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YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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November 2009—VOLUME 27 NO. 11

## COMING EVENTS

1. **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

Speaker for Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society will be Todd Anton. His topic is "Voices of Freedom: The American Veteran"  
Please see the article later in the newsletter.

2. **Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.** Last Genealogy Research Class of 2009 at Family History Center 5<sup>th</sup> and Wabash in Redlands.

Topic: *Using Notes and Sources*

Speaker: Annette Spaulding

3. **Saturday December 12, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.**

**YVGS Christmas Potluck** at the home of Jamie Daniel. See announcement later in the newsletter.

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Earl Giddings
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Historian	Barbara Cogorno
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.*

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***What you Missed!***

YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING OF 10 October 2009

Workshop: Family Tree Maker 2010. Jamie Daniel gave us an hour of very interesting and informative instruction and help on the 2010 Family Tree Maker Program

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Earl Giddings. Barbara Firestone led the Pledge of Allegiance

Terry Brown introduced guests and new members: Barbara Le Claire and Dee Riech. 13 members attended the meeting and 2 guests.

Minutes of the September read by Karen Morlan and approved as read.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Marg Polich noted that there were no expenses this past month and our checking account contains \$1298.50.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: Vice President Ruth Jarmusz was on duty at the library desk today but stated at the board meeting that Todd Anton will be our November speaker and she was working on a speaker for January.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Sunshine: Barbara Thomas Barbara herself has been down after a bad fall and was not able to attend as she has a cold on top of everything else.

Announcements: Backup your computer: Do it yourself. Don’t depend on an internet service.

November speaker. Handout for our November speaker Todd Anton

The nominating committee will report at the November Meeting and election will be at the December Meeting.

Every member is a historian. Do your part by saving information about the society and its members. Give/send the information to our historian Barbara Cogorno.

Remember: table one is for you to read the incoming mail do not take home, and table two is for you to take home and keep.

BREAK: Refreshments provided by Sherri De Vogel and Earl R. Giddings.

Buy 50-50 tickets and Stater Bros. cards during break. 50-50 drawing Winner of the 50-50 drawing was Karen Morlan and she donated the \$4.50 back to the society. The total for the pot was \$9.00.

**Program:**

Movie, “The Human Family Tree” produced by National Geographic. (Thanks Barbara Firestone.) The movie was very interesting.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:20

Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Morlan, Secretary

**Proposed Change in By Laws**

**This notice is in accordance to Article X of the bylaws. We will be voting on this at the December annual meeting.**

*(ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS*

1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership after proper notice has been given.

2. Notice of proposed bylaw amendments must be given by the secretary or the bylaw committee chairperson, to the voting members at least thirty (30) days before the vote is taken.)

### Proposed Change:

As it is now:

Article VII

2. Financial Review/Budget: A financial review committee shall be appointed by the President to report to the membership at the annual meeting. A budget committee shall be appointed by the President in November to report to the membership in January.

Change to:

Article VII

2. A financial review committee of three members shall be appointed by the President in October to report to the membership at the January meeting. A budget committee shall be appointed by the President in November to report to the membership at the January meeting.

*The reason for the change: If the financial review committee finishes its job and reports to the membership in December (the annual meeting), the month of December would be left out of the review, and theoretically, all kinds of things could happen between November and January that would not be reviewed before a new Treasurer took over. The addition of the word meeting at the end of the paragraph is simply to be specific as to when in January the budget committee shall report.*

## Have you clicked On it yet?

See the new content on our website.

Check it out!

Our new domain name is

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

There is new information every month!



*Thank you Earl Giddings and Sherry DeVogel for the delicious refreshments*

*that you provided for our October meeting.*

*The refreshments for the November meeting will be provided by Marg Polich, Pauline Brigham and Barbara Firestone.*

*Sue Wolfe, Hospitality*



## Thanksgiving Recipes

*Some kindergarten chefs were asked...*

**"What do you have for Thanksgiving dinner, and HOW is it prepared?"**

*These were the youngsters' replies, in their own words. Feel free to use these recipes, to add to the traditions at YOUR Thanksgiving Feast. Why not recall your own recollections of Thanksgiving and write them down? There will undoubtedly be a grateful relative somewhere along the way. And be sure to ask your youngsters what they have at their house and record their replies.*

**Nathan**

*Cook it then cut it then eat it.*

**Stephanie**

*Turkey Salami and Pumpkin pie! To make the pumpkin pie you put Pumpkin seeds in dough and bake it.*

**Maria**

*Turkey, corn and peas. Mom mixes dough and it's black and white and she puts it in the oven and it turns into Turkey. When she takes it out of the oven she puts it outside and bone grow in it.*

**Tommy**

*Turkey, Chicken Nuggets and Cheese Curls. Use it to cook it and Pam spray.*

**Wesley**

*Turkey, Pumpkin Pie, Potatoes and Carrots. Put in the oven. Put some stuff on top that makes it gooder. Then eat it.*

**Jesse**

Turkey and nothing else. Put in the stove and eat it.

