



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST

Genealogical Society

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Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter–June 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>.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 15th at 1:00.p.m

We will have Carol Sexton as the guest speaker presenting information about “Snowshoe Thompson”. Carol has been involved in genealogy and historical facts most of her life, since her parents were genealogical and history enthusiasts as well. She is a past President of Roots and Gold Dust and presently serves as the Vice-President. Carol is currently president of the Heritage Association of El Dorado County and wrote and illustrated a brochure about "Snowshoe Thompson, available at historical spots in the county. While researching information about this Norwegian pioneer mail carrier, she learned that some tales and stories weren't really true. Now you, too, can learn facts versus fiction about this pioneer.

In 2009, El Dorado County Historical Society and El Dorado Museums Foundation published “A Glittering Pot of Gold”, which was written by Lisa Butler with sketches by Carol Sexton to provide visual interpretations of the stories for the book.

The Roots and Gold Dust meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Family History Center in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints building at 3275 Cedar Ravine, Placerville. For further more information please call Carlyn White at (530) 642-2730.

2010 MEETING DATES & AGENDA

- June 15: Carol Sexton will be talking about Snowshoe Thompson
- July 20: Pamela Dallas - "Extra, Extra! Ancestors are in the Newspaper. The Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of Newspaper Research.
- August 17: *To Be Announced*
- September 21: Lynn Brown - Digital Books & Newspapers on-line
- October 19: Shirley J. Riemer - "Beginning German Genealogy"
- November 16: Election of Officers, “Show and Tell”
- December: **No Meeting**

- January 18, 2011: Judy Williams - "How to re-search the documents in the LDS library".

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

RECAP OF OUR LAST MEETING

May 18th, 2010

On May 18th, we had the opportunity to tour the El Dorado County Historical Museum. A big Roots and Gold Dust Thank You to Mary Cory, director, and her two volunteers who set up the tour for our group and performed the tour for us.

Fourteen people came to the Wine Garden behind the museum at the fairgrounds for our pre-tour luncheon. Thank you to Bonnie Holbrook and Frances Forni for helping set up the tables in the Wine Garden with those expensive plastic blue table clothes that flipped around in the wind. There was wind, but no rain. There were three guests, Luana Zylla, who brought an apple crisp dessert to share, Duane Beggs who brought information that his mother had collected, and Pauline Irvin. Duane gave his information to our Librarian, Judy Williams. The women joined our members in the tour of the museum after the bring-your-own luncheon. It was fun visiting with all.

The tour began at 1:00 with docent Pam Hufner who led half of the group on the tour in the research room while docent Fran Kilday guided the other half through the museum's exhibits.

Pam was very informative and showed us the various places to locate information needed to conduct our research. She explained the types of research that is available at the museum and supplied us with El Dorado County Historical Museum brochure. The members enjoyed looking at the various resources available and appreciated the knowledge that Pam shared.

Fran Kilday made the tour of the Artifacts and Exhibits very interesting. She is really enthusiastic about all the items displayed and really enjoys sharing her knowledge about them. She stated that she gains more knowledge about El Dorado County regularly when people come in to tour the museum and then she can share it with others.

One of our members was able to purchase the book "A Glittering Pot of Gold" as a birthday gift for one of her relatives. Our vice-president, Carol Sexton, did the sketches for this book. Numerous other books are available to buy at the museum.

Tuesday is Open House Research Day at the Museum, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The public is welcome to come in person to ask the research volunteer staff their questions. The museum has numerous historical resources such as diaries, letters, local newspapers, journals, cemetery indexes, and mining information. The Museum is located just to the left of the main gate to the fairgrounds in Placerville.

FHC LIBRARY UPDATES

The following new books are in the library:

- The Registers of No. Farnham Parish 1663-11814 & Lunenburg Parish 1783-1800 Richmond Co., Virginia
- Historically Speaking – Bath Co., Virginia
- 1800 Census of West Virginia, Vol II
- In Search of Your Canadian Roots
- Kentucky Marriages
- Maryland Calendar of Wills, 1635-1743, Vol I-VIII (our collection upgraded)
- Bentl(e)y (Surname Biographies)

The above books were donated by the Sacramento Regional Family History Center.

- Heirloom Tales Past and Present Including Skipper the Stock Killer of Spanish Flat Donated by Guy Nixon (author)
- The Golden Corridor
- 1983 Mt. Democrat - Special Edition (13 decades)
- Photocopy of "I Remember" Donated by Duane Beggs

The Family History Center will be closed July 30 – August 16, keep these dates in mind if you are ordering any microfilms.

