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“ THE BASICS OF DNA, SIMPLIFIED ”

Linda Cerna will speak to PVGS on November 12



“I have been involved with genealogy in researching and writing family stories for over 30 years. Just recently, I was honored to work on the PBS program Genealogy Roadshow. Currently, I am a member of the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (SCCAPG), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), the California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA), the Polish Genealogical Society (PGS-CA), and the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America (GSHA-CA) as well as being Vice President of Programs for the Orange County California Genealogical Society (OCCGS). Over the last 5 years, I've written and given several presentations on various topics for different groups in Southern California and New Mexico, as well as teaching the Intermediate/Advanced class at my home group about twice a year. I am always in the process of writing new presentations. My loves, in addition to public speaking, include history, writing, and traveling. I especially like seeing how individual family stories fit in and make up the fabric of history. “ LC

If you don't learn how to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you grow old.



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Meetings

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

Dues:

\$20/person or \$25/family



**CHECK P.7 FOR AN
UNUSUAL DNA
STORY**



**EVER WONDER
ABOUT THE
TERRAIN OF THAT
SMALL TOWN
WHERE YOUR
ANCESTOR LIVED IN
THE US? JUST
GOOGLE
TOPOMAP.**

“I liked the information about courthouses and fires. [in September issue] This is especially so because I was born and raised in one those counties namely, Inyo. Since many of my family and relatives were born there, too, I've occasion, to request copies of records like birth and death certificates. I've even requested a will from the courts that dated back to the late 1880's. Fortunately I was able to receive a copy, after a time, but with interesting turns.”

New Member, Paul Gomez



In his *History of Plymouth Plantation*, the governor of the colony, William Bradford, reported that the colonists went hungry for years because they refused to work in the field. They preferred instead to steal food. He says the colony was riddled with "corruption," and with "confusion and discontent." The crops were small because "much was stolen both by night and day, before it became scarce eatable."

In the harvest feasts of 1621 and 1622, "all had their hungry bellies filled," but only briefly. The prevailing condition during those years was not the abundance the official story claims, it was famine and death. The first "Thanksgiving" was not so much a celebration as it was the last meal of condemned men. But in subsequent years something changes. The harvest of 1623 was different. Suddenly, "instead of famine now God gave them plenty," Bradford wrote, "and the face of things was changed, to the rejoicing of the hearts of many, for which they blessed God." Thereafter, he wrote, "any general want or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day." In fact, in 1624, so much food was produced that the colonists were able to begin exporting corn.

Fortunately for my ancestors, they arrived later in the Winthrop Fleet in 1623.
Do you have an ancestor in the first arrivals?

"LOUISVILLE ANZEIGER"

Many German-American newspapers were published over the years of heavy German immigration, but few survived for as long as the Anzeiger of Louisville, KY. What is more, this particular newspaper was preserved by the Filson Club in Louisville long enough for it to be microfilmed from its first issues in 1848 through its final issues in 1938. Because it was widely circulated in the Ohio River Valley, it may hold valuable information about German ancestors living on either side of the Ohio River. If one Googles this newspaper by name, the first listing will be for the Kentucky Digital Library. The second will be for death listings from 1849 through 1865, which will alert the researcher to the need for further research if a name of interest is found.

*(Immigrant Gen. Soc., Burbank, CA, Number 391,
Oct. 2016)*

Site to Find Obituaries, Cemeteries, and other Traces of your departed Ancestors.

American Battle Monuments Commission

If you have military ancestors buried in US cemeteries abroad, this is the place to find them. The site covers 24 overseas military cemeteries with almost 123,000 American war dead, plus Tablets of the Missing that memorialize more than 94,000 servicemen and women. (Just Google American Battle Monuments)

No Military Names!

Did you know? Military names were used in Sweden, but **not** in Denmark or Norway.

This excerpt from Family Tree University's Scandinavian Genealogy 101 course that explains why:

In Sweden, the law mandated that there couldn't be two men of the same name in a military unit. To meet this requirement, a man with the same name as someone else would add a surname. These names were usually based on a physical attribute, such as healthy (Sund), tall (Lång) or strong (Stark); or a personality trait, such as fearless (Frimodig), swift (Rask), courageous (Modig) or angry (Vred).

