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Presidents Message

A look back: I would like to thank our April speaker, Jean Wilcox Hibben, Phd, Ma, CGsm who spoke on "Communicating in your Ancestors' Homeland: Understanding Other Cultures can Make or Break Overseas Research." I thought of her talk when I overheard a conversation. It was a beautiful, crisp morning. I had noticed the fragrance and color of the flowers, and was thinking how wonderful springtime was. At that point I overheard someone else, who must have been having similar thoughts, say to a gentleman as they passed each other, "Good morning, It's May 1st, a wonderful May Day." The gentleman's face clouded over and in a surly voice he replied, "It is if you're a Communist." Now this was a difference in perception based on individuals backgrounds. What is May Day to you? Jean got us to thinking what our ancestors must have dealt with differences of geography, cultural and nationality as they moved across oceans and continents, sometimes even just across the street. Words, phrases and social behavior are all part of the pursuit of Genealogy.

May meeting workshop: We will do a short review of the March and April workshops on Scanning, Editing and Filing followed by more hands on experience using scanners. Bring your pictures, I am told that there are many of you that have not had the chance to work with the scanners yet.

Special May outing: We are planning an outing on May 22. We will meet at the Redlands Family Stake Center from 9:00 to 12:00. Arrive around 9:00 and we will plan to have an introduction to the facility. Then we will make use of the research tools that they have available. I would suggest that you bring anything from some of your family group sheets to a laptop. Bring pen, pencil and paper or notebook. If you use one bring a memory stick for digital downloads. Plan ahead with a couple of questions or goals that you would like to accomplish. The address is, 350 Wabash Avenue, Redlands.

In the future: We are planning another outing, (the date has not been set) to participate in a cemetery survey. That will be a morning event and Earl Giddings will be giving us more information about how it will be done and what tools are needed.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting and please, bring a friend.

Floyd K. Ferguson

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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
April 10, 2010

Workshop: 12:00 P.M. Editing pictures

President, Floyd K. Ferguson, opened the meeting at 1:40 P.M. Jean Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Bonnie Brown read the minutes from the March meeting; the minutes were approved as read. Terry Brown welcomed guests. Arlene Allsopp read the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account is \$1662.95. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Marg Polich announced that we have 35 paid members. Marg handed out the Members Areas of Interest List for 2010; she advised each person to check to make sure all information was correct.

Historian: Barbara Cogorno no longer subscribes to any newspaper and asked members to bring in articles on genealogy, and/or about our members.

Website: Earl R. Giddings reported on work on the website, and references to findagrave.com, as well as information on working at Mountain View Cemetery in Beaumont. He also asked for volunteers to help

survey and transcribe this cemetery. Earl will have further information at a later meeting.

Floyd Ferguson asked if the society would like to continue working on "scanning, editing, filing documents and pictures." It was once again voted that we would continue this next month. He will bring handouts to the next meeting as to what has been covered to date.

Announcement: Saturday, May 22, we will meet as a group to work at the Redlands Family History Center from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. [needs to be corrected to 9:00 to 12:00] Floyd asked for members who were familiar with the center to please be on hand to help others.

After a short break, Earl Giddings won the 50/50 drawing.

Floyd Ferguson introduced our speaker, Jean Wilcox-Hibbin. Her topic: "Communicating in your ancestor's homeland." The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Brown, Secretary

COMING EVENTS

1. Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library conference room. For more information inquire in the Heritage Room or call (951) 765-2372

Topic: "Basic Photo-scanning, editing, saving"

2. Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 12:00 P.M. Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society at the Yucaipa Branch Library. Workshop at 12:00 Scanning and editing pictures and documents.

Meeting at 1:00 P.M. Speaker: Alice Colby Volkert

Topic: "Basic DNA" Come join us!

3. Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 10:30 A.M. in the Hemet Public Library conference room. For more information inquire in the Heritage Room or call (951) 765-2372

Topic: "Publishing Your Family History"

4. Saturday, May 22, 2010 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Special YVGS trip to Redlands Family History Center, 5th and Wabash in Redlands. Come and learn how to use FHC resources for your research!

5. Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Genealogy Research Class of 2009 at Family History Center 5th and Wabash in Redlands.

Topic: "Understanding Your Computer"

Speaker: Samuel Maxwell

Sweater, n.: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly. ~Ambrose Bierce

Did you know?
HEMET-SAN JACINTO
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
has
Ancestry.com Lessons
Every
Wednesday & Friday
@ 3:30pm
in the
Heritage Room
at the
Hemet
Public Library

Editor's note: I received this letter a few months ago and neglected to share it with you. It is because of the work of this fine organization that I was able to find the records and the gravesite of an ancestor of my children-one I might not have found because the name-John Snyder-is so common.



SUVCW National Graves Registration Database

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) National Graves Registration Project was established in 1996. Since then, hundreds of dedicated people from within and without our Order have graciously devoted thousands of hours of their time and energy visiting cemeteries, recording, verifying, researching and entering the final resting places of Civil War veterans. From the beginning, one thing was missing - the means for the SUVCW and the general public to search and view the results of our labor on the Internet. As the number of registrations grew, it was also apparent that duplication of effort and waste of time was reaching an unacceptable level, without knowledge of what was completed and what needed further investigation.

The National Graves Registration Database (<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home>) is now available to all. The database was activated February 22, 2005. This will make all original registrations available for viewing by the general public, as well as allowing for new registrations to be entered through our online program.

It is our hope that this online database program will promote increased interest in the SUVCW National Graves Registration Project and take us to an entirely new level of achievement. Depending on the source referenced, there were between 4.2 and 4.8 million Union Civil War Veterans. Due to mass burials, unreported battlefield losses, burials at sea and other circumstances, we can never expect to register all Union graves, but with your assistance we will succeed in honoring the "boys in blue" to the best of our ability.

Loran Bures, Commander
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2
Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
<http://www.suvcw.org/camp2.html>

*A man loves his sweetheart the most,
his wife the best,
but his mother the longest.*

~Irish Proverb

Family History Center

Located at 5th and Wabash in Redlands

Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday

6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

New Thursday Hours:

Groups by appointment only.

FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.3844

Our May Speaker is

Alice Colby Volkert

Topic: BASIC DNA

The field of genetics genealogy can help you answer questions about your past, trace your history and even find relatives you never even knew existed. Genetic genealogy also has the potential to disprove long trusted oral history and raise new questions you might otherwise never be able to answer.

While it can't provide you with your entire family tree or tell you who your ancestors are, DNA testing can:

- Determine if two people are related
- Determine if two people descend from the same ancestor
- Find out if you are related to others with the same surname
- Prove or disprove your family tree research
- Provide clues about your ethnic origin

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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!



Obituaries



*We remember Henrietta Kelly,
Former member.*

Henrietta M. Kelly passed away at Plymouth Village on April 21, one day after her 98th birthday.

Born in Reno, Nevada, in 1912, she grew up in La Canada, Calif. She graduated from La Canada schools and the John Muir Technical High School. She went on to graduate from the L.I.F.E. Bible School and after marrying Dale Kelly Sr., also a graduate from L.I.F.E., they moved to Redlands in the early '40s to pastor at the Four Square Gospel Church of Redlands.

While raising three children, Henrietta went to work for the California Water & Telephone Company/GTE/Verizon, where she worked for 43 years.

After retiring from the telephone company, she received her teaching credential from the University of Redlands. She worked as a substitute teacher in many Redlands schools as well as the San Bernardino County Detention Center, where the kids all called her "Grandma."

She was a charter member of the Ted Fisher Club, an avid square dancer and a member of the American Business Women's Association. As a member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, she helped to establish a new chapter, Sigma Yau, at the University of Redlands. She was a graduate of the Arthur Murray School of Dance and a member of the Cow Counties Hoedown Association.

She loved to knit, crochet and do needlepoint projects. She was involved with the Citrus Belt Quilters and the Hospital League's Neo-Natal Unit crocheting premie caps for premature infants.

