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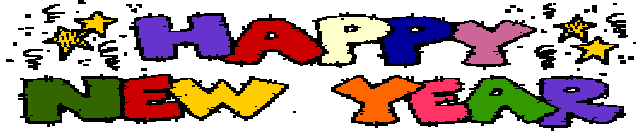
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A Message from the President

Welcome to an exciting and productive new year for all members of the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society. I would like to thank you, the members, for the opportunity to work for you in 2009.

We are a genealogical family working together for the benefit of each other and to provide information about the local area to other genealogists. This sounds like a big job, and it is; however with each member doing their small part we can make the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society an outstanding organization.

Our 2009 board has several new members: Earl Giddings, President, Ruth Jarmusz, Vice-President, Karen Morlan, Secretary, Marg Polich, Treasurer. Please see the list on the next page, and the biographical article later in this newsletter to become familiar with our new board. We have two vacancies, Publicity, and Ways and Means. We will need the help of all our members to fill these positions and let the board know what kind of activities we want to have in 2009.

We have a Show and Tell program scheduled in February; we would like as many members as possible to share their work and stories with the entire society. We would also like to have some kind of static display (that is, one that require no explanation) from one of our members at each meeting. Please talk to one of our board members to arrange to display some of your family history.

We have modified our Birth, Marriage and Death Record project to record only Obituaries. The index will appear on our website.. At the current time we have 3,435 names on our list. We always need help with these transcriptions.

New programs under consideration include transcribing the census records for Yucaipa Valley, reviewing our resource material maintained by the Yucaipa Branch Library, and surveying and recording cemeteries in addition to Desert Lawn, which has already been finished.

I would remind each member that your input is desired and needed. Members are needed to continue to help with ongoing projects, to help with new ones as they start, and to fill those vacant board seats.

Help make our January meeting a success—be there!

Earl

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Earl Giddings
Vice President Ruth Jarmusz
Secretary Karen Morlan
Treasurer Marg Polich

APPOINTED CHAIRS

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Corresponding Secretary Karen Morlan
Librarian Ruth Bishop
Editor Jamie Daniel
Hospitality Sue Wolfe
Membership Terry Brown
Publicity VACANT
Sunshine Barbara Thomas
Historian Arlene Mitcheltree
Ways and Means VANCANT

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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.

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1. 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.

2. 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!

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.



Thank you Karen Morlan for opening up your house for the wonderful Christmas Party.

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,

This month I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting, so be thinking about what month you would like to bring refreshments.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



2009 Board Members:

President, Earl Rowland Giddings—born 17 September 1928 at Blythe, CA, attended schools in Riverside, County, CA for a while, enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1947 and retired in 1970. Married Mildred Elizabeth Grant 1950 in Tucson, AZ, Millie died in Fredericksburg, TX 2005. There were 6 children from this marriage, Charles, Grant, Theresa, Greg, Heather and Bruce. Families of interest are Giddings, Compton, Grant, Crowley and associated families.

Vice-President, Ruth Jarmusz—I have been a librarian for 26 years now, 19 of them being with San Bernardino County Library. I was born in Chico, CA and have lived, in Ventura, CA; San Mateo, CA; Denver, CO; Tucson, AZ; Grand Canyon, AZ (for 3 months); Richmond, TX. I reside in Redlands with my companion of 13 years Ric. My father lives in San Mateo, CA; my mother in Portland, OR; and my brother in Salem, OR.

I am researching my family when I have time since I work Full-time. I am looking forward to retiring and am aiming to do so in 2013 but the way the economy is going I don't know!

My family came from Poland and lived in Buffalo, New York on my dad's side and from Germany on my mom's side and came to Rochester, NY. Families of interest: Jarmusz; Wiesner; Reber, Guenther.

Secretary, Karen Jennings Morlan—I was born in Anaheim in 1945. My Parents were older and retired, but they still worked as long as possible. My mother's family was from Texas and Alabama, being early settlers from Virginia.

My Dad was born in Iowa, his parents born in Fulton County, Illinois. His line quickly goes back to Daniel Boone's parents. All were involved in Boonesborough and Kentucky settlements, it seems. One of my goals was to find his first wife. It took 10

years and I did! Of course she had passed away but at least I found her.

We moved to Idyllwild CA. when I was 9 years old and it was a wonderful place to grow up. I graduated from Hemet High School as Idyllwild kids were bused to Hemet. I married my husband Don in 1964 and we moved to Lake Arrowhead where he was a fireman, then to Redlands where he retired in 1992. We moved to Yucaipa in 1974 when our 3 daughters were young; we owned horses and the girls showed horses and were involved in Rainbow for Girls. Now we have 4 incredible grandkids!

