

THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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January Meeting



Climbing Your Family Tree

Beginners program, Part 1

Not sure how to get started?

Come join us at our annual program for beginners. Learn how to get started with a free packet of materials, forms and tips for beginners.

12:00 Noon Saturday

26 January 2013

Gracey Room, Merced County Library

NOTE! OUR MEETING IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL!

MCGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~camcgs>

Upcoming Programs 2013

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February 23	Beginners Program, Part 2	
March	One-Step Webpages: A Hodgepodge of Lesser-Known Gems	Stephen Morse
April	Italian Research	Richard Rands
May	Portuguese Research	Rosemary Capodicci

Message from the President:

Happy New Year, 2013, Everyone!

Hope all had a joyful Christmas or a joyful day if you do not celebrate Christmas.

As we are entering a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to give a great heartfelt THANK YOU to last years officers and others who volunteer, year after year, to run the Merced County Genealogical Society. As always, those who have served have done so multiple times, over and over, tirelessly dedicating their time and efforts to keep this organization running smoothly. What would we do without you? Also, as president, although its really not a demanding position, it really takes some time to get into the swing of things, if you are not used to it. So I also want to thank those who have helped me to find my way around. And I will continue to grow in knowledge and usefulness this coming year.

Speaking of service, you remember the movie, "Pay It Forward"? Paying it forward. I like this concept. It speaks to the heart. One good deed deserves another. So next time you think of a good deed, think of volunteering in the DCR room, if only once a month and come to the beginners workshop and help us help others.

We look forward to our next 2 meetings, because we are going to help YOU! So don't miss January and February's beginners workshops.

In your service,
Stephanie McLeod, President.

Our November meeting

There were 20 members and 6 guests at our November meeting – a good turnout considering the weather.

We have one new member:
Velma *Admeyers* Horton of Atwater
Welcome Velma!

Our November program was presented by Stephen Morse. Stephen is well known as the webmaster and search engine guru for his webpage: One-Step Webpages at www.stevemorse.org. Steve will be back in March to present another program for us.

The program in November, From DNA to Genetic Genealogy, covered genes, chromosomes and DNA and why there is so much interest in the topic for genealogists. Steve is not a professional geneticist but he knows how and why Genetic Genealogy might be a useful tool. You can find out more about this topic at his website on two pages that deal with this:



<http://stevemorse.org/genetealogy/dna.htm>
and
<http://stevemorse.org/genetealogy/beyond.htm>

Our December Potluck

If you missed our potluck last month you missed some great food and good visiting. As usual, Lois' eggs were snapped up. The slate of officers for 2013 were voted on and approved.

New Librarian Coming Aboard!

On January 2d Diane Satchwell will take over as our new County Librarian. After several months of searching, she was chosen to take over after Jacque Meriam retired this past year.

Diane has been the Library Director for the city of West Linn, just south of Portland, Oregon, for the past two years. Prior to that she worked for the City of Oakland as an Administrative Librarian, and for San Diego and Orange County Library systems. And she was instrumental in the campaign for the building of a library in Murrieta in Southern California.

Diane received her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science at San Jose State University and her teaching credential and undergraduate degree at CSU, Long Beach. We are looking forward to meeting her and working with her. Welcome, Diane!

Mark your Calendars!

Sunday, January 6, 2013

Obituaries and Cemetery Records - Presented by Glenda Gardner Lloyd

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Central Library, 828 "I" Street, Sacramento

Two sets of records that may add clues to your genealogy research are obituaries and cemetery records. Genealogist Glenda Gardner Lloyd shows how these underused records can yield information about family relationships, clues to migration and suggestions for additional places to search.

For more information or to register, call 916-264-2920, or visit www.saclibrary.org

Wednesday, January 9

Cleaning Up Documents with Photoshop – Marian Kile – Whether we scanned in our documents or downloaded them from the Internet, Marian will share tips for making these documents clearer for reading. This includes straightening, cropping, highlighting and more.

2pm - 3pm, and again at 7pm <http://sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/>

Sacramento FamilySearch Library, 2745 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821

Sunday, January 13

American Migration Trails: Western U.S. - Presented by Melinda Kashuba

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Central Library, 828 "I" Street, Sacramento

Tracing your ancestors from the West Coast back across the Mississippi can present a challenge. Melinda Kashuba will suggest some of the reasons why they moved, how they traveled, which routes existed and where they may have relocated. Sponsored by [Sacramento Public Library](#)

For more information or to register, call 916-264-2920, or visit www.saclibrary.org

Tuesday, January 15

Legacy Planning: What Happens to Your Research after You're Gone? - Patricia Burrow

