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THIS TUESDAY EVENING— OUR FIRST IN -PERSON MEETING!!!! AND THERE'S ICE CREAM!!! JOIN US - TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH!!

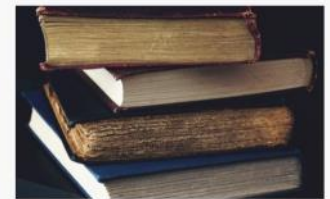
Come on out to the Woodward Park Library @ 6:30 at 944 E. Perrin, Fresno. You all remember where it is right??

Bring your favorite topping or sweet to share.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Also inside information on our Annual Seminar!!

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Heritage Center



HOURS



MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM- 6 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM- 5 PM

SUNDAY
CLOSED

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Upcoming Meetings

SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 14th @7 PM — on ZOOM

**BACK ON ZOOM
DUE TO THE
SPECIAL ELECTION**

Meetings are being held virtually via ZOOM at 7 pm.

An invite will be sent to members

Remember us when shopping with AMAZON use Amazon Smile and choose Fresno County Genealogical Society.

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AUGUST MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 10TH IN PERSON!!!
Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 at the Woodward Park Library- 944 E. Perrin, Fresno.

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OCTOBER SEMINAR TOPICS

5 Tips to Better Family History Research

Family history research is easy, right? It can be, but it also can be a complex pursuit that takes years to find an answer. Conducting good research takes time and know-how. Learn 25 tips used by professionals for conducting family history research that will help you find the answers you seek.

Her Name was Not Unknown: Researching Female Ancestors

“What’s her maiden name?” “What happened to her after her husband died?” “How do I start researching my great-grandmother?” We’ve all felt the disappointment of seeing the word “unknown” to describe a female ancestor’s name. How do we go from “unknown” to finding a name? This presentation will explain techniques, resources, sources vital to finding your female ancestors.

Wives, Widows, Spinsters, and Mistresses

Details about women’s lives are found in examining their relationships. What records exist that document relationships to significant others? Learn what records exist that connect a woman to her husband, partner, or significant other, what information the records provide, as well as where these records can be found.

The Secret Lives of Women: Finding Women with the Records They Left Behind

Why is finding a female ancestor so difficult? One reason is the way we research their lives. Successful research must combine familiar genealogical sources and the specific sources that women left behind. It is the sources that women authored or participated in that tell us their unique stories. In this lecture we look at the specific trail women left including signature quilts, community cookbooks, journals, and diaries.



WOMEN IN GENEALOGY

WITH GENA PHILIBERT-ORTEGA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH
9 AM TO 4 PM
WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

Join us for our Annual Seminar as we celebrate women with these great topics:

1. **25 Tips to Better Family History Research**
2. **Her Name was Not Unknown: Researching Female Ancestors**
3. **Wives, Widows, Spinsters, and Mistresses**
4. **The Secret Lives of Women: Finding Women with the Records They Left Behind**

Seats are FREE

There is an optional lunch and syllabus:
(sandwich, salad, chips and drink)

FCGS Members-\$20

Non-Members- \$25

Register and save your seat at
<http://fcgs.eventbrite.com>

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FINDING ADAM SCHROYER'S PARENTS BY CORKY PETERSON

My mother's maiden name was Schroyer. She used to say that Grandpa was born on the boat coming over from Germany. Well I soon learned that he was born in IA and his father and grandfather were born in PA. The farthest back I could go was Adam Schroyer who was born 15 Aug 1805 in PA and died 28 May 1869 in WI. The first record I had for Adam was in Centre Co PA when he married Christina Ilgen in 1826 in the Salem Lutheran Church where her father was the minister. They lived in Centre co and Clinton Co PA for several years with a brief time in NY State. About 1844 they went to IL and 2 years later had land in Jordan Center WI. There was another Schroyer family in Centre Co PA and I checked them out thoroughly. It was Jacob Schroyer and he had a son named Adam who was two years older born in 1803. Jacob was a full-blooded Shawnee Indian who was raised by the Schroyer's (I think the father was Jacob Schroyer who lived possibly in Cumberland Co). Jacob's son Adam lived always in Centre Co, married there and died there in the late 1850's and even has a headstone with full dates. So, I looked elsewhere in the state for my Adam's parents.



I focused on Schroyer's who lived in close counties to Centre. I found Ludwig Schroyer living in Northumberland Co who had six sons. I worked up all of them as best I could. I was able to determine that 3 had died young and 3 eventually went to OH. Of those that died young I was unable to follow two of them since it appeared both had died before 1800. The third one Phillip died in 1815 with a will and a proven son named Adam who was born in 1808. Of the 3 who went to OH I was able to follow 2 of them and could determine that they did not have a son named Adam born in 1805 or even close. I only knew of a couple of John's children's birth dates. I could see that he did have a son the age of Adam. Also, John left for OH about the time that Adam appeared in nearby Centre Co. So, I put John down as the father with all kinds of notes in my tree about not proven just gut feel.

When I did my DNA at Ancestry, I had John in as the parent of Adam. Low and behold sure enough I matched a Johan Schroyer through a children named Nicholas and Anna. I might add that I did not know the names of most of John's children. When I looked at DNA for Ludwig, I was related through all of his other children with cM results at least 10 cM and higher. So, I knew that I was on the right track but not convinced that it was necessarily John. At this point I carefully read the name of Johan it said Johan Adam and I totally had overlooked that getting so excited about seeing the name John and not reading the entire name.

I went back and looked for any record of Johan Adam and found a will. I had seen it before but the name was Shower and it was dated 1805 so I questioned it and put it aside but remembering it was there. Named in the will was Anna, Nicholas and Adam and of course wife whose name was Elizabeth. Then I decided to try to find the wife's name so first went to the Ancestry trees and found Elizabeth Brosius. In searching her I found a writ that was published in a newspaper in 1868 (that means not reading handwriting) that named all of the children of Nicholas Brosius who died in 1832. It turns out that his son George handled his estate but George died in 1839. It took about 25 years to settle that. What that writ did was name clearly all of the children of Nicholas and who they married and if no longer living then the children. Elizabeth was mentioned as deceased and Adam Schroyer, deceased. Then it named all the living children at the time which was Nicholas, Peter, Anna and Adam.

Lessons learned from this are:

1. Set problems aside and go back and review.
2. DNA can be very helpful when used wisely
3. When looking at land or even some probate look many years after the date. Many times, you will find land or even some probate 20-40 years after the fact. Another point to remember when looking for land or probate long after the fact, it might be listed under a son in law's name or even under the person handling the probate.

Some Interesting things going on at Ancestry.
If you want to make sure your images are yours alone you may want to read these blogs before the September deadline.

DNA Explained article: [Blog 1](#)
Amy Johnson Crow Video [here](#)
Legal Genealogists posts. [Here](#)

NGS 2022 Family History Conference to be held
25-28 May in Sacramento, CA

More info here: <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>



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