

# THE FAMILY SNOOP

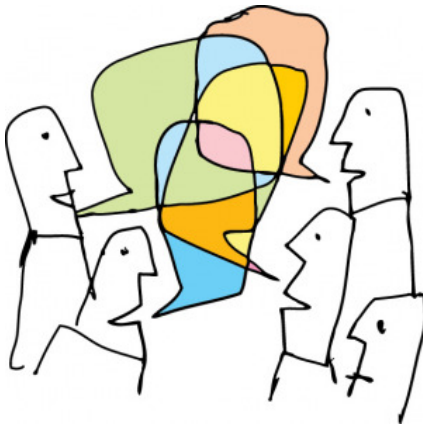
MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## March Meeting

### Share, Tell and Ask



A lot of our time is spent searching the internet, courthouses, libraries, archives and cemeteries to find names, dates, places and documents.

This meeting we want you to **SHARE** your heirlooms, photos, or books, **TELL** of your successes, stories, discoveries, and/or breakthroughs. Take a few minutes to put a face on an ancestor.



Brickwall"?? someone among our group may have a suggestion to help you with that hard to find ancestor, so **ASK** a question.

And bring a friend or two!

12:00 Noon      Saturday

15 March 2014

Gracey Room, Merced County Library

## Message from the President:

Dear Friends,

As you will read further on, our former Head Librarian, Charleen Renteria, recently passed away. She was a long-time, vitally active member of the Merced County Genealogical Society. She was such a bright star in our firmament and we will truly miss her presence in our midst.

We will also sorely miss our present Head Librarian soon, who has done so much to improve the present library system. See the article further on also.

Well, we finally got some rain, thank you God, and the first day of spring, March 20th, is almost upon us. The trees are budding, flowers are popping out all over. March is a good time to get out there, take a trip, go visit relatives, get those old pictures and stories and important genealogical information. I also noticed that Barnes and Noble book store has 2 books to hold all that info you've acquired in a nice bound form, found in the discount area. Remember to look under the desk where all the forms are in the DCR room. We have several binders where you can put your research surnames, bring an address label, it's quicker.

And finally, March 15th is our "Show and Tell" meeting. Make it interesting, bring a family history tidbit and share a story. See you there.

In your service,  
Stephanie McLeod, Pres.

## Mark your Calendars!

10 March 2014

**Irish Research** will be the topic for the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society. County Library, 480 Greenley Rd., Sonora, 2 p.m.  
<http://www.tcgsonline.org/>

11 March 2014

**Understanding DNA** will be the topic for the Fresno County Genealogical Society meeting. Presenters are Robert Givens & Dr. J. Daniel Ozeran. 6:15 refreshments, 6:45, meeting and program. Woodward Park Library, 944 E. Perrin (at Champlain), Fresno. Free. Visitors welcome.  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cafcgs/>

3 April 2014

**Overlooked Military Sources** will be the topic at the Vallejo Benician Genealogy Society meeting. The speaker will be Martha Wittaker, a retired librarian from the Sutro Library. 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs of the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin St., Vallejo.  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cagsv/events.html>

5 April 2014

Roots Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society  
**Spring Seminar** featuring Geoff Rasmussen, Host of the Legacy Family Tree Genealogy Webinar Series.  
<http://www.rootcellar.org/>

TOPICS:

- \* Timelines and Chronologies: Secrets of Genealogical Success
- \* Googling Around with Google and Other Fun Technology
- \* The Latest in Digital Imaging for Genealogists
- \* What's New in Legacy 8

10 May 2014

**Spotlight on the Latest German Research Tools**, seminar presented by Kory Meyerlink. Sacramento German Genealogy Society. 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA.  
<http://www.sacgergensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=7>

According to the California Secretary of State, Debra Bowen, Family History Day 2014 has been cancelled.  
<http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/events/family-history-day.htm>

## Welcome to new MCGS Members:

**John & Margie (Griggs) Barnhart**, from Merced, searching McMahan & Ellis in NC, Smith & Robinson in Alexandria, IN and NC, and Barnhart in Germany and PA, all in the 1700s.

**Marjorie (Latour) Goncalves**, from Merced.

## Our February Meeting

The February meeting was well attended, with 19 members and 6 guests. Bob Ringo spoke on Cherokee research. Those who missed his talk, and it was excellent according to those who did attend, can email Bob Ringo for a pdf copy of the points he covered. Note that the pdf is many, many pages and is nearly 9 MB in size.  
[bobringo@starstream.net](mailto:bobringo@starstream.net)

## Library News

Very sad news to report – Diane Satchwell resigned her position as our County Librarian last week, due to health reasons. She will be leaving for Southern California where she will be the executive director of the Southern California Library Cooperative. She will be part of a state task force working to equalize the haves and have nots in the libraries of the state. We are, of course, extremely disappointed at the loss even though she has assured us that there are very good people who will be applying for her job.

The library budget will be reduced for the coming year by a huge amount and changes will need to be made. Various options were presented at a meeting last Thursday and we will have to wait to see what the Board of Supervisors eventually decides.

### Upcoming Programs 2014

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April 19	Comings & Goings In the Golden West – Kathryn Marshall
May 17	Calling In the Pros: Northern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists panel presentation: Janice Sellers, Sheri Fenley, Corey Oiesen
June 21	Where There's A Will There's a Probate - Vi Parsons
July 19	Visiting the Azores – Roberta Saling and Anne Field



Its 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.



