



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 1354 Diamond Springs, CA 95619
Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter–June 2012

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

June 19, 2012 **Patricia J. Johnson**
Preserving Your Family's Archival Heritage

July 17, 2012 **To Be Announced**
We regret that our July speaker, Brad Schallr has had to postpone his presentation until a later date due to family health issues. Our kindest wishes to him and his family.

August 21, 2012 **Group Participation**
Breaking Down Brick Walls
Programs and speakers for the rest of the year are being lined up as we speak.

NEXT MEETING **June 19, 2012**

For our next meeting we are fortunate to have a presentation on “Preserving Your Family’s Archival Heritage” which will be presented by Patricia J. Johnson.

This workshop discusses how to preserve your family history safely. It will teach you how to store photographs, scrapbooks or albums, and how to flatten rolled or folded documents such as diplomas, wedding certificates, letters, naturalization papers, and other papers. There will be a demonstration on “encapsulating” documents for their protection. We will examine an assortment of storage containers and discuss how best to use these items for protecting photos and documents. You will also learn about “de-acidification” processes for newspapers and other highly acidic materials.

Pat invites Roots and Gold Dust members and their guests to bring photographs, letters, certificates, or other documents to the meeting for a discussion on how best to preserve them.

Patricia Johnson is the Senior Archivist and the Volunteer Coordinator at the Center for Sacramento History

RECAP OF LAST MEETING **May 15, 2012**

Another excellent meeting! Sandy Beals did a great job as greeter and some wonderful refreshments supplied by Alice Crocker and Carol Pirtle. We had 33 attendees, including 6 visitors.

After a short business meeting, we had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Bill Taylor. Not only is Bill an accomplished genealogist, but an excellent instructor as well. In addition, he is the assistant director at our local Family History Center. To illustrate what can be found using Family History Center, Bill did a presentation on his Ramsey family line using only information he was able to locate through the Family History Center. And did he have a lot of information! The family originally came from Scotland and then moved to the Isle of Man. From there they came to the British Colonies here in the eastern United States. He followed the family as they moved around in the new world and then showed their participation in the Revolutionary War. It was a very moving, and absorbing presentation with lots of pictures, history and background making the individuals in his family come alive for us. It was an excellent example of using the resources that are available to each of us right here at our local FHC. Thank You, Bill!

**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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer is here and the plethora of spring seminars has come to an end. As you look forward to the fall seminars, take a look at some of the ongoing opportunities that are available through the Regional Family History Center and the Central Library in Sacramento.

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 check their blog site at <http://fhdnews.blogspot.com> to learn all the exciting updates to this year's 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/>

**Sacramento Family History Center
2012 SUMMER SERIES**

The Sacramento Family History Center is excited to announce their 2012 Summer Series. They will provide a ten week program taking you through the different steps to self-publish your family history. This summer series can also help if you want to publish a family book of journals, biographies, family stories, or more.

Starting June 13th, 2012 there will be a different one hour class every **Wednesday** at 2:00pm with the same class repeated at 7:00pm. There are a number of noted speakers putting on these classes and it promises to be a wonderful experience for everyone attending.

All classes are FREE but you need to register to ensure a place. Call 487-2090 or stop by the LDS Church Family History Center at 2745 Eastern Avenue (just off of Marconi). Additional information and a list of classes is available on their website at: <http://www.familyhistorycenter.info/>.

TREASURER'S REPORT –
for June 2012

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$1,526.82
Income	\$ 47.00
Expense	\$ 90.21
Ending Balance*	\$ 1,483.61

**Includes the Book Can at \$223.53*

Savings Account	\$ 10.05
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CHURCH BLOOPERS

A reprint from an actual announcement in a real church bulletin (complete with blooper!)

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

YOUR 2012 ROOTS AND GOLD DUST EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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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.

CEMETERY DATABASES

Evergreen Cemetery, Bisbee, Arizona

The city of Bisbee is the county seat of Cochise County, Arizona. It is located in the southeastern part of the state, about eighty miles southeast of Tucson. The Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum has made a cemetery database available on its website.

Established in 1892, Evergreen Cemetery replaced the Old City Park Cemetery. Old City Park Cemetery was located upslope from the drinking water wells in Brewery Gulch and it was felt that this posed a health risk to Bisbee residents. Beginning in 1914, the people buried in the old cemetery were moved to Evergreen Cemetery.

There are just over 15,000 records in the database. The information in the Evergreen Cemetery database comes from the following sources: City of Bisbee ledgers recording sale of graves (1912-1999), Mrs. Lillian Bilyeu Banchi and Mr. John Banchi's compilation of "mortuary, church, and sexton" records (originals not available, 1927-1964), and Southern Arizona Genealogical Society & Arizona Pioneer's Historical Society records (1884-1926).

