

# YVGS FAMILY FINDERS



Yucaipa Valley  
Genealogical Society

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YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## President's Message

Happy New Year!

Another year is beginning; the rush and running from one thing to the next of the holiday season is behind us. I have been reminding myself that spring and summer seem to be a ways off, but they will be here before you know it. For me, there is something both the winter Christmas Holiday season and the summer time have in common. I tell myself that I am so busy that come the longer winter nights, I will dig into that genealogy project. After all, the activities of the Christmas season are behind us and it is not time for weeding and gardening and outdoor activities of Spring and Summer, so winter is that time for genealogy. All of a sudden I realize that *that* time is now.

What will you do in the next three months for your genealogy? Is there a family line that has been neglected? Maybe the photo file needs a little organization. Do you know where your family was, but have not researched the community, town or locale where they lived? Maybe there are some cemeteries, grave sites or Find-A-Grave that you could catch up on. If you are a member of Ancestry.com, remember that the extensive research you did three years ago probably has a lot of new material added to it since you last searched; choose one family and review the new data now online.

**WORKSHOP** – Speaking of family photos... Last year, some of you indicated that you had some 35mm slides that you would like to copy to digital photos. Santa brought me a slide scanner that will do just that. Many copier/scanner/printer combination systems claim to have a slide copier but as the professionals have told me, a scanner specialized for coping 35mm slides will do a much better job. This scanner will copy 35mm color slides, 35mm black and white slides and color negatives. I will bring the scanner to the workshops for January and February if some of you would like to use it. Here are some things you will need to bring.

1. The slides you would like to scan. Use a very soft, clean artist brush to remove dust from the slide. If you rush thru this step you will have black specks on your copy.
2. Bring an SD or SDHC card or a thumb drive.
3. If you have a lap top that you would like to bring you can save your photos with USB.
4. I will bring some supplies (brushes, air bulb, loaner SD card) to the workshop.

In the January workshop, we will have a class to learn how to use it and what it can do for you. Then we will find out how many of you are interested and continue on as needed into February or beyond. The use of the copier is a one-at-a-time thing so after the training is done we may decide to have the copier off to one side for your use during workshops and after the speaker. This could be available into the next months as it is needed.

*Floyd K. Ferguson.*

President, YVGS

## 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Floyd Ferguson
Vice President	Juanita Marshall
Secretary	Joe Swetich
Treasurer	Billie Wilkes

### APPOINTED CHAIRS

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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 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Yucaipa. 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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### ***What you missed!***

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
Saturday December 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:27 P.M. by President Floyd Ferguson, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved published.

Treasurer, Marg Polich, gave her report. It was approved for review.

The Treasurer's report will be filed with the minutes, and is always available for the membership to see at the meetings, or by contacting Marg Polich.

The Nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the 2012 Board.

President, Floyd K. Ferguson  
Vice-President, Juanita Marshall  
Secretary, Joe Swetich  
Treasurer, Billie Wilkes

The slate was unanimously elected.

Marg Polich made a motion to move the monies from the library fund, the genealogical helpers (bookmarks the Society has been selling), and the coffee fund to the general fund. After discussion, the motion passed.

There was discussion as to what members would like to have presented in workshops in 2012.

Announcements: It is membership renewal time. Please see Marg Polich, membership chair, or Billie Wilkes, Treasurer, to pay dues for 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M. by President Floyd Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Daniel*

Secretary



## HISTORY

Barbara Cogorno has been our Historian, and she is asking for help in getting caught up with the Historian books. If you have an interest in scrapbooking, perhaps you can give her a hand. Since we only meet monthly, it shouldn't take long to update.

### **"Finding Your Roots" a 10-part Series on PBS**

Another genealogy series is about to be launched on television in the U.S. "Finding Your Roots" with historian Henry Louis Gates Jr. will launch on March 25. That will be the first episode of a 10-part series on PBS stations.



The new series will feature two people in each one-hour episode, including husband-and-wife actors Kevin Bacon and Kyra

Sedgwick, who jokes she's afraid they might turn out to be cousins. "They are indeed distant cousins," revealed Gates. "Talk about six degrees of separation, right?"

Check your local listings for the exact time and channel in your area.

