



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter: - September 2011

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

- September 20, 2011 Guy Nixon
*The How and Where to Finding Your Ancestors in
the 'Civilized Tribes' of the Indian Territory*
- October 18, 2011 Harvey Andrews
Genealogy Research on the Internet
- November 15, 2011 Everybody
*Past and Present Treats
Our Annual Show & Tell, Election of Officers and
Finger Food Feast*
- December 2011 **No Meeting**
*Have a great time over the Holidays and we'll see
you again in January.*

Carlyn is already lining up programs and speakers for the first part of next year as we speak.

RECAP OF LAST MEETING

July 19, 2011

We would like to thank Mary Ann Harper for being our Greeter and thanks to Judy Williams and Lorraine Bradford for providing the refreshments. And a special thank you to those who helped set up before the meeting and cleaning up afterwards.

We were very pleased to have our own President, Paul Hodel as our speaker. His presentation on "Finding Your Ancestors in the Cemetery" was both fascinating and informative.

Paul certainly earned his title as Taphophiliac Extraordinaire. He covered all aspects of how to research in a cemetery; how to prepare for your trip; what to take (more than just camera, paper and pencil), and even covered what a well-dressed

graver should wear. He had lots of handy hints on what to do when you arrive at the cemetery, how to read markers, and the importance of using headstone etiquette, as well as useful tips on photographing markers and how to "clean up" your photos.

To top it off his handout was exceptional! No need to take notes, it's all right there, including an extensive list of *Terms Used to Describe Cemeteries and Grave Markers*.

Paul's regular contributions to our monthly newsletters about the locations and histories of local cemeteries in El Dorado County are always interesting. Thanks, Paul for a great meeting.

Prepared by Carlyn White

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)

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NOMINATION OF NEW OFFICERS **COMING SOON**

It's that time of year again when you have the opportunity to be a part of the election process within our Society. We have need of three people willing to make up this year's Nominating Committee. Why would you want to be part of this group?

- It gives you the opportunity to help guide this organization through the next year.
- It gives you an opportunity to be a positive force within the Society.
- It gives you the opportunity to serve.

If you would be willing to do your part, please contact Paul Hodel at pljhodel@hotmail.com or call him at (530) 622-3299.

NEXT MEETING September 20, 2011

Many of us have run across the problem, or roadblock, of trying to find Native American ancestors. At our September meeting we will have the opportunity to hear Guy Nixon speak on: **“The How and Where to Finding Your Ancestors in the 'Civilized Tribes' of the Indian Territory.”**

Guy's mother enjoyed tracing her family and honestly inspired his interests. However, his mother was frustrated with his father's dad. While they had a lot of stories from his Grandfather, his mother was unable to find his family using the system that was so successful for her family research. They knew that Grandpa was born in the Indian Territory on the Osage Indian Reservation and that he graduated from Haskell Indian College.

Guy has written a book "Tracking Down My Ancestors", the story of his search to find his Grandfather's family and their story. Their story, as it unfolded, gave him the directions as to where to look next and where and how the records can be found. For people who descend from this part of the country – the Indian Territory – it provides a framework and list of resources available to them. For anyone who enjoys history this book brings to light the fascinating and little known history of the Indian Territory.

About himself, Guy tells us he was born here in El Dorado County and, like his father before him, graduated from El Dorado High School. He served in the US Navy and saw a large percentage of the planet (mostly the part covered by water) and was in the Gulf War and various Drug Interdiction work. After leaving the Navy he held a number of positions with the US Forest Service. He is a graduate of Sac State with a BA in Biology and a minor in Geology. His wife Kris is a nurse at Marshal Hospital. They live in the old family home at Spanish Flat and have three sons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Central Library Programs

Programs are ongoing at the Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. For their class schedule, more information and to register, see www.saclibrary.org

Regional Family History Center Wednesday Classes

The Regional Family History Center at 2745 Eastern Ave, Sacramento has genealogy classes every Wednesday afternoon and evening. Visit their website to see what's coming up. <http://www.familyhistorycenter.info/>

Family History Day 2011 “Sharing the Joy of Genealogy” Saturday, October 15, 8:30-4:00

Family lore, tales of the old country, maybe a faded family document – these are the tidbits of information that spark our curiosity about where we came from and what life was like for our ancestors.

