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**Our Speaker for this October 10th Meeting will be**

**Pam Wiedenbeck**

**Her Presentation: "Researching Your  
Catholic Church Records"**

Ms. Wiedenbeck has worked in both consulting and management roles since 1983. As a senior project manager she specializes in assisting clients to plan their genealogical projects. She has been a practicing genealogist since 1994. She is a Project Management Professional (PMP), as certified by the Project Management Institute (PMI). She has degrees from the University of Michigan, California Institute of Technology, and Claremont Graduate University. We look forward to her presentation.



Welcome New Members: Laurie Bunigar, Shiela Johnson, Jan Salas, Roger Brooks.

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Meetings: 2nd Sat .Sep-May Board Meeting — 1:00 PM Program — 2:00 PM  
 Dues: \$20/person or \$25/family

*Wow!  
 Check page 4  
 To learn about our  
 exciting November  
 meeting.*



PVGS has some great tours planned.  
 Don't miss out on chances to have a  
 guided tour and also time for  
 personal research!

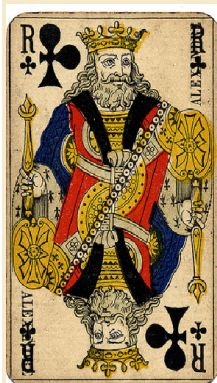
See page 5 for Tour Information!!!



**GREENWICH, REAL TIME**

The Greenwich Prime Meridian has been the basis of global navigation since the mid-19th century. But with modern GPS technology, it was discovered that the monument **is actually 102 meters east of the true line.**

## *The King's Daughters*



The filles du roi, or King's Daughters, were some 770 women who arrived in the colony of New France (Canada) between 1663 and 1673, under the financial sponsorship of King Louis XIV of France. Most were single French women and many were orphans. Their transportation to Canada and settlement in the colony were paid for by the King. Some were given a royal gift of a dowry of 50 livres for their marriage to one of the many unmarried male colonists in Canada. These gifts are reflected in some of the marriage contracts entered into by the filles du roi at the time of their first marriages.

The filles du roi were part of King Louis XIV's program to promote the settlement of his colony in Canada. Some 737 of these women married and the resultant population explosion gave rise to the success of the colony. Most of the millions of people of French Canadian descent today, both in Quebec and the rest of Canada and the USA (and beyond!), are descendants of one or more of these courageous women of the 17th century. The present day organization representing these women is similar to the US Daughters of the American Revolution.



### **10 Free Canadian Genealogy Websites**

1. TONI (<https://www.ogs.on.ca/toni.php>) Ontario Gen. Soc. Name Index (TONI contains more than 3 million names and is always growing.)
2. Peel's Prairie Provinces (<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/index.html>) Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta are represented in 7500 digitized books, 66,000 newspaper issues, 16,000 postcards and 1000 maps.
3. Our Roots (<http://ourroots.ca>) Books on the local history of Canada, dozens of digitized local history books. Just put your place in the search box (it helps to put in the province)
4. OurOntario (<http://ourontario.ca>) Researching Newspapers in Ontario (expanding into the US with webpages covering Illinois and Michigan right now).
5. Automatic Genealogy (<http://automatedgenealogy.com>) Useful is searching 1851, 1901, and 1911 Canadian censuses and the 1906 census which covers the prairie provinces. Remember—Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta (continued on page 4)



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6. Canadian Virtual War Memorial (CVMW) Registry of the more than 118,000 Canadian and Newfoundlanders who have given their lives serving Canada or the United Kingdom.
7. Home Children (<http://www.bifhsgo.ca/php?pt=4>) This is a major immigrant group especially to Ontario, because between 1869 and the early 1930s, 1000,000 British, Scottish and Irish children came to Canada to work as farm labourers, or in the case of girls, as domestics, and they here called HOME CHILDREN.
8. The Canadian County Atlas Digital Program (<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/>) By McGill University in Montreal in 1998. Property owners who appeared on the township atlases.
9. Passenger List Indexing Project (<http://members.shaw.ca/nanaimo.fhs/>)  
A project carried out by the Nanaimo Family History Society of British Columbia ...and they have recorded 757,749 passengers from 31 Jul 1903 to 13 Oct 1910 going to Montreal and Quebec City. Many ended up in the US.
10. Library and Archives Canada (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>) official archives of Canada—searchable databases including marriage, census, land military, directories and much more. Lizabeth Lapoint runs the blog GenealogyCanada (<http://www.eirs.biz/>) which specializes in inter-border migration between the US and Canada. (the above information was supplied by Connie Rodriguez)



