



THE FAMILY GATHERING NEWSLETTER

To research with love To record with care

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

I wonder if we all share in this overwhelming love of this work (genealogy)? There are nights when I wake up thinking about a new avenue that I haven't tried or a rock that I haven't looked under before. Oft times I find that just looking at what I have already downloaded or printed out with a new perspective or purpose opens treasures that I didn't know were there. I have also found that sharing experiences, successes and failures, can lead to finding my way out of a dead end. Take the time to encourage others to find their ancestors and you will find ways to research your own.

Success in your searches,
Jeff Teeter

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 19
Yucca Valley Community Center
Cholla Room, 10:00 a.m.

*Election of 2009-2010 Executive
Board Officers*



The Nominees are:

President: Ed Johnson

Vice President: Denise Teeter

Secretary: Beth Hampton

Treasurer: Sandy Moreno

Parliamentarian: Dorothy Daily



Thank you to all of our past and future officers who have answered the call to serve

followed by our annual

Show and Tell

GENEALOGY 101 CLASSES BEGIN MAY 6th
Scheduled to be held on the first and third
Wednesday each month at 4:00 p.m. in the:
Family History Center
56885 Onaga Trail
(760) 369-7430

Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; Wednesday, 9am - 4 pm;
Thursday, 5pm - 8pm; Saturday, 10am - 3pm

Researchers from all levels are encouraged to participate and share their successes (and mistakes), listen, and learn. Computers accessing numerous fantastic subscriptions - like footnote - are available for your personal research too.



FABULOUS MYSTERY GIFTS WON IN APRIL
Congratulations Florence Rayl, Jeff Teeter and
Beth Hampton

Dorothy Daily Voted Honorary Life Member

To the Society members, one and all:

I thank you for honoring me with a life membership. It has been my privilege to work in the Society since its founding in October 1979. It has grown from that small beginning, as we functioned on a shoestring budget, to a fully operational organization that is on-top of the new and developing technology. It has been accomplished through the efforts of all. I do thank you.

Most sincerely,
Dorothy Daily

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TIME TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$15.00 INDIVIDUAL OR \$20.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MORONGO BASIN

**P.O. Box 234
Yucca Valley, CA 92286-0234
www.gsmb.info**

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at 10:00 a.m. in the Cholla Room located in the Yucca Valley Community Center, 57098 29-Palms Hwy. (760) 369-7211
Computer Users Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Joshua Tree Room. All *members* are encouraged to attend to share their knowledge and discuss computer genealogy topics.
Directions: From I-10 take the Hwy 62 exit north toward Joshua Tree National Park about 20 miles to Yucca Valley. Make a left turn onto Dumosa Avenue [two streets past the signal in front of Denny's on Sage Avenue]. Dumosa ends in front of the Hi-Desert Museum - continue past the museum following the driveway to the left into the parking lot.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US!

VISITORS WELCOME AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Annual 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. Subscriptions to *THE FAMILY GATHERING* are available to non-members for \$8 per year. Members receive the newsletter as part of their dues.

THE FAMILY GATHERING NEWSLETTER is published nine times a year, September thru June. Please send submissions to the editor [at the email or GSMB mailing address] by the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Web site: www.gsmb.info. Visit our website for more information about our society and members, scheduled events, newsletter archive, and a surname list that is currently under construction.

Board Meetings (closed) are held monthly on the second 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Joshua Tree Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center.

President: Jeff Teeter
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Places to Go and Things to do

Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogy Society Seminar and Workshop conducted by Geoff Rasmussen speaking on:
Legacy family Tree - Genealogy's Best Software Program
Tips & Tricks With Legacy Family Tree

Mapping Your Ancestors Electronically: Using Software and the Internet

Sharing Genealogy Electronically: Publishing to CD/DVD, the Internet, and E-Mail

Saturday, May 16, 9 am until 3:45 pm. Door opens at 8:30.
Hemet Public Library, 300 E. Latham Ave., 951.765.2372.
Pre-Registration (by May 10) \$25. Luncheon tickets \$8 each.
Legacy software will sell at a special price at this seminar.
More information and a registration form at www.hsigs.org.

Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogy Society - has classes in the Conference Room at the Hemet Public Library
Wednesdays 10:30 - noon each month

May 13 ~ DNA Geanealogy and You

May 20 & 27 ~ Publishing Your Family History

Call ☎951.765.2372 or see www.hsigs.org.

Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society

May 9 ~ "Female Ancestors" by Gena Philibert-Ortega

June 13 ~ "Search Procedures for Ancestry.com"

by Donna L. Senff-Mata

1:00 pm at the Yucaipa Public Library, www.yvgs.org

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society Annual Seminar
Saturday, May 9, 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at the Ascension

Lutheran Church, 1600 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

Eleven Layers of Online Searches

Online: How You Get There Does Make a Difference

What's New at Family Search

Finding Your Ancestors in Un-indexed Books

\$35 early registration (by 4/21)

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs/Seminar.html

Southern California Genealogical Society 2009 Jamboree
Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel & Convention Center

June 12 - 14, \$80 covers all three days or Friday (\$40),

Saturday (\$45), Sunday (\$40). Special events extra.

This year's special lecture tracks include:

- ✓ Spotlight on applications and use of DNA
- ✓ Special presentation on genealogy software and websites
- ✓ Ethnic focus for 2009 is British Isles
- ✓ Summit 2: Genealogy Blogger panel discussion

(Note: Photo Detective Workshop is already sold out!)

www.scsgenealogy.com/2009jam-home.htm

GSMB 2008 - 2009 CALENDAR

June 16: Installation of New Officers and Potluck

August 15: Family History Seminar

Yucca Valley Family History Center - Volunteers needed for membership sign-ups, Show and Tell

**Speakers: Gena Philibert Ortega,
Jean Wilcox Hibbens (and much more!)**

Records of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

Civil War Union Veterans might have wanted to forget their miserable and often gruesome war experiences, but they didn't want to forget their comrades and the bonds they formed. That's why thousands of vets joined the Grand Army of Republic (GAR). Formed in 1866, the organization's membership peaked in 1890 when more than 409,000 men were on the GAR rosters. The last member died in 1956.

How can you discover if your ancestors joined the GAR? Start at the cemetery. Local GAR posts frequently placed markers at members' graves. Obituaries also often mention GAR membership. Members joined posts where they lived, so focus your search for records at locations near your veteran's post-war homes. GAR records were maintained at the local level, so there is no central national repository for the club's records. Check with the state archives or state historical societies for records. Some records might be at local libraries or museums.

The information in the records varies, but you might find membership rolls, lists of member deaths and burials, account books, letters of application and other correspondence, and meeting minutes.

Well aware of their own mortality, GAR members established a second-generation organization in 1881. This organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, still exists today and you can find some helpful information about the GAR on the group's website, www.suvcwdb.org. [I looked up my GG who I knew to be a GAR member in Wichita but he passed away in California. Sure enough, he was listed with a local GAR!]

Mary Penner, "Tips From the Pros: Records of the GAR", learn.ancestry.com, 30 March 2008

1918 Influenza Epidemic

Hard to believe, but the Influenza epidemic of 1918 killed more people than died in World War I.

World War I claimed an estimated 16 million lives. The influenza epidemic that swept the world in 1918 killed an estimated 50 million people. One fifth of the world's population was attacked by this deadly virus. Within months, it had killed more people than any other illness in recorded history.

The plague emerged in two phases. In late spring of 1918, the first phase, known as the "three-day fever," appeared without warning. Few deaths were reported. Victims recovered after a few days. When the disease resurfaced that fall, it was far more severe. Scientists, doctors, and health officials could not identify this disease which was striking so fast and so viciously, eluding treatment and defying control. Some victims died within hours of their first symptoms. Others succumbed after a few days; their lungs filled with fluid and they suffocated to death.

The plague did not discriminate. It was rampant in urban and rural areas, from the densely populated East coast to the remotest parts of Alaska. Young adults, usually unaffected by these types of infectious diseases, were among the hardest hit groups along with the elderly and young children. The flu afflicted over 25 percent of the U.S. population. ***In one year, the average life expectancy in the United States dropped by 12 years.***

It is an oddity of history that the influenza epidemic of 1918 has been overlooked in the teaching of American history. Documentation of the disease is ample, as shown in the records selected from the holdings of the National Archives regional archives.

Posted by Myrt on 30 April 2009 "True or False?", blog.dearmyrtle.com

Visit our society library collection at:

Yucca Valley Branch Library
57098 - 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
(760) 228-5455

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 - 6
Tuesday and Thursday 12 - 8
Saturday 9-5 ♦ Closed Sunday

FIVE CUTE AND CURIOUS MICE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

The Service (or "Mouse") Award is given annually to a member who has been instrumental in furthering the needs and activities of the Society. Past recipients have been Helen and Ramona Steinecke, Mona Lowe, Paul Hubbard, Dick Moran and Dorothy Daily. Who will be the next member honored with this illustrious award? Expect to be queried about your choice soon and remember - it's a surprise!

