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## HAPPY OCTOBER!!!

We hope everyone is making plans to meet up at our IN PERSON seminar on Saturday, October 30th. To RSVP and sign up for lunch see the flyer inside this issue.

Tuesday, November 9th will be our next regular IN PERSON meeting, Bob Givens will be showing us what's new in Family Search.



## Heritage Center



## HOURS



MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9 AM- 6 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
9 AM- 5 PM

SUNDAY  
CLOSED

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## Upcoming Meetings

### OCTOBER MEETING

October meeting will be our Seminar—

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 8th—

What's New at Family Search— Bob Givens

December 4th —

Christmas Party

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!!!



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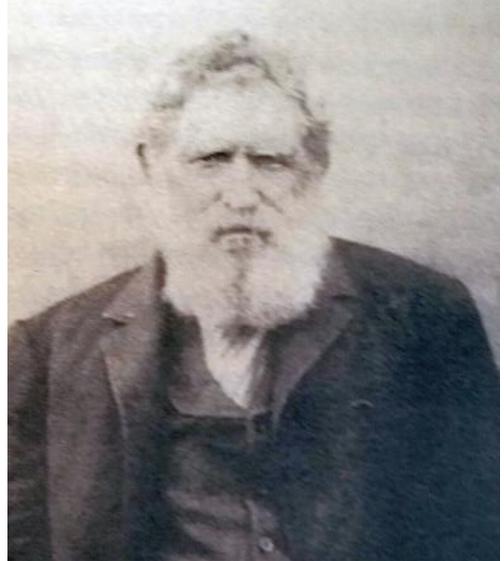
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## Finding Adam Schroyer's Parents

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.



Jacob Schroyer

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 I matched a Johan Schroyer through 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.

Corky P.

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER NEWS

F.C.G.S. membership is yearly from January 1 to December 31, so it is time to think about Membership renewal! Our website will be sending a renewal reminder to all paid members soon. We do hope that you will continue your loyalty to F.C.G.S. and join us for the 2022 year! Membership's dues remain the same for the coming year and are listed on the website.

The society has offered some excellent programming via zoom, and we are moving toward in-person meetings with COVID compliance during 2022.

Our website has a way for you to check your membership status and edit your personal information. We have included this information in this newsletter.

We do appreciate your continued support and look forward to all the ways we can explore genealogy together.

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### **Logging in for the first time or if you have “forgot password”**

Go to [www.fresno-genealogy.org](http://www.fresno-genealogy.org)

Click the Login button in the upper right corner of the screen

Enter your email address in the Login screen

Click on “Forgot password”

An email will be sent to your email address

Use the email to choose your new password

Use your new password to log in at [www.fresno-genealogy.org](http://www.fresno-genealogy.org)

Members can edit their address, phone numbers, and check the status of their membership.

Currently, we do not have the capability to use a credit card nor PayPal to renew your membership payment. Please mail membership payments to:

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# Heritage Center Updates



Greetings from the Heritage Center!  
We are back open and waiting for you all to come visit!

There are some new faces in the room, Bill Secret, Jr is back as our librarian full time. We've also added some new assistants, Mary and Loren who are getting the hang of things very quickly. Of course Melissa is still there making sure things are running smooth.

The only thing we are missing now is you!

If we can be of help let us know, we can still help virtually as well.

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## HERITAGE CENTER

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Mon-Thu 9-6

Fri-Sat 9-5

Parking Free on Sat

WE MISS YOU!

## PLACES TO FIND ONLINE CLASSES OR INFORMATION ON GENEALOGY

### FAMILY SEARCH 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)

Past Webinars

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes in the Learning Center](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes_in_the_Learning_Center)

### FAMILY TREE WEBINARS—LIVE-FREE—

MUST PRE-REGISTER <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming->

BYU— Online Classes- [Click Here](#)

RootsTech Past Sessions [Click here](#)

Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems— podcast and blog-

<https://lisalouisecooke.com/> (she also has videos & stuff on DNA)

Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter- <https://blog.eogn.com/>

Genetic Genealogist <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/>

More about DNA [Click Here](#)



**Ancestry Library Edition access is extended through the end of December.**

NEW WEBSITE:

Patriot Paths Tennessee's Revolutionary War Veterans-

[Click Here](#)

California's Department of Aging (CDA) is seeking public feedback from older adults and their families as well as stakeholder feedback of those who work with older adults to provide feedback on what is needed and what their experience seeking services has been. We want Fresno County voices to be heard!

The survey for members of the public can be taken online through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HubsandSpokesAging>

Surveys are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>

NGS 2022 Family History Conference to be held

May 25-28 in Sacramento, CA

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

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 above to a 2 page article (especially if you have photos! )

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