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YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message:

Here it is—November already. At this time, both Chase and Citibank locations for the November meeting are not available. I am working on getting a response on two other possibilities and will have to send an email Special Newsletter Supplement as soon as a positive fix on a location for our November meeting is known. We will communicate with you by email, for others by phone and lastly a note on the library door and at the library desk.

Remember that our December meeting will be a special potluck luncheon at the home of Jamie Daniel. This is not only our annual Christmas meeting, but it is also the meeting at which we vote on our new officers. Please make every effort to be there.

A few of our members are putting the final touches on the calendar project they have been working on for most of the year. Some draft copies were shared at the October workshop and it looks like some families will be receiving some very special Christmas presents this year. I was very impressed with the diversity and the quality that each project showed. If you wish to use the binding materials that are to be available at the workshop next Saturday, be sure you bring your printed copies ready to bind.

We have three committees working on Nominations, Budget and Budget Review. Contact any of these people with your input and help them out any way you can.

Floyd K. Ferguson
YVGS President

2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Floyd Ferguson
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Historian Barbara Cogorno
Ways and Means VACANT
Website Earl Giddings

The Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. meets at 1:00 P.M. on the SECOND Saturday of each month. 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.

The minutes for the October meeting were not available for the newsletter. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

The workshop at 12:00 had some great draft copies of genealogical calendars some of our members put together. The November meeting will be about putting final copies together, and binding.

The Treasurer, Arlene Allsopp, reported that the balance in the checking account was \$1912.80.

The following people volunteered to be on the financial review committee: Joe Swetich, Marg Polich, and Arlene Allsopp. They will have a report at the general meeting in February.

At the November meeting, a Budget Review committee will be appointed to give us a proposed budget at the January meeting.

Earl Giddings gave a report on the work of the website committee (please see the article later in the newsletter).

The ongoing search for a meeting place was discussed. Since there is no final resolution as of yet, the board will let the members know where we will be meeting next month.

Mary Ann Vincent was the speaker. Her topic was Genomes.

The minutes of the October meeting will be presented at the general meeting in November.



Thank you, Barbara Firestone and Judith Ring for the goodies you brought to the October meeting. In November, the refreshments will be provided by Sue Wolfe and Juanita Marshall.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



COMING EVENTS

1. Saturday, November 13 at 12:00 P.M.
Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society
Site of meeting to be announced. Watch your email or answering machine!
Workshop at 12:00 Calendar Projects
Meeting at 1:00 P.M. "Surviving the Dust Bowl"
Come join us!
2. Sunday, November 21, 2010 Genealogy Research Class at the Family History Center, 5th and Wabash in Redlands.
Topic: "Creating and Sharing Family Stories"
Speaker: Marifyn Harrison
3. Friday, November 5, 2010 at the Hemet Public Library. 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. "Court Records—Land, Civil, Deeds, Wills, Taxes, Probates and other legal documents."
4. Friday December 3, 2010 9 at the Hemet Public Library. 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Topic: "Military Records—All Wars Draft Registrations—Prisoners of War"
5. Saturday, December 11, 2010 Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society Annual Christmas Potluck at the home of Jamie Daniel 12:00 P.M.

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What could it have been like a couple hundred years ago.  
Our relatives sailed the oceans to this land they didn't know?  
To leave everything behind in search for a better life.  
Some times they came alone and found themselves a wife.  
While others brought everyone to this land of milk and honey.  
Many times they gave up everything and were left without their money.  
Many traveled across this land to a homestead their lifelong dream.  
Sometimes they found their land along a graceful gentle stream.  
But some met with a dreadful ending before they reached their place.  
Killed by Nature's storms or Indians without a trace.  
Towns sprung up along the railroads as so many were heading west.  
Hunting for their fortunes gold made them obsessed.  
What did our family members go through to live in this land.  
A life that wasn't very easy or a way we can't understand.

Bernard Howe  
(Poetry from the Heart) 1999-2009  
<http://members.cox.net/berniehpoetry>

**Deadline for articles for the newsletter:  
Thursday  
before the first Saturday of the month.  
This next month (December),  
I need to have your articles  
by Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

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)

or  
909 792-2962

or  
P.O. Box 32  
Yucaipa, CA 92399-0032

## A Thanksgiving Story

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,  
But I just couldn't sleep.

