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August 18, 2022
7:00 P.M. Katherine Borges will be presenting an update of genetic genealogical DNA testing.

Presidents Message

The heat is upon us, therefore it must be summer! During the summer I like to stay home, with the A/C blowing, and work on my genealogy on the computer. Of course, my bride might have something she needs me to do and that is most important.

While the 1950 Census is mostly available, I and my family were in Rochester, New York at the time, and that state hasn't been finished as of right now. I did wind my way through the enumeration districts and found the family. It was a bit of a pain to do that way but nice to see I was here on earth in 1950.

We will be meeting again on the 18th, so please come out and we can share what the summer has brought us about our families.

August Program

By Vicki Wolff

Katherine Borges will be presenting an update of genetic genealogical DNA testing. Katherine is the co-founder of ISOGG: The International Society of Genetic Genealogy is an independent non-commercial nonprofit organization of genetic genealogists run by volunteers. It was founded by a group of surname DNA project administrators in 2005 to promote DNA testing for genealogy. Wikipedia
Founded: 2005

When you do a friend a favor . . .

By Roxie Ferrari

Our dear member Julius (Jay) Mirza got a new computer. During the conversion of the old computer to the new one his Family Tree Maker (FTM) software and Gedcom files didn't make it! What's a Gedcom file? It's your data base of family records, information, pictures and documents. Jay mentioned, he was going to data entry them all over again. That is a lot of work! Thankfully, I have a technical guru that could help. I visited Jay in Turlock and communicated with my guru to achieve Jay's goals of downloading FTM and restoring the Gedcom files. The guru did his magic and all Jay's Gedcom files were located and reinstalled back into FTM. All was not lost.

Next, was the learning curve for the improvements to FTM. I tutored Jay and brought his FTM up to date. Jay was so grateful for resolving his computer issues, locating his Gedcom files and tutoring he generously donated \$500 to the GSSC. As you know, a generous donation to our non-profit organization is also a tax deduction.

So when you do a friend a favor remember we build a sense of gratefulness. This simple act of generosity is much appreciated.

Photos from Our June General Meeting and DAR Presentation Photos by Hlhennig



See our presenter's 3-page handout



U.S. Coast Guard Birthday

<https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/coast-guard-birthday/>

Every year on August 4 the United States Coast Guard celebrates its birthday. The U.S. Coast Guard was founded on this day in 1790 to provide coastal defense, enforce the payment of tariffs and trade laws, and stop smugglers from entering the country through the sea. Since 1790 its duties have only increased, but the Coast Guard has remained as safe-keepers of the United States' coast, making it the oldest continuous maritime service in the country.

The U.S. Coast Guard is a branch of the military and armed forces, and its motto is Semper Paratus or Always Ready. Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty are values at the core of the Coast Guard.

History

At the request of Alexander Hamilton, the head of the Revenue-Marine, on August 4, 1790, Congress approved and funded the construction of ten vessels to protect the coast of the United States of America. Until 1798, when the Navy was re-instated, these ten Coast Guard vessels were the only naval force in the U.S.

Early Coast Guard crews' duties included transporting government officials and sometimes they even carried mail.

The Coast Guard as we know it today was formed in 1915 with the merging of the Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life-Saving Service. Eventually, the Coast Guard became so essential in protecting the United States, that it was moved from its original place at the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, in order to aid the United States efforts against terrorist attacks. In times of war, the Coast Guard has occasionally operated as a service of the U.S. Navy.

What does the Coast Guard do?

The U.S. Coast Guard is an essential service of the military, as it has a wide range of duties that go from ensuring that maritime commerce is safe and lawful and that tariffs are paid, to search and rescue missions, oftentimes in bad conditions. They also aid other vessels with navigation, safely returning lost boats to the coast, and help with the environment by making sure that the coast is kept clean. And finally, they perform Port Security, to intercept any illegal migrants from coming into the country, and to stop any human or drug trafficking.

What to do for the Coast Guard Birthday

Some branches of the Coast Guard will host parties and events on this day. Check to see if there are any near you and spend a day learning more about the history of the Coast Guard, and talking to Coast Guardsmen to hear about their exciting experiences firsthand.

