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President's Message



Greetings,

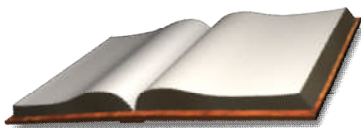
Serving as your president the past year and a half has been fun, exciting, and very rewarding for me. Now it's time for the membership to think about upcoming elections of officers for our next year. A nomination committee needs to be formed in February. So if you are asked to serve or even been you can volunteer. Persons nominated must be willing and able to attend all general membership and leadership council meetings in the performance of their duties as our elected representative.

The duties for the nomination committee are to contact members to request their service as officers for the Hi-Desert Genealogical Society and present a slate of officers for the upcoming year. This slate of potential officers will be announced at our March general membership meeting. Other qualified persons, with their permission, may be nominated from the floor. Then in April election will be held for the slate of officers. Those elected will be installed in May to take office in June and will serve our organization during the upcoming 2011-2012 year.

We are planning a great year for research and programs thanks to our Program Director Sharol Goates.

Always,

Jackie Fielder



NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF

Submitted by Camilla Wareing

**Obituaries From the Saline County Republican 15 November 1906 --
-----25 December 1913** by E. T. Wills, Editor. Compiled by Rebecca
Schmook 1994 & Published by The Saline County Genealogical Society.

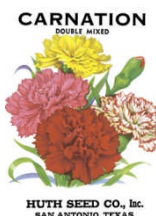
Society Purchase in Memory of Betty Ordway. ILL 28.

The Saline County Republican was one of those local Weekly newspaper and the obituaries could be found almost anywhere from the one-liner local news to long columns on the front page! It is arranged chronological by date and is completely indexed. Example: “29 November 1906 – Mrs. W. T. Glass, wife of W. T. Glass, living near Ingram Hill, this county, died last Tuesday morning after a lingering illness of typhoid fever. Mr. Glass will be remembered as a candidate for county treasurer.” Quite a bit of information there but we ask, what was her maiden name, etc.? Some of the obituaries are very lengthy giving a lot more genealogical information.

Obituaries Harrisburg, Illinois Newspapers 1862---1916 compiled by Rebecca Schmook & published by the Saline County Genealogical Society 1995. Society Purchase in Memory of Betty Ordway. ILL 27.

The information here was taken from The Chronicle, The Saline County Democrat, The Harrisburg Democrat, The Harrisburg Chronicle-Sentinel, The Saline County Register and the Harrisburg Daily Register. It is arranged chronological by each publication. Again it is completely indexed. Example: “Friday April 25, 1879 – Mrs. Laura Clark, wife of Dr. William Clark of Thompsonville and daughter of Dr. T. S. Mitchell of Raleigh, died last Sunday night after a short illness”. For a short obituary, we glean quite a bit of information.

That’s all for this time. Look in your library and see if there is a book you could donate and share with our members.



When you visit the Apple Valley Branch Library to visit the Hi Desert Genealogical Society library, one of the items on our shelves that you will want to take the time to review are the editions of the California Historian which is published by the Conference of California Historical Societies. The most current edition, Volume 57, Numbers 1 & 2, Fall & Winter 2010 includes brief biographies of the 2010 California Hall of Fame Inductees; has an article about the Coyote Flat murders of 1925; an article about the "Huntington Heist - an interesting item about blackmail -and some interesting book reviews.



On The Web:

As genealogists, we strive to keep current with technology that keeps us current in the technological field. This website states they are dedicated to news, reviews, and information about mobile devices and genealogy software. So, for those of you, with iPhones, iTouches and iPads, the Palm OS and the Droid phones, here is your link.

<http://www.mobilegenealogy.com/>

<http://www.cumbriabmd.org.uk/>

Cumbria, England Births, Marriages, and Deaths Online is a new website providing original registrar's birth, marriage, and death register indexes for the districts in Cumbria where civil registrations began in 1837. Although the **indexes are not yet complete** for all years and

districts, we hope that the database will eventually cover all Cumbria births, marriages and deaths from 1837. Thanks to Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society TWIGS and "Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter" for this link.

<http://wwwgenealogy.org.nz>

The 1911 General Election in New Zealand saw 590,000 registered to vote. This information is on a CD which can be found at the above website, along with a number of other CD's and books.

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie>

Check this website for the National Archives of Ireland 1901 Census for that country. This is the earliest surviving complete census of Ireland and covers approximately 850,000 households.