You live as long as you are remembered.  
Russian proverb

PVGS NOVEMBER MEETING  
November 14, 2015

**NANCY CARLBERG**

PVGS members are requested to e-mail her their “brick walls” and she will answer their questions.

Nancy requests that members e-mail her details with names, dates, city, state and include a family group sheet where their family lived... and explain in detail where they are “stuck.”

(Nancy gave 11 WAGS members packets of what she found for each person and gave them information where they could continue searching.

Nancy will also have her books for sale.

Nancy Carlberg [n\\_carlberg@hotmail.com](mailto:n_carlberg@hotmail.com)

## Schedule of Research & Tour Dates

**LA Library Tour**  
**Saturday, October 17 2015**  
**Los Angeles Central Library**

**630 W. Fifth Street**  
**Downtown Los Angeles**

**Tour: 10:00 a.m.**

**Julie Huffman,**

**Genealogy Librarian**

**Approximate Time: 1 1/2 hours**

**Explain: genealogy Department**  
**resources, and**  
**digital resources available on-**  
**line**

**Allow: Time available for**  
**personal research**

**\*Library Hours:**

**9:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.**



**NARA Tour**

**December 5, 2015**

**National Archives Regional Center**  
**Riverside County**

**23123 Cajolco Road**  
**Perris, CA 92570-7298**

**8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

**Time allotted for**  
**personal research**

**Tour Guide: Randy Thompson**

**Randy.thompson@nara.com**

**Max. # of attendees: 20**

**For PVGSmembers only**

**Sign-up @ the October meeting**

## Google Custom Search for English Newspapers

Phil Bradley has created a customized Google search engine that will search the major newspapers in England as well as 384 major and local papers. Alternatively, you can search for regional newspapers as arranged by place/county/region.

The searches are divided into national and regional newspapers. You can search all of the major newspapers in England in one simple search engine. These include: The Times, Guardian, Daily Express, Mail, Independent, Observer, Sun, Morning Star, Financial Times, and more.

Separate search pages allow for searching 384 local, city and regional newspapers. However, the regional searches still are grouped by newspaper name, with one page for newspapers A through I, another for newspapers K through S, and a third search page for newspapers T through Z.

The web site says it can search for UK newspapers but all the ones I saw were in England or the Channel Islands. I didn't see any for Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland. It is possible I missed a couple but, even so, the newspapers are overwhelmingly English.

I had problems using the site with the Chrome web browser However, it worked perfectly in Safari.



You can learn more and access the search engines at <http://www.philb.com/index.html>.



## We Are All Related! So Get Over It.

Politics are saturating the U.S. news media once again as candidates vie for the presidential elections, still more than a year away. Every four years, news services “discover” that various candidates are related to one another. This week’s news is that Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are 19th cousins. Their common ancestors include John of Gaunt, the duke of Lancaster, and third wife Katherine Swynford at the end of the 14th century — a century before Columbus sailed the ocean blue.



I have one reaction: “Ho hum, so what else is new?”

Of course, most every person in North America whose ancestors have been here for several generations is related to most everyone else in North America whose ancestors have been here for several generations. In fact, you and I are probably related, and we are also probably related to Barack Obama, Donald Trump, Justin Bieber, Celine Dion, and the local mailman.

