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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 starting to bring back some of our meetings virtually. Please check our calendar for May 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.

May 16, 2020 - 10am to 12pm

"A Genealogical Exploration: New to You Resources for Your Research"

Webinar Presented by: Gena Philibert-Ortega



Hit a brick wall? Need new ideas? Looking for new resources? We all have experienced moments when our research process falls flat. We just don't know where to look next and that's when learning about ways to find new resources as well as some "hidden" resources can help. Join Gena Philibert-Ortega as she discusses finding aids, online digitized collections, and databases that might help you learn something new about your ancestor's life.

About the speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a Master's degree in Religion. Her published works include two books, numerous articles published in magazines and online, two volumes of *Tracing Female Ancestors* (Moorshead Publishing), *Tracing Your Ancestors: Hispanic Research, Tips & Tricks for Online Genealogy Research* (Moorshead Publishing) and a *QuickGuide* from Legacy Family Tree. She is the editor of the Utah Genealogical Association's magazine, *Crossroads*. Her writings can be found on her blogs, *Gena's Genealogy* and *Food.Family.Ephemera* as well as the *GenealogyBank* blog. She is a course instructor for The National Institute for Genealogical Studies.

**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.**



**Message from your Acting President
Marilyn Sato**

Hi everyone! I hope you all had a very productive April and a great Easter. I continue to do research and have made some progress. No smoking gun but finding bits and pieces here and there. I have been thinking how I would love to go to the library as I have some locked records I need to access. I get a little annoyed and think how great it will be when the library and everything else opens. My list is getting quite long with locked records I need to explore. I imagine I'll be camping out at the library for a few hours at the rate I'm going.

I want to update you on a couple of amazing things that has happened with SOCCGS. We, meaning Harry and David spent many hours exploring ways we could get together as a group and they both used Zoom, a virtual way to hold meetings. So, to try it out we were able to have our April Board meeting. It was so good to see a handful of you, it really made me miss seeing everyone. We, the Board, unanimously agreed that we should obtain licensing so we can safely hold our SIG meetings online. If you have not had the opportunity to join a SIG online, I really encourage you to get on board. It is awesome!

Another amazing thing that's happened is we have been invited by a couple of Societies close to us to participate in their monthly meetings also using Zoom. If you received and acted on Gayle's email to join San Diego's meeting you know how great that was. We have the ability to do the same with our society, so the possibilities are endless with getting together. When you see Harry and/or David please thank them for their hard work and diligence in getting us active and online with our SIGs. They have both worked very hard spending weeks getting us up and running.

However, as I write this I'm hoping that we as a nation and California begins to open their doors. Virtual is great and gives us so many options it truly is amazing, but for me, seeing everyone in person is even better. I miss you guys and praying you are all keeping safe!

Thank you and hope to see you soon!

**Membership
~Lynn Souers**

As of April 28, 2020, we have 322 members, including 3 new members.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to my emails and renewed your membership! Our membership dropped this month due to 13 members with January renewal dates who chose not to renew after being contacted several times.

On the bright side, we welcome our 3 new members:

Brian Poff, Mission Viejo

Colleen Lineweber, Cypress.

Cindy Herndon, Trabuco Canyon

I look forward to one day being able to meet again in person. In the meantime, perhaps we'll chat in a Zoom meeting!

Thank you again for your support with your membership dues.



Zoom Anyone? By David Flint

Over the past several weeks we have been through many adjustments during the stay-at home orders from our public health officials for the Corona virus. That certainly affected our ability to maintain our regular schedule of meetings that we enjoy as members of our society. It was important that we stay safe, and all classes, meetings and activities were cancelled.

Many of us have been experimenting during this time with videoconferencing technology to keep in touch, and SOCCGS has now started using Zoom to hold virtual meetings for some of our activities instead of our regular in-person meetings. I conducted two of my monthly groups in April using Zoom. Our England SIG met on Zoom with 30 people attending, which is a little higher attendance than usual. I also did a Zoom meeting for our Legacy Users Group with 20 people, which is about average attendance for that group. In general, I think those meetings worked well. One thing was very clear in both groups – everyone has been cooped up long enough and raring to get back to their genealogy meetings! It was great to see everyone again, even though it was only on a computer screen.

