

YVGS FAMILY FINDERS



Yucaipa Valley
Genealogical Society
Established 1982

YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

www.yvgs.org

P.O. BOX 32, YUCAIPA, CA 92399-0032

Sponsored by The Yucaipa Branch Library



August 2009—VOLUME 27 NO. 8



AUGUST MEETING

Well, it's not really
like "*Show and
Tell*" from

elementary school...but our August meeting
will be a time of sharing for everyone.

We all have stories about our families and
our research, and some of our talented society
members are going to share their treasures and
experience with us.

The following is just a partial list of our
members willing to "show and tell" us about
their family heirlooms, the unique family
documents, and the interesting tales that go
along with them.

Barbara Firestone
Sue Wolfe
Donna Hunter
Anna Mumper
Karen Morlan
Earl Giddings
Floyd Ferguson

Please come early to the meeting on Saturday,
August 8th. We will be starting a workshop on
Family Tree Maker 2009 at 12:00. Or just
come to visit and informally share your new
finds with the other members. We all like to
hear about new information, interesting
research adventures, and "brick wall break
throughs."

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Earl Giddings	909 486-0378	clemgds@gmail.com
Vice President	Ruth Jarmusz	909 798-3804	librarian2525@earthlink.net
Secretary	Karen Morlan	909 797-0990	kmorlan@verizon.net
Treasurer	Marg Polich	909 882-8547	mpwtc@earthlink.net

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Parliamentarian	Jamie Daniel	909 792-2962	jamiedaniel33@gmail.com
Corresponding Secretary	Karen Morlan	909 797-0990	kmorlan@verizon.net
Librarian	Ruth Bishop	951 845-4063	RJBishop3@DSLextreme.com
Editor	Jamie Daniel	909 792-2962	jamiedaniel33@gmail.com
Hospitality	Sue Wolfe	951 769-2428	hankandsue@verizon.net
Welcome	Terry Brown	909 793-1131	tbmk1@verizon.net
Membership	VACANT		
Publicity	VACANT		
Sunshine	Barbara Thomas	909 795-3777	grambt@roadrunner.com
Historian	Barbara Cogorno	909 797-8223	
Ways and Means	VACANT		

The Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. meets at 1:00 P.M. on the SECOND Saturday of each month at the Yucaipa Branch Library, 12040 Fifth Street, Yucaipa, California. YVGS annual membership fees are \$20.00 for individuals or \$25.00.00 for families. This amount includes the monthly newsletter and free query privileges. \$10.00 will have our newsletter mailed to another society or individual out of the area. The Editor and Society assume no responsibility for statements made by contributors. Misstatements of fact will be corrected upon receipt of proof of error.

**YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING OF JULY 11 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: 12:00 pm

Workshop; Basic Family Tree Maker, old version, instructions by Karen Morlan. ancestry.com is available for your use, check with Karen.

Start of Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

By guest Ed Frieze
Introduction of guests attending Judith Ring and Ed and Loretta Frieze.
Loretta is our new member!

READING OF THE MINUTES: June minutes read by Karen Morlan and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurers report read by Marg. Polich Bank balance \$1198.88. The report was filed for audit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don't forget each meeting at 12:00 we will have a workshop and social hour. Please contact Earl Giddings with requests as to topics.

Show and Tell for August: Karen Morlan will be heading up Show and tell list of those who will have a static display or be presenting a slide show. Please get together with her about how long each person will need.

Every member is a historian. Do your part by saving information about the society and its members.

Earl, Barbara Cogorno. Give/send the information to our new historian Barbara Cogorno.

MAIL—remember: table one is for you to read the incoming mail—**do not take home**. Table two is for you to **take home and keep**.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Ruth Jarmusz-Vice President: Riverside Alliance meeting. Ruth attended the meeting which was held at Jamboree in Burbank. The Societies of the Inland Empire will be starting an on line Blog to aid in inter society communication. Possible future combined meetings with speakers. Budget and participation will be discussed later.

