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YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Members of the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society:

We are starting into a new year with many new challenges ahead of us. This is the beginning of another century which means that this is the year for the United States to take a census. As genealogists, what would we do without the census records?

First, I would like to thank the elected officers and board of 2009 for all the hard work that went in to the society last year. This year all four of the elected board are new and plan to hit the starting line running. Now, being new, it may take a little to be sure that we are all running in the same direction, but with the help of past leadership and a lot of participation of the membership, I am looking forward to a wonderful year. Many of the appointed positions will carry on and we will be asking each of you to help fill the rest of the openings. Please feel free to contact any of the board members with ideas that you would like to see happen this year or to volunteer for one of the open positions. Next month we will let you know which positions still need to be filled.

The January business meeting will include a time for all members to be a part of the planning for 2010. With everyone giving a little of their time and ideas and everyone taking others ideas to see if they will work in your own genealogy we will have a great year.

Floyd K. Ferguson

President, YVGS

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Floyd Ferguson
Vice President	Donna Hunter
Secretary	Karen Morlan
Treasurer	Arlene Allsopp

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Parliamentarian	Jamie Daniel
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Publicity	VACANT
Sunshine	Barbara Thomas
Historian	Barbara Cogorno
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 December 12, 2009

Christmas Potluck at 12:00 P.M. at the home of Jamie Daniel.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 P.M. by President Earl Giddings. Jamie Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bonnie Brown read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Marg Polich read the Treasurer's report. There was a total of \$1436.13 in the bank account. The report was filed for audit.

Sunshine Chair Barbara Thomas reported she sent a card of condolence to Terry Brown from the Society upon the death of her daughter, Gretchen.

President Earl Giddings called for a vote on the proposed changes to the by-laws. A motion was made, seconded, and the changes to the by-laws were approved.

President Earl Giddings called for a vote on the slate of officers for the year 2010. The vote was unanimous to elect the following officers to the 2010 Board of Directors: Floyd Ferguson, President, to replace Earl Giddings, Donna Hunter, Vice President, to replace Ruth Jarmusz, and Arlene Allsopp, Treasurer, to replace Marg Polich. The office of Secretary is still vacant.

Announcements:

1. There are Stater Bros cards available at the meeting to purchase.
2. The Financial Review Committee will make its report at the January meeting.
3. The Budget Committee will make its report at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Daniel, in the absence of the Secretary, Karen Morlan

COMING EVENTS

1. Wednesday January 6 at 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library conference room. For more information inquire in the Heritage Room or call (951) 765-2372 Topic: Documenting Your Sources

2. Saturday January 9, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society at the Yucaipa Branch Library. Barbara LeClaire will be speaking about findagrave.com.

Come Join Us!

3. Wednesday January 20 at 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library conference room. For more information inquire in the Heritage Room or call (951) 765-2372 Topic: Genealogical Software

Comparisons—Legacy, Rootsmagic, Ancestral Quest, Family Tree Maker, The Master Genealogist

4. Sunday January 24, 7:00 P.M. Genealogy Research Class of 2009 at Family History Center 5th and Wabash in Redlands.

Topic: Where Do I begin my genealogy?

Speaker: Shawn Price



Thank you, Jamie Daniel for opening up your beautifully decorated home for our Christmas Pot Luck. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the January meeting.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



Editor's note: As I searched the Internet for genealogy-related New Year's resolutions, I started copying what I found. I stopped at 30 pages! So you can see, I had many articles to choose from...I decided to share some of the simpler ones with you to start (see the back page), and elaborate as the year moves on. For this newsletter, I have included several blogs on Resolutions, and a couple of quick tips, to get you interested. In 2007, I covered one resolution a month, so it didn't feel overwhelming. I will try to do something similar this year, using the writings of a

different Internet author—hopefully, those of you who read the newsletter in 2007 won't find this too repetitive.

My Heritage Blog

Seven Tips for Keeping Your Genealogy Resolutions

It's that time of year again. The Christmas tree is shedding its needles, the turkey sandwiches are tasting increasingly dry, and genealogists - like almost everybody else - are sitting down to make their New Year's resolutions.

Unfortunately, by February most of us will have lost the inspiration that gripped us when the year began. Whether you set out to trace the life of that long-lost great-great-grandparent, or to once and for all substantiate aunt Dorothy's claims that you're a direct descendent of the Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne, it won't be long before your ambitions are cast to the wayside like a Christmas sweater left discarded in the wardrobe.