Some of the other groups in our organization are also planning meetings via Zoom, and you may already have had a chance to participate in one of those. Our common experience seems to be positive, and it is definitely better than having no meetings while we are under restriction for our normal meeting format. We don't know at the time of writing this article when the "normal" use of the City's meeting rooms will resume, and Zoom is a workable alternative until that changes.

For those who are not familiar with Zoom as a way of participating in a meeting using your computer from home, I want to let you all know that it's easy, convenient, and does not require you to buy anything. You can attend a Zoom meeting using a computer (PC or Mac), iPad or smart phone. You will need a microphone and web camera for the meeting, and those are usually built into these devices. However, you may find that the flexibility in using Zoom is limited if you are not using a computer, and especially on a smart phone.

The person hosting the meeting will send you the information you need to join the meeting, usually via email. All you need to do is click on the link provided and wait for the meeting to start. It may take a few minutes at the beginning to get everyone up to speed on some of the things you need to do to get your sound and video working, but that usually goes quickly, and then you can enjoy the meeting. It is likely that you will have the opportunity soon to join a SOCCGS meeting using Zoom. Many of our SIG leaders are using Zoom now to resume holding those monthly meetings.

The board is also considering how we can use Zoom to hold our next monthly members meeting with a speaker. Several of our neighboring genealogical societies have used this method successfully for their monthly meeting. I recently attended a good presentation by the San Diego Genealogical Society, and plan to attend another by OCCGS by the time you read this article. It is becoming the new way to hold large meetings without violating the social distancing requirements of the day, while allowing everyone to stay at home and still participate in a great genealogy presentation. We will be using the webinar version of Zoom for our members meeting on May 16. You will be hearing more about Zoom for our future SOCCGS meetings, so stay tuned. Don't let the new technology put you off. I bet you will enjoy "seeing" everyone again sooner than you might otherwise have expected.



April SIG Meetings on Zoom

Christianne Rottenberg - Our **Writing Family History Stories** group took place on April 8th as we were chomping at the bit to get our stories out. **Jane Schrenzel** one of our members had a Zoom account and set our meeting up with 6 attendees for the first go round. Thank you Jane! It was good to check in and see how everyone was doing.

We figured out to adjust our cameras for the best view, had some good laughs and started reading stories to each other with comments made after each story was read. We did not want to break the pattern of writing stories.

Our next zoom will be held on May 13, 2020. Please email the moderator Christianne at writingstories@socccgs.com for an invite to the next meeting.

Thanks to the association for setting up the SOCCGS Zoom account.

Gayle Meldau - The first online **Ireland/Scotland SIG** meeting using Zoom took place in April. A big thank you to **Donna Rathman** for volunteering to be our SIG Zoom host - she'll be scheduling our online meetings, sending out the links to everyone, and running the meeting on Zoom - she even figured out how to create a fun poll for us! Thanks also go to **Lynn Machen** who did our first Zoom presentation about Tartan Day and the Declaration of Arbroath as part of Scottish history. Below is the link to one of the videos that Lynn showed:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bZYWJBpMhQ>. **Metty Thomason** and **Barbara Taylor** will be making presentations for our May meeting.

It was terrific to see everyone who joined us (18 people), and we hope even more of you will consider joining us for the **next SIG meeting on May 15th** - it's easy to use Zoom and we're all learning together. Just email me at irelandscotlandsig@socccgs.org for more information.

Jay Culliney - **DNA SIG** Held Its First Official Zoom Meeting on April 24th, 2020

We were happy to host a meeting of 27 participants - and no one dropped out throughout the two-hour meeting (and some lingered for a 30-minute wind down chat following the main meeting)! Functionally, the meeting went very smoothly with only a few very brief audio drop-outs. Members were able to share recommendations on several research techniques - of course including dots." Several members utilized, or at least tested, their ability to screen-share with the rest of the group - all very successfully. For our SIG purposes, this is an especially useful capability of the Zoom meeting platform. People can share close-up views of pages of their [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) results so others can clearly follow what they are discussing.

E-mail Jay at dnasig@socccgs.org for more information.

