



Pomona Valley Genealogical Society

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April 9, 2016

Laurice Johnson will be speaking to PVGS on
"Facebook, Websites, and Books .. Oh my!
Useful Tools for Genealogical search"

The April 9th meeting of the Pomona Valley Genealogical Society will feature a discussion focusing on genealogy websites that are available on the internet (many of them are FREE), and how to find them; some of the essential books that EVERY researcher should have or consult regularly; and using social media to further your research – by ‘crowd sourcing’ your brick walls, using message boards, taking a class online, etc.

Genealogist Laurice Johnson grew up in a family that loved talking about ‘the folks’ around the dinner table. At her grandmother’s dinner table, she heard lots of stories about her ancestors. She knew all about her great grandparent and THEIR grandparents. Her parents actively researched their family history for many years. After her son was born and she was filling out the family tree in his baby book, she asked her husband what his grandmother’s name was. Imagine her surprise when he responded “Grandma Schutt” – and knew nothing else about her. That was thirty years ago and she has been actively researching since then – not only her own families, but also many others. Laurice has been an active member of the Temecula Valley Genealogical Society since its inception and lives in Menifee.

NEW PVGS Board of Directors 2012—2013

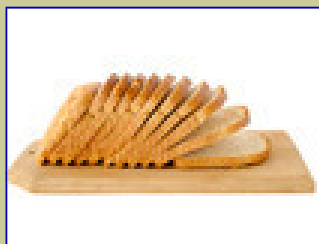
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Meetings: 2nd Sat .Sep-May Board Meeting — 1:00 PM Program — 2:00 PM
 Dues: \$20/person or \$25/family



Sliced bread was sold for the very first time on Tuesday, July 7th, 1928 in Chillicothe, Missouri.

Details may be found at <http://goo.gl/BVs73U>.

Genealogists often spend time in cemeteries. What must an afternoon in this cemetery in Rumania be like???

Săpânța—It might be very exciting to find your ancestors buried there. p.4

**You can go and play at this site.
www.nationalatlas.gov
 Copywrite free.**

2016 Jamboree
 “Getting to the Future by Preserving the Past” p.5



In the small Romanian town of Săpânța, when you die, you can expect a colorful goodbye.

At the town's [Merry Cemetery](#), colorfully illustrated crosses depict soldiers being beheaded and residents being hit by a truck. And the epigraphs aren't sugar-coated. "Underneath this heavy cross lies my mother in law poor," reads one. "Try not to wake her up. For if she comes back home, she'll bite my head off."

The quirky graveyard is the creation of Stan Ioan Pătraș, who was born in Săpânța in 1908, and, by 14, had already begun carving crosses for the local cemetery. By 1935, Patrash was carving clever or ironic poems—done in a rough local dialect—about the deceased, as well as painting the crosses with images depicting the ways in which the individuals died.

Pătraș soon developed a careful symbolism in his work. Green represented life, yellow was fertility, red was passion, and black was death. The colors were always set against a deep blue, known as Săpânța blue, which Pătraș believed represented hope and freedom.

Pătraș single-handedly carved, wrote poems for, and painted well over 800 of these folk art masterpieces over a period of 40 years. He died in 1977, having carved his own cross and left his house and work to his most talented apprentice, Dumitru Pop. Pop has since spent the last three decades continuing the work, carving the cemetery's crosses, and has turned the house into the Merry Cemetery's workshop-museum.



Rev. **Billy Sunday**, well known evangelist who conducted a series of revival meetings here twenty years ago, came to Princeton (county seat) last Monday and delivered one of his characteristic sermons in his own familiar and inimitable style. Although hoarse from constant speaking he was still able to hold his audience spellbound. A very good sum was realized from the collection plate.

*Some of my ancestors lived in Bureau County Illinois.
Above is an announcement in the Bureau County Tribune.
I wonder if my great grandparents were in this audience. Or yours??? (ed.)*

How I Organize With a Research Log

(Diane Haddad, Family Tree Enews)

Everyone has times when genealogy research takes a back burner to the rest of life. When that happens to me, my research log--just a spreadsheet on my Google Drive--helps me pick up where I left off. It also helps to keep me focused. If I'm tracing ancestor A and I come across a clue for ancestor B, I just enter it into my log as a task to follow up on, then I continue with ancestor A.

