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May 2019 Meeting



PERSI: The Periodical Source Index

**By Kathy
Burrow**

From over 8,000
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1:00 p.m. Saturday

May 18, 2019

Gracey Room, Merced County Library

2100 "O" Street, Merced

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June 2019 Meeting

Organizing Your Stuff

By
Anne Field



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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.

Meetings for 2019

Date	Program
May 18	PERSI: The Periodical Source Index from over 8,000 genealogical & history societies. By Kathy Burrow
June 15	Organizing your Stuff. <u>Boy, we all need this!</u> 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

March: Members 24 + 8 Guests totaling 32.
Total Members: 62 active (March)
New members: Charles & Nancy Whitney

March Speaker: Lewis Ruddick Irish Research



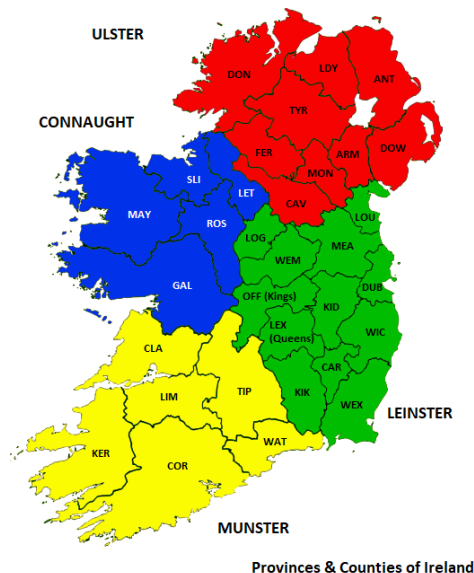
Lewis Ruddick once again visited with us to share his insights on the most effective methods he has discovered for researching your Irish ancestry. He visited Ireland in 2010 and 2014 for 30 days, each time. His

advice for anyone planning to visit Ireland for the purpose of researching their roots include the following:

- Do your homework here in the USA first—learn as much as you can before you go.
- Check the church records. Learn the church to which your ancestors belonged. Don't assume

they were Catholic. Many Irish belonged to the Methodist, Quaker or Church of Ireland.

- Learn where in Ireland your family came from.
 - Use Google search to locate areas where your surname (or variation of surname) is found.
 - Use the 1901 and 1911 Irish Censuses to find where your surname was located. They can be found on FindMyPast, available at your local family history center.

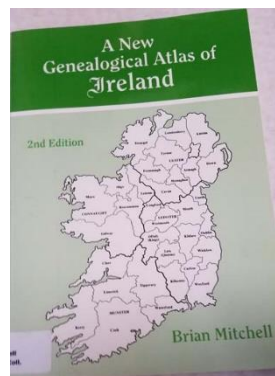


Provinces & Counties of Ireland

It is important to understand the government units in Ireland so you can discover which one your ancestors came from. There are four provinces in Ireland. Northern Ireland is the province of Ulster. The other three—Connaught, Leinster, and Munster—make up the Republic of Ireland. Within each province are counties.

The smallest unit of government is a townland.

There are over 61,000 townlands in Ireland. Another small government unit is a barony. It is an old term, rarely used in modern times. It was originally a piece of land given to a member of the aristocracy. It was taxed, which meant the aristocrat kept track of the people and collected taxes from



those who lived on and worked the land. There are about 331 baronies today.

A book Mr. Ruddick says every serious Irish researcher needs to have access to is *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland* by Brian Mitchel. (This book is available in the Doris Cochran Research room of the main Merced Library.)

The following are good sources for research, including a research trip to Ireland.

- Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), particularly if you have Ulster roots: www.proni.gov.uk.
- Good source for church records, download the pdf: [www.proni.gov.uk/guide to church records.pdf](http://www.proni.gov.uk/guide%20to%20church%20records.pdf).
- Republic of Ireland-National Archives of Ireland: www.nationalarchives.ie.
- Search FamilySearch Wiki for sources and how-to: [www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland Civil Registration Indexes](http://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland_Civil_Registration_Indexes).

For additional information on Irish research, find the article in The Family Snoop about Mr. Ruddick's visit with us in February, 2016. You may read about it in the March, 2016 The Family Snoop which you can find on the website:

http://sites.rootsweb.com/~camcgs/family_snoop.htm

April Speaker: Susan Skilton, AG History of Alta California



Our speaker in April was Susan Skilton, AG, who works as a ProGenealogist for Ancestry.

The following are some notes taken from her presentation.

Alta California was established by Spain in 1804 and came under Mexican jurisdiction in April, 1822 following the Mexican War of Independence. It includes areas of California up to Sonoma, as well as parts of several western states, and was divided into four military districts.

Settlements included

- Presidios, which were military fortifications (San Diego, Santa Barbara, Monterey, and San Francisco. Later, Sonoma was added)
- Missions, which were religious settlements (Natives were brought into the missions, mostly

as slaves. On baptism records, they are noted as *Indios*, and only their first name was recorded.)

- Pueblos, which were civilian settlements (towns).

Alta California was considered quite remote from Mexico City. Two expeditions led by Bautista de Anza, which included 240 men, women, and children, were sent into the region, the first in 1775-1776 to find locations for missions and settlements. His second in command was Joaquin Moraga. His route has been traced by the National Parks system. De Anza's diaries, which identify mission, presidio, and pueblo locations, may be found online at Web De Anza.

