



HI-DESERT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message



Hello Everyone,

The Hi-Desert Genealogy Society website has been updated by our wonderful Treasurer Bill Luther. A big thanks go out to Bill for doing an outstanding job and I want to personally thank him. Thank you so much, Bill, you are a life saver. Bill does dynamic work on the computer. We are blessed to have him as a member of our group. Our website is www.cagenweb.com/hdgs/ or you can type in Hi-Desert Genealogy Society in Victorville, California.

How many of you have worked on your family tree? It makes you feel good to stay plugged in to your search. It inspires you when you locate someone; don't give up your search, sometimes with help you can find family, don't hesitate to ask for help with your search.

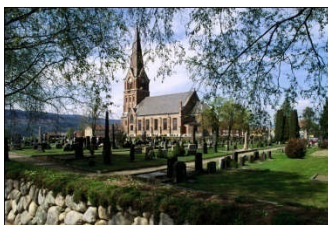
Our Christmas Party will be on December 10, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m., at Mary Ann's Restaurant in Hesperia located at 8832 Orange Street. If you would like to attend, we must have your money by Thursday, November 10, 2011. You can mail your check or money order to Hi-Desert Genealogy Society - P.O. Box 1271 - Victorville, California 92393. The menu will be Turkey or Ham (we will get 8 ounces of meat) mashed potatoes and gravy, nut and fruit stuffing, green beans with bacon, rolls, salad with romaine lettuce and different salad dressings. The drinks will be coffee, tea or soda. Dessert will be mini cookies, brownies and lemon bars. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

I would like to thank all the officers in our Society for helping me out. Everyone has done an outstanding job. Thank you all for your help and support.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Camilla Wareing and Bill Luther. Camilla went back to the hospital and Bill is having surgery soon. Please keep them in your prayers.

I pray that you have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday.

Monika Hall



VICTORVILLE CEMETERY RECORDS

Compiled by Lois Polson

Edited by Lorraine Moffat

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

Dominquez, Mrs., Mexican, female, died or buried 10 October 1915, moved 27 March.

End of the remains who were moved to the New Cemetery in 1917.

The above was inadvertently left off the original list. The remainder of the records will follow in 2012.



From our Exchange Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter comes very important news:

Public Libraries Petition

For those of you who are California voters, here's something you may wish to consider. AB 438 is a bill that will stop the privatization of California's public libraries. Yes, the state is "broke," but do you really want to see the operation of public libraries handed over to private corporations that seek to run them first and foremost to maximize profit?



The CSGA Newsletter (California State Genealogical Alliance) Volume 29, Number 5, September-October 2011 has two articles you might want to avail yourself of in our newsletter collection. The first, "100 Years Women's Suffrage in California" by Cath Madden Trindle, CG. While one might think this article is only relevant to those of us who research in California, let me tell you that it also covers New Jersey, Kentucky, New York, and Wyoming, in addition to California. It also mentions Oregon, Kansas, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Washington. This article is exceedingly interesting and is not the usual item informing us about suffrage.

The second item of interest in this same newsletter is an article about "Genealogy Research at Stanford University Libraries" by Carolyn Ybarra, Ph.D. covering the professional school libraries as well as the Stanford Auxiliary Libraries, the hours, the website, Special Collections and more. Should you be in the area, you would want to prepare for a search here before you arrive.



On The Web:

Have you posted a favorite old photo on the Historypin web site? In her blog, Sassy Jane has posted on her site (<http://sassyjanegenealogy.blogspot.com/>) quite a bit of information about this relatively new history site which combines Google Maps and your photographs (should you choose to post them). The following is a very small clip from her blog, and I thank her for her post: "The Historypin platform enables content owners to upload historical photographs, videos and audio recordings to Google maps, where they are then geo-tagged and dated. Users are encouraged to add descriptive information and personal narratives to these items, helping to tell the story of how familiar environments have changed over time."

<http://www.historypin.com/>
<http://www.historypin.com/profile/view/USNatArchives>

http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/FHD/Community/en/NGS/NGS_Book_Loan_Collection/Player.html

This link brings you to a video/slide show regarding the National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection. The collection was moved from Arlington, Virginia to the St. Louis County Library Special Collections Department, which is located at the St. Louis County, Missouri County Library. This video/slide show is very comprehensive and the directions offered for access to books in this collection are very clear and concise. Thanks to the NGS Magazine, Oct.-Dec. 2011, Vol. 37, #4 for this information.