Judith Ring has some CD's she will bring for next month.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Sunshine: Barbara Thomas- Barbara sent cards to Ruth and Ben and Yucaipa Librarian Mike who is recovering from hip surgery.

BREAK: Barbara Thomas and Ruth Jarmusz provided refreshments Buy 50-50 tickets during break. 50-50 drawing. Winner was Barbara Firestone and she donated back to the Society.

PROGRAM: Ruth Jarmusz introduced the speaker Patti Hacker who will be spoke about dating old photos.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Karen Morlan, secretary.

COMING EVENTS

1. Saturday, August 8, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society meeting at the Yucaipa Branch Library.

Show and Tell by Society Members. Come see : antique dolls and clothes, maps and pictures from Austria/Hungary, Yugoslavia/Romania, family narratives, a power point presentation, and more!

2. Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Genealogy Research Class at Family History Center 5th and Wabash in Redlands.

Topic: Internet Research
Speaker: Annette Spaulding



NATURAL SELECTION

by Russ Wallace



"MOM, IS THERE even the slightest chance that I'm adopted?"

Editor's note: Two months ago, a member handed me a short article she thought might be of interest for our newsletter. Since I was to be gone for over a month, I did not get around to looking at it. When I read it again, I thought I might have seen it somewhere, so I did a search online to see what I could come up with... I opened a Pandora's box! I quit reading and copying after fourteen pages...

The following is a poem, which I believe to be the original, and some explanations following, plus some plagiarisms. I will publish other original poems on the same subject next month.



Grandma's Apron

by Tina Trivett

The strings were tied, It was freshly washed, and maybe even pressed.

For Grandma, it was everyday to choose one when she dressed.

The simple apron that it was, you would never think about;
the things she used it for, that made it look worn out.

She may have used it to hold, some wildflowers that she'd found.

Or to hide a crying child's face, when a stranger came around.

Imagine all the little tears that were wiped with just that cloth.

Or it became a potholder to serve some chicken broth.

She probably carried kindling to stoke the kitchen fire.
To hold a load of laundry, or to wipe the clothesline wire.

When canning all her vegetables, it was used to wipe her brow.

You never know, she might have used it to shoo flies from the cow.

She might have carried eggs in from the chicken coop outside.

Whatever chore she used it for, she did them all with pride.

When Grandma went to heaven, God said she now could rest.

I'm sure the apron that she chose, was her Sunday best.

I miss you Grandma...

Who first wrote about Grandma's Apron?

American housewife and poet Tina Trivett was fit to be tied, and apparently with good reason. Years ago, she wrote a delightful poem, *Grandma's Apron*, in memory of her much-loved grandmother, and in 1999 posted it on a poetry website chosen at random.

Since then, she says, it's been stolen, mutilated, with various lines changed, and posted in at least 10 versions on hundreds of websites around the world, usually attributed to "author unknown." Whether any of the amendments have improved the original poem is debatable.

"It has been a frustrating last couple of years," Tina told us. "My poem has been changed around, borrowed from, added to, and shortened. It's on family tree websites, poetry websites, kitchen websites... It's everywhere.

"I wrote the poem years ago for my Grandmother when she passed. She was a sweet dear lady who lived to be 96. She was from Kentucky, wife of a farmer, mother of 13 children. She may have treated herself to a few puffs from a corn cob pipe once in a while, but she was also very dignified.

"She wore a fresh, crisp, clean apron over her dress every day. The pockets held little treasures like chewing gum and mints. When she passed, I was in the middle of a snowstorm in the North Carolina mountains, and could not attend her funeral in Kentucky. That's where the poem 'Grandma's Apron' came from.

"Then came the year 1999 and I posted my poem on a random poetry site. Probably out of boredom. In 2004, I did a Google search for the site I'd put it on.

"When I found my poem on several sites, my heart sank. But I have just come to this conclusion: I wrote the poem, yes. But if someone can read it and bring back fond memories of their own Grandmother, then having it stolen was worth it. If it brings good feelings to those who read it, all is well. I can't imagine that there is any way to stop the spread of it.

