

# YVGS FAMILY FINDERS



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Genealogical Society

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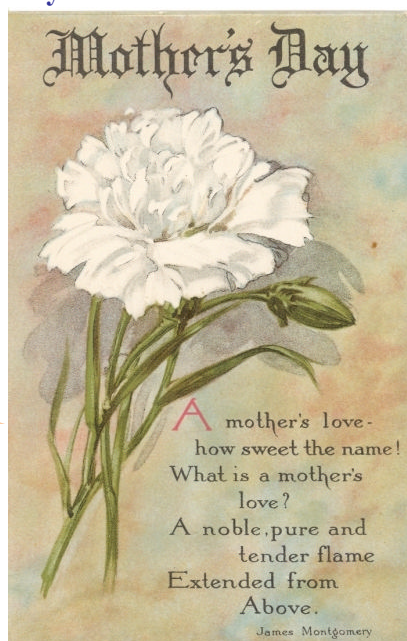
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## President's Message:

Have you ever been reading through ancestor and there is a word that meaning? Sure, you think you know feeling that you had come across on to the big overall picture. After have a deed and it refers to a land unit of measure that you are not sure of. Stop and look it up. Make sure the definition is from the same time period as the document because the meaning may change over time.

a document or letter about an you're not exactly sure of the from the context or some vague that word before and you skip right all, isn't that enough? Maybe you measurement or a will and there is a

Let's say that you have a Pension Application full of medical terms. Now just what ailed that great grandfather that he thought he could tie to the Civil War and get some money out of the government every quarter? In that case, maybe our speaker for the workshop this month can help you out. Not only is he a doctor, but his hobby is Civil War medicine. So bring those ailments to the workshop and maybe he will have an answer for you.

On another note, the saga of our meeting place ... just keeps changing. This month (May) we will be meeting at the church *but in a different room*. I will post a sign by the sidewalk, near the door we usually use, redirecting us to the room we will meet in. Again, we will be at the church but in a different room. Do not miss this month's meeting as I am looking forward to the Workshop at 12:00 and the Speaker, Annette Leffman, at 1:30.

Remember, words can mean different things. In an ancestor's will, the second son was given some land on the condition that he would deliver a certain number of pecks of food every quarter to his mother as long as she lived or until she remarried. Now let's see...what is a peck? 1) a light kiss on the lips, 2) what birds do as they pick up food, 3) a measurement, 4) a town, 4 in the USA, 5) a last name? Question for the month: how much is a peck?

*Floyd K. Ferguson.*  
President, YVGS

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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 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.*

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***What you missed!***

**Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. by President Floyd Ferguson. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Terry Brown welcomed new member Billie Wilkes, and guests Joanne and David Gaylord of the Morongo Basin Genealogical Society.

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

Marg Polich read the Treasurer’s report. The balance in the general fund is \$2431.26. Any members with additional questions are asked to see Marg before or after the general meeting.

Due to changes in the Yucaipa Branch Library’s policies regarding our meetings, the general membership voted to remain at the Yucaipa United Methodist church until and unless a permanent time and place can be secured at the library.

Barbara Firestone reported that Ruth Bishop is still in the rehabilitation center, not at home as was reported last month.

A potluck was held, featuring foods that might have been found in the United States during the Civil War era.

After the break, the 50/50 drawing was won by guest David Gaylord.

Jean Wilcox Hibben introduced her guests, Julia and Gina—visiting from Germany, and willing to translate German documents.

Jean Wilcox Hibben and husband Butch Hibben presented wonderful collections of songs from the Civil War Era.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M. by President Floyd Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Jamie Daniel,*  
Secretary, YVGS

# COMING EVENTS

1. Friday, May 13, 2011 at the Hemet Public Library. 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Topic: Organizing and Documenting your Records

2. Saturday, May 14, 2011 Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society Workshop and Meeting at United Methodist Church in Yucaipa, 35177 Beech Avenue We will have a different meeting room, so watch for the signs.

