

THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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January 2018 Meeting



Annual Beginners Training

Tips and training
On how to start
your family
history

By Anne Field

1:00 p.m. Saturday
January 20, 2018
Gracey Room
Merced County Library

We Have New Officers

In December we held our annual Christmas party and buffet luncheon. We also elected a new slate of officers. Officers will be installed at the January meeting.

Our new Merced County Genealogical Society officers for 2018 are as follows:

President:Stephanie McLeod
President-elect:(Vacant)
Vice President:John Barnhart
Secretary:Melissa Smith
Treasurer:Sharon Darby
Membership:Margie Barnhart
.....Sharon Darby
Hospitality:Howard & Judy Smith
Past President:Wayne Wallace
Programs Committee:Shari Stetson
.....Michle Burroughs
.....Susan Brower
.....Darel Scoggin
The Family Snoop Editor:(Vacant)

The Family Snoop will be published bi-monthly but with reduced content until a new Editor is found.

Meeting Attendance

November: 28 Members + 3 Guests for a total of 31.

December: 22 Members + 1 Guest for a total of 23.

Number of new members: 1

Welcome, new member: David Dieckmann

Total Members: 88 active

Meetings for 2018

January 20	Annual Beginners Training – Anne Field
February 24	A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools - Stephen P. Morse
March 17	
April 21	
May 19	
June 16	
July 21	Birthday Meeting
August 18	No Meeting
September 15	Using Social Media and YouTube - Jennifer McDonald
October 20	
November 17	
December 15	Annual Holiday Potluck

Bylaws Revision Notice

The Board of Directors is proposing a change to the Bylaws of the Merced County Genealogical Society. The change includes removing the provision that the Hospitality Host or Hostess shall arrange for meeting places for the monthly meetings. The Board has decided that the Programs Committee should coordinate the scheduling of meetings with the Merced County Library staff since they are responsible for arranging for speakers and programs for meetings.

The vote to approve the amendments to the bylaws will be held at the January 20, 2018 meeting.

Section 7. Hospitality Host or Hostess: The Hospitality Host or Hostess shall arrange for refreshments for the meetings.

~~a. Arrange for meeting places for the monthly meetings.~~

>> 2018 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
so they may be included in an upcoming *The Family Snoop* Newsletter.

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

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

30 Years Ago – From *The Family Snoop* – January 1988

NAME THAT NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Two new suggestions have been turned in: ROOT NOTES, and IN THE BEGINNING. Are there any more entries? You now have a new board, so your editor will be guided by their wishes.

Thanks to this month's contributors: Edna Roberts, Jewell Thornton, Dorothy Smith, Evelyn Witt, and Lois Jimenez.

In response to one of the criticisms in last year's newsletter contest, this year's newsletter pages will be numbered consecutively for the whole volume. Therefore, the February issue will begin with page 6.

CALENDARS

As we begin a new year, a brief discussion of calendars seems appropriate. The following are the ones we are most likely to find, and on page 5 is a calendar for the years 1776 to 2080.

QUAKER DATES

The Quaker dating system used the same calendar as everyone else, except they used numbers instead of day and month names. Thus before January of 1752, the year began with March as the first month, and July would have been the fifth month, old style. After 1752 July would be the seventh month, new style. ---from the "Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter"

FIRST FRENCH REPUBLIC CALENDAR

On 5 October 1793 the government changed the French calendar to one based on an ancient Egyptian calendar, with September 22, 1792, the start of the French Revolution used as New Year's Day. Each month had 30 days, with 5 holidays at the end of the year. A lengthy article, complete with names of the months, can be found in "Antique Weekly" for 25 November 1985.

JULIAN-GREGORIAN CALENDARS

Julius Caesar established the calendar basically as we know it. It had 365 days with a leap day every 4 years. Eventually this added too many days to the year, so in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII ordered the 10 days between 4 October 1582 and 15 October 1582 dropped from the calendar, and each year to begin on 1 January. The Catholic Countries adopted this immediately, but England held out until 2 September 1752, when they had to drop 11 days. To add to the confusion the English New Year started on 25 March, but the whole month of March was considered as the first month of the year. Therefore, in the Julian (Old Style) Calendar, George Washington was born on 11 February 1731, and in the Gregorian (New Style) Calendar he was born on 22 February 1732. Confused? The moral of the story is: Always write down the dates as they appear in the original, and note the source. Abstracted from the "Lorain County Researcher", (Ohio)

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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 Saturdays,
BUT 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 to 4:00 pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evening - 7:00 pm to 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 through Thursday - 10 am to 6:00 pm
 Friday & Saturday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Merced County Courthouse Museum

<http://www.mercedmuseum.org/>
 21st and N Streets
 P. O. Box 3557
 Merced, CA 95344

Wednesday through Sunday - 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
 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 October/November 2017

Income	204.25
Expenses	(114.18)
Checking Balance	<u>\$5,642.98</u>
Savings Account:	3,871.16
CD-9 months; matures on 6/19/18	5,882.70
CD-12 months; matures on 5/18/18	<u>5,715.13</u>
<u>Total in Checking and Savings:</u>	<u>\$21,111.97</u>

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