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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.

**June Evening Meeting
No June Meeting**

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**Day Study Group Meeting
September 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
July 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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The Placer Trails Newsletter takes the summer off. Placer Trails is not published in July or August. If anything changes with the coronavirus that will allow us to restart having normal meetings we will let everyone know via Facebook, goups.io, and our web site.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of our much-missed friends – It seems a long time since we have been able to meet and share news with each other. I hope

everyone is staying safe and healthy, and keeping busy with your activities as much as possible. It appears that the re-openings will be happening very slowly at the community activity level. Therefore, it is likely that there will be no genealogy meetings and classes happening this summer. Day study sessions are always on hiatus for July and August, and this year the DNA sessions will also be on hiatus. I expect, although no definite decision has been made yet, that our General Meetings and the Family Tree Maker group meetings will also be cancelled for July and August. Stay up to date through our Facebook group and our Groups.io site.

This month, we celebrate Father’s Day, so it is a great time to see if you can find some new clues to dear old dad’s life story, or track down some of your grandfathers and great-grandfathers. Did they serve in the military in some way, have you researched for those records? What was their occupation, and what did it involve? Have you found all those birth and death certificates for them? There are constantly new places to look, more records online, and new data indexed from previously checked data bases, making ancestors easier to track down. So, focus on your male ancestors this month and see what new discoveries are waiting for you.

I have been taking advantage of all the free webinars and records that are available. I also signed up for a class through the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. So, I am learning some new research skills relating to House and Farm research. Hopefully I will be able to put my new knowledge to work in the near future on a Home History I have been wanting to put together. Maybe you all will get to hear the story when it’s finished.

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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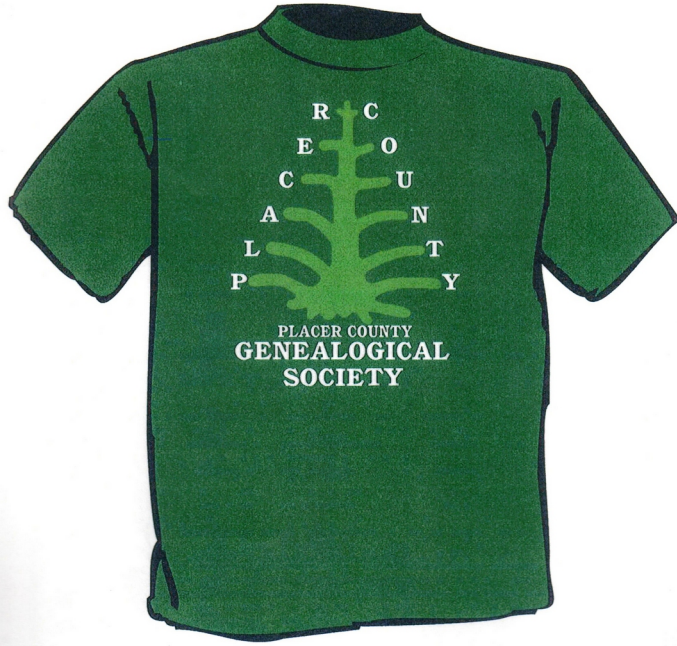
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PCGS Voice Mail (866) 894-2076

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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**PLACER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER REPORT MAY 2020**

CHECKING balance May 1, 2020	5835.55
Total transfers and receipts	240.00
Total Disbursements	0.00
Net Income/(Loss)	240.00

CHECKING Balance May 31, 2020	6075.55
SAVINGS Balance May 31, 2020	4214.72
TOTAL FUNDS May 31, 2020	10290.27

General Fund	5907.50
Library Fund	4382.77
TOTAL of PGCS Funds	10290.27

Submitted by Suzan Vander Linden

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PCGS Mailing List

We have a mailing list for PCGS. Announcements of meetings and other information of interest to PCGS members will be made available through this mailing list. It is also a place to gloat about your recent finds and general discussion among our members.

Besides the new Facebook pages we have established pcgs.groups.io

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CAN I BELIEVE MY EYES?

I am once again researching a quiltmaker whose quilt I have. The quiltmaker is Elizabeth (Sassaman) Wolfinger, who made her quilt about 1850 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, when she was 80 years old. In attempting to learn who had the quilt after Elizabeth's death, I have constructed a timeline that I believe is likely.

The quilt descended through male descendants of Elizabeth, not female descendants which is often the case. It went to her son, John, then to his son, Charles, and then to his son, Abraham. After that the descent is murky. Abraham had one child, a daughter, Marion May Wolfinger. After Abraham's first wife, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Sheleigh, died, he married Barbara (Hunter) McGuire. Abraham Wolfinger died in 1946, about 5 years after he and Barbara retired to Florida from Ohio.

Since Abraham had only one child, his daughter Marion, it is likely that she inherited the quilt from her father. Surprisingly, although Abraham Wolfinger died in Florida, which is confirmed by his death certificate, there are no probate records for him. Since he was a minister, I would have expected him to have left a will, being aware of the fleeting condition of earthly existence. In addition, there are no letters of administration, commonly issued when the deceased dies intestate.

I have not found a death nor a marriage record for Marion May Wolfinger, who at the time of her father's death would have been 57 years old. Nor have I found a death record for his widow, Barbara (Hunter McGuire) Wolfinger.

I did find an index for marriages in Macon County, North Carolina, that listed a marriage for a Barbara H. Wolfinger of about the age to have been Abraham's wife. Barbara was a resident of Georgia at the time of this marriage in 1953. I am attempting to obtain a photocopy of the marriage record, hoping it will have additional information that can help identify or rule out this Barbara Wolfinger as the one previously married to Abraham Wolfinger.

Perusing the information given in the Macon County, North Carolina, website for current requirements to be met in order to receive a marriage license, I found a list of the requirements. Although a minimum age for marriage is not given, it can be surmised to be 18, since the additional requirements for applicants aged 16-17 are listed, including one parent, with custody,

who gives written consent. Not entirely surprising that a 16 year-old would be considered eligible for marriage, particularly in a southern state since the South has been known for permitting young marriages in the past. However, it is a practice not permitted in most other states.

However, I was more than a little surprised to find that in this twenty-first century applicants as young as 14 and 15 can legally be married in the state of North Carolina. In this instance, not only is written parental permission required but also a "certified copy of a Court Order authorizing the Marriage." I would hope that it would be extremely difficult to find a judge willing to allow marriage at age 14 or 15. The maturity required of marriage partners is hardly likely to manifest itself at the age of 14, or even 15. Although many states over the past years have raised the minimum age for marriage to at least 18, North Carolina is not among them.

Carol Gebel

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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: **Placer County Genealogical Society**
PO Box 7385
Auburn, CA 95604

Date Received (for PCGS use) _____

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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:

Check our web site

pcgs.pcgenes.com

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September 1, 2020
Email: placertrails@pcgs.pcgenes.com**

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