

**FRESNO COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY
THE JOTTED LINE JULY 2022**

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Our General Meeting will be July 12, 2022,
at the Woodward Park Library.

The speaker will be Corky Peterson
who will discuss FAN Theory, friends,
associates and neighbors.

Socializing is at 6:30 PM and the
meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Please join us.

Due to a scheduling conflict,
our November 15, 2022,
meeting with Diane Manley on
Newspapers will be a ZOOM
meeting. More information
coming.

Our seminar will be September 17, 2022, at
the Woodward Park Library from 9:00 AM to
3:00 PM.

The speaker is Pamela Bell Dallas discussing
Friends and enemies, collateral research,
remember the ladies, burned counties and
the National Union Catalogue of Manuscript
Collections (NUCMC).

Cost is \$25.00 and lunch is included.

We are having an ice
cream social on
August 9, 2022, at
the Woodward Park
Library starting at
6:30 PM. Please
bring some toppings
for the ice cream
which FCGS will
provide.

Fresno County has added Newspapers.com California section for use at
the library and at home. You can find it on:

<https://www.fresnolibrary.org/reference.html>

It will be added to the Heritage Center's page soon.

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Plaque to be placed in the
Library in honor of
Mary Lou Talens
For her service to FCGS.
(Plaque by Ace Trophy Shop)

Member of the Month – Corky Peterson 1st Vice President

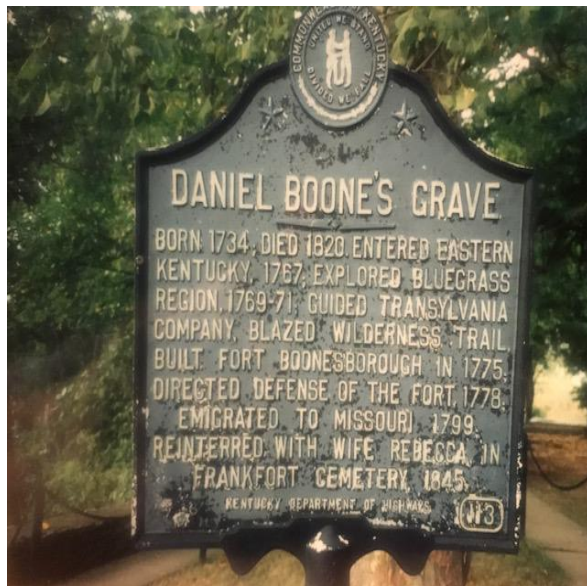
I am Carolyn Peterson, but everyone calls me Corky. When I was born my dad looked at me and said, “isn’t she a Corker” and it stuck. I was born in San Jose and raised in the Monterey Bay area. I am a 5th generation Californian with several ancestors coming out for the gold. We chose Fresno to retire to in 2000 and have enjoyed living in the valley. I was a clinical microbiologist when I worked and Mike worked for IBM, which stands for I’ve been moved. He worked on a program to help traffic controllers when in New Jersey then onto Houston for the space shuttle and back to San Diego to help program submarines. We have one daughter, Susan, who lives in Orlando FL. I became interested in genealogy in 1991 and once I retired it has become an obsession. Suddenly American History is so much fun now that I can picture my family at the time. I have found a diary of the wagon train that my ancestors came out to California in. It was their day-to-day life on the trip and at one point someone was cleaning a gun and it went off and just missed my great-great grandmother by about an inch. I have learned that my 10th great grandmother was the first women poet published in the “new World”. That was Ann Dudley Bradstreet, and her works were published in the mid 1600’s. Her poetry is still studied today in college. She was a liberated woman much before most ladies. Another of my ancestors was the first person hung in Seneca County New York in about 1818, according to the family for a crime he did not commit. Well, he was cleaning a distillery and he wanted to be paid in a pint of whiskey. The owner said no so he hit him very hard with a stick and killed him. Since this was the first hanging in the area, they had to build the gallows and about 10,000 people came to the big event

From our President Carolyn Moser

Hello members, wondering what famous person you are related to. At the last genealogy meeting I asked members to share this information. Here are a few of the answers:

Colonel George Eskridge, Benjamin Merrill, Ann Dudley, Eric the Red. Reuben Hatch, John Webster, George Newman Longcor, Ephriam Woodworth, President Polk, Simon Willard, Willa Cather, and Sam Bass.

