



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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## UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

October 15, 2013 *Glenda Lloyd*  
*Getting Organized*

November 19, 2013 *Everybody*  
*Annual Election of Officers and*  
*Finger Food Pot-Luck*

*We will not be meeting in December so that all may*  
*enjoy the Christmas Season.*

## MEETING IDEAS FOR 2014

Our Program staff is already planning for our meetings in 2014 and they could use your thoughts and ideas. Here's your chance to share those great ideas you've been having but were too shy to share before. If you have any suggestions please contact Mary Lee Gilliland at 642-2002 or e-mail her at [maryleegilliland@yahoo.com](mailto:maryleegilliland@yahoo.com).

## WHERE THE !@#\$\$%^&\* HAS MY NEWSLETTER BEEN ?

Some of you may have noticed that you haven't received a newsletter from Roots and Gold Dust all summer. Now it's already fall and you're starting to wonder what's going on. No, it's not a case of the Grinch stealing Christmas, it's just that the Newsletter Editor (that would be me!) has let his priorities slip. After sending out the May issue of the Newsletter, I started dating a very sweet and beautiful lady. One thing lead to another and we were married in July. Then there was the honeymoon trip which turned out totally different than planned, the moving of her stuff from her house to mine and trying to sort out all of our possessions, and did I mention the ongoing saga of trying to fix up her house for sale. None of this, of course, is any sort of an excuse for your not getting your newsletter delivered to you each month in a timely manner as you have every right to expect, but it is the facts. Hopefully, I won't let such foolishness sidetrack me in the future.

*Thanks for your understanding, Paul*

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

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

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## RECAP OF SUMMER MEETINGS

Suffice it to say that we had some fantastic meetings this summer, but trying to recap all of them at one time would do justice to none of them, so I'm not going to even try. Just want to thank our speakers and presenters and all of you who attended.

## **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>

### **NEXT MEETING** **October 15, 2013**

In October we will be welcoming back Glenda Lloyd, who has enlightened us before. This time she will be helping us to organize ourselves, genealogically speaking. We all have tons of records, documents, and back-up material on our family history. Most of us keep it in a box or in a pile on the end of the desk. Some of us have it stored in numerous piles scattered all over the house. Glenda will teach us how to best sort, organize and store these gems so that we can find them at a moments notice. This will be a must hear presentation for many of us.

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

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1444.44
Income	\$ 70.00
Expense	\$ 24.10
<i>Ending Balance*</i>	\$ 1,490.34
<i>*Includes the Book Can at \$345.42</i>	
Savings Account	\$ 10.05

## **YOU ARE NEEDED IN 2014**

Yes, I know, you are very content to show up at the meetings each month and sit there chit-chatting with you friends. You enjoy the presentations at each meeting. The refreshments are tasty and make your tummy feel good before the drive home. You enjoy getting the newsletter each month. You enjoy all these things, but do you get to enjoy the feeling of accomplishment and service that comes with helping make these things possible? We have election of officers for 2014 coming up in November. You could be an officer in Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society and have that feeling that comes from doing your part. If you just can't bring yourself to be an officer, volunteer to assist on one of the committees, help out at an activity or meeting, arrive early to help set up or stay over a few minutes to help put the room back into shape. This society is only as good as the people who volunteer their time and talents to it. It can be the very best society because of you

## **WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS TOMBSTONE?**



*See Answer On Last Page*

## Elizabeth Lynette (Lyn) Mizell)

September 16, 1921 — June 14, 2013



This past June we were very saddened to hear of the passing of our good friend and fellow member Lyn Mizell. Lyn had been a member of Roots and Gold Dust for over 20 years and was one of the handful responsible for keeping the society together during its hard times. She served in many positions and was President a number of years. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. *What follows is Lyn's obituary which was in the June 19, 2013 Mountain Democrat on page A2 :*

Elizabeth Lynette (Lyn) Mizell passed away June 14, 2013, in Placerville, Calif. She was born Sept. 16, 1921, in Whitney, S.C., to Maurice Louis deParlier and Elizabeth Matirko. Her early years were spent in Gulf Stream, Fla., south of Palm Beach, where her father was the golf course superintendent of a private club. In 1935 they moved to Tulsa, Okla., when he was offered the same position at Southern Hills Country Club, which was just being built. Lynette graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1939 and returned to Florida, remaining there until she came to Hollywood, Calif., in May 1942. She was employed

at Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank during the World War II years. After the war she was employed by the City of Los Angeles in the Health and Police Departments until her marriage in 1964 to Steven Mizell. They lived in Glendale, Calif., near his place of employment, Gladding McBean (later Interpace).

