



FRESNO COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY
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THE JOTTED LINE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Our meeting will be held on July 18, 2023, due to a conflict in scheduling. Jamie Mayhew will speak about researching southern routes at the Woodward Park Library. Social time at 6:30 PM meeting at 7:00PM

Our Ice Cream Social will be on August 8, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Woodward Park Library. Please bring your favorite toppings to share, FCGS will provide ice cream.

Twentieth Annual Seminar

The Seminar is on Saturday September 30, 2023, at the Woodward Park Library. The speaker will be James Baker on finding the hard ones. Part 1 will be the seven strategy's, part 2 is case studies, part 3 is I thought he was my ancestor and the most common genealogy mistakes. The last part will be DNA toolbox for 2023.

Yosemite National Park – Cemetery

The cemetery in Yosemite National Park is quiet and small. It sits on the west end of Yosemite Village. Many of Yosemite's first residents rest here, early settlers, homesteaders, and visitors. It was first built in 1870 and restored in 2014. Some of those buried there are:

Galen Clark – The first state appointed guardian of Yosemite. He planted the Sequoias that surround his grave.

Forest S Townsley – Yosemite's first Chief Ranger

George Anderson – The first person to summit Half Dome in 1875

There are also 11 know graves of Yosemite Indians and several marked as Boy, or Girl and one as Frenchman.



Thank you to Grant Mejia for the photos.

Fresno County Heritage Center Library
2420 Mariposa St Fresno CA 93721. 559-600-6230
Monday – Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM, Closed Sunday
Heritagecenter@fresnolibrary.org
Parking is free on Saturday

Time Lines

Time is described as the indefinite continuance and the progress of existence, past, present, and future are regarded as a whole. When we do genealogy research, we enter the past to look at the progress of our families we are looking at an ongoing sequence of events that occur in succession. A lot of research involves names, dates, and places to create a profile of an ancestor. Timelines are a way to create a profile.

Creating a Genealogy Timeline

Sometimes with all the people that you are researching on the different branches of your family tree it can be difficult to see the whole story. Tree software is a great tool for recording information but sometimes it's hard to see the big picture. Building a timeline can help with noticing and missing gaps in your research, track any name changes, or if you have family members with the same name it helps to sort them out.

If you want to start with one person, be sure to record their name at each stage. Record birth, locations, census information, military service, marriage, and children always in date order. Be specific about location and any name changes. Marriage and immigration can result in name changes.

Always an interesting addition is to include historical events both local and global. This information can relate to why your ancestor immigrated or moved or what they were experiencing. During the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918 my grand father lost one of his brothers. The family had to make sure his wife and young children were cared for. Events like this can impact whole families,

Timelines can also help you see any gaps in your information, where individuals are at any given time and even name changes. Those of us that have names that are used every generation it helps to know when and where you are.

There are many ways of making a family history timeline, you can use Evernote, Word or Excel.

Mother Emelia Agnes Mayfield (1879-1907)
Vera Agnes (Branscum) Riley -----[
Father William Thomas Branscum (1872-1954)



Vera Agnes Branscum Riley, the cats name was Max. He showed up one day and stayed.

Event	Date	Location		Source
Birth	15 November 1900	Hiawatha, Kansas	N.E. Kansas	Family Bible
Death	26 December 1907	Death of mother (1879-1907)	Rulo Nebraska (1)	Family Bible
Work	1914 finished 8 th grade	Went to work in a laundry in Hiawatha	Hiawatha Kansas	Vera Riley
Work	1920	Working for Phone Company	Hiawatha Kansas	Vera Riley
Marriage	23 June 1919	Ray Riley	Hiawatha Kansas (2)	Marriage
Birth	22 May 1920	Ray Robert Riley (1920-1984)	Hiawatha Kansas	Family Bible
Residence	1920	Living with In Laws	Sabetha Kansas	Census
Residence	1921	Moved to Fresno Ca		Vera Riley
Birth	1922	Betty Marie Riley (1922-2007)	Fresno Ca	Family Bible
Birth	1924	Mildred Ann Riley (1924-1974)	Fresno Ca	Family Bible
Birth	1925	Meryl Agnes Riley (1925-2011)	Fresno Ca	Family Bible
Death	1954	William Thomas Riley	Inglewood Los Angeles	Vera Riley
Death	1974	Mildred Ann Riley	Fresno Ca	Death Record
Death	30 December 1975	Ray Riley	Fresno Ca	Death Record
Death	30 January 1980	Vera Riley	Fresno Ca	Death Record

Vera Branscum was my grandmother (my mother's mother). I knew her very well when I was growing up and spent a lot of time with her. That is why she is a source here. I also have the Riley Family Bible that was started by my 2d Great Grandfather William E. Riley when he started a family. It's an amazing reference.

- (1) Her mother had Tuberculosis, so they moved around, fresh air was thought to help
- (2) After her mother passed her father left her with a great grandmother, her mother's sister Catherine Whaley took her in and raised her with her children. She never saw her father again until just before he passed in 1954.