**Phillipe**

Turkey, Corn and Potatoes, Ice Cream and Pumpkin Pie. Pumpkin Pie: smooth the flour then smush it then put the Pumpkin stuff then all done.

**Kayla**

Turkey, Ice Cream, Juice, Milk and Water. Cook it.

**Zack**

Turkey, Beans, Peas, Applesauce that's it. Put some powder on the Turkey and put it in the oven. Pour applesauce onto plates. Put green beans and peas on plate. Then get the table ready and Eat.

**Nina**

Pumpkin Pie, Green Beans, some crunchy stuff that's soft, and dressing. Make it with icing.

**Kyle**

Turkey, potato soup, BBQ chicken, KFC chicken and that's all. Cook all the stuff in a pot. Then eat it at Uncle Jimmy's.

**Sean**

Ham, Apple Juice and sandwich. That's all. No one cooks. Ham comes in a box, Apple Juice comes in a bottle. You can make your own sandwich.

**Kyliegh**

Pizza, Fish, Corn, and Chocolate milk. Pizza is ordered. Corn in microwave and heat it up. Mix up the chocolate milk. Get the Fish out of the sea and take the fish out of it. Then eat it.

**Taylor**

Turkey and lemonade. Turkey is made with fruit and that's all.

**Jonathan**

Turkey, Cheese and Grapes and Ham. We go to our Aunt's house so we don't cook.

**Dara**

Turkey, Apple and Carrots. Mom is going to get milk and apples but, I don't know how she is going to fix it.

**Danielle**

Probably a Turkey at my house. Usually we have some vegetables. I don't know how mom is going to cook it.

*Well, there you have it. If that doesn't get you to thinking about that big dinner, I don't know what will. Hope you enjoyed looking into the inner workings of the kindergarten mind. (Did anyone leave out "Turkey" in that list? Hmmm.)*

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

## Voices of Freedom- The American Veteran

By Todd Anton

**Speaker for Yucaipa Valley Genealogy Society  
Saturday November 14, 2009**

Todd Anton has been a U.S. History instructor for over 19 years, and his ability to work closely with his students and World War II veterans has earned him national recognition - for an extensive oral history collection (nearly 5,000) involving combat veterans from WWI through the present.

As a result of his nomination as VFW "Teacher of the Year", legendary author/historian Dr. Stephen E. Ambrose took Todd under his wing and encouraged him to achieve even more.

Anton serves on the board of Trustees for the late Dr. Ambrose's National World War II Museum, and the museum has featured Todd as a speaker at a gala function in Washington DC honoring the members of Congress who served in World War II and at the premiere of Steven Spielberg's documentary on his father, Arnold Spielberg's squadron in W.W. II, called the Burma Bridge Busters, at Fox Studios in Los Angeles.

Anton also serves as the Divisional Historian for his late father's World War II unit, the 70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division-Trailblazers, and has written a history of the division's artillery units called Distant Thunder: The Field Artillery units of the 70th Infantry Division in World War II. All of these organizations understand the importance of preserving the memory and sacrifice of the "Citizen Soldier" in W.W II, and that this process begins in the classroom. They have chosen Anton

### Last Class for 2009

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

November 22 Topic: *Using Notes & Sources*

as their ambassador.

As a son of World War II/Korean War veteran, the late Wallace P. Anton, Todd has been inspired on a personal level to honor the "Greatest Generation."

Raised on a steady dose of Dodger baseball and stories of WWII, Wally Anton raised a son dedicated to preserving the stories of the men who served America in the time of its greatest need and also played Major League Baseball.

Shortly before his father's death on June 6 (D-Day) 2002, both father and son started on the path to remind America about baseball's great and heroic tradition in World War II.

This book is the culmination of that journey.

Anton's book inspired FOX News Channel's War Stories with Oliver North to produce a show dedicated to Baseball and World War II veterans called From the Ballpark to the Battlefield: Baseball and World War II. Anton joined Boston Red Sox ace Curt Schilling and noted baseball historian Bill Nowlin as the advisors for this show.

