



# San Mateo County Genealogical Society

## Upcoming Events 2019

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### Sat, Jan 26, 2019 – *Blogging for Sharing Family History Stories*

10:30 am–12:00 pm, Free. Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, entrance in back



Presenter: Craig Siulinski

Blogging, or writing a regular online letter/column, is an easy and fun way to share your compelling family history stories. Learn about genealogy blogs in general, the inner workings of blogs, and how to start your own genealogy blog. The effort will be well worth the legacy you leave behind.

Craig teaches genealogy and life story writing classes, has a business called Sharing Legacies, and does presentations on blogging, location research, and other family history topics.

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### Thu, Feb 14, 2018 – *Workshop, Hispanic Genealogy: Spanish Records*

2:30 am–4:00 pm; Cañada College Library Computer Lab, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd, San Mateo

Free for Cañada College students, faculty, and staff. SMCGS Members \$5, Non-members \$10.



Presenter: Lucy Jennings Sweeney

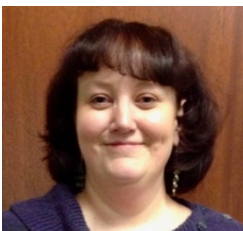
Discover how to search for your Hispanic ancestors, how to verify your family stories using records such as baptism and marriage, where to find records for your country and town, and learn about the Spanish naming system. Plus receive a resource list of online/print materials.

Lucy is a San Francisco native who graduated from UC Berkeley. When she retired from teaching, she began investigating her heritage which spans roots in both Mexico and Ireland.

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### Sat, Feb 23, 2019 – *City Directories*

10:30 am–12:00 pm, Free. Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, entrance in back



Presenter: Pamela Brigham

City directories sometimes are referred to as census substitutes, yet they are much more. They are a source to an inside view of your ancestor's life. You can track cities that your ancestors lived in over the years, develop a history of the town, and view social meetings that your ancestor may have attended. The pictures in city directories can provide a rich window into what your ancestors may have seen as well.

Pamela Brigham is the President of the Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group and a devotee of using technology in genealogy. She teaches classes in genealogy including using online research programs.

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### Sat, Mar 23, 2019 – *Lies, Lies & More Lies: Can DNA Solve My Parental Lineage*

10:30 am–12:00 pm, Free. Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, entrance in back



Presenter: Jeff Vaillant

In this case study, a family secret is unveiled through newly discovered documents, the use of genealogical research methodologies, and DNA. Jeff unraveled a story that was taken to the grave behind a paternal surname change. The talk includes a focus on the process of searching for a willing Y-DNA donor.

Jeff Vaillant is the President of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, has a BA in history, and is working towards certification as a professional genealogist.

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