



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Our Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society meetings are always held on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Family History Center in the Church of Latter Day Saints building, 3275 Cedar Ravine Road, Placerville. However, we do not have meetings in December.

It is important to arrive about 10 minutes early to get signed in, obtain your name tag, and say "Hello" to your friends and new acquaintances. Please feel free to bring your genealogists friends and family members to enjoy our presentations, too! Be sure to mention that we provide refreshments!

March Refreshments:

Snacks: Valaree Petritsch
Beverages: Carlyn White

OUR 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

March 15, 2016

Bill Taylor

"From Granny's Attic to Your PC and Beyond"

*AKA: "How to Convert Your Giant Box
of STUFF into Digital ORDER"*

Do you have a box stuffed full of wonderful things that you do not know what to do with? Do you have so many binders or files that you cannot make head or tail of them? Wouldn't it be great if you could share it all with your family? Do you have unorganized family history? Are you unsure what to do with it? Are you unsure about your next step? If so, join Bill to learn how to take what you have, organize it on your computer or other electronic storage device and then move forward. Bill will show you how to organize your documents and photos, digitize them into images, store them in easily accessible format on your computer, make backups, and share copies with your family. This is a great class for those beginning their family history research or those needing help organizing what they have. It's not really that hard and it can be a lot of fun!

Bill Taylor has been active on the staff of the El Dorado California Family History Center for over 15 years and currently serves as the Assistant Director for the Center. He has been active in family

history research for over 20 years. Bill is an experienced Internet researcher and has a knack for finding elusive ancestors, dates and places. He also brings 20+ years of experience teaching professional seminars in industry to his love of family history.

Family History is one of Bill's favorite things. Bill has taught numerous classes including Beginning Family History Research Methods, Continuing and Advanced Family History Research Methods, How to be a Family History Detective, How to Search the Internet, Using FamilySearch and NewFamilySearch, Using the Family History Center resources-especially on line library internet websites, How to use Mobile Apps (Family History on the Go), and multiple training courses for Family History Center staff in helping patrons. Bill has also run highly successful workshops for lineage-based organizations helping prospective members prove their lineage. Bill loves working with others and enjoys seeing the joy in their faces as they find that elusive ancestor. Bill began to seriously pursue family history in the 1980's and since then he has seen many changes in the tools and methods used.

April 19, 2016 – To be announced

LEGACY 8 USER GROUP

March 1, 2016 **Richard Wilson**

Richard is going to introduce our Legacy User Group with directions for entering sources into Legacy. Sources are a very important part when we enter documents, etc., into our family tree. If we don't do it when we introduce the documents, photos, census records, etc., we will definitely miss the consistency and accuracy later on! It is important to record where we found our family information so that we can recheck the information if necessary. Also, others can confirm that our records were accurately stated.

LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINAR

On the legacyfamilytreewebinar.com website, Thomas MacEntee is presenting a series of 10 webinars dealing with the program WORD. There is no cost unless you choose to become a member. A syllabus is also available. Geoff Rasmussen and Thomas MacEntee are now working on a course for POWERPOINT, which will hopefully be out in August 2016. Check out the website and look under "Training". I'm so impressed by what they are doing to educate us through the process of using Legacy8. Much of this knowledge can be applied to other purposes of our trip through our lives and genealogy.

RECAP OF FEBRUARY'S MEETING

The speaker was Pamela Dallas, a member of the National Genealogical Society and other professional genealogical organizations. She also became a new member of Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society, which made all of us very privileged and proud of our Society. Pamela spoke to our group back in 2009. This time her topic was Liaison "NUCMC - A Goldmine for Genealogists!" NUCMC is The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections. Alice, our Library Liaison, was the only member present that has ever used this collection. It is a collection of descriptions of manuscript collections, oral history material and archived materials indexed by the Library of Congress held by various repositories throughout the United States and its territories. Pamela gave us permission to make a copy of the handout to other members who were unable to come to the meeting.

There were 27 R&GD members, including 1 new member, Rochelle, and 2 guests, totaling the attendance to be 29.

Snacks were provided by Luana Z. and beverages by Carol P.

THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY IS WELCOMING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE FOR A 3-HOUR SHIFT!!

Regulations require that at least two staff members be on duty during open hours. We would like three people on each shift. Can you do one three-hour shift a week, or every-other week? The FHC is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There are three shifts each day involving 3-hours! 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact: FHC Secretary Teresa Power
Email: thepowerclan@hotmail.com
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or: leave a note in her file folder in the FHC

— Alice Morrow

PACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

Alice Morrow, morbrowz@comcast.net

The LDS Placerville Family History Center ("FHC") is open to all researchers and volunteers. Several R&GD non-church members (me included) are part of the volunteer staff, and we can always use more! The FHC gives us access to the online records and microfilm collections of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Much of the FHC's own collection of books, periodicals, maps and microfilms has been donated by R&GD or its individual members. The online "Portal", which can only be used at an FHC, provides free use of several major paid genealogy websites (Ancestry, Fold3, etc.)

