



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society



P. O. Box 1354 Diamond Springs, CA 95619
Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter – March 2014

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & AGENDA

NEXT MEETING

March 18, 2014* *Keli Gwyn*

*"Use Storytelling Techniques to Add Spice to
Your Family Tales"*

* Please bring your homework assignment to our March 18th meeting! Write out a simple short story about one interesting relative; something you'd like to give to your family to enjoy and share throughout future generations!

April 15, 2014 *Kim Von Aspern-Parker*
"How to Find Those Women"

May 20, 2014 *Vi Parsons*
"Where There's a Will - There's a Probate"

*Programs and speakers for the rest of 2014 are being
lined up as we speak.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Our newly elected President, Richard Wilson, has had to step down from being our president. Harvey Andrews, a member and previously our president, has stepped up to fill in our vacancy for the rest of this year. Thank you so very much, Harvey, for coming out of your "presidency retirement"!

THOUGHT TO PONDER

Before I became a genealogist, I loved Brick Walls!

LAST MEETING February 18, 2014

We welcomed the well-known Jim M. Baker, PhD and CG, from Rocklin, as our speaker. He spoke of many "non-archived" areas and strategies to "*Finding the Un-Findable*". He showed examples for using collaboration, search engines, family organizations, and the tomes; broadening the search and using DNA evidence. His presentation attracted twenty-eight of our members and four new guests.

Remember: Renewal for 2014 is now due and becomes delinquent on April 1st.

The snacks and drinks were provided by Carol Pirtle and Carol Sexton.

Note: When providing refreshments, Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society provides cups, plates, napkins, and plastic utensils.

TREASURER'S REPORT - *for March 2014*

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1,695.15	
Income	\$ 15.00	
Expense	\$ 23.00	(\$ 8.00)
Ending Balance*		\$ 1,687.15
<i>*Includes the Book Can at \$ 375.42</i>		
<i>Note: Balance includes \$40.00 donations Toward a future book purchase</i>		
Savings Account	\$ 10.05	
Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.05
TOTAL		\$ 1,697.20

**ROOTS AND GOLD DUST
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S
EXECUTIVE BOARD of 2014**

President:Harvey Andrews
Vice President:Milton Mulligan
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Program Chairperson: Mary-Lee Gilliland
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Newsletter Editor:Carol Pirtle
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WHEN AND WHERE

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 usually sent out during the first week of each month, depending on how fast reports can be gathered to be featured in our newsletter.

For information or membership inquiries, contact Paul Hodel pljhodel@hotmail.com or phone (530) 622-3299.

Please visit our website to learn from our past newsletter topics. Many have been indexed and they date back to October 2008. Visit at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family History Day at the State Archives

We regret to inform our members and guests that there will be **NO FAMILY HISTORY DAY** in October of 2014. However, plans are being developed for their return in 2015! Please keep your eyes open as we are looking forward to the future announcement for this fantastic event.

Roots Cellar Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 5, 2014

9:00 am to 3:45 pm

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA

Geoff Rasmussen, developer of Legacy Family Tree 8's software, author of books, videos, and webinars will be their speaker. Pre-registration is required before April 1, 2014. No registration will be sold at the door! Lunch can also be ordered when registering. For further information please visit their website at: <http://www.rootcellar.org/>.

**Sacramento German Genealogy Society
Spring Seminar**

Saturday, May 10, 2014

"Spotlight on the Latest German Research Tools"

Speaker: Kory Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA

Registration is now being accepted. Please go to their website for additional information, at: <http://www.sacgensoc.org>.

Placer County Genealogy Society

Auburn, CA

Saturday, March 29, 2014 - 8:30am-4:00pm

"Tracing Your Family Tree for Beginners"

Contact: seminar@pcgs.pcgenes.com

Genealogical Association of Sacramento

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

*A group bus day-trip to Sutro Library
San Francisco, CA*

The cost is \$40. *Please send check immediately, if you are attending, made out to Genealogical Association of Sacramento (or GAS) send to: Melanie Howard, 7345 Pritchard Rd., Sacramento, CA 95828. Please contact Melanie at [916-383-1221](tel:916-383-1221) or melnesia@comcast.net for more details.*

FHC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Family History Center Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books in the Library

There are two new books in the New Book section in the Family History Library.

