

# 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.

**E-mail sent to all members on March 13, 2020: SOCCGS is canceling all society meetings, events and activities, including SIG meetings, effective immediately, and through the month of April. At that time we will reassess when to resume our normal activities and will make further announcements as appropriate.**

### **Message from your Acting President Marilyn Sato**

Hello All! Happy spring and Happy Easter! With all the rain we had I'm really looking forward to all the color that will reveal itself in my backyard. The past two years has brought us spectacular colors. I loved sitting in my backyard just enjoying how beautiful everything is. This year I will be able to enjoy that beauty again. Seeing all the green and all the colorful flowers around the area is always nice.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and spending it in a time of reflection on what the Lord means to you. For the Believer this is a day of celebration for sure. This Easter will be different and remember what scripture says, what the enemy means for evil, God will use for good. And I see that in my neighborhood with families walking the green belt by my house and families having dinner together where they once each went their separate ways because life is busy. We need to stay positive and use this time to be productive.

I understand this is a time of uncertainty and for some scary and stressful. This COVID 19 is something we are all struggling with globally. As I reflect on this, I can't help but think what my ancestors went through when they were ravaged with many viruses and diseases. I know my paternal grandfather was affected as his 8-year-old brother died of diphtheria. My great great grandfather had Typhoid Fever. I know every single one of you has an ancestor that was affected by a virus or disease that was around different points in time. They made it through and so will we. We have what they didn't, breakthroughs in medicine. We have much more knowledge and information. Much of the advance in medicine has been a direct result of past epidemics.

Let's take this day by day and enjoy the time we have right now with family and friends. We can FaceTime both. We have the technology to do so many things. Our research should be increasing now that we have time to sit down without interruption. I know I'm researching nearly every day. I'm also tackling my list of things that need to be done and were left undone because I had no time. Now I've got time. So I'm making the most of it. I'm typically a cave dweller but I do like to get out at times. Since it's not possible, I can do things around the yard and sit on my patio when it's not raining.

Finally, I am in constant contact with some of our board members and we are keeping up to date on what's happening and sharing information we receive with one another. For now, as you know, the library will be assessing their situation at the end of March. This being April, at the time of this writing nothing has changed. We will be following whatever guidelines that are put in place and will update our members as they develop. Continue to be patient and continue your research.

This too will pass and when it does life will fly by and we'll be left without time to do much. Take care and thank you!



## **Good Morning Fellow Genealogists ... by David Flint**

Good morning fellow genealogists. Are you feeling bored? Miss the connection to SOCCGS activities? Please read on ...

I'm sure that everyone reading this is aware that SOCCGS cancelled all meetings, classes and events on March 13 until at least the end of April due to concerns about the COVID-19 (corona virus) pandemic. We also closed our research center in the Mission Viejo Library, and the public library itself is closed.

Cities and counties all over the country are shutting down their public activity levels, and here in California, the Governor has ordered a statewide stay-at-home directive. I hope that everyone reading this is complying and staying home to keep yourself and those you love safe and healthy.

By the time you are reading this, 32 of our members would have just returned from our annual week-long research trip at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. That trip was cancelled, and we plan to go next year, provided the public health crisis clears and it is safe for us to travel again. In that regard, I have already contacted the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel and reserved our dates for 2021, so get ready for next year's trip.

Our plans for a research trip to London, England in September are still pending. As of this writing, the trip is still on. However, as conditions develop worldwide with the pandemic, and depending on international travel restrictions, we will monitor our plans and make decisions soon regarding whether it is also necessary to cancel that trip. I'm in regular contact with our travel agent here, and the Society of Genealogists in London. As I'm writing this article I just received news that U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has issued a stay-at-home order over there. I also received an email from my cousin Eric (who lives in Surrey just outside London) with the news and how they are planning to comply. I will keep everyone informed as conditions develop with our London trip.

