



July 2020

The Jotted Line



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Happy 4th of July! We hope you are all well during this unprecedented time we are in. While we would love to meet in person, we watch the numbers of cases in our county climb and are happy to be able to offer some meetings via ZOOM. Isn't technology wonderful!

If you'd like to contribute your COVID-19 Story to the Fresno Historical Societies archive you can do that [here](#).

Wouldn't you have loved if your family had left a story of their time during one of the great events of history?

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



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We'd love to hear from
you -

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7PM on ZOOM!

Upcoming virtually..

Tue July 14th

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

July 18th– Seminar

See opposite page—

August 11th—

Virtual Ice Cream Social! (Bring your own, HA!)

October ZOOM Seminar– DNA– With Bob Givens-

More info to come!

JULY’S MEETING –CENSUS STATE, FEDERAL AND UNUSAL

The first Zoom meeting with Jamie Mayhew talking about finding your female ancestors was a huge success with 50 people attending. July 14 will be Diane Manley talking about all the census: Federal, State and Unusual. I have heard through the grapevine that even the most experienced genealogist will learn from her talk. We would like to have our meeting open for guests. If you know someone who would enjoy this talk please email Corky@mikaelpeterson.net or Mike@mikaelpeterson.net with your friends name and email address and they can be added to the contact list to receive an invite. You must have an invitation with link to attend. Invitations will go out automatically to all society members about 2-4 days before the meeting and again the day of the meeting.

Here is a sample of the email you will receive to invite you to the meeting. And we’ll have the handouts then too!



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

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the end of JULY!**



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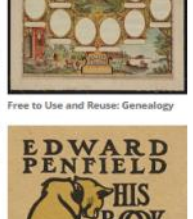
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Thanks to Genealogy Gems for letting us know about this new feature!

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CLASSES — FREE

Classes are held via Zoom. Go to the website for links to handout and a tutorial on Zoom.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family History Library Classes and Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

General FamilySearch Webinars and Handouts (NOTE MDT Time Zone)

Date	Class Title	Link to Webinar
Mon, Jul 6, 10:00 AM MDT	Using the FamilySearch Catalog	Link to webinar
Tue, Jul 7, 10:00 AM MDT	Tips and Tricks for Finding Elusive Records in FamilySearch	Link to webinar
Wed, Jul 8, 1:00 PM MDT	Germans from Russia: Locating Church Records	Link to webinar

Past Class Sessions can be found [here](#)

FAMILYTREEWEBINARS — FREE— MUST PRE-REGISTER

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Webinars are free first showing then it's a paid feature to watch past webinars.

Date	Class Title	Link to Webinar
Wed, July 08 , 5:00pm PDT	Turning dry facts into exciting narrative	Link to webinar
Tue, July 14, 11:00am PDT	Connecting the Dots – Introduction to Auto Clusters at MyHeritageDNA	Link to webinar
Wed, July 15, 11:00am PDT	On the Record Trail of My LDS Immigrant Ancestor	Link to webinar
Tue, July 21, 5:00pm PDT	Elusive Immigrant: The Search for Dora Lühr (using GPS-Genealogical Proof Standard)	Link to webinar
Wed, July 22 11:00am PDT	50 More Websites Every Genealogist Should Know	Link to webinar
Wed, July 29, 11:00am PDT	Researching a Loyalist Soldier	Link to webinar
Wed, August 05, 11:00am PDT	Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries	Link to webinar

Free for a limited time:

Finding a Father for Molly - Using DNA- https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=1263 Free through- 7/8/2020

There is also a group that is always FREE check those out [HERE](#)

SO... WHAT'S YOUR STORY?



Kelsey Stewart

A Family Treasure by Kelsey Stewart

Sarah German Barclay b. Sarah German 1831; d. 1897

One cold/wintering evening I began to rove through web sites, looking for information on Sarah Barclay, (my 4th great-grandmother). After visiting quite a few websites I moved to RootsWeb for information on Sarah. From link to link, I wandered through a lot of references for Sarah Barclay or Sarah German. The more I read what others had to say I was fairly confident there would be no connection to her although I am one of those stubborn individuals who doesn't know when to quit. I labored on and nearly jumped out of my chair when I stumbled into a message that asked whether someone knew of or was related to Sarah. The individual stated she owned something of Sarah's that had been handed down through generations of her family and she just didn't know how to dispose of the item. None of her children were the least bit interested in keeping the property.

Betty Beam was her name and she had listed her e-mail address indicating anyone who knew of or was related to her to write to her. My heart rate escalated as I quickly e-mailed Betty and told her how I was related to my 4th g-grandmother. I verified my claim by sending along information from my family tree so that Betty wouldn't think I was just someone who wanted to acquire something that was old and belonged to Sarah, maybe selling it on some website. Not knowing what item she was willing to share I told Betty I was prepared to pay for the item, packaging and postage.

In a return e-mail Betty said she was not interested in making any money on the item. She was only interested in finding someone who would be interested in keeping her prize in the family to whom it belonged.

I sort of dismissed the exchange from my mind because I hadn't heard back from Betty for several months. Four months later Betty asked via e-mail for my name and address. My heart rate began to climb once again.

Two weeks before Christmas that year I received a 14X30 package in the mail with a return label from Indiana. My first thought was that perhaps I had ordered a gift to give for Christmas and it had arrived. I carefully opened that box and discovered a weaving framed in a tea tray complete with handles. It was just gorgeous and stitched in colors that pleased the eye. I placed it front in my family room and looked at it every day before the evening news came on TV.



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Welcome and Welcome Back to Sally Tripp, Catherine Furtado, Susan Young, Grace Del Real



We've had some DNA questions come up lately and we have some news and ideas for you.

1. The news– due to the current situation our seminar speaker has changed. Bob Givens will now be doing our seminar for us and we'll be talking DNA! More info to come..
2. If you are curious about the GEDMatch program we've found a good video series by the Genealogy Fanatics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=id7JJ1NoTNk>

Some other good websites/resources:

Int'l Society of Genetic Genealogy –<https://isogg.org/>

Diahna Southard- <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/>

DNA Explained-<https://dna-explained.com>

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I was genuinely astounded and really didn't have words to describe how I felt about the gift. That is when I began to ask myself so many questions that were really my emotions jumping all over the place as I thought about my 4th g-grandmother. Since the weaving had been given to someone in Betty's family tree one question led to another. What had Sarah's friend done for Sarah for Sarah to make the decision to create the weaving? Where did Sarah get the idea for the weaving? Where had she obtained the thread she used? How did she get the dyes she used? She would not have been able to walk to a local market to purchase what she needed. I imagined she must have used beets or something similar for the reds. Maybe she used some flower petals to squeeze out enough blue to make various shades of blue. Was the tea tray precious enough to Sarah that she chose to frame her cloth with it. I remain to shed some tears from time to time when I think that Sarah created such a gift with her own hands in Newark, Ohio in 1848, and I can feel her hands present as I touch the cloth.

Betty Beam must be very much like my 4th g-grandmother granting me the privilege and blessing of something so meaningful to me. From a quiet evening on my computer I live with a warm and grateful heart at the generosity of these two women. I wish I could have known more about them.



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