The cemetery database project is in its first phase. The second phase will include a physical inventory of the gravesites and information on the gravestones. Click on the link in the last paragraph to open the search page.

The cemetery index is organized alphabetically by surname. You can sort the records by any of the column headers (data fields) by clicking on the header. The data fields in the detailed record include surname, first name, middle name, alternate spelling, spouse name, burial date, death date, age at death, infant child of, gender, burial permit number, grave number, section, plot, receipt number, map page, original comments, moved, date moved, new grave number, new section, new plot, cause of death, and tombstone comments.

The Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum also has placed an extensive collection of photographs on its website. These include historical and contemporary photographs of Bisbee, including some of the museum's exhibits. You can visit their site at <http://www.bisbeemuseum.org/bmevergreen.html> .



Evergreen Cemetery, Bisbee, Cochise Co, Arizona

Lakeview Cemetery, Broomfield, Colorado

The City and County of Broomfield own Lakeview Cemetery, an active cemetery incorporated in 1890. The City and County of Broomfield are located in central Colorado. The website contains an alphabetical listing of burials up to 1955, a plat map of the cemetery, and a list of lot owners. The sources of the information for this index are copies of the original burial books housed at the Broomfield Depot Museum and a cemetery survey done in 1997. The data fields in the cemetery index are name, age, date of death, block, lot, and

comments. The data fields in the list of plot owners, which is likely incomplete, are name, block, and lot.

Visit this website at:

http://cogenweb.com/broomfield/lakeview_cemetery.htm

THE CHART CHICK'S QUICK INSIDER'S GUIDE TO SALT LAKE CITY

Are you planning a trip to Salt Lake City? Do you know the best restaurants in the city? You can find all that and more in the free 22-page booklet entitled, *The Chart Chick's Quick Insider's Guide to Salt Lake City*.

For those of you who are not familiar with the "Chart Chick," that is a pseudonym used by Janet Hovorka. She and her husband Kim run Family ChartMasters, the company that produces the beautiful wall charts for genealogists. If you are not familiar with Family ChartMasters, you need to look at <https://familychartmasters.com>. Even though the web site shows numerous examples, you cannot appreciate these charts until you actually see them.

Janet lives in the Salt Lake City suburbs and knows the city well. In her travels to genealogy meetings and conferences, she found many people asking about places to eat and the various other attractions of the area. Consequently, Janet decided to put her thoughts and experiences together in a free e-book. You can also purchase a printed version of the same book for a modest fee. As she wrote in the book's introduction, "...the purpose of this work is to make sure you have a good time and give you some hints about genealogically enjoying this city I love."

The *Insider's Guide* begins with descriptions of several web sites that introduce the city to a first-time visitor. These include the Salt Lake Downtown Alliance, the Salt Lake Visitor's Bureau, the Local Salt Lake City Government Site, the Utah Travel Center, and others.

One chapter is entitled "Getting Around" and describes the various methods of transportation available. The city is built on a grid system so navigating is easy, once you learn the somewhat confusing street numbering system. Don't forget that Salt Lake City's blocks are big blocks. Walking two or three blocks is a lot longer distance than in most other cities!

Of course, you do have to eat and Janet gives information about many of the restaurants in the area, ranging from diners to five-star eateries. She even explains the differences between the Red Iguana and Blue Iguana Mexican restaurants. (Both of them are excellent, informal places.) Also note her recommendations for the best barbecue restaurant and also for the best place to get a good burger.

The Chart Chick's Quick Insider's Guide to Salt Lake City goes on and on to describe libraries and archives (yes, there are others besides the Family History Library), historical sites, religious services available (not everyone in the city is a member of the LDS Church), shopping, parks, entertainment, and attractions for the entire family. If you have an automobile available, you will also be interested in the chapter entitled, "Day Trips."

For more information, or to download or purchase *The Chart Chick's Quick Insider's Guide to Salt Lake City*, go to The Chart Chick Blog at <http://thechartchick.blogspot.com/2012/01/chart-chicks-quick-insiders-guide-to.html>.

10 CENSUS QUESTIONS THAT LEAD TO MORE ANSWERS

You'll get more than just answers in a census record: you'll also find clues in each one that point you to other record collections. Last month we featured the first 5 questions. Here are the second 5 of the 10 favorite next-step clues from the census. Use them to learn more about your family's history and craft a few new searches, too!

