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Genealogical Society

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NOTICE: NEW MEETING PLACE!

THERE WILL BE A FOLLOW UP EMAIL WITH THE ADDRESS AND OTHER PARTICULARS.

COMING EVENTS

1. Saturday, July 9, 2011

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society Workshop and Meeting at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Yucaipa Blvd. More information to follow.

Workshop: Civil War Ancestors. Please bring any information you have on ancestors who served (either North or South) in the War. We will be discussing daily life during the time period 1861-1865.

Meeting at 1:00. Our speaker is Kerry Bartels from the National Archives. Come join us!

2. Sunday, July 24, 2011 at 7:00 P.M., at the Redlands Family History Center, Wabash and Fifth.
Topic: FamilySearch 2011—What's under the umbrella?

Speaker: Annette Leffman

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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 United Methodist 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.

What you missed!
Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 P. M. by President Floyd Ferguson. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the May Meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer, Marg Polich, gave her report.
Total Income & Profit \$1,065.08
Total expense \$ 530.03
Balance: 6/14/2011 \$ 535.05

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.

Meeting location was addressed. Members were told that the Board had discussed the options and voted that the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church was the best option.

- 1) Stay for the next 5 months where we are for \$35.00 per month.
2) Go back to the library - no charge - but will have to change the meeting date to the 3rd Saturday. Library will still be able to tell us that they have something else planned and that we can't meet.
3) Have Floyd Ferguson contact the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and set up our meeting there for \$30 to \$35 per month.

The membership voted to go with the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Billie Wilke. She won \$7.00.

Bobby Dobbins Title gave a very interesting talk on "Writing a Family History" and "Writing Your Life Story".

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P. M. by President Floyd Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Wolfe
For Jamie Daniel, Secretary YVGS



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! The money we make from the cards is paying our bills for the society: meeting place, speakers, printing, coffee, etc.



52 Weeks to Better Genealogy

Editor's note: 3rd in a series I came across while doing research on the Internet. It is written by Amy Coffin, who has a blog called The WeTree Genealogy Blog (<http://wetree.blogspot.com>). I was intrigued by her series, Jump Start Your Genealogy Blog; I contacted her about using her material. It turns out her series 52 weeks to Better Genealogy is a better fit for us (very few of us maintain a blog), so I am sharing this with you instead. I will publish 4 or 5 challenges a month until we have all 52.

Amy Coffin's motto:

If genealogy is boring, you're doing it wrong

Challenge 28

Spend some time with patents and trademarks. If necessity is the mother of invention, genealogists will want to find her parents. Visit the [United States Patent and Trademark Office web site](#) (those outside the U.S. can visit their own nations' sites). You may also try [Google Patent Search](#). Input the search terms of your choice and study the results. Don't try to do genealogy research during this challenge, just test the different ways this tool may come in handy in your research. Bloggers, what are your impressions of these sites. Have you found them useful?

Challenge 29

Practice reading handwriting. Deciphering the penmanship of our ancestors is an exercise in patience, but this is a great skill to have in your genealogy tool box. Kimberly Powell has some good suggestions and links on [deciphering handwriting](#). To get some hands-on experience, look at an old census page and try to transcribe the first and last names of each person on the page. If you do not have access to census pages, go

this [Family Search Records page](#), click "Browse Images," and select a census page on which to practice. If you have a genealogy blog, write down your experiences with this challenge or provide tips, links or book recommendations on this subject to your readers.

Challenge 30

Create an emergency chain. Select someone you trust to handle duties should you be unable to access your research, blog or other genealogy projects. Chances are that you have an online presence and genealogy friend with whom you are in regular contact. If you are unable to get online for a significant period of time, how will you let everyone know? Use this week to give your contact information to at least one genealogy friend so he or she could check in with you or your family in case of unexplained absence. The genealogy community is pretty tight, and we worry when one of our own hasn't been heard from in a while. This challenge was inspired by Hurricane Ike and 14 days without power. Bloggers: describe the steps you take to establish an emergency chain to help your readers do the same.

Challenge 31

Listen to a podcast. A podcast is a digital media file that you can download and listen to any time. There are some wonderful genealogy podcasts including [Genealogy Gems](#) and [Genealogy Guys](#) (click the POD on either site to listen). You can find many other podcasts on [iTunes](#) (free, but you need to sign up). Your task this week is to listen to a podcast and experience this form of media for learning. If you are familiar with podcasts, pick a new one in a different subject such as history, business or anything else that may fit with your genealogy interests.

Challenge 32

Learn about RSS feeds. You don't have to understand how RSS feeds work to reap their benefits. However, if you want to know, here are articles from [Wikipedia](#) and [What is RSS?](#) Basically, without utilizing RSS feeds, you would need to visit web sites and blogs individually to see if they have been updated. If you subscribe to RSS feeds using a feed reader, the latest updates come to you. Two of the bigger names in feed readers are [Bloglines](#) and [Google Reader](#). You do not have to sign up for either of these, the task is just to read about them and know they exist. If you are familiar with RSS feeds, then this is an easy challenge. Genealogy bloggers are encouraged to share their experiences. If you use a particular feed reader, discuss it and you organize your feeds.

