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MISSION: Our mission is to stimulate an interest in studying family history and genealogy, and assist persons who are researching their family history. Whether a person begins their search with documents and a name, or through a DNA test, searching for family members is what we do.

VISITORS WELCOME!

Welcome Spring!

Time to Plan Your Upcoming Genealogy Adventure –
Visit an Ancestral Town and/or Cemetery.



Join us for:

- ❖ **Discussion Group** – First Tuesday of the month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, In-Person at the Roseville Main Library Conference Room (225 Taylor Street) and also using ZOOM – Genealogy questions welcome, plus sharing of genealogy ideas. (Jan-May & Jul-Nov)
- ❖ **General Meeting with Speaker** – Second Tuesday of the month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. In-Person and Zoom at the Maidu Community Center (1550 Maidu Drive in Roseville) and an occasional evening Zoom meeting. A brief general meeting will be followed by a presentation on genealogy research topics. (Jan-May & Jul-Nov)

SAVE THE DATES!!!

1-6 April 2024

DIGGING FOR FAMILY TREASURES



Sacramento Region
Genealogy Classes on
1 & 6 April 2024
in Sacramento
Genealogical & Historical

Activities are available in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yolo Counties. Check out the website at:
<https://srgcouncil.org/cpage.php?pt=77>.

(See Page 7 of this newsletter for topics to be presented at this event.)

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ONGOING RGS ACTIVITIES

Ask A Genealogist at the Library – come by to talk or ask questions.

Roseville Main Library Dates

Mar (Thurs)

- 7 -1:00pm–3:00pm

Apr (Thurs)

- 4-1:00pm-3:00 pm

Martha Riley Library Dates

Mar (Wed & Sat)

- 6-1:00pm–3:00pm
- 13-1:00pm–3:00pm
- 20-1:00pm–3:00pm
- 23-**Sat** 12:00-2:00pm
- 27–1:00pm-3:00pm

Apr (Wed & Sat)

- 3-1:00pm–3:00pm
- 11-1:00pm–3:00pm
- 17-1:00pm–3:00pm
- 24-1:00pm–3:00pm

Maidu Library Dates

Mar (Thurs)

- 14 -1:00pm–3:00pm
- 21 -1:00pm–3:00pm
- 28 -1:00pm–3:00pm

Apr (Thurs)

- 11 -1:00pm–3:00pm
- 18 -1:00pm–3:00pm
- 25 -1:00pm–3:00pm

BOOK-A-GENEALOGIST

Send an email to rgsca3@gmail.com with the subject line: Book-A-Genealogist.

LENDING LIBRARY (MEMBERS ONLY)

Send an email to rgsca3@gmail.com with the subject line: Lending Library

RGS Meeting Calendar - Upcoming RGS Speakers and Workshops

C=Conference D=Discussion IP=In Person

O=Other S=Speaker Z=Zoom

Email RGS at rgsca3@gmail.com for Zoom access information.

2023	Format		Date	Topic
RGS	D	IP & Z	Mar 5	Discussion Group followed by Board Meeting
RGS	S	IP & Z	Mar 12	Common Surnames and Female Research – Nancy Calhoun
RGS	D	IP & Z	Apr 2	Discussion Group followed by Board Meeting
RGS	S	IP & Z	Apr 9	Sacramento County Cemeteries – Dr. Bob LaPerriere
RGS	D	IP & Z	May 7	Discussion Group followed by Board Meeting
RGS	S	IP & Z	May 14	Evaluating Evidence – Pamela Dallas
RGS			June	No meeting or speaker this month. Book-A-Genealogist is available.



