

THE FAMILY SNOOP

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July 2015 Meeting

Happy Birthday Merced County Genealogical Society!



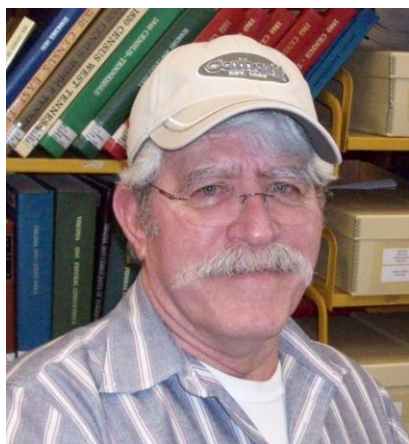
Show and Tell by our **Members**

(And, yes, there will be cake.)

1:00 p.m. Saturday

July 18, 2015

Gracey Room, Merced County Library



President's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,
Our group seems to be growing. I'd like to welcome our new members, glad to have you with us.

Kudos to our Programs Committee. You ladies have done a wonderful job of getting great speakers that really draw a crowd.

July 18th is show and tell. It's an opportunity to share a keepsake or a story and let us get to know you a little better.

I'd like to remind the board that we have a meeting scheduled for Monday, July 13th, at 1 pm.

Until then, sincerely,
Greg Enriken, President



Membership at our June 2015 Meeting:

Attendance final count:

29 Members, 13 guests

Our total Members:

93 active and 34 inactive

Welcome to our new members [since last Snoop]: Janet Helms, Ed & Darlene Mentz, Ken Hope, Michele Moore.

June Speaker: Barbara Washburn



Barbara Washburn sharing photos used in her talk

Speaking on the topic of Finding Lost Cousins and Living Relatives Barbara shared with us tips on how to locate distant family members who may have access to family documents, such as a family Bible, and missing family heirlooms. She suggested we should take a few lessons from Sherlock Holmes who said we should do more than only look at the facts as we know them in a given case. We need to re-examine those facts from a different angle. For family history research, that often means to locate lost cousins and living family members.

- Use whitepages.com to locate living relatives
- Use message boards to locate distant cousins :
 - Rootsweb
 - Ancestry
 - Surname boards
 - Locality boards
- Use Google and Facebook searches
- Set up research groups on Facebook

McMORMICK MYTH

By Shari Stetson

As is often the case, it's what you think you know that trips you up. In this case I was trying to find my great-grandmother, **Josephine Adney**.



Working back through the Nebraska census records 1920, 1910, 1900 I found family information: 1) **Christopher Adney**, husband, born in 1866 in Wisconsin, his parents born in Ohio and Pennsylvania, 2) Josephine (Josie), wife, born in 1871 in Wisconsin, her parents born in England and Ireland, 3) Eva, daughter, born in 1894 in Wisconsin, and 4) Arthur, son, born in 1897 in Wisconsin. I found Christopher, Eva, and Arthur on the 1930 census, but not Josephine.

Christopher Adney with parents & siblings

1910 Census

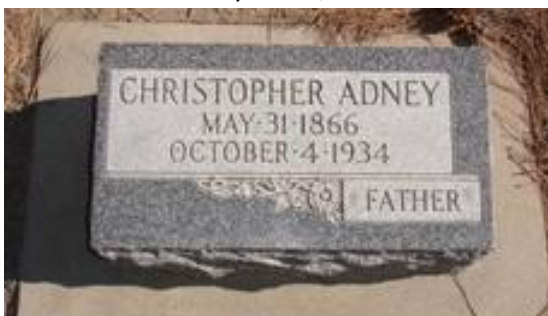
236	238	Adney, Christopher	Head	1	0	2	34	W	52	M
		— Josephine	Wife				7	W	36	F
		— Arthur	Son				21	W	23	M

1930 Census

293	325	Robbins, Millie	Hired Laborer				V	M	56	F
		Nelson, Jens	Head	1	0	2	20	M	41	M
		— Ethel S.	Wife				V	F	26	M
		Adney, Christopher	Roomer				V	M	63	M
294	326	Wankover, Eugene	Head	1	0	2	20	M	50	M

Christopher Adney, age 63, enumerated 1930 as a "Roomer," declares he is married for 27 years

I'd traced the Adneys back, but who and where is Josephine? I ignored the hits of a Josephine Adney's



death in California as this family was all in Nebraska.

