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Genealogical Society

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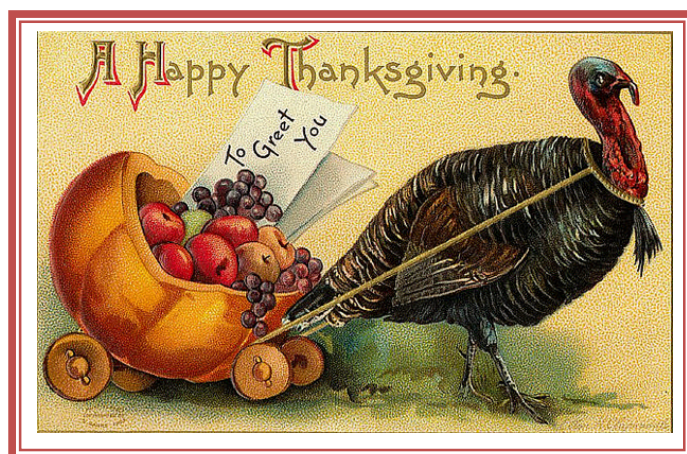
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COMING EVENTS

1. Saturday, November 12, 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: Bobby Dobbins Topic:

Come join us!

2. Wednesday, December 7, 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: Military Records—All Wars, Draft Registrations, Prisoners of War

3. Sunday, November 20, 2011 7:00 P.M. Family History Research Class at the Redlands Family
History Center, Wabash and Fifth (Stake Center High Council Room)

Topic: Long Distance Genealogy—Using Forums

Speaker: Annette Leffman

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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 October 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Secretary Jamie Daniel, in the absence of the President.

Juanita Marshall let the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as corected.

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

The working Balance : \$ 710, 51.

The checkbook balance: \$2283.90

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.

Committee Reports:

Programs: The speaker for November will be Bobby Dobbins Title, as Gena Ortega had to cancel for personal reasons.

Nominating: The committee has a slate of officers for 2012 to present at the November meeting.

Old Business: Joe Swetich visited and took flyers to 29 mobile home parks and both the Calimesa and Yucaipa libraries, and invited all to visit our meetings.

Announcements: The current mail will be available every month for the members to peruse.

Glenda Page won the 50/50 drawing.

Dallas Bordenave gave a very interesting talk on DNA, and his personal genealogical journey.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M. by Secretary Jamie Daniel.

Respectfully submitted by

Jamie Daniel

Secretary, YVGS



52 Weeks to Better Genealogy

Editor's note: 3rd in a series I came across while doing research on the Internet. It is written by Amy Coffin, who has a blog called The WeTree Genealogy Blog (<http://wetree.blogspot.com>). I was intrigued by her series, Jump Start Your Genealogy Blog; 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 46

Week 46: Assess your volunteer potential. The last two weeks' challenges focused on volunteerism and local genealogy societies (which are also dependent on volunteers). Take a look at your skill set and determine what types of opportunities best suit you. Do you speak two languages? Maybe you can offer translation services. Do you only have free time after the kids are in bed? Perhaps an indexing project is best for you. Knowing your strengths can help shape your research process. If you take this challenge a step further and actually volunteer, give yourself a pat on the back. Bloggers are encouraged to assess and share their own skill sets, as well as any volunteer experiences they have.

Challenge 47

Week 47: Make your genealogy gift list. The holidays are coming! Prepare a list of genealogy-related gifts you'd like to receive: books, magazine subscriptions, software, electronics, society memberships or anything else that might look good with a bow on it. If you're blessed to already have everything you could possibly want, consider charitable donations and in-kind gifts to societies, libraries and preservation groups. If you have a genealogy blog, you can share your list and give gift ideas to your readers as well.

Challenge 48

Week 48: Examine different online tools for cataloging your personal genealogy library and keeping track of the books you read. [LibraryThing](#) is a site where you can catalog and tag the books in your own personal library. It is a great tool for keeping track of the genealogy books you have. You can even create tags for books you want to purchase. [Good](#)

[Reads](#) and [Shelfari](#) are web sites that help you keep track of books you have read. All three of these sites have social networking components. Your challenge this week is to browse these sites and see how genealogists use them. Bloggers, do you use any of these tools? How do you organize your own personal genealogy library?

Challenge 49

Week 49: Check out the [National Archives Genealogy](#) page. There also is a [Start Your Genealogy Research](#) page that may be of interest. Don't try to do any research, just click links and explore the contents. The goal of this week's challenge is to introduce you to these collections, or for more experienced genealogists, remind you of what they contain. If you are doing this challenge from outside the United States, explore the national archives of your country for collections pertinent to genealogy. If you write a genealogy blog, you may share and interesting items you found with your readers.



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.



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

Harvest Time!

by Allison Aston

'Tis the season...to genealogize! ...after you have finished canning your fruits and veggies, don't forget to spend some time preserving your family history.

