



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST

Genealogical Society

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Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter–November 2010

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

- Nov. 16: Election of Officers, “Show and Tell”
Finger Food Pot Luck
- December 2010: **No Meeting**
- Jan. 18, 2011: Judy Williams
*How to research in the Family History
Center library.*
- Feb. 15, 2011 Renee Tully
The Holocaust, Living Through It
- Mar. 15, 2011 Getta Stedford
Researching in the New England States

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

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 16th at 1:00.p.m

At our November meeting, we will be having election of the officers for 2011; Show and Tell, which everyone loved this last spring, and a Finger Food Pot Luck.

The Nominating Committee will present their recommendations for next year’s officers, then we will be accepting nominations from the floor, so if you are interested in one of these positions, make sure you speak up. We will then have the election. The new officers will be installed at our January meeting. After the election of officers, we will swing into the Show and Tell. Last time it seemed

just about everyone brought something from their family heritage, be it a photograph, piece of jewelry, story, letter, or whatever and had a story to go with it. We got so engrossed at the beginning of the Show and Tell, that we went way over on time and had to really rush people at the end. In order to insure everyone has sufficient time at this meeting, Carlyn has asked that everyone contact her ahead of time so that she can keep on track timewise. So go through your collections, find something you find interesting, and bring it with you to share.

Of course, throughout the meeting, we will be snacking on goodies. This is our annual Finger Food Potluck. Since we won’t have the use of the kitchen, we ask that you bring something that doesn’t have to be cooked or heated up, or that makes a major cleanup necessary. There was so much interest in recipes the last time that it would be nice if you could provide the recipe for any homemade goodies you bring. Carlyn will be contacting folks ahead of the meeting with details.

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

THE ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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. Visitors are always welcome.

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](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE PLACERVILLE AREA

El Dorado County Museum: Interested in History? Volunteers are needed to give tours to the public and to help organize the research collections. If you can give one day a week, or every two weeks, or even once a month, we can use your help. The County Museum is located at 104 Placerville Drive (next to the Fairground's front entrance) in Placerville.

Contact Mary Cory at (530) 621-5828 or at mary.cory@edcgov.us for more information and how you can help.

El Dorado County Library in Placerville: They are in need of volunteers to help with a variety of jobs. Currently the Library needs someone who can come in one morning per week, any day except Sunday or Wednesday, to clean public internet computer mice and keyboards. Energetic help is needed any time Tuesday through Saturday reshelving returned books, straightening shelves, emptying the book drop or sorting checked in books. Early birds can join our Monday Menders group to repair books Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

The Friends of the Library hold a book sale on the first Saturday of each month and help is needed to set up and take down the sales tables.

Pick up your volunteer application at the front desk of the library, or call Nancy at (530) 621-5553.

RECAP OF OUR LAST MEETING

October 19th, 2010

Wow, another great meeting. Luana Zylla was our greeter and did a great job. Fran Forni and Judy Williams provided refreshments, tasty Halloween cupcakes, homemade cookies and apple cider. Delicious! Thank you so much to all three of you wonderful ladies.

We had 22 members present. A number of folks are taking advantage of the "Sign Up in October and Your Membership Carries Over Into Next Year" plan and are joining the society. We're getting a number of great new members as well as previous members who are reactivating their memberships. Things are looking good for Roots and Gold Dust.

Our nominating committee, comprised of Barbara Zigelhofer, Sandy Madeira and Alice Morrow, presented the slate of nominees for next years Executive Board. The nominees are:

President	Paul Hodel
Vice-President	Alice Morrow
Secretary	Mary Ann Harper
Treasurer	Carol Sexton
Program Chair	Carlyn White

We were fortunate this month to have Shirley Riemer speak to us on Beginning German Genealogy. Shirley is a wonderful lady who has tons of experience doing German genealogy. She has been to Germany over 40 times and has authored books and articles on German genealogy research. She gave us a great background on the basics of preparing research here in the states and what to look for in preparation of doing research in Germany as well as sources to search in Germany. It was a great presentation; a wonderful handout, and great audience participation. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

A SAD LOSS

Members were not only saddened, but shocked at the sudden passing of long time member Barbara Zigelhofer. Barbara and her husband, Edmund, were both killed in an automobile accident on Highway 50 at 5 Mile Road, east of Placerville, on October 13, 2010.

Barbara had been a member of Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society for many years and is remembered for her hard work, friendliness, joyful personality and warmth. An active genealogist, Barbara worked on the staff at the Family History Center and, up until the time of her death, volunteered at the El Dorado County Museum, working in the resource room cataloging and preserving. In fact, she had just completed working there a couple of hours before her death. A Celebration of Life honoring the memory of Barbara and Ed was held on October 16th at the family home. There was a large turnout of family and friends, including a number of Roots and Gold Dust members.



