

THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Due to Covid-19 Virus concerns, the
March 2020 Meeting is **CANCELED**

Protect
yourself and others against
COVID-19

Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow

Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag

Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser

Stay away from others if you're unwell

COVID-19 HEALTH ADVICE
0800 358 5453
For international SMS/call +64 9 358 5453

health.govt.nz/COVID-19
Protect your family/whānau from COVID-19 (coronavirus)

New Zealand Government

February 2020 (14/7/20)

Merced County Genealogical Society

April 2020 Meeting



**Turning
Brick Walls
into
Piles of
Rubble**

**By
Robert
Givens**

1:00 p.m. Saturday

April 18, 2020

Gracey Room, Merced County Library

2100 "O" Street, Merced

President's Message



To All of Our Members,

I'm sure most of you are aware of the virus affecting the health of people worldwide. In an effort to do our part to reduce the risk of spreading it, I have decided to cancel the March meeting. The planned presentation will be given later in the year.

With COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continuing to spread and impact California communities, the Merced County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Merced County Department of Public Health proclaimed a local and public health emergency Friday, March 13, 2020 in order to help address the outbreak. All Merced County Library programs have been postponed or cancelled through March 31, 2020. I know the Senior Center is scheduled to be closed until April 6th.

Therefore, it only makes sense for us to plan our next meeting for the month of April. This virus seems more likely to affect older people, and since our membership falls in that category, I think that we would likely not have many in attendance anyway. Please take care and eat healthy, and keep your hands washed. The recovery rate of this virus seems quite high and we are also coming out of the flu season, thankfully.

With optimism, we will continue to plan on Robert Givens for our April meeting. If that changes we will notify the membership by email, or you can check our society website at:

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~camecgs/>

I encourage you to spend time organizing genealogy files and using your computer for ongoing research. Again, be mindful of good health practices. I hope to see you all in April.

Howard Smith, President

Meeting Attendance & Members

January: Members 16 + 1 Guests totaling 17

February: Members 22 + 3 Guests totaling 25

Total Members: 43 active

New members: NONE

Meetings for 2020

Date	Speaker and Topic
March 2020	*** Canceled ***
April 2020	Robert Givens – Turning Brick Walls into Piles of Rubble
	Invite friends and neighbors

I'm stuck at home—What now?

By Robyn Echols

Use your time at home to re-energize your genealogy research.

Do you have stacks of boxes taking up your floor or piles of paper on your desk? Organize them. If you have a scanner, create digital copies of paper notes and get rid of the paper clutter permanently.

If you subscribe to genealogy sites, devote time to search them thoroughly—again, if a long time has passed since the last time you checked. There may be new information. Some websites are adding new content all the time. Remember to check them. Some old but effective favorites (and they are free to use):

- FamilySearch: <https://familysearch.org>
- Cyndi's List: <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/>
- One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse: <https://stevemorse.org/>
- **May/June 2017** *The Family Snoop* (Look through **all** our previous newsletters and search for links to the research sites you need. http://sites.rootsweb.com/~camecgs/family_snoop.htm)

Remember, if you receive a digital copy of this newsletter, everything underlined is hyperlinked. Hold down the CTRL key, click, and happy searching.

MCGS New Book List

(January 2020)

Submitted by Anne Field

These additions to our library are from the collection of Lois Jimenez, one of our long-time members and a dedicated researcher. You will notice that several of them are about Merced and Mariposa Counties, adding greatly to our collection. Some of the books in her collection, that were given to our Society after her death, were duplicates and many were donated to the genealogy collection in the Mariposa Library where they were gratefully welcomed.

