

Press Release

Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV) (*and surrounding areas)



The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with and located at Temple Adat Elohim, on

Sunday, May 5, 2013 1:30 p.m-3:30 p.m

2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

The Program: Obscure Records of Citizenship and Nationality

Not all naturalization and citizenship documents can be found at the National Archives. This presentation will focus on lesser-known federal records of derived citizenship, repatriation, and correspondence covering a variety of citizenship-related problems and topics. While the records discussed were created after 1906 some involve events that occurred years or decades before. In addition to case studies and examples, the presentation will provide guidance for researching the records at either USCIS or the National Archives.



Speaker: Marian Smith is Chief of the Historical Research Branch within the USCIS in Washington, D.C. She is an Historian who first joined that organization in 1988 when it was the INS. For many years she was a regular speaker at national genealogy conferences and the author of genealogical journal articles about immigration and naturalization history and records. She now

directs the agency's History, Library, and fee-for-service Genealogy programs.

On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) assumed responsibility for the immigration service functions of the federal government. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was dismantled as a result of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. No. 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135) which separated the agency into three components within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The USCIS Genealogy Program is a fee-for-service program that provides researchers with timely access to historical immigration and naturalization records of deceased immigrants.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Dues paid good through December 2013. For more information contact: information@jgscv.org or Jan Meisels Allen@ 818-889-6616 www.jgscv.org