A further collaboration led to the very successful "When Baseball Went to War" exhibit at the National World War II Museum featuring artifacts from the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, the National World War II Museum's own collection which ran from November 2007 through April 2008. This conference sold out and featured veterans such as Bob Feller, Johnny Pesky, Morrie Martin, Lou Brissie, Jerry Coleman, and current all star Curt Schilling. This conference was inspired by Anton and Nowlin to national acclaim. To view more visit

<http://baseball.nationalww2museum.org/>

Todd Anton, 45, lives in Victorville, California with his wife Susan and their children Jamie and Jason, and continues to teach American History. No Greater Love (Rounder Books) is Todd's first book. A new book Anton's second book, "When Baseball Went to War" (Triumph Books) was released last November! Todd was born and raised in Oak Glen and is the proud son of Lou Ellen and Wally Anton. Todd is also the grandson of Oak Glen pioneer C.J. Blackie Wilshire.



**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!**



## **Mayflower Surnames**

The Mayflower sailed from Southampton, England on Sept. 16, 1620. The ship arrived at Cape Cod on Nov. 11. During the voyage, one passenger had died and one was born. 102 passengers arrived in Massachusetts Bay that year. Only 52 of those who landed survived that first winter. Some husbands lost wives; some wives lost husbands; some families lost children; and some complete families died. Among the survivors, there were descendents of 25 surnames. Check the list below. It contains the surnames of the 25 families that left descendents. Also included is Cushman (Because Mary Allerton m. Thomas Cushman AND Ruth Howland m. Thomas Cushman, Jr.) and Liester / Lester, for "*Edward Litster the servants of mr Hopkins. Litster After he was at liberty, went to Virginia, & ther dyed*" (From Governor Bradford's Accounting of the Mayflower Passengers). Perhaps you'll find your great-great-great .... grandparents among these surnames. Good luck!

**Alden; Allerton; Billington; Bradford;  
Brewster; Brown; Chilton; Cook(e);  
Cushman; Doty / Doughy; Eaton;  
Fletcher; Fuller ; Hopkins; Howland;  
Liester / Lester ; Moore; Mullins; Priest;  
Rogers; Sampson; Soule; Standish; Tilly;  
Warren; White; Winslow.**



## A War Relic by Ezekiah B. Rorie

I'm sad my dear, my heart is sad, ~Dark clouds  
obscure my days, ~Deep melancholy fills my soul,  
~Cause thou art far away.  
My moments hang with heavy weight, ~Each hour  
appears a day, ~And days seem dreary winter  
months, ~Cause thou art far away.  
I'm sad: why should I not be sad? ~There is nought  
to make me gay, ~I cannot wear a cheerful face,  
~Whilst thou art far away.  
Fly swift ye moments, fly and bring ~around that  
joyful day ~When I shall be with again those ~Dear  
loved ones far away.  
But, O my dear, remember this ~Our days are not  
our own ~Then let;s prepare to meet above ~Where  
parting ne'er is known.  
Tis now a score of months, my dear, ~Since last I  
saw you face, ~And with an aching heart received  
~Perhap, last embrace.  
Thy lips were sealed; 'twas not from words ~I  
learned thy deep distress; ~A trickling tear related  
more ~Than volumes could express.  
Those little pledges dear to me ~Received my last  
fond kiss; ~With pain I turned my back on all ~That  
makes my earthly bliss.  
On Chickamauga's bloody field, ~Beneath a  
beating rain, ~My thoughts were turning to thee  
and those, ~I long to see again.  
That Sabbath morn, that Holy day, ~Whilst deadly  
missils fells, ~I prayed to God to bring me back ~To  
those I love so well.  
I prayed that should by life be lost ~On that terrific  
day, ~That God would bless my wife and  
babes ~Through all remaining life.  
Where e'er I go, wher e'er I be, ~My prayer shall  
ever be ~That God may bless those absent ones ~So  
very dear to me.  
And no, loved ones, again adiau ~It fills my heart  
with pain ~To think that I may never live ~To see  
you all again.  
But should we never meet again ~Shed not a tear for  
me, ~But with a cheerful heart prepare ~For bleesed  
eternity.

*---Ezekiah B. Rorie, was a member of  
the thirty second (32) infantry, composed this poem in  
a letter to his wife on the day that the battle of  
Chickamauga was fought and was killed later that day  
during the battle.*

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

**Before the first Saturday of the month.**

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](mailto:jamedaniel33@gmail.com)

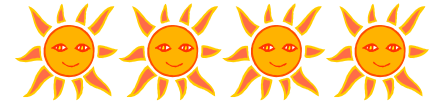
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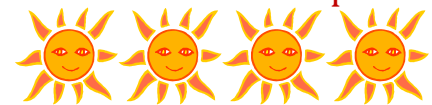
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If you know of anyone who needs a little  
sunshine, or someone who would benefit  
from a card, please contact Barbara Thomas,  
our Sunshine Chair. She cannot do her job  
without our help!



