

2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Floyd Ferguson
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Secretary	Jamie Daniel
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Parliamentarian	Jamie Daniel
Corresponding Secretary	Jamie Daniel
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Editor	Jamie Daniel
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Welcome	Terry Brown
Membership	Marg Polich
Publicity	VACANT
Sunshine	Barbara Thomas
Historian	Barbara Cogorno
Ways and Means	VACANT
Website	Betty Marcum

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
February 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by President Floyd Ferguson. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Jamie Daniel and approved as read.

Marg Polich gave the Treasurer's report and explained the written report handout given to members. Marg separated the money used to buy the Stater Bros. cards from the working amount to clarify how much money the club actually uses for expenses. The working total is \$427.14, while the bank balance is \$2204.57. Any members with additional questions are asked to see Marg before or after the general meeting.

The Vice President, Juanita Marshall, asked for additional suggestions for speakers, as she is lining up for the rest of the year.

President Floyd Ferguson announced that the Yucaipa Branch Library has contacted the Society; the plans have changed for the meeting room, and the Society has been invited back to the library as a place

to hold our meetings. Discussion and a vote will take place at the March meeting.

Barbara Firestone announced that member Ruth Bishop is recovering from a stroke at the Brookside Rehabilitation Center in Redlands.

Membership chair Marg Polich announced that only about half our members have paid this year's dues.

President Floyd Ferguson asked for volunteers to fill our Ways and Means chair.

After the break, Barbara Thomas won our 50/50 drawing; Terry Brown shared the calendar she put together at the workshops last year.

Nancy Carlberg gave an interesting talk on name variations and how to use them in genealogical research.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M. by President Floyd Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted by

Jamie Daniel,
Secretary, YVGS

questions and answers provided on this excellent discussion list. If you have a genealogy blog, write about a question or subject from this board that was helpful for you.

Challenge 12

Check out the web sites for the [Society of American Archivists](http://www.archivists.org/), (<http://www2.archivists.org/>) [ARMA International](http://www.arma.org/) (<http://www.arma.org/>), and the [American Library Association](http://ala.org/) (<http://ala.org/>). Genealogists can benefit from the educational opportunities and publications of other information-based organizations. You may not be an archivist, records manager or librarian, but you share the same interests. Look at the events these associations hold. Find the books they publish and see if you can request them through your library via Inter-Library Loan. You may also want to check out your state's (or country's) library association. If you're a genealogy blogger, write about your impressions of one or more of these organizations.

Challenge 13

Week 13: Make an appointment with [Cyndi's List](http://www.cyndislist.com/) (<http://www.cyndislist.com/>). All beginning genealogy publications include a link to Cyndi's List because it is the ultimate guide for family history links. If you've never used Cyndi's List, take the time to look around. If you're familiar with the site, look again. Take the time to browse with detail. Don't try to research your own family's history, just move through the site and get a feel of all it has to offer. If you have a genealogy blog, share with your readers a new website you discovered through Cyndi's List.

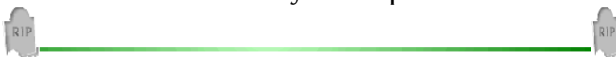
Challenge 14

Week 14: Use a different search engine for your online genealogy research. Google is quite popular, but other search engines may provide different results. Try [Yahoo! Search](#), [Bing](#), [Ask.com](#), [Dogpile](#), and even [Clusty](#). Pick an unusual surname and search it in different engines. Make note of the top 10 page returns for each. If you're a genealogy blogger, share your observations on this experience.



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



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.



Say What??

Oh, Those Confusing Genealogy Terms!

by Lorine McGinnis Schulze

There seems to be confusion among some genealogists as to the difference between an Abstract, an Extract, a Transcript or Transcription and an Image Copy. Let's first define these terms:

~**ABSTRACT or EXTRACT**: This is a summary of a document. It is often in point form but can be in complete sentences. It contains all the important details such as names, places and dates.

~**TRANSCRIPT & TRANSCRIPTION**: This is an exact copy of a document. The entire document is written out exactly as found. No corrections or changes are made to the original. Punctuation, upper and lower case letters, any errors are kept as is. Misspellings are not corrected.

~**IMAGE COPY**: A microfilm of a document. It could also be a photocopy, camera image or scan. Be careful to note whether the Image Copy is of an original document, transcript or extract.

Is it an exact copy of the original document, typed out or written out by a third party? If so, it's a Transcript or Transcription.

Perhaps you are looking at a microfilm of an original document (for example a church record or a census record). That is an image copy.

You might have found a book which gives summaries of wills. The full details of each will is not provided, but the book gives the main points - name of deceased, date of death, names of those mentioned in the will, date of signing and/or probate and names of witnesses. That is an Extract (or Abstract)

It's probably obvious that the best course of research accuracy is to consult an original. But if you can't find the original, your next best is a Transcript. You must keep in mind though that a transcript is only as accurate as the

person who did the transcribing! They may have introduced errors, which is why it is always wise to make the attempt to find the original.

