

THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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November 2018 Meeting

Family Tree DNA

by Katherine Borges and Linda Magellan

Founded in 2000, Family Tree DNA is the world's oldest genetic genealogy company and offers more tools and tests for genealogy than any of their competitors. Linda Magellan and Katherine Borges will present on many of these tools including DNA Project Administrator utilities, third party tools, and show users how to make the most of their DNA in Family Tree DNA.

Speakers Katherine Borges and Linda Magellan are founding members of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG), which promotes and educates about genetic genealogy to over 20,000 members in over 70 countries.

1:00 p.m. Saturday

November 17, 2018

Gracey Room

Merced County Library

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

December 2018 Meeting

Holiday Potluck



Please bring a main dish or side dish

Drinks and dessert will be provided

Members and their guests only

1:00 p.m. Saturday

December 15, 2018

Gracey Room

Merced County Library

**Lois Haywood Jimenez
Celebration of Life**

Sunday, December 16, 2018

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Merced Senior Community Center

755 West 15th Street - Merced

The family of Lois Haywood Jimenez invites you to celebrate her life. Lois was an active member of several organizations at the time of her passing. Come and share your memories.

**Our Website is Back!
and
It Has a New Address**

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

We are exploring other web hosting possibilities. If you have a suggestion, please contact the Board.

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

November 17	Family Tree DNA/ Gene by Gene - Katherine Hope Borges & Linda Magellan
December 15	Annual Holiday Potluck
2019	
January 26	Annual Beginners Training
February 23	TBD
March 16	Irish Research Presentation - Lewis M. Ruddick
April 20	Ancestry Speaker - Jon Lambert
May 18	TBD
June 15	TBD
July 20	Birthday Meeting
August 17	NO MEETING
September 21	TBD
October 19	TBD
November 16	TBD
December 21	Annual Holiday Potluck

Meeting Attendance

September: 19 Members + 6 Guests for a total of 25.

October: 17 Members + 2 Guests for a total of 19.

Total Active Members: 78

November Speakers Biographies (continued)

ISOGG works to increase professional standards in the practice, research, and discussion of relevant issues in DNA testing, interpretation, and ethics. They give many presentations and training on genetic genealogy to groups across the United States, the United Kingdom and in Ireland. They take pleasure in putting the pieces of one's DNA puzzle together and enjoy teaching others how to unravel the story in their DNA.

Katherine Borges is Co-Founder and Director of (ISOGG), past-Regent Turlock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and Past-President of Captain James Davis Chapter, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century.

Linda Magellan has been a DNA Project Administrator since 2003, and is the web-master for the Journal of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) and has experience with FamilyTree DNA, 23andMe, AncestryDNA, MyHeritage, and The Genographic Project.

Merced County Genealogical Society Members:
Invitation to use the Family History Center Premium Websites

At our June 2018 MCGS meeting we had six visitors from the Family History Center. They invited all our MCGS members to come and use their genealogical research facility and computers with 15 web based programs including the help from their support staff. I met with them and now reporting on what I found:

By Darel Scoggin MCGS member

First: We have genealogical treasure trove near us that is being underutilized. The "Family History Center Premium Websites" are very rich with genealogical data from many countries. The Family History Center is behind the LDS Church at 1080 E. Yosemite Ave, here in Merced and they have open arms for all visitors and they will help you with your own genealogical research. Note: The folks there want it to be known they do not proselytize (ask for your membership in the church).

The Family History Center has 8 computers with 15 genealogical web based programs (listed on the next 3 pages), including their famous FamilySearch program. All computers operate from their web portal that can access these programs, with a 45 Mb connection speed. They have a few hard wired cable internet plugs for your own laptop, and a wireless system which is slower. We can use all the websites, some will require your own family tree to be on the FamilySearch website to work, and other programs don't require that. Some of the programs are full access; some are the "library edition" like the Ancestry site that does not have the "World Explorer". However the other websites available here will cover North & South America, British Isles, Scandinavia, all of Europe, Asia/Pacific and South Africa!

I consider myself somewhat of a power user of Ancestry and AncestryDNA, but my eyes have been opened to the power of some of these programs and will certainly employ these new tools in my research as I plug in some of my large family into FamilySearch!

