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PRESIDENTS DESK

I have just looked for an answer to the question "What is the most popular hobby in the U.S.?" While I did find some interesting articles on the internet using Google, I really didn't find a definitive answer. Some schools of thought even list "drinking" as number one. I am sure that you will agree that our pastime of "Genealogy" is certainly number one.

Come join in sharing your ancestors at our next general meeting on May 20th and be reminded of why we spend so much time at our "Number One" hobby.

*Success in your searches,
Jeff Teeter*



May Program: *Elections*

Being a Legal Alien in the U.S.

Show and Tell 

Bring in your treasure(s) and show them off!

Tuesday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m.
Yucca Valley Community Center Cholla Room

A huge **Thank You** goes to our Bylaws Committee: Chairman Ginnielee Shrake, Ginny Lilly, Dorothy Daily, and Mona Lowe - for all of the time and thought put into updating and re-writing our Society bylaws. Job Well Done!

Thank you Sandy Moreno, Maryan Barkley, and all who have donated stamps - we have only had to buy stamps for one mailing this year. Even just a few adds up!



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents the following proposed slate of officers to serve on the Executive Board for the Society year of 2008-2009:

President	Jeff Teeter
Vice President	Nona Pace
Secretary	Carol Schreiber
Treasurer	Sandy Moreno
Parliamentarian	Ginnielee Shrake

The Nominating Committee is grateful to all who accepted the nominations for these positions. We thank Jeff Teeter who agreed to continue to serve. All others who were asked declined for personal reasons. The election will be held during the general membership meeting on May 20th. Nominations from the floor are allowed for any of the above offices if the person has given prior consent to the nomination and will serve if elected.

Committee chairpersons, to serve during the 2008-2009 Society year, will be selected by the Executive Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chairman Nona Pace,
Members Kay Finster and Dorothy Daily

Winners of April's mystery gift drawings were Ed Johnson, Tom Martin. And Jeff Teeter. Congratulations! Donations of Mystery Gift items are still needed. Here's an excuse to go shopping and help pay the rent at the same time!

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GSMB OFFICERS ~ 2007-2008

President	Jeff Teeter
Vice President	Kay Finster
Secretary	Betty Hill
Treasurer	John Quinn
Registrar	Sandra Ritter
Librarian	Ginny Lilly
Newsletter Editor	Mary Ellen DeCremer
Parliamentarian	Ginnielee Shrake

COMMITTEES

Historian	Dorothy Daily
Hospitality	Denise Teeter
Website Co-ordinator	Kati Teeter

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MORONGO BASIN (GSMB) is a non-profit community organization founded in October 1979, to encourage accurate research and record keeping in the field of genealogy, family history, and biography.

GENERAL MEETINGS are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Cholla Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center (YVCC). No meetings July and August.

BOARD MEETINGS are held monthly from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. the second 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Joshua Tree Room at the YVCC.

COMPUTER USERS GROUP meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Joshua Tree Room at the YVCC. All members are encouraged to attend to share their knowledge and get answers to their questions.

MEMBERSHIP dues are \$15 per person or non-profit organization and \$20 per family at one address. Membership is open to all who are interested in the fields of family history, genealogy, and biography and will abide by the Society's stated policies.

www.yuccavalley.com/genealogy is the Society's website; it lists member surnames.

THE FAMILY GATHERING is published nine times a year, September thru June. Members receive the newsletter as part of their dues. A subscription to the newsletter is available to non-members for \$8 per year. Please send submissions to the editor by the 3rd Tuesday at whereisgrandma@yahoo.com or to GSMB at P.O. Box 234, Yucca Valley, CA 92286-0234. Please help the editor make this newsletter the best it can be with your submissions and suggestions.

Welcome New Members
Edward and Patricia Johnson
Austin and Betty Stirratt

**Places to Go and Things to do**

Genealogical Society of North Orange County California
Yorba Linda Community Center at the corner of Imperial Hwy.
And Casa Loma, Imperial Room A, see www.gsnocc.org

May 21 ~ Chuck Kissel - "American Flag Man"

June 18 ~ Natasha Crain presents

"Finding Towns for Our Immigrants"

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. with a guest speaker/program at approximately 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society

Yucaipa Branch Library at 1:00 pm

July 14 ~ Clue to Clue, Tracking a Family

presented by Jean Wilcox Hibben

www.rootsweb.com/~cayvgs or New website: www.yvgs.org

Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogy Society will sponsor classes in the Conference Room at the Hemet Public Library from 10:30-noon. Call ☎951.765.2372 for library information.