I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned—the dark meat and white  
But I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation

The thought of a snack became infatuation.

So I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door  
And gazed at the fridge, full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,  
Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling so plump and so round  
'Til all of a sudden, I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling,

Floating into the sky

With a mouthful of pudding  
and a handful of pie.

But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees

Happy eating to all—pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty,

May your turkey be plump.

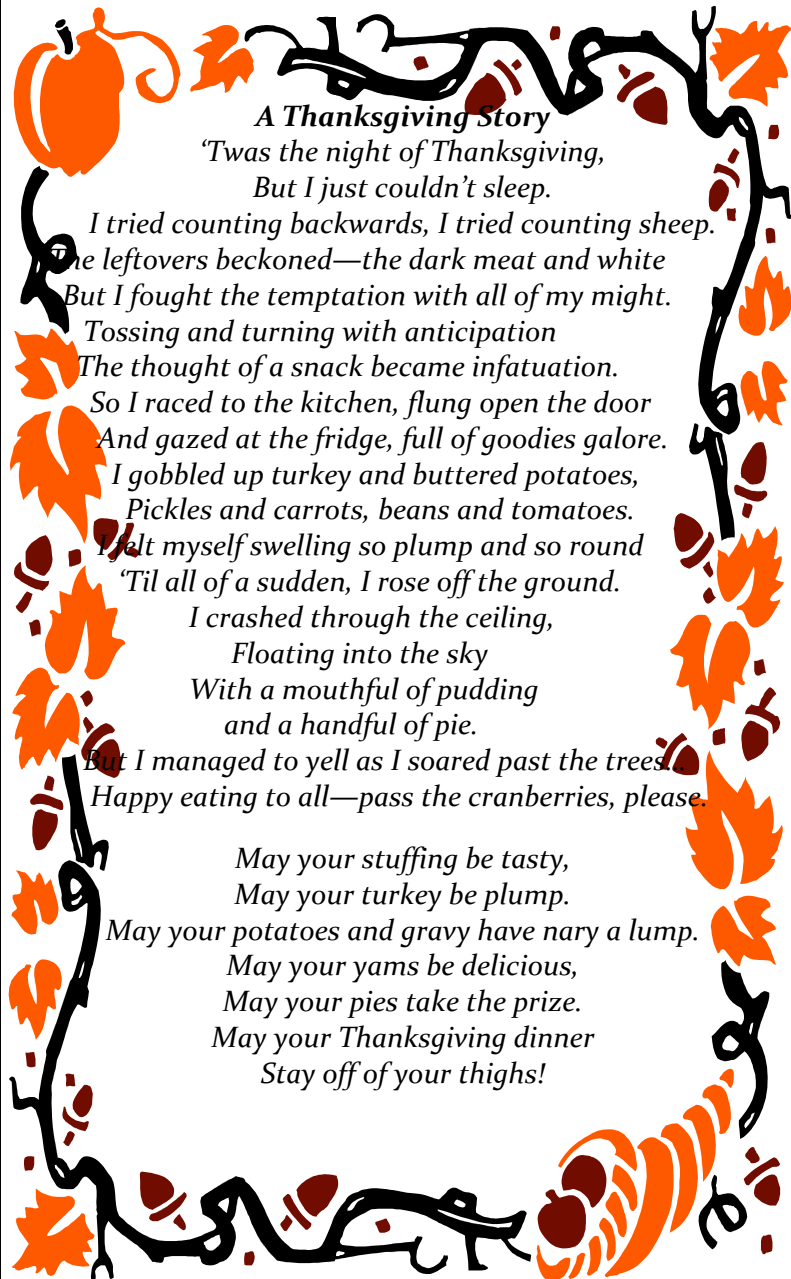
May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious,

May your pies take the prize.

May your Thanksgiving dinner

Stay off of your thighs!





## WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

As of November 5, 2010, the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society Web Committee has accomplished a great deal. Of course, the website has been maintained ([www.yvgs.org](http://www.yvgs.org) if you haven't seen the website lately, check it out!), including the home page, "about us", "become a member", "our projects", "newsletter", "research", "help", and "contact us".

*Databases maintained for yvgs.org:*

Grave (burials) added 65  
Information recorded; Cemetery, plot #, Surname, Given names, Maiden name, Title, Nickname, date of birth, date of death, Marriage date, Notes (place of birth/death etc.), Obit available, Family members, Records, Spouse, headstone photo, on findagrave.

Obits added: 83 (this is an index) we also have a folder, digital, of the actual obits.

There have been 111 queries to our website this month (one hundred eleven!) This includes our website and findagrave.com. All findagrave queries are routed through our website (since YVGS is listed as the resource "person").

We have made quite a few contributions to Findagrave: We are trying to survey the cemeteries in our area. We are nearly finished with Desert Lawn Memorial Park and Stewart Sunnyslope Cemetery, and are currently working on Palo Verde Cemetery, Mountain View Cemetery, San Geronio Memorial Park, and St. Alban's Episcopal Church Gardens.

This month, the following work has been done on findagrave.com:

Memorials established: 275  
Memorials maintained: 263  
Photos added: 298  
Volunteer photos taken: 4



People working on the web committee are Barbara Firestone, Marg Polich, Dee Riech and Jamie Daniel.

 There are a lot of requests for Volunteer photos. (This is where you take a picture of the headstone and post it on findagrave.com) If you would be willing to do this, or just take the picture, please contact Earl at 909-486-0378 or [clemgds@gmail.com](mailto:clemgds@gmail.com). 

**"We are the children of many sires, and every drop of blood in us in its turn betrays its ancestor."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## Genealogy Tip of the Day

### Read the Little Handwriting

Are there two lines squeezed in the bottom of Grandma's marriage record? Is there something written in the margin of the deed book? If the clerk or officer of the court took the time and effort to "squeeze it in," then there's probably a reason for it. It may be a "boring legal reason" or it may be a smoking gun. Even "boring legal reasons" may have significant genealogical consequences. Find out what it says and what it means.

*(c) Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day,"  
November 3, 2010*

<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com>

*Editor's note: Every year on the Family Tree Magazine website, there is a listed published called Genealogy 101 Best Websites. I have found list for this year (actually, some are from 2009), and compiled it for you. However, as I found when researching, 100 is a lot of websites to think about at once. Fortunately, they were broken down to lists of ten. Here are the next 20 (you have the first 60 in the August, September, and October newsletters).*

## 101 Best Web Sites 2009- 2010



By David A. Fryxell

Sites that are mostly free but where you might still wind up pulling out your credit card for some purchase or other are marked with a \$. Subscription-only sites and those where you have to pay for any meaningful results are indicated with \$\$.

What's the one Web resource in a class by itself? Ancestry.com \$\$, of course.  
<http://www.ancestry.com/>

### 10 Best Web Sites for International Searches

Tracking down immigrant ancestors has never been easier.

**CastleGarden.org** <http://castlegarden.org/>

Though still incomplete, this database of 10 million immigrants is nonetheless a breakthrough tool if your family arrived through the port of New York before Ellis Island opened in 1892. Still to come are 2 million records dating from the 1820s and implementation of advanced search features.

**Digitalarkivet** <http://www.digitalarkivet.uib.no/cgi-win/WebFront.exe?slag=vis&tekst=meldingar&spraaak=e>

How to choose the best among the oodles of individual country sites? This one from the National Archives of Norway makes the list for its online 1801, 1865, 1875 and 1900 Norwegian censuses and its ongoing project to digitize 1.85 million pages of parish registers along with real-estate registers. And did we mention it's all free?

**Ellis Island** \$ <http://ellisland.org/>

Make the jump "across the pond" with 17 million records of passenger arrivals through the Port of New York (1892 to 1924). A new feature lets you search by ship. Searching is free, but you must register (**free**) to view results, and the site is studded with opportunities to buy printouts, certificates and such.

