



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter – April 2017

RECAP OF THE MARCH 21ST MEETING

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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Attendance:

There were 25 members, including new member **Anne Thomas** and 6 guests for a total of 31 people in attendance. The guests saw the meeting announcement in the Mountain Democrat, Windfall and one guest was informed of the meeting by Alice Morrow.

Welcome:

Members and guests were welcomed by Alice Morrow and other board members.

Call to order:

The General Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Richard Wilson, R&GD President.

Announcements:

• **Richard Wilson – President**

- Members and guests were welcomed
- Each guest was introduced and asked about their interest in genealogy. Some guests were beginners, wanting to learn how to research their family genealogy and to improve their computer skills while others have piles of stuff and need help getting started.
- Thank you to **Travis Keahey** for providing drinks and **Mary-Lee Gilliland** for providing snacks.

Upcoming Events:

• Mary-Lee Gilliland - Events Chair:

- The Sacramento German Genealogy Society will host a seminar, **“Tools Galore for Finding Your German Ancestors”** on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Fair Oaks, CA. Pre-register by April 1, 2017. For more information, their website is www.sggs.us
- A presentation at Sacramento Central Library on April 2, 2017 is **“I Thought He Was My Ancestor: Avoiding the Six Biggest Genealogy Mistakes”** presented by James Baker. The presentation is scheduled for 1:00 – 2:30 pm, in the West Meeting Room on the 1st floor. There is no registration. If you have questions, please contact **Beth Daugherty**, Librarian, at 916-264-2979 or bdaugherty@saclibrary.org
- The Central Library, Sacramento Public Library is located at 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone: 916-264-2920. <http://www.saclibrary.org>

Program:

Bill Taylor introduced our speaker, **Glenda Lloyd**.

Glenda has a wealth of experience in genealogy. She has been doing genealogy for 45 years and has been teaching classes for 25 years. She helped to organize Root Cellar, Sacramento Genealogical Society. Glenda brought information about **Root Cellar’s Spring Seminar coming on May 6, 2017. Registration is required by April 22, 2017.** Information can be found on their website, <http://www.rootcellar.org/>

“Organizing Your Record Keeping” – If you have nothing on your desk you’re not doing genealogy! Glenda taught a method she uses for organizing and record keeping all the papers, pictures and documents used for researching and doc-

umenting genealogy. Her method allows you to find a document in a moment.

Glenda suggested having the following supplies:

1. Zip-Lock Bags – Gallon size freezer bags are sturdier.
2. Sheet Protectors are used to protect pictures, printed documents etc.
3. Post-it Notes are used to note information you don’t want to forget.
4. 3-Ring Binder – Choose a size you can easily hold in your hand
5. Photo Adhesive – Acid-free adhesive for pictures and documents
6. Acid-Free Card Stock – Creates a sturdy foundation
7. Marking Pen – A permanent pen is used to write names on zip-lock bags
8. Paper for notes
9. Trimmer - to cut edges of torn documents.

Glenda then described how to organize your documents and genealogy records.

- Once documents are stored in sheet protectors place them in binders. Glenda advises that as you put documents into sheet protectors that you also enter them into your family tree program.
- Number each document in the upper right hand corner. (i.e. Doc #1 to 100)
- Keep an index of documents – the index headings are: Surname – Given Name - Country – State – County – City or Township – Description (type of document) – Document # Using a spreadsheet program (Microsoft Excel or equiv.) allows you to sort the index by name, location or document number.
- The binder includes a printed index, pedigree chart, census summary, family group sheets and documents. Each binder is labeled outside with document numbers.
- This method allows instant access to odd documents you don’t know where to file.
- This method works for photos, heirlooms, manuals, quilt patterns etc.

Summary:

Always keep a record of both positive and negative results so that you don't repeat the same record search.

Make your own rules. Be consistent.

This method should fulfill the dream to be able to find every document you have placed in your binders.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Sexton, Treasurer

As of March 15, 2017

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| Previous balance: | 1,766.16 |
| Deposit (all membership dues) | 238.00 |
| New balance: | 2,004.16 |

APRIL 18TH R&GD MEETING

Mary-Lee Gilliland will discuss:

“How to Prepare for a Research Trip”

Working with her own past and recent experience in organizing and taking a research trip, our speaker, Mary-Lee Gilliland, came up with many ideas on Why, What, Where, When and How you too can get organized to do just the same and still have fun. Her talk is called Prepping for a Genealogy Road Trip. It covers how to research at a courthouse and county library to get the most out of it -what tools and questions to bring-how to know if they have the records you're looking for, even how to find places on historical maps you'd like to see today -and how to combine all that into a Trip Folder to guide you along your path.

We'll also have a short Round Table Discussion so everyone can share their own special techniques for researching on the road! These will later be published and sent out to the whole club. Come get ready for your Summer Road Trips!!!

EL DORADO 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>

- Books and microfilms are available in the library. Before you order a microfilm from Salt Lake, check with the El Dorado Family History Library (EDFHL) first to see if they have it in their permanent collection.
- The EDFHL has a new website that now includes their class schedule. You can also sign-up online for the free classes. <http://eldoradofamilyhistorylibrary.org>
- If you want to be added to the EDFHL email list, please see **Alice Morrow** or contact her at: morbrowz@comcast.net

Genealogy Classes —

All classes are FREE. Please sign up early to ensure a seat in the class. Keep checking the class schedule on our website (address above), for additions and changes. Email me if you want to be added to the mailing list for announcements of new classes.

Registering for classes has suddenly gotten easy:

- Go to the FHC website at: eldoradofamilyhistorylibrary.org.
- Click on “Classes”.
- Scroll down to “Sign up ... Free Public Classes” and read the descriptions of upcoming classes.
- Click on “Sign Up Genius” to register for classes.

Here's a preview of April classes, but remember to keep checking for additions and changes:

- FAMILY SEARCH TOOLS with **Alton Sissell**. Tuesday, April 11th, 10 to 11 am.
- LEARN THE WIKI with **Kori Pilkington**. Thursday, April 13th, 5 to 6 pm. Kori will teach you how to search this *familysearch.org* section for information on just about any place or genealogy subject, to contribute a "stub", or even to write an article.
- FOLD3 with **Kori Pilkington**. Thursday April 13th, 6 to 7 pm. *Fold3.com* is available for free at the FHC. It is the place to go for military records, and has lately been expanding with non-military collections.
- **Alice Morrow** and **Bill Taylor** are both available to help newcomers get started with genealogy. To schedule a time for some one-on-one help with your research, talk to **Alice Morrow**, morrbrowz@comcast.net or **Bill Taylor**, kmtaylor@att.net

New Online Records Available in *ancestry.com* through FamilySearch Portal at FHC —

IRELAND. City and Regional Directories, 1850-1946.

HANNOVER, GERMANY. Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1643-1887.

NEW YORK. Episcopal Diocese of New York Church Records, 1767 – 1970.

NEW JERSEY. Naturalization Records, 1878-1945.

Updated Record Collections in *ancestry.com* Available through Portal at FHC —

GERMANY and Surrounding Areas, Address Books, a collection of address books for select cities. 1829-1974

UNITED KINGDOM, City and County Directories, 1766 – 1946.

UNITED STATES. Obituary Collection, 1930-2016.

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 —

We 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 do 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 currently 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

**See you at the next meeting on
TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH**