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## President's Message

We recently traveled to Florida by car. We used a GPS device to help us as we traveled across country. GPS's make travel easier by bypassing paper maps and the hassle that can come with that. As an extra they also provide you with information about restaurants, hotels, and attractions. I have also used GPS devices in my genealogy research, mostly to locate and record where a cemetery or a headstone is.

In regards to our genealogical research, so many types of maps exist that can be of assistance. In my own research I use a software program called AniMap put out by Gold Bug Software (<http://www.goldbug.com/>), a current Road Atlas, Google Maps, and the Dollarhide's *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*. Another book I would recommend is Kashuba's, *Walking with your Ancestors: A Genealogists Guide to Using Maps and Geography*.

This month our speaker will be Sterling Quinn who will be talking about internet maps and how you can use them for your genealogy. Sterling works with web mapping software at ESRI in Redlands. His expertise will be beneficial in our learning more about how to use maps and what online maps are available for our genealogy.

I think this subject is crucial in our work as genealogists. So many times we ignore maps in our research but they really could be the key to why you can't find what you are looking for. County lines changed, sometimes repeatedly and though your ancestor may have lived in what is now Riverside County, their records could be in San Bernardino or San Diego County!

Sterling's presentation promises to provide lots of new resources and ideas for researching and finding your ancestors.

Happy Researching! *Gena*

## COMING EVENTS

1. Saturday May 10, 2008 1:00 P.M.  
Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society meeting held at Yucaipa Branch library.  
Speaker: Sterling Quinn  
Topic: "Internet Maps Useful for Genealogy"  
Come Join Us!
2. Tuesday, May 8, 2008, 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library Conference Room. Topic: Learn About Old Photographs
3. Tuesday, May 22, 2008, 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library Conference Room.  
Topic: Scanning and Digital Photo Preservation (lab)
4. Sunday, May 25, 2008, 7:00 P.M. at Redlands Stake Center High Council Room, 5<sup>th</sup> and Wabash. Topic: "Learning more about your LDS Ancestors."  
Speaker: Gena Ortega

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## **New Year's Resolutions by Maureen Taylor**

*Editor's note: Last month, you may remember we read about April's resolution from Maureen. This month, we are continuing that series with the resolution for May.*

### **May**

Even though May usually represents Mother's Day, it is a good month to talk about children. Plant some genealogical seeds in your children's minds.

#### **Why Genealogy is Important for Children**

There are plenty of reasons why adults should be curious about family history, but what about children? Why should adults teach children about genealogy? I'm sure you have a few answers of your own.

My interest in genealogy and history began when I was about nine. At that point, there were no books written on the subject for kids. Instead I worked my way through Gilbert Doane's, *In Search of Your Ancestors* and followed his advice for about a year. It was a college history assignment that rekindled my interest in the topic and led to my working in the field. That's when I discovered that family history is a great way to teach children history-local, national and international. Over the years, as I worked with school groups, it became apparent there was still a lack of resources for children interested in genealogy.

When writing, *Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors* (Houghton Mifflin 1999), I interviewed professional genealogists and friends to find out about their childhood experiences with genealogy. They told me two things. First, that they found family history fascinating as children but didn't know how to go further with it, and second, that their grandparents played a pivotal role in their future as genealogists.

I bet many of you first became interested in the topic as children, but waited until you were adults before you started researching those names. Think of all the interviews you could've have conducted with relatives that are no longer alive. My grandmother never talked about her family, and I've been stuck on her parents for decades. If only I'd known what to ask. Perhaps that brick wall wouldn't exist.

So why get children involved with family history, and how do you do it? Let me give you a few reasons and suggestions.

#### ◆ It Provides Kids with a Connection

Every day in news we hear about children gone astray because they feel disconnected to their family and the world. As genealogists you know that families are endlessly fascinating. By filling in the blanks on the charts you discover that while all families are unique, researching your family is a personal detective story. You discover characteristics about yourself that you have in common with an earlier ancestor. For example, a musically talented child discovers that his great-grandfather played an instrument and sang in the church choir.

The news media also focuses attention on how different families are today than in past generations. As a genealogist I object. The variations in today's households are not that different than in previous centuries although they are talked about more.

For adoptees, research can help them connect to their adoptive family. This also means creating a sense of family by discussing the adoption process as well as why they were adopted (in age appropriate language), how you selected their names and teaching them about their heritage. If they know their birth name, adopted children can also research their birth family. Of course there are lots of different adoption stories, so think about how to establish that link using their history.

#### ◆ Pass on a Sense of History

At home, children need to have a sense of history. It's part of understanding who they are. This includes their own personal history as well as how world history influenced family decisions. Talk about what you did when you were their age, finding a common element. My children can't believe that their grandparent's lived without modern "necessities." This is basic history. When was television invented and when did you first experience it? What was your town like a few years ago or a century ago?