#### **Deadline for articles for the newsletter: Thursday**

**Before the first Saturday of the month.  
This next month (February), I need to have  
your articles by Thursday, February 2.**

*If you have articles, pictures or essays you  
would like to contribute to the newsletter,  
please contact the editor, Jamie Daniel, at:*

[jamiedaniel33@gmail.com](mailto:jamiedaniel33@gmail.com)

or

909 792-2962

or

P.O. Box 32

Yucaipa, CA 92399-0032

## Telling our Stories



*Editor's note: Every year, I have tried to run a series of articles in the newsletter to help us all with our genealogy research. This past year, I found several genealogy blogs that I have started following. One is Olive Tree Genealogy Blog by Lorine McGinnis Shultz (see her biography at the end of the article). She has worked out a way of sharing her memories--a way that she found easy to write--and she shares her memories weekly. I have loved reading her blog so much, and it has helped me to start to write down my memories as well. I won't have room to share all of her writings in the newsletter, but I hope to give you a sample of her memories (as well as memories or techniques of other authors and bloggers), to jog your memory, so that perhaps you, too, can start writing about special events and people in your life. Your children, your nieces and nephews, and even your brothers and sisters, will thank you, for your memories of the same events may be different than theirs.*

*You may not think you have stories to tell; not only do you have some, the people around you have memories to share as well.*

As we are all haggling with ourselves about our New Year's resolutions, maybe this should be the year to become a story-preserved. Look around you. Is your father the one with the stories? Is it your grandmother, your neighbor, or a friend of a friend? Or, maybe you are the storyteller. Whoever has the stories, look for a way to preserve them. Author Christina Baldwin wrote, **"Whatever detritus we leave after ourselves, story is what makes it valuable."**

#### **"But My Story Isn't Interesting."**

Perhaps the biggest obstacle when you're trying to preserve your family story is the notion that your story isn't interesting, or that no one is interested in learning how a historic event impacted you. Think about it this way. When you're trying to decide whether to include something, ask yourself whether you'd like to hear a similar story if it was your great-grandmother. My guess is, the answer will be yes. So today, in this first month of the year, let's start together.



*Here are parts of Lorine's first blog as she began writing. I hope it helps you all get started.*

"It's important as genealogists that we not forget about writing our own story. Yes, we all want to find information on our ancestors and once we find it, most of us will put it in booklet form to share with other family members. But what about our own memories? We may think writing about ourselves is boring or egotistical but stop and think how excited

you would be if you found a journal or memoirs that your great great grandmother kept!

I began my Life Story last year. As I mentioned in my previous posts, I started with my first memory and tried to keep my journal chronological. It was a matter of writing down my memories of each year of my life - or so I thought! That soon proved to be very difficult. I got confused - had I written about my mother falling on the ice her first time skating? Or my father dressing up as Santa then giving out the wrong presents? I simply could not recall what I had already written and what was a memory that had just surfaced.

So after months of mulling this over I've decided on a new method of writing my own life story. This new method will keep me on track, and will help get rid of confusion - did I or didn't I already talk about an event.

I will write about my memories of the past - memories of my family (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings), memories of special events, stories told by my parents or grandparents, my time at school, as a child, a teenager, an adult, newly married - in short it will be my life story but broken into events (topics) rather than chronological.

A few suggestions are

\* Combine facts (where you went to school, names of teachers, where you lived) as well as emotions - happy and sad. Remember these are your memories so it's up to you to decide what you want to share. But don't overlook the sad moments too.

\* Stay focused on the topic but jot down other memories that pop into your head as you are writing. You will be amazed at what memories surface as you are putting your thoughts down on paper. You can add those jot notes later when we get to a topic that fits.

\* Don't type your memories - writing them by hand gives your descendants a sense of YOU - your style, your emotions. Handwriting is a reflection of our personality.

\* choose a daily [editor's note: in my case, weekly] time period to write. If you can get in the habit of writing at the same time each day [or week] you will find your journal writing flows more easily. Write early morning with your cup of tea or coffee. Write just as you are going bed or after supper when the children have gone to bed. Whatever is a good quiet time for you. I try to set aside 30 minutes each day. I don't always write for that 30 minutes, sometimes all I manage is 5 or 10! But that's okay."