This last year it has been my privilege to keep company with these darling little creatures. They have looked down on me from the top of my desk with their beady little eyes that remind me not only that I need to get to work on our newsletter, but that my work is appreciated. Now I look forward to handing them over to their new owners, but I will always remember the words of gratitude that accompanied their arrival.

And the Top 10 Earthquake States are . . .

If you live in Alaska or California, you're at the top of the list - the earthquake list, that is. According to John Anderson and Yuichiro Miyata of the University of Nevada, Reno, on LiveScience.com, the following are the top 10 states for earthquakes when it comes to magnitude achieved per year:

Alaska	6.70
Hawaii	5.00
Idaho	4.57
Oregon	4.24
California	6.02
Washington	4.97
Montana	4.47
Nevada	5.11
Wyoming	4.67
Utah	4.29

In Flanders Fields

John Alexander McCrae

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below . . .

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields . . .

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields . . .



John Alexander McCrae

Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander McCrae (1872-1918) was a Canadian poet, physician, author, artist and soldier during World War I and surgeon during the battle of Ypres.

When the United Kingdom declared war on Germany at the start of WWI, Canada, as a Dominion within the British Empire, declared war as well. McCrae was appointed a field surgeon in the Canadian artillery and was in charge of a field hospital during the Second Battle of Ypres in 1915. The poem, *In Flanders Field*, was written upon a scrap of paper in the back of a medical field ambulance, just after the burial of his friend, Lieutenant Alex Helmer. The poem was first published in 1915 in *Punch Magazine*, London.

From June 1915 McCrae was ordered away from the artillery to set up the No. 3 Canadian General Hospital near Boulogne-sur-Mer, Northern France. For eight months the hospital operated in Durbar tents (donated by the Begum of Bhopal and shipped from India), but after suffering storms, floods and frosts it was moved in February 1916 into an old Jesuit College.

On January 28, 1918, while still commanding the No. 3 Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne, McCrae died of pneumonia. He was buried with full honors in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission section of Wimereux Cemetery. McCrae regarded his sudden fame with some amusement but was satisfied if the poem "enabled men to see where their duty lay."

Tiptoe Through the Tombstones (and Weeds)

Family historians respond to spring in their own way—by flocking to cemeteries. Seem odd? Well, seasoned family historians know that there's a wealth of information to be found in cemeteries. Here are a few tips from for those planning excursions to local graveyards:

Go Prepared! When it comes to cemetery visits, the Scouting motto, "Be prepared" really comes in handy. While you might feel like you're packing for a trip to the top of Mt. Everest, the supplies you bring may well determine the success of your trip. Here are some items to consider:

- A spray bottle with water - wetting stones can make them more readable.
- A mirror - use to reflect sunshine and eliminate shadows for photographing.
- A camera - take high-resolution digital photos and be sure to bring plenty of memory and extra batteries.
- Grass clippers - to trim away from the stone.
- Soft brush - paint brushes work well to loosen dirt without harming fragile surfaces.
- Knee pad - for taking eye-level shots of smaller stones.
- Rubbing supplies - be sure to check with the cemetery first before doing anything like this.

Be Safe! While we might think of cemeteries as a peaceful refuge, they can also be dangerous, so grab a friend or gather a group from a local society—the more the merrier. Criminals sometimes target cars in cemetery parking lots, so don't leave purses and other valuables in the car and never wander a seemingly empty cemetery alone.

In addition, cemeteries are home to biting insects, snakes, ticks, and other not-so-nice residents, so dress appropriately with sensible shoes and long pants, and bring a first aid kit to take care of minor injuries. Fully charged cell-phones are a must-have and (if you own one) GPS is a wonderful new tool for your cemetery jaunts.

To those not familiar with family history, it might seem that we're out of touch with spring, which is typically thought of as a season of renewal. What they don't realize is that visiting cemeteries is our way of celebrating the lives of our ancestors and that through our research they too find new life.

Juliana Smith, "Signs of Spring", learn.ancestry.com, April 2009

Why Red Poppies?