On Saturday, October 15, 2011, the California State Archives will host the 13th annual Family History Day. Learn how to turn your tidbits into a family tree and the many genealogical resources in Northern California available to help you on this rewarding journey.

This is a free day-long event open to the public. Nearly twenty genealogy classes focused at the beginner level will be presented by local and statewide genealogical experts. More experienced researchers will also benefit by refining their skills. Other highlights of the day include classes in the Archives Preservation Lab and “insider” tours of the Archives. Browse in the Root Cellar Genealogical Library and visit with exhibitors representing genealogical, historical and lineage societies, research libraries and archives. Volunteers and exhibitors wearing period clothing will enhance the festivities.

Location: California State Archives, 1020 “O”
Website: <http://fhdnews.blogspot.com>

(Speakers, classes, exhibitors and other information related to FHD 2011 are continually updated here)

E-mail: fhdmailbox@gmail.com

Sponsors: California State Archives; Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society; Genealogical and Historical Council of Sacramento Valley, and The California Museum.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sutro Library Bus Trip Wednesday, January 25, 2012

The Sutro Library is transferring their collection to a new building on the San Francisco campus this spring. Because of this, the annual bus trip to the Sutro Library has been moved from their customary date in March to January 25, 2012. Our good friends at the Genealogy Association of Sacramento are once again sponsoring this trip. Any of you who have ever been on one of these excursions knows how enjoyable it can be. We carpool down to Sacramento, get on a bus and have donuts, drinks and great conversation all the way to San Francisco. The bus drops us off at the front door of the library just in time for it to open. We get to spend the

whole day using the bountiful resources available there. Then, when closing time comes around, the bus is waiting for us at the front door and they take us back to Sacramento – all without any of us having to fight traffic. It just doesn’t get any better than that!

FHC LIBRARY UPDATES

We are very fortunate to have a local FHC and to have their great support for our genealogy efforts. Let’s show our appreciation for this by utilizing the Family History Center whenever we can.

On-line ordering of film will begin soon. Check in at the FHC to find out how to order films and fiche on-line.

New Books In The Library

NH 10 a,b,c
History of Londonderry, Vol.1,2,3

JEW 5
Jewish Personal Names

OC 5
Genealogical Gazetteer of Galacia

SURNAME BIOGRAPHIES
Frye Genealogy

Review of History of Londonderry [New Hampshire]

History of Londonderry consists of three volumes which were compiled by the Londonderry Town History Committee. Historical maps are included in volumes 2 and 3.

Volume 1 is a reprint of *History of Londonderry* which was written by Reverend Edward L. Parker. There is a wealth of material in this book, making it a major tool for history buffs and genealogists. It provides a good picture of the Scotch-Irish settlers and their customs. Rev. Parker follows these religious and fiercely independent people from their homes in Northern Ireland to their arrival in 1719 to what is now Derry and Londonderry, New Hampshire. He continued to chronicle their lives and those of later settlers until 1850 when he died. After his death the book was edited by his son and son-in-law and published in 1851.

Volume 2 consists of excerpts from the *Book of Nutfield* which was published by George Franklin Wiley in 1895 (often referred to as Wiley's Book of Nutfield). This book goes back to the settling of Nutfield, Londonderry Township, New Hampshire in 1719. However, the bulk of the material, including many pictures and maps, begins where Rev. Parker's history left off and continues to the turn of the century. The book contains a detailed Table of Contents and is a vital source for researching the Londonderry area.

