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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reviews on Megan Smolenyak's new book, "Hey, America, Your Roots Are Showing" deem it an excellent read. Leland K. Meitzler, founder of Heritage Quest, says it's the best genealogy book he has ever read, and should be required reading for genealogists. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. wrote the forward, and it covers a wide range of topics.

"Egyptian Roots in a Hurry" is one chapter that caught my eye because my grandmother's brother, George, according to family lore, became a newspaper editor in Egypt after WWI. I wrote one letter to a newspaper office in Egypt in an attempt to verify this, but never received a reply. Unfortunately, Megan's chapter on Egypt does not help because she relied on a social networking chain of five contacts for her information.

George also became a bigamist in Egypt, having left a wife and children in England before the War. He later returned to England with his second wife, and two sons; and one of those sons, as well as his wife, and his brother's wife, were amongst the 346 killed when a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed into a forest near Paris, France in 1974.

Megan refers to herself as a hybrid genealogist-detective who is equally skilled at finding the living and the dead. This is useful in helping adoptees discover who they are, and in finding absentee fathers. Her primary advice for this work is to first look for non-identifying information in the state of birth. That is, health and family background info, rather than names, addresses, birthdates, and telephone numbers.

As we know, Megan is also an expert on DNA testing, and I would love to find more connections to my paternal line. I'm hoping my husband Nad, our FCGS DNA Coordinator, can help persuade my brother to send his DNA to the bank.

Anxiously awaiting the 1940 Census . . .

Lois S. Bakar ☺

MEETING INFORMATION

General Meetings
Refreshments 6:15 p.m.
Meeting Starts 6:45 p.m.
Sarah McCardle Room
Fresno County Central Library
2420 Mariposa St., Fresno, CA

**Tuesday, April 10, 2012 -
General Meeting**
Speaker - Melissa Scroggins
"1940 Census - Where Were
You?"



**Tuesday, May 8, 2012 -
General Meeting** Speaker -
David Paul Davenport, PhD
"Military Service as Revealed in
Census Records"

Tuesday, June 12, 2012 - General Meeting
Speakers - Dennis & Gloria McCauley, "What's New at the
Family History Center?"

Submitted by:
Bev Hockett



California History & Genealogy Room Hours

M, T, W 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Location: Fresno County Central Library
2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno 93721
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News from the Library

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DONATIONS

Zelda **DUBEL**

Fresno Flats Gazette

Mariposa Sentinel 2012

Betty **DEARING**

From Norway to America

Susan **PAPPAS**

The History of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the City of San Francisco

Calling Out from the Past – First Odd Fellows Home in California

Janice **WILSON**

Biographical History of Pottawattamie County, Iowa

Verna Mae **BROOKS**

Davenport – Where the Mississippi Runs West

Patricia **MORRILL**

The Pamunkey Davenports of Colonial Virginia (Davis Davenport)

