



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

## WHEN AND WHERE

The 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 web-site at:

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

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## **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

## THOUGHT TO PONDER

**“There’s a fine line between being a pack rat and a serious family historian”. – Anonymous**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

WE HAVE NO MEETING DURING  
DECEMBER!

January 20, 2015 Richard Wilson

“Introduction of R&GD 2015”

- Installation of Our Executive Board Members and the Appointed Board Members.
- Expressing his goals for R&GD 2015
- Planning for our speakers, topics and events for the Year 2015

February 17, 2015 Craig Manson

“*Evidence versus Proof*”

His profession as a lawyer for 32 years will make his presentation a definite “I Must Attend”.

Craig Manson’s Bio: Lawyer (32 years); Law Professor (18 years); retired Colonel USAF (34 years); genealogical blogger (9 years); and a genealogist (10 years). His areas of interest: Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Louisiana Georgia, South Carolina, Military and Veterans, Genealogy and the Law, and African-Americans.

Other topics or speakers are being lined up for the coming months.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

For Dec 2014

Checking account:	
Previous balance	\$ 1445.84
Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ - 105.52
Current balance including the	
Book can balance	<u>\$ 1340.32</u>
Book Can Balance	\$ 351.64
Savings account previous balance	
No activity	<u>\$ 10.05</u>
Savings current balance	\$ 10.05

Carol Sexton

### **RECAP OF NOVEMBER MEETING**

#### **NOVEMBER 18, 2014 Election of officers:**

Richard Wilson - Nominated President, 2015  
Aaron Tassin - Nominated Vice-President, 2015  
Rochelle Chapdelaine - Nominated Secretary, 2015  
Carol Sexton - Nominated Treasurer, 2015  
Mary-Lee Gilliland - Nominated Program Chairman, 2015  
Alice Morrow - Library Liaison, R&GDGS 2014 -appointed - \*needs to be reappointed for 2015  
Judy Williams - Assistant Library Liaison, R&GDGS 2015 - appointed - \*needs to be reappointed for 2015  
Carol Pirtle - Newsletter editor, R&GDGS 2014 - appointed- \*needs to be reappointed for 2015  
Paul Hodel - Website editor, R&GDGS 2014 - appointed - \*needs to be reappointed for 2015  
Carlyn White - Genealogical Historical & Genealogical Society of Sacramento Valley - Treasurer, 2014 – appointed - \*needs to be reappointed for 2015

Review the Bylaws & Standard Rules that are shown in our Website for our society. The newly appointed Hospitality Chair needs to be added to the Standard Rules and to the Duties of Individuals in Appointed Positions. Carlyn White and Luana Zylla, with the help of Alice Morrow, will fill this position during 2015.

Remember, all of these people are volunteers and they all want to work as a team under the guidance of the elected board and the membership. Submitted by Carlyn White

### **“THE SHOW AND TELL” PARTICIPANTS**

Alice Morrow: *“German Research with a little Deutschland speaking”*

Harvey Andrews: *“Portuguese family research and the use of DNA testing”*

Mary-Lee Gilliland: *“Sharing a needle work Sampler and the significance of the scene”*

Rochelle Chapdelaine: *“Her Research of Her Family in El Dorado County, California”*

Carol Pirtle: *“How My Grandfather Met My Grandmother”*

### **SHARE MEMORIES**

The break for December and the first part of January is the perfect time to reach out and share your enthusiasm for Genealogy. It makes an opportunity for a great time to ask questions. What do you want to know about your parents or grandparents? How did they meet? Where did they grow up? What was their favorite memory of Christmas? Do they know their grand and great grandparents? Where were they born? How many years can they go back? What about photos?

Don't forget to share your experiences, too!

## **ADVENTUROUS MEMBERS ATTENDED AN USER'S GROUP**

Carlyn White chauffeured Richard Wilson, Alice Morrow, and me, Carol Pirtle, down to the Sacramento Family Search Library, 2745 Eastern Ave. They were presenting a *Legacy 8.0 Special Interest Group*. I called first and they welcomed us with opened arms! We were under the impression that it was a group of members sharing their own usage of Legacy 8.0 for their family tree. We didn't know that Marian Kile was doing the presentation. Of course, Richard then knew that the ride down with the "Three Ladies" was not at all in vain.

Marian discussed the Understanding of the Picture Center in Legacy. At the first glance it was intimidating, but as she explained each of the three sections it became logical. She was also kind enough to give us a copy of a few lessons that she had presented in the past classes.

