

~FINANCIAL REPORT~

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MAY 2003

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| May Income | \$ 172.91 |
| May Expenses | 347.03 |
| Balance as of May 31 | \$ 2184.21 |

~MEMBERSHIP REPORT~

Jeanette (Marcus) JONES (562) 421-5610

JUNE MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members: 21 Guests: 0

NEW MEMBERS -none-

RENEWALS -none-

~REFRESHMENTS~

Georgie (Peterson) LYONS (562) 432-4908

Thanks to our June Hosts:

- Linda Artuso
- Marilyn (DeLonjay) Brasher
- Aaron Day
- Chuck Mitchell

Our July Hosts will be:

- Kathryn (Finlay) Foord
- Hazele (Thresher) Johnson
- Georgie (Peterson) Lyons
- Mary (Smith) White

~EMAIL NEWS LIST~

Since we often get news of a time-sensitive nature, we have created an email update list as a supplement to our newsletter. The list will be for late-breaking news -- for example, an item that missed the newsletter deadline and can't wait until the next newsletter. The messages will be rather infrequent -- weekly at most -- so you don't have to worry about getting barraged with a ton of extra emails.

If you would like to be on this list, or if you have any questions, please email Mike Powers at <lunalake@pobox.com>.

~JULY MEETING~

SPEAKER: CONNIE MORETTI

Connie Moretti retired from thirty years as an educator, and is editor of the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society newsletter. She teaches beginning Internet Genealogy classes and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Connie learned about land records while earning a California real estate license. She now works as a professional genealogist, with a specialty in American Lineage.

Connie has spoken to our group on numerous occasions. Her presentations are always fabulous, and packed with much useful information.

Her topic at our July meeting will be "So, you are stuck climbing your family tree?"



QHGS ANNIVERSARY

July is Questing Heirs Genealogical Society's anniversary month. All members old and new, be sure to come to the meeting and help us celebrate.

~NEW HANDOUT~

On pages 53 and 54 of this issue we have included a new handout, entitled "Genealogy Libraries in Southern California." This list was compiled by our treasurer, David Werts; it includes, addresses, telephone numbers, web pages, hours, and major holdings of nearby libraries. We hope you find it useful in your research.

~CORRECTION~

In our May issue (Vol. 36, No. 5), we neglected to give credit to Linda Artuso for her synopsis of the presentation given by Wade Hone at the SCGS Jamboree. Thank you, Linda for your excellent summary, and we apologize for not giving you proper credit.

~PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE~

FOLKWAYS

All genealogies are good ones, but some are more tinged with history than others. I have just returned from Peru, where modern genealogies can still be traced back to the royal family of the Incas, as well as the original conquistadors, who arrived in the early Sixteenth Century. Indeed, the Lima telephone directory has over four pages of Pizarros!

When we visit a foreign country, we immediately notice the differences in the way people live: what they eat for breakfast, how they deal with traffic and shopping, how they interact, how they relax. Anthropologists call these cultural habits "folkways." They are the traditions that define a culture at the level of daily life.

There are folkways in the United States, too, but we are so used to them we hardly notice. But genealogists need to pay attention to folkways. Not only are they interesting in themselves, they also reflect the origins of our ancestral families. What sort of house did your ancestor build? What color was it? How did he or she dress, and why? What did your ancestor eat? How did the habits of your ancestor relate to his or her cultural heritage?

In American genealogy, the classic reference exploring our early folkways is David Hackett Fischer's *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America* (1989). This imposing tome needs to be studied again and again! It is too large to be absorbed all at once. The simplest description that I can offer is that Fischer describes the distinguishing folkways of four distinct waves of early migration from the British Isles to America, into New England, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and "the Backcountry." In each case, a large number of folkways can be documented that relate to the

different cultural heritages of the people who took part in each migration. Fischer lists (among others) the following groups of folkways: speech patterns, construction of houses and other buildings, how the family was structured, marriage customs, attitudes about gender and sex, the raising of children, the social position of the elderly, death customs, beliefs about religion and magic, education, food, dress, sports, work, time, wealth, social rank, the structure of society, and ideas about individual power and freedoms. In other words, there is a lot to consider in describing the daily lives of our ancestors!

When we find information about the lives of our ancestors, we need to include it in our compiled family histories.

With this in mind, here are some sources that everyone should take a look at:

- Original family homes: Some are still standing after many years, particularly in New England.
- Censuses: Some include information about crops, livestock, and trades. For example, the New York State censuses, and the agricultural schedules that still survive for some U. S. censuses.
- Homestead applications: These usually contain information about houses, barns, crops, orchards, livestock, etc.
- Photos: They may reveal details in the background!
- Heirlooms: Furniture, textiles, crockery, weapons, tools, etc.
- Documents: Letters, diaries, church minutes, county court records, etc.
- Tombstones: There may be inscriptions or symbols that tell us something about the family.