Here are some ideas for genealogy projects that you can do while snuggled up inside your warm, comfy homes during the chilly October nights that are upon us:

1. Write your *own* story. It will make a great gift for you posterity in the future. There are several ways to do this. For example, I just Googled the term "how to write your personal history," and found a website called www.writemymemoirs.com that looks like it has some great tools for creating a meaningful personal history.

2. Talk to your relatives about *their* stories. Oh yes, and record the stories your relatives tell! I remember my great-grandpa telling me that a waltz was the only real way to romance a woman, and that he used to take my great-grandma dancing on a regular basis. That is a story that I don't want to forget, especially since I have danced at the very same dance hall where they did their romancing.

3. Gather, organize, and digitize family photos and documents. This might be a huge task, but the end result will be worth it. A few years ago, my mom took the gigantic pile of slides that she and my dad took during the years before they purchased a 35mm camera to Kinkos and had them put on CDs for the family for Christmas. It was one of the best Christmas presents I've gotten from her. Now I have another piece of my history close at hand and easy to access.

4. Send a hand-written letter to someone special. I was struck by an article that discusses two things: 1) possible "coming genealogical dark ages" and 2) ways that we can keep our personal history alive in the future. Creating hand-written letters and keeping journals are just two things we can do to help in this endeavor.

5. [Fill in blank with your own genealogical ideas, you clever people!] Now, have at it folks. There are lots of genealogical records that need to be created and preserved, and we are lucky to be involved in this great work. Happy October to us all!

Allison Aston completed her studies in 2007 and currently works full-time as a genealogist for ProGenealogists, located in Salt Lake City, Utah.



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 Gorgonio) 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!



Family History Tip— Naming Patterns

Even though my Italian grandfather lived with us when I was a child, I never knew the names of his parents. When I started researching family history, I remembered the custom of Italians naming their first son and daughter after the husband's parents, and the second son and daughter after the wife's parents.

Since my mother Lucia was the oldest daughter and her brother, Vincent, was the oldest son, I searched for a couple with the names of Vincent and Lucia and lo and behold, I found them! It also worked for some of my other relatives.

*Joan Walsh
Baton Rouge, LA*



Thank you Glenda Page and Joe Swetich for the delicious refreshments you brought to the October meeting.

Sandy Makovsky and Sue Wolfe will provide the refreshments for the November meeting.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



"The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving."

~H.U. Westermayer

**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 1st.**

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

or

909 792-2962

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**GENEALOGY
IN THE CLASSROOM**

Resources for Students and Teachers

**A new way of introducing young
people to the world of genealogy. Its
web based and free and with no
registration hassles or passwords to
remember it's fun to use!**

Designed by teachers for students and teachers
but this free web based resource can be used by
anyone with access to a computer linked to the
internet.

Our on-line schoolhouse has something for
every-one. Our teachers developed lots of
activities for students in the **Classroom** and the
accompanying teacher notes and lesson guides
are in **Teacher's Corner**.

The **Computer Lab** has great videos about
genealogy while the **Library** has helpful articles,
access to on-line search engines and more. All
the charts and forms including this flyer are in
the **Supplies** room.

The **Family History Club** is full of ideas and
projects including a youth write-in challenge
where you could become a published author.

For more info email projects@victoriags.org

**Something new from the
Victoria Genealogical Society!
Genealogy in the Classroom
at: www.victoriags.org**



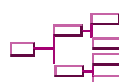
*The Annual Christmas Potluck,
December 10, 2011 12:00 P.M.*

*will be at the home of
Jamie Daniel,*

333 Poppy Road, Redlands

*Bring your favorite potluck dish
And join us for our annual meeting
and fun.*

*There will be a short general meeting. We will be
voting on our new officers for 2012. Don't miss it!
(a map and directions will be included in the
December newsletter.)*

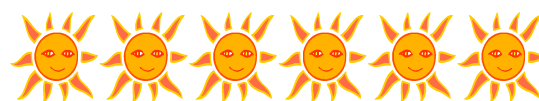


**REMEMBER WHEN YOU FIRST
STARTED?**

Ancestry

You may have said something like...

- What do you mean "do the math"? So what if she was born in 1810 and her child was born in 1820
- But it says he was born in 1830 in WEST Virginia, why would I look in Virginia? Those Pre-1850 censuses are worthless!
- No, his name is Mathias with one T this one has two Ts it can't be him
- But the Death Certificate says his mother was born in Germany, that can't be her born in Pennsylvania
- What do you mean "who was the informant?" Who cares?