Let’s have some fun with mathematics. Let’s assume that there is a new generation born every twenty-five years. Your two parents were born about 25 years before you were born, your four grandparents were born about 50 years before you were born, your eight great-grandparents were born about 75 years before you were born, your sixteen great-great-grandparents were born about 100 years before you were born, and so forth back into antiquity. In other words, the number of your ancestors doubles every 25 years as you go back in time.

If you take this back just 1,000 years, you’ll find that you have well over 500 billion ancestors in a single generation.

Obviously, that’s impossible as there are fewer than seven billion people on this planet. While mathematically correct, the practical reality is that you don’t have 500 billion distinct ancestors, but rather a much, much smaller number of ancestors who reappear over and over and over again in your family tree. The reality is that we are all the products of much interbreeding, and with that we have cousins... many cousins. Thousands of cousins... Yes, even millions of cousins. Every one of us has millions of cousins.

Proving all these relationships may be a challenge, but the relationships certainly do exist. You and I are undoubtedly related, and we are also both related to most every politician, Hollywood star, and professional athlete you have ever heard of. We are also related to less notable people, including the truck driver who delivered your furniture and the plumber who fixed the leaky faucet.

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I mentioned earlier that **most every person in North America whose ancestors have been here for several generations is related to most everyone else in North America whose ancestors have been here for several generations.** However, the relationships go much further back in time and cover all areas outside of North America as well. We are related to everyone on every continent although we may have to go back many more generations to prove the connections.

By definition, cousins are two people who share a common ancestor. Joe Chang proved (see [www.stat.yale.edu/~jtc5/papers/Ancestors.pdf](http://www.stat.yale.edu/~jtc5/papers/Ancestors.pdf)) that the number of generations back to the most recent common ancestor in a randomly mating population is very closely approximated by the base two logarithm of the size of the population. **So, for a population of a million people, it takes 20 generations to reach the most recent common ancestor** — or about 500 years — because 2 to the 20th power is about a million. For a randomly mating population of a billion people, it takes 30 generations — 750 years — because 2 to the 30th power is a billion. In simpler terms, most of us can find a cousin relationship with most anyone else by tracing our family trees back an average of 750 years.

Of course, we are not all related only to “the good guys.” We don’t get to pick and choose our relatives. I suspect that you and I and Barack Obama and Donald Trump are all related to Adolph Hitler, Genghis Khan, Alexander the Great, Attila the Hun, Charles Manson, and Osama bin Laden. However, we undoubtedly will need to go back more than 750 years to find some of those connections. We are all related. All these news stories are simply proving the point.

As Joseph T. Chang, Douglas L.T. Rohde, and Steve Olson observe in their 2004 paper on the subject of everyone being related to everyone else (Nature, Volume 431, Issue 7008, pp. 562-566), we’re all interrelated, and getting more so all the time:

“No matter the languages we speak or the color of our skin, we share ancestors who planted rice on the banks of the Yangtze, who first domesticated horses on the steppes of the Ukraine, who hunted giant sloths in the forests of North and South America, and who labored to build the Great Pyramid of Khufu. [And] within two thousand years, it is likely that everyone on earth will be descended from most of us.”

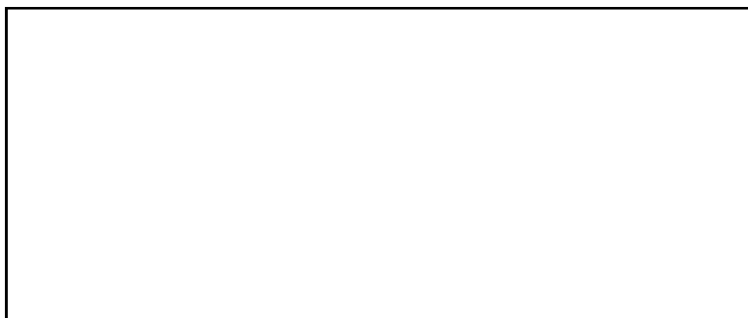
The next time you read or watch a news story saying that two political candidates are related, change the page or change the station. That’s not news.

(Dick Eastman Online Newsletter)



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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 of the street.

*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.*