*Barbara and Edmund Zigelhofer's
50th Wedding Anniversary Photograph
(Photo Courtesy of Ruth O'Brien)*

With Barbara being such an avid genealogist, we would be remiss in not including some of her and Edmund's genealogy here: Barbara was born Barbara Ruth Postal on 16 November 1929 in Napa, Napa County, California. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Ruth (Lockie) Postel and was of Scottish decent. Her maternal great grandparents, George and Barbara (Bast) Lockie, came from Scotland.

Born Edmund Charles Zigelhofer on 26 March 1922 in Derby, Eagle County, Colorado, Ed was the son of Charles and Jessie (Erfurth) Zigelhofer and was of Hungarian decent. In 1936 he moved to Southern California and then to Northern California in the early 1940s and attended Palo Alto High School. He joined the Army serving his country during WWII. Ed Zigelhofer enjoyed driving cars, camping, fresh water fishing, and especially spending time with his family. He was a member of the Parkinsons' Association in Placerville.

In December of 1947, Barbara Postal and Edmund Zigelhofer were united in marriage. In 1989, Edmund and Barbara relocated to Placerville. Barbara and Ed had spent almost 63 years in loving marriage at the time of their death.

For many years, Barbara was manager of the cafeteria for the Palo Alto Unified School District. She loved playing pinochle, cooking, and tending to her flowers. Barbara was a member of the El Dorado County Historical Society and the Roots and Gold Dust Genealogy Association and spent many hours doing volunteer work.

Barbara and Edmund leave behind their two sons; Randolph Edmund "Randy" Zigelhofer and his wife Kathy and Ronald Allen "Ron" Zigelhofer. They were preceded in death by an infant daughter, Gail Diane Zigelhofer. They also leave four grandchildren and four great grandchildren; Edmond's sister Jessie Briggs and her husband George; Barbara's sisters, Patricia Doren, Genevieve Fisher and Sharon Carlson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Inurnment for Barbara and Ed was at Westwood Hills Memorial Park in Placerville.

GENIE DEFINITION

Genealogy - it's only an obsession after all!

FHC LIBRARY UPDATES

We have two new books in the Library: *A Concise History of Hungary*, the only book we have on Hungary, and a surname biography of the Charles William Merrell Family, donor(s) unknown.

For winning the book can drawing, Alma Pomeroy selected *The German Research Companion* (authored by this month's speaker, Shirley Riemer). The book is in and Alma has use of it for the next month when it will be put into the FHC library.

The Family History Center will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays, November 19 thru November 29 and the Christmas Holidays, December 17 thru January 3, 2011. Keep these dates in mind when ordering 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.

RANDOM GENEALOGY THOUGHT

Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?

UPCOMING EVENTS

. Sacramento Regional Family History Center Seminar
November 6, 2010
Sacramento

This is a very popular seminar every year. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn to use technology to boost your efficiency. Learn about the latest family history software from the developers themselves.

Classes for every level of competence.
Displays to delight and inspire you.
Mingle with others involved in every phase of family history.
Come learn, and HAVE FUN!.
Door Prizes

Special Guest Instructor – Bruce Buzbee from Roots Magic
Visit their website for Class and Instructor information.
http://www.familyhistorycenter.info/index_Page379.htm

Sutro Library Trip

March 9, 2011

Our friends in the Genealogy Association of Sacramento will again be sponsoring a bus trip to the Sutro Library in San Francisco. For those of you who may not be familiar with the Sutro Library, it is a genealogy library located on the UC San Francisco campus and it has a wealth of resource materials. Those of us who participated in this trip last year had a great time. We carpoled down to Sacramento, got on a bus, sat back and ate donuts and chit-chatted with other genealogists until the bus dropped us off at the front door of the library just as it was opening. We spent the whole day doing research and when it was time for the library to close, the bus was waiting for us at the front door to bring us home. It was a great opportunity to both do research and to meet other genealogists and compare notes. You'll want to keep this date open on your calendar so you can enjoy this great trip.

In Search of Our German Ancestors

Saturday, April 16, 2011
Sacramento

The Sacramento German Genealogy Society will be holding an all day seminar from 9:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 3349 J Street, Sacramento. The presenter will be Dr. Roger P. Minert, a professor at Brigham Young University and the author of more than 70 books and articles on German genealogy and research. It promises to be an interesting and informative day, so mark your calendar.

CHURCH BLOOPER

A reprint from an actual announcement in a real Church Bulletin (complete with blooper!)

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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.