The last choice would be an abstract. Yes it will give you the important points (although it too may have errors or important omissions) but you are not getting complete details and may be missing out on something that will provide you with clues for further research.

The cautious researcher will be careful to note what type of record is being consulted.

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



3rd workshop of the Year
Civil War Workshop March 12, 2011
at 12:00 P.M. before the meeting



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.

This month, bring any information you may have (including diaries, pictures, correspondence), about daily life during the period 1861-1865.



**Deadline for articles for the newsletter:
Thursday before the first Saturday of the
month (this means Thursday March 31st)**

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

or

909 792-2962

or

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Thank you Barbara Firestone and Betty Marcum for the delicious goodies you shared at the February meeting. Refreshments for the March meeting will be provided by Arlene Allsopp and Donna Hunter.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



A Little-Known Government Genealogy Service

A little-known program of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides genealogy information that may be difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. The records include naturalization files, visa applications and citizenship tests, and may reveal family secrets and mysteries. Under the USCIS Genealogy Program, which started in 2008, requests are usually completed within 90 days. For \$20, the government will run a search of the name, as long as the person is deceased. If there are records available, the government charges additional fees for the files. In fiscal year 2009, more than 5,300 requests were made, fewer than expected. In addition to relatives, historians or researchers can also request files. The documents typically include immigration information, often including exact hometowns in their ancestors' native countries. The files often have information on brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. Many times it is useful to obtain the records of your uncles, aunts, and cousins who also immigrated from "the old country." If the immigrant applied for American citizenship, the details are also included in these files. For anyone of Japanese, German, or Italian origin, who lived in the United States during World War II, the documents often include FBI reports about the person's activities, including friends, family, and political activities.

For more information about the program, check out <http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>.

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Confederate Pension Files

article on Genealogy Today

<http://www.genealogytoday.com> by Ruby Coleman

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Pensions for Confederate service during the Civil War were not issued by the federal government. The pensions were issued by the states which had formed the Confederacy. The applicant was eligible if he (or she, if widow was applying) was indigent or disabled.

Pensions were applied for in the state in which the veteran was living and not in the state where he had served. There were several state laws through the years which changed the eligibility requirements.

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The states which issued Confederate pensions are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

There are published indexes for some of the state's pension files and for some there is microfilm. The originals are in repositories such as the state archives or state library. Copies from microfilm or the originals can usually be obtained for a fee. Some of the pension files have been digitized. Be sure to also check the Family History Library Catalog (LDS) for available microfilm.

- Alabama - Alabama Department of Archives and History <http://tinyurl.com/5wd5va8>
- Arkansas - Arkansas History Commission two online indexes at <http://tinyurl.com/69vjw34>
- Florida - State Library and Archives of Florida digitized images in PDF at <http://www.floridamemory.com/collections/pensionfiles/>
- Georgia - Georgia Archives/Georgia Virtual Vault scanned images at <http://cdm.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/pension.php>
- Kentucky - Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives indexes have been published order form for copies of records at <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/research/military.htm>
- Louisiana - Louisiana State Archives, Genealogy and History Section index online at <http://www400.sos.louisiana.gov/archives/gen/cpa-alpha.htm>
- Mississippi - Mississippi Department of Archives and History microfilmed information at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/refreq.php>
- Missouri - The Missouri State Archives guide to resources - <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/civilwar/intro.asp>
- North Carolina - North Carolina Division of Archives and History microfilmed index at <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/archives> (select MARS Catalog tab)

- Oklahoma (Indian Territory) index at <http://www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/docs/pension.pdf> information at <http://www.okhistory.org/research/library/military.html>
- South Carolina - South Carolina Department of Archives and History information at <http://tinyurl.com/661fh52> search form at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchive/s/search.aspx> (record group should be Records of Confederate Veterans, 1909-1973)
- Tennessee - The Tennessee State Library and Archives index - <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/military/pension.htm> order by mail - <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/mailmil.htm>
- Texas - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission searchable index - <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/pensions/index.html>
- Virginia - Library of Virginia/Archives Division guide - <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/Civil-War/search> - <http://tinyurl.com/65mjkjd> (links to images)

Keep in mind that Confederate veterans who were living in the western or southwestern areas of the United States after the Civil War may have applied through the state where they had served.

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For the full speaker schedule, please go to


<http://scsgenealogy.com/storage/Jamboree/Jamboree2011/11%20Speaker%20Schedule%20WEB%202013.pdf>




Irish Toasts




May the Irish hills caress you.
May her lakes and rivers bless you.
May the luck of the Irish enfold you.
May the blessings of Saint Patrick
behold you.



May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun.
And find your shoulder to light on.
To bring you luck, happiness and riches.
Today, tomorrow and beyond.



May you have warm words on a cold
evening,
a full moon on a dark night,
and a smooth road all the way to your
door.



May you always walk in sunshine.
May you never want for more.
May Irish angels rest their wings right
beside your door.

