

# Saddleback Valley Trails

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Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Mission Viejo Family History Center Institute Building, 27978 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive. Membership is open to anyone wishing to join. Yearly membership fees are \$20 per calendar year for individuals, \$25 for joint membership. SOCCGS is not affiliated with the LDS Family History Center.

## GENERAL MEETING September 18, 2004

**"Bringing Order Out of Chaos"**  
presented by

**NANCY HUEBOTTER**

**Whether you are new to genealogy, or you have spent the greater part of your lifetime researching for your ancestors, we all know one thing . . . genealogy research yields a tremendous amount of data -- both paper and electronic. This presentation is designed to give you some suggestions on how to manage your paper trail and files.**

**Miss Nancy M. Huebotter has spent over 25 years conducting family history research, ultimately tracing her direct line into the 1600s. However, as we all know, genealogy research is never completed, so Nancy continues to enhance her knowledge of her ancestors. As a genealogy lecturer, Nancy's portfolio contains a number of lectures that address various topics on writing and organizing genealogy information.**

**Nancy is one of our very favorite lecturers so you won't want to miss this presentation.**

## CALENDAR

September 11.....Garage Sale

October 16..... Seminar - Bill Dollarhide and Leland Meitzler

November 20.....Elaine Alexander, "How to Locate Naturalization Records"

## GENEALOGY SAFARI

On September 22 we will journey to Glendale to research at the Sons of the Revolution Library. The library is open from noon to 6 p.m. We will leave the LDS parking lot at 10:45 a.m. Bring lunch and be prepared to buy your dinner and help pay for gasoline. You can sign up at the September 18 meeting or call Janet or Mary Jo.

This library has over 22,000 books with emphasis on Military and New England as well as Family Histories. Check out their website: <http://www.militarymuseum.org/SRLibrary.html>

OUR ANNUAL GARAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11!

**Even though Leon's garage is overflowing with goods and stuff; he says, "We can use more!"**

**Call the Smiths at 472-8046.**

OCTOBER 16 SEMINAR

featuring

BILL DOLLARHIDE & LELAND MEITZLER

Our Third Annual Seminar is about six weeks away! Have you registered?? You won't want to miss the informative lectures being presented by these nationally known genealogists. And, you can shop till you drop at the "Genealogy Store" they will be bringing to the seminar.

Please tell your friends to see our website for registration information:

<http://www.socccgs.orgseminar-2.html>

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed three new members and two guests at our August 21 meeting. June Moyer, Kathie Moyer and Linda Dulaney are the new members. Guests, who we hope will join, were: Clarice Olson and Charles Jensen.

**June Moyer** is searching URFFER in Allentown, Pennsylvania & WILSON in Pennsylvania; **Kathie Moyer** (Kathie-Moyer@hotmail.com) is searching MEYER/MOYER in Southeastern Pennsylvania and EISENHARDT; **Linda Dulaney** (dulaney51@mn.com) is searching ALLRED, HAMILTON, BERGJEN and ANDERSON.

### LIBRARY

#### URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

How about signing up for one of the following shifts?

**Sunday 3-5**

**Monday 12:30-3 & 7-9**

**Tuesday 5:30-7 (2nd only) and 7-9**

**Laura Mitchell has volunteered to take the Sunday 1-3 shift, but would like to find someone to share it with her. Tom Perdue is the new docent for Tuesday 4 - 5:30. Thanks to both!**

If you are unable to fill a shift every week perhaps you will consider twice a month or even once a week. Please think about it! Our SOCCGS computers are now 'on the Internet.' The library has installed a wireless system that will enable genealogy patrons to use our computers to research on the Internet. It is now even more important that we don't leave our desk vacant. Please call Janet Franks 496-8418 or Mary Jo McQueen 581-0690.

### YIZKOR BOOKS

**The Yizkor Books are becoming available via the internet. <http://www2.jewishgen.org/yizkor/>**

**Yizkor (Memorial) Books** are some of the best sources for learning about Jewish communities in Eastern and Central Europe. Groups of former residents, or *landsmanshaftn*, have published these books as a tribute to their former homes and the people who were murdered during the Holocaust. The majority of these books were written in Hebrew or Yiddish, languages that many contemporary genealogists cannot read or understand.

The **JewishGen Yizkor Book Project** was organized in 1994 by a group of JewishGen volunteers led by Leonard Markowitz and Martin Kessel. A translation project was developed by Susannah Juni and implemented by Joyce Field. It is our purpose to unlock the valuable information contained in Yizkor Books so that genealogists and others can learn more about their heritage.

