

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: 5 June 2024
 - 19 June class moved to 26 June
 - Ron Chan presentation on 19 May
2. Follow-up
 - Canadian Passenger Lists
3. Immigration
 - Cyndi's List <http://www.cyndislist.com/ellis-island/>
 - i) Emigrant ports of departure
 - ii) Immigrant ports of entry
 - iii) Myth – Immigrant names changed at immigration port
 - iv) Ship and passenger lists
 - v) Libraries, archives & museums
 - Stephen P. Morse (<https://stevemorse.org/>): One-Step Webpages
 - FamilySearch Wiki (https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page): Immigration
 - The Family History Guide (<https://thefhguide.com/research.html>): Knowledge Base > Immigration / Emigration
4. Brickwall Collaboration
5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Seven TV Shows to Inspire Your Genealogy Research
<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/7-genealogy-tv-shows/>
8. New Gmail Tools to Help with Genealogy Tasks and Correspondence
https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2020/05/new-gmail-tools.html