



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 1354 Diamond Springs, CA 95619  
Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter – October 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: [wet-su4u@outlook.com](mailto:wet-su4u@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 Editor .....Carol Pirtle  
Webmaster.....Paul Hodel

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

**October 21, 2014** **Denise Damm**

*"Fold3.com"*

Denise's presentation will inspire us to keep moving upward and outward to attain the continuation of the growth of our family trees, as she has done with her own research. She has been attending classes at Monterey Peninsula College to become an Accredited Genealogist.

Denise will introduce us to the Fold3 website; originally named Footnote. It has been underused in the past. She will show us images and original documents from the National Archives and show us how to maneuver through the website.

What we learn, we could "Show and Tell" at our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to honor our family veterans.

**November 18, 2014** **Our Members**

Annual Election of Executive Board Officers for 2015. Family Recipe Finger Food Pot-Luck "Show & Tell"

**In December** we have no meeting.

## RECAP OF SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING

President, Harvey Andrews, introduced the goal of our meeting and we, our very capable membership, pulled together and decided on subjects and topics that are the most pertinent to educate and enhance the genealogical research experiences of our society. We did this through open discussions and sharing our individual knowledge of what resources that we have used during our own family research. Further discussions continued on problem solving solutions for those trying to find elusive ancestors. It appeared that all of our attendees enjoyed and benefitted from the membership's camaraderie.

There was no need to establish a nominating committee to recruit members to run for the 2015 office positions. Members volunteered to run for every position, as follows:

- Richard Wilson is returning for President.
- Aaron Tassin volunteered for Vice President.
- Cathy Chiverton stepped down as Treasurer.
- Carol Sexton stepped up to run for Treasurer.
- Rochelle Chapdelaine volunteered to run for Secretary.

All the current non-elected Board members agreed to continue in their positions:

- Alice Morrow and Judy Williams will continue in the Family History Library.
- Mary-Lee Gilliland remains as Program Chairperson for her second year.
- Carlyn White will continue representing our society with the Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento.
- Paul Hodel will remain as Webmaster.
- Carol Pirtle will remain as Newsletter Editor.

## TREASURER'S REPORT *For Oct 16, 2014*

Checking account:  
Previous balance \$1503.98  
Expenses \$ 33.70  
Income: Dues \$ 45.00  
Book Can \$ 27.00  
Current Balance \$1542.28

Book can Balance Included \$425.42

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

Submitted by Cathy Chiverton, Treasurer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SACRAMENTO FAMILY SEARCH LIBRARY

**Nov 8, 2014**

**Ron Tanner**

**SPECIAL SATURDAY SEMINAR**  
2745 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA  
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM – Free

*“Start Your Search Engines”*

Ron Tanner is the production manager for the FamilySearch.org.

There will be 15 notable speakers presenting many topics including Timelines, Finding Cousins, Drafting Off Ancestry.com, www.MyHeritage, www.FindingMyPast, Internet Mapping, Immigration Waves, Pre-1850's research, Facebook for Family History, military records, Finding Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ancestors, Family History with Technology, and Cutting Time on Photo and Document Restoration.

Please visit their website for more information on registering, obtaining an Electronic Syllabus and ordering lunch, if you wish to order a Subway Sandwich, Chips, Cookie & Water for \$7.00: website: [www.sacramentofamilysearchlibrary.org](http://www.sacramentofamilysearchlibrary.org).

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**OCT 4, 2014 - Sat**      Webinar 10:00am

*“Where Have They Gone? Researching Ancestors who Chased Gold”*  
Presented by Hannah Z. Allan

Historical facts and genealogical resources to help us locate our family who came to America to find Gold during the Gold Rush Years.

<http://www.scsgenealogy.com>

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL “SACRAMENTO ARCHIVES CRAWL”

**Oct 11, 2014** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*“Having Fun in the Sacramento  
Region”*

Rarely-seen Historic Treasures on Public Display and Free Event includes rare film screenings at the Library Galleria. See historic treasures from twenty-three Northern California institutions, special artifacts for one-day-only at four host locations, including the California State Archives, the California State Library, the Center for Sacramento History, and the Sacramento Public Library.

