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MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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June 2016 Meeting



Adoptions By Kathy Burrow

**[The people
kind, not the
furry kind]**

1:00 p.m. Saturday

June 18, 2016

Gracey Room, Merced County Library

**April Meeting: Developing a Four
Generation Chart Program for the Merced
County Genealogical Society**
Discussion led by Shari Stetson



The genealogical society is focusing this year on strengthening the four generation chart program for its members. We ask all

members to print off as many four generations charts as you need, fill them out and bring them to the next meeting. The officers will continue to accept four generation charts.

Here is how the program works. Complete the chart with the surnames, date ranges and localities of your ancestors. Circle the number(s) of the ancestors you are researching right now. As these charts are turned in, a record will be made of where you are searching so if you wish you may contact and share locality research information with others. Also, as the book committee makes decisions on which books to buy for our collection in the Doris Cochran Research room, it will be helpful to know where our members are focusing their research.

If you are searching beyond your great-grandparents, you may wish to use the name of a parent or grandparent in the number one position on the chart.

Each member is assigned an alpha-numeric code by surname, with only certain authorized members having access to that list. Each four generation chart turned in will be notated with the member's code. The program will provide two possible services.

First, the surnames, and possibly coupled with the localities and dates, will be made available to members. Members will then be able to identify who else may be researching for the same surname in the same locality and join forces and share information.

Second, it is proposed that the surnames along with the assigned alpha-numeric code be made available on the internet to the general public.

Interested parties may send a query with their research information and ask the member to contact them. The member will then be notified a contact has been requested. It will be up to the member whether or not he or she responds.

One of the primary objectives along with sharing information and collaborating on research is to protect the privacy of the members.

To make this program work, as a society we would need to determine how to organize the information. Should we use a database program, or something like an excel worksheet? In the past, surname sheets were kept in a binder in the Doris Cochran Room. We would continue to do so, but if we decide to share the surnames online, we need to decide on an appropriate format.

Changes in Save Mart SHARES Program

Save Mart discontinued the SHARES Card program as of April 1, 2016. To continue earning for our purchases at Save Mart and other stores, we must sign up with eScrip.



Sign up for eScrip by
going to
www.eScrip.com/share
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Name: Merced County Genealogical Society

Group ID: 500647364

Your SaveSmart card earns both SaveSmart and SHARES points at Save Mart.

At other stores or the eScrip Online Mall, enter your telephone number at the time of purchase to earn points for our group.

May Meeting Attendance

Membership:

Attendance Final Count: 17 Members + 0 Guests
for a total of 17

Total Members: 82 active; 2 renewals; 1 new member.

Courts of Mariposa County (1866)

DISTRICT COURT—Hon. Alexander Dearing, Judge; Angevine Reynolds, Clerk; Regular Terms commence on the fourth Monday of March, July and November.

COUNTY COURT—Hon L. F. Jones, Judge; Angevine Reynolds, Clerk; Regular Terms commence on the first Mondays of January, March, May, July, September and November.

PROBATE COURT—Hon. L. F. Jones, Judge; Angevine Reynolds, Clerk. Regular Terms on the fourth Monday of each month.

Board of Supervisors consists of Alexander McElroy and John M Hendricks. Angevine Reynolds, Clerk. Regular Terms on the first Mondays of February, May, August and November.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge...L. F. Jones.
Sheriff... J. D. Crippen,
County Clerk...Angevine Reynolds.
District Attorney...John M Corcoran.
Recorder... Edwin Moore.
Treasurer...Chas. E. Paregoy.
Assessor...Wm. Coffman.
County Surveyor...Richard Thomas.
Supt. Public Instruction...W. D. Washburn.
Public Administrator...W. S. Kavanaugh.
Coroner J. T. Turner.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

MARIPOSA TOWNSHIP.

Justice of the Peace—A. F. Washburn and F. Giltner.
Constables—M. Haggerty and Richard Foisky.

BEAR VALLEY TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the Peace—J. B. Reed and R. M. Rhodes.
Constables—Eli Thurman and J. W. Reed.

HORNITOS TOWNSHIP

Justices of the Peace—S. W. Cark and W. H. Nelson.
Constables—Eli Thurman and Jo. Piquet.

COULTERVILLE TOWNSHIP.

