

FRESNO COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY THE JOTTED LINE JUNE 2022

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Our next meeting will be on June 14, 2022, at the Woodward Park Library. Melissa Scroggins will speak on the 1950 Census. Socializing is at 6:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. The 1950 census was just released on April 1, 2022, this will be very informative.



Springtime in Dublin Ireland April 2017

“We inherit from our ancestors’ gifts so often taken for granted. Each of us contains within this inheritance of soul. We are links between the ages, containing past and present expectations, sacred memories, and future promise.” – Edward Sellner

“If you don’t know history, you don’t know anything. You are a leaf that doesn’t know it is part of a tree.” – Michael Crichton

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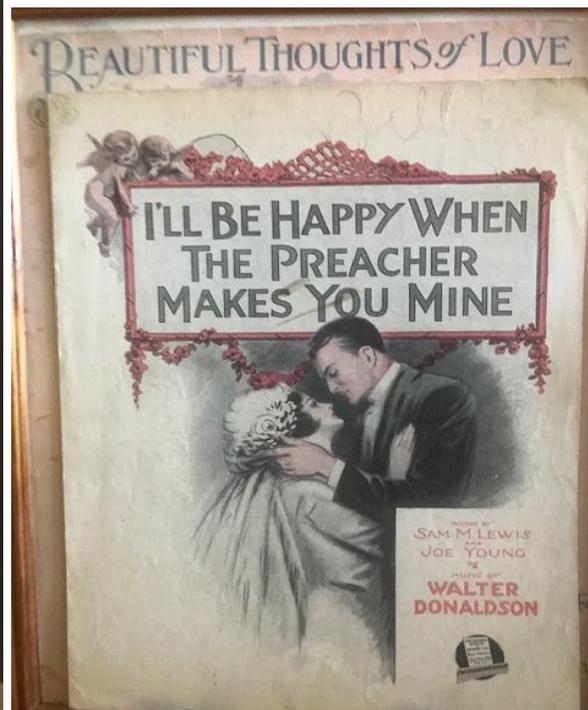
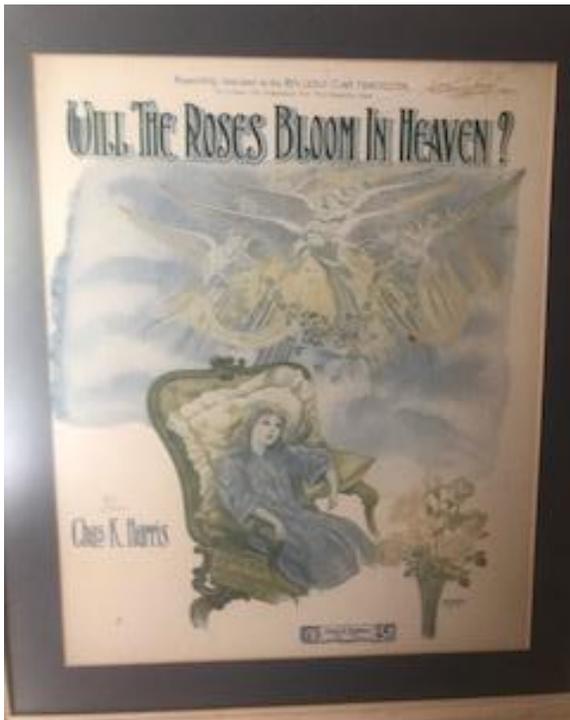
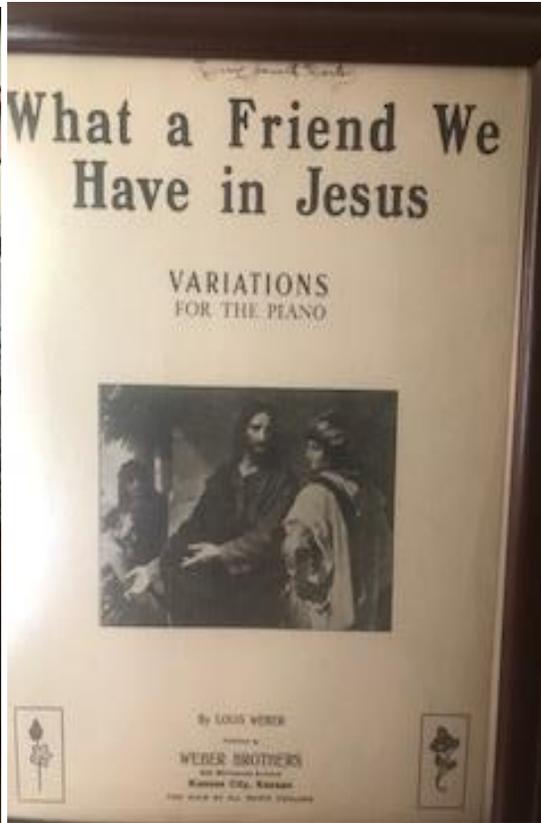
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From our President Carolyn Moser