(From JewishGen <http://www2.jewishgen.org/>)

**"Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study.  
Be a student so long as you still have something to learn,**

**and this will mean all your life."  
- Henry L. Doherty**

## **FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST**

Southern California Genealogical Society announces its 5th Annual Family History Writing Contest. Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/5thWC.htm> for complete information. Entries must be received between November 1 and December 31, 2004. If you would like to read past entry winners please visit the SOCCGS library. Past issues of , 'The Searcher', the bulletin from SCGS are located in the California Section of the Local History Department.

~"Or, Do You Really Need To Know?"

(continued)

19. Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
20. The world's youngest parents were age 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
21. Iceland consumes more Coca-Cola per capita than any other nation.
22. First novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
23. A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
24. In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not renumber the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.
25. The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments
26. The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.
27. There are coffee flavored PEZ?
28. The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.
29. The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (Thus the name of the Don McLean song.)
30. When opossums are playing 'possum', they are not "playing." They actually pass out from sheer terror.
31. The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

## **YOUR FAMILY HISTORY**

(The following is being passed along from a mailing list.)

I want to take this opportunity to remind you of a long-standing service of the Allen County Public Library. For many decades, individuals who have not had a desire to officially publish their genealogical work have sent an unbound "master copy" to the Historical Genealogy Department. In exchange for the privilege of allowing us to make one photocopy for our collection, we provide the compiler of the work with one complementary, bound photocopy for his or her collection in addition to returning the original master.

It is a great way to make sure your work is preserved and available for future generations of researchers. In addition, having a copy at our library ensures your work is secure from any disaster that might, heaven forbid, befall your personal library.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this service, just mail your unbound "master copy" to

**Steve Myers, Assistant Manager, Historical Genealogy Department, P. O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270.** Include a note that simply reads, "Photocopy Exchange Program."

You'll be glad you did--and we will certainly be glad you did!

Curt B. Witcher

Manager, Historical Genealogy Department

Allen County Public Library

Genealogy Reference Desk (260) 421-1200

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**Those who do not look upon themselves as links connecting the past  
with the future do not perform their duty to the world.  
- Daniel Webster, 1782-1852**

### **NEW TECHNOLOGIES at the MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY**

The Library is unveiling a series of new technology tools after Labor Day weekend, on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

Foremost is an exciting new automated library system, which went live on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Although a large part of this is behind the scenes, patrons are provided with some great features in the new online catalog <http://libcat.cmvl.org>. There are more powerful search options and a special Kids version of the catalog. The listings now display book/AV jacket art, excerpts, summaries, and reviews. By logging in to the My Account section, patrons can view their own profiles and circulation records, renew materials, place and monitor holds, and build personal book lists.

The Library has also installed wireless Internet access, thanks to a generous \$20,000 donation from the Friends of the Mission Viejo Library. The network is available free of charge, throughout the entire library, during normal business hours. Patrons may use a laptop, or any handheld device, which is Wi-Fi enabled for the 802.11b or 802.11g protocols. The Genealogy Library has already taken advantage of this by setting up two of their computers with Wi-Fi access. Instructions for connecting to the network will be available from the Library web site <http://www.cmvl.org>.

Two additional tools will also soon be available. Self-check stations will allow patrons to check out their own library materials in late September, and the new Library web site should be available in September or October.

### **OUR ANCESTORS' DENTAL CARE**

#### **1740 Dental Care**

Use a good tooth powder once a week or once every two weeks for unclean teeth. But the mouth should be rinsed daily after eating with fresh water and scoured with the finger. The tooth powder should not be composed of all rough or all sharp things such as tobacco ashes, powdered coral, pumice stone or brick but should also contain smooth things such as prepared oyster shell, chalk made from mussels, with a lot of seasoning and flavoring.

Another recommends burned hartshorn, powdered oyster shell and white tartar. Also a mouthwash of sal ammoniac and water. Another uses cream of tartar, gum myrrh and oil of cloves. And if all this good dental care fails, you may get a set of artificial ones made from the tusks of the hippopotamus, or sea horse, or from the teeth of some domestick [sic.] animals. Teeth made of ivory or bone soon become discoloured and begin to decay and render the breath offensive.

Comment: maybe the "good old days" were not as good as we sometimes imagine.

