

# YVGS FAMILY FINDERS



Yucaipa Valley  
Genealogical Society  
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**YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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**Happy Founder's Day**  
**May 2009—VOLUME 27 NO. 5**

**First Board of Directors for  
Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society:**

President: Bonnie Jacobsen

Vice President: John Reynolds

Recording Secretary: Rosalind Bennett

Treasurer: Eloise Cunningham

At the close of 1982 there were a total of 59 members, of which 54 were Founding Members.

The founding members were:

Carol Barnard, Rosalind Bennett, Ruth Bowen, Elva Brooks, Gladys Corcoran, Eloise Cunningham, Alberta Danley, James Danley, Bonnie Davis, Glen Downer, Lula Downer, Margaret Eichman, Rita Farrow, Randall Fentress, Mildred Fife, Patricia Flory, Clarice Fulkerson, Marny Goens, Ruth Henderson, Shirley Hetrick, Evelyn Hofmeister, Barbara Hunt, Mildred Hutchinson, Robert Hutchinson, Wanda Hyde, Bonnie Jacobsen, Harriet Johnson, Bertha Keeton, Dorval Keeton, Dorothy Lee, Linda Long, Leonard Lord, Vera Lord, Barbara Magana-Thomas, Maebelle Marshall, Marie Martin, Wayne Martin, Arlene Mitcheltree, Lorna Olmos, Ruby Parks, Darren Patton, Abie Peters, Gerada Peters, Virginia Reed, John Reynolds, Priscilla Smart, Pearl Smart, Pat Stafford, Stan Stafford, Kathleen Talley, Kathy Tolliver, Virginia Tolliver, Ann Whitlock, and Mary Woodmansee.

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society

Cordially invites you  
To join us  
at our  
27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting  
Refreshments

Saturday May 9, 2009  
1:00 to 3:00 P.M.  
At the Yucaipa Branch Library  
12040 Fifth Street  
Yucaipa, California

Founding Members will be Honored

Please call if you need transportation

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President	Earl Giddings
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Secretary	Karen Morlan
Treasurer	Marg Polich

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Corresponding Secretary	Karen Morlan
Librarian	Ruth Bishop
Editor	Jamie Daniel
Hospitality	Sue Wolfe
Welcome	Terry Brown
Membership	VACANT
Publicity	VACANT
Sunshine	Barbara Thomas
Historian	VACANT
Ways and Means	VACANT

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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.

### What you missed!

## YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING OF April 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER by President Earl Giddings at 1:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Betty Marcum

Minutes of the last meeting read by Karen Morlan and approved as read.

Treasurer's report given by Marg Polich, balance in the account currently at \$1449.70. There being no questions the report was approved and filed for audit.

Vice President Ruth Jarmusz reported that the Yucaipa Valley Library micro film reader is now ready for use.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

*Editor:* Jamie Daniel: There are currently 23 newsletters being mailed, and 22 being e mailed. Please have any news articles to the editor two weeks before the next meeting. [jamiedaniel33@gmail.com](mailto:jamiedaniel33@gmail.com)

*Historian:* waiting to be filled

*Hospitality:* Sue Wolfe: No new announcements.

*Librarian:* Ruth Bishop-absent.

*Membership:* New member Donna Hunter was introduced, as was guest Ashley Hart. There were 14 members present.

*Publicity:* waiting to be filled

*Sunshine:* Barbara Thomas: A card was sent to Terry Brown and a thank you received.

*Ways and Means:* Society has received a check for \$37.00 for the ink cartridges that were collected.

*Welcome:* Terry Brown-absent.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** The Library committee will meet this month to decide which newsletters to keep, which books will be given to the library and what will be made available to the membership.

**NEWBUSINESS:** Earl will be adding a new page to the website, containing the surnames and geographical areas of interest of each of our members. No addresses or telephone numbers will be included, and those having questions or wishing further information can contact the society through the website.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jamie Daniel made a motion to accept the proposed changes to By Laws. Barbara Thomas seconded the motion. Approved and passed. Copies of the new By Laws and the new Standing Rules will be available at the next meeting. The refreshments were provided by Betty Marcum and Karen Morlan. After the break Benny Canales won the

50/50 drawing and donated his portion back to the society.