-- John McCoy

~ *OF INTEREST* ~

BAD NEWS ON
OHIO VITAL RECORDS

It is with a very heavy heart that I must report that we lost on Ohio House Bill 95. Yesterday afternoon [June 5, 2003], the Senate approved the bill (it was approved by the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday). With HB95, we lose uncertified copies of vital records and certified copies have an additional \$5 surcharge (making the cost of a certified copy a minimum of \$15).

If you want to read the bill as passed by the Senate, here's the link (it is a huge page): <http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText125/125_HB_95_PS_N.html>. The pertinent sections are 3705.23 and 3705.24.

I know that we are still "fortunate" (and I use that term loosely) in Ohio in that the records are not restricted in other ways. However, based upon conversations I have had in recent days with officials with the Ohio Department of Health, the next step will be to restrict access -- either with a time restriction and/or an access restriction (only qualified parties can get a copy of the record).

We tried our best. We gave them good, reasonable, logical explanations as to why eliminating uncertified copies will do nothing to prevent identity theft. We gave them possible alternatives so that uncertified copies would no longer be a financial hardship on the agencies involved. I would be willing to bet that genealogists were the only group that contacted the senate that was willing to accept a fee increase!

Amy Johnson Crow, CG

Excerpt of an email posted on June 6, 2003 to the Association of Professional Genealogists mailing list on RootsWeb <APG-L@rootsweb.com>. The price for uncertified copies of Ohio vital records had been five cents each.



If you don't go to other people's funerals
they won't come to yours.

Yogi Berra

PREPARATIONS FOR
A RESEARCH TRIP

Last month, my husband and I made a family history research trip to western New York. We spent two weeks in seven counties: Erie, Allegany, Wyoming, Genesee, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Niagara.

To organize for the trip, I prepared two notebooks. The first notebook was the one-inch size, in which I placed tabs for each of the seven counties. I also placed a calendar and itinerary in the front of the notebook, and plastic pockets for maps and directions behind each tab. I included all contact information I would need.

The second notebook contained divider tabs for each of the ten surnames I was going to be working on. I inserted a family tree showing names, date and place of birth, death, and marriage for each surname. This information came in handy many times.

I made appointments to meet with several people before we left. We would have missed meeting with some of these individuals if we had not made appointments beforehand, because of our different schedules. These individuals included someone who operates a small museum containing information about several family surnames; historians, record keepers or groundskeepers who could take me to the gravesites, librarians familiar with certain surnames, town clerks in small towns that operated out of their home, and relatives I had learned about through my research.

I was able to determine the size and the location of cemeteries I planned to visit from these phone calls. I also arrived at each cemetery with all my information in hand, so I could get right to work when I arrived at each cemetery.

I also used a small roll-on to keep my research in the back seat of the car when I wasn't using it. Everything was easy to reach and organized.

Brenda Ford Miller, Seminole, Florida

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GENEALOGY LIBRARIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

CITY LIBRARIES

LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

101 Pacific Avenue (at Ocean), Long Beach
(562) 570-7500
<http://www.lbpl.org/>

Monday: 10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday 12 to 5 pm

- ◆ Newspapers: Long Beach, Los Angeles Times, New York Times (microfilm)
- ◆ California death index 1960-1979 (microfiche)
- ◆ California marriage index 1940-1986 (microfiche)



HUNTINGTON BEACH CENTRAL LIBRARY

7111 Talbert Avenue (at Golden West), Huntington Beach
(714) 842-4481
<http://www.hbpl.org/>

Monday: 1 - 9 pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 1 - 5 pm

- ◆ Genealogical collection – 16,000 volumes
- ◆ Family histories – 300 volumes (microfilm)
- ◆ Hollingsworth Card File
- ◆ NEHGS Register 1847-1977 (microfilm)



LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles
(213) 228-7000
<http://www.lapl.org/central/history.html>

Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

- ◆ Largest genealogical holdings of any Southern California public library – more than 40,000 volumes
- ◆ Map collection – 80,000 maps
- ◆ Nationwide city directories on microfilm – 5,000 rolls

- ◆ City directories and telephone books – 1,200 volumes
- ◆ DAR Lineage books
- ◆ NEHGS Register
- ◆ Family histories – 10,000 volumes
- ◆ Newspapers: Los Angeles Times from 1881, London Times from 1785, San Francisco Chronicle from 1869, Chicago Tribune from 1849, others



CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY

1250 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad
(760) 434-8270
<http://www.ci.carlsbad.ca.us/cserv/genealog.html>

