



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter–May 2013

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## UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

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 the year are being lined up as we speak.*

## RECAP OF THE APRIL MEETING

The April meeting promised to be a good one and it was. We had a good turn out of members plus three visitors. We were happy that more of you have stepped forward and volunteered to help with various jobs in the Society. We now have a special Greeter for guests and new members, which should be a big help for them. We had more people volunteer to work with the Research Committee. We still need a couple more folks for the Program Committee.

We were very fortunate to have as our speaker Linda Lucky, a Co-director of the Regional Family History Center in Sacramento. Her topic was What's New in FamilySearch.org. Linda gave a fantastic presentation on all the latest and greatest, including things that were just implemented the day before our meeting. This site is growing by millions of records every month and they've added

a lot of enhancements. She had many good examples and helped us understand the new Family Tree on the site. Thanks to Linda for a great presentation and helpful handouts.

Something new was added this month. We will take a few minutes each month so members can share some highlight from their genealogy research. It can be something like a major shattering of a brick wall, or just some little tidbit about something you learned or discovered as you were researching.

## **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>

## **YOUR 2013 ROOTS AND GOLD DUST**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

President:.....Paul Hodel  
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We will be having a booth at this year's Wagon Train celebration at the Placerville Drive location on Saturday, June 8. We will also have a booth at the El Dorado County Fair the following week. Here are more opportunities for those of you who can't commit to a regular position, but can fit something in every so often.

### **HUMEROUS QUOTES**

*A real quote from a letter requesting genealogy help.*

*"Our 2nd great grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library."*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT** – *for April 1, 2013*

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1,373.59
Income	\$ 80.00
Expense	\$ 40.00
Ending Balance*	\$ 1,413.59
<i>*Includes the Book Can at \$332.42</i>	
Savings Account	\$ 10.05

### **NEXT MEETING** **May 21, 2013**

We have a special treat for May. We will be going on a tour of the El Dorado County History Museum. We did this a couple of years ago and everyone had a wonderful time. We've gained so many new members, that we thought it would be nice to repeat the tour. Those of you who went last time will want to go and see what's new at the museum.

We will meet at 1:00 in the Wine Garden behind the Museum and have lunch. So everyone bring your brown bag lunch with you. After lunch, we will split into two groups. The Docents will take one group through the museum and the other group through the research room. Then we'll swap and they'll show up the other half.

We're blessed with a wonderful museum here in El Dorado County and there are few places that can boost of a local research center with anywhere near the material that is available at the museum.

### **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

## **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 FHC is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m.

### **New To The Library**

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

#### **TEXAS**

- TX 30: A Stake in the Prairie-Mesquite
- TX 31: Tennesseans in Texas
- TX 32: A Guide to Genealogical Resources in the Texas State Archives

#### **TENNESSEE**

- TN 45: East Tennessee History, Volume A
- TN 48a Marriage Notices in the Cleveland Banner 1865-1883 & Info. from Myra Inman's Diary
- TN 48b: Death Notices in the Cleveland Banner 1865-1883 & Info. from Myra Inman's Diary
- TN 49: Index County Records-Bradley County State Archives, Tennessee
- TN 50: Bradley County Tenn. Deaths – 1913-1925
- TN 51: Bradley Co. TN Marriage Records 1887-1901
- TN 52: Bradley Co. TN Circuit Court Abstracts 1836-1860 & Trial of Alexander Wallace
- TN 53: Bradley Co. TN Confederate Pension Apps.
- TN 54: Bradley Co. Will Book 1864-1883 Index
- TN 55: Marriage Book 1, 1864-1887, Bradley Co.
- TN 56: Cocke County Cemeteries (5) by Datis, Inc.
  - TN 56a: Dutch Bottom Baptist Church
  - TN 56b: Big Pigeon Cemetery
  - TN 56c: Huff Cemetery (Near Jenkins Chapel)
  - TN 56d A. C. Huff Cemetery
  - TN 56e Huff Cemetery (Bybee Area)