This isn't how things should be. Wouldn't it be amazing if we could stick with our resolutions and see them through? Well, as it happens, MyHeritage has come up with a few pieces of advice to help you do precisely that. Systematically devised and scientifically proven, these seven tips will put some extra wind behind your sails as you leave the port of family history ignorance and drift out into the expansive ocean of genealogical discovery. Follow them, and - who knows? - you might just see your 2010 genealogy dream come true.

1. **Make your resolutions concrete.** There's little point in having ill-defined, wishy-washy objectives. Resolutions such as "do more genealogy" or "spend more time reading census records" are so airy that they can be discarded as quickly as the gift wrapping is tossed into the waste basket. You've got to get specific. Do you want to find a particular character in your family's story? Do you want to trace your history back to a certain date? If you're finding it hard to pin your resolutions down to concrete objectives, you can still make some firm commitments. You could, for example, commit to a particular number of research hours every week, or days in the archive every month. Whatever it is you're planning, you need to get specific.

2. **Write them down.** Once you've got your resolutions clearly thought out, it's time to put pen to paper or finger to keyboard. You want something to be clear in writing so that you know it's clear in mind.

3. **Tell other people.** It's a lot easier to keep commitments when you have other people nagging you about them, so tell others about your plans. They don't need to be genealogists, and they don't necessarily

need to know everything in detail, but let them know your genealogy hopes for this year and you'll get reminders to pursue your goals and a healthy dose of embarrassment if you don't.

4. **Reward your progress.** Genealogists aren't quite Pavlovian dogs, but they still like getting something back for their achievements. So why not offer yourself some incentives? These don't even have to be genealogy-related. If the promise of a new Zanussi dishwasher is what gets you fired up for more research, then allow yourself to buy one only when you've reached a particular milestone in your journey. This piece of advice can work with no.3 as well; it's a double-whammy if you tell your partner not to let you buy that new soap dispenser until you've found great-uncle Bertie's place of birth.

5. **Interact with as many genealogists as you can.** With today's panoply of internet research tools, it's easy to neglect the genealogy resources right on your doorstep. Joining a local family history society, or attending genealogy events, is a terrific way to keep yourself involved. The people you meet there might be the ones to help you break through your current research plateau.

6. **Put reminders around the house.** Sometimes it's helpful to keep prodding your consciousness with annoying reminders. These can take any number of forms - a note on your calendar, a post-it on the ceiling. And yes, if you want to buy a fridge magnet of the Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne, that's fine too.

7. **Take the first step right away.** As the Chinese say, talk doesn't cook the rice. So if you've got a New Year's resolution, you should hit the ground running with it right away. All too often tomorrow turns into the day after, and the day after turns into never. If you want to fulfill your New Year's resolutions, the best time to start is today.

Good luck with your resolution-making!

Posted by Robert on December 29, 2009 2:25 PM



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!



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

Check This Out!

**From the Redlands Family History Center
Family History Center online Portal
(FREE)**

These services (except FamilyHistoryLink) require that they be accessed via the Family History Center Services Portal.

- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive
- FamilyHistoryLink
- FindMyPast.com
- 1911 UK Census
- Footnote.com
- The Genealogist
- Genline.com (launcher)
- Godfrey Memorial Library
- Heritage Quest Online
- Historic Map Works Library Edition
- World Vital Records
- Alexander Street Press-The American Civil War: Research Database, Letters and diaries, Images, Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera

**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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or

909 792-2962

or

P.O. Box 32

Yucaipa, CA 92399-0032



Don't

forget!

We're selling *Stater Bros.*

Gift cards at the meeting.

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



Genealogy New Year's Resolutions

By *Maureen A. Taylor*

I'll admit it: I don't make the typical New Year's resolutions. Instead, I make a flexible list of goals for the New Year. Posting that list where I can see it keeps me on track and reminds me of what's important. You can do the same with general goals or a few specific projects. Here are a few photo-related ones to keep in mind:

1. Learn your family's story one photo at a time.

Select a single image from your box of unidentified pictures, and try to solve its mystery using the photographic method, photographer's imprint, subjects' clothing and genealogical data as clues. Setting this reasonable goal will help you move ahead on your research checklist.