The idea of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day is said to have originated with a woman named Moina Michael. A former teacher at the University of Georgia, Michael was working for the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries at the end of World War I. In 1918, Michael read the poem "In Flanders Fields," by Canadian poet and Doctor John McCrae. The poem's opening lines, "In Flanders Field, the poppies blow/ Between the crosses, row on row . . .," caught her imagination.

This was a few days before the Armistice was signed to end the war, and at the time the Overseas War Secretaries' annual conference was being held in New York City. According to some sources, grateful delegates gave Michael \$10 in recognition of her help with the conference, and she spent the money on 25 red silk poppies to hand out to participants. Other sources say she made the poppies herself. Michael then decided that the poppy should become a national symbol of remembrance, and she began a campaign for its acceptance. Two years later the American Legion adopted it at its own conference, and poppies have symbolized Memorial Day ever since.

"Decoration Day: Evolution of a Solemn Occasion", FOR YOUR BENEFIT, May 2009

Genealogy Online

✓ www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2009.htm

ProGenealogists has a list of the 50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites for 2009. The majority of sites on this list will be familiar unless you are brand new to online genealogy. You can print out the two-page list for reference or use the links here. Even if you have searched these popular websites before, new data is constantly added.

✓ www.fallingrain.com/world This free Global Gazetteer, shared by John Quinn, was created for pilots and gives aerial views, GPS info, weather, geography and more.

✓ www.mozy.com Free online backup up to 2 GB. A copy of your data is stored in a secure, remote location for safekeeping, so that in the event of disaster, your data is still retrievable. Recommended by Jeff at his April presentation along with:

✓ www.cutepdf.com Here you can create PDF files from almost any printable document. Free - no ads or pop-ups. "Our philosophy is to make PDF utilities easy, versatile and affordable for every user: from beginner to pro".

Veteran Grave Spotting

Unfortunately, many veterans' graves have lost their wooden or sandstone markers to the elements. However, it is still possible to find out where your ancestor is buried.

Start with the Department of Veterans Affairs www.cem.va.gov/cem/scg/lsvc.asp for a list of all state veterans' cemeteries. Click on the "Nationwide Gravesite Locator" tab for national and state cemeteries.

Next, try the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) which has military pension files from 1775 to 1916. The files typically include supporting documents such as marriage and death certificates, survivors' affidavits and other valuable documentation that may provide clues for your search. Order copies of Civil War pensions from NARA at www.archives.gov.

You can review Revolutionary War pensions on microfilm, at HeritageQuest Online www.heritagequestonline.com and on www.footnote.com (both available at our FHC).

Then go to the Family History Library (FHL) at www.familysearch.org or a Family History Center, and try your luck with the microfilmed Burial Records for Military Posts, Camps and Stations 1768-1921. Most burials in these records occurred between 1860-1890.

If your ancestor fought in the Civil War, many resources are available to you. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War maintain the National Graves Registration Project at www.suvcwdb.org/home. The Sons of Confederate Veterans offers genealogy assistance and a grave registry at www.scv.org. Request the microfilmed Card Records of Headstones Provided for Deceased Civil War Veterans, 1879-1903 from the FHC.

If you do not have any luck with national databases, at least narrow your search to a specific county, where you can examine cemetery deeds, plat maps and burial permits. Contact the county historical or genealogical society - they may have enumerations of county cemeteries. The WPA compiled lists of tombstones, some are available on microfilm from the FHL.

"Veteran Grave Spotting", OCCGS Newsletter, March 2009. Source: Now What? By Gilda V. Bryant, *Family Tree Magazine*, January 2009, p. 18.

Ancestry.com Announces 4 Major Releases:

The following was written by Gary Gibb and published on the Ancestry.com Blog March 2009:

We are launching huge new content additions over the next few weeks. We are excited because it helps provide records from 1935 to today. We have great census and vital records from 1930 and before but more recent records are difficult to acquire. These new records are being provided in 4 major releases.

First, we launched a 1940 census substitute. This is a project that we have been working on for years. Since we can't get the real 1940 census until 2012 we have pulled together a huge collection of city directories from about 1935 to 1945. This collection has over 100 million names and covers most of the U.S.

Second, we will launch in the next week (or two) the first ever collection of U.S. Public Records (USPRI) database with more than 525 million names, addresses, ages, and possible family relationships of people who lived in the United States between roughly 1950 and 1990. This will be an invaluable tool in piecing together family stories and histories. This new addition will replace the current USPRI database on Ancestry which is mainly profiles of living people. This database is built from a variety of city directories and other public records.

