



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 1354 Diamond Springs, CA 95619
Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter–March 2013

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

- March 19, 2013 *Glenda Lloyd*
Obituaries – “The Dead Said”
- April 16, 2013 *Linda Lucky*
Family Search and Family Tree
- May 21, 2013
El Dorado County Historical Museum Tour

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

RECAP OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

February’s meeting was not our usual meeting. Instead of raining on our parade, the weather decided to snow on us. We got a late start with people showing up late because of the snow, and then had to cut the meeting short because the snow was building up. But, in spite of the weather, we all had a great time. We had 32 people attend, including 7 guests. Mary Lee Gilliland was greeting people at the door. Luana Zylla and Mary Ann Harper prepared some yummy refreshments with the table set in a Valentine décor. Thanks ladies for your great help.

A number of people renewed their memberships for 2013. Thanks to everyone who has renewed already.

This month’s presentation was on Findagrave.com, a free, all volunteer website that has over 94 million graves listed in it. Our presenter was our own Paul Hodel who took us onto the internet site and went through almost all the different pages in Find A Grave as well as showing us how to search for

people already listed in Find A Grave, create and edit memorials, link families, add photos, and request gravesite photos. There was a lot of member participation and plenty of questions and we were provided with a detailed handout. Unfortunately the snow kept falling so we stopped the meeting when it got about 4 inches deep so everyone could make it home safely.

NEXT MEETING **March 19, 2013**

Our March meeting promises to be a really exciting one. Some people don’t think the dead can speak, but Glenda Lloyd will prove them wrong with her presentation of Obituaries – ‘The Dead Said’.

Glenda Lloyd is a northern California native. During her career as an elementary teacher and up to the present time, she has taught beginning and intermediate level genealogy classes through the San Juan Adult Education Center in Citrus Heights, California. She participates in local seminars for the California State Archives, Sacramento Regional Family History Center, Sacramento Public Library, and does workshops for many local genealogical societies. She has also lectured for the Salt Lake Institute for Genealogy.

Glenda is a charter member and Past President of Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society. She currently serves as the Society’s Parliamentarian, Query Editor and contributor to the periodical, The Preserves.

Genealogy is her hobby and passion, which she hopes to share with all of you

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>

UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR Are Forming A New Group In Our Area

Ladies, if you had an ancestor in the Union Army during the Civil War, you'll want to take note of this. The Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War is forming a TENT here in Northern California, in your back yard. The name will be the Margaret Rhodes Crocker Tent (they named their tent after a California Girl!). They will hold their first meeting on March 23, 2013 in Roseville. But don't wait until then, contact them now so you can start your paperwork and be listed as a Charter Member of this new Tent. For more information contact Joy Huskey @ 916-761-5103 or JoyHuskey@comcast.net.

YOUR 2013 ROOTS AND GOLD DUST EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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TREASURER'S REPORT – *for February 2013*

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1,433.88
Income	\$ 152.00
Expense	\$ 169.96
Ending Balance*	\$ 1,415.92
<i>*Includes the Book Can at \$312.42</i>	
Savings Account	\$ 10.05

TIME TO RENEW YOU MEMBERSHIP IS NOW

Dues are due by April 1 of each year. A number of you are already ahead of this reminder, so you can sit back and gloat to yourselves about already renewing for this year. To avoid being delinquent, the rest of you will 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. Renew by paying at the March meeting or mail in your renewal. Bring cash or check because our Treasurer doesn't accept plastic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 much 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 year's Seminar will feature the ever popular Roger Minert who will be bringing along eight of his graduate students to assist him. Mr. Minert is always a very exciting, interesting and informative speaker and this year's 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/> .

Beginner's Workshop

Placer County Genealogy Society
June 15, 2013, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Auburn

The Placer County Genealogy Society will be having their annual seminar; "Tracing Your Family Tree: How To Begin". This is always a very popular presentation both for beginners and for those who want to sharpen up some on the basics. It will be held at the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada St, Auburn on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. This is a free seminar.

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/>

THINK THEY'VE HIT A BRICK WALL?

*Sometimes I think my grandfather was
in a government protection program.*

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

The following books, which were donated by "Jackie's Library", have been placed on the shelves.