GER 2 Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents – Donated by Alice Morrow, winner of Roots & Gold Dust Book Can drawing.
MO 47 History of Southeast Missouri – Donated by Charlie Ziegler

The following books, which were donated by “Jackie’s Library”, have been placed on the shelves.

MISSOURI

MO 45 History of Ozarks (Includes Arkansas)
MO 46 Index to Holdings in Missouri
MO 47 History of Southeast Missouri
MO 48 Bicentennial Boonslick-Cooper & Howard Co, MO, 1658-1898
MO 49 Cemetery Records-Johnson, Mercer, Newton & Morgan Co, MO
MO 50 Will Records-Caldwell, Daviess, Grundy & Mercer Co. MO
MO 51 Elmwood Cemetery-Jackson Co, MO
MO 52 Brookings Cemetery-Kansas City & Raytown MO
MO 53 Buchanan Co, MO-Land Owners Record of 1877
MO 54 Census of Six Cemeteries Near Stewartsville, MO. Buchanan & Clinton Co.
MO 55 Buchanan Co, MO-Probate Index to Wills
MO 56 Carroll Co, MO-Marriages 1835-1856
MO 57 Death Register-Carroll Co, MO, 1883-1890

MO 58 1850 Census Carroll Co.
MO 59 Will Records, 1834-1879, Carroll Co, MO
MO 60a Cemetery Records, Vol. II Carroll Co MO
MO 60b Cemetery Records, Vol. III Carroll Co MO
MO 61 Marriage Rec.-Grundy Co MO, 1841-1864
MO 62 Holt Co, Mo-Birth Records 1883-1893
MO 63 Holt Co,-Marriages, Book A, 1846-1860
MO 64 Holt Co,-Marriages, Book B, 1860-1870
MO 65 Holt Co,-Marriages, Book C, 1870-1881
MO 66 Holt Co,-Deaths, 1883-1893

MO 67 Holt Co, MO-Abstracts of Wills & Administrations 1841-1860
MO 68 Holt Co, MO-Index to Biographies
MO 69 Holt Co, MO-1850 Census
MO 70 Holt Co, MO-1860 Census
MO 71 Holt Co, MO-1876 Special Census
MO 72 History of Holt County 1882
MO 73 Gone Home – 1837-1981
MO 74 Howell Co, MO-Marriage Rec 1871-1881
MO 74a Howell Co, MO-Marriage Records, Bk 3, 1889-1890 & Bk 4, 1890-1893
MO 74b Howell Co, MO-Marriage Records, Bk 5, 1893-1897
MO 74c Howell Co, MO-Marriage Records, Bk 6, 1897-1900
MO 74d Howell Co, MO-Marriage Records, Bk 7, 1900-1903
MO 75 Howell County, MO-1900 Census
MO 76 Howell Co, MO-Cemeteries, 1795-1987
MO 77 Mercer Co, MO-1860 Census
MO 78 Oregon Co, MO-Record of Marriages, 1845-1859
MO 79 Oregon Co, MO-Record of Marriages, Book A, 1845-1879
MO 80 Oregon Co, MO-1850 Census
MO 81 Oregon Co, MO-1860 Census
MO 82 Oregon Co, MO-1870 Census
MO 83 Oregon Co, MO-Abstracts of Administration, 1854-1861
MO 84 Oregon Co, MO-Cemeteries (1996 Edition)

MO 85 Cemeteries - Oregon County, Missouri
MO 86 Putnam Co, MO-Marriages 1849-1869, Wills 1856-1870, Deeds 1847-1854
MO 87 Ripley Co, MO-Marriages 1833-1860
MO 88 Saline Co, MO-Marriages to 1866
MO 89 Saline Co, MO-Cemeteries V 1, 1866-1874