Genealogy Resources

The **Online Archive of California** (OAC) provides free public access to detailed descriptions of primary resource collections maintained by more than 300 contributing institutions including libraries, special collections, archives, historical societies, and museums throughout California, and collections maintained by the 10 University of California (UC) campuses. The key is the OAC's more than 55,000 online collection guides, which can be browsed to locate resources and/or view selected items digitally. The OAC contains more than 240,000 digital images and documents. If the item is not online at OAC, information is supplied about how one can gain access to the physical objects. The viewer is able to search by title, institution, and topic. URL:

<https://oac.cdlib.org/>

If you are looking for California ancestors, this would be a great place to search. (Thanks to Betty Lemley for this suggestion.)

Placer County, California Research

If you are searching for information about ancestors in Placer County, California, you can begin from the comfort of your own home. The Placer County Archive and Research Center and the Placer County Museums offer a listing for the repository of records for the County of Placer. Information covers governmental records, private businesses, organizations, collectors, and family and newspaper archives at <https://placer.access.preservica.com/>.

The website states the collections currently available online include the Placer County Clerk-Recorder Collections (Land Claims, Homestead Claims, Women as Sole Traders, and Deeds and Official Records). More collections will be added as they are available which in time, will include their extensive photograph archive, museum collections, and maps collections. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about researching their holdings please contact the Curator of Archives at (530) 889-7789. The home page contains a video that provides information about navigating the website.

Some of the categories of items included on this site are: Deeds and Official Records 1851-1941, Mining Records 1850-1973, Homestead Records 1860-1937, Land Claim Records 1850-1876, Record of Stallions 1912-1915, and Estray, Lost Property, Marks & Brands 1853-1946.





Big Day of Giving (BDOG) is a day-long celebration of giving to causes that matter to you and your loved ones.

Roseville Genealogical Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is participating this year. As a small group of volunteers, we are hoping to raise funds to continue our mission to stimulate an interest in studying family history and genealogy, and assist persons who are researching their family history.

Please support us.



This year BDOG is on Thursday, 2 May 2024. The event is coordinated by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

<https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/giving-events/bdog24>

Roseville's page on BDOG:

<https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/organization/RosevilleGenealogicalSociety>

Genealogy Tips

Why researching “serial” Tax Records is important to family history research

Many family history researchers rely on census records and vital statistics (birth, marriage, and death records) to learn more about their ancestors. These facts help establish the basic framework of who the chosen ancestor was and where they lived their life. Adding information about other family members widens the picture of their life, as does learning about military service and land records. But as family history researchers, we want to learn even more, and tax records can help.

Tax records provide a “snapshot in time” of the ancestor’s *financial situation* on that date. Besides stating the amount of tax owed/paid, many early tax records list the major items owned and their financial value, as well as payment records or collection efforts. Searching “serial” tax records provides a “snapshot over time” about changes in the ancestor’s life and possibly his/her community status. Adding the history of events that occurred in the town and county in which the ancestor lived, a researcher gets a clearer picture about the ancestor’s life. - Mary J. Sayles

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- ✓ Taxes can also tell you when Sons become of “age”, as they often show up with their father, mother, and grandfather, etc., as a taxpayer.



- ✓ In addition to taxes on household and agriculture, there was a people tax known as a “head count” or “poll tax”.
- ✓ If a woman is named as paying a tax, she might be the head of household or the land might have been inherited by her.

Tax records may be used to pinpoint the year of death of someone between census or the retirement stage of the life. Sometimes tax records will tell if a body of water is where they live, such as a specific river in an area that has many rivers. When families have the same surname, the correct family may be determined by rivers and the location in which they live. - Carolyn Lewis

What is a Non-Paternity Event (NPE)?

Genealogy has evolved over the decades and centuries, as has life. We no longer chisel lineage information onto stone tablets, we use computers to record our information, and DNA to test relationships. With the advent of scientific tools, we now have scientific evidence that can prove that a person is or is not related to someone else. And changes have occurred in our view of relationships. We may find out that some people who we thought were family (blood relatives) aren't related to us. When this occurs between a parent and child, their relationship is now termed “non-paternity event”.

“**Non-paternity events**” are those situations in which the biological parent of a child is someone other who they were presumed to be and, all that research on what was thought to be on the paternal line isn't related any more.

