

# Saddleback Valley Trails

South Orange County California Genealogical Society

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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.

## **FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR October 16, 2004**

Look for the registration form at <http://www.socccgs.orgseminar-2.html>

Besides providing four informative and entertaining presentations, Heritage Creations will be exhibiting a wide variety of genealogy related books, magazines, supplies, software and CD-ROMs.

**Reminder:** The Annual Mission Viejo Walk Against Drugs is the morning of our Seminar. Please do not use La Paz or the intersection of La Paz and Marguerite Pkwy.

## **CALENDAR**

November 20.....To Be Announced

December 18.....Annual Holiday Party

## **GENEALOGY SAFARI**

October 27 is the date for our next genealogical research safari. We will journey to Burbank to the Southern California Genealogical Society library. This is one our favorite and most fruitful trips. There will be no safari in November or December. Please make your reservation in advance, by calling Janet or Mary Jo. Since the seminar takes the place of our October meeting it is important that you call to let us know if you would like to go. Go to the SCGS Library's website and check out what they have to offer the genealogical community. <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/>

## **THE GARAGE SALE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

**\$1,927.73!**

Due mostly to a huge effort by Leon and Bunny Smith SOCCGS had the most successful garage sale ever!

Thanks to all of the members who donated, worked and purchased items.

## **SEE'S CANDY SALE!**

THE ANNUAL SEE'S CANDY SALE IS HERE! Ways and Means Chairman, Leon Smith will have brochures and order forms at the Seminar and again at the November 20 meeting. All orders must be turned in at or before that meeting. Remember, your check must accompany the order.

## **OLD NEWSPAPERS**

From the "New York Times" (New York, New York), 20 August 1860

In London there are 10,000 places for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and the "United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution" propose to counteract their influence by the erection of water fountains. This Society have already erected in London about forty drinking fountains, and about sixty more are in process of construction. It may be doubted whether this plan will increase the spread of teetotalism, but it will decidedly increase the comfort of metropolitan citizens. We sincerely wish that our Temperance Societies would inaugurate something of the same kind in New-York.

(Ancestry Daily News, MyFamily.com, August 20, 2004)

**OCTOBER 16 SEMINAR**  
featuring  
**BILL DOLLARHIDE & LELAND MEITZLER**

If you haven't yet registered for our Third Annual Family History Seminar, **it is time!** You will find a registration form elsewhere in this newsletter. Complete information for you and your friends can be found on our website. Don't be sorry later that you missed this opportunity to hear two prestigious genealogical authors speak at the same venue. <http://www.socccgs.orgseminar-2.html>

**NEW MEMBERS**

We are happy to welcome six new members this month.

**June L. Donovan**, flewb4@earthlink.net. June is researching GRAHAM, BRAGG, GOLDEN, STARR, JENNINGS, WESTON, O'CONNOR.

**Barbara Heebner**,

**Steven & Clarice Olson**, family\_search@cox.net

**LaRee Anderson**, thelaree@yahoo.com

**Sherryl Kloss**,

**Sharon Paolino** was a guest at the September meeting. We hope she will consider becoming a member at a future time.

Surnames new members are researching will be printed in the newsletter. Please send an email to mcqueenmaryjo@aol.com if you would like your surnames included in the next newsletter.

**URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**  
**Genealogy Docents are needed for the following shifts:**

**Sunday 3-5**

**Monday 12:30-3 & 7-8:30**

**Tuesday 7-8:30**

**Thursday 5:30-8:30 (first & third)**

It is great fun to use the new high-speed wireless internet access in the genealogy section of the Mission Viejo Library. A definite perk for being a docent! Please call Janet, 496-8418 or Mary Jo, 581-0690 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

**SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO HOST DR. SCHWEITZER**

**SDGS Annual Luncheon** will be on January 8, 2005. Dr. George Schweitzer will present three topics: Frontier Religion and its Genealogical Effects; Scots-Irish Genealogical Research; and Kissing Cousins and Pedigree Collapse. SOCCGS members and guests who enjoyed Dr. Schweitzer's presentations at our 2003 Seminar may now take advantage of hearing him again. We will soon have more information and registration forms at our Docent Desk in the Mission Viejo Library. Several of us have enjoyed the luncheons in San Diego and look forward to this opportunity.

**THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME:**

My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."  
My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."  
My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home  
My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"  
My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"  
My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home.!"  
My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."  
My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."  
My mother taught me about my ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

## 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.

### "DID YOU KNOW?"

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

(continued)

34. If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both the horses front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
  35. Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them would burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."
  36. Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.
  37. "I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
  38. Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.
  39. The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.
  40. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
  41. The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.
  42. The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.
  43. David Prowse was the guy in the Darth Vader suit in Star Wars. He spoke all of Vader's lines, and didn't know that he was going to be dubbed over by James Earl Jones until he saw the screening of the movie.
  44. In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
  45. The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G. P.
  46. The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary. When it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.
  47. The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth II, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
  48. Cat's urine glows under a black light.
  49. The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.
  50. Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.
  51. If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
  52. No NFL team which plays its home games in a domed stadium has ever won a Super Bowl game..
  53. The first toilet ever seen on television was on "Leave It To Beaver".
  54. The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports are the day before the All star baseball game and the day after.
- The End! ~Now you know!

An article in the Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Newsletter tells of the new Genealogy Department in the Long Beach Library. The address is 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach. Telephone 562-570-7500

**There is no value in life except what you choose to place upon it  
and no happiness in any place except what you bring to it yourself.**  
~Henry David Thoreau

#### OLD NEWSPAPERS

From the Ohio Repository (Canton, Ohio), 21 June 1833

THE CHOLERA - At Bridgeport, O. on the Ohio river, opposite Wheeling, containing about 150 inhabitants, it broke out on the 8th with unusual violence. A general panic ensued, and all who could, left the town. A physician and a clergyman from Wheeling crossed over then aid, and found 7 dead, 10 in a state of collapse, and many others in the first stages of the disease, without nurses or physician. On Sunday others went over to their aid, and found 14 dead, none of them buried, and but few laid out. In one house a man and his wife dead in the same bed. Of about 50 remaining in the town, there were not enough well to afford aid to half the sick and dying. Up to the 11th 22 had died and but 8 remaining cases, all likely to do well.

At Wheeling, Va. on the 8th, the Board of Health report 18 new cases and 3 deaths; On the 9th, 6 new cases and 6 deaths; On the 10th, 11 new cases and 3 deaths; On the 11th, 12 new cases, 10 of them are convalescent, and but 1 death. On the 12th, 2 cases and 1 death; On the 13th, 10 cases and 1 death; On the 14th, 6 cases and 3 deaths.

At Lexington, Ky. during the week ending on the 7th inst. there were 50 deaths. At Steubenville it has ceased. (Ancestry Daily News, MyFamily.com June 21, 2004)

From the Ohio Repository (Canton, Ohio), 24 June 1841

EXTRAORDINARY SUICIDES - A carpenter at Boston, named Daniel Savage, procured some arsenic, told his wife he was going to take it. She went to a woman who lived in the house and told her what her husband was going to do. They both came and witnessed his mixing and taking it. He died in a few hours in great agony. The coroner asked the woman why she did not prevent him. She replied that she dare not oppose him....

(Ancestry Daily News, Myfamily.com June 24, 2004)

From the Ohio Repository (Canton, Ohio), 15 June 1826

CHEAP PAINT - Take a pound of potatoes, skinned and well baked, bruise them in three or four times that weight of boiling water and pass them through a hair seive [sic]. Add two pounds of fine chalk in powder, mixed with double its weight of water, and stir the whole well together. The mixture will form a glue, to which any coloring matter may be added, even charcoal, brick or soot, which will make a cheap and durable paint for barns and fences. (Ancestry Daily News, MyFamily.com June 5, 2004)

From the Marion Daily Star (Marion, Ohio), 17 June 1882

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

....The army worm is invading the Kentucky Blue Grass region, damaging corn, barley, and rye....

The reports from the cotton crop are daily becoming more satisfactory. The settled hot weather is causing the plant to grow rapidly....

The number of emigrants who arrived during May was 141,035; number arrived during the eleven months ending May 21 was 685,634.