Location: 1080 E. Yosemite Ave. Merced, CA 95340, E-mail: Phone: 209-722-1307

Family History Center is open: Days - Tue, Wed. & Thurs. Hours - 10:00am - 4:00pm & 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

There are 17 support staff members, with two each for the 2-3 hour shifts, and only a few normal Holidays when they are closed.

All this is FREE! Free usage, Free copies, Free support from the staff, and you can download your research to your computer, memory stick, or CD/DVD.

At Home - The main FamilySearch website: www.FamilySearch.com Free, just sign up and include a password.

Training and more: www.FHC.FamilySearch.org (same pass word as FamilySearch). We can have access to these items: The Family History Guide, My Family Booklet, FamilySearch Blog, FamilySearch Research Wiki, and FamilySearch Help Center.

Photos from the meeting:



LDS Church 1080 E. Yosemite Ave. Center.



View from parking lot, the Family History Center is in middle.



Entry into Family History

A beautiful Church with outstanding landscaping! The Family History Center normally keeps these doors locked; use the door bell on the left of doors.



Four computers just inside the door.



All visitors sign in at this table.



Two microfilm machines.



These four computers are in the room adjacent.



These three very fine folks introduced me the Family History Center and the 15 Websites. L-R: Anne Kratzer, Marvin Mackin, and Assistant Director, Laurie Atkinson. Anne, Laurie & four others were visitors at our MCGS June meeting, where they invited us all to come use this **Genealogical Treasure Trove! Let's Do It!** Our MCGS Programs Chair Person, Shari Stetson is a Community Volunteer Consultant there also.

FamilySearch Adds 2 Billionth Image of Genealogy Records

In your quest to discover your family history it might be time to take another look at [FamilySearch's](#) online offerings. The genealogy giant's free online databases of digitized historical documents have now surpassed 2 billion images of genealogy records with millions more being added weekly from countries around the world. Nonprofit FamilySearch, a global leader in historical genealogy records preservation and access, announced the milestone today.

Last September FamilySearch transitioned from its microfilm circulation services to a new digital model that makes its massive genealogical records collections more broadly and readily accessible online (See [UPDATE: FamilySearch Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm](#)).

Today's announcement reinforces its continuing commitment to grow online genealogy resources.

FamilySearch currently adds over 300 million new images a year online from its microfilm to digital and field operations efforts.

2 BILLION IMAGES AT A GLANCE	
Region	Images
Africa and Pacific	48,421,321
Asia	135,095,889
Europe and Middle East	678,543,481
Latin America	267,305,837
North America	711,674,106
Other	229,411,161

From Family History Center Team Member Anne Kratzer: As to why we invite everyone to the Family History Center.... The Tree in FamilySearch is unique in that it has come from the efforts of people the world over. The guideline is that for every person who has lived and died on the earth there should only be one individual record in the Tree for them. If you share a common ancestor with someone else, that common ancestor should only have one record and by working together in the same system, it allows us to deposit the images documenting their life in a central place enabling everyone to benefit from the knowledge gained by the research of many. We love helping our patrons learn to search out for themselves from the vast collection of documents we have digitized. The system works best if the people using it have been given some guidance in the beginning on how to properly input information. The system will then be able to do some searching for you. You may wake up one morning to find that it is giving you record hints that have just been made available through the volunteer FamilySearch Indexing program.

15 Family History Center Premium Websites: (info from the FamilySearch website)



The 19th Century British Library Newspapers digital archive

This fully searchable database of the British Library's newspaper holdings, provides a complete run of 48 national and regional Victorian British newspapers for the 19th century from 1800 to 1900. These support the study of colonial history, genealogical research, politics, urban studies and media courses.



Alexander Street Press – American Civil War

Research Data: Contains indexed, searchable information on over 4 million soldiers and thousands of battles, together with 15,000 photographs.

Letters and Diaries: Contains approximately 100,000 indexed pages of diaries, letters, and memoirs, including 4,000 pages of previously unpublished manuscripts, such as the letters of Amos Wood and his wife and the diary of Maryland planter William Claytor.

Images, Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera: Provides a vivid history of the American Civil War with over 1,400 images.

Social and Cultural History: Personal accounts of well-known historical figures.

