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President's Message



Greetings everyone,

It's almost the end of my term of office. There are not enough words to convey my thanks and appreciation for Diane Erwin and Betty Rhoads for the great refreshments. Ralph & Camilla Wareing who are always there for us with opportunities, magazines, books and book reviews have also been indispensable.

In addition I want to thank Gene Wilkerson who puts together our meeting flyers and note my thanks for the timeless efforts of our Newsletter Editor Ann Minter.

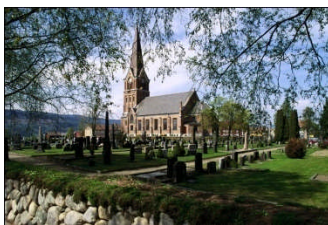
Thanks to Sharol Goates and her endless efforts to find us speakers that just make us want to go home, fire up the computer, and burn the midnight oil to find that hidden but not forgotten family member

I also offer a very special thanks to my great team: Joan, Bobbi, Nancy and Cherie. Without them, I could not have done my job.

In the coming year, we want to get everyone involved in workshops and roundtables which will help give us ideas for additional research possibilities. I'll be looking forward to the elections and the installation of the new officers.

Always,

Jackie Fielder



THE VICTORVILLE CEMETERIES

By Lorraine Moffat

The site of the original cemetery in Victorville was located on the hillside in back of the American Legion Hall, which was on Ninth Street at that time and is now known as Hesperia Road. The building is now occupied by the United Pentecostal Church. This cemetery is where people were buried prior to 1916. At that time, The Appleton Land and Water Company donated five acres of property on 11th and C Street and that was the beginning of the new cemetery. In later years, the Appleton Land and Water Company deeded sixteen acres to the cemetery, which is now known as Victor Valley Memorial Park. In 1917, the remains from the evident graves were moved from the old cemetery to the new cemetery. Robert Turner has the distinction of being the first person to be buried in the new cemetery. Mr. Turner was one of the early pioneers and was the grandfather to Robert P. Turner and Peggy Hillman.

George Seals, The Victor Press, Thursday, September 16, 1954

Gladys Steorts, Interview with Peggy Hillman, "Native Daughter of Victorville," Mohahve III, 1966, p. 16

Lillian King, "Group Tour of Backyard History," 1969, Mohahve IV, 1984, p. 93,

Victor Valley Local History Collection.

Daily Press, Friday, May 29, 1970, "Memorial Park-Tribute to Valley-Tribute to Community" pp. 1-2

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

Compiled by Lois Polson, Edited by Lorraine Moffat

1916 - Buried in the New Cemetery

Turner, Robert, age 82, white male, died 7 May 1916, buried 9 May. Relative, John C. Turner, Victorville, son.

Miller, Martha A., age 67, white female, died 8 June, buried 9 June. Relative, W. H. Miller.

Contreras, David, age 45 years, 25 days, male Mexican, gastritis, died 22 July, buried 23 July. Louis Contreras, father.

Mitchell, Joseph C., age 24, white male, died 29 July, buried 30 July. Tuberculosis. O. G. Mitchell of Los Angeles, father.

Strathman, Bru, age 57, white male, died and was buried 10 August. Cerebral apoplexy. Martha Strathman, wife.

Hastings, Dan P., age 37, white male, died 6 September, buried 7 September. Tuberculosis. Lewis W. Mastings of Maxwell, relative.

Lucio, Antonia, age 7 years, 2 months, Mexican female, died 8 September, buried 9 September. Uremia. Sidapio Lucio, Victorville, relative.

Leonelli, Mary Adelina, age 50 minutes, white female, died and was buried 8 October. Premature birth. Guido Leonelli, Victorville, father.

Murray, Roy A., age 23, white male, died 4 November, buried 7 November. Skull fracture, motorcycle accident. Mrs. Nellie Kelly, Victorville, mother.