The four of us, all new users of Legacy 8.0, enjoyed the presentation, the input and questions that their members contributed; but most of all, the descriptive instructions of Marian Kile.

## **PLACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE**

### **GERMAN GENEALOGY WEBSITE**

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

As I gushed at some length at the November meeting, I have recently learned about an important website, The German Genealogy Internet Portal. This site, which is maintained by the Society for Computer Genealogy (Verein für Computergenealogie), will link you into many different data bases. It is growing all the time.

To get to the English language home page, go to **[www.genealogy.net](http://www.genealogy.net)**. You will see a list of links to click on, including the following: a collection of Gedcom files, historical maps, local heritage books, historical address books, "Family Ads"

(family records and obituaries from newspapers), sites to contact other researchers, as  *Germans to America database*, and indexes to all free available ship lists and passenger lists on the Internet.

**[wiki-en.genealogy.net/](http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/)** will give you a more complete picture of the website, in English, and links to other data bases (personal columns, tombstones, in-memoriam cards, WWI Casualty List, etc.) It also has how-to articles on doing German research.

Some of the data bases you can link to are only written in German. Type in the URL: **[www.translate.google.com](http://www.translate.google.com)** for a sometimes awkward but useable translation.

Tell us about your discoveries. Send a write up of your article to be shared in the Newsletter. Alice Morrow is just beginning to explore this website.

Sources used by Alice Morrow:

- Genealogy.net web pages.
- Handout "From West to East – New German Online Sources" by Baerbel K. Johnson, AG, for her talk at the October 2014 meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society.

## **NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS**

The "New Books" section in the Family History Library will be included in the January 2015 R&GD Newsletter.

Please call them prior to your visit at: (530) 621-1378 they are normally open on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Call before coming in the evenings or during inclement weather.)

***The Family History Center Library will be closed December 22, 2014 to January 6, 2015***

Do you have books, magazines on genealogy, states, etc. that could be shared?

## CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBERS

Our present president, Harvey Andrews, has been speaking about Portuguese Genealogy. He has spoken about the ups and downs of researching for his ancestors in Pico, Azores, in the Northern Pacific. At first, he found that there was not much information to research. Then, came the problem of translating information and documents.

Harvey did find someone that he believed to be a relative, but after doing DNA testing their relationship was ruled out.

In more recent years, additional information is becoming available:

Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society  
[www.scramentophco.com](http://www.scramentophco.com).

At their site, be sure to check out the links

Azorean Islands at:  
[www.eurosun.com/azoresislands](http://www.eurosun.com/azoresislands).

Portuguese Hawaiian Genealogy and Heritage:  
[www.yourislandroutes.com](http://www.yourislandroutes.com)

Harvey has also mentioned that the Portuguese History Society is asking for Portuguese and Spanish Genealogy information.

Thank you Harvey for contributing to our newsletter. Below is information on DNA testing given by Harvey:

## GENEALOGY SITES

<https://www.23andme.com/ancestry>

It was initially for the purpose of obtaining health information; but as of December 2013, pending a FDA decision they now do not give a health report. Its purpose now is just for genealogy. Yes, 23 pairs of Chromosomes make you unique!

[www.dna.ancestry.com](http://www.dna.ancestry.com) works well with family search.

There is now a DNA testing for National Geographic. Be sure to check out their web site at: <https://genographic.com>. It is rather unique. It appears that many colleges are using this as a class project. That's a good way to get their blood flowing into genealogy.

Harvey, also gave me the name of Ged Match. A free website to compare and analyze your DNA. They match up your Gencom files with others who have done the same. The more you submit the more results you get. Harvey has submitted his information and is waiting for the results. I'm going to wait and see what he gets back. Go to: [gedmatch.com](http://gedmatch.com).

## FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

Wed, Dec 10 2014

**Researching Your North Carolina Ancestors**

11:00am Pacific

Understand the geographical and migration patterns that make North Carolina hard to find. Learn which records will lead you to answers and how to find alternate records. Discover the records, repositories and the resources you need to find a tar-heel ancestor.

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

Many of the Genealogical Societies are winding down for the year 2014. Preparations for the year 2015 will be materializing soon. I'll clue you in as soon as I'm aware of the details.

Many societies will hold their Spring Seminar for 2015.

