



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

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

January 15, 2013 *Business Meeting*
Installation of Officers and
Planning for the Coming Year

February 19, 2013 *Paul Hodel*
How to Use Findagrave.com

March 19, 2013 *Tentatively Scheduled*
Research Using Obituaries

Programs and speakers for the rest of next year are being lined up as we speak.

NEXT MEETING

November 20, 2012

It's that time again. Time for our annual November Extravaganza where we have the election of officers for the upcoming year and then enjoy a scrumptious **Finger-Food Potluck** and have a **Show-And-Tell Time**. This is always one of the funniest meetings of the year. Everyone brings a plate of their favorite finger foods and we all ~~pig-out~~, I mean enjoy, the marvelous repast while we share the things we've brought in for others to see or hear.

We don't do any cooking there at the meeting so pack up something you can carry in and we'll have the plates and napkins for you.

For Show and Tell, bring in something from your family history you'd like to share: an heirloom, story, etc.

LAST MEETING

October 16, 2012

What a great meeting we had in October. There were 31 present including 8 guests. Nancy Smith and Carol Pirtle served as our greeters and the tasty refreshments were provided by Alice Morrow, Luana Zylla and Mary Ann Harper. A Big Thanks to you three Ladies

The Nominating Committee brought forth a tentative slate of officers for the 2013 Executive Board, but could still use some volunteers for some of the positions. If you would like the opportunity to serve as an officer, please give Milton Mulligan a call at (530) 622-6056 or e-mail at

mulligan@internet49.com .

Our presentation this month was **Genealogical Information of Locating Family During the Civil War**, presented by Brad Schall, who was assisted by his wife, Patti. Brad did an excellent job of explaining all the records and databases available to us to research people who were involved in the Civil War. He also gave us a great insight into the war, battles and the organization of the various military units. He shared a handout with us that listed all the major sources we can use in our own research. After going over all the sources, he then took a name that had been submitted by one of our members and took us step-by-step through the process as he did the research on that person. He then presented our member, Linda and Art Galley, with a fantastic amount of information on Art's relative. What a wonderful time we all had listening to Brad. He is not only very informative and he has many stories that help visualize what he is presenting, but is just plain fun to listen too. Thank You Brad for the wonderful and informative presentation

YOUR 2012 ROOTS AND GOLD DUST

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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

THE UPCOMING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We are saddened to see the poor response the Nominating Committee has gotten in their quest to find members who would like to serve on the Executive Board. As you know, a number of the present Board members have been serving in one capacity or another for some time now. This is not a large Society, so the amount of time required from each Board member is not that great. We know the majority of our members are very talented and their efforts would be greatly appreciated by all. Please do your part to support our Society. Call the Committee Chair, Milton Mulligan at (530) 622-6056 or e-mail at mulligan@internet49.com.

This is your Society. This is your opportunity to show that you support it.

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 Seminar

Saturday, November 3, 2012

Regional Family History Center, Sacramento

Don't miss the Family History Seminar at the Sacramento Family History Center on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM. The Center is located at 2745 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, California Seminar classes will include English Research, Scandinavian Research, Eastern European Research, and German Research. Additional topics will cover the National Archives, Coroner's Records, City Directories and much more.

Go to their website at <http://www.familyhistorycenter.info/> for more information including a complete listing of classes and the registration form.

Syllabus Material for lectures will be available online two weeks before the conference. Registrants will receive an email notification with instructions to download the syllabus for their desired lectures. A paper syllabus may be pre-ordered during the online registration.

On-Site Registration will be available. Lunch and/or paper syllabus must be pre-ordered.

