

# YVGS FAMILY FINDERS

YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## A Message from the President

As I write this (1 March) it dawns on me that the thermometer at my house read 81.9 degrees for a high today. Can it be summer already?

A quick check with Google shows, no not summer but it is spring. According to the astronomical definition, spring begins on the Vernal Equinox (usually March 21 in the Northern Hemisphere). However, meteorologists generally define the beginning of spring as March 1 in the Northern Hemisphere.

What does this have to do with genealogy? Let's think about what is happening around us, the trees are starting to bloom, the flowers are popping out of the ground, the bees are starting to buzz as they look for food and water, the birds are checking out their old nesting spots and my old dog is basking in the warm sunshine.

As humans, we also react to spring as everything else does on this planet called earth. This is the beginning of a new year (I know the year starts 1 January). We are refreshed and ready to get involved in new and old activities. The genealogical juices start flowing and we can't wait to break through that dead end.

This is also a good time to become more involved in the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society. There is a need for anyone who is willing to devote one hour or 40 hours a month in support of our society. You tell me how much time you can spend supporting your society and I'll show you how that time will benefit the society. Call me at 909-486-0378 or put a note in the Stone Soup Kettle at our next meeting.

Please read the proposed changes to the Bylaws because we will vote on the changes at the April General Meeting.

Do you know who started the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical society and who were the charter members? Find out on our website <http://www.yvgs.org/> on the About Us page.

On the subject of the website, I would like to add a page similar to the Surname Research Page on <http://www.fbgtxgensoc.org/> if there is enough interest. Please add your comment to the Stone Soup Kettle.

Our speaker for March 14th is **Jean Wilcox Hibben**, *Topic: County Websites: An Overlooked Resource*. More information in this newsletter.

One more thing, a great mystery has been solved that I'll tell you about at the meeting. See you there Saturday March the 14th.

*Earl*

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Earl Giddings
Vice President Ruth Jarmusz
Secretary Karen Morlan
Treasurer Marg Polich

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Parliamentarian Jamie Daniel
Corresponding Secretary Karen Morlan
Librarian Ruth Bishop
Editor Jamie Daniel
Hospitality Sue Wolfe
Welcome Terry Brown
Sunshine Barbara Thomas

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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, 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.

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What you missed!

YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER by President Earl Giddings at 1:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Susan Hurlbut
Minutes of the last meeting read by Karen Morlan and approved as read.

Treasurer's report given by Marg Polich, there being no questions the report was approved as read.

Vice President Ruth Jarmusz reported that the Yucaipa Valley Library will be getting their new micro film reader in about three months. Speakers for upcoming dates will be Jean Wilcox Hibben on March 14, 2009; Jill Holmes on April 11, 2009; Gena Philibert-Ortega on May 9, 2009.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Editor: Jamie Daniel: A copy of the bylaw changes will be printed in the March newsletter. Please get your ads or articles to Jamie 10 days to two weeks before each meeting. jamiedaniel33@gmail.com

Historian: waiting to be filled

Hospitality: Sue Wolfe: There are still openings to bring refreshments.

Librarian: Ruth Bishop.

Membership: waiting to be filled

Publicity: waiting to be filled

Sunshine: Barbara Thomas. It was reported that member Lorraine Allen Hughes passed away. A card has been sent to the family from our society.

Ways and Means: waiting to be filled

Welcome: New person for the position of Welcome chair approved. Terry Brown will be our meeting hostess, greeting new and returning members and guests and making them feel welcome.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Marg Polich and Karen Morlan were thanked for their help in designing and printing new nametags.

Earl Giddings discussed the website for the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society. There are over 16,000 names listed under the 7 cemeteries listed on the website.

At the break, coffee, lemonade, and snacks were served, thanks to Sherry DeVogel and Jamie Daniel.

Nancy Carlberg presented a program on Cemetery Research and Burial Records.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Karen Morlan, Secretary

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REMINDER! REMINDER!