Timelines can help you fill in the gaps or see any conflict in information. Name changes can also be noted. Many timelines also include historical references such as wars, famines, and pandemics. Our heritage is our ancestry, culture, custom, and legacy. It can also apply to buildings, Fresno's heritage includes the Meux Home, The Kearney Mansion, or St John's Cathedral. Many cities have structures that should be preserved.

My family comes from Ireland, England, and Wales so I spend time researching there. I came across this:

The historic Punch Bowl Pub in Lancashire England was built in the 1700's and is well known for its association with Dick Turpin and Ned King, notorious highway men. Ned King was executed, and his ghost is said to haunt the building. The building is now a Grade II Listed building which means it cannot be changed without permission from English Heritage. Some developers requested permission to develop the property but didn't wait for any information or permission. The building was demolished.



The developers were taken to court because the demolition was illegal. In court it came out that they did not have permission, but the developers stated the building would collapse and had problems with people setting fires and many felt it was unsafe. Remember this is a Grade II Listed Building, so the process to change or demolish it must go through the proper process. The fines levied were extensive and the developers were ordered by the court to rebuild the building, the phrase the Judge use was "brick by brick" and they have one year to finish the rebuild.

The Great Hunger (Gorta Mor in Irish Gaelic)

Living on a North Atlantic Island you can encounter an unforgiving environment. Ireland gained its independence in 1922 but for 1000 years before that the people and their ancient traditions were repressed by those in control. Severe poverty and lack of food was not uncommon. The longest and most devastating was the potato famine of 1840. There was a lack of aid, broken policies, and a poor response from the British Government. Some information on the Irish Famine:

1. Potatoes were introduced in Ireland in the 16th century. We don't know for sure how they got from America to Ireland, but most think it was Sir Walter Raleigh. The crop thrived in the damp and rocky environment.

2. The British Government greatly repressed the people of Ireland in the centuries leading up to the famine. They could not attend Mass, own land and the Gaelic Language was prohibited.
3. There were four years of the potato blight. The British Government tried to import corn, but the price was high, low-income families could not afford it.
4. Many people became homeless during this time but entry to the workhouse where the conditions were dismal was difficult. Britain enacted the Poor Law in 1838 so to get aid you had to enter the workhouse.
5. More than 1 million people died during these years and many more immigrated.
6. Those who did escape found new problems on board ships traveling for weeks many dying. Those who survived were often unwelcome. When the US Civil War started many enlisted and were able to integrate and find acceptance.



This Sequoia tree was cut down in 1891, I love the timeline developed from the tree rings. This tree lived only 1341 years, but the Sequoia can live up to 3000 years.

Did you figure out the puzzle of Mr. Beans wives' headstone?



You start where his wives' names are and go around the monument.

In memoriam: Henrietta, 1st wife of S. Bean, M.D., who died 27th Sep. 1865, aged 23 years, 2 months and 17 days, and Susanna, his 2nd wife, who died 27th April 1867, aged 26 years, 10 months, and 15 days. 2 better wives 1 man never had; they were gifts from God but are now in Heaven. May God help me, S.B., to meet them there.

Family Tree Magazine

Family Tree is having several courses on-line in September 2023 that could be interesting.

U.S. Land Records, how to use them in your research, learn how to find deeds and map your ancestor's land.

Source Citations, use for successful genealogy research and understand source citations.

I will always welcome your input into the newsletter. Your family stories would be a welcome addition. If there is something, you want me to research and discuss in the newsletter let me know. In the meantime I continue my family research and tell you about them. I was going to travel to Ireland but its humid and raining, maybe September, I need to do some research at the Garda Museum at Dublin Castle.

There is always information on the website at fresno-genealogy.org if you need meeting information or want to talk to a Board Member.

Respectfully your Editor Meredith Coleman, mericoleman@me.com

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S

20th Annual Seminar

with James M. Baker, PhD

TOPICS FOR THE DAY:

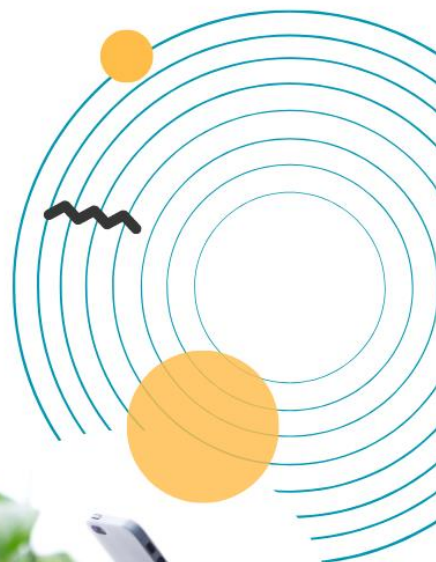
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DNA TOOLBOX 2023

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
9 AM - 4 PM

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944 E PERRIN, FRESNO, CA



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<https://2023fcgs-seminar.eventbrite.com>

Or mail in this paper to FCGS SEMINAR 2023, PO Box 1429, Fresno, CA 93716

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