

# YVGS FAMILY FINDERS



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## President's Message:

Exploring the Internet to expand our passion for genealogy can be very rewarding. Now that we have access to the Internet (having returned to the Yucaipa Branch Library) we will take advantage of that access at our next meeting. This time, we will go beyond standard genealogy sites-like Ancestry.com and Findagrave.com-and learn how to use search engines to find new information.

If you have a lap top plan to bring it. There will be some paper handouts as well as the chance to put the handouts on your computer for future reference. The time in both the workshop and the regular meeting will be spent in group sessions, lecture, application, and a question and answer time. I look forward to working together to expand our ability to use the Internet tools to dig deeper into our genealogy. I hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

*Floyd K. Ferguson*  
President, YVGS



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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, 10404 5th Street, 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 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Parliamentarian Jamie Daniel at 1:04 P.M. The pledge of allegiance was led by Terry Brown.

Terry Brown welcomed new member Sherry Todd.

The minutes of the May meeting will be read next month at the July meeting.

Marg Polich presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Billie Wilkes. We have a net profit of \$101.50 in the general fund.

Membership chair Marg Polich reported that our membership now stands at thirty-six.

Sue Wolfe announced that the transcription and photographing of Sunnyslope Cemetery is nearing completion. San Gorgonio Cemetery is a continuing project.

After a short break, Dee Reich won the 50/50 drawing.

Sue Wolfe gave an information presentation on organizing genealogy files.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jamie Daniel,*

in the absence of the secretary



## Coming Events

### 1. Saturday, July 14, 2012

*Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society Workshop and Meeting at Yucaipa Branch Library, 12040 5th Street in Yucaipa.*

*12:00 P.M. Workshop: We will continue to explore genealogy research on the Internet. Bring your laptop or tablet and your questions.*

*1:00 P.M. Meeting: Using search engines for genealogical research.*

*Come join us. And bring a friend!*

2. Sunday, July 29, 2012 *Family History Research Class at 7:00 P.M. at the Redlands Family History Center (Stake Center High Council Room), Wabash and 5th, Redlands.*

*Topic: Searching Techniques for Ancestry.com*

*Presenter: Annette Leffman*



### **Don't Forget! August is Show and Tell Month**

If you have special finds, pictures, maps, books, or other ephemera related to your genealogical research, please consider sharing it with the rest of the membership. We are all interested!

Contact one of the board members and let them know what you will be bringing so that arrangements can be made to have room on a table for you.

You may give a short presentation along with your display, but it is not required.

**Please Share!**

**We like to see what everyone has found!**

# 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.*

Lorine's memories for this month:

"My sister told me she remembers the funky glasses I used to choose. I don't really remember as I was quite young when I had to start wearing glasses for a lazy eye and astigmatism. I do recall going to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto for my appointments with a specialist once a year, and then going out to pick my new glasses.

"With the drops they gave me I couldn't even tell what I was choosing so I went for colour. The brighter and bolder the better! My sister said the pair she remembers best was a plaid pair! I kind of remember them. I think I was about 8 or 9 when I picked them. Apparently my mother said that if I had to wear glasses so young I was darn well going to be allowed to pick whatever I wanted.

"But one thing my sister didn't remember is that I used to hide my glasses in my sandbox when I was really little. Then I'd come inside and tell my mom and dad that I lost them. I guess I thought I wouldn't have to wear them anymore if I misplaced them. But of course they simply replaced them with a new pair every time.

"My mom told me that when I'd outgrown the sandbox they emptied it and to their surprise it was full of my lost eyeglasses!

"Did you wear glasses as a kid? Did you have anything that you fibbed about to not have to do, or



wear? As an aside when I was 13 the specialist said I didn't have to wear glasses anymore and you cannot imagine how relieved I was - going into Grade 9 and no glasses! That was a day to celebrate.

"I did have to start wearing them again when I turned 40 but I had 27 years of freedom."



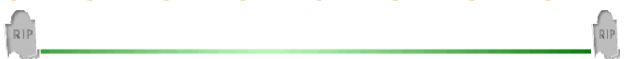
I didn't wear glasses as a child, but perhaps I should have. I always sat in the front of the class, because I couldn't read the blackboard very well from the back. I was finally tested for glasses in high school. I will never forget walking outside at Beaver Clinic on Fern Street in Redlands and looking at the trees. I couldn't believe you could actually see each individual leaf! How shocking it was to realize that other people took this for granted. It was wonderful to look around and see everything so crisply and clearly.

