

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: 15 May 2024
 - 19 June class moved to 26 June
 - Ron Chan presentation on 19 May
 - Descendancy research handout on class website
2. Follow-up
 - California Digital Newspapers
 - Puzzilla
3. Better Note Taking – Amy Johnson Crow (14 minute podcast; also written presentation)
<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/taking-better-notes-in-your-genealogy-research/>
4. Things One Might Find When Cleaning Out a Loved One’s Residence After His or Her Death
<https://www.buzzfeed.com/briangalindo/people-who-found-out-secrets-after-family-member-died>
5. Brickwall Collaboration
6. 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.
7. 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). 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>.

8. 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.

9. Collate and Showcase Shared Family History (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.

10. Seven TV Shows to Inspire Your Genealogy Research

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

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

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