

PC Club SIG
(Special Interest Group)
Beginning Genealogy and Family History Research
January 13, 2017

Set Goals - who, what, where and why*

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****There are numerous resources with vast numbers of records. To get started, pick and choose from the following:***

- a. Census records
- b. Vital records: birth; marriage; death
- c. Land records
- d. Probate records
- e. Military service records
- f. Newspaper accounts
- g. Court records
- h. Living relatives; neighbors of, and best friends of your relatives
- i. Journals, diaries, autobiographies, family bibles, scrapbooks, etc.
- j. City directories
- k. Church records
- l. Club, societal, fraternal records

Prepare to succeed by obtaining proven organizational tools:

Get Some Useful Forms!

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms>

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/charts/printable-charts-and-forms/>

Ready, Set, Go!

Get on the Internet!

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

<https://familysearch.org/>

<https://www.ancestry.com/>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/beginners/>

<http://usgenweb.org/>

<http://home.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

<https://www.myheritage.com/>

<http://www.linkpendium.com/>

<http://www.dmoz.org/search?q=genealogy> (a ***Directory*** for the WWW)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

<http://www.worldgenweb.org/>

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

<https://billiongraves.com/>

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/origins-is-now-findmypast>

Visit Libraries! (use *their* copy of Ancestry.com - FREE)

a. Mission Viejo –

<http://cityofmissionviejo.org/Library/Library.aspx?id=9742>

b. Carlsbad –

<http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/depts/library/discover/genealogy.asp>

c. Huntington Beach Central –

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library/books_computers_research/genealogy_links.cfm

d. Long Beach – <http://www.lbpl.org/databases/subjects/default.asp>

e. Los Angeles – <http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources>

f. San Diego Central - <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>

Visit Research Facilities

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Mission_Viejo_California_Family_History_Center

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Laguna_Niguel_California_Family_History_Center

<https://www.archives.gov/locations#> (8AM-4:30PM, M-F) 951-956-2000

Start Using Computer Software

- a. Legacy Family Tree: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Index.asp>
- b. Family Tree Maker: <http://www.mackiev.com/ftm/index.html>
- c. Roots Magic: <http://www.rootsmagic.com/Store/RootsMagic/>
- d. <https://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder>
- e. Family Tree Heritage:
http://www.individualsoftware.com/software/genealogy_family_trees/

Attend Genealogy Societies' Meetings

- a. South Orange County -meets monthly in Mission Viejo
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casoccgs/>
- b. Orange County Genealogy Society - <http://www.occgs.com/>
[Huntington Beach]
- c. Genealogical Society of North Orange County-
<http://www.gsnocc.org/> [Yorba Linda]
- d. Southern California Genealogical Society -
<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/> [Burbank]
- e. Corona Genealogical Society -
<http://www.coronagensoc.org/meetings.html> [Corona]
- f. San Diego Genealogical Society - <http://www.casdgs.org/>
- g. New England Historic Genealogical Society-
<http://library.nehgs.org/> [Boston]

Participate in Online Seminars, Webinars and/or Classes

<http://familytreewebinars.com/>
<http://www.cyndislist.com/education/online-courses-and-webinars/>
<https://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars>
<http://genealogy.about.com/od/education/tp/genealogy-webinars.htm>

Consult Historical Maps

<http://www.davidrumsey.com/>
<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/>

Participate in Blogs and/or Message Boards

https://sites.google.com/site/paperangels02/genealogy_blogs

<http://genealogy.about.com/od/blogs/tp/genealogy.htm>

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/Article/best-genealogy-blogs-2015>

Subscribe to *Something* About this Hobby

Newsletters, Online resources, magazines or other publications. (as a member, take advantage of the PC Club's Library!)

What about DNA?!

- a. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogical_DNA_test
- b. http://genealogy.about.com/cs/geneticgenealogy/a/dna_tests.htm
- c. <https://www.ancestry.com/dna/>
- d. http://shop.nationalgeographic.com/ngs/browse/productDetail.jsp?productId=2001246&qsk&code=SR90002&keyword=dna+genealogy&OVMTC=e&OVKEY=dna%20genealogy&url_id=188898997&device=c&creative=3040469&adcid=9451043
- e. <https://www.familytreedna.com/>

Some interesting and entertaining diversions!

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/finding-your-roots/>

<http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

<http://genealogyroadshow.org/>

Finally –

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/12-genealogy-research-rules/>