(From Eastman's Newsletter Vol. 9 No. 30 - July 26, 2004)

#### **OLD NEWSPAPERS**

From The Ohio Repository (Canton, Ohio), 12 August 1831

We have been visited, in this part of the country, during the present summer, with frequent and heavy falls of rain. During the last week, the creeks were swollen to a great height, the water carrying off, in its course, fences, bridges, mill-dams, &c.; and the Ohio river raised about ten feet beyond its previous level. Among the bridges destroyed, was that over Wills creek, in this county. Much grain is injured, and entire crops of hay altogether ruined. So far as accounts have reached us from a distance, the whole face of the country has been flooded in a greater or less degree, and much injury sustained. We find, by the Cincinnati Gazette of the 27th July that a breach has been made in the Miami canal, about eight miles from Cincinnati, which cannot be repaired under three weeks.--We have not yet heard whether the Ohio canal has suffered. The Pennsylvania canal, above Pittsburgh, has been injured so greatly, as to render it doubtful whether it can be navigated during the present season.

(Ancestry Daily News, myfamily.com 12 August 2004)

**Without enthusiasm you are doomed to a life of mediocrity,  
but with it you can accomplish miracles.**

**~ Og Mandino**

### **THE STORY OF TAPS**

It was July in Virginia. The scent of the dogwood and the laurel lay heavy on the land, while the burgeoning fruit of the peach and the apple marked the full sway of summer.

For seven fateful days, the trees, the flowers, yes, the very ground itself, had shuddered under the roar of cannon. The bark of howitzers...and the crackling of a legion of rifles.

Now, all was silent.

The sledgehammer blows of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson had mauled the Army of the Potomac, and yet that army was not destroyed. Seven thousand men had fallen in that dreadful week... and the savagery of the conflict was grimly evident in the river of wounded...that wound through the green hills.

Now, a new sound drifted in the soft evening sky. For Colonel Dan Butterfield, a courageous and able soldier, was also a man of music. To honor his fallen comrades, he had composed a simple and heartrending melody. On July second, in the year of 1862, its strains floated over the graves that scarred the dark Virginia earth.

It has been more than a hundred years since that sound was born, but those notes have never died away. Every night of the year, throughout the world, fighting men of America, From the North and the South, the East and the West, close their eyes in sleep to its call. And in each of their hearts... there glows a fierce surge of pride.

"Fading light...falling night...Trumpet calls as the sun sinks in flight. Sleep in peace, comrades dear...God is near."

~ John Mitchum ~

[http://www.mamarocks.com/story\\_of\\_taps.htm](http://www.mamarocks.com/story_of_taps.htm)

### **AMERICANS WERE SAYING IN 1959**

- I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it is going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.
- Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5000 will only buy a used one.
- Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?
- If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.
- When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 30 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.
- Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls.
- Also, their music drives me wild. This 'Rock Around The Clock' thing is nothing but racket.
- I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they called astronauts preparing for it.
- Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.
- Do you suppose television will ever reach our part of the country?
- I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.
- I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.
- Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes.
- The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.
- There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel.
- No one can afford to be sick any more, \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.
- If a few idiots want to risk their necks flying across the country that's fine, but nothing will ever replace trains.
- I don't know about you, but if they raise the price of coffee to 15 cents, I'll just have to drink mine at home.

**"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." ~ Albert Einstein**

## THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Check out this site <http://www.iowaghosttowns.com> It lists towns that have disappeared. The towns etc. are listed there as "Ghost Towns"

Swiss Genealogy on the Internet (English, German, French and Italian).

<http://www.ey.ch/swissgen/home-m.htm>

"The Yellow Fever in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia, 1855," as reported in the Daily Dispatch of Richmond, Virginia. Compiled for the Kirm Memorial Library in Norfolk, it includes several indexes to aid your search.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/va/yellow-fever/yftoc.html>

Some Civil War veterans interred in Connecticut, plus Connecticut troops buried elsewhere, along with interesting and sometimes humorous epitaphs of earlier "Yankees in Eternity" can be found here:

<http://pages.cthome.net/fwc/>

Passenger Ship Fares, by The Ships' List <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/fares/index.htm>

"Typical fares between various places at different times, mainly but not only in the 19th century."

Essex County, Massachusetts, Wills Online - If you have ancestors in the northeastern corner of Massachusetts, you will be interested in Wills of our Essex County Ancestors. This section of RootsWeb.com contains many wills filed before 1850 in Essex County. Each will was transcribed by a volunteer with coordination provided by David Colby Young. The service is open and free of charge to everyone. 205 wills are now available on this great service. They all seem to be from the 17th and 18th centuries. To read the wills online, go to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~maessex/wills>

## OLD NEWSPAPERS

(Ancestry Daily News, my family.com, August 2004)

From the "Fayetteville Democrat" (Fayetteville, Arkansas), 18 August 1920

SUFFRAGE PASSES TENNESSEE HOUSE BY VOTE OF 50 TO 46; WILD SCENES FOLLOW; WOMEN ARE NOW FULL CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES By United Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 18---Woman suffrage became a part of the basic law of the United States today when the Tennessee legislature ratified the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment making women full citizens.