The classes currently scheduled are:

May 27 ~ Census Records

Visit the HSJGS Website for more info at www.hsjgs.org

No. San Diego County Genealogical Society

Carlsbad City Council Chambers

1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

May 27 ~ Family Tree Maker 2008, Part 2

Presented by Dorothy Miller, Ph.D.

June 24 ~ Georgia on My Mind: Research in the Southeast States presented by Pat Hall

10:00 am - 11:30 am

See www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/springsem.html for details

Palm Springs Genealogy Society - Canyon Estates Clubhouse
2323 Madrona (+Sunrise & Hwy. 111) ☎323-0250

June 7 ~ Archivist Randy Thompson of the NARA regional branch will be the speaker. He will cover online resources from NARA & original documents available. See you there!

**August - QUEEN MARY SEMINAR CANCELED**

Southern California Genealogy Society (SCGS)

June 27-29 ~ 39th Annual Genealogy Jamboree

Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

The SCGS is now taking registrations for this year's event by phone ☎818.843.7247 or see www.scgsgenealogy.com for more information about the schedule and lecture topics.

Featuring more than 30 speakers; Information Sessions
Nonmembers: \$80 full 3-day weekend or \$30-\$35 for any single-day registration. Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center - Rooms from \$129 (before May 26)
800.736.9712 or www.tinyurl.com/38v44h.

Subscribe (free) to the Jamboree Blog to keep updated at:

www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com.

Volunteer at the Yucca Valley Family History Center for the indexing project. Call 369-7430 for more details. The FHC is on Onaga Trail at Sage Avenue across from the High School. Don't miss this opportunity to meet other genealogists and to help preserve valuable information for future searchers.

FAMILY ALBUM

On a photograph of my father and mother just married

My parents, my children:
Who are you, standing there
In an old photograph—young married pair
I never saw before, yet see again?
You pose somewhat sedately side by side,
In your small yard off the suburban road.
He stretches a little in young manhood's pride
Broadening his shoulders for the longed-for load,
The wife that he has won, a home his own;
His growing powers hidden as spring, unknown,
But surging in him toward their certain birth,
Explosive as dandelions in the earth.

She leans upon his arm, as if to hide
a strength perhaps too forward for a bride,
Feminine in her bustle and long skirt;
She looks demure, with just a touch of flirt
In archly tilted head and squinting smile
At the photographer, she watches while
Pretending to be a girl, although so strong,
Playing the role of wife ("Here I belong!"),
Anticipating mother, with man for child,
Amused at all her roles, unreconciled.

And I who gaze at you and recognize
The budding gestures that were soon to be
My cradle and my home, my trees, my skies,
I am your child, staring at you with eyes
Of love and grief for parents who have died;
But also with omniscience born of time,
Seeing your unlined faces, dreams untried,
your tentativeness and your brave attack,
I am no longer daughter gazing back;
I am your mother, watching far ahead,
Seeing events so clearly now they're gone
And both of you are dead, and I alone,
And in my own life now already past
That garden in the grass where you two stand.
I long to comfort you for all you two
In time to come must meet and suffer through,
To answer with a hindsight-given truth
The questions in those wondering eyes of youth.
I long to tell you, starting on your quest,
"You'll do it all, you know, you'll meet the test."

Mother compassionate and child bereft
I am; the past and present, wisdom and innocence,
Fused by one flicker of a camera lens
Some stranger snapped in laughter as he left
More than a half a century ago—
My children, my parents.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh



WE ALL HAVE ONE!

Even the Father of our country, George Washington, had a Mom. His mother, Mary Washington, had complained for years about the way that her George had forsaken her and gone off to fight a war. All the same, Washington had been a dutiful son even when her demands exasperated him. Now, nearing eighty, she was threatening to vacate the house that Washington had bought for her in Fredericksburg and move in with him. For once, Washington found a value in the assault of visitors on Mount Vernon. He wrote urgently to assure her that the constant hubbub would interfere with the serenity that should be her first concern.

