

# THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## March 2019 Meeting



## How to Create a Bridge Back to Your Irish Roots— Lewis M. Ruddick

1:00 p.m. Saturday

March 16, 2019

Gracey Room

Merced County Library

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**April 2019 Meeting**

## **History of Alta California By Susan Skilton**

Associate Genealogist,  
Ancestry Pro- Genealogists

California has a valuable history before statehood. Land Grants from the Mexican Government shaped Alta California. Also look at the important Mission records and populations of Alta California up to 1850.



**1:00 p.m.    Saturday  
April 20, 2019  
Gracey Room  
Merced County Library**

**Our Website is Back!  
and  
It has a new address**

**<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~camcgs/>**

We are exploring other web hosting possibilities. If you have a suggestion, please contact the Board.

**Live Web Links**

Just a reminder that web links in our newsletter and attachments can be clicked on to go to the website, if you receive the email version.

**Presidents Message**



Dear Friends, here it is March already and with all the rain we've had, we haven't drowned yet. There seems to be an increasing interest in doing genealogy research, as the attendance at

our Annual Beginner's Training meeting in January was 17 guests and 18 members. And our program in February, Reviewing the Genealogy Giants, was attended by 26 members and 5 guests.

Speaking of getting people interested in genealogy, we are in the planning stages of getting business cards made up with all the information that you need to encourage your friends and acquaintances to come to our meetings or do research in our genealogy room. We will complete the details at the Board meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and have them available by the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We have been bringing into the meeting books that we need to find homes for, a large amount have been donated out of the treasury of materials left to us from our long time Society member, Lois Jimenez, who passed away on September 9, 2018. If you have any books or research material that you would like to share with others you can bring it to the meeting or to the Genealogy room on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 1-4. We cannot categorize any personal research or copied books to include in the Society's library holdings, so we offer these things free for your use.

We look forward to seeing you at our March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting on Irish research and our April 20<sup>th</sup>

meeting on Alta California.

In your service,  
Stephanie McLeod, President

**Meetings for 2019**

Date	Program
January 26	Annual Genealogy Beginners Training - Jennifer McDonald
February 23	Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast & MyHeritage. DVD by Sunny Morton - Shari Stetson
March 16	How to Create a Bridge Back to Your Irish Roots - Lewis M. Ruddick
April 20	History of Alta California: CA has a valuable history before statehood. Land Grants from the Mexican Government shaped Alta California. Also look at the important Mission records and populations of Alta CA up to 1850. - Susan Skilton: Associate Genealogist, Ancestry Pro- Genealogists
May 18	PERSI: The Periodical Source Index from over 8,000 genealogical & history societies. By Kathy Burrow
June 15	Organizing your Stuff. <b><u>Boy, we all need this!</u></b> Anne Field
July 20	Birthday Meeting
August 17	NO MEETING
September 21	Getting The Most From: FamilySearch.org & Family History Centers. Kathryn Marshall
October 19	"Genealogical Goose Bumps" - MCGS Members & Guests: Tell about your own research
November 16	Ancestry.com: Navigate the Bells and Whistles. Darel Scoggin
December 21	Annual Holiday Potluck

**Meeting Attendance**

**January:** 18 Members + 17 Guests for a total of 35.

**February:** 26 Members + 5 Guest for a total of 31.

**Have you paid your dues for the year?  
Dues form is on page 6 of this newsletter.**

## Genealogy Super Candy, where Technology meets DNA and Family Trees

*From the RootsTech 2019 Conference,  
submitted by Darel Scoggin*

At the Salt Lake City RootsTech 2019 conference the Thursday 2/28/19 meeting opening speaker was Ancestry's CEO Margo Georgiadis. Margo is relatively new with Ancestry and she comes in with a technology background which was well demonstrated with all the new tools, bells and whistles, **the super candy for us Ancestry users.**

See her talk on Youtube.com:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7xsTFNcvCs>  
11 minutes long, worth every second!