<http://96.71.175.153/AnzaWeb/default.html>

Most land grants were given to soldiers who served in Alta California in recognition of their service. Foreigners could also apply for land grants. Two famous people who were given land grants were John Sutter, who held the land now in Sacramento, including where the American and Sacramento Rivers join. The other is John C. Fremont, who received the Rancho Las Mariposas, which was a 44,387-acre Mexican land grant, located in Mariposa County, California. Rancho Panoche de San Juan y Los Carrisolitos, a 22,175-acre land grant, included parts of Merced County. It was given in 1844 to Julian Ursua and Pedro Romo.

From a genealogical standpoint, most land grants are noted in court documents and records in disputes. This came about as a result of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, entered into on July 4, 1848 after the United States won the Mexican-American War. After California with boundaries as we know them today became, first a territory, and then a state in 1850, in recognition for the support received by many *Californios* who helped the United States because they believed they would be better off aligned with that nation as opposed to Mexico, the United States agreed the land included in the Ranchos established by Mexico could be retained by the original owners. Unfortunately, the *Californios* discovered they must spend years getting their claims approved by the courts. All the while, they fought off the squatters and gold miners that flooded to California from the United States and other nations after the discovery of gold.

(Continued in the July-August, 2019 *Family Snoop*)

Having Trouble with Ancestry DNA?

submitted by Darel Scoggin

Hello MCGS members that have Ancestry and AncestryDNA,

Over time, Ancestry has made it a bit more difficult to have someone connect their DNA to a Tree. This is due to more and more security and privacy rules. My grandson had just completed his DNA and I helped him connect it to our tree. His DNA is one of the 12 that family members have shared with me.

But having a bit of trouble I called Ancestry at **800-615-6560**, or **800-262-3787** and got some very good help. Taneka gave some outstanding help, and I want to share this with all of you. You can go to **Ancestry Help**, type in the underlined words and get it live there.



DCR – New book list March 2 2019	
325.243 Rippley	The German Americans
431.7 Heisey	German for Genealogy, a translator's handbook
622.342 Johnson	Gold Diggers Atlas
921 Holt	A History of the Holt Family in Washington County, Arkansas
929 Frisch	Unlocking the Secrets in Old Photographs
929 Bentz	If I Can You Can Decipher Germanic Records
929.1 Yates	Researching Masonic Records: a guide for genealogists
942 Monumental	Monumental inscriptions in the Library of the Society of Genealogists, Part II, Northern England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Overseas
942 French	List of Emigrants to America from Liverpool 1697–1707
943 Kintz	Dictionary of German – English Occupations
943 Wellauer	Record Keeping and Archives in West Germany
943 Thode	Atlas for Germanic Genealogy, Second, Revised Edition, 1983.
973 Guide	Guide to Swedish–American Archival and Manuscript Sources in the United States
973 Schweitzer	Civil War Genealogy: a basic research guide...
973 Schweitzer	War of 1812 Genealogy
974.7 Dixon	Palatine Roots: The 1710 German settlement in New York as experienced by Johann Peter Wagner
974.7 Campbell	The Border Warfare of New York During the Revolution, or The Annals of Tryon County
974.745 Simms	History of Schoharie County and Border Wars of New York, vol. 2

974.76 Penrose	Mohawk Valley in the Revolution [New York]
974.8 Hulshart	Ancestral Charts, South Central PA Genealogy Society
974.841 Alguire	York County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, vol. 1: 1749–1758, vol. 2: 1758–1761, vol. 3: 1762–1763
975.2 Glades	Glades Star, Vol. 4, 1969–1977 [Garrett Co. MD Historical Society]
975.277 Two	Two Hundred Years Ago: Memories of Westminster, 1764–1964 [Maryland]
975.4 Aurora	Ye Old Stone Tavern, circa 1825 [Aurora, West Virginia]
975.401	Monongalia County, West Virginia, Will Book Index, 1796–1923
975.401 Lockhart	Preston County, WV (then VA) Records, 1853–1860, Births 1853–1859; Marriages 1853–1860 (1859 missing), Deaths 1853–1859
975.401 Williams	Preston County, West Virginia: Newspaper Marriage and Death Notices, 1861, 1866–1868
975.401 Williams	Preston County, West Virginia, Methodist Church Baptisms and Marriages, 1852–1863
975.482 Gower	The Aurora Documents, Books I and II [records of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aurora, Preston County, West Virginia]
975.5 Worrell	A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831
975.5 Worrell	Over the Mountain Men: their early court records in Southwest Virginia
976.8 White	The King's Mountain Men: The story of the battle, with sketches of the American soldiers who took part
976.8885 Shields	The Cades Cove Story [Tennessee]
977.1 Bell	Ohio Genealogical Guide
977.7 Grill	Schleswig in Iowa
977.8 Brophy	Knights of the Bush and other Confederates of Vernon County, Missouri
978.2 Sod	Sod House Memories
978.227 Noble	Historically Eventful Nebraska City
979.463 Maynard	A Brief Historical Sketch of the City of San Pablo, California
979.463 Vovsi	Establishment of the Rancho El Pinole
979.496 Robinson	Old Spanish & Mexican Ranchos of Orange County [California]
979.497 Hudson	They Passed This Way: biographical sketches; tales of historic Temecula Valley

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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.

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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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.

Merced County Library

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

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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

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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
February 2019/ March 2019**

Income	451.30
Expenses	(524.98)
Checking Balance	<u>\$6,149.69</u>
Savings Account:	3,874.85
CD-9 months; matures on 6/19/19	5,904.88
CD-12 months; matures on 5/18/19	<u>5,750.64</u>
Savings Balance	<u>\$15,530.37</u>
<u>Total in Checking and Savings:</u>	<u>\$21,680.06</u>

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