



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm>

Newsletter – May 2015

WHEN TO COME:

Our meeting starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. on the Third Tuesday of each month, except in December. Come a little early to get signed in and to greet your friends. If you see a new face in the room, introduce yourself and ask how long they have been interested in genealogy and what areas they are pursuing.

WHERE TO COME:

Our monthly meetings are held in the Primary Room at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints building at 3275 Cedar Ravine Road, Placerville, CA. Visitors are always welcome to come and explore what we do at the Roots & Gold Dust Genealogical Society.

OUR 2015 BOARD MEMBERS

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

R&GD LEGACY 8 USER GROUP

Tue, May 5th

Richard Wilson

On the first Tuesday of each month, we will have a User Group for the Legacy 8 Family Tree program at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Primary Room at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' building at 3275 Cedar Ravine Road, Placerville. You may bring your laptop, if it has the Legacy 8 Family Tree Program installed so that you have a closer visual of the functions being presented. Note: There is no Internet available. For those members who have not already done so, please Email our President at: richardwilson1204@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

During the May 5th meeting, Richard will discuss how to customize Legacy 8 so that you can record and display your family records in a format that reflects your preferences on how you want to share your family history. Handouts will again be available for all those in attendance.

GENEALOGICAL REALITY

If genealogists hold all information up in their head, no one else can read and enjoy all of their hard work!

Carol Pirtle, Newsletter Editor

May 19th

Susan H. Jackman

“Pennsylvania/German Ancestry and History”

Susan graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of General Studies (Family History) from Brigham Young University. She belongs to the Association of Professional Genealogists. Her research specialties include the Civil War, Colonial Emigration and Immigration, LDS, Military, Naturalization, Paleography, Irish-American, German-American, Italian-American, and Court Records.

She is currently one of the experts with the Ancestry.com Expert Connect Service having completed over 50 projects with a 5 star rating.

June 16th

Joan Gunn

“Finding Your Ancestor’s German Home Town and Getting Started on Your German Research”

Joan has been working on genealogy since 1983 and specializes in German research. Her training consists of 34 one-week stays in Salt Lake City, Utah, researching or attending seminars, as well as some church research in Germany. She is posted on WorldGenWeb as a mentor for Baden-Wurttemberg. Joan volunteers to assist with German research at the Sacramento Family History Center on Thursday afternoon.

THE PURPOSE OF OUR “BOOK CAN”

Our Standing Rules, adopted February 19, 2002, stipulates that the purpose of our “Book Can” at each meeting is to solicit donations for the purchase of books or CDs for the Placerville Family History Center Library. If you wish to donate, put \$1 and your name into the can. A drawing will be held at the end of the meeting before we adjourn for refreshments. The “winner” will be able to choose a book, CD, etc. that is of particular interest to them. After the book/CD is received, the winner will have one month to personally use it, after which it will be donated to the library. Once the book is placed in the library, it cannot be checked out, and all further research must be done at the Library.

Our Treasurer has the responsibility for maintaining the “Book Can”. If the winner has trouble selecting a suitable book, please speak with Alice Morrow our Librarian, or one of her assistants Judy Williams or Catherine Keeler for some recommendations.

RECAP - APRIL 7TH LEGACY 8 USER GROUP

On April 7th, at the first meeting, Richard presented an introduction to the Legacy 8.0 Family Tree including installing the program, an overview of the features available including the various pedigree and family group record reports. A general question and answer discussion was held with all attendees on how to move around the program and access its many features.

RECAP OF APRIL 21st MEETING

We had thirty members and seven guests in attendance of our meeting in April. This is one of the largest groups in attendance that we have had recently. Among the members who were in attendance was our Webmaster, Paul Hodel accompanied by his wife, Sherida. Paul has recently updated our website to reflect our speakers and events planned for upcoming months. Check it out when you get a chance. The seven guests were introduced to the group. We enjoyed meeting with all of them and hope that they return in the future.

Refreshments were provided by Catherine Keeler and Barbara Brown.

Sherida Hodel won the "Book Can" drawing. (Do you think she will pick a book about cemeteries?)

Kori Pilkington presented the "*Beginning FamilySearch Wiki*". She approached the topic with passion and much enthusiasm and we were all drawn into "Wiki". Now, many of us are excited to hear her presentation on the "Advanced Wiki". This can be accomplished by going down to the Sacramento FamilySearch Library, 2745 Eastern Ave., Sacramento, on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 2:00 PM. Call (916) 487-2090 to register for the class. The class is free.

Let's pick up our feet and dance through their door and learn more about Wiki!

GENIE RESOURCES

INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTERS

EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER

The Dick Eastman Newsletter is available in two versions. The Standard version is free and the Plus Edition requires a subscription. The Plus Edition is totally "ad free", which gives him more room to add more information to each of his articles. Articles in his Plus Edition are copyrighted. dick.eastman@eogn.com.

Published in his February 28, 2015 issue:

FLORIDA'S UNDERWATER CEMETERY

Located in the Atlantic Ocean, 3.25 miles east of Key Biscayne, Florida, The Neptune Memorial Reef was created in 2007 by cremation-services provider The Neptune Society. The reef is designed to attract fish and to promote the growth of coral and marine organisms. The goal is to "create life... after life."

A pair of lions guard the entrance columns, where they overlook the stone roads, soaring gates, and crumbling ruins. All of the construction is underwater. The Neptune Society's ultimate goal is to create a 16-acre city containing the remains of 125,000 people. Currently, the reef covers a quarter of an acre and is the final resting place of a few hundred.