Messick, Rich M., age 81, white male, died 13 November, buried 14 November. Cerebral apoplexy. Miss M. Messick, Victorville, daughter.

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On The Web:

Ireland's archive collections are now available at the website which follows. They have a wide range of Irish archives available, including the Irish Film Archive, the Guinness family archives, archives from University College Cork's Boole Library, and a great number of city and county council archives. I found a great number of interesting possibilities in this database and think you will find it equally interesting, especially if you are researching Cork city. It is a fabulous collection of data.

<http://www.iar.ie/>

<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.

You are going to find a plethora of articles, both in your regular subscription magazines and your genealogical magazines and some of the journals with regard to the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and Civil War records and researching. The current YVGS Family Finders April 2011-Volume 29, No. 4, (Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society) has six and one-quarter pages dedicated to Civil War cooking and recipes. Automobile Club of Southern California's Westways Magazine has an article "Places of Honor" by Eric Lucas. Family Chronicle, July/August 2010 had an article "Researching Little Battles and Skirmishes" by David A. Norris. The most interesting website for professional articles and research that I found and want to share with you, however, was that of the National Archives. If you copy and paste the following link, you will get to the site for the Prologue index site. The Prologue is the quarterly of the National Archives and you will find very interesting articles about a variety of subjects. For the Civil War, specifically, this link will take you to the index where you can search the various issues for Civil War articles by year of publication. Very simple and easy. You will also find numerous other articles of interest relative to your research.

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/index/>

This is redundant, but I cannot emphasize enough the need for you to check the following website for updates on current postings. There is new information on a regular basis and it's free (you know you like that word!) which makes it an even better deal.

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

The Tennessee Virtual Archives has some fabulous photographs, check the following website for those, and additional information.

<http://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/>

You might find some very interesting reading on the AARP website. When you access their home page, type "genealogy" in the search box in the upper right and corner.

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

Would you like to have a little fun and create something for your genealogy research books at the same time? Try this website to make a map of where your ancestors lived or settled after a move.

<http://bighugelabs.com/map.php>

Are you one of those people who loves visiting old cemeteries? I am. I just found a treasure - a new genealogy blog by a man who also is fascinated with them.

<http://agravecuriosity.com/>

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Howard, Adele, stillborn, white female, born 13 December, buried 14 December. J. C. Howard, Adelanto, father.

Holmes, Frank, age 40, male Indian. Died 18 December, buried 20 December. Gunshot. Buried by San Bernardino County.

Coors, Sarah Francis, age 82, white female, died 23 December, buried 26 December. Heart trouble. J. Beisea, Victorville, relative.

1917

Raphare, Jas. M., 55, colored male, died 6 January buried 8 January. Lobar pneumonia. Luther D. Raphare, San Bernardino, relative.

Creedon, Dixie Virginia, 14 days, white female, buried 4 February. L. E. Creedon, Victorville, relative.

Blythe, James Bartley, 48, colored male, died and was buried 21 February. Acute nephritis. Mrs. J. B. Blythe, Victorville.

Richards, Sallie A., 68, white female, died 26 April, buried 28 April. Lobar pneumonia, Dr. L. D. Richards, Victorville, son.

Wyne, Geo. Marion, 82, white male, died 27 April, buried 29 April. Organic heart disease, H. W. Wyne, Victorville, son.

Aurelia Ramas, 5 years, 27 days, Mexican female, died 24 May buried 26 May. Acute enteritis. P. Ramos, Father, Halleck P.O.

De la Cruz, Bonifucia, new born, Mexican female, died 20 June, buried 21 June. Convulsions, premature birth. Carmen de la Cruz, Victorville, father.

Villegas, Virginia, 3 years, 23 days, Mexican female, buried 28 June. Acute Indigestion. Rutilio Villegas, of Halleck, relative.

Blancante, Frank, 24, Mexican male, died 27 June, buried 30 June. Accident, fell down shaft.

