



ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

Newsletter - October 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
Vice President: Rodi Lee
Secretary: Carol Ebert
Treasurer: Carol Sexton
Library Liaison: Alice Morrow
Program Co-Chairs:
Mary-Lee Gilliland
Bill Taylor
Hannah Jacobsen
Newsletter Editor: Patty Harris
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OCTOBER 17TH MEETING

Karen Burney

presents

Using Genealogy to Plan a Family Reunion

Karen has been doing genealogy research for over 25 years. She is a member of the *National Genealogical Society* and founder of "*The Roots Exchange and Education Society (TREES)*." She has spoken across the country, including in Richmond, Virginia and Salt Lake City, Utah.

President's Message

It's October and time to enjoy the fall colors and start planning for the upcoming holidays. It's also time to announce the officers and volunteers for Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society for next year. We will announce the names of the individuals who have volunteered to serve on our board at the October general meeting. At this time, we still have two positions that need to be filled.

We still need someone to step forward as our Secretary. This can be one or two people who

take notes at the board and general meetings and handle correspondence for our group. The other open position is that of Newsletter Editor. This could also be one or two individuals who produce the monthly newsletter for distribution to our members and the local community around Placerville.

If you have ever said to yourself or a close friend, "Gee, I wish they would do "so and so" differently", now is your time to speak up. Our group will only be successful if we have new people who are willing join in and share their ideas and interests with all of the members.

RECAP OF THE SEPTEMBER 19TH MEETING

Roots and Gold Dust Genealogical Society of El Dorado County

- **Richard Wilson – President -**

Richard welcomed members and guest, Pat Parker, who has attended our meeting before. She is a volunteer at the El Dorado Family History Center.

Program: "Heros and Rascals"

Richard Wilson, Alice Morrow, Anne Thomas, Carol Ebert, Ann Freeman, Holly Webber, Bill Taylor and Kathryn & Gary Monk shared wonderful stories of their ancestors, (several people thought they might even related to some of them).

Various times in history and locations in the stories; from the Gold Rush in California to Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia, an Indian kidnap & escape, an actual blue print of family ancestry, an Air Force father, a pilot in the Korean War, a book of letters written by a grandmother, hardships of an immigrant grandmother that never

complained even though she experienced very difficult times and a reason why family history became an interest due to a mother of a different nationality not welcomed in Texas

- **Alice Morrow - Library Liaison**
Alice provided an update to the El Dorado Family History Center Open House. The General Meeting and the Board members voted to purchase of **AniMap software**. Alice has purchased both the software and tutorial and it will be available at the EDFHC soon. **AniMap** is a program that contains historical maps that show the changing territory and county boundaries for each of the contiguous 48 states for every year since colonial times. This is important as most historical records are held at the county level.

Thank you to:

Carol Ebert *for bringing snacks and*
Luana Zylla *for providing drinks for the September 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.

Holiday Schedule: Closed the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and all major holidays that fall on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Website:

<http://eldoradofamilyhistorylibrary.org>

- Books and microfilms are available in the library.
- The EDFHL website includes their class schedule. You can sign-up online for the free classes.

Local Genealogy Classes —

The following classes are being held and held at the local Family History Center Library in Placerville. All classes are FREE. Please pre-register on the website (see above) or at the FHC front desk to ensure a seat in the class.

October Classes

Tuesday, Oct. 10

FH Guide: Memories by Alton Sissell will teach 10 - 11 am

Thursday, Oct 12

Learn the Wonder of Newspaper Archives in the Portal
by Kori Pilkington, 10 - 11 am

Thursday, Oct 19

Learn to Use the Photo Scanner by
Teresa Power 2 - 3 pm

Thursday, Oct 26

Creating Life Stories with Pictures by
Cassandra Heyward 10 - 11 am

Tuesday, Oct 31

Learn the Wonders of Alexander Street Press in the Portal
by Kori Pilkington, 10 - 11 am

Premium Websites

The following premium genealogy websites are available for everyone to use at the local FHC. These premium subscription websites **must** be accessed using a family history center computer through the **Family History Center Services Portal**.

The 19th Century British Library Newspapers digital archive -

This fully searchable database of the British Library's newspaper holdings, provides a complete run of 48 national and regional Victorian British newspapers for the 19th century from 1800 to 1900. These support the study of colonial history, genealogical research, politics, urban studies and media courses.

