



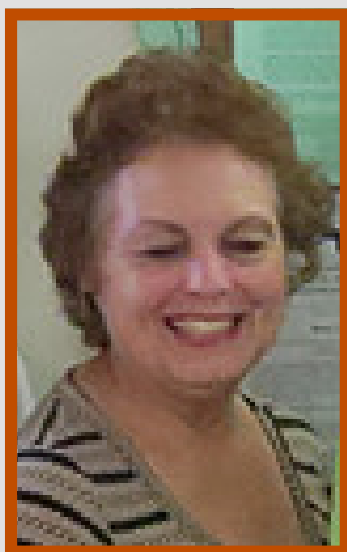
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PVGS to Hear

Connie Rodriguez

on October 8, 2016

**Speaking on How To Take Full Advantage of the
Sites We Know Family Search, Ancestry, Etc.**

**PVGS Vice President Connie Rodriguez will talk to us
about making the most of the tools we have such as
Family Search and Ancestry.**



October is Family
History Month

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Appointments

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Meetings

2nd Sat .Sep-May Board Meeting — 1:00 PM Program — 2:00 PM

Dues

\$20/person or \$25/family

Website

<http://www.pvgs.us/>.



Never Let A Problem Become an Excuse!

In case you weren't at our last meeting, Connie Rodriguez is offering a one-on-one research session if you can use some individualized help. The hour-and-a-half session can be scheduled at either the Pomona Public Library or the Covina Family History Center. Appointments are only available to PVGS members. To schedule a session, contact Connie at programs@pvgs.us.

DUES ARE DUE!

We are all ignorant. We are just ignorant about different things. *Will Rogers*

NEW MEMBERS

MARGARET EDWARDS
 DANA EWELL
 ELYSE MENGLE

France Opens Massive WWII Archives to the Public

Hundreds of thousands of files on members of the French resistance, communists and Jews hunted by the collaborationist Vichy government in France during WWII are now accessible to the public.

The order was signed on December 24, 2015. It will help the work of historians and also bring more citizens into the archives to learn about what happened to their ancestors during WWII.

Now anyone can come into a reading room, ask for a document and get it “within a minute or 15 minutes, just the time needed to go and get it from the shelves, says the chief of Paris police archives. The decision by the French government to open the archives came in response to a call by French historians.

Definitions for Genealogists

DNA: (deoxyribonucleic acid) The DNA molecule is made of a long string of chemical building blocks called “nucleotides.” There are four different nucleotides: A—adenine, T—thymine, G—guanine, C—cytosine. These 3 billion nucleotides make up the human genome (about the same size as the genome of a chimpanzee or a mouse.) In contrast, a fruit fly has 180 million, yeast has about 12 million.

Chromosomes: sequences of nucleotides. Human beings have 46. (two pairs of 23 and a pair of sex chromosomes labeled X and Y. A male human results from the pairing of an X and a Y chromosome. A female results from a pair of Xs.

Allele: one of a number of viable DNA codings of the same gene occupying a given locus on a chromosome. In an organism which has two copies of each of its chromosomes (a diploid), **two alleles** make up the individual’s genotype.

Haplotypes: Regional populations having a broadly similar genetic makeup. For example **R1b** is the Western European haplotype.

mtDNA: Mitochondrial DNA, which is non-nucleic and found in mitochondria, small areas outside the nucleus in every cell that facilitate its functioning. mtDNA, which is a **very ancient form of DNA is only inherited through the female line**, from mother to daughter, etc. This holds for all living things.

Have you had any genetic testing done? Your Editor did. The results were just what she expected. (MtDNA showed a migration from Africa around the Mediterranean and into what is now Germany.) (A cousin of mine is OTZI of Haplogroup K, the Ice Man of thousands of years ago who was found frozen in the Alps!)

The Library of Congress

offers very useful downloadable PDF documents, streamed videos, and step-by-step guides on its website:

www.digitalpreservation.gov/personalarchiving/

If you've explored the site before, go back for a refresher. If it's new to you, you will find tips on how best to preserve your digital photographs, digital audio and video, email, personal digital records, and websites.

(from Curt Witcher article)

Four Types of Bones

It has been said that the membership of every organization is made up of 4 types of bones. Which one are you?

1. **WISH BONES** are those who sit around and wish everyone else would do all the work.
2. **JAW BONES** do all the talking but very little of anything else.
3. **KNUCKLE BONES** knock everything that others try to do.
4. **BACK BONES** are those who do all the work with little or no help.

What have you done recently to help your society or club? Where were you when others needed help? When was the last time you attended a meeting of your group? When was the last time you dropped a few lines to someone to share your genealogy without having heard from them first?

Which Type of Bone are You??

Be honest with yourself. Those who know you already know the answer.

(Iowa Gen Soc Newsletter, June 1986) (via Richard Piepho)

*I might add to this article -- when was the time you turned in a Family Group Sheet to PVGS to be available to help someone else find something you have uncovered in your research? These group sheets will be indexed in the PVGS Surname Index located in the Pomona Library.
Richard*





October is Family History Month

In 2001, Congress first passed a resolution introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, who wrote, "By searching for our roots, we come closer together as a human family." Family history enthusiasts continue to celebrate Family History Month every October.

Don't hesitate to hold your own party! Give yourself a whole Saturday at the library or Family History Center, ask a relative your burning family history questions, put some photos in an album, jot down a family story, or tell your state representative how much you appreciate your public library's genealogy resources.



IS THIS WEBSITE DOWN OR IS IT JUST ME?

