



The Jotted Line

February 2020

Hello FCGS members and friends,

We hope that the cold weather and short days has not prevented you from starting your genealogy goals for the year. There is a lot we can do from the comfort of our home (and new winter jammies!) – organize and review materials, learn new techniques, scour websites and order records.

A good place to start is by utilizing the free and useful tools on the FamilySearch site. There are all levels of genealogy classes available plus information on how to research in your specific geographical areas of interest. If you have time, go into a local Family History Center for help. They can help you get started if you are not used to their site. This will get you a good head start on all the ways you can use the website. They also have access to Ancestry, MyHeritage, ArkivDigital, FindMyPast, Fold3, and many other sites.

From the comfort of your home you can view digitized microfilms, read out-of-print local histories, and family histories. If there are microfilms you would like to view that are not digitized yet, you can request that they be digitized. That is a great service that FamilySearch offers. Make use of the FamilySearch website and your local Family History Center.

For you diehards out there, a research trip to Salt Lake City in winter is LOVELY! Don't be afraid to travel there when the snow is falling. The sidewalks are cleared and salted, very safe, everyone knows how to drive in the snow, light rail is the way to go downtown (it's warm and safe, free in the downtown area), the air is dry and doesn't feel cold, the Family History Library is super toasty (too toasty if you have real warm clothes on), not many visitors in winter. As an extra bonus, the museum store across the way has the BEST caramels. Yum. I should have bought more.

Whatever your research style – make time to make a plan and get researching! Brick walls don't bust themselves.



GEDMATCH

**THIS
MONTH'S
MEETING**

**TUESDAY
FEB 11th**

6:45 PM

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

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

Meet and Greet -6:15

**General Meetings
start at 6:45**

Upcoming..

Tue March 10th
Genealogical Proof
Standard with Corky
Peterson

Tue April 14th
Researching New
England Ancestors
with Bob Givens

Tue May 12th
Court Records with
Judy Harless

Tue June 9th
Finding Elusive Women
in Your Family Tree
with Jamie Mayhew

Tue July 14th
Census— Federal, State
and Unusual Your
Family Tree—Diane
Manley

GEDmatch History and Novel Uses of the Site

(like adoptees & law enforcement)

Presented by John Hayward

TUESDAY FEB 11th 6:45 PM

John is going to cover:

How DNA matching helped me on my Dad's side to get
from Rev War back to 1630 and possibly 1620.

Phases of GEDmatch:

- ⇒ Curtis Rodgers and John Olson - the early years
- ⇒ Moving to the cloud and my joining
- ⇒ The "Golden State Killer" and GEDmatch opening up a
new cold case tool for Law Enforcement
- ⇒ GEDmatch being purchased by Verogen
- ⇒ Basics of DNA through generations and what to expect
given a length of a matching segment.

Basics of GEDmatch

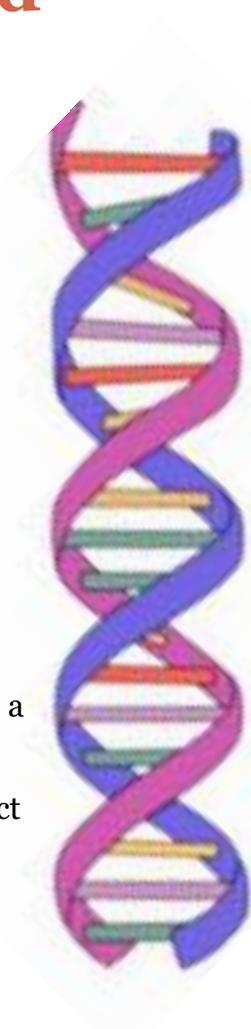
- ⇒ Downloading DNA from Ancestry and uploading to
GEDmatch
- ⇒ Running one-to-many
- ⇒ Running one-to-one
- ⇒ A peek at a tier 1 tool.
Q and A

This is going to be a great program we hope you'll join us!

**SNEAK
PEEK**

Ever wonder what to do when you just can't find
the document that PROVES your ancestor is who
you say they are?

Corky will show us in March how to use the
Genealogical Proof Standard, or GPS for short, to
prove an ancestor with out direct documentation.



Annual Meeting 2020



2020 FCGS Board Members: Catherine Guild, Jim Guild, Donna Hadrian , Kathleen Coleman, Becki Watters, Carolyn Moser, Corky Peterson and Myrna Ceccarelli

Seriously Good Time

By Kelsey Stewart

January 4, 2020, was a fine sun-shiny day for our Annual Meeting at which time we elect new officers.