## Veteran's Day November 11th

- ☪ National Guard established 13 November 1636
- ☪ Army National Guard established 13 December 1636
- ☪ U. S. Army established 14 June 1775
- ☪ U. S. Navy established 13 October 1775
- ☪ U. S. Marine Corps established 10 November 1775
- ☪ U. S. Coast Guard established 4 August 1790
- ☪ Women's Auxiliary Air Corp established 14 May 1942
- ☪ U. S. Air Force established 18 September 1947

## History of Veteran's Day

**1918**—World War I, then normally referred to simply as The Great War (no one could imagine any war being greater!), ended with the implementation of an armistice [temporary cessation of hostilities in this case until the final peace treaty, the infamous Treaty of Versailles, was signed in 1919] between the Allies and Germany at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of November, 1918.

**1919**—November 11: President Wilson proclaims the first **Armistice Day** with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." The original concept for the celebration was for the suspension of business for a two minute period beginning at 11 A.M., with the day also marked by parades and public meetings.

**1920**—On the second anniversary of the armistice, France and the United Kingdom hold ceremonies honoring their unknown dead from the war. In America, at the suggestion of church groups, President Wilson names the Sunday nearest Armistice Day Sunday, on which should be held services in the interest of international peace.

**1921**—Congress passes legislation approving the establishment of a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. November 11 is chosen for the date of the ceremony. According on October 20, Congress declares November 11, 1921 a legal Federal holiday to honor all those who participated in the war. The ceremony was conducted with great success.

**1926**—Congress adopts a resolution directing the President to issue an annual proclamation calling on the observance of Armistice Day. Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, most states establish November 11 as a legal holiday and at the Federal level, an annual proclamation is issued by the President.

**1938**—Congress passes legislation on May 13 making November 11 a legal Federal holiday, Armistice Day. The United States has no actual national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own holidays. The Federal government can in fact only designate holidays for Federal employees and for the District of

Columbia. But in practice the states almost always follow the Federal lead in designation of holidays.

**1941- 1945; 1950- 1953**—World War II and the Korean War create millions of additional war veterans in addition to those of the First World War already honored by Armistice Day.

**1954**—On June 1, President Eisenhower signs legislation changing the name of the legal holiday from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day.

**1968**— Congress passes the Monday Holiday Law which established the fourth Monday in October as the new date for the observance of Veteran's Day. The law is to take effect in 1971.

**1971-1975**—The Federal observance of Veterans Day is held on the fourth Monday of October. Initially all states follow suit except Mississippi and South Dakota. Other states changed their observances back to November 11 as follows: 1972- Louisiana and Wisconsin; 1974- Kentucky, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, South Carolina, West Virginia; 1975- California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming

**1975**—Legislation passed to return the Federal observance of Veteran's Day to November 11, based on popular support throughout the nation. Since the change to the fourth Monday in October, 46 states had either continued to commemorate November 11 or had reverted back to the original date based on popular sentiment. The law was to take effect in 1978.

**1978**—Veteran's Day observance reverts to November 11.



*Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.*

*Christmas Potluck and Annual Meeting*

*at the home of Jamie Daniel*

*Bring your favorite Christmas dish.*

*Election of Officers, Changes to By-Laws.*

*Good fun and sharing.*

*Maps will be available at the November meeting and in the December Newsletter*



Whittier Area Genealogical Society  
27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SEMINAR  
Presents



# Paula Stuart-Warren

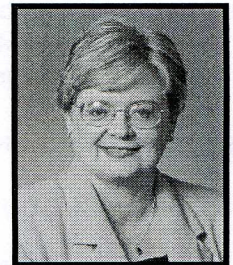
Saturday, February 27, 2010

## SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 8:00 Doors open/Registration  
Browse displays and sales
- 9:00 Welcome & Introduction
- 9:15 **"Finding Ancestral Places of Origin"**
- 10:15 Break. Browse displays & sales
- 10:45 **"Tho' They Were Poor, They May Have  
Been Rich in Records"**
- 12:00 Lunch. Displays & sales
- 1:00 Door Prizes
- 1:30 **"Genealogical Goldmine: The Records of  
Old Settlers' Organizations"**
- 2:30 Break. Last chance for sales
- 3:00 **"Major Midwestern Archives & Their  
Records"**
- 4:00 Adjournment

## PAULA STUART-WARREN

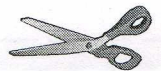
Since the early 1980s, Paula has worked full time in the area of genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. She is a graduate of the week-long U.S. National Institute of Genealogical Research held at the National Archives. In 1988, she earned her national certification from the Board for Certification of Genealogists and has passed the every-five-year renewal assessments since then.



