



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

Newsletter – February 2015

WHEN TO COME for guidance in genealogy research – local, United States, Canada, etc., and then across the oceans. Meetings are at 1:00 P.M. on the Third Tuesday of each month, except in December.

WHERE TO COME

Our Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society's meetings are held at the Family History Center in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints building at 3275 Cedar Ravine Road, Placerville, California.

The Family History Center has graciously provided us with the room that we use. This allows our members to quickly go into the FHC to research their family trees. There is always very qualified members to assist us in our research.

We wish to encourage our members to invite their family, friends, and other people they may have met with interest in genealogy to be our guest at our monthly meetings.

2015 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

2015 APPOINTED POSITIONS

Library Liaison Alice Morrow
Newsletter Editor Carol Pirtle
Webmaster Paul Hodel

We hope to have all of our members become active participants in the activities that we are planning for this 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!*"

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~~ WEBSITE INFORMATION ~~

For information regarding our genealogical society or membership inquiries, please visit our website at:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/

Our website will also introduce you to presentations and topics that you may have missed from previous meetings. Select: *NEWSLETTERS* as option. *If it inspires you to share a favorite speaker, website, or repository, please share them with our R&GD membership.*

ROOTS & GOLD DUST UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

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.

Craig comes with high recommendations from other societies who have had him as their speaker. He is certainly a professional in evidence and proof.

March 17 Gordon Orchard
 “*Historic Maps*”

JANUARY’S MEETING - RECAP

Our meeting in January has gotten us off to what appears to be a productive and rewarding year. Richard Wilson, our president, runs a very structured and well planned meeting.

We had 26 members present and Darlene Hall became a new member. She stated that her daughter will be signing up in March. She is very enthusiastic and became a genealogist after her trip to South Dakota where her father was born.

As our new position of Hospitality, Carlyn White, got us up and running. We have new sign-up sheets for attendance, refreshments, new forms for address, phone numbers, and e-mail changes.

Richard talked about why genealogy is important; and where we begin, how we preserve our information, and how we share with family, Always include sources!

Catherine Keeler presented Richard a beautiful wooden gavel made by her talented husband.

For the very first time we can be called to order with the sound of a gavel.

Questionnaires were distributed to all attending members to list the surnames, locations, and topics they are working on.

Members have requested German research, French Canadian genealogy search engines, western immigration, “across the pond” and DNA.

UPDATES FOR OUR SURROUNDING GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Information is limited because societies are establishing new Executive Boards, goals and forms for the year 2015.

Genealogical Association of Sacramento (GAS) www.gensac.org/

**Nevada County Genealogical Society
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cancgs/**

**Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc.
www.oldcitycemetery.com**

**Old Sacramento Schoolhouse Museum
www.scoe.net/oldacschoolhouse/**

**Placer County Genealogical Society
www.pcgs.pcgenes.com**

**Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society
www.rootellar.org**

**Sacramento Public Library
www.saclibrary.org**

**Sacramento FamilySearch Library
www.familyhistorycenter.info**

**Sacramento German Genealogy Society
www.sacgergensoc.org**

Solano County Genealogical Society
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com~cascgsi/

Sun City Roseville Genealogy Group
Cousinopalmerpj@yahoo.com

PLACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

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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 unless otherwise noted.

U.S., California
CA 98 The History of the Imperial Valley Swiss.
Periodical CA 33. *Roots and Gold Dust Newsletter*. 2008 – current. Yay! Richard gathered these and put them in binders for us.

U.S., Tennessee
Periodical TN 15 *The Pellissippiian*, some issues from 2012 – 2014. Anderson Co. His. Soc.

Surnames

DUNCAN John Duncan of Aberdeen and Duncan Creek, South Carolina. (Includes Addington, Bivins, Duckett, Jeanes, Odell, Prather, Satterfield, Thrasher, Wesson and related families.)

Microfilm # 1162430 in microfilm cabinet. This film has other items on the Americas, besides those listed here, of a more general nature.

Latin America

Item 8 History of Latin America.

Peru

Item 7 Junin, Ataura. History, etc. (In Spanish.)

Puerto Rico

Item 1 Mayagüez biography, genealogy, history, description & travel. (In Spanish.)

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. ****Note****: The list of sites available through the Portal changes periodically, so check it frequently.]

PROQUEST OBITUARIES COLLECTION

This is a collection of obituaries from some prominent newspapers which can be searched by name or by keywords appearing in the body of the article. You can save the finds from your current session in a Notebook utility which allows you to annotate, email, download or print them.

The collection is comprised of the following newspapers:

- Atlanta Constitution 1868-1922
- Boston Globe 1872-1922
- Chicago Defender 1921-1975
- Chicago Tribune 1852-1984
- Los Angeles Times 1881-1984
- New York Times 1851-1994
- Washington Post 1877-1950

CEMETERIES: LOUISIANA, USA

Saint Louis No. 1 Cemetery in New Orleans will be Closed to All but Licensed Tour Groups

The Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana, announced this morning that as of March 1, 2015, visitors to St. Louis No. 1 Cemetery will be permitted only if accompanied by a licensed guide. The reason cited is increasing vandalism.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans says allowances will be made for families who own tombs within the cemetery, but this edict effectively closes out genealogists from this historically rich source of information. There are plans to do the same in the St. Louis No. 3 and St. Roch cemeteries.

The St. Louis No. 1 Cemetery is the final resting place of some of the most illustrious citizens of New Orleans, including; Etienne Boré, sugar development pioneer; Daniel Clark, financial supporter of the American Revolution; Paul Morphy, world famous chess champion. Notable structures include the famed oven wall vaults, the supposed resting place of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau. Courtesy of Rich Eastman, 1/15

LOUISIANA WEBSITES

Louisiana Heritage Genealogy's – favorite 50 Websites -

www.neworleanswebsites.com/cat/co/c-gene/c-gene.htm

History of the Creoles in Louisiana

www.accessgenealogy.com/louisiana/historyofthecreolesinLouisiana.htm

CEMETERIES – WEBSITE www.findagrave.com

- Have you used this site?
- Have you contributed to this site?
- If you have additional information, do you add it for others to see; full death date, full name in place of initials?
- Have you connected parents to their children?
- Have you submitted a photo, if there is not a photo of the headstone or person?
- Do you have the latitude and longitude of the cemetery?
- Do you have a plot number?

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hodel are active members of the www.findagrave.com. They have added the cemeteries that surround us here in El Dorado County; the history of the cemeteries, headstone photos, and have fulfilled requests for photos of headstones.

With the information that Paul had added to the Camino cemetery, El Dorado and Placerville Union was a connecting element to discovering relations and some that were unknown to me.

Now, I need to add information to his contribution and add full dates of birth, death, siblings, husbands and wives, and children to this useful websites.

IRELAND: NATIONAL LIBRARY

Catholic Parish Registers' Collection go
Online This Summer

Ireland – This is a preannouncement that will warm the hearts of anyone with Irish ancestors. The National Library of Ireland (NLI) plans to put online (for free) their entire collection of Catholic parish registers. It is expected that this massive and very important collection will be online by the summer of 2015. These records are the single most important source of genealogical information on Irish families in the 1700s and 1800s. The records date from the 1740s to the 1880s and cover some 1,091 parishes throughout Ireland.

The collection consists primarily of baptism and marriage records. According to NLI, “This is the most ambitious digitization project in the history of the NLI, and our most significant ever genealogy project. We believe it will be of huge assistance to those who wish to research their [Irish] family history.” The collection consists of some 390,000 digital images. When this collection does go online, it will be free.

In the initial phase, the records will not be searchable by name. Instead, they will be searchable by parish location only. At the moment, the NLI does not have the financial resources to transcribe the records.

While you wait for this collection to become available, it would be a good idea to do some advance research to determine the exact historic Catholic parish where your ancestors lived. The best way (really the only good way) to do this is to use Brian Mitchell's [New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland](#) which you can buy from Amazon. This atlas is a key resource for

anyone researching their Irish ancestry. Each Irish county is presented in multiple detailed maps: Roman Catholic parishes and dioceses; Church of Ireland parishes and dioceses; townlands; poor law unions and parishes and probate districts. A separate set of maps deals with the nine counties of Northern Ireland and shows the various Presbyterian congregations. Basically, the atlas shows all the different kinds of historic subdivisions that have occurred in Ireland over the last couple hundred years. This atlas is invaluable for tracing your Irish ancestors.

See more at:

http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/newest-genealogy-rec-ords.html?awt_l=DhQ4Y&awt_m=JEISMq8LqAk.Vy#sthash.likSiRW5.dpuf

CONFUSIONS OVER COUSINS

Family reunions are often filled with confused people scratching their heads, ticking off fingers and mumbling, “If my mother’s aunt was her father’s grandmother, then that makes us...”

If you can’t keep your third cousins and your first cousins twice removed straight, you are not alone. But there’s a simple way to figure out the relationships between relations.

First cousins share a grandparent, second cousins share a great-grandparent, and third cousins share a great-great-grandparent, and so on. The degree of cousinhood (“first,” “second,” etc.) denotes the number of generations between two cousins and their nearest common ancestor.

The term “removed” refers to the number of generations separating the cousins themselves. So your first cousin once removed is the child (or parent) of your first cousin. Your second cousin once removed is the child (or parent) of your second cousin. And your first cousin twice removed is the grandchild (or grandparent) of your first cousin.

Clearly, it doesn’t take many generations before your family tree is a bit unwieldy. Case in point: Last year it was revealed that vice president Dick Cheney and presidential hopeful Barack Obama are eighth cousins. Cheney’s wife, Lynn Cheney, discovered this tidbit while researching her husband’s genealogy for a memoir she was writing, the Associated Press reported.

If these distinctions aren’t confusing enough, first cousins can be further parsed into parallel and cross cousins. Parallel cousins are the children of same-sex siblings — for example, the children of your mother’s sister are your parallel cousins. Cross cousins are the offspring of opposite sex siblings, such as your mother’s brother’s children, or your father’s sister’s children.

DO YOU KNOW MY “DEARMYRTLE”?

Dear Myrtle was my instructor when I began doing genealogy. She has resources, video website, and loads and loads of information. Go to her blog site, listed below, and just learn what she has that will enhance your research progression. This will lead you into her present day activities.

<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>

TO R&GD MEMBERS

Please fill out the questionnaire that you received at the January meeting and bring it in. We are all interested to hear what is being researched, and topics that many of us are interested in. I also like to hear the city and or the county you are interested in. It helps me, as Newsletter Editor to narrow down things to include in this newsletter.

In our March Newsletter, I hope to have some information on DNA. Can any member or friend contribute information for us to share? Websites, other Genealogical Societies with workshops, etc.

~~ REMINDER ~~

Carol Sexton, our treasurer, will be collecting membership dues for 2015.

<i>INDIVIDUAL</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>FAMILY</i>	<i>\$22</i>

Please pay with cash or by check made out to Roots & Gold Dust Genealogical Society. Dues are due in January or February. They are considered in arrears on March 1st.