The Family History Center is normally open Tues - Thurs., 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. If you're coming in the evening or in bad weather, it's a good idea to call first (530-621-1378) and make sure they are open.

New FHC Library Materials - The following have been placed in the "New Books" section on

top of the last microfilm cabinet, unless noted otherwise. (Note that these are all journals and will be shelved in the Periodicals room at the end of March.)

U.S., NEW ENGLAND

Periodical NE 32. *New England ancestors: newsmagazine of the New England Historic Genealogical Soc.* We have received some issues to add to the collection that we already have. The journal was published under this title from 2000 to 2009. See next entry for the later title.

Periodical NE 32. *American ancestors: newsmagazine of the New England Historic Genealogical.* The journal changed to this title in 2010. We have received some issues to add to our collection.

IRELAND

Periodical IRE 3. *The Septs.* We have received issues of this journal to add to our collection. See the following description of some of the articles.

Irish Research – some helpful articles in *The Septs*

Wear your best green togs and celebrate St. Paddy's Day March 17, by learning something to help you find your Irish ancestors. The following issues of *The Septs* will be on the New Books shelf during March; after March they will be shelved in the Periodicals room. I have selected one topic from each issue to whet your appetite.

Vol. 30, # 4 - .Military records.

Vol. 31, # 3 – Scotch-Irish.

Vol. 33, # 1 – Irish ancestors in English records.

Vol. 33, #2 – Basic steps and resources in Irish research.

Vol. 35, # 1 – Estate records. (These include rent rolls, poll lists, and other papers relating to tenants of the estates.)

Vol. 35, #3 – Free online 1901 and 1911 census images.

New Records in FamilySearch.org

Salt Lake is constantly adding additional records to already existing groups in their online collection. They have recently added large groups of indexed and digitalized records to the England & Wales 1861 census; Ellis Island passenger arrival

lists 1891-1924; Kansas County marriages 1855-1911; North Carolina County marriages 1762-1979; Ohio, Washington Co., court records 1810-1930; and Utah county marriages 1887-1937.

The following are some new groups that have recently been added:

U.S., IDAHO – Birth Index 1861-1911, Death Certificates 1938-1961. These are indexed records, not the original digitalized images.

EVENT'S REPORT BY MARY-LEE

In a recent blogsite forwarded by Mary-Lee to our members, the visual and informational topic was Names of each type of child born of a mixed race marriage (i.e. "Mulatto", "Quadroon", etc.) A couple people had responses which I'm showing here with their approval.

Harvey: Your collection of mixed-marriages, etc., of Spanish in the New World is interesting. Portuguese are mixed with everybody, everywhere they settled they made themselves at home. I had an aunt married to a Spaniard from Spain. He had relatives in Mexico. The Spaniards lived separately from the Mexican mixed-blood people. This was in the 1950s and 1960s. Also, I used to work with a guy on a police department whose family was mixed with the French from Mexico and they maintained the French surname. They didn't mix with folks of Spanish or Indian ancestry in Mexico. I have a cousin in Texas married to a "white" guy who doesn't want to hear about his wife's Native American ancestors because they are likely mixed with African slaves from the past. I keep my DNA reports secret from him – I are one. America has an interesting history when it comes to race and ancestry. It is not as pure white as some believe. Nor was it made up of slave holders either. Most of my Southern born and raised ancestors from my paternal side served in the Union Army during the Civil War. I'll pass these paintings on, especially to the Spanish folks from my first wife's family. Her folks were 20th Century immigrants from Spain.

Lorraine: This is a very interesting article, but by the 1700's the Spanish were well ensconced in the America's. My ancestor, Velasquez, was an artist in the Royal house of Spain, and, I have identified 25 ancestors who marched into Santa Fe in 1598. Up until the last 25 years, that I am aware of, the New Mexican's spoke the old European 1500's Spanish. The current Spanish dictionaries from the U.S, Mexico or Spain do not have the old colonial Spanish words/language. I suppose that today there are very few New Mexicans who speak the old Spanish. When I was researching this my conclusion was that New Mexico was isolated, and as language evolved in Cuba, the Islands, Mexico and Spain the people in New Mexico did not have access to the changes taking place in the rest of the world. It is almost like finding a pure or untouched culture.

Does anybody really care? I say that in view of the attitudes in today's American/political culture of anyone who is 'Hispanic'. People either do not know or prefer to forget that we were here before the Mayflower. Actually, we do not acknowledge, even today, that the Mexican population is made up of many ethnic groups. They have more Indian tribes (we call them native American's) than we have in our country. Mexico does not isolate the tribes as we do. The workers who are up here speak different languages, and all of them might say one Spanish word out of 15 in dialogue with other. Many years ago, I was startled when I realized they were not speaking Spanish. So, I went back to my high school Spanish in an attempt to relearn what I had forgotten. Since I Do NOT think in Spanish, I can understand words, but cannot hold a conversation or understand everything I hear because I have a limited vocabulary. I think I have about a nine year old vocabulary. But, genetically, by DNA, I am Spanish, and, I am a daughter of the Conquistadors.

There are a lot, like me, still around.

I just loved seeing these two new to me and unique viewpoints – hope you do, too!

Mary-Lee Gilliland

USING NUCMC

Did Pam Dallas's talk at the February meeting inspire you to search for your ancestors in the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections? If you would like to see the steps that one researcher used, read the illustrated article "How to Use NUCMC to Perform a Miracle" written by Diane Boumenot on her "One Rhode Family" blog, 5 Sep 2012:

<http://onerhodeislandfamily.com/2012/09/05/how-to-use-nucmc-to-perform-a-miracle/>

You can also google NUCMC, click on the Cyndi's List item, and then on the link to Diane's blog article.

R&GD INCOME/EXPENSE

February, 2016 Report

Society General Account

Beginning Balance \$ **1,630.58**

Income

Dues	\$ 105.00
Book Can	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	\$ <u>105.00</u>

Expense

No distributions	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	\$ <u>105.00</u>

Ending Balance \$ **1,735.58**

Book Can beginning Balance \$ 207.80

Note: Balance includes \$40 donation toward future book purchases.

Savings Account \$ 10.05

TOTAL: **\$ 1,745.63**

GENI RESOURCES

BONANZAS CAN BE FOUND ON A WEBSITE

Well Carol, you wanted to know if I had any exciting experiences finding family on a website. Well, you know me, I have to check the cemeteries. If I can't find where a person is buried I don't get that feeling of closure that comes when you've searched out as much as you can on someone. If I can personally go to a cemetery, I will. If not, that's where the computer comes in.

I love this technical age, not the electronic devices that drive me nuts, but all that information that is floating around on the web. That's how I've found where a number of my family are buried. A lot of genealogical and historical societies have websites where they list research their members have done, including cemetery listings, and they give you links to other local websites that can give you more local information. There are many, many sites out there that have local, state and national databases with a plethora of facts we genealogists couldn't get just a few years ago. One of my pets are the cemetery sites. Don't just rely on Findagrave or BillionGraves though. Most of the larger cemeteries now have databases on their sites where you can look up your ancestors. Most of them just give the basic facts, but at least you know where your GGUncle Wilbur is buried and you can then contact the cemetery to get more information about him. We were looking for some of the wife's Bachelor line and we traced them back to Hamilton County, Ohio. We did a quick search on Findagrave and found that a number of her family were buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. We checked to see if it had a website of its own and it does, <http://www.springgrove.org/>.

BONANZA!!! The cemetery has a database you can search to see the names of the people buried there and their year of death. When we found one, we clicked on the name of the person and up popped a copy of the burial card. Do these folks have fantastic burial cards! They include the person's name, parents, birth date and place, death date and place, cause of death, burial date, including the name of the plot owner, relationship of deceased to the plot owner, spouse's name, plot number, and undertaker. Really made it easier to link family members together. And you can also look up everyone who is buried in the same lot. We found a lot of in-laws that way. So far we've pulled up 83 people in this one cemetery and we still have a long way to go. Included in those 83 are the wife's 2nd Great, 3rd Great and 4th Great Grandparents, plus numerous siblings, spouses, in-laws and many more. This site is a genealogist's equivalent to being a pig in a mud puddle, life just doesn't get any better. Of course, not every cemetery has a website like this one, most don't, but you can still find a lot of family by checking out the websites for cemeteries in the area you are looking at.

Paul Hodel

WHAT MIGHT CEMETERIES BECOME

Swedish biologist Susanne Wiigh-Mäsak is hoping the world embraces 'promession,' an elaborate decomposition system that takes a body, freezes it, vibrates it to dust, and dehydrates it, to create what the inventor claims is the most eco-friendly form of burial ever devised. Let's say you Find-A-Grave community? Are you interested? Look up: <http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles>.

These days, the options for what to do with our body post-mortem are nearly

limitless in their number and imagination. Want to be mummified? You got it... www.atlasobscura.com

BURIAL PODS

Bye-Bye Coffins! These Organic Burial Pods Will Turn You Into A Tree Of Your Choice When You Die.
May 30, 2015 [Interesting](#), [Life](#)

Coffins, tombstones and normal funeral proceedings are so last year.... This unconventional way of being buried might just be the future. This unique burial method originated in Italy and is titled [The Capsula Mundi project](#), created by designer Anna Citelli and designer Raoul Bretzel. The designers created an organic, biodegradable burial capsule that actually transforms the body of the deceased into a tree. As this occurs, the body would turn into nutrients for the tree that would allow it to grow.

The burial pods are made from a starch plastic which does not prevent the natural decomposition of the capsule and allows the organic matter to transform into minerals, that will provide the earth with nutrients for vegetative organisms. Essentially, these pods will transform cemeteries into a "memory forest." There is one on display at Jaffa, Israel. Just search for "Italian Burial Pods" on a search engine.

We will be limited to using a GPS to locate the correct tree and our "family member"!