"As for the person who originally stole my work and added to it...well, I suppose karma goes both ways."

Asked for details about herself, Tina said "I live on Lake Hartwell, Georgia, with my husband, four teenage children, four dogs and four cats. Good things come in fours around here, I guess.

"I've written some other poetry. I posted some of it, but mostly I just share it with the children. I also draw, quilt and love to bake. I sell antique fabrics, quilts and misc.

"My husband designs cedar and log homes. My boys

have a band, so the house is always quite busy with teenagers. We enjoy watching them play, but I secretly long for the day when my living-room turns back into a peaceful retreat instead of a guitar/drums warehouse."

Here is the version that was handed to me, and prompted my search:

GRANDMA'S

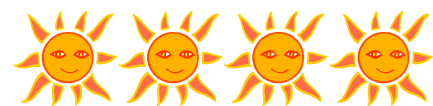
APRON



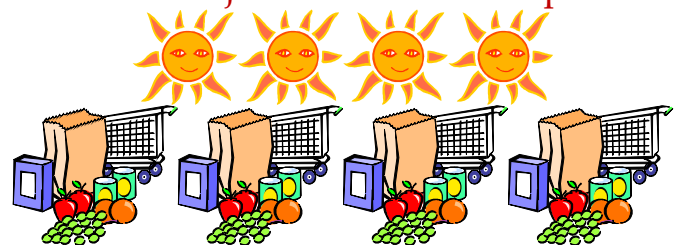
The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it had many other functions, such as:

- ♥ serving as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.
- ♥ drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used to clean dirty ears.
- ♥ when company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.
- ♥ in cold weather, it was wrapped around grandma's arms.
- ♥ it carried all sorts of vegetables from the garden and apples from the trees.
- ♥ when unexpected company came it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a few seconds.

More on this topic and other poems next month...

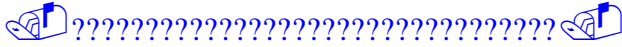


If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine, or someone who would benefit from a card, please contact Barbara Thomas, our Sunshine Chair. She cannot do her job without our help!

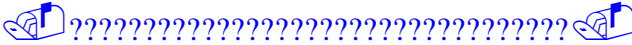


Good News! Buy your Stater Bros. gift cards and take them home with you!
We're selling *Stater Bros.* Gift cards at the meeting.

The Society receives a percentage back from Stater's...and everyone needs groceries!



What's in the Mail box?



The YVGS corresponds with other genealogy societies in different parts of the United States. We receive the following newsletters:

- Los Angeles WESTSIDE Genealogical Society*
- Patrick County (Virginia) Tracks*
- Northwest Iowa Rootdiggers*
- The Family Gathering (Morongo Basin)*
- Desert Diggings (Hi-Desert GS)*
- The Searcher (Southern California)*
- Past Finder (Hemet-San Jacinto GS)*
- Somervell (County, Texas) Settlers*
- CSGA Newsletter—California State Genealogical Alliance*
- The News and Notes (Southern California Genealogical Society)*

Don't forget to check out the two mail tables.

- **Table one is for everyone to peruse and leave for other members.**
- **Table two is for you to take home (and not bring back). These are things the Society does not have room to store.**

The mail will always be placed on the side of the meeting room. Please take the time to browse through what's there. *Remember, this Society gets mail addressed to all members. It's your mail!*



Classes for 2009

Redlands Yucaipa Multi-Stake Family History Center
 All Classes Sunday evening 7:00p.m.
 Redlands Stake Center High Council Room

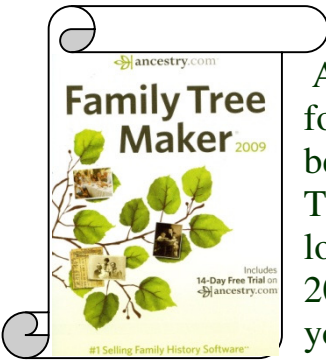
August 23 Topic: *Internet Research*
 Speaker: Annette Spaulding