If you know any Coast Guard retirees and Veterans spend the day keeping them company, listening to their stories and paying your respects.





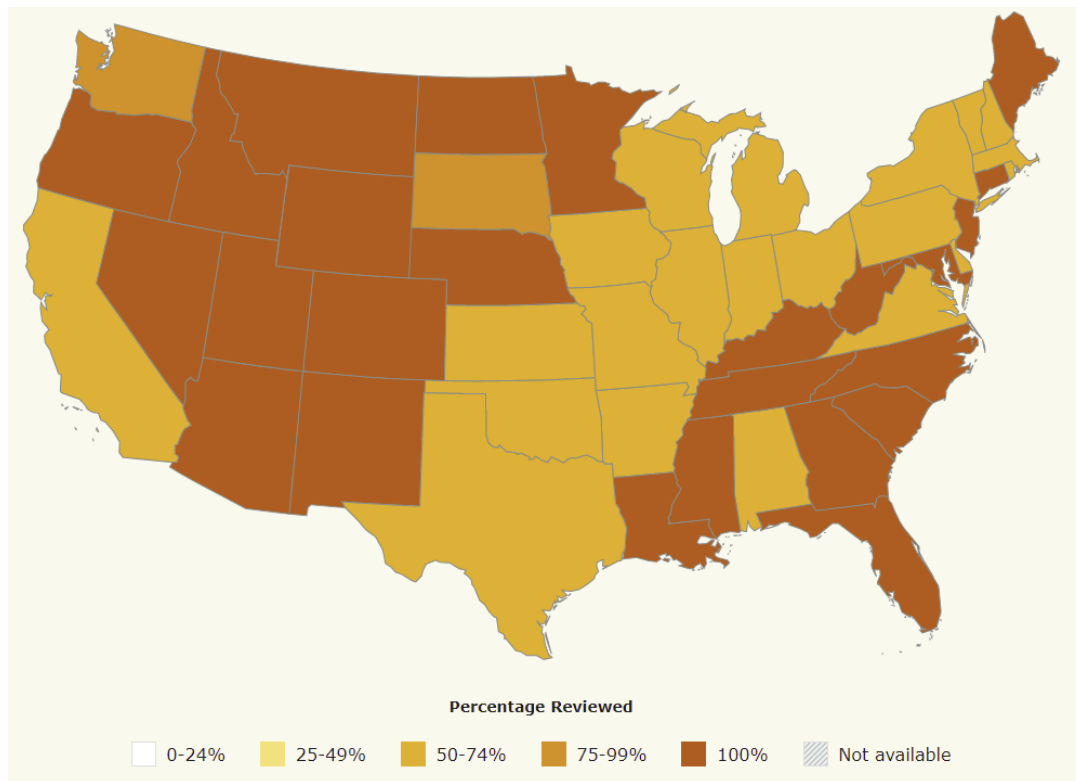
1950 US Census Volunteer Project to End on September 5

Thank you for helping us complete the review of the 1950 US Census. The volunteer portion of the project will be completed on Labor Day, September 5, after reviewing all 151 million names included in the census and the families found in many states. The incredible efforts of more than 180,000 dedicated volunteers will be appreciated for generations to come.

We are now transitioning some remaining states to an accelerated review process that will leverage the work that has already been done. As a result, states that are moved to this new process will become unavailable in the volunteer project. If a state you have been working on becomes unavailable, please consider reviewing one of the remaining states.

We are excited to see the publication of the 1950 US Census continue to accelerate and will celebrate with you when the publication of the reviewed index is complete. Thank you for joining us in this monumental effort to ensure that nobody in the census is lost to time. [Learn more about this project transition.](#)

You can continue to track the project's progress and publication at www.familysearch.org/GetInvolved/1950.



Search for Published States

Visit the [1950 US Census collection page](#) to search published states. If a state you want to search is not yet available, you can help review the families of that state through the [1950 US Census Community Project](#) until September 5th.

Searchable States:

[Arizona](#) | [Delaware](#) | [Idaho](#) | [Minnesota](#) | [New Hampshire](#) | [Nevada](#) | [Oregon](#) | [Rhode Island](#) | [South Dakota](#) | [Utah](#) | [Vermont](#) | [Wyoming](#)

Search the Census

It's amazing what we can accomplish together!



