

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
 - 4 March (teen room)
 - 18 March (usual room)
 - 1 April (teen room)
 - 15 April (usual room)
 - 6 May (usual room; only class in May)
- Class Contact List
- Break-Out Groups

2. FamilySearch Family Group Trees (continued)

- 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)

3. Using AI to Search CVGSG Notes

- <https://notebooklm.google.com/notebook/bc95e93d-beda-4f05-84f5-b05b68c3cbb8>
- Podcast Created From Agendas (<https://cacvgg.wdgeo.com/cacvgg-audio.mp3>) (12+ minutes)

4. Genealogy Toolbox using Google Docs

5. Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>)

- Preserving Links on the Wayback Machine (<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/preserving-the-web-for-genealogy/>) (11 minutes)
- Using AI (<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/genealogy-meets-the-internet-archive-and-ai-a-comprehensive-review/>) (58 minutes)

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

- Thomas MacEntee (<https://genealogybargains.com/prompt-cowboy/>)

7. Managing GEDCOM Files

- How to create and load GEDCOM files (<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/how-to-move-a-family-tree-from-one-program-to-another/>)
- How to load a GEDCOM file to FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-upload-my-gedcom-file>)

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/@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>)