



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

September 18, 2012 **Kim von Aspern-Parker**
Organizing Your Genealogy

October 16, 2012 **Donald “Brad” Schall**
***Genealogical Information of locating family
during the Civil war***

November 20, 2012 **Group Participation**
***Annual Fingerfood Potluck and Election of
Officers***

December 2012 **No Meeting**
***Have a Very Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year***

*Programs and speakers for next year are being
lined up as we speak.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We did receive a lot of Feedback in our “Breaking Down Brick Walls” meeting. The loudest was from our new Tailgater sound system because it does not like to be too close to the microphones. It does work as a great wake up system! It was fun sending the microphone around and having all introduce themselves. I think it will be a very useful tool. Actually, all of those who presented information about their “missing links” seemed to receive a lot of helpful feedback/advice from the group. Thanks to Mary Ann Dobson and Aaron Tassin for sending in advice on how to conquer bricks walls, and to members Harvey Andrews, Milt Mulligan, Rodi Lee, Judy Williams, and Mary Lee Gilliland for sharing their walls with us. Also, a big thank you our to special guests, Diane and Tony Florentine for

sharing and their brick wall challenge of common names. The meeting produced a lot of conversation on new ways to continue to search for hidden information

Carol Pirtle surprised Paul Hodel with a German chocolate cake decorated with a cookie tombstone for all of the help he gave her on findagrave.com. I know Paul was very pleased Carol also prepared a handout to share with all titled “The Discovery of www.findagrave.com Solved Many of My Brick Wall Challenges.” (Copies will be available at upcoming meetings for others who could not make the August meeting or it can be sent to you via internet as an attachment.)

The discussion of setting up a nominating committee of three for 2013 had one volunteer, Milt Mulligan. A current membership list has been forwarded to all members via e-mail as an attachment. All can find the by-laws for the Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society on its website. How to access the website is in the newsletter and is easily Googled and then you can add it to your favorites. Believe me it has so many useful tools to use.

Paul Hodel deserves a big THANK YOU from all of us for starting a newsletter for our group in Decembers 2008. The monthly newsletter and the website he prepares and edits are wonderful tools for all to use.

We are looking forward to meeting and hearing from Kim von Aspern-Parker this month. She has received many compliments from people who have attended her presentations.

Hope you have a great Labor Day.

Carlyn White

NEXT MEETING
September 18, 2012

Kim von Aspern-Parker will be speaking with us about Organizing Your Genealogy.

Kim will be giving us ideas on how to organize our genealogy. She will help us to de-clutter and reduce our paper load as we utilize the modern miracle of the electronic age to improve our recordkeeping.

Kim von Aspern-Parker left the world of journalism and took up chasing dead relatives more than 20 years ago. She has worked as a Dental Assistant, owned her own dance studio and worked in the field of public relations. She is actively pursuing her fourth career and her passion genealogy. Ms. von Aspern-Parker is adopted. After meeting her biological family, she traced that line back to the time of the Mayflower; only to discover that her birth father was not really her biological father (darn that DNA test). She took this experience and focused it towards making certain that all her research is accurate and well documented. Kim now works coaching others on their genealogy and lecturing about her passion. A self proclaimed "conference junkie" she is an ardent attendee of genealogical conferences and other methods of learning genealogy. She passes this knowledge on in lectures, classes and research trips.

TREASURER'S REPORT –
for September 2012

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1,481.91
Income	\$ 0.00
Expense	\$ 247.17
<i>Ending Balance*</i>	\$ 1,234.74
<i>*Includes the Book Can at \$330.53</i>	
Savings Account	\$ 10.05

**YOUR 2012 ROOTS AND GOLD DUST
EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

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**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

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.

Roots Cellar Spring Seminar

Saturday, March 16, 2013

9:00 am to 3:45 pm - Fair Oaks Presbyterian
Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks,
California

Root Cellar is excited to host Thomas MacEntee at its 22nd annual seminar. Thomas is a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogy research and as a way to connect with others in the family history community. When he's not busy writing blog posts, organizing the 2000+ members of GeneaBloggers (<http://www.geneabloggers.com>), teaching online genealogy webinars and more, Thomas MacEntee is busy in his role as "genealogy ninja." Stealth is not easy for a Lane Bryant-sized guy like Thomas but he manages to get the inside track on emerging technologies and vendors as they relate to the gene-

logy industry. After being laid off from a 25-year career in the tech industry in 2008, Thomas has been able to “repurpose” his skill set for the genealogy community and loves to see other genealogists succeed, whether it is with their own research or building their own careers in the field. *You can learn more about Thomas MacEntree at Web: <http://hidefgen.com/>*

In addition to Mr. MacEntee, there will be classes and conferences. To find all the latest information on this, always, exciting event, visit their website at: <http://www.rootcellar.org/> .