Alexander Street Press –

American Civil War Research Data:

Contains indexed, searchable information on over 4 million soldiers and thousands of battles, together with 15,000 photographs.

Letters and Diaries: Contains approximately 100,000 indexed pages of diaries, letters, and memoirs, including 4,000 pages of previously unpublished manuscripts, such as the letters of Amos Wood and his wife and the diary of Maryland planter William Claytor.

Images, Photographs, Posters, and

Ephemera: Provides a vivid history of the American Civil War with over 1,400 images.

Social and Cultural History: Personal accounts of well-known historical figures.

Women and Social Movements in the United States:

Organized around the history of women in social movements in the United States between 1600 and 2000 A.D.

Create your Who Do You Think You Are?

Tell your family story, and bring your past to life. Create your own unique "Who Do You Think You Are?" experience. Discover what shaped the lives of your family, and watch your story unfold.

Ancestry.com -

Ancestry gives you access to thousands of collections of records from around the world including immigration, census, voter, vital, and military records, newspapers & periodicals, family trees, photos & images, directories, maps, court, land, wills & financial records, stories, memories & histories, and detailed records about births, marriages, deaths, land ownership and much more. It is the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world

Find My Past -

FindMyPast makes it easy to research your UK ancestry and create your family tree. Search census records and trace births, marriages and deaths to bring your family history to life. 1911 British Census (accessed through the FindMyPast website) – The 1911 UK Census is a record of everyone who lived in England and Wales in 1911. It provides a unique snapshot of the lives of your ancestors.

Fold3 - (formerly Footnote)

Search or browse millions of historical documents and photos . Fold 3 has refocused their efforts on gathering the best online collection of military records and stories. The Fold3 name reflects military history and honor, since traditionally, the third fold in a flag-folding ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world.

Kinpoint -

Kinpoint is designed to make it easier for you to do your family history by letting you see what to work on at a glance; quickly find missing information in your family tree; and discover insights into the lives of your ancestors.

My Heritage - Library Edition -

Used by millions of people worldwide to help research family history, build a family tree, and add photos, historical records, and more.

Access Newspaper Archives -

Newspaper Archive.com is the world's largest online newspaper archive. Featuring billions of articles from historical newspapers around the U.S. and the world, Newspaper Archive makes exploring history and genealogy easy and fun. Discover fascinating news in archived newspapers hundreds of years old – including obituaries, birth announcements, sports articles, comics, and more – to fill in the life stories you are interested in. And share those stories with others through our community at OurNewspaper Archive. All of our historical newspapers are full-page and fully searchable. Try exploring above, and discover your history today!

Paper Trail -

Provides 19th Century westward American migration documents. The Oregon-California Trail Association established a committee to create a computer database from information in original emigrant writings of the overland trails experience. Information on names, location, Indian encounters, mode of travel, routes and other interesting details.

ProQuest Obituary Listings -

The ProQuest obituaries collection is a premier resource for genealogical and historical research. You can use the collection to search obituaries and death notices from prominent newspapers such as the New York Times (dating back to 1851). The collection includes both famous and lesser-known individuals and can be searched by name or by keywords appearing in the body of the article.

Puzzilla -

Find new research opportunities on descendant lines in FamilyTree.

World Vital Records -

Access to birth, marriage and death records, Social Security Death Index family trees, census records, immigration records, court, land, and probate records, military records, directory lists, newspapers, family histories, reference materials, biographies, wills, gravestone photos, ship manifests, map collections, and yearbook collections.

ArkivDigital Online -

Arkiv digital is the largest private provider of Swedish Church Records and other Historical Records online! All images are newly photographed color images of the original documents.

Some of the new online records available through the FamilySearch Portal include —

Ancestry.com has added so many new collections; especially vital records from various states, that I don't have the space to give you the list. Just come in to the FHC for free access to the site.

Fold3.com has added Pension Cards for Army and Navy payments made to veterans or their widows between 1907 and 1933. Information on the cards may include service unit, disability for which pensioned, date of death, home, and more. If you haven't procured the service and pension or bounty records of your veteran ancestors, the brief information on these cards can get you started. (The complete military record of an ancestor can be a treasure trove of information.)

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:(530)626-6970)

Or leave a note for Teresa at the FHC.

☐☐☐ 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



"Grandma says that she has so many skeletons in her closet that she can only do her family history work at Halloween!"

See you at the next meeting
on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th at
1:00 p.m.

