

# THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## June 2015 Meeting



## Find Lost Cousins and Living Relatives

by Barbara Washburn

1:00 p.m. Saturday

June 20, 2015

Gracey Room, Merced County Library

## President's Message



Dear Friends and Fellow Members

When I asked John to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, I didn't realize he was a Veteran, and since Memorial weekend is coming up ( at the time I wrote this ) I would like to take this opportunity to thank him, and all the Veterans, men and women, for their service to this great country.

Kathryn Miller Marshall. What can I say? She doesn't disappoint! I'm looking forward to her next visit.

June 20th, Barbara Washburn will show us how to "Find Lost Cousins and Living Relatives". Until then, enjoy this nice spring weather.

Sincerely, Greg Entriken, President

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### Membership at our May 2015 Meeting:

Attendance final count: 30 Members, 8 guests

Renewals [not including the May meeting]: 4

Total: 85 active and 37 inactive.

Welcome to new member Janet Helms who is researching the surname Cave in Virginia/Wesst Virginia, Helms in Germantown and Philadelphia, Step in Pennsylvania and Virginia and Dovel in Kansas.

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### Genealogy Seminar

The Fresno County Genealogical Society is sponsoring their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogical Seminar featuring Lisa Cooke to be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District Liberty Room at 808 4<sup>th</sup> street, Clovis, CA on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Pre-registration for members is \$30.00, for non-members is \$40.00 and all attendees at the door is \$50.00. Online registration may e found here:

[https://www.facebook.com/FresnoGenealogy?fref=pb&hc\\_location=profile\\_browser](https://www.facebook.com/FresnoGenealogy?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser)

## May Meeting: Kathryn Marshall Spoke on A Potpourri Of Tips, Tricks and Utilities for Genealogists



Using power point technology and a handout, Kathryn Marshall gave a knowledgeable, humorous and talkative lecture, full of tools, she termed as "fun toys" to play with and a "toy box" full of new technological

resources. Her joyous enthusiasm drew many smiles and laughter from the audience of 28 members and 9 guests, one of whom joined the M.C.G.S. today.

Some of the subjects she covered, dealt with the use of 2 monitors in doing research, working with Dragon, a voice recognition software that lays down text as you talk, OCR or Optical Character Recognition for identifying handwriting, and the use of Family Search, their lab research and all the partners and affiliates that they have now. She especially emphasized keeping your passwords safe and using the Archives option in your G-mail account to save personal e-mails as an historical record for your down line as we don't write letters much anymore.

Kathryn had so much to share that I'm sure we will be seeing her again soon.

Submitted by Stephanie McLeod

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### Delayed Birth Records

The creation of USA Federal programs created, not only more records of our ancestors from which we can search, but another side benefit. For many, applicants were required to submit proof of birth. Thus, delayed birth records came into being. A few years ago, the Merced County Genealogical Society completed compiling and printing an index to the delayed birth records in this county.

*The following is a small sample of the wealth of information available about former Merced residents in the  
Delayed Birth Certificates transcribed by our members.  
Do you recognize any family names?*

**MERCED COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES  
BOOK III**

January 1, 1962 – July 24, 1967

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| KUBO, HARUKO  | state file #125579       |
| 49 Emerson Street, San Francisco, CA  |                          |
| Female, born 13 March 1928, Cortez, Merced Co., CA (near Turlock, CA)   |                          |
| Father KUBO, KASAKU   | born Japan Japanese      |
| Mother MORIKAWA, ITSU   | born Japan Japanese      |
| Affidavit: Father and Mother  |                          |
| Documents: Marriage record  |                          |
| date filed 1/9/1962   | book 3, page 1           |
| REAL, TONY FRANK  | state file #125658       |
| 848 W. Childs, Merced, CA   |                          |
| Male, born 5 Aug 1900, Los Banos, CA  |                          |
| Father REAL, FRANK ORIEN  | born California Mexican  |
| Mother PELATOS, MIQULA  | born California Mexican  |
| Documents: Marriage certificate, Child's birth certificate, Social Security number, Honorable<br>discharge, U.S. Army |                          |
| date filed 1/16/1962  | book 3, page 2           |
| JACKSON, EVA MYRTLE   | state file #125706       |
| 907 Curtis St., Albany, CA  |                          |
| Female, born 28 Nov 1892, Near Snelling, Merced Co., CA   |                          |
| Father JACKSON, JAMES HARPER  | born No. Carolina white  |
| Mother VACCARO, OLIVE ROSA  | born Snelling, CA white  |
| Affidavit: Rose A. DeCodi, aunt   |                          |
| Documents: Marriage certificate, Child's birth certificate  |                          |
| date filed 1/19/1962  | book 3, page 3           |
| signed/ Myrtle McLean   |                          |
| MARCHESE, EVELYN MAE  | state file #125952       |
| 1780 F Street, Napa, CA   |                          |
| Female, born 27 Feb 1909, Gustine, CA   |                          |
| Father MARCHESE, JOHN GEORGE  | born Italy white         |
| Mother SARBO, GRACE MARY  | born Los Banos, CA white |
| Affidavit: Mother   |                          |
| Documents: Marriage record, Child's birth certificate   |                          |
| date filed 2/13/1962  | book 3, page 4           |
| signed/ Evelyn Mae Gracy  |                          |

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| PASSADORI, LILLIAN FRANCES<br>580 E. 20th St., Merced, CA<br>Female, born 22 Aug 1900, Merced, CA<br>Father PASSADORI, CHARLES HENRY<br>Mother PREGNO, THERESA JOSEPHINE<br>Affidavit: Mother<br>affidavit: Mary A.Trindade, friend at time of birth<br>Documents: Child's birth certificate<br>date filed 2/19/1962<br>signed/ Lillian Santi | state file #126050<br><br>born Locarno, Switzerland      white<br>born Plano, Italy                      white<br><br>book 3, page 5 |
| PINNELLI, MARY THERESA<br>1118 California St., Los Banos, CA<br>Female, born 3 Aug 1910, Los Banos, CA<br>Father PINNELLI, J.<br>Mother BAFFUNNO, ROSE<br>Affidavit: Mother and Father<br>Documents: Marriage certificate<br>date filed 2/26/1962   | state file #126147<br><br>born Italy                      white<br>born Italy                      white<br><br>book 3, page 6       |
| SORG, MYRNA EVA<br>Rt 2, Box 150, Dos Palos, CA<br>Female, born 27 Aug 1911, Dos Palos, CA<br>Father SORG, JOHN THOMAS<br>Mother WOOLSTAN, MARY PERMELIA<br>Affidavit: Mother<br>Affidavit: Anna B. Lilley, midwife<br>Documents: Child's birth certificate<br>date filed 2/27/1962<br>signed/ Myrna Eva Wolfsen                              | state file #126150<br><br>born Wisconsin              white<br>born So. Dakota              white<br><br>book 3, page 7              |
| WOLFSEN, LAWRENCE CHRISTIAN<br>Rt 2, Box 150, Dos Palos, CA<br>Male, born 23 Nov 1909, Merced, CA<br>Father WOLFSEN, LAWRENCE LUDWIG<br>Mother WHITE, MINERVA<br>Affidavit: Mother<br>Affidavit: H. B. Wolfsen, brother<br>Documents: Child's birth certificate<br>date filed 2/27/1962   | state file #126156<br><br>born Germany              white<br>born California              white<br><br>book 3, page 8                |
| CATON, MARY JANE<br>Rt 1, Box 13-c, Winton Way, Atwater, CA<br>Female, born 16 Oct 1935, Atwater, CA<br>Father CATON, MANUEL<br>Mother MCGILL, AMY DELL<br>Affidavit: Mother<br>Affidavit: Hazel Williams, sister   | state file #126216<br><br>born Azores              white<br>born California              white                                       |

Documents: Marriage certificate, School Record  
date filed 3/5/1962  
signed/ Mary Arriago

book 3, page 9

FRANCIS, JOSEPH SIMAS JR.

state file #126180

90 Ambrosia Way, Pittsburg, CA

Male, born 6 March 1905, Merced, CA

Father FRANCIS, JOSEPH SIMAS

Mother FURTADO, MARIE ISABEL MENDONCA

Affidavit: Mary A. Trindade, friend at birth

Affidavit: Mary Souza, aunt

Documents: Marriage certificate, Child's birth certificate

date filed 3/1/1962

born Azores Is., Portugal

white

born Azores Is.