Military General

MIL GEN 21a&b: Index To War of 1812 Pension Files - Vol. I: A-F, Vol. II: G-M, Vol. III: N-Z

MIL GEN 22: Index To Mexican War Pension Files

MIL GEN 23a: U.S. Army Military History Research Collection Colonial America and the War for Independence Special Bibliographic Series Number 14

MIL GEN 23b: U.S. Army Military History Institute Special Bibliographic Series Number 17 The U.S. Army and the Indian Wars in the Trans-Mississippi West, 1860-1898

MIL GEN 24: Index to Volunteer Soldiers 1784-1811

MIL GEN 25: Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774

MIL GEN 26 a & b: Index to Indian Wars Pension Files 1892-1926, Vol. I: A-K, Vol. II L-Z

Native American

- NA 44: 1842 Cherokee Claims – Tahlequah District
NA 45: Records of the Cherokee Agency in Tennessee 1801-1835
NA 46: Cherokee Old Settlers–The 1896 Old Settler Payroll and the 1851 Old Settler Payroll
NA 47: Cherokee Advocate-Tahlequah Nation, Book One
NA 48: 1851 Chapman Roll of the Eastern Cherokee
NA 49: The Cherokees
NA 50: The Eastern Band of Cherokees 1819-1900
NA 51: Whites Among the Cherokees
NA 52: Torchlights of the Cherokees
NA 53: Cherokee Tragedy – The Ridge Family and the Dissemination of a People
NA 54: Red Clay and Rattlesnake Springs
NA 55: Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee

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.

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.

Historical Newspaper Archives, Torrance Public Library, California

The city of Torrance was incorporated in 1921 and is located in the southwestern region of Los Angeles County, California. The Torrance Public Library has made available on its website a collection of resources related to the city's history. This collaborative project involves the Torrance

Historical Society, the Friends of the Library, and the City of Torrance.

The library's website contains a newspaper database and a city/phone directory database. Both databases, which contain more than 100,000 digitized images, are full-text searchable via the same search function. Enter a keyword in the search box; choose the database to search, and number of results per page. The library staff has provided search strategies to help you get the best results. Click on the Advanced Search Tips to access them. You can also browse the individual newspapers and city/phone directories by date. Browse links may be found below the search box.

Historic Newspaper Archive

The newspaper database covers the period from 1913 through 1969. The database includes the following newspapers: *The Torrance Press*, originally *The Peninsula Press* (1949–1964), and *The Torrance Herald* (1914–1969). Click on the link in the search results to open a full-page image of the original newspaper in PDF format.

Historic City and Phone Directories

The Torrance and South Bay area city/phone directory databases cover various years between 1922 and 1975. Click on the link in the search results to open a full-page image of the original directory in PDF format. Visit the Library's database: <http://www.torranceca.gov/libraryarchive>

Local History, La Crosse Public Library Archives, Wisconsin

The city of La Crosse is located in the southwestern part of Wisconsin, along the Mississippi River. It is the county seat of La Crosse County. The La Crosse Public Library Archives has many genealogy-related resources in its collections. Indexes to a number of them have been made available through a library database. Click on the local genealogy database to access the database. The resources include obituaries (1904–1960; 1968–1969; 1983–present); births (1987–present); marriages (1987–present); divorces (1992–present); and cemeteries.

The index is searchable by first name and last name. (Note that parents' names should be used when searching births.) Select the database or databases that you want to search. You can also choose sort order, gender, and number of results returned from drop down lists. The data fields in the search results are name(s), event date, report date, and source. In the source field the data also includes the residence of the individual named in the record. The data fields in the cemeteries search results are name, birth, death, and cemetery. Click on the browse link to view a more detailed record, including remarks. Click on the cemetery name to open a new page with a brief history of the cemetery, including a map showing its location. You can visit the La Crosse Library at: <http://lacrosselibrary.org/genealogy>.

Over 60 Years Of Historic Door County (Wisconsin) Newspapers Now Online

Thanks to a recent digitization project, more than 60 years of Door County newspapers are now available online. The 6,325 issues include 12 newspaper titles which were published in Door County between 1862 and 1923.

The project -- which cost a bit more than \$22,000 -- was funded through grants from the Maihaugen Foundation and the Door County Library Foundation.

The effort was spearheaded by Door County Library adult services librarian Laura Kayacan. Kayacan hopes to do another phase of digitization to cover issues from 1924 through 1940.

You can access the newspapers at <http://www.doorcountynewspapers.org/>.

*Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter,
March 01, 2013*

GENEALOGY MISTAKES

Any time is a good time to review our genealogy progress over the past year to find any potential mistakes. Some of these we overcome and some of them linger throughout our efforts. If we can head them off in the beginning, we will be better off in the end. Here are a few that we have all been guilty of doing at some point in our efforts.

