



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society



P. O. Box 1354 Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter – January 2009

Roots and Gold Dust meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Family History Center in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints building at 3275 Cedar Ravine, Placerville at 1 p.m.

Refreshments are provided.

For information or membership inquiries, please contact Carol Sexton at: ecskelsey@yahoo.com

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 20, 2009	August 18, 2009
February 17, 2009	September 15, 2009
March 17, 2009	October 13, 2009
April 21, 2009	November 17, 2009
May 19, 2009	December – NO Meeting
June 16, 2009	January 19, 2010
July 21, 2009	

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 17th at 1:00.

Pamela Dallas will be speaking to us about:
**Collateral Research - What Your Siblings Will
Tell You that Your ancestors Won't**

Collateral research is an essential tool for conducting good genealogy research, but it is especially necessary when looking for those elusive answers such as maiden names, and other brick wall problems. Discover the many ways collateral research can enhance your research.

RECAP OF THE JANUARY MEETING

At the January 20th meeting, we had a planning workshop. A large number of you were kind enough to return the questionnaires sent out in the last newsletter. We took some of those ideas to plan out the next few meetings and will compile all the questionnaires to develop our meeting plans for the next year as well as workshops and projects.

One of the things discussed was the idea of only having a guest speaker every other meeting. This will allow us to have more in the way of workshops and actual member interaction at our meetings. The tentative plan is:

February: Pam Dallas speaking on Collateral Research.

March: Orphan Trains Workshop & discussion

April: Speaker on Land Records

May: Land Records workshop.

More details to follow as we put together the speakers schedule and make arrangements for the workshops.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year again. Annual dues for membership in Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society are due as of January 1st. You have until April 1st before your membership lapses. The dues are \$15 for individuals and \$22 for families. 2009 is already showing promise of being an active year for the society and I know none of you wants to miss out on any of the programs, activities and projects that will be happening. You can either pay

at the meeting or mail your dues to the society at P.O. Box 1354, Diamond Springs, CA 95610.

So far, the following people have paid up for this year: Elaine and Harvey Andrews, Bradford, Dixie and Dale Castle, Canadas, Dobson, Doying, Galley, Grosz, Harper, Hodel, Holbrook, Jackson, Jones, O'Shaughnessey, Rich, Young, and Zigelhofer

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome Jim Young as the newest member of Roots and Gold Dust. Jim and his wife Dacia reside in Placerville.

BOOK FUND

Our newest book purchase is Scottish Monuments and Tombstones, which was chosen by Barbara Zigelhofer. For her good fortune in being drawn, she will have the use of the book for a month in her own home before the book is put into the Library. There are still four of you that need to make your selections so please do so as soon as you can. I'm not going to mention any names here, but your initials are: Bob Battersby, Lorraine Bradford, Mary Ann Harper, and Alma Pomperoy.

GENIE EVENTS

Family History Symposium

Saturday, March 21, 2009

8:00am to 4:00pm

El Dorado Family History Center
3275 Cedar Ravine Rd, Placerville, CA

Our local Family History Center is sponsoring a Family History Symposium with an emphasis on DNA and Genealogy. This was one of the topics many of you showed interest in when you filled out your questionnaires. The Keynote speaker Ugo Perego, of the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, will speak on "The Power of DNA: Discovering Lost and Hidden Relationships". Free DNA kits will be available. There will be a number of other subjects also, with a total of 4 one-hour

seminars available to you in addition to the keynote address. Lunch will be available. Registration fee is \$10 per person. A syllabus of seminar materials is also available for \$7 if you want one. There will be a charge of \$5.00 if you want lunch. Information and registration is available on their web site at www.eldoradofamilyhistorycenter.org.

Roots Cellar Spring Seminar

Saturday, March 28, 2009

9am to 3:45pm

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, California

\$22/RC Members \$27/non-Members

\$32 after March 14 and at-the-door

Root Cellar, the Sacramento Genealogical Society, is holding their annual Spring Seminar featuring Geoff Rasmussen from Legacy - Millennia Corporation. It will be a full day of topics to enhance your research abilities, plus food, fun and friends.

The Topics being offered include:

Using the latest Software and the Internet

Publishing to Cd/DVD and the Internet

12 Step Checklist to using your Genealogy Computer Program

Organizing, Planning, and Sharing using Legacy Genealogy Software

For more information, see their website at <http://www.rootcellar.org/>

GENIE RESOURCES

In each of the monthly newsletters, we will be presenting available sources of genealogical information. These may be local research locations, websites, places to write or visit, etc. If you have a source that you would like to share, please contact the newsletter writer at pljhodel@hotmail.com or call 530-622-3299.

HeadStones Genealogy

HeadStones Genealogy has just upgraded their website. The website currently has over 18,000 names with data from cemetery gravestones. New names are being added all the time. Owners Todd and Tina Atkinson are offering a free 7-day trial

when you register on the site. You can also try out the new chat area where you can talk with other gravestone searchers and share information about families. HeadStones Genealogy is located online at <http://www.headstonesgenealogy.com>.