12:00 P.M. Workshop: Medicine during the Civil War. Please bring any information you have on ancestors who served (either North or South) in the War. We will be discussing medical realities during the time period 1861-1865.

Meeting at 1:00 P.M.: Annette Leffman from the Redlands Family History Center will be speaking about the Family Search Website, as well as what sites are available online at the FHC. Come join us!

3. Sunday April 22, 2011 at the Redlands Family History Center, 5<sup>th</sup> and Wabash, Redlands 7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Annette (Spaulding) Leffman

Topic: New FamilySearch basics for LDS and Community Patrons

4. Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Hemet Public Library, 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Topic: Publishing your Family History. See your research in print!



**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.



## 52 Weeks to Better Genealogy

Editor's note: 3rd in a series I came across while doing research on the Internet. It is written by Amy Coffin, who has a blog called The WeTree Genealogy Blog (<http://wetree.blogspot.com>). I was intrigued by her series, Jump Start Your Genealogy Blog, so I contacted her about using her material. It turns out her series 52 weeks to Better Genealogy is a better fit for us (very few of us maintain a blog), so I am sharing this with you instead. I will publish 4 or 5 challenges a month until we have all 52.

Amy Coffin's motto:

*If genealogy is boring, you're doing it wrong*

### Challenge 19

Examine the "[Genealogy and Military Records](#)" page on the National Archives page. (Non-U.S. folks: examine the military records information from your country's national archives.) Click the links and read everything you can. If you've ordered a military file before, read this page again and refresh your memory so you can help others. Authors of genealogy blogs can write about records they've received, comment on the National Archives page, or ask questions of their readers via their blog.

### Challenge 20

Play with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Government Land Office (GLO) [Federal Land Records](#) web page. This is a great resource. Your task this week is to explore the land patents and land surveys sections. Input some search terms and see what pops up. Don't be afraid to click links and see what happens. You'll be surprised by what you find. Genealogy blog authors can share what they find from this site on their blogs.

### Challenge 21

Examine the website of your state or provincial archives. Take some time to push all the buttons and click all the links. What did you find? Bloggers can write about the site's high points and share the information with their readers.

### Challenge 22

Spend some time at [Find-a-Grave](#). Most of you have probably heard of Find-a-Grave and probably used it in your own research as well. The challenge this week is to simply browse this web site. Just click links. Look at

the different ways the information is sorted. Study the tributes of others and see if there are ways you can improve your own entries. Don't do any research of your own, simply study the efforts of others. If you have a genealogy blog, share your impressions of Find-a-Grave and any interesting entries you found at the web site.

### Challenge 23

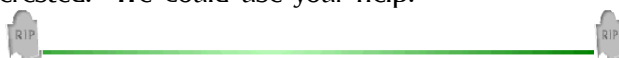
Come up with a personal genealogy challenge of your own. Each person has different research goals and experiences. Use this week to come up with your own challenge, and then take the steps to accomplish it. Genealogy bloggers are encouraged to share their ideas and challenge their own readers.



#### Surveying Mt. San Gorgonio Memorial Park

Our member, Dee Reich, has surveyed the baby section, and we are in the process of transcribing it.

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!



#### Our Speaker this month:

Annette (Spaulding) Leffman is from southern West Virginia and has lived in Redlands for 8 years. She has been working on her family history for 20+ yrs. Annette's areas of research consist mostly of the southern United States. She is currently teaching 6th grade Math & Science at Cope Middle School in Redlands. Annette's topic will be the new resources and format at FamilySearch.org and other online sources available at the Redlands FHC.

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Thanks to Marilyn Harrison, Redlands FHC newsletter

5th workshop of the Year  
Civil War Workshop May 14, 2011  
at 12:00 P.M. before the meeting  
Guest Speaker!

If you have ancestors either side of bring the known, the



one or more who fought on the Civil War, name, and if 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, we will be exploring the realities of medicine and medical treatment during the Civil War.