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 genealogy 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/>

TREASURER'S REPORT –
for October 2012

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ <u>1,212.53</u>
Income	\$ 47.00
Expense	\$ <u>140.34</u>
Ending Balance*	\$ 1,118.19
<i>*Includes the Book Can at \$340.73</i>	
Savings Account	\$ 10.05

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

Donated by Roots & Gold Dust Book Can Drawing-
Mary Jo O'Shaughnessy
CA 91c – Sacramento County Coroner's Records
Collection 1887-1969, Vol. III, 1911-1929

Donated by Roots & Gold Dust Book Can Drawing-
Marilyn Parker
CA 47 – Warren County (New York): It's People
and Their History Over Time

Donated Melissa Covay Camp, Daughters of Utah
Pioneers
UT 47 – Museum Memories

Reviews

Sacramento County Coroner's Records Collection
1887-1969, Vol. III

Volume III contains Book 7 (November 1911-August 1929) of the Sacramento County Coroner's Records Collection, they are part of a twenty book collection located at the Center for Sacramento History. All twenty books will eventually be published. Each volume will have an index and extraction of the information. An Index of all the entries in each volume will be compiled upon completion of all twenty books. The Coroner's books are being extracted by members of Root Cellar-Sacramento Genealogical Society.

Warren County (New York): It's People and Their History Over Time by Warren County Historical Society

This book covers from the Native Americans to the first settlers, the rise of agriculture, the logging industry, the development of transportation, modern commerce and tourism, and the impact of national events. The sixteen chapters unveil a chronological and comprehensive look at the history of Warren County; as well as the surrounding region.

Museum Memories, Vol. 3 by Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Contains histories of Utah Pioneers.

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.

TIME TO RENEW YOU MEMBERSHIP IS FAST APPROACHING

I know we're all looking forward to the holidays, not to another year, but it is coming. You'll want to renew your membership in Roots and Gold Dust Genealogy Society while it's still such a bargain at \$15 per person or \$22 per family.

FROM A GENEALOGIST'S(?) LETTER

Could you please supply a birth certificate for my great grandfather, whose name was Jones? I don't know his Christian name but he had red hair and a very good singing voice.

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.

Winnebago County, Illinois, Puts Genealogy Records Online

The Winnebago County Clerk's Office has created a new website to help give people access to them. It allows people to view the information and get copies of birth, marriage and death certificates without having to leave their own home. "For some, viewing the information is a great way to relive memories of loved ones, and for others it's a convenient way to collect important family-related documents," Margie Mullins says.

Copies of certificates cost \$12 each.

Under Illinois State law, genealogy records are defined as:

- Birth certificates that are 75 years or older;
- Marriage certificates that are 50 years or older; a
- Death certificates that are 20 years or older

The website is at

www.genealogy.winnebago-county-clerk.com.

Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, September 05, 2012

Dallas Genealogical Society

The Dallas Genealogical Society has made a number of resources available on its website: <http://www.dallasgenealogy.com/> Click on the Resources tab in the contents list near the top of the homepage to access them.

Cemeteries

Click on the Cemeteries link in the contents list to open the Cemeteries main page. Nearly thirty cemeteries can be accessed, most through a unified database. Click on the name of one of the cemeteries included in the unified database for the cemetery location and other pertinent information. Click on the Search Database link in the contents list to access the database search page. The database can be searched by name. You can search the entire database or select a particular cemetery from the dropdown list. There is a search box for cemetery section and a dropdown list for military service. The data fields in the search results include cemetery, stone type, last name, first, middle, and maiden names, date born, date died, section, subsection, subsection number, part of lot, grave number, and more info. Click on the More Info

button to open a detailed record page containing additional information such as spouse's name, date buried, lot owner's name, funeral home, tombstone inscription, notes, and military service. The notes field may include the names of other relatives.

The records of the five cemeteries that have not yet been migrated to the unified database may also be accessed from the cemeteries main page. They are the Farmers Branch (also know as Keenan), Marsh and Webb Chapel Cemeteries, Pioneer Cemetery, and Wood Creek Cemetery. Clicking on these cemetery names in the contents list will allow you to view burial listings.

As noted on the website, the Dallas Genealogical Society does not plan to transcribe the records for some area cemeteries because they are available by contacting the cemetery directly. The cemeteries are Forest Lawn Cemetery, Greenwood Cemetery, Laurel Land Memorial Park, Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial Park, Restland Cemetery, Rose Lawn Cemetery, and Sparkman-Hillcrest Cemetery and Mausoleum.

