



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 1354, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Newsletter - January 2015

WHEN AND WHERE

Our Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society's meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month (except December). We meet at the Family History Center in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints building at 3275 Cedar Ravine Road, Placerville, California. Visitors are always welcome.

Our newsletter is sent out to our members via e-mail; distributed to the Family History Center, the El Dorado County Historical Museum, and to the Fountain & Tallman Museum during the first week of every month.

For information regarding our genealogical society or membership inquiries, please visit our website at: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index

This website will also introduce you to presentations and topics that you may have missed from previous meetings by selecting: **NEWSLETTERS**.

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2015 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Richard Wilson
Vice President Aaron Tassin
Secretary Rochelle Chapdelaine
Treasurer Carol Sexton
Programs Mary-Lee Gilliland

2015 APPOINTED POSITIONS

Library Liaison Alice Morrow
with the assistance of Judy Williams
Newsletter Editor Carol Pirtle
Webmaster Paul Hodel
Hospitality Carlyn White
Assistants Luana Zyllia and Alice Morrow

We hope to have all of our members as active participants in the activities that we will be planning for the coming year. We believe that all members have something to contribute to make this the best year yet for the "Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society".

~~ REMINDER ~~

OUR TREASURER, CAROL SEXTON,
WILL BE COLLECTING 2015
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\$15 FOR INDIVIDUALS

\$22 FOR A FAMILY!

Be sure to bring cash or a check, as
we do not accept credit cards, gold
dust or gold nuggets!

Our January meeting is an emotional
part of our first meeting of the New
Year. It brings us to say, "Thank you"
and that "Our gratitude runs high" to
our Executive Board Members of
2014:

Harvey Andrews, President
Milton Mulligan, Vice President
Carol Sexton, Secretary
Cathy Chiverton, Treasurer
Mary-Lee Gilliland, Program Chairper-
son

Their camaraderie and hard work has
brought all of us through another suc-
cessful year.

I can only imagine what these Execu-
tive Officers are thinking as they
watch the installation of the new
board members stepping up to fill
their shoes.

The following may be their thoughts:

The emotions of Harvey Andrews, and
his wife, Elaine, will be a sigh of re-
lief! Harvey gets to say, "Yes, Yes,
Yes, I get to retire from being presi-
dent one more time"!

Milton Mulligan can explain what giving
"Add-Vice" was like. Now, he can be in
the Family History Center Library all
on his own *Busyness*. "The Misspell-
ings are totally on *purrrpose*", says the
Newsletter Editor!

Cathy Chiverton is stepping down from
being our Treasurer. She has discov-
ered that being a grandmother is far
more fun than counting money for
Roots & Gold Dust! Cathy, don't for-
get to brush off your gold-dusty
boots before you leave the room.

Carol Sexton will step from secretary
into the treasurer position for 2015.
She really loves playing with a pouch
of Gold Dust.

Mary-Lee Gilliland, Programs, will re-
main on our Executive Board through
2015.

2015 equals New Adventures

UP COMING MEETINGS AND
AGENDAS FOR 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20 Richard Wilson

*"A Discussion about our Members
Interests in 2015"*

Installation of the new Executive Board and Appointed Board Members. Planning for our speakers, topics and events for the Year 2015

An open forum for all of our members to discuss their goals and objectives for the coming year.

February 17 Craig Manson

"Evidence versus Proof"

Craig Manson is a Lawyer, Law Professor, Colonel USAF, genealogy blogger and a genealogist. His areas of interest are: Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, Military and Veterans, Genealogy and the Law, and African-American research.

2015 - MONTHLY MEETINGS

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

NO DECEMBER MEETING

2015 SPRING SEMINARS

ROOT CELLAR SACRAMENTO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Their Spring Seminar will be held at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 7817 Old Auburn Road, Citrus Heights, CA. The speaker this year will be Mr. D. Joshua Taylor. Maybe you saw him during the Genealogy Roadshow series on PBS in 2013. There will be beautiful themed baskets that are part of their raffle and vendors with genealogy related merchandise for sale. Don't forget to mark your calendars now, Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Topics will be:

"Hidden Gems: Materials in Digital Libraries for Family History"

"New Tools and Ideas in Research"

"On and Off the Net: Locality Searching"