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/naturalization-1915-1932/index-e.html>

The Library and Archives of Canada provides a searchable database of Canadian Naturalization 1915-1951 at the above website. This database references those who applied for and received naturalized citizenship status during these dates. The search process is broken into two sections based on years

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/upper-Canada-land/index-e.html>

The Upper Canada Land Petitions contain petitions for grants or leases of land and other administrative records; providing access to more than 77,000 references to people living in present day Ontario between 1783 and 1865.

<http://archives.bas-rhin.fr>

http://www.archives.cg68.fr/Services_Actes_Civils.aspx

These are French speaking websites on which you will locate parochial and civil vital records and decennial tables.

<http://www.kansas.com/2010/04/06/1256784/dust-bowl-spread-misery-advanced.html>

This article in the Wichita Eagle on April 16, 2010 is still available for you to read. Beccy Tanner who wrote the article interviewed a number of the local residents who had lived through this time as children. In order to find other items on the same subject, including outstanding photographs, type the words "Dust Bowl" into Google. You will be amazed by the photographs you can access there. Be sure to also look for maps to see the area the dust bowl actually covered.

<http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

Who Do You Think You Are? Season Two will include the following: Steve Buscemi, Kim Cattrall, Ashley Judd, Tim McGraw, Rosie O'Donnell, Gwyneth Paltrow, Lionel Richie, and Vanessa Williams. The NBC site noted above states that the prior season is still available for a short time, in case you missed any of the prior episodes.

<http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/index.html>

You'll find all the information and contacts you need to help you to discover your heritage in Ireland. Whether you are just starting out on your family history search or you've already made some headway on your journey, Irish Genealogy Toolkit will lead you to a greater understanding of how your ancestors lived and where you come from.

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<http://www.civilwar.org/aboutus/news/news-releases/2011-news/walmart-abandons-wilderness-plans.html>

Wal-Mart has abandoned its proposed plan to build a Super Wal-Mart on Civil War site. Am I ever glad they came to their senses!

<http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2010-10-26/confederate-records-found>

A box of records was discovered last fall relative to one of Georgia's original chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) in the holdings of the Augusta Genealogical Society. You can read about it at the above link. I thought the comments people wrote regarding the records were equally interesting.

http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-0128-tobar-20110128,0_4313606.column.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-tobar-20110121,0_1096590.column

Hector Tobar, a columnist for the Los Angeles Times newspaper recently has had two excellent articles about research at the Huntington Library undertaken by Steven Hackel, a professor at the University of Riverside and Los Angeles' La Plaza project which did not follow the correct procedures in unearthing Native American remains during construction. Professor Hackel undertook a research project to identify the remains by reviewing the burials in the city's first Catholic Cemetery.

<http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/gazed/gazed227.htm>

Rick Roberts has a very interesting item on globalgenealogy.com about burial records he was working with on another site DeceasedOnline.com which is working to digitize about two million burial and cremation records for the United Kingdom. He discusses a search he made and includes screen shots of the pages. There are lists and additional information for your use if you have English or other UK families.

RootsTelevision.com

RootsTelevision.com has a number of good videos that you can watch that will help with your understanding of genealogy. Try "File Not Found" on how to get your computer organized, "Spirit of a Choctaw Freedwoman" for a look at the Trail of Tears, Statehood and the Civil Rights movement, "23andMe Relative Finder" video about distant relationships, cousins and all those "removeds" that we have in our families. They have a great variety that will help you get through a variety of experiences.

<http://www.lapl.org/>

From the Los Angeles Public Library, comes the following information...

On November 16, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted to place a measure on the March 2011 ballot that would increase the Charter-mandated funding for the Library. The increase would stabilize the library budget and restore six, and ultimately seven day a week Library service, using existing funds with no new taxes. Los Angeles Public Library service was cut to five days a week in July 2010.

We are also pleased to announce that we have added four more Los Angeles city directories to our digital collections: 1909, 1926, 1927, and 1932. A total of 24 directories, covering a period from 1909 to 1987, have now been digitized, and made available through the LAPL website.

To access the directories, go to <http://www.lapl.org/resources/en/>, and click the link for "Los Angeles City and Street Directories." Anyone can use the directories - no library card is required for access. This digitization project was made possible through a bequest to the Genealogy collection.

The History & Genealogy Department now has a Facebook page. Here, we are featuring new and notable books, upcoming library events for history and genealogy buffs, and exciting maps, documents, and other relics from our digital collections. You can follow us by becoming a fan at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Los-Angeles-CA/History-Genealogy-Department-Los-Angeles-Public-Library/128938497157695>

And for those with an interest in historic photographs of Los Angeles, we now also have a Facebook page for LAPL's Photo Collection, showcasing some of the most spectacular images of Southern California in our collection: <http://www.facebook.com/photoslapl>



The Printing Press:

Ann Minter

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is time once again for our members to consider taking an office in our fine organization. Your Council has been working at trying to arrange a daytime location for our meetings so that many of you can return to attending our meetings. Perhaps it would help you to make a positive decision to assist us within our organization if we were to start meeting during daylight hours. If we move to day time, we also have to consider another meeting or workshop during evening hours for those that work that still want to participate. Please consider volunteering your time to this organization to help us improve. We don't have to go from 100% to 500% overnight. We are taking things in small increments. To misquote the famous poet, John Donne, no man is an island, every man is a piece of a continent. Because we do genealogy, we all belong to this society together. Your contribution may be the most important that we receive this year. My humble thanks to the contributors to all of the newsletters that pass through my hands for your help compiling this newsletter.



VICTOR PRESS NEWSPAPER BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES - 1937-1938

Compiled by Lois Polson, Edited by Lorraine Moffat

15 October 1937

Robinson, Darlene Mary, born 10 September 1937. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Robinson of Lucerne Valley

McAllister, Wesley Burdette, born 13 October 1937. Parents, Ray and Burdette Knight McAllister.

22 October 1937

Rice, daughter, born 6 October in Apple Valley. Parents Mr. and Mrs. James Rice.

Seranno, daughter, born 8 October in Hesperia. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Timeteo Seranno.

Blankenship, daughter, born 11 October in Adelanto. Parents Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Blankenship.

Kendall, Grace Leighton, Mrs. Died 20 October at her home near Rabbit Springs in Lucerne Valley. Obit. Mrs. Grace Leighton Kendall, age 58. Husband Roy D. Kendall, daughter Mrs. Dorothy K. Gobar of Lucerne Valley. Mrs. Kendall was born in New Hampshire, 4 January 1879.

Hunt, Ronald Reid, born 16 October in Victorville. Father Charles Hunt.

Alsup, Son, born 21 October in Victorville. Parents Mr. and Mrs. G. Alsup.

Parker, Herbert, died 18 October in an auto accident near Victorville. Herbert Parker of Pasadena.

29 October 1937

Wiese, Paula, born 30 October. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Dwight D. Wiese. Grandfather, Gus Gottwalt, (father of the mother).

Anthony, Pete Anthony and **Thelma Wallsten**, married 30 October in Santa Ana.

5 November 1937

Smith, Son, born 3 November. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith. They have a 3 year-old daughter also.

19 November 1937

Evans, Mrs. Charles Olen, died 15 November. Obit. Mrs. Evans maiden name was Priscilla Page. She married "Mike" Evans, a sailor, 20 years ago. Mother Mrs. Harvey L. Page (age 87). Children: Charles Page Evans 19, Franklin Lindsay Evans 16, Ramona Lee Evans 14. A brother, Grafton Page in Chicago, a sister, Marion Page in Boston. Born 17 March 1880 at Cheve (sic) Chase, Maryland. Parents both Virginians.

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*Victor Press Newspaper Births, Deaths and Marriages: Continued from page 5***26 November 1937**

Osborne, Rex, died 19 November in a fire in his restaurant. Obit. Rex Osborne, age 28. Buried in Montecito Cemetery (Redlands, California). Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Osborne. Sisters, Mrs. Zell Lewis, Marie Osborne, Mrs. Roy Warren. Thurmon Osborne of Riverside, Oregon, relationship not stated.

3 December 1937

Foreman, Ira and **Mrs. Alice Fuehrer**, Married 19 November in Las Vegas, Nevada. Both of San Bernardino.

Shaw, Daughter, born in Victorville on Thanksgiving Day, November 25. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shaw. They have two older daughters at home.