With that brief introduction of events, you already know that we are in for a disruptive period of unknown duration. We have lots of time on our hands, which, in other circumstances and different times, would be a gift. So – how are you spending your time and occupying yourself?

Personally, I am enjoying staying at home and don't feel bored. I'm finding it to be a nice break in what would otherwise be a very busy schedule of activities, both for my family as well as from a genealogy perspective. From a family viewpoint, I need to take extra precaution for my wife's health. Most of you know that Nancy had a kidney transplant two years ago. That was a gift that significantly improved her health and extended her life. As a result, however, she needs to take immunosuppressant drugs for the rest of her life to prevent rejection of her transplanted kidney. We traveled to the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona in February for her second annual checkup, and she is doing well. But she is in that vulnerable group with underlying medical conditions who need to be extra careful during this stay-at-home period, as are many of you. So, Nancy and I are right there with you.

From the genealogy perspective, my personal activity level outside of home is drastically reduced. During this period we are not able to meet for the Legacy Users Group or the England SIG meetings, or our monthly general members meeting, or our board meetings. Those of us who lead our various groups for SOCCGS classes and meetings are spared the time to prepare for those meetings, but we also miss the social interaction and camaraderie they provide. So how are we all spending our time?

One obvious comment is that we all have broader lives than our genealogy activity. Many of our members are still working, rather than being retired, and have other matters on their mind. For those who are working, perhaps your employment was temporarily interrupted by the coronavirus, or your work hours may have been reduced. It's a hard time financially for many, and we all share that concern.

My purpose in writing this article, however, is not to dwell on the negative aspects of current events, but to strike a more forward-looking and upbeat direction. We have the gift of extra time on our hands, and we can use it constructively by taking advantage of that time to do more work on our personal genealogy research. Our genealogy friend Gena Philibert-Ortega has a great article about that. It's called "A Genealogical To-Do List While You Keep Your Distance" and you can find it on the Legacy Family Tree website here: [https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy\\_news/2020/03/a-genealogical-to-do-list-while-you-keep-your-distance.html](https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2020/03/a-genealogical-to-do-list-while-you-keep-your-distance.html)

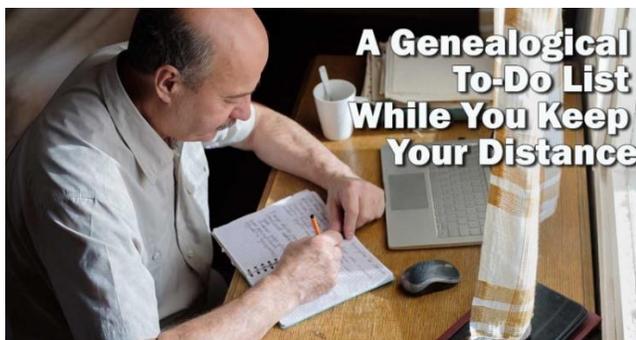


Photo from LegacyFamilyTree.com- Legacy News

In that to-do list Gena offers 20 suggestions for how you can use this free time to make progress on your genealogy work as home. In addition to Gena's ideas, I'm sure we can all come up with other things to do to make progress on our genealogy research. How many times do we say we are not doing much personal genealogy work because we don't have time? Well, now we have lots of time. We can make productive use of that time while it is available, and fill some of the voids in our new daily routine.

Are you fully caught up on making source citations for all items in your research – photos, documents, census images, birth, marriage and death certificates? If not, now is a good time to make progress on that job we all tend to put off because we don't have the time. How about organizing your research and records? Is that in the state of organization you would like it to be? If not, how about taking time now to put it in better order so you can find things more easily for current and future work?

Another way to use your time is to watch some of the many online webinars and video courses that are available. Or how about catching up on the reading research you have not had time for recently? I know that I have a pile of genealogy books I have stacked up and now have some time to read. It's a good time for us all to be creative about how we can still pursue our genealogy work while staying at home.