Rodriquez, Preciliano, 9 hours, Mexican male, died 1 July, buried 2 July. Congenital heart disease.

Geary, James Patrick, 2 years, white male, died 14 July, buried 15 July. Accidental poisoning. Frank Geary, Victorville, relative.

Benson, Isabelle Thrasher, 63, white female, died 27 July, buried 29 July. Uremic coma. M. J. Benson, Hesperia, husband.

Perez, Augustina, 3 days, Mexican female, died 31 August, buried 1 September. Hemorrhage ruptured umbilical cord. Ramon Perez, Victorville, relative.

Young, Mary A., 58, white female, died 18 October, buried 20 October. Organic heart. H. B. Howard, Victorville, son-in-law.

Cadling, Flossie Zenora, 33 white female, died 21 October, buried 22 October. Mr. A. E. Lewis, Victorville, relative.

Castro, Jesus, 17, Mexican male, died 24 October, buried 25 October. Juan Castro, Halleck, relative.

Haley, M. J., 31, white male, died 18 November, buried 20 November. Pulmonary tuberculosis.

Villegas, Beatrice, 8 months, 28 days, Mexican female, died 2 December, buried 3 December. Acute gastritis. Rutilio Villegas, Halleck, father.

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The Printing Press:

Ann Minter

Are you as amazed by the amount of genealogical information that is now available as I am? I think back sometimes about the days when I first started doing my research and mentally compare what was there and available to me and wonder at all of the information now available. I am so pleased to be able to find digital images of documents available to me for my research. I feel, sometimes, like there just are not enough hours in the day to "mine" particular sites when I locate digital documents in areas where I am doing research. I am so pleased there are so many people now doing research because the more people there are, the more information becomes available to us. I am grateful to every single person who is helping make documents and information available. Thank you every single volunteer for your part in this amazing effort.

I also want to take this moment to remind our members that if you have reviewed the bylaws of this society and would like to make suggestions regarding changes, now is the time to make those suggestions.

If you would like to place queries in this newsletter, send me an email with your query. If you are not sure what you want to say, type it up and bring it with you to a meeting. We can discuss it before or after a meeting or during the refreshment break. This way, I will be sure of what you mean and get it printed to read the way you want.

QUERY: **ROBEY-ROBY-ROBIE**

Am seeking information on a Charles Robey (and other spelling variations), probably born in Wisconsin, who lived the Eveleth, St. Louis County, Minnesota area about 1899-1901. He was married to a lady whose name was Edilia or Odelia and was called Delia. He eventually left Delia in Minnesota and moved on but no one seems to know where he went from that location. If you have a Charles Robey / Roby / Robie in your family, and he was in the Eveleth, St. Louis County, Minnesota area in the 1899-1901 time frame, please contact me. Ann Minter, P O Box 6781, San Bernardino, CA 92412-6781.

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Harshbarger, Jas. H., 60 years, 17 days, white male, died 1 December, buried 3 December. Pulmonary tuberculosis. Jane Harshbarger, Victorville, widow.

Phillips, W. B., 70, white male, died 12 December, buried 13 December. Intestinal nephritis. Mn Hartisg Warren Milk, daughter

Remains of the following who were moved to the New Cemetery in 1917

Austman, unknown, suicide, death not given, moved 14 March

Mills, Mrs. White female, death not given, moved 10 March

Unknown, old man, white hair, death not given, moved 10 March

Hooley's baby, death not given. Moved 10 March, G. C. Hooley, Mentone, relative

Marlette, Frank, worked at Rancho Verde for Jim Brown, no relation. No death date, moved 10 March.

Unknown male, no information or death date, moved 10 March.

Unknown baby, no information, moved 10 March.

Henderson, Adolph, male baby, no information, moved 10 March.

Dryden baby, father moved to Pasadena, moved 10 March.

Reuss, Mary J. Moved 10 March. Geo. J. Reuss, Victorville, relative.

