



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 1354 Diamond Springs, CA 95619
Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter – July 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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REQUEST FROM HARVEY ANDREWS, OUR PRESENT PRESIDENT

Please give some thought to becoming an applicant for our presidency for 2015. For further information, contact Harvey Andrews at: wetsu@directcon.net or phone (530) 642-0711.

UP COMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

July 15, 2014

Allan Dolgow

*“A Genealogical Journey That Took 105 year
to plan and Finally Take”*

Allan Dolgow’s presentation is the remarkable story of how he began his family research that started years ago, by accident, when doing a family related project. His investigations into the past segued into the present when he found a cousin living in the Ukraine, and subsequently other relatives living in Russia, Israel, France and the United States. His genealogical search culminated with a 10-day trip to Ukraine in 2008. Allan will describe his sources for databases, how he developed a people network, and the different approaches he took to acquire information.

Mr. Dolgow was born in New York City and graduated from New York University with engineering and MBA degrees. He came to Menlo Park, California in 1979 and served as a senior management consultant until his retirement in 1996. In 2001, he became interested in Genealogy and he will share that experience with us.

Snacks will be provided by Carol Pirtle and beverages by Elaine Andrews for our July 15th meeting.

August 19, 2014

Richard L. Hanson

“Guide to Digital Cameras”

We will be taught how a digital camera works, technology options, how to photograph various types of objects under various light conditions, getting prints made, connecting with computer and what to look for when purchasing a digital camera.

September 16, 2014

The speaker who was going to speak has had a conflict with his working schedule. Hopefully, he will be able to come and speak on “*Proof of Evidence*”, a topic that would be important to all of our members and guests. Additional information will be available later in the summer of who the speaker and topic of our September meeting will be.

October 21, 2014

Denise Damm

“3Fold”

Denise Damm will present a wealth of original Military documents from the National Archives covering Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

RECAP OF June 17th MEETING

Kathryn Miller Marshall, shared an enormous amount of wisdom on the history side of genealogy. She spoke about the American Migration Trails of the Western United States. Do you remember the Oregon and California Trails, Truckee Route, Old Spanish Trail, and the Mormon Emigrant Trail (aka Carson Trail)? Do you have ancestors who traveled on one of these trails? What year? Did they settle in El Dorado County? Please share with us!

Katheryn’s handout had referrals to websites, books and Trails Organizations.

Carol Pirtle served as greeter for our June 17th meeting for twenty members of our society and three guests. Neal and Gwen, guests for two months, became members today! We are happy to have their smiling faces among us.

Snacks and beverages were provided by Linda Galley and Alice Morrow.

TREASURER’S REPORT

For June 17, 2014

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1,614.82	
Income	\$ 33.00	
Expense	\$ 55.74	(\$ 24.74)
Checking Acct: Ending Balance		\$ 1,592.08

<i>Book Can</i>	\$ 398.42
Savings Account	\$ 5.05

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ROOT CELLAR SACRAMENTO
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**

July 16 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Root Cellar SGS Workshop

Sylvan Community Center, 7521 Community Dr., Citrus Heights, CA

They are sponsoring a special series of presentations on DNA with Jim Radar. June, July and August Workshops will be everything you wanted to know about DNA, why, what, how and now what? Guests welcome!

Visit the website at: <http://www.rootcellar.org>.

SACRAMENTO GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY

July 22, 2014 at 1 p.m.

Jim Baker, C.G.

Finding the Hardest Ones: Solving Genealogy Puzzles with Clues You Already Have

Having a membership to the Sacramento German Genealogy Society would be helpful to anyone researching their German Ancestors. They have a quarterly magazine full of information that is not available to non-members.

<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

Wednesday Classes

The Sacramento Family Search Center has a new name, but remains at their original address: 2745 Eastern Ave, Sacramento. They offer genealogy classes every Wednesday afternoon and each evening. They are also doing a summer series as stated below:

2014 SUMMER SERIES

"Self-Publishing Your Family History"
(Continued from June)

Marian Kile's Summer Series continues through July and August, taking us through

the different steps to self-publish your family history. Each class will be presented, Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:15 pm. and then repeated at 6:00 to 7:15 pm.

