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September 2021



Our September meeting **will be held on ZOOM** due to the Special Election. Tuesday Sep. 14th at 6:30 pm starts with socializing and the program at 7:00 pm.

Ron Arons will be presenting Sex, Lies, and Genealogical Tape. Going beyond the who, what and where questions. Ron will show us how to look for the why and how answers and how that can help us break through our genealogy.

Also inside, information on our Annual Seminar and the Fresno Fair!

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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.

Thanks!



## 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>

You can also sign up by mailing a check to F.C.G.S, P.O. Box 1429, Fresno, CA 93716

SAVE me a seat  Yes, I want lunch and a syllabus

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject to change based on current local COVID protocols.

# 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.

SEATING IS LIMITED for the Seminar so please don’t wait until the last minute! We want you to be able to come.

Register today!!!



## 2021 FCCS BOARD MEMBERS

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## BILLIONGRAVES

BillionGraves is a free website with the goal of digitally preserving at least a billion gravestones. Using the smartphone BillionGraves app volunteers have uploaded over 40 million GPS-tagged headstone images. With BillionGraves, even if a gravestone is damaged or unreadable, the information and location recorded at the time the images were uploaded to BillionGraves will still be available. GPS coordinates are a key part of BillionGraves records. GPS makes it easier to find the location of a grave in a cemetery. This is especially helpful when looking for a gravestone in a large cemetery.

You can search the BillionGraves app by cemetery or a person's name. I searched by name looking for the location of the grave for my 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather Hugh Alexander who died in 1862. He along with other family members are buried at the Linneus Cemetery in Maine. After tapping on his name in the search results there is a picture of his headstone and information taken from the headstone. When I tap on "Cemetery Map" I'm given the location of his grave in the cemetery. In the picture below the orange pin is the location of Hugh Alexander's grave. Without this GPS pin it would take a very long-time walking around the cemetery looking for his headstone.

BillionGraves is also looking for volunteers to take gravestone pictures with their smart phone. The following link gives more information on becoming a volunteer.

<https://billiongraves.com/volunteer>



It was so amazing to see everyone who came out for our Ice Cream Social!! We had about 25 members there and we were so excited we forgot to take pictures!!

We had a great night catching up in person. It was fun to hear of everyone's discoveries during the past years and some even got to travel.

Many thanks to Barbara for getting the ice cream, the crew who helped set up and brought toppings! We'll see everyone in October at the seminar!

## BIG FRESNO FAIR RETURNS FOR 2021

We need volunteers to help staff the Heritage Booth at the fair. New times and location this year.



The details:

Dates: **October 7-17** (hours below)  
Monday October 11 is Senior Day

Location: Jr Exhibits Building near Gate 7 across from the Livestock building

Parking: Volunteers Free at Butler or Maple Lot

Fair and Booth Hours:

Fair **Tuesday - Thursday** 4:00 pm-11:00 pm  
*Heritage Booth* shift 4:00 pm -7:00 pm only

Fair **Friday-Saturday** open 10:00 am-11:00 pm  
*Heritage Booth* shifts 10:00 am-1:00 pm,  
1:00 pm-4:00 pm and 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

To Volunteer: Please call Corky at 322-1743 or email at [corky@mikaelpeterson.net](mailto:corky@mikaelpeterson.net) with the day and hours you would like a shift.

MANY MANY Thanks to those who help with articles for the Jotted Line!

If you know of an event happening, class online, database we should know about or just want to share a story about your family, we'd love to feature you!!

It can be as little as this Family History conference below to a 2 page article (especially if you have photos! )

Email [infofcgs@gmail.com](mailto:infofcgs@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month to be included.



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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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