Family History Center

Located at 5th 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.

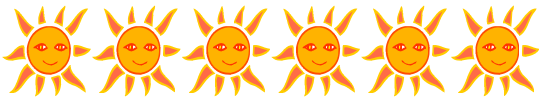
FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.3844



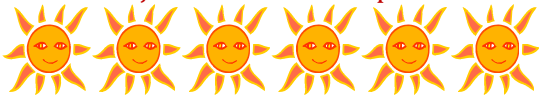
Surveying Mt. San Gorgonio Memorial Park

Would you like to help survey, take photographs and transcribe the local cemeteries? The Society is now in the process of trying to survey the Summit Cemetery District in Riverside County. We are now adding the pictures taken by Dee Reich to findagrave.

Please contact Jamie Daniel or anyone on the YVGS Board if you are interested. We could use your help!



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!



Thank you Juanita Marshall for the delicious refreshments you brought to the May Meeting. Tricia Beuler and Barbara Thomas will provide the refreshments for the July meeting.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



New genealogy classes at the Corona Public Library:

They are jointly sponsored by the Corona Genealogical Society and the Library.

Both classes and workshops are FREE and open to the public (no society membership required). Advance registration may be required for computer-based classes.

For workshop/research sessions, bring your genealogy materials (pedigree charts, family group sheets, notes, etc.) and get help with hands-on computer work.

The classes will take place in the computer learning center at the Corona Public Library.

Telephone: 951.736.2381

650 S. Main St. (at 6th), Corona, CA 92882

Classes are held on Tuesday afternoons
from 12:30 - 1:30 pm

DATE	TOPIC/INSTRUCTOR
Jun 28	Update on FamilySearch-Jean Wilcox Hibben
Jul 5	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators
Jul 12	Tracking down Family Members-Jerry Manriquez/Len Enlow
Jul 19	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators
Jul 26	British Isles Research-Ed Stow
Aug 2	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators
Aug 9	Family Tree Maker Software-Len Enlow
Aug 16	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators
Aug 23	Graveyard Gumshoe -Jean Wilcox Hibben
Aug 30	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators
Sep 6	Advanced Family Tree Maker Software-Len Enlow
Sep 13	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators
Sep 20	Using the National Archive -Jerry Manriquez
Sep 27	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators
Oct 4	Photo Restoration-Ed Stow
Oct 11	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators
Oct 18	Family Tree Stories-Len Enlow
Oct 25	Workshop/Research help-various facilitators

"I don't have to look up my family tree, because I know that I'm the sap."

Fred Allen

CORONA FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

JOINTLY SPONSORED BY
Corona Genealogical Society
Corona Family History Center



Saturday, 6 August 2011

8:30am – 12:30pm
1123 S. Lincoln Ave
CORONA, CA 92882

No pre-registration required
PROVIDED **FREE** to the community by the
Corona Stake of the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
and the Corona Genealogical Society

**Besides the classes,
learn about:
Hispanic Research
Websites
Get Forms in Spanish to
start your Research
Tracing your Ancestors
with Immigration Records
(see booth in exhibit hall)**

For Info: Contact Jean Hibben, 951-780-1799; jean@circlemending.org

8:30 to 8:50	Registration and Classroom/Building Orientation				
Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
9:00 to 10:00	Nancy Ellen Carlberg <i>American Church Records</i>	Alice Volkert <i>Where to Go in and for So. Calif. Research</i>	Floyd Ferguson <i>Civil War Life: Research Beyond the Basics</i>	Denise Spurlock <i>Counting Down to the Release of the 1940 Census</i>	Len Enlow <i>U.S. Migrations</i>
10:15 to 11:15	Nancy Ellen Carlberg <i>Finding Your Female Ancestors</i>	Alice Volkert <i>What's in the Census for ME?</i>	Floyd Ferguson <i>Civil War Life: At Home and on the March</i>	Denise Spurlock <i>What's So Special about Special Collections?</i>	Jean Wilcox Hibben, CG <i>Turning Genealogy into Family History</i>
11:30 to 12:30	Nancy Ellen Carlberg <i>How to be a More Efficient Genealogist</i>	Alice Volkert <i>Puritans or Pilgrims</i>	Floyd Ferguson <i>Civil War Life: Medical, Entertainment, Finance, and Southern Records</i>	Brenda Danielson <i>Bulldozing your Way through Land Records</i>	Jim Miller <i>Family History Centers</i>

Classes and speakers subject to change

We invite attendees to visit the exhibit hall to check out the various genealogical resources in Southern California, enjoy the exhibits on the Civil War, Pioneer Heritage, The Corona Genealogical Society, The Family History Center, the National Archives, scrapbooks, and more.

