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COMING EVENTS

1. Saturday, June 11, 2011

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society Workshop and Meeting at United Methodist Church in Yucaipa, 35177 Beech Avenue 12:00 P.M.

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. Speaker: Bobbie Dobbins Come join us!

2. Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 7:00 P.M., at the Redlands Family History Center, Wabash and Fifth.

Topic: "Turning Genealogy into Family History: Creating Stories from Stats"

Speaker: Jean Wilcox Hibben

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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
May 14, 2011**

Workshop at 12:00: Dr. Bert J. Davidson introduced us to the equipment and the realities of Civil War Medicine. He had an interesting display of original instruments (more like torture devices), and shared Civil War facts and figures with us, along with his medical knowledge and history expertise.

Relevant announcements made at the Board meeting:

- Yucaipa Branch Library has postponed re-opening.
- Floyd Ferguson has asked for possible workshop topics for the remainder of the year.
- Floyd will present a three part workshop at the Corona Genealogy Faire in August. His topic and presentations will be taken from the Civil War Workshops he has presented for our Society.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by President Floyd Ferguson. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Due to the unique fact that the Society presented two speakers in one day, the business meeting was dispensed with to make more time for each presentation.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. 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 Treasurer Marg Polich.

During a break, the 50/50 drawing was won by Barbara Firestone.

Annette Leffman, from the Redlands Family History Center, gave a fine presentation regarding changes and updates to FamilySearch.org, as well as what research tools are available at the Redlands Family History Center.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Jamie Daniel,
Secretary YVGS

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER: BOBBY DOBBINS

Except for a 2-year hiatus in Istanbul, Turkey, Bobby has lived her entire life in Southern California. Born in Long Beach, she graduated from Long Beach Poly High School and attended Pepperdine College when it was a small school at 79th and Vermont in Los Angeles, not the lavish campus in Malibu it is today.

Starting her genealogical research in 1983, she has at various times belonged to local genealogical societies in Orange County, San Bernardino, and Corona, where she now serves as Secretary.

While in Istanbul, she researched Americans buried in the Protestant cemetery and ultimately put her findings into a book called "A Fine Place of Rest: Americans in the Protestant Cemetery of Ferikay-Istanbul." The book was accepted for placement in the Library of Congress.

Upon her return from Turkey, she served as Administrative Secretary of the Salvation Army's Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center in Anaheim until she retired in 2000.

Her interests have always been in the field of writing and publications. She has edited quarterlies for two different genealogy groups, doing one long-distance from Lawrence, Kansas, when they couldn't get a local member to take on the job, and the other, a four year stint as editor and publisher of the San Bernardino Valley Genealogical Society's bi-yearly publication. She presently has a business where she works individually with people who want to create either a family history or a life story, but aren't comfortable doing it alone. Her most recent job was for an 82 year old woman in San Francisco who didn't know how to get her family story into shape. She provided material to Bobby, who did the editing, scanned the photos, and formatted the booklet. The end result was so pleasing that the woman's thank you note said, "I am so happy. Now I can die in peace!"

Bobby's goal with her topic is to encourage people NOT to wait that long. She'll encourage us with her helps and hints and hopefully help all genealogists see that it's time to start NOW on this very important task.



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, so 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 24

Read about the differences and understand the different ways of classification. You may have heard of the Dewey Decimal Classification system, but do you really know its nuts and bolts? What about the Library of Congress system? Check out some web sites for summary information on [Dewey Decimal Classification](#), [Library of Congress Classification](#) (including [Understanding LoC Call Numbers](#)). Don't worry if it seems confusing. Just look at the categories and ways library items are organized. Do you see other areas that may include books of genealogy interest? Explore those areas of your library for other materials. Bloggers are encouraged to share their experiences with this challenge.

Challenge 25

Write one good, solid comment on at least one genealogy blog every day for a week. Sometimes we get busy and the genealogy reading we should be doing just piles up. The same thing happens with blogs. This week, take some time to read genealogy blogs. Select at least one post a day and establish communication with the author. Offer a compliment, a question or genealogy information you may have. This challenge provides a little love to bloggers and some new perspectives for researchers. Authors of genealogy blogs can use this opportunity to comment on comments, so to speak.