Thomas MacEntee reminded us that many public libraries with the library edition of Ancestry.com and remote access can offer that resource to their users with a library card. The Mission Viejo Library has the Ancestry.com database on all their public computers which are not currently available because they are closed. However, they are working on making that service available via remote access from home. It may be up and running by the time you are reading this. Gayle Meldau plans to send a message to our members to let you know when it is available and how to get access if you have a library card for the Mission Viejo Library. That's a great public service to our members, as we know that not everyone at home has a personal subscription to Ancestry.com and this access through the library will make it more broadly available.

Other ideas and links are being offered on the SOCCGS Facebook page. Gayle Meldau is posting items there on a regular basis of interest to our members. You can search for "SOCCGS" in Facebook to find our society's page, or go to it directly at: <https://www.facebook.com/South-Orange-County-California-Genealogical-Society-567245949960695/>. Another resource on Facebook is the SOCCGS Genealogy Discussion Group where some of our members are posting ideas. The link for that page is [www.facebook.com/groups/socccgs](http://www.facebook.com/groups/socccgs); however, this is a closed group page and posts are limited to those who are group members.

Another idea I am following myself is to keep a journal of my personal experiences during this pandemic. I saw a suggestion that we keep a personal journal as part of our genealogy legacy for future generations in our family to know how we dealt with life during this extraordinary time. As genealogists, we are aware of how the 1918 flu pandemic affected the whole world, including our own ancestors. Our descendants might like to have our personal perspective on how we managed during this time – how we coped in our daily lives and kept in touch with family and friends; how we maintained our health to avoid infection; how we occupied our time during isolation at home; how we took care of our elders and our children; what we did to maintain some sense of normal when others around us may be having more difficulty. It may be a valuable keepsake for future generations, and a welcome diversion as we get through these troubling times. Our friend Gena Philibert-Ortega has an article about the journal idea here:

[https://blog.genealogybank.com/a-genealogists-perspective-documenting-this-pandemic.html?utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=SM\\_2003\\_25&s\\_referrer=social&s\\_siteloc=facebook&s\\_trackval=SM\\_2003\\_25&kbid=69919&pq=1&prebuy=no&intver=&CCPROD CODE=](https://blog.genealogybank.com/a-genealogists-perspective-documenting-this-pandemic.html?utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=SM_2003_25&s_referrer=social&s_siteloc=facebook&s_trackval=SM_2003_25&kbid=69919&pq=1&prebuy=no&intver=&CCPROD CODE=)

I think you will agree that this is a time to remember the importance of keeping in touch. I like New York Governor Cuomo's statement that the goal is to be socially distanced but spiritually connected. It's a difficult time for everyone, and we need to help each other get through it together. Staying at home -- being isolated -- is the correct protocol for public health, but is also difficult for many people. We are social beings, and anyone who doubts that should notice what happens in any SOCCGS meeting during a break! So, please remember to reach out to each other. Call, text, or email each other to keep connected.

I'm enjoying being in touch with friends and family, including my cousins in England who are going through the same hard times. With iPhone, FaceTime, Skype and other modern technology miracles it's easy (and often free) to keep in touch all over the world, not just here in Orange County. I have a relative who lives alone in Wokingham, Berkshire, England who will be 93 on March 30. She was delighted when I called her just to say Hi and check on her. She is isolated and depends on her family nearby to provide food and comfort from a distance. Those are the kind of folks who need to hear from us, as well as our genealogy friends.

Well, fellow genealogists. I realize this has been a long ramble. I hope you don't mind that I took so much space in our newsletter this month to reach out, but I had a few minutes on my hands to pass the time, and I have missed seeing you all over the past couple of weeks. I hope you don't consider it presumptuous of me to offer some suggestions for how to spend time on your genealogy, but I know you're not finished yet, and it's a good way to stay productive.

We may never have this much free time again. I think we are fortunate to have such a great pastime to keep us busy until the fog clears and it's safe again to come out and play. I look forward to better days ahead, and a return to normal times when we can all get together. In the meantime, be safe, keep busy, and stay healthy. I like the slogan from England during World War II -- after all, it's so English! Keep calm and carry on.

