



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter – June 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 introduce yourself and ask why they are interested in our topic today?

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 share information and refreshments.

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UPCOMING R&GD MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

Legacy 8 User Group

JUNE 2nd – Legacy 8 User Group Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, except December, in the Primary Room at the LDS Church on Cedar Ravine Road, Placerville.

The main topic for this month's meeting will be developing a Style Guide for entering your family data into a genealogy program.

A Style Guide is just that, a guide that you can follow to add information into your family records using a consistent format. Over time, many of us have found that when we first started recording our family history, we were not sure how it was done or what the finished record would look like. As we went along, we made changes that we thought were improvements. In so doing, the records that we entered several months or years ago are different than what we are doing today.

By developing your own Style Guide, you will have an opportunity to formalize a plan so that your family records are more consistent over your entire genealogical database.

This discussion will not be specific to the Legacy software and so all R&GD members are

invited to attend and join in the discussion. Please send an email note to Richard Wilson at: richardwilson1204@gmail.com if you are attending for the first time so that enough handouts are available.

JUNE 16th

Barbara Leak

“Colonial Immigration to Appalachia”

Barbara’s experiences as speaker and educator span 25 years. She is past president of the Genealogical and History Council of Sacramento Valley, and of Placer County Genealogical Society. She is a long-time volunteer at the Auburn FHC and recipient of the Cal State Genealogical Alliance Distinguished Service Award recipient.

JULY 21st

Joan Gunn

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

AUG 18th

Members & Guests

“Roundtable discussions”

Come and enjoy these presentations and our discussions. Please feel free to contribute some topics from your research and genealogical interests, too!

RECAP OF MAY 19th MEETING

Our speaker, Susan H. Jackman, was welcomed by 25 members and 11 guests anxious to hear about Pennsylvania German Research which included the location of origin, Lutheran & Reformed Churches and published records, ship lists, documents from the 18th century, Pennsylvania tax records; a day in the life of Pennsylvania Germans and where they moved when they left Pennsylvania. Susan is a graduate of Bachelor of General Studies from Brigham Young University and is an Associate of Professional Genealogists. Susan's special-

ties include Colonial Emigration and Immigration, LDS, Military, Naturalization, Paleography; Irish, German, and Italian-Americans and Court Records.

Susan stated that the spelling variations of our ancestors’ names hinder our research. Begin with what you already know and work your way back and learn common German given names, their English name and their nicknames.

Our meeting Greeter, Luana Zylla, welcomed members and guests and guided them through the signing-in and obtaining a name tag. Cookies were provided by Carol Ebert and Cathy Keeler provided the refreshing beverages.

Dale Castle won our “Book Can” drawing. He was previously a winner so now he has the opportunity of choosing two books that he can use for a month before donating them to the FHC Library

RECAP - LEGACY 8 USER GROUP

Richard’s May 5th presentation was customizing Legacy including installation of the program, an overview of the features available and setting up the program to manage your family records as you would like to see them.

OUR NEW ROOTS & GOLD DUST SLOGAN IS:

**“FIND YOUR ANCESTORS AND
DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS”**

PLACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

By: Alice Morrow, morbrowz@comcast.net

The LDS Placerville Family History Center (“FHC”) is open to all researchers and volunteers. In fact, several R&GDS non-church

members (me included) are part of the volunteer staff. And we can always use more! The FHC gives us access to the data base ("FamilySearch.org") and microfilm collections of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, as well as a fairly sizeable collection of research books, periodicals, maps and microforms. Much of the collection has been donated by R&GDS or its individual members. The online Family Search "Portal", which can only be used at an FHC, provides free use of several major subscription genealogy websites (Ancestry, Fold3, etc.)

Volunteers are available during open hours to assist researchers. (Wouldn't you like to become a volunteer?) 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 have been placed in the "New Books" section on top of the last microfilm cabinet:

U.S., PENNSYLVANIA

PA 84. *Index to the Illustrated Historical Atlas of Berks Co.*

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PA 86. *Township Map of Berks Co., PA 1854.*

PA 87-. *1767 Berks Co., PA Archives.* [Index to county tax information.]

U.S., UTAH

UT 2, v. 11 & 12. *An Endearing Legacy.*

UT 4, v. 7. *Pioneer Pathways.*

UT 20, v. 2, 5. 7. 8. *Chronicles of Courage.*

Pennsylvania German Books in the FHC

Our May speaker, Susan Jackman, gave an excellent talk on this subject, and her handout lists many important resources. Our FHC Pennsylvania collection includes books which deal specifically with German immigrants to the state. The following are ones that I quickly found by title, but there may be more:

PA 1, 2, & 3. *Pennsylvania German Church Records of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, Etc.* in three volumes.

PA 18. *Genealogical Data on the German Settlers of PA...*

PA 42. *Source and documents of the PA Germans.*

We also have many books on early records of Pennsylvania and its counties – tax lists, census, property maps, etc.

Through The Portal with Alice — Pennsylvania German Sources

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 we continue the Pennsylvania German theme.

Susan Jackman's handout mentions the various records available through the Portal on Ancestry.com. Included are passenger and immigration records, vital records, and newspapers. Schedule some time at the FHC to explore the many Pennsylvania German resources on Ancestry.

