

# THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## MESSAGE BOARDS & MAILING LISTS

Speaker  
Barbara Washburn

Put message boards and mailing lists to work for you. Come and find out what message boards and mailing lists are, where to find them and how to use them. If you have never used these resources, you need to find out how they can help you in your research.



12:00 Noon      Saturday

20 October 2012

Gracey Room, Merced County Library

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

## A note from your Editor:

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our founding members, Bea Anderson. Her obituary is included in this newsletter but I felt that a bit more needed to be said about her contribution to our group. Thanks to Rosalie Heppner for the following:

*In 1983 a small group of seven women gathered together to form the Merced County Genealogical Society. I knew Caroline Lemas and had met Diana Kauth. The other ladies were strangers. It started out that day with the question: "What office will you take." Bea volunteered to be the treasurer. She was only an officer for one year but helped out where needed over the years. Board meetings then were very casual affairs over coffee at President Barbara McKee's home. This relationship developed into lasting friendships. Bea continued to be a member for 29 years, until her death. I consider it an honor to have known her.*

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Society for their card of sympathy after my mother died in September. It is never easy losing a parent and I appreciate all the messages of condolence that have been sent to me.

## Mark your Calendars!

October 6

### **Fresno County Genealogical Society Annual Seminar**

Speaker: Linda Serna

9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Woodward Park Regional Library, Fresno

More info later in newsletter.

October 13

### **Family History Day** at the California State Archives

1020 "O" St. Sacramento. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Admission is free. For more information go to

<http://fhdnewsline.blogspot.com>

October 20

### **Digging for Your Roots**

Contra Costa Genealogical Society and the Concord Family History Center, Concord, CA, Family History Center, 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m. For more information:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacccgs/newsletter/fhc2011.pdf>

November 10

**All-day seminar** sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County featuring Christine Rose, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at

the Modesto Center Plaza. \$35 before Oct. 20, \$45 after. Send check payable to Jeff Wells, 3533 Highmore Ln., Modesto, CA 95357.



## September

There were 19 members and 13 guests present for the September meeting and program.

### **Our September Program: FDR's Alphabet Soup**

Your editor was not at the meeting, so many thanks to Robyn Echols, who took notes. The following covers some of the very interesting talk that Cath Madden Trindle gave. She also had a handout. Those who need the handout, please ask.

Most people were touched by at least one government program during the Great Depression. When looking for records from the New Deal era, keep in mind that if the states ran the programs, then the records will be at the state level.

WPA – The artistic branch of the federal programs and the best known. Lots of information is available.

CCC – The Civilian Conservation Corps. All federal employee records are kept in the St. Louis, Missouri regional repository. Privacy issues apply, so need the next of kin to send for CCC (or any other) employment records. The Conservation Corps Museum in San Luis Obispo can be found online.

FCA – Farm Credit Administration. Helped with loans to keep people on the land. Still in place today and has its own archive webpage.

FSA – Farm Security Administration. Help for those who walked off their farms and had no place to go.

FSA – Federal Security Agency. Has records of the nursing corps in the 1930s & 1940s.

MLB – Maritime Labor Board. Information on merchant marine ancestors.

USMC – US Maritime Commission. More information on merchant marines, including records of sailors on ships.

## New Member:

Welcome to Vaune A. Trautlein Newvine of Merced. She is researching family names Cibello, Visentin, & Tollardo in Italy and the U.S. as well as Newvine – Canada, France and the U.S.

## **From the CSGA Newsletter, Sept/Oct 2012**

### **New England Ancestors in Oakland**

The California Genealogical Society announces that the New England Historic Genealogical Society will be conducting an all-day seminar on October 26. There will be two lecture tracks and an optional dinner along with a limited number of private consultations at the CGS Library. The seminar will be held at His Lordships, 199 Seawall Drive in Berkeley. The featured speakers will be Rhonda McClure and David Allen Lambert. To get more information go to: <http://www.californiaancestors.org/>.

## Fresno County Genealogy Seminar October 6, 2012

The Fresno County Genealogical Society will hold a Genealogy Seminar at Woodward Park Library in Fresno on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>! Linda Serna, from Huntington Beach, CA will be the speaker, and this is a must for anyone who needs help with Scots-Irish, Ethnic Groups, how to trace ancestors across the ocean, and how to get over stumbling blocks.

We always have fun, so register early so we know how many chairs to set up. The optional syllabus contains the lecture notes, plus other genealogy material, and in order to help defray expenses we always appreciate your advance syllabus donations of \$10.00 (members), and \$15.00 (non-members). Or, if non-members would also like the syllabus for \$10.00 send a total of \$30.00 to include a one year membership in the Genealogy Society. The syllabus is 50 pages and a bargain for the price. Checks must be received by September 30 to allow time for printing.

For the seminar flyer, check the FCGS Website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cafcdgs/annual.htm> for the flyer and registration form. If you cannot find the flyer phone Lois Bakar at (559) 291-5932 or (559) 313-4838 for help.