She is survived by her two daughters; Beth Tevis of Liberty, Missouri, and Darlene Deckwar of Redlands. Dale Kelly Sr. and her son Dale Kelly predeceased her. In addition to her children, she is survived by 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A family memorial service will be held at Prospect Park later this year. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Redlands Community Hospital's Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit in her name.



**Deadline for articles for the newsletter:
Thursday**

**Before the first Saturday of the month.
This next month (June), I need to have
your articles by Thursday, June 3rd.**

*If you have articles, pictures or essays you
would like to contribute to the newsletter,
please contact the editor, Jamie Daniel, at:*

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or

909 792-2962

or

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Editor's note: Here is the fifth in the series of resolutions for the New Year. THIS one is especially timely for me, as I have started to go through 50 years worth of memorabilia in our old house. Please heed this advice, as I don't want you to discover you've lost old photos forever!

Label & Store Your Family Photos

Most of us have piles of precious family photographs sitting in piles or boxes waiting to be labeled, organized, put into scrapbooks, digitized, etc. Don't let another year go by with those photos fading both from light and from people's memories. Get together with relatives and identify as many people as you can and label those pictures. Be sure to use a photo-safe marking pencil or pen! If you have access to a scanner then consider digitizing the photos onto CD-ROM to preserve them indefinitely. Even if you don't have time to create scrapbooks and really get the photos organized right now, make sure you get them out of old envelopes and shoeboxes and into archival quality plastic sleeves or acid-free photo boxes before they are lost forever. Make copies of important photographs and other important documents and share them with another family member. The recipient will no doubt enjoy the gift, and a second copy will help to ensure that these precious photos will not be lost forever in the event of an unforeseen disaster.

Preserving the Past

How to Care For and Protect Your Precious Family Photos

Whether it is paintings on cave walls or writings chiseled in stone, mankind has been recording history since the beginning of time. The ability to document history photographically is a more recent invention, however, beginning with the

daguerreotype in 1838. Photographs provide a very important visual connection to our ancestors.

Shared family physical characteristics, hairstyles, clothing styles, family traditions, special events and more provide a graphic portrayal of the lives of our ancestors, but if we do not properly care for our photographs, some of our history will fade away right along with those precious images.

What Causes a Photo to Deteriorate?

Environmental factors such as temperature, humidity and sunlight affect photographs more than any other factor. Cyclic conditions (high heat and humidity followed by cold, dry weather such as you would find in an attic or basement) are especially bad for photos and may cause cracking and separation of the emulsion (image) from the support (paper base of the photo). Dirt, dust and oil are also big culprits of photographic deterioration.

What to Avoid When Storing & Handling Photos

- Dirt, dust, and oils from your hands can cause permanent damage. You should handle prints and negatives along the edges, preferably while wearing white cotton gloves.
- The worst places to store your photographs is in an un-insulated attic or basement. Constant high temperatures and humidity in the summer and low temperatures and humidity in the winter can cause your photographs to become brittle and crack. In severe cases, it may cause separation of the emulsion (image) from the support (paper base) of the photo. Dampness can cause photographs to stick together. Insects and rodents, commonly found in basements, also like to feed on photos. The best conditions for storing photographs are in a location with a consistent temperature from 65°F-70°F with a relative humidity of about 50%. These aren't always possible in a home environment, however, so if your photographs are especially important to you, you may want to consider storing them in a safe deposit box at your bank where the conditions are ideal.
- Do not store your negatives in the same place as your photographs. If something happens to your photos or albums, your negatives will still be available to reprint your treasured family heirloom.
- Do not write on the back of your photos with standard ball-point or felt-tip ink pens. Unless it is marked specifically for use on photos, most ink contains acids which will eat away at and stain your photos over time. If you must mark a photo and don't have an acid-free photo marking pen available, then write lightly with a soft lead pencil on the back of the image.