**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!**

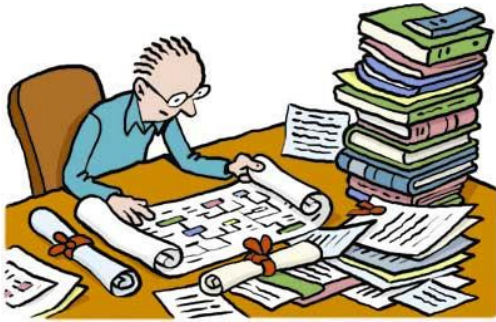


**"As we express our gratitude, we must
never forget that the highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them."**

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Editor's Note: I found this very useful article online, and I have left it unedited for you to read. If you would like to see more of the writings of Lorine McGinnis Schulze, please see the information at the end of the selection.

The Legacy of Our Genealogy



Everyone dies. It's a sad fact of life, and one we all face. For genealogists this natural order of things is compounded by the fact that we have invested so much time into researching our family tree. What will happen to our years of work once we're gone?

As we've discussed previously on Olive Tree Genealogy blog, genealogy is often a way of life, an addictive all-consuming hobby or avocation. If you're like me you have boxes and binders and filing cabinets chock full of papers and documents you've collected on your ancestors.

But do you have a plan for your papers after your passing? You not only need a person or repository for your work, you need to have it in some semblance of organization in order to pass it on.

Let's face it. Do we really think anyone else wants our piles of unsorted papers? I can't think of anyone in my family who would offer a spot in their homes for my records. I have two 3-foot long filing cabinets, 3 drawers high - the kind that pull out so the files are sideways not facing front. I also have 2 smaller front-facing filing cabinets. I also have several large plastic tubs. They are all full of my genealogy research. I'm only kidding myself to think that anyone would take them and give up room in their house to store them.

And let's not forget my Genealogy program with data entered that is not printed off. I'm not even sure my husband knows how to access all those digital family files.

As avid genealogists we each need to put together a solid plan for our work. The plan should cover three areas:

1. Where will our work go - an individual family member? An institution?
2. In what format will our work be organized so that it can be passed on

3. How have you ensured that your executors or loved ones know about your plan?

Many genealogists seem to think that an institution such as a local library or Archives or Museum or the Family History Centre in Salt Lake City will jump at the opportunity to have the research. But have you verified that this is correct? Have you found out what format they want it in, **IF** they want it at all?

Do you know of an enthusiastic family member who is hoping you'll leave all your research to him or her? I don't!

My plan is to continue creating small family booklets which I've talked about previously on Olive Tree Genealogy Blog under the topic Genealogy Memory Books and also larger in-depth books.

In each of those I will place scans of documents I've found. It isn't realistic to think I can include scans of every single document for every individual - the census records alone would create a book so mammoth it would not be feasible to print it.

So I will note my sources carefully and accurately so that others reading my work will be able to duplicate (i.e., find) what I have found. I'll only be able to include scans of the more obscure documents and of those which are original one-of-a-kind documents or photographs in my possession. I hope to create these booklets and donate them to local libraries during my lifetime. I plan on one booklet or book per family surname.

For family lines where I've not yet done in-depth research I will simply put together a very small booklet with a pedigree chart, family group sheets or genealogy report printed automatically from my genealogy program, and copies of documents. These I won't donate during my lifetime but will add to them as I can.

Instructions for disposal of my genealogy research notes and booklets have been added to the set of instructions I have for the executors of my will. Both my husband and my son know where this is kept. It's a large manila envelope with several pages of important items - my bank accounts, credit cards, burial wishes, facts for my obituary, my wishes for disposal of family treasures, life insurance policies, etc. Everything to make my executors' lives easier.

I rest easy knowing I have a plan that I like. But I haven't yet begun organizing the genealogy data and that leaves me feeling uneasy. Genealogy is important to me. The truth and the story of my ancestors is something I am compelled to pass on to others.

Facing our own mortality isn't easy but it's inescapable and so I've vowed that 2011 will be the year I organize my over 40 years of research. Do you

have a plan and a goal for ensuring that your genealogy research survives? What a wonderful legacy we can each leave if we take some time to make it happen.

About Lorine

Lorine McGinnis Schulze is a Canadian genealogist who has been involved in the fields of genealogy and history for more than thirty years.

Lorine is active in the genealogy community with several blogs, her most popular being the [Olive Tree Genealogy blog](#), and another blog, [Ask Olive Tree](#). Here visitors can submit queries and challenging questions for an answer from Lorine.

Lorine is the author of many [published genealogical articles and books](#) and the creator and owner of [Olive Tree Genealogy](#) website.

Olive Tree Genealogy was one of the first websites to be given space at Rootsweb.com in February 1996. Lorine's website was among the first to bring primary sources to the Internet with its passenger lists of ships from the Netherlands to New York in the 17th Century. Lorine specializes in early Ships Passenger Lists to America and Canada. She also specializes in New Netherland (17th Century New York), Loyalist research and Ontario genealogy research.