Sacramento German Genealogy Society Spring Seminar

Saturday, May 4, 2013
Sacramento

This years Seminar will feature the ever popular Roger Minert who will be bringing along with him eight of his graduate students to assist him. Mr. Minert is always a very exciting, interesting and informative speaker and this years seminar will include not only talks by him, but also there will be an opportunity to have one-on-one sessions with his graduate students to get help with your German genealogy. To find all the latest information on this, always, exciting event, visit their website at: <http://www.sacgergensoc.org/> .

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/>

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.

Lexington County South Carolina, Probate Court Records

<http://www.lex-co.com/Departments/probatecourt/Index.html>

Lexington County is located in central South Carolina. The town of Lexington is its county seat. The Lexington County Probate Court has made estate and marriage license databases available on its website. To access the databases click on the links at the end of the page.

Estate (1865 - 1994) and Marriage Indexes (1911 - 1987): The indexes in this section have been scanned from the original paper indexes and uploaded to the site as PDF files. Estate records indexes are organized alphabetically and separated by year. Data fields in the estate records include date, name of deceased, executor or administrator, box, parcel, will book and page number. Marriage license records are organized alphabetically by bride's surname or groom's surname, and separated by year. Data fields in the index include license number, name and residence of man, name and residence of woman, their ages, race, date of application / license, date of marriage, by whom married and where, and comments.

The probate court has added two databases indexing more recent records. One indexes estate records from 1995 through the present. Data fields for the estate records are case number, case type, decedent's name, date of birth, date of death, date opened, case status, and Personal Representative & Attorney Information. The other database is a marriage license index from 1986 through the present, which can be searched by bride or groom. Data fields for this index are license number, bride's name, groom's name, issue date, and marriage date.

Hancock County Historical Society, Mississippi

<http://www.hancockcountyhistoricalsociety.com/reference/reference.htm>

Hancock County is in southern Mississippi. It is bordered by the Gulf of Mexico to the south and by Louisiana to the west. The Hancock County Historical Society has made a number of resources available on its website. First, go to the Research/Reference tab and choose an option from the drop down list.

Hancock County Cemeteries: An online inventory of individuals buried in more than fifty county cemeteries. Click on the Hancock County Cemetery Index to browse the consolidated database by last name. There are more than 13,500 records in the index. The data fields in the index are last name, first name, birth, death, cemetery, and grave location. Click on the individual record to open the specific cemetery page. The data fields for the listings contain a comments field. Information found in this field includes military service, age and more. You may also click on the cemetery name and go directly to the alphabetical burial list.

Hancock County census records: This database is an index of the 1820, 1830 and 1840 censuses. (The 1820 census is the earliest one taken for Mississippi.) To browse the index, click on a letter to view all last names starting with that letter, or click on the census year to view the records in the order in which they were recorded. The data fields include last name, first name, year, page, and record number.

Catholic Church Records: This database includes digitized marriage and baptismal books from Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay Saint Louis, and the Church of the Annunciation in Kiln. There are nearly 53,000 records in this database, covering the years 1847 through 1911. The names of all parties involved have been extracted individually, so anyone who is mentioned in these records, be they a parent, a godparent, a witness, or else, is included in this index. Click the database link to browse the index by last name. Click on the record of an individual to view all of the information available for that person.

Hancock County Marriage Index: This index includes marriages recorded from 1849 to 1956. To browse the index, click on a letter to view all last

names starting with that letter. The names of the bride, the groom, and witnesses are included. Brides are listed under their maiden and married names. Beginning in 1938, the names of the parents of both the bride and groom were recorded by the Court and are included in the database. Click on the record to view detailed information.

Hancock County Divorce Index: This database indexes of all Hancock County divorces from 1916 to 1950. To browse the index, click on a letter to view all last names starting with that letter. The data fields in the database include last name, first name, plaintiff / defendant, case number and year.

Hancock County Obituary Index: This database includes the obituaries on file at the Hancock County Historical Society. To browse the index, click on a letter to view all last names starting with that letter. Click on a record to view a transcription of the individual's published obituary.

Early Hancock County Land Records: Early Hancock County land records were destroyed in a courthouse fire in 1853. Following the fire there was an effort to re-register the previously registered deeds and claims. There were three deed books - A, B and C. The website contains a transcription of the records recorded in Deed Book B. Copies of the original deeds are at the Historical Society.

Courtesy of: The Weekly Genealogist, Vol. 15, No. 32, Whole #595 August 8, 2012

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

We have no new books in the Library this month, but stay tuned we plan on having some next month.

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.

**BRICK WALLS SHARED BY THOSE AT
OUR AUGUST MEETING**

Alas, some of our friends have run across the same problem we all experience on occasion, their ancestors are playing "Hide and Seek" with them. So far the score is Hiders 337, Seekers 2. We're splitting these up and giving you half of them this month and the other half next month. If you can offer any suggestions, please e-mail Carlyn at carlyn668@comcast.net. She will forward the information to the "Seekers" and we'll also publish your responses in an upcoming newsletter so everyone can learn from your tips.