Justices of the Peace—Geo. Counts and Ike Amsdrn.
Constables—Acklin and Robert McKenzie.

ROAD MASTERS.

Mariposa District...Peter McDermott.
Hornitos Dist... — Branson
New Year's Dist...M T. McPherson.
Cathay's Valley... — Froneberger.
Bear Valley...Chas. Bloed
Mouth of Sherlocks... C. Boetcher.
Lower Mariposa...Andrew Jackson
Merced Falls...W. H. Smith
Coulterville... — Ryan
[Mariposa Gazette, Number 51, 16 June 1866]

Obits Project

MCGS is looking for volunteers to work on an obituary project. We have been given about twenty years worth of clipped obituaries and an index database to go with them. These came from Ila Chastain who put in years and years of work clipping the obits from the Sun-Star and entering information in a database. There are several steps to getting these ready so that they can be useful to others with an online index. One step needs members who can work on their computers copying and pasting names and dates using either Word or WordPad. If you feel comfortable going online and using either of these program, please let me know. This can be done whenever you have time at home, at any hour and can be done at your convenience. If you feel more comfortable working with pen and paper, sorting, organizing, then there is other work that needs to be done. If you can work an hour a week or an hour a month, that would be great. Two hours, even better. Whatever works out for you. This is a big project and many hands make light work. For more information, please contact: Anne Field, mcgsmail@annefield.net or Sharon Darby.

Upcoming Programs for 2015	
June 18	Kathy Burrows will speak on the topic of adoptions
July 16	Birthday month – member Show and Tell
	Join us and invite others to join with us!

47th International Convention of the American
Historical Society of Germans from Russia

“Before the Storm”

July 11-16, 2016

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The evolution and life of Germanic colonies from 1763 to 1916
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To reserve a room, call (925) 827-2000 or toll-free at 1-800-826-2644. Reserve a room online at <http://www.hilton.com>. Use the code AHG. The AHSGR group rate is \$119. Register for the convention online at www.ahsgr.org.

Explore topics of historical, folkloric and genealogical interest. Listen to speakers from Russia, Germany and South America for more insight into the history of Germans from Russia. Learn about AHSGR online resources and records in Germany and Russia. View the premiere of the Norka village film, entertainment by folksinger Jim Stevens, storyteller Bil Lepp and the Grand Island Polka Band. A research room will provide Internet access and key documents from the AHSGR Library. Librarian Diane Wilson and Village Coordinators will assist in research.



Corrections to the May 2016 article on the Schmanke family. On page 3, column one at the bottom, the paragraph should read:

Albert lived until 1943. He became forgetful, so he lived with his daughter Bertha the last year or two of his life. He died on 26 Aug 1843 and is buried with his first wife, Johanna, in the Saint John Lutheran Cemetery.

The first part of the paragraph at the bottom of page 4, column 1 should read:

Martha was widowed in 1956 while she was living in Ellinwood, KS. Bill Schroeder was buried in *Lakin Comanche Cemetery; Ellinwood, Barton County, Kansas. Martha died in 1980 and was buried in the same cemetery.*

Case Study: Schmanke Family of Alma, Wabaunsee, Kansas

By Robyn Echols

In the process of working with member Michele Moore to put together her Schmanke family of Alma, Kansas history, we ran across several discrepancies that raised questions. When she started, she learned of three Schmanke brothers who came from Prussia in the 1800's and settled in this community, Albert, her direct ancestor, August and Ferdinand (Ferdenand). Alma, Kansas ended up attracting a fairly large group of Prussian settlers during that era.

However, as we fine-tuned some details in her research, it became apparent there were multiple Schmanke men in Alma, Kansas with the same or similar names. Who were her direct ancestor's brothers, and how were they all connected?

When Michele started, she knew of three men named Ferdinand Wilhelm Schmanke, August Albert Schmanke and Albert Ferdinand Schmanke who, on a genealogy.com User Tree were listed as the sons of Michael and Minnie or Martha Schmanke, estimated marriage year about 1844 in Germany.

A search on Ancestry and FamilySearch failed to produce records that could be identified as these parents. Records for men named Michael and a surname fairly close to Schmanke were found in Polish Catholic records. However, based on the church attendance and burial places of the most the family in the United States, the family appeared to be *Evangelisch* or Lutheran.