There will be digitized rare films and some movies at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria. Many of these films have not been publicly

viewed for several decades. For details of this amazing event, go to their website at: [www.sacarchivescrawl.blogspot.com](http://www.sacarchivescrawl.blogspot.com)

## ONGOING EVENTS

### SACRAMENTO GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY

**Oct 28, 2014 – Tues**      Baerbel Johnson, A.G  
*“German Online Sources –  
Newly Available Records from  
East to West”*

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
(McMurdo Hall) 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Includes information about obtaining church records from areas where permission to film had previously not been given. Visit their website at: <http://www.sacgergensoc.org/>

### PLACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

By: Alice Morrow, [morbrowz@comcast.net](mailto:morbrowz@comcast.net)

Many thanks for helping make our “Jackie” Book fund raiser at the September meeting a rousing success. (Priscilla and Ken Lavin, Carol Pirtle says that she is eagerly awaiting all the book reviews you’re going to submit for the Newsletter.) Between you guys, and FHC staff that I showed the remaining books to, we not only made some nice books available at low cost, but we added \$48.00 to the library fund.

For those who couldn’t make it to the meeting, or are regretting that they didn’t pick up something for their library, ONE book is still available: #27, HISTORY OF OLD PENDLETON DISTRICT [SOUTH CAROLINA], suggested

donation \$1.00. Contact me if you are interested in it.

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. These are periodicals and will be shelved in the FHC Periodicals and Family Books Room when removed from the New Books section.

### MISSOURI

MO 17 Newsletter, Texas Co., Missouri Genealogical and Historical Society. 1984.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

SC 2 South Carolina historical and genealogical magazine. 1901-1903.

### TENNESSEE

TN 5 Middle Tennessee genealogy, v. 4 – no. 4 (spring 1991). The library also has other issues.

## Microfilms on Loan

These are all short-term loans and are due to be renewed or returned by the starred date:

### MARYLAND

1294818 Frederick Co. Reformed & Lutheran church records & cemetery records. \*11/9/14\*.

### PENNSYLVANIA

1299354 Pittsburgh. Ministers' returns of marriages, 1902 (July-Dec). \*10/28/14\*.

### ENGLAND

1279426, 1279442, 1279449 Wiltshire church records. \*11/9/14\*.

1526636 Wiltshire church records. \*11/24/14\*.

## Call Number Changes

This is a group of books which had been hidden in the "Family Book" collection. They have recently been moved to the Surnames collection or the regular collection. I'm taking this opportunity to introduce you to the major surnames included in the surname/family books:

US 82 Prominent families in America with British ancestry. Drawn from Burke's Peerage.

LUX 2 A short history of Luxembourg.

Surname DUNKIN Dunkin-Reid and Garner-McGraw-Mobley families of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama: some forebears and descendants. Includes Beavers, Cook, Duncan, Garner, Harrison, Holcombe, Hunt, Johnson, Light, McGraw etc.

Surname DYER Genealogical Serendipity: vol. 1. Includes Dyer, Greene, Hurt, Mackey, Phillips, Scoggin, White, etc.

Surname GRIGSBY Grigsby-Leonard: bicentennial 1776-1976 genealogy. Includes: Bell, Caldwell, Grigsby, Jones, Lamb, Leonard, Williams etc.

Surname VAN ZANDT Our Dutch ancestors: Van der Grift, Van Zandt, Van Horn and Lee (Lea) family of North Carolina and Virginia

## THROUGH THE PORTAL WITH ALICE

The Family History Center "Portal" provides free access to a Wonderland 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 **FOLD3**, formerly known as Footnote.com. They started out collecting a variety of materials, but are now focused on military collections. Our October speaker, Denise Damm, will give a presentation on this important website – don't miss it! The following description is excerpted from Fold3's website, to whet your appetite for Denise's talk.