On her husband's retirement in 1977, they moved to the Gold Hill area of El Dorado County. Lyn worked in the El Dorado County Recorder's Office for five years before retiring. Steve passed away in 1985 and she became active serving on several boards, doing volunteer work, genealogical and historical research. She enjoyed traveling and visited several European countries, Canada, Australia and her favorites, England and Scotland.

At the time of her death Lyn was a member of the El Dorado County Historical Society, Roots and Gold Dust Genealogy Society, Friends of the Library and the El Dorado County Cemetery Advisory Committee and an active volunteer at the El Dorado County Historic Museum. She was involved in the past with the El Dorado County Commission on Aging, Snowline Hospice, Gold Country Retirement Community Board of Directors and the Cemetery Committee at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park.

Lyn's passion for reading (she called it her "vice") led her to the one-room school at Silver Fork and its students who needed books that she was able to obtain for them through the generosity of Snowline Hospice Book Store and the late Gordon Purdy. The rewards were: for them, the Governor's Reading Award for two years running and for her, the joy of seeing them come to enjoy reading.

With the assistance of the El Dorado Community Foundation the annual DeParlier Scholarship in Design was created for county students. This was a lifelong dream of Lyn's, as she was unable to further her wish to become an Interior Designer due to lack of funds during the Depression years and her wish to aid others in pursuing their dreams.

Lyn was preceded in death by her husband, Steven Mizell; her father, M. L. deParlier; her mother, Elizabeth deParlier Cone; and her brothers, Jerome Louis deParlier and Edouard Leon deParlier. No services are planned. Donations may be made to the El Dorado Community Foundation or a charity of your choice.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Family History Day

*Saturday, October 12, 2013*

*8:30 am to 4:30 pm*

Are you interested in researching your family's history, but don't know how to begin? Family History Day is just the place to learn about the tools and techniques of genealogy.

The theme for this year's program is "Emigration, Immigration and Migration." There are over 25 related classes including those on specific ethnic groups, researching paper and online governmental records, and organizing and presenting one's own findings.

Participants will also have the chance to take behind-the-scenes tours of the State Archives collections and browse displays by genealogical, historical and lineage organizations.

The keynote address, "Comings and Goings in the Golden West: Resources for Tracing California's Settlers and Sojourners," will be presented by Kathryn Marshall, author and Director of the Lodi California Family History Center.

Family History Day is sponsored by the California State Archives, the Genealogical and Historical Council of the Sacramento Valley and The California Museum.

**Where:** California State Archives, 1020 O St., Sacramento

**Cost:** free admission

**For more info:**

<http://familyhistoryday2013.blogspot>

### Sacramento Family History Center Seminar

#### "Get A Clue"

*November 2, 2013*

The Sacramento FamilySearch Library at 2745 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA will be having their fall seminar, Get A Clue" on Saturday November 2, 2013. They put on an excellent seminar and there are 29 different classes to choose from covering a wide selection of topics. There is literally something for everyone. They are requesting registration by October 25<sup>th</sup>, especially if you

want to have them provide lunch for you. A syllabus is available for the seminar. Visit their website for registration and contact information:: <http://sacfamilysearchlibrary.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](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/>

## BOOK SCANNER AT THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Now we have no excuse for not consulting the valuable books in the Family History Center, many of them donated by Roots and Gold Dust. (You do remember books, don't you? They're those things that, along with microforms, we used to consult for our family history research before online databases came on the scene.) Believe it or not, even today not everything is on the Web.

Inspired by the article *How to Find a Revolutionary War Patriot* reprinted in the June Roots & Gold Dust Newsletter, I explored the books in the Military section at the Family History Center. I discovered eight pages on "Dicey" Langston, an ancestor of my mother and a heroine of the Revolution, in volume 1 of "The Women of the American Revolution" by Elizabeth F. Ellet (call # MIL RW 18).

Using the scan function on the new Lexmark X466 printer at the FHC, I easily scanned the article to my flash drive.

The X466 copier is to the right of the office door, across from the Atlases and Maps alcove. It's easy to use:

1. Load a book or original document face down on the glass.
2. Insert your flash drive into the USB port on the front of the printer. The "Held Jobs" screen will appear.
3. Touch **Scan to USB drive**.
4. Select the scan settings.
5. Touch **Scan it**.

See? No excuse! Now go make use of those books!

-- Thanks to our own Alice Morrow for sharing this valuable information with us.

