



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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

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## UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

- April 16, 2013 *Linda Lucky*  
*Family Search and Family Tree*
- May 21, 2013  
*El Dorado County Historical Museum Tour*
- June 18, 2013 *Lynn Brown*  
*E-Books: Google/Internet Archives*
- July 16, 2013 *To Be Announced*
- August 20, 2013 *To Be Announced*
- September 17, 2013 *Marilyn Kile*  
*PC Tips*
- October 15, 2013 *Glenda Lloyd*  
*Getting Organized*

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

## RECAP OF THE MARCH MEETING

We always seem to be blessed with wonderful meetings and the March meeting was no exception. We had a good turnout of energetic folks. Our thanks to Carol Sexton and Getta Stedeford for the yummy refreshments and to Marylee Gilliland for being our greeter.

Sadly, the one down point in the whole meeting was during the business portion when the President asked for people to volunteer for the Program Committee, the Research Committee, or as a Greeter for visitors. We only had one person volunteer.

After the business meeting, we were fortunate to have Glenda Lloyd speak with us.

In her bio, Glenda states, “Genealogy is her hobby and passion, which she hopes to share with all of you” and I must say that she kept her promise. She kept us busy keeping up with her as she talked about obituaries and the great source of information they can be. She also discussed ways of following up on what is gleaned from an obituary as well as how to interpret the information. She is very knowledgeable on the subject and had excellent examples of each item she spoke about. We really want to thank Glenda for her fantastic presentation.

**WHAT, YOU HAVEN'T**  
**RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP**  
**YET ????**

I hate to be the one to tell you this, but you just happen to be in “arrears”, and That is Not a good place to be. The good news is that you can easily move your name from the “Arrears” list over to the “Member In Good Standing” list just by making one easy payment!!

Membership is still such a bargain at \$15 per person or \$22 per family. Renew by paying at the April meeting or mail in your renewal. Please bring cash or check because our Treasurer doesn't accept plastic.

**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](mailto:pljhodel@hotmail.com) or by phone at (530) 622-3299. Visit our website @ <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm>

**TREASURER’S REPORT** –  
*for April 1, 2013*

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1,415.92
Income	\$ 67.00
Expense	\$ 109.33
<i>Ending Balance*</i>	\$ 1,373.59
<i>*Includes the Book Can at \$312.42</i>	
Savings Account	\$ 10.05

**CHURCH BLOOPER**

*A Real Sentence From a Real Church Bulletin:*

*The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.*

**YOUR 2013 ROOTS AND GOLD DUST EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

- President:.....Paul Hodel
- Vice President:.....Milton Mulligan
- Secretary:.....Luana Zylla
- Treasurer:.....Carol Sexton
- Program Chairperson.....MaryLee Gilliland
- Library Liaison:.....Judy Williams
- Newsletter/Website .....Paul Hodel

**NEXT MEETING**  
**April 16, 2013**

We’ve all heard, and most of us have checked out, that FamilySearch.org has been adding literally millions of records online each month. They also have a dedicated group of volunteer indexers who are working diligently to keep up with the new images being released. Now they’ve opened “Family Tree”, a genealogy database that can be accessed and added to by anyone. What a great resource they are.

We just happen to be fortunate to have one of the most knowledgeable individuals on Family Search living right down the road from us. Linda Lucky is not only an experienced genealogist and researcher, but also is co-director of the Regional Family History Center in Sacramento, along with her husband, Ed. Her knowledge of Family Search is unparalleled and we are lucky that she was able to arrange her busy schedule to meet with us at the April meeting and help us learn more about FamilySeach.org, and especially about working with the new Family Tree. This is definitely one meeting you won’t want to miss.

**AND THE LETTER REQUESTING INFORMATION SAID:**

*“My grandfather died at the age of 3.”*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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 sessions by him and his students, 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 - Auburn

June 15, 2013, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

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.

### **Northern California Family History Expo**

Sacramento

June 28 – 29, 2013

The Northern California Family History Expo will be held June 28-29 at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento. The keynote speaker will be James L. Tanner and there will be fifty different classes to select from, and the list has something for everyone. You'll want to register early to get the best price break. You can visit their site at <https://www.familyhistoryexpos.com>.

