



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 1354 Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter–February 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.

Our newsletter is sent out around the first of each month, depending on how fast our editor is.

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

February 16, 2010	"Scanning Photos and Documents" with Linda Todd
March 16, 2010	"Show and Tell"
April 20, 2010	Speaker: Lynn Brown
May 18, 2010	Meeting and Tour at the El Dorado County Museum
June 15, 2010	To Be Announced
July 20, 2010	To Be Announced
August 17, 2010	To Be Announced
September 21, 2010	To Be Announced
October 19, 2010	To Be Announced
November 16, 2010	To Be Announced
December 2010,	No Meeting

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you love genealogy, this is the group to be with, so here's your reminder:

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.

If you think a dollar doesn't go as far as it used to, you're usually right. The one exception is the cost of being a member in Roots and Gold Dust. Just think, when the Society was first established 30 years ago, membership dues were \$10. In the mid 80's, it went up to \$12. Today, the cost of membership is only \$15 a person. Talk about inflation in reverse. Don't you wish gas prices had gone up like this? If you need another comparison, a Bay Area genealogical society is \$35 per year and Roots Cellar, in Sacramento, is \$21 per year.

If you haven't renewed, do it now. If you aren't currently a member, there's an application on the last page of this newsletter. Fill it out and either mail it in, or better yet, bring it to the meeting. 14 of you have already renewed.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 16 at 1:00.p.m

Our next meeting will be February 16th. Linda Todd will be speaking with us about Scanning Photos and Documents. In other words, she's going to help us move our genealogy into the 21st century. Promises to be an enjoyable meeting.

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

President:	Paul Hodel
Vice President:	Carol Sexton
Secretary:	Mary Ann Harper
Treasurer:	Linda Galley
Library Liaison:	Judy Williams
Program Director:	Carlyn White
Newsletter/Web:	Paul Hodel

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It states in the Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society By-Laws, Article III –Section 1:

The exclusive purpose of this Society will be to create and foster interest in genealogy; to aid individuals in their pursuits and endeavors in family research; to help in the preparation and writing of their family histories through literary and education means, including lectures, discussion, workshops and by providing genealogical source materials. In furtherance thereof, the objectives of this Society shall be:

- a. *To create and foster interest in genealogy.*
- b. *To gather, preserve, and publish local genealogical and historical data.*
- c. *To aid individuals in their genealogical research and in compiling their family histories.*
- d. *To establish and maintain a genealogical library through contributions, donations, exchange and purchase of materials.*

Now, think about these questions:

- Where do you want the Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society to be headed?
- How can we achieve the goals we have set for ourselves?
- What do you want to get out of your membership in the Society?
- What are you willing to put into it?

When you joined Roots and Gold Dust, I'm sure you addressed these questions. Who wouldn't before they paid their hard earned money for the membership dues. In fact, I would expect anyone

who is considering joining any organization to consider these questions.

At our last meeting we asked you to come to the February meeting with ideas on where we need to be heading, what sort of programs we should be putting on, what sort of projects you would be interested in working on. Please prepare yourself. Think about these questions and help us answer them. If you don't feel like speaking at the meeting, send an e-mail to me at pljhodel@hotmail.com or mail us your thoughts. If you want to remain anonymous, that's fine, as long as you share. Remember, if you want to get anything out of your investment of time and money, then you need to be part of the solution. Hope to hear from you soon. Happy Hunting, 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~~ 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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". Google is available in more than 160 countries and is free to use! By learning to employ some very simple yet powerful techniques, you can reduce the amount of time spent searching through millions of results and instead use that time to closely evaluate a much

smaller number of results with far greater relevance to your specific family research. (Also discusses Yahoo, Live.com, Bing.com and merits of other secondary search engines and/or emerging trends.

The location: Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA
Hours 9:00 am -3:45 pm

Cost: Members/\$22, Non-Members/ \$27, after March 14 and at the door (if room still available)/\$32

For more information, visit their website at: <http://www.rootcellar.org/> or contact Sammie Hudgens 916-481-4930, samihud@aol.com

Sacramento German Genealogy Society Spring Seminar 24 April 2010

Saturday, Annual Spring Seminar presented by the [Sacramento German Genealogy Society](#) featuring John Phillip Colletta, PhD. He will be speaking about passenger arrival records, breaking through brick walls, naturalization records and lesser-used federal records.

Location: Sacramento Turn Verein, 3349 "J" St, Sacramento, CA

Hours 8:30am to 4:30pm

Cost: Members/\$40, Non-members/\$50, at the door/\$55.

For more information please visit the Society's website at: <http://www.sacgergensoc.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.