It is terribly discouraging to an editor to see his wife pass carelessly over the brightest paragraphs, and settle down with solid comfort on the obituary column. [ADN Editor's Note: She must have been a genealogist!]

(Ancestry Daily News, MyFamily.com June 17, 2004)

From the "Ohio Repository" (Canton, Ohio), 25 August 1852

DROUGHT - The drought and grasshoppers in the northern part of New Hampshire, have destroyed all signs of vegetation in pastures and fields--and many are compelled to go into the woods and cut down the underbrush for their stock to browse upon to sustain them. (Ancestry Daily News, MyFamily.com August 25, 2004)

**"The next thing most like living one's life over again seems to be a recollection of that life, and to make that recollection as durable as possible by putting it down in writing." ~Benjamin Franklin**

**The great use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.  
~ William James**

**ROOTS WORKS: SPYWARE  
by Beau Sharbrough**

An estimate is usually worth what you pay for it, but one free estimate is that only 10% of the computers connected to the Internet are free of spyware. So, nine out of ten of us have it. What is it?

Spyware is unwanted software, hidden on your computer. It might include the following:

--- Adware. These programs serve you popup ads. They might also send information to advertisers. One of the more insidious examples is Gator. They produce popup ads that don't come from the site you are visiting. For a fee, they will put up Ford ads on pages that have "Honda" on them, and other competitive ads on competitive sites.

--- Snoopware. These programs watch what you do. They might report your browsing habits to an advertiser, or they might log your keystrokes, e-mail, and chats so your parents can see what you're doing on that computer. While these programs might make sense for parents or employers, they are also used by future ex-husbands and the like.

--- These programs might also leave "cookies" on your machine. Cookies are files placed on your computer to store information for your browser to use. Not all cookies are bad. Some of them make browsing more efficient, and keep you from having to type your password each time to visit a site. Some of them are bad. One example is the Tracking (or Data Mining) cookie. I found 38 of them on my computer today.

**Why Is It Bad?**

First of all, it's about privacy. People are using these tools to gather information about you, which might include sensitive personal information such as credit cards or medical information. I manage my banking, credit card accounts, employee benefits, and shopping online. We are doing a lot more on the Web than we used to, and some of those activities are things we don't want others to poke around in.

Second, it's about choice. You don't have the opportunity to voluntarily accept or refuse to participate. You have better things to do with your time and your computer than to be supporting someone else's agenda without your knowledge and consent.

Third, everything that runs on your computer, or uses Internet connections, uses resources such as the processor or the line that can't be used for other things. That slows your computer down, or worse, can even make your browser or computer crash.

**How Do You Get It?**

Most Internet browsing activity results in the accumulation of some spyware. You can get it from websites, popup ads, or e-mail links. The installation of programs falls into two categories. The "drive-by download" is where the program is installed without telling you anything. One of the more irritating examples is the Xupiter add-in to Internet Explorer. The "Popup Download" is where the program is installed after you click "yes" in a popup window. Usually the window has some kind of legalese and you click to get rid of the popup. The next thing you know you are running a small server on the Internet dedicated to telling marketers what you are doing. Gator is one of the more popular examples.

**What Can I Do About It?**

There are a variety of things that you can do. Let's start with some common sense. If you aren't using your computer and it's running like mad, find out why. And be sure to use an anti-virus program all the time. You might also want to use a firewall if you know how to set one up.

I don't like popup ads. Computers running versions of Windows older than Windows 2000, such as Win98 and WinMe, have a memory leak in Internet Explorer (a flaw in the Microsoft program) that results in the gradual reduction of available system resources. Every popup ad opens a new instance of Internet Explorer, and part of that memory isn't returned to the user until they reboot. The system

slows down until the user gets tired of it and reboots. There are a couple of free popup blockers: one from panicware.com and one from Google. The Google toolbar is one of the best popup blockers--I use it all the time. I also use a spyware removal product, called "ad-aware" from lavasoft.com. They have a free and a pay version. I use the free one. I just run it every once in a while to check and clean the system. Lavasoft's support pages include information about some ways you can reduce vulnerability to spyware. These pages are kind of technical, but give them a try and if you don't feel like you get them, ask your computer guru to help you. Try Jason Levine's Browser Security tests ([www.jasons-toolbox.com/BrowserSecurity/](http://www.jasons-toolbox.com/BrowserSecurity/)). This site has good suggestions for ways to stop certain kinds of browser vulnerabilities. Yes, I said browser vulnerabilities. This is a technical article. If you want to discuss your spyware issues, please drop by the RootsWorks Forums at [www.rootsworks.com/forums](http://www.rootsworks.com/forums). Registration is free, and I'd be interested to know what kinds of issues you are facing.

