



# Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

Presents

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Sean Conley

## You Are Invited

**WHEN:** Monday, Oct. 14, 2019  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Congregation Beth Emek  
3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

**COST:** No Charge - Visitors welcome



Sean Conley was born and raised in California. He has a B.S. in Economics from Santa Clara University and an M.B.A. in Finance-Investments. He has worked in high technology his entire professional career. He has studied Irish language in California and Ireland. He has been doing genealogical research for over 30 years. Born and raised within a very large Hiberno-Californian family, he knew 4 of his great grandparents and all of his grandparents, all with Irish ancestry. As a child he heard many stories about immigration, the Gold Rush, civil wars both here and in Ireland, and early stories of Northern California. He is vice president for the Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County and has organized the Irish Genealogy SIG (Special Interest Group). His great aunt immigrated from County Cork after missing the Lusitania, settling in San Francisco. Other family members immigrated in the early 20th century during Ireland's Civil War.

While studying for his undergraduate degree at Santa Clara University he studied abroad in Durham, England. On that visit, he went to West Cork to meet his grandfather's cousins. He has visited Ireland numerous times and has been quite successful in finding many ancestral homes of both his wife and his ancestors. In addition, he has traced the townland, parishes and native counties of many other ancestors.

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Sean's talk will discuss various topics related to Irish genealogy. A discussion on Irish surnames, details on geography and breaking down brick walls in finding the origins of an ancestor within 60,000 townlands of Ireland. Discussion on translation and Irish spelling variants will also be discussed in addition to using various resources available on the internet to assist with research. A demonstration will be given on using Griffith's Valuation to locate an ancestral home and use it in conjunction with Google maps to take a virtual tour of the area. He will cover primary resources available for 19th Century and 20th Century research both in Ireland and a handful of sources in US, especially California, Boston, and New York. Discussion on how to find relations using Google, DNA and Facebook. Special tips will be given for finding additional information in newly released records online.