I have worked as a shoe findings sales person, an Avon Lady, gift shop employee in Oak Glen, ran a restaurant front in Oak Glen, sold Antiques for 5 years at Emma's Trunk in Redlands after leaving there I sold on EBay for many years.

We love to go off road in our Jeep, visit Grandkids and travel. We have gone to the Midwest several times in search of our Genealogy Roots. I have worked 10 years in Genealogy research.

Treasurer, Marg. Polich—I was born May 16, 1923 in Chicago, IL. There were only two children in my family. A younger sister, and my mother (my parents were divorced when I was three) lived with my grandparents. My formative years were during the "Great Depression" and we had an extended family. My aunt and uncle and their two kids slept in the back attic room, while my mother and my sister and I slept in the front attic room. It was unheated, and very cold during the winter, so we snuggled two or three to a bed.

My first job was a mimeograph operator (not electric) with a farm newspaper in the stockyards. (5 1/2 days for \$12 a week.) What fun! I never ate lunch because I could ride the stockmen's horses while they ate their lunch.

In 1940 I got a job as stock clerk in a plane factory, until I got tired of the weather and moved to CA. I got a job as aircraft mechanic at Victorville Army Air Base and finally was old enough to join the Army Air Corp.

I spent time at Fort Sumner, NM.

I married my high school sweetheart in 1945 in Chicago, just before VE day. We had one son. Robert. My husband passed away Feb. 14, 1968, and my son passed away on July 12, 2005. I have 2 grandchildren and 2 g-grandchildren (also 2 step-g-grandchildren).

It took me awhile to convince Bob that it was nicer in CA. So in 1953 we immigrated to sunny CA. I've held many types of jobs while here, and volunteer work also, every one as interesting as the next.

We have some challenging times ahead, but those of us who have been around for a generation or two have already weathered some rough times; we can look back on them as interesting times where you meet some very interesting characters.

You will meet the committee chairs and other members in future issues of the newsletter.

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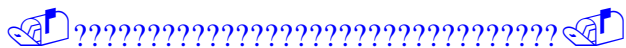
REMINDER! REMINDER!

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE IN JANUARY: \$20.00 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND \$25.00 FOR FAMILIES. PLEASE PAY AT THE UPCOMING MEETING OR REMIT TO: YVGS, P.O. BOX 32, YUCAIPA, CA 92399-0032

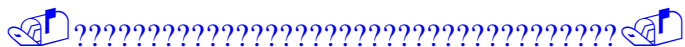
PLEASE REMEMBER DUES ARE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1ST. MEMBERS WHO DO NOT PAY BY THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS AND WILL NOT RECEIVE A NEWSLETTER. DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!

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Yucaipa Valley Genealogical society Mail Call



Each month **we** get mail. Karen Morlan picks it up at our local post office and reads thru it and answers any letters that need correspondence.

Please remember this is **YOUR** mail! It is fun to read and each month we get magazines and newsletters from other local and distant clubs and organizations.

January Mail for meeting of the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society:

- Dues received- Barbara Firestone plus her membership update sheet

- Thank you letter from Yucaipa Branch Library RE: donation to the microfilm reader project
- Patrick County Virginia Tracks Newsletter-Many wonderfully interesting articles to read!
- Thank you letter from; Yucaipa Valley Welfare Inc.
- RE: our donation
- Advertisement from Tricia Martineau Wagner in reference to books. " It happened on the Oregon Trail" and " African American Women of the Old West"
- Dated special for DNA testing special rate until Dec,31 2008
- Palm Springs Genealogical Society Presents; Colleen Fitzpatrick on Your Family History, shaken and stirred! Jan 31, 2009 at the Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs
Registration page available with Secretary Karen Morlan
- Hemet San Jacinto Genealogical Society presents Jana Sloan Broglin - Feb 21, 2009 registration pages available from Secretary Karen
- California State Genealogical Alliance newsletter- Contains dates for special events 2009
- Magazine Evertons Genealogical Helper November-December



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!



Obituaries

We have 3,435 obituaries indexed, and the list is on our website. Earl adds names on a daily basis so the list continues to grow.

We also have a cemetery database of 15,849 names.

We would like to be able to set up a procedure so that people would be able to find these names on our website, and, for a small fee or donation, we would send the obituary and/or pictures of headstones and any other information we have.

This would generate some income for the society, but, more importantly, it would provide people with answers to their research.

These projects are something the members should think about and decide how we should go about advertising and charging for...

Notice!

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

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Editor's note: I found these old notations on a genealogy website. I thought you might appreciate them—especially because these mistakes and miscues affect our research!



A brief selection from the Old Parish Registers

Please note that the spelling and grammar of these extracts are exactly as they appear in the Registers - we haven't forgotten to spell check the page!

