

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

2. 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)

3. Naming Conventions for Digital Genealogy Files (handout)

4. Using AI for Photo Restoration – Gerald McMullin

5. Genealogical Societies by State (https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2025/12/26/the-2025-returns/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=2025-12-30&utm_campaign=The+returns+of+the+2025+season)

6. Genealogy Toolbox

7. Research Logs

8. What Do I Do With My Research?

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

9. 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/@blaineбетtinger>)
- 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>)

10. 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>