



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

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

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. Our newsletter is sent out during the first week of each month.

For information or membership inquiries, contact Harvey Andrews at: wetsu4u@outlook.com or phone (530) 642-0711.

NOTE: Mr. Andrews has a new e-mail address.

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

President:Harvey Andrews
Vice President: Milton Mulligan
Secretary:Carol Sexton
Treasurer:Cathy Chiverton
Program Chairperson:Mary-Lee Gilliland
Library Liaison: Alice Morrow
Newsletter EditorCarol Pirtle
Webmaster.....Paul Hodel

Please visit our society's website @ <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

September 16, 2014

Our Members

Our President, Harvey Andrews, says, “We will try to identify the subjects pertaining to genealogical research that are of the most interest to our members. We will do this through open discussion. Time permitting, we will divide into two or three groups and discuss problem areas for people trying to find those elusive ancestors. Hopefully, members with experience in genealogical research, those with experience in the Family History Library will step up and help our members solve those family research problems vexing them.”

A Nominating Committee of three people will be chosen for nominating members who will be elected for officers on our Executive Board for 2015.

October 21, 2014

Denise Damm

“Fold3”

Denise Damm will present a wealth of original Military documents from the National Archives covering Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil Wars. This is often an overlooked website with genealogists.

November 18, 2014

Everybody

Annual Election of Executive Board for 2015 and our famous Finger Food Pot-Luck!

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Sept 16, 2014

Checking account:

Previous balance		\$1503.98
Expenses	\$ 0.00	
Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Current Balance		\$1503.98

Book can Balance Included \$398.42

Savings account previous balance	\$	10.05
No activity	\$	0.00
Savings current balance	\$	10.05

Cathy Chiverton
Treasurer

RECAP OF AUGUST 19th MEETING

Rich Hanson presented our members with his professional talent of how to operate and decide which type of camera is right for photography for our precious genealogical history. His knowledge is necessary to produce the results we wish to trust our memories with far into the future. He left us with a very detailed handout, which Mary-Lee Gilliland has forwarded to all of our membership list.

Names were drawn from the "Book Can" for the lucky members which will be choosing their book of preference. They were not at the meeting, so I will let the President announce the winners at our September meeting. It is always enjoyable to find out what books other genealogists will chose to find answers to their own continued research.

Then, of course, the member's choice of book will be donated to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center for use to everyone visiting to research their genealogy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROOT CELLAR SACRAMENTO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

2015 Spring Seminar

SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, March 21, 2015

We will be having the 2015 seminar at Holy Family Catholic Church, 7817 Old Auburn Road, Citrus Heights, CA and our speaker will be D. Joshua Taylor. Maybe you saw him during the Genealogy Roadshow series on PBS in 2013. He will be presenting four topics that have not yet been chosen, for a day-long seminar. Don't forget to mark your calendars now, Saturday, March 21, 2015; more information will be posted beginning about October 2014.

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

SACRAMENTO GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 1:00 to 3:00 pm

"Clothes Our German Ancestors Wore - At Home, Work, Festivals, In Church - And Associated Traditions"

Presented by Ingeborg Carpenter

Many examples of German attire will be shown. This presentation will provide a basic understanding of the "messages" inherent in various styles of clothing as well as the role of tradition in preserving such styles.

Visit their website at:

<http://www.sacgergensoc.org/>.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

OCT 4, 2014 - Webinar 10:00 AM Pacific time
Presented by Hannah Z. Allan

“Where Have They Gone? Researching Ancestors who Chased Gold”

Historical facts and genealogical resources to help us prospect for our family who came to America to find Gold during the Gold Rush Years. Visit website at: www.scgenealog.com

**ONGOING EVENTS
Central Library Programs**

The Sacramento Central Library has a great interest in genealogy and provides a number of programs that are ongoing at the Central Library, 828 “I” St., Sacramento. For their class schedule, more information and to register, go to their website at: <http://www.saclibrary.org/>

**SACRAMENTO FAMILY SEARCH
CENTER**

Daytime Classes

The Sacramento Family Search Library 2745 Eastern Ave, Sacramento offers genealogy classes in the afternoon and some evening.