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

A Few Reminders posted 12 Apr 2020

It's hard to think of something new every day, so for today we'll mention a few things that are worth always keeping handy in your genealogy toolkit:

- Do not jump to conclusions.
- Look at all the information—not just what excites you or agrees with your “hoped for” conclusion.
- Research to find what you can—not to prove what you think you already know.
- Most tall tales have a grain of truth to them.
- Do not research based on memory—double check the facts that “came from your head.”
- Everyone makes mistakes. Don't be afraid to revise an incorrect conclusion.

From our Members

Barbara Taylor - LAPL Ancestry Library Edition

If you have an LA public library card, go to <http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/research-and-homework> and look for the Ancestry Library Edition link.

Marilyn Sato - Received this e-mail from Adriana Martinez:

I was doing some reading on research resources and I came across your article <https://soccgs.org/favorite-websites/>. It was a great piece. I actually just wrote a guide about research resources. I wrote it with students in mind but it features a huge amount of useful information: <https://www.internetadvisor.com/student-college-research-guide>. It compliments your information and I hope your readers will appreciate the additional resource.

Harry Hansen - ABC is on the case! The network just announced the premiere date for their new TV show, *The Genetic Detective*. The documentary series “follows investigative genetic genealogist CeCe Moore as she uses her unique research skills to transform the face of crime solving.” *The Genetic Detective* premieres on [ABC](#) on **May 19th at 10 p.m. ET/PT**.

Also from Harry –e-mail re **Family History Research With a Visual Impairment**

There was a mailing list on Rootsweb for those with sight issues, it was called Blind-Genealogists. With the demise of the Rootsweb mailing lists, it was decided to move the list to groups.io. and change the name to **Visually Impaired Genealogists**. If you know of someone who is struggling to carry on with their family history research because of a sight impairment, please do let them know that there is a group set up specifically to help people just like them.

The group's website address is: <https://groups.io/g/Visually-Impaired-Genealogists>

Judy Davin – From the St. Louis Gen Society - **German Language Newspapers** in the St. Louis, MO Library.

- Amerika. (St. Louis, Mo.) 1871-1874
- Amerika. (St. Louis, Mo.) 1892-1894
- Amerika. (St. Louis, Mo.) 190?-1921
- Amerika und Herold des Glaubens. (St. Louis, Mo.) 1921-1924
- Sonntagsblatt der Amerika. (St. Louis, Mo.) 1872-1892
- Wochenblatt der Amerika. [volume] (St. Louis, Mo.) 1874-1894

Also, newspapers at UC Riverside – California Digital Newspaper collection <https://cdnc.ucr.edu>

Metty Thomanan – Thank you to everyone with ideas and pointers every time we meet. I went to the UC Riverside website with the newspaper archives and was able to find several items on my great-great-grandfather and my great uncles.

Lillian Hobbs - I truly found this fascinating. I hope you enjoy it. Who knows maybe some of them are connected to you somehow. This hasn't been around in awhile: **48 Photos (mostly pre-WW2 with captions)** <http://douglascountygensoc.org/photos002.html>

Herb Abrams – Here is a free clickable genealogy website menu that is similar to the one I had on the old SOCCGS website <https://sites.google.com/site/herbsfreegenealogywebsites/>

**The Genealogical Society of North Orange County California
Seminar Cancelled, Saturday, July 25th, 2020**

Ancestry Library Edition ~Gayle Meldau



Ancestry Library Edition is now available from home with an Orange County Public Library card. If you have a library card for any of the OCPL branch libraries (El Toro, Rancho Santa Margarita, Irvine, San Clemente, etc.), you can access Ancestry from home on this webpage:

<http://www.ocpl.org/elib/genealogy>

You enter your OCPL library card number and PIN. If you don't know your PIN, try the last 4 digits of your phone number - many libraries use that as the default.

If you don't already have an OCPL library card, you can apply for an eCard online here:
https://catalog.ocpl.org/client/en_US/default/search/registration/%24N?pc=SYMWS

If you encounter problems, the OCPL webpage suggests emailing them with questions at library.admin@occr.ocgov.com

Or you can send an email to a specific branch library from this webpage:
<http://www.ocpl.org/services/about/contact>

FamilySearch Affiliate Access

Several of you have asked about access to those FamilySearch "locked" records while the Mission Viejo Library is closed. Unfortunately, FamilySearch has posted this message on their Catalog Search page:

Due to contractual obligations, FamilySearch cannot offer expanded access to historical records that are restricted to family history centers and affiliate libraries, despite the temporary closure of these facilities. We apologize for the inconvenience caused by COVID-19 precautionary measures.

