



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 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.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Three of our executive board members must step down as stated in our by-laws. Their term is limited to 2 years.

- Richard Wilson - President
- Rodi Lee – Vice President
- Carlyn White – Program Chair

- *Carol Pirtle – Newsletter Editor, needs to step down after 3-years' of service.

THE TRUTH OF IT ALL

You know you are a true genealogist when you do a slideshow on your computer and there are more cemetery photos and research documents than family photos.
Carol Pirtle, Newsletter Editor

AGENDAS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2016

Oct 18, 2016

Linda Van Gundy

“Legacy of Gold...The Story of James S. Russell, 1830-1930,” is a personal story of the California gold rush

Linda McBeath-Van Gundy is the great, great granddaughter of James S. Russell and has spent 40 years researching her family tree, including El Dorado County, California, Gold Rush days. James S. Russell was just nineteen years of age when he began his travels from Nantucket, Massachusetts, via Cape Horn, to California in search of gold. He spent 182 days at sea (6 months). James settled in El Dorado County and lived here for 80 years

Nov 15, 2016

All Members Celebrate!

This is our Annual Finger Food sharing and the sharing of our R&GD members' experiences of success and/or frustration of their genealogical research.

November, is also the month that we vote for our Executive Board Officers for 2017. It is a happy and sad occasion, because we know we will be seeing our dedicated Executive Officers stepping down and anxiously looking forward to our new Executive Board Officers in January 2017.

December 2016

NO MEETING

*Send your family off to do shopping and
hideout at home and expand your Family Tree!*

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER 20, MEETING

Submitted by Carol P. Ebert

The person in my picture..... George Garner Colgrove, born in Remsen, Oneida Co, New York, April 11, 1812. Most of his life (1850-1870) he was a farmer in New York. Sometime between 1870 and 1880 he moved to Painesville, Ohio and his occupation per the 1880 census was a blacksmith. His life ended in Painesville, Lake Co., Ohio, on November 5, 1903 at the age of 92.



His daughter, Sarah Colgrove (married John Blackmore) and is the mother of my grandmother Sarah Evalyn Blackmore. Sarah Evalyn Blackmore married Allan Leonard Prentice, and they are the parents of my mother.

In a book, *The History and Genealogy of the Colegrove Family in America* written by William Colegrove in 1894, indicates that the Colegrove families in the United States can all be traced back to Francis Colegrove who immigrated from London, England (originally from Swansea, Wales) to Warwick, Rhode Island about 1683. It is said that Francis was only 16 years old, paying his passage by serving

as a cabin-boy of the ship which brought him. He was a non-conformist Seventh-Day Baptist. The likely reason Francis came to Rhode Island is that many separatists and Baptists from the Swansea area of Wales were moving to the American colonies for religious and political freedom. (A company of Baptists came in 1663 from Swansea in Wales and established the town of Swansey, Massachusetts, 10 miles from Providence, Rhode Island that was a colony founded by their countryman, Roger Williams).

Francis and his wife joined the Newport Sabbatarian Baptist Church of Newport, Rhode Island in August 1698, being baptized as adults. Francis was considered an active pioneer farmer who attended to his own business and kept out of politics. In 1709 Francis purchased land that was part of the 1681 Shannock Purchase. The Shannock Purchase was the 2nd largest land grant to the citizens of the Rhode Island colony during the division of vacant Indian lands. He was considered to be a "freeman." A "freeman" simply meant that you owned land free and clear and this made you a voting member of the colony. Francis was a "pioneer farmer", a primary occupation of our early settlers. The death of his eldest son at the taking of Port Royal, Nova Scotia in 1710 appeared to be a severe blow to him in respect to his business, at that time he asked for relief from the Legislature of the Colony which was granted. It's believed that Francis was still alive in 1728 when he was summoned to appear at a church meeting in regard to a dispute between his son Francis Jr. and a William James. The committee found in favor of Francis Jr. When Francis died is somewhat unknown. Documents from the Seventh-Day Baptist Church in Newport document his attendance as well as his son Francis Jr. William Colegrove's book suggests death was about 1759, which would make Francis into his 90's.

**SACRAMENTO GERMAN GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**

Tues., October 25 Dr. Roger P. Minert,
Ph.D., A.G.

"German Census Records"

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

Roger P. Minert wrote the first ever book on German census records with images of census enumerations from 1816 to 1916. The book will be finished and awaiting publication by this meeting. He will share his knowledge of this important new records source.

EVENTS CHAIR

Submitted by Mary-lee Gilliland

**For October: Sunday, Oct 2 at Central Library, 828 I St. Sacramento: "City Directories - a Problem-solving Approach" -Glenda Lloyd 1pm-2:30pm, West Meeting Rm on 1st floor
Inquiries to Beth Daugherty, [916-264-2979](tel:916-264-2979) or bdaugherty@saclibrary.org**

Sat Oct 15, 2016 9am - 3pm *Ancestors on the Move -Immigration and Naturalization* by John Philip Colletta, PhD, Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, lunches available at \$12, Registration \$40 to non- Contra Costa County Genealogical Society member email: cccgs.ca@gmail.com

Still way out there: July 28-29, 2017 International German Genealogy Conference, Minneapolis, MN "Make personal connections with people from

other organizations both in US and Germany"

Oct. 23 1pm at Sacramento Valley Chapter, "Oktoberfest" Short Business Meeting, German Music, German Food, Good Fellowship sponsored by American Historical Society of Germans from Russia-International - for more info call James Weibert, President & Public Affairs at [916-607-4290](tel:916-607-4290).

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LIBRARY

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FHC Address: LDS Church, 3275 Cedar Ravine Rd., Placerville
Phone #: 530-621-1378
Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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.)

Changes in New Books Policy

As many of you know, the library has run out of space. We have cleared out the Periodicals and Family Books Room and moved the book collection into that room. RGDS members and

FHC patrons took many of the serials, and others were given to the Sacramento Public Library's genealogy collection to fill in gaps in their serials.

Family genealogy books which were not donated by RGDS members are being sent to Salt Lake for possible digitization and online access. I will be trying to contact RGDS donors of family/surname books to ask if they also want their books sent to Salt Lake and made available online. Please contact me with your wishes if you have donated a family genealogy book in the past.

The main room is in the process of being transformed into an inviting area for research. We no longer trip over chairs and people squeezed between bookshelves and tables. There is now room for new equipment when they are needed. (*See below***) And we now have room to hold classes for staff and patrons.

For at least the foreseeable future, we will no longer accept donations of books and serials which researchers bring us after they have finished their family books.

We are also taking a hiatus on the Book Can drawings while we assess the books and space that we currently have. The hard-working Cataloging Committee is weeding out books which really aren't appropriate for our collection (books with no real genealogical value such as travel guides, or books which people would need to take home to read, etc.) After that, we may be able to accept some newly published books which are important to genealogists but which will be under copyright and not available for digitizing for some time.

I will be discussing with FHC staff and the RGDS Board alternative ways that the Society might support the library. One possibility might be to pay for library subscriptions to data bases which are currently not available through Salt Lake, if that is allowed. Email me any suggestions you would like considered.

****New Equipment**

The new FHC Director, Kori Pilkington, has requested a high speed photo scanner which will scan up to fifty pictures at a time, enhance them, and copy them to a flash drive. If all goes well, we may get it as soon as January. So start organizing your old photographs!

Microfilms on Loan

Short term loan microfilms are now kept at the front desk. They are due to be returned or renewed by the date given. Remember that the person who paid the loan fee has first dibs on a film.

980520, Oct 26

MISSOURI Catholic Church Records:

Item 3 – Cooper Co., Pilot Grove. St. Joseph, 1893-1954.

Items 1 & 2 - Greene Co., Springfield.

Item 4 - Moniteau Co, Tipton. St. Andrew, 1849-1937

120574, Oct 26

Computer Printout indexes of church records.
Look up film # in FamilySearch.org catalog for detailed description.

MISSOURI:

Buchanan, Greene, Grundy, Henry, Moniteau, Nodaway, Pettis & Saline Counties.

NEW JERSEY:

Burlington, Camden, Cumberland,
Gloucester, & Salem Counties

NEW YORK: Montgomery Co.

1544275, Oct 13

NEW YORK, Manhattan (NYC) marriage
records 1866-1937

2124624, Oct 31

BRAZIL, Rio Grande Do Sul. Colonization &
Immigration records. *Look up film # in
FamilySearch.org catalog for detailed
description.*

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, you may 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.
Email: thepowerclan@hotmail.com
Phone: (530) 626-6970

Or leave a note in her folder at the FHC

SWEDISH MILITARY NAMES

Do you know that Swedish Military names were
used in Sweden, but not in Denmark or
Norway?

In Sweden, the law mandated that there
couldn't be two men of the same name in a
military unit. To meet this requirement, a man
with the same name as someone else would
add a surname. These names were usually
based on a physical attribute, such as healthy

(Sund), tall (Lång) or strong (Stark); or a
personality trait, such as fearless (Frimodig),
swift (Rask), courageous (Modig) or angry
(Vred).

Most dropped the military name after
completing service. Occasionally, however, it
was retained and even became an inherited
surname.

From Family Tree University's Scandinavian
Genealogy 101 course.

OTHER SWEDISH RESOURCES:

www.arkivdigital.net

[http://www.arkivdigital.net/swedish-
genealogy](http://www.arkivdigital.net/swedish-genealogy)

A very extensive researching tool, in
both Swedish and English.

Researching for Swedish people appears
to be over my head. There are so many
history and naming traits that you need
to know going into it! My suggestion is
to go to a seminar or an on line class
before you begin. Or, you can do a
"Search" on Swedish Genealogy. This
may be an interesting topic for next year
at Roots and Gold Dust!

MY HERITAGE.COM Census Records:

Sweden Household Examination Books,
1880 - 1920

Finland Church Census and Pre-
Confirmation Books, 1657-1915 N

1925 Denmark Census

1921 Denmark Census

1916 Denmark Census

1911 Denmark Census

1906 Denmark Census was taken on 1 February 1906. It covered the entire Kingdom of Denmark, including the constituent country of the Faroe Islands. Information recorded in the census includes: name, residence, gender, birth date, marital status, position in family, and profession.

Every individual within a household at the time of the census, whether family, visitor, or employee, was enumerated on the Main List (Hoved Liste). Individuals who were temporarily absent from their home on census day were not recorded on the Main List, but were instead recorded on the Appendix List (Tillægsliste). Note: If present, the Appendix List for a locality appears immediately after the Main List pages. Be sure to click forward through the images to see if there is an Appendix List page and find out if there was anyone from your household of interest that was absent on census day. The Appendix List recorded the same information for individuals as the Main List, but information regarding their temporary whereabouts was also requested. For market towns (købstad), the census is organized by county (amt), town (købstad), and street (gade). For rural areas, the census is organized by county (amt), district (herred), and parish (sogn). For the municipalities (kommune) of Copenhagen and Frederiksberg, the census is organized by municipality, and then the street (gade). The user should also note that the geopolitical boundaries within Denmark

have significantly changed since the 1906 census was taken. Between 1970 and 1974 the number of municipal governing regions (kommune) dropped from 1,098 to 275, and then down to 98 in 2007. This collection presents localities in the jurisdictions as they existed at the time of the census. Research tip: Individuals often had multiple given names. However, in the census you may find individuals only listed with one of their given names—usually the one the individual most often went by—or even listed by their nickname. If at first an individual cannot be found under a particular given name, trying searching for the individual under one of their other given names, or by all of them together. This collection is provided in partnership with the Danish National Archives (Rigsarkivet)

Please be sure to come to our October meeting. It will be very interesting to anyone here in El Dorado County and anyone interested in the Gold Rush years! Feel free to bring a friend or two or a few family members with you.

HUMOR

I was going to send my money in to have a DNA test. But, I dreamed that my results came back that I was “100% Basket Case”!

Carol: Newsletter Editor