#### Interesting Thoughts and Facts on the Medical Profession and Medicine During the Civil War

- The basis of modern medicine was founded during the Civil War because new ideas were needed in order to treat thousands of wounded and dying soldiers.
- More than 620,000 people were dead at the end of the Civil War. If new medical procedures and medicines hadn't been invented during the War, the death rate would have been double.
- Medical professionals had no concept of sanitary conditions, antiseptics or germs when the Civil War began. By the time it ended, they were more educated on the impact that these things had on the death rate.
- When the Civil War was declared, there were only approximately 40 medical schools in the US and a huge shortage of qualified doctors. Instead of attending medical school, those men who wished to become doctors could do so by serving an apprenticeship with an experienced doctor.
- During the Civil War, new recruits were accepted even though they suffered from physical defects and chronic disease.
- Dysentery and diarrhea were rampant during the Civil War and killed hundreds of soldiers. Camps couldn't provide adequate and safe drinking water and food was often scarce. Of those who died during the Civil War, two-thirds died of disease.
- Over 100,000 horses died of illness and exhaustion during the War.
- Whiskey was used to keep wounded soldiers from going into shock.
- Most surgeries performed during the Civil War were amputations.

## 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 and Wednesday

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

FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.3844

## How to Enlarge Text on Web Sites

Can't read a web page because the words are too small? Here's a quick tip to increase the font size:

- Click the Control (Ctrl) key at the same time you click the plus ( + ) sign. Each click will increase font size.
- To decrease font size, click Control (Ctrl) and the minus ( - ) sign. Each click will decrease font size.
- You can also enlarge the entire Web page or document by pressing the Control key as you turn the scroll wheel on your mouse.
- Note that changing font size won't work for words that are part of images (such as company logos).

*~This tip is from the Family Tree University*



*Thank's to all who brought Civil War era food to our potluck. At our May meeting, Marg Polich and Pauline Brigham will be bringing the refreshments.*

*Sue Wolfe, Hospitality*



## Some Important Medical Facts From the Civil War

1. The Field Dressing Station was located close to the fighting and was the first place that wounded soldiers were taken. If they couldn't return to the fighting, then they were carried to a field hospital also located somewhat close to the fighting.

2. Of the 364,000 on the Union side who lost their lives, a third were killed or died of wounds and two-thirds died of disease.

3. The chance of surviving a wound in Civil War days was 7 to 1.

4. There were 6,000,000 cases of disease in the Federal armies, which meant that, on an average, every man was sick at least twice.

5. The diseases most prevalent were dysentery, typhoid fever, malaria, pneumonia, arthritis, and the acute diseases of childhood, such as measles, mumps, and malnutrition.

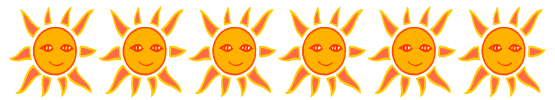
6. Most wounds were caused by an elongated bullet made of soft lead, about an inch long, pointed at one end and hollowed out at the base, and called a "minie" ball, having been invented by Capt. Minié of the French army.

7. Many doctors who saw service in the Civil War had never been to medical school, but had served an apprenticeship in the office of an established practitioner.

8. The first organized ambulance corps was used in the Peninsular campaign and at Antietam.

9. Eighty percent of all wounds during the Civil War were in the extremities.

10. In the battle of Gettysburg, 1100 ambulances were in use. The medical director of the Union army boasted that all the wounded were picked up from the field within 12 hours after the battle was over. This was a far cry from the second battle of Bull Run, when many of the wounded were left on the field in the rain, heat, and sun for three or four days.



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!



## Attention!



Someone left a beautiful glass plate at the church after our potluck. It has a pressed flower motif in the center and a gold rim. If this is yours, remember to ask for it at the May meeting. I will have it there for you!

