

Castro Valley Library Genealogy Study Group Notes

3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546

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

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1. Announcements

- Next Classes
 - 7 January 2026
 - 21 January 2026
- Ron Chan Presentation: 8 February, 2-4 pm
- Class Contact List

2. Organize Your Research and Paper Files

- Devon Noel Lee: <https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/5-systems-for-organizing-genealogy-paper-files>
- Amy Crow Johnson (34-Minute podcast): <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/organizing-genealogy-files/>
- Drew Smith (22-minute video): <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/organizing-your-genealogical-files/>
- Drew Smith (49-minute video): <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/organizing-your-genealogy-files/>
- Research Logs: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Research_Logs
- LOCKSS: Lots of copies, keep stuff safe
- Family History Magazine Class: <https://store.familytreemagazine.com/products/master-class-organize-with-purpose-january-2026>

3. Organize Your Digital Records

- 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)

4. What Do I Do With My Research?

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

5. 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>)

6. 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>