



Welcome to the March edition of our club newsletter. The picture above is the churchyard of St Lurance's Church in Upwey, Dorset, England. The church was initially built in the 1200s, and one of my ancestors, Edward Sprague, was buried in that churchyard in 1614. The church and the yard are well maintained to this day. Three of Edward's sons immigrated to New England in 1629 and founded Charlestown, Massachusetts.

Board Meeting

The Board held our meeting on March 11th. The minutes have been approved and are posted on the website. To access these, go to Club Organization/Exec Board, and click on the blue bar that says Board Meeting Minutes.

Upcoming Meetings

April 5th (Zoom) — Tom Laughlin

Most Trilogy Genealogy Club members have traced their ancestors back many generations and have a family tree with dates of births, deaths, marriages, etc. However, do you know what historical events were going on that may have forced those ancestors to move or settle in a particular area? Do you understand the cultural forces that were impacting their lives? Why did an ancestor leave Europe? What impact did their religion or ethnicity have on where they settled? This is the type of historical information that makes those ancestors come to life. Tom Laughlin, our April speaker, is a retired history teacher whose talk will explain how to research these historical and cultural forces and understand how they impacted your ancestors.

May 3rd (Possibly Live and Zoom) — Francis E. Bauer/Find Aa Grave

Find a Grave is a go-to site for many people working on their genealogy. Francis will take us through the details and show us how to take advantage of all Find a Grave has to offer.

June 7th (Possibly Live and Zoom) — Pam LaFond/West Valley Genealogical Society

The West Valley Genealogical Society and its library are excellent local resources for anyone interested in Family History. Pam LaFond, a representative from WVGs, will be here to tell us all about it.

Fall Meetings

We will be taking a summer hiatus in July and August but will be back in September with an exciting program for the rest of 2021. We plan to be in the Learning Center for all of these meetings.

On the January survey, most of you indicated your second favorite meeting format was workshops, so we are incorporating those in the Fall Program.

September 6, 2021 – Researching Your Family History for Free

Many of the best sources for genealogical information are free. If you rely on Ancestry, MyHeritage, or some other paid site, you miss out on a lot of information. I will show you how I organize and conduct my own family history research and demonstrate the websites I find most useful. I will also show you how I focus my efforts and organize my notes to make the most of what I find.

October 4, 2021 – Research Workshop

Everyone should bring their notebook computers or borrow one for the club and plan for a great day researching online. Our more experienced members will be walking around the room, answering questions, and helping you find what you are seeking.

November 1, 2021 – Using the Census for Family History Research – Denise Beeson

As all who attended our March meeting witnessed, Denise provides a wealth of information in a rapid-fire format. As a college-level teacher of genealogy, she has a wealth of experience and knowledge to share.

December 6, 2021 – Research Workshop, Incorporating the Census into your Research.

We will continue what we started in October, incorporating the census in our research efforts. This workshop will be led by Gary Loeb, the leader of our Census SIG. Once again, we will have our most experienced members available to help you with your research, this time including but not exclusively focused on the census.

Special Interest Groups

Our Special Interest Group (SIG) leaders have submitted their charters and have or will soon have their first meetings. If you have not joined one or more of the SIGs, you will have the opportunity to do so shortly.

I'm also pleased to announce that we now have six SIGs as Mark Miller has stepped forward and volunteered to facilitate the "Telling the Family Story" SIG. Initially, I tried to avoid officers doing double duty like this, but no one else was willing to take the lead, although many said they wanted to join if someone else would organize it.

At our April club meeting, after our guest speaker, we are going to try something new using Zoom breakout rooms. I will ask each SIG leader to give you a brief overview of their status. Following that, each SIG will have a breakout room. You will be able to select which SIG session you wish to attend. You may choose any session, even if you are not currently a member, allowing you to learn more about any SIG that might interest you.

Special Workshops

Several people have expressed interest in attending one or both of the two proposed special workshops, one on designing and publishing a family history photo book and the other on developing a personal genealogy website. These would be difficult to do on Zoom, so we need to wait until we can meet in person. If you would like me to add you to the interest list, please send me an email and let me know.

Planned Changes to the Website

At the Board meeting, we discussed planned changes to the website. These fall into three categories, new pages to support the SIGs, Subscription Services for emails on the profile page, and Administration changes to allow others to administrate the website. Look for announcements on these as they are implemented.

Your Feedback is Appreciated

- How can the Trilogy Genealogy Club help you with your Family History?
- What ideas or suggestions do you have for future meetings?
- How can we improve what we are doing for the benefit of our members?

Please write to me at rsalford@gmail.com. I'm listening.

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