

THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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January 2020 Meeting



**Annual
Beginner's
Class**



**By Programs
Committee**

1:00 p.m. Saturday

January 25, 2020

Gracey Room, Merced County Library

2100 "O" Street, Merced

Welcome to Our New Officers



December brought us elections for new officers for the Merced County Genealogical Society. A big thank you goes to outgoing president, Stephanie McLeod and a

grand welcome goes to our new president, Howard Smith.

Here is our new slate of officers for 2020:

President: Howard Smith
Vice President: John Barnhart
Secretary: Barbara Lindenberg
Treasurer: Sharon Darby
Registrar: Margie Barnhart
Past President: Stephanie McLeod
Hospitality: Vacant

There was some discussion regarding the position of hospitality during the December meeting. Although some members are willing to help with this part of our monthly program, they are not in positions to attend every month. The discussion will continue during the January meeting.

We will look forward to a president's message next month from our incoming president, Howard Smith.

Meeting Attendance & Members

September: Members 28 + 4 Guests totaling 32

October: Members 21 + 2 Guests totaling 23

November: Members 17 + 3 Guests totaling 20

December: Members 13 + 2 Guests totaling 15

Total Members: 71 active

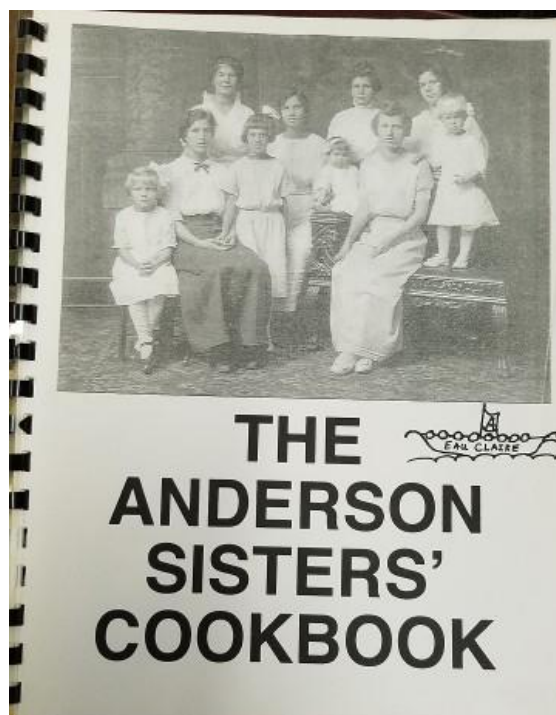
New members: NONE

Meetings for 2020

Date	Program
January 25	Annual Beginner's Class By Programs Committee
February 22	Working on it... (Please note that due to the library being closed on the President's Day holiday, our February meeting will be on the fourth Saturday)

Family Cookbook

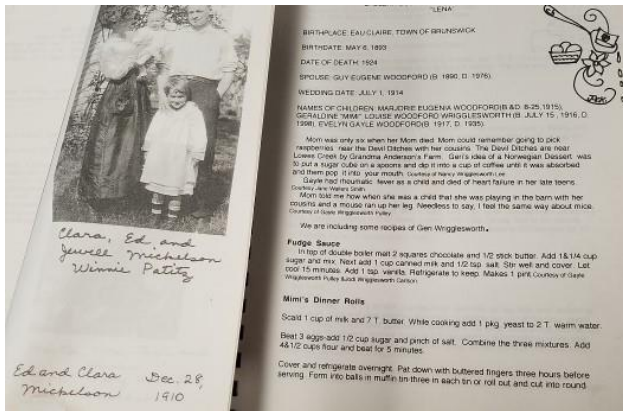
During our July show-and-tell meeting, Gayle Lee shared about a cookbook put together by her grandmother Olina Gustava Pulley.



It contained pictures of all of her grandmother's sisters but none of her grandfather or her brother's. Grandpa had taken all of the boys and shave their heads so they wouldn't have been seen in the photo! my grandmother got her name as Aunt Elena was not happy that the firstborn had her name as a middle name. Her cousin put the cookbook together with this photo on the cover.