Steepleton, Stephen Henry, 26, died on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, in a car-train accident. Also killed were: **Mrs. Emma Dora Steepleton**, 45 and **Mrs. Grover G. Sharp (Stella)**, 53. Relatives of Steepletons, a daughter, Mrs. James O. Caldwell, 25 of Walnut Park, and a son William E. Steepleton. Mrs. Sharp leaves her husband. The Steepletons were buried in Inglewood Cemetery and Mrs. Sharp will be buried in Walnut Grove, Missouri. Mrs. Sharp leaves a son Leo E. Sharp. The Steepletons grandmother died last Christmas and a brother died July 4. They were married when they were 17 and 18 years old.

Johnson, Melvin Lester, born 26 November in Pasadena, California. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson. Grandfather, Lester Melvin Perkins. This is the first child and first grandchild.

10 December 1937

Kelsey, Anna B., Mrs. of Helendale, died 7 December, age 62. Mother of Miss Lillian Meeks of Helendale, sisters, Mrs. Christine Dixon, Mrs. Florence Wohlgemuth of Los Angeles and Mrs. J. E. Killborne of Eugene, Oregon. Kelsey was born in Wisconsin 15 March 1874.

17 December 1937

Hungerford, Wallace, age 67, died in Victorville 14 December.

Smith, Sloan and **Pearl McAllister**, were married 11 December.

Gutierrez, Daughter, born 18 December in Victorville. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gutierrez

Butts, Son, born 19 December in Victorville. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Butts.

Mae, Daughter, born 23 December. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Mae of Lucerne Valley.

Shaw, Ralph Gary, died in a cave in Adelanto.

31 December 1937

Tedford, George and Elizabeth Hale, Engaged.

Freeman, Orville and Dorothy Miller, Engaged. Miller is the daughter of L. L. Miller and sister of Mr. Lou Miller.

Spinner, Nelson Frederick, born in Upland. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Spinner.

7 January 1938

Warfield, Glen and Opal Gacher, were married 24 December in Yuma, Arizona.

Thrasher, Twin Daughters born 30 December. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thrasher. (**Correction**, 14 January, a daughter was born to this couple.)

Clancey, C. A. and V. L. Jost, both died in a plane crash near Hodge.



And one last tidbit:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/default.htm>

This link will take you to the United Kingdom (UK)'s National Archives website and this particular page gives you a checklist of various items they call "signposts" for locating your people. You can use this page of information to track not just your UK families, but put into the proper "Country" perspective, it can be used for any person/family you are researching.



LOOK WHO'S TALKING

Sharol Goates made our January meeting very interesting with a variety of items relative to genealogy and the need to be better organized. We completed genealogical data sheets relative to our researches that will allow us to gather additional speakers.

February 16, 2011 - Faye Painter - Overview of Our Book Collection in the Apple Valley Branch Library

March 16, 2011 - Jean Wilcox Hibben - County Websites - An Overlooked Resource

April 20, 2011 - Ann Minter - Using Timelines For Genealogical Research

SPEAKING ~ ELSEWHERE

February 25-16, 2011

St. George, Utah, Family History Expo. Learn about researching your family history from our expert speakers. Try out the latest genealogical tools in our Exhibit Hall. Visit <http://www.fhexpos.com/> for more information. Click on the link for St. George, Utah.



March 12, 2011

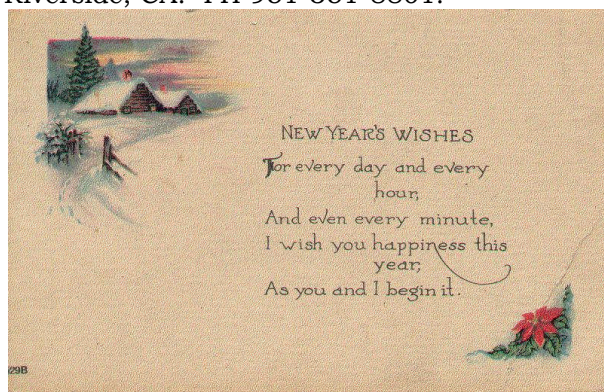
David Rencher will be speaking at the Genealogical Society of North Orange County California regarding FamilySearch Products and Features; Effective Use of the Family History Catalog; Interpreting and Evaluating Name Lists, and Framing the Problem for Overseas Research-Get Ready to Travel. Pre-registration by March 5, 2011. For more information, call 714-777-2379 or visit www.gsnocc.org

March 26, 2011

Clark County, Nevada Genealogical Society will sponsor its 2011 Spring Family History Seminar. Featured speakers are Kerry Bartels on the NARA website, Lee Nishimoto on "Researching Elusive Women" and Mary Barkan on "Documenting U.S. Military Service".

