

# 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
  - No class on 4 February
  - 18 February (usual room)
  - 4 March (Teen Room)
  - 18 March (usual room)
  - 1 April (Teen Room)
- Ron Chan Presentation: Sunday, 8 February, 2-4 pm; Saturday, 21 March, 2-4 pm
- Class Contact List
- Break-Out Groups

## 2. Naming Conventions for Digital Genealogy Files (handout)

## 3. Research Plan and Log Templates

- <https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/research-templates>
- <https://www.airtable.com/universe/expd5RDSNNdd3uq4r/genealogy-research-log>
- <https://www.ancestrycdn.com/legacy/pdf/trees/charts/rescal.pdf>
- [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img\\_auth.php/5/50/Research\\_Log.pdf](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/5/50/Research_Log.pdf)
- [https://dohistory.org/on\\_your\\_own/toolkit/deeds\\_form.html](https://dohistory.org/on_your_own/toolkit/deeds_form.html)
- <https://verticalhorizon-software.com/genea.html>
- <https://www.airtable.com/universe/expcNCqf5IsDlBHTx/genealogy-research-log>
- <https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~kidmiff/genealogy/online%20research%20log.pdf>
- <https://www.mymcpl.org/sites/default/files/06-0005%20Research%20Log.pdf>

## 4. Family Tree Groups and Trees

- Connect Your Living Tree Family with Family Group Trees (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYBWvX6d-RU>) (6:23)
- Creating and Using Family Groups in FamilySearch (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gzb8qIgUtE4>) (46:40)

## 5. Genealogy Toolbox

## 6. Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>) and AI

## 7. Prompt Cowboy (<https://www.promptcowboy.ai/>)

## 8. How load a GEDCOM file to FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-upload-my-gedcom-file>)

## 9. What Do I Do With My Research?

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

## 10. 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](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>)