There are two links for the 1940 Census that I want to share with everyone:

First: The National Archives had a Press Release out on November 17, 2011 which you can read for the latest information at the following -

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2012/nr12-27.html>

Second: The National Genealogical Society Magazine, Oct-Dec 2011, Volume 37, Number 4, page 37 discusses FamilySearch and its partners publishing the 1940 federal census for free on 2 April 2012. Further, that thousands of indexing volunteers will simultaneously begin transcribing the records. Be sure to read that article.

www.FamilySearch.com

George Ryskamp, BYU staff and world-wide expert of Spanish language records, said that all of the Mexican Catholic Parish Records are now online. They are digitized so a copy of the actual document can be made from those. [My special thanks to Somos Primos and Mimi Lozano for this information.]

<http://www.torranceca.gov/LibraryArchive/>

The City of Torrance is online with the following: *The Torrance Herald*, *Torrance Press*, and a collection of city directories from Torrance and South Bay area dating from 1922 to 1975. The city directories (and other materials) are provided through the courtesy of the Torrance Historical Society. My thanks to the CSGA Newsletter, Volume 29, Number 5, September-October 2011 for this item also.





Genealogist's Christmas Eve

'Twas the night before Christmas
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even my spouse.

The dining room table with clutter was spread
With pedigree charts and with letters which said...
"Too bad about the data for which you wrote;
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and such
Were proof that my work had become too much.
Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And I at my table was ready to drop
From work on my album with photos to crop.
Christmas was here, and such was my lot
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.

Had I not been busy with grandparents' wills,
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills,
While others bought gifts to bring Christmas cheers,
I'd spent time researching those birth dates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great
fright.

Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and yanked up the sash.

When what with my wondering eyes should appear,
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.
Up to the house top the reindeer they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys and 'ole Santa Claus, too.

And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.
As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,

('Twas the night before Christmas)

Down the cold chimney fell Santa--KER-RASH!

"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his
short neck!)
Spotting my face, good 'ole Santa could see
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).
Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and
joy:

When I'd been too busy for even one toy.
He spied my research on the table all spread
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)
"Tonight I've met many like you," Santa grinned,
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had
penned.

I gazed with amusement--the cover it read
Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead.
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug."
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

"While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library!
A special treat I am thus able to bring,
To genealogy folk who can't find a thing."

"Now off you go to your bed for a rest,
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."
As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,
To his team, which then rose like the down of a thistle.
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Family history is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"
(Author Unknown)





The Printing Press:

Ann Minter

I've reached a brick wall in my genealogical research. How could that possibly happen? I think it has happened because I simply have too many things on my plate right now. I do some research and rather than following through with it when I arrive home, I will stop to fix dinner, do the laundry or other house work and it will turn into several days before I can get back to my genealogy. That does not necessarily mean picking up where I've left off. So with the new year looming (breathing down my neck), I've decided that instead of the usual resolutions that are so worn and tired, I am going to spend more time in the new year focusing on my research and the follow through - becoming more organized.

When I worked full time, I prided myself on my knowledge of resources and organization. When I first retired, I put in four to six hours a day in research, volunteering time to various organizations to put digital data online and to this organization and newsletter. Five years later, I find myself less organized than I like and I am distracted and unhappy about that lack of organization.

I have to kick start my own research by becoming more organized or, to simplify, I must clarify and balance my work-life practices. So, my first resolution for the new year: Clean out the office and re-organize before the 1940 Census is released!

How will you simplify your life this next year? Will you be focusing on your genealogy more? Or less?

Historical Society of Long Beach, California

In Volume 44, Number 9, September 2011 edition of the *Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Newsletter* available at our library, on page 68, you will find the "President's Message" which is a few paragraphs about an announcement in the *Press-Telegram* on August 14, 2011 regarding the fact that they will be donating to the Historical Society their collection of 1400 bound volumes of actual copies of the newspapers published in Long Beach from 1897 into the late 1980's. The microfilmed copies will still be available at the downtown Long Beach Public Library.



Watch the post-September 2011 editions of this newsletter to find out exactly when the newspapers will be available for research. The Historical Society of Long Beach is located at 4260 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California. My thanks to Jeanette Jones and the *Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Newsletter* for this information.