**Responses, We Get Responses!**  
**By Arlene O'Donnell**

Challenging times we find ourselves in these days! It must be that we genealogists can sure make good use of the (suddenly) large amount of extra time we find we now have.

I have been sending off loads of messages through Ancestry and other media platforms and guess what? I am getting responses! What a pleasant surprise. Suddenly everyone has time to respond! What I am finding is that everyone, and I mean everyone, asks how I am doing. I begin every message with asking about how they are doing. As most of you know, I have sent out literally thousands of messages to other researchers with very limited response. We have defined why our inquiries through DNA matches have limited response...most people participated in DNA testing solely to learn about their ethnicity and that's it. It is only the more dedicated researchers who write in an effort to pin down connections or a common ancestor.

If ever there was a time to practice kindness, it is NOW! We all are faced with the same challenge: COVID-19. Let's extend our concern for others worldwide now that we are given a platform to do so. In our next SOCCGS newsletter, let's share our successes with responses we have received, and I will do the same. Hint: one today was in regard to my **John Smith**...



**Ancestry now offers FREE Access to Millions of Historical Records and Images from the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration**  
**Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, March 25, 2020**

The following is an extract from an article by Ancestry CEO Margo Georgiadis describing the company's actions to support our community during this time of uncertainty during the CoronaVirus pandemic. The article was published in the Ancestry Blog at <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/>:

Ancestry has collaborated with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration to offer temporary free access to millions of historical records and images from the federal government. And we will continue providing free online tutorials and video courses to help people get started with family tree building. For more information, [click here](#). You can read the full article at: <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry>

**Genealogy Search Tip** <http://searchtip.genealogytipoftheday.com> posted 30 Jan 2020

**US National Archives Record Group 145 Aerial Images Indexes Now Digitized**

The United States National Archives has posted online an index to areas covered in some aerial photographs of the United States in their collection. [A recent post on the National Archives website contains more information on the index and the images.](#) Posted 30 Jan 2020

**Library of Virginia's African-American Narrative** Posted 11 Jan 2020

Those with ancestors in Virginia may wish to search this database of African-American materials at the Library of Virginia <https://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/aan/search-the-narrative>

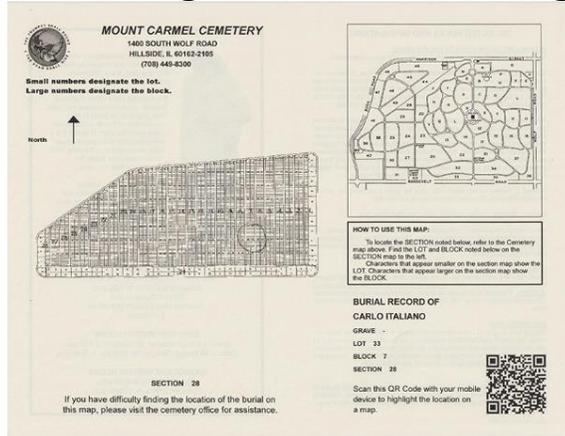
**What Irish Civil Records Are Online?** Posted 17 Mar 2020

This page may help researchers locate digital copies of Irish civil records:

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/civil-records/help/what-civil-records-are-on-line>

## From our Members

### Karen Langer - From the CGS Blog (Chicago Genealogical Society)



### Finding a Grave in the Chicago Catholic Cemeteries is Now Easier Than Ever

For years the Archdiocese of Chicago Cemeteries has been a user-friendly place for people visiting a grave. They have computer kiosks in the cemetery office lobbies where visitors can look up a grave location and print out a map to help them find the grave. The office staff is always happy to produce the same printout, if that is desirable.