About twenty years ago my husband and I took a trip around the United States. We went 10,000 miles in 10 weeks. Traveling through Kentucky we found an old cemetery and walking through it found the grave of Daniel and Rebecca Boone. Fifteen years after getting into the world of genealogy I discovered Rebecca Boone (1739-1813) was my third great aunt and I had the privilege to visit her grave.



Notice on Daniel Boone's grave the stars. It means death could not overpower the Light of the Spirit which still shines in the darkness.

PERIODICAL DONATIONS

Carolee Hansen:

American Ancestors; Winter and Spring 2022
Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly; v. 61 #4 2021. v. 62 #1 2022
Ohio Genealogy News; Spring 2022
Penn. Magazine of History & Biography; CXLV #3, CXLVI #1
New England Historic Genealogical Society – The Register; Winter 2022
National Genealogical Society Quarterly; December 2021, March 2022
New York Genealogical & Biographical Record; January 2022
New York Researcher; #32 vol. 3-4 2021

Unknown Donation:

American Genealogist; Jan 2001, Oct 2001, Jan 2002, July 2010

Zoe Peverill:

Okolha; Spr 2007, Winter 2007, Spr 2008, Spr 2009, Summer 2009, Winter 2009, Fall 2010

Here is also a list of Fresno County college yearbooks at the library. There is a large collection at the library for your use.

<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Coalinga Junior	Coalinga		1948
Coalinga Junior	Coalinga		1966
Fresno City	Fresno	Rams	1956
Fresno City	Fresno	Rams	1956-67
Fresno City	Fresno	Rams	1794
Fresno Normal	Fresno		1912
Fresno Normal	Fresno		1914-15
Fresno State	Fresno		1924-27
Fresno State	Fresno		1929

Fresno State	Fresno		1937-67
Fresno State	Fresno		1969-70
CSUF Fresno	Fresno		1978
CSUF Fresno	Fresno		1980-81
Fresno Pacific	Fresno		1962
Fresno Pacific	Fresno		1967
Reedley	Fresno	Tiger	1930
Reedley	Fresno	Tiger	1933-34
Reedley	Fresno	Tiger	1937
Reedley	Fresno	Tiger	1940-78
West Coast Bible	Fresno	Sentinel	1943-53

There is a collection of yearbooks from University of California Berkeley. The years are 1886-87, 1893, 1899, 1901, 1906, 1906, 1914, 1917, 1921-22, 1925-26, 1931, 1937, 1943-44, 1948, 1950, 1956, 1957, and 1986.

GRAVESTONE SYMBOLS AND THEIR MEANINGS

Walking around a cemetery can be not only a learning experience but also a peaceful walk. Many names, birthdates, death dates and many different symbols on headstones. These symbols can date back to colonial America, such as the grave of Captain Jonathan Alden which is the oldest dated tombstone at 1697. The cemetery containing Captain Alden was abandoned in 1789 but reclaimed in 1887 by the Duxbury Society. They found the grave of Miles Standish (1584-1656) and erected a memorial on it. If you travel to various parts of the United

States, you will see different symbols on gravestones. The winged death (a skull with wings) is seen on graves in New England. This is one of the earliest examples of grave art in America.

Various symbols on gravestones became popular during the Victorian Period. They are not just decoration, they mean something.



This is a very old graveyard associated with a small church. Please notice the decorations on the gravestones.

Next month we will discuss more gravestone symbols, their meaning and discuss some local cemeteries.