All classes are free but you need to register to ensure a place – call (916) 487-2090

July 2 - holiday

July 9 - Downloading data from our genealogy database

July 16 - Formatting in MW Word – Part 1

July 23 - Formatting in MW Word – Part 2

July 30 - Formatting in MW Word – Part 3

Aug 6 - Publishing using Lulu.com

Aug 13 - Creating book cover on Lulu.com

Aug 20 - Resubmitting an updated version of our book

Go to their website at:

<http://www.familyhistorycenter.info/>

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

FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

July 7 – Thinking About Becoming a Board-certified Genealogist? (Elissa Scalise Powel)

July 16 – When Freedom Came – Documenting the Family's Freedom Story (Angela Walton-Raji)

July 23 – Researching Your ILLINOIS Ancestors (Thomas MacEntee)

Visit at: <http://familytreewebinars.com>

JUST A SIMPLE THOUGHT

I ASKED MY DOCTOR IF HE COULD GIVE ME SOME PATIENTS. He said, "Well, if I do give you patients they might be your ancestors. Would that help you?" I replied, "No, I have patience for that".

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LIBRARY, PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA UPDATE

The Family History Center Library has given us support for our genealogy efforts. 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 the FHC Library on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY - July

The following books have been placed in the "New Books" section in the Family History Library:

[The last five are family books which will be shelved in the Surname Books in the Periodicals Room when they are removed from the New Books.]

CALIFORNIA

CA 97 Raking the ashes; genealogical strategies for pre-1906 San Francisco research. Donated by Book Can winner Carlyn White.

NEW YORK

NY 50 Ontario Co., Yates Co., Seneca Falls Co.; Comp. from Historical Collections

NY 51 Danes of Yates County: the history and traditional arts of an ethnic community in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State

TEXAS

TX 35 Ranger, TX diamond jubilee, 1919-94. [Eastland Co.]

REF 136 Ten basic steps in genealogy. Donated by Harvey Andrews.

REF 137 Everything-guide to online genealogy: use the Web to trace your roots, share your history, and create a family tree

CROWLEY UI CHRUADHLAOICH CLANN O' MHAC DIARMADA : the origins and history of the Crowley's as an Irish clan

HARRIS, Harris family of Prince Edward County, Virginia

HUNT, Hunts of Bunkerville, Nevada

WAITE, Herb Waite family: Herbert W. Waite and Mable L. Leavitt

JEWELL, Jewell and Thomas families of Frederick Co., MD and Wilson Co., TN

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

ALABAMA

AL 10 The Hill-History of Spring Hill

AL 11 Marshall County Alabama Early Settlers Vol. 1

AL 12 Marshall County Al Marriage Records 1849-1869

AL 13 Alabama 1840 Census Index-Vol. 1

AL 14 Alabama Volunteers Cherokee Disturbances & Removal 1836-39

ARKANSAS

AR 11 Arkansas Confederate Veterans and Widows Pension Applications

AR 12 Arkansas' Damned Yankees-An Index to Union Soldiers In Arkansas Regiments

AR 13 Arkansas Newspapers Abstracts 1819-45

AR 14 1890 "Census" of Randolph Co. AR as Constructed From the Personal Property Tax List

AR 15 Directory of Randolph Co. AR - 1910

AR 16 In the Long Ago - Photos of Randolph Co. AR

AR 17 Randolph Co. Marriages 1848-1956

AR 18 The Trail of Tears Through IZARD Co. and James Watts

AR 19 Arkansas Angels

AR 20 History of Randolph Co., AR

PLEASE visit our website at:

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

GERMANY RESEARCH

Are you a genealogist at the beginning of a new adventure of researching your ancestors in Germany? Just thinking about it makes me nervous. So, off I went to my computer and went directly to www.ancestry.com and ordered three books:

Colletta, John P., Ph.D., "They Came in Ships", ISBN: 0-916489-42-6

Hansen, Kevan M., "Finding Your German Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide", ISBN: 0-916489-83-3 (Cost \$6.95 with a wealth of information!)