In the meantime, we encourage you to explore the vast record collections that are available on FamilySearch. Millions of new indexed records and images are added weekly. And if you haven't used our new [Explore Historical Images](#) tools, you might be surprised at the potential discoveries you can make in our growing unindexed image collections. We appreciate your patience, loyalty, and support.

So keep track of the records you want to view, and we'll need to be patient until the history centers and libraries open up again.

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

Ancestry Library Edition

Archives Unbound

Fold3

Heritage Quest

Newspapers.com

You can apply for a Carlsbad library card online:

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

And More Responses...

~Arlene O'Donnell

We reap what we sow...as the saying goes. And the responses continue to come in! I had at least a half dozen "Edits" in Find-A-Grave and all came thru, just like that! I also find that when I receive requests for "Edits" on Memorials that I authored, it causes me to go back to verify what is being suggested and lo and behold, new info available on my ancestor! I also used my newly found available time to add missing cemeteries to Find-A-Grave.

I said I'd share my response related to my infamous John Smith. A DNA match to me through my Great Grandmother's line (John Smith's wife) contacted me. He had taken a very old photograph that I had posted on Ancestry.com and using a Map of Ireland from OSI (Ordnance Survey Ireland) that mapped the whole country between 1829 and 1841, he believes he has found the location of the Williams Family homestead/farm. Pretty neat sleuthing on his part! Meanwhile I have sent another batch of messages to DNA matches in Yorkshire that I have gotten from both AncestryDNA and MyHeritageDNA. My hunt for John Smith continues!

I have also gone back and followed up on old messages that I never heard back on. I selected those that met my criteria of having a decent size family tree posted, had recently been active on Ancestry.com, and well-documented their entries. Will share the results next month.

Hope to hear some of your successes!

Memorial Day Programs Canceled – But Veterans Still Honored Orange County Cemetery District May/June 2020 Newsletter



There may be no speeches, or bagpipes, or honor guard firing salutes, but the Veterans interred at all of the District Cemeteries will still be remembered and honored. Volunteers and District staff, mindful of social distancing and limitations on gatherings, will still scour the grounds to decorate the gravesites of our Veterans with U.S. flags. The flags will be placed beginning on May 21st and will proudly fly through June 2nd. All District cemeteries will be open for visitation on Memorial Day, May

25th, but COVID-19 visitation guidelines should be followed.

The District newsletter can be viewed at www.occemeterydistrict.com.

District Cemeteries – El Toro Memorial Park, Santa Ana Cemetery, Anaheim Cemetery

Armed Forces Day

Date When Celebrated : Third Saturday in May - **May 16, 2020**

This is simply a day to salute sharply all of the men and women in all branches of military, who protect you and our country. They can be called upon at a moment's notice to perform a risky and perilous mission for freedom and country. They train diligently both physically and mentally, so they will be prepared to prevail in any mission they face.



Just how did it all begin? Well, each branch of the military had their own day of celebration. But, on August 31, 1949 then Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day. President Harry Truman also announced the holiday in a presidential proclamation on February 20, 1950. All branches of the military were asked to celebrate on this day and they complied on the first Armed Forces Day which was held the following year on May 20, 1950.

holidayinsights.com

Search My Heritage U. S. Yearbooks for Free through May 23, 2020

Wow, great news from MyHeritage—[FREE access to the entire Yearbook collection](#) through May 23, 2020. They've also colorized all of the black and white photos throughout.