### **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**

Roots and Gold Dust received the following books from the library of Lyn Mizell. They have been placed in the Family History Center Library. Lyn had been a member of Roots and Gold Dust for over 20 years and she had contributed many books to the library. (See article on Lyn on page 3)

#### **ALABAMA**

AL 10 The Hill - A History of Spring Hill  
By William Howard Barney

#### **GEORGIA**

GA 13 History of Rome and Floyd County  
By George Macruder Battey, Jr.

**SURNAMES** Samuel Hugh Kyle  
The Cone Family Heritage Book

In addition, the following book donated by "Jackie's Library", has been placed on the shelves.

#### **TENNESSEE**

TN 105 Cemetery Records of Bedford Co. TN  
Compiled by Helen C. & Timothy R. Marsh

### **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.

#### **Larchmont Historical Society, New York**

[Larchmont Historical Society, New York](http://larchmonthistory.org/)  
<http://larchmonthistory.org/>

Larchmont is one of two villages located within the town of Mamaroneck, in Westchester County, New York. The Larchmont Historical Society has made some local resources available on its website.

#### **Larchmont and Mamaroneck Cemeteries**

The Larchmont and Mamaroneck Cemeteries section is a collection of photographs of the gravestones in six cemeteries. Click on the link in the contents list to access the database. You can browse the photographs by cemetery by clicking on the cemetery name and address link or you can search the database by family name or keyword. You can select one or more cemeteries to search by clicking on the cemetery name. If you do not select a cemetery, the photographs returned in the search results will be drawn from all of the photo databases in the society's photo collections.

#### **Historic Photo Collections**

To access this collection click on the Historical Photograph Collection link in the contents list. There are more than a dozen photo collections, including a number of fire company history collections, a collection related to local politics, street images from Mamaroneck and Larchmont, and the *Larchmont Times* collection.

The *Larchmont Times* collection covers the period from April 20, 1901 through March 1902. There is also a separate database of newspaper advertisements for that period. Click on the site link to access a page with direct links to the databases. Next, click on the specific database link to open a new page with thumbnail images of each newspaper. Click on the thumbnail to select it and click a second time to enlarge it.

#### New York Soldiers of the Great War

This database was created from a 1920 publication, *Soldiers of the Great War*, which was an official attempt to identify, with photographs, all the members of the U.S. armed forces who died during World War I. The Larchmont Historical Society has posted on its website all of the pages related to New York soldiers. The database can be searched by the soldier's surname or residence. The search results will be displayed as scans of the relevant pages from the book. Click on the image of the individual to bring up a full-page image with the following information: name, residence, and cause of death or injury. These pages may be downloaded. Click on the Download a page link for instructions.

#### Slavery in Mamaroneck Township

This interesting webpage contains resources related to documenting the historical record of slavery in Mamaroneck. There are lists of slaves and slaveholders from a variety of sources, some digitized documents, and links to off-site resources.

*by Valerie Beaudrault, courtesy of The Weekly Genealogist, New England Historic Genealogical Society, June 19, 2013 - Vol. 16, No. 25, Whole #640*

#### **North American English Dialects, Based on Pronunciation Patterns**

Rick Aschmann has created a web site quite unlike any other I have ever seen. Rick describes it this way: "Some people collect stamps. Others collect coins. I collect dialects."

The web site contains hundreds of audio and video samples of speech all over North America. In each case, Rick has captured the accent of a native (more specifically, someone who was raised in a particular location, though not necessarily born there, and whose dialect clearly represents that place). Did your ancestors speak like this?

I grew homesick just listening to accents from Maine!

While this is a hobby for Rick Aschmann, it also has serious uses for historians, genealogists, and others. You can view Rick Aschmann's *North American English Dialects* site at <http://aschmann.net/AmEng/>.

My thanks to newsletter subscriber Steven Fleckenstein for telling me about this great web site.

*Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, May 07, 2013*

#### **Rhode Island State Archives Catalog is now Online**

Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis has announced the official launch of the Rhode Island State Archives Online Catalog, a new tool which will make it easier for the general public, educators, students, historians, researchers, and journalists to find information immediately.

To view the State Archives Online Catalog, visit [www.sos.ri.gov](http://www.sos.ri.gov) and select the State Archives tab on the left. Once there, you may browse/search the State Archives Catalog.

More information may be found at <http://goo.gl/Kc4C1L>.

*Courtesy of Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, September 24, 2013*

#### **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. 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)
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6. <http://www.rootsireland.ie/>
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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>

#### **WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS TOMBSTONE?**

*Did you figure out what was wrong with Christiana's tombstone? Think there really was a February 31<sup>st</sup> in 1869 ??*

***We'll Be Looking Forward To Seeing YOU  
At The October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting!***