- Do not use rubber bands or paper clips to hold photos together. Rubber bands contain sulfur which can cause your photo to deteriorate. Paper clips can scratch the surface of your photos or negatives. Clippings should be photocopied onto alkaline paper.
- Do not use paper clips to hold photos together or in albums. They can scratch the surface of your photos or negatives.
- Do not display important photos in your home. The glass can stick to the emulsion over time. Sunlight will cause your photo to fade. If you want to display a precious photo, then have a copy made and display the copy!
- Do not use glues (especially rubber cement) or pressure sensitive tapes to mend photographs or hold them in albums. Most glues contain substances such as sulfur and acids which will cause your photos to deteriorate. Look for special photo-safe glues and tapes in the archival section of your favorite photo or craft store.
- Avoid exposing photographic materials to anything containing sulfur dioxide, fresh paint fumes, plywood, cardboard, and fumes from cleaning supplies.
- Water and fire can ruin your photos. Keep pictures away from fireplaces, heaters, dryers etc. Avoid water damage by storing photos on high shelves well away from water pipes and in locations not prone to flooding or leaks (don't store in the basement or in a closet which backs on a shower, tub or sink).
- Avoid cheap drugstore-type photo albums and paper and plastic storage products that aren't specifically made for storing photos. Regular envelopes, ziplog bags and other things commonly used for photo storage aren't always safe for your photos. Use only lignin free, acid free, un-buffered paper for storing photographs or as interleaving paper in albums. Use only PVC-free plastics such as Polyester, Mylar, Polypropylene, Polyethylene and Tyvek.
- Do not take special family photos (wedding photos, baby photos, etc.) to an inexpensive photo developer for processing, especially one hour services. It is important that the film is developed with fresh chemicals and that the negatives are washed sufficiently (for at least an hour) and only professionals usually provide these services. Ask questions and make sure you get what you are paying for.

For more (and more detailed) advice on Photo Albums, Restoration, Old Videos, and Organizing, see author David Mishkin at about.com



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: speakers,
printing, coffee, etc.



A mother is a person
Who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five
people,
promptly announces she never did care for pie.

~Tenneva Jordan



*Thank you, Bonnie Brown and Janet Petton for
the goodies you brought to the April meeting. Marg
Polich and Pauline Brigham will provide
refreshments for our May meeting.*

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



Making the decision to have a child
is momentous.
It is to decide forever
to have your heart
go walking around outside your body.

~Elizabeth Stone



Clues in Correspondence

When someone dear to you dies and you have to go through some of their belongings, do check out the cards (birthday, Christmas, etc.). I checked them out after Mom died, and found one which said, “I remember the day you and George [her husband of 71 yrs] came by my place of work and asked me to go with you to be witness at your wedding.” There were more details, but I’d never known where they were married. I had always “assumed” they married in the town where they lived, but the card revealed they had married in the town where she grew up. I’d never even asked!

Madora



May 2010 marks the 28th anniversary of the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society. Research has changed a lot in the intervening years. Those who started this society learned to write letters, learned to work micro film and micro-fiche readers, and had to take trips to many different libraries and research centers, as well as cemeteries. Long time researchers must think we have it so easy today, being able to sit at our desks in our pajamas, researching on the Internet.

We still have charter members who are active; please look for them at our next meeting. We acknowledge and thank them for their years of hard work, making this society a success.

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.

The first Board of Directors for Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society were
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.

One thing hasn’t changed in the 28 years...our members are still here to share exciting finds, make friends, and help one another.



*My grandmothers are full of memories
Smelling of soap and onions and wet clay
With veins rolling roughly over quick hands
They have many clean words to say.
My grandmothers were strong.*

Margaret Walker



Happy Mother's Day
to all who are mothers;

Happy Mother's Day to
all who have mothers!



Why Me?

Why Me?

Why me,
This is a tedious task, much work.
Not a great tree, my family,
Not any kind of tree,
A spindly twig....
A stunted sapling of little importance,
No forest giant we.

A pause

Ethereal whispers
Persuasive, soft and still.
"Daughter, if you don't remember us,
Who will?"

Dot Stutter, Victoria, BC. Canada, 1996

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