### **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](http://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/>

### **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.

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

#### **Native American**

- NA 56a: Cherokee by Blood-US Court Claims  
Vol. 1: Applications 1-1550
- NA 56b: Cherokee by Blood-US Court Claims  
Vol. 2: Applications 1551-4200
- NA 56c: Cherokee by Blood-US Court Claims  
Vol. 3: Applications 4201-7250
- NA 56d: Cherokee by Blood-US Court Claims  
Vol. 4: Applications 7251-10170
- NA 56e: Cherokee by Blood-US Court Claims  
Vol. 5: Applications 10171-13260
- NA 56f: Cherokee by Blood-US Court Claims  
Vol. 6: Applications 13261-16745
- NA 56g: Cherokee by Blood-US Court Claims  
Vol. 7: Applications 16746-20100
- NA 56h: Cherokee by Blood-US Court Claims  
Vol. 8: Applications 20101-23800
- NA 57: American Indian Research
- NA 58: Moravian Diaries
- NA 59: Through Indian Eyes
- NA 60: Indians and a Changing Frontier of  
George Winter

#### **United States**

- US 77: Those Spirited Women of the Early West

#### **Virginia**

- VA 185: Martin's Hundred

#### **West Virginia**

- WV 8a: Index to the Soldiery of West Virginia
- WV 12: Doddridge County, WV 1870 Census
- WV 13: Doddridge County, WV Marriages 1845-1884
- WV 14: Lewis County, WV 1850 Census
- WV 15: Lewis County, WV 1860 Census
- WV 16: Lewis County, WV Births, Marriages, Deaths, Wills, Cemetery Records
- WV 17: Lewis County, WV Miscellaneous History And Personal Sketches
- WV 18: Lewis County, WV Marriages, 1817-1880
- WV 19: Supplement to Sims Index to Land Grants in West Virginia
- WV 20: Hardy Co., WV Dyer's Index to Land Grants

## **STRANGERS IN THE BOX**

I wish I knew the people,  
These strangers in the box,  
Their names and all their memories  
Are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like.  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.  
If only someone had taken time  
To tell who, what, where, when  
These faces of my heritage  
Would come to life again.

Could this become the fate  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories  
Someday to be tossed away?

Make time to save your pictures,  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks,  
Or someday you and yours could be  
The strangers in the box.

*By Harazin*

## **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](mailto:pljhodel@hotmail.com) or call 530-622-3299.

### **Family Tree is Live on FamilySearch.org for All Users!**

*If you want to know more about the latest and greatest with Family Search, be sure to come to our April meeting where Linda Lucky, from the Regional Family History Center and very knowledgeable, will be speaking on Family Search.*

For what seems like years, we have all been told that the new Family Tree, the first of several site enhancements for [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), would become available to everyone "some day." Well, some day is here: it is available to you and me and to everyone else right now.

The new database contains information about millions of deceased individuals and you are invited to add your information as well. With the new Family Tree, you can:

- Connect and collaborate with others on shared family lines
- Edit and delete incorrect data, including relationships
- Provide sources and links to online information that shows where you found family information
- Preserve family tree information for future generations
- Use Family Tree on behalf of someone else (helper)
- Print pedigree charts, family group records, and other reports

I just went to the Family Tree and found a record for my great-great-grandparents. My great-great-grandmother's first name was horribly mangled and her last name was missing. I was able to correct the information within a minute or two so that others may see the correct information in the future. This is the way that collaboration is supposed to work!

You can access the Family Tree by going to <https://www.familysearch.org/> and clicking on FAMILY TREE near the top of the page. You will need to sign in. If you do not yet have a user name and password, you can sign up at the same web page.

Everything on the web site is available FREE of charge.

You can read more in an article by Tara Bergeson in the FamilySearch Blog at <http://goo.gl/PKdfF>.

*Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, March 05, 2013.*

## **Tom Tryniski Digitizes More Newspapers Than The Better-known Web Sites**

One computer expert working alone has built a collection of digitized historic newspapers at <http://fultonhistory.com/> that is much bigger and more popular than one created by a federal bureaucracy with millions of dollars to spend. Armed only with a few PCs and a cheap microfilm scanner, Tom Tryniski has played David to the Library of Congress' Goliath. His site presently has more than 21,790,000 old New York State historical newspaper pages. He now is also adding newspapers from other states.

