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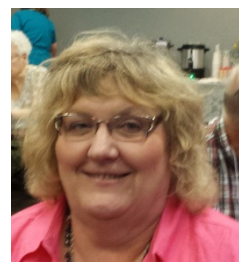
May 2018 Meeting

"Land Records, an often overlooked treasure"

The experienced genealogists know they are required to prove each ancestor's existence and location by providing "Sources" for each person. Primary sources are certificates of birth, marriage, and death, but going back in time and history many of these sources are not, or were never available. But one source that was legally documented and recorded are land records.

Noted Genealogist Kathy Burrow will be speaking on these records which can be used to trace family, neighbors, moving patterns, marriages, and wealth. Most of the early settlers of the United States came to America for a better life and the opportunity to own their own piece of land. Where you can't find them in other records you might just locate them in the land records. This class takes a look at how to find and use those records.

Kathy Burrow has over 40 years of experience specializing in United States Research with an emphasis in the Southern and Midwest States. Kathy is an experienced Speaker and has been teaching classes on various topics for many years throughout the State. She currently serves as the Training Director of the Oakhurst Family History Center and has served as a FamilySearch support Missionary for the last 5 years Kathy loves helping others do their own research and discovering their family's stories.



**Kathy
Burrow**

1:00 p.m. Saturday
May 19, 2018
Gracey Room
Merced County Library

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June 2018 Meeting

DNA - The Genealogist's Newest Tool

This presentation will include a short review of DNA for Dummies (DNA for the non-scientist), the different kinds of test that are available (and what they do and don't tell us), a comparison of the different companies offering DNA tests, and finally, where you can transfer your DNA results to find more matches.

Robert Givens is a genealogist with 60 years of experience who specializes in Pennsylvania and New England research. He is a long-time worker and past director of Family History Centers in Fresno and recently was a Data Admin for the FamilySearch Family Tree. He has enthusiastically included DNA testing in his genealogy research as he tries to break brick walls.



**Robert
Givens**

1:00 p.m. Saturday
June 16, 2018
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https://familytreewebinars.com/archived_webinars_free.php

The Program Committee suggests some webinars that you might be interested in. You can click on the link above to access these webinars and others.

---> Good Gail Blankenau - Keeping Up with the Smiths and Joneses

Jill Morelli - Using Non-Population Schedules for Context and Evidence

---> Great Sunny Morton - Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast and My Heritage
Geoff Rasmussen - Mapping Software for Genealogists

Judy Russell - A Taxing Matter: using Tax Lists in Genealogy; The Treasure Trove in Legislative Petitions; When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records

---> Great Ann Staley - Land, Licenses, Love Gone Wrong, and Other Assorted Courthouse Records

James Tanner - Digital Books and Sites for Genealogists

---> Thomas MacEntee - The Homestead Act of 1862, & Wikis for Genealogists

Google for Genealogy

April Meeting Update

Darel Scoggin has responded to some questions asked at the DNA - Now What presentation on April 21, 2018. We will send his updated handout and his answers to questions by email.

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 2018 - 2019

May 19	Land Records - Kathy Burrow
June 16	DNA – The Genealogist's Newest Tool - Robert Givens
July 21	Birthday Meeting
August 18	No Meeting
September 15	Using Social Media and YouTube - Jennifer McDonald
October 20	Overview of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution - Corky Peterson
November 17	Family Tree DNA/ Gene by Gene - Katherine Hope Borges & Linda Magellan
December 15	Annual Holiday Potluck
Jan 2019	Annual Beginners Training
Feb 2019	Open
March 2019	Irish Research Presentation - Lewis M. Ruddick
April 20 2019	Ancestry Speaker - Jon Lambert

Meeting Attendance

March: 18 Members + 1 Guest for a total of 19.

April: 25 Members + 10 Guests for a total of 35.

Number of new members: 1

Welcome, New Member: Laurel McGowen

New Life Member: Sharon Darby

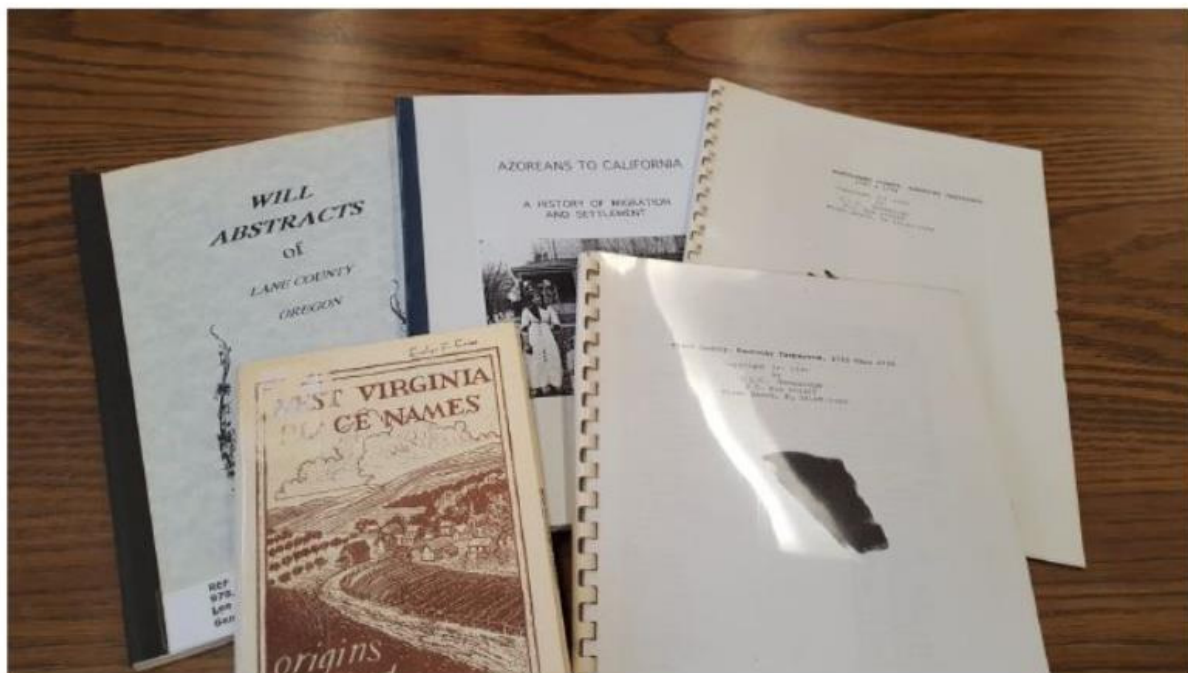
Total Members: 75 active

Our Website Update

As you may know, our website is hosted by rootsweb through ancestry.com. Since January, our website has been unavailable due to security issues with the entire rootsweb site. Ancestry is working on the issue but has no date when our site may be up again. We are exploring other web hosting possibilities. If you have a suggestion, please contact the Board.

New Books in the DCR

Below are a few of the newly processed books in our genealogy library collection. Some are from Stanislaus County Genealogical Society – their donation from several years ago – and some are donations from members or others. You can see all of them on the new book display on the countertop near the sign-in sheet and a few more on a cart near the tables and chairs.



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 July/Aug 2018 issue by June 25th to [VACANT].**

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: 10:00 am-4:00 pm
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
 Thursday: 10:00 am-4:00 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
 February/March 2018

Income	676.07
Expenses	(267.28)
Checking Balance	\$6,511.77
Savings Account:	3,871.79
CD-9 months; matures on 6/19/18	5,887.58
CD-12 months; matures on 5/18/18	5,722.70
Total in Checking and Savings:	\$21,993.84

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