Ruth Jarmusz introduced our speaker, Claire Marie Teeters, from the Yucaipa Valley Historical Society

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

*Karen Morlan*, Secretary

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1. Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society meeting at the Yucaipa Branch Library. Special Celebration to Honor Charter Members.

*Speaker:* Gena Philibert Ortega

*Topic:* Researching Female Ancestors

Come join us!

2. Wednesday May 6, 2009, 10:30 A.M. and Wednesday May 13, 2009, 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library

*Topic:* DNA Genealogy and You—using your DNA to solve puzzles

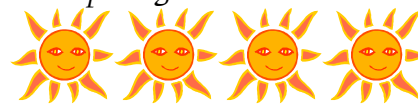
3. Wednesday May 20, 2009, and Wednesday May 27, 2009 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library

*Topic:* Publishing Your Family History

4. Sunday, May 24, 2009, 7:00 P.M. at the Redlands Family History Center, Wabash and Fifth, Redlands.

*Topic:* FHC Portal & FS Labs

*Speaker:* Annette Spalding



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!



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**

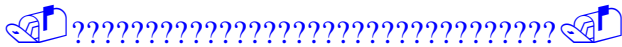
[www.hemetpubliclibrary.org](http://www.hemetpubliclibrary.org)

Classes in Computer usage for Beginners  
Microsoft Excel  
Microsoft Power Point

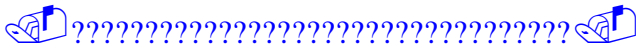
These are offered on a Sign up Basis, 7 people to a class. You sign up at the Reference Desk and leave your telephone number. When a class is filled, you will be called and told which days to come. They will be hands-on with laptop computers available. Larry Bowles, Leticia Bowles and Dan Atherstone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

*Free Classes*

Mr. Bowles is a certified genealogist



**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)

This month, the mail includes-  
Southern California Genealogical Society  
Newsletter  
"The Searcher" Spring 2009

Northwest Iowa Genealogical Society from Le Mars Iowa

The Family Gathering Newsletter

Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society

April 2009

Ad from Genealogical Publishing Company

Pedigree Searchers Palm Springs California

The mail will always be placed on front table 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!



**This month's speaker:**

**Gena Philibert Ortega** is a

professional genealogist, helping others research their family history and learn more about their ancestor's lives. She holds a Master's degree in

Interdisciplinary Studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a Master's degree in Religion. Gena teaches classes and workshops in genealogical research techniques. As a writer, Gena writes articles for the online newsletter, Genweekly, published by Genealogy Today. She is also the author of the book, Cemeteries of the Eastern Sierra, published by Arcadia Publishing (2007).

**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.

*Free Sessions*

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Group Representative:

Donna L. Senff-Mata

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951-654-1796

[donna.matal@verizon.com](mailto:donna.matal@verizon.com)

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.

Also at the Hemet Public Library:

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

*Have you clicked on it yet?*

Don't forget to see the new content on our website.

Check it out!

Our new domain name is

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

### Classes for 2009

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

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

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

### 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, Wednesday, Sunday  
6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.  
New Thursday Hours:  
Groups by appointment only.

FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.3844

## MEMBERS:

Please update your areas of interest in genealogy (they include the

surnames you are researching, the geographical areas, and the dates). If you have questions about this, please refer to your copy of the membership list. It has everyone's area of interest listed. If you did not receive your new membership list, or you need to update please contact Betty Marcum at [betty2door@verizon.net](mailto:betty2door@verizon.net) or at the May meeting.

This information will be included on a new website page, to be called "Families of Interest." Your personal information, address, telephone, etc., WILL NOT be included. All contact will be made through the website address.

Who knows? Perhaps someone will see your surnames on our website and contact us, thus helping you break down a brick wall you've been working on for ages!