**FamilyRelatives.com** \$\$  
<http://www.familyrelatives.com/>

This UK-based subscription site boasts more than 600 million records. It's strongest on British records, including fully searchable General Register Office birth, death and marriage records (1866 to 1920, 1984 to 2005, plus indexes for 1837 to 2005) and extensive WWII military databases. But it recently added 22 Irish data sets and offers a smattering of US records, plus you can connect with fellow researchers and upload your own data. Pay-per-view options start at about \$8.40, or an annual subscription costs about \$43.

**FindMyPast** \$\$  
<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/home.jsp>

The addition of more than 22.4 million pre-1837 baptism, marriage and burial parish records makes this one of the most wide-ranging collections of UK data under one virtual roof—more than 500 million records in all. Databases include censuses (1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901), 38 military datasets, migration and passport records, and government birth, marriage and death indexes (1837 to 2006). Some can be searched for free, but you'll need to pay for full access; plans range from pay-as-you-go to about \$129 a year.

**Genline** \$\$ <http://www.genline.com/>

Although pricey, this subscription site remains priceless for researchers with Swedish ancestry for its more than 17 million digitized church records. You can start saying goodbye to scrolling microfilm with a 24-hour trial for \$9, or seek your -sons and -dotters for a full month for about \$31.

**Irish Family History Foundation** \$ <http://www.irish-roots.ie/>

If you don't find your Irish family here, keep checking back—county genealogical research centers

throughout the Emerald Isle are transcribing church registers, civil registrations (mostly 1864 to 1900 so far) and gravestone inscriptions here. Census returns include 1901 and 1911 plus extant records from 1821, 1834, 1841, 1884 and 1895. Searching is free; each transcribed record will cost you about \$6.50.

**JewishGen** <http://www.jewishgen.org/>

Affiliated with the Museum of Jewish Heritage, this site includes a discussion group, the Family Finder database of 400,000 surnames and towns, ShtetLinks for 200-plus communities and the Family Tree of the Jewish People, with data on nearly 4 million people. Regional special-interest groups range from Eastern Europe to Southern Africa.

**ScotlandsPeople** \$\$  
<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Searching the wills and testaments (1513 to 1901) and coats of arms (1672 to 1907) databases here is free. About \$11 will get you record images in this official collection of statutory registers, old parish registers, censuses (1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901), births and baptisms (1553 to 1854, 1855 to 2006), marriages and banns (1553 to 1854, 1855 to 1933), and deaths (1855 to 2006).

**World GenWeb** <http://www.worldgenweb.org/>  
Start your search beyond our shores with the 400 project pages at this international counterpart to the US GenWeb site. Regional, country and ethnic sites here span the globe.

## 10 Best Cutting-edge Web Sites

Stay informed about the latest technology for genealogists with these sites.

**Ancestry Insider**  
<http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/>

Not just Ancestry.com but also FamilySearch get expert scrutiny from this anonymous blogger, often the first to note what's new with these genealogy giants.

**Dear Myrtle** <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>

Myrtle has been guiding genealogists since 1995, but she's by no means behind the times, with her own "Family History Hour" podcast and chatty blog.

**Diigo** <http://www.diigo.com/>

Best described as collaborative online sticky notes, Diigo isn't specifically for genealogists, but it's a nifty free tool nonetheless for bookmarking and annotating sites, for yourself or to share with other researchers.

**Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter** \$  
<http://blog.eogn.com/>

Longtime genealogy tech watcher Dick Eastman delivers "straight talk" on all kinds of family history topics; for \$19.95 a year, you get access to Plus Edition articles from industry experts. Eastman's blog is also a jumping-off point for his free Encyclopedia of Genealogy.

**Family Tree DNA:** <http://www.ysearch.org/> and <http://www.mitosearch.org/>

Visit these sibling databases to search and compare your DNA profile with others', even if you tested with a different company. The Ysearch tool covers 52,715 surnames in 69,327 DNA records.

**Genealogy Gems \$** <http://www.genealogygems.tv/>

Billed as "Your Online Family History Radio Show," Lisa Louise Cooke's site spoils more than 60 podcasts as well as videos. Premium members (\$29.95 a year) get access to subscribers-only episodes and videos.