Genealogy Charts

If you need a quick and easy way to fill out and print a pedigree chart, visit Misbach Enterprises at www.misbach.org. They have a number of free downloadable charts in PDF format. Included is a pedigree chart that holds up to 6 generations in the familiar Format and also has room for one generation of descendants. It prints on standard letter-size paper. You can fill it out before printing. The pedigree chart is at http://misbach.org/pdfcharts/pedigree_chart.pdf

Over 30 Million Graves on Find a Grave.com

One of my more favorite websites and one which I've contributed a number of gravesites too. Findagrave.com is just what the name implies, a place to find graves. Many of these entries include photos of the graves and/or individuals, and a volunteer group is available to take photos of graves for you. Here you can not only find gravesites, but you can also share information that you have on gravesites, be it the grave of one of your ancestors, or the transcription of a whole cemetery. This site is constantly growing as people just like you add new names every day. It also has discussion forums on cemeteries, genealogy, cemetery care, famous interments, and grieving as well as a forum for each state in the USA. There are also a number of foreign interments available to see. Visit them at www.findagrave.com.

Research Facilities List

The Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley has compiled a list of research facilities in the Sacramento and surrounding areas (including El Dorado County). These include libraries, museums, history centers, government offices, etc. The lists include the name of the facility, location, phone, business hours, and web

site address. This laminated list is available at the Family History Center for \$2.00.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Harvey and Elaine Andrews

In 1991, Harvey and Elaine Andrews moved to Placerville to enjoy their retirement years. They have been active in Roots and Gold Dust since 1992. Harvey currently serves as Vice President of Roots and Gold Dust and has previously served as President and Program Director. Harvey hails from San Leandro where he was born and raised until he left in 1950 to see the world by joining the military. Harvey spent ten years in active service in the U.S. Coast Guard and three years of active service in the U.S. Army. He continued in the Army Reserve until retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1992. In his non-military life, he was a criminal investigator for various law enforcement agencies, both local and federal including U.S. Customs, Department of Defense, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Somehow, through all of this, Harvey managed to earn a PhD from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

Elaine was born and raised in Chicago, IL. She graduated from the University of Illinois, Champagne, IL, with a BS in education. Elaine taught grammar school for a time before marrying and starting a family. Her first husband had an occupation that required them to move a few times, living in Michigan, Massachusetts, and Maryland. Elaine and Harvey met on blind date arranged through mutual friends in Maryland. Harvey traveled to meet Elaine so they could attend a formal Army gala at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Less than six months later, Elaine traveled to Sunnyvale, CA to marry Harvey in January 1987. For a few years Elaine and Harvey lived in Maryland and then, in 1991, they moved to Placerville and retirement. Actually, Harvey retired but Elaine went on to work as a legal secretary in Placerville, retiring herself in 2001. Elaine continues to work but as a volunteer for Animal Outreach and also at Marshall Hospital.

Surnames Harvey is researching include: **Marler**, **Privett** and **Upchurch** on his paternal side and **Cunha**, **Paiva**, and **Vieira-Atanzio** on his maternal

side (Andrews is a borrowed name going back only one generation.). Elaine family lines hail from Sweden and Germany. Elaine is primarily researching :the **Anderson** and **Horn** families.

Dale W. Castle

Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Dale was the middle child of Vaughn and Maxine (Wilson) Castle. Shortly after returning from the war, his dad died from Spinal Meningitis, leaving his mother a widow with three kids 8, 10, &12. Having never really known his dad as an adult set this moment for Dale's interest in Genealogy. In Dale's senior year in high school his mother remarried. The new family moved to Long Beach California where he finished high school and got a job working at North American Aviation in El Segundo. He met his wife Dixie during this time and when she finished her schooling we were married. "Yes, we were very young but we were both pretty mature for our ages.", he remembers. They later moved to the San Francisco Bay area and Dale entered the printing trade like his father. He served a four year indentured apprenticeship at Lucky Stores Printing Department, at the same time attending Laney Trade school in Oakland, CA and some college classes. He spent the next 32 years working for Lucky Stores in San Leandro, the last ten Managing the department. We did printing for Luckys, Gemco, Kragen, Kasco, Pic a Dilly, and other subsidiaries of Lucky's., retiring in 1996. Dale and Dixie then moved to Pollock Pines to enjoy a well earned retirement. Dale has been doing genealogy since about 1973. Currently, Dale is Program Chair for Roots and Gold Dust.

Surnames Dale is researching: On his paternal side: **CASSELS** - were French Huguenots, relocated during the reformation to Switzerland and then to Kriesham, Germany before coming to America. A branch may have left Norman France very early on and relocated to Scotland. Presently he is trying to find where they entered America Hi Y-DNA links him to the Cassels that came to Germantown

Pennsylvania, in 1686 from Kriesham, Germany (approx. 10 km west of Worms). On his maternal side: **SPENCER** - His mothers Spencer line is proven back to Abraham Spencer born 1684 in Virginia and his wife Susannah Sharp. **WILSON**: Proven back to 1814. Other branches he is researching are: **Britton, Dubose, Boykin, Waddell, Boone.**

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Forgetter Be Forgotten (Courtesy of Carol Sexton)

My forgetter's getting better,
But my rememberer is broke.
To you that may seem funny,
But, to me, that is no joke.

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering
If I really should be 'there'.
And, when I try to think it though,
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say 'what am I here for?'
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I see someone,
Say 'Hi' and have a chat.
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, 'who the heck was that?'

Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke.
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.