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Genealogical Society

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YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message:

What is it about genealogy that you enjoy the most? Are you interested in growing the biggest tree that you can and seeing how many branches you can add? Do you like to trace all the cousins and contact people that are family members alive today? Is the story of the ancestor's life or preserving those stories what you are most interested in? Is it keeping special artifacts that belonged to your ancestor?

All of these different parts of genealogy have been part of our workshops, meetings and speakers this last year. There is one thing that is not in this list of ways to enjoy genealogy, sharing our interest in all these things with the community: our neighbors and friends. During the October and November meetings, let us talk about ways we can get more people interested in sharing with us our passion for genealogy. Some of our members have already started going into our community and letting people know about our meetings; we will hear a report in October. Our assignment is to target friends— church friends, neighbors, and others and talk to them about the fact that Yucaipa has a Genealogy Society. Bring them to any meeting...but the first meeting of next year is going to be a special "Bring a Friend to the Society" meeting. What a way to start off the New Year after the holidays! Between now and then, let us work on how we can make that meeting special—perhaps awards for members who bring the most new people to the meeting, a special something for new members joining, a map for new members to mark where their ancestors come from. Please come to the next two meetings ready to share ideas for the "Bring a Friend to the Society" January event.

I will miss meeting with you this month, as I will be out of town for the weekend. I hope all of you will speak to the nominating committee, making suggestions and volunteering your services for next year's board. We do need your help to make the society successful.

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 Prince of Peace Lutheran 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.

What you missed!

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Saturday September 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:05P. M. by President Floyd Ferguson, who also led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer, Marg Polich, gave her report. It was approved for review.

The working Balance : \$ 491.86.

The checkbook balance: \$2518.86

The Treasurer's report will be filed with the minutes, and is always available for the membership to see at the meetings, or by contacting Marg Polich.

The speaker for November will be announced in October, as Gena Ortega had to cancel for personal reasons. The October speaker is Dallas Bordenave.

Marg Polich moved to contribute \$100.00 to Yucaipa Family Service. Barbara Firestone seconded; after discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Terry Brown asked the group to consider each member bringing a guest to the January meeting.

Joe Swetich is going to do some research on holding genealogy workshops at various senior centers and mobile home community centers.

The website has had 13 inquiries regarding findagrave, all of which were answered by Barbara Firestone. There were two research requests, one answered by Earl Giddings, and the other answered by Barbara Firestone.

Floyd asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Terry Brown, Sue Wolfe, and Joe Swetich will serve on the committee, and will report back to the Society at the November meeting.

Floyd Ferguson won the 50/50 drawing and donated his portion to the Society.

This month's workshop and meeting was devoted to Show and Tell, presented by the members. It was an extremely informative meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 P.M. by President Floyd Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted by

Jamie Daniel

Secretary, YVGS

COMING EVENTS

1. Wednesday October 5, 2011 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Hemet Public Library conference room. For more information inquire in the Heritage Room or call (951) 765-2372

Topic: "Ancestry.com"

Presenter: Larry Bowles. Larry is exceptionally knowledgeable about the use of this outstanding Genealogical Research Site. You will be amazed at what can be found!

2. Saturday, October 8, 2011

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society Workshop and Meeting at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 31785 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa

12:00 Workshop 1:00 meeting.

Speaker Dallas Joseph Bordenave, Jr. will be bringing us information on DNA research in genealogy.

Come join us!

3. Wednesday October 19, 2011 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Hemet Public Library conference room. For more information inquire in the Heritage Room or call (951) 765-2372

Topic: Vital Records and Church Records—Birth, Marriage, Death.

