

**Castro Valley Library Genealogy Class Notes**  
3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546  
1st/3rd Wednesdays 10:30-12:30  
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**5 June 2024**

1. Announcements
  - Next Class: 26 June 2024
  - Summer Tips and Talk
2. Newspapers.com Birth Index ([https://blog.newspapers.com/search-the-largest-archive-of-historical-newspaper-birth-announcements/?xid=6541&utm\\_source=Internal&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=Content\\_May-2024](https://blog.newspapers.com/search-the-largest-archive-of-historical-newspaper-birth-announcements/?xid=6541&utm_source=Internal&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Content_May-2024))
3. Goldie Mae Overview (<https://www.goldiemay.com/>)
4. Maps
  - Five Types of Maps Every Genealogist Should Know (<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/5-types-maps-every-genealogist-know/>)
  - Atlas of Historical County Boundaries (<https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/>)
  - Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection>)
  - Bureau of Land Management Maps (<https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/default.aspx>)
  - David Rumsey Collection (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/>)
  - Google Earth (<https://earth.google.com/>)
  - Library of Congress Maps (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/?fa=partof%3Ageography+and+map+division%7Csubject%3Ageography+%26+places>)
  - The New York Public Library Digital Collection (<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/>)
  - Family Search Directory of Gazetteers (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Category:Gazetteers>)
  - ArchiveGrid (<https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>)
5. Brickwall Collaboration
6. 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).