Danville Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, Alamo, CA 94507

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sponsored by [San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society](#)

Sunday, January 19

Territorial Lands and Records: Where Are They? Part One -Vern Dale and Martha Wallace

10:30 a.m. Meeting: Sponsored by [San Mateo County Genealogical Society](#)

Grace Lutheran Church Hall, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo CA. 94403

Thursday, January 24

Social Media for Genealogists Learn to use Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus and other social media outlets for your genealogy

Lunch 'N' Learn - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00

Location:Contact [Debbie Mascot](#) for the meeting location and additional information.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society <http://www.l-ags.org/>

Sunday, January 27

How the Genealogist Can Remember Everything with Evernote - Presented by Lisa Louise Cooke

Would you like to have all your genealogy notes right at your fingertips wherever you are? Evernote makes note taking and retrieval super fast and easy, and lets you clip items from the Internet. Ms. Cooke is a nationally known author and host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast. Her books and CDs will be available for purchase at the program.

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Central Library, 828 "I" Street, Sacramento

For more information or to register, call 916-264-2920, or visit www.saclibrary.org

Tuesday, January 29

Intermediate Genealogy – Course begins January 29, 2013. Tuesday classes, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at Oakland FamilySearch Library, 4766 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. [Download the information flier.](#) [Register online.](#)

<http://californiaancestors.org/>

Wednesday, January 30

Scandinavian Research – Mel Stephensen – *A brief outline of the geography and history of Scandinavia. Purposes of Scandinavian genealogical records and their accessibility. Role of the State Church in creating these records. Some customs in the use of names. A study of the languages and handwriting of these records. A survey of the parish, census, probate and civil records. An introduction to the Scandinavian records found online. Class ends with a practice trial of reading some parish registers from all three countries.*
2pm – Sacramento FamilySearch Library, 2745 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821
<http://sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/>

March 2

Evaluating Vital Records: Getting the Most Out of Birth, Marriage and Death Records - Cafi Cohen.
Adoption-- Finding the Truth despite Adoptions, Name Changes, Divorces and Family Secrets: A Case Study – Cheryl Storton.
San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society, <http://www.slocgs.org/>
<http://www.slocgs.org/#mar2013>



It's time to pay your Annual Dues!
It's that time of year again. Pay now before you forget.
A form is in this newsletter so you know how much and where to send it.

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**From the CSGA Newsletter, Nov/Dec 2012**

Our Society is a member of this group: California State Genealogical Alliance

**For Tex-Mex Researchers**

From Mimi Lozano of SHHAR—

The Orange Family History Center has recently received many outstanding books and materials for TexMex researchers: 1) Raul Guerra, Nadine Vasquez, and Baldomera Vela, Two Volumes, *Marriage Dispensations*; 2) Maria de la Luz Montejano Hilton, Four volumes, *Libros Parroquiales de la Ciudad de Mexico, Extractos*; 3) Carl Lawrence Duaine, *With All Arms*; 4) Martha Duron Jimenez, *Ignacio Narro Etchegaray Diccionario Biografico de Saltillo*; 5) Lilia E. Villanueva de Cavazos, *246 Testamentos de Monterrey*; 6) Los Tejanos, *Journal of Hispanic Genealogy and History*, Houston 1992; 7) Baptisms of Our Lady of Monserrat Catholic Church 1767-1792 Located in Crullas, Tamaulipas, Mexico by Irma Garza Cantu Jones and Maria de la Garza Dellinger; 8) *Marriages of Bexar County, Texas*, San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society (Books E & F Aug 27, 1866- May 29, 1879; Books G & H May 31, 1879 - June 3, 1885; Books K & L April 13, 1890 - Feb 29, 1894; Books I & J June 6, 1885- May 3, 1890); 9) *Wills & Inventories of Bexar County, Texas 1742-1899* 2 copies; 10) *Index to Naturalization Records of Bexar County, Texas through 1906* 2 copies; 11) *1850 Census of Bexar County, Texas*; 12) *Marriages of Monclova*; 13) *El Nuevo Reino de Leon de Monterrey*; 14) *Diccionario Biographica, N.L.*; 15) *Census San Buena Ventura*; 16) Baptismal Records - Bucarelio de Bahia.

**Spotlight on genealogical research facilities**

**Oakland FamilySearch Center**

4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, California

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 am to 9 pm, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm

Phone 510-531-3905

[www.oaklandfhc.org](http://www.oaklandfhc.org)

Nestled in the Oakland Hills off of Highway 13 is the Church Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Oakland Temple. In a building on the west side of the property is the Visitor Center and the FamilySearch Center. This is the primary Center for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Oakland has 60 computers, 10 microfilm readers, 2 fiche readers, 3 microfilm scanners and 1 flatbed scanner. The Center offers both 8.5x11 and 11x17 printing from the computers. The copy machine provides image enlarging/reducing and multiple paper sizes.

