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GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada Street at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Doors will be open at 6:30 PM.

March Evening Meeting No March Meeting

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Day Study Group Meeting April DSG Unknown at this time

[Barbara Leak](#) leads the study group. Visitors are welcome. Requests for specific topics are appreciated.

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Family Tree Maker User Group April FTMUG Unknown at this time

Special in-depth topics can be scheduled. Please e-mail our group leader [Jerry Unruh](#) with any requests.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Right now, all the news is about the Coronavirus and the ripple-down effect it is having on our communities. It immediately made me think about all of the

many pandemic and endemic events that have happened throughout history and the effect it might have had on our ancestors.

Plagues, epidemics and pandemics have caused major death events throughout the world's history, decreasing population drastically due to exploration parties infecting native populations with disease; wide and fast spreading diseases in times of war and in concentration or prisoner of war camps; and in overcrowded cities with poor sanitation systems. They have been recorded since early Greece, Rome and Egyptian times. Indeed, disease was one of the significant causes of the fall of the Roman empire.

The Black Death, from 1331 to 1353, is one of the most well-known plagues, killing about 75 million people in Europe. The Great London Plague, from 1665-1666, killed 20% of London's population. During the Civil War, more soldiers died of malaria, cholera and typhus than from actual warfare. The same was true of the Napoleonic Wars in Europe. During World War I (1918-19), the Spanish flu killed thousands of soldiers from all countries, totaling 50 million deaths worldwide and 675,000 deaths in the United States.



In our lifetime, we have seen the HIV/AIDS pandemic, during the late 1960's to the early 70's, which originated in Africa but spread worldwide. The Asian flu in 1957-58 caused about two million deaths worldwide and 70,000 deaths in the United States; the Hong Kong flu in 1968-69 killed about one million people worldwide, and about 34,000 deaths in the

United States. In 2009-10, the Swine flu infected about 60 million people, causing over 500,000 deaths worldwide. Small pox, measles and mumps, our "normal" childhood diseases, have been largely eradicated through vaccination programs, although occasional regional outbreaks still occur. Today we have the coronavirus, as well as antibiotic resistant "superbugs" such as MRSA, in our hospitals and nursing homes.

I know that these diseases have affected my ancestors as well as my immediate family in my lifetime. How have they affected yours? These are some of the issues that bring our family stories to life, and continue to make our research interesting.

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the Society, I welcome your input via email at: president@pcgs.pcgenes.com or at any of our meetings.

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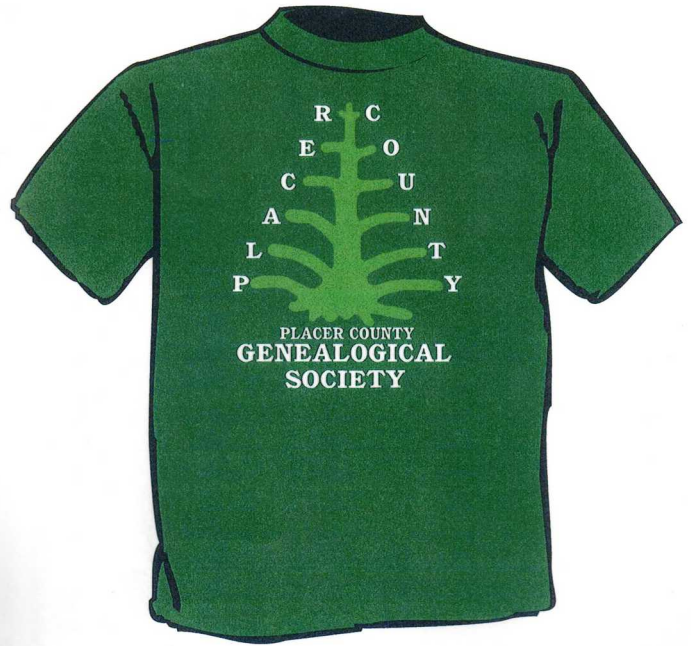
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PCGS Voice Mail (866) 894-2076

Don Cortez of Three Ring Service has graciously donated a voice mail telephone number for Placer County Genealogical Society. The answering message will announce basic information and the upcoming PCGS meetings. Callers can leave messages for board members, chairpersons and the research committee. Thank You, Don Cortez.

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PCGS T-Shirts



100 percent pre shrunk cotton fabric. Made locally in Auburn California. Sizes Small to XX Large. Price: \$15.00 each. Good to wear to genealogy events such as Meetings, Seminars and Genealogical Classes locally, National and International. When others see the name Placer County it can make a curiosity that they will ask "Where is Placer County?" or if they are familiar with it perhaps they will ask if you know a certain person or family from Placer County. Who knows, it may be one you are researching. You may contact Alora Lipsmeyer for ordering and information. You may leave her voice mail on the PCGS voice mail at (866) 894-2076.

Also available are name badges that can be ordered with names you are researching. To order please see our Registrar, Bill Heisch, at our General Meetings at Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, on the 4th Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00 PM except for November and December.

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February 27, 2020

General Meeting Minutes

Beecher Room, Auburn - Placer County Library

Welcome Reminder to silence cell phones for the duration of the meeting/program ****

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Davis.