These are few of Lorraine's topics for January (this is her third year writing these memories for her blog): New Year's Celebrations; Winter activities; winter weather; winter meals; Winter Vacations; First childhood memories.

Lorine's New Year's Celebrations:

"Did your family (or you) make resolutions? Did you have wild New Year's Eve parties? Did you watch Dick Clark every New Year's Eve? What memories do you have of that night, or do you recall your parents' telling you about?

"I don't have memories of anything special as a child or a teenager, so I'm going to talk about the traditions started as an adult with a family of my own. For the past 25 or more years, my second oldest brother and his family have joined us to celebrate the New Year.

"We watch a bad movie (that's part of the tradition, it must be a stinker), get take-out Chinese Food, and reminisce about previous years. Our children were part of this tradition but gradually they began doing their own thing. Now our children are grown with children of their own, but my brother and I still carry on our silly little New Year's Eve tradition."



*Editor: I don't know about you, but since I grew up in Redlands, winter weather and activities were usually not so different as the rest of the year, except that it was dark earlier and the nights were colder. I do, however, remember not going to bed at all on New Year's Eve; instead, getting on a bus at my church and traveling to Pasadena for the Rose Parade.*

*I know many of you have those kinds of memories. Perhaps this little article will jumpstart your own recollections. Check out Lorraine's blog (<http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/>) if you want some additional ideas. And if any of you have other ideas for prompts for this project, please share with the rest of us, either at the meetings, or send them to the editor.*

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#### **About Lorine**

Lorine McGinnis Schulze is a Canadian genealogist who has been involved in the fields of genealogy and history for more than thirty years.

Lorine is active in the genealogy community with several blogs, her most popular being the [Olive Tree Genealogy blog](#), and another blog, [Ask Olive Tree](#). Here visitors can submit queries and challenging questions for an answer from Lorine.

Lorine is the author of many [published genealogical articles and books](#) and the creator and owner of [Olive Tree Genealogy website](#).

Olive Tree Genealogy was one of the first websites to be given space at Rootsweb.com in February 1996. Lorine's website was among the first to bring primary sources to the Internet with its passenger lists of ships from the Netherlands to New York in the 17th Century. Lorine specializes in early Ships Passenger Lists to America and Canada. She also specializes in New Netherland (17th Century New York), Loyalist research and Ontario genealogy research.

Lorine has been a frequent instructor in various IRC (Internet Relay Chat) Workshops for Internet research, Ontario Loyalist topics, and 17th Century New York. She is a volunteer host for several Ontario GenWeb sites as well as some USGenWeb sites. She also volunteers as an administrator for over 30 genealogy mailing lists and more than 2 dozen genealogy message boards.

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# NBC Announces Details For Who Do You Think You Are? Season 3



UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif.– January 6, 2012– Viewers can take an up-close and personal look inside the family history of some of today’s most beloved and iconic celebrities when NBC’s “Who Do You Think You Are?” returns for its third season on Friday, February 3 (8-9 p.m. ET). The celebrities who star in the series are Martin Sheen, Marisa Tomei, Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, Rob Lowe, Helen Hunt, Rita Wilson, Edie Falco, Rashida Jones, Jerome Bettis, Jason Sudeikis and Paula Deen.

From executive producers Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky--through their production company *Is or Isn't Entertainment* and Shed Media U.S.— “Who Do You Think You Are?” is an adaptation of the award-winning hit British television documentary series that leads celebrities on a journey of self-discovery as they unearth their family trees that reveal surprising, inspiring and even tragic stories that often are linked to crucial events in American history.

“We’re very excited about the stories we have this season. This fantastic group of people we have will take us to countries we haven’t visited before which is thrilling and gives us glimpses into crucial details of history that not only shaped their families, but our world,” said executive producers Kudrow and Bucatinsky. “This is what we love about this series; it’s so enriching for us the viewer, as well as the participants and their families.”

From Ireland’s freedom fighters to the American Revolutionary War, and from the African nation of Cameroon to Bulgaria, “Who Do You Think You Are?” will reveal the fabric of humanity through everyone’s place in history. Each week a different celebrity takes a journey into their family’s past, traveling all over the world. While giving viewers an in-depth look into their favorite stars’ family tree, each episode will expose surprising facts and life changing encounters that will unlock people’s emotions, and show just how connected everyone is not only to the past, but to one another.