2. Listen to your pictures.

You know the old saying: A picture's worth a thousand words. Listen to the stories your photos tell about your family. Pictures of lost loves and family travels can lead to new discoveries about your family tree. Here are a couple to consider:

- Migration patterns: Lay out your photographs, and plot on a map all the places your ancestor had their pictures taken (based on the photographer's imprint). Use different-colored pins or stickers for each branch of the family, and hang up the map wherever you work on your genealogy. You'll have a visual reminder of your roots.
- Family celebrations: What traditions appear in your pictures? What can you discern from

images of baptisms, marriages and other family events? Do they reveal beliefs or customs? Use family pictures to explore your heritage, start traditions or reintroduce old ones.

3. Carry your pictures with you.

Pictures can trigger memories, so carry a file of your unidentified images with you every day. That way, they'll be accessible the next time you visit a relative or unexpectedly connect with a cousin. You can photocopy your images and carry the copies with you. Or using today's technology, take along digitized versions in your personal digital assistant (PDA).

4. Be preservation-minded.

Don't forget to preserve your digital images. Be sure to back them up, and print them using preservation-quality inks and papers. Store all images in an environment with a stable temperature and low humidity.

Don't worry about accomplishing everything on your list. These are just practical ways to make progress on your family history, tell a good story and be mindful of the value of your pictures.

Did you know?
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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
has
Ancestry.com Lessons
Every
Wednesday & Friday
@ 3:30pm
in the
Heritage Room
at the
Hemet
Public Library

Someone once said "*To travel hopefully is better than to arrive*" so that is what I do with my family history. I sometimes think that I enjoy the search more than the actual find, although it is a good feeling actually to track someone down. My resolution then is to carry on as I have always done so far as I am now able and to continue to ENJOY what I do.

Happy New Year to everyone, whatever your resolve.

Eileen

Setting New Year's Resolutions for your genealogy research

December 30, 12:02 PM

African American Genealogy Examiner

Michael Hait

1. Make sure every accepted fact in your family history is documented with multiple, independent sources. It is important to have multiple sources for each fact because mistakes can be made (even in the past). Luckily, indirect evidence can constitute its own part of the proof. For example, a pre-1880 census record does not provide direct evidence of a person's parents, but it can serve as indirect evidence if your ancestor is listed as a child in the household of an apparently married couple. A death certificate identifying this ancestor's parents would, however, be considered direct evidence. Go one step further, and **declare all of the accepted facts in your tree that only have one source as "tentative," and make it a point to corroborate the information that you have with additional, independent sources.** Will this process be time-consuming? Yes, but carefully searching for, and locating multiple sources to support or refute every fact will lower the possibility that you will make your own mistakes. (This process could very easily extend well beyond the end of 2010, depending on how well you have been following the Genealogical Proof Standard, and it's imperative to conduct a "reasonably exhaustive search.")

2. Put family stories and traditions – "oral history" – down into writing. Then find additional documentation (if possible) to support or refute these stories. You may find that everyone had been handing down false information, or you may find evidence to support everything your family already knew. You may even find that your family had the facts to break down your brick wall on the tips of their tongues.

3. Shift your focus a little: instead of researching a person, try researching his environment. What did the landscape look like? Who were the "big players" in town? What laws would have applied to your ancestor? What records were created? What local events may have had more significance to their daily lives than the larger, national events upon which we tend to focus?

4. Revisit the documents in your possession, and squeeze them for every last drop of information. On occasion we may find a document while looking for an answer to one question, and ignore some of the other information contained in the document. Being able to squeeze information out of a document is one of the most important skills we as genealogists must develop. One way to do this is to write up a short "report" on each document you have.

5. Plan a trip to a research repository for your ancestral home. This does not necessarily have to be a cross-country trek. If your ancestors lived in the next county over, take a day off work and head over to the historical society or the county or state archives. Or if they're open, do it on a Saturday. Arm yourself with a few things before you go: (1) a specific research question for which you would like to find an answer; (2) a "data summary" sheet that explains what you already know, and the sources that you used for each fact; and (3) a list of specific sources held by that repository that you would like to use. Many repositories now have online catalogs of their holdings. Use this to identify record groups of interest held by that repository.

6. Find one of your ancestors in a record group that is not available online, and has not been microfilmed. Many of the old microfilming, and more recent digitization, projects have

focused on the "usual suspects" of genealogical research. This left many record groups out in the cold in terms of their use as genealogical resources. In African-American genealogy, however, it has been my experience that often the most rewarding and revealing record groups fit into this category. For example, a "slave assessment" tax list from 1852 that named every slave owned by each person in the county. Or the locally printed town history book, written and compiled by a local high school, containing transcribed extracts from a local slave owner's diary, which happened to name a client's slave ancestor, and described in detail the birth of one of her children, her marriage to a free man of color, and her emancipation by the slave owner. With the exponential proliferation of genealogical material online, and the ease of ordering microfilms from the Family History Library, it is easy to forget that not everything is available in these two formats. And in fact it is often the un-scanned, un-microfilmed *paper* records that will allow us to break down the brick walls in our tree.

