



# The Jotted Line

January 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members,

It is hard to believe that 2018 is almost to an end. Let's take some time to reflect on the past year. Your board has had a busy and productive year.

In March the society has hosted the first DNA seminar as a response to our member's survey conducted the previous year. Our speaker was Kathleen Borges who discussed the basics of DNA and how to use our DNA results. Our monthly meetings were packed with research tips and historical information.

Many of our society members have gone out into our community to present education presentations on how to begin their family tree. Genealogy reference books have been added to our Heritage Center that are not in any other central valley library collection. In addition an appraisal of our book holdings has been added to the society assets. The Fresno Bee Obituary digital collection is now complete from September 2011 to the present and is searchable. Networking time before the monthly meetings were increased to a half hour.

Our financial procedures continue to be brought up to acceptable accounting practices. Our investment advisor fees have been reduced by 67% and the board will continue to follow our portfolio performance. During our last financial audit it was discovered that our society name was not consistently applied in all business matters. This has been resolved. With our member's participation we now benefit from Amazon Smile donations and other fund raising activities. Our liability insurance policy carrier was changed to Non-profit Insurance Alliance of California which specializes in covering non-profit organizations.

Sadly the board has decided to discontinue the paper version of the Ash Tree Echo due to rising printing and mailing costs. There have been 53 editions published. In the future the website will host an electronic version of the journal.

The society has not raised the membership dues for the last 15 years. The yearly membership dues were raised \$10 and new lifetime memberships have been eliminated with the existing lifetimes remaining. Your dues help us cover a fraction of our operating costs and will help us sponsor seminars, speakers and genealogy related activities.

I personally want to thank all of you for making 2018 a successful year. Please thank our volunteer 2018 board members and continue to support our 2019 board.

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## COMING UP.....

- Annual Meeting—Saturday  
Jan 12 —11:30 AM—Old  
Spaghetti Factory—  
PLEASE RSVP ASAP see  
inside
- Tuesday Feb 12—6:45 PM —  
Craven Family of Fresno  
County
- Tuesday Mar 12—6:45 PM—  
Unusual Records— Corky  
Peterson

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Woodward Park Regional Library—944 E. Perrin, Fresno.

General Meetings start at 6:45

### Sat— January 12th

**11:30 –2:30** Old Spaghetti Factory see page 3 for more info

### Tues— February 12th-

From Pre-Revolutionary Insurgent to County Supervisor: The Craven Family of Fresno County—Janelle Smith Ozeran

## JANUARY MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, Jan 12, 2019 from 11:30-2:30 at the Old Spaghetti Factory —1610 E Shaw, Fresno.

This meeting is our annual election of officers and as a special treat, President Lincoln, his wife, and his secretary will all be in attendance.

**PLEASE RSVP BY Jan 7th –600-6230 or [infofcgs@gmail.com](mailto:infofcgs@gmail.com) (we need a head count)**

MENU CHOICES:

PASTA WITH MEAT SAUCE- \$13.75

PASTA WITH MITZITHRA CHEESE AND BROWN BUTTER SAUCE —\$13.99

LASAGNA—\$15.75

Drinks, Tax and Tip are extra. Everyone will be billed separately.

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## OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2019

President	Myrna Ceccarelli
Vice-President	Corky Peterson
Treasurer	Donna Long
Recording Secretary	Becki Watters
Corresponding Secretary	Donna Hadrian
Librarian	Kathleen Coleman
Assistant Librarian	Misa Murakami
Membership	Catherine & Jim Guild
Jotted Line Editor	Melissa Scroggins
Web Administrator	Jan Wilson
Member at Large	Karen Hayes

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



A good time was had by all at our Christmas potluck December 1<sup>st</sup>. There was plenty of delicious food and time to catch up with old and new friends.

We did something new by bringing donations for Toys for Tots and the Food Bank. We had a great table full for both. Thanks!

Stories were shared about our favorite holiday traditions.

We also raffled off our annual filled Christmas stocking and two DNA kits.

Thanks to all who helped put this on. It was a team effort and turned out really great.

## FCGS BOARD

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Christine, Zelda, John, Bob, and Catherine



Val, Carolyn and Donna



## HERITAGE CENTER

2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno—  
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Our Library is open 7 days a  
week!