Her cousin wrote to all of the descendants of the ladies in the photo asking for recipes from their mothers. There are family photos on each page of that person's recipes.



Castle Garden: The Precursor to Ellis Island By Ann Markim

When we think of U.S. immigration, we often think of Ellis Island. But Ellis Island didn't come into play until 1892. Millions of people came to the United States in the years prior.

From 1790 to 1820, immigration was virtually unregulated. It is estimated that between 5000 to 6000 people came freely to the young country. (These numbers do not include enslaved people.) Due to frequent overcrowding and often inadequate

provisions on the ships that transported the newcomers, many of them arrived ill and exhausted.



In an effort to improve the conditions on these ships, captains were required to provide passenger lists to the U.S. customs officials beginning in 1820. Mostly, localities were left to help the new arrivals through entities like New York City's Commissioners of Emigration. A July 24, 1855 New York Times article characterized the situation:

The "land sharks" included swindlers, thieves, or purveyors of undesirable jobs and atrocious accommodations.

The State of New York opened the first immigration station in the country at New York City's Castle Garden in 1855 in an attempt to combat these problems.

...themselves over the City. While some went wandering about, looking for the office of the Commissioners of Emigration, others were thrown in contact with the festering mass of crime and immorality which accumulates in every large city. Before many of the emigrants could reach the Commissioners' office, they were seized by the land sharks who swarmed around the wharves and beset every avenue leading from the docks.

Castle Garden began life as a military fort known as West Battery, constructed on an artificial island off the southern tip of Manhattan in the lead-up to the War of 1812. In 1815, it was renamed Castle Clinton in honor of the city's mayor. Through an act of Congress, the fort was ceded to the city of New York in 1822. Two years later, it opened as an entertainment center called Castle Garden.

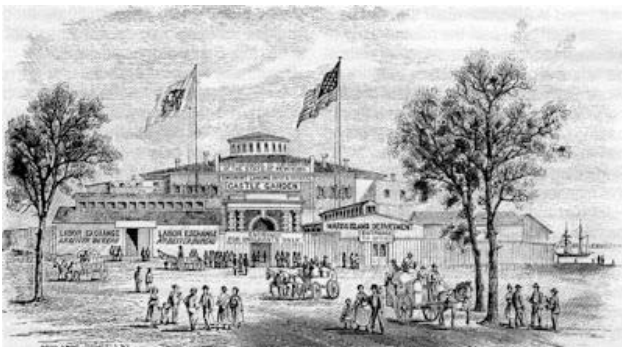


By the time Castle Garden began processing immigrants in 1855, the city had filled in land to connect it with Manhattan. It served as the main immigration depot in the United States for the next 35 years.



View of the Battery and Castle Garden, New York

In addition to accounting for the immigrants, procedures were put into place to check the spread of contagious diseases by assessing their health conditions while still on the ship and then being rechecked once they arrived in Castle Garden.

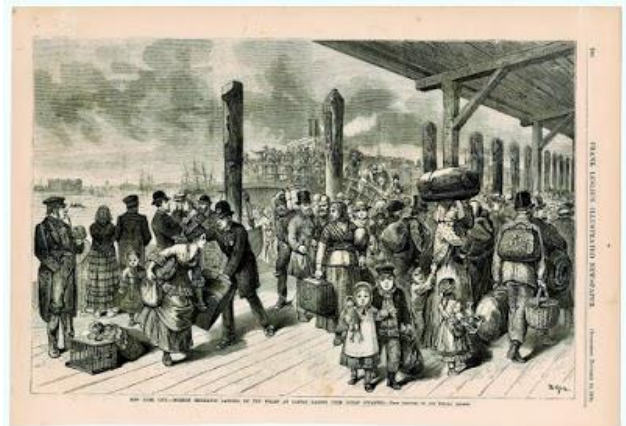


Translators were provided for arrivals who did not speak English so they could be accurately registered. They could send letters or telegrams. Food and drink were available. Immigrants could

exchange money and buy railroad tickets without fear of being swindled. Welfare agencies assisted those planning to stay in New York in securing legitimate employment and satisfactory accommodations.



