

**Castro Valley Library Genealogy Class Notes**  
3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546  
1st/3rd Wednesdays 10:30-12:30  
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1. Announcements
  - Next Class: 7 February 2024
  - Proposed changes to upcoming class dates
    - i) 21 February > 14 February
    - ii) 6 March > 13 March
    - iii) 3 April > 10 April
  - Tips and Talk at Oakland Family Search Center
    - i) 30 January at 11:00am – How to Series: Searching Images on FamilySearch
    - ii) 31 January at 11:00am – Introduction to 20<sup>th</sup> Century Immigration
2. The Legal Genealogist – MyHeritage Amends Terms of Agreement
  - [Legalgenealogist.com/blog](http://legalgenealogist.com/blog); posted 7 January 2024
3. Genealogy Software for your trees and memories
  - [thefhguide.com](http://thefhguide.com) > Click on magnifying glass > enter “genealogy software” > select Genealogy Software FS Project 7, Goal 6 > select GE: BestGenealogical Software – 2022 (my note: actually 2024)
    - i) MyHeritage Family Tree Builder: best free genealogy software ([myheritage.com](http://myheritage.com))
    - ii) RootsMagic 9: most popular software among genealogists ([rootsmagic.com](http://rootsmagic.com))
    - iii) Legacy 9.0; best set of reports/charts available ([familytreewebinars.com](http://familytreewebinars.com))
    - iv) Ancestry.com Online Trees; good for making simple trees, attaching records ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com))
    - v) MacKiev Family Tree Maker; good software but expensive ([www.mackiev.com](http://www.mackiev.com))
    - vi) Online vs Desktop software programs
4. FamilySearch Genealogies
  - [Familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) > Search > Genealogies
  - How to load your GEDCOM file to Genealogies
5. What's in that Pile? Organization for the Disorganized Genealogist
  - The Genealogy Guys discuss their 31-day approach to organization.  
<https://genealogyguys.blogspot.com>  
go to tags > select organization > The March of Genealogical Organization – Where Are You Now?
  - James Tanner discusses his approach to organization (1 hour video)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_Ea2tl94T8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_Ea2tl94T8&feature=youtu.be)
6. 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))
7. Better Note Taking – Amy Johnson Crow (14 minute podcast; also written presentation)  
<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/taking-better-notes-in-your-genealogy-research/>

8. Seven TV Shows to Inspire Your Genealogy Research  
<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/7-genealogy-tv-shows/>
9. New Gmail Tools to Help with Genealogy Tasks and Correspondence  
[https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy\\_news/2020/05/new-gmail-tools.html](https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2020/05/new-gmail-tools.html)
10. 1931 Canada Census; Released 1 June 2023; Ancestry and FamilySearch have indexes for the census; Dave Obee runs CanGenealogy.com, a link site devoted to Canadian resources. He has compiled information on the census, including background, census questions, and research tips. Look for it at CanGenealogy.com.
11. Census Search Canada (<https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census2/index>)

The Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has long had an extensive collection of census data available for researchers ([www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx#b](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx#b)). The issue for researchers is that the collection consists of 17 censuses, each of which must be independently researched, one census at a time.

With the new Census Search, you can search them all at once! This makes researching the Canadian Censuses so much easier and faster. And, with ready access to the stand-alone census databases, you can still tunnel down into any single one with ease. Note: LAC is transitioning to a new website interface. If the provided link doesn't work, start here, <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng>.

12. Belgian State Archives (<https://genealogie.arch.be/search>)

The Belgium State Archives has launched a genealogy-focused website which you can access in English, French, Dutch, and German, and contains more than 42 million names. You can research pre-1796 Parish Registers and post-1796 Civil Records. Included are “birth, baptism, marriage, death or burial certificates, as well as all the registers (called decennial tables).” Coverage includes almost 30,000 parish registers and 37,000 civil registers. You can search the digitized archives for free, though know that there is a limit of ten downloads per day. Learn more about this database via Tracing Belgian family trees made easier by massive new archive as published in *The Brussels Times*, [www.brusselstimes.com/belgium/355110/tracing-belgian-family-trees-made-easier-by-massive-new-archiv](http://www.brusselstimes.com/belgium/355110/tracing-belgian-family-trees-made-easier-by-massive-new-archiv).

13. Collate and Showcase Shared Family History ([www.weare.xyz](http://www.weare.xyz))

We Are [...] is a Social Genealogy platform that allows you and your relatives to fill in the stories behind the names, and to collate content from across your family.

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