



Happy 4th of July!

The Southern California Genealogical Society hopes that everyone will enjoy a safe and fun holiday. Whether you spend it at a picnic, at the beach, movie theater, national park, or online taking advantage of the streaming video or surfing the internet for ancestors this weekend, we hope you'll take time to enjoy the day.

The SCGS Family Research Library will be closed for the holiday but will be open on both Sunday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m.



Please join us for our Open House on Saturday, July 9. Meet the officers, members of the Board of Directors, and the volunteers of the society. Learn about the various

projects and interest groups designed to help you with your family history research, and take a tour of the Research Library. Light refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes. Best of all, you'll get special research time after the festivities!



Last Chance for Streaming Video

Don't miss this last chance to view the Jamboree and Genetic Genealogy Streamed Videos. Viewing ends July 6.

[Genetic Genealogy Sessions:](#)

\$20 per session or \$99 for all six sessions

[Jamboree Sessions:](#)

Free thanks to the support of Ancestry.

Read all about the streaming video in this [blog post](#).

Thank you to all of you who joined us online for the live-streamed sessions from Jamboree and Genetic Genealogy 2016. We had over 2600 people viewing at least one session, and many people viewed numerous classes throughout the weekend.

Extension Webinar Series

SCGS is there for you, no matter where you live. Join our twice-monthly webcasts with knowledgeable genealogists to help grow what you know.

The initial broadcast is free and open to the public.



Wednesday, July 20, 6:00 PM (Pacific)

[Organizing Your Genealogical Research Process](#)

Presented by Drew Smith, MLS



As you move from goals to questions to sources to information to evidence to conclusions, learn how to use the right kind of tool at each step, including research logs and database programs.

Drew Smith, MLS, is a librarian at the University of South Florida (USF) Tampa Library. He is co-host and co-producer of the award-winning *Genealogy GuysSM* Podcast. He is the author of the 2009 GPC book *Social Networking for Genealogists*, and co-author of the 2013 McGraw-Hill book *Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques*. He is a past Secretary of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a past Director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.



Saturday, August 6, 10:00 AM (Pacific)

[Five Reasons the Records Aren't in the Courthouse](#)

Presented by George G. Morgan

U.S. courthouse records have been damaged, destroyed, moved, or stored over the centuries. Prepare yourself in advance for on-site and online research by consulting authoritative sources. Learn why records may not be available in the courthouse, what may have happened to them, and where they (or replacements or substitutes) may exist today.

George G. Morgan is president of Aha! Seminars, Inc., and an internationally recognized genealogy expert who presents in the U.S., Canada, England, on cruise ships, and webinars. He is the prolific author of hundreds of articles for magazines, journals, newsletters, in genealogical publications, and at online sites internationally. His twelfth book, the fourth edition *How to Do Everything: Genealogy*, was released in January 2015. He is co-host of *The Genealogy GuysSM* Podcast, the longest running genealogical podcast with thousands of listeners worldwide.



Wednesday, August 17. 6:00 PM (Pacific)

[What's In a Name? Every Surname Tells a Story](#)

by Teresa "Tessa" Keough

Surnames tell a fascinating story about our ancestors' past. From origin to meaning, migration to frequency, come learn how to find and include that story in your own family history.

Tessa Keough is a genealogist in transition (not her day job). She works on her own family history and special projects. These include a one-place study in Newfoundland, a one-name study of the Keough surname, a Google+ community (Legacy Virtual Users' Group), and a YouTube channel (TessaWatch). Tessa blogs at *The Keough Corner* and *Scandia Musings*. She contributes to *Worldwide Genealogy* and the May I Introduce To You feature at *Geneabloggers*.

What's Coming Up?



Check our online calendar to find meeting dates for our many interest groups.

Ethnic: German, Irish, Italian, Chinese, French-Canadian, Nikkei, Hispanic, African-American

Software: Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, RootsMagic, The Master Genealogist

Other: DNA, Writers



[Check out the calendar](#)

Not all groups meet monthly

SCGS Membership Options
\$35 - 1-year Individual
\$50 - 1-year Joint
\$65 - 2-year Individual
\$90 - 2-year Joint
\$35 - International, Digital Searcher
\$70 - International, Printed Searcher
\$20 - Youth (under age 25)
(renewal date is 12 months after the original membership date)

Join SCGS Today

Join today and take advantage of the many benefits of membership in the Southern California Genealogical Society. Collaborate, consult and build a sense of community with others who share your passion for family history and genealogy.

[Click here fore more details!](#)

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