Tryniski's site, which he created in his living room in upstate New York, has grown into one of the largest historic newspaper databases in the world, with 22 million newspaper pages. By contrast, the Library of Congress' historic newspaper site, Chronicling America, has 5 million newspaper pages on its site while costing taxpayers about \$3 per page. In January, visitors to Fultonhistory.com accessed just over 6 million pages while Chronicling America pulled fewer than 3 million views.

[Fultonhistory.com](http://fultonhistory.com) really got going in 2003, when Tryniski bought a scanner that handles microfilm for \$3,500 in a fire sale. That meant he didn't need access to the original newspaper copies and he could work quickly because microfilm scanners are largely automated. Tryniski pays all expenses for the site himself. The only significant costs are bandwidth, for which he pays \$630 per month, and hard drives, which run him about \$200 per month. His primary server is located outdoors in a gazebo on his deck. Everything on his web site is available free of charge.

Tryniski is adding new content at a rate of about a quarter-million pages per month with no plans to slow down.

You can access Tom Tryniski's web site at <http://fultonhistory.com/>.

You can read more in an article by Jim Epstein at <http://goo.gl/7k6MI>. You can also watch a video describing Tom Tryniski's efforts at <http://youtu.be/KVWDX6oaYCg>.

*Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, March 05, 2013.*

*This is an excellent website for those who have ancestors who lived in the state of New York. This includes a number of the "small" newspapers that aren't available other places. I was able to find some of my ancestors here. The quality of the images isn't quite as high as it is from those sites that have a big budget, but it is readable and the price (Free) is right. Paul*

## **Expanded Irish Online Genealogy Portal Provides a "One Stop Shop"**

The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht of Ireland launched a newly expanded web portal that is dedicated to helping people search for information on their ancestors. One search on [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) will include census data, land records, military archives, wills and Ellis Island records. The aim is to make it quicker, easier, and less complicated for members of public - from home or abroad - to find information about their ancestors.

According to Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the portal - [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) - enables visitors to search genealogy records from a number of on-line sources. The aim of the expanded portal is to make it quicker, easier and less complicated for members of public - at home or abroad - to find information about their ancestors.

"There is a huge level of interest in genealogical research, especially overseas. I am frequently impressed by the strong connection that people feel with Ireland, and the interest they have in finding out more about their past and where they have come from.

"There are many different places that you can find information about your ancestors. This can sometimes seem confusing to a novice researcher starting out. The aim of the expanded [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) portal is to allow people do one search which will scan a range of records. A link will then bring you directly to the results of the search.

Doing a search on [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) will now include a range of records:

- Census 1901 Records - Irish Census of populations for 1901 for all counties of Ireland.

## OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE

- Census 1911 Records - Irish Census of populations for 1911 for all counties of Ireland.
- Griffiths Valuations - the first full scale valuation of 19th Century property in Ireland, published 1847 to 1864.
- Tithe Applotment Records - compiled 1823-1837, these records include details of occupiers of holdings over 1 acre and the amounts they had to pay.
- Soldiers Wills - a collection of the wills of Irish Soldiers who died while serving in the British Army.
- Military Archives - the largest resource for individual testimonies for the revolutionary period 1913-1923.
- National Library of Ireland - many of the NLI's catalogued collections including its digitised material are included in searches.
- Ellis Island Records - including passenger lists and other records of U.S. immigration through Ellis Island, New York.
- Castle Garden (Castle Clinton) Records - comprising a database of information on 11 million immigrants to the United States for 1820-1892.
- Ireland-Australia Transportation Database - this National Archives of Ireland database of records relates to the transportation of convicts and others to Australia.
- Women in 20th Century Ireland 1922-1966 - this is a database of almost 20,000 entries on a set of records relating to central government.

One search on [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) will tell you whether relevant records are available in a number of online sources as set out above.

*Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, March 26, 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. They will also be transcribing old records from El Dorado County for inclusion on our website. 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 really do need some more of you to step up and help out. Please contact one of the board members and let them know that you'll help out.*

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