**Genealogy Guys** <http://www.genealogyguys.com/>

Claiming bragging rights as the oldest genealogy podcast site, the Genealogy Guys offer more than 160 newsy programs.

**Live Roots \$** <http://www.liveroots.com/>

An innovative approach to genealogy metasearch, Live Roots goes beyond the big sites to scour hundreds of different libraries and data providers, by keyword or surname. Some hits require a \$32.95-a-year subscription package that includes Family Tree Connection, Town Reports Online, Military Roots Project and the GenWeekly News and Information Service. Others include the option of getting live assistance for a "nominal" fee.

**One-Step Web Pages** <http://stevemorse.org/>

Steve Morse keeps building better ways to search sites such as Ellis Island, Castle Garden, censuses and, most recently, the new Cook County site.

**Roots Television** <http://www.rootstelevision.com/>

From genealogy lectures to lighter fare, the free videos here let you watch and learn on your computer screen—or with a little tinkering, your TV (follow the instructions at *eHow*

[http://www.ehow.com/how\\_2377831\\_use-tv-monitor-laptop.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_2377831_use-tv-monitor-laptop.html) ).

**November's meeting:**

## ***Surviving the Dust Bowl***

*American Experience*: As Seen on Public Television

In 1931 the rains stopped and the "black blizzards" began. Powerful dust storms carrying millions of tons

of stinging, blinding black dirt swept across the Southern Plains – the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma, western Kansas, and the eastern portions of Colorado and New Mexico. Topsoil that had taken a thousand years per inch to build suddenly blew away in only minutes. One journalist traveling through the devastated region dubbed it the "Dust Bowl."

This *American Experience* film presents the remarkable story of the determined people who clung to their homes and way of life, enduring drought, dust, disease – even death – for nearly a decade. Less well-known than those who sought refuge in California, typified by the Joad family in John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, the Dust Bowlers who stayed overcame an almost unbelievable series of calamities and disasters.

*The two paragraphs above are from the jacket of the DVD. For any of our members who had ancestors come west during this time, this is a must see. Even if your ancestors did not experience this part of American History the insights into surviving in a new land, immigration, drastic life style changes and determination to see something thru to the end are wonderfully presented. Following the film we will have a short discussion about the film and how it illustrates movement patterns of populations.*

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### ***A Genealogist's Prayer***



Lord, help me dig into the past  
And sift the sands of time  
That I might find the roots that made  
This family tree of mine.

Lord, help me trace the ancient roads  
On which my father's trod,  
And led them through so many lands  
To find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book  
Or dusty manuscript,  
That's safely hidden now away  
In some forgotten crypt.

Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts  
My soul when I can't find,  
The missing link between some name  
That ends the same as mine.

*Anonymous*



### **Surveying Mt. San Gorgonio Memorial Park**

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!



## If You Could See Your Ancestors

If you could see your ancestors,  
All standing in a row.  
Would you be proud of them,  
Or don't you really know?

Some strange discoveries are made  
In climbing family trees;  
And some of them, you know,  
Do not particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors,  
All standing in a row.  
There might be some of them, perhaps,  
You wouldn't care to know.

But there's another question  
Which requires a different view ...  
If you could "meet" your ancestors,  
Would they be proud of you?

~ Author Unknown ~

### Genealogy Tip of the Day

#### Directories Can Fill in Missing Years

If you have urban ancestors (or even not so urban ones), consider using city directories to fill in those

off-census years. Directories may list others in the household (particularly if they are old enough to be on their own, but still living at home) and can document moves in off census years. Directories can also help you to find people in the census when the indexes fail.

Always copy the page with the abbreviations too. Otherwise they may really confuse you.

(c) Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day,"  
November 4, 2010

<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.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.