By the time Castle Garden was closed in 1890, more than 8 million people had passed through its doors.



Today, Castle Garden is operated by the National Park Service as the Castle Clinton National Monument.

(The above article was originally printed in the Prairie Rose Publications blog (<https://prairierosepublications.blogspot.com/2019/07/castle-garden-precursor-to-ellis-island.html>) on July 24, 2019 and is reprinted with permission. Ann Markim is an American historical romance author whose latest book was inspired by the immigration experience of some of her ancestors. Ann's website: www.annmarkim.com)

Apologies from the Editor

If you are under the impression we did not have a newsletter for November and December, 2019, you are correct. If some information seems dated, that is why.

September 2019 - MCGS New Book List

Submitted by Anne Field

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| 921 HAL | Genealogies : Haley, Robbins, Cook / compiled and edited by J. Lucius Haley. Ancestors Mayflower descent and descendants of Benjamin Robbins, the first settler on Chebogue Point, Yarmouth, N.S., 1762 / by Joseph H. Robbins. |
| 943 MOL | Germans to America : 300 years of immigration, 1683 to 1983 / edited by Gunter Moltmann ; with contributions by Hartmut Bickelmann [and others]. |
| 943.42 ROS | Solingen [Germany]: history of a city : from its beginnings to the end of the 17th century / Rudolf Heinz Rosenthal |
| 973 KAN | The American counties : origins of county names, dates of creation and organization, area, population including 1980 census figures, historical data, and published sources / by Joseph Nathan Kane. |
| 973.921 WIL | U.S. military bases (1987) : U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard / compiled and published by Dorothy Lazelle Williams. |
| 974 LIN | Genealogist's handbook for New England research / edited by Marcia Wiswall Lindberg, 2d edition |
| 974 LIN | Genealogist's handbook for New England research / by Marcia Wiswall Lindberg, 3d edition |
| 974.8 CLI | Pennsylvania area key : a comprehensive study of the genealogical record sources of the State of Pennsylvania, including genealogical maps and history. |
| 974.815 CLI | Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, area key : a guide to the genealogical records of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, including maps, histories, charts, and other helpful materials / by Florence Clint. |
| 974.816 NEI | Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, Pennsylvania : an alphabetized compilation of baptisms, marriages, and deaths from 1751-1904 / prepared by Jacqueline B. Nein & Gail H. Hesser. |
| 974.816 NEI | First United Church of Christ, Washington and Reed Sts., Reading, Pennsylvania : an alphabetized compilation of baptisms, marriages, and funerals from 1771-1987 / prepared by Jacqueline B. Nein. |
| 974.844 CLI | Franklin County, Pennsylvania area key : a guide to the genealogical records of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, including maps, histories, charts, and other helpful materials / by Florence Clint. |
| 974.846 MAC | Index for 1860 Mifflin County [PA] Census / by Dan McClenahan. |
| 975.662 KIR | 1790, 1800, 1810 population schedules, Guilford County, North Carolina / compiled by Ruth Hackney Kirkman. |
| 976.646 TIL | History of Tillman County. Tillman County Historical Society [Oklahoma] |
| 976.9 MEA | Mills & power from the past / edited by Larry G. Meadows. |
| 976.954 COU | Clark County, Kentucky 1820 census / Ann Poindexter Couey. |
| 976.954 PIT | Clark County, Kentucky, 1860 census / compiled by Mabel Pitts. |
| 976.9553 MOR | Montgomery County Kentucky 1860 census / Douglas Morton. |
| 976.9585 PAT | The 1860 census of Powell County, Kentucky / by Tracy R. Patrick, Herbie Goins, Jr. |
| 976.9585 PAT | 1870 census, Powell County, Kentucky / compiled by Tracy R. Patrick. |
| 976.959 PAT | 1870 federal census of Estill County, Kentucky / by Tracy R. Patrick. |
| 976.959 EDW | Estill County, Kentucky census : 1810 through 1820 / by Eva Dean Edwards and Sandra Winkler Rose. |
| 976.959 PIT | 1910 census, Estill County, Kentucky / by Mabel Pitts. |
| 976.959 PAT | 1880 Federal census of Estill County, Kentucky / compiled by Tracy R. Patrick. |
| 977.174 BER | Bellbrook sesquicentennial : 1816-1966 / [produced by Harold and Genevieve Berryhill]. |
| 977.287 FUL | Fulton County [Indiana] images. Fulton County Historical Society. |
| 977.734 LEO | The Janesvillians : 1849-1974 / written and compiled by Helen Maxine C. Leonard. |
| 977.826 WIL | 1850 federal census, Schuyler County, Missouri / compiled by Mrs. Marcus A. Williams. |
| 978.2 NEB | Vol. II. transactions and reports of the Nebraska State Historical Society. |
| 979.429 DUN | A review of the history of Plumas County and explanation of many place names : pioneer ranching in Big Meadows : first doctor / [by Mary E. Phelps Dunn]. |
| 979.429 MUR | The Almanor story. [Plumas County, CA] |
| 979.5 MYE | Honor roll of Oregon Grand Army of the Republic, 1881-1935 : death's reported in Oregon of members of the GAR, extracted from Proceedings of the Annual Encampments of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic / compiled by Jane Myers ; typed by Arlene Smith. |
| 979.531 ORE | Lane County, Oregon, 1910 census. 5 volumes |