## **IMMIGRATION VIA CANADA, 1895-1954**

During most of the nineteenth century the United States government kept a record of immigrants arriving by land from Canada. The first immigration inspection stations along the Canadian border were established by a congressional act of 1891 because by that time about forty percent of the passengers arriving in Canada were bound for the United States.

In 1895, the United States and Canada established a joint inspection system. Passengers arriving in Canada but bound for the United States were enumerated on U.S. immigration lists and inspected by U.S. officials in the Canadian port of entry. These immigrants were issued inspection cards that they surrendered to U.S. officials on board the trains as they crossed the border.

Two sets of records, therefore, were created regarding these immigrants: passenger lists and compiled inspection cards. These records were microfilmed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the 1950s and are available for inspection at the National Archives in the form of five microfilm publications. Together they cover Canadian border entries from 1895 through 1954 and are almost entirely indexed by individual passenger name.

Source: Colletta, John P., Ph.D. *They Came in Ships, Ancestry 1993*

## **SEARCH FOR PASSPORT RECORDS**

Locating passports will give you where they are traveling from and to where they are going to. Are they passengers for just a visit or planning on staying? May give you the current address of where they are living. I have found several with photographs, a real bonus.

## **A TIDBIT OF CALIFORNIA HISTORY**

### **HISTORY COMES WITH CEMETERIES**

Sacramento Historic City Cemetery  
1000 Broadway, Sacramento, California

The Old City Cemetery Committee was organized in 1986 by a group of concerned citizens who were appalled by the ravages of vandalism that toppled and maliciously marred many of the City Cemetery's beautiful old stones and monuments. Disquieted by the years of obvious neglect and mistreatment, they decided to become a voice of concern over the future of this important community resource. In 1987, the group became a standing committee of the Sacramento County Historical Society. In January of 2003, a new independent nonprofit support group was formed as the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. and has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an IRC 501 (c)(3) a tax-exempt corporation. The new organization continues its dedication to the restoration, beautification and preservation of this historic burial ground. Public interest for the Cemetery is growing. Maintenance has been improved, primarily due to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers, City Staff and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and its Work Release Project Program. The preservation of this historic landmark is becoming a community concern. The Cemetery has been refurbished with plants, flowers, and bushes. It also includes three major dedicated garden areas - Historic Gold Rush era roses (Historic Rose Gardens, Bruner and Cadwalder areas; Perennial Plants (Hamilton Square area); and Native Plants (near Veterans Sections E and F). If you would like to get involved or make a tax deductible contribution, please send you inquiry or check to: Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc., 1000 Broadway 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Phone: (916) 448-0811 or visit their site at: [www.OldCityCemetery.com](http://www.OldCityCemetery.com)

The Historic City Cemetery History at Sacramento's City Cemetery began in the mid 19th century. California, by virtue of James Marshall's 1848 discovery of gold at Coloma, became the focal

point of world interest and the terminus of one of the greatest migrations of humanity ever known. Sacramento, the gateway to the Northern Mines, became the assembly point for thousands of would-be miners who brought with them their hopes and dreams of finding the "Golden Fleece." Unfortunately, many also brought with them disease, and Sacramento became the spawning ground for contagion and death. For many, Sacramento would become the last resting place. The need for a new, larger and more permanent burial site became imminent. A search for a suitable piece of ground was undertaken. Captain John A. Sutter established the Sacramento City Cemetery in late 1849 with a ten-acre gift to the City. It was referred to in the City Ordinance of December 1849, as simply the "Public Graveyard." The cemetery's expansion, dictated by the needs of a burgeoning city, continued until 1880, when the benevolent Margaret Crocker donated the final acreage on the hill. This brought the cemetery's land holdings to nearly 60 acres. Today, after gaining and losing sections of land, the cemetery's acreage has been reduced to 28. Included within its confines are over 25,000 burials. Many of these being pioneers from every part of the globe. Using the self-guided tour map inside, take a leisurely stroll back in time

1. John A. Sutter, Jr. ....1826-1897 His father built the fort and established an empire call New Helvetia, the credit for planning and founding the city of Sacramento in 1848 goes to John, Jr. A disagreement with his father over the town would cause him to leave in 1850. He died in Acapulco, Mexico, in 1897.

2. Hardin Bigelow.....1809-1850 Arriving in San Francisco in February of 1849 on the Mail Steamer "California", his was the first ship to reach California from the East Coast bringing miners to the Gold Fields. Bigelow is credited with building Sacramento's first levee system and becoming its first elected mayor in 1850.