- TN 57: Carroll County, TN Marriages 1860-1873
- TN 58: Chickamauga Reservoir Cemeteries
- TN 59: Pen Sketches – Henry County, Tenn.
- TN 60: Index to Co. Records Microfilm
- TN 61: 1823 Henry County 1973 Sesquicentennial
- TN 62: Henry Co. TN Newspaper Gleanings 1887-1893
- TN 63: Old 23<sup>rd</sup> District
- TN 64a: Henry Co. Tenn. Marriages Vol. One 1838-1852
- TN 64b: Henry Co., Tenn. Marriages Vol. Two 1853-1867
- TN 65: 1822-1988 Wills Index-Henry County, TN
- TN 66: Bible Records of Henry Co. Tenn. Vol. 1
- TN 67a: Inscriptions in Stone – Volume 1
- TN 67b: Inscriptions in Stone – Volume 2
- TN 68: Vonore: Yesterday and Today
- TN 69: History of Monroe County, Tennessee Volume I/Part 1
- TN 70a: Monroe County Records-Vol. 1
- TN 70b: Monroe County Records-Vol. 2
- TN 71: Index County Records-TN State Archives
- TN 72: Early Days in Monroe Co., TN
- TN 73: Marriages-Monroe Co. 1868-1880
- TN 74: Monroe Co. Cemeteries (6) by Datis, Inc
  - TN 74a: Antioch Cemetery
  - TN 74b: Coker Creek Cemetery
  - TN 74c: Epperson Presbyterian Cemetery
  - TN 74d: Hickory Grove Cemetery
  - TN 74e: New Hope Presbyterian Cemetery
  - TN 74f: 1840 Monroe County Tennessee Census
- TN 75: McMinn County, Tennessee Records
- TN 76: McMinn County-Athens Tennessee
- TN 77: Wills and Estate Records – 1820-1870
- TN 78: Mc Minn Co., Tennessee Marriages 1820-1870
- TN 79: Mc Minn County-Tennessee History Series
- TN 80: Polk County, Benton Tennessee
- TN 81: Marriage Records 1894-1907, Polk Co. TN
- TN 82: Conasauga, Polk Co., Tennessee
- TN 83: A History of Rutherford County
- TN 84: Marriage Records-Rutherford County, Tennessee 1851-1872
- TN 85: Rutherford Co., Tenn. Cemeteries-Vol. I
- TN 86: Rutherford Co., Tenn. Cemeteries-Vol. II
- TN 87: Rutherford Co., Tenn. Cemeteries-Vol. III
- TN 88: Rutherford County Tennessee-Old Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church Records
- TN 89: Rutherford Co. Marriages 1804-1850
- TN 90: Warren County, TN Marriages, 1852-1865

- TN 91: Marriage Record of Washington County, Tennessee 1787-1840
- TN 92: Early East Tennessee Taxpayers
- TN 93: American's First Western Frontier, East TN
- TN 94: Leaves From the Family Tree
- TN 95: Guide to the Microfilm Holdings of the Manuscripts Section TN State Library & Archives
- TN 96: Guide to the Processed Manuscripts of the Tennessee Historical Society
- TN 97: Bedford County TN Bible Records-Vol 2
- TN 98: Tenn. Wills and Administrations 1779-1861
- TN 99: Tennessee Genealogical Records: Records Of Early Settlers From State and Co. Archives
- TN 100: 1814 Court Martial of TN Militiamen
- TN 101a: Tennesseans in the Civil War – Part 1
- TN 101b: Tennesseans in the Civil War – Part 2
- TN 102: Bradley Co.-Tennessee Co. History Series
- TN 103a: Historical Cemetery Records of Bradley Co. Vol 1
- TN 103b: Historical Cemetery Records of Bradley Co. Vol 2
- TN 104a: 1850 Census-Tennessee, Vol. 1&2, A-Ga
- TN 104b: 1850 Census-TN, Vol. 3&4, Ga-Mu
- TN 104c: 1850 Census-TN, Vol. 5&6, Mu-Wa
- TN 104d: 1850 Census-TN, Vol 7&8, WA-Z  
Cross Index

*Judy and the Library Committee have really been busy getting all these books on the shelves. A Big Thank You to them!*

**18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY TOMBSTONES DECIPHERED**  
**WITH NEW 3D TECHNOLOGY**

*Here's an article that should be interesting to the future of genealogy about a new technique being used to read previously illegible headstones.*

SACKVILLE, N.B. – A Mount Allison anthropology professor is using new technology to preserve the past. Grant Aylesworth has begun a project, in partnership with the archaeological services unit of the Government of New Brunswick, reading “illegible” tombstones from the 1700s using 3D software technology.