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**So long as our family's story remains untold, our ancestors remain forgotten.**

**~Elizabeth Shown Mills**

#### **THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

All Aboard. Do you have an American ancestor or relative who worked for the railroad? If so, you'll want to see "Fun Facts About American Railroads" and the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) websites:

<http://www.rrb.gov/teachers.html>

<http://www.rrb.gov/geneal.html>

Skeletons in the Cupboard? Was your British ancestor a murderer? Made his money through theft and deceit? Check out the judges' reports on criminals from 1783 to 1830 currently being cataloged by the British National Archives with 12 volumes now available.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/27.htm>

Final Rolls (Dawes) Index

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/finalrolls/>

Southern California Obituary Resource Project is housed on Rootsweb.com.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~socialobituaries/>

Native American Research: <http://www.acessgenealogy.com/native>

#### **NEW BOOKS AT SOCCGS LIBRARY**

**Florence B. Wittenburg:**

The Mayflower Quarterly Vol. 70, Nos. 1 & 2

**Eugenia Gannon:**

History of Hamilton County, Ohio

**Marlene Elster:**

NYG&B Record Vol. 134, 3 & 4, Vol. 135, 1 & 2, Index Vol. 134

**Frank Nolen:**

Harrington Family History: American Genealogical Research Institute

**Daniel H. Page:**

Cemetery Inscriptions in Ludlow Vermont: Tucker

**SOCCGS Purchases:**

Genealogies of Rhode Island Families, Vols. I and II

Cherokee Connections

New Homes In a New Land: German Immigration to Texas, 1847-1861

Indiana Land Entries, Vol I, Cincinnati District 1801-1840

Indiana Land Entries, Vol. 2, Vincennes District 1807-1877

North Carolina Wills, A Testator Index, 1865-1900

Kentucky Obituaries 1787-1854

Kentucky Marriages 1797-1865

New York Foundling Hospital: An Index to Its Federal, State & Local Census Records (1870- 1925)

Children's Aid Society of New York: An Index to the Federal, State & Local Census Records of Its' Lodging Houses (1855-1925)

Tennessee Records: Tombstone Inscriptions and Manuscripts

Some Early Tax Digests of Georgia 1790-1818

Huguenot Genealogies

**Anonymous:**

Ken and Kay Gieser 1930-1981 (Family History)

Cleng Peerson (Family History)

Kings and Queens of England and France

Prairie Views from Eye Hall (Saskatchewan, Canada)

Saga of Inyo County

## GENEALOGICAL EVENT CALENDAR

**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)

**February 26, 2005 - Seminar featuring Fr. Gary Shumway,** Whittier Area genealogical Society. For information: [hergwerk@earthlink.net](mailto:hergwerk@earthlink.net). Flyers are available at the SOCCGS docent desk.

**DR. SCHWEITZER is coming to Hemet in 2005!** More information will follow in our November newsletter.

## GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOPS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

24000 Avila Road, 1st Floor East, Laguna Niguel, CA

(949)360-2641, ext. 0

Oct. 13 Naturalization & Immigration Records

Oct. 21 Introduction to Military Records

Oct. 26 Introduction to Genealogical Resources

Nov. 3 Preserving Your Family's History

Nov. 10 Naturalization & Immigration Records

Nov. 16 Introduction to Genealogical Resources

Class size is limited, so call to reserve your place. All workshops cost \$7.50, payable at the door. Workshops begin at 9:30 a.m.

**Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.**

~H. Jackson Brown

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR THE OCTOBER 16 SEMINAR USE THE FORM AT:  
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