MO 90 Saline Co, MO-Cemeteries V 2, 1874-1881
MO 91 Saline Co MO-Wills, Variety Bk 1821-1833
MO 92 Saline Co, MO-Cemetery Records V II
MO 93 Saline Co, MO-Cemetery Records V III
MO 94 Saline Co, MO-Tombstone Inscriptions V II
MO 95 Saline Co, MO-Tombstone Inscriptions VIII
MO 96 Saline Co, MO-Supplements to V II, III, IV
MO 97 Saline Co, MO-Cemetery Records Vol V
MO 98 Saline Co, MO-Taxpayers, 1876
MO 99 Saline Co, MO-1850 Census 1850
MO 100 Saline Co, MO-1860 Census 1860
MO 101 Leaves of Birch Tree 1776-1976
MO 102 Shannon Co, MO-History of 1845-1985
MO 103 Shannon Co, MO- 1860 Census
MO 104 Shannon Co, Mo-Cemetery Inscriptions

MO 105 St. Francois Co, MO-1850 Census
MO 106 St. Francois Co, MO-1860 Census
MO 107 St. Francois Co, MO-Death Rec 1882-92
MO 108 St. Francois Co, MO-Earliest Marriages
1819-1866

ATLASES

ATLAS 30 Land Atlas and Plat Bk, Saline Co MO
ATLAS 31 Historical Atlas Map of Holt Co MO

AZOREAN GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS IN HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA

April 12 and 13, 2014

His workshop has four topics, each limited to ten people. Attendees are welcome to ask questions about their own genealogy research. The cost is \$40. For more information please contact João Ventura at joao_ventura@sapo.pt or heroi99@yahoo.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" St., Sacramento. For their class schedule, more information and to register, visit www.saclibrary.org

GENIE RESOURCES

In each of our monthly newsletters, we will provide sources of genealogical information. These may be local research locations, websites, webinars, places to write or visit, etc. I would like our members to involve themselves in our endeavor and recommend resources that have helped break down their brick wall! Please contact our Newsletter Editor, Carol Pirtle, at cpirtledirect@gmail.com or phone her at (530) 644-4748 (Your family name(s) do not have to be included).

*Why are my relatives always living in places
that I cannot find information on?*

CHECK YOUR LOCAL FAMILY HISTORY CENTER FIRST!

By Aaron Tassin, a Roots and Gold Dust member

Recently, I had a little "research experience" that brought me back to basics. With the ever increasing availability of genealogical research material available with the click of a mouse, we (myself for sure) tend to overlook what already exists in the physical realm. I touched on the notion of looking on the shelves at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. And, how soon did I forget?

My ancestors emigrated from France and settled in Acadia (present day Nova Scotia). Then they ended up in south and southwest Louisiana. My research inspired me to order copies of some old genealogy society journals concerning my family in southern Louisiana. Of course, the best source for these materials is the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. After conducting my search for the information (essentially surname based) I had a list of interesting journal write ups from several genealogy societies. Into the mail went my request for copies and a check; \$7.50, with a promise to pay for any additional copies as needed.

When I went into our Family History Center here in Placerville, I knew they had some journals in the Periodicals Room and there they were! Two of the six journal articles I had just paid for were staring me in the face, waiting to be photographed.

The copies from Allen County arrived a few days later with a bill for another six dollars. I learned my lesson...BACK TO BASICS.

Most society journals come out quarterly and typically will have a surname index in the back of each issue. The problem is you will need to

check your surname in every journal on the shelf. In the case of the Terrebonne Genealogy Society's journal, *Terrebonne Life Lines*, I found a complete index of names for over 25 years of journals...online. I was interested in Germain Terriot and his wife Andree Brun. The index has both, but my family loved to recycle the given name Germain over and over; sometimes in the same generation. But, with a complete index any occurrence of an article with both Germain and Andree is a must see.

Okay, so stop by the Family History Center here in Placerville and see what is waiting for you.

CITY DIRECTORIES

Who Lived Where and When?

Author: Phyllis Matthews Ziller

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City directories are a valuable yet often underutilized resource in genealogy research. They can provide solid clues for ancestor tracking and contain information about the community in which our ancestors lived. The first city directories began to appear in American cities in the late 1700s and became commonplace by the end of the nineteenth century when rural citizens as well as urbanites had their own directories. City directories gained popularity in the 1800s. They were created primarily for the business community to help businesses learn about and contact their customer base and to advertise.

The amount of detail in city directories can vary between publishers and locales. Details can vary between publication years of one city's directory. Regardless, a city directory attempted to gather the names of all inhabitants of a city or town. Researching city directories enables a genealogist to make comparisons between successive editions and track those elusive ancestors more frequently than census enumerations allow.