Szucs, Loretto Dennis, "They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins", ISBN: 0-916489-71-X

The Sacramento Germany Genealogy Society is a fantastic society to be a part of. Go to: <http://www.sacgergensoc.org>. Then, go into their *Useful Links*.

LOCAL INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED BEFORE YOU JUMP THE OCEAN WAVES!

Locating information in the United States gives you a place to begin searching in Germany. It's crucial.

- Full, real name
- Approximate age at arrival
- Approximate date of arrival

WEBSITES FOR GERMANY

German Family Search
<http://wiki.familysearch.org/en/germany>

Germany – Genealogy.net
www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.htm

German Research Team
www.scgsgenealogy.com/Germansig.htm

German Family History
<http://feefhs.org>germany>

German Genealogy Eastern Europe
www.sggee.org

POLAND RESEARCH

Poland Family Search
<https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/portal:poland>

Polish Genealogy
www.polishroots.com

Poland GenWeb
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~polwgv/polandgen.html

I understand that more research sites are becoming available as time goes on.

As Arron Tassin stated in a Member Contribution a few months ago, "Begin researching in the LDS Family History Center". Thanks Aaron, good advice!

Don't forget to document, include source, URL addresses, Repositories, plan your next step and add to your log book! Oh yes, remember to file it! (So much fun!)

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL ANCESTRY.COM MEMBERS!

Ancestry.com has indicated that they are re-tiring some of their websites.

www.myfamily.com will be gone on September 5, 2014. (Pull your information off!)

www.MyCanvas.com will produce orders until September 4, 2014. At this time, all projects will be DELETED!

www.genealogy.com

Members can access their membership until September 5, 2014. Then, some content will be kept as "Read only".

Old GenForums message boards, after September 5, 2014, will not accept new messages. They will retain what is on the site.

Mundia will cease to continue after September 5, 2014.

ANCESTRY.COM WILL CONTINUE THEIR SITES, AS FOLLOWS:

www.findagrave.com

www.newspapers.com

www.familytreemaker.com

www.progenealogists.com

www.fold3.com

www.archives.com

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

WHAT HAPPENED TO GREAT-GR-GR- GRANDPA?

...In 1745 in Massachusetts, any child age 6 who did not know the alphabet was removed from the home and placed with another family.

...self-styled "child-saver" charity workers, whose definition of an unfit parent had more to do with religion, ethnicity, or poverty than behavior, removed ... children from their families. They sent these "orphans" to live with Western farmers who needed extra hands – or merely dumped them in a farm town with a dollar and an earnest lecture about escaping the evils of city life. ...

(Extracted from article by family historian Stephanie Coontz in MODERN MATURITY May – June 1996, pages 38-39.)

WAR OF 1812 MILITARY PENSIONS

Did you know that a man subject to the draft in old wars used to be able to hire a substitute to take his place? Even though he didn't serve, the man was allowed to apply for bounty land, according to the following newspaper article:

"... The following note will be of some interest to those who furnished substitutes in the war of 1812:

Pension Office, Oct. 11, 1850.

R. F. Trowbridge, Esq.:

Sir — In answer to your letter of the 5th inst., you are informed that those who hired substitutes in the war of 1812 are entitled to the bounty land, *and not the substitute*.

Very respectfully,

J. L. EDWARDS, Com. of Pensions"

(Beloit Free Press Nov.28, 1850, via RCGS May/June 1991)

Submitted by Alice Morrow,
RGDGS Library Liaison

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, July 15th. I know I can learn from Mr. Dolgow and looking forward to meeting him!