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President's Message

The holidays are upon us and what a great time to be doing family history. For me the holidays mean receiving Christmas letters and cards from family members that I don't get the opportunity to visit as much as I would like. These items provide me with information that I can add to my genealogy, not so much about my ancestor's lives but about their descendents. Sometimes we can forget that keeping track of the living is also an important part of genealogy.

The holidays also mean a time to reflect on those who have passed and keep their memories and traditions alive for the next generation. Thanksgiving always reminds me of the women in my family—my grandmothers and my great-grandmother. I can still see them in my mind spending all day cooking Thanksgiving dinner. I can see the pies alone which numbered about 15...they included such exotic specialties as "minced meat." It's important to write these memories down so we can keep those traditions going long after we are gone. I'm always curious to know what memories my kids will hold dear and what they will remember about these days and their family as they grow older.

This is my last President's letter for YVGS. As most of you know, my family moved to Murrieta a few months ago. We are now settling in and

trying to create some new traditions and memories in our new home. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge all the help I have received this year. I want to thank the board for all their help and support over the year. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to be President. I also want to thank the members of YVGS. So many of you have helped in other ways, like donating money through our Stater Bros scrip cards, bringing snacks to our meetings, volunteering your time and making suggestions. A society is able to exist only with the help of its members and I think we have a lot to be thankful for in our society this year. We have a wonderful web site, we have a cemetery database that helps other researchers find their family buried in Desert Lawn, we are able to pay for great speakers due to fundraising that includes the Stater Bros cards, and so much more. I have enjoyed my time with YVGS and will miss everyone.

Our December meeting will be our annual Holiday potluck. This year we are fortunate to have the potluck hosted by Karen Morlan. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of our fellow genealogists and have some fun. Please join us as we celebrate the passing of another year.

Wishing you much research success-

Gena

After the break, Earl Giddings spoke about surveying and photographing cemeteries. We all learned several new things about researching, supplies, and making rubbings of headstones.

Announcements: The December meeting will take place at Karen Morlan's home. Maps to Karen's were given out at the meeting. Those members not present will receive their maps with their newsletters

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

COMING EVENTS

1. Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library.
Topic: "Regional Library Sources"
2. Saturday December 13, 1:00 P.M. Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, and **Christmas Potluck**, held at the home of Karen Morlan. If you need directions, please call Karen, or another board member. Please join us.
3. Tuesday January 6, 2009 at 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library Conference Room.
Topic: Learning about old photographs - Estimating the date and their type.
4. Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society meeting at the Yucaipa Branch Library.
Speaker: Dennis Baxter
Topic: Native Sons of the Golden West
Don't miss it!

**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:

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The Man Next Door

Nell Moore wonders if the colonists who named their children for virtues like Charity, Patience, and Prudence would choose names like Assertiveness, Self-Actualization, and Positive Thinking if they were alive today!

-- Burton Hillis



Thank you Jamie Daniel for the delicious refreshments that you brought to the November meeting.

I hope that everyone will join us for the Christmas Potluck at Karen Morlan's home.

Sue Wolfe - Hospitality



NEW ENGLAND BOOKS

The books we received from Fredericksburg, Texas, are not being used. For a complete listing of the books, email Earl Giddings at clemgds@gmail.com and ask for FGS book listing.

If you would like to spend some time reviewing the books, call Earl at 909-486-0378 for an appointment.

**DON'T
MISS
OUT!**

Don't forget!

Veteran Casualty, Cemetery, and Tombstone Sites

✓ www.cem.va.gov/ The U.S. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs has a nationwide grave locator to help you search for veterans and their family members in 120 VA National Cemeteries, state veteran cemeteries, and other military cemeteries as well as for veterans buried in private cemeteries with a military headstone.

✓ www.abmc.gov/home.php, the American Battle Monuments Commission has an online database with information about those who have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and were buried in one of the 24 cemeteries located on foreign soil. Soldiers listed in this database include those from the Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Additionally, the Commission has a database of all interments at Corozal American Cemetery in Panama, which includes civilians who helped build the Panama Canal. Search by conflict and then by name.