**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!

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*Editor's Note: As I have been beginning to clean out our family home, I came across two beautifully bound books I gave to my parents: The Story of a Lifetime—A Keepsake of Personal Memoirs. They have their names inscribed on them. As I opened them, I was not surprised to find them totally empty...and now my Daddy is gone, and my mother's memory has left her.*

*So...I am encouraging you all to do what they did not find the time to do—put your memories together for your children! You may never know how much it will mean to them...but, then again, they just might tell you how much they appreciate it. I can guarantee it will mean more than all the family tree charts and headstone photos in the world.*

*And, oh, by the way, they won't care if you don't have a professional writing style. Write it like you would tell it to them.*



## Writing a Personal History

How to begin:

- Gather materials—place in file folders, in a box, or in large labeled envelopes. Keep looking daily for items; ask family members. Have a notebook into which you can write memories as they come to you—divide the notebook into time periods or topics. (some items to include: pictures, certificates, documents, news clippings, important letters)
- Divide material into 3 sections: childhood, youth, adult (or maybe sub-divide adulthood to pre-marriage, marriage, children, grandchildren, or perhaps by where you lived, or careers)
- Begin with childhood material, arranging in some order—perhaps by school grades. Ask family members to write early memories of you.

- Decide on a method of organization (a.) chronological, or (b.) topic (examples: homes lived in, friends interests, family, major events of each period, trips, learning experiences).
- Make lists and notes as you remember and as you are organizing. Write your story in sections, making a goal for time of completion. Weave in pictures and other items.

Possible items to include:

- Introductory sketch on the background of your family-ancestry, etc.
- Religion of you family
- Areas of residence
- Impression of your parents, siblings,
- Items about your birth, earliest recollections
- Early school memories
- Teen years
- College, work military
- Courtship/marriage
- Children
- Talents, hobbies, travel, favorite books, songs, movies, heroes, sports
- Special events, family traditions
- Moving to new homes, locations
- Philosophy, favorite quotations, poems, scripture, wise words to future generations

Pictures, home movies, etc, can be assembled on videotape-old tape recordings of voices, etc. Narration can be used.

*Remember, it doesn't have to be fancy. It has to be about YOU.*



Thank you Karen Morlan and Bette Marcum for the wonderful

refreshments that you served at the April meeting.

The Board of Directors will be providing the refreshments for our Anniversary Meeting on May 9th. Hope to see everyone there.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



## 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!

We pass now to marriage:

**Banchory Devenick, 1827**

**Marriage of Andrew Wood & Agnes Twig [And they branched out] (not in book)**

**(24 July 1828 son George)**

**(Banchory Devenick, Kincardineshire; 4.10.1827 - OPR 251/3, Fr-)**

**A gentle recommendation for getting married:**

**'Marriage is honourable in all things and the bed undefiled. But whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. And marriage was institute for the procreation of children in a lawful way. Better Marry than Burn.'**

**(Edinburgh, 1721)**

**Clearly little changes and marriage has always been an uncertain state:**

**'Donald Camerone (Woodend) to Mary Cameron (Aharkile)**

**N.B. There has been something very odd about the above parties. They fast contracted and then split. Then agreed and with much regularity married, were not married passing 5 days when lo the weaker vessel set sail and steered her course for**

**her mammy.'**

**(Strontian, Feb 1833 - OPR 505-3/2, Fr-)**

**'25 June. Patrick Cheyne, Schoolmaster at Echt & Mrs. Sophia Garioch, Daugtr. of Alexr. Garioch Farmer in Glack in the Parish of Kinernie were contracted in order to Marriage but by the mutual consent of both Parties [the match was broke off].**

**Ha ha ha ha! He he he!' [in different writing]**

**(Wm Blair's Transcript - Midmar, 1720; OPR 222/1, Fr 231**

**'Married 24th June James Dobie in the parish of Lochmaben to Jenny Cannon lately in the Moss from Lochrutton, both out of this parish, being the first pair married in the New Kirk. She was next year condemned to be hanged for stealing cattle but got a reprieve and afterwards a full pardon.'**

**(Lochmaben, 1786)**

**'Hugh Thomson and Jean Greenlies both in this Congregation. She Rewed'.**

**(Campbeltown, 1723; OPR 507/1A, Fr 225)**

**Parents didn't always approve of their child's choice of partner:**

**'Alexander Blair, weaver and Eliza Russell both of this Parish have been three several times proclaimed in the Parish Church here. Objections to the said Marriage betwixt the said Alexander Blair & Eliza Russell have been made by James Blair father of Alexander Blair as father.**

**1) That the said Alexander Blair is not of the age nor can he without the consent of his parents enter into a Matrimonial alliance.**