HOW TO USE CITY DIRECTORIES -

~City directories can be used to fill in the ten-year gap between census years by showing the movement of families.

~City directories were commonplace at the end of the nineteenth century. They can be used to fill in the 20-year gap between the 1880 and 1900 federal censuses due to the missing 1890 federal census in most areas.

~City directories often provide employment information by indicating each employed person's job title and address of their employment.

~City directories provide street addresses of citizens living in a town or city. Many census enumerators omitted street names and house numbers on the 1900 and 1910 federal census forms.

~Directories give historical information about the community in which your ancestor lived. Many city directories have information about churches, civic organizations, government entities, and a directory of businesses. This data is usually located in the back of the directory and can provide valuable background and social history information.

~You might be able to close in on a death date when you find spouses together in one year's city directory and the wife listed the following year as a widow.

~A city directory can confirm your ancestor was in a particular place at a particular time.

~By examining chronological city directories, you can close in on an estimated immigration or migration date.

~City directories can help you locate the nearest church, school, or cemetery to your ancestor's home.

~When street names were changed, the directory may show the old and the new street names.

~Many city directories have maps of the towns and surrounding areas. Directories for large cities might contain ward maps.

~Unlike census enumerations, names are listed in alphabetical order in city directories. For that reason, city directories have not been indexed, nor do they need to be.

A WORD OF CAUTION - As with any compilation resource, city directories should be used with caution. Information contained within their pages must be analyzed and scrutinized against other sources. A few points to keep in mind when using city directories:

WHERE TO FIND CITY DIRECTORIES –

City directories are found in a variety of repositories. Many original copies of city directories have weathered the years and can be found in local repositories in your research area. Ideally, the city directories for your research area have been microfilmed. More and more digitized images are appearing on the Internet making them more accessible than in the past

Before searching for city directories in your research area, you might want to first determine if one existed for the area. City Directories of the United States of America, a web portal located on the web at www.uscitydirectories.com attempts to identify all printed, microfilmed, and online directories, and their repositories, in the United States. This site will answer these questions: *Does a directory exist for a locality? If it does, where can it be found?* The site is searchable by state.

LIBRARIES – Many local public and academic libraries hold city directories in their collections. To find a library in your research locality, the Library Spot website at www.librarianspot.com/librariesonline.htm is an excellent starting point. After you locate a library, a quick check in their online library catalog will identify the extent of their holdings. You might, also, contact the library directly via email or snail mail to ask if they have city directories in their holding. Not all libraries catalog all items.

SOCIETIES - Local historical and genealogical societies may have back issues of city directories and will make copies of requested pages, often for a nominal fee. To locate a historical or genealogical society in our research area, visit the state pages at the U.S. GenWeb Project located on the web at www.usgenweb.com.

Most state pages include a list of societies with contact information and links to their webpage.

THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY – The family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, has many microfilmed city directories in its holdings. The online catalog can be searched at: www.familysearch.org. The microform can be loaned to our local Family History Center.

CYNDI'S LIST –

The City Directories section at Cyndi's List, www.cyndislist.com/citydir.htm has links to general information about city directories, to libraries with city directories in their collections, and to digitized images of city directories on the Internet. Cyndi's List is definitely worth a visit.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS - A list of city directories held by the Library of Congress is available on their website at www.loc.gov/rr/microform/uscity/.

Searchable to state, the list contains thousands of city directories for all fifty states. This site is a valuable resource to identify if a city directory does indeed exist for your research area. Unfortunately, city directories at the Library of Congress are available for on-site searching only in their Microform Reading Room. The staff of the Library of Congress is unable to perform searches; however, they will provide a list of freelance researchers upon request.

Many digitized city directories are available free on the Internet. How do you find them? Try Google at www.google.com/. Then, type the following phrase, replacing the name of your city or town for the word "locale" in the search string: "Locale" city directory". Add the name of your state as well as the name of the city if the result provides too many "hits."

Please come to our March 18th meeting and enjoy meeting other genealogists. Don't forget the *homework of writing a short story about one of your family ancestors*. You should also bring a pen and something solid to write on. Let's have fun spicing up our story!