Third, we launched search results and links to living people records on MyLife.com. We are excited about this partnership because MyLife has a much better collection of records about living people and continues to update this collection. MyLife.com includes current public information and more than 700 million profiles of living people. They are much better equipped to offer these services than we are. If you want to find a living cousin or second cousin or other living relative we believe these links to MyLife will be the best service to help you contact your family.

Finally, we launched a new obituary collection. We have had several very popular obituary collections for several years. We have now upgraded our collection that we extract from obituaries posted in newspapers around the world with much better fielding and from more papers. This should help you more easily identify the right obituary and find family relationships.

In the coming months look for additional significant improvements to all the US Federal Census from 1800 to 1890. We will also continue to release millions of vital records every month. We are also excited about the upcoming large addition to our newspaper and military collections over the next few months.

We hope these additions help you discover more of your family story.

Posted by Dick Eastman on March 18, 2009, blog.eogn.com/

jamboree 2009

✓ www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com. Register here for up-to-the-minute news about the Southern California Genealogical Society's 40th Annual Jamboree. Get the most value out of jamboree by doing your homework beforehand. Read the biographies to learn about the speakers. Plan your visit to the exhibit booths. Compile your family group sheets and records for sharing.

On The Shelf



A Remarkable Mother by Jimmy Carter. "According to Carter, much of the credit for his many accomplishments can be attributed to his mother, Lillian Gordy Carter, a remarkable woman in her own right. A woman decades ahead of her time, Miss Lillian—wife, mother, grandmother, registered nurse, civil rights advocate, legendary wit, and Peace Corps volunteer—enchanted the nation with her trademark combination of southern charm and fierce determination. This well-deserved tribute from a loving son hits all the high points of a woman well loved and a life well lived." -Margaret Flanagan
Simon & Shuster, 2008, ISBN-10: 1416562451, \$22.95



Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation by Cokie Roberts. Biographical portraits and behind-the-scenes vignettes chronicling women's public roles and private responsibilities. "A much-needed addition to the shelves of Founding Father literature, Roberts sheds new light on the generation of heroines, reformers, and visionaries who helped shape our nation, giving these ladies of liberty the recognition they so greatly deserve."
William Morrow Pub, 2008, ISBN-10: 006078234X, \$14.99

Looking For Boston College Alumni?

John Quinn has Boston College Alumni Yearbooks from 1980, 1995 and 2007. If you have ancestors from the area or who may have attended Boston College, John says there is information going back to the 1930's contained in each volume and he will be happy to look-up names you may be searching.

From Our Librarian

We join to thank Dick Moran for the generous donation of a 9 volume set of books on Native American ancestry, described as follows:

Cherokee By Blood: Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry in the U.S. Court of Claims 1906-1910. Comp. By Jerry Wright Jordan. Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, MD c 1987.

Volumes 1 thru 9 provide the names of those individuals who were accepted, and those who were rejected, to be included in *Eastern Cherokee Ancestry*.

Each volume is indexed and easy to use. The set will soon be added to the GSMB Book Collection, housed in the Yucca Valley Branch Library.

GINNY LILLY

In the Mailbox

Newsletters

CGS News (California Genealogical Society)
CSGA Newsletter (California State Genealogical Alliance)
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)

Wish List 2009

The Following is our Wish List for the current year. No amount has been budgeted for book purchases as yet. The Committee's focus this year is on Finding Aids, State-wide Indexes, early Southern research, How-to, and up-upgrades to our Collection.

Title	Author	Publisher and Date	Purchase Price
The Original Scots Colonists of Early America, 1612-1783	David Dobson	GPC, 2008	\$32.50
30,638 Burials in Georgia	Jeannette A. Austin	GPC/Clrld, 2004	\$40.00
Kentucky Pioneers and Their Descendants	Ila Earle Fowler	GPC, 2008	\$37.50
North Carolina Wills. A Testator Index, 1665-1900, , Corrected and Revised Edition	Thornton W. Mitchell	GPC, 2009	\$52.50
State Census of North Carolina, 1784-1787, 2 nd Edition	Alvaretta K. Register	GPC, 2009	\$27.50
New Jersey Marriage Records, 1665-1800	William Nelson	GPC, 2009	\$52.50
Marriage Records of Washington County, Tennessee, 1787-1840	Norma Rutledge Grammar	GPC, 2009	\$17.00
1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumnet and Tennessee counties	Richard Carlton Filcher	GPC, 2009	\$30.00
Earliest Tennessee Land Records and Earliest Tennessee Land History	Irene Griffey		\$55.00

Please review this list and consider making a contribution toward the book purchase of your choice(s). If a book receives contributions totaling 50% of its purchase price, it should be ordered and added to our GSMB Collection.