1. TAKING ONE SOURCE AND OVERWORKING IT

In the beginning most of us have relied totally on the census and consider this to be "gospel". As we progress, we learn to use other sources to back up and prove the census either right or wrong. We are all aware of the various spellings used at different times in the annals of history. We should never disregard information because that is not how we spell a name or how we think our ancestors did. Was great great grandpaw even able to read and write? Some of the later census will indicate this for us. Be sure and check a lot of different entries to get a full picture.

2. HANG ON TO A "GOOD" THEORY

After we have gone through a lot of research into the family history, there are always missing pieces of the puzzle. How do we find them? Where do we look? We probably will have an idea or theory of the answer so we need to hang on to that idea until we have run every avenue of approach to find the answer. Case in point, my wife's great grandfather seems to have just come out from under a cabbage leaf in time and place. In one of the census, it states that his parents were born in Tennessee. That is my only clue. In doing a deed search in the county they came from, I finally found two names that were possibly the grandfather and father of this man. One was there for five years and by 1850 was gone. The other was about the right age to be the father, but he does not show up in any of the census from 1860 until 1900. However, he is buying and selling land there. As you can tell, there is lots of leg work yet to be done. Sometimes a theory is finally proven wrong, we need to learn to let it go and admit that not all theories are correct.

3. IF IT LOOKS OLD, IS IT REALLY PRIMARY RESOURCES?

When we venture outside the box of census and court records, how do we put values on items that come along? Are Bible records valid evidence? Is a tombstone correct? We really have to evaluate each piece of the puzzle to determine the validity of the information. With regard to Bible records, we have to ask who kept the records? When were these records written down? Just because they are written in a 100 year old Bible, are all of the entries that

old? These records are a great starting point, but I would not write them in ink in my records just yet. The same applies to the tombstone records. When was the stone erected? Who gave the name to be entered? This holds true for that obit you just found also. These records need to be noted and kept, but wait until you have more evidence before you write these down in ink.

4. I FOUND A NAME IN COLONIAL RECORDS THAT MATCH MINE, I HAVE TO BE RELATED

This is one of those traps many of us fall into, especially if we are trying to get into one of the patriotic societies. In my early research in Virginia during the late 1950s-1960s, I discovered that my grandfather's mother was related to the "Earheart" of southwestern Virginia. The family kept telling me that we were related to Emelia Earheart. As I studied this concept for years and even told people we were related, I finally came to the conclusion that we were not since she came out of Kansas and I could not find anyone of our relatives that went anywhere near Kansas. Even if you have a very uncommon name, the likelihood is that there is another of that name out there somewhere. I found a Nimrod Kell in my wife's family and I thought this was great after the hundreds of Williams, Johns and Marys. At my last count, I think I am up to about 18 Nimrods out there. However, even that is better than the succession of Johns in her line.

5. COLLECT ALL OF THE SURNAMES AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PUT YOUR LINE TOGETHER

Surnames come in all generations and numbers. If you just want to collect names to brag about with your friends, this is okay, but not good research. In my research, I discovered that there were three Robert Douthats in Augusta County, Virginia at the same time. Each of them had totally different backgrounds, wives, families and occupations. It took years to distinguish them apart, but once this was done it was so easy to go down each line separately. Some early writers of the family's story

tried to lump them all into one person. Yet, the facts just did not fit. We had the full name of each of their wives and they were definitely three different women.

Mistakes are so easily made, just be big enough to admit it was an error and move on. At least you will have learned a lot of truth about the subject in the process.

Courtesy of Mountain Press Friday, December 28, 2012. Thanks to Mary Ann Jones for digging this one up for us.

OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY IN 2013

We want to thank all of you who have stepped up and volunteered to work on committees or take special assignments to help out the Society. With everyone working together, we can make this a Society second to none.

We still have some positions available:

➤Program Committee:

The Program Committee could use a couple of more people who would help with the "special events", like when we have a table promoting the Society at Wagon Train Days. We could use a couple of folks to help with the preliminary arrangements and coordination of these events.

➤Genealogical Records and Research Committee:

This is the group that will be answering inquiries about families in El Dorado County, doing research, etc. This will be the perfect match for you folks that enjoy research.

➤Visitor and New Member Greeter:

The Visitor Greeter will be additional to the Greeter who meets everyone at the door. This will be someone who will hand out Guest Packets, answer questions about the Society and introduce visitors to some of the members. This is your chance to get to know the new people and chit-chat with them.

***We'll see YOU at the
March 19th meeting!***