Challenge 26

Take a stroll through [Google Books](#). Most of us have probably used Google Books in our genealogy research, but have you really taken the time to explore what's there? Look at the magazines and featured books. Check out the subjects offered. By taking the focus off of research for a bit, your mind is open to see other ways this tool can be used. Bloggers can discuss any interesting items they found on Google Books during this exercise.

Challenge 27

Put your thinking cap on and visit [Google Scholar](#). It's difficult to browse the features of this tool, so bring some surnames to use in your test searches. Also check out Google Scholar Preferences and Advanced Scholar Search. Search some of your more common ancestor names and manipulate the search preferences to see the difference in the results you get. You may also try your unusual surnames. What did you find? Genealogy blog authors can answer this question on their blogs.



Surveying Mt. San Gorgonio Memorial Park

We really are going to start up again this month!

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. 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!



6th workshop of the Year
Civil War Workshop June 11, 2011
at 12:00 P.M. before the meeting



During this month's workshop, Joe Swetich will have a short presentation about measurements used in our past—some from the Civil War era—that are no longer used today they might be from very specialized fields). See the chart in this newsletter for more information.

If you have one or more ancestors who fought on either side of the Civil War, bring the name, and if known, the Regiment, State, Unit or Company as well as the date mustered in and the date of discharge of your ancestor.

We will create a master list so that we can share information and guide the workshop discussions.

Floyd will have more information at the workshop.



Thank you Marg Polich and Pauline Brigham for the delicious refreshments you brought to the May Meeting. Juanita Marshall and Jean Smith will provide the refreshments for the June meeting.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



RANDOM MEASUREMENTS— BOTH ARCHAIC AND MODERN

1 horse power= 33,000 foot-pounds of work per minute.

1 foot-pound= energy to raise a one pound weight one foot.

1 knot=1.152 miles per hour.

1 Fathom= 6 feet.

1 Kilometer= .6214 miles

1 Rod= 5.5 yards

1 Hectare= 2.47 acres

1 Acre= 43,560 square feet; 160 square rods

1 Cubic foot= 7,481 gallons

1 gallon= 3.785 liters

1 miner's inch (of water)=8.976 gallons

Fahrenheit to Celsius: $5/9$ (freezing is Fahrenheit 32 degrees and Celsius 0 degrees)

Celsius is a scale and unit of measurement for temperature. It is named after the Swedish astronomer Anders Celsius (1701–1744), who developed a similar temperature scale two years before his death. The degree Celsius (°C) can refer to a specific temperature on the Celsius scale as well as a unit to indicate a temperature interval, a difference between two temperatures or an uncertainty. The unit was known until 1948 as centigrade from the Latin "centum" translated as 100 and "gradus" translated as "steps".

Absolute zero: -459.72 Fahrenheit

1 Short ton: 2000 pounds.

Troy weight: 12 ounces= 1 pound (for precious metals)

Dry measure:

2 pints= 1 quart

8 quarts= 1 peck

4 pecks= 1 bushel

36 bushels= 1 choldron

Liquid measure:

4 gills= 1 pint

2 pints=1 quart

4 quarts=1 gallon

31 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons= 1 barrel

Household:

60 drops= 1 teaspoon

3 teaspoons= 1 tablespoon

16 tablespoons= 1 cup

2 cups= 1 pint

Father's Day is a day on which the people of many countries express gratitude and appreciation by giving their fathers presents or greeting cards. In the US and Canada, Father's Day comes on the third Sunday in June. Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington, started the US observance of Father's Day in 1910. Source: The World Book Encyclopedia F7, 1979.

Anonymous

4 years: My Daddy can do anything!

7 years: My Dad knows a lot... a whole lot.

8 years: My father does not know quite everything.

12 years: Oh well, naturally Father does not know that either.

14 years: Oh, Father? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.

21 years: Oh, that man-he is out of date!

25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.

30 years: I must find out what Dad thinks about it.

35 years: Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.

50 years: What would Dad have thought about that?

60 years: My Dad knew literally everything!

65 years: I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

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