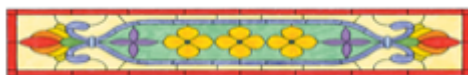
www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/inf/inf70.htm

For \$20.00 and a certified copy of a death certificate you can get a copy of the driver's license photo of yourself or another immediate family member. Check the above website and read through the five pages of information. Two pages will be completed for the Department of Motor Vehicles and sent to them. Please see the forms for additional important information. This was also in Volume 44, Number 9, September 2011 edition of the *Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Newsletter*

Please note that the *Questing Heirs Genealogical Society* is no longer placing a copy of their newsletter in the Long Beach Public Library. Members of the High Desert Genealogical Society were sent an email regarding the Society newsletter between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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

Have you tried this search engine yet? It was covered in the *Family Tree Magazine*, November 2011 issue, pages 70-71. Screen shots were also included. Searching is free, but you can sign up for an extensive search.



This resource suggestion is courtesy of “Genealogy Gems” News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 90, August 31, 2011.

<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/swem.htm>

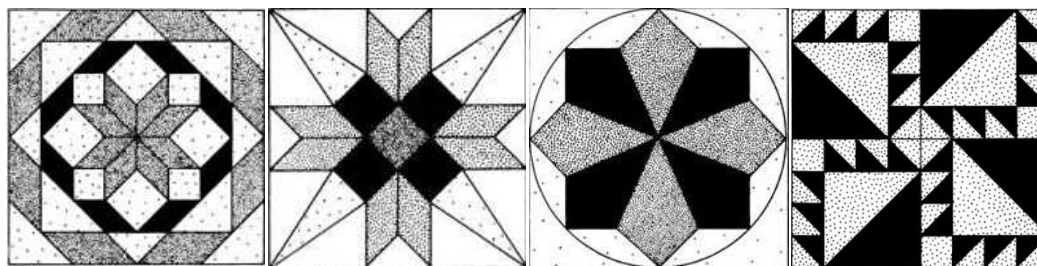
The “Swem Index” by John D. Beatty

Virginia is a challenging state in which to research. While genealogists will find extensive published sources for many counties, including histories and record extracts, they also have to deal with the significant loss of original records through courthouse fires. However, many useful sources from the seventeenth, eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, even for so-called “burned counties,” have been published in various periodicals and statewide sources.

The essential tool for accessing names in these sources is E. G. Swem’s “Virginia Historical Index” (Gloucester, MA: Peter Smith, 1965) (Gc 975.5 Sw41vi). Often referred to simply as the “Swem Index,” it provides access to tens of thousands of names, mostly for the colonial period, from several major Virginia periodical series: “Lower Norfolk County Antiquary,” the “Virginia Historical Register,” the “Virginia Magazine of History,” “Tyler’s Quarterly,” and the first and second series of the “William and Mary Quarterly.” These journals, in their early years, published a great variety of historical and genealogical information, including family histories and abstracts of numerous original records, manuscript letters, and articles of local interest on historical subjects. Swem also covered two major secondary sources for the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries: the “Calendar of Virginia State Papers” and “Henning’s Statutes at Large,” both of which contain legislative records from the House of Burgesses, including many names of petitioners and correspondents to that body.

Arrangement in the Swem Index is alphabetical. After each name, users will see a volume number of the source followed by a letter code for that source, then the page number where the name can be found. For example, among several references for Hutchins Burton, one will find “8C120” and “17W(1)228.” The first indicates volume 8 of the “Calendar of Virginia State Papers,” page 120; the second refers to volume 17 of the “William and Mary Quarterly,” first series, page 228. Swem went beyond the simple listing of names to include a variety of subject references to places and specific types of documents, such as family Bibles, slave records, and petitions. Again using the Hutchins Burton example, we find a reference specifically to his slaves in one entry.

The Swem Index is a useful tool for anyone doing research in colonial Virginia and should be one of the first sources consulted.