May Free Webinars

Legacy

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

May 12 – 11am – Leveraging MyHeritage's German Resources Effectively – James M. Beidler

May 13 – 5pm – The Ultimate Family History Interview – Nicka Smith

May 19 – 5pm – Discover the Holdings of German Archives – Teresa Steinkamp McMillin

May 20- 11am – Timesaving Apps for Busy Genealogists – Lisa Also

May 26 – 11am – Enlightened Design with the MyHeritage Chart Creation Tool – Janet Hovorka

May 27 – 11am – Mistrust Transcriptions: And Here's Why – Dr. Bruce Durie

Jun 2 – 7pm – Sources for Landed and Titled People – Paul Milner

Jun 3 – 11am – “What are the Odds?” An online tool that can help solve DNA puzzles – Jonny Perl
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.

Southern California Genealogical Society:

May 2 – 10am – When Prussian Grandpa Contributed No DNA, Can We Find Out Who Did? – David Dowell

May 20 – 6pm – The Packet Ships That Brought Them to America – Nancy Waters

Register at www.scgsgenealogy.com

New England Historic Genealogical Society

May 8 – 1pm – Special Webinar - The English Country House: Center of the Universe – Curt DiCamillo

May 14 – 12pm - Searching Databases on AmericanAncestors.org – Molly Rogers

May 14 – 3pm – Virtual Author Event – Steven Puleo with *Voyage of Mercy: the USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine and the Remarkable Story of America's first Humanitarian Mission.*

May 20 – 3pm – Virtual Author Event – Libby Copeland with *The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are*

May 21 – 12pm – Creating a Research Plan for Cluster Research – Lindsay Fulton

May 22 – 1pm – Special Webinar - Lords, Ladies & Mummies: The Story of Highclere Castle – Curt DiCamillo

June 5 – 1pm – Special Webinar - The English Garden: Perfection on Earth – Curt DiCamillo

Register at americanancestors.org/education/online-classes

Free Family History Classes

Thomas MacEntee

(From SOCCGS Facebook Page) Stuck at home? The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, has announced free ONLINE family history classes for May 2020 featuring a Dutch Handwriting Seminar and Swedish Research!

<https://abundantgenealogy.com/free-family-history-library-.../> #free #genealogy #online #education

National Nurses Day

Date When Celebrated :

- May 7-13: National Nurse's Week
- May 8: National Student Nurses Day
- May 6th: National Nurses Day
- Wednesday of Nurse's Week: School Nurses Day
- May 12: International Nurse's Day



What:

National Nurses Week, and a number of specific Nurses Days during this week, provides recognition to nurses for their contributions and commitment to quality health care. It brings awareness to the importance of nurses in the care, comfort, and well being of all of us, and especially our children and the aging, and those in poor health.

Origin of Nurses Day:

The roots of International Nurses Day goes back to 1953, when Dorothy Sutherland of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a "Nurse Day" in October of the following year. The proclamation was not officially made. But, this day was born and eventually gained national recognition. International Nurse Day is celebrated on May 12, because this it's the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

Holidayinsights.com

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter April 29, 2020

[Dick Eastman · April 29, 2020](#)

British Museum Makes 1.9 Million Images Available for Free

The British Museum has all sorts of photographs available and many of them may interest genealogists. The odds of having a photograph of your ancestors are slim, but you may find historic photographs of the town or other local areas where ancestors lived as well as photographs of military units, landmarks, clothing, and even the Admonitions Scroll made in China over 1600 years ago.

The British Museum has revamped its online collections database, making over 1.9 million photos of its collection available for free online under a Creative Commons license. (That license allows free non-commercial use of the photographs.)

Under the new agreement the majority of the 1.9 million images are being made available for anyone to use for free under a Creative Commons 4.0 license. Users no longer need to register to use these photographs, and can now download them directly from the British Museum. Details may be found at: <https://bit.ly/2YiBW1k>.

MyHeritage Extends the new "Ask the Expert" Series during May 2020

Click on the link to see a list of topics and to register (sessions are 30 minutes):

<https://blog.eogn.com/2020/04/29/myheritage-extends-the-new-ask-the-expert-series-during-may-2020/>

Dick Eastman has a list of cancellations of all genealogy-related cancellations, postponements and conversions to virtual events that will be available as a dedicated page at:

<https://blog.eogn.com/cancellations>.