A Special Saturday Seminar with lots of classes, instructors, and lunch (if desired) will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014. Register before October 25, 2014, as soon as details are released. Go to their website: <http://sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/>.

GENIE RESOURCES

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. Phone her at (530) 644-4748

FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

- September 3: *Researching Your Jewish Ancestors* by Jennifer Alford
- September 5: *Legacy Family Tree - Virtual User's Group Meeting*
- September 10: *Success with Manuscript Sources* by Barbara Renick
- September 24: *A Library at Your Fingertips - the Internet Archive* by Maureen Taylor
- October 1: *The Fair Court: Records of Chancery Courts* by Judy Russell

Visit their site and register for a free webinar at: www.familytreewebinars.com

**FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LIBRARY,
PLACERVILLE - UPDATE**

The Library has knowledgeable assistants to help us with our research. Their collection includes books, microforms, atlases and maps, genealogy software, and online databases. The FHC is normally open on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Phone # 530-621-1378. (If you're coming in the evening or when it's snowing, it's a good idea to call first and make sure they are open.)

NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

The following have been placed in the “New Books” section in the Family History Library on top of the microfilm cabinets for one month, and then will be shelved in the appropriate collection.

MASSACHUSETTS

MA 56 The Mayflower story

VIRGINIA

MAPS 48 Fairfax County, Virginia in 1760: an interpretive historical map. [This set includes one large map and the accompanying book. Topics include land ownership, renters, slaveholdings, and even tobacco inspection warehouses.]

LUXEMBURG

LUX 1 Luxembourgers in the New World.

FREE WEBSITES THROUGH THE FHC “PORTAL”

The Family History Center Portal provides free access to a variety of genealogy subscription websites. Please note that the arrangements with these websites require that you have to actually be using a computer at a Family History Center; you cannot simply log on to FamilySearch.org at home for this. Ancestry.com is probably the most popular site on the Portal, but don’t stop there.

As space and time permit, we will feature one Portal website by shamelessly plagiarizing descriptive material from its home page.

This month’s featured website is [Access Newspaper Archives](#). The following is taken from their home page:

“Explore the World’s Largest Newspaper Archive

- 6,200+ Different Newspaper Titles!
- 130 Million+ Pages and Growing!
- 400 Years of Papers (1607 to today)

- All 50 States & 10 Countries
- News, Marriage Announcements, Obituaries & More

Search for your ancestors by name and narrow results by year, location and a variety of powerful search tools that help you find what you're looking for.

Already the world's largest newspaper archive featuring over 130 million newspaper pages, our database expands by about 2.5 million pages per month!”

Come in to the FHC and explore all the websites. Those currently available through the Portal are:

- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive
- Access Newspaper Archive
- Alexander Street Press - The American Civil War
- Research Database [Letters and Diaries [Images, Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera
- Ancestry.com
- ArkivDigital Online -
- Find My Past. (Provides access to a limited selection of their records.)
- Fold3.com. Previously known as Footnote.com
- Godfrey Memorial Library
- Heritage Quest Online
- Historic Map Works, Library Edition
- LegacyStories
- Paper Trail
- World Vital Records

TOUGHT TO PONDER

**Projects are only successful
if they are completed**

A HISTORICAL MOMENT

MY MEMORIES OF HATTIE TOM

“Indian Hattie”

By: Lloyd Morris

My first memory of Indian Hattie was about 1922 when I was four years old, at the Pacific Ranger Station where we lived. She was a heavy-set Indian woman with long black hair which I think she wore braided and coiled up in some sort of a bun. She usually wore a long dress and a coat or a sweater. She spoke enough English to be able to converse with my mother and they became good friends.

She lived during the summer near the west end of the fenced enclosure around the ranger station. The enclosed area was used for pasture for our milk cow and my father's horses. There was another fenced enclosure of several acres adjoining the forest service pasture and this was used by a Doctor Parkinson for a summer home. He leased the land from the forest service and built a very nice summer cabin. Indian Hattie's summer home was right in the doctor's front yard and consisted of large slabs of bark from cedar trees leaned against a fallen tree to form a rough shelter called a compoodee. She lived in this with several dogs and they all slept together. Near by was a large rock with holes in it for grinding acorns.

