

Castro Valley Library Genealogy Study Group Notes

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1st/3rd Wednesdays 10:30-12:30

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1. Announcements

- Next Classes
 - 17 December 2025
 - 7 January 2026
- Class Contact List

2. Library of Congress

- Research Guides (<https://guides.loc.gov/>)
 - Example: <https://guides.loc.gov/local-history-and-family-photos>
- National Jukebox (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/national-jukebox/about-this-collection/>)
- Chronicling America (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america/about-this-collection/>)

3. Community History Archive Digitizing Organization (<https://directory.historyarchives.online/home>)

4. Ancestry ThruLines

- Dana Leeds How To Video (<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=ancestry+thruLines+explained&mid=7BB6A538335535426BFE7BB6A538335535426BFE&FORM=VIRE>) (21 November 2024, 11:17)
- Dana Leeds Case Studies (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8K9rn1YsGZ0>) (21 November 2024, 11:48)
- Video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzcwR95qNKQ>) (9 June 2025, 12:36)
- How to Use (<https://appalachiangenealogy.substack.com/p/how-to-use-ancestrys-thruLines>)

5. Organize Your Digital Records/Photos

- Guy Drew Smith (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izYPp5W51LI>) (19 May 2017, 7:42)
- Ancestral Findings (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta0BIMZ_760) (4 August 2020, 4:30)
- Family Tree Magazine (<https://familytreemagazine.com/organization/organizing-digital-genealogy-files/>)
- Based on FamilySearch Fan Chart (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQ2hJLGn1BI>) (6 Dec 2017, 24:51)

6. What Do I Do With My Research?

- Notes
- Trees on genealogy websites
- Videos
- Oral histories
- Audio recordings

7. YouTube

- Ancestry (<https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryUS>)
- MyHeritage (<https://www.youtube.com/@myheritage>)

- FamilySearch (<https://www.youtube.com/@familysearch>)
- FamilyTreeDNA (<https://www.youtube.com/@familytreedna>)
- Legacy Family Tree (<https://www.youtube.com/@legacyfamilytree>)
- RootsMagic (<https://www.youtube.com/@RootsMagicTV>)
- Extreme Genes Radio (<https://www.youtube.com/@ExtremeGenesRadio>)
- Blaine Bettinger (<https://www.youtube.com/@blainebettinger>)
- CeCe Moore (https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=CeCe+Moore)
- Lisa Louise Cooke (<https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems>)
- Devon Noel Lee (<https://www.youtube.com/@FamilyHistoryFanatics>)
- Aimee Cross (<https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryAimee>)
- Amy Johnson Crow (<https://www.youtube.com/@AmyJohnsonCrow>)
- Jen Shaffer (<https://www.youtube.com/@theformidablegenealogist>)
- Dana Leeds (<https://www.youtube.com/@DanaLeeds>)

8. Family Tree Groups and Trees

- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/family-group-trees>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/family-group-tree-pilot/family-group-trees-pilot-help-and-learning>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/family-group-trees-learning-center>