MEMBERSHIP FEES WERE DUE IN JANUARY: \$20.00 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND \$25.00 FOR FAMILIES. PLEASE PAY AT THE UPCOMING MEETING OR REMIT TO: YVGS, 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!

REMINDER! REMINDER!

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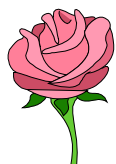
Thank you Sherry DeVogel and Jamie Daniel for the delicious refreshments that you brought to the February meeting. The refreshments for the March meeting will be provided by Dee Anderson and Earl Giddings.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



We are not a narrow tribe of men...No: our blood is the flood of a thousand Amazon, made up of a thousand noble currents all pouring into one.

-Herman Melville



Terry Brown

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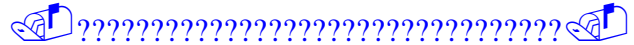
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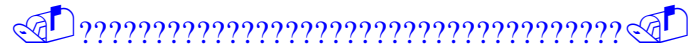
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**Yucaipa Valley  
Genealogical society  
Mail Call**



From the Secretary's Desk:

Hi,

Mail has been very light. I noticed that the newsletter from the Patrick County Genealogy group in Virginia paid \$1.17 cents for it to be mailed. I am sure we spend likewise to mail them ours. I wonder at what point in time we all may have to cut back once again.

We received a letter from a Lewis A. Lawson in Maryland. He was inquiring about an article that had been published in our newsletter several years ago. Earl Giddings had a copy of the newsletter article and we sent it on to Mr. Lewis. He replied with a thank you and sent a \$5.00 check as donation. Mr. Lawson was wondering if anyone in our Genealogy group is related to this Clay Crawford. If so, he would really like to communicate. Please ask me for his address.

Also we have received a request for some help in finding an obituary for a young man's mother. This request came from our on line web pages! Earl was very helpful and between

the two of us, we gave the young man enough real information to help in his search.

I am finding that helping in the genealogical research of others a greatly rewarding. I have had so many people help me in the past; when I was new and very uninformed. I think we all could give a little help to a friend or relative to help them find one or two facts every now and then. Becoming interested in genealogy is kind of like getting measles. Sooner or later, everyone you come in contact with will be touched by it in one way or the other.

During this past year, one of my duties has been to cut and paste the Obituaries from the Yucaipa News Mirror. November 2007 - December 2008; this has been completed and is now in plastic sleeves and in a large note book. A friend and neighbor of mine is a member of Yucaipa Valley Historical Society. She asked if the Historical Society could photo copy the pages and eventually put those images on a CD. They have accomplished the photo copy process. The obituaries will go to the Yucaipa Valley Library for their files very soon. We will be given a copy of the CD. The complete process helps the Library, Genealogy Society as well as the Historical Society. Everyone wins! The Historical Society is compiling their next book. They need photos and memories as well as paper information on Yucaipa in the first half of the 1900's. Please contact them if you have some good old memories or articles on Yucaipa.

I am looking forward to Spring- See you at the March Meeting! If you're Irish, wear Green!

*Karen*



**Good News! Buy your Stater Bros. gift cards and take them home with you!**

**We're selling *Stater Bros.* Gift cards at the meeting.**

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



**Public Library**

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Classes in Computer usage for Beginners  
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**These are offered on a Sign up Basis, 7 people to a class. You sign up at the Reference Desk and leave your telephone number. When a class is filled, you will be called and told which days to come. They will be hands-on with laptop computers available. Larry Bowles, Leticia Bowles and Dan Atherstone offer instruction; all are quite knowledgeable.**

*Free Classes*

**Mr. Bowles is a certified genealogist**

## 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.

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New Thursday Hours:

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## AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO BYLAWS

### “ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership after proper notice has been given.

2. Notice of proposed bylaw amendments must be given by the secretary or the bylaw committee chairperson, to the voting members at least thirty (30) days before the vote is taken.”

*(The changes below are only amendments to the Bylaws, not a revision)*

In accordance with our bylaws(see above article), here are the changes and amendments that have been proposed. We will be voting on these changes at the April meeting.