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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: AVGS, 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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Make your own New Year's resolution to ensure your genealogy manuscripts and photographs will be preserved and made accessible in your absence.



Genealogical New Year's Resolutions

By Whitney Ransom McGowan

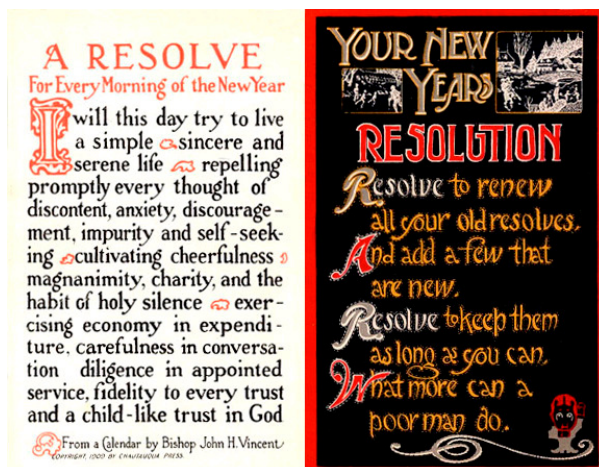
It's 2010, and if you are like many people throughout the world, January is a time to set some goals and aspirations for the New Year.

I once heard the expression, "May your troubles last as long as your New Year's Resolutions." I hope you are able to make and reach the goals you set at the start of this year. A few ways I have found to keep my New Year's Resolutions is to write them down; make small, measurable goals, and then share them with a friend or family member.

If you are a genealogist, here are a few resolutions you may want to put on your list for this year:

- ✓ Start keeping a journal.
- ✓ Interview a family member about his or her life.
- ✓ Write names, dates, and places on the back of your photos.
- ✓ Digitize your photos and share them online (also helps in case something happens to your hard copies).
- ✓ Break down at least one brick wall.
- ✓ Share your research with a family member or friend or even with someone who is researching the same name.
- ✓ Attend a genealogical conference. (Pre-register for the conference to take advantage of an early bird price.)
- ✓ Join a genealogical society.
- ✓ Convert your VHS tapes to DVD or CD.
- ✓ Plan a road trip to visit a cemetery, court house, or relative.
- ✓ Enroll in a genealogy course. Genealogy courses are available for beginners, experts, and everyone in between.

Regardless of your goals, I hope you will set some, specifically in the genealogical area and make some progress. Happy New Year!



Genealogy New Year's Resolutions

Make some promises to yourself with regards to your genealogy research

Darlene Vaillancourt

Time to energize your family tree research, and make some promises to yourself to get moving and do all those things you keep putting off. Here are a few ideas for resolutions for this year. I don't expect you to do them *all* but you should try to pick at least one and stick to it.

Get in touch with some living relatives - It can be hard to get in touch with near strangers, especially if your intention is to ask them about family or other personal issues. But you might discover whole branches of family you didn't know about, or just get some new photos of that great-aunt you've never seen before. It might be a good idea to let relatives you are closer to pass along your request, so that it doesn't come out of the blue when you phone up some distant cousin.

Make requests from records offices - Finding references and information via online websites is a great way to build up your family tree. But having original (or copies of original) documents can really add some extra authenticity to your findings. Take some time this year to contact municipal, city or state registration offices to see about getting copies of any vital records you need for your research. If you have phone numbers for these offices, you might want to call first and find out what the process is for requesting records.

Tackle that brick wall. - We all have spots on our family tree waiting to be filled, that's the very nature of the hobby. But is there one spot that has stymied you for months, one relative who are you downright afraid of researching because you know there are no leads and nowhere to turn? Well, that's where you need to work then. Contact city offices (see above), call up relatives (see farther above), dig in your heels and search until you find that lead.

Get organized - This one needs no explanation, I'm sure. I personally have several file folders of scanned census records, birth registrations and marriage certificates that need sorting and filing. Make a resolution this year to dig through your papers and finally get everything organized and filed. And once you have that done, work hard to *keep* it organized.



The Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society

Leland K. Meitzler

Speaking on:

State & Territorial Censuses & Substitutes

37 States have State, Territorial or Colonial censuses for research. All states have lists that can substitute for missing or nonexistent censuses between Federal Decennial Censuses. This lecture details what's available and where to find it.

