



March 2020

The Jotted Line

Hello FCGS members and friends,

We are going to try a few different things in our newsletter this year and we hope you enjoy.

We will be featuring more of our members so if you have an heirloom you'd like to share, we would love to feature it! We are looking for pictures of the heirloom, a picture of you (if you'd like) and the story behind it. We have a couple we'll share this month to get your creative juices going.

We would also love to hear about your genealogy research stories. Have you found a great website or place to visit to do genealogy? Are there some great webinars out there we should know about?

Did you find that long lost cousin with a DNA test?

Have you proven or disproven a long time family story?

If you have anything you'd like to share please email us at infofcgs@gmail.com or sweetmoser@aol.com



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COMING UP.....

- Tuesday, March 10 at 6:45 PM
GPS- Genealogical Proof Standard
– Corky Peterson
- Tuesday, April 14 at 6:45 PM
Researching New England Ancestors
– Bob Givens

UPCOMING

MEETINGS

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

Meet and Greet

starts at 6:15

General Meetings

start at 6:45

Upcoming...

Tue April 14th

Researching New England Ancestors
— Bob Givens

Tue May 12th

Court Records
— Judy Harless

Tue June 9th

Finding Elusive Women in Your Family Tree
— Jamie Mayhew

Tue July 14th

Census— Federal, State and Unusual Your Family Tree
—Diane Manley

Tue Aug 11th

Ice Cream Social

Genealogy GPS:

How to prove your family when the records don't exist

March 10th— Corky Peterson will be speaking to us on the Genealogical Proof Standard or GPS. It sounds intimidating but it is a really helpful tool. GPS helps you gather data and organize it to prove your ancestors were at a certain place and time when the vital records you need just aren't there.

Need to prove a marriage, parent-child relationship or that your family moved to a certain area. GPS can help with that! Come find out how.



DATE CHANGE: OCTOBER 17th is our new date for the Annual Seminar.



We are pleased to announce Ted Gostin will be our seminar speaker this year. Ted is a professional genealogist with 40 years of experience. He has been a speaker all over Southern California. He specializes in Jewish Genealogy but has numerous talks on how to use different records and websites more efficiently. He has also appeared on the British version of [Who Do You Think You Are Click Here to Watch](#) His website: <http://www.generationspress.com/research.html>



Be on the watch for more information ...

LAST MONTH WRAP UP: GEDmatch

Presentation

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xJj4BqRmcCT4jA3Y1d_DxmE53WoN2xi1T9j9DY1O0ik/edit?usp=sharing

There are a couple videos in the presentation that you can watch with better sound than we had (SORRY)

Gedmatch website <https://www.gedmatch.com>

How much DNA do I share with a cousin https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics#Chart

Cousin statistics from the big 3 https://isogg.org/wiki/Cousin_statistics

Identical by Descent info https://isogg.org/wiki/Identical_by_descent

Unofficial Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gedmatchuser/>

Some notes:

- GEDMatch is for **autosomal** DNA (your basic tests) ●

There is a free version of GEDMatch and a Tier 1 (more bells and whistles) for \$10 a month.

GEDmatch works better if you also upload a GEDCOM of your family (at least the DNA Line you are looking for) To create a GEDCOM from a software program go to Export choose GEDCOM.

Downloading your tree from Ancestry®

- 1. From any page on Ancestry, click the Treestab and select a tree.**
 - 2. From the tree, click the tree name menu in the top-left corner and select Tree Settings.**
 - 3. On the right side of the Tree Settings page, click Export tree.**
 - 4. The button will begin spinning and say Generating a GEDCOM file. When it stops spinning, right-click (Mac: Ctrl+click) on the Download Your GEDCOM File button that appears.**
 - 5. In the drop-down menu from right-clicking, select Save as, Save target as, or Save link as.**
- In the window that appears, choose a location from a panel on the left side and click Save. If you select Desktop as the location, the file will save to the main screen of your computer.**

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HERITAGE CENTER

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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!



Spotlight on Tennessee



Tennessee is a big state that most of us had folks go through. Here are some of the 12 shelves of books we have on Tennessee:

1. 1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumner, and Tennessee counties in what is now Tennessee
2. Virginians in Tennessee 1850– people from Virginia now living in TN
3. Earliest TN Land Records & Land History– Griffey– Most of this early TN land is given to North Carolina Revolutionary war soldiers.
4. East Tennessee's Forgotten Children Apprentices from 1778-1911 – Miller– covers 29 counties, minors name, date, age, who they are apprenticed to and notes.
5. Greene County, TN Marriages 1783-1868– at this point Greene county was almost the entire length of the eastern border with North Carolina.
6. Pioneers of Davidson County, TN– Whitley– Records starting in 1780, and militia lists.
7. Land Deed Genealogy of Davidson County, TN 1783-1792– Marsh – Lots of names and dates!
8. Humphries County TN Records –Tax Lists & Marriages 1800s
9. Original Surveyor's Record Book 1836-1887, Coffee County TN– This has drawings of the property layout not just the wording of the deeds.
10. We have lots of county histories from Godspeed and others!

Web Resources for Tennessee-

Tennessee State Library and Archives—<https://sos.tn.gov/tsla>

Check out:

Patriots Paths– They have mapped the migration of Revolutionary Patriots based on their pension records. IT IS REALLY COOL!!