**Margo's closing comment was: "The Power of this Ancestry Community and the Shared Passion for Discovery"!**

### **Ancestry has:**

- 20 Billion Records from over 80 countries
- 100 Million Family Trees with 11 Billion connections
- 15 Million DNA Tests: Soon will have more this number of people in their DNA network.

### **New Technology on Ancestry.com:**

1. **My Tree Tags:** 20 tag options including custom tags, with ability for filtering and tags are searchable.

2. **DNA is now easier to find family connections:**

- a. New matches tools to sort, group and view with custom coding and labeling.
- b. Beta version of "ThruLines" the alternative to DNA Circles (ability to toggle between ThruLines and DNA Circles) **Check it out, Wow!**

3. **Addition of 7 major areas, including:** 12 States, U.S. Immigration records, US Naturalization records, U.S. Military record and WWII Draft Cards.

4. Soon launch **World's largest database of searchable Obits** with ability to find, read, and extract from Newspaper.com.

5. **Global Expansion:** 100 million new records from Denmark, Finland, France, Mexico and Norway.

6. **94 New Updated Ancestry DNA Communities:** for customers of African and Afro Caribbean descendancy.

If you listen and watch her talk I am sure you will get more than have I listed here.

From GSSC President: Lisa Louise Cooke is going to be the Speaker in Sacramento on Saturday, April 6, 2019.  
[https://rootcellar.org/cpage.php?pt=42&fbclid=IwAR0aaV\\_zrscb4om9YWeGf2acc47CaGnlVqgavUJn-hZNw1Mdt9r7UXcE8u8](https://rootcellar.org/cpage.php?pt=42&fbclid=IwAR0aaV_zrscb4om9YWeGf2acc47CaGnlVqgavUJn-hZNw1Mdt9r7UXcE8u8)

## **March Meeting: How to Create a Bridge Back to Your Irish Roots** By Lewis M. Ruddick

**March Speaker: Lewis M. Ruddick:** In 1981 my father gave me a very brief family history of my Ruddick surname and asked me to learn where our surname family came from in Europe.

***This presentation is my investigative route taken to go back 330 years from Ukiah, California to The Diamond, Grange Lower, Armagh, Ireland, and touch my Ruddock family roots.***

"I have been to and researched in Ireland twice. The Irish research tools leading me to those trips are a fair part of the presentation as well as how I identified Ireland as my objective. The specific tools are old fashioned library research, modern internet research and genetic genealogy. The latter two did not exist when I began my quest."

"On our first trip to Ireland I had not properly identified the location of my family and drove right past it. On the second trip the location above had now been identified and we were guided for one full week of our three weeks trip by a member of my extended Irish Ruddock family."

Lewis' family history includes his paternal side coming to California during the Gold Rush and his maternal side came from Nebraska and the end of the Great Depression.

"My great grandfather of the same name married a Miller whose mother was a Gann. During my considerable research I learned of the contributions of my huge Gann family to the great Central Valley of California and they are considerable. They range from leading wagon trains to California during the Gold Rush and supplying the "49ers" with freight, food and livestock to more recently being an active member of the State legislature."

Lewis is a Past President of the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County. His personal career is 27 ½ years of law enforcement which began upon his discharge from the U.S. Army. He began his genealogical research before the internet and genetic genealogy.