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## ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

*Current wording:*

### 4. TREASURER.

The treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable; moneys in said; prepare a treasurer’s statement for each meeting of the membership, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the membership.

*Change to read:*

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The treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable; moneys in said; prepare a treasurer’s statement for each meeting of the membership, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the membership. The treasurer is one of the signers on the bank account.

***Reason for change: To clarify the obvious and make sure there is no question about the treasurer’s authority.***

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*Current wording:*

### 5. PAST-PRESIDENT.

The immediate past-president shall be the parliamentarian.

*Change to read:*

### 5. PARLIAMENTAIAN.

The President will appoint the parliamentarian.

***Reason for change: To insure there is a parliamentarian when the past president is not available.***

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## ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES, APPOINTED CHAIRS AND DUTIES

*Current wording:*

5. LIBRARIAN: The librarian shall be in charge and maintain the genealogical collection of resource materials such as books, CD's, periodicals and historical source material. The librarian is responsible for cataloging for placement of materials in the Genealogy Section of the Library.

*Change to read:*

5. LIBRARIAN: The librarian shall be in charge and maintain the genealogical collection of resource materials such as books, CD's, periodicals and historical source material. The librarian is responsible for maintaining a permanent record of YVGS materials in the Genealogy Section of the Yucaipa Branch Library.

***Reason for change: The term “cataloging” when related to library use is a system of numbering items for ease of locating the item that is best left to qualified librarians.***

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## ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES, APPOINTED CHAIRS AND DUTIES

ADD:

### 10. WEBSITE:

The Website will act as the central clearing point for all information submitted to the Webmaster. In coordination with the Webmaster establish the format(s) for all types of information intended for the website. Establish guidelines for individuals/groups to use when submitting information to the committee for inclusion in the website. Review all information submitted for the website for timeliness, accuracy, and format before forwarding to the Webmaster. Gather information for the website. When new categories/subjects are deemed necessary prepare the information for approval of the general membership.

ADD:

### 11. WELCOME:

Welcome members as they arrive with special attention given to guests and new members. Introduce guests and new members to other members. Introduce guests and new members during the General Meeting. Within two weeks make a follow up contact with new members and again at three months. The purpose of the follow up is to let the new member know we are

interested in them and find out if they have any problems or complaints.

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ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES, APPOINTED CHAIRS AND DUTIES

*Current wording:*

**10.** The President may appoint such committee chairmanships as may be necessary for the benefit of the Society.

**Change to number 12.**

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NEW ENGLAND BOOKS

*The books we received from Fredericksburg, Texas, are not being used. For a complete listing of the books, email Earl Giddings at [clmgds@gmail.com](mailto:clmgds@gmail.com) and ask for FGS book listing.*

*If you would like to spend some time reviewing the books, call Earl at 909-486-0378 for an appointment*



## A brief selection from the Old Parish Registers

*Please note that the spelling and grammar of these extracts are exactly as they appear in the Registers - we haven't forgotten to spell check the page!*

∩1744 Febr. 4th

'By an unlucky Accident the Session Clerk's House was burnt; By which the Records of Marriages and Baptisms were lost.'

(Stoneykirk, 1744 OPR 898/1, Fr 221)

*Luckily not all our ancestors have remained in oblivion - their coming into the world being recorded in a variety of ways and styles:*

∩Deskford, 1740'

Alexander MacHattie in Ardoch had a Child by his Wife who was born with a wooden leg. It is supposed the child has been got by a Chelsea Pensioner with a timber heugh' [in different writing and crossed out].

(Deskford, 10.1 1740; OPR 151/1, Fr 164)

∩Torthorwald, 1773

Andw. /S/ Samuel Murrah labourer Torw. Born Jany. 26 Baptized Decr. 31.

Note: 'Andw Murrah was born with an eye tooth come a considerable length but disappeared afterward in the Gum.'

