



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter–January 2010

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 Paul Hodel at pljhodel@hotmail.com or by phone at (530)622-3299.

Visit our website @ <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm>.

2010 MEETING DATES & AGENDA

January 19, 2010	Societies 30 th Birthday Party
February 16, 2010	July 20, 2010
March 16, 2010	August 17, 2010
April 20, 2010	September 21, 2010
May 18, 2010	October 19, 2010
June 15, 2010	November 16, 2010
December 2010,	No Meeting

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's that time again. Time to renew your membership in Roots and Gold Dust. In order to stay current, you must renew before May 1st. Cost to renew is only \$15 for individuals and \$22 for families.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 19 at 1:00.p.m

Our next meeting will be January 19th. We will be having installation of officers for the 2010 year at that time. We will also be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Roots and Gold Dust. 30 years, time sure flies when you're having fun.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I have really enjoyed the experience of the last two years being president of Roots and Gold Dust. It was very rewarding and I have made new friends and learned a lot along the way. We have had many good speakers – with thanks to Dale Castle and all his efforts. I want to thank Harvey, Sandy, Linda and Judy for their great jobs in serving as our officers, and a special thanks to Paul for re-establishing the newsletter. I wish him the best as our new president, along with our new officers, and look forward to a great new year. Happy New Year to all! *Carol Sexton*

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

President:	Paul Hodel
Vice President:	Carol Sexton
Secretary:	Mary Ann Harper
Treasurer:	Linda Galley
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Program Director:	Carlyn White
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On January 1, 1980, the Roots and Gold Dust Genealogy Society was officially formed in El Dorado County by a handful of folks who loved genealogy and wanted to share that love with others while learning how to improve their ability to search for their ancestors. This month we celebrate the Society's 30th birthday. The last 30 years have seen the membership swell and ebb. The Society, like all organizations has had it's bright times and it's dark times, but it has endured. With a present membership of 37, we see a diversity to be admired. We have people from varied backgrounds and all walks of life, and the full range of genealogists from beginners to those who have gone back many generations. We have the benefit of many years of experience combined with the enthusiasm of youth and new discovery. As we start our fourth decade, the future is bright for our Society, but it'll take the support and help of each of us if we are to achieve our full possibilities. Please consider what you can do to help the Society grow and volunteer accordingly. May this new year and this new decade be joyous for you and yours. *Paul E. Hodel*

BECOME AN ENUMERATOR FOR THE 2010 CENSUS

Would you like a job with the supplier of one of our most basic data sources? Here's your chance to be part of an actual census. The Census Bureau is still recruiting for workers. Most openings are for enumerators working in the field. The jobs are temporary, obviously, and the work is intermittent. Hours are flexible. Information and practice tests (yes, you need to take a test—~~this~~ is a government job after all!) are available on their website www.2010censusjobs.gov. Or call the toll-free jobs line: 1-866-861-2010.

GENIE BUMPER SNICKERS

*"I'm not stuck,
I'm ancestrally challenged."*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Census Bureau Open House January 11, 2010

The public is invited to the official opening of the Local Census Office on January 11, 2010 from 4:00p.m. to 6:30p.m. There will be entertainment and refreshments. The office is located at 4822 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 8, in El Dorado Hills. They are in the back of a complex of buildings, each with a different street number. The front building on the street is numbered 4818. Look for a small sign that says "4818" and turn in to that drive. For more information, call Alice Morrow evenings or weekends at (530) 677-9464. Hope to see you there!

Root Cellar Spring Seminar 27 March, 2010

Roots Cellar, the Sacramento area genealogical society will be holding their Spring Seminar in March. It will feature Daniel M. Lynch author of "GOOGLE YOUR FAMILY TREE".

The location: Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA
Hours 9:00 am -3:45 pm
More information later.
Contact Sammie Hudgens 916-481-4930,
samihud@aol.com mark your calendar for now

ONE PERSON'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

"I felt like my body had gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour but, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over."

