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To research with love 🐣 To record with care

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PRESIDENT'S DESK



Hello to all . . .

I'm trusting everyone had a good summer break. I'm looking forward to a good year and hoping for more friendly faces in our group.

The annual officer transition went well but not without a *BUMP!* The Secretary position needs to be filled. Mona Lowe has agreed to help us by taking the position temporarily. Jeff is filling in as duty stenographer.

The Financial Review was completed by Sandy, Wolf, and myself with no problems found.

The GSMB flyer has been updated for 2009/10, and will be available at our next meeting for anyone who wants them.

GSMB now has an advertisement on Time Warner Cable Channel 10 . . . check it out.

The summer Seminar was a success. We had very good classes and lots of fun tracking thru graveyards. Jeff will probably have a report as to numbers, etc.

Throw in the tack room roof and grandkids and we've had a busy summer.

Ed Johnson



Update: Kay Finster has volunteered for secretarial duties!



MYSTERY GIFTS WON by Peggy Griswald, Kay Finster, and Jeff Teeter at our June meeting
PLEASE HELP THE SOCIETY PAY EXPENSES BY DONATING DOLLARS OR GIFTS

"For me, there is no better way to learn (aside from you own hands-on practice) than through the successes, mistakes and techniques of other genealogists." -Kimberly Powell

General Meeting
Tuesday, September 15th
Yucca Valley Community Center
Cholla Room, 10:00 a.m.

30th Anniversary Celebration
Founding Fathers and Mothers Share Memories

Reminisce with several of our past Presidents and hear our story from the primary sources

 **Happy Birthday!**

Kati Teeter, Oct. 5th

Helen Dotts, Oct. 7th

Mary Ellen DeCremer, Oct. 14th

Florence Rayl, Oct. 30th

Nona Pace, Oct. 31st

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THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MORONGO BASIN
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Yucca Valley, CA 92286-0234
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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 growing.

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: Ed Johnson
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Places to Go and Things to do

Local Research - Air Conditioned - FREE

Visit our collection of genealogy related materials at the Yucca Valley Branch of the San Bernardino County **Library** located behind city hall next door to our meeting site. Library hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday open 10 am to 6 pm

Tuesday and Thursday opens Noon until 8 pm

Saturdays, 9 am to 5 pm. Closed Sunday

View our collection inventory on our website www.gsmb.info
 Or, check out all the great programs and new records at the:

Family History Center

56885 Onaga Trail, (760) 369-7430

FHC Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; Wednesday, 9am - 4 pm;

Thursday, 5pm - 8pm; Saturday, 10am - 3pm

Computers - with access to subscriptions like *HeritageQuest* and *Footnote* - are available for your personal research.

GENEALOGY 101 CLASSES: Call for schedules

Researchers from all levels are encouraged to participate and share their successes (and mistakes), research and discover

Morongo Basin Historical Society presents an interactive living history program presented by archaeologist and MBHS member John Hale. Learn about the people who lived in our backyard. (MBHS Members only)

Can You Dig It!

September 27, 11:45 am - 1:45 pm

Under the tent at the MBHS Museum, Landers

Call Laurie Geeson (760) 363-6681; www.mbhs.net

MBHS and 29 Palms Historical Society will present an encore performance of *Willie Boy*, a play, on Friday October 16th 6:30 pm

Introductory Historical Perspective

by Historian Paul Smith

7:00 pm *"The Last Posse: An Inquest"*

Play followed by a panel of noted California Historians plus an audience participation Q and A session. \$20 per person

(Seats are limited) at 29 Palms Junior High School

(760) 367-9183 or www.29palmshistorical.com for tickets

Along those lines - at the Gilman Historic Ranch and Wagon Museum in Banning "The Many Faces of Willie Boy" program.

September 26 from 9 am to 3 pm, \$20 per person



Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society Seminar

October 24 from 8:45 am - 3:30 pm

Speakers: Suzanne Russo Adams and Larry Bowles

Topics: Personalizing Google.com;

What's New on Ancestry.com;

Searching Techniques on Ancestry.com; and

Google.com Gadgets for Genealogy.