- 929.103 Eva A to Zax: A comprehensive dictionary for genealogists & historians, by Barbara Jean Evans
- 929.103 Har Concise Genealogical Dictionary, comp. by Maurine and Glen Harris
- 929.241 Dun The Clan Gordon, by Jean Dunlop
- 973 Cro The Genealogist's companion and sourcebook, by Emily Anne Croom
- 973 Flo A Beginner's Guide to Hispanic Genealogy: Introduction a la Investigacion Genealogica Latino Americana, by Norma Flores & Patsy Ludwig
- 973 Twe Twenty Censuses: Population and Housing Questions 1790–1980, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
- 975.6 Ell Research in North Carolina, rev. ed., by Wendy L. Elliott, 1988
- 975.6 Schr North Carolina Genealogical Research, by George K. Schweitzer
- 976.8 Sch Tennessee Genealogical Research, by George K. Schweitzer
- 976.8 Ten Tennessee Settlers and their Descendants: genealogical data about some of the men and women who helped shape the Volunteer State, by Tennessee Genealogical Society
- 977.2 Hei 1820 Federal Census for Indiana, comp. by Willard Heiss
- 977.2 Dor Pioneer Ancestors of Members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, by Ruth Dorrel, 1983–1999, 1983
- 977.2 Dor Pioneer Ancestors of Members of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, by Ruth Dorrel, 1983–1999, 2001
- 977.2 Ind The Indiana 1820 Enumeration of Males, comp. by Mary M. Morgan
- 977.2, Smi Once a Hoosier, vol. 1, 19th Century Hoosier Ancestors Who Left Indiana for Other States, by Elaine Spires Smith
- 977.228 Rid Crawford County, Indiana, Marriages, 1818–1847, by Colleen Ridlen
- 977.242 Mar Marriage Record Books 14–15–16–17–18–19 from Greene County [Indiana] Clerk's Office
- 977.261 Rid Rush County, Indiana, Court Records, 1822–1840, by Colleen Ridlin
- 977.261 Rid Rush County, Indiana, Early Marriage Records, 1822–1835
- 979.4 Loc Local History and Genealogy Resources of the California State Library, rev. ed. 1991, by Gary E. Strong
- 979.4 Mar California: A Snapshot in Time: 1850, by Janice Marschner
- 979.4 O'Br Index to Mariposa Gazette and Miner Commemorative 1979 heritage of laws and press, comp. and ed. by Dorothy J. O'Brien
- 979.446 Gou Mariposa Memories, by Marian Jones Goucher, Edited by Shirley Sargent. 1974
- 979.446 Mar Mariposa Gazette 1854–1979, Commemorating 125 Years of Continuous Publication

- 979.446 Phi Coulterville Chronicle: The annals of a Mother Lode mining town, by Catherine Coffin Phillips
- 979.455 Gra Grantor/Grantee Index to Deeds, San Joaquin County, California, 1849–1859, comp. by members of the San Joaquin Genealogical Society
- 979.457 Cem Cemeteries of Stanislaus County, California, Vol VII, Knights Ferry and Eugene Area, Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, California
- 979.457 Cen Census Index 1900, Census Index 1910, Stanislaus County, California, Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, California
- 979.458 Atl Atlas of the Dos Palos Colony, California, the Queen of Colonies, by the Dos Palos Historical Society, 1982
- 979.458 Cab Merced County: The Golden Harvest, an illustrated history by Delores J. Cabezut-Ortiz
- 979.458 Cra A History of the Atwater United Methodist Church, by Dale R. Craft, 1996
- 979.458 DeP Homes of Old Merced, Town and Country, by Henry DuPertuis
- 979.458 Est Snelling: Cradle of Merced County, by Elsie Estep
- 979.461 Bea Index to San Francisco Marriage Returns, 1850–1858, California Genealogical Society, compiled by Kathleen C. Beals

Family History: Where Do I Start?

In February, Robyn Echols gave a PowerPoint presentation of ways you and family members can prepare to start your genealogy research by organizing at home.

The first task to do is interview older family members to learn what they know about the family. Second, start gathering documents, images, artifacts, mementos—anything that will tell you about your family and heritage. The talk also touched on labeling photos, affixing a note on the back on family items who it originally belonged to, the approximate age, and other details. Also, images of items saved to the computer can have their file name changed to basic information about date, person it belonged to, etc.

When storing your paper records, do so in acid-free containers. Sheet protectors are wonderful for important documents. For your digital records, save them in more than one place. Have several back-ups of your information. Consider keeping your digital files on a “cloud” program. Share your digital files with other family members.

If you would like a syllabus for this presentation, you may download a pdf copy from my website at:

<http://www.robynéchols.com/contact.html>

Click on the “Family History-Where Do I Start?” image to bring up the document.



Our condolences to member Rosalee Heppner on the loss of her husband, Carl, this past December. If you are interested in learning more about him, you may read his obituary on Find-a-Grave:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/205494264/clark-dale-heppner>

>> 2020 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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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 Mar/Apr 2020 issue by February 25th to robynechols ATgmail DOT com.**

Dues are payable in January for 2020

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

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!**

Merced County Genealogical Society

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***** DUE TO CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS, THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED *****

Family History Center

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

1080 E Yosemite Ave Merced. 722-1307

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:

10:00 am-4:00 pm

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

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.

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

Merced County Courthouse Museum

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

21st and N Streets

P. O. Box 3557

Merced, CA 95344

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

Free admission

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.

Monthly Financial Report

Jan / Feb 2020

Income	550.00
Expenses	<u>(122.32)</u>
Checking Balance	\$5,266.60
Savings Account:	100.09
CD-2-Yr; matures on 5/20/21	<u>16,311.09</u>
Savings Balance	<u>16,345.31</u>
Total in Checking and Savings:	<u>\$21,677.78</u>

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