Monday – Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 1 - 5 pm

- ◆ Genealogy collection – 31,000 volumes
- ◆ Family histories – 6,000 volumes
- ◆ UMI Genealogy and Local History collection
- ◆ Census indexes – 350 volumes (largest in Southern California)
- ◆ 17th, 18th, and 19th century United States

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

417 Irving Drive, Burbank
(818) 843-7247
<http://www.scsgenealogy.com/>

Tuesday: 10 am - 9 pm
Wednesday - Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm
3rd & 4th Saturday, 1st & 2nd Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm
Call for hours between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

- ◆ Family and local histories – 9,000 volumes
- ◆ Genealogical periodicals – 2,500 volumes
- ◆ California death index 1940-1989
- ◆ California marriage index 1960-1985
- ◆ Pennsylvania Archives, complete set
- ◆ German Genealogical Society collection
- ◆ French Canadian Heritage Society collection
- ◆ One of the largest CD collections in the country

SPECIAL LIBRARIES, continued

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES &
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

24000 Avila Road, East Entrance, Laguna Niguel
(949) 360-2641
http://www.archives.gov/facilities/ca/laguna_niguel.html

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 4:30 pm
1st & 3rd Saturday: 8 am - 4:30 pm (microfilm only)
2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4:30 - 8:30 pm (microfilm only)
Closed Federal holidays.

- ◆ All U.S. censuses and indexes
- ◆ Ships passenger lists
- ◆ Military records
- ◆ Land office records



**IMMIGRANT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LIBRARY**

1310 West Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank
(818) 848-3122
<<http://feefhs.org/igs/frg-igs.html>>

Wednesday: 12 - 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 12 - 5 pm

\$2.00 donation requested

- ◆ Large German collection
- ◆ Index to German periodicals – 8 volumes
- ◆ German genealogies – 100 volume set
- ◆ German telephone books
- ◆ Town lineage books



SONS OF THE REVOLUTION LIBRARY

600 South Central Avenue (at Chestnut), Glendale
(818) 240-1775
<<http://www.walika.com/sr/library.htm>>

Wednesday: 12 - 8 pm
Thursday - Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm
Closed Saturdays before a Monday holiday.
Closed the month of December.

- ◆ 35,000 volumes, American Revolution and Colonial period
- ◆ DAR Lineage books

- ◆ Family Histories – 1700 volumes
- ◆ Town, county, and state histories – 10,000 volumes
- ◆ Maryland and Pennsylvania Archives
- ◆ Rich in Virginia and New England materials



UCLA – YOUNG RESEARCH LIBRARY

405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles
(310) 825-7143
<http://www.library.ucla.edu/>

Hours vary – call or check their web page

- ◆ National Union Catalog of Manuscripts
- ◆ British Peerage
- ◆ State and county histories
- ◆ Large British collection
- ◆ Large map collection

**OTHER LIBRARIES WITH GENEALOGY
COLLECTIONS**

PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

285 East Walnut Street, Pasadena
(626) 744-4052
<http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/library/>

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday: 1 - 5 pm



POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

625 South Garey Avenue, Pomona
(909) 620-2043
<http://www.youseemore.com/pomona/>

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday: 12 - 5 pm



SANTA FE SPRINGS CITY LIBRARY

11700 East Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs
(562) 868-7738
<http://www.santafesprings.org/libindex.htm>

Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm
Friday: 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 10512, Long Beach, California 90815-0102
<<http://www.cagenweb.com/~questing/>>

~ O N T H E W E B ~

PROQUEST TO PUBLISH
PERSI DATABASE

Renowned genealogy and local history periodicals index joins HeritageQuest Online(tm)

ProQuest Information and Learning announced that it has acquired exclusive publishing rights to the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI). PERSI, the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodicals in the world, is created and maintained by the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. ProQuest Information and Learning is a unit of ProQuest Company.

The PERSI index is the standard for periodical research in local history and genealogy. The comprehensive subject index covers genealogy and local history periodicals written in English since 1800. Article coverage ranges from the 18th century to the present. The 2003 edition will contain more than 1.9 million citations from more than 6,000 periodicals published in the United States, Canada and abroad. PERSI will be published later this year as a key database in ProQuest's award-winning HeritageQuest Online, a Web-based genealogical resource available to public and academic libraries, historical and genealogical societies, and their patrons.

"PERSI is one of the most valuable genealogical databases in use today. It helps researchers quickly locate helpful articles about families, abstracts of local records and genealogical methodology. We're happy to create a powerful alliance in joining HeritageQuest Online's other quality genealogy resources," said PERSI creator and editor Michael B. Clegg of the Allen County Public Library,

"Providing robust access to such a significant group of materials as genealogical and historical periodicals is a continuation of the library's commitment to service excellence," said ACPL genealogy department and project manager, Curt Witcher.