The doctor objected to this arrangement and tried to have Hattie ejected but the Forest service ruled that Hattie had been there first and was entitled to stay there as long as she lived. (I think this was a local ruling by my father, a Forest Ranger had a great deal of authority in those days.)

The area around the Ranger Station had numerous large black oak trees and judging from the large number of mortar holes in the rocks, had been used for a long time for gathering and grinding the acorns which was one of their major sources of food. Hattie had probably camped there for many years.

We children visited with Hattie frequently and she showed us how she ground the acorns with a stone in the grinding rock then leached the ground acorns in the water of a small irrigation ditch to get the bitterness out of them. After drying the acorn meal, she baked it in small cakes or some time she baked the meal so that it looked like today's Grape Nuts. They were edible but none of us acquired a taste for them.

Hattie visited my mother frequently usually around lunch time and was often invited to eat with us. On this occasion that made an impression on me, my mother while setting the table, gave Hattie a cracked plate! This insulted her and she stomped out of the house and didn't return for several days.

Each fall after the fire season was over, we moved to Placerville for the winter. Highway 50 at that time was a dirt road from Camino to Lake Tahoe and was closed by the first heavy snow storm. I believe that Hattie moved to a lower elevation during the winter, possibly down around Smith Flat. Many Indians wintered on the Rupley ranch and Hattie was friendly with the Rupleys, who spent the summers at Fresh Pond.

About the time I was around 10 years old, a violet wind storm came up during the early fall and some one came to the Ranger Station and reported that Hattie had been injured when an oak limb had fallen and hit her on the head while she was out harvesting acorns. My father went to the scene and gave her first aid care. She was quite indignant when he cut off some of her hair to see how seriously she was injured. They loaded her in our old Chevrolet touring car took her to the County Hospital in Placerville. She was well treated there and remained there until she died.

These are things that I personally know about Hattie.

The following are things that I have been told about Indian Hattie and her life.

Hattie was probably of the Miwok tribe as this was the predominate tribe in the area. My brother Stan thinks that she was related to the Kessler family.

Hattie had told my mother and also Fay Rupley that she had been a small girl when the battle of Soldier Creek occurred and that she had been hidden by her mother during the fighting. I think that the battle was a skirmish between a group of whites, possibly a militia group from Placerville who were pursuing the Indians for some reason and caught them at Soldier Creek.

Hattie had been married to a Dutchman whose last name was Tom. They had a large log cabin across the South Fork of the American River from the Pacific Ranger Station. This cabin was still standing the last time I was there in the late 1930's. I have never heard what happened to Tom. I don't think that Hattie ever lived in the cabin during the time we knew her. She was known as Hattie Tom. The Poole Family at Pacific House had several woven baskets that were taken from the cabin.

I have a map of the Georgetown and Pacific Districts of the El Dorado National Forest that shows the locations of Soldier Creek and also of India Hattie's cabin. I also have a book titled "I Remember" with stories and pictures of El Dorado Pioneer Families which has a picture of Hattie on page 214.

January 17, 1998
Bend, Oregon
Signed by Lloyd Morris

Transcription (word by word)
By Carol Pirtle, Newsletter Editor
Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society
Diamond Springs, El Dorado County, California
August 7, 2014

NOTE: This article needs many kinds of research documents to prove that it is factual. Much of it, I assume would be close to impossible to prove. Her experiences throughout her 100-year life span would have to be intriguing.

It is known that she was born in El Dorado County in 1828 and died in Placerville in 1928. I did locate Hattie Tom on the 1910 and 1920 Federal Census in El Dorado County, CA. She, of course, is not related to me; but we all know what can kill a cat!

HEADSTONES CAN SPILL THE BEANS

This formula will give you the correct date of birth if the age of death is shown as years, months, and days when the person passed away.

If a person died May 6, 1889 at age 71 years, 7 months and 9 days:

18890506 Year, Month, Day of death
(yyyymmdd)

-710709 Subtract age at death (yymmdd)

1817797

-8870 Subtract constant 8870

18170927 Born 27 Sept. 1817 (yyyymmdd)

*HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL
ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014*

Refreshments will be provided by Carole Waller and beverages by Carol Ebert for our September 16th meeting.