



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

## Newsletter - June 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**

### Treasurer's Report

**Carol Sexton, Treasurer**

As of April 18, 2017

<b>Previous balance:</b>	<b>\$ 1,972.17</b>
Income:	
Deposit (all membership dues)	60.00
Expense:	
Postage & Printing	<u>- 30.51</u>
<b>New balance:</b>	<b>\$ 2001.66</b>
<b>Savings Account:</b>	<b><u>\$ 10.05</u></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2011.71</b>

### **OUR 2017 BOARD MEMBERS**

President: . . . . . Richard Wilson  
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### **JUNE 20TH MEETING**

**Speaker:**

**Pamela Dallas**  
**"Antique Newspapers"**

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## RECAP OF THE May 16th MEETING

### Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society of El Dorado County

- **Carlyn White - Hospitality**
  - Carlyn has been in touch **with Diane and Tony Florentine** who have not been attending meeting for a while due to illness. They plan to rejoin us soon. Diane has knitted 17 lap blankets over the winter that she has donated to those suffering from Alzheimer's disease through an organization, Alice's Embrace. If anyone is interested in participating in the program you can go to [alicesembrace.org](http://alicesembrace.org). Projects can be dropped off at Lofty Lou's on Main Street in Placerville.
- **Alice Morrow - Library Liaison**
  - A book, "Getting the Most Out of Roots Magic," was purchased with funds from the R&GD book can and donated to the El Dorado Family History Library. The library also has a "Legacy 8.0 Family Tree" user manual available for use by patrons.
  - The Catalog Committee is busy with the project, documenting the books available at the EDFHC in the Family Search website. The committee has completed a milestone by completing the cataloging of the US state book section in the EDFHC. The country, war and research sections still need to be completed. If you look at the books in the EDFHC book room and see a pink sticker on the book binding, it indicates that the book is digitized and can be viewed online through the Family Search website on your computer at home. The committee is also assigning Dewey decimal numbers to each book

and in the end, the books will eventually be rearranged in order by Dewey number.

### **Program:**

**Mary-Lee Gilliland** introduced our speaker, **Kori Pilkington**. Kori is the Director of the El Dorado Family History Center in Placerville. Since taking the position in July 2016, she has turned the library upside down by obtaining new computers, furniture and comfortable chairs. She has also brought free classes to the center. Kori has been teaching classes for the last 7 years, having a passion for educating and helping people with their family history and blending in with world history and cultures. Before her retirement, she worked for 40 years as a registered nurse in Utah and California.

### **"Family Search Research Wiki"**

Family Search Wiki is a tool used for finding information about subjects, records, research methods and training guides. Wiki does not have information about any specific ancestor but you may find links to databases that do have records. There is an overwhelming amount of helpful information to be found on this website.

- Family Search Research Wiki is accessed through <https://familysearch.org/> website and it's totally free. From the home page click on "search" and select "Wiki"
- Wiki is a Hawaiian word meaning fast/quick
- Family Search Wiki is about finding records about ancestors and places and where the records may be found. It's not like Ancestry.com where you can search by individual names.
- Wiki has records from the United States and 244 countries. Type a word or two into the search box and you will find links to record collections all over the world. Information down to the county and city level can be found.

- Maps are clickable and anything in blue is clickable. Country, state and county images will link to articles that may have links. Some of the links will take you out of the Wiki to the World Wide Web.
- There are lessons and webinars that will help you learn how to use the wiki and learn about genealogy research.
- Articles are written by various individuals on many topics and can include links. As with any article, the information cannot be trusted 100% of the time. You must do your due diligence to ensure accuracy for your family history.

- The EDFHL website includes their class schedule. You can sign-up online for the free classes.
- If you want to be added to the EDFHL email list for class additions and changes, please see **Alice Morrow** or contact her at: [morbrowz@comcast.net](mailto:morbrowz@comcast.net)

**Genealogy Classes —**

All classes are FREE. Please pre-register on the website <http://eldoradofamilyhistorylibrary.org> or at the front desk to ensure a seat.

Upcoming classes (check website for additions and changes):

- *Find a Record and Puzilla* websites by Alton Sissell. Tuesday, June 13, 10 – 11 am.
- *Family History on the Go (Mobile Apps)* by Bill Taylor. Tuesday, June 20, 10 – 11 am.

**\*\*\*Kori recommends that you watch the webinar “Researching in the Wiki – a case study”.**

I did a search for Videos and Lessons and found this link:  
[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Help:Videos\\_and\\_lessons](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Help:Videos_and_lessons)

Respectfully submitted by  
**Carol Ebert**, Secretary, Roots & Gold Dust

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**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.

**July Open House Classes —**

The Open House and Genealogical Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. There will be skits, keynote speakers, vendors and more; Classes scheduled so far include:

- Jeane Berry: *"Intro to DNA"* and *"Advanced Autosomal DNA"*
- Jim Baker: *"I Thought He Was My Ancestor"*
- Lynn Brown: *"How to Use Newspapers.com with Ancestry Trees"*, and *"Researching Digital Books Online"*
- Alton Sissell: *"The Family History Guide"* and *"Family Search Tools"*
- Elana Smith: *"Genealogical Resources in the California History Room"* The California Room at the State Library in Sacramento is a must visit for researching your California ancestors.
- Bill Taylor: *"Family History on the Go (Mobile Apps)"*, *"Be a Family History Detective"* and *"From Granny's Attic to My PC"*

To give us an idea of room sizes needed, please pre-register online for these free classes at <http://eldoradofamilyhistorylibrary.org/>. You can always go back and change your classes. You may also sign up to attend without signing up for classes for one or both days.