(Torthorwald, 1773; OPR 850/1, Fr 37)

∩Livingston, 1807

Born to Hellen Baxter in the Village of Livingston on 28 Decr 1805 and Baptized on the 26th Feby. 1807 named Helen Baxter 'N.B. This Child at the time of its Baptism could not find a Father. Her Mother gave it to a Packman which she said came up to her on the road from Edinr. though the Father was suspected to be nearer the doors. But a confession from the time it was born to this day Could not be extorted from the Mother.'

(Livingston, 1807; OPR 669/1, Fr 358)

∩Edinburgh, 1830

'Andrew Young's daughter Abigail born with 2 teeth'.

(Tolbooth Church, Edinburgh, bap 26.2 1830; OPR 685.T/1 Fr 326)

∩Middlebie Parish, Dumfries

ROBERT GRIEVE & his wife Mary Thomson had a son born at Alfornothing on the 16th October 1835 & baptized James. Registered on 31st December 1855 by Chris Borthwick, Registrar.

(OPR 841/2, Fr 225)

∩Dysart

June 24, 1754 - John Thomson, Bluegown in the 87th year of his age & Elizabeth Marshall had a son bap. called:WALTER. Wits: Walter Christie & Andrew Forbes.

(OPR 426/4, Fr -)

*Description of father's character or local rivalry?*

∩Sept 29th to George Anderson in Swannyside (a scoundrall, a knave, a scrub, a rascall, a villain, a cheat) a son called Andrew'

[and in a different hand below the entry].

'The above George Anderson is as honest, just obliging man as any other man in the parish to the master, minr & school master and to all others.

Attested by John Louitt Session Clerk'

(Birsay, Orkney, OPR 13/1, 1751)

And as today, naming was a matter of personal preference...

29th April 1769

'James Paterson and Jean Frazer in Thornhill had a daughter baptised before the Congregation called William-All-Mina.'

(Morton, 1769; OPR 843/1, Fr 96)

More next month!

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### Classes for 2009

Redlands Yucaipa Multi-Stake Family History Center  
All Classes Sunday evening 7:00p.m.  
Redlands Stake Center High Council Room

March 22 Topic: *Beginning Genealogy*  
Speaker: Dianna Rounds

April 26 Topic: *English Probate*  
Speaker: Jennifer Mortensen

May 24 Topic: *FHC Portal & FS Labs*  
Speaker: Annette Spaulding

June 28 Topic: *Interfacing with NFS*  
Speaker: Leslie Johnson

July 26 Topic: *French-Canadian Research*  
Speaker: Terri Carlson

August 23 Topic: *Internet Research*  
Speaker: Annette Spaulding

September 27 Topic: *New FamilySearch*  
Speaker: Dianna Rounds

October 25 Topic: *British Research*  
Speaker: Dawna Lund

November 22 Topic: *Using Notes & Sources*  
Speaker: Annette Spaulding

### Computer/Genealogy Group

Meets in the Conference Room of  
Hemet Public Library

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month  
10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

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Group Representative:

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## Notice!

Have you seen our new  
website??

Check it out!

Our new domain name is

[www.yvgs.org](http://www.yvgs.org).

**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:

[jamedaniel33@gmail.com](mailto:jamedaniel33@gmail.com)

or

## COMING EVENTS

1. Saturday, March 14, 2009 and Yucaipa Valley  
Genealogical Society meeting at the Yucaipa Branch Library.  
Speaker: Jean Wilcox Hibben

*Topic: County Websites: An Overlooked Resource. Don't miss it!*

2. *Wednesday March 11, 2009, 10:30 A.M. and Wednesday April 8, 2009, 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library*  
*Topic: Court Records*

3. *Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 10:30 A.M. and Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library*

*Topic: Patronymic Naming Patterns—Surnames and what they mean*

4. *Sunday March 22, 2009. Genealogy Research Class at Family History Center 5<sup>th</sup> and Wabash in Redlands.*

*Topic: Beginning Genealogy*

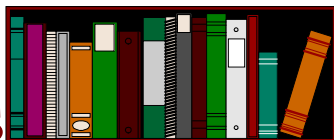
*Speaker: Dianna Rounds*

Also at the Hemet Public Library:

