

THE FAMILY SNOOP

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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September 2018 Meeting

Using Social Media and YouTube

by Jennifer McDonald

We all know the basics of using websites such as Ancestry, Family Search, etc. for our Genealogy Research. Now, let's take a different approach, using Social Media. Social Media such as Facebook has assistance available to us at no charge! Did you know Facebook has Groups specifically for Genealogy Research?

Jennifer McDonald, President of the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County will walk you through the steps for accessing free assistance from other Researchers such as yourself with knowledge in all Research Areas of Genealogy.

Connect with your favorite Professional Genealogists on YouTube to gain knowledge of how to do specific research with tips and a lot more. Experience Genealogy online in a whole new way!

1:00 p.m. Saturday

September 15, 2018

Gracey Room

Merced County Library

MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

October 2018 Meeting

**Overview of the Daughters of the American Revolution
and the Sons of the American Revolution**

By Corky Peterson

1:00 p.m. Saturday

October 20, 2018

Gracey Room

Merced County Library

**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.

July 21st Meeting Update

Darel Scoggin has updated his handout about the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic. The handout follows this section.

Meetings for 2018 - 2019

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

May: 20 Members + 3 Guests for a total of 23.

June: 26 Members + 12 Guests for a total of 38.

July: 16 Members + 2 Guest2 for a total of 18.

Total Members: 79 active

Genealogists: 2018 is the 100th YEAR Anniversary of the Spanish Flu Pandemic
Described as "the greatest medical holocaust in history" where 50 - 100 million people Worldwide died. Check your family tree for people that died in 1918 through 1919 in any country. Their death during that time might have been from this killer disease.

The Spanish Flu has largely disappeared from public memory and became a piece of hidden history. Termed "Collective Amnesia" by medical journalist Gina Kolata.

A Pandemic is an epidemic of infectious disease that has spread across a large region; for instance, multiple continents, or even worldwide. This pandemic started at Camp Funston*, a World War I, U.S. Army Camp at Fort Riley, Kansas on June 3rd 1918, and lasted through 1919. A camp cook was first to catch it and the soldiers that he served accelerated the spread of this disease. *(There have been many theories of where and how this pandemic started; the majority of scientists and researchers believe it was in Camp Funston, Kansas).

Why was it called the Spanish Flu vs. the American Flu? To maintain morale, wartime censors minimized early reports of illness and mortality. Spain was not in the fight so the news agencies wrote and told about Spain's tragic numbers.

As WWI was ongoing with U.S. involvement from 1914; the U.S. Army & Navy and other warring nations spread it very rapidly throughout the World. Also tight confinement in camps and transportation

to the war zones accelerated the disease. More U.S. soldiers and sailors died from this flu than in WWI action. It spread very rapidly through densely populated cities and remote areas as well, such as Alaska and Native American tribes. People Worldwide were buried in mass graves. There were many burials at sea for those on troop transport ships.

They say that 30% of the U.S. population caught this Spanish Flu and it affected everyone differently. Of 10-20% of these flu cases, death sometime occurred in hours to a few days, and was highly contagious. This pandemic stretched over 2 years and had three different stages of activity. The majority of U.S. deaths occurred in a period of 24 weeks, but the most deadly weeks were mid-September to early December 1918. Rough estimate is 5% of the World's population.

It killed more people in a year than the Black Death of the Middle Ages killed in a century; it killed more people in 24 weeks than AIDS has killed in 24 years.

No viable medications were available at this point in time, plus most of our U.S. doctors were poorly educated. They did not know what was causing this flu and how it spread. Were Germany and other enemies responsible?

It affected young healthy adults, men and women, 15-34 year olds, proportionately more than the very young and older people. Upper estimate of 8 to 10 percent of young adults may have died.

A percentage of those very healthy people were affected by what is known as the "Purple Death"; their face would turn blue and could be bleeding from nose, and coughing up body fluids. Their own body defenses produced a "cytokine storm" overloading their lungs with white blood cells, mucus and blood, thus blocking the exchange of oxygen. They drowned in their own bodily fluids, and caused the cyanosis that turned them blue. This also would cause tremendous head and body pain while they were alive.

1918-19 Names used for this influenza: Spanish flu, Spanish Lady, Soldier of Naples, pneumonia, grippe, and catarrh.

In 2005, 87 years later, many scientists support that this flu strain was indeed an avian variety, or bird flu. Lung tissues from an Eskimo lady frozen in permafrost plus samples preserved in paraffin helped support this theory. But it is hard to be complacent, as we don't know what the next deadly lethal flu virus will look like.

Again, how was YOUR family doing in the years of 1918 to 1920?

Information compiled by Darel Scoggin. Three of our family members died from this Spanish Flu.

Research Sources - Four Books:

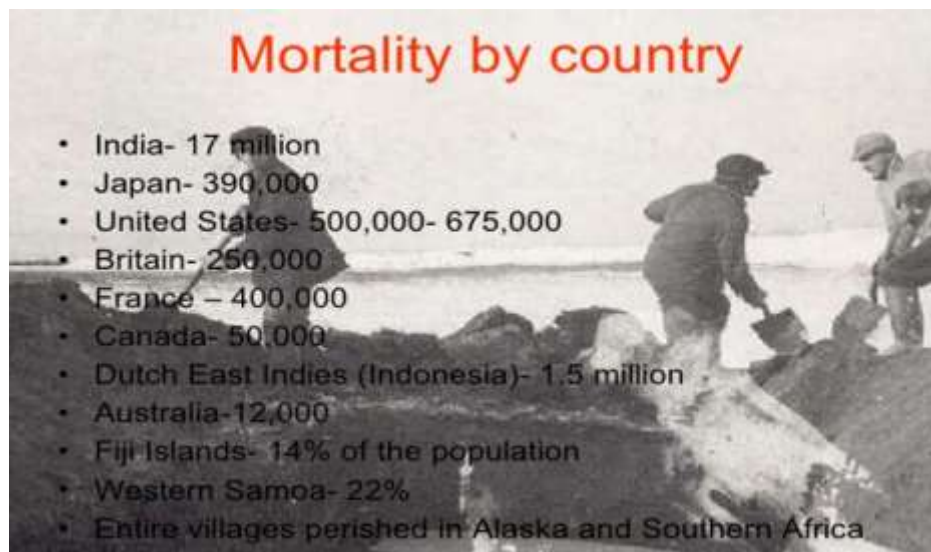
"More Deadly Than War" The Hidden History of the Spanish Flu and the First World War by Kenneth C. Davis 2018. This book also has a brief history and timeline of disease and medicine.