The best thing about their printout, though, is the inclusion of a Quick Response Code (QR Code) in the lower right corner, which provides the exact GPS coordinates to the grave. This feature has been in place

for years, but was often considered not worth the effort required to find, install and then learn how to use an app to read the QR Code on a smartphone. Recently, though, both Android and Apple have incorporated a QR Code reader directly into the phone's Camera function in the most recent versions of their operating systems, and made it as close to automatic as possible. So, if you have purchased a phone in the past year or two, or updated the operating system software to the latest versions, this will work for you. See <https://chicagogenealogy.org/news/8725361>

**Barbara Taylor - Barbara Rae-Venter** was featured on ABC news last night (March 20) on 20/20 about her work in the Bear Brook Murders, called by other names including the Lisa Project. She and I took the DNA Adoption class together and learned how to do it from Diane Harman-Hoog and Karin Carbeil, co-founders of [www.dnaadoption.org](http://www.dnaadoption.org) and co-developers of the methodology used to find family with DNA. Barbara RV continues to help with our classes and has used some of the Lisa project examples (with permission) in our current DNA 201 class. Lisa is not her real name.

Barbara RV got involved in that case originally when a detective asked if the method used to find the families of adoptees might be used to help someone who had unknown parentage. It turned out that the man who kidnapped Lisa as a baby was a serial killer. Eventually, her work on that case lead to Barbara being asked to help with the Golden State Killer case, which was solved with her help.

More about Barbara RV [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbara\\_Rae-Venter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbara_Rae-Venter)

20/20 show review here <https://www.yahoo.com/news/dna-tests-shows-3-4-023107340.html>

Live stream here <https://abc.com/shows/2020/episode-guide/2020-03/20-the-chameleon>.

**David Flint** - I came across this news item in Dick Eastman's blog about the death of **Bob McLaren**. Anyone who was active in Scottish research and Scottish DNA may have known him. I remember he was in my British Institute group in SLC last November. Nice old guy, and very well known there. <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/03/23/bob-mclaren-r-i-p/>



### **Note from Kathie Mauzey, Newsletter Editor:**

As we are all coping without our usual genealogy events, I have included several suggestions in this newsletter for continuing our research. There are webinars, suggestions from our members, to-do lists, remote access to libraries, search tips, navigating newspapers, etc. If you find a website that has helped in your research or you had an “AH HA” discovery, let me know and I’ll share your findings in the May newsletter. We’re in this together.  
[newsletter@socccgs.org](mailto:newsletter@socccgs.org)



### **April Free Webinars**

#### **Legacy**

- Apr 1 – 11am** – Betty Jeans Story – Forensic Genealogy, DNA and Adoption – Mags Gaulden
  - Apr 8 – 5pm** – Decoding Social Security: Providing Benefits to our Ancestors – Michael L. Strauss
  - Apr 10 – 11am** – The General Land Office Website – A Genealogical Gem – Rick Sayre
  - Apr 14 – 11am** – Jumpstart Your MyHeritage Family Tree with Instand Discoveries – James Tanner
  - Apr 15 – 11am** – Was Great Grandmother Really Native American? – Janice Lovelace
  - Apr 21 – 5pm** – Maryland State Archives Decoded – Rebecca Whitman Koford
  - Apr 22 – 11am** – Introduction to Vivid-Pix RESTORE – Rick Voigt
  - Apr 28 – 11am** – Working with DNA segments on MyHeritage – MyHeritage Webinars
  - Apr 29 11am** – Road Crews and Jury Selection: How To Find Where Our Ancestor Lived and Their Neighbors – J. Mark Lowe
  - May 1 – 11am** – The Future is Still in the Past: An Introduction to Online Parish Clerks in the United Kingdom – Wayne Shephard
  - May 5 – 7pm** - - Smarter Search Strategies for Genealogy – Thomas MacEntee
  - May 6 – 11am** – Crème de la crème: Targeted Autosomal DNA Testing to Isolate Pertinent Genetic Cousins – Paul Woodbury
- 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. [Print the webinar brochure](#)