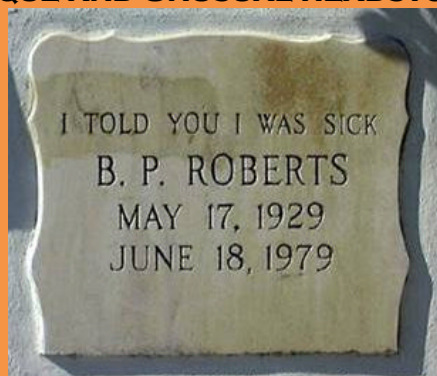
4. Sunday, October 23, 2011 7:00 P.M. Family History Research Class at the Redlands Family History Center, Wabash and Fifth (Stake Center High Council Room)

Topic: Notes and Sources—Remembering the Details

Speaker: Diana Rounds

5. Saturday, November 5, 2011 Novemberfest 8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 7000 Central Ave., Highland. See flyer in this newsletter

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As the nominating committee begins to contact members to fill board positions for the following year, each of us should ask ourselves one question:



"Do I want to see the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society continue?"

If the answer is yes, then each member also needs to consider that it takes volunteers to do the jobs required to keep the Society up and running.

Don't wait for a telephone call. Volunteer to take a position (or find someone who would be willing to share a position with you, so it wouldn't be full time). Remember, many hands make light work.

The nominating committee: Terry Brown, Sue Wolfe, and Joe Swetich.



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://wetrete.blogspot.com>). I was intrigued by her series, Jump Start Your Genealogy Blog; 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 42

Week 42: Based on the browsing you did [last week](#) at the [RootsWeb index page](#), write a genealogy query that could be posted on a message board. Draw on the elements of a good discussion-list post you learned in the week #39 challenge to write a quality query of your own. You do not have to post your query on a public forum if you do not feel comfortable doing so. The challenge is to practice writing queries that provide good detail information without being too wordy. If you write a genealogy blog, consider sharing some of your tips for writing a good query, or post an example of your own.

Challenge 43

Week 43: Brush up on your knowledge of citations. The most detailed element of genealogy is also the most important. Take some time to review articles, books and web sites on the subject. If you have a copy of Elizabeth Shown Mills' [Evidence Explained](#), you can read it as part of this challenge. If you do not, consider getting the book, then review some of these pages and the links they contain: [Genealogy Source Citations Quick Reference](#) by Thomas MacEntee at [Genealbloggers.com](#) (this is a PDF file), [Citing Sources](#) at Cyndi's List and [Documenting Your Research / Citing Your Sources](#) at About.com. Bloggers, do you have a favorite book, web site or tool for helping you craft quality citations?

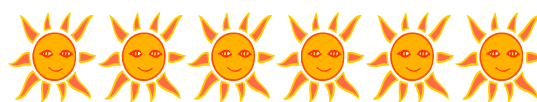
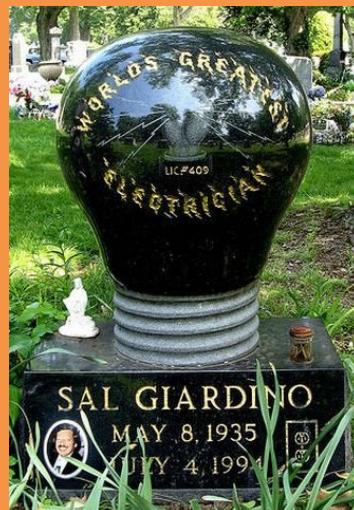
Challenge 44

Week 44: Research ways to give back to the genealogy community. A great deal of genealogy information on line was put there by volunteers. This week, your challenge is to examine some different ways genealogists can donate their time and effort in kind. [Find-a-Grave](#), [Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness](#), [FamilySearch Indexing](#), the [World Archives Project](#), [Unclaimed Persons](#) and the [USGenWeb](#) project are all dependent on volunteer effort. Perhaps you'll even discover a new tool to use. You do not have to volunteer as part of this challenge; just increase your knowledge of the available opportunities. Genealogy bloggers are there any other online groups and organizations you can think of that may be of benefit to your readers?

Challenge 45

Week 45: Examine genealogy societies in your region. Many genealogists belong to their local societies, but it's helpful to be aware of other organizations within a few hours of your home. Sometimes these societies have good programs or resources to share. Cyndi's List has an impressive [Societies and Groups Index](#) to browse, but it might not include certain smaller or newer societies. You may have to do some creative keyword searching on the Internet to find a list of societies near you. Use this week to see what types of groups meet in your part of the county, state or country. Don't forget groups with specific research interests, such as ethnic societies. Genealogy bloggers can use this week to highlight some of the societies in their neck of the woods.

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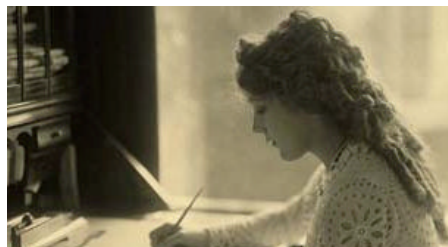
If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine, or someone who would benefit from a card, please contact Barbara Thomas, our Sunshine Chair. She cannot do her job without our help!



Reprinted from Ancestry.com:

Your Story Is Important: Preserve It

By Juliana Smith 07 September 2011



This morning I took my breakfast out to the back porch to enjoy a crystal blue sky and a beautiful early

September morning. With the September 11th anniversary upon us, I couldn't help but remember that on the morning of 9/11 the air had a very similar feel to it. Crisp, clear, and with no hint of what was to come. My daughter was in Kindergarten and I remember running to school to pick her up, wondering how to explain to her what had happened. The other day I asked her about it, because I wondered what the memories would be like from her perspective. It was interesting to hear the things she remembered and what stood out to her.

As family historians, we go back in time and learn about the things that happened to our ancestors and if you're like me you wonder what it was like for them. The immigrant ancestor crossing an ocean to a new world, the Civil War soldier preparing for battle, the

housewife finding a way to support her family when her husband is unable to work—what was it like from their perspective?

Sometimes we get lucky. We may have correspondence, a diary, or perhaps some pieces of the story passed down through the family. Or maybe we find insights into a time or event as it was recorded by our ancestors' contemporaries—a neighbor's diary, or a letter written home from a soldier who fought in the same battle as a relative. Too often though, we have to satisfy ourselves with small clues found in records and by reading a generic and impersonal history. Don't you wish your ancestors were like you and had left some sort of legacy in their own words?

Some of you, like me, may have felt a little guilt twinge there. It's time. I am determined to leave my stories for my daughter and her children—and their children. I don't want future generations wondering, "What was that like?"

I have several journals lying around where I've recorded a handful of memories, news from our family, and reactions to events in the world around us. Too many of them begin with, "Today I will get organized and start recording my personal history."

Today is that day, and I've got some ideas to make it work this time.

Use What You Have

In this day and age, we may not realize it but we're journaling all the time—probably more so than in years past. Our Facebook status updates, Tweets, emails to friends and family, blog posts, calendar entries, holiday letters—all of them chronicle our lives. Even if they're not detailed, they can form a framework we can work with. Make a habit of copying and saving relevant electronic updates into a document on your computer.

To organize these mini-entries of sorts, start a folder and just add to it as you go. Begin the name of each document, photo, or other memory with the date like this: 20110911Trip. That way if you sort by file name, when you look into that file your memories will be in chronological order.

Break It Down

When you look back at your entire life, the prospect of putting it on paper can be daunting. Break down the task into segments—perhaps a decade at a time. Use photographs and timelines to prompt you. Pretend you're one of those ancestors you'd love to know more about. What would you like to ask them? Then ask yourself that question.

Don't feel like you have to do it in order. Let your memories take you where they will and enjoy the ride. When you're reminded of something or a memory comes flooding back, just take a few minutes to

capture it. It doesn't have to be edited and ready for public consumption at that moment. When you get more time, go back to it and fill in the blanks, making it into a story. As you continue to collect the stories in this way, soon you'll realize you're on your way.

