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Family History Center

A Message from Our President

On November 4th, I was privileged to attend the Central Coast Genealogy Seminar at the Santa Maria Public Library. One hundred eleven people registered for the day-long event, and I believe all of them except a few showed up. I thoroughly enjoyed the seminar, which was co-sponsored by our society and the San Luis Obispo County Genealogy Society, and hope it becomes an annual event. One of my favorite classes was presented by Angie Bush where she taught about a (new to me) DNA tool called DNAGedcom. Brenda Brownlee, our society's secretary, worked very hard to make the whole event a success.



For your information, the Santa Maria Family History Center is open now after being closed for a few months during remodeling. The main room was the most changed during the remodel and now houses 11 computer stations, a printer, plus projectors and screens for class presentations. The Center is located at 908 Sierra Madre, inside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It's open to the public and offers many great family history resources for free. The volunteer staff are knowledgeable and want to help you with many aspects of your family history. Please visit during these hours: Monday through Wednesday from 10am-2pm or Tuesday and Wednesday from 7-9pm. Watch for an open house* and class schedule in early 2018.

I hope you will join us for lunch in December in place of our monthly meeting. Watch your email for more details but plan on it being on the 14th of December. We want to cordially invite all of our new members (9 recently joined!) to attend our lunch so we can get to know you.

*BREAKING NEWS: Our new meeting place for General Meetings is the Santa Maria Family History Center, located at 908 Sierra Madre in Santa Maria. The Center is located at the southwest corner of the large church building. You will see a small sign near the entrance. Our first official meeting at the new location will be on January 18th. Be aware, too, that an open house will be held at the Family History Center on the 9th and 10th of December in conjunction with the annual Celebration of the Nativity at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. You're all invited to attend the open house and visit the newly remodeled FHC between 6pm and 9pm those two nights, plus enjoy choir music and cookies at the Nativity. The events are free and open to the public.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,
Sandy Peterson, SMVGS 2017-2018 President

Speakers at the October Genealogy Seminar

NEXT MEETING
11:30am December 14
Giavanni's Pizza
Orcutt

Next Board Meeting
Jan 10, 2018, 1:00pm
FHC

Library Docent
By appointment



Nancy Loe



Dr. Michael Lacopo



Angie Bush



A Message from Our Editor

Well, that was a giant splat —

Hey people, I need some input if you don't want this to be the Mikey Genealogy Minute.



Don't get me wrong; I can talk forever. Check out the Tip of the Month. And I sort of plagiarized, sort of created, a cartoon for this month.

Send an eMail to the Society at Roots@smvgs.com. Tell me what I like, what you hate, and what you want everyone else to know. And ask Genie something; she's dying to get your questions.

Tip of the Month

Watch those middle names. Who would have known that the Littleton, Gustafson, Milroy, Nicholson, Ruiz, Watts, and Zigler families are all related to the Foxen family? And this is just the middle names on gravestones in the tiny Los Alamos cemetery. When I searched the Santa Maria Cemetery, I also found Botiller, Sierra, Rojas, Goodchild and Simas. Of course, it would be cheating to add the San Ramon Chapel cemetery—which is pretty much a Foxen family cemetery—to the search, and where, somewhat to my surprise, I found only two additional families marrying into the Foxen family.



Another interesting place that I have found middle names is in the living. Two of my brothers-in-law are Frederick Clement and Robert Patterson. Their grandfather was Clement Patterson.

Ok, it isn't exactly fair to say that I did not receive any input, but it was all from members of the Board. Marilyn sent in a web site. I don't want to call it the Genealogy Site of the Month because it isn't exactly a genealogy site, but it is an interesting site, and I am not about to turn down anyone at this point. Try it; you'll like it.

<http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/colonial-life-today/early-american-economics-facts>

As for the site of the month, this selection is because it is interesting and different. Send me sites you like, and I will include them in future issues. As for this site, I have listed Farris and Blankenship with them. Every week I receive a couple of old newspaper articles that contain one or the other of those names. There is no guarantee that the names will actually be in my family tree, but sometimes they are, and often they are interesting. Last week I read about Sheriff Farris. Apparently he was hitting on a woman and berating her husband. **She** got tired of it and shot him in the chest. The doctor said it wasn't serious, but he died the next morning. I guess the doctor and I have a different idea of what is serious. Here's the site:

<http://www.newspaperabstracts.com>