✓ www.suvcw.org/ the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, originally an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, has a web site that includes a National Graves Registration Database containing information about Union soldiers grave sites.

✓ www.accessgenealogy.com/worldwar/ includes digitized images of WWII Casualty lists for the Army, Air Corps, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and POWs. The lists are organized by state or territory and then by county.

✓ www.archives.gov/research/korean-war/casualty-lists/

A list of WWII and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas.

✓ www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/index.html has the WWII Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Force Personnel.

✓ www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/navy-casualties/index.html here you can find the State Summary of War Casualties from WWII for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Personnel. These are arranged by state and then by three categories; dead, wounded and released prisoners.

✓ www.usmemorialday.org for more information on the history of Memorial Day.

Source: Gena Phillibert-Ortega, "Memorial Day", *GenWeekly*, 24/May/2007



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!



Notice!

Have you seen our new website??
Check it out!
Our new domain name is
www.yvgs.org.

New Year's Resolutions by Maureen Taylor

Editor's note: Each month, we have been reading Maureen's resolutions. This is the last month in the series. I suppose Maureen decided we would all be too busy with Christmas to deal with a big resolution in December, so I have included some last minute Christmas ideas for you. Again, they are from ancestry.com. Next year, we will have something totally different to read.

December

You've come full circle. It's been a busy year of remembering family and tracking down genealogical information. Congratulate yourself on a job well done and take a rest. There's always next year to make a set of resolutions.



Sharing Your Family History: Ideas for the Holiday Season

By Juliana Smith 27 November 2000

Below are some do-it-yourself holiday ideas that even the most challenged in "arts and crafts" can handle.



Printed Family Trees

Here's a quick and easy one. Most genealogical software programs have the capability to print out family trees in a number of formats, and possibly in

different fonts and colors. Some will even allow you to include photographs of individuals. Even if you don't have the software, pedigree charts can be downloaded from various Internet sites, so you can record family history information by hand. (And various off-line vendors offer printed family trees that are also attractive.) Printed on fancy paper (or even on plain paper decorated with stamps, drawings, or clip art), these family trees can be framed and given as heirloom gifts for relatives to treasure and hand down to future generations.

An even easier approach is available to Ancestry.com Online Family Tree users, who can create a professional family tree to keep as an heirloom with just a few simple steps. Using the information in their Online Family Tree, they need only to choose from a variety of backgrounds, sizes, styles, and frames, and Ancestry.com will mount and frame an [Heirloom Family Tree](#) for them.



Mini-bios

During the holiday season, many of us receive or send newsletters with our holiday cards that chronicle family life over the past year. These are great for documenting the present for future family historians (be sure to include copies in your family history files!), but why not take it a step further and also chronicle the life of one of your ancestors. It doesn't have to be an epic, but it can include information that may not be common knowledge to the non-genealogists in your family. Stories you have unearthed, transcriptions of newspaper clippings, historical background information relating to the times or area in which he or she lived, and vital records information can all be weaved together to make an interesting addition to the traditional holiday missives. If you are still looking for information on an individual, include that as well, making it a kind of mystery. Who knows? Maybe someone on your holiday list can help you solve the mystery!



Ornaments

Frames containing photos of family members or ancestors can be modified to make beautiful ornaments. In fact, a few years ago, my mother found little pewter-looking frames with chains on top in a gift shop. She put pictures of family members in them, and they are now beautiful additions to our Christmas tree—in essence making it our “family tree.”



Decorative Boxes

When I was younger, one of our family's favorite crafts was decoupage. One time, we each created

special boxes to hold our keepsakes. We glued copies of pictures, magazine cutouts, drawings, and other pictures to the boxes and painted over them with decoupage glue (a kind of varnish that leaves a protective glossy coat on the images—found in craft stores). You can make special family history boxes in much the same way, possibly with a pedigree chart surrounded by copies of photos of ancestors and family members, ancestral homes, family gatherings, or anything that holds meaning for your family. Photocopies of original documents can even be soaked in tea to give them a more aged and authentic look.