Corky **HARMON**

McQuitty - McQuiddy – McQiaddy Family

Connie **JONES**

Life's Hardest Minutes

ANONYMOUS

Pathways (periodicals) 26 issues 1999 - 2011; Vols. 18 - 30



BOOKS

929.1 Signers of the Mayflower Compact

929.2 Families and Descendants in America of Golsan, Golson, Gholson, Gholston

929.2 Family Tree Guide to Finding Your Ellis Island Ancestors

929.2 Genealogy of the Descendants of Alexander Alvord

929.2 Genealogy of the Dodge Family of Essex County, MA

929.2 Henry Family History book

929.2 Life of Tom Horn Revisited

929.2 Livermore Family of America

929.2 Report of the Memorable First Reunion of Dodge Family

929.7 Your Family Tree: Being a Glance at Scientific Aspects of Genealogy

929.2 Guffey Gleanings

941 Albion's Seed, Four British Folkways in America

943 Baden Place Names Indexes; Identifying Place Names

944 A Tour in Huguenot Countries

947.4 German Colonies on the Lower Volga

971 Nova Scotia Genealogist 16 Vols. 1983-2010

973 Books and Libraries in Colonial America

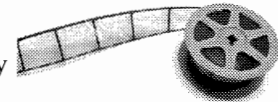
973 Early American Inns and Taverns

973 Ancestors West 12 bound issues

973 Historic Towns of New England
 974 Home Life in Colonial Days
 974 Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast
 974.03 Taverns & Stagecoaches of New England Vols. 1 & 2
 974.4 Kukkus: A German Village on the Volga
 974.8 Plymouth and the Pilgrims PA
 977.116 Perrysburg Story 1816-1966 OHIO
 CA Register of Death: Lemoore Cemetery 2 books
 CA Tehama County Memories 6 books
 CA Truth Tabernacle Christian School Yearbook 29 books
 IN Antislavery Movement in Henry County
 IN The Tipple: Bicknell High School Yearbook
 KY Letcher Heritage News 2 Books
 KY Our Kentucky Pioneer Ancestry
 KY Perry County Genealogical Newsletter 42 Vols.
 MO History and Families of Wright County
 NC 1850 Census Cleveland Marriages
 NC 1850 Census Lincoln County
 NC 1850 Federal Census of Gaston County
 NC 1850 Federal Census of McDowell County
 NC 1860 Federal Census of Polk County
 NC 1870 Federal Census of Polk County
 NC 1880 Census of Gaston County
 NC 1880 Census of Polk County
 NC 1880 Federal Census of Cleveland County
 NC 1880 Federal Census of Lincoln County
 NC 1880 Federal Census of Polk County
 NC Ancestry of Columbus Mills, Father of Polk County
 NC Ashe County Will Abstracts 1799-1910
 NC Bulletin 5 Issues
 NC Burke Journal 2 Books
 NC Cemetery Inscriptions of Buncombe County Vols. 1 & 2
 NC Eswau Huppada 3 books
 NC Henderson County Genealogical and Historical Journal 4 Vols.
 NC Henderson County Marriages 1851-1898
 NC Heritage of Burke County
 NC Heritage of Henderson County Vols. 1 & 2
 NC Heritage of Old Buncombe County Vols. 1 & 2
 NC Heritage of Surry County
 NC McDowell County Cemeteries
 NC McDowell County Heritage
 NC Polk County History
 NC United States Census, 1850 Henderson County
 NY 147 New York Volunteer Infantry September 22, 1862 Vols. 1, 2, & 3
 OK 89ers: Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889
 OR History of Union County Oregon
 OR Oregon Historical Quarterly
 PA 1798 Tax of York County
 PA Biographical History of Greene County
 Submitted by: Mary Lou Talens

FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS

Can't find it at the library or online? Try the online catalog of the Family History Library at Salt Lake City. Just go to www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhlc and choose the county and state you need information from. Look through list of topics and find the deed books, probate records, county court records, town meeting records, church histories or other records that you want to see. You can order the microfilm from your home computer for a small fee and have it sent to the nearest Family History Center for viewing.



Fresno area Family History Centers are located at:

- Fresno East – 1880 E Gettysburg, Clovis 291-2448
- Fresno Central - 1814 N Echo, Fresno 268-0888
- Fresno West - Sierra & Valentine, Fresno 431-4759
- Fresno North - Peach & Herndon, Clovis 298-8768

Hours vary at the individual centers; call ahead. The centers are open to the public; consultants will assist you in your research and it is free.

SMALL GROUP DNA PRESENTATION

The Small Group DNA Presentation/ Discussion was held on March 3, 2012 at 10.00 AM in the Conference Room at The Fresno County Central Library. Eleven Members participated, and everyone seemed to understand the usefulness of DNA testing in genealogical research. No one left early!
 Submitted by: Nad Bakar.