\$10 if registration is before October 15, \$15 at the door

Hemet Public Library, Upper Floor, 300 Latham Ave., Hemet

(951) 765-2372 or see <http://www.hsigs.org>.

South Orange County California Genealogical Society Family History Seminar October 17th in Mission Viejo. Guest lecturer will be Paula Stuart-Warren. Call (949) 492-9408 or see

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocccgs for more info.



Family History Day at the California State Archives

1020 "O" Street, Sacramento (*Light Rail* stops at door!)

October 10, 8:30 am - 4 pm, Free Admission

Tours; Preservation Classes; more than twenty genealogy classes; research the Root Cellar Library; displays and info.

www.sos.ca.gov/archives/events/fhd.htm

The Familiar Story of Remus Starr

An amateur genealogical researcher discovered that his great-great uncle, Remus Starr, a fellow lacking in character, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture is this inscription: Remus Starr; horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, Escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged 1889.

In a family history subsequently written by the researcher, Remus's picture is cropped, scanned in as an enlarged image, and edited with image processing software so that all that is seen is a head shot. The accompanying biographical sketch is as follows:

Remus Starr was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.

Copied from the YVGS Family Finders and many sources prior according to Google

Preserving Information on Paper

*Just when you get all your files and notebooks in order,
Mr. Eastman has to point this out:*

I agree that paper is readable by everyone. I may quibble about the word "durable," however. Durable for how long? Please keep in mind that:

- ✍ Modern paper is acid-based and will last less than 50 years, perhaps less than 25. Make sure you use archival-quality paper for anything you wish to preserve for a long time.
- ✍ Toner used in laser printers is not ink. Toner does not become absorbed into the paper. Instead, it "sticks" to the outside of the paper and will flake off over time. Anything created by a laser printer or by a photocopier will probably be faded and unreadable 50 years from now, perhaps in 25 years.
- ✍ Ink used by modern inexpensive inkjet printers is water-based and will fade quickly, ever see a color photograph that has faded over the years? Water-based inks will fade even faster than that. Anything printed today on a typical inkjet printer will be unreadable within 25 years. Archival quality inks are available for some inkjet printers, although typically not for the cheaper units. Archival quality ink for inkjet printers also tends to be very expensive.
- ✍ Even the ink used in most ballpoint pens will fade.

In short, don't use typical office quality paper and don't print on computer printers. If you want to preserve something on paper, you MUST use archival quality paper and write everything by hand with a fountain pen using archival quality ink.

Several comments disagreed with the above citing personal experience and chemistry but I think the following was best:

Posted by: Howard Knickerbocker/August 24, 2009 at 4:50 AM

"The solution has been at hand for centuries. Use only goatskin parchment with iron oxide ink, preferably transcribed by a palace scribe or a monk. Store in a damp castle.

Dick Eastman, "How Not to Preserve Information on Paper", August 23, 2009, Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, blog.eogn.com/

They Really Were Just Boys

Instead of heading off for school these boys headed off for war. The fact is that the war was fought, at least on the northern side, by boys. The official figures of the age at enlistment in the Civil War were read in the House of Representatives by Joseph G. Cannon and are as follows:

- ★ Those 10 years and under---25
- ★ Those 11 years and under---38
- ★ Those 12 years and under---225
- ★ Those 13 years and under---300
- ★ Those 14 years and under---1523
- ★ Those 15 years and under---104,987
- ★ Those 16 years and under---231,051
- ★ Those 17 years and under---844,891
- ★ Those 18 years and under---1,151,438
- ★ Those 21 years and under---2,159,789
- ★ Those 22 years and over---618,511
- ★ Those 25 years and over---46,626

Donna Potter Phillips, "Military Records: Follow Up & Trivia, Beginners's Corner, Everton's Genealogical Helper, Jan/Feb 2009. Based on an article in the Colville Examiner, Colville, Washington, for Oct. 19, 1918.

Infinite Ancestors

How many ancestors do you have? New genealogists learn quickly that you have two parents, four grandparents, and so on with the number doubling with each generation. The trouble with this theory is that eventually you will end up with more ancestors than the population of the world today or at any other point in history. How could that be? It can not be.