Volume 3 picks up in the early 1900's and continues to the mid 1970's; it was published in time for the bicentennial celebration of our country's life as a nation in 1976.

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.

Webinars Sponsored by Legacy

One of the things I enjoy when perusing old newspapers is the little testimonials people write about various products they have used. In keeping with that theme, I thought it would be nice to use the following just as I received it from one of our more frequent contributors to the newsletter:

"Howdy Paul,
I use Legacy Family Tree software to document my family history. If anyone, whether using Legacy or not, is interested in attending a free webinar from their own home on genealogy, this link will give the information to attend. Shyness almost stopped me from attending even if I actually could hook up, but then braved it because of its interest. Found it easy, and I didn't need to participate, just be an onlooker from my own home.

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinarflyer.pdf>

After attending my 1st webinar, "*Google Images and Beyond*", I decided to order the CD for sharing. Gave that one away to a teacher so now have to

wait until another CD ordered comes next week. I plan to share it, but in the meantime, you might find the schedule of future webinars of interest. I will print the brochure and bring to the meeting of Roots Gold Dust on Tuesday.

Cheerio! Mary Ann Jones"

You can see all their upcoming webinars and register at:

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp>

Footnote.com Becomes Fold3

On August 18, Footnote.com, a subscription site noted for making a variety of original records available to genealogists, issued the following statement: "Today we announced our intention to create the finest and most comprehensive collection of U.S. Military records available on the internet and changed the name of the site from Footnote to Fold3."

The announcement listed several upcoming military record collections planned for the site - such as World War II "Old Man's Draft" cards, War of 1812 pension files, and Mexican War service records - but also noted that "We don't plan to remove any non-military content from the site with the exception of some third-party newspaper content that may be removed at the owners' discretion. The city directories, naturalizations, vital records, Native American records and other non-military content that we have created for the site will be available on Fold3."

For more information on these changes, please see <http://blog.fold3.com/footnote-is-now-fold3/>.

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Lingotek Enables FamilySearch Members to Translate Historical Family Documents

The following announcement was written by Lingotek:

"DRAPER, UT - Lingotek, the leader in collaborative translation solutions, has announced an exclusive, long-term relationship with FamilySearch. With this agreement, Lingotek will help FamilySearch translate historical documents so that users can find family members using their

native languages. FamilySearch members can now leverage a community of more than 2,000 users to help translate documents through the Lingotek application, which will be embedded directly into the FamilySearch website.

FamilySearch is among the largest crowdsourcing projects on the planet, with more than 10 million hits per day and more than one billion names in its database. FamilySearch has been collecting and sharing genealogical records for over 100 years, including birth, death and marriage certificates, immigration documents, and census records. The organization is currently supplying records in nine languages, and has partnered with Lingotek to expand its language offerings.

Lingotek's application, available for free to FamilySearch members, will offer instant access to fast, reliable and cost-effective translation of historical documents. Lingotek's crowdsourcing software service, which incorporates natural language and machine translation, is a perfect fit for the large scale community approach of FamilySearch. With Lingotek, users can tap into the FamilySearch volunteer base to translate documents in real-time into their native language. Alternatively, if users want a quick, fundamental idea of what a record says, they can plug content into Lingotek's best-in-class machine translation.

"FamilySearch has a long history of crowdsourcing and community-based approach," said Rob Vandenberg, CEO of Lingotek. "Our web-based collaborative translation software is uniquely suited to connect the global FamilySearch member base with its rich, multilingual lineage. We're excited to participate in bringing more families together by translating critical documents in their family tree."

"Often times the translation of historical records is the key in revealing family connections," said Rob Thomas, Senior Project Manager, Globalization at FamilySearch. "We find that as people focus on their family histories, they draw closer together and build stronger family communities. Lingotek provides a powerful, seamless way to support our users as they look to research their family ancestry in their native languages."

For more information please visit Lingotek (www.lingotek.com).