You may be aware that the microfilm printer has been out of service for a few months, it will soon be replaced!! A digital microfilm scanner, ST Genie, has been ordered, you will be able to scan, print and/or save images from the microfilm.

The Family History Center needs volunteers to help staff the library. This is a good opportunity to learn research techniques and you have time to do your own research in addition to assisting others, shifts are only 3 hours. If you are interested in this rewarding experience, contact Brian Bennett the Director of the Library.

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

President:	Paul Hodel
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GENEALOGY HUMOR

The portion of the index you need is continued in the next issue, only the publisher died prior to publication.

UPCOMING EVENTS

150th Pony Express Anniversary

Monday, June 7
Placerville

The 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express will be celebrated on Monday, June 7. Included in the celebration will be the Hangtown Harmonica Championships, a chili and cornbread feed, and at 7:00 pm witness the historic Pony Express Re-ride. Festivities will center on the Courtyard at 550 Main Street in Placerville and will go from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

El Dorado County Historical Society Annual Membership Potluck Picnic

June 8 @ 5:30 p.m.

County Fairgrounds, Wine Garden

The El Dorado County Historical will hold its annual Potluck Picnic at the Wine Garden, next to the County Museum at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds on June 8th starting at 5:30 pm. The guest speaker will be author and member of the society, Craig MacDonald. Bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to Mary Cory at 530-621-5828 or mary.cory@edcgov.us by June 4th.

Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree

Friday thru Sunday, June 11 – 13
Los Angeles, CA

The Southern California Genealogical Society will be holding their 41st Annual Genealogy Jamboree on June 11 – 13, 2010 at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. In addition to the many classes available, there will also be a number of special events, speakers, breakfasts, tours, etc. Visit their site at: www.scgsgenealogy.com.

Family History Day

Saturday, October 9, 2010
Sacramento

The annual Family History Day will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the State Archives building, 1020 "O" St, in downtown Sacramento. Admission is free. Choose from over 20 classes – from beginning genealogy, to internet resources, to specialized research topics. You can also attend classes on preserving family papers. Tour the Archives and learn about the historical documents held there.

For more information, visit their website at <http://fhd2010.blogspot.com>

Did you know El Dorado County Historical Society is featured on the FHD Blog? To see more go to <http://fhd2010.blogspot.com>.

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.

TOMBSTONE EPITAPH

*From the Headstone of Dentist John Denby:
"I'm Filling My Last Cavity"*

St. Louis Genealogical Society Releases Three New CDs

The following announcement was written by the St. Louis Genealogical Society:

The St. Louis Genealogical Society released three important new products on CD for Missouri research at its fortieth annual Family History Conference on Saturday, May 16.

St. Louis Burials, Volume 3, is the third in the Society's ongoing project to record every burial in every cemetery in St. Louis City and County. This newly released CD product includes over 330,000 interments in 21 cemeteries, including Bellefontaine (a large, historic non-denominational cemetery with burials of many famous Americans, including William Clark, Sarah Teasdale, William Tecumseh Sherman, Eberhard Anheuser, and Adolphus Busch) and Washington Park (the largest African-American cemetery in the state). Information on this CD (when available) includes names, dates and locations of birth, death, and burial, maiden names of women, ages, marital status, mortuaries, gravesite locations, and more. Previous CD products in this series include St. Louis Catholic Burials, recording nearly 500,000 burials in 26 Catholic cemeteries, and St. Louis Burials, Volume 2, which includes over 500,000 burials in 230 cemeteries, including Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as well as many private family burial plots. St. Louis Burials, Volume 3, is available for purchase from the Society at the price of \$35.00 for Society members and \$40.00 for non-members.

The second CD product released at the Society's conference is a two-CD set of the first forty years of the Society's scholarly **Quarterly** journal, including a surname index to the first 34 volumes and an every-name index to the last six volumes. The Quarterly volumes are presented as every-word-searchable PDF files. Also included on these CDs are indexes to all 1,330 articles by title, author, subject, and volume-page number. The Quarterly Journal CD is available for purchase either separately or as a two-CD set. Part 1 (volumes 1-20, 1968-1987) or Part 2 (volumes 21-40, 1988-2007) each costs \$25.00 for Society members and \$30.00 for non-members, when purchased singly. The two-volume set of all 40 years of the Quarterly costs \$45.00 for members and \$55.00 for non-members.