Senior Citizens Day

Sunday, 21 August 2022

<https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/senior-citizens-day/>

We should honor and respect our elders every day, but **August 21** is Senior Citizens Day, a day to commemorate them and show appreciation to those who are the pillars of the community. At some point in our lives, we have all turned to older people for life advice or learned something from the many life stories they have to tell us. Senior Citizens are also very generous and are always there to help us when we need it. This is why we have a day to celebrate them.

This national celebration should not be confused with the International Day of Older Persons which was introduced by the United Nations General Assembly in 1990 and celebrated on October 1. It is also occasionally and unofficially referred to as World Senior Citizens Day.

History

On August 19, 1988, President Ronald Reagan issued proclamation number 5847 declaring August 21 as National Senior Citizen's Day. In this proclamation, President Reagan says "For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they

continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute". Reagan thought it important to have a day to celebrate the achievements of Senior Citizens and thank them for all the support they give to society and their communities.

Senior Citizens in America

The goal of Senior Citizens Day is not only to show our appreciation for all that our elders do, but also to raise awareness of the conditions that many older people live in, and the struggles they face, and to support them as they get older. In some places, senior citizens are the age bracket that often faces the most difficulties, and suffer from health or economic issues. In America, senior citizens are a growing age group. The U.S. Census Bureau's national survey in 2019 showed that there had been an increase from 2010 to 2020 in the number of Senior Citizens. There were 13,787,044 more adults 65+ years old in 2020 than in 2010, an increase of 34%. The total number of adults over the age of 65 in 2019 was 54.1 million, or 16% of the population. The Census Bureau has also predicted that by 2034 there will be more adults over the age of 65 than children under the age of 18.

Presidential Senior Citizens

In the history of the United States, five presidents have been aged 65 or older when inaugurated. Joe Biden became the oldest president in American history when he was elected at the age of 78 in January 2021. In order the oldest Presidents are:

- Joe Biden - 78 years and 61 days.
- Donald Trump - 70 years and 220 days.
- Ronald Reagan - 69 years and 348 days.
- William Henry Harrison - 68 years and 23 days
- James Buchanan - 65 years and 315 days.

What to do on Senior Citizens Day

Senior Citizens Day is the perfect day to go visit the elders in your family, be it your grandparents or a great-aunt or uncle, and spend some quality time with them. Listen to their life stories, take them out to their favorite restaurant, or cook them a delicious meal, and ask them to teach you some valuable lessons or skills. The most important thing is to make them know how much you appreciate them.

Another great thing to start doing on Senior Citizens Day is volunteering at Care Homes or organizations that support senior citizens. You can take meals to senior citizens, or help them around the house, or you can spend some time in a care home entertaining their residents and helping out wherever you can.

Amazon Drive Is Ending on December 31, 2023

29 Jul 2022 6:04 PM by Dick Eastman with permission

I am a big fan of string important files of all sorts in the cloud. Along the way, I have recommended a number of different cloud file storage services, including Google Drive. I was surprised today to receive an email message from Google announcing that the company is ending its cloud-based file storage service at the end of this year and will delete any files still stored in Google Drive at that time.

If you have files stored in Google Drive, you need to move them elsewhere.

The notice states:

"Over the last 11 years, Amazon Drive has served as a secure cloud storage service for Amazon customers to back up their files. On December 31, 2023, we will no longer support Amazon Drive to more fully focus our efforts on photos and video storage with Amazon Photos. We will continue to provide customers the ability to safely back up, share, and organize photos and videos with Amazon Photos."

Moving your files should be a simple process (create a new account on a different service, then drag-and-drop your files from the old service to the new one and wait for the files to complete copying.)"

So where should you create your new cloud file storage account? Actually, there are dozens of such services available.

If you have a rather small collection of files that need to be saved off-site, refer to my earlier article, *The 5 Best Free Cloud Storage Services*, at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12667213>. For larger collections of files, refer to my other article, *6 (Plus 1) of the Most Popular Cloud Storage Services*, at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12706634>



DAR an overview by Arleen H. Richards, Turlock Chapter NSDAR

Handout



Our National Society was founded October 11, 1890 and incorporated by an act of Congress in 1896. The NSDAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to our objectives of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Our motto is God, Home, and Country. We have over 190,000 members and 3,000 chapters worldwide.