TN Virtual Archive– Lots of digital images

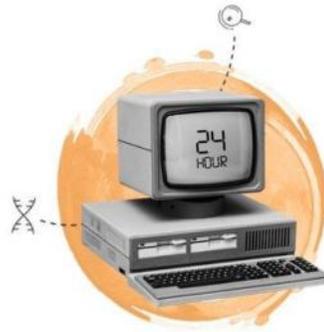
Genealogical Index Search–A quick search of their databases.





THE 24-HOUR GENEALOGY WEBINAR MARATHON

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Join us in making history as we embark on The 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon, where you will learn how to trace your ancestors from the world's top genealogists and educators. From advanced Googling to DNA, from The Great Lakes to Australia and Germany, there's something for everyone... in every time zone.

And thanks to FamilyTreeWebinars.com and MyHeritage, **the entire event is free!** Pop in for a session or two, or stick around for the full 24 hours — it's completely up to you. There will even be time for Q&A and door prizes.

THE LECTURES

Users will enjoy a wide variety of lectures on genealogy and DNA, as well as specific product-related lectures by MyHeritage employees.

Each lecture will be 45 minutes long, including 10 minutes for questions at the end.

HOW TO LISTEN IN

Space is limited, so make sure to register for the webinar now at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com/24.

Can't join us in real-time? We've got you covered: videos of the lectures will be uploaded to FamilyTreeWebinars.com after the event and will be available to all absolutely free for a week. Beyond that, members of FamilyTreeWebinars.com will be able to watch them at any time.

Look forward to “seeing“ you there!

There are some great session coming in this 24 block to see the lectures [Click Here](#)

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome, Grace Del Real, Catherine Furtado and Susan Young! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and at the Heritage Center.



Be watching for an email with our 2020 Roster headed your way!

LAST CALL



COUSIN CONNECTIONS

Linda Scambray researches: LONGCOR, BLOYD, HEISINGER, WILLIAMS, AGEN, SCAMBRAY, VATALLARO, VINCI, DEVECCHIO, TOMEI, GIOVANETTI and BELLUOMINI. She can be reached at

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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 **3/15**. Email us at infofcgs@gmail.com: Please put ROSTER in the subject line.

SO... WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

At our Annual Meeting this year, member, Pat Duncan showed up in the neatest vest. We just had to find out what the story was. Here's Pat:



In the 30s to 60s, my father, H. Bryan Duncan (1896-1987), wore a white shirt and tie as an engineer. He was educated in a one room school house in Arkansas, no college. He became a metallurgical development engineer in NY. His name is on 17+ patents for GE in the US, Canada and Germany. In NY, he met and married Rosalia Patera in 1932 (1911-1959.)

He never got rid of a tie that I remember. He passed away at age of 91. My sister, Pam Sloan, kept the ties as a memory. Later, in the 90s, she decided to do something with them so she made a skirt and vests. She gave me this wonderful vest out of his ties. Courtney is wearing her skirt when she received a school award. Her twin, Aimee, had a vest but photo has not been located. I have always worn my vest to bring my Dad to holiday parties. He is still with us in spirit.

More About Pat:

I have been a member 4 years. I attended FSC in the late 60s and earned a degree in Art. I taught in CO; Canada; and Madera until retirement in 2005. I have been researching my family since 1968 with pen, paper and films. My mother was born in Porticello, Sicilia in 1911 and arrived in New York in 1916. The Sicilians kept good records.

My interests are: DUNCAN, GRIFFIN, LEMLEY, WHITESIDES, LEDBETTER, OSBORNE, GUNTER, (Will ROGERS), PATERA, GALIOTO, BILLANTI, MARINO, ORLANDO, FASO, BUSALACCHI, D'AMATO, TARANTINO, D'ACQUISTO.

Places are VA, NC, SC, TN, AL, AR, FL and Sicily.

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Courtney





RECORDING

STORYCORPS

Assemi
Real
Estate

IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

FEB 12-MARCH 20

First batch of appointments will be available **January 29th**

Second batch of appointments available on **February 13th**

First come, first served

at **CMAC, Fresno**



WHAT IS STORYCORPS?



StoryCorps is a non-profit organization that has been recording people having meaningful conversations since 2003

Our Mobile Tour records conversations in a recording studio on wheels called the MobileBooth

We drive the MobileBooth to ten different cities across the United States, recording over 1000 conversations each year

When we stop in a city, we invite people into the MobileBooth to have their own recorded conversation with someone they know

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?



To have a meaningful conversation with someone in your life

To honor them by asking questions and listening to their story

To record and preserve your community's experience and story

To share your story with your loved ones and with future generations

To learn more about people in your family and community

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I PARTICIPATE?



One of our trained Facilitators greets you and your conversation partner

You have an audio-recorded conversation for up to 40 minutes

The Facilitator explains your options for sharing the recording and takes your photo for the archive

You get a copy of your recorded conversation and, if you give us permission, we preserve it in the largest single collection of human voices at the Library of Congress

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

On January 29th go to StoryCorps.org/participate or call 800-850-4406 (English & Spanish)



Select your city and book a recording appointment



Tell your story with StoryCorps' Mobile Tour!



We invite you to share your story in any language that is most comfortable

More questions? Visit STORYCORPS.org or contact us at mobiletour@storycorps.org or 646-872-3619

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