The research team carried out their work at Fort Gaspareaux National Historic Site near Baie Verte, N.G. Aylesworth has been able to read previously illegible inscriptions on 250-year-old tombstones

using 3D software models derived from photos taken with a regular digital camera.

“This new technology is enabling us to digitally preserve the old tombstones, important for many researchers, most notably historians and genealogists. More importantly, this has allowed us to bring back the name of a person that was lost to history, before we get to the point that there really is nothing left to read,” says Aylesworth.

Brent Suttie, project executive, archaeological resources with New Brunswick's department of tourism, heritage and culture says, “This is a relatively new technology, but in collaborating with Mount Allison on its implementation, we can already see that it presents enormous opportunities for archaeologists and the public alike to start documenting and reconstructing these monuments in a way that was not previously possible. The fact that the technology is freely available and once learned, is rather easy to implement holds great potential for archaeologists, researchers, and genealogists.”

The research team is working to standardize and simplify the process so others can document the thousands of other degrading cemetery monuments in the province. These tombstones, often considered illegible, deteriorate further each year.

So far, the results have found the name of an English soldier who served at the fort, but, given the historical significance of the local area, Aylesworth is hoping to continue his research in the Fort Gaspareaux area and is planning to involve students in local field research this summer. “The 1700s was an important time in history for this area with the Acadian deportation and other significant events,” he says. “We'd like to expand our research and make this process more accessible to local communities and researchers in New Brunswick and beyond.”

Aylesworth teaches classes in North American and Central American archeology and anthropology at Mount Allison University. He has worked on many archaeological digs in Belize, Honduras, the USA, and the Maritimes, including the recent excavations in Pennfield NB, which proved that aboriginal people were living in the province more than 12,000 years ago.

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

### **16 Top Web Sites For Researching Irish Ancestors**

By Kimberly Powell, About.com Guide

Many records documenting the history of Ireland and her people were lost forever when fire swept through the Public Record Office of Ireland in the Four Courts, Dublin, in 1922. This disaster, following the destruction of the Record Tower in Dublin Castle in the early 18th century, and the destruction by government order of the 1861-1891 census returns, means that Irish researchers must face the loss of most 20th century Irish census records, along with civil, probate and parish records valuable for Irish family history research.

While there are a few notable records that survive that cover the majority of Ireland, including Griffith's Valuation and the 1901 and 1911 Ireland census, the majority of Irish records available to genealogists cover smaller areas, including fragments of early censuses, and especially parish records. Despite these limitations, however, many sites offer valuable data for researching Irish ancestry in the form of extractions, transcriptions and digitized images. To get you started tracing your Irish ancestors I've highlighted 16 of my favorite Web Sites for Researching Irish Ancestors.

The sites presented here offer a mix of free and subscription-based (pay) content, but all represent major sources for online Irish family tree research.

#### **1. FamilySearch<sup>1</sup>**

Irish civil registration indexes 1845-1958, plus parish records of births (baptisms), marriages and deaths have been transcribed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and can be searched for free on their Web site at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). Browse to "Ireland" and then search each database directly

for best results. Coverage is by no means complete, but it is a good place to start. Another search trick is to use [Ireland IGI Batch Numbers<sup>2</sup>](#) to search the [International Genealogical Index<sup>3</sup>](#) - see [Using IGI Batch Numbers<sup>4</sup>](#) for a tutorial. *Free*

#### **2. FindMyPast<sup>5</sup>**

Subscription-based website FindMyPast.ie, a joint venture between Brightsolid and Eneclann, offers about 12 million Irish records, including some which are exclusive to the site such as Landed Estate Court Records with details on over 500,000 tenants residing on estates across Ireland, Irish Prison Registers featuring over 3.5 million names, and Petty Session Order Books. Additional Irish genealogy records include directories, military records, BMD indexes, and almanacs. *Subscription, pay-per-view*