One good that comes from all that work is that genealogy research skills were learned and practiced to help the new research go forward.

Source: “Non-paternity event”, online database, *International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki*, https://isogg.org/wiki/Non-paternity_event : accessed 02 March 2024.

Which Type of Survey was Used for Your Ancestor's Land in the USA?

Land surveying, a method of determining the location of a piece of property has changed over the centuries.

Metes-and-Bounds or Rectangular Survey System

Metes-and-Bounds – is the survey method that was used almost exclusively in the thirteen original colonies and seven of the state-land states. **Metes** refers to the measurement of a tract of land. **Bounds** refers to the physical objects used to define the size and shape of a tract of land. The metes-and-bounds description consists of a combination directional and distance measurements and property lines which form boundaries.



In working with metes-and-bounds survey information for land of your ancestors, there are two helpful computer applications for creating a visual representation of their actual land.

Deed mapper from Direct Lines Software – for purchase.

<https://directlinesoftware.com/>

Metes-and-Bounds from Sandy Knoll Software, LLC. – there are Pro, Basic, and Free editions available online.

<https://www.tabberer.com/sandyknoll/more/metesandbounds/metes.html>

Rectangular Survey System – is the survey system by which the original public domain land was subdivided into townships, sections, and subdivision section, also known as the Public Land Survey System (PLSS).

Sources and Resources

“Module 11”, *Advanced Skills in Genealogy Course*, National Genealogical Society, <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>, 2024.

“FamilySearch Research Wiki” topics: Beginning Research in United States Land Records, United States Land, and Property.

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page.

Educational Opportunities

Check the area in which your ancestor lived. The Genealogical and/or Historical Society of the area may hold virtual conferences or seminars, which will help you learn more about the area in which your ancestor lived.

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- ✚ Check out the Sacramento FamilySearch Center’s class offerings at: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Sacramento_California_FamilySearch_Center/Classes.
- ✚ Check out the Sacramento Regional Genealogical Council website for area presentations at: <https://srgcouncil.org/index.php>.

SAVE THE DATES for Genealogy!

Upcoming Special Genealogical Events

- ✚ 9-24 March 2024 – **FIND YOUR ROOTS** - Genealogy and family history are the subjects of five films to be streamed during the festival. From secrets revealed by DNA tests to generations of Conversos and to Jewish refugees who went to China, follow these journeys virtually, from the comfort of your home. <https://sacjewishfilmfest.org>.



- ✦ 1-6 April 2024 – **DIGGING FOR FAMILY TREASURES** - Six days of activities and informational events empowering you to uncover family treasures – your ancestors, the events of their lives, and their stories.
- ✦ 23 & 24 April 2024 – **Discover Your Roots** – A Genealogy & Family History Fair – Lincoln Stake Center (Free Admission).
FamilyRoots2024@gmail.com
- ✦ 16-18 May 2024 – **EXPANDING POSSIBILITIES** - National Genealogical Society – Virtual Conference, (Registration Fee).
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>.

Digging For Family Treasures - 1-6 April 2024 – It's Free

10:00 am – 10:45 am Opening Presenter
"Genealogy: What's in it for me?"- Sarah Clift

11:00 am – 11:45 am Session 1

- A. Tour of Sacramento FamilySearch Facilities – Center Staff
- B. Angel Island and the Documents that You Can Find About Its Immigrants from 80 Countries from 1910-1940 Immigration – Grant Din
- C. Documenting Your Heirlooms – Glenda Gardner Lloyd
- D. Swedish Church Books: A Brief Introduction – Ken Johnson
- E. Understanding Germans From Russia – John Kreutzer
- F. "San Francisco's Silent Suburb Tops 1.5 Million Souls!" – Carl Olson

