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MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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June 2020 Meeting

Newspaper Collections ~ Online & Local



By
Robyn
Echols

10:30 a.m. Saturday

June 20, 2020

Online Zoom Meeting

Check newsletter and email announcement for details

Merced County Genealogical Society

July 2020 Meeting



**Turning
Brick Walls
into
Piles of
Rubble**

**By
Robert
Givens**

1:00 p.m. ~ Saturday (Time subject to change)

July 18, 2020

Online Zoom Meeting

Check email announcement for details

From your editor:

Not many of us made it to our May meeting held on Zoom. We hope as people grow more comfortable with the technology needed to deal with this pandemic, we will see an increase.

Our president, Howard Smith, has scheduled another meeting for June 20th. Since he and Judy will be out of town and visiting family, he has requested that it be held earlier in the day. He will get it started and stay as long as he can. I will put the Zoom meeting access details at the top of the next column.

Please keep in mind that you may reach this meeting on Zoom with a computer, a tablet, or a cell phone. To fully participate using both audio and video, use a device with both webcam and microphone capability. Many newer computer models, especially laptops, have webcams built into the top edge of the screen frame. Some devices have webcam and speaker capability, but no microphone. Or, like one of my tablets, speaker capability (allows me to play and listen to music and videos) but no webcam or microphone. It is possible to get around that issue. Bring up the Zoom meeting video on your computer and then dial the nearest telephone number, input the meeting information, and listen to the audio on your cell phone.

Even though we are meeting remotely, this meeting is still a great opportunity to share ideas with each other and receive inspiration for our ongoing genealogical efforts.

You particularly want to be comfortable on Zoom for our July meeting. Instead of our usual birthday cake and "show and tell," we will enjoy a presentation by Robert Givens from Fresno.

Now, a little bit about our meeting this Saturday:

The topic is "Newspaper Collections - Online & Local." I will be giving this presentation. If all goes well, I will do a PowerPoint over Zoom. If my PowerPoint and screen sharing do not coordinate, I will share individual images.

Included in this newsletter is my syllabus for the presentation. I encourage all to **print that page and have it handy** in case you wish to make notes of which newspaper sources to use to further research on some of your family lines.

Zoom Meeting for June 20, 2020 Merced County Genealogical Society

(Please note: If you are reading this newsletter digitally, **the Zoom meeting link is hyperlinked**. You may click on it to open the Zoom meeting.)

Time: 10:30 AM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting, Click the link below to Join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6556203145?pwd=UndyZEEExbmFXZWtseFRNRllpOFpVZz09>

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

(A short Zoom tutorial is on following pages for those who find it easier to read pictures.)

Meeting Attendance & Members

- **March:** NO MEETING
- **April:** by Zoom: Board Meeting ONLY
- **May:** by Zoom: Members 14 + 1 Guest [from Mariposa] totaling 15

Total Members: 54 active

New members: NONE

Please note: It has been a difficult time for membership. Many members are accustomed to paying their dues at a physical meeting. With the Covid-19 pandemic interfering, many of you have not yet paid 2020 dues. We are including the membership form in this newsletter. If you have not already paid your dues for the year, we ask that you mail it in.

Meetings for 2020

Date	Speaker and Topic
May 2020	Howard Smith – Adding photos to your Genealogical Programs
June 2020	Robyn Echols – Newspaper Collections-Online & Local
July 2020	Robert Givens – Turning Brick Walls into Piles of Rubble
August 2020	No meeting
	Please invite your friends and neighbors

Join Us on Zoom

Even though some businesses are beginning to open up, the library where we usually meet is not. Covid-19 is still with us and probably will be for a year or more (The worst death toll for the Spanish Flu took place in 1919, the second year after it emerged). Because remote meetings might be our reality for the near future, we hope you will become familiar with using the Zoom program so you may attend meetings, stay in contact, receive instruction, and be motivated to continue your genealogy efforts.

The following are some links to help you learn to navigate Zoom. Although much is intuitive, it helps to view a few video tutorials to become familiar with the program. (If you are reading this on your computer, the links are hyperlinked.)

How to reach the support site on Zoom:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

There are several tutorial videos you can watch, but I recommend the following:

How to Sign Up & Download Meeting Client:

(A basic account is free.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLKpRx_BfeD1kEM_I11Id3N_XI77fKDzSXe&v=qsy2Ph6kSf8&feature=emb_rel_end