Marriage

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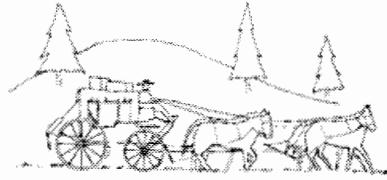
Death

WHERE TO WRITE FOR VITAL RECORDS

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a website that lists the addresses, websites, prices and telephone numbers for every state department of public health in the United States and its territories. Also included is a description of the material they have and what is required in order to obtain the information. Look them up on your computer at www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm

Birth

Divorce



TO YOSEMITE BY STAGE; RAYMOND TO WAWONA
AND REMEMBERING CEDARBROOK INN
by Zelda Garey Dubel, 2011

462 pages with many pictures, some rare. 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Fully indexed. Hardbound \$45.00, paperback \$30.00. The paperback book can be purchased from Lulu.com as well as Amazon.com. A description, picture of the cover and sample pages can be viewed at both websites.



Zelda is a charter member of the Fresno County Genealogical Society. She lived at Cedarbrook Inn, on the original stage road, which is on the Mariposa County Historical Register. The book is categorized as local history, genealogy and memoirs.

Submitted by: Zelda Dubel

FCGS NAME BADGES

Our New Members might like to know they can order a Fresno County Genealogical Society Name Badge with their own name on it if they want. The cost is \$7.58 each, which includes tax, and they may be ordered by contacting Kay Brimhall at Kaybrimhall@sbcglobal.net or you can see her at the next meeting.

Submitted by: Lois Bakar



Happy 90th Birthday to
Berenice Bennett on
April 14th!

LEGACY USERS GROUP APRIL MEETING

Our meeting will be Saturday, April 7th in the Sarah McCardle Room of the Central Library from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome. E-mail Melissa at mnmascrog@gmail.com if you have any questions.



ATTENTION FCGS MEMBERS! HELP INDEX THE 1940 CENSUS



The 1940 census is scheduled for release on April 2, 2012. The law prevents it from being available prior to that date; therefore it has not been possible for anyone to prepare an index in advance.

Familysearch.org, archives.com, and findmypast.com have launched a huge volunteer project to index it, state by state, beginning April 2nd. Genealogy Societies will do a large part of the indexing, and our Fresno County Genealogical Society is registered to help index California. As the Administrator for our Indexing Volunteers, I am inviting all FCGS Members to participate. You will work at home on your own computer, using indexing software you'll download after registering. The more volunteers working on it, the faster it will be available. This index, when completed, will benefit everyone! Contact Lois at (559) 313-4838 or fcgsbusiness@gmail.com or visit www.the1940census.com/society. In order to participate with our group choose California, and then Fresno County Genealogical Society during the registration phase.

Submitted by: Lois S. Bakar



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A big "Welcome" to our newest members, Valeria Cruz and Jennifer Rollins. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

Meeting Saturday May 19th, 2012
11:30 a.m. at Piccadilly Inn, Shaw &
Van Ness, Fresno



"The Buffalo Soldiers"

Speaker: Captain David Ofwono
Los Banos Buffalo Soldiers
9th and 10th Calvary
Cost for lunch is \$16.00 Choice of
Chef's Salad or French Dip Sandwich
Please RSVP to Corky Peterson
corksterr@sbcglobal.net

You do not have to be a Mayflower member to attend this luncheon and presentation
Submitted by: Corky Peterson

FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.,

This is a new show with the renowned cultural critic and Harvard scholar. Premiering on PBS Sunday, March 25 at 8:00 p.m., the 10-part series delves into the genealogy and genetics of famous Americans, combining history and science in a fascinating exploration of race, family, and identity in today's America. Professor Gates shakes loose captivating stories and surprises in the family trees of Kevin Bacon, Robert Downey, Jr., Branford Marsalis, John Legend, Martha Stewart, Barbara Walters and Rick Warren, among many others.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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- April 24, 2012** Board Meeting
- May 8, 2012** General Meeting— David Paul Davenport, PhD —"Military Service as Revealed in Census Records"
- May 22, 2012** Board Meeting
- June 12, 2012** General Meeting— Dennis & Gloria McCauley — "What's New at the Family History Center?"
- June 26, 2012** Board Meeting

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mailing list for FCGS publications to be received.

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