

Castro Valley Library Genealogy Class Notes
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1st/3rd Wednesdays 10:30-12:30
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1. Announcements
 - Tips & Talks - Oakland FamilySearch Center
 - Family History Projects for Holiday Gift Giving
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-history-projects-for-holiday-gift-giving-tickets-731544598587?aff=oddtcreator>
 - Next Meeting: 15 November 2023
2. Family History Guide
<https://www.thefhguide.com/>
3. Family Search Wiki
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page
4. Irish Research – Ireland Reaching Out
<https://irelandxo.com/>
5. Finding Records – LDS Genealogy (LDS: Learning, Directory, Source Finder)
<https://ldsgenealogy.com/>
6. Searching Ancestry.com Records

Instead of searching from the homepage, find the exact database you're interested in and search from that search engine. To do this, go to the black top toolbar and click on Search and then All Collections. From that page, take a look at the right-side menu of subjects and use that to find the database you're interested in (such as the 1880 US Census). You can also go to the Card Catalog and search or browse via a subject. To find the card catalog, click on Search at the top toolbar and then click on Card Catalog.

7. Digital Public Library

DPLA is a collaborative website where you can access digitized content from repositories across the United States. Digitized content includes photos, maps, documents, and books. Search by a location, occupation, religion or other keyword. Once you find the items you are interested in, DPLA will lead you to the appropriate archive, library, or museum with that item where you can learn more and be able to download the image.

8. Borrowing Online Books at Internet Archive

Internet Archive might be a familiar website to you if you have used it to find digitized books, but did you know that you can also borrow library books? All you need to do is set up a free account. Books may be borrowed for varying time periods from 1-hour to 2 weeks. It is convenient, even if it's only a loan period of an hour. To learn more, see their webpage on **Borrowing**.

9. Gateway Resources

When you conduct your research, remember to look at some great compiled resources created by fellow genealogists! These web pages will make your family history research so much easier.

- **Cyndi's List** (check for a topic of interest)
- **Linkpendium** (check for the county of interest)
- **FamilySearch Wiki Pages** (check for the county of interest)
- **Ancestor Hunt** (check for a resource type, followed by state and sometimes county)
- **Joe Beine's pages**

10. What's in that Pile? Organization for the Disorganized Genealogist

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2020/01/10/note-to-self-get-organized/>
<https://genealogyguys.blogspot.com/search/label/Organization>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_Ea2t194T8&feature=youtu.be

11. Twelve Rules of Genealogy (per James Tanner)

[https://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2019/07/annual-review-of-rules-of-genealogy-new.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+blogspot/QuFvc+\(Genealogy's+Star\)](https://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2019/07/annual-review-of-rules-of-genealogy-new.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+blogspot/QuFvc+(Genealogy's+Star))

12. Better Note Taking – Amy Johnson Crow

<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/taking-better-notes-in-your-genealogy-research/>

13. Seven TV Shows to Inspire Your Genealogy Research

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/7-genealogy-tv-shows/>

14. New Gmail Tools to Help with Genealogy Tasks and Correspondence

https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2020/05/new-gmail-tools.html