



# Ask the Genealogy Lady

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## THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Family History Expo—  
Redding, California

Oct 16-17 2009

Sacramento Regional  
Family History Center

2745 Eastern Avenue,  
Sacramento, CA

Wednesday evenings  
Classes 7:00-8:30

916-487-2090

[http://  
www.familyhistorycenter.in  
fo/](http://www.familyhistorycenter.info/)

Check out class schedule

Some of us don't quite understand what the Library of Congress material consist of and how it can help in our research.

Pam Dallas gave a presentation on this subject at the Nevada County Genealogy Society in August at Grass Valley.

She said that in addition to thousands of books, the library has original newspapers, maps, unpublished manuscripts, musical instruments, sheet music, prints, photographs and many materials on microfilm, and microfiche.

Samples of Holdings of Interest to the Genealogist are as follow:

Published genealogies, Unpublished manuscripts, Local histories, Census Records, Directories (city and county), Newspapers, Periodicals, Land Ownership records, Patriotic and Lineage societies, Business directories, Photographs, Prints, Bibliographies, Naturalization records, Finding aids and books relating to immigrant ancestors, Foreign Telephone directories, Heraldry, Regional & State Materials, Genealogies, Special Collections, British Naval Records, Telephone Directories, Professional directories, Social registers, Maps, Land Ownership maps, Railroad maps, Civil War

maps, Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, Treasure maps, Gazetteers, Ships Passenger lists, European Emigration lists, Pictures of ships, NUCMC (National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections), Professional Directories, Church records (books on individual Churches and religious organizations). Military service records (books, lists, inventories, guides and bibliographies relating to all wars).

Plus many other items. Main headings and card catalog can be found at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) or [www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy](http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy)

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### TOPIC OF THIS MONTH

#### "DON'T FORGET COLLATERAL RESEARCH"

Why do you want to find those Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins?

Have you ever had a brick wall that seemed unbreakable?

In our research we may find the full family in one census then in the next census some have disappeared. Questions begin, Where did they go? Women may have married, others may have died, and some were taken in by other relatives.

By contacting others in the family, friends and neighbors clues may

be found.

An example of this is the 26 year old mother who had 2 children and one on the way when her 26 year old husband dies. She remarries and has another child. When this child is 2 years old the woman dies. The husband can not take care of the children so he gives his step-children to their mother and fathers parents and his child to his half-brother.

Even though the children lived within walking distance of each other and went to the same

school they knew very little about the youngest child. It took years before they learned about each other.

No one in the family really knows who made the first search. They became very close and became a family again.

The changes in names can come from marriages, re-marriages, adoptions, or even changing a name because of legal issues. Family members or others may lead you to your ancestor. So check out all collateral lines.

## LAST MONTHS GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER



Our Speaker for the month of August was Cath Madden Trindle, Her presentation on "*Lists, Indexes and Special Collections—A bon to the Genealogical Research .*"

Was very informative and

gave us many new ways to find our ancestors. She also gave us some of the common problems in using indexes, lists and special collections.

Surname's may not always be listed in cross indexes such as Business. They may only list the First name and not the other name associated with it. Example: *Smith & Harper Co.* This will be listed in Smith and not under Harper, so if you are

looking for Harper you will not find it. Another may be titles such as Rev, Dr., Esq or Prof, Mrs. , Mr., So be creative and check alternative spellings as you can.

Check out Newspapers, Library's and Online indexes. Some of the web pages are:  
[www.cnp.ucr.edu/](http://www.cnp.ucr.edu/)  
California Newspaper Project.

[www.onlinenewspapers.com/usstate/sucalifo.htm](http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/usstate/sucalifo.htm) Online Newspapers

[www.newspaperabstracts.com](http://www.newspaperabstracts.com) Newspaper Abstracts.

[www.ancestorhunt.com/california\\_newspaper\\_obituaries.htm](http://www.ancestorhunt.com/california_newspaper_obituaries.htm) Ancestor Hunt—links to newspapers and other online indexes.

Check these out and also get her handout to get more information.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

Our General Meeting for tonight will be **Jose Vaughn**. She will be speaking on "*Researching you Italian Ancestors.*" Josie has devoted the last 6 years to researching her Sicilian roots and has published a CD on the vital statistics from the films available on her father's birthplace of Piana dei Greci (now Piana degli Albanese) with 42,435 births,

marriages and deaths. Along with genealogy, she researches books on the history of the various area she is researching.

In October our own **Dave Perkins** will be speaking on "*Obscure Records.*"

In November **Gretchen Cristopher** will continue her presentation on "*The Pilgrims.*" A Mini-Social will follow this presentation.

In December there will be no meeting.

Next year we will have many topics that we hope you will enjoy learning. If you have a topic that you would like to hear let your Speaker Committee know.



## SUNDAY WORKSHOP

Be sure to check out our website to see what workshops are available on Sunday's. Here is the next 3 months worth of workshops/discussion classes.

**September 27 at 2:00 pm** we will have **Barbara Leak** discussing "*Land Records*" This is a great way to find your ancestor's

**October 25 at 2:00 pm** **Glenda Lloyd** will be discussing "*Church Records*" This topic is a very informational way to get excellent information.