Lorine has been a frequent instructor in various IRC (Internet Relay Chat) Workshops for Internet research, Ontario Loyalist topics, and 17th Century New York. She is a volunteer host for several Ontario GenWeb sites as well as some USGenWeb sites. She also volunteers as an administrator for over 30 genealogy mailing lists and more than 2 dozen genealogy message boards.

Join me on [Google+](#) at <http://profiles.google.com/olivetreenealogy> or Follow me on Twitter as [@LorineMS](#) or become a fan of [Olive Tree Genealogy Facebook page](#)

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The above article was taken from <http://olivetreenealogy.blogspot.com/2010/09/legacy-of-our-genealogy.html>

GENEALOGY TRIVIA

STATES WITH THE MOST COUNTIES:

- TEXAS -254 COUNTIES
- GEORGIA -159 COUNTIES
- KENTUCKY -120 COUNTIES
- NORTH CAROLINA -100 COUNTIES
- VIRGINIA -95 COUNTIES

STATES WITH THE LEAST COUNTIES:

- DELAWARE -3 COUNTIES
- HAWAII -5 COUNTIES
- RHODE ISLAND -5 COUNTIES
- CONNECTICUT -8 COUNTIES
- NEW HAMPSHIRE -10 COUNTIES

This Month's Speaker:

Bobby Dobbins Title



Except for a 2-year hiatus in Istanbul, Turkey, Bobby has lived her entire life in Southern California. Born in Long Beach, she graduated from Long Beach Poly High School and attended Pepperdine College when it was a small school at 79th and Vermont in Los Angeles, not the lavish campus in Malibu it is today.

Starting her genealogical research in 1983, she has at various times belonged to local genealogical societies in Orange County, San Bernardino, and Corona, where she now serves as Secretary.

While in Istanbul, she researched Americans buried in the Protestant cemetery and ultimately put her findings into a book called "A Fine Place of Rest: Americans in the Protestant Cemetery of Ferikay-Istanbul." The book was accepted for placement in the Library of Congress.

Upon her return from Turkey, she served as Administrative Secretary of the Salvation Army's Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center in Anaheim until she retired in 2000.

Her topic:



Finding Americans buried in an old Protestant Cemetery in downtown Istanbul with virtually no records being kept by the U.S. Consulate caused genealogist Bobby Title, a recent arrival in Turkey, to set a goal of gathering inscriptions from the existing tombstones. Her idea was simply to get that information in booklet form and place it at the Salt Lake City Family History Library where other researchers would have access to it. However, one clue led to another, finally taking her from Istanbul to Los Angeles to Washington, DC in an ever widening adventure to make sure these dead Americans would always be remembered. Her simple goal expanded into enough material to place in a book she calls *A Fine Place of Rest: Americans in the Protestant Cemetery, Ferikoy-Istanbul, Turkey*.

From repairing tombstones to uncovering the story of an American "hippie" killed in a shootout with Turkish police and buried in an unmarked grave, Bobby's stories will surprise and intrigue you. Her adventures reflect all the skills genealogists use in the course of their own research...determination, subterfuge, inspiration, and most of all, obsession!

"If the family were a fruit, it would be an orange, a circle of sections, held together but separable - each segment distinct."

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin



THE GENEALOGIST THANKSGIVING



T.....is for **Thanksgiving** and remembering our ancestors, those in whose footsteps we follow from so long ago.

H.....is for **Home**, the place where our families gather to remember loved ones, have fun together, and where our memories linger.

E.....is for **Eating**, of course, as what would the day be without that grand old turkey bird, good food from recipes handed down through generations, and loving family?

G.....is for the **Genealogists**, the family researchers and historians who work so tirelessly to keep their proud legacies alive.

E.....is for the **Energy** to keep going even when that brick wall seems to get higher and higher before us.

N.....is for **Nature**: the land and her bounties that moved our ancestors onward and continue to sustain us this Thanksgiving Day.

E.....is for **Evidence** as it is the precious "gold" treasure that proves we exist. Where did we come from and to where are we heading?

A.....is for **Anniversaries**. The markers in our journey through time which we all celebrate and cherish.

L.....is for **Love**; that which is felt by family and is given as a true gift from God.

O.....is for the **Optimism** in us all for the journey ahead. Our ancestors are calling; we must answer and be thankful for the rewards.

G.....is for our **Grandmothers**. They are the far reaching roots in all our lives. Ties from the past and keys to the future.

I.....is for **"I"**, myself and me. I am the keeper of my family history and I will continue to see to its future!

S.....is for **Sitting** quietly, lost in our thoughts of those gone before us and dreaming of the future generations to come.

T.....is for **Thankful** as this is our day to give thanks for family, fortune, happiness and yes, even times of despair as those are the pages of life. Thankful you are here and we are all together this Thanksgiving day!

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