September 27 Topic: *New FamilySearch*
 Speaker: Dianna Rounds

October 25 Topic: *British Research*
 Speaker: Dawna Lund

November 22 Topic: *Using Notes & Sources*
 Speaker: Annette Spaulding

Family History Center
 Located at 5th and Wabash in Redlands
 Hours:
 Tuesday - Saturday
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday
 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.
 New Thursday Hours:
 Groups by appointment only.
 FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.3844



August 8, 2009 Don't forget! We have a workshop before our meetings now! This month, we are going to look at Family Tree Maker 2009—if you need help, or if you wish you knew more about it, come to the meeting at 12:00, and join the discussion!

**Deadline for articles for the newsletter:
 Thursday
 Before the first Saturday of the month.**
 If you have articles, pictures or essays you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact the editor, Jamie Daniel, at:
jamedaniel33@gmail.com
 or
 909 792-2962

or
P.O. Box 32
Yucaipa, CA 92399-0032

The following is from a letter to the Editor of the West Side Leader (suburban Akron, Ohio), and it pretty well sums up why genealogists have such a soft spot in their hearts for old cemeteries.



The Recording Of A Cemetery

By Thelma Greene Reagan

Today we walked where others walked
On a lonely, windswept hill;
Today we talked where others cried
For Loved Ones whose lives are stilled.

Today our hearts were touched
By graves of tiny babies;
Snatched from the arms of loving kin,
In the heartbreak of the ages.

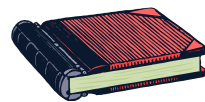
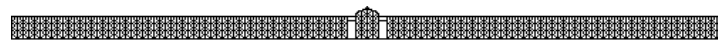
Today we saw where the grandparents lay
In the last sleep of their time;
Lying under the trees and clouds -
Their beds kissed by the sun and wind.

Today we wondered about an unmarked spot;
Who lies beneath this hollowed ground?
Was it a babe, child, young or old?
No indication could be found.

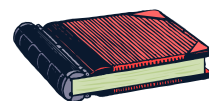
Today we saw where Mom and Dad lay.
We had been here once before
On a day we'd all like to forget,
But will remember forever more.

Today we recorded for kith and kin
The graves of ancestors past;
To be treasured for generations hence,
A record we hope will last.

Cherish it, my friend; preserve it, my friend,
For stones sometimes crumble to dust
And generations of folks yet to come
Will be grateful for your trust.



We now have a new volunteer Historian! Barbara Cogorno has agreed to collect and keep the records for our Society. If you have information, articles about Society members, or pictures, please see that Barbara gets them. Either bring them to her at the meeting, or call her and arrange to send them to her.



Have you clicked On it yet?

See the new content on our website.
Check it out!

Our new domain name is

www.yvgs.org

There is new information every month!



We are of course a nation of differences.
Those differences don't make us weak.
They're the source of our strength...the
question is not when we came here...But
why our families came here. And what
we did after we arrived.

-Jimmy Carter



We, today, stand on
the shoulders of our

predecessors who have gone before us.

We, as their successors, must catch the torch of freedom and liberty passed on to us by our ancestors.

We cannot lose in this battle.

