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Genea-Musings

Welcome to my genealogy blog. Genea-Musings features genealogy research tips and techniques, genealogy news items and commentary, genealogy humor, San Diego genealogy society news, family history research and some family history stories from the keyboard of **Randy Seaver** (of Chula Vista CA), who thinks that Genealogy Research Is really FUN!
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The National Archives maintains several blogs in the interest of sharing more information with the public about our activities. They also exist as a channel for the public to respond to news, upcoming events, and proposed projects. We encourage your input, but please be aware of our policies concerning comments on our blogs.

You can visit our blogs by clicking on the titles or subscribe through the RSS options below each link.

Michael John's blog
genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/

Genealogy Tip of the Day

Michael John Neill

TWITTER

Twitter is an online social networking service that enables users to send and read short 140-character messages called “tweets”. Registered users can read and post tweets, but unregistered users can only read them. –Wikipedia

Like things short and sweet? Twitter is the place for you. On this microblogging service, users “tweet” messages in 140 characters or fewer, per exchange. Set up a free Twitter account and follow these tweeters, then use the search box to find favorite genealogists or organizations to follow, as well as tweets on topics of interest (use hashtags, such as *#genealogy* or *#deathrecords*).

@AmyCrow <https://twitter.com/amycrow> Genealogist. Librarian. Community Manager at Ancestry.com

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@CeCeLMoore <https://twitter.com/CeCeLMoore> Professional Genetic Genealogist. Television DNA Consultant for PBS.

@DickEastman <https://twitter.com/dickeastman> Author of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at eogn.com

@USNatArchives <https://twitter.com/USNatArchives> The nation's record keeper. Follow for live tweeting of events, two-way conversations, and help with questions.

FACEBOOK

For genealogists, Facebook is a crowd-sourcing venue for genealogy information and an easy way to share photos, videos and life events. Facebookers can have a “page” or “group.” On a page, click Like to see the posts in your news feed. If it's a group, you'll need to be a member of Facebook; you may need to request permission to join.

Type your ancestor's town in the search box and include the word *history* or *genealogy* to find a page relevant to your research.

Family Tree Magazine <https://www.facebook.com/familytreemagazine>

Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jewish-Genealogical-Society-of-the-Conejo-Valley-and-Ventura-County-JGSCV/222237551133661>

The purpose of JGSCV is to provide a society for persons interested in Jewish genealogy; to encourage interest in Jewish genealogy; to provide educational genealogical programs; to develop and execute

genealogical projects; to serve as a service and support group for genealogical libraries and historical associations; and to provide a center for the exchange of surnames and genealogical material.

The Organized Genealogist Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/organizedgenealogist/>
[Closed Group] Share your tips and tricks for organizing your genealogy.

Technology for Genealogy <https://www.facebook.com/groups/techgen/> [Closed Group] Even though the group is listed as closed, most requests for membership will be approved. Discussion of technology used for genealogy purposes. Includes: software, apps, tablets, computes, gadgets, news, and web sites. Topics must be related to technology and have applicability as a genealogy tool.

Ventura County Genealogical Society <https://www.facebook.com/VenturaCoGenSoc>

YOUTUBE

YouTube is not only a web's video power-house with a treasure-trove of genealogy-related videos, it's also a social-networking site and the second largest search engine online. No personal account needed.

Ancestry.com [youtube.com/AncestryCom](https://www.youtube.com/AncestryCom) Start with the playlists, such as What's New at Ancestry.com, 5-Minute Finds and AncestryDNA. Not to miss: The Barefoot Genealogist's (aka Crista Cowan's) instructional videos.

Familysearch [youtube.com/FamilySearch](https://www.youtube.com/FamilySearch) Playlists include Genealogy for Beginners, Honoring Ancestors, 1940 Census, Granite Mtn Records Vault, 5 Minute Genealogy – Find a Record, and FamilySearch Indexing.

Kenneth Marks [youtube.com/KennethRMarks](https://www.youtube.com/KennethRMarks) Excellent information regarding genealogy, newspaper, and family history research.

US National Archives [youtube.com/usnationalarchives](https://www.youtube.com/usnationalarchives) Playlists include: About the archives, Public Programs, Inside the Vaults, Presidential Library Channels, and The White House.

Universal Newsreels [youtube.com/UniversalNewsreels](https://www.youtube.com/UniversalNewsreels) Universal Newsreels were released twice a week from 1929 to 1967. Each issue contained about a half-dozen short stories on world events, politics and entertainment.

PINTEREST

Pinners “pin” images of family history tips, photos, records, recipes and quotes on virtual bulletin boards. No need to register to peruse others' pins, but before long you'll want to join and start your own family history boards. If you have a particular area of interest, try entering a keyword in the Pinterest search box.

Ancestor Hunter [pinterest.com/sharingvintagep/vintage-maps](https://www.pinterest.com/sharingvintagep/vintage-maps) This board features 60 maps pinned from around the web. Click this pinner's name and you'll find 26 other boards devoted to genealogy and history.

Genealogy Tip Jar pinterest.com/genealogybloggers/genealogy-tip-jar Here's a collection of useful genealogy and family history resources.

Janet Hovorka pinterest.com/janethovorka Among Janet's many boards are more than 10 for genealogy. Her pinning specialty is family history displays (she's the owner of Family ChartMasters.) and you'll find plenty of inspiration.

All About Pinterest <https://help.pinterest.com/en/guide/all-about-pinterest> Tutorial

MEMORIAL BOARDS. These boards have brought tears to my eyes. I've seen these types of boards titled "Things my Father loved", "Places Mom visited", "Grandma's Garden". I've spent a lot of time looking through these boards, of complete strangers, but felt connected in some way. Memorial Boards are a beautiful way to create a Memorial for your family member or ancestor.

PLACES BOARDS. These boards reflect places your ancestors lived in or came from. My family came from Germany, Scotland, England, and Ireland. It would be a great idea to build a board on Pinterest filled with pictures and links to the towns, cities, countries, and landmarks that your family came from. If you are like me, you may never travel to these countries, but now you can, through images and pictures.

OBJECTS, DRESS, WAYS OF LIVING. What a wonderful way to portray your family heritage! Create a board based on the occupations of your ancestors. Were they farmers, coal miners, or bankers? What types of tools and machinery did they use? Another idea is to create a board with pins related to the dress and apparel of your ancestors. There are beautiful images of clothing from the 1800's available.

Here are some examples of social media websites:

- **Social Bookmarking.** ([Del.icio.us](#), [Blinklist](#), [Simpy](#)) Interact by tagging websites and searching through websites bookmarked by other people.
- **Social News.** ([Digg](#), [Propeller](#), [Reddit](#)) Interact by voting for articles and commenting on them.
- **Social Networking.** ([Facebook](#), [Hi5](#), [Last.FM](#)) Interact by adding friends, commenting on profiles, joining groups and having discussions.
- **Social Photo and Video Sharing.** ([YouTube](#), [Flickr](#)) Interact by sharing photos or videos and commenting on user submissions.
- **Wikis.** ([Wikipedia](#), [Wikia](#)) Interact by adding articles and editing existing articles.

And these websites are not the only social media websites. Any website that invites you to interact with the site and with other visitors falls into the definition of social media.

<http://webtrends.about.com/od/web20/a/social-media.htm>