Granite Mountain Records Vault

Many of you already realize that the LDS Church maintains a collection of almost 2½ million microfilm masters of genealogical records in a special vault located in the mountains east of Salt Lake City, Utah. FamilySearch has created videos that describe the Granite Mountain Records Vault where the microfilm and digital media are stored and preserved. The video presents a tour of something that very few people will ever see: the inside of the Granite Mountain Records Vault.

The video is offered on YouTube in two parts:

Part 1 describes the vault and tells how the temperature and humidity are rigidly controlled. Under these ideal storage conditions, microfilms are expected to last for 200 years and the digital records will last even longer.

You can watch Part 1 of the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAzty9dd6rA>

Part 2 of the video describes the technologies and processes used to "unlock" the collections of genealogy records preserved in the Granite

Mountain Records Vault. This video explains how records stored in microfilm and other formats are digitized, indexed, and published online in a searchable format, where they can be accessed by researchers around the world at <http://www.familysearch.org>. This video also discusses how FamilySearch plans to preserve these digital records indefinitely, longer than microfilm.

You can watch Part 2 of the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkA2AT2FVzo>

Thanks to Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter of October 9, 2010 for making us aware of these interesting videos.

Danish Genealogy Resources Online

From Eastman Online Genealogical Newsletter, we get these following links for Danish genealogy research:

The Danish State Archives:

<http://www.sa.dk/content/us/>

The Danish State Archives:

http://www.sa.dk/content/us/genealogy/online_services

The Danish Demographic Database:

http://www.ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm

The Danish Demographic Database:

http://www.ddd.dda.dk/kiplink_en.htm

The Danish State Archives Filming Centre parish registers and population censuses:

<http://www.sa.dk/ao/English/default.aspx>

The Danish Emigration Archives:

<http://www.emiarch.dk/home.php3>

YOU'RE TAKING GENEALOGY TOO SERIOUSLY IF:

Out of respect for your best friend's unquestioned reputation for honesty and integrity, you are willing to turn off that noisy surveillance camera while she reviews your 57 genealogical research notebooks in your home. The armed security guard, however, will remain.

LOCAL HISTORY

Georgetown Pioneer Cemetery



Georgetown Pioneer Cemetery Entrance

Georgetown Pioneer Cemetery was established in 1848 by the first miners who came to the region. The cemetery was established overlooking the original town site. A disastrous fire in 1852 wiped out the entire village, prompting the town fathers to lay out a new official town site using extra wide streets to slow further depredation by flames.

As part of an official township survey, lot 3 of block 15 was set aside as a cemetery dedicated to public use (March 30, 1868). A public meeting on May 9, 1887, appointed an official cemetery committee of three to "take charge" of the cemetery business, causing proper roads to be laid out, fences repaired, and to superintend burials, keeping track of all the records. The resolutions were formally adopted by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors June, 1, 1887. The two sections on either side of the road as you enter the front gate of the cemetery are the Old Masonic on the left and the IOOF on the right. Beyond the T in the road, the hundreds of burials in front of you are the public section. This section is maintained and operated by the County of El Dorado.

Thomas Warner is believed to be the first person buried in the Georgetown Cemetery. He died July 1, 1848. There is no longer a marker on his grave. The oldest existing headstone in the cemetery

belongs to Isaac Green, a native of Illinois, who died August 4, 1850. The earliest markers were often simple wooden stakes, with names and dates carved on them. Age, weather, fire, and vandals have destroyed most of them. Occasionally, simple aluminum stake markers were put in place of the wooden markers, usually by the current cemetery manager. Marble was shipped in by wagon from the quarries at Omo Ranch and Cedar Ravine near Placerville. The "Sierra White" marble from the Penryn quarry was used extensively as coping material in Georgetown. Scattered throughout the cemetery are many historical rose plants, many of them over a 100 years old

In 1888, a full burial "lot" cost \$10.00, a half lot sold for \$5.00 and a single grave cost \$1.00. All expenses were to be paid "before occupying the lot".

Because there are over 2,000 known burials in the public section alone, there were concerns that the Pioneer cemetery was close to capacity. The County halted the sale of plots and honored only previously sold sales receipts and rights to be buried in family plots. Georgia Slide was then established to provide new plots. The Georgetown Cemetery Zone of Benefit was formed in 1984 for the purposes of creating, operating, and maintaining the two public cemeteries, Georgetown Pioneer and Georgia Slide. In 2002 the Renke Annex to the Pioneer Cemetery on Greenwood Road was added for additional new burial space near the Pioneer Cemetery. The land was donated to the County by the Renke Family.

The cemetery is located on the south side of Highway 193 in Georgetown, just west of Main Street. The address is 6264 Hwy 193.

*Have a great month! We'll see you at the
FHC on November 16th for the next
meeting.*