6 - Census question: Owned house or rented

Years appeared: 1900-1930

Where it leads: Land records; homestead records; tax records

Did your ancestor own his home? Search through land records and tax records to see if you can find more details about what he owned. If you're really lucky, you'll discover your ancestor homesteaded. Keep an open mind since homesteading wasn't limited to just western and plains states. You'll find homestead applications in the U.S. General Land Office records.

7 - Census question: Age; gender

Years appeared: the census today still asks for gender as well

Where it leads: World War I draft registration cards; other military records

Pay careful attention to the age of a male ancestor: it could lead you to military records. For example, males ages 20 – 48 in the 1920 census would have registered for World War I if they lived in the United States during that time, whether or not they were U.S. citizens. A quick search of the World War I Draft Registration Cards could provide a registration card with lots of additional details about an ancestor.

Military records are often quite detailed and can even hold a few surprises. For example, in World War II draft registration cards, you'll find men far outside the traditional draft-age range. The fourth registration, was often deemed "the old man's draft" because it targeted men ages 45 to 64.

8 - Census question: Military veteran; veteran of which war

Years appeared: 1840, 1910, 1930

Where it leads: Military records; pension records; 1890 Veterans Schedules

Finding a clue in the census that says an ancestor served in a specific war can speed up your search for associated military records. In 1840, you'll find names of Revolutionary War veterans. In 1910, you'll get information about Civil War service. Look in the far right column of the 1930 census and you'll also see a small notation about which war an ancestor took part in. Note that any service associated with the Civil War in 1910 or 1930 should point you to the 1890 Veterans Schedule, one of the few census related records that didn't perish as a result of the fire that destroyed nearly all of the 1890 census

9 - Census question: Deaf, blind, insane, pauper, convict, etc.

Years appeared: 1850-1880 (question changed slightly over time); 1840 (without names)

Where it leads: Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent (DDD) schedules; Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives; penitentiary records.

A mark in the deaf-blind-insane-pauper-convict box of the 1880 census is a quick clue that there may be more information available elsewhere. First, take a look at the bottom of the census page for notes that may have been written about the person's condition. Then search through the Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent census schedule. These are supplemental schedules that included anyone labeled as such on the census form.

Deaf individuals may have also been enumerated on the Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives (1888-1895) where you'll find details about the person and other family members. Finally, if the person you're interested in was incarcerated, check penitentiary records where you may learn where, when and why.

10 - Census question: Name

Years appeared: Every year (from 1790-1840, head of household only)

Where it leads: Marriage records; census records; a great story

Oh for the simpler days when you didn't have to leave the neighborhood to find a suitable spouse. Luckily, that also means you usually don't have to go far to find the spouse of an ancestor. Look up and down the census page—and a few pages forward and back—that your ancestor is enumerated on in the last census in which he or she was single. Does anyone fit the name/age/ birthplace profile of your ancestor's future spouse? Use birth (of child), marriage, and death records, and later censuses to compare additional details about your ancestor's spouse to see if you've landed on a great story about how your ancestor married the girl (or boy) next door.

Carol Sexton gave us this information she received from Ancestry.com. You can view it for yourself at: http://c.mfcreative.com/email/newsletters/amu/2012/0312/March_AMU_Guide2.pdf?o_xid=50552&o_1id=50552&o_sch=Email

Thanks to Carol Sexton for locating these for us.

GENEALOGICAL DEFINITIONS

FLOOR: (n) The place for storing your priceless genealogy records

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

New to the FHC Library this month we have:

SURNAME BIOGRAPHIES – *Miscellaneous Duncan Notebooks*, Volume I & II, Indexed. Author-Nancy Reba Roy, donated by Mary Ann Dobson

REF 132 – *Ancestry's Guide to Research, Case Studies in American Genealogy*. Author-John Cerny and Arlene Eakle, donated by Joy Tash

GER 37 - *Genealogical Guide to German Ancestors From East Germany and Eastern Europe*, donated by Doris Bado

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.

A SAD REFRAIN

*My family tree must have been used for
firewood!*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bill Taylor certainly made all of us aware of how we can learn from researching various pathways about our families past. Handouts Bill provided at the meeting are available in the Placerville FHC library. His presentation made us all appreciate what those in our families endured during earlier times in the United States of America. Bill discussed the families who fought in the civil war, and this brings me to what I am mentioning today about this three day week end that we enjoy.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication. It is not who initiated this day; it is about reconciliation and about coming together to acknowledge those who gave their all in the Civil War through our current wars.

The Actual Memorial Day was May 30, however, this year it is May 28, so people can have that three-day weekend. Many feel that when Congress made the day into a three-day weekend with the National Holiday Act of 1971, it made it all the easier for people to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day.

See you in June!

Carlyn White

***We'll see you at the
June 19th meeting!***