



June 2020

The Jotted Line

Hello FCGS members and friends,

This month since it is June, a traditional wedding month, we asked some members to share their wedding or proposal stories with us.

We hope you enjoy them.

Next month we are celebrating the birth of our nation so if you would like to share your Revolutionary Ancestor or Immigrant Ancestor stories we'd love to share them here.

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There are some exciting things starting to happen and we can't wait to virtually see you all again. The next page has information on our next meeting!

The Fresno County Public Library is allowing Holds and Pickup of regular library material. So if you are itching for a book to read or movie to watch contact your local branch or check out www.fresnolibrary.org

If you need a lookup from our Heritage Center please let us know. You can call 600-6230 or email us at HeritageCenter@fresnolibrary.org.



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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!

We will be ZOOMING!!!!

Upcoming virtually..

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

Here is a sample of the email you will receive to invite you to the talk and to a practice session.

Invites will come 2 days before practice session and then a reminder will come a couple of hours before on the day of.

JUNE'S MEETING ZOOMING TO YOU!!

FCGS is going virtual! Our next meeting, Tuesday, June 9th with Jamie Mayhew on Finding the Elusive Women in Your Family” will be on Zoom.

If you haven't Zoomed yet, it is very easy. You can use a computer, tablet or even your cell phone! If you use a cell phone you are not able to see others who are attending the meeting. If you use your computer or tablet you can see a square of the others attending. You need a camera and microphone on your device to be seen and heard.

Worried? Don't be! We will have a couple practice sessions the next few weeks just to make sure everyone can log into zoom. Expect an email from admin@fresno-genealogy.org inviting you to a zoom meeting at a certain time and day. You will be asked to click on the link and that should be all you have to do. There will be a password coming with the link and sometimes you may be asked for that. It is very simple to use.



You're invited to an online meeting

This online training session is intended to help FCGS members become familiar with using Zoom, our online meeting software. We want our members to be comfortable with Zoom before using it for online meetings. You may attend the meeting using either your computer or your smart phone. The date and time of the online meeting are shown below. To attend the meeting, just click on the hot link below. Since it takes a couple of minutes to connect, so we recommend that you start your session about 5 minutes before the scheduled start time.

<the meeting date and time, and a hot link to the meeting will go here>

Genealogy Seminar



Saturday, July 18, 2020 9:00-12:00

This meeting will be held on Zoom
Featuring Jamie Mayhew

Topics we will cover:

An Introduction to Research Through US Land Records
and Getting the Most out of FamilySearch Wiki

There will be a \$5.00 cost for this meeting with the cost going to pay for the speaker. Jamie is a professional genealogist and was the speaker at FCGS annual seminar last fall. Information to follow about how to sign up and pay for the meeting.

Presented by Daughters of the American Revolution
and Fresno County Genealogy Society

TO RSVP: Corky@mikaelpeterson.net

PLACES TO FIND ONLINE CLASSES OR INFORMATION ON GENEALOGY

BYU– Online Classes- [Click Here](#)

RootsTech Past Sessions [Click here](#)

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

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

“Elevenses 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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WE MISS YOU!

**Ancestry Library
Edition access is
extended through
the end of JUNE!**

If any of these are attributed
to the wrong person the
editor sincerely apologizes!

If you would like a look up
from any of these, call the
Heritage Center 600-6230.



New Additions to the Heritage Center

Bob Givens

The Edens Adventure
The Family Harmon
The Name is McCluney
The Sherk Family
Wakefield Memorial
One Zumwalt Family
A Guide to German Parish Registers V.\1-
Baden, Bavaria, Wuerttemberg
Index to Simcoe County Marriages Ontario
Canada- 1858-1869
Index to Durham County Marriages Ontario Canada- 1858-1869
Directory of the Province of Ontario 1857
Marriages du Comte de Shefford (1849-1968)
Confederate Burial Records
The Belgians: First Settlers in New York and in the Middle States