Quilts and Pillows

Nowadays it is fairly easy to get photos transferred to fabric, which can then be used to create gifts. This means your great-grandparents wedding photo transferred to cloth can now be sewn into a quilt or made into a pillow or other item with relative ease. Iron-on or T-shirt transfers are available at many office supply or craft stores, and copy services may even do it for you using a photograph and the fabric you supply. In addition, some craft and fabric stores sell printer fabric (cotton fabric with a removable paper backing) that allows inkjet printers to print out the fabric photos for this type of project.



Calendars and Cards

An Ancestry Quick Tip contributor emailed a great idea that could be used for holiday gifts. Rane Griffin suggested using family photos and pedigree charts to create calendars for family members. Many photo development companies offer this service.



Recipe Books

A few years ago, my mother-in-law put together a booklet of her family recipes and gave one to each of her children. It is now my husband's favorite cookbook, even though it was put together very simply. Hers was bound at the local copy shop, but report covers, three-ring binders, and other binders could also be used; these can be found easily at office supply stores. Recipes can include photos of family cooks, relationship charts, recipe origins, and family stories. This is a great way to preserve those treasured family recipes that have been handed down for generations.

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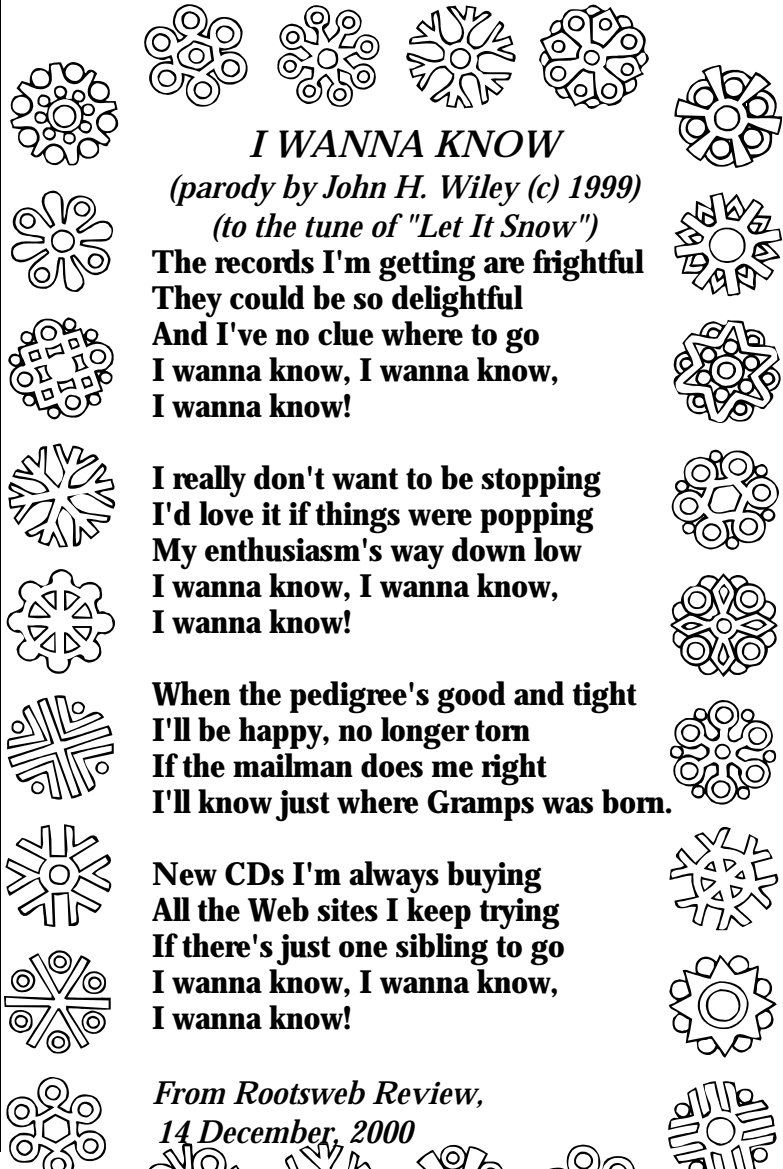
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I WANNA KNOW