The meeting was held at Fr. Washington Library where tables were arranged for four people each table. What a great way by getting to know the people you have not yet met and to enjoy getting to know them. The room was full of chatter and laughter.

Right on time our meals were served. Everyone at my table commented on the delicious chicken and beef. We had salad mixed veggies and seriously tasty rice pilaf. Iced tea and coffee was available. The meal was followed by individual frosted cakes with a slather of raspberry cream in the middle. Ooh it was so good.

Corky Petersen made a great presentation on Photo Identification. As usual, Corky provided us with useful information about possible dates, including styles that gave us an idea of how to utilize the information in our family search. Thank you so much Corky for the tips you provided to update our family trees. Lots of questions were asked and answered and answered and applause for her efforts.

Following the presentation everyone voted for the slate of officers for the coming year of 2020. Many of those voted into office served us last year and we appreciate all the volunteer work done. If you have a bit of time and thought about volunteering we would appreciate hearing from you. At the meetings our discussions are lively and focused on efforts to improve our Society, which is gratifying and a great way to participate in the society. The old adage “many hands make light work” applies here.

Monthly I have volunteered to add short article that may benefit you in your research. If you have ideas on topics for this column please get in touch with me at kelseyay@aol.com.

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HERITAGE CENTER

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

MON– THUR 10 AM– 7pm

FRI & SAT 10 AM–5 PM

SUN Noon–5 PM.

**Library is CLOSED
Christmas EVE & Day and
New Year's Eve and Day**

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

FREE on the WEEKENDS!

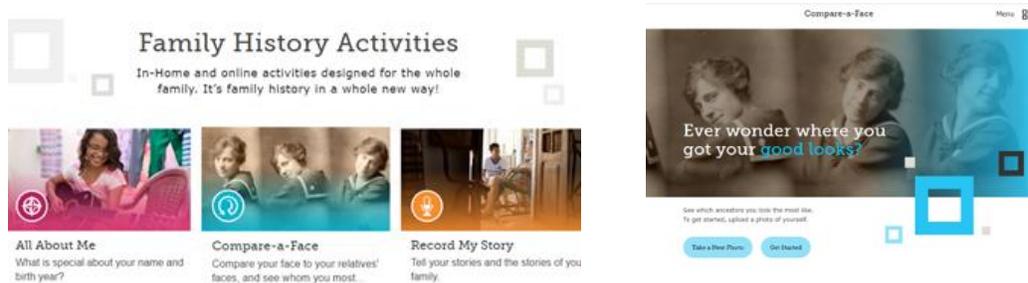


There are a wide variety of books available in the Heritage Center having to do with Missouri. Here are some highlighted ones:

1. Early Settlers of Missouri as Taken from the Land Claims in the Missouri Territory by Lowrie– These are Missouri Claims as presented in the American State Papers-Land Grants and Claims– These are the names of the earliest land holders in Missouri starting about 1808 – 1811
2. Citizens of Missouri Territory 1787-1810– Ingmire– a companion piece to the Early Settlers books
3. 800 Missouri Families– Vincent– based on the 1840 census Vincent follows 800 families to see where they came from and where they went
4. Missouri Pioneers– Multi-volume set of hard to find information (various counties)
5. Missouri Miscellany– another multi-volume set– state wide records
6. Missouri Cemetery Inscription Sources– Kot & Thomson– Lest we think everything is on Find-A-Grave (hint: it's not!) this is a book of where to find gravestone lists for all those early gravestones that may not exist now.
7. Opening of the Ozarks: First families in Southwest Missouri 1835-1839 – Rising –854 Pioneers and 17 years of research worth a look if your family is in the area!
8. County histories from Goodspeed and others
9. Family Map series by Boyd– lots for Missouri!

Facial Identification— Notes from Corky’s presentation

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/> and pick– Compare-a-Face



Using the software, you’ll need to sign into your FamilySearch account (they are free!)

You’ll need to upload a photo of yourself or an identified photo to use for comparison. Then upload unidentified photos to compare and get a percentage of likelihood that it’s a match.

