



**Sonoma County Genealogical Society
Accomplishments for July 2021 – June 2022**

Books Purchased for the Sonoma County History and Genealogy Library

Jane Baldwin Cotton, *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, volumes 9 (1744-1749), 10 (1748-1753), and 11 (1753-1760).

General Meeting Programs (all virtual)

July 17, 2021, Nancy E. Loe, *Organize Like an Archivist: Taming Genealogy Records and Research*

September 18, 2021, Annette Burke Lyttle, *Bounty Land: It's Complicated*

October 16, 2021, Jill Morelli, *Too Many Marys: Solving Identity and Same Name Conundrums*

November 20, 2021, Rebecca W. Koford, *The War of 1812: Service Records, Pension, and Bounty Land*

January 15, 2022, Lisa Gorrell, *Finding Records to Help Document Your Farming Ancestors*

February 19, 2022, Mary Kircher Roddy, *A Nose for News: Sniffing Out Stories in Newspapers*

March 19, 2022, Jenny Hansen, *New Features on the FamilySearch Wiki*

May 21, 2022, Joel Weintraub, *What You Need to Know About the 1950 Census and How to Access It*

June 18, 2022, Pam Vestal, *How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read*

Virtual 2022 Spring Seminar Our virtual 2022 Spring Seminar held on April 30, 2022 featured Judy G. Russell. She presented the following four lectures: *Putting Those Records to Work*, *Advertising the Law: The Gems in the Legal Notices*, *NARA MythBusters: Your Family IS in the Archives*, and *After the Courthouse Burns: Rekindling Family History Through DNA*. We had 98 registrants for this seminar. It was free for members and \$30 for non-members.

Membership

Our membership increased slightly from 263 to 267 members over the last year. We have 41 Life members. Three members celebrated their 20th year with us: Ines Williams, Trisha Gilroy-Bomar, and Mary T. McLeod.

Newsletter

Cindy Brennan continues to put out our SCGS Newsletter every month. It is well done and a consistent source of inspiring information for genealogists. Topics included:

July 2021	One-Step Genealogy Success, Stephen Morse's Website
August 2021	All About George - A Family History Mystery Game
September 2021	I've Got the Music in Me
October 2021	Digging Into Your Mining Ancestors
November 2021	Germany's "Wunderbar" Website
December 2021	Finding the Other Woman (Or Man!)
January 2022	Funerals, Rituals, and Records
February 2022	Flushed with Pride: Privies, Outhouses, and Loos
March 2022	Grab Your Poodle Skirt and Kick
April 2022	A Life Serving Others: Our Domestic Servants
May 2022	High Society: Exploring Genealogy & Historical Societies
June 2022	Their Time of Death: What Can We Learn?

Website

For members only, we continue to add speaker handouts and recordings as each speaker allows.

Social Media

Trisha Gilroy-Bomar and Susan Hester are managing our Facebook pages.

Books Published

No books were published this year.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Because of Covid-19 our SIGs have not been meeting monthly. These SIGs include: German Genealogy, Mexican Genealogy, Genealogical Evidence, Documentation, and Writing, DNA, and Family History Writing. A Book Club was started, but there wasn't sufficient interest to keep it going.