



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 1354 Diamond Springs, CA 95619  
Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter – November 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 regarding our genealogical society or membership inquiries, please visit our website at:

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm)

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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD - 2014**

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## THOUGHT TO PONDER

Eleanor Roosevelt once said: "Friendship with oneself is all-important, because without it one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world."

## UPCOMING MEETING

**November 18, 2014 R&GD Membership**

### **NOVEMBER'S FAMOUS FINGER FOOD POT-LUCK and SHOW-N-TELL!**

Refreshments will be contributed by all members, as we share our family favorite finger foods. Do you remember eating Thumbprint Cookies and Ladyfingers? Healthy foods are also welcome! Do you have a recipe from your homeland that can be shared in bite-sized pieces? However, if the truth be known, we enjoy anything in bite-sized pieces!

Mary-Lee Gilliland has sent additional information and instructions to our R&GD Members regarding our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## UPCOMING AGENDAS

**December 2014 NO MEETING**

**January 20th, 2015 Business Meeting**

- Installation of Our Executive Board Members and the appointment of other board members.**
- Planning for the Coming Year**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*For Nov 4, 2014*

Checking account:

Previous balance	\$ 1488.66
Income	<u>\$ 51.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 1539.66</u>

Expense	<u>\$ 93.82</u>
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Book can Balance	\$ 371.80
Book expense	<u>\$ 20.16</u>

Book can Balance	\$ 351.64
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Current balance including the

Book can balance	<u>\$ 1445.84</u>
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Savings account previous balance	\$ 10.05
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No activity	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
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Savings current balance	\$ 10.05
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Cathy Chiverton  
Treasurer

## **RECAP OF OUR LAST MEETING**

October 21, 2014

“FOLD3”

Mrs. Denise Damm, accompanied by her husband Ron, provided an informative afternoon for our Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society Meeting. Denise dispersed copies of her handout. The handout brings attention to the Fold3 Military Records Major Collections. Fold3 encompasses wars from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican American and Early Indian Wars, Mormon Battalion Pension Records, Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War. Within these collections, mentioned above, we can locate pension records, service records, widows' pensions, maps, and some photos.

Fold3, to my surprise, also makes non-military records available for researching. Their website includes Naturalizations, Homestead Records for Nebraska, and even some newspaper publications. The newspaper publications consists of major cities, such as Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronical, and Washington Post; just to name a few.

Denise, also brought to our attention that we, as individuals and/or societies, are able to add information that we have that is not on the FOLD3 website. We may also add a Memorial Page for our family hero or heroes!

## **FOLD3 IS ASKING FOR WW I PHOTOS, DOCUMENTATIONS, and STORIES**

### **LEST THE AGES FORGET: NATIONAL VETERANS DAY PROJECT**

The National World War I Museum, AncestryK12 and *Fold3* are collaborating to help the nation preserve and remember the courage, honor, sacrifice and valiant efforts that led to the end of the world's first global conflict.

Fold3 is asking for many people to help them create the nation's largest repository of free information about the heroes from the Great War as part of *Lest the Ages Forget: National Veterans Day Project*. Help us by sharing your photos, your stories or your memories of those who bravely fought in the world's first global conflict. [Share Now.](#)

### **IT CAN BE ADDED TO FOLD3 BY:**

- Adding an annotation
- Making a comment
- Adding connections between images and documents
- Spotighting an image or part of an image
- Creating a Memorial Page

If you have an interesting image of your own or you find one somewhere else, you can add it to Fold3. Each item helps make Fold3 a better place for people to discover, discuss and share stories.

Annotations are labels or transcriptions of part of an image or document. On Fold3 you can add annotations about **People, Places, Dates** or other **text** from an image.

### Benefits of Annotations

- Annotations make documents and images easier to find. Labeling people or things in a picture makes them searchable and easier to locate on the image.
- Your annotations link to Your Profile, making it easy for interested Members to contact you. The more you annotate, the more likely it is that people with similar interests and content to share will find you.
- Annotations are a great way to make difficult-to-read handwriting or an unusual name readable to all.