Remember to keep checking the website for new classes and information.

### Help for Beginners —

- To schedule a time for some one-on-one help with your research, talk to **Alice Morrow**, [morbrowz@comcast.net](mailto:morbrowz@comcast.net) or **Bill Taylor**, [kmtaylor@att.net](mailto:kmtaylor@att.net)

### New Online Records available through FamilySearch Portal —

Various subscription genealogy websites are accessible for free at the Family History Center Library.

One of these websites, *Ancestry.Com*, is constantly expanding its collections. Here are just a few additions and updates listed in a recent announcement: Beaver Co., PA Obituary Records; U.S. Indian Wills 1910-21; Calif. Voter Registrations 1900-68; Montana Births and Deaths 1830-2011 and Prison Records 1861-1968; Compiled Records from Various [Genealogy] Societies 1875-2010; Idaho Obituaries 1868-2013; South Carolina Death Records; and many more.

### New records in *ancestry.com* through FamilySearch Portal at FHC —

- **Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad, 1835-1974**, from consulates. This does not include military deaths.
- **U.S., Obituary Collection 1930-2016.**
- **Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898-2015.**
- **U.S., Cemetery & Funeral Home Collection, 1847-2017.**

### FHC Library Volunteers —

Volunteers are always needed 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](mailto:thepowerclan@hotmail.com)

Phone: [\(530\) 626-6970](tel:5306266970)

Or leave a note for Teresa at the FHC

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## FREE JUNE CLASSES - SACRAMENTO FAMILY SEARCH LIBRARY

2745 EASTERN AVE.

916-487-2090

[www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org](http://www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org)

### Family Search Workshop

Tu 6 June 11:00 John Hansen

### Training Resources

W 7 June 7:00 Alton Sissell

### Temple/Family Consultants

Th 8 June 6 – 8 pm Markham & Hansen

### Scouting Merit Badge

Sa 10 June 9am-1 Teri Wells

### Family Search Workshop

Tu 13 June 11:00 John Hansen

### Roots Magic Group

W 14 June 1 – 3 Lynn Brown

### Creating Your Life Story w/photos

W 14 June 2 & 5pm Cassie Heyward

### I Thought He was my Ancestor

Th 15 June 2:00 Jim Baker

(Avoiding the 6 biggest genealogy mistakes)

### Genealogy Unplugged

Th 15 June 3:30 Jim Baker

(When offline records are the better choice)

**Family Search Workshop**

Tu 20 June 11:00 John Hansen

**Computer Basics Workshop**

W 21 June 7:00 Alton Sissell

**FamSearch/Ancestry/Legacy**

Th 22 June 12:00 Elaine Sharp

**Introduction to DNA Research**

Th 22 June 2:00 Jim Baker

**(Technical description of basic DNA tests and their most effective genealogy uses)**

**Smashing Brick Walls w/DNA**

Th 22 June 3:30 Jim Baker

**(Using DNA to solve genealogy puzzles for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> generation ancestors)**

**Family Search Workshop**

Tu 27 June 11:00 John Hansen

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**CEMETERY TOUR – The Lost Graves of New Helvetia**

**What:** The Old City Cemetery Committee presents a history tour diving into the New Helvetia cemetery from long ago.

**When:** **Saturday, June 3, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Where:** Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, Sacramento

New Helvetia, a beautiful Sacramento cemetery, possibly related to where Sutter did burials in the 1840s, was turned into a park (and later the site for Sutter Middle School). The “known” remains were unceremoniously removed to the Old City Cemetery, whereas almost 5,000 others were re-interred at East Lawn as “unknowns.” We’ll share their stories, from the famous to the “infamous” and speculate on what happened to their grave markers.

. There is free parking on surrounding streets, with limited parking within the cemetery. Tours are free;

however, donations are appreciated and benefit cemetery preservation.

**CEMETERY TOUR – CSI: Old City Cemetery**

**What:** The Old City Cemetery Committee presents an evening tour of Sacramento’s criminal past.

**When:** **Saturday, June 17, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Fee:** **\$10 at the gate (cash only).** Early arrival is recommended.

**Where:** Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, Sacramento

Dig into the sordid underbelly of Sacramento past and learn how dogged investigators were able to solve some of the worst crimes this city has seen. Step into the boots of those Sherlock Holmes’ of the graveyard shift and uncover the secrets of early crime detection.

The tour convenes at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street gate. There is ample free street parking on surrounding streets. The tour costs \$10 per person and will be collected at the gate on a first-come, first-served basis. Ticket sales are limited to the first 50 sold.

For more information on tours call:

**Eric Bradner 916 448-0811  
oldcitycemetery@hotmail.com**

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**See you at the next meeting on  
TUESDAY, June 20th**