



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2016

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.

Please arrive about 10 minutes early to get signed in, obtain your name tag, and say "Hello" to your friends and new acquaintances. Bring your genealogist friends and family members to enjoy our speakers to entice them to genealogy!

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

JUNE 21, 2016

Mary Cory

"Researching the Past"

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

RECAP OF MAY 17TH MEETING

Our speakers on May 17th were Tom Adams, President and Jeff Doyle, Executive Vice President of the Mother Lode Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, (SAR). Tom spoke of the origin and preservation of the Heritage of SAR. The Mother Lode Chapter has 32 members. Tom and Jeff provided most of the information in this newsletter.

Jeff was wearing an outfit representing the clothing worn in the American Revolution. He shared his own family tree, which included Daniel Boone. They came through the pass into California just before the Donner Party was trying to go over the higher pass.

If you have the opportunity to see Tom and Jeff do a presentation, please go. They are very informative and they both enjoy doing the presentation.

Greeters: Carol Ebert and Mary-Lee Gilliland.
Refreshments, June Wickliffe and beverages by Alice Morrow.

LEGACY 8 USER GROUP by Richard Wilson continues to be suspended.

LEGACY USER GROUP by Marian Kile, at Eastern Ave., is not meeting for June, July and August. It will resume on September 1st.

**WEBINARS from Family History
Library Salt Lake**

Fri June 3rd – 12:00 – Place Names for Swedish
Genealogy
Tues. June 7th – 1:00 – England Research
Tues. June 21st – 1:00 – Welsh Naming Pat-
terns
Wed. June 22nd – 12:00 – Welsh Records
Wed. June 23rd – 12:00 – Wales Probate
Records
Fri. June 24th – 12:00 – Norwegian Church
Records
Thurs. June 30th – 12:00 – British Research

**SACRAMENTO GERMAN GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**

Tues., June 28 Stephen P. Morse

“A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools.”

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 2391 St.
Marks Way, Sacramento – McMurdo Hall

Mr. Morse’s presentation now includes about
200 web-based tools divided into 16 separate
categories ranging from genealogical searches
to astronomical calculations to last-minute bid-
ding on e-bay. This presentation will describe
the range of tools available and give the high-
lights of each one.

El Dorado Hill Genealogical Society

June 15, 6:30 pm Victoria Fisch

“What’s in a Name?”

Central Library – West meeting Room

June 26 -1:00-2:30 Janice Sellers

“Get Me to the Church: Religious Records”

Sacramento Valley Chapter

June 12 – 2:00pm Lee Macklin

*“Master Genealogy Plan with
DNA presentation”*

Includes a Silent Auction.
Bring finger foods to share

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SERVICES

HISTORY OF SAR

In 1876, there were many celebrations to com-
memorate the centennial of the signing of the
Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.
As part of this patriotic fervor, a group of men
in the San Francisco, California, area who were
descendants of patriots involved in the Ameri-
can Revolution, formed an organization called
the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. Their objective
was to have a fraternal and civic society to sa-
lute those men and women who pledged their
lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to the battle
for independence from Great Britain. The Sons
of Revolutionary Sires desired to keep alive
their ancestors’ story of patriotism and cour-
age in the belief that it is a universal one of
man’s struggle against tyranny – a story which
would inspire and sustain succeeding genera-
tions when they would have to defend and ex-
tend our freedoms.

Out of the Sires grew the National Society of
the Sons of the American Revolution, which
was organized on April 30, 1889, the 100th an-
niversary of the inauguration of George Wash-
ington as our nation’s first President. We have
used the acronym SAR to identify ourselves for
over 100 years. The SAR was conceived as a
fraternal and civic society composed of lineal

descendants of the patriots who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence. The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, 1906. The charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was also a member of the Empire State Society, SAR. The charter authorizes the granting of charters to societies of the various states and territories and authorizes the state-level societies to charter chapters within their borders. Federal Legislation then established a federal charter for the National Society, SAR.

Source: <https://preview.sar.org/meet-sar/history/origins>

PATRIOTIC GOALS

- The SAR inspires the community with the principles on which our nation was founded.
- Many chapters and state-level societies have color guards that wear Revolutionary War uniforms and participate in civic and patriotic events and observances such as the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day, Bill of Rights Day, Yorktown Day, Constitution Day, and important battles of the Revolutionary War.
- Each year the SAR National Congress passes resolutions to stimulate personal and national action based on these principles.
- The SAR maintains and extends the institutions of American freedom. In 1994, the SAR formed a Task Force to Preserve U.S. History to help focus public attention on profound problems in some proposed national standards for teaching pre-college U.S. history.

- The SAR carries out the promises expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution.
- The SAR provides recognition for public service. The state-level societies and chapters of the SAR present thousands of awards each year to law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and other citizens who exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation. This includes young men and women who are leaders in our communities: high-ranking high school students of history, Eagle Scouts, JROTC and ROTC cadets, and midshipmen.

The SAR honors, respects, and supports veterans, especially those confined to residential and hospital facilities provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

HISTORICAL GOALS

- The SAR commemorates and provides memorials for the people and events of the American Revolution.
- The SAR preserves records relating to the events leading up to and during the American Revolution.
 - The SAR was a major force behind the construction of the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and the collection of historic documents therein.
- The SAR supports genealogical research and presentations (books, articles, and presentations) related to the history and people of the period from 1750 until 1800.
 - The national SAR Magazine publishes authoritative descriptions of historical events in a quality magazine of archival value.
 - The SAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee published information on some 54,000 grave

sites of patriots in the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register, published in 1993. More names have been collected and the entire 140,000 names and locations have now been published.

- The Patriot Index Committee is publishing information on 732,000 patriots and their descendants.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

- The SAR sponsors youth awards programs, including essay and oration contests for students, based on historical and patriotic themes.
- The SAR distributes history curriculum and educational media resources across the country.
- The SAR informs the community about the events and philosophical bases of the American Revolution and the Constitution. Important events and persons of the Revolutionary period are portrayed for students and the public at large.
- The SAR helps people locate and evaluate genealogical records. The SAR's state-level society and chapter registrars have excellent resources and the SAR Genealogical Research Library is a major national repository of genealogical information.

SAR PATRIOT AND GRAVE INDEXSEARCH

The SAR Patriot & Grave Index is a database combination of the previous SAR Revolutionary War Graves Registry, information from the SAR Patriot Index CD (2002), and additional information and updates from various state grave registry databases.

This database will continue to expand as new patriots and graves are found and new members are approved. This database is available for the purpose of general research and assisting with the SAR membership process. The sources contained within this database are not acceptable as proof of service for an SAR application. Applicants and researchers must still find the original reference to the service when submitting an SAR application.

Please be aware that the Patriot & Grave Registry is not a comprehensive list of all the individuals who served in the American Revolutionary War. This database is a work in progress. The SAR is attempting to eliminate duplicates, make additions to records when new data becomes available, and add new records for patriots as these individuals are vetted. Visitors and researchers may submit comments, corrections, and new information to the committee by email at patriotgraves@sar.org. When submitting changes, please include the patriot's reference number, citations, and references to support the request along with any relevant follow up contact information. Visitors will be directed to an external database site in order to access the SAR Patriot and Grave Index.

Source: <https://preview.sar.org/genealogy/patriot-search>

**Welcome to the National Society of the Sons
of the American Revolution
Patriot & Grave Index**

Source: <http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes>

Note: If your headstone has a conflicting date of death than your family thinks, maybe you just died on the wrong day!

SAR HEADQUARTERS

Located along Main Street's Museum Row in downtown Louisville, the Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence. As a historical, educational, and patriotic, non-profit corporation, it seeks to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "*e pluribus Unum*" that was created from the people of many nations.

The historical buildings themselves, housing the SAR's administrative offices, Library, and Center Gallery, showcase a cast iron façade in the Modified Renaissance Revival style prevalent in American architecture in the late nineteenth century. The Soho district in New York City is the only place in the United States with more cast iron façades than Louisville's Main Street. The warehouse (located from 803 to 807 West Main Street) was occupied in the early years by a variety of tobacco brokers, including the Kentucky Tobacco Company. In the early twentieth century, its use had switched to grocery and coffee storage.

While Kentucky was not a cotton-growing state, the Brandeis & Sanders Building (located at 809 West Main Street) was a testament to the importance of the Ohio River for transportation, and Louisville as a distribution point, for the southern cotton commodity trade. On 27 March 1890, a class-4 tornado came through Louisville and heavily damaged the 800 block of Main Street. The Kentucky Tobacco Warehouse was "completely wrecked with the exception of a part of the front and back walls," according to the 29 March *Louisville Commercial*, and the top two floors were never reconstructed, leaving the current building shorter than its neighbors. During the years surrounding the start of the Great Depression, it was vacant. In 1936, A. J. Whitley purchased the building, and relo-

cated Fulton Conway & Company, an automobile accessories business, from a location a few doors west on Main Street. In March 1974, the 800 block of Louisville's West Main Street was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

On 23 February 2008, under the leadership of President General Bruce A. Wilcox, the SAR general officers, vice presidents general, and trustees voted to take the first step to relocate the SAR national Headquarters to West Main Street in Louisville. In October 2010, the Genealogical Research Library began operations in its new facility on West Main Street, with the full transition of the Headquarters to its current location occurring over the summer months of 2014.

SAR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY

The SAR Genealogical Research Library collection contains over 55,000 items including family histories; local, county, and state records; and online genealogical databases. The Mary & James S. Craik Special Collections Room also houses the miniature of Dr. James Craik by Charles Willson Peale, the George Washington book collection, and several artifacts of importance surrounding General Washington's life and early U.S. history.

The Library is open to the public on weekdays from 9:30AM until 4:30PM and on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00AM until 4:00PM.

Source:

<https://preview.sar.org/meetsar/headquarters/history-and-visitor-information>

**EL DORADO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER
UPDATE**

NOTE: Bill Taylor is now the Director of the Placerville FHC library.

Alice Morrow, morrbrowz@comcast.net

The LDS El Dorado 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 –

There are no new books to report this month, but I have it on good authority that some are coming soon.

Microfilms on Loan – This is on short-term loan and is due to be renewed or returned by the date given. Please note that the person who paid for the loan has first dibs on using it.

U.S., MISSOURI, St. Louis & St. Louis Co.
#469562 — Due Jul 11

Marriage records, v. 3 1843-1848

**This is also digitized online. Access it through the Catalog on familysearch.org

FHC LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

The Family History Center can always use more staff to work a regular shift or to substitute as needed. The pay isn't very good, but the rewards are great. You learn while helping others and, if patrons don't need help, work on your own research. Pick your day (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) and shift (11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., or 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) Contact: FHC Secretary Teresa Power. Or put a note in her file folder at the FHC. Email: thepowerclan@hotmail.com Phone: [\(530\) 626-6970](tel:5306266970)

R&GD INCOME/EXPENSE

May, 2016 Report

<u>Society General Account</u>			
	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$ 1,714.19
<u>Income</u>			
Dues	\$ 15.00		
Book Can	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ 15.00	
<u>Expense</u>			
Speakers		\$ <u>40.00</u>	
			\$ (25.00)
	<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 1,689.19
	<i>Book Can beginning Balance</i>		\$ 191.80
<u>Income</u>	\$ 0.00		
<u>Expense</u>	\$ 0.00		
	<i>Ending Balance</i>		\$ 191.80
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	<u>Savings Account remains</u>		\$ 10.05
<u>TOTAL: Ending Balance</u>			<u>1,699.24</u>

Hope to see you all on June 21, 2016 at our next meeting!