Find It a Home

One of the biggest challenges I have is finding the right medium. I'm one of those people caught between the paper and electronic world, wanting the best of both. The small journal I can curl up with in the yard and the computer where I can quickly copy and paste all those emails and Facebook posts both have a place in my journaling world. What I need is a place where paper and electronics can live happily together. I have a lot of stories in those unfinished journals, and I have electronic notes that I'll need to bring together when I begin compiling a more cohesive story. In the case of my journals, I may have to go in and weave those words into stories I have in electronic form. In some cases, I may take the easy way out and scan a few pages. After all, how cool is it to find great-grandma's words in her own handwriting, right?

For the compiled version of all the stories and thoughts I've collected, I've just created a word-processing document. It's easy to edit, add photos and images when I'm inclined, and I can rearrange portions easily without worrying about format problems. I can also export sections. For example, a story about me and my grandma can be copied into the Stories section of my online tree and attached to both of us.

Juliana Smith has been an editor of Ancestry.com newsletters for more than thirteen years and is the current editor of the *Ancestry Weekly Discovery*. She has written for *Ancestry Magazine* and wrote the "Computers and Technology" chapter in *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, rev. 3rd edition.



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.



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Here is a list of questions that can serve as prompts for your personal history, or as the basis for an interview of a family member.



Where did you grow up?
How long did your family live in the area(s)?
How many siblings did you have?
What were their names and how old were they? What were they like?

Were there other family members in the area? Who?

Did you live on a farm? What kind of crops did you grow?
What kind of livestock or other animals did you keep?
Did you have any pets?
What was the house or apartment like? How many rooms?
What kind of amenities did it have? (Indoor plumbing, electricity or gas, phone, television, etc.)

Were there any special items in the house that stand out in your mind (favorite possessions of yours, your parents, or siblings)?
What kind of area/neighborhood was it?
Did the town have a railroad? Post office? What kind of stores or shops?

What was your family's religious affiliation?
Where did you go to church?
What religious ceremonies did you take part in?
Did you have godparents or sponsors?

Where did you go to school?
What level education do you have?
What was your favorite subject to study?
Did you have any special interests when you were growing up (sports, hobbies, crafts, etc.)?
What kind of games did you play?
What was your favorite toy?
What did you do for fun (go to beach, park, movies, zoo, etc.)?

Did your family ever take trips or go on vacation?

Do you speak any foreign languages?
Did you have family reunions?
Who were your friends when you were growing up?
Who were the close friends of the family?
Describe the personalities of your family members.
Are there any physical characteristics that run in your family?
Were there any serious illnesses in your family?
Do any illnesses run in the family?
Were there any memorable traditions that your family practiced?

Can you remember any stories that were told to you as a child (fictional, folklore, or real life)?
What events stand out in the memory of your childhood (historical, personal, familial, storms or disasters, fire, etc.)?
What inventions or developments changed your life, and how?

What was your father's occupation? Where did he work?
Did your mother work? Where?
Did you work? Where?
Did anyone in your family ever serve in the military?
Did anyone in your family ever hold a public office?

What was your favorite song?
Did anyone in your family play a musical instrument?
What were your family's favorite meals? Are there any special family recipes?
Were certain foods eaten or avoided on certain occasions?

Were you ever mentioned in a newspaper?
What kind of organizations did your family belong to (fraternal, charitable, scouting, etc.)?
What special skills do you have?
How did you come into your profession?
When did you move away from home?

Have you ever been married? If so, to whom? When?
Where did you meet your husband/wife?
What qualities drew you to him/her?
Did you exchange any special gifts?
How long did you date before getting married?
Where did you get married?
Who participated in your wedding?
Did you have a reception? Was there music? What songs were played?
Do you have a copy of your wedding invitation?
Was there an announcement in the newspaper? Which paper?

How many children do you have?
How many are still living?
What stories did you tell your children when they were growing up?

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.

FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.3844



"He used to be the happy-go-luckiest man in the office—then he foolishly had his family tree traced."

by Cy Olson

Surveying Local Cemeteries

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. We are continuing to transcribe all the cemeteries (not just Mt. San Geronio) in our area, and post pictures and obituaries where we can find them.

