



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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

OUR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Vi Parsons, "*Where There's a Will – There's a Probate*"

Vi Parsons first became interested in genealogy while she was a teenager and she kept asking her parents about her ancestors. (What a fantastic idea for all of us!) After her grandchild was born, she became very serious about family history research. Vi received an accreditation from Brigham Young University for her studies in Beginning Genealogy and was awarded a certificate in American Genealogy from the National Genealogical Society.

Vi's documentation of her Dragoo ancestors went back to the 1600s, doing research in France and England. She then published her research into a book; wrote a book of short stories, and onward she continues...

Vi's presentation will definitely be intriguing and beneficial to all of our members and guests.

OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO

MARY ANN HARPER

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to a long-time member and friend, Mary Ann Harris Harper, of Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society. She lost her husband of 54 years on April 16th, 2014. Harry Frank Harper was a native Californian, born in Nevada City,

CA on Oct 9, 1937. After his graduation from San Juan High School in 1955 he and his family moved to Shingle Springs. Harry began his career of 41 years with the USFS on the El Dorado National Forest.

Harry and Mary Ann were married in 1960 and settled in Shingle Springs. They have both played an active part in the El Dorado County activities. Harry spent much of his life volunteering one way or another and touched the lives of many. His real and true passion was the Sacramento Blood Source. He had donated over 60 gallons of blood and was just recently honored with the distinction of having 11,000 volunteer hours with Blood Source.

A celebration of Harry's life and his many contributions will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, May 24, 2014, at the Shingle Springs Community Center, 4440 South Shingle Road, Shingle Springs. Those attending the celebration are encouraged to wear their Blood Source Tee-Shirt if they have one. In lieu of flowers please follow in Harry's footsteps by donating blood, or to the Shingle Springs Community Center Building Fund, P.O. Box 11, Shingle Springs, CA 95682.

RECAP OF APRIL 15TH MEETING

Carole Waller served as greeter for our April 15th meeting. The speaker, Kim von Aspern-Parker had a very attentive attendance of 21 members of our society and three guests. One guest from March, Jamie Willson, became a member and will be proud to attach her "Golden" Name Tag in May.

When Mrs. Aspern-Parker announced that she would be speaking on "*Finding the Women, Our Foremothers*". One of our guests said, "I've always been looking for women!" Off we went, with a friendly chuckle and then had to buckle down. I couldn't believe my ears

when members passed up the offer to do a "refreshment break" during the presentation.

Kim's handout is very helpful in pointing out that it nearly takes a law degree to figure out all of the things needed to locate the "Mrs." maiden name for our elusive women. She recommends books, information on Women and the law, Divorce Laws, Naturalization Laws, and Church Records that are a must for researching women. Her handout also recommended You Tube and blogspot.com sites as additional avenues to search.

An assortment of delicious snacks and beverages were provided by Carlyn White and Luana Zylla. Our society supplies the cups, napkins, plates and the fashionable plastic utensils.

**** PLEASE SIGN-UP ****

All members may participate by bringing refreshments by signing up on the Refreshment List to bring snacks or beverages. Remember, "No caffeine". We get energized by our monthly presentations and our friendly members!

For our May 20th meeting, Carol Ebert is bringing snacks and Judy Williams will provide beverages. Thank you ladies! We are in need of sign-ups for the rest of this year! Buddy up with another member and share the task!!!

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I was joking with a friend and telling her that I was going to write my own obituary, so I could get the last words in. I found a class for this!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

For May 2014

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1,674.67
Income	\$ 0.00
Expense	\$ 0.00
Checking Acct: Ending Balance	\$ 1,674.67

<i>Book Can</i>	\$ 380.42
<i>Savings Account</i>	\$ 10.05

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family History Day at the State Archives

There will be no Family History Day in October of 2014. Activities will be back in 2015!

ROOT CELLAR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, May 21

Root Cellar Workshop (Workshops)

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Sylvan Community Center, 7521

Community Drive, Citrus Heights

Learn research tips. *Share your successful finds and brick walls.* The session may include a webinar or a demo of a research tool. Guests welcome! Visit their website at: <http://www.rootcellar.org>.

Sacramento German Genealogy Society Spring Seminar

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Must be registered by May 4, 2014 to get a lower price, otherwise \$75 at the door!

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. His topics:

- 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>.

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/>

Sacramento FamilySearch Center

Aka Regional FamilySearch Center

Wednesday Classes

The Sacramento FamilySearch Center has the new name, but remains at their original address: 2745 Eastern Ave, Sacramento. They offer genealogy classes every Wednesday afternoon and evening. Go to their website at:

www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org

THOUGHT TO PONDER

Do we need a *will* for our online estate?
What about Facebook, yahoo, g-mail,
Instagram, etc.?