Jim & Mary Wolfson

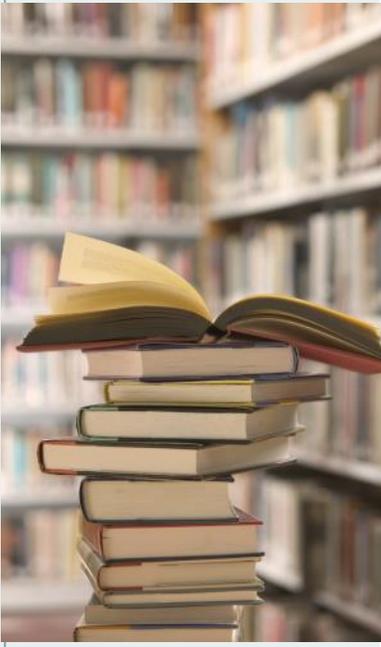
The Bierer-Berry Family
Berks County Soldiers in the American Revolution
Peace Be Unto This House A history of the Salford Mennonite Congregation
1717-1988
Early Families of Lancaster, Lebanon & Dauphin Counties Pennsylvania
Lancaster County PA Quarter Session Abstracts Book 1 1729-1742
Lancaster County, PA- Church Records of the 18th Century
Tulpehorken Trinity United Church of Christ 1727-1977
Pennsylvania Births Dauphin Co 1757-1825
Wills and Administrations of Northumberland Co, PA
Ancestral Charts 1777-1977- South Central PA
Probate and Orphans Court Records of Snyder Co, PA 1772-1855

County:

Thomas Fletcher on 1750s Maryland
The Surnames of Ireland
Map Guide to German Parish Registers: Cities of Dresden and Leipzig
Ship Passenger lists National and New England 1600-1825
Early Settlers of Eastham (Library of Cape Cod)
History of Muddy Creek Reformed Congregation
Lancaster County Heritage (Journal)
Discovering Mormon Trails
Idaho 1870 Territorial Census

Lisa Morrill

Macon County, Illinois- Military Census Militia Roll 1861-1862-1863



Kathy Burrow

The Graber Immigrants

Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald 1835-1855

Jefferson & St. Lawrence County NEW 1810-1820 Census

Vigo Co, IN Index to Testators through 1880

Vigo Co, IN Will Abstracts 1818-1860

Parke Co, IN Marriage Records Book A- 1833-1844

Robinson's 1976 Plainfield-Danville (IN) City Directory

IL State Genealogical Society – Family Bible Records v. 1-2

Brown Co, IN Cemeteries

Atlas of Edgar County IL

Historical Encyclopedia of IL- Clark County

Index to Historical Encyclopedia of Clark Co IL

History of Coles Co, IL

Obituaries and Deaths 1853-1876 From Adrian Newspapers Lenawee Co, MI

Marriages 1853-1876 From Adrian Newspapers Lenawee Co, MI

Sterling Grove Cemetery Transcription

Wisconsin 1840 Census index

Minnesota 1860 Census index

1880 Census Macomb Co, MI

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The Hallowell-Paul Family History

The 38 Women of the “Women’s Airforce Service Pilots”

Women in the American Revolution

Abstracts of Chancery Court Records of MD 1669-1782

Newspapers Abstracts of Cecil and Harford Counties MD 1822-1830

Newspapers Abstracts of Allegany and Washington Counties, MD 1811-1815

Alabama 1850 Agricultural & Manufacturing Census

Mississippi 1850 Agricultural Census

The Woodville Republican V. 1-6 1823-1891

Leslie County, KY Marriages 1884-1894

Lee County KY Births, Deaths & Marriages

Family Maps of Owen County, IN

Family Maps of Genesee County, MI

Family Maps of Hennepin County, MN

Newport & Kibesillah A tale of Two Mendocino County

Sacramento County Coroner’s Records Collection 1887-1969

Sacramento County Delayed Birth Records

Women Proprietors or Sole Traders Sacramento, 1850-1930

Family Maps of Kootenai County, ID

Nine Months in York Town

Carolee Hansen

Edgar IL Marriages 1823-1839, 1860-1877, 1878-1886, 1887-1893, 1911-1914

Margaret Elaine Elliott

Ancestors and Descendants of James and Aletha (Loose) Johnston

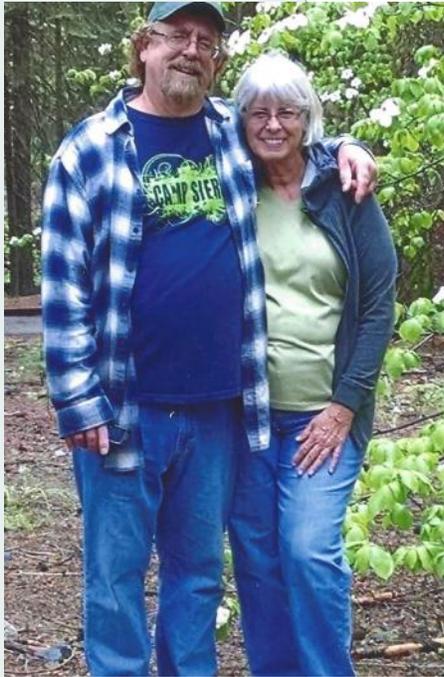


SO... WHAT'S YOUR STORY? WEDDING EDITION

A Tale of Two Cabins

Terry Say Gardner

For more than a century there has been a quiet collection of mountain cabins nestled in the forest just below Big Creek. It is known as Camp Sierra and many of the cabins are still owned by descendants of the original owners. It isn't a fancy place, but the peace and tranquility of Camp Sierra provides a strong pull for those



Dean and Terry Gardner

needing a get-away refuge, where you can expect shaded trails, waterfalls and friendly people. Most of the traffic is on foot and the sounds you hear are likely to be squirrels and birds or running water.

There are no fences in Camp Sierra and open space feels secluded because of all the trees. It is easy to relax and unwind and sometimes never even see another soul. At least it was until the Bark Beetle ate all the pine trees in a large part of the area. Not only did it devastate our forest, but it devastated all of the people who hiked or camped in the shade of those trees. It changed the view, took away the green canopy and opened everything up. One of the changes was that I could now see the cabin just down the hill that was previously hidden from my sight by all the trees.

One day, the man who lived in that cabin made a neighborly stop to introduce himself, now that our cabins were in view of each other. We had been neighbors for decades, but never met each other.

We had a lot in common, providing opportunities for conversation and a developing friendship. Over time, we began to visit back and forth and the friendship grew. Eventually, we decided to merge our cabins and we were married 15 June 2016. We still love our cabin in the woods and, besides the bonus of marrying the neighbor I never knew, we no longer have to rake pine needles and at night, we can see the stars where the pine trees use to be.

When one door closes, another one opens

Terry shares her parent's story next...

War Time Wedding

Terry Say Gardner



High school sweethearts, Jack Say and Gwendolyn Thompson grew up in Selma, California, a small town where everybody knows everybody. They did not date exclusively until their senior year, but they did attend the prom together. After high school, Jack moved to San Luis Obispo and enrolled at Cal Poly and Gwen went to Fresno State Normal School to obtain a teaching credential. Just one semester shy of his graduation, Jack received orders to report for Military Service. He dropped out of college and joined the Army Air Corps. Initially, Jack was stationed at Edwards Field, near Lancaster.

Gwen graduated in 1942 and returned to Selma where she accepted a position as the women's P.E. teacher at Selma High. They continued their romance, in spite of physical distance, gas rationing and the uncertainty of when Jack would receive orders to "ship out".

They decided to marry before Jack was sent overseas; but because he never knew when he could get time off or when he would get the call to go, they had to see each other only sporadically and without advance notice. They planned a small wedding, with just one other couple in attendance. The Groom did not make it to the wedding. Jack could not get off duty in time. Gwen was waiting at the Chapel, but he was not able to reach her to let her know until a few hours after the wedding was set to happen. They had to reschedule, finally saying their vows on June 22, 1944 at the *Little Country Church of Hollywood*, before the Rev. Fagan.

For a couple months, they lived in Lancaster, sharing an Airstream trailer with another couple. When the school year began, Gwen moved back to Selma and began teaching. Jack was reassigned to Mather Field. They tried to meet at least once a month, usually in San Francisco, but no matter how much they planned, it was always up in the air as to whether he would get weekend leave, or worse yet, leave for duty in the Pacific Theatre. By then he knew where he was being assigned, just not the date. They would plan to meet under the clock at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco and Gwen would take the bus right after work on Friday. She would arrive and then wait under the clock in the lobby to see if Jack was able to come. Many times, he was not able to get away from the base, and she would have to catch the bus back to Selma.



LOVE OF MY LIFE June Spliethof Barnett

Where I grew up if you wanted to go to college after high school one had to move over the mountains East to Sacramento area or South over the mountains. My close girl friend and I chose Santa Rosa J. C. We did not have a car for transportation and had to depend on the Greyhound Bus, family or friends.

After the first school year ended I remained working in Santa Rosa. During that summer a new College girlfriend would drive us to The Grove, a dance hall hang out for college students in Guerneville on the Russian River. One occasion a young man, Rod Barnett, asked me for a dance. During the dance he learned that I worked in a Donut Shop in Santa Rosa. Rod gathered together his close friends to bring them into the Donut Shop with him. Then finally he did come in alone and asked me for a date. Rod knew that we had been students of the same Speech class. A most interesting class of all men except for three women, named Farquar, (Mrs.) Khykendall and Spliethof (me). Rod forgot many things but never those three names.



After dating for a very short while I knew Rod was the 'love of my life' and we were engaged. Rod was a WWII Veteran returning to education using the G.I. Bill. He was continuing his college and had enrolled for the 1950 Spring Semester in Fresno State. Our wedding was in December 1949, we lived in the Santa Rosa College's Vets' Village cabin until February 1950 when all of our belongings were packed into Rod's 1941 Pontiac Convertible and we landed at his sister's house in downtown Fresno.

When Rod passed in September 2014 we had been married 65 years shy a few months.



MY PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE

Jeanne Pugh Nelson

Shortly after I was hired to teach at Sun Empire School, the vice-principal/teacher, Wesley Nelson, invited the faculty and staff to his house for a spaghetti dinner. At the end of the party, Wes and I sat on the floor in the living room looking at his record collection. About a month later, in September he asked me for a date. On our second date he took me to Yosemite for lunch. On the way there he said, "I'm going to marry you". I didn't say a word, just thought, "Oh yeah, we'll see". That was the first and last time that was mentioned.

Fast forward two and a half years. One day at school, another teacher asked us to stop at her house on the way home for iced tea. Being a very direct person, she told us to sit at the kitchen table. She slapped a calendar onto the table in front of us and said, "OK you guys, you've gone together long enough. Now pick a date!" Without a word, we did. We were married on June 27, 1964 and were married just shy of 49 years.

NOT ALL WEDDINGS ARE IN JUNE

Val Spongberg

It was 1952 and I was a senior in high school. Like most girls of my age I had planned my future. I was going to go to college, find Mr. Right my senior year, get my BA and get married. But, God had other plans for me.

The young adults in our church used to sit in the balcony and listen to the sermon, but also count the bald heads downstairs, etc. One day we had a new and very handsome young man attend church. We found out he was a relatively new Christian and felt called to the ministry. I immediately developed a major crush on him. Since I was still in high school and he was 24 he wouldn't think of dating me. A good thing.

In the fall he went away to seminary. It was so sad. But, he returned at the end of the semester. That seminary was not a good fit for him. One reason he'd gone there is that he hadn't yet gotten his BA and they accepted students without it. So, he returned to college at LA State and was also working full time. But, I still had a crush on him.

In spring of 1953 I was a freshman at Mt. San Antonio Junior College. During Easter break the "good" kids would go to San Clemente Beach and camp out and the "naughty" kids would go to Tijuana. Happily I was the president of the Christian Youth Council that year. So, I invited Ed to be a counselor. A really good idea. At the end of that week we started dating.

That summer I worked at Camarillo State Mental hospital assisting the chaplain. Our longest date - Ed lived in Pomona, and worked in Los Angeles. One night he came to Camarillo after work, picked me up, we went to the Hollywood Bowl, he drove me back to Camarillo and then drove home to Pomona.

We were soon engaged and got married on April 9, 1954. We were both in college and didn't have much money, but things work out. Ed was the first person from our church to go into the ministry for decades, so the church was very supportive. They put on our wedding reception. That was the

era of wedding cake, nuts and mints. I wore my sister-in-law's wedding dress. And, I had wanted a very good florist to provide the flowers. We couldn't afford him, but the florist we did go to said his usual provider was busy and they asked if we'd take the substitute and it turned out he was the one I wanted in the first place.

We had a two day honeymoon. Then we lived with his parents for a few months and then my parents for a few months before moving to San Anselmo and seminary. Another chapter had begun.

I have an observation - people who have elaborate weddings and go to Fiji or elsewhere for a three week honeymoon, have very short marriages. Ours lasted 55 years and would have lasted longer if he had lived.



COUSIN CONNECTIONS

Member surname research are:

Ball from OK and SC; and Sparks from OK and KY for Diane Ball at dianejball@scbglobal.net .

Andrea Belau at landabelau@att.net researches Miner, Abbott and Barnes.

Patricia Duncan at retropat@gmail.com looks for Duncan, and Griffin.

Happy searching!

A BLAST from the Past– Wow were things different in 1877!

From the Fresno Morning Republican

March 17, 1877

Etiquette For Widows—It is contrary to custom to invite guest to the marriage of a widow. If a widower marries a young girl, the etiquette is the same as that of a first marriage. A widow must marry in the morning early, without show, and has only her witnesses and those of her intended. Her dress must be plain, of quiet color; black, however is not admissible. On leaving the church the bride invites to breakfast the witnesses who have formed the wedding party, but no other guests are invited to this repast. On the fifteenth day after the marriage cards are sent bearing the new address of the married pair. A widow never makes wedding calls after remarrying. Those who receive a card do the visiting. There is a month allowed for the return of cards and the visits. When a single lady marries after having passed the usual age for marriage, the ceremony should be simple and unobtrusive.



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