Hodgkins, Mrs. Wm., Oro Grande, buried 27 December 1915, moved 12 March, Wm. Hodgkins, Oro Grande, husband.

Unknown baby, homemade casket, raised lid painted grey, Harriman card, moved 12 March.

Huber, lived in Cap. Short place. Moved 12 March

Lane, Mrs. (Penn), moved 12 March.

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(Remains of the following who were moved to the New Cemetery in 1917)

Unknown Indian, moved 12 March.

Unknown Indian, buried with shoes on, moved 12 March.

Williams, moved 12 March.

Hyger, Lawrence E., moved 12 March.

O'Rourke, Mrs., moved 12 March. Joe O'Rourke, Victorville, son.

O'Rourke, John, Mr., moved 12 March, Joe O'Rourke, Victorville, son.

Unknown Indian, moved 12 March.

Indian Woman said to be Manuel Chapeli's (sic Chapuli's) mother, moved 12 March.

Ladd, Morton, moved 12 March

Clark, Catherine Rebecca, Mrs., moved 12 March. Buried with child, John H. Clark, husband in Australia.

O'Hara, James, of Holcolm Valley, moved 15 March, brother John O'Hara of Holcolm Valley.

Harriman baby, moved 15 March. F. G. Harriman, San Bernardino, father.



NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF

Submitted by Camilla Wareing

April 2011

Funeral Home and Cemetery Directory 2011 by Nomis Publication, Inc. Society purchase. #132.

A wonderful resource book for Genealogists. It covers the United States, Canada, some International information and Veterans Affairs Facilities. Sections include U. S. Funeral Homes, Canadian Funeral Homes, and International Funeral Homes. There is a section of yellow pages containing lists of those firms whose primary business is aiding the funeral director with final disposition. Included here are Autopsy/ Pathology Service, Cremains Scattering Services, Remains Disposal at Sea, Crematories, DNA Retrieval, and Organ Tissue Procurement. Next section is U. S. Cemeteries where active cemeteries are listed by State, the City, and then Firm Name. Firm listing include physical address and phone/fax information. The last section is a listing of Daily Papers that include obituaries. This again is by state alphabetically.

Greater Pomona Criss Cross City Directory May 1952 by Luskey. Donated by Gloria Harvey. #CA 142.

This is the official Criss Cross City Directory for Pomona, Claremont, La Verne, San Dimas including separate section for Chino and contiguous areas. This is an alphabetical Directory of Business concerns and residents indicating owners, officers or managers of businesses; marital status of individuals, occupations, employment connections, home addresses, and telephone numbers. It is also a complete classified business directory listing businesses and professions, organizations, churches, schools, hospitals, libraries, office and public buildings, etc. A valuable tool for locating families during this period.





LOOK WHO'S TALKING

Sharol Goates made our January meeting very interesting with a variety

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

May 18, 2011 - Rosalind Duckworth - Organizing Research

June 15, 2011 - HDGS Members - Organizing Our Research Workshop - Bring a notebook that you would like help organizing, or perhaps even another research project.

SPEAKING ~ ELSEWHERE

May 14, 2011 - Dallas Bordenave "DNA" at the Pomona Valley Genealogical Society meeting held at the Pomona Public Library. Check here for additional information:

<http://www.pvgs.us/>

May 15, 2011 - Kathleen Trevena will be speaking to the Questing Heirs Genealogical Society in Long Beach, about Migration Patterns in the United States. This will take place at 2:30 p.m., this date, at the Parish Hall of Resurrection Lutheran Church at 1900 East Carson Street in Long Beach.