Ancestry.com continues in its role as NBC and Shed Media’s official partner on the series, helping to provide the exhaustive research used to build each

story. “Who Do You Think You Are?” is such a beautiful showcase for the type of discoveries people can make through family history research,” said Josh Hanna, Executive Vice President for Ancestry.com. “We are extremely proud to help produce a program that inspires so many to begin their own journey of discovery and are excited to see it grow more this season.”

## Family History Center

Located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Wabash in Redlands

Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday

6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.38



*Editor's note: Since Barbara Firestone and I have started answering inquiries from the website in October, we (Barbara mostly) have answered or responded to 44 inquiries or suggestions for changes to findagrave.com entries, and four inquiries on obituaries. I feel we are doing our "Acts of Genealogical Kindness" for the Society. If the inquiries get busier, we may need help in answering. If you would like to volunteer to look up obituaries or other facts for people who contact the society, please let someone on the Board know. We can always use the extra help.*



**Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society, Inc.**

**February 11, 2012 - SEMINAR - 300 E. Latham, Hemet**

9:00 am - 10:30 am

**GINA PHILABERT ORTEGA**

*Research Like A  
History Detective*

10:50 am - 12:00 noon

**GINA PHILABERT ORTEGA**

*Researching Institutional Records -  
Prisons, Poor Farms, Orphanages,  
State Hospitals, Sanatoriums*



1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

**JOEL WEINTRAUB**

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What's in it? Where Do You Find It? Hints to Help  
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2:35 pm - 3:45 pm

**JOEL WEINTRAUB**

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Tears - Especially New York City*

Send this portion with your prepayment to: HSJGS, P.O. Box 2516, Hemet, CA 92546.

For info call (951) 658-6153

Save \$5.00 - Pre-register for Seminar before February 7, 2012 for \$15.00. Price at door is \$20.00.

Must pre-register for Lunch - Cost \$8.00 - Sandwich, salads, fruit & veggie garnish, dessert, drink.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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How many are attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 each = Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) 29th ANNUAL SEMINAR

Presents

### George G. Morgan

Topics:

- *Bring 'Em Back to Life: Developing an Ancestor Profile*
- *Sidestep Genealogy*
- *The Genealogist as a CSI*
- *Postcards, Photos & Stereographs: Another View of Our Ancestors' Lives*

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

**Masonic Lodge, Whittier, California**

**7604 Greenleaf Ave. at Mar Vista in Whittier**



**George G. Morgan** is president of Aha! Seminars, Inc. and author of eight genealogy books, including: *The Genealogy Forum on America Online: The Official User's Guide*; the award winning *Your Family Reunion: How to Plan It, Organize It, and Enjoy It.*; and *How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy* which is part of his highly successful *How to Do Everything Series*.

George has won numerous genealogy-related awards and is co-host with partner, Drew Smith of the *Genealogy Guys Podcast*<sup>SM</sup>, at <http://genealogyguys.com>, the longest running genealogy podcast in the world. He also has held leadership positions with several genealogical groups such as the Florida State Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and Association of Professional Genealogists (APG).

You can learn more about George at <http://ahaseminars.com/index.php>.

**~ It is now time to register!**

Contact Roger Mount, the Seminar Director: email: [wags.seminar@gmail.com](mailto:wags.seminar@gmail.com); phone: 562-693-2674; Check out our WAGS [Facebook](#) page. Or, contact Ray Ristic, WAGS President: phone: 626-919-1713 or email: [nerak2000@earthlink.net](mailto:nerak2000@earthlink.net).

#### SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY (Four 1-hour sessions)

<u>Morning</u>		<u>Afternoon</u>	
8:00	Doors Open / Registration Browse Displays / Sales Tables	12:00	Lunch. Visit Displays and Sales Tables
9:00	Welcome / Introductions	1:00	Door Prizes Awarded
9:15	<b>1. <i>Bring 'Em Back to Life: Developing an Ancestor Profile</i></b>	1:30	<b>3. <i>The Genealogist as a CSI</i></b>
10:15	Break. Browse Displays & Sales Tables	2:30	Break. Last chance to visit Sales Tables
10:45	<b>2. <i>Sidestep Genealogy</i></b>	3:00	<b>4. <i>Postcards, Photos, &amp; Stereographs: Another View of Our Ancestors' Lives</i></b>
		4:00	Adjournment

\***VALUABLE DOOR PRIZES**—Will be awarded at 1:00. Don't miss this! You need to be present!

\***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.

\***VENDORS SCHEDULED**

\* **George G. Morgan**—The speaker's book, *How to Do Everything Genealogy*, 3rd edition, will be available for purchase.

\* **Southern California Genealogy Society (SCGS)**—Many books and supplies will be available.

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

\* **Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)**—Book sales and displays will be available.

\* **Creative Continuum**—Family History Publishing books.

\* **Daughters of the American Revolution**—Books provide an opportunity to research ancestors.

\* **Additional Vendors Are Pending. Check this website for a list of added vendors.**

\* **Vendor Donations:** ancestry.com World Membership; Footnote.com (now Fold3.com) Annual Membership; Family Tree DNA Test; Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner

\***ACCOMMODATIONS**

\* For accommodations at the Radisson Hotel, across the street from the Seminar location, call 562-945-8511 or see their website at <http://www.radisson.com/>

\***REGISTRATION**

Please make check payable to WAGS. Mail with the registration form (below) **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 13, 2012** to

WAGS Seminar,  
P.O. Box 4367,  
Whittier, CA 90607-4367.

**NO REFUNDS**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

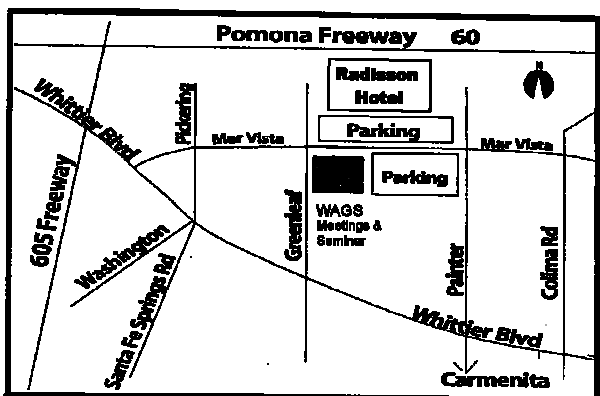
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**DONATIONS**

Early registration for WAGS members (**before Feb. 13, 2012**).....\$32.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Early registration for non-members (**before Feb. 13, 2012**).....\$37.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Late registration for all (**after Feb. 13, 2012**) and at the door.....\$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch reservations (**by Feb. 13, 2012**).....\$ 8.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_



**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

## New Year's Resolutions to consider:



- ~**Catch up on filing and get rid of clutter.** There are many articles and books to help you organize.
- ~**Pick one record type, for example land records, to concentrate on this year.** Choose one you don't already know a lot about.
- ~**Learn how to look up one new type of genealogical record.** Find someone who is knowledgeable about the records and ask questions.
- ~**Attend one county or state-level genealogical event this year.** There are many of these advertised in this newsletter and online.
- ~**Renew contact with cousins, aunts or uncles not spoken to in years (maybe decades).** You never know what you might find out about your common ancestors.
- ~**Create timelines for significant family members to put their life in perspective.** This may help you overcome brick walls.
- ~**Perform an Act of Genealogical Kindness.** This is a great way to start your new year! No matter how new you are to genealogy, everyone can do something to help someone else. Whether it is an offer to do a lookup, volunteering to help with an indexing project or just sharing something you have learned. Your random act of genealogical kindness could mean the world to a fellow ancestor hunter.
- ~**Get Involved in a Genealogy Group.** Whether it is just becoming active in an online forum or joining a Genealogy Facebook page, getting involved in a genealogy group or society keeps you motivated and is a great source of support.
- ~**Interview Your Oldest Living Relative.** If you keep no other genealogy resolution, make sure you keep this one. It always surprises me how much you learn about people after they are gone. And if that oldest living relative is you, find a list of interview questions and answer them yourself!

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