

THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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January 2021 Meeting



**“Annual
Beginner’s
Class”**

**By
Programs
Committee**

1:00 p.m. Saturday

January 16, 2021

Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 655 620 3145 - Password: 2100

This month's meeting:

January 16, 2021

Annual Beginners' Course and installation of officers

Because we are not meeting in the Merced Library, this January we do not need to work around the library being closed on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Same for February regarding the Presidents' Day holiday. Therefore, unlike past years when we moved our meetings to the fourth Saturday, for January and February of 2021, we will hold our monthly meetings on the third Saturdays of the month.

Zoom Meeting for January 16, 2021 Merced County Genealogical Society

Time: 1:00 PM Pacific Time

(Please note: the link for Zoom is hyperlinked. You may click on it, find where to join a meeting, and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode below.)

Or,

To join Zoom Meeting, watch your email for the meeting reminder which will contain the link.

You might also find it by setting up a Zoom account (free accounts are available at <http://www.zoom.us>). On the day and time of the meeting, click on your Zoom **desktop icon**. When the window pops up, click on **Join a Meeting**. In the next window, enter the **meeting ID**, shown below, and click **Join**. Enter the **meeting password** as shown below.

Meeting ID: 655 620 3145

Password: 2100

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,6556203145#

Dial by phone for audio only:

+1 669 900 6833, then enter 655 620 3145#,

then enter # again (We shared a short Zoom tutorial in our May-June 2020 newsletter.)

Meeting Attendance & Members

October by Zoom: Members 14 + 3 Guests totaling 17

November by Zoom: Members 16 + 1 Guest totaling 17

December by Zoom: Members 9 + 1 Guest totaling 10

Total Members: 62 active

New members: NONE

Speaking of members, it is that time of year again to pay your annual dues. Please look for the Membership Application on a later page in the newsletter.

Using My Tree Tags

In November, the Society welcomed

Jennifer McDonald, who spoke to us on the topic of how we can use the Tree Tags in Ancestry

to help us with our genealogy research. Jennifer is currently working toward becoming a certified genealogist.

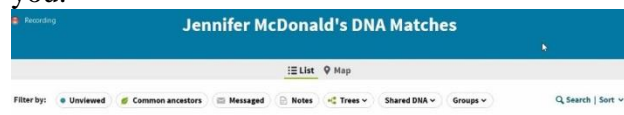
The following are some notes from her presentation:

First, you must add your family tree to Ancestry.

Ancestry - Develop relationship tags
With tags, one can make note of who adopted into family or adopted out of the family.

Life Experience Tags:

DNA Tags – can notate which are matches to you.



- Common DNA Ancestor
- DNA Connection
- DNA Match

Research Status Tags:

- Can mark those you are actively researching
- If you mark an ancestor as having a brick wall on them, someone who sees that and has information could contact to add information they have available.



- Complete
- Hypothesis – Can record hypothesis when not confirmed by documentation.
- Unverified-have person in the tree, but do not have enough records to confirm
- Verified – have done best to verify all info, done all research can possibly do



Relationships Tags:

- Adopted into this family
- Adopted out of this family
- Died young
- Direct ancestor
- Multiple spouses
- Never married
- No children
- Orphan

Custom Tags

- Divorced
- Occupation [*i.e.*, doctor]
- US Civil War [side fought for]
- US Navy service

Notes are private; **Comments** are public



When working on DNA, you want to become a manager of DNA results.

You can use an Excel spreadsheet instead of Ancestry. (She shared with us a sample of an Excel spreadsheet where she marked color-coded cells next to name to represent relationship)

- Go to Family Tree view
- Go to settings
- Go to **Sharing Preferences** and click on Changes
- When you add a person, you may choose between
 - viewer,
 - collaborator, or
 - manager.
- Choose to be a manager.

Work off your second cousin list

Create custom groups -

ICW : In common with [name of cousin]

DNA matching will show up adoptions.

If there is an in-family adoption, the DNA results will show that.

YouTube is an excellent source for how-to videos on how to use Ancestry.