Let us start with a quotation from the Psalms:

'The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people that this man was born there.'

(Psalm 87, verse 6)

However he hadn't reckoned on the vagaries of the Session Clerk:

'Any person that wants a child's name in any of the three preceding pages may scarcely expect to find it in the proper place. They being wrote by Mr King, late schoolmaster depute here without any regularity or order.'

And, in different handwriting and ink:

'The above ill natured ungentlemanlike observation was written by Mr James Whyte and stands as one mark of his own distinguished Idiotism.'

(Dunning, 1764; OPR 350/1, Fr 124)

'N.B. Let not Posterity be surprised that this register is not complete. It is and has been the custom of the Revd. Mr Peter Campbell ever since the Incumbency of the present Clerk to baptize Children: without a certificate of their names being registered. In consequence of which, it may safely be averred that one third if not one Half were given

in.'
(Glossary, 1768; OPR 511/1, Fr 9)

End of 1773

**Totalling up of Births Total 37 - " ym 20 years
Total 640 or 32 each at an average". (In beautiful
script) "Mr Wylie's remarks in our volumes in an
abominable hand - writing".**

(821/5 Fr278)

14th May 1797

**The Schoolmaster having resigned His charge of
this date, the Register is continued by J.Anderson
minr.**

Sept. 2nd 1797

**'Having found many Inconveniences resulting to
the poor owing to the names of their Children not
being regularly inserted; & having been put to a
great Deal of Trouble in Consequence of this
Neglect, at the Time of raising The Militia; I have
resolved in future to keep the Register myself; & to
allow the Schoolmaster a Yearly Salary for
officiating at Session Clerk meetings.'**

(Kingussie and Insh, 1797 OPR 102/2, Fr 300)

More next month!

Family History Center

Located at 5th and Wabash in Redlands

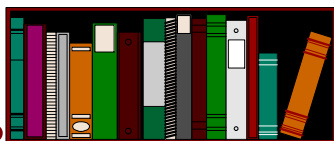
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County and State Trivia

County names most commonly used:

1. Washington County - 31 states
2. Jefferson County - 26 states
3. Franklin County - 25 states
4. Jackson County - 24 states
5. Lincoln County - 24 states

States with the most counties:

1. Texas - 254 counties
2. Georgia - 159 counties
3. Kentucky - 120 counties
4. North Carolina - 100 counties
5. Virginia - 95 counties

States with the least counties:

1. Delaware - 3 counties
2. Hawaii - 5 counties
3. Rhode Island - 5 counties
4. Connecticut - 8 counties
5. New Hampshire - 10 counties



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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

Towns with Unusual Names

Alabama

Burnt Corn, Intercourse, Muck City

Alaska

Chicken, Deadhorse, Unalaska

Arizona

Boneyard, Carefree, Goobertown, Nothing, Why

Arkansas

Experiment, Okay, Toad Suck

California

Cool, Dunmovin, Frying Pan, Hells Kitchen, Secret Town

Colorado

Last Chance, No Name, Tin Cup

Georgia

Between, Hopeulikit, Jinks

Kentucky

Bug, Busy, Monkey's Eyebrow, Oddville, Ordinary

Missouri

Enough, Fairdealing, Tightwad, Useful

North Carolina

Lizard Lick, Speed, Tick Bite, Whynot

Oklahoma

Happy Land, Nowhere, Okay

Oregon

Boring, Half.com, Idiotville, Zig Zag

Pennsylvania

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Curt B. Witcher

Topics:

- \$ *Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries*
- \$ *Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research*
- \$ *Pain in the Access: Getting More from the Internet for Your Genealogy*
- \$ *All That Other Stuff!: Other Census Records Beyond Population Schedules*

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Masonic Lodge, Whittier, California

7604 Greenleaf Ave. at Mar Vista in Whittier



WAGS

Curt B. Witcher is the Manager for The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the second largest genealogical library in the U.S., and also serves as general curator for that institution's Rare and Fine Book Collection. He is a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society and is the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. Mr. Witcher is the co-editor of the 1987 through 2008 editions of the *Periodical Source Index (PERSI)*, the largest and most comprehensive subject index to historical and genealogical periodical literature published by the Allen County Public Library Foundation and ProQuest, Inc. He is the recipient of numerous awards and has spoken widely at genealogical conferences across the nation.