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LIBRARY, PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

UPDATE

The Family History Center Library has 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 quiet place to research. Along with this, they have very knowledgeable assistants to help us research books, and other items held at this site. There are also computers on which we may use for research. Please utilize this FHC Library. They are open on 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:

CAN 19 - Destination Canada, Immigration Records. Donated by R&GDS In Memory of Pauline Wilson

ME 10 History of York Co., Maine
ME 11 Vital Records of York, Maine
MO 113 History of Scott Co., Missouri
MO 114 Commerce, Mo.: 200 years of history
UT 4 v.3 Pioneer Pathways, vol. 3
UT 5 v.5 Museum Memories, vol. 5
(The last two were donated by the local "Melissa Coray Camp" of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.)

The HOLDENs of GA, donated by "Jackie's Library", and two binders on the BALL family have been placed in the Surnames collection.

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

GEORGIA

GA 14 Gone To GA-Jackson & Gwinnett Counties and their Neighbors in the Western Migration
GA 15 The GA Black Book
GA 16 The 1832 Gold Lottery of GA
GA 17 Journal of a Residence on a GA Plantation in 1838-1839
GA 18 Index to GA Wills
GA 19 Cherokee Planters in GA 1832-1838
GA 20 Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of GA 1861-1865, Index
GA 21 The GA Land Lottery Papers 1805-1914
GA 22 The Annals of Upper GA-Centered in Gilmer Co.
GA 23 1850 GA Mortality Schedules or Census
GA 24 GA Genealogical Society Quarterly
GA 25 Cass/Bartow Co. GA – Marriage Records 1838-1861
GA 26 Marriages Catoosa Co., GA, Bk A 1858-1887 & Bk B 1887-1910
GA 27 Cherokee Co. GA – Marriage Records 1841-1855
GA 28 Fannin Co. GA Marriage Records 1854-1894
GA 29 Unhallowed Intrusion
GA 30 Gilmer Co. GA Marriage Records 1836-1852

GA 31 Murray Co. Heritage
GA 32 Sumach On the Hill
GA 33 Murray Co., GA Marriages
GA 34 Index 1860 Census-Murray Co. GA
GA 35 Oglethorpe Co. GA, Marriages 1794-1831
GA 36 Sketches of Union Co. History
GA 37 Union Co. GA Marriage Records 1834-1862
GA 38 The Heritage of Union Co. GA 1832-1994
GA 39 Whitfield Co. GA Marriage Records 1852-1868
GA 40 Index 1860 Census Whitfield Co. GA
GA 41 Official History of Whitfield Co. GA
GA 42 Hall Co. Marriage Records 1819-1832

IOWA

IA 4 a&b Woodbury Co IA Marriages 1854-1880 & 1881-1899

INDIANA

IN 5 Marriage Records – Sullivan Co, IN 1850-1902
IN 18 Morgan Co. IN Early Marriage Records 1822-1840
IN 19 Morgan Co. IN Will Abstracts-Bk 1 & 2, 1847-1887
IN 20 Owen Co. IN Marriages 1819-1844 & 1845-1853
IN 21 Into This Fruitful Valley
IN 22 German Immigrants in Posey Co. IN
IN 23 Putnam Co. IN Marriages 1822-1837

ILLINOIS

IL 29 v.1 McLean Co. IL Marriage Records, 1831-1855
IL 29 v.2 McLean Co. IL Marriage Records, 1856-1862
IL 29 v.3 McLean Co. IL Marriage Records, 1863-1867
IL 29 v.4 McLean Co. IL Marriage Records, 1868-1872
IL 29 v.5 McLean Co. IL Marriage Records, 1873-1877
IL 29 v.6 McLean Co. IL Marriage Records, 1878-1882
IL 29 v.7 McLean Co. IL Marriage Records, 1883-1887
IL 29 v.8 McLean Co. IL Marriage Records, 1888-1892
IL 30 v.1 McLean Co. Birth Records, 1860-1879
IL 30 v.2 McLean Co. Birth Records, 1880-1882
IL 30 v.3 McLean Co. Birth Records, 1883-1885
IL 30 v.4 McLean Co. Birth Records, 1886-1888

IL 30 v.5 McLean Co. Birth Records, 1889-1892
IL 30 v.6 McLean Co. Birth Records, 1893-1896
IL 30 v.7 McLean Co. Birth Records, 1897-1899
IL 31 v.1 Central IL Obituaries 1848-1870
IL 31 v.2 Central IL Obituaries 1871-1880

TENNESSEE

TN 111 Bedford Co., TN – Index to 1840 Census

VIRGINIA

VA 185 First Look at a Lost VA Settlement

MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

MY BRICK-WALL SOLUTION

Marion Carter Lee, my grandfather's sister, married Paul L. Odle in December of 1920. I found that Paul had remarried within a year after his marriage to Marion. Then, he married yet again. In 1923 he died in Texas and was buried in Michigan.

