



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter–February 2012

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

February 21, 2012 **William Teie**
A Place Called Rescue

March 20, 2012 **Stephen Morse**
*One Step to Finding Enumeration Districts
for the 1940 Census*
at El Dorado Hills Library

April 17, 2012 **Rodi Lee**
Families of Mormon Island Cemetery

May 15, 2012 **To Be Announced**

*Carol is lining up programs and speakers for the
rest of the year as we speak.*

NEXT MEETING **February 21, 2012**

Some of you may have already had the opportunity to take a look at the recently published book titled “A Place Called Rescue”. It is very well written and contains a plethora of beautiful photographs on the history and families of the Rescue area. It was written by two locals, William Teie and Francis “Carp” Carpenter. We are very fortunate to have William Teie as our speaker at this month’s meeting. He will be talking about the Rescue area and some of the families that helped build it. It will be an interesting blend of history and genealogy. If you’ve seen the book, you will be excited about attending Bill’s presentation. If you haven’t read the book, you’ll want to once you’ve heard his presentation. Come and be prepared to learn and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there.

RECAP OF LAST MEETING **January 17, 2012**

We started off with a bang this year with 23 members in attendance. Our greeter was Carol Pirtle and we noshed out on refreshments provided by Carol Sexton and Linda Galley. A number of you took the opportunity to renew your membership and we’re happy you have. I have been assured that this year’s programs will be well worth it.

Our outgoing President, Paul Hodel, opened the meeting and went through the general monthly business. He then took the opportunity to recognize the past Board members and to thank those he has had the opportunity to work closely with during his time as President. He gave a special Thank You to the members for all their support and enthusiasm. Paul went on to introduce the Executive Board for 2012 and passed the gavel over to the incoming President, Carlyn White. (O.K., he didn’t actually pass a gavel because we don’t have one. It’s just a figure of speech, don’t you know.) Carlyn then led a discussion of plans for the year ahead and asked for ideas for the coming year’s program.

Your Incoming 2012 EXECUTIVE BOARD:

President:..... Carlyn White
Vice President:.....Alice Morrow
Secretary:.....Luana Zylla
Treasurer:.....Carol Sexton
Program Director:.....Carol Pirtle
Library Liaison:.....Judy Williams
Newsletter/WebsitePaul Hodel

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>

HOW THEY USED TO DO NEWSPAPERS

Alice Morrow shares this experience with us:

"I was reading some old newspaper microfilm at the Placerville Public Library today. Suddenly I heard a gasp behind me and the question "What's that????!!!"

I turned around to see a boy of about seven years old staring at the reader screen. I explained that that's what they did with old newspapers before they started putting them on the Internet.

"Cool!!!", he exclaimed. "

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Now's the time to renew your Roots and Gold Dust membership for 2012.

How many of you realize what a great deal we're getting here. There are other genealogy societies out there that charge a lot more for membership than we do. If I might be allowed to make a totally unbiased remark here, our society offers more than those other ones do. The cost of membership is still being held at only \$15 for individuals and \$22 for families. If you can't make it to the February meeting, just drop a check in the mail, the address is on the front page of this newsletter. If you're going to be at the meeting make sure you bring cash or check with you because our Treasurer doesn't take plastic. ☺

A NOTE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Thanks to all of the Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society members for sharing their ideas and the information they have obtained in doing research throughout the years. The members' participation has contributed to the continuation of our organization for more than 30 years. The programs presented and shared have proved most enjoyable and a number of the most informative of them have come from our own members. Again, thank you.

I spoke with Paul Hodel prior to the meeting on January 17, and told him I knew I was going to have to fill some big shoes in accepting the President's job and how much he is appreciated for doing such a great job. I congratulated him for all he has done for our group, but he told me if I said something nice about him at the meeting he might have a coronary, so I tried not to get carried away with my praise.

I have learned so much serving as program director for the past two years. Working with Paul has been so helpful; from his direction on how to share information, through the newsletters he authors and the website. He has stated that the information from the members is what makes his job so enjoyable and informative. (Be sure to read and share them with others)

Many thanks go to Paul for all he has done while filling three positions for the last two years. While he now holds only two positions with Roots and Gold Dust, he has also joined the Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley as the representative for our group. We certainly need him to continue his work for us in the **Roots & Gold Dust Genealogical Society**.

Paul's name is now included in the Speakers Directory and he will make his presentation on Cemeteries. I know we can all recommend him to other groups.

All of the other members on the board: Vice President, Alice Morrow; Secretary Mary Ann Harper; Treasurer Carol Sexton, and Librarian, Judy Williams deserve accolades as well for all of their efforts throughout the last two years

I know we will have another year filled with information, findings, and fun for all.

Your new President for 2012, *Carlyn White*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring is always the time for genealogy seminars and this spring in no exception.