Mary Washington accepted that argument and stayed on in Fredericksburg until her death from breast cancer. Washington waived the hundreds of pounds in debts that her estate owed him, but a year passed before he sent for the few mementos she had bequeathed to him. Putting on a black armband of mourning, Washington expressed to his sister "a hope that she is translated to a happier place." *-A.J. Langguth, Union 1812*

Some other "first mother" thoughts:

"I looked on child rearing not only as a work of love and duty but as a profession that was fully as interesting and challenging as any honorable profession in the world and one that demanded the best I could bring to it." *-Rose Kennedy*

"Sometimes when I look at all my children, I say to myself, "Lillian, you should have stayed a virgin." *-Lillian Carter, at the 1980 Democratic Convention, where her son was nominated for a second term as U.S. President.*

Great Moments in Shoe History

- 3000 BC:** Egyptians paint murals of shoes and shoe makers on temple walls.
- 200 AD:** Roman emperor Aurelius proclaims that only he and his successors might wear red sandals.
- 1400's:** Knights adopt long-toed shoes, called crackows, with toes up to 24 inches long. Sumptuary laws dictated the allowed length of the toes.
- Early 1500's:** The high heel is invented, possibly by the great inventor himself, Leonardo da Vinci.
- Early 1600's:** Shoelaces emerge as the latest shoe fad.
- Mid 1600's:** Louis XIV, a short man, starts a whole new movement in platform shoes. Some are 5 inches high and decorated with miniature battle scenes.
- Late 1600's:** A mistranslation from the original French fairy tale turns Cinderella's fur (vair) slipper into a glass one (verre).
- Late 1700's:** The first shoe factories appear, though it will take another 100 years before factories replace custom shoemaking. The first retail shoe store is opened in Boston.
- Early 1800's:** Flat shoes and Grecian sandals are popular.
- Mid 1800's:** The first sneakers, called plimsolls, are invented.
- Late 1800's:** A buttonhook becomes an essential part of every woman's wardrobe, as high-buttoned shoes become the fashion norm. *-centuryinshoes.com*

General Land Office Records (GLO)

General Land Office: Department of the U.S. government responsible for execution and administration of public land laws.

Land patents show the first person to own a piece of land. Deeds, on the other hand, record land passing from individual to individual. There are no deeds in this collection, only patents. Land patents fall into two categories: those given by states and those given by the federal government.


Ancestry.com has a database covering 1796 -1907 U.S. land patents. This collection contains only those patents issued by the federal government, and only for these thirteen states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. No word now on whether the rest of the patents issued by the federal government, or those issued by the individual states, will appear on Ancestry anytime soon.

Land records begin when the government claiming the land (be it crown, colonial, territorial, and, later, federal or state) conveys it to others, including private individuals, groups and corporate entities for, among other reasons, political favors, a fee, military service, or homesteading. These first-grant records are generally kept by the government that issued them. Land records in public-domain states east of the Mississippi River and those on the west bank of the river are served by the Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Land Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, VA 22153-3121 or online at www.glorerecords.blm.gov. Titles for land records in that area from 1820 to 1908 can be searched on the website.

Western public-domain states are served by General Land Offices within each state or an adjacent state, but copies of tractbooks for western states are also in the National Archives. Both sets—those held by the Eastern States Land Office and those by the National Archives—are available on microfilm at those locations. -Redbook, "Land Records" by Alice Eichholz, Ph.D., CG

If you are lucky enough to find a land patent, it means there is also a land-entry case file. A case file consists of those records your ancestor had to submit before a patent was issued. If your ancestor simply paid for his land with cash or credit, there may not be much in the case file except the amount paid. *But*, if the land was obtained as a result of homesteading or as military bounty, the file probably includes more: naturalization papers, statements from witnesses, and so on.

Land-entry case files are kept at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. To order online, go to this website: <http://www.archives.gov/research/index.html>. Here you will find a detailed introduction with links for further research and ordering either online or by mail after downloading form NATF 84 (ordering a land-entry case file costs \$40.00). You will need to have the patent certificate number, the land office, township, range, section, and type of patent (i.e., homestead, cash, bounty-land warrant, mining claim); all that information is on the patent. Source: Lloyd Jana, Editor, *Ancestry Monthly*, April 2008

 Suggested Reading: *Land & Property Research in the United States* by E. Wade Hone, (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997); "Research in Land and Tax Records" by Sandra Hargreaves Luebking in *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997); *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives of the United States*, 3rd ed. by Anne Bruner Eales and Robert M. Kvasnicka, (Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 2001).

