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September Program

September 16, 2014

7:00 PM	Millie's Minutes	Millie Starr
7:10 PM	"Finding the Hardest Ones. Elementary My Dear Watson! Solving Your Genealogy Puzzles With Clues You Already Have" by James Baker, PhD, CG	

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings:

Shortly after you receive this issue of the Researcher yours truly and his wife will be once again visiting Ireland. This time it will be a visit with a member of my direct family. I still have not discovered our direct genealogical connection but it was in The Diamond, Grange Lower, Co. Armagh in about 1700 and through my 5th great grandfather. My connecting Ruddock family has moved a few miles east of the ancestral property and are now living near Waringstown on the Armagh/Down county line. On our previous trip to Ireland we had stayed for two days in very nearby Belfast and had driven right past oblivious to the presence of my Ruddock family. To add to the excitement of this trip I have learned that my maternal line of Alexander who I had thought had come to America from Scotland had also lived in the immediate area as well as both sides of my 2nd great grandmother Ruddick's family (nee Marshall) were also from this very same Loughgall area.

And finally I have just learned that when my mother's brother was sent to England during WWII his B-24 crew set down in County Armagh at Nutt's Corner (a B-24 specific airfield) before flying on to England to their duty assignment at Hethel Field. The first part of my trip is to Altwarmbüchen, Germany where a group of Americans will be dedicating a memorial plaque to crew of my Uncle's B-24 and to the people of this small German town who humanely buried the deceased members of the crew and properly cared for the captured and injured crewmen before they were turned over to the German military. I am certain my uncle had no idea when he landed in Northern Ireland that his family had lived in that very area 200 years earlier.

Remember our 2014 DNA Seminar on October 25st. Please contact all your genealogical friends and family and encourage them to attend our 2014 DNA Seminar. This seminar will be of particular value for those who have yDNA, mtDNA and Autosomal DNA tested as we will have breakout groups where their results can be addressed and the early session will address the most current changes in the field of genetic genealogy. Two of your presenters will have just returned from genetic genealogical conferences and the other from a genealogical research trip triggered by a positive yDNA match which connected his family in Ireland in 1700. Attendees are encouraged to bring their test results.

See you in October and I hope to have great new "roots" information to share.

Respectfully,
Lewis M. Ruddick



The 2015 Salt Lake City Research Trip

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

Sunday, April 19, to Sunday, April 26, 2015



Family History Library, the world's largest genealogical library, in Salt Lake City

We hope you will join us for the GSSC 2015 Research Trip to Salt Lake City!

Estimated trip costs:

Single Room \$1225

Double Room (each) \$ 900

Triple Room (each) \$ 800

Quad Room (each) \$ 725

Your airline reservation will not be made without your \$200 deposit (due October 1st). Your remaining balance will be due in five equal payments from November 1st to March 1st. Group airfare is non-refundable. No refunds after February 15th. If you think you may have to cancel this trip, please consider purchasing trip insurance.

All this is included:

- ✓ ***Transportation to and from the airports***
- ✓ ***Your airfare***
- ✓ ***Baggage handling***
- ✓ ***Tips***
- ✓ ***Your room at the hotel closest to the library***
- ✓ ***Monday Night Group Dinner***
- ✓ ***Expert research assistance and classes at the library***

Questions? Contact the GSSC Salt Lake City Research Trip Committee:

Lisa Bruk (lbruk@comcast.net),
Bev Johnson (jbevjohnson1@att.net),
Sharon Hawley-Crum
(sjhawley@sbcglobal.net), or
Judith Welch (welchjudith@yahoo.com)

Please send your \$200 deposit (payable to GSSC) and this completed form to Bev Johnson, 1924 Red Oak Dr., Modesto, CA 95354, by October 1st

Full Legal Name (as it is on your driver's license) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth (required for the airline reservation) _____

Roommate(s) _____

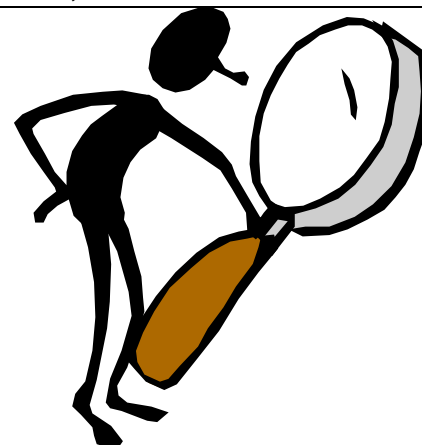
I need a roommate(s) _____ I am requesting a room for 1 2 3 4 (Please circle)

September 16th Program

By Bev Johnson

“Elementary, My Dear Watson!”