1940 U.S. Census to be Free on Ancestry.com

PROVO, UTAH (August 17, 2011) - Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, today announced that both the images and indexes to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made free to search, browse, and explore in the United States when this important collection commences streaming onto the website in mid-April 2012.

When complete, more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million plus records will be available to search by more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state, and parents' places of birth. It will be Ancestry.com's most comprehensively indexed set of historical records to date.

Ancestry.com is committing to make the 1940 Census free from release through to the end of 2013, and by doing so hopes to help more people get started exploring their family history. As this census will be the most recent to be made publicly available, it represents the best chance for those new to family history to make that all-important first discovery.

"The release of the 1940 U.S. Census will be an exciting event for any American interested in learning more about their family history," said Ancestry.com CEO Tim Sullivan. "By making this hugely important collection free to the public for an extended period, we hope to inspire a whole new generation of Americans to start researching their family history."

"Ancestry.com is working to make the 1940 Census a truly unique interactive search experience...as well as the starting point to help new users easily get started on the world's leading online family history resource. After finding that first family connection in the 1940 Census, we believe new users will be able to make amazing discoveries by searching our 7 billion digitized historical records, exploring the 26 million family trees created on Ancestry, and collaborating with our nearly 1.7 million subscribing members. We think that 2012 is going to be a great year of discovery for all family historians."

Courtesy of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, August 17, 2011

AND THE TOMBSTONE SAID:

In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania, cemetery:
*“Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake.
Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.”*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I try not to do too many messages because I see too many newsletters where the President writes something each month just because they have to write something every month. If I don't have anything important to say, I would rather save the space in the newsletter for things that are important. This month, I feel there is something I need to say:

Still feels like summer doesn't it. Probably because it still is, but one thing I've noticed as I've gotten more mature (we don't talk about getting older) is that time seems to go by much faster than it used to. Fall will be here before we know it and once again we will be electing an Executive Board for the coming year. As most of you know, our By-Laws have a two year term limit written into them. I like to think that there was wisdom in those who wrote the By-Laws. Being in a leadership position, while being rewarding and enjoyable can also be challenging. If someone is in one position for too long, they become stale and they start to run out of new ideas and enthusiasm. So a two year term limit is a good thing, it encourages us to rotate people through the various positions within the Society. It also gives more people the opportunity to gain new experiences.

The Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society is very fortunate in the high level of talent we have within our organization. We have people who have held leadership positions in a number of organizations and we also have people who have never held a leadership position, but have the abilities to do a great job if they get the opportunity. We also have a lot of people in our group who are more than willing to share and help out. During my short time with Roots and Gold Dust, I have seen not only those who step up to accept a year long commitment to a position, but also a large number of you who have accepted short term or one time duties. We've had a number of our members who have made presentations at our meetings and we

have been enlightened and taught by each one of them. We have people every month who volunteer to provide refreshments, act as greeter, help set up before the meetings or put things away afterwards. And I have been impressed with the way so many of you have reached out to visitors and new members to make them feel welcomed. Your help is greatly appreciated by all.

I have always felt that whenever I joined an organization, I took upon myself a responsibility to do what I could to help the organization succeed. Coming up soon will be your opportunity to do just that. There are five positions on the Executive Board, would you like to take on the responsibility of one of them? We will need three members to act as a Nominating Committee. This is a shorter term job, would you like to volunteer for that assignment? We have need from time to time for help with various special projects such as setting up displays, helping at information booths, preparing for meetings, etc. If you don't feel you have the time for a longer term commitment, one of these should be right up your alley. Let it be known which one of these three categories you would like to be in. The only requirement is your desire to serve.

If you don't step up to the plate, you will have struck out without even trying. If you do step up to the plate, you'll hit a home run just by trying. So, what will **you** do?

CHURCH BLOOPERS

Real excerpts from real church programs, complete with the bloopers:

“The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.”

***We'll See You at the
September 20th Meeting !***