"The Modern Genealogist: Time-saving Tips for Every Researcher"

Visit their website at:

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

**SACRAMENTO GERMAN
GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

2015 SPRING SEMINAR

**'MY GERMANS'
A WORKSHOP FOR ANCESTOR-
CHASERS**

Saturday, April 25, 2015

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at

The Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-
ter Day Saints

8925 Vintage Park Drive

Sacramento, California 95824

This all-day event will feature Dr. Roger P. Minert, along with four genealogy specialists from Brigham Young University. In addition to informative presentations, they will have appointments available for individual consultations and small group hands-on computer instruction. Registration is not being taken at this time. Further information will be posted.

Visit their website at:

www.sacgergensoc.org

FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

January 14 -

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Presenter: **Mary Hill**

**Tracking Migration Using the
Big 4 U.S. Record Sources**

Tracking migration in the United States involves using census, vital, land, and probate records, the bread and butter of American research. Get an overview of each of these types of records; learn where to find them, and how to use them effectively to track migration.

Webinar Skill Level - Beginner

Visit their website and register for a free webinar at:

<http://familytreewebinars.com>

WISDOM

A packrat becomes a genealogist once things are organized, documented and proven, if they have sources and citations.

PLACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

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The Family History Center has been closed for the holidays. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 6.

There are no new acquisitions to report.

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.)

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 discuss one Portal website by shamelessly plagiarizing descriptive material from its home page.

This month's featured website is **THE 19TH CENTURY BRITISH LIBRARY NEWSPAPERS DIGITAL ARCHIVE**. This is a collection of 48 British newspapers from 1800 to 1900 held by the British Library.

The following description was lifted - uh, extracted - from the British Library website: "19th Century British Library Newspapers provides researchers with the most comprehensive collection of national and regional newspapers of Victorian Britain available. This full-text, fully searchable digital archive includes papers originating in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, carefully selected by an editorial board from the British Library and providing a broad yet detailed view of British life in the 19th century."

My mother's Langston line came from England. Although our immigrant ancestor crossed the ocean sometime before 1675, I thought it might be interesting to see if I could find articles on possible Langston cousins. I found eight articles referring to a Member of Parliament, J. H. Langston, Esq. I also found three articles on "Mr. Langston's Prize for Root-Crops" referring to a contest in 1854 spon-

sored by, I assume, the Member of Parliament. A Mr. George Gibson, in Letters to the Editor of *Jackson's Oxford Journal*, insisted that he had grown 130 tons more root-crops than the man who had been given the prize, a Mr. Mace. In the best tradition of English gentlemen, he concluded his protests with "I beg to remain, Sir, your most obedient servant, George Gibson." I also found articles asserting that M. P. Langston had paid people to vote for him. After some consideration, I have decided that Mr. Langston probably was not a relative.

REGRETFUL INFORMATION

We are so saddened by the loss of our R&GD member, Kenneth (Ken) Lavin. He passed away on December 3, 2014 at the age of 82. He and his wife, Priscilla, attended nearly every monthly meeting. Ken was easy to pick out of the crowd with his happy smile and his questions to the speaker.

Ken graduated from Grant Union High School, but this is just the beginning of a complex gentleman. He served in the Korean War as an aerial battlefield photographer and received numerous awards for his photos. Ken graduated from college with a degree in journalism and was proficient in five languages. He was always concerned

with the question, "Who can translate that?"

Ken retired from the McClellan Air Force Base as Chief Public Relations Officer, also contributing to the Air Force newspaper and *Space Maker*, as staff journalist and cartoonist.

Traveling with his wife, researching genealogy, playing spider solitaire, photography, reading, and camping were his favorite activities. He was also an accomplished artist and musician.

If I had to describe Ken Lavin with just one word, I would say, "HUMBLE"!

ANOTHER LOSS to El Dorado County History took place on December 6, 2014 when George W. Peabody, a local historian, passed away from cancer.

If you spend time in the El Dorado County Historical Museum or Fountain & Tallman Historical Museum in Placerville, you know him as an author of many El Dorado County Historical books. His collection includes: "What About That?", "What is a Hug?", "Pleasant Valley, A Historical Perspective and the Squaw Hollow Sensation". George always said, "If it isn't fun, make it fun!"