It is estimated that as many as 80% of the marriages in history were between cousins (first, second, third, etc.). Until recent times, most of our ancestors lived in small towns and sparsely populated communities where marriage choices were somewhat limited. Each decrease in the number of ancestors has an impact on each successive generation going back in time.

The consequence is that your pedigree, instead of getting wider as you go back (like a triangle), it actually widens to a point and then begins to narrow (like a diamond) as the number of distinct ancestors decreases. This emphasizes the fact that we are all considerably more inter-related than we might think. You share many of your ancestors with millions of people around the world today - ancestors who were members of nationalities, cultures, ethnic groups, and religions that might surprise you.

Kimberly Powell, Genealogy Tip of the Day, About.com Genealogy




Ever wondered how many people in the United States have the exact same name as you? Find out at www.census-online.us.

NARA IN RIVERSIDE - COMING SOON

As rumored for some time, the National Archives and Records Administration will soon close the Pacific Region office in Laguna Niguel, California. The following is from the NARA Staff Bulletin No. 584, May 2009, titled "Moves and upgrades for our regional archives" issued by Adrienne C. Thomas, Acting Archivist of the United States: "Laguna Niguel - We are moving out of the massive Chet Holifield Federal office building, which formerly housed both the FRC [Federal Records Center] and the Archives, as well as many other Federal agencies. The Holifield building cannot be renovated to meet standards. In addition, visitorship and usage is low and does not justify the very high rent. Therefore, the archives will rejoin the FRC at its new facility in Riverside, which is about 50 miles from Laguna Niguel. The move is expected to be completed by spring 2010."

The Holifield building, also known as the Ziggurat because of its stepped-pyramid architectural style, was built in the early 1970s for what was then Rockwell International. Rockwell never occupied the building, according to the General Services Administration, which took over the facility in 1974 and has rented the facility to NARA since 1976. The Holifield building no longer meets the National Archive standards including environmental controls for temperature, humidity, and particulate matter filtration which is the primary reason for the move to Riverside.

In 2005 the Federal Records Center moved into the new Riverside state-of-the-art facility. "The facility will provide ample space for paper records as well as for future electronic records projects," said Shirley J. Burton, NARA's Pacific Regional Administrator. The 183,000 square-foot facility can accommodate approximately 850,000 cubic feet of Federal records and will process approximately 750,000 reference requests per year.

 The Riverside NARA Pacific Region Records Center is located about 90 min. (or 70 miles) from Yucca Valley at: 23123 Cajalco Road
Perris, CA 92570-7298
(951) 956-2000

Check www.archives.gov/pacific/riverside/index.html for hours, directions and specific current holdings.

Currently, there are no genealogical or historical research facilities available at this location. The Federal Records Center is open to the public by appointment only. The only records currently available are *recent* bankruptcy and court case files from specific areas in the Pacific Region.

If the archives arrive as scheduled, researchers should be able to enjoy the new repository by next summer. Learn more about the extensive microfilm holdings for genealogy and family history research [including but not limited to] the Revolutionary War; the Civil War and Reconstruction; Native American-Government relations; westward expansion; Asian immigration; and, World War II by visiting www.archives.gov/pacific/archives/laguna/index.html. Also, public programs include workshops on genealogy and archival research, lectures and more. *Field trip!*

Sources: NARA; Dick Eastman, blog.eogn.com; Lindsey Baguio, *The Orange County Register* from HJGS Past Finder, August 2009

NARA Opens Civilian Personnel Records in St. Louis

NARA's National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) opened more than six million individual personnel files of former federal civilian employees from the mid-1800s through 1951. These records will be of special interest to genealogists, family members, researchers, sociologists, and historians.