The Tennessee House passed the ratification, which had already been adopted by the Senate. Tennessee was the 36th state to ratify the federal amendment, thus completing the ratification, and putting the amendment into the constitution and bringing to a victorious conclusion a half-century fight for equal suffrage.

Wild scenes in the House chamber followed the passing of the resolution and suffragists immediately started great demonstrations.

From the New York Times (New York, N.Y.), 13 August 1884

The Boston Traveller credits to a New England Coroner's jury the adoption of this verdict: "Died by the hereditary visitation of God." The man had broken his neck when drunk, and a similar mishap had befallen his grandfather.

From the Ohio Repository (Canton, Ohio), 09 August 1821

PROCLAMATION By Col. Joseph Coppinger, Governor of East Florida [Translation.]  
To the Inhabitants of East Florida.

On the 10th inst. possession of this province will be given to Col. Robert Butler, the Commissioner legally authorized by the U. States. The Spanish officers and troops will therefore evacuate said territory on the day above mentioned, as the same will be occupied by the officers & troops of the U.S. agreeably to the treaty concluded at Washington on the 22d of February, 1819--the Royal Warrant of the 24th Oct. --and other orders in my possession as a Commissioner for the delivery of said Province. As soon as the delivery is effected, the Spanish Authority, in the exercise of its functions, will cease and the American commence.

**To accomplish great things, we must not only act,  
but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.  
~ Anatole France**

### **GENEALOGICAL EVENT CALENDAR**

**September 25** - "How To? Seminar" at the Cole Library, Carlsbad hosted by the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Sign up sheets are available at the SOCCGS library.

**October 9** - Hemet Family History Fair. For information: (909) 658-8104

**October 16 - SOCCGS Annual Seminar featuring Leland Metzler and Bill Dollarhide**

<http://www.socccgs.orgseminar-2.html>

October 23-24 - Marching Through History Exposition at Prado Regional Park, 16700 S. Euclid, Chino. \$5 per vehicle to enter Prado Park. For more information: [jeff.sharp@csa.ocgov.com](mailto:jeff.sharp@csa.ocgov.com)

### **ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

After a recess in August, the OCCGS New England SIG group will resume meeting September 4. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month, after the general meeting and lecture. The meeting place is in Room D at the Huntington Beach Library. Each attendee is asked to discuss his or her ancestral background, names, dates, areas they are currently researching, and their own area of expertise. Persons interested in research in any of the six New England States - Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island - are welcome. Those attending are encouraged to bring their five-generation charts. For further information contact Marcia Huntley Maloney, [torriecat@cox.net](mailto:torriecat@cox.net) or [Bob Spidell@aol.com](mailto:Bob.Spidell@aol.com).

### **ACTUAL TOMBSTONES**

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York: In a Silver City, Nevada cemetery Born 1903-Died 1942 Here lays The Kid  
Looked up the elevator shaft We planted him raw.

to see if the car was on the way down. He was quick on the trigger

It was. But slow on the draw.

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On the grave of Ezekial Aikle A lawyer's epitaph in England:  
in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia: Sir John Strange  
Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. Here lies an honest lawyer,  
The Good Die Young. And that is Strange.

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In a London, England cemetery: In a cemetery in England

Here lies Ann Mann, Remember man, as you walk by,

Who lived an old maid As you are now, so once was I.

But died an old Mann. As I am now, so you shall be.

Dec. 8, 1767 Remember this and follow me.

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In a Ribbesford, England,cemetery: To which someone replied by

Anna Wallace: writing on the tombstone:

The children of Israel wanted bread,

And the Lord sent them manna. To follow you I'll not consent

Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife, Until I know which way you went.

And the Devil sent him Anna. \*\*\*\*\*

**PLEASE NOTE : BETWEEN JULY AND DECEMBER , THE COST FOR SOCCGS MEMBERSHIP IS \$10 PER PERSON**

**South Orange County California Genealogical Society  
Membership/Renewal Application**

New  Renewal  Individual, \$20/yr  Jt. Members, same address \$25/yr

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: SOCCGS Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with application to: SOCCGS, P.O. Box 4513, Mission Viejo, CA 92690-4513



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