Respectfully, Ginny Lilly, Librarian



Title	Author
International Vital Records Handbook: Births, Marriages, Deaths, 5 th Edition*	Thomas J. Kemp
Google Your Family Tree*	Daniel M. Lynch
Central Pennsylvania Marriages, 1700-1896*	David Dobson
The Chartier/Sharkey Family (Canada) Volumes 1 - 5	
Traveling to England to Find Your Roots (Cheap)	Nancy Ellen Carlberg
Discovering Your Germanic Ancestors	Chris Anderson and Ernest Thode
Irish Records, Sources for family & local history	James G. Ryan
KY Inf Co G; 8 th KY Inf; KY Vol CSA; Misc Veterans; Bible Records; Birth Records 1911-1920	
KY Records in binder: Marriages 1871; Marriages 1873-1887; Misc Marriages 1905	
Selected Trigg County, KY Cemeteries (binder)	
Trigg County, KY Tax List 1820, 1821, 1822	
Trigg County, KY Will Book, Vol 2, 1835-1841	
Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735 - 1815	
1900 Federal Census Howell County, MO Vol 1 & 2	SK Publications
A Guide to County & Municipal Records on Microfilm	MO State Archives
More Palatine Families	Henry Z. Jones
New England Marriages Prior to 1700	Clarence A. Torrey
Nicknames Past & Present, 3 rd Edition	Christine Rose
On Bended Knees	Bill Cunningham
Atlas of Pittsburgh, PA, 1911	
Searching on Location: Planning A Research Trip	Anne R. Balhuizen
The Research Guide to American Genealogy, 2 nd Edition	Val D. Greenwood
1850 Federal Census Marion County, TN	SK Publications
Early History of Bosque County, TX	
Personal Marriage Records of Reverend J.J. Strine, 1815	D. Smith, F. Weiser
Better use of 1910 Census	SCGS
British isles Genealogy Secrets	Linda E. Brinkerhoff
Ellis Island, Gateway to America	Loretto Dennis Szucs
Genealogy Records in TN, VA, NC, KY	Byron Sistler & Assoc
Searching with Church Records	SCGS
Sources of Genealogical Help in New England	SCGS
Using the PA Archives, A Guide	Al Lewis
Were Your Ancestors in the Newspaper?	Arlene Eakle
Why Maps Are Important	Linda E. Brinkerhoff

*Purchased by GSMB from our 2009 Wish List
Remainder are a donation from our Secretary, Carol Schreiber. *Thank you Carol* for the donation of this wonderful collection.

WORRY - Passing the Torch to the Next Generation

Is there a magic cutoff period when offspring become accountable for their own actions? Is there a wonderful moment when parents can become detached spectators in the lives of their children and shrug, "It's their live," and feel nothing?

When I was in my twenties, I stood in a hospital corridor waiting for doctors to put a few stitches in my son's head. I asked, "When do you stop worrying?" The nurse said, "When they get out of the accident stage." My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my thirties, I sat on a little chair in a classroom and heard how one of my children talked incessantly, disrupted the class and was headed for a career in making license plates. As if to read my mind, the teacher said, "Don't worry, they all go through this stage and then you can sit back, relax and enjoy them." My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my forties, I spent a lifetime waiting for the phone to ring, the cars to come home, the front door to open. A friend said "They're trying to find themselves. Don't worry, in a few years, you can stop worrying. They'll be adults." My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing.

By the time I was 50, I was sick and tired of being vulnerable. I was still worrying over my children, but there was a new wrinkle - there was nothing I could do about it. My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing. I continued to anguish over their failures, be tormented by their frustrations and absorbed in their disappointments.

My friends said that when my kids got married I could stop worrying and lead my own life. I wanted to believe that, but I was haunted by my mother's warm smile and her occasional, "You look pale. Are you all right? Call me the minute you get home. Are you depressed about something?"

Can it be that parents are sentenced to a lifetime of worry? Is concern for one another handed down like a torch, to blaze the trail of human frailties and the fears of the unknown? Is concern a curse, or is it a virtue that elevates us the highest form of life?

One of my children became quite irritable recently, saying to me, "Where were you? I've been calling for three days and no one answered. I was worried." I smiled a warm smile. The torch has been passed.

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