Among the records are the files of prominent individuals who worked for the federal government, such as Walt Disney, Ansel Adams, Eliot Ness, Calvin Coolidge, J. Edgar Hoover, and Albert Einstein. These documents open a window into America's past like this report from the Department of Justice about a Prohibition Agent in the 1930's who was found guilty of consuming liquor and shooting a bootlegger in the leg as the bootlegger tried to escape in his Model "A" Ford Coupe. *Those were the days!*

Ronald L. Hindman, Director of NPRC characterized these records "as a veritable treasure-trove of information for researchers and genealogists." He continued, "There are records from more than one hundred government agencies now available for discovery. They showcase the careers of government employees who investigated bootleggers; taught at Indian schools; worked in Japanese-American internment camps, in prisons, and on anti-prostitution boards, and created and implemented initiatives in Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal agencies, among others."

This opening of these files adds to the existing collection of more than nine million military personnel files that are already available for research and is another step in the creation of the largest archival repository in the United States outside the National Archives in the Washington, DC area. In late 2010, the records will be moved to a state-of-the-art repository on Dunn Road, in suburban St. Louis County, Missouri.

To purchase a copy of a particular record, send a written request to NPRC, Civilian Personnel Records, 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4199. The request should include the requester's contact information, the former federal employee's full name, date of birth, name of employing agency, and period of employment. Copies of the records can be purchased for either \$20 or \$60, depending upon the size of the record. Most records will fall into the \$60 range. Once a request has been submitted, you can follow up or ask questions by e-mailing mpr.status@nara.gov

Bryan McGraw, *Archival Programs*, NPRC, June 12, 2009 Press Release

International Search Tips

- ✓ Always see what records are available in your country first, before checking the records of a foreign country.
- ✓ Surnames changed over time and this is especially true for ones which can be traced to Europe. For example, the surname "Gilman" could also appear in records as Gillman, Gilmann, Gilmen, Gileman and so on.
- ✓ Borders changed often over the years - in Europe especially. Be aware of this when tracing your origins and determining which country it is you need to correspond with.
- ✓ Be aware of and ready for linguistic differences. Use translation guides and form letters in the correct language.

[Awesome Genealogical Tips, AwesomeGenealogy.com](http://AwesomeGenealogy.com)

Genealogy Online

Did you know that **Census Enumeration Districts (EDs)** change? Starting with the 1880 Federal Census, all information in the census has been arranged by ED and stored on microfilm rolls. To search by a particular neighborhood or address, you need to know the ED. On his web site Steve Morse has provided a variety of great tools to assist you in determining EDs (Enumeration Districts) by a person's address and then converting the EDs for the 1920-1930-1940 census. Interactive site at:

☐ www.stevemorse.org/census/intro.html

Recently, I discovered (from a newspaper on WorldVitalRecords.com) that one of my ancestors inherited a home from her mother in 1915. Although I knew the address of the family home in 1920, I was unable to locate any known family names in the 1910 census index, so I wanted to learn more about *who* was living there in 1910. By using the tools on this web site and the ED from the 1920 census, I was able to determine which ED I needed to search. Because I am searching Los Angeles I *had* to narrow it down. After searching the entire district (twice), I discovered the address I was looking for was not listed - not home that day? Next, I searched for neighbors who were old enough to have lived there in 1910. Nothing.

☐ www.tsgraves.com/relics/genTerms.htm "Relics" Historic Facts, Terms, and Items of Interest is the title of this site. It includes Old Genealogy and Medical Terms, Legal and Land Terms and some fun tidbits like Antebellum Mail, Wanted Posters, Colonial Currency and What Things Cost in 1803.

☐ www.ancestorseekers.com/research/ is a professional genealogy research service based at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. At this site you can fill in and send a *Request a Research Plan and Quotation* form and they will conduct some preliminary work at no charge and suggest a research plan. There is no obligation to continue but, if you do, you will pay \$55.00 per hour (min. one hour).

☐ www.parishchest.com is an online family history store that sells everything British - Parish Registers, directories, census records, charts, maps and books with titles like *Codswallop*, *Crumpet and Caper*. "Parish Chest is an Aladdin's Cave bursting with just about everything that is needed to help trace your ancestry and build a family tree." Also, find a link here to [British Genealogy](#), a free resource website.

