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The Jotted Line. March 2022

March 8, 2022, will be our General Meeting at Woodward Park Library
Linda Scambray will speak on Italian Genealogy. Socializing at 6:30 PM,
meeting starts at 7:00 PM – IN PERSON



Photo Courtesy Rick Mejia, Kylemore Abby April 2017

St Patrick's Day usually has Leprechaun's associated with it, but the Fairy Trees in Ireland are also important. This tree is on Pollacapall Lough near Kylemore Abby in County Galway. The ribbons attached are from people who wish the blessings from the Saints and the Wee Folk of Ireland.

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY DONATIONS

For FCGS members who have not been to our Genealogy collection housed downtown at the Heritage Center, please come and get acquainted. We are upstairs at the downtown library on Mariposa Street. There is metered parking on the Street and in the parking lot on O Street. We have well known genealogy books and periodicals and lesser-known local gems mostly donated by our members who have been researching a specific place in the United States. Whether you are researching a California County or an Alabama City, give us a try. You can access the Fresno County Public Library online or give us a call. sometimes we have things that don't show up with traditional wording. Remember, not all genealogy material is found online. We've had years of purchasing materials and receiving donations from our incredibly generous membership.

Thank you, Carolee Hansen, for the following donation of Periodicals:

The Register, The Journal of American Genealogy:
New England Historical Genealogical Society, summer and fall.

NY Genealogical Biographical Record:
July and October 2021

PA Magazine of History and Biography:
National Genealogical Society Quarterly, April 2021

National Genealogical Society Quarterly
June and September 2021

NY Researcher
Spring and Summer 2021

The Quarterly
Illinois Genealogical Society, Summer and Fall 2021

NGS Magazine
National Genealogical Society, 2021 Vol 2, 3, 4

American Ancestor
Summer and Fall 2021

HERITAGE CENTER

HOURS

MONDAY-
THURSDAY
9 AM – 6 PM

FRIDAY – SATURDAY
9 AM – 6 PM

SUNDAY CLOSED

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Edgar Co. Genealogical Society Quarterly

2008-2022, 20 Issues

Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly

2021 Vol 2 & 3

Ohio Genealogical News

Summer, Fall, Winter 2021

Mayflower Quarterly

Summer 2021

Also new at the library is two years of donations and acquisitions. Thought I would tell you about a periodical donation received. It's cataloged as OKOLHA – Oklahoma Outlaws Lawmen History Assn. If you have Oklahoma roots or a love of a wild west read, you will enjoy this donation. It tells the stories of the men and women who were on both sides of the law. It covers bank and train robbers, bootleggers, horse thieves, whiskey peddlers, hangings, shootouts, executions, female marshals, headstones, long lost towns biographies, post offices, newspaper accounts of the times and poignant letters from the men and women living in the territory and the state. The years donated are 2007-2017. Thank you to the Myrna Ceccarelli who donated this to the Heritage Center.

On Saturday March 12th, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will have an open house at the downtown library between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. There will be a program on unsecured sources, one on wagon trains, and one on court records. Parking is free and lunch is available for \$15.00 if you choose.

A request from the library:

We are on the hunt for Mary Ruth Shoop Hansen's descendants (she was a member in the 1970's.) Anyone that may know of pedigree charts from that time period, or if you have any ideas, please contact Melissa at the library.

IN OTHER NEWS

I received an e-mail from Find a Grave concerning changes they are making to their website. They are changing the timing for memorials for the recently deceased due to members indicating the timing can be difficult for family members. If an unrelated individual has entered a memorial before a reasonable time to mourn it can add to the emotional strain on the family. The changes on the site will show limits on information for the recently deceased, you can indicate your relationship to the deceased, and can request management for memorials for family members. You will be asked to indicate your relationship to the deceased, which can be public or private.

Also, if you use amazon.com for any on-line purchases please consider using smile.amazon.com for your purchases. If you use the smile website your orders will support the Fresno Genealogy Society, as a percentage of your cost is donated to FCGS. Just choose the society as your charity to support

A STORY FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Carolyn Moser

Hello from your new board, one thing I have learned is we all have stories and would all love to share given the opportunity. We welcome you to share about our ancestors, antique collections, searches and especially family legends. Here is one my family has heard for years.

In 2018 I was visiting a cousin, in Paris Missouri. Paris is a small town in north central Missouri. Population now is 1,390. My cousin Mary and I decided to go to the old Pleasant Hill Cemetery. This cemetery and church were established in 1883 and the last burial was in 1929. We wanted to clean old family graves and see who was there. The graves were all black and took a lot of work to clean to be able to see the names. All my life I had heard the story of my Aunt Bessie and how at age three she and her brother Frank, age 5, were playing with matches and her hair caught fire and she burned to death.

Bessie Mallory born 1895 died 1899, here is her photo and her grave, especially touching is the poem at the base.

A little Flower of love,
Blossomed but to die,
Transplanted now above,
To bloom with God on high.

