



May 2020

The Jotted Line

Hello FCGS members and friends,

This month we asked our board members what they are up to during this time:

Things have been a bit different for all of us these past six weeks. Hope you all are doing fine “sheltering in place”, are staying well and are getting a chance to work on your genealogy. We’d love to hear what you’ve been doing. I have worked a bit on my own but have been spending a lot of time tracing the family of a friend of mine. It’s led me down some roads unfamiliar to me—Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana, Texas. I do miss being able for all of us to meet together and am looking forward when we can start up our general meetings again. In the meantime check out our Facebook page. We try to list free webinars, websites that may be of interest and tidbits about Fresno Co. history.

---Becki Watters , Recording Secretary

Staying home is not easy so I hope all of you are finding ways to stay sane. I pulled my sewing machine out and cleaned it up. I had not used it in about 18 years. It needed some oil but still works. I have been making masks for my family. When I give them to one group someone always ask if I can make them for a friend etc. luckily I have lots of fabric and thread. Ran out of elastic but used ribbons for some. I worked at Gottschalks in the 80’s when they discontinued the fabric department.

Let us know how you are doing.

If anyone needs a mask I will be glad to make you one. No charge as long as you are not particular about colors, etc. I know we are all looking forward to getting back together.

Of course I still do genealogy too.

Myrna Ceccarelli, President



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We’d love to hear from you -
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The Library is still closed for now through May 18th, subject to change.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held at

No meeting in person this month!

Upcoming maybe...

Tue June 9th

Finding Elusive Women in Your Family Tree

— Jamie Mayhew

Tue July 14th

Census— Federal, State and Unusual Your Family Tree

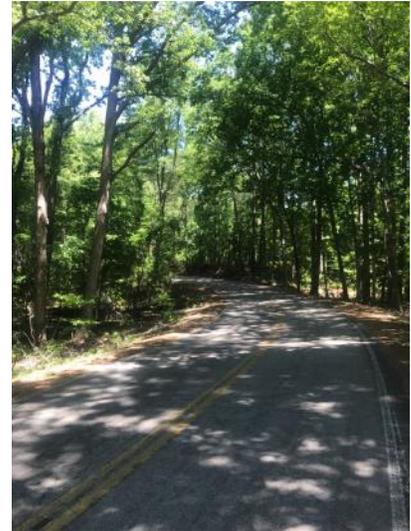
—Diane Manley

Tue Aug 11th

Ice Cream Social

Save the Date

Hello from South Carolina, I arrived here March 8th and decided on March 12 to self -quarantine... no reason to... no reason not to... My daughter and family live in a big southern home so we are surrounded by trees- you cannot see the road nor see the home from the road... perfect place to be during this time... My daughter and I walk several miles daily down these country roads...forest and hollows on each side... incredible beauty with the squirrels and redbirds ...we do see people riding lawn mowers... I thought the grass looked ok but realized the people were riding to escape (for awhile) into precious memories from their yesterdays or to fast forward and dream of better days to come... one day we came upon a turtle in the middle of



the road... we thought about taking him to the other side but decided he had his journey to take.. so we watched as he (taking his own sweet time) walked to the other side and up an embankment and forward to his future... we decided this was a great message for all of us... keep moving forward and focus on good days ahead... I was supposed to return to California on April 15 but my adult children decided I should wait until May 15th and so I will continue to enjoy life here... until then when my daughter takes me to Charlotte and I dawn a mask and gloves and fly to Fresno... only to return here in October when my German son in law and I celebrate Octoberfest with op pa bands and a "wanta-be" Martin Luther... but that's another story for the future...

Carolyn Moser –2nd VP

Saturday July 18, 2020

DAR will be having its annual seminar at the Woodward Park Library with Jamie Mayhew. Topics will be Introduction to Research Through US Land Records and Getting the Most Out of the FamilySearch Wiki. This seminar is open to everyone . There will be a small cost of \$5.00 to cover the cost for the speaker and refreshments.

During my increased time for research at home, [Newspapers.com - Historical newspaper](http://Newspapers.com) has given me some treasures I would maybe never had discovered about my father's family in rural western Kentucky.

My paternal great grandparents were John Jefferson Elder 1861 - 1917 and Mary Frances Hayden 1863 - 1943. They had 12 children, with the youngest born in 1903. So when John Jeff died in 1917, Mary Frances was left to raise 12 children.

Growing up, I had always heard my father refer to his grandmother as Grandma Bolds. But, not much other information about her second marriage. And nothing about the "Mr. Bolds". He had passed in 1929 after only 4 years of marriage with Mary Frances.

You can imagine my delight when I found this newspaper clip in the Paducah Sun-Democrat of Jan. 12, 1924. My first reaction was "how sweet !!" that she had found love at her age. On reflection, I began to realize that there are many

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Paducah Sun Democrat Jan 12, 1924
Man 74. Gets License to Wed Loved One of 60
MAYFIELD, KY., Jan. 12.— A marriage license was issued yesterday from the county clerk's (sic) office to Benjamin Franklin Bolds, 74. and Mrs. Mary Francis Elder, 60, both of Fancy Farm.