☐ www.archives.gov/st-louis/index.html NARA's National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) is one of NARA's largest operations whose stated mission is to provide world class service to Gov agencies, veterans, Federal employees, family members, as well as researchers and historians. The Civilian Personnel Records date back to the mid-nineteenth century; besides personnel records, they contain medical records for both the employee and their family members. The Military Personnel Records include personnel, health, and medical records of discharged and deceased veterans who served during the 20th century and their dependents. (See NARA on p. 4 for more)

SOFTWARE

Family Historian is the highly rated family tree software from British-based Calico Pie that won the "Editor's Choice" reviews by [Windows XP Magazine](#) in 2007 - "the charts alone put this package in a class of its own." Family History is known primarily for its unique family tree charts and diagrams that allow data, photos and video files. Diagrams are interactive so you can work visually; an "All Relatives" diagram shows all descendants and all ancestors (and their spouses). Claims to be the only program that's 100 percent GEDCOM compatible and "GEDCOM complete" - meaning it saves and reads all fields in a GEDCOM file. View a "test drive" of the program by Randy Seaver on his [Genea-Musings](#) blog at:

☐ www.geneamusings.com/2008/11/test-drive-of-family-historian-31-post.html
 Purchase from a Target store (not available at target.com) for \$49.99.

Bonus: the Boxed edition comes with a six month subscription to WorldVitalRecords.com and a book on CD, "Getting Started in Genealogy Online".

☐ www.family-historian.co.uk/products/index.htm to download for \$48.50 + tax.

Source: "News to Peruse" compiled by Leland K. Meitzler, *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, Jan/Feb 2009; Diane Haddad, "Genealogy Insider", [blog.familytreemagazine.com](#)

Family Tree Maker 2008 **HELP**

Randy Seaver, President of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society, recently did a comprehensive series of reports on the operation and performance of Family Tree Maker software you might want to check out; it comes complete with screen shots and step-by-step instructions. Randy did a great job on this. -*The Searcher*, Summer 2009
 View at: www.geneamusings.com/search?q=%22Using+Family+Tree+Maker%22.

If you go to a Web site to see a video and a message there says that you need an updated software program to view the video, *don't* click on that message--this is one way that computers become infected with viruses. Instead, go to the site of the software maker, and look for updates there.

Flash drives or thumb drives, are small data storage devices that are about as big as your thumb. These devices plug into your USB port and allow you to transfer data from your computer (files, photos, programs) onto the flash drive and store it. Flash drives allow you to make your genealogy portable since they are so small. They come in various capacities from about 64 MB to 32 GB. I would suggest that you buy the largest capacity you can afford so that you can backup as much of your computer as possible.

Online Backup Service is another way to backup your computer. Several online companies offer online backups including Mozy, SOS, and Carbonite. After their software is installed on your computer, the service runs regular backups, saving your computer data on their servers. These programs do charge a monthly fee for this service. To read more about online backup systems (Mozy vs. Backblaze), see Dick Eastman's [comments](#) at <http://tinyurl.com/csh3jx>. *Gen Tip, Family History Bulletin, WorldVitalRecords.com*

☐ www.carbonite.com \$54.95 per year automatic backup (that's \$4.58 per month or 15 cents per day). "ONLINE BACKUP DONE WELL - What I like about Carbonite is that you set it up once, and after that it just works" - *PC WORLD*
 Note: the initial online backup takes a long time -particularly photos/videos- and requires a continuous internet connection for the process. So, if you have a lot of photos and a dial-up service . . .
 . . .see ya in a few days!


"Where there is an open mind there will be a frontier"

- Charles Kettering,
 Inventor & Corp Exec

Reading and Viewing


Island at the Center of the World, The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony That Shaped America by Russell Shorto


Early in the 17th century, alongside the New England colony in Massachusetts, there existed a thriving Dutch settlement on the Island of Manhattan known throughout the world as New Netherlands. Founded in 1623 and governed by a representative of the Dutch West Indies Company, this community was very different from its Puritan neighbors. Recently translated Dutch primary sources reveal the earliest aspirations for freedom by members of the community who insist that they play a role in their own government. In *Manathans* men and women of different races and creeds lived in relative harmony and the native tribes inhabiting this new world were called "Americans". "Astonishing . . . A book that will permanently alter the way we regard our collective past." - *The New York Times*
\$10.88, Vintage Pub., 2005, ISBN 1400078679