Citizenship and Immigration Service Records

A little-known program of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides genealogy

information that may be difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. The records include naturalization files, visa applications and citizenship tests, and may reveal family secrets and mysteries.

Under the USCIS Genealogy Program, which started in 2008, requests are usually completed within 90 days. For \$20, the government will run a search of the name, as long as the person is deceased. If there are records available, the government charges additional fees for the files.

The documents typically include immigration information, often including exact hometowns in their ancestors' native countries. The files often have information on brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. Many times it is useful to obtain the records of your uncles, aunts, and cousins who also immigrated from "the old country."

If the immigrant applied for American citizenship, the details are also included in these files. For anyone of Japanese, German, or Italian origin, who lived in the United States during World War II, the documents often include FBI reports about the person's activities, including friends, family, and political activities.

For more information about the program, go to <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>. In the upper right, click on "Index". Then scroll down till you see "Genealogy" on the right. Click "Genealogy" and it will take you to all the information on the index.

Forest Lawn On-Line

Forest Lawn, who has a number of cemeteries in the greater Los Angeles area, now has a burial locator available online for the locations of Glendale, Hollywood Hills, Cypress, Covina Hills, and Cathedral City. For Long Beach you still have to call, but this is a HUGE step for them! They've been working to automate their records, and while not everyone will be there, a good 90% plus probably are. The input requirements are pretty specific, but still fantastic! You can visit them at: <http://www.forestlawn.com/Visitors-Guide/Interment-Locator.asp>

BUMPER SNICKER

After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted

NEW TREND IN CEMETERIES

We're starting to see more of this as the move to "Green" the earth meets with the need for cemeteries:

The City of Calgary has a new strategy for the city's soon-to-be-full cemeteries: green burials and GPS locators for finding the dead.

Four of Calgary's five municipal cemeteries are full, and officials estimate the Queen's Park burial lands, which opened in 1940, will run out of space within 10 years. A council committee has approved a strategy that incorporates technology, including global positioning system units, and environmentally friendly techniques to make the most use of new cemetery land.

Two new cemeteries, approved for the southeast and the north of the city, will have sections for green burials, where there won't be any grave markers, said Archie Lang, the city's manager of cemeteries.

A family visiting the cemetery will be given a hand-held unit to find loved ones.

Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter at <http://www.eogn.com>.

THE INEVITABLE LAWS OF GENEALOGY

The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated when the platform under him collapsed.....

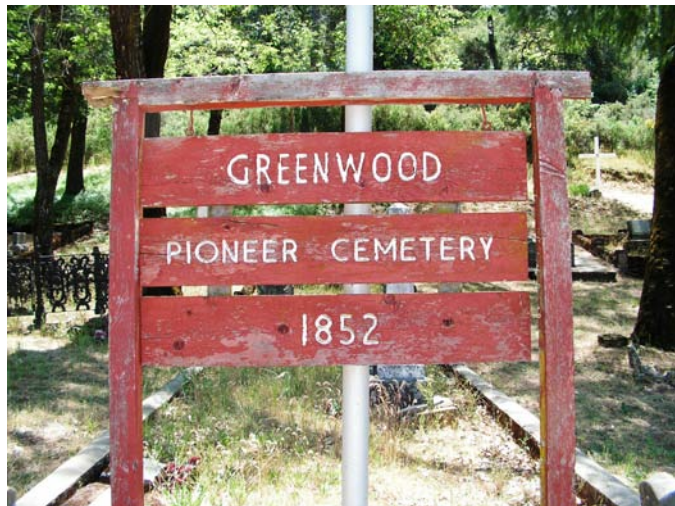
They didn't tell you he had a rope around his neck.

LOCAL HISTORY

Greenwood Cemetery

John Greenwood was a trapper and guide who came to California in 1844. By 1849 he had established a trading post west of Georgetown. This gold rush town at one time had a theater, four hotels, 14 stores a brewery and four saloons. Today, most of those older buildings are gone. The only things left of Greenwood are a few homes and the cemetery which began in 1852.

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To reach the Greenwood Cemetery:
The cemetery is located just outside and east of the town of Greenwood at the south-east corner of Hwy 193 and Ricci Rd.

SMILES

*I was taught to respect my elders.
It's just getting harder to find them*

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



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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(Membership runs from 1 January through 31 December):

Annual Dues

Individual, \$15.00

Family, \$22.00

Date: _____

New Membership

Renewal

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Maiden)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

(The Society sends a monthly newsletter out via e-mail as well as sending out communications to members via e-mail. We will not share your address with others without your permission.)

Please list some of the Surnames and/or areas you are interested in:

(This will assist us in planning programs, workshops and projects)

(Please make checks payable to: Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society)