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes from Previous Meeting are in the Feb. newsletter. No corrections or additions to the reports.

Registrar's Report and Introduction of Visitors – Bill Heisch, Registrar

Current membership: 125 paid + 40 family = 165 total. 65 renewals. Due by end of March or will not receive April newsletter

- Introduce Visitors: Susan Rogers and her son
- Tonight's Raffle Items: ream of paper, 3 Family Tree magazines and book "Secrets of Tracing your Ancestors"
- Reminder to Renew membership and can be done tonight.

Old Business –

- SRGC (Sacramento Region Genealogical Council) report – Wendy Black – Next meeting is Easter weekend.
 - A volunteer is needed to do updates on PCGS page on <https://srgccouncil.org/>
- Planning for 40th Anniversary meeting – Committee will be meeting to plan the July 23rd meeting with speaker Gena Ortega and extra half hour for her program.

New Business –

- Planning for 2020 Heritage Trail – Diane Fishburn – Carol Gebel reported on her meeting with Diane. Suggestions were reported at the Board meeting.
- Our books at Archives and Loomis Library were on 5 yr. contract which will be coming up for renewal. Archives might want some of our space. Loomis is pleased with having our books but we might have to cull some for space. Carol Zobel will work on this. Listing of books at both facilities is on our web page.
- Report Historical Organizations Council (HOC)

– Diane Fishburn attended the meeting with Toni Rosasco and is looking forward to attending these meetings. They are working on Heritage Trail plans.

Member Share: Linda Johnson announced Roots Cellar program with Josh Taylor and Aug. 18-19 My Heritage presentation at Eastern Ave on Israel. My Heritage has new coloring of photos. Carol Gebel announced Folsom Museum 40th anniversary Quilt Show thru Apr. 19.

Committee Reports:

- **Day Study Group** – Barbara Leak; Mon. March 9, 2020 – Photo Editing, Organizing & Working with Metadata. April 13th will be on copyright law.

- Family History Center – 6:30-8:00pm – Flyers on back table

March 3rd - Marriage Records, with Barbara Leak

March 10th - Roots Tech Conference Report, with Richard Rands & Janet Brigham

March 17th - Birth Records, with Janet Brigham

March 24th - Death Records, with Richard Rands

March 31st - Vital Record Websites, with Barbara Leak

- **Family Tree Maker Users Group** – Jerry Unruh, Thurs., March 12, 2020 – Working with FTM 2019 and on creating books. John Peterson has shared 2 books created after Jim Rader's presentation.

End of RootsWeb Mailing List – 77 members, Facebook 44 members with 9 not PCGS members, , PCGS.Groups.io 2 members. Do we want to invite the 77 members to join pcgs.groups.io? Newsletter – email 181 newsletters.

- **DNA Study Group** – Ally Woods - March 5, 2020, Geographic Migrations of Ancient Ancestors, David Farrel; and Color Coding DNA Matches, An Alternative View, Mark Moore; March 19, 2020, ThruLines, Tags and DNA to Grow your Tree, Sam Farrel.

Loomis Library for Summer Reading program

June 25, 10:30-11:30, Building Your Family Tree with the kids.

- **Field Trips/Carpools** – Diane Fishburn & Carol Gebel – No report
- **Hospitality** – Patty & Doug Saathoff, and Carol Gebel – June sign up needed. Special treat for July so no sign up needed.
- **Programs** – Cyndi Davis, Ally Woods, Diane Fishburn & Patty Saathoff – Susan Rogers tonight, Stephanie West on Canadian Research in March, Maria Brower on Passenger Records in April. Emily Aulicino on Writing Family History in May, Madeline Yanov on Finding Ancestors in Institutions, and Gena Ortega in July.
- **Facebook page** - Placer County Genealogical Society or PCGS1980 – 48members

Hampton Family 1918 Spanish Flu
by Carol Peterson



Bill Hampton

Announcements:

- RootsTech 2020 – Feb 26-29, 2020 - \$129 for a virtual pass.
- Root Cellar (SGS) 2020 Spring Seminar, Sat. March 28, featuring D. Joshua Taylor, Pres. of NY Gen & Hist. Society, cohost PBS “Genealogy Roadshow” series
- GAS Salt Lake City Research Trip, May 3 – 10th