A Tip from Lisa Louise Cooke When a website is down, use [downforeveryoneorjustme](http://Downforeveryoneorjustme.com)

to see whether the problem is on your end or theirs. Save yourself some hassle with this free web tool! If you're like me, you sometimes come across websites that just don't seem to cooperate with you. Perhaps they never load, or you get some sort of an error message. It can be frustrating, particularly when you are hot on the trail of your genealogy research. The good news is that there is a free website to help you quickly determine whether the problem is with your online computer access or whether it's a problem with the website itself. The site is DownForEveryoneOrJustMe.com. Keep this tip close to your computer. Simply type the link into their search box, click the link, and go. [Downforeveryoneorjustme](http://Downforeveryoneorjustme.com) will give you an immediate response and offer to help you access other sites



History of Pomona Valley

The US GenWeb Project has a site for the Pomona Valley. At the site you can read the early history of the valley and also names of prominent people are featured in the book.

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. -- Mark Twain

List of California Counties with Burned Courthouses

The damage to California courthouses considerably has a bearing on genealogists in just about every way. Not only are these types of historic buildings torn from all of our lifetimes, so are the archives they stored: marriage, wills, probate, land records, among others. Once destroyed they're destroyed permanently. Despite the fact that they have already been placed on microfilm, computers and film burn as well. The most tragic aspect of this is the reason why almost all of our courthouses are destroyed as a result of arsonist. Although, not all the records were damaged or lost. Many California counties have experienced a loss of records due to courthouse fires, floods, and theft.



- ☐ Amador Co. Courthouse – Courthouse destroyed by fire in 1862. Some records were destroyed.
- ☐ Del Norte Co. Courthouse– The courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1948. Some early records were destroyed.
- ☐ El Dorado Co. Courthouse – A fire in 1910 & 1920 destroyed most courthouse records. For probate records prior to 1951, write County Museum, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville, California 95667; for probate after 1951, write to Judicial Section, 495 Main Street, Placerville, California 95667.
- ☐ Inyo Co. Courthouse – was destroyed by an earthquake March 26, 1872. On June 30, 1886 a fire broke out in a vacant building in Independence and destroyed thirty-eight buildings. Although the county records and most of the furniture were saved, the courthouse was one of the buildings destroyed.
- ☐ Lake Co. Courthouse – courthouse in Lakeport burned down in 1867. All earlier records were destroyed.
- ☐ Madera Co. Courthouse – A fire on Christmas Eve 1906 destroyed the upper floors& tower.
- ☐ Nevada Co. Courthouse – The first courthouse was damaged by fire in 1856. Fire again damaged the courthouse in 1863.
- ☐ Sacramento Co. Courthouse– The first courthouse, built in 1851, became the Capitol in 1854 and was destroyed in a fire that same year.
- ☐ San Francisco Co. Courthouse – Courthouse and all records were destroyed in the great earthquake and fire of 1906.
- ☐ Santa Clara Co. Courthouse – May 18, 1931, a fire quickly spread through the courthouse, causing extensive damage.
- ☐ Shasta Co. Courthouse – All records were destroyed in the great fire of June 14th, 1853
- ☐ Sierra Co. Courthouse – Fire in 1947 destroyed courthouse. No records were lost
- ☐ Sonoma Co. Courthouse – was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake. Minor record Loss.
- ☐ Sutter Co. Courthouse – The Court house was destroyed by fire in 1871. A second and larger courthouse, completed in 1873, was also set fire.

Courtesy of the Cobb County, Georgia Genealogical Society

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness <http://www.raogk.org/california-genealogy/ca->

“Government should do for the people that which they cannot do for themselves.”

1. Public education—13 years
2. Other Educational Opportunities
3. State, County, City Police
4. Fire departments
5. Strong National Military
6. State National Guards
7. Paramedic Services
8. Interstate highways
9. State highways
10. Roads
11. Streets
12. Bridges,
13. Railways
14. Electricity created & delivered
15. Telephone service regulations
16. Emergency Medical care
17. Airway service and Regulation
18. OSHA workplace safety regulations
19. FDA food safety regulations
20. TSA rules for safety (airlines, etc.)
21. Govt. housing projects
22. Aid for poor and homeless
23. Water (safe, clean, available)



24. FDA (food, drug admin.)
25. Water service—delivery
26. Water conservation projects
27. Hydroelectric power (dams)
28. Low cost housing for vets, etc.)
29. Disease control centers local
30. County Extension Offices (info)
31. CDC (national)
32. Nationwide electrical grids
33. Conservation projects
34. Low cost loans for economic hardships
35. Mortgage deductions
36. Social Security, service for elders
37. Medicare, Medicaid, ACA
38. 911 Service
39. Child Protective services
40. Child labor Laws
41. Post Office services
42. National Parks
43. State Parks
44. City Parks
45. Libraries
46. National Archives

“Nothing is surer than death and taxes.”

We sometimes forget all the services that our own tax money provides.

Just imagine our ancestors without most of these things.

PICK AN ANCESTOR and try to think of any of these services below that might have existed in his time.

PICK ANOTHER ANCESTOR and wonder if he lacked these services?

Hardly anyone alive today can say that he is a self-made man. He has almost surely partaken of many of these aids here.

Can you think of any to add here? Ed.

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Pomona Public Library is at 625 S. Garey Ave (corner Garey and 7th Streets, just south of Mission). 909 620-2043. Parking is free in the lot and on 7th - both sides.

PVGS meets at the Pomona Public Library on the Second Saturday of each month—September–May in the public Conference Room.

Our Board Meetings are held at 1:00 pm. Our General Meetings and Programs are from 2:00–4:00pm.