Ask them to keep a diary, write a memoir, take

pictures, or create a scrapbook. The final format is whatever they would like to produce based on their own creativity. It could even be a comparison of what their life is like compared to another family member's life at their age.

History surrounds kids, but they don't think about it. They primarily live in the present. In my kid's case, they live for the moment without thought of what came before so I try to incorporate history into everyday life through ordinary tasks. It's difficult to talk about history without boring children and the same is true for family history. My son loves sports, but hates all the protective equipment. It only takes a moment to insert a comment about the lack of shin pads and helmets when I was a kid to get his attention. Instead of waiting for him to ask another question, I'll ponder out loud, "I wonder what {insert the sport} was like when Grandpa was a kid. I like to think of genealogy as the history of everyone in the family even pets. No detail is too small to mention. After all, the goal is keep kids a part of the family and create a future generation of genealogists.

#### ◆ Gives Them A Context in Which to Understand the World

There are common threads that reappear in every generation besides birth, marriage, and death. Ask any student how many times they've moved in their lifetime and what the readjustment was like and you have a context for mentioning immigration. Many children move at least once during their school years. The local high school uses census documents to teach about immigration and assimilation. Unless the children are immigrants, moving is something they can relate to. War is another current that runs throughout family history. What is your family's experience during wartime, the current one and past ones? Older children can interview people, research documents and write about their findings. This is part of what we do as genealogists. By teaching kids family history one step at a time, you have a chance of giving them a lifetime hobby.

#### ◆ It's An Intergenerational Activity

Have I convinced you yet that it's important to introduce children to family history? I hope so. If not, think about all the time you've spent accumulating documents, photographs, and artifacts from your family. Now, whom are you going to leave all that material to? Once you get a child curious about their family history and keep them interested you've found someone who's going to take care of your efforts. By the time I learned enough about family history, countless documents were lost, thrown out when someone died. Teaching children about family history, not only lets you work on an activity together it lets them experience genealogy first hand by working with various family members. As they save their heritage it builds a sense of responsibility. I've spoken with many genealogists who despair over the lack of relatives interested in their hobby. I'm basically a stubborn person; I just keep trying different methods to reach out to kids until I find something that works. You can too.

#### ◆ Future Members

Here's a pet peeve. Why don't more genealogical societies offer special memberships and programming for children? By educating a younger generation about family history you not only encourage them to become adult members but reach out to their parent's as well. The Boy Scouts have a genealogy badge, but once those boys start researching their history, where else can they go? Someday, a genealogical organization will see that their future is with the children. After all, not only are they potential members, but donors as well.

On a related topic, wouldn't it be wonderful to have a genealogy magazine for kids full of interesting projects, activities, and first-person stories? The projected market for these subscriptions and publications are not only children aged nine and up, but all the teachers that include family history in their classroom. In many states, genealogy is taught as part of the curriculum on understanding similarities and as well as social studies. Teachers use it in a variety of ways including math assignments, English, history and art. There is a way to use it to teach almost every subject, even science now that genetics is being studied. Genealogical societies shouldn't underestimate the need for memberships directed at children; it's a huge potential market.

I know that it's been said before, but investing in children is an investment in our future. I don't know who said it or why, but the same thought applies to genealogy. By spending time helping kids understand family history, all of us benefit. A little less history is lost and you've given them a sense of how the world works.

I would love to hear from more people who started their family history research as children. Please send me an email and let me know more about it.

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*Maureen A. Taylor, of [www.TaylorandStrong.com](http://www.TaylorandStrong.com) and a contributing editor to Family Tree Magazine is the author of Preserving Your Family Photographs (Betterway 2001) and Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs (Betterway 2000) as well as a guide to family history for kids, Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors (Houghton Mifflin, 1999). Her columns appear in New England Ancestors, Ancestry Magazine, and Family Tree Magazine. Her numerous television and radio appearances include The View, MSNBC, and DIY: Scrapbooking.*

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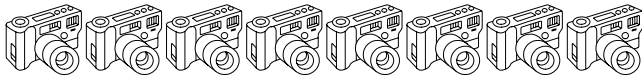
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beating around the bush	75
jumping to conclusions	100
climbing the walls	150
passing the buck	25
dragging your heels	100
bending over backward	75
running around in circles	350

*Quoted in The Family Tree, Odom Library, from the  
Genealogy Unlimited Society, Inc. in Valdosta, GA*

**Public Library**

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Classes in Computer usage for Beginners

Microsoft Excel

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These are offered on a Sign up Basis, 7 people to  
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leave your telephone number. When a class is  
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are quite knowledgeable.