Milt Mulligan

Well, Milt knows she was married, but he doesn't know when, nor when hubby #1 died?

Information You Are Searching For:

Date married to **Robt. S. Barber**?
Date married to **William R. Markt**?
Death date and place of Robt Barber?
Anything else I can get on any of them.

Name of person(s):

Nee: **Emma Mary Rosche**

Dates:

Robert Barber dies 1880 – 1900?
William Markt dies 1890 – 1910?

The location where you are stumped:

San Francisco, CA

Nationality:

U.S.A.

Any information you have about the person that might help others help you chisel away at your brick wall.

Mary Emma / Emma Mary Rosche, DOB: Aug. 19, 1860 Albany, New York, DOD: June 9, 1948 San Francisco, CA.

Robert S Barber DOB: 1863 Peru, Miami Cty, Indiana DOD: ?

William Raymond Markt DOB: Dec. 17, 1866 Medina, Beaumont Cty, Texas, DOD: June 27, 1945 San Francisco, CA

Sources you have used:

6/09/1900 Census Chicago, 5/06/1910 Census San Francisco, Internet, State Library, etc.

Mary-Lee Gilliland

Poor Mary Lee has found her GGGrandfather, but she has no idea where he came from?

Information You Are Searching For:

Need His Parents!

Name of person(s):

Ebenezer Swan, Sr.,
Born 1786 in Waltham, Mass,

Dates:

1780 – abt 1890

The location where you are stumped:

Born 1786 in Waltham, Mass,
Lived in the far North East of Maine.
Died in Kent, Michigan

Nationality:

U.S.A.

Any information you have about the person that might help others help you chisel away at your brick wall.

Have tracked down descendants of about 18 different couples whose birth dates made them possibilities as parents -to no avail. My Maine relative has done the same! Have studied 'History of New Brunswick' for clues as he once owned a sawmill there as a young man. I did find records of the last 20 years of his life-age 80 to 104- as having followed his several oldest sons out to Michigan where he ultimately died -by following every one of his 17 children's histories until I found his whereabouts on an old land record map.

Sources you have used:

Internet, books, contacting relatives, Ancestry, computer and personal contact (Went to Maine!) with relatives living, wrote to Waltham, Mass. city records to no avail, have tried contacting a couple museums in Maine where his family lived.

Judy Williams

Judy has another one of those common problems, she's found a name and a birth date that covers about 10 years, but nothing else.

Information You Are Searching For:

Anything I can find on him.

Name of person(s):

James Henry O'Shields

Dates:

Information seems to disappear from Birth to 1864

The location where you are stumped:

South Carolina and wherever else he was.

Nationality:

U.S.A.

Any information you have about the person that might help others help you chisel away at your brick wall.

Probably born between 1838 & 1848 in South Carolina.

Sources you have used:

Internet, books, microfilm, relatives, Osheals/O'Shields Name Group, census.

Diane Florintine

Diane is lost in a metropolis with too many people with the same name.

Information You Are Searching For:

What happened to them??

Name of person(s):

John Mills and **Samuel Mills**

Dates:

Late 1800's

The location where you are stumped:

Disappear 1882 in San Francisco, Calif.

Nationality:

English

Sources you have used:

Internet, books, contacting relatives, etc. Family lore, Ancestry and Family Search web sites for John and Samuel Mills living at the same address, San Francisco City Directories (cross-match of addresses for all

John and Samuel Mills listed in the directories), 1880 U.S. Federal Census, 1861 and 1871 England Census, church records for marriage (no death records available), deaths listed in the San Francisco Morning Call (newspaper) from 1882-1884, Naturalization Index, Greater Voter Registration, Find-A-Grave, ship passenger and crew manifests, and military records..

IDEAS FOR BREAKING A BRICK WALL

Mary Ann Dobson, a.k.a. "The Genealogy Bug", shared these ideas with us on breaking through a brick wall in the early United States:

Check the FamilySearch microfilmed records (or online original document images)

You did try for a probate or estate or administration record, or guardianship of a minor child, didn't you?

Deeds for the family. Sometimes a grantee deed will say where the family was from. Sometimes a grantor deed will say where they went.

Tax records help determine how long the person was in that locality. Sometimes he/she will appear very briefly in a county court record to help pinpoint the location at a certain time.

Try for any war records during the male's lifetime.

Early county histories, through HeritageQuest or Google. Use both a name search, and also a locality search if you know the locality.

Look for the surname and every spelling you can think of, not necessarily the full name. Maybe you can find the person's family, even if not that particular person.

Thanks for the hints Genealogy Bug!

***We'll see you at the
September 18th meeting!***