"The concept for Fold3 is rooted in the company's years of experience in the digitization business as iArchives, Inc. Starting in 1999, iArchives digitized historical newspapers and other archive content . . . In January of 2007, we launched Footnote.com with over 5 million original documents and quickly establishing it as a go-to website for historical document research—especially military document research. In October of 2010 Ancestry.com purchased iArchives, including Footnote.com. In August 2011, Footnote.com was rebranded as Fold3 as part of a move to focus on creating the premier website for military records. Today we continue to grow and bring to life history that was once hidden . . .

One of Fold3's newest titles is the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies. Like its name suggests, this collection contains the two navies' official reports, orders, and correspondence from the Civil War. If you're interested in the Civil War, this is the go-to title for contemporary, first-hand information about the Northern and Southern navies . . . Series I documents all wartime operations of the two navies, while Series II deals with statistical data of Union and Confederate ships, letters marque and reprisal, Confederate departmental investigations, Navy and State department correspondence, proclamations and appointments of President Davis, and more . . ."

Although they now concentrate on military records, the site has a variety of non-military materials including census records, city directories, newspapers, passport applications 1795-1905, etc.

Just for fun, I looked at their free "Project Blue Book" – UFO Investigations" section and found this report:

"September 1969, San Francisco. Observers sighted a light in the East that rose into the air and disappeared at dawn.  
COMMENTS: Probably the planet Venus."

That was the only date I looked at, but I'm sure other dates have more fascinating information – unless they've been blackened out.

## BE PREPARED FOR DISASTER

Do you have a plan for your family?

## GENIE RESOURCES

These may be local research locations, websites, webinars, places to write or visit, etc. Please share your discoveries with Roots and Gold Dust members. Contact our Newsletter Editor, Carol at: [cpirtledirect@gmail.com](mailto:cpirtledirect@gmail.com).

BOOK REVIEWS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

## FAMILY HISTORY WEBINARS

Register a few days in advance for free at:  
[www.familytreewebinars.com](http://www.familytreewebinars.com)

**Oct 3, 2014 - Fri**                      **Karen Clifford**  
*“Overcoming Destroyed or Missing Records”*

**Oct 8, 2014 - Wed**                    **Devin Ashby**  
*“Welcome to FamilySearch Indexing”*

**Oct 15, 2014 - Wed**                **Thomas MacEntee**  
*“Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor”*

**Oct 22, 2014 - Wed**                **Mary Hill**  
*“Tracking Migration Using the Draper Manuscripts”*

## DISASTERS CAN HAPPEN

The Hardin Cemetery  
Hardin, Ray County, Missouri

In 1993, a record breaking flood occurred along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers that resulted in the destruction of a community cemetery that was on a scale never before experienced. Before the flooding, the cemetery contained a total of 1576 burials. Of these, 793 graves were washed out by the flood waters. For some weeks afterward, remains from the cemetery were recovered and in many cases were at quite a long distance from the cemetery. Eventually, 645 remains were recovered which means that an additional 148 remains were never located. Of the recovered remains,

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only 120 were able to be identified. Those remains that were recovered but could not be identified were later buried together in a mass grave at the cemetery marked by a large memorial.

Today, the cemetery still shows the incredible damage done by the flooding. To the east is a smaller section that was also part of the original cemetery and also includes a section of numerous tombstones placed close together. These are tombstones that were recovered from the destroyed portion of the cemetery but could not be matched with any of the recovered remains. Despite the years that have passed, to view the damage that was done is still a sobering sight



This large memorial is located on the west side of the cemetery. The text reads as follows:

Hardin Cemetery  
1993 Flood

Lest We Forget

Those Who Have Suffered Through This Devastating Tragedy.

As Does The Eternal Flame So Symbolize, Life Must Go On.

This Memorial Is A Tribute To The Courage And Dedication Of The Families And Friends Of The Hardin Community.

[www.heartstonelegacy.com](http://www.heartstonelegacy.com)