Things that can help in your identification:

1. Try to date the photo or find its location.
- www.phototree.com – is a great source for helping date your photos. There is also a set of books in the Heritage Center.
2. Use what you know in your genealogy to have a list of possibilities.
3. The closer the ages of the pictures the stronger the match

There are no set parameters on what a good percentage is to a match, the bigger the number is better but you’ll still have to make the call as best you can to determine if it is a definite match. *



The one labeled Carolyn is the known ancestor. We compare it to the unknown photo who was thought to be a sibling.
87 % pretty strong that it’s a sibling.
←

The one labeled Carolyn is the known ancestor. We compare it to picture that we thought was the same person just older.
97% match. Pretty strong that it’s the same person.
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Membership Renewals are due by our Feb meeting.

If you haven't sent in your dues or made arrangements you will be dropped from our rolls, we'd hate to see you go!

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome, Probhjot 'PJ' Bassi, Francis Rodgers, Barbara Peterson! Welcome back Bobbie Baird! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and at the Heritage Center.

IMPORTANT LET US KNOW!!

We no longer mail out Membership Rosters each year, instead we will be emailing one out at the end of February. Membership Rosters contain your name and contact Information (address, telephone, email)

If you wish to not be included on the roster or have part or all of your information withheld please let us know by emailing us at infofcgs@gmail.com: Please put ROSTER in the subject line.

COUSIN CONNECTIONS

Terry and Dean Gardner are looking for Poytress in CA and Gloucestershire, England. Also Amburn from the Bay Area in CA. And the Gardner in Monterey, CA. They can be reached at DeanandTerry4550@gmail.com.

Judy and Harry Johnson are researching Johnson from Scotland, Lambur from France and Redding from Ireland. They can be reached at sailfishboat@ymail.com

Tamsen Munger would like to connect with Moore, Drew, McCrary, Nichols and Vaughn. Her email is travelintam@gmail.com.

Other Happenings Around



ROOT CELLAR – Sacramento Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

March 28, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Doors open 8:15 a.m.

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church
11427 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS

D. Joshua Taylor, the current President of the New York Genealogical and Historical Society, a Co-Host on the PBS *Genealogy Roadshow* Series and a researcher/consultant on the series *Who Do You Think You Are*, started researching his family history when he was ten years old – after listening to his Grandmother's stories. Joshua, who is also an experienced International Speaker, has stated that Genealogy Societies are the "most underutilized genealogy tool."

- TOPICS:
- ★ **Bridging the Gap:** Finding Ancestors in the United States Between 1780 and 1840
 - ★ **Online Resources for Colonial America:** Help to break through your Brick Walls
 - ★ **Beyond Belief:** The Wealth of Information in Genealogical and Historical Societies
 - ★ **Online Library Catalogs:** A Genealogist's Best Kept Secret

\$30 – Root Cellar Members \$45 – Non-Members
No registrations will be accepted after **March 14, 2020**.
No registrations will be sold at the door.
Confirmations will be mailed and there will be no refunds.

Lunches are available but must be ordered with your seminar registration.

FABULOUS Gift Baskets – Raffle Ticket Sales start at 8:15 a.m.

☞ Due to the high interest in this seminar, early registration is highly encouraged. ☞

For more information see: www.rootcellar.org or contact: seminar@rootcellar.org



REGISTRATION: Make checks payable to ROOT CELLAR and mail to:
ROOT CELLAR, P.O. BOX 265, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-0265

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Seminar Fee: \$30 – RC Member \$45 – Non-Member

Seminar Fee: _____

Lunch options from SUBWAY - \$9.00 each
All orders include chips, cookie and a drink.

Lunch: _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Check your choice of sandwich:

Ham & American Cheese Roast Beef & American Cheese Turkey & Avocado

Veggie Sandwich (lettuce, spinach, avocado, tomatoes, cucumbers, olives and pickles)

Check your choice of drink: Coke Diet Coke Sprite Pepsi Diet Pepsi Water

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW. infocgs@gmail.com

**Fresno Genealogical Society 2019
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019**

	Dec 31, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1100.00 · Checking - 0923	2,580.93
1102.00 · Checking - 4187	3,053.90
1110.00 · Reserve Account - 1253	10,716.24
Total Checking/Savings	16,351.07
Other Current Assets	
1115.00 · Schwab Investment Account	212,844.58
Total Other Current Assets	212,844.58
Total Current Assets	229,195.65
TOTAL ASSETS	229,195.65
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000.01 · Unrealized Gains & Losses	109,535.79
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	909.80
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-739.80
3900.00 · Retained Earnings	119,522.94
Net Income	-33.08
Total Equity	229,195.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	229,195.65