"Pale Rider" The Spanish Flu of 1918 and How It Changed The World by Laura Spinney 2017.

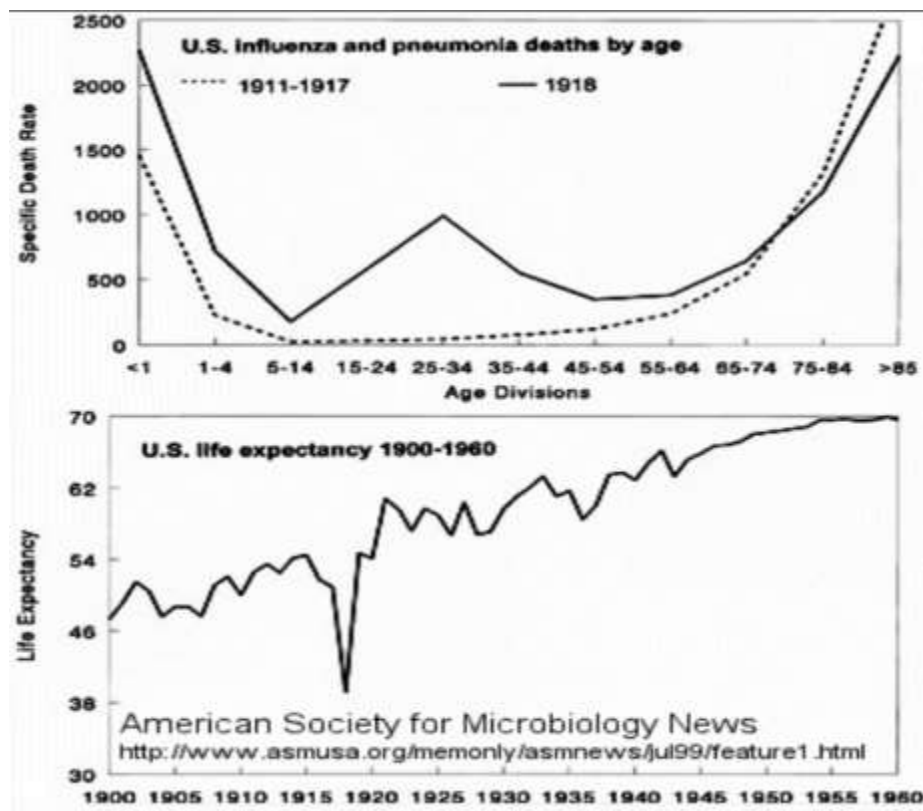
"The Great Influenza" The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History, by John M. Barry 2004.

"FLU" The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It, by Gina Kolata 1999

Research Sources - Online: Wikipedia, Google, Google Images, plus Coleman and Scoggin Genealogy.



Below graphs: Per 100,000 people.



Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County FALL SEMINAR

featuring
KATHRYN MILLER MARSHALL, Ph.D.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27, 2018 9AM to 3 PM

**Trinity United Presbyterian Church- Telle Center
1600 Carver Road, Modesto, CA**



Kathryn Miller Marshall served as the Director of the Lodi Family History Center for 14 years, pioneering use of the internet for genealogical research at Family History Centers. She is a historian, educator and editor and is a frequent and popular speaker at genealogy seminars and meetings.



9:00 am Doors open/Registration

9:30 am Introduction to Land Records Introduction to the genealogical content of land records and land memorandums, where to find them, and survey systems used.

11:00 am The Path from Passenger Lists to Naturalization Papers follows the document trail that begins with passenger records, pointing to court records and naturalization papers. Learn how to find these useful records and interpret what you find. Naturalization papers after 1906 contain especially useful information such as birth date and place, before and after names and immigrant family details.

12:30 pm Lunch on your own

1:30 pm Using Military Records Learn about the rich genealogical content of military records and draft registrations including regimental histories and pension applications. Where to find service records such as from the Military Personnel Center, Fold 3, Alexander Street Civil War records collection, Archives.gov, the BLM and other military web sites. Civilians during war eras can be traced with state censuses, city directories, amnesty papers, newspapers and more.

COST: Pre-Registration by October 22: GSSC Members \$20, Non Members \$25 and at the door \$30 whether members or not. For more information contact jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net

GSSC 2018 Fall Seminar with Kathryn Miller Marshall/Pre-registration, Detach and make check payable to GSSC and mail to Jackie Niemeyer 291 A Leveland Lane Modesto, CA 95350

Name _____ Phone(s) _____

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Members _____ # Non-Members _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

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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
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 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>
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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

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
 April / May / June / July 2018

Income	364.67
Expenses	(661.62)
Checking Balance	\$6,214.82
Savings Account:	3,872.43
CD-9 months; matures on 6/19/18	5,892.85
CD-12 months; matures on 5/18/18	5,731.53
Total in Checking and Savings:	\$21,711.63

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