**Ancestry.com Lessons  
Wednesday & Friday @ 3:30pm  
in the Heritage Room**

*Notice: Due to budget constraints, the Hemet Public Library is no longer open on Tuesdays. This means the Hemet San Jacinto Genealogical Society classes are now held on Wednesdays. I will know next month what other classes are still being held.*

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A Board Certified Genealogist and native of the Chicago area, Jean Wilcox Hibben had BA and MA degrees in Speech Communication. After working as a college professor for 13 years, she left academia to pursue her passions: family history and folklore, and recently completed her doctorate in the latter. A family history researcher for about 30 years, Jean is best known for her musical and narrative programs; she has been playing guitar for over 40 years and is the Membership and Meeting Coordinator of the Riverside (CA) Folk Song Society. Information about Jean's upcoming programs, CDs, projects, and more can be found on the website

[www.circlemending.org](http://www.circlemending.org)

### Jean's Philosophy

I believe that who we are is a compilation of our experiences and associations as well as our biological connections. When we understand our ancestors, we can better understand ourselves. By doing this, we can complete and appreciate our family circles.



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*Our Speaker in March,  
Jean Wilcox Hibben:*

# HELP!



If you will notice, our board has some vacancies. We would welcome your help. These are not jobs that take a great deal of time, but they are ones that other board members now do in addition to their own. It would be nice to spread the responsibilities out a little. Contact any of the listed board members. We would be glad to explain these jobs. Remember, many hands make light work!

*“This packrat has learned that what the next generation will value most is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we loved. In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage.”*

*-Ellen Goodman,  
The Boston Globe*

*These are names actually found in census records.  
Just a bit of humor in reality!  
Sorry if these are related to you. It is all in good fun!*  
Comfort Castle - found in 1830 Columbia County, NY.

- Constant Chase - found in 1830 Boston, Suffolk Co, MA.
- Noble Crapper - found in 1790 Worcester Co, MD.
- Orange Field - found in 1930 Miller County, GA.
- Tiny Little - found in 1930 Chatooga County, GA.
- Joy Rider - found in 1930 Bennington, Morrow County, OH.
- Cotton Tufts - found in 1830 Weymouth, Norfolk Co, MA.
- Page Turner - found in 1880 Putnam County, GA.
- Frost Snow - found in 1920 Reed Island, Pulaski Co, VA.



## Notice!

Have you seen our new website??  
Check it out!  
Our new domain name is [www.yvgs.org](http://www.yvgs.org).

Don't let this be your last newsletter! Please send in your membership dues right away! Or better yet, come to the meeting Saturday, March 14, and enjoy the fellowship of other genealogists, and hear our wonderful speaker, Jean Wilcox Hibben.

### A FAMILY HISTORIANS LAMENT

I've been doing family history for nearly 30 years, diligently tracing my illustrious forebears From Pigeon Lake to Peterborough, Penrith to Penzance, My merry band of ancestors has led me quite a dance.  
There's cooks from Kent and guards from Gwent and chimney sweeps from Chester. There's even one daft

**fisherman lived all his life in Leicester.**

**There's no one rich or famous, no, not even well-to-do, though a second cousin twice removed once played in goal for Crewe.**

**I've haunted record offices from Gillingham to Jarrow; the little grey cells of my mind would humble Hercule Poirot.**

**I've deciphered bad handwriting that would shame a three year old, and brought the black sheep of the family back into the fold.**

**My bride of just three minutes, I left standing in the church, as I nipped into the graveyard for a spot of quick research.**

**Eventually I found an uncle, sixty years deceased. That was far more satisfying than a silly wedding feast. After three weeks of wedded bliss, my wife became despondent. She named the public records office as the co-respondent.**

**I didn't even notice when she packed her bags and went. I was looking for a great granddad's will who'd died in Stoke on Trent**

**But now my 30 year obsession is in the bin last Tuesday week, for I heard some news that caused me not to speak.**

**Tw'as then my darling mother, who is not long for this earth, casually informed me they'd adopted me at birth!**

**Author Unknown**

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