Using Tax Records To Extend Your Genealogy

Tax records have an amazing amount of genealogical information found within them. These records can substitute and supplement more traditional sources such as census, probate, and vital records. Explore various types of Tax Records you should be looking for.

The Lay of the Land – Using Directories, Maps and Gazetteers

Gazetteers, Directories and Maps are all key to researching your family's history. We use them to not only find our families in a specific place at a specific time, but we also use them to find the documents created by our ancestors. Learn all about using these valuable resources in this informative lecture.

Newspaper Research in the 21st Century

Newspapers have long held information that genealogists can use. Learn a bit about newspaper history and where to quickly find papers, both online and off. Learn what to look for in the papers; as well as a discussion of the types of papers, guides, and indexes.

Saturday, February 13, 2010

9:00 am until 3:45 pm

Please register me for the February 13, 2010 seminar and workshop conducted by Leland K. Meitzler. A catered luncheon is available if requested. Each lunch consists of a croissant sandwich, salads, fruit, dessert and drink. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Books, DVDs, CDs and genealogical materials will be sold. This speaker is so popular we encourage you to get your registration in as soon as possible. We have a limited number of seats available.

Hemet Public Library
(951) 765-2372
Upper Floor
300 E. Latham Ave
Hemet, Calif. 92543



Name(s): _____ Pre-Registration __ @\$25.00 Luncheon Ticket(s) __ @\$10.00

At Door Registration Price is \$30.00

Address _____ Total Enclosed: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone Number (Area Code): _____

Please make checks payable to HSJGS and mail to: P. O. Box 2516 Hemet, Ca. 92546

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: FEBRUARY 3, 2010.

REGISTRATIONS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR BUT NO LUNCH IS INCLUDED!

Read more about this outstanding speaker and the subjects covered on the back of this form or visit the Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society Website for more information at: <http://www.hsigs.org>



Who is Leland K. Meitzler??

Leland K. Meitzler is one of the foremost genealogists of our time. He has given over 2,000 genealogical lectures and has won many notable awards in genealogy. In 1985 he founded Heritage Quest and in September of that year began publishing *Heritage Quest Magazine*. He and his family have been involved as owners, editors and vice-presidents of publishing for more than twenty years. In 2002 Leland formed a company called *Heritage Creations* to publish *Heritage Quest Magazine*, other books and publications, and retailed about 3000 genealogy – related items. Mr. Meitzler disposed of *Heritage Creations* in 2006 and was hired by Everton Publishers to edit their publication, *The Genealogical Helper* which he did until 2009.

Leland draws upon his years of expertise in the genealogical field by doing a daily blog that can be found at GenealogyBlog.com, as well as a German genealogy blog found at GermanGenealogyBlog.com. While GenealogyBlog.com is now a fulltime job, Mr. Meitzler has established a publishing company called *Family Roots Publishing*, which specializes in the publication and marketing of genealogy guidebooks.

With over 25 years in professional genealogical research and development, Leland Meitzler is known throughout the genealogical community as one of the most knowledgeable speakers today. He believes that genealogy research is both fun and rewarding. As early as 1985, in the midst of his genealogy work, Leland began his first Salt Lake City Christmas Tour. The twenty-fifth annual tour will take place December 6 through 12, 2009.

Anyone who has heard Leland Meitzler knows his sense of humor and wit makes him one of the most interesting speakers in genealogy today. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the best.

Because Leland K. Meitzler was one of the outstanding speakers of the 2009 Jubilee Seminar and sold out all seats at the Southern California Genealogical Conference and at other society seminars, we strongly urge you to send in your reservations early!

Whittier Area Genealogical Society
27th ANNUAL SEMINAR
Presents



Paula Stuart-Warren

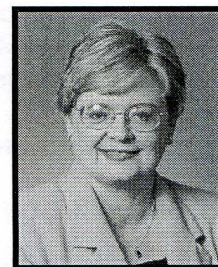
Saturday, February 27, 2010

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 8:00 Doors open/Registration
Browse displays and sales
- 9:00 Welcome & Introduction
- 9:15 **“Finding Ancestral Places of Origin”**
- 10:15 Break. Browse displays & sales
- 10:45 **“Tho’ They Were Poor, They May Have
Been Rich in Records”**
- 12:00 Lunch. Displays & sales
- 1:00 Door Prizes
- 1:30 **“Geneological Goldmine: The Records of
Old Settlers’ Organizations”**
- 2:30 Break. Last chance for sales
- 3:00 **“Major Midwestern Archives & Their
Records”**
- 4:00 Adjournment

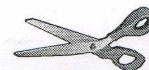
PAULA STUART-WARREN

Since the early 1980s, Paula has worked full time in the area of genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. She is a graduate of the week-long U.S. National Institute of Genealogical Research held at the National Archives. In 1988, she earned her national certification from the Board for Certification of Genealogists and has passed the every-five-year renewal assessments since then.