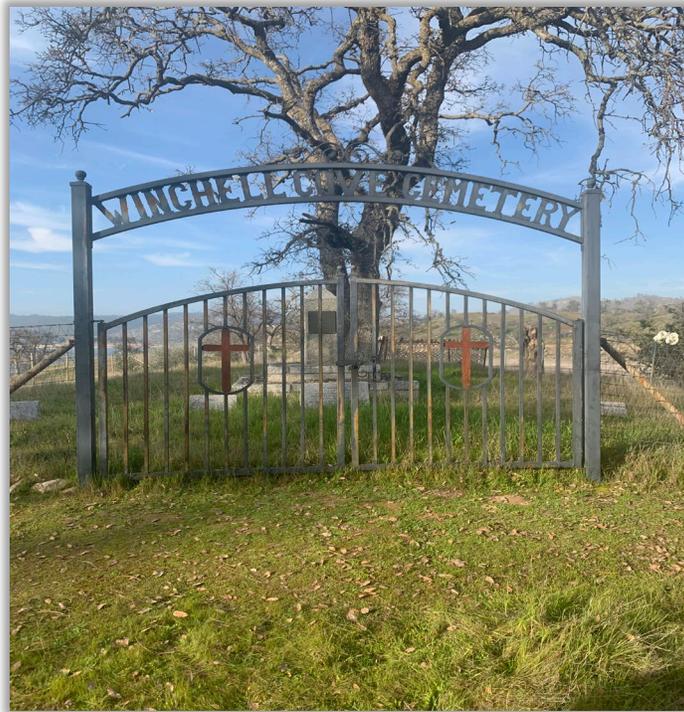


Winchell Cove Cemetery

Submitted by Meredith Coleman

My daughter Kris and her family live up near Millerton Lake and like to take long walks. On one walk they found Winchell Cove Cemetery; we didn't know it was there. All the photos presented here were taken by Kris.

If you have been to Millerton Lake and visited the historic courthouse, you haven't seen everything that is preserved from the town of Millerton. The original settlement was Fort Miller, named after Major Albert S. Miller (1803-1852), a distinguished officer and graduate of West Point.



The occupants of this cemetery are deceased soldiers that served at Fort Miller (1851-1866) and were buried at the Fort as early as 1852. There were also residents of the town of Millerton that were buried in the cemetery at Fort Miller. The town of Millerton was flooded by the San Joaquin River in 1867 and the establishment of the railroad station in Fresno resulted in the county seat being moved to Fresno in 1875. The business and residents moved to Fresno leaving nothing but a few buildings and the cemetery. When Friant Dam was proposed to control the San Joaquin River, relatives were located and some of the remains were relocated. Those that were not identified were moved to Winchell Cove on Millerton Lake. If you drive into Millerton, you must pay fees.

You can walk in though and visit the cemetery, which is fenced off, be aware that part of the walk is not a managed trail and part of it is uphill.



Grave of Frances Seddum, the only grave with a gravestone with a name. This pioneer grave rested here by itself until the unclaimed remains were moved here.

This is an example of the grave markers for the unidentified that are buried here.



A Program from the Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia is available on ZOOM

Thursday March 3 - ZOOM Meeting 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time -Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia. Topic: Institutions-Part 2- Poor houses, Poor Farms, Orphanages, Correctional Institutions. Send email to president@gsvb.org to get Zoom invite.

Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia SPEAKER PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM

Thursday, March 3 - 1:30 pm Pacific Time - topic: Institutions - Part 2 - Poor houses, Poor Farms, Orphanages, Correctional Institutions.

Institutions - Part 2 - Poor houses, Poor Farms, Orphanages and Correctional Institutions. GSVB's March 3 meeting will feature a talk by Madeline Yanov on finding missing ancestors in institutional records ... specifically poor houses, poor farms, orphanages, and correctional institutions. When you were younger, did your father ever claim you were sending him to the "poorhouse"? Do you have ancestors who seemed to have disappeared off the face of the earth and were later found in a poorhouse? What about orphanages? Did you know a child could be put in an orphanage even though the parents were still alive? Did you know of anyone who rode the "orphan train"? Were any of your ancestors in the "big house" or had the "jail house blues"? You will find the answers to these questions and many more in this presentation. Madeline will give you tips on what records exist, what is found in them and where to find them. Your ancestors are waiting for you to find them! Don't let them down.

Madeline Yanov has over 30 years of experience researching family histories. Her specialty is American genealogy. However, she will trace client's ancestors back to Europe and elsewhere. Madeline, the former co-founder of *MY Genealogy Services*, now operates *Time Travel Genealogy*, a full-service genealogy company emphasizing reasonable, affordable family history research along with document retrieval. She is also available to give genealogy related talks to groups in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Zoom presentation will be made remotely. If you would like to attend, send an email to president@gsvb.org no later than 4 pm Wednesday, March 2 and request a Zoom invitation. More information on the event can be found on the Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia's website at www.gsvb.org and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GSVB.org