Local Records Databases

Click on the Local Records link in the contents list to open the local records main page. The resources here include the following databases.

Mortality Schedules: This database contains extracted mortality schedule data for Dallas for 1850, 1860 and 1870. The data fields include some or all of the following: name, age, sex, marital status, place of birth, month died, occupation of the deceased, cause of death, and length of illness.

14th District Court Records: This database comprises abstracts from the 14th District Court Minute Book A, for 1846 through 1855. Page numbers are cited in the transcription.

County Tax Records: The tax records in this database were transcribed from reel 1 of the Dallas County Tax Records, and cover 1846 and 1847. The database is searchable by last name and first name. Searches can be limited by stream (name of a creek, etc.) and year. The data fields include last name, first name, acres, grantee, stream, total value, page, roll, and year.

Marriage Records: The genealogical society has transcribed Dallas County Marriage Books A

through W, covering 1846 to 1899. Only Marriage Book O, which covers the period from August 6, 1895 through November 26, 1896, is available online. The database can be searched by groom's last name, bride's last name, and officiate's last name. You can also select the officiate's name from a dropdown list. The data fields in the results returned include the groom's full name, bride's full name, officiate's full name, marriage date, book, page, and ID number.

Courtesy: The Weekly Genealogist, Vol. 15, No. 37, Whole #600 September 12, 2012

HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE "YE"?

Many of us have encountered the word "ye" in old documents. Of course, we have all seen tourists shops labeled as "ye olde" something-or-other. How many of us know how to pronounce that?



For years, I assumed it was pronounced as it was written. I would pronounce it as "Yee Old." I was a bit surprised later to learn that I had been wrong.

What looks like a "y" is a written character deriving from the old English letter, "thorn," representing the "th" sound. No, it is not the letter "y," it is the letter thorn. The thorn was commonly used in written English in the Middle Ages and for some time after. That explains why we see it on old documents and even in modern written sentences that imitate historical writing. Other than these cases, the thorn has now almost disappeared.

The thorn originally appeared to be written a bit different than the letter y as it had both an ascender and a descender. In fact, it looked more like a lower case written "p" on top of a lower case "b" than a "y." It typically looked like this: ꝥ. This was before the days of printed books when all documents were written by hand. The exact shape varied from one scribe to the next. By the mid-15th century almost all scribes stopped using the descender, and the thorn has since been written in an identical manner as the modern letter "y."

Depending upon the scribe, the second letter was often written above the thorn, as in ȝ^e . Reprints of the 1611 edition of the King James Version of the Bible always show "ye" written as ȝ^e .

While the Middle English thorn is now written exactly the same as a modern letter y, it always was pronounced with a voiced "th" as in "this." In other words, several hundred years ago the word that was written as "ye" always was pronounced as "the," exactly the same as it is today. An educated person of 1611 would always pronounce ȝ^e as "the" although today we might spell it as "thee" when referring to a person, as in "thee of little faith." The word "thou" was occasionally written as ȝ^u .

Wikipedia has a rather detailed description of all this at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thorn_\(letter\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thorn_(letter)).

So what killed the thorn? According to at least one source, it was the printing press.

Here's a simple but plausible explanation from http://www.h2g2.com/approved_entry/A2922077:

The thorn was particularly popular as a sign for 'th' in Medieval English, but with the advent of printing came a problem. There was no thorn sign in the printing fonts, as they were usually cast outside of England. So, since the sign for thorn slightly resembled the lower-case 'y', that's what was substituted.

The thorn was used in several languages besides English but has since been replaced by other letters in all languages except Icelandic, where it is still used.

So, how do you pronounce the following?



Answer: "The Old Pizza Parlor"

Posted by Dick Eastman on October 11, 2012 in the Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter.. http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/10/how-do-you-pronounce-ye.html

A QUESTIONABLE WORD TO THE WISE

Ladies,

*If a man says he'll do something, he'll do it.
He doesn't need to be reminded every six months!*

***We'll see you at the
November 20th meeting!***