The four founders of the DAR were Mary S. Lockwood, Mary Desha, Ellen Walworth and Eugenia Washington.

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership.

The National Society is led by the President General, the State Societies by the State Regent.

Our DAR buildings are located two blocks from the White House across from the Ellipse. We have three adjoining structures: Memorial Continental Hall, DAR Constitution Hall, and the Administration Building.

The National Society accomplishes the majority of its work under a committee system. We are a service organization, and our work is primarily in the areas of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

DAR public website - dar.org

In Stanislaus County we have two chapters:

Major Hugh Moss Chapter meets in Modesto, modesto.californiadar.org.

The Turlock Chapter meets in Turlock, turlock.californiadar.org.

To get started:

- Fill out a pedigree chart.
- Check to see if someone has already joined DAR using your ancestor.
- See if your Revolutionary Ancestor has already been proven.
- See if you have a common lineage.

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In applying for DAR membership, women must document their lineage back to an ancestor who aided the cause of American independence. These efforts may come through military, civil or patriotic service and must occur during the period between 19 April 1775 (Battle of Lexington) and 26 November 1783 (withdrawal of British Troops from New York).

The National Society accepts service as follows:

- **Signers of the Declaration of Independence**
- **Military Service**, such as participation in:
 - Army and Navy of the Continental Establishment
 - State Navy
 - State and Local Militia
 - Privateers
 - Military or Naval Service performed by French nationals in the American theater of war
- **Civil Service**, under authority of Provisional or new State Governments:
 - State Officials
 - County and Town Officials (Town Clerk, Selectman, Juror, Town Treasurer, Judge, Sheriff, Constable, Jailer, Surveyor of Highways, Justice of the Peace, etc.)
- **Patriotic Service**, which includes:
 - Members of the Continental Congress, State Conventions, and Assemblies
 - Membership in committees made necessary by the War, including service on committees which furthered the cause of the Colonies from April 1774, such as Committees of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety, committees to care for soldier's families, etc.
 - Signer of Oath of Fidelity and Support, Oath of Allegiance, etc.
 - Members of the Boston Tea Party
 - Signers of Petitions acknowledge the right of the new provincial and/or state government to represent the people. In addition, the content and wording of the petition must clearly demonstrate loyalty to the cause of American independence. Petitions regarding religious issues do not qualify.
 - Defenders of Forts and Stations: Individuals who lived on the frontier, from the Great Northern Lakes to Georgia, who are documented as having actively defended the western frontiers against British forces and their allies, the Indians.
 - Doctors, nurses, and others rendering aid to the wounded (other than their immediate families)

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Ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity
Furnishing a substitute for military service
Prisoners of war or refugees from occupying forces
Prisoners on the British ship Old Jersey or other prison ships
Service in the Spanish Troops under Galvez or the Louisiana Militia after 24 December 1776
Service performed by French nationals within the colonies or in Europe in support of the American cause
Those who rendered material aid, in Spanish America, by supplying cattle for Galvez's forces after 24 December 1776
Those who applied in Virginia for Certificates of Rights to land for settlement and those who were entitled to and were granted preemption rights
Those who took the Oath of Fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia from October 1779 to 26 November 1783
Those who rendered material aid and supported the cause of American Independence by furnishing supplies, with or without remuneration, loaning money and/or providing munitions. Some states enacted special tax laws to raise money for supplies. Payment of these "supply" taxes is considered patriotic service.

The National Society reserves the right to determine the acceptability of all service and proof thereof.

The [Genealogical Research System](#), or GRS for short, is DAR's online genealogical portal. Here you will find collections of databases DAR has made available online. These include our Ancestor Database, Member Database, Descendants Database, DAR Library Catalog, DAR Genealogical Records Committee database, The Revolutionary War Digital Library and corresponding index, and a couple of others. The databases are arranged on separate tabs to make navigation easier.