#### **Southern California Genealogical Society:**

- Apr 4 – 10am** – Foundations to Researching in Europe – Julie Goucher
  - Apr 15 – 6pm** – Dissecting a Civil War Pension – Union & Confederate – Jill Morelli
  - May 2 – 10am** – When Prussian Grandpa Contributed No DNA, Can We Find Out Who Did? – David Dowell
- Register at [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com)

#### **New England Historic Genealogical Society**

- Apr 9 – 12pm** – What’s New at AmericanAncestors.org
  - Apr 16 – 12pm** – Get the Most from American Ancestors...From Home! – Jean Maguire
  - Apr 30 – 12pm** – Treasures of New England Historica Genealogical Society – Curt DiCamillo
- Register at [americanancestors.org/education/online-classes](http://americanancestors.org/education/online-classes)



### **SAVE THE DATE**

**The Genealogical Society of North Orange County California  
Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**2020 Family History Seminar featuring Luana Darby** at the Danish Lutheran Church, 16881 Bastanchury Rd., Yorba Linda, CA. Information: [www.gsnocc.org](http://www.gsnocc.org)

**Viral Pandemics**  
**Writing Family History Stories March 11, 2020**  
**By Bob Mc Intyre**



January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1919, my grandmother, Ethel May (Vaughn) Mc Intyre, passed away in a one room shack near the Mexican border in Southern California's Imperial Valley. Fourteen hundred miles from family and friends, she and her husband, Laurence were desperately trying to survive working the fields — picking the crops. She was thirty years old and left behind five children, the eldest nine years old and each no more two years apart. No doubt overworked and malnourished, her death certificate lists her cause of death as pneumonia caused by influenza.

The 1918 influenza pandemic known as the Spanish flu, struck in three waves from early 1917 to early 1920. The deadliest period was November and December 1918. Around the world, 500 million people were infected, causing 50 to 100 million deaths, making it the deadliest natural disaster in recorded human history. By comparison, in 2019 in the United States the Center for Disease Control estimates that there were about 8,200 deaths and 140,000 hospitalizations (numbers disputed as too low) from common influenza (the H1N1 virus or the H3N2 virus). So far in 2020, the death toll from the coronavirus is reported to be more than 30 in the United States.

Many people know nothing about the so-called Spanish Flu. In the United States, national and local government and public health authorities badly mishandled the epidemic. Ostensibly, to prevent panic, information about the seriousness of the outbreak was withheld or outright lied about. The U. S. Government mounted a massive propagandea misinformation campaign, telling the public not to worry. Laws were even passed making it a crime to question or criticize the government.

The pandemic of 1918 was hardly the first recorded influenza pandemic, nor the only lethal one. A partial listing of particularly virulent outbreaks likely to have been influenza include one in 1510 in Europe, followed by another in 1580 that originated in Asia then spread to Africa, Europe, and the Americas, despite the fact that it took six weeks to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Some Spanish cities were nearly entirely depopulated by the disease. In 1688, influenza struck England, Ireland, and the Virginia Colony. It was recorded that, "In these places, people died as in a plague." Influenza struck Europe and New England in 1693 and again in 1699. It was said that, "The sickness extended to almost all families. Few or none escaped and many died, especially in Boston." In London in 1847 and 1848, more people died from influenza than from the terrible cholera epidemic of 1832. In 1889 and 1890 a worldwide influenza pandemic struck again. 1957 and 1968 were years of influenza pandemics, but hardly anyone remembers these outbreaks.

In late 1917, influenza with a high mortality rate was reported at a major troop staging and hospital camp at Étapes, France, The overcrowded camp and hospital — which treated thousands of victims of gas attacks and other casualties of war, was an ideal site for spreading infection. In the United States, the disease was first observed in Haskell County, Kansas, January 1918. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1918, company cook, Albert Gitchell, reported to sick call at Fort Riley, Kansas, a major training and staging facility, making him the first known American victim of the 1918 influenza pandemic. Within days, 522 soldiers at Fort Riley had reported sick. By March 11, 1918, the virus had reached Queens, New York. In August, 1918, a more virulent strain appeared simultaneously in Brest, France, Freetown, Sierra Leone, and Boston, Massachusetts. By the middle of October, nearly 500 people were infected in Berkeley, California and San Jose was under quarantine.