## New book list March 2 2019

976.646 Tilman	A Diamond Jubilee History of Tillman County, 1901-1976, vol. 1
973.3 Index	Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives, Bicentennial Edition
975 Harper	Twenty-one Southern Families: Notes and Genealogies
929.11 Filby	Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1 <sup>st</sup> ed., 3 vol.
974.7 Johnson	The Bloodied Mohawk: the American Revolution in the words of Fort Plank's defenders and other Mohawk Valley partisans
974.7 Berkenmeyer	The Albany Protocol: Wilhelm Christoph Berkenmeyer's Chronicle of Lutheran affairs in New York Colony
971.233	Hills of Hope [Parkland County, Alberta, Canada]
391 Dalrymple	American Victorian Costume in Early Photographs
975.2 Carothers	1776 Census of Maryland
978.2272 Drake	The Centennial History of Avoca, Nebraska, 1882-1982
973 Mackenzie	Colonial Families of the United States of America [1607-1775]
975.482 Barnes	Early Days in Clifton Mills [West Virginia]
970.3 Latta	Handbook of Yokuts Indians
973 Barton	Letters from the Promised Land: Swedes in America, 1840-1914
979.401 Purdy	Sagebrush Reflections: The History of Amedee and Honey Lake [Lassen County, California]
977.8 Missouri	Missouri: the sesquicentennial of statehood, an exhibition in the Library of Congress
973.34 Newman	List of Black Servicemen Compiled from the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records
978.802 100 <sup>th</sup>	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1882-1982, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Longmont, Colorado
921 Ingham	Joseph Ingham and 1191 of His Descendants
975.201 Prall	Mills and Memories [Carroll County, MD]
921 Hoover	Genealogy of the Herbert Hoover Family
974.801 Weiser	Records of Purchases at the King George Hotel, Schaefferstown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, 1762-1773
921 Heimerdinger	Grandfather Heimerdinger
975.662 Browning	1820 Guilford County, North Carolina, Census
325.1 American	American Migration Patterns
973.2 Colonial	Colonial Tavernkeepers, vol. 1
975.401 Wiley	Index to History of Preston County (West Virginia)
975.5 Virginia	Virginia Colonial Abstracts, vol. 34, Washington County Marriage Register, 1782-1820
977 Tolzmann	Ohio Valley German Biographical Index

### Help, Please!



The DCR is in need of a couple small tabletop book racks to hold the new books. The ones we have are just not sturdy and deep enough to hold some of the books - like the size of phone books. This a picture of what I am thinking of. If you are into woodworking and are able to make something like this, please let me know. \*\*\* Anne Field mcgs at gmail.com



# >> 2019 Membership Dues Are Now Payable <<

## 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 Student Dues: \$10.00

\_\_\_ 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.**

Please print the surnames, locations, time periods, etc. you are researching.  
We may include this information in an upcoming *The Family Snoop* Newsletter.

Surnames	Location	Times Period
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

**The Family Snoop** is published bi-monthly. It is sent in .pdf format and in color to members who choose to receive it by email. Those who choose USPS Mail delivery will receive black and white copies several days later than email recipients. Back copies can be requested from Treasurer Sharon Darby and will be emailed in .pdf format. **Send items, articles, stories, etc., for the May/Jun 2019 issue by Apr 25th to drechols45 at comcast.net.**

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**Dues are payable in January for 2019**

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

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**Merced County Library**

**Doris Cochran Research Room**

Wednesday & Saturday: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

**We need volunteers to help keep it open!!  
PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

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**Merced County Genealogical Society**

**PO Box 3061**

**Merced, CA. 95344-1061**

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**Family History Center**

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

1080 E Yosemite Ave Merced. 722-1307

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10:00 am-4:00 pm  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am-1:00 pm (Until further notice)

Free access on their computers to Ancestry.com 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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**Merced County Library**

<http://www.co.merced.ca.us/77/Library>

2100 O Street Merced 209-285-7642

Fax: 209-726-7912

Monday ~ Thursday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Friday – Saturday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday - CLOSED

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**Merced County Courthouse Museum**

<http://www.mercedmuseum.org/>

21<sup>st</sup> and N Streets

P. O. Box 3557

Merced, CA 95344

Wednesday ~ Sunday: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Free admission

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**Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County**

<http://www.cagenweb.com/stanislaus/>

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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**Monthly Financial Report**

October / November 2018

Income	451.61
Expenses	(116.86)
Checking Balance	<u>\$6,223.37</u>
Savings Account:	3,874.22
CD-9 months; matures on 6/19/18	5,901.75
CD-12 months; matures on 5/18/18	5,746.00
Savings Balance	<u>\$15,521.97</u>

**Total in Checking and Savings: \$21,745.34**

**\*\*NEW ADDRESS\*\* MCGS Website: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~camcgs/>**