Keywords: Ancestry DNA, Christopher Allen [get some links]

Question: Is there an index of codes for DNA matches?

Answer: No. make your own. [match your colors to FS color codes for lines]

You may indicate your sharing preferences for those with whom you wish to collaborate

Use FamilyTreenow.com to search for relationships <https://www.familytreenow.com/>

Ancestry DNA kits have a code, you can record the code to check on if you give a kit to someone else. Set yourself up to be the manager.

You may contact Jennifer at the following email address: Jenni.egen @gmail.com



For Your Viewing Pleasure...

Although we are, to a great degree, stuck at home, there are still resources available to entertain and motivate us in our own genealogy efforts. Many are found on television, as long as you know where to look. My thanks to Sharon Darby for sharing this information with me. Some of it was shared with her by Darel Scoggin. Our thanks to him, too.

1. Roots Less Traveled is shown Saturdays on KSEE-24 Fresno at 9a.m. To see the episode for 1/09/21 click on:

<https://www.nbc.com/roots-less-traveled/video/watch-along-with-paul-kalina/4288839>

Here is some information provided by Sharon for other episodes of both Roots Less Traveled and A New Leaf:

Roots Less Traveled on Channel 24-KSEE
Fresno Saturday 9:00 AM

NBC Roots Less Traveled Website with links to view past episodes:

<https://www.nbc.com/roots-less-traveled>

	Show Date
Roots Less Traveled Episodes	
S01 E01 · Connecting to John F. Kennedy	4/4/20
S01 E02 · Connecting to Purple Heart	4/11/20
S01 E03 · Connecting to a Landmark Court Case	4/18/20
S01 E04 · Connecting to the Brooklyn Bridge	4/25/20
S01 E05 · Connecting to Millions	5/2/20
S01 E06 · Connecting to the Civil War	5/9/20
S01 E07 · Connecting to Whalers	5/16/20
S01 E08 · Connecting to the Past	5/23/20
S02 E01 · Watch Along With Michelle & Rob	1/2/21
S02 E02 · Watch Along With Paul & Kalina	1/9/21
S02 E03 · Watch Along With Al & JR	1/16/21

NBC A New Leaf Website with links to view past episodes:

<https://www.nbc.com/a-new-leaf>

	Show Date
A New Leaf Episodes	
E01 · A Dedication to Dance	10/5/19
E02 · Finding the Funny in Family	10/12/19
E03 · A Famous Family	10/19/19
E04 · Father and Son Family Tree	10/26/19
E05 · Coming of Age	11/2/19
E06 · A Family Loss	11/9/19
E07 · A Family Reunion	11/16/19
E08 · A Golden Family Anniversary	11/23/19
E09 · Hidden Family Heritages	1/25/20
E10 · New Baby and New Family History	2/1/20
E11 · Saint's Arrival	2/8/20
E12 · A Commitment to Family Histories	2/15/20
E13 · Surprising Family Discovery	2/22/20

>> 2021 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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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 2021 issue by February 24 to robynechols ATgmail DOT com.**

(No July/August edition-check email or our website for July Zoom meeting details.)

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!!

(When we open again)

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Merced County Genealogical Society

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Officers 2020

President	Howard Smith	
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<i>The Family Snoop</i> Editor	Robyn Echols	

MCGS Website:

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~camcgs/>

Family History Center

(Due to Covid-19 concerns, the Family History Center is temporarily closed.)

<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

(Currently closed, use online services and pick-up services starting 6/15/20)

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

Friday – Saturday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday - CLOSED

Merced County Courthouse Museum (closed)

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

21st and N Streets

P. O. Box 3557

Merced, CA 95344

(currently closed)

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.

Multi-Monthly Financial Report

Oct / Nov / Dec 2020

Income	30.00
Expenses	(121.70)
Checking Balance	\$4,684.50
Savings Account:	100.10
CD-2-Yr; matures on 5/20/21	16,651.07
Savings Balance	\$16,751.17
Total in Checking and Savings:	\$21,435.67