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm Session 2

- A. Tour of Sacramento FamilySearch Facilities – Center Staff
- B. Writing and Publishing Your Family History – Rick Hanson
- C. Family History and Social Media – Betty Lemley
- D. Genealogical Research with the Witkin State Library – Elena Smith
- E. "Is It True? Finding and Verifying Genealogy Books" – Jacqi Stevens
- F. Cemetery Research: Begin at the End – Ralph & Teresa Mize

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Session 3

- A. Tour of Sacramento FamilySearch Facilities – Center Staff
- B. Tracking Your Family's Military Past – Sgt. Major Daniel Sebyy
- C. Using City Directories to Find People Between the Censuses – Richard Dodds
- D. African American Homesteaders – Denise I. Griggs
- E. Genealogical Records at the California State Archives – Chris Garmire
- F. Asking the Correct Question Yields Better Results – Mary J. Sayles

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Researching Naturalization Records - Kathryn Marshall

Overview of SATURDAY, 06 April 2024 PRESENTERS at California State Archives. Be sure to register for the presentation you plan to attend.

10:00 am – 10:45 am Session 4

- A. Punjabi / Indian Records: What Are They and How Do We Find Them? – Lynn Takahashi
- B. "Bad Boys Make Headlines" – Jacqi Stevens
- C. Chinese Genealogy: An Introduction – Ken Johnson
- D. The 2024 DNA Toolbox – James Baker

11:00 am – 11:45 am Session 5

- A. Writing and Publishing Your Family History – Rick Hanson
- B. Lineage Societies: Information and Strategies for Joining – Carolyn Heijn Peth
- C. U.S. Colored Troops Pension Records of 1890 – Denise I. Griggs
- D. Sneaky Pete – Dresden Stevens

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm Session 6

- A. Armories and Ordinaries: Coats of Arms for Genealogists – Sebastian Nelson
- B. From Arrest to America – Elaine Berghausen
- C. How Did they Live & Die? Exploring Medical Genealogy – Patty Mariott-Saathoff
- D. "Are You Sure?" "How Do You Know" – Sharon Melbert-Scherr

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Session 7

- A. Flying Over Family Search – Debra Hutchings
- B. Finding Elusive Records – Betty Lemley
- C. British Roots: 4 Colonial Migrations for British Ancestry – Martha Teeter
- D. Siblings, Friends & Enemies: Collateral Research – Pamela Bell Dallas

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Closing Presenter
To Be Determined - _____

Regional Research Sites Open During Digging For Family Treasures Event 2-5 April 2024

Tuesday 02 Apr 2024	Wednesday 03 Apr 2024	Thursday 04 Apr 2024	Friday 05 Apr 2024
9:30 am - 4:00 pm - California History Room at California State Library ----- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - View the California Constitution ----- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm - Sacramento FamilySearch Center	9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Sutter County Museum ----- 9:30 am - 4:00 pm - California History Room at California State Library – Tour at 1pm (Wed. only) ----- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Sacramento FamilySearch Center ----- 11:00 am Central Branch - Sacramento Public Library	9:00am - 12:00 noon - Placer County Archive Research Center ----- 9:30 am - 4:00 pm - California History Room at California State Library ----- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm - Sacramento FamilySearch Center	10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Sacramento FamilySearch Center ----- 10:30 am -12:00 pm - Center for Sacramento History Event
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1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - Yolo County Archives - 1.5 hrs. ----- 8:00 pm - Sac FSC Closes	4:00 pm Carmichael Branch – Sacramento Public Library ----- 4:00 pm - Sac FSC Closes	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - California Statewide Museum Collections Center Tour (Thurs. only) ----- 8:00 pm - Sac FSC Closes	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Center for Sacramento History ----- 4:00 pm - Sac FSC Closes

Abbreviations: Sac FSC – Sacramento FamilySearch Center



Digging For Family Treasures Website: <https://srgcouncil.org/cpage.php?pt=77>

Where is your genealogy journey taking you today?

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<https://www.facebook/RosevilleGenealoicalSociety>

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