The Neptune Memorial Reef serves as a living reef and is modeled after the lost city of Atlantis. Anyone wishing to bury a loved one at the underwater city can hand over the cremated remains, in person or by mail, to be mixed with cement and sand, poured into a shell- or starfish-shaped mold, and added to the reef. Family members are welcome to participate in the process, either by scuba diving or watching from a

boat above. Of course, anyone may visit the reef at any time for free.

You can read more about the Neptune Memorial Reef in Wikipedia at:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neptune_Memorial_Reef

as well as in the Neptune Memorial Reef web site at:
<http://www.nmreef.com>

SACRAMENTO FAMILYSEARCH LIBRARY

sacfamilysearchlibrary.org
2745 Eastern Ave., Sacramento
register for classes (916) 487-2090

Roots Magic - Lynn Brown - 11:00 AM
Friday – May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

May 11, 2015, at 2:00 PM
Kori Pilkington “*Advanced FamilySearch Wiki*”

This Advanced class will help us conduct our genealogical searches in the smartest way using Boolean Operators - a set of terms that help us refine our search parameters. This is helpful to narrow down or broaden our searches from the thousands of articles that have been written as well as the new materials being added every week. We will also learn where to find links on how to write our own articles when we wish to submit additional content. Other topics include how to edit current articles, upload images and files, browse, create a user page, set preferences, access resource information for contributors, rename Wiki pages, get instructions for technical support and system operations, etc. This is a class that will help us go above and beyond just using the search functions. This class is for the serious genealogist with advanced knowledge and or skills who wants to

be a part of making the Wiki a more accurate forum for all.

SAVE YOUR PHOTOS WHILE THEY ARE STILL GOOD

The Sacramento FamilySearch Library’s Scanner can be used by anyone to help preserve their family photographs!

- Our equipment can scan up to 600 photos per hour
- Scan them into FamilySearch Tree and/or onto your own Flash Drive
- This is a free service that is available to our patrons at our library

PLACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

By: Alice Morrow, morrbrowz@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 in bad weather, it’s a good idea to call first and make sure they are open.)

New Library Materials

The following materials have been placed in the "New Books" section on top of the last micro-film cabinet.

U.S., CALIFORNIA:

CA LOC 69. *History of a Place called Rescue*.
Donated by the author William Teie.
Periodical CA 34*. *Lifeline*. Gen. Soc. of
Riverside Co.

U.S., ILLINOIS:

IL 32. *Clinton County, IL, 1860 census*.
IL 33. *Index, Clinton Co., IL, 1860 census*.
IL34. *Breese centennial celebration, 1856-1956*. (Clinton Co.)
Periodical IL 18*. *Clinton Co. His. Soc. Quarterly*.

U.S., PENNSYLVANIA:

PA 82. *History of Berks County, PA*.
PA 83. *Marriages, 1753-1854, Lancaster Co., PA*.
Periodical PA 18*. *Journal of the Berks Co. Gen. Soc.*
Periodical PA 19*. *Index of Surnames*. Berks Co. Gen. Soc.
Periodical PA 20*. *Berks of old: the history & genealogy of Berks Co., PA*.
Periodical PA 21*. *Lancaster Legacy: the history & genealogy of Lancaster Co., PA*.

[* Due to lack of space on the New Books Shelf, the new periodicals listed above have been shelved in the FHC Annex – located across the hall from the main library room.]

SURNAMES:

DUNCAN. *Story of Thomas Duncan & his six sons*. Donated by member Mary Ann Dobson, to join the other Duncan books in our surname collection.

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.

This month's featured website is **HeritageQuest Online**. Unlike the other Portal sites we have been discussing, you can also access this site at many public libraries, AND if you have an El Dorado County Library card, you can use HeritageQuest from your home computer by logging in through the library's website with your library card barcode. So use it at the FHC, or your local public library, or in your jammies at home. Remember, though, that you have to sign up, wait, and limit your computer time at the public library; your home PC or the Family History Center is much more convenient. But please don't get confused and show up at the FHC in your PJs.

HeritageQuest Online is owned by Ancestry.com and has some of the same record collec-

tions. Images from all the federal censuses (censi?) are available to download. This includes many surviving Special Schedules from the years when they were done –the1890 (Civil War) Veterans Schedules; the 1850 and 1860 Slave Schedules; Mortality Schedules (those who died in the household during the previous year); and the non-population Agricultural and Industrial/Manufacturers Schedules. Did your relatives live on farms in 1850-1880? Find out how many acres they owned, what they raised, and what they were worth in the Agricultural Schedules.

Other searchable collections include Revolutionary War Pension Files, an index to PERSI (Periodical Source Index), Freedman’s Bank, and the U.S. Serial Set. Each of these needs a separate article. So send in the results of your research in any/all of these databases!

LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

Wed. May 20 Martha Benschura
11:00 AM (No membership required)

“Enemy Alien”

Not all of our ancestors were naturalized. The ones who didn’t become citizens suddenly became suspect when war divided their native countries from their new residences, creating the kinds of records genealogists love.

Wed, May 27 Mary Hill
11:00 AM (No membership required)

*“Migration Patterns East of the Mississippi
Prior to 1860”*

Why did people migrate from one location to another? What routes did they follow, and how can identifying migration trails help you find your ancestors? Learn from maps and historical details.

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We will look forward to seeing all of you again at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 19th.

Feel free to bring a relative or friend with you. Sharing information is always important when working with genealogy.