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from Stater's...and everyone needs  
groceries!**



**Family History Research Classes for 2008**

Redlands Yucaipa Multi-Stake Family History Center

All Classes Sunday evening 7:00p.m.

Redlands Stake Center High Council Room

May 25—Topic: "Learning more about your LDS  
Ancestors" Speaker: Gena Ortega

June 22—Topic: "British Research"  
Speaker: Dawna Lund

July 27—Topic: “Photo-editing your Pictures”  
Speaker: Yvonne Gadbois

August 24 –New Family Search Speaker: To Be Announced

September 28—Topic: “Internet Genealogy”  
Speaker: Annette Spaulding

October 26—To Be Announced

November 23—Topic: “Church Records”  
Speaker: Shawn Price

## Family History Center

Located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Wabash in Redlands

Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Friday - Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.3844



*Thank you, Darlene Jones, for the delicious refreshments at the April Meeting.*

*Marg Polich and Pauline Brigham will provide the refreshments for the May Meeting.*

*Sue Wolfe, Hospitality*



## Notice!

We have a new website!  
Check it out!

## Our new domain name is

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

### ARE YOU A GOOD ANCESTOR?

A good ancestor keeps certificates including birth and death certificates; records including health, military, naturalization, and school; passports; newspaper and church notices; awards; photos; art and craft work; journals; Bibles; diaries; baby, school and wedding books; heirlooms.

He or she dates correspondence, cares for tombstones, keeps research organized, writes or tapes the family stories, and supports family organizations.

A good ancestor dates everything, is sure that full names are included, records where material may be found and always sees that at least one other copy of important data is somewhere else.

A hundred years from now, will they think you were a good ancestor?



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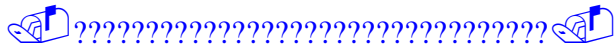
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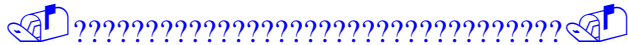
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Now is your chance! Some people think the same old faces run everything in this society, but the truth is...there are job opportunities open! This board needs your help. If you have a bit of extra time every month, we need someone to take charge of **Publicity**, and someone else to take over the **Ways and Means**, since Gena is President this year. When the nominating committee was looking for help last year, you didn't come forward—but you can now! Please don't make the same ones of us do all the work...we need everyone to be involved!



## What's in the Mail box?



The YVGS corresponds with other genealogy societies in different parts of the United States. We receive the following newsletters:

- Los Angeles WESTSIDE Genealogical Society*
- Patrick County (Virginia) Tracks*
- Northwest Iowa Rootdiggers*
- The Family Gathering (Morongo Basin)*
- Desert Diggings (Hi-Desert GS)*
- The Searcher (Southern California)*
- Past Finder (Hemet-San Jacinto GS)*
- Somervell (County, Texas) Settlers*
- CSGA Newsletter—California State Genealogical Alliance*
- The News and Notes (Southern California Genealogical Society)*

Karen Morlan will be writing this column for us, but due to family illness, she will not be starting until June. Please be patient.

The mail will always be placed on the display case on the side of the meeting room. Please take the time to browse through what's there. *Remember, this Society gets mail addressed to all members. It's your mail!*



*Please remember to bring your old cell phones and your used computer printer ink cartridges to the next meeting. Our society will receive cash back for recycling these items.*



## Anna M. Jarvis's Mother's Day in 1908

After Anna Reeves Jarvis died, her daughter Anna M. Jarvis campaigned for the creation of an official Mother's Day in remembrance of her mother and in honor of peace. In 1908, Anna petitioned the superintendent of the church where her Mother had spent over 20 years teaching Sunday School. Her request was honored, and on May 10, 1908, the first official Mother's Day celebration took place at Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia and a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The West Virginia event drew a congregation of 407 and Anna Jarvis arranged for white carnations—her Mother's favorite flower—to adorn the patrons. Two carnations were given to every Mother in attendance. Today, white carnations are used to honor deceased Mothers, while pink or red carnations pay tribute to Mothers who are still alive. Andrew's Methodist Church exists to this day, and was incorporated into the International Mother's Day Shrine in 1962.

## US Government Adoption

In 1908 a U.S. Senator from Nebraska, Elmer Burkett, proposed making Mother's Day a national holiday at the request of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). The proposal was defeated, but by 1909 forty-six states were holding Mother's Day services as well as parts of Canada and Mexico.