#### **3. RootsIreland: Irish Family History Foundation<sup>6</sup>**

The Irish Family History Foundation (IFHF) is a nonprofit coordinating body for a network of government approved genealogical research centres in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Together these research centres have computerized almost 18 million Irish ancestral records, primarily church records of baptisms, marriages, and burials, and made the indexes available online for free. To view a detailed record you can purchase credit online for instant access at a per-record cost. *Free index searches, pay to view detailed records*

#### **4. Irish Origins<sup>7</sup>**

This subscription-based genealogy site features an Irish Wills Index (1484-1858), the 1851 Dublin City Census, Irish Royal Garrison Artillery Records, and the best online version of Griffiths Valuation. While other Web sites such as [MyIrishAncestry.com<sup>8</sup>](#) offer a free index to Griffiths, Irish Origins offers full details and links to digitized images. Free name search. *Subscription*

#### **5. National Archives of Ireland<sup>9</sup>**

The genealogy section of the National Archives of Ireland offers several free searchable databases, such as the Ireland-Australia Transportation Database, along with finding aids to many useful record series held in the National Archives. Of

special interest is their digitization of Irish 1901 and 1911 census records which are complete and available online for free access. *Free*

## **6. Emerald Ancestors**<sup>10</sup>

This extensive Ulster genealogy database contains baptism, marriage, death, burial, and census records for over 1 million Irish ancestors in Counties Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone. Most database results are indexes or partial transcriptions. *Subscription*

## **7. Ancestry.com - Irish Collection, 1824-1910**<sup>11</sup>

The Ireland subscription-based collection at Ancestry.com offers access to several important Irish collections, including Griffiths Valuation (1848-1864), Tithe Applotment Books (1823-1837), Ordnance Survey Maps (1824-1846) and the Lawrence Collection of Irish Photographs (1870-1910). *Subscription*, plus Irish census, vital, military, and immigration records.

## **8. AncestryIreland**<sup>12</sup>

The Ulster Historical Foundation offers subscription-based access to more than 2 million genealogical records from Ulster, including birth, death, and marriage records; gravestone inscriptions; censuses; and street directories. Matheson's Distribution of Surnames in Ireland in 1890<sup>13</sup> is available as a **free** database. Most of the rest are available as pay-per-view. Select databases are only available to members of the Ulster Genealogical & Historical Guild. *Subscription, pay-per-view*

## **9. Irish Newspaper Archives**<sup>14</sup>

A variety of newspapers from Ireland's past have been digitized, indexed and made available for searching online through this subscription-based site. Searching is free, with a cost for viewing/downloading the pages. The site currently features over 1.5 million pages of newspaper content, with another 2 million in the works from papers such as *The Freeman's Journal* (1763 to 1924), *Irish Independent* (1905 to 2003) and *The Anglo-Celt* (1908 to 2001). *Subscription*

## **10. Failte Romhat**<sup>15</sup>

The personal Web site of John Hayes might not be the first place you'd expect to visit, but his site actually offers a surprising number of online Irish databases and transcribed documents, including Land Owners in Ireland 1876, Irish Flax Growers List 1796, Pigot & Co's Provincial Directory of Ireland 1824, cemetery transcriptions and photographs, and much more. Best of all, it is all free!

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### **Links in this article:**

1. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list#page=1&countryId=1927084>
2. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers/CountryIreland.htm>
3. [http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/frameSet\\_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search\\_IGI.asp&clear\\_form=true](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/frameSet_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search_IGI.asp&clear_form=true)
4. <http://genealogy.about.com/b/2007/10/29/using-batch-numbers-in-the-lds-international-genealogical-index.htm>
5. <http://www.findmypast.ie>
6. <http://www.rootsireland.ie/>
7. <http://www.irishorigins.com>
8. <http://www.myirishancestry.com/>
9. <http://www.nationalarchives.ie>
10. <http://www.emeraldancestors.com>
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12. <http://www.ancestryireland.com/>
13. [http://www.ancestryireland.com/database.php?filename=db\\_mathesons](http://www.ancestryireland.com/database.php?filename=db_mathesons)
14. <http://www.irishnewspaperarchives.com>
15. <http://www.failteromhat.com>