Dear members, continuing to celebrate with you the joy of collecting treasures. In the 80's I was in Kansas for a class reunion. I stayed with a classmate who had an antique store. She and her husband went to England each year and purchased furniture, had it crated up and sent to Kansas. She was always scouting her competition, so we visited several antique stores in the area. In one I found a framed piece of sheet music. It was "Wait till the Sun Shines Nellie", a song my musical friends often sang. Upon returning to California, I started searching and found there was a sheet music society, and I could join for \$20.00. My name and the requested sheet music would go on a list for other members to see. About a week later I received a large envelope in my mail from a man named George. In it I found 10 pieces of music all affordably priced. From then on, every month or so I received a surprise package. I called George just to connect and found he had several thousand pieces of sheet music and wanted to help collectors in their quest. In 2014 I moved back to Fresno and stopped collecting. I have over 700 pieces of preserved music, many in scrap books and many framed and displayed where I live. Here are a few of my treasures.





Memorial Day - Veterans Day – Armed Forces Day

Memorial Day pays respect and honors those who have died while serving our country or because of their service. It is observed on the last Monday in May, this year is May 30, 2022. There is a national moment of remembrance which occurs at 3 PM for one minute on Memorial Day. Memorial Day began as Decoration Day in the years after the Civil War. An organization for Union vets called the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) established Decoration Day on May 5, 1868, to be celebrated on May 30. This was to honor soldiers lost during the Civil War on both sides of that conflict. It's traced to an order by Major General John A Logan commander in chief of the (GAR).

The 30th Day of May is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land.

Major General John A Logan (1826-1886)

By the late 19th century, the holiday became Memorial Day. President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968, Memorial Day was established on the last Monday in May. Cemeteries in the United States and the 25 American Battle Monuments overseas are decorated with US Flags and flowers.

Veteran's Day honors those who have served our country in the past, are currently serving or will serve in the future. It is observed on Nov 11, 2022. The end of World War I ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1918, fighting had ended seven months earlier when armistice was declared. The treaty went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Celebrations include parades and public meetings and a suspension of business at

11:00 AM. An Act approved May 13, 1938, made it a legal holiday. The Uniform Holiday Bill of June 28, 1968 moved Veterans Day to a Monday in November. There were many objections to this so on September 20, 1975, Public Law signed by President Gerald Ford returned the holiday to November 11. This preserves the significance of the holiday for all Veterans for their sacrifice.

We also have Armed Forces Day celebrated on the third Saturday in May. In 1949 this day was established to replace Army, Navy, and Air Force celebrations which were separate days. The day is celebrated with parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. It honors all men and women who are currently serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and now the Space Force and all their Reserve Components.

I have many family members both living and dead who have served our country, from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, both World Wars and the Vietnam War. I have great respect for their service.

Meredith Coleman

Member Profile

It has been decided to start doing member profiles in the newsletters beginning with the board members. It seems I get to be first. My name is Meredith Coleman, I usually go by Meri. I am the Second Vice-president and produce the newsletter. I was born and raised in Fresno California. My husband Grant was also from Fresno. Together we raised three children, a daughter, and twin boys. I worked for many years for the County of Fresno as an accountant. After I retired, I began pursuing family history where my grandmother left off. I have been fortunate to have computers to help. I have discovered many interesting people in my family history but also in my husband's family.

I enjoy family research and have learned about not only their history but also a lot of American History and I'm now starting on Irish history.

I think it's important to know not only who you are researching but also where you are, what years you are researching and of course what's going on during that time. We all know how wars, inflation and pandemics affect us. These same kind of things effected our ancestor's. In doing this I have learned a lot of American history. Here is a story of one of my ancestors.

The Great Wagon Road

In colonial America wealth was measured in how much land a man owned as opposed through birth or relations. The Great Wagon Road or the Great Indian Road extended west from Philadelphia and south into North Carolina. It wasn't truly a road, more of a trail, it started out as a path used for hunting and trading. This road was not easily passable with wagons, but it was not a wilderness either. There were houses, towns, and trading posts along the way. This was an important trade route for frontier goods like deerskins and firearms.



The family of Ninian (Nin-ee-uhn) Riley (1726-1814) traveled this road. Traveling with him was some of his children, his wife Elizabeth (1728-1812) and some of his married daughters did not travel to North Carolina. Ninian was a prominent man and a land holder, but he received criticism from neighbors because of his loyalty the Patriots cause. This was his reason for leaving Maryland. They began their travels in 1784 only months after the close of the American Revolution.

The family traveled inside or alongside their horse drawn wagons. This was in the fall as the road was passable. At night they slept in the wagon or outside. The public houses along the road charged too much because he was traveling with a large family. While traveling they met many different people they had never encountered before. They met frontiersmen who danced, sang, played cards, and drank beer and whiskey. These people astonished the travelers with what they perceived as immoral behavior and didn't observe the Sabbath. They also met many people traveling like them. Many were religious or poor, but they were also adventurous and very ambitious for a better life.