### Creating an Annotation

1. While viewing an image, click the **Annotate** button in the Viewer's toolbar.
2. Drag the handles on the selection box around the part of the image you want to annotate.
3. Choose type of annotation (Person, Place, Date or Other) you are adding.
4. Type what you see and click **Save**

### Add Your Comments

Comments are an easy way to add your thoughts to a conversation. Comments can be added to:

- Images in the Viewer

- Memorial Pages
- Spotlights

On Memorial Pages it is common to add comments to your own pages as a way to include extra details about the story you have written.

What makes a good comment?

- It starts an interesting discussions.
- It provides helpful tips, information or suggestions.
- It is specific and constructive in its criticism.
- It is respectful and encourages more discussion.

### GENIE RESOURCES

Genealogical resources 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](mailto:cpirtledirect@gmail.com). Or, phone her at (530) 644-4748.

### WEBSITE FOR RESEARCH BOOKS

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

Chorzempa, Rosemary, *Polish Roots*, second edition. ISBN: 9780806320045

Polish genealogy is almost completely defined by geography and history. Situated in the center of Europe, Poland has been foster mother to people of many different nationalities, especially Russians, Austrians, Germans, Ukrainians, and Lithuanians—people belonging to the nation states that exercised dominion over it. It has also been host over the centuries to Balkan and Carpathian Slavs, Jews, Prussians, Balts, Gypsies, and even Scots, so the Polish genealogical landscape is actually a mosaic. To explore it properly is to cross the overlapping boundaries of

language, religion, geography, and history. The second edition of this pioneering work on Polish family history provides the American researcher with the most up-to-date tools to succeed in genealogical research in each of these areas.

Since the publication of the original *Polish Roots*, there have been many advances in Polish genealogy research. The Internet has made the task of locating Polish ancestors much easier, as more information and images are made available online. In addition, there has been a marked rise in interest in genealogy in Poland, resulting in a great increase in the number of Polish genealogical societies available and the amount of helpful information disseminated. This second edition of *Polish Roots* addresses these exciting developments, with a new Introduction, four brand-new chapters, one completely rewritten chapter, several new maps and charts, and numerous updates scattered throughout the original text.

An enthusiastic genealogist for close to 50 years, Rosemary Chorzempa has traced some branches of her Polish family back to the early 1700s. She was awarded the Polish Genealogical Society of America's Wigilia Medal in 1999 for her contributions to the Polish Genealogical Society of America and Polish genealogy. In 2012 she was made an honorary lifetime member of the Toledo Polish Genealogical Society. Her books *My Family Tree Workbook* and *Design Your Own Coat-of-Arms* have been continuously in print since 1982 and 1987.

## PLACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

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

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.

### Reference

REF 138. Legacy Family Tree 8.0 User's Guide. (This was my pick for winning one of the two book can drawings at the August meeting. No, I did not rig the drawing.)

### Wisconsin

WI 10. Historic Janesville: an architectural history of Janesville, Wisconsin.

### Ireland

Periodical IRE 3. The Septs' Received April 1996, July and October 2012, and January 2014. (We already have 1992-93.)

Periodical IRE 4. The Irish genealogical quarterly. Received June and September 2012, and June 2013.

### Scotland

SCO 27. Tracing your Scottish family history. Donated by Sandy Madeira, another Book Can drawing winner.

## 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 **The American Civil War** collection of the **Alexander Street Press** website. It includes three subgroups: the Research Database, a collection of diaries and letters, and a group of wartime photos and images. This description of the research database is from the website:

“. . . In addition to 222 volumes of rosters published by the state Adjutants Generals, the database includes the military records for every soldier in the collection as well as Official Records, pension index records, 1860 census records, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) records, Roll of Honor records, Medal of Honor records, and regimental histories. This information has been compiled from personal items, graveyards, and newspaper reports.

*The American Civil War Research Database™* includes a record for virtually every soldier who served in the war. There are descriptions of thousands of battles, with detailed multi-page battle orders and reports for significant battles such as Shiloh, Antietam, and Gettysburg. . . .”

I looked up my great grandfather Albertus Levoyseur Paine. I already had his basic military information and got his pension record years ago. But I didn't know what he actually accomplished in the war. The Research Database has the following account from Col. O. W. Sterl of how Albertus's regiment, the 104<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, spent the morning of 6 December 1864, at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee:

“The regiment . . . reached Franklin . . . about 5 o'clock on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and bivouacked in line until about 8 a.m., when the brigade went into position in two lines . . . The regiment immediately erected in its front a good breast-work, most of the companies putting headlogs upon their works. These were scarcely com-

pleted until the rebels advanced . . . A curve in the works of the left wing of the regiment enabled the left companies to enfilade the lines of the rebels as they advanced, and the three left companies fired several rounds, . . . when the rebel lines fell back in disorder and confusion. Immediately afterward a brigade of the Fourth Corps, which had been posted on a ridge about 500 yards in front of our works, began falling back, first in good line and order, and afterward in great haste and confusion, . . . As the line of the Fourth Corps fell back from the ridge it was followed . . . by the first line of the rebel infantry, which gained rapidly upon it, so that the men of the Fourth Corps had scarcely crossed our works until the ditches in front were filled with rebels, scrambling to get over the works . . . The confusion and hurry of the crossing of this advance line, their officers crying to them, to “get to the rear and reform,” came near throwing our lines in confusion, and the three right companies borne back by them, and in doubt as to the commands, fell back a few paces, but in almost a moment afterward rushed back, with fixed bayonets, and regained their works. The Sixteenth and Twelfth Kentucky rushed . . . simultaneously with them, and joined them and the One hundredth Ohio, on the first line, from which . . . they kept up a constant and destructive stream of fire, cutting down by hundreds the rebels who had accumulated and massed in the ditches and immediately in front. The other seven companies to the left . . . began to pour forth such a severe fire that . . . the rebels . . . were cut to pieces by the destructive fire of the men... [The] rebels in the ditches who were not killed or wounded were ordered to ground arms and surrender, when about 300 climbed over the works and were sent to the rear. Then almost immediately [a] second charge of the rebels followed, equaled only in fierce determination and bravery by that of the first charge . . . By the time the second charge was repulsed night had come . . . The regiment remained in the works until after 11 p.m., when, with their command, retired across the Harpeth River, and took up the line of march toward Nashville.

. . . The slaughter of the rebels [was] very great,

the ditches were filled with them, and the ground for many rods in front was literally covered with their dead and wounded. . . . Our casualties in this engagement were: Killed, 1 commissioned officer, 16 enlisted men; wounded, 2 commissioned officers, 32 enlisted men; missing, 6 enlisted men; total, 3 commissioned officers and 54 enlisted men.

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## WHAT CAN MILITARY RECORDS TELL YOU?

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

Military records can be dull, mechanical and, in general, what you would expect of something called “military”. But they can also give you a wealth of information on your ancestors beyond the dates of their enlistment and the amount of any pension they received. From Fold3 and other sources you can learn the units that they served in and the battles that they fought in. Their assignments, illnesses, wounds, etc. were recorded. Did your ancestor march with Sherman to the sea? Or was he a Johnny Reb? (I had people on both sides.) Did he serve more than once in different branches? Using the information you get on his branch(es) of service and pension/bounty file number, request his individual file from the National Archives.

My great-grandfather, William H. Langston, served first in the Union army during the Civil War. After his discharge he enlisted in the navy and was assigned to the gunboat Elfin on the Tennessee River. In a battle in November 1864 the Elfin was burned and the crew had to swim to shore and wait in the cold night without dry clothes, blankets, or food until they were rescued. William, who had been injured by falling timbers during the battle, suffered for the rest of his life from rheumatism and “piles” (hemorrhoids, probably caused by the dysentery that he contracted at that time). There are many letters in his pension file from men whom he served with or worked with after the war, and from doctors who tended

him. They all describe a man who was a hard worker but whose wartime experiences caused him to become progressively disabled until he was no longer able to work. His file also gives a physical description: blue eyes, light colored hair, fair complexion, 5 feet 10 ½ inches tall, “WHL” tattooed on his left forearm, and a scar on his left knee. The date and place of his marriage and the names and birthdates of his children are given. All this and much more information came from his inch-thick pension file that I got from the National Archives. So be sure to pursue any possible military records on your male (and some female) ancestors.

# ROOTS & GOLD DUST WILL SURFACE AGAIN!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

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# ENJOY THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS!