



## ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### NEWSLETTER - MAY 2016

Our Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society meetings are 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. There are NO 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 genealogist friends and family members to enjoy our presentations and our refreshments, too!

#### OUR 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

MAY 17, 2016 Tom Adams and Jeff Doyle

*"Mother Lode Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)"*

**Tom Adams** found the process of defining one's family line through the SAR application process can be very enlightening and rewarding.

**Jeff Doyle**, a descendant of Daniel Boone, also with the Mother Lode Chapter, will accompany Tom and tell us about his family's early migration to California.

The SAR is a "lineage" society. This means that each member has traced their family tree back to a point of having an ancestor (a "Patriot") who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783.

JUNE 21, 2016 Mary Cory

#### "Researching the Past"

Mary CORY, Director of the El Dorado County Museum's Research Room, will present her slideshow on the resources available to the public at the Museum.

## RECAP OF APRIL 19th MEETING

Our 26 attending members and 5 guests were greeted by Rochelle Vaigneur. Patty Harris, a new member, join our Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society. Welcome aboard, Patty.

Cookies and cupcakes were provided by Judy Williams and beverages were furnished by Carol Sexton. Our president, Richard Wilson, brought it to our attention that we have future meetings for which we need provisions for snacks and beverages. (Come on guys, don't you have leftover provisions from your time in the service that you could share for snacks?)

The winner of the Book Can drawing was Cathy Keeler

Cynthia Crawford Larson and Betty Price Crockford both members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the El Dorado Chapter, Placerville, discussed *how to locate ancestors who were involved in the American Revolution*.

They also discussed the history of the development of the DAR. On October 11, 1890, eighteen women and four men met in Washington for the purpose of organizing the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) had recently been founded in New York City on April 30, 1889. Some SAR societies permitted women and some did not. At the next year's general meeting on April 30, 1890, the matter was put to a vote and the SAR decided to officially exclude women from its membership.

This event sparked controversy and discussion in the national press, and caught the attention of Mary Smith Lockwood. Incensed that the contributions of women to the American Revolution were not being recognized, Mrs. Lockwood wrote a fiery editorial that was published in the Washington Post on July 13, 1890. In it, she demonstrated convincingly that women

had contributed much to the Revolutionary cause that had previously been overlooked and ignored. She asked, "Were there no mothers of the Revolution?"

William O. McDowell, Vice President General of SAR, disagreed with the vote and believed that women should form their own similar patriotic organization. He wrote his own letter to the Post, which was published on July 21, urging women to organize and offering his assistance. Six women soon replied, including Miss Mary Desha who wrote, "I am good for any amount of work."

Eighteen women attended the first official organizing meeting held on October 11, 1890 at the Strathmore Arms boarding house at 810 12th Street, the home of Mrs. Lockwood. These include the four women traditionally considered to be the organization's founders: Mrs. Lockwood, Miss Desha, Miss Eugenia Washington, and Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth. Four men also attended the meeting and formed the first Advisory Board to the NSDAR.

During the meeting, the first slate of national officers was elected, with the nation's first lady, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, as President General. The women adopted a tentative constitution, discussed the scheduling of annual meetings, and decided that October 11 would be the permanent anniversary of the society. Their first resolution pledged support toward completing the memorial monument to Mary Washington, mother of George Washington. And so the first meeting of the DAR was adjourned, having laid the groundwork for a long tradition of patriotic service to the nation.

## DAR IS EXPANDING ITS WORK WITH DNA FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Written by Sharon Withers April 13th 2016

In recent years, DNA has become widely recognized as a powerful genealogical tool—a molecular hammer than can smash brick walls. It can

have the same utility as a historic document or vital record and can be especially helpful in eliminating false information. You can learn more about DNA research and genealogy from a recent DAR Library Genealogy 101 lecture which can be viewed online here: <http://www.dar.org/library/online-library-lectures>

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Beginning in 2014, DAR began accepting Y-DNA as supporting evidence in membership applications. You can learn more about this process here: [www.dar.org/dna](http://www.dar.org/dna)

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.At the time the DNA policy was implemented, we began a partnership with Family Tree DNA (FTNDA) to offer discounted Y-DNA tests to DAR members and their families. We are excited to again be working with Family Tree DNA on another DNA project...and this one is groundbreaking!

As part of this partnership, DAR staff genealogists manage a group of DNA results from DAR members and their relatives on the Family Tree DNA website. Our DNA group can be found under the Surname Project and is called "NSDAR" <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/nsdar/about>

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. We want to invite YOU to submit your DNA results to our DNA group. **All** types of DNA are accepted and welcomed; feel free to submit Y-DNA, mitochondrial (mtDNA) and autosomal DNA tests.

The power of DNA is limited only by the number of test subjects; more participants in a DNA group equals a better chance of finding lineage connections between its members. A "connection" is when two individuals share a common piece (segment) of DNA. The more DNA segments two individuals share, the more closely they are related. Finding these matches can be very helpful in your family history research. They can break down a brick wall, help a pro-

spective DAR member find a connection to a patriot, eliminate false information in your genealogical research and even substantiate family stories and lore!

As our DNA group grows and even more technology becomes available, we believe that in partnership with Family Tree DNA, we will be able to combine DNA results with our verified lineages to gain a clearer understanding of the utility of all types of DNA as part of the application process. The future of DNA in genealogical research is endless!

If you have not yet had your DNA tested, we encourage you and your relatives to do so. You can purchase tests directly from the Family Tree DNA website. **We are thrilled to tell you that Family Tree DNA has now offered DAR members discounted rates for ALL of their DNA tests!** To gain access to the reduced rates, purchase your tests here: <https://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=NSDAR>

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. These rates are only available to you and your family members. Be a DNA pioneer—join the NSDAR DNA Group!

If you have already had DNA testing performed by Family Tree DNA, it is free and easy to add your results to the NSDAR group. Visit <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/nsdar/about> and click the "Join" button on the top right. If you have done your DNA testing through a different provider, you can also add your results to the NSDAR group for a small fee. You can learn more about this process of transferring your DNA here: <https://www.familytreedna.com/AutosomalTransfer>

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. When you begin the process of adding your results to the NSDAR DNA group, there will be a number of fields to fill out about your personal family history. You will also select privacy settings which control how much information is shared with the other group members. We en-

courage you to fill out as much of this information as possible to maximize the usefulness of this project. The more information we have, the more the project will be able to show us in the future.

We hope you will consider joining the NSDAR DNA group and help preserve your family's genetic history for future generations. Adding your results to the group can bring about positive results in your family research. Imagine being able to find that elusive ancestor, the one that seems to be in the witness protection program. Imagine being able to target your research to a specific group of people with a very common surname, separating "your" Smiths from the "other" Smiths. These things have the possibility of happening through our NSDAR DNA group---but they won't happen without YOUR DNA results!

#### **EL DORADO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE**

Alice Morrow, [morbrowz@comcast.net](mailto: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 go in the evening or when the weather is bad, it's a good idea to call first (530-621-1378).

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

of the last microfilm cabinet, unless noted otherwise.

I am including excerpts from reviews by Mary-Lee Gilliland of the two books.

#### **GERMANY**

GER 37 Historic German newspapers online by Ernest Thode.

"Chiefly this book consists of a wonderful list of German newspapers printed worldwide including, most excitingly, those of Mid to Western US states where most Germans came in America. They are relisted alphabetically by their individual names with a column for their actual publishing dates. VERY useful for Americans with immigrant German ancestors!" — Mary-Lee

GER 38 Platt D  utsch = Low German: a brief history of the people and language by Robert Stockman.

"This is probably the most comprehensive breakdown of ethnic groups from earliest human history in Europe, showing by language patterns the breakout of individual languages. The 'orthography' explains the gradual change in pronunciation and grammar that caused these languages to develop. And the "glossary" refers to many words spelled out in Low German (Platt), Standard German and English. These are not limited in scope. Also a selection of words is given for each German area of your ancestor, then compared in various Germanic languages. . ." — Mary-Lee

Family History Digitized Online Books Collection  
Familysearch.org gives online access to many digitized books in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, plus eleven other major genealogy libraries.

To find a digitized book or books, go to the Catalog on familysearch.org and look up a title or subject. (You can also do this on the WorldCat

database.) If the book you find is digitized, just click on the word “here” in the note “To view a digital version of this item click here”.

The FamilySearch Wiki gives the following description of the digitized collection:

“Family History Books is a collection of more than 200,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees.

The valuable resources included in Family History Books come from the following partner institutions:

- Allen County Public Library
- Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library
- Brigham Young University Idaho David O. McKay Library
- Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library
- Church History Library
- Family History Library
- Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
- Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania
- Onondaga County Public Library
- University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries
- Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records”

## R&GD INCOME/EXPENSE

April 2016 Report

### Society General Account

*Beginning Balance* . . . . . \$ 1,760.58

#### Income

Dues	\$ 74.00	
Book Can	\$ <u>11.00</u>	\$ 85.00

#### Expense

Postage & Printing	\$ 59.39	
Post Office rent	\$ 25.00	
Book Expense	\$ <u>40.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 131.39</u>
		\$ ( 46.39)
<i>Ending Balance</i> . . . . .		<i>\$ 1,714.19</i>

*Book Can beginning Balance*      \$ 227.80

#### Income

\$ 11.00  
\$ 238.00

#### Expense

\$ 47.00

*Ending Balance*                      \$ 191.80

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Savings Account remains at      \$ 10.05

**TOTAL:**                                      \$ 1,724.24

## GENEALOGY RESOURCES

### **SACRAMENTO GERMAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Tue., May 24                      Dr. James Baker, Ph.D., and C.G.

“German Genealogy Gems: Going Beyond the Church Records”

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento - McMurdo Hall  
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

This presentation offers strategies to find alternate records when the more commonly used

church records are missing or inadequate. Records covered include civil records, property records, town anniversary books, court records, tax records, Ortssippenbücher, and Familienbücher. Case studies illustrate the use of these records, some dating back to the 1500s.

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Nancy Loe

“Coming to America: Castle Garden, Ellis Island & Immigrant Ancestors”

1:00 – 2:30 pm, West Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
at Sacramento Central Library

In the first part of the presentation, we’ll follow in the footsteps of European immigrant ancestors who approached America’s “front doors to freedom” through the Customs House, Castle Garden, or Ellis Island in the 19th and 20th centuries. The second part covers essential and little-known resources for finding your immigrant ancestors.

1. Leaving the Old World
2. Voyaging to the New World
3. Arriving in New York
  - U.S. Customs House
  - Castle Garden
  - Barge Office
  - Ellis Island
4. Staying in America
5. Finding Migration Records

Nancy Loe, professional archivist, librarian, and genealogist, has managed archives and genealogy collections for three decades. Nancy has appeared on PBS’s American Experience, at Rootstech, and written genealogy guides on organizing and simplifying research. Her website, [sassyjanegenealogy.com](http://sassyjanegenealogy.com), was featured in *Family Tree Magazine’s* “Social Media Mavericks: 40 to Follow,” in 2014.

Central Library, it is located at 828 I Street in downtown Sacramento. Street parking near the library is free on Sundays. You can also park free of charge on Sundays in the Sacramento County Jury parking lot, between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and F and G Streets. The entrance is off of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. There is no registration process for this free program – just come and enjoy! If you have any questions, please contact me – Beth Daugherty – at [bdaugherty@saclibrary.org](mailto:bdaugherty@saclibrary.org)

### DO WE REMEMBER?

Yes, we can usually remember the occasion of a good find for our family tree, but where did we find it? This quickly shows us the need of keeping a Research Log.

Some research logs have more columns for information than others, but it needs to capture the details of a search. The essential information is the date of when it was searched, the person’s surname, residences, and the desired objective. The objective is important, because we might be pursuing specific research questions on an ancestor or family. The template, usually includes at least five columns for recording details of a search:

1. **Date of the research**
2. **Repository or Website URL**
3. **Title of the Collection (Book, CD, etc.)**
4. **Keyword Search**
5. **Results (Success or additional questions to be answered)**

**We look forward for members and guests to attend our May 17<sup>th</sup> Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society to hear the SAR presentation.**