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FRI & SAT 10 AM–5 PM

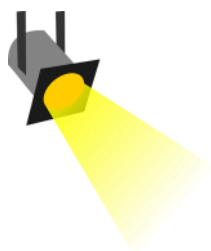
SUN Noon–5 PM.

Parking is metered MON-FRI  
(meters are \$1.50 an hour)

**FREE on the WEEKENDS!**



## HERITAGE CENTER NEWS



### LIBRARY ANGEL

A huge thank you to long standing member Corky Peterson for her steadfast support of our Society's library. Corky throughout the years has donated her own new and used genealogy books; periodicals; uses her birthday, Christmas, and speaker fees to participate in the 50/50 program for the benefit of the library to expand our collection; procures donations from the local DAR chapter and members; and helped bring the California State Society Daughters of the American Revolution library holdings to the Heritage Center. Her personal donations and work with the DAR has resulted in thousands of new books being shelved in the Heritage Center.

Support from her, society members, the community, and the county, makes it possible for library patrons to research their ancestors all across the United States and the world. Our local Heritage Center is the largest genealogy library between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Our combined holdings for the Society and County are nearing 30,000 titles! Even with that impressive number, it is impossible to own every genealogy book in print. We don't know what you want unless you tell us. That is why the Society asks for member input on areas of research interest. That is why the library records the books taken off the shelves to see the areas of research interest of our patrons. Your donations and member fees help to keep expanding this Valley treasure.

If you are a beginner or advanced researcher, the Heritage Center has material to help in your genealogy research. Please visit us at 2420 Mariposa St., Fresno.

Parking is free on weekends!!



## **BOOK DONATIONS**

### **Clyde Coughenour, Jr.:**

My Somerset Heritage

### **DAR:**

Celebrate Our Patriots: A Chapter 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **David Davenport:**

1956-1957 Cortex Yearbooks (College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons)

1943-1944 Oregana Yearbook (Univ. of Oregon at Eugene)

1959-1960 Roosevelt High School Yearbooks

Germans from Russia publications, 39

### **Shirley Jennings:**

Records of Reformed Church Shippensburg PA

Sundry Genealogical Materials Pertaining to South Central PA, Book 8

Some 18<sup>th</sup> Century Marriage and Death Records from York Co., PA

Pike Co., MO, "Echo" Newsletter, 14 issues

Genealogical Extractions from the Vandalia Leader 1876-1898

Tombstone Inscriptions Jefferson Co., WV 1687-1890

Burials in Jefferson Co. WV

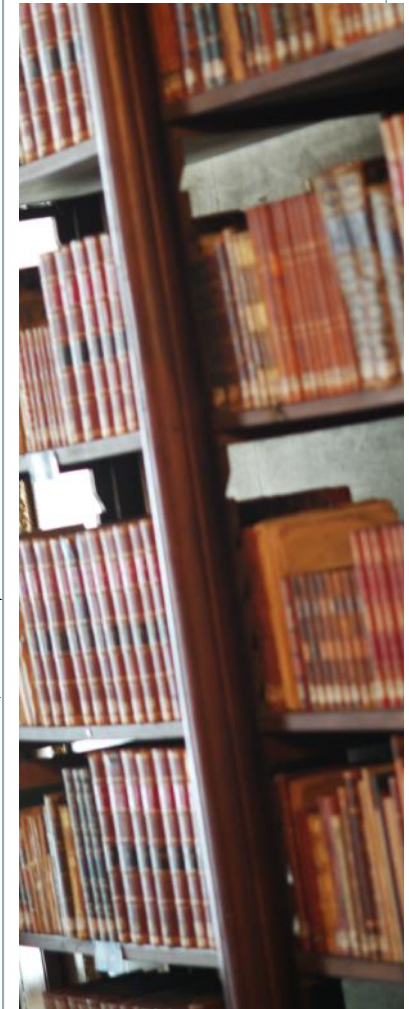
### **Carolyn 'Corky' Peterson:**

Land Warrants and Surveys, Montgomery Co., NC, 1833-1950, 4 vol.