April 9, 2011

The Riverside Genealogical Society hosts Dr Kendra Taira Field, Assistant Professor with the University of California Riverside, Department of History speaking on Post Civil War Migrations of African Americans to Indian Territory. Emigration to Mexico and West Africa. Janet Goeske Center, 5257 Sierra St., Riverside, CA. PH 951-351-8801.



Happy Birthday

I don't have a complete list of member birthdays but would like to wish all of you with birthdays in January, February and March a very happy birthday and a wonderful year. Any of you that would specifically like to have your names mentioned – I would be happy to include them if you will please share.

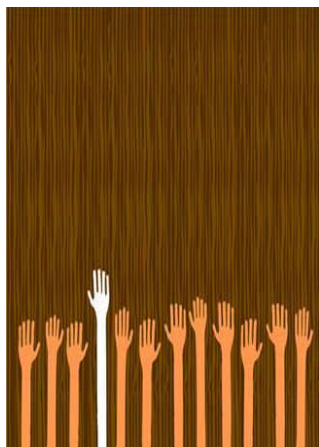
Joe Adams	1-3
Patricia Nobregas	1-4
Linda Campbell	1-18
Ralph Wareing	1-21
Sheryl Finch	2-7
Diane Irwin	2-29
Alberta Moore	3-29



Quote:

Remember that you are needed. There is at least one important work to be done that will not be done unless you do it.

-- Charles Allen



Please don't turn your back when your society calls to request that you volunteer your time! We need every one of you!

HDGS LIBRARY – The genealogy books belonging to the Society are located in the

Newton T. Bass

Apple Valley Branch Library

14901 Dale Evans Parkway

Apple Valley, CA 760-247-2022

The Society Library is available every day and is staffed two days a week to assist those who need help.

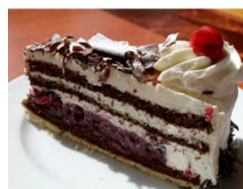
Hours:

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

The books may be seen at any time the Public Library is open. *They **may not** be checked out as they are for research only.*

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE ADDITIONAL SHIFTS AND IT DOES GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET IN SOME QUALITY RESEARCH TIME.



A Very Special Thank You to Dianne Irwin and Betty Rhoades for all you do for us!
We do love our treats!

Thank You

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HDGS –Meetings EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. (except November and December)
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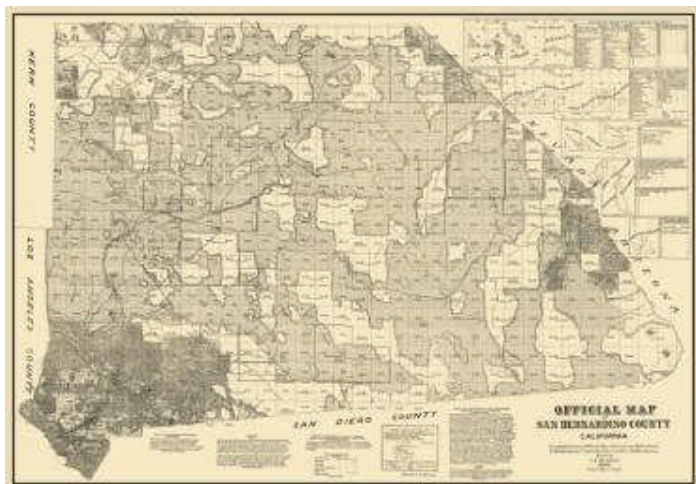


The Hi Desert Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization. **Membership** is open to anyone who is interested in genealogy and researching their family history. Non-members visitors are welcome at all meetings.

The **Hi-Desert Diggings Newsletter** is issued quarterly and is received by the members as part of their dues. The dues have been raised to \$20.00 for new members, for couples and organizations are \$25.00.

Please make checks payable to HDGS. For further information contact Nancy Werger, Membership Chairperson: 760-243-3673.

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<http://www.historicmapsrestored.com>



BOOKS FOR SALE

Mountain View Cemetery, Barstow, California
1926 – 1993 \$12.00 plus \$4.00 S/H

Cemeteries of Victor Valley:
Desert View, 1979 – 1993
\$12.00 plus \$4.00 S/H

Victor Valley Memorial Park, 1916 – 1993
\$12.00 plus \$4.00 S/H

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