### In Memory of...

The death of Charleen Orr Renteria, one of our long-time members, on February 13, has saddened all of us. We, of course, knew Charleen as a fellow genealogist, avidly tracing her family roots and making the trek with others in our group to Salt Lake City. We also remember her as our County Librarian, a position she held from 1994 until she retired in 2007. Charleen struggled during many of those years to keep the library system going with reduced hours and staff and for that we are all very grateful.

Charleen grew up in Idaho, graduated from Idaho State and received her Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Hawaii. After working at the Twin Falls Public Library in Idaho, she moved to Merced and began working in the Merced County Library in 1972. It was there she met the man she was to marry, one of her colleagues, Phil Renteria. She served in various positions at the library before taking over as County Librarian. It was Charleen who helped find us a room in the library which could house our collection as well as the many books which were given to us by the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County and by others. This was the Doris Cochran Room, our new home – thank you so much, Charleen.

Charleen leaves behind her husband, Phil, her two daughters, Roxanne and Alexandra, granddaughter Esmeralda. She will be buried in Hazelton Cemetery in Hazelton, Idaho, surrounded by many of her ancestors.

## **Books added to the DCR Collection, January 2014:**

943 Johnson

A Guide to the Spelling and Pronunciation of German Names. Arta F. Johnson

943 Smith

German Church Books: Beyond the Basics. Kenneth L. Smith

973 Smelser

Finding Your German Ancestors. Ronald M. Smelser

973 Tolzmann

German Immigration to America: the First Wave. Don Heinrich Tolzmann

973 Winqvist

Swedish American Landmarks. Alan H. Winqvist

973.34 Heisey

York County [PA] in the American Revolution. John W. Heisey

973.34 Retzer

The German regiment of Maryland and Pennsylvania in the Continental Army, 1776-1781. Henry J. Retzer

974.8 Four

Four Pennsylvania German Studies. Pennsylvania German Society

974.801 Rupp

History of Centre County, Pennsylvania. I.D. Rupp

974.816 Kistler

Baptismal Records of Jerusalem Lutheran and Reformed Church, Berks County, Pennsylvania. John L. Kistler

974.818 McQuillis

Dauphin County, Pennsylvania will index, 1785-1850. Shirley G. McQuillas

975.2 Dryden

State of Maryland 1850 Mortality Schedules, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden

975.2 Johnson

Kinfolk in Germany, Kinfolk in Maryland: the Klein Schifferstadt Origins & Relationships of the Families Who Settled in Maryland: Brunner, Götzendanner, Sturm, Thomas. Arta F. Johnson

975.231 Cranor

Marriage Licenses of Caroline County, Maryland, 1774-1815. Henry Downes Cranor

975.271 Baltimore

Baltimore Cemeteries, vol. 5, St. Mary's Cemetery. Baltimore County Historical Society

975.277 Barrow

Sykesville [MD], past and present. Healan Barrow

975.287 Wright

Marriages and deaths in the newspapers of Frederick and Montgomery Counties, Maryland, 1820-1830. F. Edward Wright, compiler

975.29 Wright

Marriages and Deaths from the Newspapers of Allegany and Washington Counties, Maryland, 1820-1830. F. Edward Wright

975.4 Smith

Smithfield Lutheran register, 1792 - 1826: Middleway, Jefferson County, WV. George M. Smith

975.401 Thomas

Preston County [WV]. Charles A. Thomas

975.482 King

Genealogy of Some Early Families in Grant and Pleasant Districts, Preston County, W. Va. Edward Thorp King

975.5 Butler

Virginia Soldiers in the United States Army 1800-1815. Stuart Lee Butler

975.501 Ruffin

Augusta Parish, Virginia, 1738-1780. Beverley Ruffin

975.528 Schreiner-Yantis

The Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1789 for Loudoun County, Virginia. Netti Schreiner-Yantis

975.9553 Harris

Montgomery County, Kentucky, Bicentennial, 1774-1974. Sarah Alice Harris

976.959 Edwards

Estill County, Kentucky Census, 1830-1840. Eva Edwards

976.959 Patrick

1860 Federal Census of Estill County, Kentucky. Tracy R. Patrick

976.959 Patrick

1880 Census, Estill County, Kentucky. T.R. Patrick

976.959 Puckett

1900 Federal Census of Estill County, Kentucky. Edward Puckett

976.959 Puckett

The Beginnings of Estill County, Kentucky: Court Records. Edward Puckett

### **San Francisco Then and Now**

Check out the series of photographs created by San Francisco photographer Shawn Clover. The photographs are a combination, in each photo, of San Francisco during the 1906 earthquake and now. He took old photos, went to the spot where the photo had been taken, then took his own photo and combined the two. Very striking – old and modern in the same photo.

<http://pixtale.net/2012/09/composite-then-and-now-photos-of-the-1906-san-francisco->



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# 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.

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 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays, **BUT WE NEED SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP IT OPEN!! Please Volunteer!**

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

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### Family History Center

[www.familysearch.org](http://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](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=77)  
 2100 O Street Merced 209-285-7642  
 Fax: 209-726-7912  
 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](http://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/stanislaus/gssc.html](http://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.

### Monthly Financial Report January 2014

Income:	828.07
Expenses:	(205.46)
Checking Total	<u>\$4,311.00</u>
Savings Account	3,863.84
CD-9 months; matures on 10/8/14	5,832.76
CD-12 months; matures on 5/19/14	<u>5,651.25</u>
<b><u>Total in Checking and Savings:</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,658.85</u></b>

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