Digital Newspapers ~Kathie Mauzey

In a recent conversation with my cousin regarding our Iowa research, he said that Iowa had digitized newspapers in small towns and they were online. He suggested I google "Iowa Digital Newspapers." What came up was an Iowa Historical Newspapers database at the Rod Library. I found many newspapers that were not on the other newspaper sites. I then tried "Minnesota Digital Newspapers" and found more papers to research. So, try looking for "(your state) Digital Newspapers" and see what you find. Let me know if you are successful with this type of search.

New Special Webinars at NEHGS ~Kathie Mauzey

On April 30th, NEHGS had a webinar on “Treasures of New England Historic Genealogical Society” presented by Curt DiCamillo, Curator of Special Collections. I found the presentation very informative with the background and historic significance of the items presented. I highly recommend watching this webinar. To see this presentation, it is in the Archived Webinars at American Ancestors. <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/watch>
You can sign up as a guest to see the presentation.

There will be three “Special Webinars” presented by Curt DiCamillo in May/June (see May Free Webinars, pg 8) which should be of interest to many of our members, especially May 22, The Story of Highclere Castle for all you Downtown Abbey fans.

When you want a break from sheltering in place, take a look at these virtual trips!

The [San Diego Zoo](#) has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour!

Yellowstone National Park Virtual Field Trip
[Mud Volcano](#), [Mammoth Hot Springs](#), and so much more.
Tour [Yellowstone National Park!](#)

MARS [Explore the surface of Mars](#) on the Curiosity Rover.
They are updating from WEBVR to WEBXR now, but [360 Mode](#) offers a digital view!

Animal Cameras
[Live Cams at the San Diego Zoo](#)
[Monterey Bay Aquarium live cams](#)
[Panda Cam at Zoo Atlanta](#)
[6 Animal Cams at Houston Zoo](#)
[Georgia Aquarium](#) has [Jellyfish](#), [Beluga Whales](#), and [more](#)

Virtual Farm Tour
This Canadian site [FarmFood 360](#) offers [11 Virtual Tours](#) of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs.

U. S. Space and Rocket Museum in Huntsville, AL
See the [Saturn 5 Rocket](#) on [YouTube](#) and more on this tour thanks to a real father/son outing.

The Louvre
Travel to Paris, France to see amazing works of art at [The Louvre](#) with this virtual field trip.

Boston Children’s Museum
Walk through the [Boston Children’s Museum](#) thanks to Google Maps!
[This](#) virtual tour allows kids to explore 3 floors of fun.



FamilySearch is indicating that the following databases have been updated.

[Missouri, Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers Home Applications, 1911-1938](#)

[Minnesota Deaths, 1887-2001](#)

[Wyoming, Reclaim the Records, State Archives Vital Records, 1908-1966](#)

[United States, Native American, Eastern Cherokee Enrollment Records, 1908-1910](#)

[California County Naturalizations, 1831-1985](#)

[Italy, Roma, Civil Registration \(State Archive\), 1863-1930](#)

[Vermont, Passenger Lists, 1895-1924](#)

[Vermont Vital Records, 1760-1954](#)

[Mexico, Distrito Federal, Catholic Church Records, 1514-1970](#)

[Mexico, Durango, Catholic Church Records, 1604-19855](#)

[Georgia, Chatham, Savannah, Laurel Grove Cemetery Record Keeper's Book \(colored\), 1852-1942](#)

[Mississippi, Death Certificate Index, 1912-1943](#)

[Texas, Special Voter Registration, 1867-1869](#)

Future Genealogy Events

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

May 9, 2020, 10-11:30 – SHAAR Virtual May Meeting – Paul Schmal on The Indigenous People of Zacatecas, Jalisco, Guanajuato and Michoacan. [Shaar.org/events](http://shaar.org/events)

May 17, 2020, 1:30-3:30 – OCJGS Virtual May Meeting – Diane Mizrachi on Jewish Genealogy Resources in the University Research Library of UCLA. **Register in advance for this meeting:** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpd-qupjktGtJT2oz06L5HoKGGhCqxyEu>

May 20-23, 2020, NGS Conference – Salt Lake City – Scheduled as Virtual Conference <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

Jul 25, 2020, GSNOCC Seminar – CANCELLED

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

2020 Programs

May 16 – Gena Philibert-Ortega – Webinar - A Genealogical Exploration: New to You Resources for Your Research

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>

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>

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