.

Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society

OCJGS is offering a summer special of \$10 off membership (membership runs through the end of the calendar year. Individual membership is now \$15 and Family membership is now \$25. Attendance at virtual meetings is free to OCJGS members, \$5 for non- members. The August 23rd speaker is Yuri Dorn: 19th Century Jewish Records in Belarus. ocjgs.org

Registration is now open for the 2020 **IAJGS** conference, which will be held online from Aug 9 through 14. This will be the whole enchilada, with the usual collection of big-name speakers, keynotes, and "how to" sessions. There will even be SIG and Birds of a Feather meetings. There will be free access to many programs.

For information, visit: www.iajgs2020.org

One of the Sisters at the Los Angeles FamilySearch Library has reached out to one of our members offering **Russian translations**. Sister Semenyuk is excited to help out the Jewish Society with translation. She is finished with her mission and is unable to go back to her country right now due to Covid. This is her information. Email is yana.semenyuk.v@gmail.com and her phone number is 310-902-2275.

San Diego Genealogical Society Virtual Fall Seminar, September 19, 2020, 9:00 AM

This four session seminar will feature Tom Jones, Ph D, CG, a highly recognized genealogy lecturer:

- 1) Combining Sources to Identify an Immigrant Origin and Arrival Record
- 2) Building a Credible Lineage, Despite Missing Information, Conflicting and Incorrect Records, and Finding Undocumented publications.
- 3) Overcoming Research Barriers: A Case Study
- 4) Finding "Unfindable" Ancestors

This webinar is brought to you **FREE OF CHARGE** due to the generous contribution from the Sacramento German Genealogy Society made in recognition of the hard work of the San Diego Genealogical Society's German Interest Group at the 2019 International German Genealogy Conference in Sacramento. For information: casdgs.org

Carlsbad City Library

Senior Librarian Sarah Dana of the Genealogy & Carlsbad History Division announced two exciting developments for genealogy research: Remote access to **Ancestry library edition** has been extended through the end of August. **American Ancestors**, the website of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, is now available remotely. You will need a Carlsbad Library Card to access the available databases.

Genealogy & Carlsbad History staff are happy to provide **remote research services**, including assistance with using the library's genealogy databases and lookups in any print resources in our genealogy and local history collections. Genealogy staff are answering calls at 760-434-2931, Monday through Saturday, from 10am to 5pm. Or, you can send us an email at genealogy@carlsbadca.gov, and we will reply as soon as possible.

To access the seven 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.

Who Was “Big Joe” Grimes? By Metty Thomason

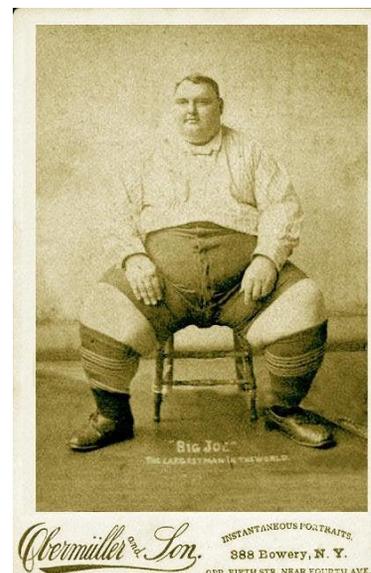
My grandmother was the family genealogist and in her boxes of family pictures and stories was a small notebook with the name Flora on the cover. Flora Winters was grandmother’s second cousin and in her notebook Flora kept lists of births, marriages and deaths for those near and dear to her. One particular entry caught my eye: Joseph Wilbur Grimes died Sept. 4th 1903, buried Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati (Ohio). The entry went on to say he was born May 11, 1869, married Nov 19, 1902 and on Aug 29th 1902, the following measurements were correct... Measurements, why would someone record measurements for their cousin?

Well, these weren’t the measurements of an average man, “Big Joe” Grimes was a very big man. He was 6 foot 5 inches, had a chest measurement of 67 inches, waist 69 inches, collar 24 ½ inches, shoe size 12 ½ and topped the scales at 754 pounds!

Flora’s little notebook also contained obituaries and I found one tucked inside for “Big Joe.” He came to an untimely demise at the age of 33 and his death “was indirectly caused by his abnormal avordupoise.” When he “...stepped into a hack his foot crashed through the bottom, and his leg was so lacerated by the splintered boards that he died from loss of blood before a surgeon could stanch the flow.”