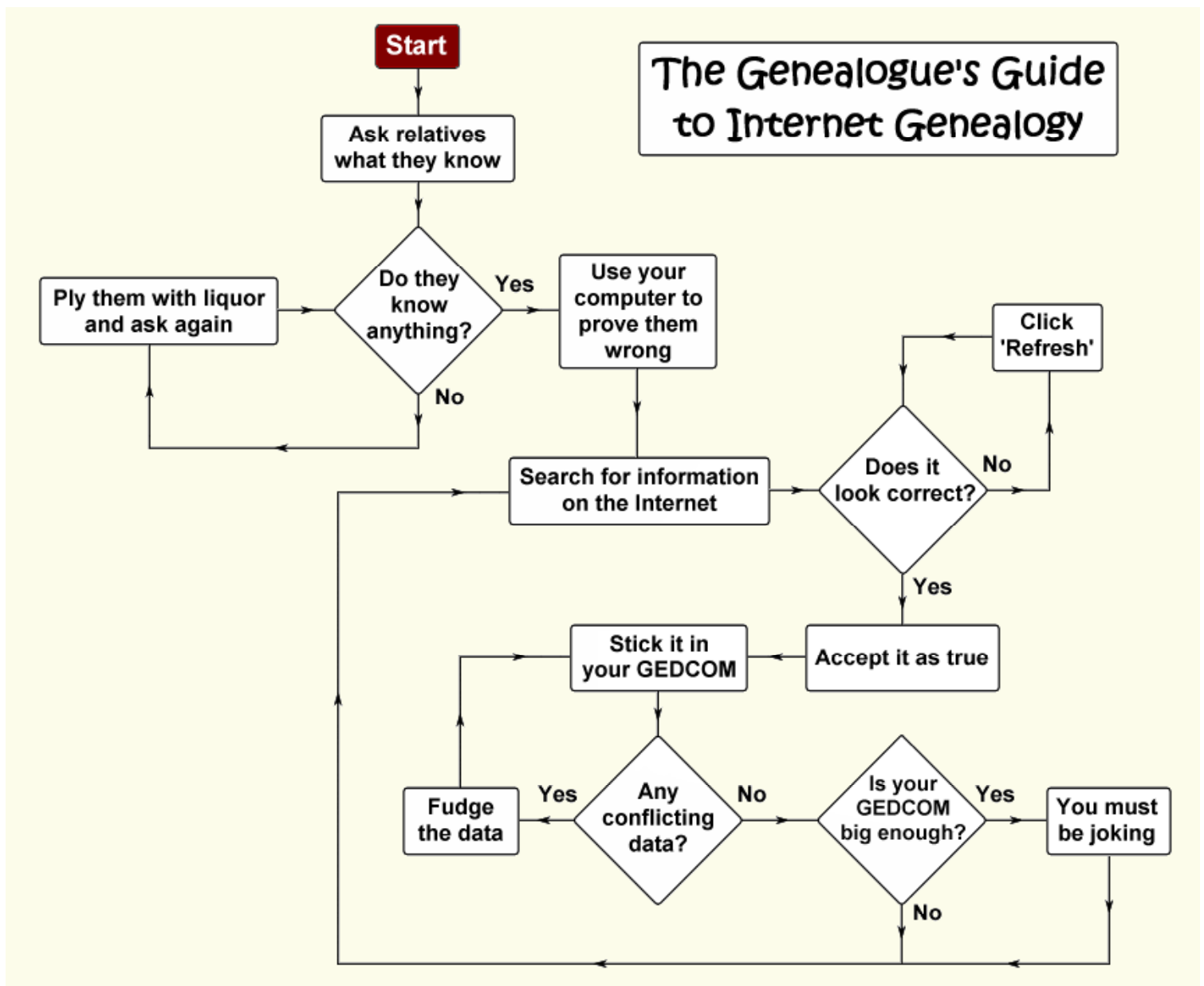
~Benjamin E. Mays



Thank you, Barbara Thomas and Ruth Jarmusz for the wonderful refreshments that you brought for our July meeting. The refreshments for the August meeting will be provided for by Bertha and Dorval Keeton

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality





ANCESTORS OF YESTERDAY

Ancestors of so long ago, I'll search until I find.

Till I can prove and clearly show, that you are truly mine.

I'll follow behind your trail of tears, the hidden footprints of time.

Covered and buried throughout the years, and continue each mountain to climb.

I'll search every faraway seaside shore, and every valley below.

I'll unlock each and every door, as my own teardrops flow.

I'll unearth the buried History of you, and your own Ancestral kin,

I'll search for that all important clue, and open my heart to let you in.

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society
Earl Giddings, President
P.O. Box 32
Yucaipa, CA 92399-0032

FIRST CLASS

ISSN#1069-9333