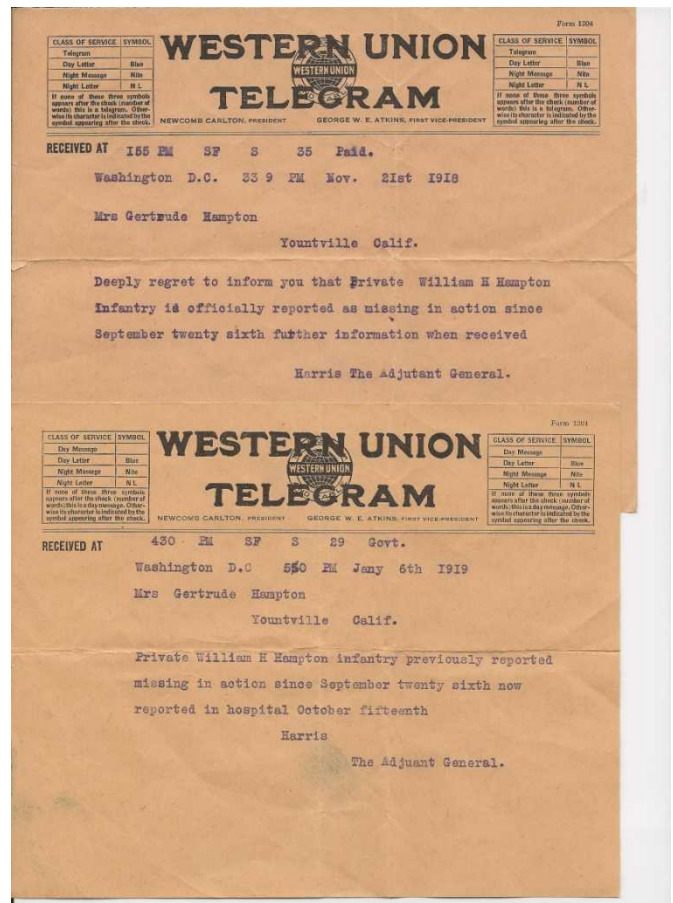
Break/Refreshments: 7:30 p.m.

Door Prize Drawing – Bill Heisch

Program Introduction – Cyndi Davis introduced tonight’s speaker, Susan Rogers, “How I Found My 10th Generation Common Ancestor for two mtDNA Matches”

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 p.m. **
remember to turn your phones back on **

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My great uncle Frank Hampton as a young man died at Napa State Hospital where he was an employee and a member of the band and orchestra. He was ill

for 5 days with Spanish influenza and developed pneumonia.



Frank Hampton

His brother William Hampton was serving in the Army in France and his mother received a telegram that he was missing in action. She said she knew he had not died. Later she received a telegram saying he was in the hospital. He had the Spanish flu and they were left in tents while the Army moved on. He was able to join his unit when he recovered. Communication was not very efficient and it was months before information was forthcoming.

Later he was shot twice, once in the boot heel and once in the heart but he had a tobacco can in his pocket which stopped the bullet. He returned to Napa and survived into his 90's. I took him for a flu shot every year with his brother, my grandfather, John Hampton.

My grandmother said the whole family had the flu and the doctor came to the house smoking a cigar which he left out on the porch.

THE NAPA DAILY REGISTER,

GRIM REAPER

Frank Hampton and Harvey Trissel, Two Popular Attendants at Napa State Hospital, Victims of Epidemic.

Two prominent and highly esteemed attendants at the Napa State Hospital fell victims to the dread Spanish Influenza epidemic at that institution Sunday when Frank Hampton and Harvey Trissel passed away.

Frank Hampton.

The death of Frank Hampton came at an early hour Sunday morning after a five days' illness, which began with Spanish Influenza and developed into pneumonia.

The young man was very popular at the institution and in Napa, where he had many friends. He was a musician and a member of the Napa State Hospital band and orchestra.

Deceased was a native of Yountville and a member of a prominent family. He was a son of Mrs. Gertrude Hampton, his father, the late Eljth Hampton, having passed away a few years ago. He was raised in Yountville and spent practically all of his life there. He had been employed as an attendant at the Napa State Hospital for several years.

These relatives survive him: His widow, Rose Kinzer Hampton; his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Hampton; a sister, Miss Rita Hampton, of Yountville, and these brothers: Reuben Hampton of Elk Grove, Edward Hampton of Yountville and William Hampton, now fighting for his country in France.

Deceased was aged 30 years, 3 months and 15 days.

The funeral will be conducted from the chapel of D. C. Treadway in Napa at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

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PCGS Membership Form

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Placer County Genealogical Society Membership Form (rev 1-15-20)

Name: _____
first middle initial last

Additional Member: _____
(for family memberships) first middle initial last

Address: _____
street name/number city state zip

Phone: _____ **email:** _____
(include area code) (provide additional email if this is a family membership)

Society members will receive (via email) the Placer Trails Newsletter as well as meeting notices and will be a voting Society Member. Family memberships (2 or more family members) are entitled to a single vote at meetings. You are encouraged to register as a family membership.

Membership

Library Fund contribution * (optional) Funds to purchase genealogy books & equipment at the Placer County Archives/Research Center

General Fund contribution * (optional) Funds in support the operation of the Society (speaker fees, insurance, raffle prizes, etc.)

Total Enclosed **Payment method:** cash check # _____

* PCGS is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization

Make checks payable to:
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 PO Box 7385
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

General Meeting – Unknown at this time

Day Study Group Meeting (Second Monday of the Month) –**Unknown at this time** [Barbara Leak](#) leads the Day Study Group.

Family Tree Maker User’s Group (Second Thursday of the Month) – **Unknown at this time.**

Placer County Genealogical Society Board Meetings (Wednesday week prior to General Meeting) – 10:00 a.m. at the LDS Church on Bell Road. All members are welcome to attend please check with a board member to confirm date and time.

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For Updates on Meetings and Other Events:

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