



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST

## Genealogical Society

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Roots and Gold Dust meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the third 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. Refreshments are provided.

For information or membership inquiries, please contact Carol Sexton at: [ecskelsey@yahoo.com](mailto:ecskelsey@yahoo.com).

Visit our website @

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm> .

### 2009 MEETING DATES & AGENDA

September 15 “Taking Your Family History On the Road” with Susan Jackman  
October 13 Officer nominations  
November 17 Election of officers  
December **NO Meeting**  
January 19, 2010

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

### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Carol Sexton  
Vice President: Harvey Andrews  
Secretary: Sandy Madeira  
Treasurer: Linda Galley  
Library Liaison: Judy Williams  
Program Director: Dale Castle  
Newsletter/Web: Paul Hodel

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00.p.m

For our September meeting we will be fortunate to have Susan Jackman visit us again. Susan is very knowledgeable and has a great way of presenting the genealogical topics she addresses. She will be talking with us about “Taking Your Family History On the Road”.

### RECAP OF THE AUGUST MEETING

About 20 people attended the August meeting, including two guests.

For our August meeting, Jim Faulkinbury and other representatives from the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) talked to us about their organization as well as other Patriotic Lineage Societies. The Sons of the American Revolution was organized in 1890. Prior to this date, there were a number of state societies, but no national society. The SAR does a lot to preserve the history and understanding of the early patriots through educational programs, participation in community events, recognition programs, etc.

Jim is also certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists and shared some of the requirements to become certified and talked about some of the things he does as a professional genealogist.

Look at the Genie Resources section of this newsletter for contact information for the SAR as well as other Patriotic Lineage Societies.

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY:

No new books have been turned over to the library this month. There are still two of you who were drawn and still need to choose the book, CD, etc. of your choice.

### SAY WHAT?

These are copies of actual questions and requests received by the Family History Department at the LDS Library in Salt Lake City.

*[Sorry, I just couldn't let these pass without some comments. FHD Editor]*

This family had 7 nephews that I am unable to find. If you know who they are, please add them to the list.

*[We will gladly include them on our forever-lost list.]*

We lost our Grandmother; will you please send us a copy?

*[Sorry, she is too big for our copy machine.]*

Will you please send me the name of my first wife? I have forgotten her name.

*[She has forgotten yours too.]*

A 14-year-old boy wrote: "I do not want you to do my research for me. Will you please send me all of the material on the Welch line, in the U.S., England and Scotland countries? I will do the research."

*[And you are sure you don't need any help?]*

I would like to know how many descendants I really have?

*[That must have been some party!]*

## GENIE THOUGHT

*"You live as long as you are remembered"*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 10, 2009**

**Family History Day, Sacramento**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 10. Family History Day is sponsored by the Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley, California State Archives and Root Cellar Genealogical Society. The Family History Day will be held at the California State Archives located at 1020 "O" St. in Sacramento from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. This is an all day affair and admission is free. There will be a variety of genealogy classes, various clubs and organizations will have informative display tables in the main room, and it's a good opportunity to visit the Root Cellar Library where they have some good research books, also the State Archives offers tours. You can get more information by visiting the Archives website at: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/events/fhd.htm> or the Roots Cellar website at: <http://www.rootcellar.org/FHD2009Flyer.pdf>.

## THOUGHTS ON A CEMETERY

*"A man stands weeping beside a grave, lamenting,  
'If only you'd lived! If only you'd lived!'  
The gravedigger, feeling sorry for the man, asks, 'Is  
this your wife?'  
The man replies, 'No, it's her first husband!'"*

## BOOK FUND

A big Thank You to all of you who donate so generously to the Book Fund. It is a donation to the future of genealogy and a wonderful gift to others who are trying to find their ancestors. Reminder: two of you who were drawn a while back still need to pick out your books.

## Legal Concepts and Terms Relative to Genealogy

Mary Ann Jones has come across a site with a very nice listing of Legal Concepts and Terms which are relative to Genealogy. You can visit it at <http://berks.pa-roots.com/library/LegalConceptsInGenealogy.html>

Thanks for the tip Mary Ann!

## NEWS FLASH

*"A two-seater plane has crashed into a graveyard. It is being called the worst crash yet for Ireland as 837 bodies have already been recovered."*

## 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](mailto:pljhodel@hotmail.com) or call 530-622-3299.

## Patriotic Lineage Societies

At our August meeting we were introduced to the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), a Patriotic Lineage Society. As promised, here is contact information for the SAR as well as other Patriotic Lineage Societies:

### Sons of the American Revolution:

To learn more about the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) you can visit their national website at <http://www.sar.org/>. The Mother Lode Chapter of the SAR meets at 6:30 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant, 3446 Coach Lane, Cameron Park. For information on the local Mother Lode Chapter, contact Jim Young, who is a member of both SAR and Roots and Gold Dust, at 622-6389

### Daughters of the American Revolution:

To learn more about the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) you can visit their national website at <http://www.dar.org/>. For information about the El Dorado Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, visit their web site at <http://www.californiadar.org/chapters/eldorado/>.

### General Society of Colonial Wars:

The General Society of Colonial Wars was created in 1892 and is a patriotic lineage society line dealing with the Pre-Revolutionary War Period in Colonial America. You may visit their national web site at <http://www.gscw.org/>.

### The Civil War Period:

There are five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). They are the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War can be reviewed and reached at <http://suvvw.org/>. The other four sites can be accessed through this site.

## GENIE BUMPER STICKER

*"My family tree is a few branches short!"*

*"A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor."*



## LOCAL HISTORY

### Pleasant Valley Cemetery



*Pleasant Valley Cemetery Entrance*

The Pleasant Valley Cemetery is located on an oaken hilltop just west of Pleasant Valley. The land where the cemetery is located was conveyed several times, and eventually went to the Henry Schneider family. They dedicated the portion of land already being used as a cemetery. The earliest known burial was Harriet Norris in 1822. There are several other burials dated in the 1800's, although the majority of interments are from the 1900's. As with most pioneer era El Dorado County cemeteries, there are several unmarked graves in this cemetery.

Since the mid-1980's the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Corporation (more commonly known as the Pleasant Valley Committee) has maintained the cemetery and its history. There are seven members on the committee. The current President is Louisa Boeding, an ancestor of the Schneider family.



*Pleasant Valley Cemetery*

**How To Get There:** Pleasant Valley Cemetery is located on Heavenly Ridge Road which is off of Mt. Aukum Road (E16). To get there you go south on Missouri Flat Road from Highway 50. Follow Missouri Flat Road for about 1.5 miles to Pleasant Valley Road and turn left. Stay on Pleasant Valley Road for 10 miles until you reach Mt. Aukum Road/E16 and turn right. About .10 miles down Mt. Aukum Road you will see a sign on the right that says "Heavenly Ridge Road - not a through road" and "Pleasant Valley Cemetery". Follow this road past the houses to the chain link fence. The cemetery is inside the fence.



*Cemetery Sign on Mt Aukum Road at Heavenly Ridge Rd.*

*Thanks to Sandy Madeira, who is not only our Roots and Gold Dust secretary, but is also the secretary for the Pleasant Valley Committee, for the information on this cemetery.*

*Have a great month! We'll see you at the next meeting.*