

Castro Valley Library Genealogy Study Group Notes

3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546

1st/3rd Wednesdays 10:30-12:30

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1. Announcements

- Next Classes
 - 15 April (usual room)
 - 6 May (usual room; Wayne's last class as facilitator)
- Class Contact List
- Succession Plan

2. AI and Genealogy Research – Follow-Up

3. Newspaper Research

- Alameda County Library (<https://aclibrary.org/elibrary/#gencorner>)
 - Heritage Hub (<https://aclibrary.org/resource/heritagehub/>)
 - Fold3
([https://www.fold3.com/search?docQuery=\(filters:!\(\(type:place.values:!\(\(label:United+States+of+America,value:%27A:2%27\)\)\),\)\(type:general.title.content.type,value:!\(\(label:Newspapers,value:news+paper\)\)\)\)](https://www.fold3.com/search?docQuery=(filters:!((type:place.values:!((label:United+States+of+America,value:%27A:2%27))),)(type:general.title.content.type,value:!((label:Newspapers,value:news+paper))))))
 - Newspaper Archive – Not currently available
 - Newspapers.com (<https://newscomwc.newspapers.com/>)
 - (1) Tips and Tricks (<https://blog.newspapers.com/category/tips-hints-helps/>)
 - (2) Family History (<https://blog.newspapers.com/category/family-history/>)
- California Digital Newspaper Collection (<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/>)
- Chronicling America (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america/>)
- Community History Archives (<https://communityhistoryarchives.com/>)
- Cyndi's List (<https://www.cyndislist.com/newspapers/>)
- Elephind (<https://www.elephind.com/>)
- Europeana (<https://www.europeana.eu/en/themes/newspapers>)
- FamilySearch Newspaper Archives (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/newspapers/>)
- Google News (<https://news.google.com/newspapers>)
- Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/details/newspapers>)
- Library of Congress Newspaper Research Guide (https://guides.loc.gov/newspapers-periodicals?b=s&group_id=17511)
- Wikipedia List of Online Newspapers
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives)

4. Genealogy Toolbox On Your Desktop

5. Breaking Down Your Brick Walls

6. What Do I Do With My Research?

- Notes
- Trees on genealogy websites
- Videos
- Oral histories
- Audio recordings

7. YouTube

- Ancestry (<https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryUS>)
- MyHeritage (<https://www.youtube.com/@myheritage>)
- FamilySearch (<https://www.youtube.com/@familysearch>)
- FamilyTreeDNA (<https://www.youtube.com/@familytreedna>)
- Legacy Family Tree (<https://www.youtube.com/@legacyfamilytree>)
- RootsMagic (<https://www.youtube.com/@RootsMagicTV>)
- Extreme Genes Radio (<https://www.youtube.com/@ExtremeGenesRadio>)
- Blaine Bettinger (<https://www.youtube.com/@blainebettinger>)
- CeCe Moore (https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=CeCe+Moore)
- Lisa Louise Cooke (<https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems>)
- Devon Noel Lee (<https://www.youtube.com/@FamilyHistoryFanatics>)
- Aimee Cross (<https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryAimee>)
- Amy Johnson Crow (<https://www.youtube.com/@AmyJohnsonCrow>)
- Jen Shaffer (<https://www.youtube.com/@theformidablegenealogist>)
- Dana Leeds (<https://www.youtube.com/@DanaLeeds>)