In July, we had a record breaking attendance of 73 to enjoy an evening in Garrison Keeler style with Jeff Jardine, feature and human interest writer for the Modesto Bee. His message? Simple. Write as if you are having a conversation. Dead or alive, have that conversation.....but write. Over the past months of our 2014 programs, the effort and challenge has been to encourage each of us to put our family conversations to print. This is the part of genealogy that gives 3-D or even H-D to names and places when we are no longer able to share these conversations. Each of us has our own story to tell. To not write our own stories is to deny our own families and descendants that which we search for from our ancestors.



I challenge our membership to meet or exceed our July attendance of 73 when we welcome on Tuesday evening, September 16, James Baker, PhD, CG. Jim’s presentation topic is “Finding the Hardest Ones. Elementary My Dear Watson! Solving Your Genealogy Puzzles With Clues You Already Have”.

This presentation will deal with ways to solve genealogy problems for those challenging situations where key data are missing or inadequate – and without embarking on new research. Case studies will be presented to show how thorough data analyses and the use of indirect evidence can be effective. Examples will be presented, studying naming patterns, birth/marriage witness and location data, inheritance data, and family migrations and by scrutinizing data that is already in your database. Handouts will be available to those who attend.

Jim has extraordinary credentials to be shared when we introduce him I urge all of our members to support this program/speaker with your attendance and just maybe.....you may find that “hook” you were looking for. See you all September 16th.

Why You Might Be Failing At Your Genealogy Research

08/07/2014

Suggested by Ellen Reesh From the August 7, 2014 issue of The Ancestor Hunt

No this article isn't about brick walls - it is about present day BAD HABITS!

Please bear with me as I talk about the "old days." In business when I started over 45 years ago, we communicated via meetings, phone calls and typewritten memos. It is important to know that in a memo, one discussed in detail possibly 5 or 6 "bullet points" about one entire subject. If you received a memo that required a response, you answered every single bullet point in your response.

Today we have email, Twitter and texting by phone. People have become used to short bursts of information and having to deal with only one bullet point or question at a time.

This actually came to light today as I reflected on several people, who when receiving an email from me - invariably only respond to the first paragraph. So if there are multiple requests they almost always don't read or ignore the rest of the email.

We have developed bad habits because we almost always deal with these short bursts of information or one question at a time. And that is because of the tools that we use currently. That is a trap.

So you ask - what the hell does this have to do with genealogy?

A lot. Because we have trained ourselves to deal with just one piece of information and because a lot of our research is online - we tend to gather one piece of data about our ancestors and then move on to someone or something else. And of course, we are multi-



tasking way too much.

This creates lousy research habits and makes us miss what is the one of the core elements of the Genealogy Proof Standard. That is - a reasonably exhaustive search. Gathering one record does not make for an exhaustive search.

So this is a warning - do not let today's "tools" change how you research or your mindset. You must concentrate, read everything in a record, and focus. That is hard to do when bombarded with emails, tweets and texts. Not to mention that we are losing the ability to deal with details in a reasoned and thorough manner.

Don't let "it takes too much time" foil your research.

http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/why-you-might-be-failing-at-your-genealogy-research#.U_6xNSl0xtR

Arkansas Group

By Jackie Niemeyer

The Arkansas group decided to meet in September at the Special Collections room in the Main library in Modesto. September 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Do You Have A Topic Area You Like and would like to form a Group?

Please don't be bashful! Speak up and ask and someone in our society will have a like interest. Form your group and learn and share. Don't know how? Ask! At one time this society had many different groups just like the Arkansas Group and we can have them again. Need a place to meet? The Special Collections Room is just one of many places. The advantage of meeting there are the library resources.