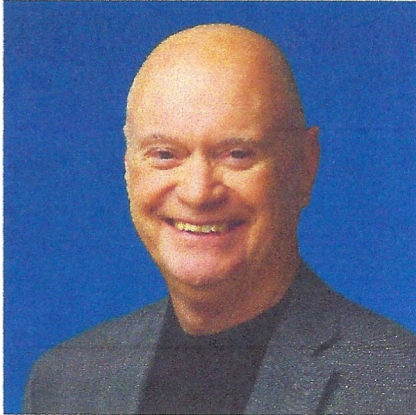
Information in the first three databases is derived from approved DAR member-related applications. Each database is cross-linked.

For more information go to dar.org or contact me, Arleen Richards a_richards@sbcglobal.net.

Save the Date!
Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

England Research: All Ancestors Great and Small.
Discover Genealogical Gems in Underutilized Treasure Troves

featuring William E. "Bill" Cole, the Passionate Genealogist



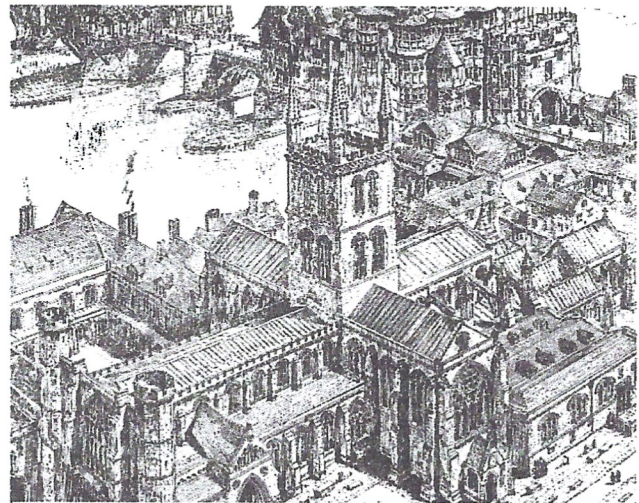
A Mayflower descendent, author, family historian, and genealogical researcher, Bill Cole's research exploits include uncovering his previously unknown English ancestors who emigrated to America during the Great Puritan Migration to New England from 1620-1640.

Bill recently co-chaired two international family history conferences and served six years as vice president of a large USA-based society with international members.

Bill's forthcoming book, *Puritans, Plagues, and Promises*, is planned for release in late 2022.

All in one day during 4 sessions, you will increase your skills and knowledge to research your English ancestors including:

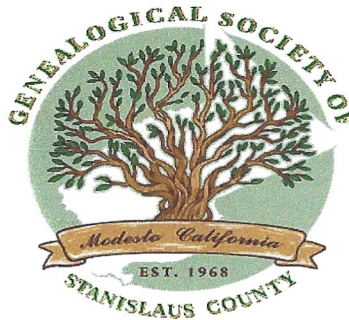
- ✓ **The Do's of Researching your English Ancestors.**
- ✓ **How to identify and use online resources targeted for England's records.**
- ✓ **How, when, and why to use English partners to discover genealogical gems in England's underutilized treasure troves.**
- ✓ **Case study examples drawn from Bill Cole's 8+ year English Origins research project will illustrate the what, why, where, and how to do research.**



St Saviour's Parish Church and London Bridge

All Day Seminar Presented by the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County
Cost of Seminar and Luncheon = \$40.00

Venue: Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA



The Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County Presents

Bill Cole Seminar, Sept. 10, 2022, 9am to 5pm

English Research: All Ancestors Great and Small

*Discover (or Uncover) Genealogical Gems in Underutilized Treasure
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Registration Form

Name: _____

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Cost: \$40.00 Includes Lunch