>> 2020 Membership Dues Are Now Payable <<

Merced County Genealogical Society

Membership Form

Print page, fill in your information and mail to:

Merced County Genealogical Society
PO Box 3061
Merced, CA 95344-1061

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Area Code & Phone _____

E-mail _____

The Family Snoop Newsletter delivered by [check one]: Mail _____ Email _____

___ Annual Individual Dues: \$20.00

___ Annual Student Dues: \$10.00

___ Annual Joint* Dues: \$30.00

___ Lifetime Individual Dues: \$200.00

___ Lifetime Joint* Dues: \$300.00

Note! Joint* members must reside at the same address.

Make check or money order payable to Merced County Genealogical Society.

Please print the surnames, locations, time periods, etc. you are researching.
We may include this information in an upcoming *The Family Snoop* Newsletter.

Surnames	Location	Times Period
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MCGS Website: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~camcgs/>

The Family Snoop is published bi-monthly. It is sent in .pdf format and in color to members who choose to receive it by email. Those who choose USPS Mail delivery will receive black and white copies several days later than email recipients. Back copies can be requested from Treasurer Sharon Darby and will be emailed in .pdf format. **Send items, articles, stories, etc., for the Mar/Apr 2020 issue by February 25th to robynechols ATgmail DOT com.**

Dues are payable in January for 2020

Dues are \$20 per year for an Individual or \$30 for a family living at the same address.

Merced County Library

Doris Cochran Research Room

Wednesday & Saturday: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

**We need volunteers to help keep it open!!
PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

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Merced, CA. 95344-1061

Officers 2020

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Family History Center

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

1080 E Yosemite Ave Merced. 722-1307

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:

10:00 am-4:00 pm

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Free access on their computers to Ancestry.com and other programs. Take along your flash drive to save and download. Volunteers are there to help you and microfilms can now be ordered online.

Merced County Library

<http://www.co.merced.ca.us/77/Library>

2100 O Street Merced 209-285-7642

Fax: 209-726-7912

Monday ~ Thursday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Friday – Saturday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday - CLOSED

Merced County Courthouse Museum

<http://www.mercedmuseum.org/>

21st and N Streets

P. O. Box 3557

Merced, CA 95344

Wednesday ~ Sunday: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Free admission

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

<http://www.cagenweb.com/stanislaus/>

Click on their newsletter to read online or download. Information about bus trips and programs offered throughout the year that may interest you.

Monthly Financial Report

Sep / Oct / Nov / Dec 2019

Income	25.00
Expenses	(336.23)
Checking Balance	\$4,838.92
Savings Account:	100.07
CD-2-Yr; matures on 5/20/21	16,245.24
Savings Balance	16,345.31
Total in Checking and Savings:	\$21,184.23

****NEW ADDRESS** MCGS Website: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~camcgs/>**