In the United States, 28 percent of the population became infected and five hundred to six hundred and fifty thousand died. At the time, the horrors of World War I captured the headlines and the devastation of influenza went largely unreported or, in the public mind, was associated with the

death and destruction of the war. People got sick and died without their families realizing millions of others worldwide were suffering the same fate. Modern transportation, crowded conditions in urban centers, primitive hygiene, and ignorance about the transmission of viruses spread influenza in civilian populations.

Close quarters in camps, and hospitals and massive troop movements, rapidly spread the flu through the armies of World War I and had an effect on the War's outcome. Thousands of soldiers, on both sides were in hospitals instead of on the battlefield. The Central Powers of Germany and Austria were infected before the Allied Armies. Both morbidity and mortality were higher in the German and Austrian armies than in the Allied armies, having an effect on the war's outcome favoring the allied armies possibly hastening the war's end.

World War I ended November 11, 1918. Deaths from influenza peaked in November and December 1918 and within months the disease had run its course. Both disease and war had ravaged the world and now peace and prosperity lay ahead. Not for everyone, though, especially those who had lost loved ones from war and disease.

In 1918, California's Imperial Valley was much as it is today, sparsely populated, rural farmland. Migrant workers were crammed into military style open bay barracks. There were no sanitary facilities in the fields. Conditions were ripe for spread of the influenza virus to workers in the fields and on to others they came in contact with, or the crops they handled.

Unable to take care of his five motherless children, Laurence Mc Intyre was forced to break up his family and find homes for his children.



My grandmother, Ethel May (Vaughn) Mc Intyre is buried in an unmarked pauper's grave in Riverview Cemetery, in Brawley, California — a victim of the great 1918 influenza pandemic. In 1930, my grandfather, Laurence McIntyre, left Imperial Valley for Dallas, Texas, where he died of tuberculosis April 27, 1939. He is buried in a pauper's grave at Laurel Land Cemetery, in Dallas, Texas.

The 2020 coronavirus outbreak caught government and public health agencies unprepared. Chaos and uncertainty put financial markets and world commerce at risk. The news media, particularly cable network news, strives to keep the fear level high, at least until the next crisis *de jour*. That's what they do!

Public response to the coronavirus is mixed. Stanford University, the University of Washington and Harvard have put all classes on-line. COSTCO and Walmart can't keep toilet paper in stock. Yet it has been reported that attendance at Disneyland remains high.

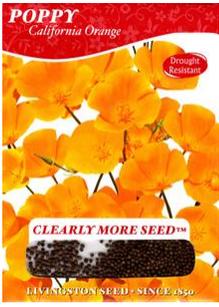
The prospect for an effective vaccine is realistically over a year in the future. By then, the virus may have run its course or mutated to either a more virulent or a more benign form. Viruses are shape shifting tricky vicious little rascals.

Sources: Wikipedia/Spanish flu  
*The Story of Influenza*



## California Poppy Day

**Date When Celebrated :** This holiday is always April 6



Fields of California poppies are known in California and elsewhere as "fields of gold." Today is a day set aside to honor these beautiful flowers and wildflowers. California poppies are native to the western coast of North America, from southern Canada, southward into Mexico. They grow wild, sometimes covering huge fields in a sea of gold, when in bloom.

In the late 1800's, Californians were working toward making the California Poppy their state flower. It did not happen until March 2, 1903. And, it wasn't until more than a century later, that California Poppy Day was created. Celebrate California Poppy Day by planting some of these poppies in your flower garden.