HeritageQuest Online, recently named "Best Reference Source" by Library Journal, a publication of the American Library Association, is a premier genealogical resource combining census data, family records, local histories and other primary sources, all

superbly indexed for easy access through an intuitive interface. Users may search on personal names, place, type of material, and keywords. Full-image census records are further searchable by year, surname, given name, age, gender, race, birthplace, locality, county and state. Many collections are delivered in full-page image, ready for printing or PDF downloading. HeritageQuest Online is also available via remote access to users in their homes.

From a press release issued by ProQuest on 18 June 2003 and posted to the RootsWeb Association of Professional Genealogists mailing list <APG-L@rootsweb.com>.



FEDERAL TOWNSHIP PLATS OF ILLINOIS
<http://landplats.ilsos.net/Flash/FTP_Illinois.html>

The passage of the Land Ordinance of 1785 created the rectangular survey system for the mapping and subsequent sale of the western public lands of the United States. In 1803, the first survey of the lands, which would later become the state of Illinois, began. After moving northwards from southern Illinois in 1806, the federal surveyors finished surveying the last townships in 1843, but for four decades afterwards, the General Land Office continued to conduct occasional surveys of areas in the state such as islands and lakes.

The Illinois State Archives, working together with the Illinois Secretary of State and the Department of Information Technology, have brought all of these township plats online for public consideration and research purposes. The 3,457 hand drawn maps available are valuable repositories of information about the six miles square townships, often including information about existing natural features and, in some cases, man-made features as well.

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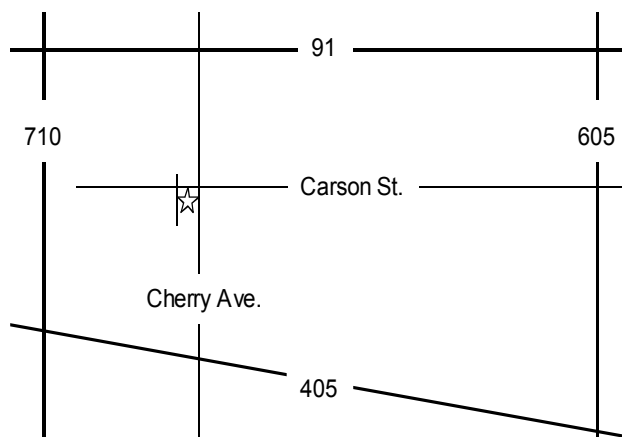


Genealogy Thought of the Day:
There is a fine line between "genealogy"
and "mental illness."

Submitted by David Werts

~ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ~

- Saturday, July 5, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Orange County, California Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.
- Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 pm. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance.
- Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 pm. Genealogical Society of North Orange County, California monthly meeting. Yorba Linda Community Center, Yorba Linda. Dr. Emily Teipe addressing “Women in the Revolutionary War.”
- Saturday, July 19, 1:00 pm. Whittier Area Genealogical Society monthly meeting, Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. Tom Underhill speaking on “Publishing Your Family History.”
- Sunday, July 20, 1:15 pm. Questing Heirs Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Parish Hall, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1900 East Carson Street, Long Beach. Parking and entrance on Gardenia Avenue, one block west of Cherry Avenue. See map at right. For program information, see page 50.
- Sunday, July 20, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Le Pique-Nique Traditional Americain, an old-fashioned, American Bar-B-Que presented by The French Canadian Heritage Society of California. SCGS Library, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank. RSVP to Leo Myers <ltmyers@earthlink.net> by June 30.
- Thursday, July 24. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society SET bus trip to Southern California Genealogical Society Library. \$22.00. Contact Mike Cleary at <Sakmcl@aol.com>.
- Sunday, July 27, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. British Isles Family History Society-USA monthly meeting at the Los Angeles FHC.* More information available at <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa>>.



*FHC stands for Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. FHCs are open free of charge to members of the general public interested in doing genealogical research. Volunteers are on hand and will gladly give you assistance. Regular hours for the Los Angeles FHC are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. The LA FHC is located on the grounds of the Los Angeles Temple, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Los Angeles; their phone number is (310) 474-9990. Their web page at <<http://www.lafhc.org>> provides details of their extensive collection. There are smaller FHCs locally, in Long Beach at 3701 Elm Avenue in Bixby Knolls, phone (562) 988-0509, in Los Alamitos, phone (714) 821-6914, and in Cerritos, phone (562) 924-3676. It is advisable to call ahead to the local centers, as their hours may change from time to time.