



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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. Visitors are always welcome. Non-caffeinated refreshments are provided. Our newsletter is sent out during the first week of each month.

For information or membership inquiries, contact Harvey Andrews at: wetsu@directcon.net or phone (530) 642-0711.

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ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S EXECUTIVE BOARD - 2014

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Please visit our website and learn from our past newsletter topics. Our *volunteer* member, Bonnie Holbrook, has indexed issues from October 2008 - November 2011. Issues from 2012 have also been indexed but not alphabetically include with 2008-2011. Visit our website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm>. All issues are now listed on OUR website!

DATES & AGENDA FOR NEXT MONTHS' MEETINGS

April 15, 2014 Kim von Aspern

"Finding the Women"

Kim von Aspern is presenting a new experience for us to find unusual ways to track down a long forgotten Mrs. We may even be locating those women with a name unknown to us. If it seems like magic, let's find out how we can see through the illusion.

May 20, 2014 Vi Parsons

"Where There's a Will - There's a Probate"

June 17, 2014 *Uncertain*

It will be posted as it is finalized.

LAST MEETING

March 18, 2014

Keli Gwyn was welcomed warmly as she arrived in her brilliant purple 1800's dress and matching hat. Her *storytelling techniques* had certainly "spiced up our day!" Her handout took us for a stroll through the process and the understanding of the development of a fiction vs. narrative non-fiction story. Keli presented points for creating a story that is applicable, not only for fiction writing but in recording one's family ancestry and history. After a refreshment break, Keli regrouped with members interested in furthering her consultation and recommendations of spicing up their family story. Keli Gwyn introduced us to her book, "A Bride Opens Shop in El Dorado, California". It is an inspiring book that places us in our own backyard in El Dorado County!

Our March 18th meeting was attended by 26 members and 2 guests. An assortment of snacks and beverages were delicious and provided by Carol Sexton and Linda Galley. Our society supplies the cups, napkins, plates and the fashionable plastic utensils.

All members may participate by bringing refreshments by signing up on the Refreshment List to bring snacks or beverages. If you don't want to bake it, fake it! Please, don't bring liver and onions because their aroma lingers :>)

JUST A VERY FRIENDLY REMINDER

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has graciously provided us with the room and supplies for our monthly meetings. This allows us to use our membership fees to provide knowledgeable speakers, printing and other expenses. It is important that we, the membership of Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society, show our respect to the beliefs of the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church by providing refreshments with "no caffeine".

TREASURER'S REPORT

For April 2014

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1,687.15
Income	\$ 145.00
Expense	\$ 157.48 (\$ 12.48)
Checking Acct: Ending Balance	\$ 1,674.67

Book Can	\$ 380.42
Savings Account	\$ 10.05

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family History Day at the State Archives

There will be no Family History Day in October of 2014. However, plans are being made for their return in 2015.

Roots Cellar Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Speaker: Geoff Rasmussen

This is just a reminder, if you have already obtained your registration. No registration will be available at the door!

I'm reminding you, because I was registered for one of his Webinars and totally forgot it!

My new motto is:

I Live, I Learn, If I Remember!

Sacramento German Genealogy Society Spring Seminar

Saturday, May 10, 2014

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

"Spotlight on the Latest German Research Tools"

Nationally known genealogy speaker Kory Meyerink will be presenting the latest and most useful tools for your genealogical research. Ensure admittance by pre-registering. Attendance is limited and will fill up quickly.

- The New FamilyTree at the Family Search Library
- German Church Records
- Internet Sources for German Research

Visit their website for further information at: <http://www.sacgergensoc.org>.



A THOUGHT TO PONDER

Always select a purr-fictionist to proof your genealogical work!

SONOMA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY - Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 26, 2014 Donna Moughty

Harry A. Merlo Theater, Hwy 101 at River
Road, Santa Rosa, California – 9 AM to 4 PM

- Family History: From a Pile of Pieces to a Puzzle Picture
- Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are: Hide and Seek on the Internet
- Jumping the Pond: Finding the Origin of Your Immigrant Ancestor
- Saving a Life: Your Family's Health History

Download the Seminar Registration Form at:
<http://www.scgsonline.org/events>. Your registration form and registration fee must be received, by mail, prior to April 12, 2014. Registration \$30, lunch may be ordered for an additional fee and noted on the registration form.

This is a good website if you need to do research in Sonoma County, California.