**2) That the said Eliza Russell is not the person he can recommend as a wife to his said son. She having had several illegitimate children.**

**3) That the said James Blair considers that his said son is scarcely of the age of puberty, at least he is not eighteen years of age.'**

**(OPR 424/17, Fr 5048A)**

**And in Longforgan in 1685 we find the somewhat ambiguous statement:**

**'It is also ordered that no brydegroom kiss his bryde before the Minister under the pain of ten merk.'**



*The hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation and its destiny.* --South African proverb

**Mother's Day** is a holiday celebrated in many countries around the world, but not all nations celebrate on the same day. In the United States, Mother's Day is always celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Many other countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium also celebrate Mother's Day on the same day as the United States. England, however, celebrates Mother's Day on the fourth Sunday of Lent, and in Argentina it is the second Sunday in October. International Mother's Day is actually celebrated on May 11.

### A Brief History of Mother's Day

The earliest celebration honoring mothers dates back to the annual spring festival of ancient Greece dedicated to [Rhea](#), the Mother of the Gods. The Greeks would pay tribute with honey-cakes and fine drinks and flowers at dawn. Much like our current Mother's Day tradition of breakfast in bed! Early Christians celebrated this festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary. Later, in England, an ecclesiastical order expanded the holiday to include all mothers, and decreed it as Mothering Sunday. Servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers.

When the first English colonists settled in America they didn't really have time for many celebrations. The tradition of Mothering Sunday was discontinued until 1872 when [Julia Ward Howe](#) (1819-1910), the author of the lyrics to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, organized a day for mothers dedicated to peace.

*And from last year's May newsletter, the rest of the History of Mother's Day, or Mother's Day in the United States:*

### 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.

**FRANK & ERNEST**

by Thaves



# The Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society



**Geoff Rasmussen** holds a degree in Genealogy and Family History and was awarded the Young Family Historian of the Year Award. The father of four budding genealogists, Geoff has served as Vice-President of the Utah Genealogical Association and is the youngest individual to ever be its director. In addition to speaking internationally on genealogy technology, Geoff teaches for the Education Department at Brigham Young University and for the prestigious Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. He is the author of numerous books, articles and training videos. He met and proposed to his wife in a Family History Center.

Geoff is known as a dynamic, humorous speaker who likes to interact with his audience. He is best known for his work with Legacy Family Tree software and is its best lecturer and demonstrator on the use of that product. Geoff Rasmussen regularly reviews major genealogical software programs and is well known as a major authority on technology as used by genealogists. At last year's Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree, Geoff drew crowds that left standing

room only!

Speaking on:

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**Organizing, Planning & Sharing Using Legacy Family Tree Software**

### **Tips & Tricks With Legacy Family Tree**

**Insider's Guide to Using Legacy Family Tree - Why Even Professional Genealogists Prefer it!**

### **Mapping Your Ancestors Electronically: Using Software and the Internet**

**The Best New Software and Web Sites for the Genealogist**

### **Sharing Genealogy Electronically: Publishing to CD/DVD, the Internet, and E-Mail**

**Learn How to Preserve, Share, Publish, and Backup your family history**

**Saturday, May 16, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m.**

A catered luncheon is available if requested. Each lunch consists of croissant sandwich, salads, a vegetable garnish, fruit, dessert and drink. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Books, DVDs, CDs, and genealogical materials will be sold. **This speaker is so popular we encourage you to get your registration in as soon as possible. We have a limited number of seats available.**

***REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: 10 MAY 2009 TO GET THE LUNCH  
REGISTRATIONS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR BUT NO LUNCH IS INCLUDED!***

Please register me for the May 16, 2009 seminar and workshop conducted by Geoff Rasmussen.

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Registration \_\_\_ @ \$25.00 Luncheon Ticket(s) \_\_\_ @ \$8.00  
At Door Registration Price is \$30.00

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# *The Bridge*

The way I walk I see my mother walking,  
The feet secure and firm upon the ground.  
The way I talk I hear my daughter talking  
And hear my mother's echo in the sound.  
The way she thought I find myself now  
thinking,  
The generations linking  
In a firm continuum of mind.  
The bridge of immortality I'm walking,  
The voice before me echoing behind.

*by Dorothy Hilliard Moffatt*

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