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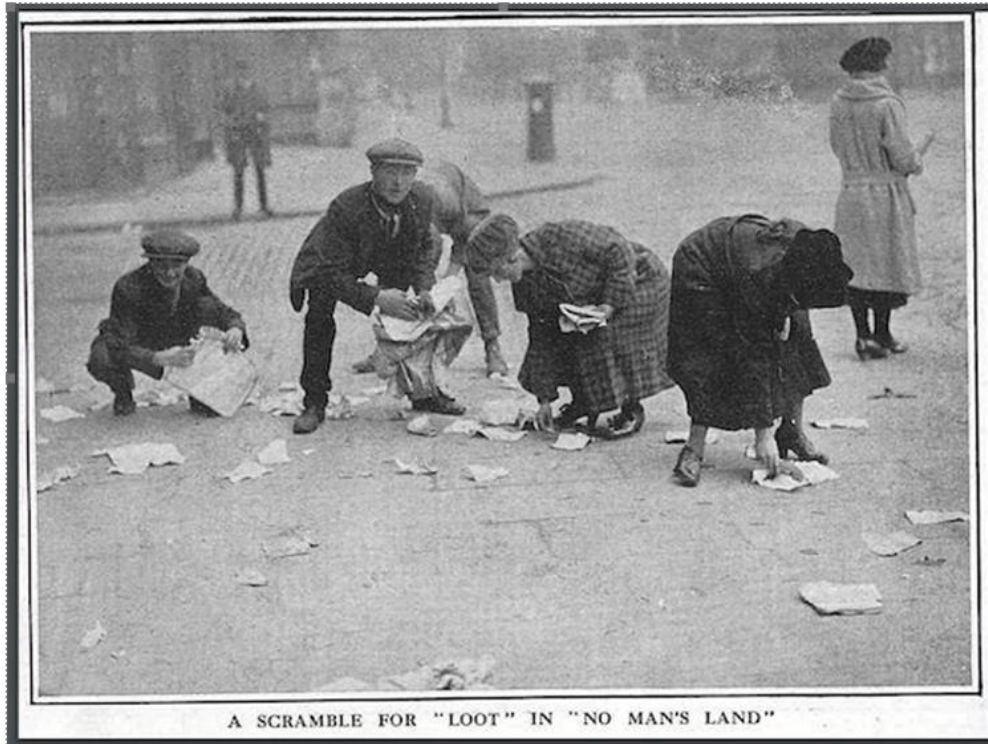
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The Archivists Who Rediscovered 700 Years of Irish History

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The Virtual Record Treasury is recreating much of what was lost in a Dublin fire a century ago. On June 30, 1922, MORE than 700 years of Ireland's history went up in flames.



After the explosion at the Public Record Office of Ireland in June 1922, Dubliners rushed to rescue smoldering scraps of history. COURTESY OF THE LIBRARY, TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Handwritten parish records noting centuries of baptisms, marriages, and burials; courtroom files laying out the details of lawsuits and criminal cases on brittle parchment; census data; parliamentary transcripts; wills; deeds; and financial ledgers—nearly all were lost when an explosion and fire tore through the Public Record Office in Dublin at the start of the year-long Irish Civil War. The war, which pitted the newly formed Irish government against a rebel faction that opposed a treaty with Britain, would leave hundreds dead, along with a bitter legacy that affected Irish politics for decades. Meanwhile, its impact on the country's history would also remain an open wound.

“The history of a country is founded upon its archives,” wrote a doleful Herbert Wood, who was serving as deputy keeper of the Public Record Office of Ireland—the country's de facto chief archivist—at the time of the fire.

“Accordingly, the destruction of a great accumulation of records... comes as a tremendous shock to those who were anxious to wrest the truth from these memorials of the past.”

Thanks to international collaboration and 21st-century technology, a good portion of what was lost has finally been restored.

Supported by a €2.5 million grant from the Irish government and employing 14 full-time archivists, Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury is a massive effort to recreate as much of the archive as possible. Begun five years ago, as the centenary of Irish independence—and of the fire—approached, it went live online this summer, with a searchable database, a selection of curated stories, and a 3D virtual-reality recreation of the building itself as it would have looked in the days before the fire.

You can read the full story in an article written by Amy Crawford and published in the Atlas Obscura web site at: <https://bit.ly/3S9tJ95>

My thanks to newsletter reader Leslie Rubinson for telling me about this story. <https://www.virtualtreasury.ie/>

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The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society related items.

General meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.

Board meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month Marie Callender Restaurant, 3500 Coffee Road, Suite 29, Modesto, CA.

| 2022 Officers | | 2022 Standing Committee Chairs | |
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