Now, take these memory prompts and write about your own experience with school eye tests, or school ear tests, getting glasses, or whatever floats into your mind as you reminisce.



*Thank you Marg Polich and Barbara Firestone for the delicious refreshments that you brought to the February meeting. Refreshments for the June meeting will be provided by Joe Swetich and Sue Wolfe.*

*Sue Wolfe, Hospitality*



## Surveying Local Cemeteries

We are almost finished with Sunnyslope! Thanks to Sue Wolfe and family, and Earl Giddings, the transcribing and photography will be complete soon.

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 continuing to transcribe all the cemeteries in our area, and post pictures and obituaries where we can find them.

Please contact Jamie Daniel or anyone on the YVGS Board if you are interested. Just one morning taking pictures would be wonderful. We could use your help!

If you are interested in talking to someone who has done some of this, speak to Sue Wolfe at the meeting.



## 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.

### New Portable Scanner

One of our members has purchased a new portable scanner, and it sounds wonderful. Tricia Beuler says "It's easy to use and the manufacturer's website is great!" It is called FlipPal Portable Scanner. The Legacy Family Tree store sells them online and here is their description:

*For memory keepers, family historians, and genealogists who want to conveniently and reliably scan photos, documents, images in books and magazines, and works of art so that they can be stored digitally, then shared with family and friends for under \$150. The patented flip-and-scan technology allows you to scan photos safely while still in the album or frame. Unlike alternative solutions that don't have the combination of mobility, accuracy, versatility, and keeping the original safe, the Flip-Pal™ mobile scanner is compact, simple to operate, has high resolution, quick scan time, battery power, cordless - no computer required, and onboard memory. It is recognized as being document-friendly and our customers say it is permitted in the National Archives and Library of Congress in Washington D.C.*



*Product dimensions: 12 x 9 x 2 inches, 1.5 pounds*

There will be more information about it at the next meeting, and Tricia promises to bring it with her, but please look at the pictures on the manufacturer's website: <http://flip-pal.com>

### GENEALOGY QUICK TIP:

#### Treasures Found in City Directories

City directories can be so much more than just lists of residents with their street number and occupation. I've found list of "removals" for city/town residents who had moved out of the area (along with the city/state/country they had moved to or were visiting), the name of a widow's first spouse (even though she had been married and widowed again by that point), and exact death dates. How are those for genealogical clues?

*Editor's note: We hear many speakers who talk about organization. Last month, one of our own members, Sue Wolfe, shared some of her methods. The following is a short article on organization from a website that has literally hundreds of columns to help with the paper and computer files that we all accumulate in genealogy.*

## How Do I Organize the Genealogy Information I've Already Found?



### Finding A Genealogy System That Works

Whatever genealogy system you choose, the sooner you start to get organized, the better. The trick is to take good notes and to be comprehensive with your notes. Photocopies are also a wonderful help.

#### #1 Create Files Or Folders By Surname

This is perhaps one of the most basic ways to stay organized is to simply create a file system and label each folder with the appropriate surname. It's basic, but it works. Each file will not only contain your notes on what you've found and where, you can also photocopy pages, pictures and records to keep in the file. And if you have records that apply to more than one person, a simple solution is to make multiple photocopies. Just note on the back of each where other copies are located to stay organized and eliminate confusion.

#### #2 Organize By Family Line

This is perhaps a more complicated but complete way to organize information. Each family line gets a folder where all relevant information is contained. Because this can be a larger folder of information you may also want to subgroup information by type. For example, photographs can go in a subfolder, certificates can go in another folder and so on.

#### #3 Organize By Family

With this strategy, all documents, photos and information on a specific family are kept in one folder. However, as families grow, for example when a child marries and has a family of their own, that will require a different folder. This will mean duplicate documents, which should be accounted for to stay organized and prevent confusion.

#### #4 Organize By Event.

This is perhaps the least common way to organize information however; you can organize by birth, by death and so on. If you also organize this information chronologically, it will help you stay organized.

## Tools To Use To Organize Your Information

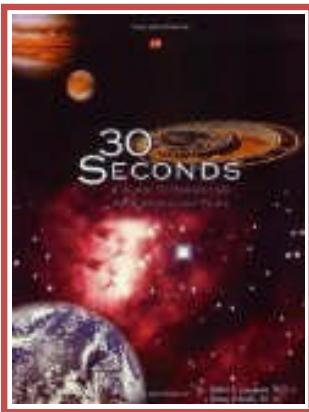
While it may sound as if all of the organization systems mentioned above require a file cabinet and a healthy supply of folders, that's not necessarily the case. While you can use the standard file cabinet, you can also use a notebook or binder or a computer. Just be sure whatever system you use, you have backups. No system is foolproof and it would be a shame to lose all of your hard work to a computer crash or a ravenous dog.