Abstracts of Land Entries: Rowan Co., NC, 2 vol.

Catalog of the Seimes Microfilm Collection, DAR

### **Sharon Silva**



## HERITAGE CENTER

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[www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org)



## HERITAGE CENTER NEWS

### **Donated Books Cont'd**

#### **County Books:**

Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland, vol. 1-4  
Thos. Carrier and his wife Martha Allen  
Northumberland Co., VA, Records of Birth  
History of the Danish American Pioneers and their Descendants, vol. 5 pt 1  
Danish Burials in Washington Colony Cemetery, Easton CA  
Danish Burials in Mt. View Cemetery, Fresno CA  
Danish Burials in Fresno Co. Cemeteries, Outlying Towns  
Danish Burials in Fresno Memorial Gardens, Fresno CA  
Danish Burials in Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno CA  
Transactions of the IL State Historical Soc. For 1927 and 1928, 2 books  
The Low Dutch Company: a History of the Holland Dutch Settlements  
Six-gun and Silver Star (OK Crime Families)  
Redskins, Ruffleshirts and Rednecks: Indian Allotments  
Talbot Co. Court Proceedings (MD) 1662-1675, 2 books  
Land Office Rent Rolls, Talbot Co. (MD) 1658-1726, 4 books  
Charleston, Come Hell or High Water  
Marriages of Pittsylvania Co., VA, 1767-1850  
Queen Anne's Co., MD, Orphans' Court & Register of Wills, 6 vol.  
Queen Anne's Co., MD Land Records, 4 vol.  
Land Office of Kent Co., MD, Rent Rolls  
Queen Anne's Co., MD, Land Office, Rent Rolls, vol. 2 and 3  
Talbot Co., MD Land Records, Bk 1-3  
Abstracts of The Testamentary Proceedings of the Court of MD, vol. 16 & 17  
Maryland Marriage Clues, vol. 1-3  
Maryland Calendar of Wills, vol. 16

## ITS RENEWAL TIME!!

Please renew by our February General Meeting.

Individual Annual Membership

\$30.00

Family Annual Membership

\$35.00

**Renewal Form is attached to the JL Email.**

If you have questions please call or email and we'll get you in touch with the Guilds, our Membership Coordinators. 324-0547 or [jguild47@comcast.net](mailto:jguild47@comcast.net)

## NEHGS AND THE BOSTON ARCHDIOCESE PARTNER TO DIGITIZE PARISH RECORDS FROM 1789-1900

<https://catholicrecords.americanancestors.org/>

The New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston have announced a multi-year collaboration to create an online searchable database of millions of sacramental records from over 100 parishes across greater Boston. This is the first time a significant number of sacramental records from any U.S.-based archdiocese have been made available in an online digital format.

The project spans parish records from 1789 to 1900, a period of significant growth for the Catholic Church in Boston and surrounding towns, beginning with the founding of Boston's first Catholic parish—the Cathedral of the Holy Cross—in 1788. The records to be digitized document several sacraments of the Catholic Church, including baptism, confirmation, holy communion, marriage, holy orders, and the anointing of the sick.

These historic records contain detailed information about the Catholic parishioners of greater Boston, their relationships with each other, their church, and their community. Historians, genealogists, scholars, and the public at large will now have online access to unique data from the Catholic Church's earliest founding in Boston.

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### GENEALOGY HELP

Do you need help with using Ancestry.com or maybe your genealogy software program ?

Maybe you're just stuck in your research?

Meet with Melissa or our volunteers at the Heritage Center for one on one help!



[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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mobile scanner

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<https://planetgreenrecycle.com/>



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### American Ancestors Cont'd

While the project will take several years to complete, images of the oldest records from the earliest parishes are available to browse now—after a free online registration—on [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org). Name-searchable records will be available later in the year, and will be accessible with a full NEHGS membership.

NEHGS will also be working with the archdiocese to preserve the physical volumes that contain the records, many of which are crumbling from age.

This historic effort to preserve and make accessible the records of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston is projected to cost nearly \$1 million in total. Contributions to NEHGS to support the preservation, digitization, and indexing of church records will be critical to completing the project and allowing this extraordinary history to be made publicly available.