My log has columns for:

Status: I can mark this to do, in progress or done

- **Research Task:** a description of what needs doing
- **Repository/Site:** the name of the repository or website I need to visit or send a request to
- **Name:** the name of the main person(s) named in the record, plus anyone else who should be included
- **Place:** the city or town where the repository is located
- **Notes:** details that will help me find the record I need, such as volume and page number found in an index, the repository website, etc.
- **Prep Work:** anything I should do before I visit a repository or request a record
- **Findings:** once a task is done, I record whether my search was successful

It's sortable by any column, so if I'm visiting a library, I can sort by the Repository/Site column to find all the tasks that need to be done there. Or if I want to see all the records to request for my second-great-granduncle Frank Thoss, a Civil War veteran, I can sort by Name. Learn more ways you can use spreadsheets to organize your genealogy research in our new video download,

[Spreadsheet Secrets to Organize Your Genealogy.](#)

[Get this video from ShopFamilyTree.com and start using it today!](#)

*NOTICE The Nominating Committee presents this slate to be
voted upon at the May meeting.*

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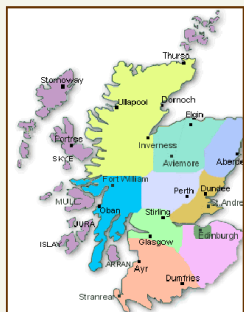
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Nominating Committee — Karin McGuirk, Chairman,
Members: Louise Melton, Bill Lemon

The Irish Are Not Celtic!

I am not certain if I believe this or not. However, it certainly is an interesting claim. Slashdot has an article that claims, “The discovery of a burial site in Ireland has thrown into doubt all theories concerning the Celtic origins of the Irish. **‘The DNA evidence based on those bones completely upends the traditional view,’** said Barry Cunliffe, an emeritus professor of archaeology at Oxford who has written books on the origins of the people of Ireland. DNA research indicates that the three skeletons found behind McCuaig’s are the ancestors of the modern Irish and they predate the Celts and their purported arrival by 1,000 years or more. The genetic roots of today’s Irish, in other words, existed in Ireland before the Celts arrived. The article is quite detailed, and outlines the overall scientific problem of the Celts: [namely that it] is now quite **unclear** who they were, where they came from, and where they went. In related news: Scientists have found new evidence of a human presence in Ireland as far back as 12,500 years ago.”

The article is available in *The Washington Post* at <https://goo.gl/KAbR1V>.



Research in Scotland

If you have your ancestry back to the year 1314 in Scotland, your family history is technically done. A team of scholars has analyzed and pieced together all family relationships between 1093 and 1314 listed in 8600+ surviving documents. Their database is available for free online.

See the **People of Medieval Scotland: 1092-1314** website!

(Bureau Co. Gen Soc. Sep-Oct 2014)

JAMBOREE 2016

"GETTING TO THE FUTURE BY PRESERVING THE PAST"

GENETIC GENEALOGY – JUNE 2, 2016 FRIDAY, FREE

JAMBOREE 2016 – JUNE 3-5, 2015

BOTH EVENTS AT THE LOS ANGELES MARRIOTT BURBANK AIRPORT HOTEL

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE APRIL 23RD

MARRIOTT HOTEL RESERVATIONS 800-736-9712 CODE: SCGS CONFERENCE

Fraudulent Genealogies

Genealogy is affected by forgeries, fakes, and frauds. Numerous fraudulent genealogies are known to exist and can be found in any major genealogical library, online or off

The [Horn Papers](#) were records of western Pennsylvania, southeastern Ohio, western Maryland, and northern West Virginia from 1765 to 1795. For more information, see: Arthur P. Middleton and Douglass Adair, "The Mystery of the Horn Papers," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 4 (October 1947): 409-45; report proving the *Horn Papers* were a hoax.^[1] W. F. Horn, *The Horn Papers: Early Westward Movement on the Monongahela and Upper Ohio, 1765-1795* (Scottsdale, Penn.: Herald Press for the Green County Historical Society, 1945); published copy of the *Horn Papers*.

Jane A. Leavell, "The Horn Papers," *Jane's Story Page* (<http://littlecalamity.tripod.com/Genealogy/Horn.html>; accessed 10 December 2009); includes a bibliography.

Gordon L. Remington, "Gustave We Hardly Knew Ye: A Portrait of Herr Anjou as a Jungberg," *Genealogical Journal* (Utah Genealogical Association) 19, nos. 1-2 (1991). Identifies Anjou's real identity.