GSSC Officer Nominations for 2015

Nominating Committee: Pamela Atherstone - Chair

The proposed nominations for 2015 officers are:

President	Bev Johnson
1st Vice President	Sharon Hawley Crum
2nd Vice President	Pamela Atherstone
Secretary	Marge Scheuber
Treasurer	Jay Mirza
Director at Large	Cleda Lane (2nd year)
Director at Large	Jennifer McDonald
Director at Large	Cyndy Bray
Director at Large	Dorothy Winke
Director at Large	Dale Thompson

If there is anyone other than those nominated who is interested in serving in one of these positions please contact Pam Atherstone 521-5096

Ancestry.com is Announcing 1 Billion New Records in 67 Countries



NEW GLOBAL RECORDS JUST RELEASED

Take your family history search

to more corners of the world.

67 countries. One billion new records.

Explore our brand new collections from Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the rest of the world to discover even more about the lives of your ancestors.

Unfortunately they are only available through subscription.

From time to time I go searching the internet just to see what is out there and what has changed. I found a pleasant surprise when I checked North Carolina. The following is the result of one of those "look – see" trips through the internet. – Editor



Genealogy Research

We have extensive genealogy information on site and online. You can also contact us with genealogy questions (please consult our FAQ first).

Online

- Cousin chart
- Databases
- Digital collections, including Family Records Online
- How To:
 - Getting started in genealogy
 - Finding slave records
 - Sources for North Carolina vital records
 - Tracking Back to North Carolina (pdf)
- North Carolina county formation
- North Carolina newspapers
- Tennessee counties originally in North Carolina

On Site

Search the catalog for specific books, journals, newspapers, and more. Popular genealogy databases, like Ancestry, may be used for free at our library.

Genealogical Microfilm

These can be used on site or borrowed by North Carolina libraries through interlibrary loan.

Indexes and Abstracts to North Carolina County Records

- includes wills, deeds, marriages, court minutes, tax lists, estate records and more
- primarily pre-1868
- available records vary from county to county

North Carolina Census Records

- federal census population census schedules: 1790-1930, the 1880-1930 [varied] Soundex index, and the 1830-1940 [varied, incomplete] enumeration district maps/descriptions
- federal census slave schedules: 1850 and 1860
- federal mortality schedules: 1850-1880

federal agricultural, industrial, and social statistics schedules: 1850-1880

Organization of the Genealogy Collection

In 1963 Dorothy C. Grigg, at that time Head of the Cataloging Branch, devised a special classification scheme for genealogical source materials which needed to be arranged by place. Called the Grigg Genealogical Classification Scheme, it has since received much attention for its ease of use, even for patrons visiting the library for the first time.



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109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC
919-807-7450

See their much improved website at: <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/resources/genealogy.html> *If you have North Carolina Quaker ancestors, enter Quakers in the search box at the top of the page, pour a cup of coffee and waste a day (read enjoy!) – Editor*

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Saving Your Family History Securely in the Cloud

By Dick Eastman August 25, 2014

Many of us have pictures or information that we want to keep on our home computers or devices, but in case of fire or other disasters, we want to be able to keep them safe. Pre-Cloud users kept copies of pictures and information on CDs or DVDs and hard drives in bank vaults or other safe storage. They also gave copies to others and sent discs or memory sticks to interested parties. When we put our data into cloud storage, though, we keep the original information at our home, and store the data in a format that can be used by others in facilities in different places in the world. Now, everyone can have access to this data, with permission, in a much easier way.



The FamilySearch Blog has an article that describe's Scott Allen's presentation at the recent 2014 BYU Family History Conference into the mysterious realms of the "Cloud" and explained what that means. Scott Allen is from the Utah Education Network and knows his subject well.

You can read the article in the FamilySearch Blog at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/saving-family-history-securely-cloud/>.

Pay careful attention to the comments at the end of Dick's article on his website <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/08/25/saving-your-family-history-securely-in-the-cloud/>- Some of his comments to the bloggers are better than the above article itself- Editor

Did you know - A generation is 22-25 years for a man and 18-23 years for a woman.

Someone failed to tell my surname line about that one - Editor

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 Telephone: 209-523-0593 (Maybelle Allen)
- GSSC web page: <http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html>.
 The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.
- General meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.
- Board meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.

2014 Officers		2014 Standing Committee Chairs	
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Director at Large	Angela Kraft	Newsletter	Lewis M. Ruddick
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		Research Trips: Salt Lake City	Lisa Bruk
		Seminar & Workshop	Jeff Wells
		Special Collections Room	Marilyn Belleville
		Social Media	Angela Kraft
		Greeter	Marge Scheuber

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We have 163 members for 2014



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