Anna Jarvis quit working and devoted herself full time to the creation of Mother's Day, endlessly petitioning state governments, business leaders, women groups, churches and other institutions and organizations. She finally convinced the World's Sunday School Association to back her, a key influence over state legislators and congress. In 1912 West Virginia became the first state to officially recognize Mother's Day, and in 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Southern California Genealogical Society's  
**39<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Southern California Genealogy Jamboree**

June 27, 28 and 29, 2008  
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	Single-Day Registration: Sunday	___ @ \$30	___ @ \$40	___ @ \$35	___ @ \$45	\$ _____

If you are not a member of SCGS, why not join today? Take advantage of the lower registration fees for members for Jamboree and enjoy all the benefits of membership year round – periodicals *The Searcher* and "The News & Notes," classes, discounts on SCGS publications, Research Team assistance, products and information services, and related services such as DNA testing. If you are already a member, now is a great time to renew!

Single membership – 1 year	\$ 30	Family membership – 1 year	\$ 40
Single membership – 2 years	\$ 55	Family membership – 2 years	\$ 75
Student membership – 1 year	\$ 20		

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Jamboree offers many opportunities for networking and socializing. Spouses, family members and friends are welcome to attend these special event activities even if they are not registered for Jamboree.

Optional Event #1	Friday Night Banquet 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak's heartwarming account of "Right Annie, Wrong Annie: The Search for Annie Moore of Ellis Island" will entertain family historians as well as spouses, relatives and friends. Seating limited to 200.	Early Bird Registration on or before May 1, 2008		Preregistration Only May 2 to June 15, 2008 No Ticket Sales at the Door		Friday Evening Banquet Fee Enclosed
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Optional Event #2	Saturday Breakfast 7:30 am to 9:00 am "Effective Society Management" Panel Discussion. Wendy Bebout Elliot, Ph.D., FUGA; Jana Broglin, CG, Drew Smith, MLS, Cath Trindle, CG. All-American breakfast. Seating limited to 150.	Early Bird Registration on or before May 1, 2008		Preregistration Only May 2 to June 15, 2008 No Ticket Sales at the Door		Saturday Breakfast Fee Enclosed
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Optional Event #3	Saturday Evening Social / Dinner 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Dick Eastman. "Putting the Genes in Genealogy." Learn your family history to help your family fight or neutralize inherited diseases. Relax, network, and enjoy a casual meal with friends. Seating limited to 150.	Early Bird Registration on or before May 1, 2008		Preregistration Only May 2 to June 15, 2008 No Ticket Sales at the Door		Saturday Evening Social / Dinner Fee Enclosed
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Optional Event #4	Sunday Breakfast 7:30 am to 9:00 am "Presidential Genealogy." Christopher C. Child and Gary Boyd Roberts, NEHGS. Learn about the ancestry and interesting kinships of past presidents, and the ancestry of the 2008 candidates. Seating limited to 150.	Early Bird Registration on or before May 1, 2008		Preregistration Only May 2 to June 15, 2008 No Ticket Sales at the Door		Sunday Breakfast Fee Enclosed
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Early Bird Registration discounts close as of May 1. Pre-registration closes June 15. Jamboree walk-in registrations will be available at the door, but registrations for special meal events will not be available after June 15. Refunds requested in writing on or before June 15 will be assessed a \$25 administrative fee. Sorry, no refunds after June 15.

Individuals who register by May 1 are assured of receiving a printed copy of the conference syllabus. Individuals who register after May 1 and walk-ins will receive copies of the syllabus CD format. Printed copies of the syllabus will be available for \$10 while quantities last. Early registrants may purchase a CD copy of the syllabus for \$5.

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## **My Ancestor Quest ...**

**Where did they migrate way back in their day. What was their life like; where "next" did they stay?**

**When were they born, Where now do they rest? This family I follow, their life, is my quest.**

**As new lands were opened, in droves did they leave. Family scattered like driftwood, leaving old ones to grieve.**

**In what land were they fathered? What there did they see? Were they somehow related to both you and me?**

**Who were their life partners? What names will I find? Their children are many; were their faces like mine?**

**First names keep repeating as surnames entwine, With descendants so many Which Rene will prove mine?**

**Each day by the mail, box I hope, and I pray that someone with more knowledge will send answers my way.**

**Please Lord, send an Angel, Give me proof, as I sort; with birth dates, speculations, and first names "cut short".**

**Old maps, clips and photos, I find, trade, and share. All help solve this puzzle with some spaces left bare.**

**The lessons in history, that now, I know well. From guesses, to gospel, for years, I did dwell.**

**Lost memories, so precious, I find, now and then. At times really discouraged, then I find faith again!**

**What hardships, achievements, adventures, and woes, what joys, and true blessings, did "my people" know?**

**Family stories, so treasured, memories told, without doubt. Old voices and faces, from "our world", winked out.**

**Where last did they travel? My ancestors, "true". With each question answered the quest starts anew.**

**Author Unknown**

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