



August 2020

The Jotted Line

Happy August! We hope you are all doing well. It is full on summer here in Fresno, with the usual multiple days of 100+ degree days. It looks like our first week of August will bring some cooler 90s.

We hope you'll join us on the 11th for our virtual Ice Cream (or popsicle or dessert) Social. We will get a tour of our new website.

On another note, we have heard that charter member Zelda has recently had surgery and if you'd like to send her some well wishes we are sure she would enjoy that! You can email her at RVDubel@msn.com

If you need an address please let Melissa know—infofcgs@gmail.com or 600-6230.

We hope you are on the mend Zelda!

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 7 PM on ZOOM!

Upcoming virtually..

August 11th—

Tour the New Website and Virtual Ice Cream Social! (Bring your own, HA!)

September 8th— Busting Brick Walls!

October 17th – Seminar- See next page

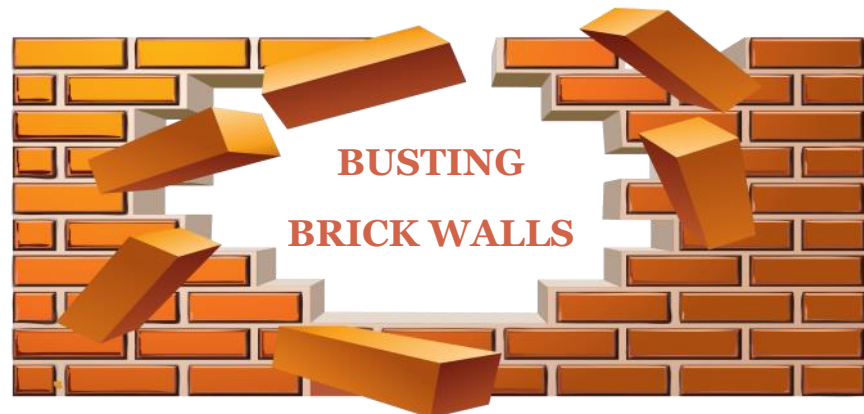
AUGUST’S MEETING –TOUR THE NEW WEBSITE AND VIRTUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us via Zoom for a tour around our new website by Mike Peterson our webmaster! (fresno-genealogy.org)

We will also spend some time visiting so grab your favorite ice cream or other dessert and join us!

Invite will be sent 2-3 days prior.

Remember when we used to meet in person?



SEPTEMBER MEETING—

Have you found a brick wall that you could use some help busting? Send it in and our panel will take a go at it. We'll meet on Zoom the night of the meeting and walk you through what we found. Send your brick walls to infofcgs@gmail.com or corky@mikaelpeterson.net

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.

For Brick walls send in:
Your Name:
Ancestor information: (Name, Location, Time Frame)
Brick Wall Problem:
Sources You have Searched:



October 17 —
 Annual Seminar
 with Bob Givens presenting
DNA Bootcamp
 via Zoom.

There will be 3 sessions:

1. Introduction and My Heritage DNA
2. Ancestry DNA
3. Gedmatch

This will be presented from the genealogists point of view and we will learn how to understand the results and compare them with possible relatives. We will start taking reservations for the seminar August 15th (watch your email for the how-to). Cost will be free to genealogy society members and \$10 for non-members. You must register for this seminar even if you are a member of the society. Be sure to do it soon since we will be limited to 100 attendees.

Results of the DNA questionnaire:

52	took part
50	have used DNA
34	Ancestry
17	23 & Me
13	Family Tree Y
22	Family Tree Auto
8	Family Tree Mt
12	My Heritage
3	LivingDNA (UK based)
20	GedMatch



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Are you interested in having a webinar, power point any time in the future? I have noticed that the New England Historic Society, Legacy and other groups have a large selection. These would be in addition to our regular meetings. Please let Corky know at corky@mikaelpeterson.net if you would like to have webinars, what type, and maybe a place to check out for good ones.

HERITAGE CENTER

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WE MISS YOU!

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



Heritage Center

LOOK UPS-

If you need a book from the Heritage Center let us know. We are glad to do look ups for you and scan pages!

HeritageCenter@fresnolibrary.org or

Give us a call— 559-600-6230.

Not sure what we have? Go to www.fresnolibrary.org and browse our catalog. On the left side of the menu in the everything drop down look for Heritage Center and it will just show you results in our room.