Paula served two years as a national officer of the Association of Professional Genealogists and has been an APG Committee Chair. She served six years as a board member of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and is an active volunteer in genealogical, historical, and professional organizations. She has served on Program Committees for the National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies conferences and currently serves on the FGS Board of Directors and Conference Planning Committee.

REGISTRATION FORM



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____

Email Address _____

Check to reserve handicapped parking

Refreshments will be available during the day. Deli lunches of sandwiches, salad, dessert and drinks may be ordered through pre-registration **only**. Eating places are within walking distance, or you may bring your own.

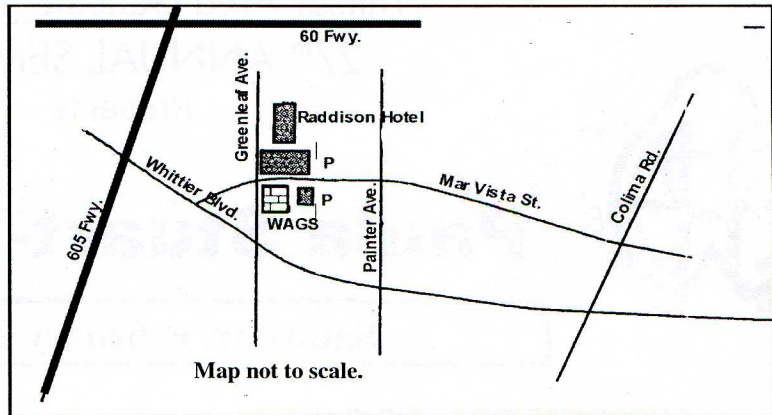
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WAGS Seminar Location

**Masonic Lodge
7604 Greenleaf Ave.
Whittier, CA**

From the 605 Freeway: Exit at Whittier Blvd. Go east, then left on Mar Vista St.

From I-5: Exit Carmenita Rd. Go north (name changes from Carmenita to Painter Ave.), then turn left on Mar Vista St.



Additional free parking in Radisson Hotel parking structure.

For more information: Check the WAGS website, <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>
Call or email: Roger Mount, Seminar Director, at (562) 693-2674, wags.seminar@gmail.com
Call or email: Christine Johns, WAGS President, at (310) 995-8852, christineljohns@yahoo.com

It is **not** permissible to tape the lectures.

VENDORS SCHEDULED

Carlberg Press—Well-known genealogist, Nancy Carlberg, will be on hand with a wide selection of her books, including some new titles.

Heritage Makers—Digital Storybooking for those interested in writing their life story.

New Century Direct LLC (formerly Light Impressions) - Archival safe materials for storage of papers and photos.

Photos Made Perfect—On-site scanning will be offered along with digital restoration of vintage photos, documents and newspaper articles.

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society—Sales of genealogical and historical books encompassing all areas of the United States.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society—Book sales and displays.

ADDITIONAL VENDORS ARE PENDING.

DONATIONS



_____ Advance registration.....	\$32.00	\$ _____
_____ Late registration (after Feb. 20) and at the door.....	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____ Lunch reservations by Feb. 20 (details on reverse).....	\$ 8.00	\$ _____
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New Year Resolutions for Genealogists

A list to help you on your way:

- **Have a chat with living relatives**—before it is too late. Use a list of basic questions but don't be restricted by them, and follow tangents, they can be very rewarding. Talk to the eldest as well as the youngest members of the family.
- **Check and double check, and record your sources**—especially when using the Internet, otherwise you could be writing fiction.
- **Write down how, when and where**—you go about your research so that you don't cover the same ground again.
- **Label your digital images and photos**—with meaningful names and dates.
- **Record your own life and that of your family**—There are many ways to do this, use a diary, a notepad, or exercise book, write a journal, use the computer, or even write a book. ***Just Do It*** - no matter how you choose to do it, just do it, your family and descendants will thank you.

See more about resolutions inside the newsletter!

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