3. Newton Booth.....1825-1892 Lawyer, merchant, politician. This native of Indiana became one of our state's most artful statesmen. He

was elected State Senator in 1862, California's eleventh governor in 1872, and United States Senator in 1873. His business firm, Booth & Company, was located on Front Street, between J and K.

4. General George Wright ...1801-1865 A graduate of West Point in 1822, his battlefield gallantry earned him commendations; from the Seminole War in Florida, to the Mexican War, to the Indian Campaigns in the Pacific Northwest. His loyalty to the Union also earned him President Lincoln's appointment as Military Commander of the entire Pacific Coast during the Civil War.

5. Old Wooden Headboard....Circa 1876. One of the few remaining examples of carved headboards left in City Cemetery. Wood, very plentiful and far less costly, was an alternative to expensive marble and granite stones. At one time there were thousands of headboards in the cemetery. Today, only a few have survived.

6. Edwin Bryant Crocker .....1818-1875 Lawyer, politician, patron of the arts. Although remembered primarily for his passion for art and building the finest art gallery west of the Mississippi, he was also a Justice on California's State Supreme Court (1863) and Chief Counsel for the Central Pacific Railroad Company (1864 1869).

7. High Point in The Cemetery The highest point in this cemetery may also be the highest elevation in Sacramento, as well. During the flood of 1861 the cemetery served as a safe haven from high waters. Hundreds of tents were described as being visible on its hills.

8. Jesse Haycock.....1850 Arriving here in 1849, Haycock, a native of Boston, MA, was a victim of the cholera epidemic that claimed nearly a thousand lives in Sacramento in 1850. He died October 26.

9. Mark Hopkins.....1815-1878 A Forty-Niner, one of railroads' legendary "Big Four" and Treasurer of the Central Pacific Railroad is entombed in this magnificent 350-ton granite

structure that dominates the Pioneer Section. He died March 29, 1878, and was buried in San Francisco until the completion of his tomb in 1880.

10. Albert Maver Winn.....1810-1883 Elected to Sacramento's first City Council in 1849 and selected as its President, he was ex officio the first mayor of Sacramento. But unlike Bigelow, he was not elected directly to the office. He would later (1875) found the Native Sons of the Golden West. His monument is the cemetery's tallest.

11. William Stephen Hamilton  
1797-1850 The Youngest son of Alexander Hamilton, first Treasurer of the United States. He came to California in 1849 and died here in Sacramento August 7, 1850. He is the cemetery's most restless resident. He died once (1850), was exhumed twice (1877, 1889), and was buried three times in three different locations.

12. Governor John Bigler 1806-1871 elected to California's first legislature in 1849, he became the first Speaker of the Assembly. He was elected this state's third governor in 1852 and re-elected in 1854, being the only governor to serve more than one term from 1849 until 1939. As governor, he was instrumental in bringing the Capitol here to stay in 1854.

13. Grand Army of The Republic Memorial Dedicated in 1889, the Grand Army Monument is reputed to have been the first Civil War memorial in the state of California.

14. Capt. James T. Homans, USN  
1805-1849 He is the earliest known burial in the City Cemetery. Capt. Homans died July 20, 1849, and was initially buried in the Tier Grounds, located in the front of the cemetery. When his son died in 1858, Mrs. Homans purchased this lot and had her husband and son buried together. The stone is circa 1858.

15. Historic Volunteer Firemen's Plot and Bell Sacramento has the distinction of forming the

first Volunteer Fire Company in the state, organizing in February of 1850. The gallant volunteers served until 1872, when a paid Department came on line. The old 1,900 steel fire bell, cast in 1859 in Sheffield, England, came around the Horn and was placed in service in 1863. and catch a glimpse of Sacramento's past.

### **2015 R&GD MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- January 20
- February 17
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 16
- July 21
- August 18
- September 15
- October 20
- November 17

REMEMBER! January is the beginning month for our membership dues for 2015. They are \$15 for a single membership or \$22 per couple.

**ROOTS & GOLD DUST WILL PICK AT THE ROOTS OF FAMILY TREES AND SCATTER THE GOLD NUGGETS OF KNOWLEDGE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP.**

**January 20, 2015**



Let's make our Roots & Gold Dust Genealogical Society eventful, informative, and helpful to our membership and to our community in 2015.