You can also check out the library website for Free E-Books, Magazines, Newspapers, and more.



BYU Family History Webinars [CLICK HERE](#)

August

5th

*Raising Family Historians:
How to Capture the Hearts of
Future Genealogists*
with Breanne Ballard | Wed, 5:30pm MDT

12th

*How to Repair Incorrect Merges
in Family Tree*
with Kathryn Grant
Wed, 5:30pm MDT

19th

How to ask your DNA Question
with Bonnie Belza
Wed, 5:30pm MDT

26th

2020 Update: Basics of Findmypast
with James Tanner
Wed, 5:30pm MDT



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](#)

General FamilySearch Webinars and Handouts (NOTE MDT Time Zone)

Date	Class Title	Link to Webinar
Mon, Aug 3, 10:00 AM MDT	Using the FamilySearch Catalog	Link to webinar
Tue, Aug 4, 10:00 AM MDT	Attaching Sources to Family Tree	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. They have **a lot of**

Date	Class Title	Link to Webinar
Wed, Aug 05, 11:00 am PDT	Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries	Link to webinar
Wed, Aug 12, 5:00 pm PDT	Dissecting a Civil War Pension Packet--Union and Confederate	Link to webinar
Tue, Aug 18, 5:00 pm PDT	The Advance of Research Habits over Recent Decades — And...	Link to webinar
Wed, Aug 19, 11:00 am PDT	Getting to Know Mexican Church & Civil Registration Records	Link to webinar

GENEALOGY SHOW AND TELL

This newsletter is for you all and we'd love to feature more of you in it. If you have found something helpful we'd love to hear from you. Have you finished a genealogy project and you'd like to share it? An heirloom you like to show off?

Please send us a little write up, just a paragraph or two (but if you need more go for it! In a digital newsletter we can add as many pages as we need!) Send a picture of yourself if you'd like and a picture of your project, heirloom, puppy, whatever you'd like.

Help us be inspired, get to know each other, and spread a little sunshine!

Thanks

Send to infofcgs@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Greeting from the membership team. Our membership count for 2020 is at 133 members. We are getting to see many of your faces on the new Zoom monthly meetings. We hope that many of you will respond to your email invitation to join our August Zoom meeting where our Web Administrator, Mike Peterson will give us the details of using the new website.

As a member you will be able to search many of the old issues of the Ash Tree Echo. My husband and I became members in 2016, so we had not had access to the older ones.

While exploring many of these issues I discovered information about the usage of the Squire. As a child I remember my father talking about Squire Turner. Dad never said, "Mr. Turner".

The page 10 of the Ash Tree Echo for September 2004 gives the explanation.

I hope you will use the new website for your own research or just to find out some of the interesting activities the society published in the Ash Tree Echoes.



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FRESNO REPUBLICAN,
August 10, 1878 pg 3

We return our thanks to J. H. Swell, of the Central California Colony, for a 42 ½ pound watermelon that was left at our office on last Wednesday. We procured the assistance of some friends, to aid in sampling it, and all pronounced it one of the finest watermelons that they had ever tasted.

FRESNO REPUBLICAN,
August 14, 1880 pg 3

Reese purchased of Mr. A.B. Babcock this week a watermelon weighing upwards of 60 pounds. It was raised by Mr. B. on his place at the Central Colony, and is the largest by a few pounds ever bought in this market.

Central California Colony– Have you ever wondered why south of Fresno in the county is a North Avenue? If you go a little farther south you'll find Central and then South? These were the boundary streets of Central Colony. To keep on theme they also were bordered with East and West and in between you'll find Cherry, Elm, Fig, Walnut and Fruit.

This colony was developed by Bernard Marks and W.S. Chapman in 1875 and is considered the first successful colony in Fresno county. It started a trend, with over 14 colonies in the county. Colonies were made to bring water and people to the valley.

In Central Colony 20 acre lots were sold with 2 acres planted with vineyard, to entice people. The canals weren't quite ready when they started selling lots, Marks & Chapman almost gave up. They ended 1875 with 54 people in the colony. Luckily, they got the water coming in and by summer of 1877 they had 191 people. In just 3 years they sold all the lots. It was by no means easy living, but thankfully these pioneers kept at it.