Finally I decided to follow through and bought the death certificate in Stockton. It was my Josephine. The death record led me to her father, John McCormick. Now through Wisconsin census records I find 1) John, born in 1838 in England, his parents both born in Ireland, 2) Mary, born in 1840 in Ireland and both her parents born Ireland, and 3) twelve children including Josephine.

The 1900 census record indicates both John and Mary emigrated to the United States in 1850, not together, but I haven't found immigration records. On the

USGenWeb I found a list 16 pages long of people buried in St. Philip's Cemetery in Crawford County, Wisconsin, including John and Mary and a number of other family members.

The biggest and best find was "The McCormick Genealogy: Being a Record of the Descendants of the Original McCormicks Who Settled in the 'Rolling Ground' Locality of Crawford County, Wisconsin" edited and published by Lowell S. Blaisdell in 1955. Now we know that genealogy without proof is mythology. So this is some of my McCormick mythology, according to Mr. Blaisdell. 1) James McCormick, wife Mary, children John, Patrick and daughter (name unknown) sailed from England for Canada possibly in or after 1848.

Josephine Adney death certificate, Tracy, CA, father listed: John McCormick

- First the daughter died at sea, and then Mary died at sea and shortly after reaching Canada James died, leaving John and Patrick orphans. The story goes that the boys were taken in by separate local families.
- 2) Meanwhile John McFarland, an uncle living in Massachusetts and expecting the McCormicks, who did not arrive as expected, traveled to Canada, found his nephews and brought them home to live with his family.
- 3) The McFarland family and the two McCormick brothers settled in Wisconsin about 1857.

These are family names of spouses of most of the twelve McCormick children: Adney, Bigley, Conley, Dealy, Ehorn, Farrell, Griffin, McDonald, and Thorpe.

This 78 pages long booklet on the McCormick family is carefully written and includes a bibliography, some census records, obituaries and family member quotes. I've been able to confirm much of the information, but I'm still looking for confirmation for 1) John McCormick's birth record, 2) his birth family, 3) his relationship to John McFarland, 4) the McCormicks and McFarlands in Ireland. But for the present I'll gratefully accept Mr. Blaisdell's information and keep up the search.

1940 Census									
Adney, A. J.	Head	2	F	W	2	S			
Josephine	Mother	3	F	W	67	Wd.			

1940 census confirmed that in 1940 Josephine Adney lived with her son in Tracy, CA

Upcoming Programs for 2015	
July 18	Birthday Month
August	No Meeting
	Join us and invite others to join with us!

Doris Cochran Room: New book list June 2015

325.1 Cannato

American Passage: The History of Ellis Island.
Vincent J. Cannato

Donated by Stephanie McLeod

921 Ball

Ball families of New York : includes Hans Bahl of Germany, Johans Ball and Maruerite Heints of Schoharie, Schenectady Counties, New York and Lawrence, Scioto Counties, Ohio, Romulus, Seneca County, New York Ball family, plus misc. Ball families of New York, by Claudette Maerz.

Donated by the family of Carolyn Lemas

929.6 Fox

A complete guide to heraldry. by Fox-Davies, Arthur Charles

Donated by the family of Carolyn Lemas

941.5 Betit

Ireland: a genealogical guide for North Americans, by Kyle J. Betit and Dwight A. Radford.

941.1 Bruce

The Scottish 100: portraits of history's most influential Scots, by Bruce, Duncan A.

Donated by the family of Carolyn Lemas

941.5 Grenham

The little book of Irish clans, by John Grenham.

Donated by the family of Carolyn Lemas

973 Landelius

Swedish place-names in North America, by Otto Robert Landelius.

973.045 Glazier

Italians to America: lists of passengers arriving at U.S. ports, 1880-1899; vol. 3: Passengers Arriving at New York July 1887 - June 1889 / edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby.

974.841 History

History of York and Lancaster Counties, PA.

975.2 Clark

Kent County, Maryland marriage licenses 1796-1850 and lists of Kent County ministers, by Raymond B. Clark, Jr. and Sara Seth Clark.