Additionally, there are a number of software programs designed specifically for organization and for genealogy projects, to help you stay organized, to help you share information with others and even to prepare fancy reports, charts and family trees.

*(This is a website that has reviewed the top 10 genealogy programs. If you need a new one, are looking to upgrade, or are starting to put your genealogy on a computer for the first time, you might want to start here and see what you think. <http://www.genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>)*

*Here are two new genealogy books and their reviews. One is about the organization we've all been striving to achieve, and the other is about free websites for genealogy. Both sound very interesting.*

### [30 Seconds: A Guide to Organizing Your Genealogy Files](#)

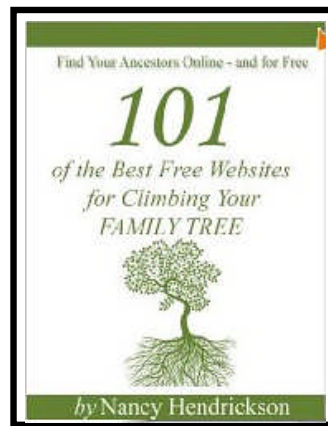


**by:** Robert R Langman,  
Jimmy B Parker

There appears to be a need among many genealogists to find a way to organize their papers, so they can find them quickly. This book presents a choice of filing systems. The first, is a filing cabinet filing system and the second,

is a notebook filing system. This is written to show two ways of filing genealogy papers.

There are ten steps to organizing your papers. Included are drawings and illustrations (some in color) that help the reader to understand the steps to organizing. Many actual examples are included to assist genealogists with their own files. This book is written to the beginning genealogist, the experienced genealogist, as well as the professional genealogist.



## 101 of the Best Free Websites for Climbing Your Family Tree

**by Nancy Hendrickson**

"I've been ancestor-hunting since I was about 8-years-old.

"Back then, I didn't know anything about GEDCOMs, pedigree charts, census data or compiling sources. But what

I did know was I had an insatiable curiosity about the people who came before me - - thanks, in part, to the family stories spun by both my grandmothers.

"One of them regaled me with tales of her own grandfather - a Civil War veteran of the Battle of Shiloh, while the other captivated me with stories of Indians in the wilds of Missouri. More importantly, both of them started me on a life-long path that has taken me to abandoned cemeteries, courthouse attics, out-of-the-way museums, and some of America's most hallowed ground.

"During the journey - particularly in the last five years - I've discovered some of the best free genealogy and history sites on the Internet. These are the ones I use in my own research, and the ones I hope you'll find as valuable as I have.

"Although you can find these same sites on your own, it's my hope that by finding, testing and compiling the best-of-the-best it will save you all of the time it's taken me to put this resource together - - and free you up for what you love best - - Finding Ancestors!

"The first 50 sites are grouped by category:

- military
- social history
- immigration
- databases
- miscellaneous

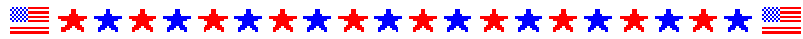
"The next 51 are by state, with one outstanding site per U.S. state. (And because there were some sites just too good to be left out, you'll find another 10 sites at the end)

"The 50 best sites contain an overview of the site, why I recommend it, and any search strategies for making the most of your time on the site.

Happy hunting!"

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

*Nancy Hendrickson is the author of several books and hundreds of magazine articles. An expert in Internet genealogy she is a contributing editor at Family Tree University and a genealogy instructor. When not exploring her family's past you can find her visiting the best historic destinations in America.*



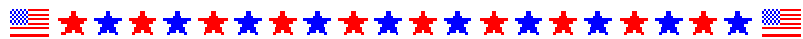
"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men."  
 ~Samuel Adams

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty."  
 ~John F. Kennedy

"Sure I wave the American flag. Do you know a better flag to wave? Sure I love my country with all her faults. I'm not ashamed of that, never have been, never will be."  
 ~John Wayne

"We must always remember that America is a great nation today not because of what government did for people but because of what people did for themselves and for one another."  
 ~Richard Nixon

When an American says that he loves his country, he means not only that he loves the New England hills, the prairies glistening in the sun, the wide and rising plains, the great mountains, and the sea. He means that he loves an inner air, an inner light in which freedom lives and in which a man can draw the breath of self-respect.  
 ~Adlai Stevenson



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