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#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Single Membership \$22.00    Family Membership \$24.00    Life Membership \$500.00

Membership includes the newsletter and one copy of *The Hidden Valley Journal*, mailed to your address. Special student dues are available for \$5.00 but do not include the newsletter or *Journal*. If you wish to receive a copy of *The Hidden Valley Journal* only, please submit \$9.00. To join, send your dues and, if possible, a four-generation direct pedigree chart which may be published by the Society. Make check or money order payable to Escondido Genealogical Society, Inc. and mail with this form to: P.O. Box 2190, Dept. D., Escondido, CA 92033-2190. For more information call (760) 489-7760.

Please do not list my home address and phone number in the annual membership roster.



The Escondido Genealogical Society (EGS) has met continuously since it was organized in 1975. Speakers with expertise in various aspects of genealogy present programs of interest at monthly meetings. Workshops are taught by known lecturers, authors and researchers. EGS produces a bimonthly newsletter to inform its members of future programs and special events along with helpful articles and tips.

Each year EGS publishes the *Hidden Valley Journal* which contains information about family and local history, research techniques, computer genealogy and tips on preservation. Members are encouraged to submit material for this journal. *The Hidden Valley Journal* is sent to all members and is exchanged nationally with other genealogical organizations.

The Society also purchases genealogical reference books, microfiche and microfilms which are donated to the Pioneer Room of the Escondido City Library. The Pioneer Room houses the collection of the Escondido Genealogical Society and publications from other societies/organizations.

The Pioneer Room is located at 247 S. Kalmia St., Escondido and can be reached by calling (760) 839-4315. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 2-6 p.m.

Those interested in studying family history and genealogy are invited to join our organization.

Members are entitled to participate in the business of the Society, to vote, receive the bimonthly newsletter and the *Hidden Valley Journal*.

Meetings are held in the Turrentine Room on the second floor of the Escondido Public Library, located at 239 S. Kalmia, Escondido. Meetings begin at 10:15 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of most months. Exceptions are June when a picnic is held; July and August when no meetings are held; and December which is a holiday potluck. Members are notified of any changes in time or location via the newsletter, telephone or email.

Genealogy has become one of the nation's most popular hobbies. It isn't difficult to get started tracing your family tree. A few simple charts can get you going.

Begin by filling out a pedigree chart. This is an outline of your ancestry in which you insert the names of parents, grandparents, great grandparents etc. You record birth, marriage and death dates for each generation of ancestors beginning with yourself.

Interviewing other family members is the next step in tracing your family tree. Family Bibles, photographs, baptismal certificates, diaries and other heirlooms may also provide clues to your family history.

You then prepare a family group sheet which provides space for more detailed information about the husband, wife and children of each generation.



Once the charts are as complete as you can make them, the remaining blanks will tell you which branches of the family tree need more research.

As genealogists uncover their family histories, they also uncover interesting facts about their ancestors. What part did they play in history? Who were their associates? What were their medical problems? These are just a few things that may be discovered.

Documenting the family in the United States is particularly interesting because Americans are unique. An American pedigree may contain a combination of nationalities and races from anywhere around the world.

Why join a society? Genealogical societies give us a chance to share our research success and problems. Sometimes just sharing your research with others will help you or them to solve a difficult research problem.

Societies serve the genealogical community by preserving records, supporting local research libraries and answering research queries from other people around the country and around the world. By joining a local genealogical society, we make acquaintance with people with similar interests and share the excitement of researching our family tree.

*Please join us! Visit the EGS website at: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caegs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caegs)*

