



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

Newsletter - August 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

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AUGUST 15 MEETING

**Speaker:
LYNN BROWN**

**Lynn will show us how to find
Immigration and Naturalization
Records**

**All interested parties are welcome to join us
and the meeting will be held at the LDS
Church at 3275 Cedar Ravine Road in Placerville.
For questions call Hannah Jacobson at
530-676-3252**

RECAP OF THE JULY 18TH MEETING

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

Richard Wilson opened the meeting by welcoming 3 guests, Marcia Kestner, Joy Gridley and Kori Pilkington. It was then announced that Carlyn White would be heading up the nominating committee. She will be calling on members to form the committee and seek individuals who

will serve as board members and volunteers for the coming year. Positions that will need to be filled include: President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor.

Alice Morrow gave us an update on events that were happening in the library. This also included the Open House that was planned for the following Friday and Saturday, including instructions about how to sign up for classes.

Rodi Lee, our Vice President shared a book, *Bowman, Placer County, California*, she co-authored with 3 other individuals; Donna Howel, Karri Samson and Mike Lynch. The book includes family connections and history of Bowman. It is 139 pages with an index. If you are interested in purchasing the book it is available at Winston Smith Book Store in Auburn or you can contact the Placer County Foundation.

Mary-Lee Gilliland introduced our speaker, Kathryn Marshall who gave an excellent presentation on searching land records including homestead documents at the Bureau of Land Management. (GLO) For a more complete summary of her presentation, please refer to the minutes submitted by Carol Ebert for the July meeting and to the handout provided by Kathryn.

Thank you to:
Dixie Castle for bringing snacks and
Mary Miller for providing drinks for the
July meeting.

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>

I hope you got to go to the Open House & Conference. Next year's will be even better.

- 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 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

Native American DNA

Guy Nixon made a startling announcement in his class at the Open House Saturday. He said that *ancestry.com* uses Navaho alleles as the only Native American markers on their DNA tests. If this is correct, it explains why so many people

have told me that their DNA test result was negative for Native American, even though their great-grandmother Bessie was half Cherokee.

Genealogy Classes —

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

No classes are scheduled at the moment. We've been too busy with the Open House! Just keep checking the website.

Help for Beginners —

To schedule a time for some one-on-one help with your research, talk to

Alice Morrow,

morbrowz@comcast.net or **Bill**

Taylor, kmtaylor@att.net

New Online Records available through FamilySearch Portal —

Various subscription genealogy websites are accessible for free at the Family History Center Library. Some recently added collections include:

Ancestry.com:

IRELAND, Sustainability Loan Fund, 1821-1874. Records of loans provided to the industrious poor in Ireland.

WALES, ANGLESEY, Electoral Registers, 1832-1977.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, Death Index, 1949-1965.

Microfilms on Loan

The following film has just been received and hasn't been processed, so I can't tell you what the due date is. Remember that the patron who paid for the loan has first "dibs" at it.

Film # 1304659

NEW YORK, RENSSELAER CO.

Items 1-2 Naturalization certificates, 1859-69.

Items 3-5 Aliens declarations of intention, 1844-53.

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. Contact FHC Secretary **Teresa Power.**

Email: thepowerclan@hotmail.com

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

Or leave a note for Teresa at the FHC

www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

Register for free at above email.

August 2: **Tracing your West Country Ancestors** - by Kirsty Gray

August 9: **A Taxing Matter: Using Tax Lists in Genealogy** - by Judy G. Russell

August 11: **Using Pictures with Legacy Family Tree** - By Geoff Rasmussen

If you're asking "What if I cannot watch the live webinar?" No problem? Recordings are usually available for free 7 days after the live event. Afterwards they are available to download for \$0.95 each, or as part of a monthly or annual membership.

Carlyn White sent the following note about fellow R&GD member Luana Zylla.

Luana Zylla's son-in-law will become a citizen of the United States on August 3, and will be sworn in on August 3, in San Francisco, CA. His name is Guillermo San Vicente. Luana and her daughter, Marcie, are very proud of him.

A Glittering Pot of Gold

One of the books published recently in our area was written by Lisa Butler with sketches drawn by our very own Carol Sexton. The book is titled "A Glittering Pot of Gold" and it contains a collection of first-person narratives, stories and manuscripts of people and events that took place in and around the gold fields in early California. One of the stories in the book is about the "Legendary" Snowshoe Thompson and was featured in a recent copy of the magazine "Around Here". Throughout the book Carol made sketches of the places and people as described in the book, making this a very interesting book about the history of the early days in El Dorado County. For more information, please contact the El Dorado County Historical Society in Placerville.



Snowshoe Thompson
Sketch by Carol Sexton

**See you at the next meeting on
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th**