By looking at various records, Michele and I were able to determine there was two August Schmankes and two Ferdinand Schmankes in Alma—all within the same age range. Only a few months ago, after ancestry.com make some changes to their format, I ran across a family tree for this family which listed five names as sons of this same family. The given names of the parents were not known.

One question that quickly came to mind was why would parents name living children the same first names with different middle names? It is common in some Hispanic Catholic communities to give the first name of male children Jose (sometimes Maria) to all sons and Maria to all daughters. The children are known by their second name. However, we knew of no such practice in the *Evangelisch* Lutheran faith. What I do know from research done on my own

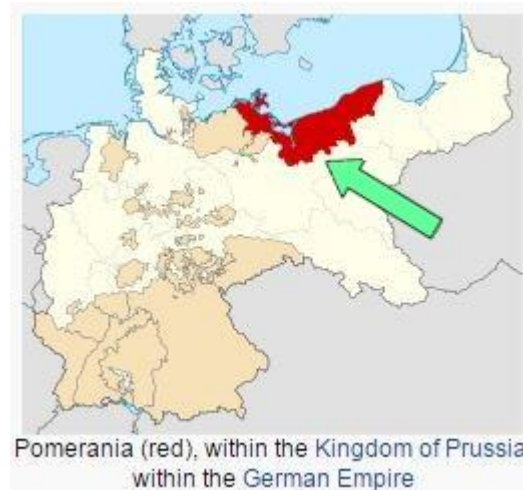
Prussian ancestry is that it is common for middle names to be the given names of godparents.



Bebra, Hesse- birthplace of Ferdinand Wilhelm and Ferdinand L. Schmanke

The question arose: Are all five of the Schmanke men in Alma, Kansas siblings? Are some of them cousins to three brothers? Are they related at all? I found it interesting that on the 1915 Kansas census, F.L. and Henrietta Schmanke were enumerated right next to Aug A and Caroline Schmanke.

I put together a chart of some of the information gathered about these five Schmanke men. When no middle name or initial was used, sometimes the only way to distinguish one from another was their birth year, the name of their spouse, or the middle name. By doing so, I came to the conclusion the five Schmanke men definitely knew each other and probably had a familial relationship. However, I believe as Ms. Moore's early research shows, Ferdinand W., August Albert and Albert Ferdinand were brothers. The other two were possibly cousins.