**The seminar is free, but you need to register in advance to reserve seating.**

## Look who's in the 1940 census!



These are the parents of your newsletter editor, Anne Field. The census was taken on 9 April 1940 on Manoa Road in the Manoa Valley in Honolulu. Here they are, shortly before their marriage in May, 1940, Jean Fick and Chuck Healy, with Diamond Head in the background.

Jean (Catherine E.) was 19 and living with her parents, Lt. Cmdr. Harold F. Fick and Frances Brent Fick, her sister, Frances L., and her mother's sister, Isabelle E. Brent on Manoa Road.

Further along Manoa Road, was Charles E. Healy, 26, living in a house with several others – all U.S. Navy aviators, one of them married. His wife was the "house mother."

Jean and Chuck met at a party not long after she arrived in July 1939 and they were engaged in December. After their wedding they moved into a little house in Pearl City where they lived until November 1941 when they headed to California on the SS *Lurline*. No idea what happened to the house they left behind as it was right in the path of the Japanese bombers in the little valley behind Pearl Harbor. So glad my dad had orders to California!

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				—, Frances L.		Wife		F		43	
				—, Catherine C.		Daughter		F		14	
				—, Frances L.		Daughter		F		17	
				Brent, Isabelle C.		Sister in law		F		66	

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My dad was in the Navy for thirty years. He died in 2003 in Coronado, California. My mother died this past month, in San Diego.

## In Memoriam



### **Beulah (Bea) Anderson (1921 - 2012)**

Beulah (Bea) Anderson

January 22, 1921 - August 27, 2012

Beulah (Bea) was born in Winton, California on January 22, 1921 to Edward and Florence Roedell. Bea was a 1938 graduate of Livingston High School, and Heald Business College in San Jose, California in 1939.

On March 17, 1940, she married Jay Anderson, and they lived in Merced most of their marriage. During World War II, she traveled with Jay to his various duty stations. While Jay was stationed in India, she worked for Jimmy Uhle in his accounting office. She also was a youth leader with Camp Fire Girls and a supporter of various youth activities in Merced.

Bea is survived by daughter Karen (Daryl) Poppen of Keyes, CA; daughter Jayne (Rich) Price of Mt. Hermon, CA; 3 grandsons; 2 great grandsons; a great granddaughter; and her niece, Ilene Faust, whom she considered another daughter. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brother Arnold, and grandson Greg Poppen.

Bea was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Merced Women's Club, Merced Genealogical Society, Woman-to-Woman Bible Studies, and Central Presbyterian Church. She will be remembered as a loving wife, caring mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and a devoted friend. She was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, and she entered into heaven on August 27, 2012.

Viewing will be at Stratford Evans Merced Funeral Home, 1490 B Street, Merced on Saturday, September 1 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 1, at 2:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, 1929 Canal Street, Merced, CA. A reception will follow in the Hoffmeister Center at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Central Presbyterian Church, 1920 Canal Street, Merced, CA 95340, or to Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center, P. O. Box 413, Mt. Hermon, CA 95041.

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## Upcoming Programs

2012	Program	Speaker
17 November	From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask	Stephen Morse
15 December	Annual Potluck	
2013		
January	Beginners Program, Part 1	
February	Beginners Program, Part 2	
March	One-Step Webpages: A Hodgepodge of Lesser-Known Gems	Stephen Morse
April	Italian Research	Richard Rands
May	Portuguese Research	Rosemary Capodicci

**Lorraine Richards**, one of our long-time members as well as a former newsletter editor, has been uploading photos of tombstones from the Winton Cemetery on the Flickr website. There are more than 595 photos on her website and more will be added each month. Check out her wonderful work at

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/winton\\_historical\\_society/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/winton_historical_society/)

**The Family Snoop** is published on the first day of each month. It is sent in .pdf to members who receive it by email. Back copies can be emailed to members as attachments. Send items, articles, stories, etc., to mcgsmail AT annefield.net

You can choose to receive the Family Snoop via email in a pdf format – get it sooner and in color. Contact Sharon Darby, our treasurer. **Deadline for the Nov 2012 issue is Oct. 20, 2012.**

**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.

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 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP IT OPEN!! Please Volunteer!**

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

#### **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.

President	Stephanie McLeod
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2nd Vice President	Rosalie Heppner
Treasurer	Sharon Darby
Secretary	Robyn Echols
Past President	Shari Stetson
Membership	Open
Hospitality	Michle Burroughs
Publicity	Open
Programs	Michle Burroughs, Rosalie Heppner, Stephanie McLeod & Shari Stetson
Editor, <i>The Family Snoop</i>	Anne Field mcgsmail AT annefield DOT net

#### **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.

#### **Merced County Genealogical Society**

**P.O. Box 3061**

**Merced, CA. 95344**

#### **Monthly Financial Report August 2012**

Income:	206.66
Expenses:	(00.00)
Checking Total	<u>\$3,139.88</u>
Savings Account	3,861.13
CD-9 months; matures on 07/20/12	5,820.37
CD-12 months; matures on 5/19/12	<u>5,635.20</u>
<b><u>Total in Checking and Savings:</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,456.58</u></b>

**MCGS meets every 3d Saturday except in August, at 12:00 noon  
Gracey Room, Merced County Library, 2100 O St., Merced**