Women and Social Movements in the United States: Organized around the history of women in social movements in the United States between 1600 and 2000 A.D.

This American Ancestors website is the site for the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), the oldest genealogical society in the USA, and the most used genealogical society website in the World!



Create your Who Do You Think You Are? Story, for free

Tell your family story, and bring your past to life. Create your own unique Who Do You Think You Are? experience. Discover what shaped the lives of your family, and watch your story unfold.



Ancestry.com

Ancestry gives you access to thousands of collections of records from around the world including immigration, census, voter, vital, and military records, newspapers & periodicals, family trees, photos & images, directories, maps, court, land, wills & financial records, stories, memories & histories, and detailed records about births, marriages, deaths, land ownership and much more. It is the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world



FindMyPast makes it easy to research your UK ancestry and create your family tree. Search census records and trace births, marriages and deaths to bring your family history to life. 1911 British Census (accessed through the FindMyPast website) – The 1911 UK Census is a record of everyone who lived in England and Wales in 1911. It provides a unique snapshot of the lives of your ancestors.



Fold3 (formerly Footnote)

Search or browse millions of historical documents and photos . Fold 3 has refocused their efforts on gathering the best online collection of military records and stories. The Fold3 name reflects military history and honor, since traditionally, the third fold in a flag-folding ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world.



Kinpoint

Kinpoint is designed to make it easier for you to do your family history by letting you see what to work on at a glance; quickly find missing information in your family tree; and discover insights into the lives of your ancestors.



My Heritage - Library Edition

Used by millions of people worldwide to help research family history, build a family tree, and add photos, historical records, and more.



Access Newspaper Archives

Newspaper Archive.com is the world's largest online newspaper archive. Featuring billions of articles from historical newspapers around the U.S. and the world, Newspaper Archive makes exploring history and genealogy easy and fun. Discover fascinating news in archived newspapers hundreds of years old – including obituaries, birth announcements, sports articles, comics, and more – to fill in the life stories you are interested in. And share those stories with others through our community at OurNewspaper Archive. All of our historical newspapers are full-page and fully searchable. Try exploring above, and discover your history today!



Paper Trail

Provides 19th Century westward American migration documents. The Oregon-California Trail Association established a committee to create a computer database from information in original emigrant writings of the overland trails experience. Information on names, location, Indian encounters, mode of travel, routes and other interesting details.

PROQUEST OBITUARIES

ProQuest Obituary Listings

The ProQuest obituaries collection is a premier resource for genealogical and historical research. You can use the collection to search obituaries and death notices from prominent newspapers such as the New York Times (dating back to 1851). The collection includes both famous and lesser-known individuals and can be searched by name or by keywords appearing in the body of the article.



Puzzilla

Find new research opportunities on descendant lines in FamilyTree.



World Vital Records

Access to birth, marriage and death records, Social Security Death Index family trees, census records, immigration records, court, land, and probate records, military records, directory lists, newspapers, family histories, reference materials, biographies, wills, gravestone photos, ship manifests, map collections, and yearbook collections.



ArkivDigital Online

Arkiv digital is the largest private provider of Swedish Church Records and other Historical Records online! All images are newly photographed color images of the original documents.

Bottom line is that I owe a lot to this organization: I am not a member, but in 1974, while living in Ventura, CA, the LDS Church offered several training classes for genealogy and I took 3 of these classes. From this training I wrote the 1978, 130 page book: "James Moore Coleman, His Ancestors and Descendants". It told of his 3 wives, 22 children, and all the grandchildren. At that time we had 501 descendants listed. I have 52 first cousins on my mom's Coleman side alone. This was all done before personal computers. So much easier now! - Darel Scoggin
7 July 2018

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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 Jan/Feb 2019 issue by Dec 25th to [drechols45 at comcast.net].**

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: 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
August / September 2018**

Income	54.77
Expenses	(290.45)
Checking Balance	<u>\$5,979.14</u>
Savings Account:	3,872.91
CD-9 months; matures on 6/19/18	5,895.80
CD-12 months; matures on 5/18/18	<u>5,736.32</u>
Savings Balance	<u>\$15,505.03</u>

Total in Checking and Savings: \$21,484.17

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