



**Placer County Genealogical Society**  
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Dear New Member:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we welcome you to the membership of the Placer County Genealogical Society. Genealogy is one of the most popular hobbies in America. As much as each individual is able to accomplish in his or her own pursuit of seeking answers, it is a great advantage to join a genealogical society to be able to share information, discuss problems, and attend classes and lectures. As you have taken this step by joining our society, we want you to know about the services and facilities that will prove to be helpful to you.

*Placer Trails* is our newsletter which you will receive each month by email except July, August and December. Each issue contains information on upcoming meetings and seminars, new books in the library, important membership information, research tips and Internet resources.

Our general meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month except December. Our meeting in November held on a date announced in the newsletter, and is considered our annual meeting for the purpose of electing new officers. These meetings feature guest speakers, panel discussions and other informative and educational programs on topics of interest to genealogists.

Our study group meets from 10:00 am to noon on the second Monday of each month except July, August and December. The study group features class presentations, round-table discussions and hands-on exercises on various genealogy topics. This is a fun and friendly way to learn new research strategies, receive individualized help, and become inspired to “keep on digging.”

The general and study group meetings are held in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn. Both members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Our Family Tree Maker Users Group meets from 10:00 am to noon on the second Thursday of each month at the Auburn LDS Stake Building, 1255 Bell Road, Auburn. This special interest group discusses the use of computers and the Family Tree Maker genealogy software. Visitors are welcome to attend.

You will also want to subscribe to our society’s e-mail list, CA-PCGS. The list is a place for our members to share stories, pose questions and hold discussions about their research. Through the list, you will also receive meeting reminders and important announcements from the society. Instructions for signing-up are in the newsletter and on the society’s website.

One of the most important functions of our society is to help maintain the Genealogy Section of the Loomis Library and the Placer County Archives. Donations to our Library Fund go directly toward the purchase of new genealogical books and materials for the Loomis Library and the Placer County Archives and Research Center. The Loomis Library is located at 6050 Library Dr. off Horseshoe Bar Rd., in Loomis. The Placer County Archives are located at 11526 C Ave., in the DeWitt Center in

Auburn. The Auburn Placer County Library also contains genealogy books as part of their general circulating collection.

At some point in every genealogist's research, it is necessary to contact a genealogical society where your ancestors lived and request assistance in obtaining copies of local records. In accordance with our Research Policy, our society's Research Committee answers such requests for records on families that once lived in Placer County. Proceeds from this service benefit our Library Fund.

Another important tradition in our society is our annual "How to Begin" seminar. This free, one-day class is for beginners and those who wish to brush-up on basic genealogical techniques. Topics covered include genealogy forms and filing systems, original record sources, correspondence, the Internet, and library resources. A companion book, *Tracing Your Family Tree: How to Begin*, is available for purchase from the society throughout the year. Whether you are new to genealogy or just new to Placer County, you will find this handbook to be very helpful in discovering both how and where to do your research.

Information about our meetings and program topics, how to subscribe to our CA-PCGS mailing list, our Research Policy, membership information, and e-mail contacts for our officers and committee chairmen are all posted on our society's website. You will also find other helpful information online, including links to websites for other Sacramento-area genealogical societies, several Placer County research databases, a members' surname registry, and a members' discussion forum. Our website address is <http://pcgs.pcgene.com/>.

In addition to the above information, we hope you will find the other documents in the new member materials of interest. We urge you to become an active member of the society. Our group is made up of individuals like yourself, genealogists at various stages of research. We are looking forward to knowing you better. Please do not hesitate to ask when you have a question or need help. You will find the names of our officers and chairmen in your newsletter. E-mail contact information is on our website; or you can leave a message on our society's voice mail at (530) 887-2646. We are here to help you.

Sincerely yours,

PLACER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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