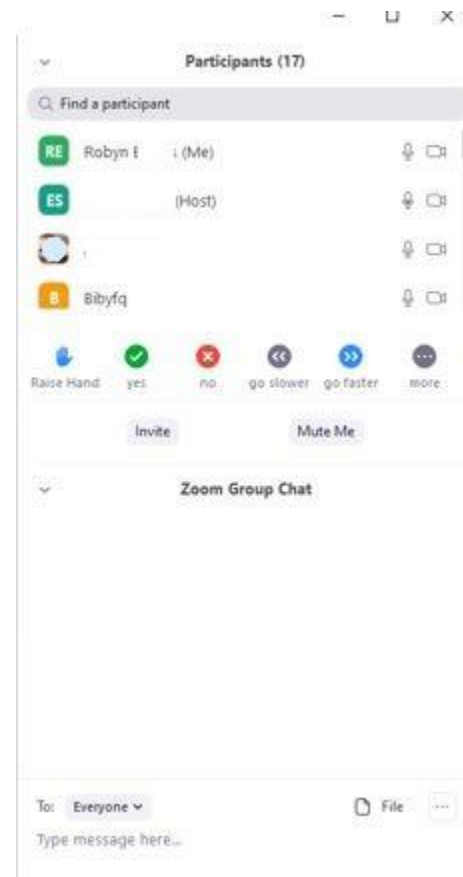
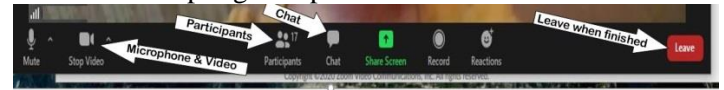
Join a Meeting:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIkCmbvAHQQ&list=PLKpRx_BfeD1kEM_I11Id3N_XI77fKDzSXe&index=2

Meeting Controls:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygZ96J_z4AY&feature=emb_rel_end

Become familiar with the bottom toolbar. On the far left, mute your **microphone** when you are not speaking so the rest of us don't hear your telephones ringing or toilets flushing in the background. You may turn off the **video** if you are having a bad hair day, but be aware the more faces we see, the more it adds to the meeting. Click on the **Participants** icon to bring up a sidebar of all present. The **Chat** icon brings up a chat box below the participants that allows you to type and read questions and comments without interrupting the speaker.



Please come "Zoom" with us next Saturday!

Syllabus: Newspaper Collections-Online and Local

What you can find in Newspapers:

- Records of birth, marriage, death, burial, obituaries
- Historical context
- Human interest stories and information

Considerations:

- Narrow down the locality where your ancestor lived and the time period in which they lived there
- Discover what newspapers were available for that place and time

Newspapers.com

<https://www.newspapers.com/>

- Bills itself as the largest online newspaper source
- Affiliated with Ancestry.com
- Collections includes 1700 to 2000
- Allows users to clip articles from over 16,300 papers
- Easily view, save, print and share findings
- Subscription site
- Is sometimes available through other historical sites

Library of Congress (LOC)

<https://loc.gov/newspapers/collections/>

Collections with newspaper:

- Chronicling America:
- Access newspapers that are online:
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
<https://www.loc.gov/newspapers/>

Other Library of Congress Newspaper Collections:

- Directory of US Newspapers in American Libraries
- Frederick Douglass Newspapers, 1947-1874
- Japanese-American Internment Camp Newspapers, 1942-1946
- New York Journal and Related Titles, 1896-1899
- Stars and Stripes: The American Soldiers' Newspaper of World War 1, 1918-1919
- World War History: Newspaper Clippings, 1914-1926
- Newspaper Pictorials: World War 1 Rotogravures, 1914-1919

The Library of Congress offers grants to state universities to collect and preserve newspaper collections.

California Digital Newspaper Collection

- Has similarities to the Library of Congress site
- Offers search and advanced search terms
- Historical California newspapers
- Includes text-based transcript from OCR capability
- Sometimes will find different results from LOC site and vice versa

Online Newspaper Collections at the Family History Center:

- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Collection
- Newspaper Archive-Academic Library Edition (see info for Newspapers.com)

Other online repositories also at Family History Center:

- Ancestry.com -
- Fold3
- My Heritage
- ProQuest Obituaries

Merced County Microfilm Collection

(Details of collection on microfilm will be printed in the September-October 2020 *The Family Snoop* newsletter.)

- **Merced** newspaper-starting 05/11/1867
- Newspapers for:

Atwater	Delhi	Dos Palos	Gustine
Hilmar	Plainsburg	LeGrand	Livingston
Los Banos	Mariposa	Planada	Stevinson

Mariposa was the "mother county" for Merced County:

- **Mariposa Gazette** (10/29/1864 to Dec. 1873)
As a matter of interest, the California Digital Newspaper Collection offers the
- **Mariposa Democrat** (Mariposa, 1857-1858)
- **Mariposa Gazette** (Mariposa, 1861-1922)

Interlibrary Loan of Microfilmed Newspaper Collections:

- Find your microfilm collection-search online for "interlibrary loan microfilms" and add state to narrow down.
- Make arrangements with the librarian or reference librarian (check at front desk) for loans of microfilm collections from various repositories

Sources for finding lesser-known California newspapers

- California State Library- Newspaper -
<https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/newspapers/>
- University of California at Berkeley Library –
<http://lib.berkeley.edu/libraries/nrlf/requesting-nrlf>
- Sacramento State University Library -
<https://csus.libguides.com/c.php?g=768276&p=5510859>
- Search other California university collections

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>> 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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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 Sep/Oct 2020 issue by August 25th 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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(Due to Covid-19 concerns, the Family History Center is temporarily closed.)

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

(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.

Monthly Financial Report

Mar / Apr / May 2020

Income	75.00
Expenses	(53.70)
Checking Balance	\$5,287.90
Savings Account:	100.10
CD-2-Yr; matures on 5/20/21	16,412.56
Savings Balance	\$16,512.66
Total in Checking and Savings:	\$21,800.56

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