Most dropped the military name after completing service. Occasionally, however, it was retained and even became an inherited surname. (Diane Haddad of Family Tree) *(Ed. I have not yet found why this was not necessary in Denmark or Norway.)*

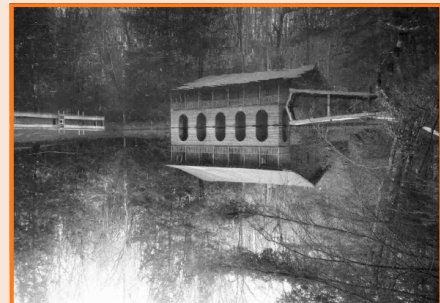
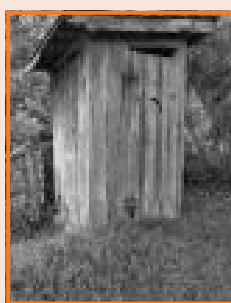
DigitalNC Launches an Architectural History of Transylvania County, North Carolina

These images were found while browsing various sites showing historical buildings and family homes. Many such sites can be found. Try looking for ancestral towns and communities. Warning: You may spend too much time in this kind of research! <http://www.digitalnc.org/collections/images/>

This exhibit contains images of the built environment of Transylvania County, located in the southwest corner of the state, bordering South Carolina. Architectural surveys are inventories of built, intact structures in a given area. These images document structures and communities in Brevard, Rosman, Lake Toxaway, Cedar Mountain, Pisgah Forest, and other areas. The County was founded in 1861 as an agricultural community, which is evident through the survey.

Hundreds of images depict homes, barns, spring houses, smokehouses, chicken houses, silos, and many other structures that reflect the activities and roots of the rural community. The majority of the images were taken in 1990 and 1991.

In addition to farms, the survey also documents churches, cemeteries, local businesses, and schools, some of which have since been demolished. These resources include corresponding data that describe locations, family names, and historical information that could serve as excellent resources for genealogists or researchers.



One of the Stave Churches of Norway. The austere all-wooden churches mix Christian elements, Nordic designs and Viking motifs.

Wooden staves hold them up and shipbuilding techniques are used to create them. These stunning structures were built between the 12 and 14th centuries.

Twenty-eight are still standing today! Have a Norwegian ancestor?

Perhaps your ancestor(s) attended one of these 28 beautiful church buildings that are still standing!



Digital Arkivet Digitized archives of Norway OnLine

August 10, 2016: After a long vacation we are now back in the office and ready to publish transcribed data and scanned images. See the details of the latest uploaded transcribed data in the Most Recent 100, while you can keep yourself updated on the latest published scanned sources [here](#).

(Just Google Digital Archives of Norway)



Ever get to the point where you wish you had an extra set of eyes looking at your research?

Connie Rodriguez, our Program Chair is offering just that, a chance to have her work with you, one-on-one, for an hour-and-a-half, looking at your research, getting tips and suggestions on how to approach your family search!

The hour-and-a-half session can be scheduled at either the Pomona Public Library or the Covina Family History Center. The appointments are only available to PVGS members. With over 20 years of genealogy research experience Connie's personal interests are in New Mexico, Kentucky and Mexico. This is a free service offered to current members of the Pomona Valley Genealogy Society.

Contact Connie at programs@pvgs.us for an appointment.

Find An Ancestor You Wish You Did Not Have To Claim???

(from files of Anne Larkin)

While we wish to find our ancestors were fine, upstanding persons, it is not always the case: From the "History and Genealogy of the Families of Chesterfield" I found this account of a trial at which my ancestor Thomas Kidd officiated.

The high hill in the eastern part of the town known as Kidd's Lookout was so called from the fact that it was formerly occupied by Thomas Kidd, who built a large square house at this place. The house had a flat roof with a walk extending around the roof, protected by a railing. From this lookout, the Connecticut Valley and its mountains were plainly visible. "This house was said to be haunted and that, at certain seasons, drops of blood could be seen dripping from the chamber stairs, reputed to be the blood of murdered victims of Kidd's malice."

Thomas Kidd was at one time Deputy Sheriff of Hampshire County and, as such, officiated at the execution of Halligan and Daley at Northampton (see below). His children left home as soon as they were old enough to care for themselves on account of brutal treatment at home and the unsavory repute of the place. He removed to Albany, N. Y., where all trace of him was lost. The house was occupied later by Tyler, Paine and Orange Field and was burned to the ground during the occupancy of Mr. Field, April 1836." **(above was written by Sophronia Damon, reporter, 1892.)**

"Orators are usually flattered by having a numerous audience, but I am ashamed of the one before me.. Are there men to whom, the death of their fellow beings is a spectacle of pleasure, an object of curiosity? .. But you, especially, O women! What has induced you to come to this place? Is it to wipe away the cold damps of death that trickle down the face of these unfortunate men?.. No, it is not for this. Is it then to behold their anguish, and to look upon it with tearless, eager and longing eyes? Oh! I blush for you, your eyes are full of murder! "

The women walked away from the gathering of 15,000.