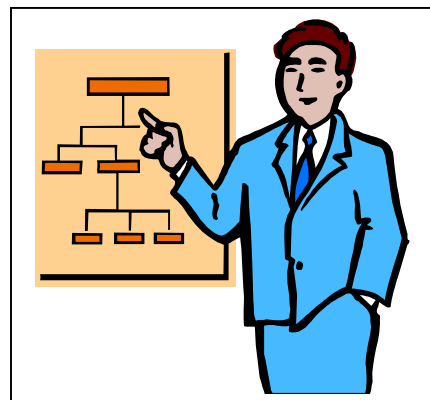
May 15, 2011 - Connie Moretti is speaking to the Immigrant Genealogical Society at 1310 Magnolia Blvd., Burbank on "How Good is That Source? T.I.P.S. to Evaluate sources" Call Marilyn Deatherage at 818-348-6444 with any questions.

May 27, 2011 - No name is given - The Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society will be having a class on "Publishing Your Family History - See your Research in Print." This class will be held at the Hemet Public Library. Call 951-765-2372 for additional information.

June 10-12, 2011 ~ Southern California Genealogical Society Annual Jamboree, Burbank Marriott Hotel. 130 concurrent class sessions will be running this year. Please note: the last day for Early Bird registration is April 30th.

<http://scsgenealogy.com/2011jam-home.htm>

June 12, 2010 at 12:00 P.M. Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society at the Yucaipa Branch Library. Workshop at 12:00 Scanning and editing pictures and documents. Meeting at 1:00 P.M. Speaker: Charlie Frye whose topic is: "More Than Dates and Places: Tracing the Paths of Revolutionary War Ancestors With GIS". This speaker works for ESRI, a nationally recognized mapping corporation in Redlands, California.





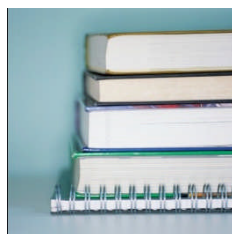
I don't have a complete list of member birthdays but would like to wish all of you with birthdays in April, May, and June a very happy birthday and a wonderful year. Any of you that would specifically like to have your names mentioned – I would be happy to include them, if you will please share.

Lois Guttman	4-2
Bill Luther	4-8
Luna Leggett	4-10
Ann Minter	5-1
Jean Steel	5-12
Nancy Werger	5-18
Tom Irwin	6-9
Karen DeRose	6-11
June Bergstrom	6-12



Library Update

If you have books of a genealogical nature that you think might need a new home, please donate them to our library.



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.

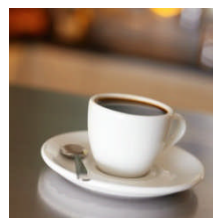
Hours:

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)
Victorville Elk's Lodge #1877, 14041 Hesperia Road
Victorville, California

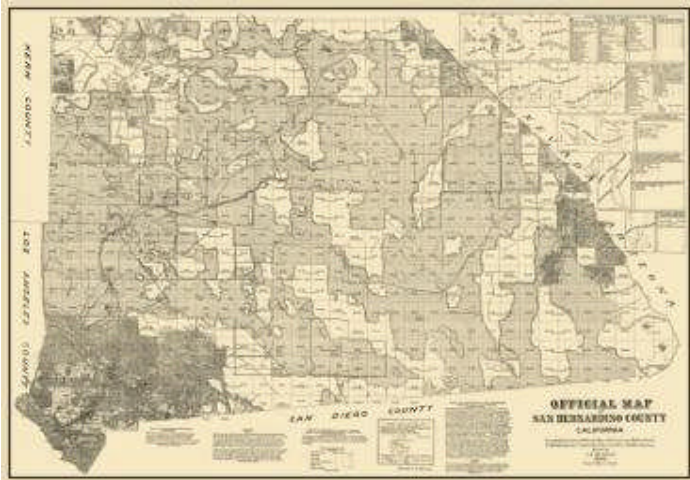


The Hi Desert Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization. **Membership** is open to anyone who is interested in genealogy and researching their family history. Non-members visitors are welcome at all meetings.

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

Mail Requests to: Hi-Desert Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 1271, Victorville, CA 92393-1271