Sacramento Family History Center Seminar

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Sacramento

The theme of this spring's seminar will be African-American research. The keynote speaker will be Antoinette Broussard. Along with the workshops on African American research, there will also be workshops on a wide variety of other genealogical related topics. Lunch is available. Visit their website at <http://www.familyhistorycenter.info> for more information.

Roots Cellar Spring Seminar

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Sacramento

Roots Cellar of Sacramento will be holding their annual Spring Seminar on March 31, 2012. This is always a very interesting and informative time for all who attend. The keynote speaker will be George G. Morgan, the Author of "How To Do Everything: Genealogy, 3rd Edition". Seminar topics include:

The Genealogist as CSI,
Push and Pull: The Reasons for Migration
Sidestep Genealogy
Bring 'Em Back to Life: Developing an
Ancestor Profile

You can get more information at their website at <http://www.rootcellar.org/>.

Sacramento German Genealogical Society, Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Sacramento

This year's seminar will be "Tracking Down Our German Ancestors" presented by Warren Bittner. He will be covering such areas as German Maps and Territories, Gazetteers, Levels of Jurisdiction, Marriage Laws and Customs, and U.S. Federal Land Case Files (a big help in tracking your German ancestors). The seminar will be held at the Sacramento Turn Verein at 2249 J Street in Sacramento from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Having heard Mr. Bittner speak on two different occasions, I can definitely recommend him. His talks, while specific to German research, cover many of the issues each of us face in trying to do research on "the other side of the Pond".

Family History Day at the State Archives

October 13, 2012

Sacramento

This year's Family History Day will be on October 13th at the State Archives building. This annual seminar is always a big hit and you will want to follow their blog site at <http://fhdnews.blogspot.com> to learn all the exciting updates to this years seminar as they develop.

ONGOING EVENTS

Central Library Programs

The Sacramento Central Library has a great interest in genealogy and provides a number of resources and programs for genealogists. 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 offers genealogy classes every Wednesday afternoon and evening. Visit their website to see what's coming up. <http://www.familyhistorycenter.info/>

You might want to stop by the Regional FHC sometime and see the remodeling that is taking place including the new training room. They now have the capability of not only participating in webinars, but also of putting them on.

CEMETERY THOUGHT

Cemeteries would be a lot easier to research if the people were buried in either alphabetical or chronological order.

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.

New Books in the Library

Jew 5 – *Finding Our Fathers* – Donated by Renee Tully

KS 22 – *History of Finney County Kansas, Vol. I* – Donated by Pat Williman

KS 23 – *History of Finney County Kansas, Vol. II* – Donated by Pat Williman

KS 24 – *Kansas – Constant Frontier* – Donated by Pat Williman

KS 25 – *Conquest of Southwest Kansas* – Donated by Pat Williman

Reviews

Finding our Fathers by Dan Rottenberg is a guidebook to Jewish Genealogy. The book contains information of use to Jews of all backgrounds and types, but focuses on American Jews of European ancestry, especially East European ancestry.

History of Finney County Kansas, Volumes I and II were compiled by the Finney County Kansas Historical Society. The books have useful information on the development of Finney County, including biographical sketches and portraits of early founders and citizens.

Kansas – Constant Frontier is a continuing history of Finney County.

Conquest of Southwest Kansas – by Leola Howard Blanchard contains history and thrilling stories of frontier life in Southwest Kansas.

Volunteers Welcomed

The FHC could use some additional volunteers. No special experience is required, just a love of genealogy and a desire to help others. They will provide training and you can either work a weekly shift or rotate and work every other week. Drop by the FHC and find out how you can help out.

The Inevitable Laws of Genealogy

The records you need for your family history were in the courthouse that burned.

TREASURER'S RECAP FOR 2011

How much did we take in and how much did we spend in 2011

Expense

Advertising	\$ 125.00
Book Purchases	250.38
Fees	44.00
Printing: Brochures	24.56
Newsletter	252.17
Speakers (plus \$40 donation)	160.00
Supplies	7.32
Other	<u>264.69²</u>
² Bookcases; cart	
Total Expense	\$1,263.00

Income

Book Can	\$ 189.00
Dues	649.00
Food donation	5.00
Sales/Donations	19.00
Other	<u>3.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 865.00

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.

File Naming Tutorial

The State Library of North Carolina has created a four-part video tutorial that describes why file naming is important, how to change a file name, what not to do when changing a file name, and best practices for file naming. These brief videos simply and clearly describe how deliberate file naming, a common everyday practice, can lead to responsible file management and ongoing digital preservation.

The videos actually look like Powerpoint slides used in a presentation, not full-motion video. The videos, designed for a general audience, are part of the State Library of North Carolina's "Inform U" series.