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situations.

I have taken up a long overdue project of cleaning up my genealogy databases. I use the Legacy software program and I started quite a while ago before they launched their source writer. So I have been cleaning up my sources. The source writer has a template for each type of source and makes sure you have all the information down so you can find it again.

I've also made a standard way to list them using : State, County-Type of record-Year or if its more about the family: Last name, book-title

It's been fun and frustrating! ~Melissa

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WE MISS YOU!

**Ancestry Library
Edition access is
extended through
the end of May.**



Librarian ramblings by Kathleen

Hello from Camp Coleman Quarantine 2020. I thought this time would be spent organizing all my genealogy projects but...have been sewing and quilting in a healthy competition with a neighbor. Yes she is getting more finished than me but in all fairness, she's type A and I'm an idea person not a follow through gal. I've been very productive compared to my normal project completion rate. As her and I have sewn masks (her 60, me 16), I have thought about an old letter my grandfather had saved from a friend during the Spanish Flu epidemic. The letter was addressed to my grandpa Bill who was stationed at Camp Lewis, WA. The letter was from Mrs. D.D. (Mary) Braden, Menlo Park, CA. Mary wrote many letters to my grandfather but the one dated October 27, 1918 had two sentences that I'm sure resonate with us going out in public during this new epidemic – "I was in Frisco yesterday everyone has to wear those gass (sic) mask. I sure do hate for I can't breath through them very well." I feel like I can't breathe with a fabric mask on, can you imagine wearing a gas mask? I'm going to quit whining and wear it and think of Mary. I hope some of you are journaling or writing old fashion snail mail letters to friends and loved ones. Phone calls and Zoom meetings bring us immediate gratification and connection but a letter that we can refer back to and touch just means a little more. It helps us remember that moment in time far into our futures. It is lights out at Camp Coleman. Hope to see you all soon!



In the meantime.... You can email us at the Heritage Center!

HeritageCenter@fresnolibrary.org if you would like us to look up something in a book or newspaper that we have. You can see our holdings here: www.fresnolibrary.org/

To find a book in the library—click on My FCPL>Catalog

In the Everything drop down menu select Fresno Heritage to see what we have in our collection.

You can also go [here](#) and see the other online resources available through the Fresno County Public Library.



I have been working on my genealogy research. I printed one book on one family and getting ready to print one on another family. I also found I have many duplicate loose printed pages of information and I don't need any of them since the information is on the computer. So I am "house cleaning" my computer room while trying to do research.

I am to the point on the research of each family that I am not locating any new information and that is very discouraging. But in my cleaning I found some old notes that may help find additional information on one family. Now I have to figure out what the notes mean because they are old. Never know what you will find the deeper you dig.

Also in sorting thru the loose papers, I found pictures that I need to find a home for. I have them scanned into the computer but as you know we need to find a permanent home for things and pictures are very important in our research. So I am in the process of trying to locate a distant family to see if they would like to have the pictures. The pictures are of my g-grandparents (over 100 years old) and the family I am trying to locate and contact is related to the g-grandmother. So we will see if I make contact.

I still get out twice a week for my volunteer work. After all just because we are on lock down doesn't mean the church bills can go unpaid. So twice a week I go to the church to sort thru the bills and write the checks. Problem is, I am the only one there and that's a lonely feeling.

Also I am working with Legacy. A new program for me and if I can get it to do what I want that means it will be an excellent program for my genealogy. So will keep you posted on what I want this program to do. I may have to use a "big hammer".

I do not like stay-at-home confinement. I am not a stay-at-home person. This too shall pass and we hope to be back to "normal" soon. Just hang in there.

Barbara Helton, Refreshment Committee of One

Fresno Genealogical Society 2019
Balance Sheet
 As of March 31, 2020

Fresno Genealogical Society 2019
Profit & Loss
 March 2020

Fresno Genealogical Society 2019 Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2020		Fresno Genealogical Society 2019 Profit & Loss March 2020	
	Mar 31, 20		Mar 20
ASSETS		Income	
Current Assets		4000.00 · Membership	
Checking/Savings		4020.00 · Dues - Renewal	120.00
1100.00 · Checking - 0923	1,912.83	Total 4000.00 · Membership	120.00
1102.00 · Checking - 4187	3,059.83	Total Income	120.00
1110.00 · Reserve Account - 1253	10,716.59	Expense	
Total Checking/Savings	15,688.85	5000.00 · Library Expense	
Other Current Assets		5062.00 · Library Book Expense	210.50
1115.00 · Schwab Investment Account	174,174.95	5000.00 · Library Expense - Other	34.98
Total Other Current Assets	174,174.95	Total 5000.00 · Library Expense	245.48
Total Current Assets	189,863.80	6000.00 · Operating Expense	
TOTAL ASSETS	189,863.80	6001.02 · Speakers	100.00
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		6002.13 · Hospitality Expense	41.52
Equity		6006.00 · Webmaster	
3000.01 · Unrealized Gains & Losses	70,886.16	6006.10 · Email Accounts	20.83
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	909.80	6006.00 · Webmaster - Other	51.50
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-772.88	Total 6006.00 · Webmaster	72.33
3900.00 · Retained Earnings	119,522.94	6009.00 · QuickBooks Backup	4.95
Net Income	-862.22	Total 6000.00 · Operating Expense	218.80
Total Equity	189,863.80	Total Expense	464.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	189,863.80	Net Income	-344.26