975.2 Coldham

Settlers of Maryland, 1679-1783, by Coldham, Peter Wilson

977.1 Mart

Clinton County, Ohio, newspapers death and obituary abstracts, 1838 to 1867, by Larry D. Mart.

977.158 Cemeteries

Cemeteries of Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Fairfield County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 1993.

979.158 Cemeteries

Cemeteries of Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Fairfield County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 1989.

977.158 Collier

Partition record abstracts, vol. 2: 1851-1900, Fairfield County, Ohio, abstracted by Jean Collier.

977.3992 Schmook

Obituaries: Harrisburg, Illinois Newspapers, 1862-1916, compiled by Rebecca Schmook.

979.451 West
West Sacramento / West Sacramento Historical
Society.

979.453 Burg
Sacramento's Southside Park / William Burg.

979.453 Cox
Sacramento's Boulevard Park, by Don Cox.

979.453 East
East Sacramento, edited by Lee M.A. Simpson.

979.453 Sacramento
Sacramento's Oak Park, edited by Lee M.A.
Simpson.

979.458 Merced

HISTORIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN NEHGS AND FAMILY SEARCH

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and FamilySearch, the family history arm of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, announced a multi-year collaboration between the two nonprofit organizations and a sharing of online genealogical resources, establishing a milestone in the growing international family history industry. In a database exchange program, the two leading non-profits in the global genealogy business will now make available millions of new records containing billions of new searchable names to their many constituents.

FamilySearch will provide NEHGS with more than 2 billion records from its global historic record collections and its online Family Tree. These records will be added to the newly upgraded website of NEHGS—at AmericanAncestors.org—and a forthcoming online family tree experience. The searchable and browse able records to be added to the NEHGS website include U.S. federal census transcripts (1790–1930); civil registrations for Italy, Germany, Scotland, and the Netherlands; English birth, christening, marriage, and death record transcripts dating from the fifteenth century through the twentieth century; and a full array of census records, birth records, marriage records, and death records for states across the U.S.

Merced College [yearbook]: The Inferno REDUX
1962-2012, by Merced College.

Donated by Roberta Saling

979.458 Merced
Merced County Memories: The early years: 1800-
1950, presented by Merced Sun-Star, Los Banos
Enterprise.

979.482 Fresno
Fresno County cemetery records: with some Madera
and Kings County records. Fresno Genealogical
Society, 1985.

Genealogy is chasing your own tale.

In turn, FamilySearch will have access to hundreds of millions of records on AmericanAncestors.org through online affiliate accounts. In addition, NEHGS will provide millions of new records to FamilySearch from its holdings, including unique cemetery records from around the U.S. and Canada, historic tax records, early American military records, early New England marriage records, historic newspapers, and original scholarship from NEHGS published books.

Founded in 1845, NEHGS is America's oldest and most respected resource for family history research and the largest genealogical society in America today. Although the institution's name says "New England," the organization is national in scope and provides expertise and research materials through AmericanAncestors.org in nearly all aspects of family history, from seventeenth-century colonial New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia through twenty-first century immigration research. The NEHGS website, AmericanAncestors.org, is one of the world's most visited family history websites and it is the most visited genealogical society website in the country—serving more than a million visitors a year.

(From an announcement by NEHGS posted in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 17 Feb 2015)

The Family Snoop is published on the first day of each month except Aug and Dec. It is sent in .pdf to members who receive it by email. Back copies can be emailed to members as attachments. Send items, articles, stories, etc., to robynechols AT gmail DOT net. You can choose to receive the Family Snoop via email in a pdf format – get it sooner and in color. Contact Sharon Darby, our treasurer. **Deadline for the September 2015 issue is August 25th.** There is no meeting in August.

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

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

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 Tuesday, Wednesday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm,
 Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.

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 2100 O Street Merced 209-285-7642
 Fax: 209-726-7912
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 Friday & Saturday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Merced County Courthouse Museum

www.mercedmuseum.org
 21st & N Streets Merced
 Wednesday through Sunday - 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
 Free admission.

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanilaus/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.

Monthly Financial Report: May 2015

Income	289.97
Expenses	(139.74)
Checking Balance	\$5,804.13
Savings Account:	3,866.38
CD-9 months; matures on 10/8/14	5,844.37
CD-12 months; matures on 5/19/15	5,666.38
Total in Checking and Savings:	\$21,181.26

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