Please contact Jamie Daniel or anyone on the YVGS Board if you are interested. Just one morning taking pictures would be wonderful. We could use your help!

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GUSTAVA
GUMERSINDA
GUTIERREZ
GUZMAN

1934-1989

Rest in peace

A memory from all
your sons(except
Ricardo who did not
pay any money)

Editor's note: I found this article while browsing for something totally unrelated, but it spoke volumes...I swear she could see my desk! I hope it helps all of you.

Lazy Days Organizing Tips for the Family Historian

By Paula Stuart Warren,
CG 16 October 2003

As I write this I am thinking about you. I have a vision of you checking the *Ancestry Daily News* on your computer that is in the midst of your genealogy work area. Look around and take in the room. Do you have piles of paper on the floor? Do you have a stack of genealogy periodicals that you intend to read? Do you have some notes sitting on your workspace that are reminders of a website to check or an obituary to look for on your next library trip? Is there any semblance of order?

I promise I will not visit you with digital camera in hand and snap a picture to share on the great World Wide Web. However, I do promise to share some "Lazy Day Organizing Tips . . ." that help keep me on track.

I don't know of any of us with unlimited time and budget, nor with someone to do all our cooking, cleaning, bill paying, and other chores. So, how can we all keep on top of our family history materials?

First of all, quit browbeating yourself about those piles, notes, and periodicals to read. You don't even have to read one of the popular "how to get organized" books. Here are some tips that work for me.



Keep paper handy. Keep a pad of paper and pen anywhere you do your thinking. (Yes, even in that room too!) You can jot

down notes as those brilliant ideas pop into your head. Today when you come up with an idea to help solve the whereabouts of Great Uncle Benjamin, make that note right away before the other parts of your life flood it out of your mind. The best notes are made right away when the idea is fresh.

The size of the paper is important. I do use some odd size pieces of paper and those popular "sticky" notes--but the notes I don't lose are written on full 8 ½ by 11 inch sheets of paper and on one side only.





Be a List Maker: Those of you who are first-borns will appreciate this. My


Grandma Gert was a champion list maker and a first-born. I used to giggle at all the lists, but she lived to be 97. Could the fact that she was very organized and kept track of things have some bearing on her longevity? Her apartment had lists everywhere. I am not suggesting that you become quite so obsessive. Keep lists of your research goals and what you need


to check at the library or courthouse. You might even categorize the lists by library or family.

Are you going to attend a class or seminar? Check the descriptions of the presentations and jot down notes on what you hope to learn or questions you might have the opportunity to ask.


 What should you do with all these lists and notes? My daughter used to work for a company that had lots of empty boxes that had housed 500 business-size envelopes. I use these boxes for my "lazy days" filing. (I do admit that I have not been perfect with my filing.) I label a box for each family or group of families, for upcoming classes I will be teaching or attending, for a specific library such as the Family History Library, the National Archives, or the Minnesota Historical Society, and for items to give a friend at a seminar or class. You can also use boxes that gifts like shirts come in or empty file folder boxes. I purchased a lightweight metal shelving unit at a discount store and the boxes sit on this unit. Into the boxes I put notes, copies, articles, things to look up, things to file for my Hanley or Slaker family, and other categories. I know I may not get them all right into the filing cabinet, but at least I have narrowed the search to a labeled box rather than a towering stack of paper when I need to find something.

 Go to the office supply store. Several years ago at a meeting of professional genealogists a woman asked if others had a problem with office supply stores. That is, did they love to go to them, browse, and sometimes not even buy! Not surprisingly, most people in the room raised their hands affirmatively. Your assignment is to visit the store. Buy a supply of file folders; some should be the plain old manila variety and others should be in several colors.

 What to do with these folders? Label one right now for "Organizing Tips" and print out this column and place it in the folder. Put some folders in your car, some in your briefcase, and others in places where you might do your genealogical work and thinking. With these handy, you can immediately put a piece of paper in a file folder and label it. You are halfway to being able to locate the information quickly. Each time you attend a class or seminar, take along folders in which you can place the day's handouts or other items you pick up.