Eventually reaching Surry County North Carolina the first purchase of land was in August 9, 1787. Ninian Riley received a Land Grant of 200 acres for 50 shillings for every hundred acres. He remained there until 1797 when age 71 he traveled with his family and nine other families to Lexington Kentucky.

Information From the Library

Below is a list of duplicate books available for members. Donations suggested but not necessary. Thanks to the many donors to our library, we have lots of books to be offered in the coming months. Please email interest to infofcgs@gmail.com.

Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties North Carolina - Curtis Bynum ISBN 0-89308-316-X

Marriage Bonds of Haywood and Jackson Counties, N.C. - James E. and Vivian Woolley ISBN 0-89308-107-8

Early Kentucky Householders 1787-1811 - James F. Sutherland ISBN 0-8063-1159-2

Green County, Tennessee Wills, 1783-1890 - Goldene Fillers Burgner ISBN 0-89308-203-1

Pennsylvania Genealogies - William Henry Egle LCCCN 70-86807
 Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800 Volume I - Lewis Preston Summers ISBN
 0--89308-474-3
 Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800 Volume II - Lewis Preston Summers ISBN
 0--89308-474-3
 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts 1763-1779 - Brent H.
 Holcomb, C.A.L.S. and Elmer O. Parker ISBN 0-89308-108-6
 Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families Volume III Stauffer-Zerbe - Robert &
 Catherine Barnes ISBN 0-8063-0973-9
 An Abstract of North Carolina Wills 1760-1800 - Fred A. Olds ISBN 0-8063-0268-2
 Palatine Families of Ireland Second Edition-Henry Z. Jones, Jr. ISBN 0-929539-09-5
 The Goshenhoppen Registers, 1741-1819-Elizabeth P. Bentley ISBN 0-8063-1080-4
 1860 Vermillion Co Illinois Census
 A Hisory of The New California Its Resources and People Vol. 2 1905 - Leigh H.
 Irvine
 Complement Au Dictionnaire Genealogique Tanguay - J. Arthur LeBoeuf 1957
 (photocopy)
 Tidewater Virginia Families - Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis ISBN 0-8063-1283-1
 Tidewater Virginia Families Generations Beyond - Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis
 ISBN 0-8063-1578-2
 Misc. Marriages Indiana Wayne, Putnam, Fountain, Lawrence
 Edgar County Illinois 1880 Federal Census Part One - Barbara Hammond
 South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Gone to Ohio, Champaign,
 Crawford and Wood Counties from Pennsylvania Counties: Adams, Cumberland,
 Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster and York - Gloria L. Aughenbaugh 1993
 Westmoreland in the County of Litchfield in the Colony of Connecticut the
 Wyoming Valley Probate Records Liber A from January 6, 1777- June 16, 1783 -
 1923
 Genealogical Dictionary of New England Vol.I A-C, Vol.II D-J, Vol.III K-R, Vol.IV S-Z -
 James Savage LCCCN 65-18541
 TWO COPIES: English Supplement to the Dictionnaire Genealogique Des Familles
 Acadiennes Part I 1636-1714 - Stephen A. White ISBN 0-919241-47-6
 Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes Southeastern Indians
 Prior to Removal - Rachal Mills Lennon ISBN 0-8063-1688-8
 French-Canadian Genealogical Research - John P, DuLong ISBN 0-
 914163-20-7
 The Valley of San Fernando - DAR 1924

A Partial Listing of the Descendants of Deborah Williams In a Direct Line from Roger Williams of Rhode Island - 1980
Sketches of the Bozeman Family - Loraine Bozeman Walker 1956
1900-1985 Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, Fresno, CA
Golden Anniversary 1914-1964 Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Fresno, CA

From the Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia

On Thursday June 2,2022 there will be a ZOOM Meeting at 1:30 Pm PDT
Topic- From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask with Stephen Morse.

He is the creator of the One-Step Website for which he has received both the Lifetime Achievement Award and Outstanding Contribution Award from the International Association for Jewish Genealogical Societies., Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society, the first ever Excellence Award from the Association of Professional Genealogists, and two awards we can't pronounce from Polish Genealogical Societies.

In his other life Morse is a computer professional with a doctorated degree in electrical engineering. He has held various research development and teaching positions, authored numerous technical papers, written four textbooks and holds four patents.

The ZOOM presentation will be made remotely. All active GSVB members will receive a ZOOM link. As a non-member guest send an e-mail to president@gvsb.org no later than 4 Pm Wednesday June 1. More information is on www.gvsb.org and Facebook at www.facebook.com/GSVB.org.

I would like to give my gratitude to everyone who has donated to the Jotted Line. If you know of an event happening, a new database, or a class on-line or even a local event please let me know. If you have a family story you would like to tell we would love to read about it. Also, if you use Amazon for any purchases, please use Smile Amazon. If you use the smile website your orders can support the Fresno County Genealogy Society as a percentage will be donated to us. Just choose the society as your charity of choice.