### Family History Center

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

Hours:

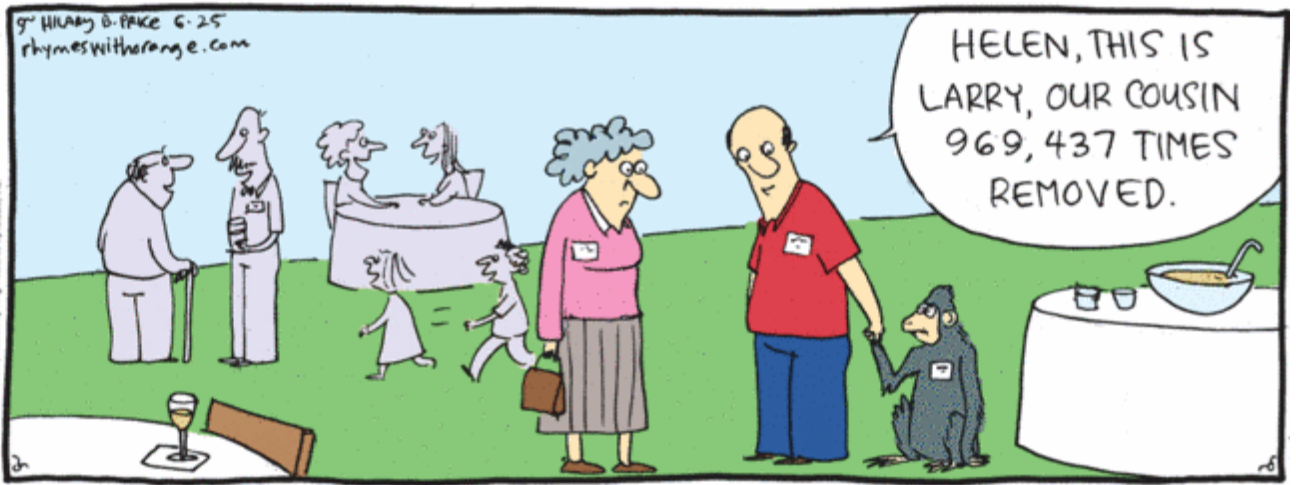
Tuesday - Saturday

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



## Whittier Area Genealogical Society 28th ANNUAL SEMINAR

Presents

### Lisa Louise Cooke

Saturday, January 29, 2011

Masonic Lodge, Whittier, California

7604 Greenleaf Ave. at Mar Vista in Whittier

#### Morning

- 8:00 Doors Open / Registration  
Browse Displays/Sales Tables
- 9:00 Welcome/Introductions
- 9:15 **1. Google Search Strategies**
- 10:15 Break. Browse Displays
- 10:45 **2. Google Earth and Maps for Genealogy**

#### Afternoon

- 12:00 Lunch. Visit Displays and Sales Tables
- 1:00 Door Prizes Awarded
- 1:30 **3. Genealogy Gems: Google Books and Google Toolbar**
- 2:30 Break. Last chance to visit Sales Tables
- 3:00 **4. Google Tools: iGoogle, Gmail, and Google Alerts**
- 4:00 Adjournment



**Lisa Louise Cooke** is the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is producer and host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show, as well as the *Family History: Genealogy Made Easy* podcast. She is the author of a variety of multi-media materials including the *Genealogy Gems Premium* website subscription, her book *Genealogy Gems: Ultimate Research Strategies*, the DVD *Google Earth for Genealogy*, and *Genealogy Gems Premium Audio Podcast Episode* digital downloads. Her newest book is *Google for Genealogy*.

In addition to *Genealogy Gems*, Lisa works closely with *Family Tree Magazine* as

producer and host of the *Family Tree Magazine Podcast*, a regular article author for the magazine and curriculum developer and instructor for Family Tree University.

**~ It is now time to register!**

Contact Roger Mount, the Seminar Director: email: [wags.seminar@gmail.com](mailto:wags.seminar@gmail.com); phone: 562-693-2674; *Check out our [blog](#) for the latest updates and Q&A with Lisa Louise Cooke on why to use Google with your Genealogy. See also our new [Facebook](#) page!*

Or, contact Ray Ristic, WAGS President: phone: 626-919-1713 or email: [nerak2000@earthlink.net](mailto:nerak2000@earthlink.net).

\***VALUABLE DOOR PRIZES**—Will be awarded at 1:00. Don't miss this! You need to be present!

\***REFRESHMENTS**—Will be available during the day.

\* **Deli lunches** of sandwiches, salad, dessert, and beverage may be ordered through pre-registration **only**.