 Buy a full-size clipboard or two. First, add a label with contact details so that it will

hopefully be returned if you lose it. Then, use it in libraries and around the house to hold paper you are working on, notes on telephone calls, your "to do" list, and other important items. These are less likely to get lost if they are on the clipboard.

What do vitamins and teeth brushing have in common with organizing your genealogical materials? That is simple: do it every day.  Five or ten minutes spent every day can save you hours in the future.

I hope these simple hints have helped you. Now I am going to take one of those labeled boxes and actually put the material into the proper file cabinets.

Paula Stuart Warren, CGRS, is a professional genealogist, consultant, writer, and lecturer. She has lectured across the U.S. and is a coordinator of the Intermediate Course, American Records & Research at the annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. She is co-author of Your Guide to the Family History Library: How to Access the World's Largest Genealogy Resource and a contributor to genealogical periodicals including Ancestry Magazine. She is a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota, and spends many weeks each year at the Family History Library and at the U.S. National Archives. Her roots include ancestors from seven different countries and researching them has given her broad experience.

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September 16, 2011

Ancestry.com Releases the 1930 Mexico National Census to Open Gateway for Hispanic Family History Research

The following announcement was written by Ancestry.com:

Access is Free to Public for Most Comprehensive Mexican Census Published Online
 PROVO, UTAH – (September 16, 2011) – Ancestry.com, the world’s largest online family history resource, today announced a significant addition to its growing collection of online Mexican and Hispanic historical records. With nearly 13 million records, the newly available 1930 Mexico National Census (El Quinto Censo General de Población y Vivienda 1930, México) is the most comprehensive historical Mexican census available online[1]. It is estimated that this census counted approximately 90 percent of the population, therefore for nearly 30 million Americans who can trace their families to Mexico, it provides a valuable gateway to begin researching Mexican family history, especially if family, vital or religious records are lost.

Mexico’s first formally recognized federal or national census was taken in 1895. Starting in 1900, censuses were taken every 10 years, making the 1930 Mexico Census the fifth official government census, or formally the Fifth General Census of Housing and Population. This particular census is significant in Mexican history as federal officials sought to make it a vehicle for national unity. A successful campaign urging citizens to take part as a civic duty resulted in an extremely high participation rate - the primary reason why the 1930 Mexican Census is considered the best Mexican census conducted in the 20th century.

Edward James Olmos, Academy Award nominated actor and noted philanthropist, is working with Ancestry.com to trace his family’s Mexican history using information found in the 1930 Mexico National Census.

“Like so many Latinos, I’m proud of my heritage and want to preserve that legacy for future generations,” said Olmos. “With resources like the 1930 Mexican National Census, families can now trace their ancestors to Mexico and gain a greater understanding of where they came from.”

The 1930 Mexico National Census provides a wide spectrum of details about individuals and families and can offer valuable insight into their lives. In addition to demographic data such as name, age, gender, birthplace, address and marital status, the census form also recorded nationality, religion, occupation, real estate holdings, literacy and any physical or mental defects. The millions of records in the collection reveal some interesting statistics about life in Mexico in 1930:

- The most common given female name was Maria and the most common given male name Juan.
- The three most common surnames were Hernandez, Garcia and Martinez.
- Nearly 18% of the population were recorded as Soltero [single], 11% were Casado por lo Civil y la Iglesia [civil and church marriage], 10% were Casado por la Iglesia [church marriage] and 8%

were Union Libre [free union—living together without marriage].

- The four most populous Mexican states were Puebla, Veracruz, Jalisco and Oaxaca.
- Famous Mexicans found in the collection include Maria Félix (1914–2002), who was among the best-known Mexican actresses and Carmello Torres Fregoso (Bernardo del Carmen Fregoso Cázares; 1927-2003), a renowned bullfighter who later became a successful businessman.