### Origin of "California Poppy Day"

In 1996, California Governor Pete Wilson declared May 13-18 to be California Poppy Week. This is the typical time that poppies bloom in the state. In 2010, the State of California passed Senate Bill 944 (37222.12), designating every April 6th as California Poppy Day.

## Carlsbad City Library

Due to the closure of libraries (and our SOCCGS Research Center), you can remotely access Genealogy Databases **available to current Carlsbad City Library cardholders.**

Visit the Carlsbad City Library website:

<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/depts/library/services/genealogy.asp>

**America's Genealogy Bank**

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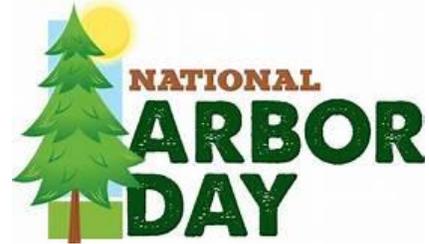
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**Newspapers.com**

Check the Orange County Public Library system and other local libraries for remote access with a current library card.



April 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Fun Activities While We Are Homebound From the Palm Springs Genealogical Society Newsletter**

- Create a written research problem statement for one difficult ancestor search you are doing
- Create a written research plan for solving this problem
- Scan and label some old photos – the ones you have been putting off
- Listen to a genealogy podcast
- Watch a genealogy video on YouTube
- Review the free videos on Ancestry Academy
- Complete your 2020 US Census, write a source citation for it and attach it to you in your Ancestry tree
- Transcribe an old will
- Look for ancestor's land records on BLMGLO
- Review your newest DNA matches
- Learn how to use DNA Painter
- Learn how to use Genetic Affairs
- Explore the FamilySearch website and learn how to merge to people
- Read the FamilySearch Wiki for a place you are starting to research

## **Navigating Newspaper Research Gena Philibert-Ortega**

You know newspaper research is important to your family history. It can uncover everything from vital record information to the casual mention of your ancestor's daily life. So go research newspapers! But is it really that easy? Which website should you use? If it's a subscription website, which one should you invest in? It's the one question I always get when I give presentations about newspaper research. And my answer is always, "I don't know."

This is the introduction to "Navigating Newspaper Research" by Gena Philibert-Ortega posted November 2019, at Legacy Family Tree. These two articles will help in your research:

[https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy\\_news/2019/11/newspaper-research.html](https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2019/11/newspaper-research.html)

[https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy\\_news/2019/11/newspapers-on-familysearch.html](https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2019/11/newspapers-on-familysearch.html)

### **Future Genealogy Events**

**Genealogy Events for Orange County have been cancelled for April due to the COVID-19 virus.**

**May 20-23, 2020, NGS Conference – Salt Lake City – Check for updates on COVID-19**

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

**Jul 25, 2020, GSNOCC Seminar – Luana Darby is the speaker. [www.gsnocc.org](http://www.gsnocc.org)**

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

### **2020 Programs**

**March 21 – Toni Perrone – “Researching in Rhineland Pfalz” - CANCELLED**

**April 18 – Jean Wilcox-Hibben – “America: Land of the Farm, Home of the Plow” - CANCELLED**

**May 16 – Linda Serna – Land Records: Don't Fence Me In**

**June 20 – Ted Gostin – “Using Maps & Gazetteers in Genealogy**

**July 18 – Colleen Fitzpatrick – Forensic Genealogy**

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

**Those Old Employers** posted 14 Mar 2020

To learn more about your ancestor's employer as given in a city directory, search the rest of the city directory as it may include advertisements or list the employer in a list of area businesses.

Consider performing a Google search for the name of the business and search local and regional histories as well, many of which have been digitized at *Google Books* (<http://books.google.com>)

or *Archive.org* (<http://www.archive.org>)

## Genealogy Search Tip

**Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection** posted 25 Jan 2020

This database is free to search—just make certain to see what newspapers and time periods it includes. It is sponsored by the Colorado State Library.

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/>

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