\* **Other eating places** are within walking distance or you may bring your own lunch.

\***VENDORS SCHEDULED**

\* **Lisa Cooke**—The speaker's popular books, DVDs, and resources will be available for purchase.

\* **Southern California Genealogy Society (SCGS)**—many books and supplies will be available.

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

\* **Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)**—Book sales and displays.

\* **Legacy Family Tree**--Genealogical software. For more information: [www.LegacyFamilyTree.com](http://www.LegacyFamilyTree.com)

\* **Additional Vendors Are Pending. Check this website for list of added vendors.**

\***ACCOMMODATIONS**

\* For accommodations at the Radisson Hotel, across from the Seminar location, call 562-945-8511 or see their website at <http://www.radisson.com/home.do>

\***REGISTRATION**

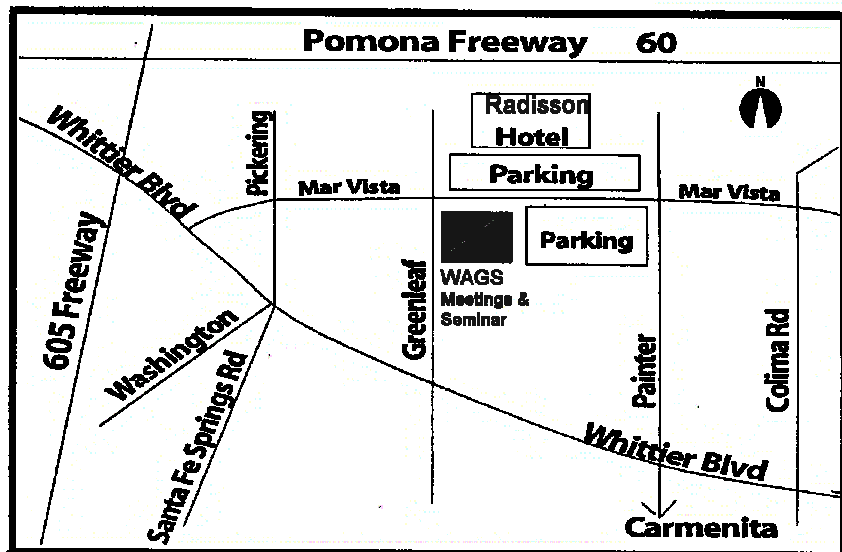
Please make check payable to WAGS. Mail with the registration form (below) **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 22, 2011** to

WAGS Seminar,  
P.O. Box 4367,  
Whittier, CA 90607-4367.

**NO REFUNDS**

## Seminar Location Map

Masonic Lodge.....7604 Greenleaf Ave.....Whittier, CA



**DIRECTIONS:** From the 605 freeway: exit at Whittier Blvd., go east, then left on Mar Vista street. From the 5 freeway: exit Carmenita Road, go straight north (the name changes from Carmenita Road to Painter Ave.) then west on Mar Vista. **Free parking** in Radisson Hotel garage. Reserved handicapped parking is behind the Masonic Lodge.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATIONS**

Pre-registration.....\$32.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration after Jan. 22nd and at-the-door.....\$37.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Student registration (with photo ID).....\$27.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch reservations by Jan. 22nd.....\$ 8.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check here to reserve handicapped  
Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ parking in rear of Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

***In Defense of the Turkey as National Bird***

Benjamin Franklin was not pleased when he learned the bald eagle was chosen to represent the United States:

"I wish the Bald Eagle ha not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character. He does not get his living honestly.....Too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the Labour of the Fishing Hawk; and when that diligent Bird has at length taken a Fish....The Bald Eagle pursues him and takes it from him....'

"Besides he is a rank Coward: The little King bird not bigger than a Sparrow attacks him boldly and drives him out of the District. He is therefore by no means a proper Emblem for the brave and honest (Revolutionaries) of America who have driven all the King birds from our Country....'

The Turkey is in comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America.... He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a Red Coat on.

[www.wildturkeyzone.com](http://www.wildturkeyzone.com)

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*...and so, have a Happy Thanksgiving, and enjoy eating your turkey.*

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