Harold Oliver, ed., "More Fraudulent Lineages," *America's First Families* (<http://web.archive.org/web/20120721013946/http://personal.linkline.com/xymox/fraud/anjousbu.htm>; accessed 15 October 2013). Contains a list of 305 Anjou genealogies. See also "Genealogy Frauds" on the same website (<http://web.archive.org/web/20120905105335/http://personal.linkline.com/xymox/fraud/fraud.htm>; accessed 15 October 2013).

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Additional Articles about Fraudulent Genealogies

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Gary B. Mills and Elizabeth Shown Mills, "Hoodwinks, Tomfoolery, and Fakelore," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 87 (1999): 259.

Carmen J. Finley, Ph.D., CG, "[Checking the Authenticity of Cited Documents](#): A Finley-Hess Hoodwink in Colonial Pennsylvania," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 87 (1999): 29ames Pylant,

"[Watch Out for Fake Family Trees](#)," *GenealogyMagazine.com* (www.genealogymagazine.com; accessed 26 October 2009); Reverend W. Twyman Williams exposes fraudulent French ancestry of Chrétien DuBois, Gary B. and Elizabeth Shown Mills discover fraud, and George L. Nichols concludes Leon Nelson Nichols work is fictional.

According to the American Genealogist (July 1976) the genealogical works of Gustave Anjou, Charles H. Browning, C. A. Hoppin, Orra E. Monnette, Horatio Gates Somerby, Frederick A. Virkus and John S. Wurts "are so unreliable that nothing they say should be accepted without clear and unmistakable verification."

FRAUDULENT LINEAGES OF GUSTAVE ANJOU

(Look for:)

**A dazzling range of connections among dozens of immigrants (mostly to New England).

** Many wild geographical leaps, outside the normal range of migration patterns.

**Here and there an "invented" document, without citation, which appears to support the many connections.

** An overwhelming number of citations to documents that actually exist, and include what Anjou says they include.

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| • ANDREWS | • DUNCAN | • ORMOND |
| • BACKUS | • ERICKSON | • PULLMAN |
| • BACON | • FICKENFISH(FISK) | • REDBURN |
| • BEACH | • FLANDERS | • RICHARDSON |
| • BELL | • FREEMAN | • ROBINSON |
| • BLAISDELL | • GALWAY | • ROCKWELL |
| • BLOEDEL | • GALLAWAY | • ROGER |
| • BRAMAN | • GALLOWAY | • ROSS |
| • BROOKING (Broquin) | • GILL | • RUNK(RUNCK) |
| • BUCKNER | • HOLLIDAY | • RUSSEL |
| • CALDWELL | • HALLIDAY | • SCHNEIDER |
| • CARR | • HULBERT | • SEAMAN |
| • CARROLL | • HURLBERT | • SHAPLEIGH |
| • CARUTHERS | • HULL | • SPROULL |
| • CARTER | • HUNGERFORD | • STONE |
| • CHALFONT | • JACK | • STOWELL |
| • CHAPLIN | • JACQUES | • SWIFT |
| • CHILD | • JAMES | • THAXTER |
| • CHURCH | • JOHNSON | • THOMPSON |
| • CHURCH | • JONES | • TILNEY |
| • CLEMENT | • KENNETT | • TONE |
| • CLISE | • KLAUS(CLAUS) | • TOPPING |
| • COCHRAN | • LANE | • TRAYLOUR |
| • COOK | • LEE | • TURNER |
| • COPLEY | • LENMAN | • VON HORN |
| • CORBIE | • LEMAN | • WALLEY |
| • CORLIEZ | • LANHAM | • WARD |
| • CORRY | • LENHAM | • WATERBURY |
| • CRAWFORD | • LEWIS | • WELD |
| • CUNNINGHAM | • LILLY | • WELLINGWHEELER |
| • DANIEL | • LINCOLN | • WHITMAN |
| • DeRONDE | • MARK | • WILSON |
| • DEVECMAN | • MARSHALL | • WITHERSPOON |
| • DICKEY | • McVICKAR | • WOLFF |
| • DORNAN | • MONS(MANTZ) | • WOOLEY |
| • DOTY | • MOORE | * WORCESTER |
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Second Saturday of each month—September-May
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*Our Board Meetings are held at 1:00 pm.
Our General Meetings and Programs
are from 2:00—4:00pm.*