Their library houses over 9,000 books: histories, manuscripts, indexes, and research guides. The 37,000 rolls of microfilm represent the center's collection as well as patron film rentals. There is also a collection of over 9,000 fiche. The Center also has two classrooms where free classes are offered to the public.

The Center graciously hosts visits from genealogy groups and genealogy classes from the region's adult education community. The volunteers at the center have research skills in Early American, British, Scandinavian, Eastern Europe, African American and Jewish research.

The Center subscribes to a number of fee-based research sites such as FindMy- Past.com, Fold3, Genealogy Bank, Newspaper Archives, Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, Genline, World Vital Records, New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS).

They also have several Genealogy Programs, Charting software, and research databases such as Acadian-Cajun Family Trees, Australian Vital Records and the Mormon Immigration Index.

Several years ago, they received a grant to catalog their library holdings. After having entered their own catalog, they began working with other centers in the region to add their collections to the catalog. This catalog is searchable at the Oakland FHC and through the Oakland FHC's website: [www.oaklandfhc.org](http://www.oaklandfhc.org). Through the website it is possible to search all FHC's in one search, or search a specific FHC.

If you are planning a trip to the SF Bay Area and looking for a Genealogy research spot, drop by the Oakland FHC. Their days/hours of operation are posted on their website.

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Organizing Your Genealogical Findings



You don't have a lot of stuff when you first get started, but it doesn't take long to start filling up boxes, binders, file folders & cabinets. You could talk to ten people and they might all tell you how they file and store their data, photos, charts, etc. and they might all do it differently.

I have to admit that I am not a shining example. I have boxes full of research left to me by my genealogist aunt. I have boxes of old family letters from the late 1800s, each bundle tied nicely with string. I have many old albums and many loose photographs which I have still not finished scanning and organizing. I have binders and file folders and boxes of findings from trips to Salt Lake City and New York and Florida and Texas. You may not think this will happen to you, so beware.

After many years of research, I have found that, besides digital copies of many things that I have found, I like to keep family binders. My binders are by surname and they start with the oldest family member. When a surname binder gets too full, I remove the child who is my direct ancestor and start a new binder. That person's siblings stay in the old binder with their father. I have had to have three binders for one of my surnames because I have gathered much info. I like the white binders where you can slide the title of the binder inside the spine. Inside my binders I am trying to put the info in somewhat chronological order so that my ancestor's birth or baptismal record would come before the marriage record, death record, obituary, etc. I put a family group sheet and pedigree chart at the front but have pretty much given up printing up a family report with sources to put in the binder. Not only does it change often, but it can get very long, several are over one hundred pages. I put in copies of wills, deeds, tombstone photos and copies of photographs. Sometimes I will copy the biographical sketch page that I have done on my ancestor which I put on my webpage and add that in as well.

That is just what I am trying to do now with my binders (not even close to being done) and we aren't going to talk about my file cabinets. You will have to decide what works best for you. My daughter has a family webpage for her father's side of the family and she organizes it by geographical location. She cannot understand why I want to do mine by surname only. My data, photos, sources, etc. are mostly in my genealogy software program, Legacy, and on my web page. I do backups religiously - and so should you! Each person has different needs, no one system will work for everyone, so try doing what works best for you.

contributed by: Anne Field

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 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.



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MCGS meetings are held at noon, on the 3d Saturday of the month. The library closes at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. There is no meeting in August.

The Doris Cochran Research Room is open 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays, **BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP IT OPEN!! Please Volunteer!**

MCGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~camcgs>

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html

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

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Family History Center

www.familysearch.org

1080 E Yosemite Ave Merced. 722-1307
Tuesday, Wednesday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm,
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday evening, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Free access on their computers to Ancestry 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

www.co.merced.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=77

2100 O Street Merced 209-285-7642

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:30am to 5:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday - 10:30am to 6:00pm.

Saturday - 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Merced County Courthouse Museum

www.mercedmuseum.org

21st & N Streets Merced

Wednesday through Sunday - 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Free admission.

Merced County Genealogical Society

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Monthly Financial Report Nov 2012

Income:	295.18
Expenses:	(128.05)
Checking Total	<u>\$2,859.88</u>
Savings Account	3,861.61
CD-9 months; matures on 07/20/12	5,822.55
CD-12 months; matures on 5/19/12	<u>5,638.02</u>
<u>Total in Checking and Savings:</u>	<u>\$18,182.06</u>