

El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society

History

In 2005, Trevor Thomas held the first meeting of El Dorado Hills Genealogy at a local supermarket with twelve people in attendance. He thought it would be a great way to share what he had learned, as well as learn from others, and he had the goal of raising funds for genealogy books for the local library.

By 2008, Trevor realized that if the group was going to grow he would need a lot more help. At that point, Dr. Gwynn Akin spearheaded the process of incorporating and forming a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization under federal and state laws. She initiated the following:

- July 1, 2008. El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society (EDHGS) was established. EDHGS' Founding Directors and Officers were: Dorothy Nesbitt, President; John Bronaugh, Vice President and Secretary; and Dr. Gwynn Akin, Treasurer.
- August 24, 2008. The Corporation was granted its Federal EIN, 01-0913428.
- February 27, 2009. EDHGS' federal designation as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization became effective.
- March 11, 2009. California's Attorney General certified the Society's Articles of Incorporation. The Society's SOS/FTB Corporate / Organization Number is 3191324.

Key Accomplishments

- The EDHGS has participated in the annual Clarksville Day event every year since its inception in 2007.
- In 2014, the EDHGS applied for and received a \$500 grant which was used to purchase books for the El Dorado Hills Branch Library.
- In 2015, the EDHGS began a project to get the Folsom Prison Cemetery information up on the Find A Grave website. This involved getting permission from the state to be on the property, photographing all of the headstones, researching each prisoner and then uploading the data onto the Find A Grave website.
- In 2019, the EDHGS started its own Genealogy Day which is planned to be an annual event held at the El Dorado Hills Branch Library.
- As of 2019, the EDHGS membership stands at approximately 80 members, and the number of genealogy books in the El Dorado Hills Branch Library has grown from the original six to over 400.