LOOK WHO'S TALKING

We are dark until January at which time the following schedule starts:
January 18, 2012 ~ Bill Luther: -: *Facebook*

February 15, 2012 - *Genealogy Workshop*

SPEAKING ~ ELSEWHERE

February 11, 2012

Gena Philabert Ortega and Joel Weintraub will be the presenters at the Hemet-San Jacinto Seminar. Gena's subjects: ***How to Research Like a History Detective*** and ***Researching Institutions***. Joel Weintraub's subjects will be ***Open 2012- The 1940 U. S. Census*** and ***Researching Census Records in New York City***. The society website is at:
<http://www.hsjgs.org/>

February 18, 2012

Paula Warren-Stuart will be speaking at a one day seminar hosted by the California African American Genealogical Society at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints (Westwood Chapel), 10740 Ohio Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Contact Ronald Higgins, President CAAGS. His phone number is [213-925-5651](tel:213-925-5651) or email him at annconf25@yahoo.com. The price is \$25.00 before February 3, 2012.

February 25, 2012

Whittier Area Genealogical Society will host George G. Morgan at their 29th Annual Seminar. Pre-register by February 13th. Check their website for additional information:
<http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags/seminar.html>

March 10, 2012

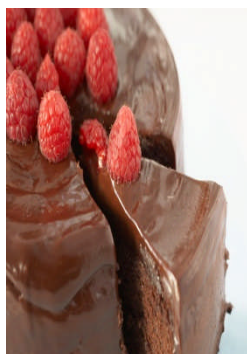
Genealogical Society of North Orange Co. Annual Seminar featuring John Phillip Coletta, check their website for more information. The application form is found on their seminar web page. The society website is found at: <http://gsnocc.org/>



Happy Birthday

I don't have a complete list of member birthdays but would like to wish all of you with birthdays in July, August, and September, 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. I specifically am going to wish those at the end of the list a Happy Birthday, because you don't normally appear in my list. Hope you have a great year!

Charles Rader	Oct 3
Bobbi Thrugstad	Oct 5
Jackie Fielder	Oct 8
Betty Rhodes	Oct 24
Dee Schultz	Oct 24
Faye Painter	Nov 22
Pam Jackson	Nov 24
Veda Adams	Nov 27
Julie Kruger	Dec 23
Cherie Volger	Dec 25
Valerie Warrick-Durette	Dec 26



Library Update

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



Changes are being made at the library in the hopes of making items easier for everyone to locate.

Jackie Fielder would like 3-ring binders for our library. They should be clean and without a company imprint.

. If you have any questions, please give me a call -[760-246-7033](tel:760-246-7033) or email me jackie1154@gmail.com

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.

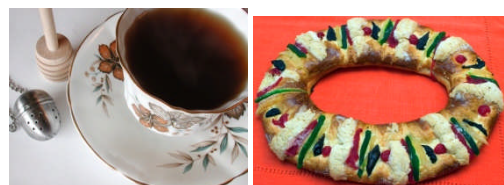
Hours:

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*
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 Victorville, California

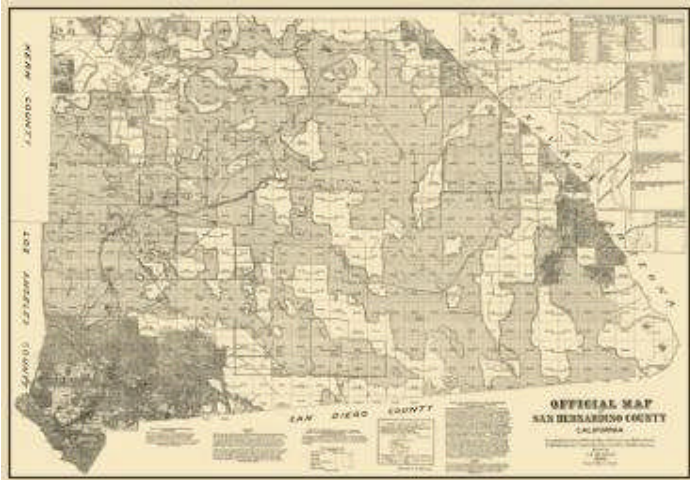


The Hi Desert Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization. **Membership** is open to anyone who is interested in genealogy and researching their family history. Non-members visitors are welcome at all meetings.

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, \$30.00 for couples and organizations are \$25.00.

Please make checks payable to HDGS. For further information contact Pam Jackson, 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
Victor Valley Memorial Park, 1916 – 1993
\$12.00 plus \$4.00 S/H

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