The third product released at the conference is a booklet entitled **Web Resources**, with a companion CD. This 46-page booklet contains reprints of the Society's "Web Resources" columns from the past five years of its monthly newsletter, *News 'n Notes*. This popular genealogy-technology column has been completely updated for 2010 and the CD includes a PDF version of the booklet with live links to all websites. The Web Resources booklet and CD is available for the price of \$22.00 for Society members and \$25.00 for non-members.

Further information on these and other St. Louis Genealogical Society products is available on the Society's website at <http://www.stlgs.org/ecommsCDs.aspx>.

You may also contact the Society during their regular office hours, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 9:00 am to noon (Central time) by calling 314-647-8547 or by e-mail to office@stlgs.org.

Posted by Dick Eastman on May 19, 2010 in the Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter at eogn.com.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Thanks all for your understanding and patience as I trip over my faults and learn along the way.

LOCAL HISTORY

Coloma Pioneer Cemetery

Located at the site of the historic gold discovery at Sutter's Mill, the Pioneer Cemetery at Coloma has been known by several names over the years. These include: Sutter Mill Cemetery, Coloma Protestant Cemetery and the Vineyard Cemetery. The first known interments were in 1849. Robert Chalmers, who built the Vineyard House, and his family are buried in the cemetery. Chalmers was the earliest recorded owner of the land where the cemetery is located. Over all, over 600 souls would call this their final resting place. Many of the graves do not have markers. In fact, it is estimated that between 200 and 300 graves are unmarked. The cemetery passed into the ownership of the State of California in 1981 and is now a part of the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park in Coloma.



Directions:

Traveling south on Hwy 49 as you are starting to leave Coloma, Hwy 49 makes a sharp left at a crossroads. Go straight ahead onto Cold Springs Road. Right after passing the crossroads, you will see Marshall Parkway (Monument Rd) on your right, the road that takes you to the James Marshall Monument and Memorial. If you look to your left when you get to Marshall Parkway, you will see the cemetery on your left up on the hill side. Continue on up Cold Springs Rd a few more yards and you will see the entrance and parking area for the cemetery on the left."

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

or One Might Say

From the Cluttered Desk of Paul Hodel

Greetings from sunny, southeastern Arizona where I'm volunteering as a caretaker at an historic ranch site. I'm just south of Fort Huachuca, the home of the legendary Buffalo Soldiers in the late 1800's. There's a lot of history down here. Things really got going in 1880 when the fort was established at the same time the mining boom hit at Tombstone. Of course, I can't help it, the genealogist comes out in me, and so I've been working on the genealogy of some of the early families of the area. I'll tell you, the family that built this ranch house back in 1906 has a family history that would out do any soap opera they could put on TV. But I won't go into that here or this month's newsletter will be 20 pages long.



Looking down at Brown Canyon Ranch from the Huachuca Mountains. Yep, that's my little travel trailer down there.

I was really sorry to miss the Museum tour in May. We are fortunate to have such a fantastic museum with its large, diverse collection of history from our county. We have a research room that most counties would die for. We can be very proud of our museum and of all those who put so much time and effort in to it. From all the feedback I've gotten, the tour was a resounding success and everyone not only had a great time, but learned some new things too. I've been visiting the museum here at Sierra Vista to try finding out about

the local history and families. Like El Dorado County's Museum, they did the smart thing and hired a real dynamo for a Museum Director. Like our Mary Cory, this lady has really gotten things jumping. Unfortunately, they aren't blessed with the large building or area around the building. They just have one corner of a building and most of their collection is in off-site storage. The good news is, they're in the process of getting a new building with a lot more area and they will have room for a large research room. I think this is soooooo great. Here I travel over 1,100 miles and find people that are doing the same thing we are. And why are they doing it, because that's what people want. People want to know about their history, they want to know about their families, they want to know about why things are the way they are. And it's not just a want; it's a need and a love. Why are each of us genealogists and historians? We have that want, need and love.

I think as you look at the schedule for our coming months you'll find ways of filling those wants and needs. We have our own Carol Sexton speaking about the legendary Snowshoe Thomson in June and the rest of the year and into 2011 we'll have a number of informative meetings on a wide variety of topics. We have one coming up on German Research which is the start of learning opportunities for those of us who need to go "across the pond" to do our family history.

Happy hunting, and may you find a minimum of nuts, squirrels and broken branches in your family tree.

THE INEVITABLE LAWS OF GENEALOGY

The only record you find for your great-grandfather is that his property was sold at a sheriff's sale for insolvency.

I apologize for the brevity of this Newsletter. Hopefully, I'll be back from Arizona next month in time to do the newsletter at home where I have more material available to me. Paul

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