So preached Father Jean Lefebvre de Cheverus, a Catholic priest, at the request of Dominic Daley, 34, and James Halligan, 27, in a sermon delivered before their execution in Northampton on June 5, 1806, for a murder they did not commit.

"While traveling from Boston to New Haven, Daley and Halligan were arrested on November 12, 1805, after the body of Marcus Lyon was discovered in Wilberham. Accused of murder, they were incarcerated in Northampton while their captor received a \$500 reward. Although the Commonwealth spent five months preparing its case, Daley and Halligan were assigned defense attorneys just 48 hours before the trial."

"Defense attorney Francis Blake of Worcester expressed outrage that Daley and Halligan were arrested due to ethnic and religious bigotry: "When a crime of unexampled atrocity is perpetuated among us we look for an Irishman." The jury deliberated only a few minutes before pronouncing a guilty verdict on the same evening the trial began. Sentenced to be hanged, Daley and Halligan appealed to Father Cheverus in Boston to preach the sermon prior to their execution."

Denied lodging at the Tavern of Ashel Pomeroy, Father Cheverus stayed with Jonas Clark, who suffered reprisals from his fellow citizens. At the jail cell of Daley and Halligan, Father Cheverus celebrated the first Mass in Northampton. Some estimated 15,000 people came to Northampton to view the execution

On St. Patrick's Day, 1984, Gov. Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation exonerating Daley and Halligan.

My friend's best friend has a DNA pedigree!

BioPet (for a fee) will test your pet's DNA. You will then know the genetic composition of your pet. For example, you will find the percentage of each breed that has contributed to the creation of your special pet. The test is based upon a database of AKC TM recognized breeds. As with people, pets are uniquely individual. Let's look at "**SCRAP**'s" DNA pedigree.

Shih Tzu, Parson Russell Terrier, Doberman Pinscher, Rhodesian Ridgeback
SCRAP is a medium-sized dog. He has short hair and a face much like a boxer. His Shih Tzu genes indicate he would be alert as a watchdog, spunky and happy, likes to be with people and likes to bark. These genes could also make him prone to spinal disk disease and gain weight easily. Those Parson Russell Terrier traits could be spunky, devoted and totally fearless and need to be fully occupied. Also, those genes could cause dislocation of the kneecap, eye diseases or deafness and a predisposition to Legg Perthes disease of the hip joints found in small dogs.

The Doberman Pinscher genes can be powerful, elegant and muscular. (bred to be a guard dog) He could be people oriented, devoted and loyal to family. He could be naturally protective and happiest when performing a task. These genes could contain a blood disorder, cervical spondylitis due to compression of the spinal cord. He could need to eat several small meals a day rather than one large one.

SCRAP's Rhodesian Ridgeback traits indicate a calm, gentle, loyal and protective nature. These stubborn, rough and strong-willed traits do not go well with children. This breed can withstand extremes in temperature, but could be susceptible to hip dysplasia and cysts.

So, did genetics say that my friend make a good choice for a pet? My friend lives alone, walks with a cane, drives a car, meets often with friends, keeps up on local politics and loves to read. So, her pet can be a loving, devoted, spunky watchdog, protective of her, but need a firm hand. **SCRAP** will receive very loving care. I think she made a good choice without then knowing the genetic evidence. “

Very Interesting, Mary Noonan! Thank you for this story about your pet!”



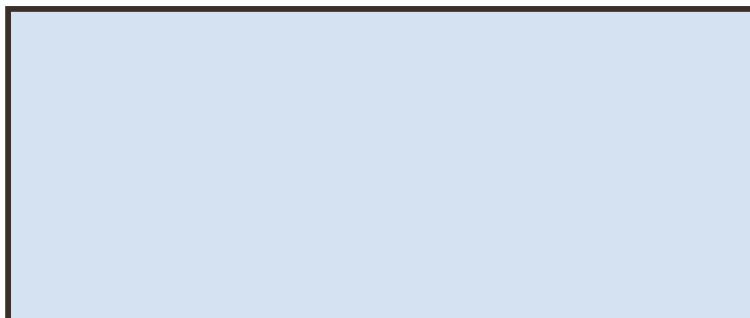
How do we human genealogists deal with human genetics? Well, most of us do not have such elaborate tests of family members. We would do well, however, to be mindful of keeping health records for our descendants to read.

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*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.*