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, for more information and to register, go to:
<http://www.saclibrary.org/>

Regional Family Search Center
Wednesday Classes

The Regional Family Search Center at 2745 Eastern Ave, Sacramento offers genealogy classes every Wednesday afternoon and evening. Visit their website to see what's coming up: www.sacfamilyssearchlibrary.org. They will be closed for painting during the week of March 31 and April 4, 2014.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LIBRARY
UPDATE

We are fortunate to have a Family History Center Library here in Placerville. They have given us support for our genealogy efforts. They provide us with the room where we hold our monthly meeting, a space to store our supplies, and a place to display donated books so that we can share with other people and have a quiet place to research. It is important for us to show our appreciation for this by utilizing the Family History Center and to accept their professional help with our research. The FHC Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The following have been placed in the **NEW BOOKS** section in the Family History Library:

KY 43 KY Family Archives, Vol. 4 & 5
TX 34 The Texans
US 78 History of the Ozarks
US 79 The Townsmen.

REF 134 - Becoming an Accredited Genealogist
Donated by Aaron Tassin,
Book Can drawing winner.
REF 135 - Crash Course in Family History
Donated by Cathy Keeler,
Book Can drawing winner

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

MILITARY CIVIL WAR

MILCW 28 Bruce Catton's America
Edited by Oliver Jensen

TENNESSEE

TN 56f Stephen Huff Cemetery

TN 106 Index to Tennessee Confederate
Pension Applications
Tennessee State Library and
Archives

TN 107 Hamilton Co, TN-Index to County
Records
Tennessee State Archives

TN 108 Cannon Co, TN-Marriages 1838-1873
Sistler, Byron & Barbara

MISSOURI

MO 35a MO Genealogical Gleaning
1840 and Beyond Vol 1
Eddlemon, Sherida
MO 109 Rabin Co
MO 110 Union Soldiers.....
MO 111a MO Pioneers, Vol. VIII
MO 111b MO Pioneers, Vol. VIV

UNITED STATES

US 78 History of the Ozarks
US 79 The Townsman 11

GENIE RESOURCES

In each of our monthly newsletters, we will be presenting available sources of genealogical information. These may be local research locations, websites, webinars, places to write or visit, etc. If you have a source that you would like to share, please contact our Newsletter Editor, Carol Pirtle, at: cpirtledirect@gmail.com or phone her at (530) 644-4748. Please make suggestions or requests of what is important to you in learning ways to enhance your research.

“A Family Tree Can Wither If Nobody Tends Its Roots.”

STATE CENSUS RECORDS

State Census Records are available in a few states, such as Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Nebraska, New York, and North Carolina. I located them on the website at: www.ancestry.com. They are mostly done in the years of 1885 and 1895; which helps the gap of the missing 1890 Federal Census Records. However, some can be found by just searching by the State in which you are researching.

MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have a “*Brick-wall Solution*” experience to share with our Roots and Gold Dust members? If so, please share and include the following information:

- Keep on the topic of: “My Own Brick-wall Solution”.
- Limit (One half to one page)
- Include: Repositories, Sources, and Citations.
- What was your brick-wall?
- How was it solved?
- Did it turn into another brick-wall?
- E-mail to: Carol Pirtle, Newsletter Editor at: cpirtledirect@gmail.com.

MY BRICK-WALL SOLUTION

By: Carol Pirtle
March 22, 2014

When I decided to get involved in genealogy, I knew I would be facing an almost impossible circumstance when I began researching my maternal great grandfather. Rumor was that five of his children passed away within twenty-one days of each other and had been buried in a pasture in North Dakota, USA. How could I find their burial location? Why were they buried in a pasture? Why did they pass away so young?

About two months later, I had received a letter from Mrs. D. Brown, of Seattle, Washington, USA. Included was a copy of a newspaper article from the Emmons County Record, Linton, North Dakota, dated Wednesday, June 3, 1981. The article was written nearly 84 years after the five children died. They all passed away between July 16, 1897 and August 6, 1897. Their ages were between two and thirteen years of age. They were the children of Herman E. and Threse Stermer.

Their hand-made grave stone reads:

Heir is resting in God

Rutolf Stermer, born 09 Nov 1890, died 16 Juli 1897

Rosa St b. 6 OK 1884, d. 16 Juli 1897

Tina St b. 22 S'm 1892, d. 25 Juli 1897

Ida St b. 27 dez 1888, d. 25 Juli 1897

Kati St b 9 May 1895 d. 6 Aug. 1897

“God, Let them Rest in Peace”

NOTE: St Abbreviation for Stermer,
S'm for September, OK for October,
Juli for July, and Dez for December

Yes, my brick-wall was torn down all at once! The children died of Black Diphtheria, a highly contagious and deadly disease. They could not be transported to the Holy Trinity Krassna Cemetery. All of this information was on the first page of the newspaper along with a photo of the grave site!