**Charles Schwab Investment Account
2019 Results**

Date	Account Balance
1/1/2019	\$ 171,927.97
12/31/2019	\$ 212,844.58
Net Gain	\$ 40,916.61

Fresno Genealogical Society 2019
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
Income	
4000.00 - Membership	
4010.00 - Due - New Members	165.00
4020.00 - Dues - Renewal	2,010.00
4022.00 - Membership - Family	965.00
Total 4000.00 - Membership	3,140.00
4050.00 - Cash Donations	228.00
4062.00 - Library Donation Fund	
4062.10 - Book Sales	67.00
4062.00 - Library Donation Fund - Other	75.00
Total 4062.00 - Library Donation Fund	142.00
4100.00 - Fundraising Income	
4100.04 - Amazon Smile Program	11.59
4100.05 - Flip-Pal Program	23.76
4110.00 - Fresno Seminar	1,365.00
4110.02 - Seminars-Other	860.00
4116.03 - Name Tags & Pencils	10.00
Total 4100.00 - Fundraising Income	2,270.35
4608.00 - Annual Meeting	48.00
4620.00 - Interest Income	2.26
4640.00 - Misc Income	20.08
Total Income	5,850.69
Expense	
5000.00 - Library Expense	143.72
5100.00 - Fundraising Expense	
5112.03 - Fresno Seminar Expense	796.25
5112.04 - Seminars - Other Expense	991.24
Total 5100.00 - Fundraising Expense	1,787.49
6000.00 - Operating Expense	
6001.02 - Speakers	350.00
6001.13 - Liability Insurance	1,150.00
6002.13 - Hospitality Expense	385.11
6003.00 - Publicity	30.00
6005.13 - Bulk Rate Postage Expense	70.00
6008.03 - Annual Meeting Expense	324.79
6009.00 - QuickBooks Backup	54.45
6010.00 - Printing Expense	2.14
6011.00 - Misc Operating Expenses	117.90
6011.10 - Ash Tree Echo Printing Exp	469.34
6012.00 - Parliamentarian	300.00
6025.01 - Christmas Expense	284.76
6040.05 - Book Purchases	34.60
6043.05 - Dues & Subscriptions	34.96
6057.00 - Office Supplies	122.70
6060.00 - Postage and Delivery	149.81
6800.00 - Sales Tax Expense	1.00
6000.00 - Operating Expense - Other	21.00
Total 6000.00 - Operating Expense	3,902.56
7000.00 - Donations	50.00
Total Expense	5,883.77
Net Income	-33.08

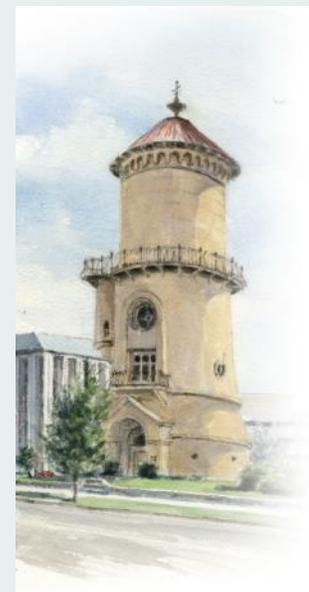


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A NEW LEAF

There is a new half hour genealogy show on NBC affiliates sponsored by Ancestry. It is aptly called **A NEW LEAF** after those little green leaves that offer hints in our Ancestry family trees. The show debuted last fall. Past episodes are all easily viewed online for free. It was on the Saturday line up but the season may be over.

The show features everyday people getting help with a specific genealogy question. No meandering lines to find the best stories but actual answers to questions people need help with. Shows range from finding DNA makeup, ethnic composition, help with adoption mysteries, a school family tree project. All the family history questions get a supplemental life experience to help educate the guests. Think field trip. They hook the guests up with experts in African dance, holocaust museums, garment industry conditions, folk dancing and food, to help make their ancestors lives more real.

It is a nice beginner genealogy show which is practical. Not everybody wants to give up their sleep for late night computer binges searching for a 10th cousin five times removed. Some people just want to know who their great grandparents were. What did they do? How did they get here? How are we like them? Isn't that how most of us got started?

It's shown locally on KSEE 24 on early Saturday evenings, check the listings as the time varies.

GENEALOGY HELP

Do you need help with using Ancestry.com? Your genealogy software program or just stuck in your research?

Meet with Melissa at the Woodward Park Library on meeting days between noon and 4 for some 1 on 1 help. Set up an appointment by calling- 600-6230



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Thanks!



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