For more information: Check the WAGS website at <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>; call or email Judy Poole, Seminar Director, 909-985-6657 / judypoole@verizon.net or contact Christine Johns, WAGS President, 310-995-8852 / christineljohns@yahoo.com.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY (Four 1-hour sessions)

<u>Morning</u>		<u>Afternoon</u>	
8:00	Doors open / Registration Browse displays and sales	12:00	Lunch: displays and sales
9:00	Welcome / Introductions	1:00	Door Prizes
9:15	<i>Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries</i>	1:30	<i>Pain in the Access: Getting More for the Internet for Your Genealogy</i>
10:15	Break: Browse displays and sales	2:30	Break: Last chance for sales
10:45	<i>Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research (including PERSI)</i>	3:00	<i>All That Other Stuff!: Other Census Records Beyond Population Schedules</i>
		4:00	Adjournment

- * **Refreshments** will be available during the day.
- * **Deli lunches** of sandwiches, salad, dessert, and beverage may be ordered through pre-registration only.
- * **Other eating places** are within walking distance or you may bring your own lunch.
- * **There will be displays and sales tables**, including book sales, genealogical items, memory books, WAGS members' pedigree charts, etc.
- * It is **not** permissible to tape the lectures.

* **Please make check** payable to **WAGS**. Mail with the registration form (below) **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 21, 2009** to WAGS Seminar, P.O. Box 4367, Whittier, CA 90607-4367. WAGS members may submit their registration at the WAGS General Meeting. **NO REFUNDS**.

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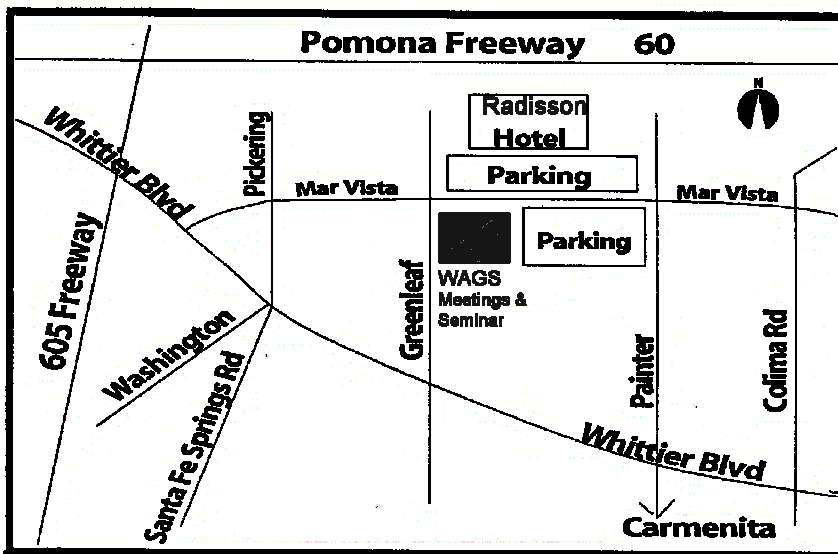
Registration after Feb.21st and at-the-door..... \$35.00 \$ _____

Lunch reservations by Feb.21st.....\$ 8.00 \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Check Number _____

Check here to reserve handicapped Parking in rear of Lodge _____



Seminar Location Map

Masonic Lodge
7604 Greenleaf Ave
Whittier, CA

DIRECTIONS: From the 605 freeway: exit at Whittier Blvd., go east, then left on Mar Vista street. From the 5 freeway: exit Carmenita Road, go straight north (the name changes from Carmenita Road to Painter Ave.) then west on Mar Vista. **Free parking** in Radisson Hotel garage. Reserved handicapped parking is behind the Masonic Lodge.

Genealogy Quest

Where did they migrate way back in their day? What was their life like? Where "next" did they stay?
When were they born? Where now do they rest? These family I follow, their life, is my quest.
As the "new lands" were opened in droves, did they leave. Family scattered like driftwood, leaving old ones
to grieve.
In what land were they fathered? What there did they see? Were they somehow related, To both you, and
me?
Who were their life partners? What names will I find? Their children are many. Were their faces like mine?
First names keep repeating as surnames entwine. With descendants so many, which John will prove mine?
Each day, by the mail box I hope, and I pray, Someone with more knowledge will send answers my way.
Please Lord, send an Angel, give me proof, as I sort; with birth dates, speculations, and first names, "cut
short".
Old maps, clips and photos, I find, trade, and share. All help solve this puzzle with spaces left bare.
The lessons in history, that now, I know well. From guesses, to gospel, for years, I did dwell.
Lost memories, so precious, I find, now and then. At times real discouraged, then find faith again!
What hardships, achievements, adventures, and woe. What joys, and true blessings, did "my people" know?
Family stories, so treasured, memories told, without doubt. Old voices and faces, from our world, winked
out.
Where last did they travel? My ancestors, "true". With each question answered the quest starts anew.

(author unknown)

the above from <http://www.usroots.com/~jautrey/genealogy/genpoems/troubletree.htm>

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