**November 22 at 2:00pm** Our own Kathy Propersi will explaining "*Ways to Share Family History*" This can help you discover ways to correct and invite the family to put their input to your Family History.

Our Sunday workshops/discussion classes are great ways to get great information FREE.

If this is a difficult time or day please let us know so that we can add or change these classes. Remember that you do have a say in what is done to help you in your research.

**GET TO KNOW YOUR GROUP MEMBERS**



Our Member of the month is **June Husted-Travis**. June has been a member for 4-5 years.

When she first started in genealogy she knew

very little or no information about her father's parents, whom he and his Connecticut siblings never mentioned. She knew her mother's family were Alabama farmers, whom she visited many summers when she was a child.

June tried a lot of the things she learned at the meetings, but she just couldn't find the information she needed.

One night she was talking to Diane Murach and told her about her frustrations. At the next meeting Diane

handed her at least 50 pages on her maternal relatives. June was overwhelmed. Armed with this information she took the next Saturday class at the LDS center in Sacramento, and took another trip to the Sacramento Family History Library.

3 years ago she and her husband went to Italy and took a train to a village where they were told that her family was from. At the city hall a man checked the computer and directed his assistant to a large old ledger which he brought to them and opened it. There was her father's birth record and the names of her grandparents. Her father always told her he was born in Pennsylvania, so this was a big surprise to her. She learned many other things about her family.

Her best find was hard for her to decide.

Finding her father's birth record, the 3rd ship manifest and information from Ancestry that indicates she has a relative from Ireland in the 17th century.

June is an example of the old adage: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again" but use a different means, a different program.

She was hesitant to buy a new program, but when she won a door prize of a program, she chose to buy Family Tree Maker with 6 months of Ancestry. It was much more fun to have some success in locating family members, it encourages her to keep looking.

**E D U C A T I O N A L P R O G R A M S**

For your information there are many educational programs in the area.

Check out the Fall classes at Sierra College, San Juan School and Folsom Cordova Adult school.

There is also some new classes at Twelve Bridges Library.

Also nearby Genealogical

Societies like: Nevada County Genealogical Society, Sacramento Regional Family Historical Society.

Placer County Genealogical Society,

Our own club has computer classes on the first Monday of the month and we also have discussion/workshop class on the Fourth Sunday of the month.

In January we usually have a beginning genealogy computer class that can help the beginner as well as those who have been doing genealogy for a while.

We have our own members who come and help in many of our classes and discussion/workshops as well as professional genealogist. Check out our website for

Information on these classes.

Keep learning and you will break through those brickwalls.



**G E N E A L O G I C A L R E S E A R C H WITH G O O G L E**

Basic Operators used to help in researching with Google are as follows:

**+** forces words to be included exactly in search results. Useful with stop worked that other wise will be discarded, excludes variants.

**OR** finds documents with one of the given terms.

**" "** using quotes forces

Google to search for the exact phrase.

**~** searches for the word and its synonyms

**\*** use as wildcard. One asterisk replaces one string of characters, two replaces two, etc.

**..** Used to search in a range of numbers, Works well for limiting results to a date range.

**Site:** may be used to search a specific website.

When forming your queries

remember for the best results use **Who What,** and **When**

Google is not case sensitive.

Google default is to search for pages that include all of your search terms. The order of your search term is relevant.

Google excludes common words like **"I" "the" "and"**. Add the **+** sign to include them.

Google Language Tools are a

great site for translating into or

from another language.

[www.google.com/language\\_tools](http://www.google.com/language_tools)



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3rd Monday of  
the month  
6:30pm  
Kilaga Springs  
Presentation  
Hall

Remember members, *"You are the roots of our Group so lets grow like the many family trees that we are researching".*

Ask your neighbors and Lincoln Hills friends to join our group.

Web Site :  
[www.lhgen.org](http://www.lhgen.org)

[New online documents](#)

It has come to my attention that new online documents have become available.

Check out these websites:

For Irish documents: <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/>

If you go to [www.labfamilysearchlabs.org](http://www.labfamilysearchlabs.org) you are now able to download and print Cook County, Ill. marriage licenses 1871-1920.

[Online websites for small European countries.](#)

For research in **Ukraine and Belarus** check out this website.  
[www.mtu-net.ru/rrr/ukraine.htm](http://www.mtu-net.ru/rrr/ukraine.htm)

Great site for Austria ,Hungarian information

<http://www.austro-hungarian-genealogy-translations.com/factor/index.php>

Carpathian -Rusyn website

<http://www.rusyn.com> or <http://www.carpatho-rusyn.org/indexgen.htm>

For Basque websites

<http://www.aheb-beha.org> or <http://mendezmende.org/artxiboa/> or <http://www.irargi.org/> or <http://www.justizia.net/registrocivil/>

Try this Netherlands website.

<http://www.genealogylinks.net/europe/netherlands/index.html>

There are many more just keeping looking for your specific country. Whether it is across the pond or here in the good old USA.

Most of the time you will find websites that can help find that elusive ancestor.

Be sure to check out the small countries around the one you think your ancestor came from. You never can tell like June who was told her father came from Pennsylvania when in reality he was born in Italy.

Don't give up. Search everywhere even the most obscure places. A program that might help with boarder changes is AniMap.