For up-to-date information on this seminar and other activities of the Corona Genealogical Society, please visit our website:

www.CoronaGenSoc.org

Nancy Ellen Carlberg has been a professional genealogist since 1975, and an amateur researcher since 1965. Best known for her work with Alex Haley and her authorship of almost an entire library of books, ranging from regional research pointers to “how to” guides to name variations to repository options. She worked in Salt Lake City for 2½ years as a professional genealogist; during this time, she had the opportunity to do research in the records of 25 different countries, in almost as many languages. She takes tour groups to Salt Lake City and the British Isles. Nancy has a Master’s Degree in Library Science and is a member of the Orange County California Genealogical Society, the British Isles Family History Society- U.S.A. (Past President, Program Vice-President 2009-2010), Mensa (Life Member), Friends of the Anaheim Public Library (Board Member) and the Sons and Daughters of the Pearl Harbor Survivors, and the Southern California Writers Association.

Brenda Danielson has been doing genealogy for over 30 years. A retired elementary school teacher, Brenda is now a full-time genealogist and family historian. She has been teaching classes in this field at the Corona Family History Center, local societies, and numerous seminars. She is experienced in doing on-site family history research and library research in Salt Lake City. Those who attend her classes will be enlightened by her use of both practical and anecdotal information. Brenda is secretary of the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Len Enlow, CGS Education Chair, one of the Founding Members of the Corona Genealogical Society, who held the position of President for five years (2002-2007), also prepares and publishes the Society’s newsletter and has done so since its inception. He is also responsible for scheduling, and teaching many of, the Tuesday afternoon classes sponsored by the society and the Corona Public Library. Len retired from Boeing (formally Rockwell International) in January 1999, after 33 years of service; he received his BSEE degree from Pennsylvania State University and MSEE from California State University at Long Beach. Len is an experienced and accomplished speaker in various related fields; he became interested in family history about 40 years ago when he received memorabilia on his family from a first cousin once removed. From that point on, he was hooked on genealogy and sought out every fact, photo, letter, family history, etc. he could get from his family.

Floyd Ferguson developed an interest in genealogy as a teen when an uncle shared a small article on the Scottish roots of the family and a copy of a Great Grandfathers Civil War discharge. He became involved in family research and served as President of the Yucaipa Valley Genealogy in the 1980s, after which he spent sixteen years as games master and chairman of the Clans of the Highlands and the Scottish Games at Prado Regional Park. Returning to YVGS he is currently serving as President. Now, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War he has been presenting a series of lectures that go beyond the enlistment, service and discharge of our Civil War ancestors to explore what their life and surroundings was like during that epic time.

Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, CG, CGS President, Board Certified genealogist, has a doctorate in folklore and a masters degree in speech communication; she has been doing genealogy research for over 30 years; serves as the staff trainer for the Corona, California Family History Center; volunteers at the local NARA facility; and holds the following offices in the genealogy community: President, Corona Genealogical Society; President, So. CA Chapter of the Assoc. of Professional Genealogists; and secretary, Genealogical Speakers Guild. Jean is a staff writer for the on-line magazine, *GenWeekly*, and contributing author for a number of other publications in the field. She blogs about music and ancestry at <http://circlemending.blogspot.com> and can be reached through her website <http://www.circlemending.org>.

Jim Miller, FHC Director, attended college at CSU Long Beach and Cal Poly, Pomona where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1973 and a Masters in Engineering in 1977. He was employed with the County of Orange for nearly 34 years and retired as Manager of the Construction Division in 2007. Jim has, since the early 1970s, been an avid genealogist. He has been the Director of the Corona Family History Center at the LDS Church for the last 11 years. With his wife Jill (Vautier), Jim recently served as a Family History missionary in the World Wide Support Division of the LDS Family History Department; he enjoys helping others feel the excitement of discovering their ancestors; not just names but additional details about the specific challenges and interests of their lives. Jim has traced his roots to Barbados, Canada, Denmark, England, Germany, Ireland, and Sweden.

Denise Spurlock, a former educator at the post-secondary level, has 20 years of experience in family research. She has a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University’s Center for Professional Education. Passionate about genealogy, she offers a variety of research services to clients. Denise is a member of the SCGS, NGS, NEGHS, and APG; in addition, she serves as newsletter editor for the Southern California Chapter of the APG.

Alice Volkert, treasurer of the So. Calif. Chapter of the Assoc. of Prof. Genealogists, President of the Colby Family Assoc., and a Regional Directory for CA State Gen. Alliance, works mostly in New England, particularly Massachusetts, as well as general United States family genealogy. Her specialty is being a coach, helping people make their own discoveries and organizing their data. She guides and assists people who want to ‘do-it-themselves’ with database set-up and / or reorganization, work planning and research strategies. She is a volunteer at the Orange Regional Family History Library and a Missionary with FamilySearch Support. A national speaker, contact her at alice@volkertservices.com.





A Patriotic Creed

by Edgar Guest

**To serve my country day by day at any humble post I may;
To honor and respect her flag, to live the traits of which I brag;
To be American in deed as well as in my printed creed.**

**To stand for truth and honest toil, to till my little patch of soil,
And keep in mind the debt I owe to them who died that I might know
My country, prosperous and free, and passed this heritage to me.**



**I always must in trouble's hour be guided by the men in power;
For God and country I must live, my best for God and country give;
No act of mine that men may scan must shame the name American.**

**To do my best and play my part, American in mind and heart;
To serve the flag and bravely stand to guard the glory of my land;
To be American in deed: God grant me strength to keep this creed!**

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