Then, I had to prove that all of the information was correct and would meet the standards of the genealogical world! The sources, repositories, and citations had to be located. Along with the answers to my brick-wall dilemma came many additional challenges.

Who made the headstone? Who was Mrs. D. Brown? Who buried the children? What were they buried in? What was their mother's maiden name? Were they born in America?

Source: Mrs. D. Brown, Seattle, Washington, USA.
Citation: Newspaper article, Emmons County Record, Linton, North Dakota, 58552, June 3, 1981, U.S. Post Office Publication No. 175340 Pg.1 Column 2, Title: “84-Year Old Grave Marker is Made Known”. Repository: *Emmons County Record, Linton, North Dakota, 58552*

I began corresponding with the owner of the newspaper and his friend, the author of a cemetery book. They sent me photos and other information about other relatives buried in or near Emmons County, North Dakota.

WHAT IS A WEBINAR?

A webinar is an online class that can be viewed in the comfort of our own home. The things that we need are an internet connection, computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP). “Go-ToWebinar” section and read the check list for tips on using your computer's microphone and speakers. A headset is recommended! (Or, you can select to “Use Telephone” after joining the Webinar).

The System Requirements are PC-based attendees with Windows® 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server.

For Mac users attendees you must have a Mac OS ®X10.6 or newer.

For Mobile attendees your must have an iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android Tablet.

The webinar requires pre-registration. When you register, you will be sent confirmation and instructions to follow to get on the site. Many are free of cost. When you pre-register, you have the option to download the speaker's handouts, but only if you listen to it as it is being broadcasted. If you find that you cannot listen to it when it is first aired, please cancel so that they can let someone else register in your place. However, if you should forget to listen to the live presentation, it is available for about a week afterward. However, you cannot obtain the handouts.

The webinar sites also provided archives of previous presentations. Webinars allow genealogists the opportunity to learn about what they are in need of. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned researcher there are topics that will fit your needs.

Genealogy Software, such as Legacy8 and <http://familytreewebinars.com> work well together. Videos are also available for Legacy at: <http://legacyfamilytree.com/videos.asp>.

In April 2014, the presentations are:

LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

- April 2nd** Seven Habits of Highly Frugal Geologists
April 9th Get Organized Using the FamilyRoots Organizer color-Coding System
April 11th Using Probate Records to Solve Genealogical Problems
April 16th Genealogy Evidence and Online Family Trees
April 23rd Homestead Act of 1862
April 30th Google Glass and Family History

NOW, WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILES (PAF's)?

The Personal Ancestral File (PAF) has been discontinued and is now being worked into the RootsMagic 6 software and utilizing the RootsMagic 6 webinars. RootsMagic 6 has many features that the PAF did not do. Like many genealogists, you've probably used Personal Ancestral File (PAF) for years. Unfortunately, it's no longer being updated or supported.

RootsMagic 6 is a Genealogy Software that allows you to record, research, and share your family history. It is being developed and updated to supporting the latest operating systems and genealogical technologies. RootsMagic 6 can be used for book publishing, color coding, wall charts, and shareable CD's. Your family goes running straight off of a flash drive, interactive problem lists, online publishing, a mobile application, and more!

Plus, RootsMagic 6 is certified to share and collaborate with FamilySearch Family Tree. See for yourself why more people use RootsMagic 6 to work with FamilySearch than any other program.

Their webinars need to be purchased at this time. They are bundled into sets for the cost of \$9.95. It is still less expensive than attended a live seminar out of town!

Another lesson that I have learned over my years of researching is that my knowledge is always stimulated in some way through any speech, website, or webinar. What we learn about one program can also be applied as we work within our own program.

As I burn a candle while working on this thing called Genealogy, I truly know that two ends are not enough.

Remembering our next meeting will be very easy. On April 15th, just mail your income tax documentations and come by for a relaxing afternoon filled with knowledge, wisdom, and enjoyable snacks and beverages. Make it a point to introduce yourself to someone that you don't know. You could be surprised by how much you have in common with another genealogist! Then, if you come up with something new to share or to question, pass the word on to me, the Newsletter Editor, Carol Pirtle at: cpirtledirect@gmail.com!

Remember, sharing our knowledge or brick-wall issues could hit the news next month!

FLASH BULLETIN!

THE SIXTH ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FAMILY HISTORY EXPO

May 2, 2014 – 12:00 PM to 8:10 PM and
May 3, 2014 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Sacramento NE
5321 Date Avenue
Sacramento, California 95841

Register today online at:
<https://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/69>
Or call 801-829-3295

Topics and Schedules are on this website!