* Mary Logan's Memorial Day *

Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic issued the 1868 proclamation declaring the first "Memorial Day" but credited his wife, Mary Logan, with the suggestion for the commemoration. On May 30, General Logan gave an address in honor of the new commemorative holiday. In it he said:

"THIS MEMORIAL DAY, ON WHICH WE DECORATE THEIR GRAVES WITH THE TOKENS OF LOVE AND AFFECTION, IS NO IDLE CEREMONY WITH US, TO PASS AWAY AN HOUR; BUT IT BRINGS BACK TO OUR MINDS IN ALL THEIR VIVIDNESS THE FEARFUL CONFLICTS OF THAT TERRIBLE WAR IN WHICH THEY FELL AS VICTIMS . . . LET US, THEN, ALL UNITE IN THE SOLEMN FEELINGS OF THE HOUR, AND TENDER WITH OUR FLOWERS THE WARMEST SYMPATHIES OF OUR SOULS! LET US REVIVE OUR PATRIOTISM AND LOVE OF COUNTRY BY THIS ACT, AND STRENGTHEN OUR LOYALTY BY THE EXAMPLE OF THE NOBLE DEAD AROUND US . . ." Source: Jone Lewis, *About.com*

From the headstone of Sergeant Albert "Pony" Smith:

*The Love that seems forsaken
When friends in death do part
In heaven again shall waken
And repossess the heart*

☆☆☆

For three days the NY 91st held a position of honor at the assault on Port Hudson, Louisiana. Early on the 27th of May, the men were in good spirits and met the enemy while dew was still on the grass. The battle raged until noon and losses were heavy on both sides. Albert's young brother, Abram, wrote in his diary: *May 27: Battle commenced - wounded brought in. Lot of them. Pony brought in wounded in the back. Ball clear through him - mortal wound. Went to hospital with. May 28: 2 o'clock AM. Pony died about 20 minutes ago. He did not know me - his legs were paralyzed and he was crazy. Buried Albert after sundown. He went through 3 days hard fighting only to fall by our own guns.*

Genealogy Online

- ✓ New at www.Ancestry.com - U.S. Naturalization Records Indexes, 1791-1995 - you will find names, volume numbers, page numbers and sometimes even certificate numbers documenting the moment your ancestors became U.S. citizens.
- U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918 - this database contains the names and businesses taxed, their address, the taxable period and the amount of taxes reported.
- Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914 - Lots of information in these records. If your ancestors served in the Army before 1914, this is a good place to start your search.
- ✓ Ancestry's [World Deluxe Collection](#) has added the Drouin Collection Index, 1850-1947, a large French-Canadian resource including a collection of Quebec vital records dating from 1621 and Canadian census records from 1851, 1901, 1906 and 1911. The collection includes nearly 15 million records and is a good place to start if you are looking for ancestors in Canada.
- ✓ www.rootdig.com Lots of good articles and links here. Michael John Neill - Researcher, Author, & Speaker has created this Genealogy Site/Blog.
- ✓ www.svcgg.org - Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group. For the family historian with links to sites useful for genealogy research; free articles, tutorials, guides and an online store with documentation and research tools.
- ✓ www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html This is the Library of Congress site called "American Memory". Browse through these collections entitled "Cities, Towns", "Immigration, American Expansion", "Maps", "Native American History" - just to name a few. Fantastic!



- ✓ www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/jan08/women- maiden.asp An article entitled "Five strategies to help discover your female ancestors' maiden names."
- ✓ www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/jan08/women- names.asp Did your female ancestor have a nickname? Check out all the possibilities on this extensive list.
- ✓ www.familytreemagazine.com/women has suggestions to unpuzzle names, uncover records and tell the stories of the women in your family tree and find links to help trace female ancestors. An excellent article by Lisa A. Alzo.
- ✓ www.harpersbazaar.victorian-ebooks.com - The "Victorian Era Online" provides an opportunity to access the actual pages of the famous Harper's Bazaar, a weekly women's fashion magazine that began publication in 1867. Most articles are also available in searchable text.
- ✓ www.centuryinshoes.com An online exhibit covering the 20th century in shoes with links to historical clothing sites, textile museums, books on the subject and even calendars featuring historic fashions.