All four videos can be found on YouTube on the State Library's channel if you begin at <http://www.youtube.com/user/statelibrarync>

Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, January 25, 2012

Wisconsin Obituary and Other Indexes

At Appleton Public Library

Appleton is located in eastern Wisconsin. It is situated on the Fox River, in Outagamie, Calumet and Winnebago counties. The Appleton Public Library's Obituary index is a work in progress. It is a partial index to obituaries and death notices published in Appleton newspapers which cover the three named counties.. Currently, records are available for the following time periods. There are complete records for 1853-71; 1874; 1920-22; 1939-42; 1944; 1948-52; 1958-1960; 1970; 1980; 1981; 1992-94, and January 1, 2001 to December 6, 2011. Some records from 1848, 1875, 1889, 1899, 1923, 1930, 1945, 1954, 1957, 1969, 1971-73, 1981, 1982, 1987, and 1991 have been indexed.

The database can be searched by last name and first name. There is a check box that enables you to also search maiden names. The data fields in the search results may include last name (maiden name), first name, spouse's name, birth date, death date, newspaper notice date, section and page number, and cemetery name and location. Photocopies of items found in this index can be requested from the Library.

For a listing of this and other databases available through the Appleton Public Library visit this page on their website:

<http://www.apl.org/e/index.asp#apl> .

Wisconsin Physician's Obituaries

The Ebling Library at the University of Wisconsin-Madison-Health Sciences has made a specialized obituary index available on its website. The index comprises obituaries of physicians printed in the Wisconsin Medical Journal (WMJ), the official publication of State Medical Board of Wisconsin. The index covers the period from 1903 to 2003. There are more than 5,800 records in the database. The index is fairly complete although some issues are missing.

You may browse the index by clicking on the first letter of the physician's surname or run a search by last name, city of death, state of death, and year of death. The data fields in the database include name, place of death, year of death, volume and page number(s) and notes. Information such as previous residence or a piece of biographical information may be found in the notes. Copies of obituaries may be ordered through interlibrary loan. The index is located at

<http://ebling.library.wisc.edu/historical/obits/index.php> .

Newspaper Indexes

Altoona, Blair Co, Pennsylvania

Altoona is located in Blair County in central Pennsylvania. The Altoona Public Library has made two newspaper databases available on its website. Click on the database link to access the search page.

Obituary Index:

The database indexes obituaries from the local newspaper, the Altoona Mirror, for the period from 1929 to the present. The index is searchable by last name, first name, and maiden name. The data fields include last name, first name, middle name, maiden name, descriptor, and the date or dates on which the obituary appeared in the newspaper. The descriptor field contains such information as the person's title (Miss, Mrs., Mr.), nickname, and other descriptive information about the deceased. Once located in the database, photocopies of obituaries may be requested in writing from the library's Reference Department for a small fee.

Birth Index:

The Birth Index is a work in progress. The database contains birth notices from the Altoona Mirror. It may be searched by the child's first or last name, mother's first name, maiden name or married name, father's first name or last name, and date of birth. The data fields in the search results include child's full name, father's full name, mother's full married name plus her maiden name, if known, child's date of birth, and the date on which the birth was announced in the newspaper. If the child is not named, the words son or daughter appear in the first name field.

MEET OUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR,
CAROL PIRTLE

Carol is a native of California and has lived in El Dorado County for a total of 29 years. She graduated from Sacramento High School and attended and graduated from the Institute of Stenotype of Sacramento. She then worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles for 5 years. She left the DMV for a career as a stay-at-home mother of one son and two daughters. While her children were in grammar school in Rancho Cordova, she established a new profession, becoming a Teacher's Assistant in the Resource Specialist Program for the Folsom-Cordova Unified School District working there for 30 years.

In 1989, Carol became interested in her family history. Her research has expanded from California to Texas, North Dakota, New York, Oregon, Colorado, Germany, Poland, and Russia.

She has recorded and transcribed oral histories and been a volunteer at the El Dorado County Historical Museum. She was recently selected as the 2012 Program Director for Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society.

THE HISTORY OF THE HANDSHAKE

Handshaking has a long and "shaky" history.

Scholars say the first shake on record occurred after the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Then warriors grasped each other's forearms as a gesture of peace – and to check for weapons.

In the 16th and 17th centuries and in the beginnings of the 18th century the handshake was used as a greeting. It served to seal the peace between two parties or as a contract for closing business deals. Even a warring husband and wife would settle their dispute with a handshake.

The Quakers are believed to be the first to popularize the handshake as a greeting. A group known for its rejection of worldly vanity, the Quakers favored the egalitarian handshake to grander gestures of the day such as bowing, hand kissing and sweeping one's hat.

Source: THE FAMILY TREE, August/September
1995, pg 23A

Submitted to us by Mary Ann Jones

***We'll See You at the
February 21st Meeting !***