



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

Newsletter – February 2017

WHEN: Meetings start 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 welcome them to our meeting.

WHERE: 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 to our meetings, ask questions, share information and join us for refreshments.

If you have any questions, please call:
Richard Wilson – (530) 957-2862

OUR 2017 BOARD MEMBERS

President: Richard Wilson
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Program Co-Chairs:
Mary-Lee Gilliland
Bill Taylor
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RECAP OF JANUARY 17th MEETING

Attendance:

There were 18 members in attendance, including new member Kathleen Bellina.

Announcements:

The meeting was called to order and the board and volunteers for 2017 were introduced. Of particular note, the Program Chair this year will be shared by 3 persons; Bill Taylor, Mary-Lee Gilliland and Hanna Jacobsen.

A thank you was extended to both Carlyn White for serving as the Program Chair for the past two years and to Carol Pirtle for all the informative R&GD Newsletters for the past three years. Both of you did a great job and your efforts are very much appreciated.

Patty Harris, our new Newsletter Editor noted that the deadline for submitting articles to her for publication in the newsletter is the 25th of each month. Members are welcome to submit articles about their experience and knowledge of genealogy. Her email is:
pattyeyesonly@yahoo.com; phone 344-7072.

Reminder: Our membership fee is due in January. The yearly fee is \$15.00 for members and \$22.00 for families. Please give your membership fee to Carol Sexton

TREASURER'S REPORT

For December 2016

Checking Acct: Beginning Balance	\$ 1464.97
Income	\$ 559.00
Expense	<u>\$(471.82)</u>
Checking Acct: Ending Balance	\$ 1552.15
Book Can (<i>incl. above</i>)	\$ 175.59
Savings Account	<u>\$10.05</u>
Total	\$1562.20

JANUARY PROGRAM;

The subject of the January R&GD meeting focused on gaining a better understanding of what topics our members would like to see in the coming year. Our new Program Co-Chair Bill Taylor led a brainstorming discussion involving all members in attendance. Many suggestions were offered. This list was reviewed and all the individual suggestions were grouped into five general categories. Each suggestion was then voted on by all attendees to prioritize which ideas were most important to each of us.

The Program Committee will review and finalize the list of suggestions made by all those members in attendance. Programs will be then be planned in accordance with this list.

Thank You

Carlyn White for providing cookies and fudge
Luana Zylla for providing drinks.

UPCOMING R&GD MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

We have several interesting meetings planned for the first part of this year.....

FEBRUARY 14TH

Bill Taylor

"Being a Family History Detective"



Bill Taylor currently serves as a family history consultant for the El Dorado Family History Center. He has been active in family history research for over 20 years. Bill is an experienced researcher and he brings many years of experience teaching professional seminars in industry to his love of family history. He is known for delivering clear, concise instruction in his training courses. Bill has a knack for finding elusive ancestors, dates and places. He will show you how to use the Family History Center services to break through the brick walls in your family history.

Being a Family History Detective

Have you ever thought of being a Family History Detective? Bill Taylor will show you how easy it can be using the resources of the Placerville Family History Center to solve your most difficult family history mysteries. This class will show you a new and refreshing approach to search through on-line web based resources to find the information that has been eluding you (including local history collections, digital

copies of books you can download and take home, US and UK census records, birth, marriage, death and parish records, extensive military record collections, digital images of Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, Civil War Pensions, digitally archived newspapers and publications, over a million maps and atlases, libraries of photos, and much more). Bill will show you how to sleuth through these massive resources and solve the family history mysteries that have been eluding you.

MARCH 21TH **Glenda Lloyd**
“Organize Your Stuff”

APRIL 18TH **Mary-Lee Gilliland**
“How to Prepare for a Research Trip”

PLACERVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

Address: LDS Church, 3275 Cedar Ravine Rd., Placerville
Phone #: 530-621-1378
Hours: Tues., Wed. 11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m., Thurs 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Website:
<http://eldoradofamilyhistorylibrary.org>

Genealogy Classes —

Keep checking the class schedule on our website (address above), for additions and changes. Please pre-register for classes at the library desk, or call during our open hours. This assures you a seat in the class, as we need to know what size room to reserve.

The following classes are currently scheduled for February and March:

COMPUTER BASICS with Alton Sissell. Alton will show us how to use Snipit and Irfan View and answer your questions about Computer Basics.
Tuesday February 14th, 10 to 11 am

Research in POLAND – webinar. A basic beginner course on access to Polish records, record keeping methods, online records, and border changes.
Thursday, February 16th, 10 to 11 am

US VITAL RECORDS – Webinar by John Kesler (Roots Tech 2015). Vital records overview and content, jurisdictions, and regional differences.
Thursday March 16th, 10 to 11 am.

THE PHOTO SCANNER IS HERE! The promised Kodak High Speed Photo Scanner has arrived. Organize your family photos and call the library, 530-621-1378, for an appointment to scan your pictures for free. Our new toy scans and saves up to 60 photos per minute to your flash drive. You can then enhance them, save them to your home computer, share them with family and friends, and upload them to online family trees. "Did I mention that it's FREE?"

New Online Records in 2017 —

Over 330 FamilySearch camera teams worldwide will digitize 125 – 150 million images. Another 200 million images will be digitized by teams converting the microfilm collection at the Granite Mountain Records Vault. According to my limited math skills, more than 350,000,000 free digitized images will be added to *familysearch.org* records for us to view and download during the coming year.

In addition, the subscription websites available for free through the *familysearch.org* “Portal” are constantly adding new materials. This in-

cludes completely new collections of documents as well as additions to collections they already have. Check “Recently Added and Updated Collections” in *Ancestry.com*, for instance. The U.S., Germany, and United Kingdom sections each use three screens just to list the titles of new and updated collections. Remember that you need to use the computers at a Family History Center to access the free “Portal” sites; do not attempt this at home.

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. The library gives us access to the online records and microfilm collections of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Many of the FHC’s own collection of books, maps and microfilms have 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.)

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 and time. Tuesday and Wednesday have three shifts: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday has just the first two shifts, closing at 5 p.m. Contact FHC Secretary Teresa Power.

Email: thepowerclan@hotmail.com

Phone: (530) 626-6970

Or leave a note for Teresa at the FHC

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UPCOMING EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Research in Poland -webinar,
Thursday Feb 16th – 10 to 11 am at **our Family History Library**

FREE Family History Webinars from
www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

- 2/1 Photography for Genealogy by Nicka Smith
- 2/8 The “WHO” of Genetic Genealogy by Blaine Bettinger
- 2/10 Deciphering German Script by Gail Blankenau
- 2/15 Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research by Cyndi Ingle
- 2/21 Weaving DNA Test Results into a Proof Argument by Karen Stanbary, CG
- 2/22 Finding Missing Persons With DNA Testing by Diahann Southard

Webinars are on-line classes you watch from your computer! You may type questions for the presenter to answer during the live presentation. All you need is an internet connection and speakers -usually within your computer. It is FREE to register and view live. If you miss a live webinar you can purchase a download of it for just \$9.95 each or yearly membership gives you access to all. Progress at your own speed!! Fabulous new idea!

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SEE YOU ON FEBRUARY 14TH AT OUR NEXT MEETING!