ARE THOSE FAMILY “FACTS” TRUE?

One of my great-grandmothers was Minerva Jane Matheny who married Charles Chinn - he was Irish, not Asian. She was called Jane.

She told several of her children and/or grandchildren that she (Jane) was the oldest of 15 children, was born in Ireland, had come to America at 15, and had married at 15. My aunt had "born in Ireland" put on Jane's tombstone.

Minerva Jane Matheny was the daughter of Micah Matheny (born 1809 Hardin Co. KY) and wife Mahala Pennington (born 1810 Barren Co. KY) who were married in 1829 in Schuyler Co. IL. Their oldest child, a son, was born in 1830 in Schuyler Co. IL, and Minerva Jane was born November 8, 1832, in Warren Co. IL. There were 8 more known children. Minerva Jane was married on May 1, 1852, at Winterset, Madison Co. Iowa, age 19, while her family was moving from Illinois to Oregon. She had her wedding breakfast sitting on the singletree of a wagon. She died in Yolo Co. CA on March 8, 1923, at age 90 years 7 months.


Fiction vs fact:

Minerva Jane Matheny born in Ireland == fact: born in 1832 in Illinois.

Minerva Jane Matheny came to America at age 15 == fact: born in America.

Minerva Jane Matheny oldest of 15 children == fact: had older brother, and 8 younger brothers and sisters. (There may be more younger siblings)

Minerva Jane Matheny married at age 15 == fact: married at age 19.

Conclusion: Enjoy your family stories, but prove them. 

Courtesy of “The Genealogy Bug”
Mary Ann (Duncan) Dobson,

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.

Rhode Island Cemeteries Database Project

The Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project and the resulting Rhode Island Cemeteries Database project was begun by genealogists in 1990 with the goal of entering all known transcriptions of cemeteries in Rhode Island into a database, then sending volunteers into the field with a printout to see which stones were still there and whether they were correctly transcribed. The cemeteries and the listings are primarily 1647-1900. Originally, there were thought to be 200,000 inscriptions in 2500 cemeteries. Since the project was started, volunteers have now found approximately 3,100 cemeteries in the state with an estimated 430,000 inscriptions. The pre-20th century data is over 95% complete. You can now search the Rhode Island Historical Cemetery Database Index for an ancestor buried anywhere in the state

To access the online Rhode Island Cemeteries Master Name Database Index, which shows name, dates of birth and death, and cemetery I.D., go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rigenweb/cemetery>.

Only the Master Index is available through the RIGenWeb Project. The whole database, which includes name and maiden name indexes, are not online but a list of locations that have access to the database is included on the website.

LOCAL HISTORY



Heusner Ranch Family Gravesite

Bernard F. Heusner was born in 1861 at Buckeye Flat, El Dorado County, to German immigrants Conrad and Mary E. (Lorenzo) Heusner. The eldest of five children he grew to adulthood on the family ranch in Buckeye

In 1889, Bernard Heusner purchased the Odell Ranch just east of Shingle Springs near Buckeye Flat where he was born and raised. Bernard farmed this land until his death in 1937. Here Bernard and his wife Marie raised their three children: Theodore, Cyril and Bernardena. Those of you who have been in the county for a while may have heard of Cyril "Cy" Heusner. Cy Heusner was on the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors from 1934 to 1957. When Marie Heusner passed away in 1917, she was buried on the east side of a small hill on the ranch. Two years later, their baby granddaughter, Roberta, Cy's daughter, passed away and was buried next to her grandmother. Later, at Bernard's passing in 1934, he also was buried next to his wife.

These are the only the three interments at this site. Other family members are buried in other sites in the vicinity. The land where the burial site is located is still owned by the family.

The site is located just east of Shingle Springs on the south side of Mother Lode Drive between Holiday Lake Drive and Ridge Drive at the wide spot in the road.

FUN TOMBSTONE



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