Pomerania, birthplace of August A. and Albert Ferdinand Schmanke

Genealogy.com	Ancestry.com Family Tree	Find-a-Grave	Census/Other
Ferdinand Wilhelm b. 27 Sep 1845, Leba, Germany ; d. 01 May 1924, Alma, Wabaunsee, KS; son of Michael and Minnie or Martha Schmanke; Marr 13 Dec 1876, Alma, Wabaunsee, Kansas: Wilhelmina D. <i>Dieball</i>	Ferdinand Wilhelm b. Sep 1844, Bebra, Hesse, Germany ; d. May 1924, Alma, Kansas at age of 79	Ferdinand W. Schmanke, b. 27 Sep 1845; d. 1 May, 1924; Spouse: Wilhelmina D. Dieball Schmanke (1856-1941); Children: Ida Louisa <i>Schmanke</i> Grunewald; Burial: Alma City Cemetery; Created by: Nancy W	1868 Passenger list Ferdinand Schminke b.19 ... 1844, Bebra ; 1885 KS census, Wabaunsee: age 38 in March, b. abt 1847 Prussia , wife Wilhelmina ; 1900 US census Alma Wabaunsee KS: Ferd W Schmanke, b. Sep1844 Germany , Immi year 1868 wife Mena , m. 23 years
(No listing)	Ferdinand (Fred) L. b. 23 Oct 1845, Bebra ; d. 18 Feb 1920, Alma, Kansas at age 74	Ferdenand L. Schmanke; b. 23 Oct 1945; d. 18 Feb 1920; Spouse: Henrietta Bogatke Schmanke (1853- 1944); Children: Augusta Marie <i>Schmanke</i> Czirr; Paul F., Gustav; Burial: St. John Lutheran Cemetery Alma, Wabaunsee, Kansas; Created by: Marie	23Aug 1869 Pass List: Ferd Schmanke, birth abt 1845 Prussia , Arr NY, NY; 16Apr 1872 Pass List: Ferd Schmanke, b. abt 1846 Germany , Arr NY, NY; 1880 US census: Fred Schmonkee, b. abt 1845 Prussia , wife Henriette , 1900 US census: F. Schmanke, b Oct 1845 Germany , wife Henrietta , m1874, Immi: 1872 . 1920 US census: Ferdinand L. Schmanke: b. 1846 Pomerania , Immi year: 1873
August Albert b. 04 Aug 1848, Garbrow, Lauenberg, Pomerania ; d. 09 Jan 1933, Alma, Wabaunsee, KS; son of Michael and Minnie or Martha Schmanke	August Albert b. 04 Aug 1848, Prussia ; d. 09 Jan 1933, Alma, Wabaunsee, Kansas	August A. Schmanke; b. 4 Aug 1848; d. 9 Jan 1933; Spouse: Caroline D. Gnadt Schmanke (1852-1945); Children: Therese, Carl, Frank and Emma A.; Burial: St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Alma, Wabaunsee, Kansas; Created by: Marie	1895 KS Census: August Schmanke; b. Germany ; b. abt 1849, Germany; wife: Caroline ; Children: Carle, Frank, Emma Herman, Fred, Walter. 1900 US Census, Alma, Wabaunsee, KS: August Schmanke; Age 52; Years married 26; B. Aug 1848; wife: Caroline , marr year 1874; Immi year 1878 ; Fa b. Germany ; Mo b. Germany
(No listing)	August Wilhelm/William b. 18 Jun 1851, Germany ; d. 16 Jul 1925, Alma, Wabaunsee, Kansas	August Schmanke b. 18 Jun 1851; d. 16 Jul 1925; Spouse: Augusta (1856-1926); Children: Richard O., Emma Augusta <i>Schmanke</i> Metzger; Note: s/Augusta; Burial: St. John Lutheran Cemetery; Created by: Marie	1885 KS Census, Alma, Wabaunsee: Aug Schmanke, b. abt 1852, Prussia , age 33; Spouse: Augusta , child: Richard. 1900 US census, Alma, Wabaunsee, KS: August Schmanke, b. June 1850, Germany; marr. 22 yrs; children: Richard, Emma; Immigration year: 1879, age 21; parents b. Germany , Immi year: 1879
Albert Ferdinand b. 09 Apr 1854, Pomerania, Germany ; d. 26 Aug 1943, Alma, Wabaunsee, KS; son of Michael and Minnie or Martha Schmanke	Albert Ferdinand b. 09 Apr 1854, Germany ; d. 26 Aug 1943, Alma, Wabaunsee, Kansas	Albert Ferdinand Schmanke; b. 9 Apr 1854; d. 26 Aug 1943; (Note: I believe the spouse information is correct; based on census. Three children with 1 st wife; four with 2 nd (1910). C. Langvardt) Spouses: Johanna Schmanke (1862- 1887); Hanna Wilhelmina Buttenhoff Schmanke (1864-1938); Children: Bertha M. <i>Falk</i> Grunewald (1898-1984)* calculated relationship; Note: ss/ Johanna; Burial: Saint John Lutheran Cemetery, Alma, Wabaunsee Kansas; created by Marie	1880 US census Washington, Wabaunsee, KS: Albert Schmeank, b. abt 1854 Germany , Single, Fa b. Germany , Mo b. Germany ; 1900 US census Washington, Wabaunsee, KS: Albert Smanke b. Apr 1854 Germany , Years married: 18, wife Hanna marr. 1882, Immi year: 1871 , Fa b. Germany , Mo b. Germany . 1920 US census Alma, Wabaunsee, KS: Albert Schmanke: b. abt 1855, Germany , wife: Hanna , Immi year: 1874 .

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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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 2100 O Street Merced 209-285-7642
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Merced County Courthouse Museum

www.mercedmuseum.org
 21st and N Streets
 P. O. Box 3557
 Merced, CA 95344
 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 2016

Income	183.71
Expenses	(80.87)
Checking Balance	\$5,155.41
Savings Account:	3,868.13
CD-9 months; matures on 12/26/16	5,855.56
CD-12 months; matures on 5/18/16/	<u>5,679.39</u>
Total in Checking and Savings:	<u>\$20,558.49</u>

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