white

book 3, page 10

HANSEN, VIRGINIA NELL

state file #126288

1125 Illinois Ave., Los Banos, CA

Female, born 10 Sept 1913, Los Banos, CA

Father HANSEN, PETER CHRISTIAN

Mother WRIGHT, NELL EDITH

Affidavit: Walter Fox Wright, uncle

Affidavit: Mother

Documents: Baptismal certificate

date filed 3/8/1962

born Denmark

white

born California

white

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GIOVANNONI, ELSIE IRENE

state file #126349

22990 Bacon St., Concord, CA

Female, born 18 May 1900, Ingomar, Merced Co., CA

Father GIOVANNONI, TRANQUIL BATISTA

white

Mother BIZZINI, GENEVA MARIA

Affidavit: Attilio F. Gervanoni, friend at birth

Affidavit: Delphina M. Ewing, sister

Documents: Marriage certificate

date filed 3/13/1962

signed/ Elsie Irene Spencer

born Orsolnia,

Switzerland

born Arango, Switzerland

white

book 3, page 12

KOCHER, VIOLA ADELE

state file #126427

2322 Rose Street, Berkeley, CA

Female, born 22 Oct 1900, Merced, CA

Father KOCHER, CARL EDWARD

Mother CRAIGHAN, FAY MAY

Affidavit: Mother

Affidavit: Alma M. Taylor, cousin

Documents: Marriage license, School records

date filed 3/16/1962

born California

white

born Calif.

white

book 3, page 13

signed/ Viola A. Luke

PASSADORI, ROSE EDITH

state file #126466

Rt 1, Box 112, Soledad, CA  
Female, born 18 Dec 1906, Merced, CA  
Father PASSADORI, CHARLES HENRY  
Mother PREGNO, TERESA JOSEPHINE  
Affidavit: Mother  
Affidavit: Mary A. Trindade, friend at birth  
Documents: Child's birth certificate  
date filed 3/19/1962  
signed/ Rose Edith Gularte

born Locarno, Switzerland      white  
born Plano, Italy      white

book 3, page 14

NISEWANGER, LOREEN

state file #126549

215(?) So. Benita St., Santa Maria, CA  
Female, born 9 Sept 1905, Dos Palos, CA  
Father NISEWANGER, JACOB FRANKLIN  
Mother ROSS, DORA LILA  
Affidavit: Mother  
Affidavit: Margaret G. Zimmerman, friend at birth  
Documents: Child's birth certificate  
date filed 3/23/1962

born Iowa      white  
born Iowa      white

book 3, page 15

DECKWA, HENRY LOUIS

state file #126598

6435 Orange Ave. Sacramento, CA  
Male, born 26 June 1917, Delhi, CA  
Father DECKWA, HENRY LOUIS  
Mother PETERSON, MINNIE  
Documents: Affidavit of birth, Father, Affidavit of birth, Mother, Honorable Discharge,  
U.S. Navy  
date filed 3/28/1962

born Illinois      white  
born Kansas      white

book 3, page 16

VALLIS, JOSEPHINE

state file #126845

1518 Willow St., Alameda, CA  
Female, born 13 May 1929, born vicinity of Merced on Santa Fe Rail Road train  
Father VALLIS, GEORGE      born Greece      white  
Mother MARTINEZ, ASCUNSION      born Mexico      white  
Affidavit: Mother & Father  
Documents: Child's birth certificate  
date filed 4/12/1962  
signed/ Josephine Sweeten

book 3, page 17

| Upcoming Programs for 2015 |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| July 18                    | Birthday Month                             |
| August                     | No Meeting 6                               |
|                            | Join us and invite others to join with us! |

**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 Jul 2015 issue is June 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!**

**Merced County Genealogical Society**  
**P.O. Box 3061**  
**Merced, CA. 95344**

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|---------------------------------|--|
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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 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.

### Merced County Library

www.co.merced.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=77  
 2100 O Street Merced 209-285-7642  
 Fax: 209-726-7912  
 Monday through Thursday – 10am to 6:00pm  
 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: April 2015

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Income                                | 160.23             |
| Expenses                              | (131.72)           |
| Checking Balance                      | \$5,625.39         |
| Savings Account:                      | 3,866.22           |
| CD-9 months; matures on 10/8/14       | 5,843.63           |
| CD-12 months; matures on 5/19/15      | 5,665.32           |
| <b>Total in Checking and Savings:</b> | <b>\$21,029.07</b> |

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