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March Program

March 15, 2016

7:00 PM One-Step Webpages Stephen Morse

Award winning Stephen Morse is back and he will illustrate how, with a minimal amount of initial information, an entire genealogy can be obtained. You will be fascinated with the ability of his research tools and their application to your research needs.

A Few Words from Your President

Bev Johnson

As we now move forward in 2016, how invigorating it is to our morale to see the velvet green landscapes and blossoms of spring in our valley replace the earthy brown landscapes of late 2015.

Speaking of green, now is the appropriate time to renew your membership if you have not already done so. For those of you who have already renewed your membership for 2016, thank you, which brings me to ask the question which you may have been thinking. "So I paid my dues. What do I get for my \$20.00?" Yes, a Souper Supper and an Ice Cream Social are fun events which are meant to just enjoy and maybe get to know each other a little better. But are you aware of, or have taken advantage of, **our own Society resources** available to you? Let me peak your interest and hope you will find something of value to your particular research interests and needs that you will take advantage of, from right here within our own Society, such as the follows:

- Our *Researcher* Newsletter
- Check out our Website (in the Newsletter)
- Check out our Blog (in the Newsletter)
- Check out our Special Collections Room, Stanislaus County Library, (Open House, Saturday, March 2, 2016)
- Research Day Trips, soon TBA
- Salt Lake City Family History Library Research Trip
- Workshops and Seminars
- Day Research Trips
- Membership Directory
- Special Interest Groups, Writing Group, 3rd Thursday (Joann McDonald's home) and Arkansas Study Group (contact [Jackie Niemeyer](#))
- Suggestion Box, available at all General Meetings

- Directory of members available for research assistance

Not a bad return on your investment.

Your Society leadership exists for one important purpose: to put your \$20.00 membership fee to the best use possible for you. If we are not doing that, you need to make that known to us and I promise you a response. I'm listening: jbevjohnson1@att.net or 209-526-5009.

Finally, we have upcoming events that are going to require extra help from some of you as volunteers. Please, and with thanks, email me with the message, "Put me on the volunteer list".

March Program

By Jennifer McDonald Vice President – Program Chair

Returning to us as a Guest Speaker for a third time, we welcome back Stephen Morse from the One-Step Webpages at SteveMorse.org.

This lecture presents a case study using the One-Step Webpages as well as other websites to develop a family history. It illustrates how, with a minimal amount of initial information, an entire genealogy can be obtained. It also shows how to obtain records in spite of name misspellings, and how to avoid accepting wrong information.

GSSC Member Job Openings Filled

By Bev Johnson

We are pleased to report that the **Queries Researcher** and **Four Generation Books** positions have been filled. We welcome **Colleen Norby** who will assume the Queries duties and **Tricia Turner** who will take on the responsibilities for the Four Generation Binders. We thank you both for stepping up. Marilyn Belleville and Jackie Niemeyer can still use some assistance at the Stanislaus County **Special Collections Room at the County Library** in Modesto. Volunteers are needed to assist visitors at this research resource which involves just a couple of hours each week. Won't you please consider giving back to your Society by volunteering to fill this need? While you do so you can certainly use your time to research your own tree in the hundreds of books held in the library. You can respond by contacting me at 209-526-5009 or at jbevjohnson1@att.net.

Sign up Now for the GSSC Spring Workshop on March 19, 2016, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM See attached Flyer

Sacramento German Genealogy Society

Spring Seminar

"Focus On Our German Heritage"

Saturday--April 30, 2016 at "**Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church**" in Fair Oaks, CA. It will cover four essentials for your German Research.

Presented by Dr. Fritz Juengling.

It's an all-day affair.

Contact Vicky Wolff (529-9430) or Cleda Lane (577-2289) for information on travel arrangements

Early American Cookery

Since there are more than 35 million people in the United States who are of Irish origin what can be more appropriate this month which recognizes St. Patrick than a recipe for Irish corn beef and cabbage.

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Ingredients

- 2 celery stalks, cut into 3-inch pieces
- 3 carrots, cut into 3-inch pieces
- 1 small yellow onion, cut into 1-inch wedges (root end left intact)
- 1/2 pound small potatoes, halved if large
- 6 sprigs thyme
- 1 corned beef brisket (about 3 pounds), plus pickling spice packet or 1 tablespoon pickling spice
- 1/2 head Savoy cabbage, cut into 1 1/2-inch wedges
- Grainy mustard, for serving



In a 5-to-6-quart slow cooker, place celery, carrots, onion, potatoes, and thyme. Place corned beef, fat side up, on top of vegetables and sprinkle with pickling spice; add enough water to almost cover meat (4 to 6 cups). Cover and cook on high until corned beef is tender, 4 1/4 hours (or 8 1/2 hours on low).

Can be done on the stove top with a large pot or in an electric crock pot

Don't forget the Soda Bread from last month's issue. A fitting addition to a traditional Irish St. Patrick's meal!



has been Sold

Ancestry.com's announcement today that the company is selling the Family Tree Maker software business to Software MacKiev has created a few questions. For instance, who is Software MacKiev? A quick Google search produces several answers.

NOTE: The second part of today's announcement states that RootsMagic will also be able to synchronize data with Ancestry.com's online family trees by the end of the year. However, that apparently does not affect the sale of Family Tree Maker, both Windows and Macintosh versions, to Software MacKiev.

Software MacKiev has its headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. Specifically, it has offices at 30 Union Wharf on Boston's waterfront in the historic North End. However, Wikipedia notes that Software MacKiev has its main workshop in Kiev, Ukraine. The company is best known for developing software for Macintosh systems which apparently explains the letters "Mac" in the company name: Software MacKiev.

Today's announcement from Ancestry, Inc. suggests that Software MacKiev was the company that developed Family Tree Maker for Macintosh, probably under contract for Ancestry. The announcement simply says, "Software MacKiev has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for Mac for more than six years and is thrilled at the opportunity to publish future versions of Family Tree Maker for Mac and Windows."

Software MacKiev also does produce software programs for Windows and for mobile devices. The company's web site at <http://www.mackiev.com> lists Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing, PrintShop for Mac, Kid Pix 3D, and some other titles.

It is interesting to note that the same web page also says, "See you this week at RootsTech" in Booth # 123. I think I will pay them a visit.

You can find the Software MacKiev web site at <http://www.mackiev.com> but a lot more information about the company can be found on Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_MacKiev.

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Editor’s note: *MacKiev expects to have FTM up and running on March 1. Since they already produce ancestry.com’s Apple version they are in a fine position to make the transition. Now what will we be receiving from the remaining connection with ancestry.com? We can only hope for an improvement over what was owned by ancestry.com*

Saint Patrick circa AD 385–461

A wee bit of his history

By Lewis M. Ruddick

The first wee bit is that St. Patrick wasn’t Irish at all. He was a Briton and had been brought to Ireland by Irish raiders. He was born into a wealthy Roman Britain family in Britain. Patrick was the son of Calpornius, a Roman-British army officer and growing up in Wales when he was kidnapped in a raid by Irish raiders at the age of 16. He was taken as a slave to Ireland. He was finally taken from confinement and given the duties as a shepherd which he did for 6 years. It was during this time that he was tending his flock that he wrote that God spoke to him. In his *Declaration* St. Patrick said that God told him to flee to the coast and that there would be a ship waiting there for him to take him home. He did and returned to Britain where he ultimately became a priest. He returned to Ireland with the blessing of the church to convert the Irish Pagans to Christianity and to drive out the Celts. The latter became the source of the allegory that he drove out the “snakes” from Ireland. His tireless devotion to the Irish people and his writing ultimately resulted in his elevation sainthood after his death.



On St Patrick's Day, March 17th, the traditional date of his death, it is customary to wear shamrocks and/or green clothing or accessories (the "wearing of the green"). St Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish. Why March 17th? That is the accepted day of St. Patrick’s death.

Genealogical Television Programs

Submitted by Cleda Lane

Finding Your Roots
 Documentary—Series
 Tue @ 8 p.m. on Channel 6
 Every week!

Who Do You Think You Are
 Channel 280 @ 1 or 3 p.m.
 Weekly Series



Genealogy Roadshow
 Documentary---Series
 Mon. @ 10 p.m. on Channel 6
 Every week!

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, Inc. Website

For those of you who are unable to find our GSSC Website please save the following email address to your Browser Favorites:

<http://cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html>



BEGINNING GENEALOGY WORKSHOP



Please join us at a Beginning Genealogy Workshop
at the Family History Center, 731 El Vista Ave., Modesto, CA
Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Subjects will include the Family History Center Library,
Four Generation Charts and Census Records
\$10 fee payable at the door.

To pre-register, contact Dale Thompson
(209) 567-2546 or thompsondale@sbcglobal.net

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

2016 Planner / Calendar

January						
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January

- 4 Volunteers Modesto Library
10:00 am - 3:00 pm @Monday
when open
- 11 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Writing group: 3rd Thurs @
Mon; 10 am at Joann
MacDonald

February

- 8 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Souper Supper 6:00 pm

March

- 14 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Work Shop

April

- 11 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Gen Meeting 7:00 pm
- 24 Salt Lake City Trip departs
- 30 Salt Lake City returns

May

- 9 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Memorial Day Cemetery Project
8:00 am - 2ish

June

- 4 Highland Games
- 13 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Writing group: 3rd Thurs @
Mon; 10 am at Joann
MacDonald
- 21 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.
ICE CREAM SOCIAL 6:00 p.m.
Ice Cream Social 6:00 pm

July

- 11 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
- 19 No Gen Meeting

August

- 8 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September

- 12 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October

- 1 2017 SLC Trip deposit due
Red Poinsettia sale
- 10 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.

November

- 1 Red Poinsettia Sale
- 14 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Gen Meeting 7:00 p.m.

December

- 1 Red Poinsettia del starts
- 12 AR/MO group 1:00 pm
Brd Meeting Pot luck 6:00 pm
- 20 No Gen Meeting

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Membership Information

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- 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.

2016 Officers		2016 Standing Committee Chairs	
President	Bev Johnson	Acquisitions	Ellen Reesh/ Carmen Pedrioli
1st Vice President	Jennifer McDonald	Audit	Jeff Wells
2nd Vice President	Pamela Atherstone	Budget	Jay Mirza
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Director at Large	Dorothy Winke	Membership	Maybelle Allen
Director at Large	Cyndi Bray	Memorial Day	Dale Thompson
Director at Large	Heide Arno	Newsletter	Lewis M. Ruddick
Director at Large	Jackie Niemeyer	Planning & By-laws	Bev Johnson
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		Publications	Vicky Wolff
		Publicity	Ellen Reesh/ Carmen Pedrioli
		Queries	Colleen Norby
		Refreshments	Jackie Niemeyer
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		Research & Publication	Millie Starr
		Research Trips	Vicky Wolff / Cleda Lane
		Research Salt Lake City	Lisa Bruk
		Seminar & Workshop	Pam Atherstone
		Special Collections Room	Marilyn Belleville/ Jackie Niemeyer
		Social Media	Angela Kraft
		Sunshine	Judith Welch

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We have 116 members for 2016



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