 Of Irish Descent: Origin Stories, Genealogy, and the Politics of Belonging by Catherine Nash, professor of geography at Queen Mary, University of London, 2008. *Of Irish Descent* explores ancestral roots, origins, family stories, disputed state policies and applications of genetic research to determine "Who counts as Irish?," "Who belongs in Ireland?" and "To whom does Ireland belong?". "Genealogists will find the chapters **Irish Roots and Relatives and Irish DNA particularly relevant in this fascinating study of how ethnic origins are defined for the Irish in America, in Northern Ireland and in Ireland itself.**" Sharon DeBartolo Carmack
\$19.77, Syracuse University Press, ISBN 0815631596.

2009 Los Angeles Irish Film Festival

Wednesday, Sept 23rd through Sunday, Sept 27th
Featuring films, music, documentaries, tributes and celebrations. For complete program details and further information go to www.lairishfilm.com.

 Westmoreland County, Virginia Orders 1758-1761 by Pamela S. Pearson, 2008. Includes court orders for administration and inventory of estates; deeds, dower rights, bills of sale, officers, juries, attys., etc. \$32.00 Order from publisher Colonial Roots at (800) 576-8608 or www.colonialroots.com.

 Riverside County Chronicles A new journal of county history from the Riverside County Park District. \$18 for two issues - published in April and October. Make checks payable to the Riverside Co Park District and mail to: Historic Preservation Officer; 4600 Crestmore Road; Riverside 92509. First issue is scheduled for Oct 2009.


 American Heritage Magazine, Executive Editor of this American history publication is John Ross, historical author and speaker. \$17.95 per year (4 issues). Sign up for a free trial issue and view archives at www.americanheritage.com. Excellent articles like Strangers in a New Land, Henry Hudson's First American Adventure by Peter C. Mancall. Also, web guides; local events; books; and tech info.

News on NBC's version of "Who Do You Think You Are?" is basically, none. Although NBC lists the show as part of it's fall line-up, it has not been scheduled. Let me know if you hear anything.



The Human Family Tree, 2009. National Geographic's Human Genographic Project takes one-hundred random DNA samples from a single street in Queens, NY and examines the results tracing each individuals ancestral journey from the heart of Africa. If you do not have the NG channel, you can purchase a DVD (96 minutes) at www.nationalgeographic.com or check the schedule for future air times if you do. Want to become a part of the Genographic Project? You can purchase a DNA kit for \$99.95 (and up)

IN THE GSMB LIBRARY COLLECTION

 Earliest Tennessee Land Records and Earliest Tennessee Land History by Irene M. Griffey, 2000, reprinted in 2008 by Clearfield. One of our new purchases, this book contains all the important records needed to organize and understand early Tennessee land laws from a genealogists viewpoint. The majority of the book consists of abstracts of 16,000 of the earliest land records in existence. An appendix is included consisting of maps and a chronology of Tennessee's land statutes. "All of which makes Mrs. Griffey's new book the most important contribution to Tennessee genealogy in recent memory." Leland K. Meitzler, "On the Bookshelf", *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, Jan/Feb 2009

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MORONGO BASIN'S LIBRARY COLLECTION LIST AND INVENTORY July 17, 2009

is now online at www.gsmb.info. A total of twenty-six pages which you can search, download and/or print. A great big Thank You to Librarian Ginny Lilly!

The Searcher, Summer 2009 has several interesting articles - *Mapping Madness* by Ron Arons lists the major websites and how to search them and use their tools; *Searching for Ida Campbell* by Phyllis Miller is a cute story about searching through an overgrown cemetery; and several interesting DNA tidbits including an article about the (Dick) Eastman DNA Project.

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 Gen Helper Magazine: OUT OF BUSINESS*
The Searcher (SCGS publication)**

*Everton's will no longer be publishing this wonderful source of genealogical information - it will be missed. We have an archive of previous magazines in our library collection for viewing.

***The News & Notes*, a quarterly publication from the Southern California Genealogy Society, is now an online newsletter. It can be viewed at www.scgsgenealogy.com with Adobe Reader.