GENIE RESOURCES

Provided by Susan H. Jackman:

- Pennsylvania Research Outline at: <http://www.familysearch.org>
- Tim's Terrific tips for researching in Pennsylvania, but also in other eastern areas at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~GENHOME/ttmpol>
- Pennsylvania German Society: <http://www.pgs.org>
- Palatines to America at: <https://www.palam.org> (Researching German Speaking Ancestors Including: German, Austria, Alsace, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Poland Russia, Denmark, Netherlands)
- 18th Century German Naming Patterns at: <http://www.kerchner.com/germname.htm>
- The Wurttemberg Emigration Index 1808-1890—Includes name, date, and place of birth, residence at time of application and application date, and microfilm number at: <http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3141>
- Migration Links at: <http://www.migrations.org/2/noe/Westmoreland/MigrationTrails.htm>
- Pennsylvania Migration Map at: <http://www.mcn.org/2/noel/Westmoreland/MigrationTrails.htm>
- The German-American: An Ethnic Experience at: <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/kade/adams/cover.html>

RESEARCH WIKI at:

<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/BYU-Family-History-Library#Collection-Description>
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Another Portal database which we have visited before is the Access Newspaper Archives collection. Check this collection for any Pennsylvania city you are researching. There are no German American newspapers listed (these are usually available only on microfilm), but they do have some early English language PA newspapers from cities which were centers for German immigrants and may well have records of your ancestors. Many of the archive's Gettysburg newspapers began in the early 1800's. The Philadelphia paper started publishing in 1769. Early newspapers from other cities with large German populations include Huntingdon, Lebanon and Williamsport.

GENEALOGICAL REALITY

Do you know that we are leaves before we become a branch on a family tree?

Carol Pirtle, Newsletter Editor

LET US NOT FORGET WHAT
THE REAL CELEBRATION ON
MEMORIAL DAY REPRESENTS
AND BE PROUD OF OUR BRAVE
MILITARY BRANCHES

BOOK CAN BALANCE

To May 25, 2015

Book Can Balance	\$ 316.54
Income:	\$ 25.00
Expense:	\$ 52.01
	\$(27.01)
Ending Book Can Balance	\$ 289.53

By R&GD Treasurer, Carol Sexton

GOOD BOOKS TO READ

Finding Your German Ancestors:
A Beginner's Guide, By Kevan M. Hansen
ISBN 0-916489-83-3

They Became Americans
Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic
Origins, By Loretto Dennis Szucs
ISBN: 0-916489-71-X

They Came in Ships, Second Edition, By John
P. Colletta, Ph.D.
ISBN 0-916489-42-6

Guide to NATURALIZATION RECORDS of
the UNITED STATES, By Christina K.
Schaefer
ISBN 0-8063-1532-6

I'm finding many genealogical books at garage sales, on sale at libraries, Amazon.com, etc. I usually purchase them when they are used, but in new or good condition. I also search for e-books and books on google. Can any of our members or guests suggest a book, website, webinar, etc. that would be helpful with our Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society?

A TIDBIT OF EL DORADO COUNTY HISTORY

Have you ever heard of "Mud Springs"? It was an important camp on the old Carson Emigrant Trail before becoming a mining center and crossroads station for freight and stage lines. The name Mud Springs came about once the fresh water from the spring became a watering hole for the emigrants for their stock. During the years of the gold fever, 1849-1850 there were thousands of people living there.

In 1851 the post office was opened. Mud Springs was also known as Mud Spring. In 1852, a hotel was built and subsequently saloons and stores. When Mud Springs was

incorporated in 1855, the name was changed. Two years later it was disincorporated, but the name remained the same. Hint: Mud Springs is located four miles southwest of Placerville. A rich placer-mining district spread out including new diggings at Loafer's Hollow, Deadman's Hollow, Slate Creek, Empire Ravine, Dry Creek, and Missouri Flat. One of the lessee's of one of these quartz mines, in 1851, put up a steam mill running eight immense stamps. Then came the discovery of several rich Mother Lode quartz leads.

Then appeared Quartsburg, one of the earliest quartz-mining districts in the State of California. The first mill stamp was brought around the Horn from Cincinnati, was used at the old Tennessee Mine, later called Nashville.

In 1923, a brush fire destroyed nearly everything there. Mud Springs is now called the *town* of El Dorado in El Dorado County, California!

Extracted from: Historic Spots in California, By Mildred Brook Hoover and H.E. & E. G. Rensch. Published by Stanford University Press, Stanford, California.

A CHANGE IN ACCESS TO THE STATE OF MAINE'S VITAL RECORDS

The following announcement was written by the Maine State Archives and is available to all at:

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/vitalrecordschanges.docx>

Per state law, all vital records – such as notices of birth, death and marriage – dating from 1892 to the present day, are no longer available at the Maine State Archives. The records dating from 1892 – 1922 were previously held at the Archives, but have now been digitally scanned, allowing the Vital Records office to issue these

documents. As of May 1, 2015, Data, Research and Vital Statistics at the Vital Records office will issue **ALL** vital records from 1892 to present.

The Maine Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives will continue to issue non-certified copies of documents prior to 1892.

Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter · May 18, 2015

ARE YOU NEW TO GENEALOGY?

Welcome to the fascinating world of family history research! You can learn more about you, your ancestors, and why you are the person you are today.

Here is a list of articles from my newsletter that I think are the most useful resources for anyone who is learning how to find their ancestors:

To get into each of these topics hold down the Control key and press down the left side of the "MOUSE"



Family History for Beginners

Genealogy Basics

Are You Missing Most of the Available Genealogy Information?

Who Owns Your Genealogy Data?

GEDCOM Explained

Ahnentafel Explained

Second Cousins,” “Once Removed”, and More Explained

Barking Up the Wrong Tree

Citing Sources

Using WorldCat to Find Genealogy Books

Beginners Guide To Genetic Genealogy (in 16 lessons) by Kelly Wheaton

In addition, you need to become familiar with **Cyndi's List** at <http://www.cyndislist.com>. Cyndi's List has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 18 years. .Cyndi's List is free for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online.

WHAT EXACTLY IS CYNDI'S LIST?

- A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
- A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- A free jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.
- A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
- Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

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SEE YOU ON JUNE 16TH AT OUR NEXT MEETING!