“As the United States is home to the second largest Mexican community in the world, Mexican-Americans comprise 10 percent of the total U.S. population therefore it is fitting that the world’s largest online family history resource now has an expansive collection to serve this important demographic,” said Josh Hanna, Ancestry.com Executive Vice President.

While the 1930 Mexico Census is the newest and largest collection of Mexican records on Ancestry.com, there are a number of other collections that may be helpful when conducting Mexican family history research, including Border Crossings: From Mexico to U.S., 1895-1957; Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, Mexico, Selected Parish Records, 1751-1880; and the Spanish-American Family History Guide.

To start researching the 1930 Mexico Census for free, please visit www.ancestry.com/Mexico.

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Here is resting my
 dearest wife,
**BRUNJILDA
 JALAMONTE**
 1973-1997
 Lord, please
 welcome
 her with the same
 joy I send her to you.



Thank you Barbara Firestone and Anna Mumper for the delicious refreshments you brought to the September meeting.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Born on September 11, 1951, Dallas Joseph Bordenave Jr. is a 4th generation American born New Orleans, Louisiana Native from his father's side, and 6th generation of the



same from his mother's side. He lived in New Orleans up to the age of 16 when his family moved to Los Angeles, California after vacationing there the previous year in 1967. His California vacation was the first time Dallas had ever departed from the Pelican State of Louisiana other than a brief day at a beach in Mississippi as a young child.

As a teenager growing up in New Orleans, finding out about one's ancestors was a hush-hush situation that no elder family members in the Deep South cared to talk about. He was only told he was "Creole" but not allowed to ask what it was or what it really meant. He was told in the terminology of the times "You're not Negro and you're not White, you're mixed... you're Creole. That's just the way it is, and you just have to live with it. So don't ever ask about that again." His interest in genealogy started at a very young age in New Orleans. However, he didn't make much progress until several years later when a very

good friend of his, Annabelle, directed him to their Family History Center with the Church of Latter Day Saints in Moreno Valley, California. Dallas, not being a member of their church, was very excited that he was allowed to do genealogy research at their Family History Center. There he located his very first family record, a 1920 U.S. Census Record of his father's parents in Louisiana. That set him off on a journey that continues to this very day. He now has numerous genealogical records of ancestors on both sides of his family going back 7 generations to Cuba, Mexico, Spain and France. Dallas is a descendant of cigar merchants from Cuba and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Spanish military. He credits his later discovered distant cousins Charles Adams and Jennifer Morris both of Los Angeles, California for many of those records on both sides of his family.

Even with all the genealogical data Dallas accumulated over time about his ancestors to verify where he came from in this world and what race and culture he actually belonged to, the enigma remained due to the controversy of data he discovered in the Louisiana vital records of Orleans Parish. That's where his interest in DNA initiated to finally verify and document the truth about his actual heritage. Dallas learned that DNA cannot lie, it can only reveal the truth. The results of the DNA tests revealed more than Dallas expected or even anticipated, and sent shock waves throughout his family who for decades only wanted to leave well enough alone. However, Dallas wasn't satisfied with leaving "well enough alone", and was compelled to finally expose the truth to satisfy his curiosity and move on with his life.

Deadline for articles for the newsletter:

Thursday

Before the first Saturday of the month.

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HALLOWE'EN



Pixie, kobold, elf, and sprite All are on their rounds to-night,-
In the wan moon's silver ray Thrives their helter-skelter play.

Fond of cellar, barn, or stack, True unto the almanac,
They present to credulous eyes Strange hobgoblin mysteries.

Cabbage-stomps-straws wet with dew- Apple-skins, and chestnuts too,
And a mirror for some lass, Show what wonders come to pass.

Doors they move, and gates they hide, Mischiefs that on moon-beams ride
Are their deeds, and, by their spells, Love records its oracles.

Don't we all, of long ago, By the ruddy fireplace glow,
In the kitchen and the hall, Those queer, coofllke pranks recall?

Eerie shadows were they then- But to-night they come again:
Were we once more but sixteen, Precious would be Halloween.



~Joel Benton

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