“Big Joe” was a normal size child, but at age 14 he grew dramatically in height and girth. He was noted as having a keen wit and jovial disposition in his obituary. These traits must have served him well as he traveled the world as a bicycle salesman for Cleveland Bicycles (pictured) and later for Ringling Brothers Circus where he was billed as the World’s Largest Man.

When it was time to lay “Big Joe” to rest the crematorium was deemed too small to accommodate his size so a coffin 8 feet long, three feet two inches wide, two and a half feet deep. It took twelve men to carry the casket.



National Senior Citizens Day, August 21st

National Senior Citizens Day honors our elderly population. In his Presidential Proclamation (August 19, 1988), President Ronald Reagan said "For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute.

Holidayinsights.com

FamilySearch COVID-19 Updates

During the pandemic, the Family History Library located in Salt Lake City is closed but they are offering [free online genealogy consultations](#) to assist patrons with their genealogical research. They are continuing to monitor the pandemic and evaluating reopening plans. When applicable, reopening will most likely occur in carefully monitored phases with priority admissions being granted to professional genealogists whose livelihoods rely on access to the Library's records.

FamilySearch's Family History Centers and libraries located throughout the world will consider the direction of their local and government leaders and then make informed decisions about opening their facilities

The announcement can be found at <https://media.familysearch.org/familysearch-covid-19-updates/>. See the [Family History Library Facebook](#) page for more details.

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

[American Notes: Travels in America, 1750 to 1920](#) posted 25 Jun 2020

This set of digital materials on the Library of Congress website contain perspectives of travelers to America during the 1750-1920 time frame. Most of the published travel journals and commentaries are from Europeans. **255 items are included.**

[Bodies in Transit ledgers, 1859-1894-New York City](#) 6 June 2020

This blog post, "[Bodies in Transit](#)" discusses this database of digitized images from these records of bodies transported through Manhattan that is available on the NYC Department of Records & Information Services website.

Challenge: President Lincoln can be found in the pages of these volumes.

[Directory of St. Louis, Missouri, Directories](#) posted 14 Jun 2020

[This page on the University of Missouri-St. Louis, website](#) contains links to numerous online St. Louis city directories.

[Missouri Census Records and Tax Lists](#) Posted 8 Jul 2020

From the website: This index contains some territorial, state and special censuses, plus the federal mortality schedules and browsable images of the federal agricultural and manufacturing and industrial schedules.

More information—including search capabilities—is on the website at <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/census/Default.aspx#searchDB>

From FamilySearch - New Indexed Records Collection

[Virginia, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Applications for the Relief of Needy Confederate Women, 1915-1967](#)

[California, customs passenger lists of vessels arriving at San Francisco, 1903-1918](#)

[Connecticut, passenger and crew lists, 1804-1959](#)

[Connecticut, Military Census Questionnaires, 1917](#)

[North Dakota and South Dakota Naturalization Records, 1851-1883](#)

Please share any stories, information, websites, etc., that were helpful in your research. Send to newsletter@socccg.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.

Aug 1, 2020 – OCCGS Free Webinar with Dr. Penny Walters – 10am The Psychology of Searching; 11:30am Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy occgs.com for information and registration

August 2020 – SHAAR No Meeting in August Shhar.org/events

Aug 15, 2020, 1pm – WAGS Virtual Meeting Dr. Penny Walters will present “The Psychology of Searching” WAGS members will receive an e-mail invitation. If not a WAGS member, send an email to program@wagswhittier.org and an invitation will be sent to you.

Aug 19, 2020, 7pm - GSNOCC Virtual Meeting Lisa Schumacher will present “The 1890 Census Substitutes”

Aug 20, 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

Aug 23, 2020, 10am – OCJGS Virtual Meeting – Direct from Belarus! Yuri Dorn: 19th Century Jewish Records in Belarus. Free to OCJGS Members, \$5 donation for non-members. You must register in advance for this meeting: ocjgs.org

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

Sep 5, 2020 – OCCGS webinar with Randy Seaver 10am Using Family Search Digital Microfilm to Find Genealogical Records; 11:30 Probate Records: My Favorite Record Type! occgs.com

Sep 19, 2020 – San Diego Genealogical Society Virtual Fall Seminar – Guest speaker Tom Jones. Casdgs.org for information and to register.

Oct 3, 2020 - OCCGS – Virtual DNA Day with Blaine Bettinger occgs.com

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

Oct 17, 2020 – SOCCGS Annual Seminar webinar – CeCe Moore

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 occgs.com

2020 Programs

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