Paula served two years as a national officer of the Association of Professional Genealogists and has been an APG Committee Chair. She served six years as a board member of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and is an active volunteer in genealogical, historical, and professional organizations. She has served on Program Committees for the National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies conferences and currently serves on the FGS Board of Directors and Conference Planning Committee.

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## REGISTRATION FORM



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check to reserve handicapped parking

Refreshments will be available during the day. Deli lunches of sandwiches, salad, dessert and drinks may be ordered through pre-registration **only**. Eating places are within walking distance, or you may bring your own.

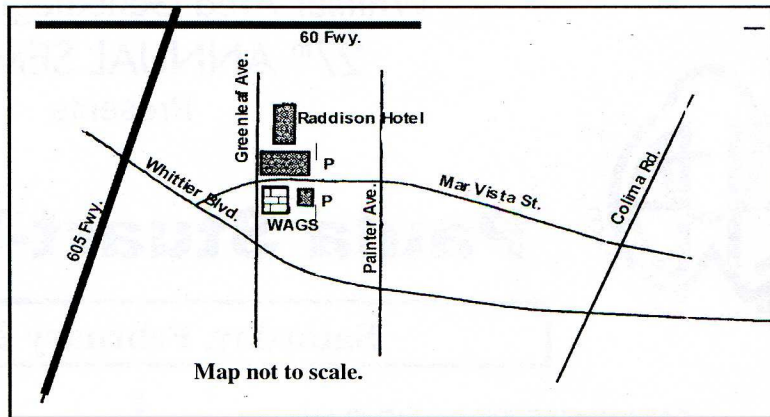
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# WAGS Seminar Location

Masonic Lodge  
7604 Greenleaf Ave.  
Whittier, CA

**From the 605 Freeway:** Exit at Whittier Blvd. Go east, then left on Mar Vista St.

**From I-5:** Exit Carmenita Rd. Go north (name changes from Carmenita to Painter Ave.), then turn left on Mar Vista St.



Additional free parking in Raddison Hotel parking structure.

**For more information:** Check the WAGS website, <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>  
Call or email: Roger Mount, Seminar Director, at (562) 693-2674, [wags.seminar@gmail.com](mailto:wags.seminar@gmail.com)  
Call or email: Christine Johns, WAGS President, at (310) 995-8852, [christineljohns@yahoo.com](mailto:christineljohns@yahoo.com)

It is **not** permissible to tape the lectures.

## VENDORS SCHEDULED

**Carlberg Press**—Well-known genealogist, Nancy Carlberg, will be on hand with a wide selection of her books, including some new titles.

**Heritage Makers**—Digital Storybooking for those interested in writing their life story.

**New Century Direct LLC (formerly Light Impressions)** - Archival safe materials for storage of papers and photos.

**Photos Made Perfect**—On-site scanning will be offered along with digital restoration of vintage photos, documents and newspaper articles.

**Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society**—Sales of genealogical and historical books encompassing all areas of the United States.

**Whittier Area Genealogical Society**—Book sales and displays.

## ADDITIONAL VENDORS ARE PENDING.

### DONATIONS

_____ Advance registration.....	\$32.00	\$ _____
_____ Late registration (after Feb. 20) and at the door.....	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____ Lunch reservations by Feb. 20 (details on reverse).....	\$ 8.00	\$ _____
Check number _____	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>	\$ _____



### NO REFUNDS

Please make check payable to **WAGS**. Mail with registration form no later than Feb. 20, 2010 to:  
**WAGS Seminar**  
P.O. Box 4367  
Whittier, CA 90607-4367

Please Fill in Reverse Side

WAGS Seminar 2010

## **Our Elders Are Passing**

**Our elders are passing, one by one**

**Surely gone forever, until there are none.**

**Their bountiful memories, their knowledge of the past,**

**Soon will be lost, and beyond our grasp.**

**The past is prologue, so delicate to retain,**

**Slipping slowly from our grasp, 'til nothing remains.**

**For our elders are passing, so sad but true,**

**And with them their memories, and all that they knew.**

**It's urgent for sure, to record each thought,**

**Of every family elder, so it's not for naught.**

**So generations remember the beautiful past,**

**We'll retain that knowledge, and ensure it will last.**

**There'll be no better time, than that right now,**

**To begin your quest, or to renew your vow.**

**So locate your elders, and schedule that meeting,**

**In light of the fact, that time is so fleeting.**

*By Jack M. Williams*

*Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society*

*Earl Giddings, President*

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