SO... WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

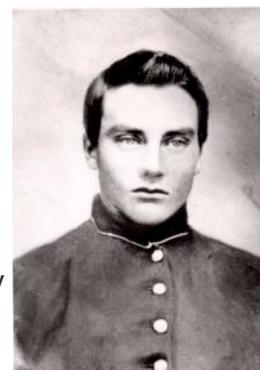


Jim Guild

I have been a member for almost 4 years and have spent about 40 years doing some form or other of genealogical research. I was initially able to find a fair amount of information on my mother's side of the family. However, my father's side seemed much less available. He and his people were from New England and I don't remember much even being said regarding them. I remember letters from my father's brother and his wife and one or two from my paternal grandfather. We never met.

For a time, things slowed down and not so much research occurred, then my daughter brought home a school project. Her assignment was to put together a family tree showing both her mother's and father's branches. One branch (her father's side) appeared particularly lacking. This would light a fire under me to search for those folks.

The Fall of 1985 would find me traveling to New Hampshire to meet my paternal uncle and my cousins. During this visit, I also learned about John Henry Guild, my 2x great grandfather and a veteran of the Civil War. My uncle related how he had become a portrait artist after the Civil War and how he was mentioned in a book about the 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry. Finding out about John Henry led to my interest in men and women who served in our military especially during the Civil War and World Wars I and II.



My uncle gave me a tin-type of John Henry and a metal cross (pictured with this article) with his name and some of the engagements/battles that John Henry had taken part in. [New Orleans, Red River, Shenandoah, Port Hudson]

John Henry Guild was born in Wrentham, Massachusetts 27 July 1839. He served with Read's Co. of the 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry (formerly the 41st Mass. Infantry) from 1861 to 1864. He married Susan Ketchum Morse in 1870 and he died in Saugus, Massachusetts 11 April 1921. John Henry and his wife are buried together in the Riverside Cemetery in Saugus.

Jim Guild– Membership

If you have a story to share let us know!

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COUSIN CONNECTIONS

MEMORIAL DAY – FINDING YOUR VETERANS

Ever wondered who in your tree could be a war veteran? The folks at Fold3.com put together this handy chart that should work the majority of our ancestors. We do realize however, some snuck in that were in theory too old or young to serve.



PLACES TO FIND ONLINE CLASSES OR INFORMATION ON GENEALOGY

BYU– Online Classes- [Click Here](#)

RootsTech Past Sessions [Click here](#)

Legacy Family Tree Webinars– Free Wed and Friday webinars
<https://familytreewebinars.com/>

Lisa Louise Cooke’s Genealogy Gems– podcast and blog-
<https://lisalouisecooke.com/> (she also has videos & stuff on DNA)

“Elevenes with Lisa” Every Thursday at 11 AM CST/9 AM PST
<https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems> she’s 4 episodes in and you can watch the previous ones. 30 minute show.

Dick Eastman’s Online Newsletter- <https://blog.eogn.com/>

Genetic Genealogist <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/>

More about DNA [Click Here](#)



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GENEALOGY ON TV-

FINDING YOUR ROOTS– Henry Louis Gates Jr– PBS–
Tuesday evenings

THE GENERATIONS PROJECT– Watch online- <https://www.byutv.org/show/6f62558b-fc6f-49c5-b8c6-2473785a5b44/generations-project>

ROOTS LESS TRAVELED– NBC Saturday 7AM- While relatives embark on a journey to solve mysteries in their family tree, they learn the truth behind stories that have been shared for generations. (Its geared for Teens but sounds good!) You can also watch online- <https://www.nbc.com/roots-less-traveled>

THE GENETIC DETECTIVE –CeCe Moore-

Starting May 19th on ABC at 10 PM.

From ABC News comes “THE GENETIC DETECTIVE” debuting TUESDAY, MAY 19 (10:00 – 11:00 p.m. EDT). The all-new series follows investigative genetic genealogist CeCe Moore as she uses her unique research skills to transform the face of crime solving. By working with police departments and crime scene DNA, Moore is able to trace the path of a violent criminal’s family tree to reveal their identity and help bring them to justice.



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