Veteran Casualty, Cemetery, and Tombstone Sites

- ✓ www.cem.va.gov/ The U.S. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs has a nationwide grave locator to help you search for veterans and their family members in 120 VA National Cemeteries, state veteran cemeteries, and other military cemeteries as well as for veterans buried in private cemeteries with a military headstone.
- ✓ www.abmc.gov/home.php, the American Battle Monuments Commission has an online database with information about those who have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and were buried in one of the 24 cemeteries located on foreign soil. Soldiers listed in this database include those from the Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Additionally, the Commission has a database of all interments at Corozal American Cemetery in Panama, which includes civilians who helped build the Panama Canal. Search by conflict and then by name.
- ✓ www.suvcw.org/ the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, originally an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, has a web site that includes a National Graves Registration Database containing information about Union soldiers grave sites.
- ✓ www.accessgenealogy.com/worldwar/ includes digitized images of WWII Casualty lists for the Army, Air Corps, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and POWs. The lists are organized by state or territory and then by county.
- ✓ www.archives.gov/research/korean-war/casualty-lists/ A list of WWII and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas.
- ✓ www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/index.html has the WWII Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Force Personnel.
- ✓ www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/navy-casualties/index.html here you can find the State Summary of War Casualties from WWII for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Personnel. These are arranged by state and then by three categories; dead, wounded and released prisoners.
- ✓ www.usmemorialday.org for more information on the history of Memorial Day.

Source: Gena Philibert-Ortega, "Memorial Day", *GenWeekly*, 24/May/2007



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Reading List

- ☐ **Beyond Pedigrees - Organizing & Enhancing Your Work** by Beverly DeLong Whitaker. "This comprehensive book will get you started on the road to organizational freedom with your genealogical records, including excellent tips for beginners and experts." -*Kimberly Powell, about.com* (Ancestry) ISBN: 0-916489-52-3, \$7.95 at Amazon.com
- ☐ **The Hidden Half of the Family: A Sourcebook for Women's Genealogy** by Christina K. Schaefer. The bulk of this reference work deals with the individual states, showing how their laws, records, and resources can be used in determining female identity. Each state section begins with a time line of events followed by a listing of eight key categories of information suggesting new avenues of research. \$39.95 (#GPC5179) ISBN: 9780806315829
- **Roll of Honor: Civil War Union Soldiers** This CD contains images of the pages of all 27 volumes of the *Roll of Honor* as well as *The Unpublished Roll of Honor*. These books reference the names of over 200,000 Union soldiers who were buried in national cemeteries, soldiers' lots, and garrison cemeteries. Includes an index to all rolls. \$29.99 (#GPC7351) ISBN: 9780806397016
- ☐ **Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America** by Linda Lawrence Hunt. In 1896, Helga Estby and her eldest daughter, Clara, took up a \$10,000 wager to walk unescorted from Spokane, Wash., to New York City. \$16.95 (University of Idaho Press)
- **Scottish Immigrants to North America, 1600s-1800s. The Collected Works of David Dobson**
From original records and printed sources in Great Britain, Canada, and the United States, David Dobson has amassed information on all known Scottish immigrants to North America, the majority of whom arrived in America from the earliest colonial times up to the Revolutionary War. This CD captures the page images of all his publications including an index to this otherwise hard-to-find sources from archives throughout Great Britain and America. \$29.99 (#GPC7268), ISBN: 9780806397467
- **The Deep South: Genealogical Records of Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi, 1700s-1800s** A CD containing images from the pages of twelve books published by GPC. Altogether, some 150,000 individuals are named in census, probate, marriage, military, and vital records; family histories; an index to wills; a collection of courthouse records; a list of Revolutionary War soldiers; and a collection of genealogies and family histories. \$29.99 (#GPC7527) ISBN: 9780806397702
- ☐ **Sanborn Third Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700** Mrs. Sanborn's Third Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages is primarily an index to the major genealogical periodicals published since Torrey's death. Covering the period from 1962 through the spring of 2003, this new third supplement incorporates all of the information from the first and second supplements and contains 80% new material! In all, approximately 6,000 entries referring to as many as 20,000 individuals are included. \$35.00 (#GPC5148), ISBN: 9780806317434

*From Genealogical Publishing Company, 800.296.6687 or www.genealogical.com.