*(parody by John H. Wiley (c) 1999)
(to the tune of "Let It Snow")*

The records I'm getting are frightful
They could be so delightful
And I've no clue where to go
I wanna know, I wanna know,
I wanna know!

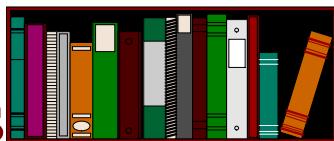
I really don't want to be stopping
I'd love it if things were popping
My enthusiasm's way down low
I wanna know, I wanna know,
I wanna know!

When the pedigree's good and tight
I'll be happy, no longer torn
If the mailman does me right
I'll know just where Gramps was born.

New CDs I'm always buying
All the Web sites I keep trying
If there's just one sibling to go
I wanna know, I wanna know,
I wanna know!

*From Rootsweb Review,
14 December, 2000*

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These are offered on a Sign up Basis, 7 people to a class. You sign up at the Reference Desk and leave your telephone number. When a class is filled, you will be called and told which days to come. They will be hands-on with laptop computers available. Larry Bowles, Leticia Bowles and Dan Atherstone offer instruction; all are quite knowledgeable.

Free Classes

Mr. Bowles is a certified genealogist



When one door of
happiness closes,
another opens; but often
we look so
long at the closed door
that we do not
see the one which has
opened for us.

-Helen
Keller



Terry Brown



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A Christmas Incident



'Twas the night before
Christmas, and all through the
charts
The lines that were empty
would sure break your heart.
The pedigree chart was laid out
with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas would
know who or where.
As searcher I nestled all snug in

my bed
While visions of ancestors danced through my
head.
Others sound asleep both upstairs and down
All in a nightcap and ankle length gown.
when out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I jumped from my bed to see what was the matter.
When much to my wonderment there did appear
Good old St Nicholas with a grin to each ear.
His bulk was tremendous, his eyes full of glee
He laughed as he picked up the sad pedigree.
He shouted and roared and ripped it to bits
While I swallowed my heart and went into fits.
"Dash it all, dash it all," I heard him then say,
"This clutter and mess is just in my way."
He said not a word as he started his job
He sat down at once and his pencil did jog.
A new pedigree he filled out in two winks
Giving names, dates, and places and all missing
links.
Clear back to Adam, and down to the last...
For ageless was he, having served in the past.
I thought, "Oh, how wonderful it would all be
If he did for others what he did for me!!:
As he finished and blotted the ink not quite dry
A sadness came over me and then I did cry!

He gave me the details and seemed to have such
fun
But now all my ancestor chasing was done!!!
He bounced out the window and I heard him say,
"For others I'll do the same any old day,
Just tell them my number and be good and kind,"

But then, a sure thought came into my mind...
Nobody wants ancestors that fast and so good
I'll let everyone else do the job just as they should.
(by Dora Mills - Ash Tree Echo Jan 1983)





You are Invited

to-

Yucaipa

Valley

Genealogy

December

Meeting and

Lunch

December 13th

1:00

Karen Morlan's

Please call 909-797-0990

for Directions



Twelve Days of Christmas

On the Twelfth Day of Christmas,

My True love gave to me,

Twelve Census Searches,

Eleven Printer Ribbons,

Ten E-Mail Contacts,

Nine Headstone Rubbings,

Eight Birth and Death dates,

Seven Town Clerks Sighing,

Six Second Cousins,

Five Coats of Arms,

Four GEDCOM files,

Three old Wills,

Two CD-ROMS,

And a Branch in my Family Tree.



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