Where was Marion? Had she died? I continued to search for her and then I happened to be on a site with her name that I had not seen before. Opening the site there she was remarried and with a child. She married Estle Todd, a dentist, and with her son, James, they were living in Michigan.

At least Marion had not died shortly after her first marriage. Now, I have to find out when she, her husband and son died. Her son could still be alive since he was born in 1929...

Rodi

RODI, THIS IS FOR YOU!

U.S. City Directory, 1821-1989 for Estel L. Todd (Marion L.) dentist, 11548 Woodward Ave. (Detroit) home 703 West Withington Ave (Ferndale) Michigan, Royal Oak, In 1938 on page 811 (on book of page) Image 413 Ancestry.com [online database].

In 1936, City Directory: Royal Oak, Ferndale, Michigan, spouse Marian

U.S. Federal Census-1940, Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, ED 84-1587 (Detroit City, Ward 22 (Tract 304) Sheet No. 2-A. Estel L. Todd, head, age 54, married, 4 years of college, born in Michigan or Ohio, about 1886, Owned Home valued at \$6,500, Residence in 1935 Ferndale, Dentist, Private Practice. Wife, Marion Todd, age 42, born about 1898, 4 years High School, born in Michigan. Son, James Todd, age 10, born about 1930 in Michigan, in 4th grade.

WWI Draft – Estel Luther Todd, b. Oct 20, 1883; address 80 Belmont, Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, age 34, Dentist, self-employed, Mother: Martha Todd, Build and height medium, gray eyes, and dark brown hair.

Hopefully, this will give new incite to your research. Paul Odle is still hiding behind bricks. *Maybe he was reincarnated as Paul Hodel!*

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

“IT’S ABOUT TIME”

In the spring of 2013, I was getting tired of all the flags and county maps and ultra-repetitive "art" offered up in Ancestry since no one had any real pictures of their long ago ancestors. I thought of all the wonderful portraits I'd seen in old New England homes, English country homes and Museums I've toured. It seemed strange that no one had thought to access these wonderful paintings; about as true a likeness as you'd find today. They even showed the wonderful clothing fashion of the times and some-

times along with interior or garden landscape backgrounds. Well, that was an "Ah ha" moment. Why not just try Googling and see what comes up? So, I chose "15th century women in Fine Art". (You could do this in different ways, such as: 15th century women + fine art and probably achieve the same result). In the selections that came up, one looked compelling called "All about Time", a history blog covering portraits, architecture, landscapes, fine art itself, and numerous other interesting topics. What's more, in the 10 portraits shown with names of women (and a few more only labeled by the artist as Woman in a Shawl or Old Woman Sitting), there appeared two of my relatives! Needless to say, I was astounded.

Since then I subscribed (no fee) to this gal's Blog site and have almost daily opened it up to read. It is astounding how much she garners in the way of individual and family portraits from museums all over the world. It's also wonderful that many of the women are labeled with both their own maiden surnames and as Mrs. John So-and-so. Check her birth and death dates or artist's dates to confirm that you have obtained information on the correct century.

Last fall, she had a wonderful series on Russian woman then another on German and Austrian women. Sometimes they will be part of a series of Women with Parasols or Women Relaxing in the Garden-scenes with picnic blankets, hammocks, reading books, etc. Now, lest I forget, there are MEN too. And did I say ENTIRE FAMILIES? Yes. You might even Google an individual name followed up by "Portrait Painting". Should you have relatives among the elite, Google their title and try for both the individual and their family "Portrait Painting". You might also try to find a person's HOUSE, COMMUNITY or COUNTRYSIDE AREA painted in Fine Art too! (I found two of Placerville!)

I'm sure this Blog isn't the only one out there you can draw on but it's a wealth of information historically and a constant surprise, and a sheer delight. See what you can find along this line to delight you and illustrate your family and their times!

Google "It's About Time" Blog - written by Blogger, bjws.Blogspot

Submitted by: Mary-Lee Gilliland

FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

Helpful to all genealogists

May 7th, Tom Kemp

"50 years view—What I've Learned Climbing My Family Tree."

May 14th, Maureen Taylor

"Photo Apps for Android, iPhones and iPads"

May 21st, Ugo Perego

"I Had My DNA Tested—Now What?"

May 28th, Linda Geiger

"Using Tax Lists to Solve Genealogical Problems"

Go to: <http://familytreewebinars.com>

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Board for Certification of Genealogists website at: <http://www.bcgcertification.org>.

Select: Skillbuilding Articles

Select: Article, printed in red that you wish to learn about!

Remember, this site is meant to teach professionals, so let's do it *"their way"*!

I give a huge, warm thank you to all of our attentive members and guests for making our Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society a success. Thank you, also, to all of the people being a volunteer for things that just need to be done.

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