Our Library Collection Wish List

GINNY Lilly, our Librarian, has presented us with a "wish list" of books to add to our collection at the Yucca Valley Library. If a book receives contributions totaling 50% of its purchase price, it will be ordered and added to our GSMB Collection.

The Committee's focus this year is on Finding Aids, State-wide indexes, early Southern research, and up-grades to our current collection. Please review this list and consider making a contribution toward the book(s) of your choice.

If you wish to add a book of your choice or a suggestion for future purchases, please do!

Finding Aids:

- California Geographic Names: A Gazetteer of Historic and Modern Names of the State** Comp. by David Durham \$69.73 (Board recommendation)
- Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers, 1607-1635: A Biographical Dictionary**, by Martha W. McCartney. \$55.00
- Colonial Families of the Southern States of America** 2nd ed. by Stella Picket Hardy, \$54.00

State-wide Indexes and Indexes:

- Ohio Wills And Estates To 1850: An INDEX** by Carol Willsey Bell, C.G. \$55.00
- Abstract of North Carolina Wills, 1663-1760** by Grimes "With an INDEX of nearly 20,000 names!" \$55.00

How To:

- The Official Guide to Ancestry.com "Getting Around the Site"** by George G. Morgan \$29.00 **SOLD!!!**
- The Official Guide to RootsWeb.com** by M. Vanderpool Gormley and T. Pedersen Lord. \$16.00

Please give your contributions to Ginny at the next meeting or mail to GSMB at P.O. Box 234, Y.V. 92286-0234, Attention Ginny Lilly.



In the Mailbox



Newsletters

- CGS News (California Genealogical Society)
CSGA Newsletter (Calif. State Genealogical Alliance)
Desert Diggings, (Coachella Valley GS)
DGS Newsletter (Decatur, IL)
LEGGs, (Lake Elsinore)
Newsletter (San Diego Genealogical Society)
Pedigree Searchers (Palm Springs GS)
Rootdigger (Solano County, CA GS)
YVGS Family Finders, (Yucaipa GS)

Magazines

- FGS Forum
Everton's Genealogical Helper Magazine
The Searcher (SCGS publication)

YOUR PERSONAL UPDATES

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(please print)

Your mailing address: _____

Your Phone Number : _____

Your email address: _____

Would you like to receive your newsletter via (check one or more):

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United States Surnames/locations you are currently researching:

Surname	State	County/location	Time Period

European Surnames/locations you are currently researching:

Surname	Country	Province/location	Time Period

2008-2009 GSMB Genealogical Program and Interest Survey

Please help your editor and board determine the direction our society shall take during our 2008-2009 meetings. Your responses will tell us what type of programs/speakers to schedule at our general meetings and what the content of our newsletters will be.

What genealogy software programs do you use (Family Tree Maker, PAF, RootsMagic, etc.)?

Software	Comments

Do you regularly use any online genealogy subscriptions (Ancestry, WorldVitalRecords, Godfrey Library)?

Website Name and/or address	Comments

Do you subscribe to any genealogy magazines or society newsletters?

Publication or Newsletter	Comments

What conventions/classes or other meetings do you attend?

Who are your favorite speakers?

In general, what would you like to see more and/or less of in the newsletter and at our meetings/programs?

Do you ever use the GSMB Library Collection or website?

Are you willing to volunteer your time and talents to GSMB?

Would you be interested in attending basic genealogy classes?

Would you ever attend evening or weekend meetings, programs and classes?

If yes, what day and time would you prefer?

Please check any of the following topics you would like to see in our newsletter or to attend as a program:

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| Program | Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Maps | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Adoption Research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Native American Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Basic Research Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | New England Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Genealogical Books/CDs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Newspapers, gazeteers, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Church Records | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Online Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Census Records | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Organizing your records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Civil War Research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Photos - identify, preserve |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Confederate <input type="checkbox"/> Union | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-1790 Gen. Records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Court Records | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Probate Records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DNA | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Revolutionary War |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Emigration/Immigration | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | WW I |
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