

# QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

## JANUARY QHGS MEETING

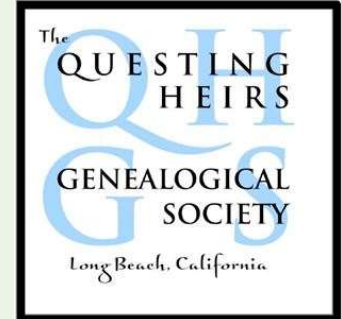
Sunday, January 21, 2018

1:15 PM Chris Jepsen

“Backstage at the Orange County Archives”

2:45 PM Letty Rodella

“Researching Hispanic Ancestors”



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### HOW MANY GRANDPARENTS DO YOU HAVE ON YOUR TREE?

Grandparents	4
Great-Grandparents	8
2nd Great-Grandparents	16
3rd Great-Grandparents	32
4th Great-Grandparents	64
5th Great-Grandparents	128
6th Great-Grandparents	256
7th Great-Grandparents	512



### Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest Street, in Long Beach California. See map on the last page.

### Membership Levels

- Individual: \$25.00
- Family: \$37.50
- Life (Individual): \$600.00
- Life (Family): \$900.00

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## BACKSTAGE AT THE ORANGE COUNTY ARCHIVES

Chris Jepsen

Come learn what's in the Orange County Archives when Assistant Archivist and historian Chris Jepsen speaks at our January 21 meeting. Even if you don't have kin in the area, this program may help you better understand archives generally and give you an idea of the kinds of research materials you may find there.

Chris Jepsen has been the Assistant Archivist at the Orange County Archives since 2003, where he collects and preserves historically significant materials and helps people discover the history of their families, homes and communities. He is also a local historian, serves as president of the Orange County Historical Society, and recently founded a new countywide non-profit focused on preserving historic sites.



Jepsen writes for magazines, government publications, historical journals, and his blog: [O.C. History Roundup](#). He lectures often, is a frequent guest on KUCI-FM's "Vintage Orange" radio show, hosts historical tours, and occasionally curates exhibits.

Located in the Old County Courthouse, [211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana](#), the Orange County Archives welcomes you to visit and use their unique collections of government records and other material documenting the rich history of our county. The Archives is a division of the office of Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen, and is open to the public on weekdays (except holidays), 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. For more information about the Archives, visit [OCArchives.com](#), call Chris at [\(714\) 834-4771](#), or just stop by for a visit.

## RESEARCHING YOUR HISPANIC ANCESTORS

Letty Rodella

Letty Rodella is a retired educator having spent 42 years in the educational field. She graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso and received a Master's Degree from Cal State Fullerton. The years as an educator included teaching elementary school in Texas and in Southern California. She retired as district administrator and upon retirement continued on as an independent educational consultant. In addition to that, she was university supervisor for student teachers attending Cal State Long Beach. Her love of genealogy started 18 years ago, covers the present and moves back in history to her ancestors of the early 1500s, those who settled in what is now Texas and New Mexico. Letty is President of SHHAR, the Society of Hispanic Historical & Ancestral Research.



This presentation, "**Researching Your Hispanic Ancestors**", is based on Letty Rodella's years of research using on-line Hispanic archives which date back to the 1500's. Letty will explain the basic steps she uses and will present copies of actual document found using those steps. She will provide tips for reading the many nuances found in those documents; will offer suggestions for finding the previous generation; and will provide a list of the main resources available for researching Hispanic ancestors.

## FamilySearch Now Requires a Free Sign In Account

The following announcement was posted to the [FamilySearch blog](#) on November 16, 2017:

“Beginning December 13, 2017, patrons visiting [FamilySearch.org](#) will see a prompt to register for a free FamilySearch account or to sign in to their existing account to continue enjoying all the free expanded benefits FamilySearch has to offer.

Since its launch in 1999, FamilySearch has added millions of users, billions of various historical records, and many fun, new features like Family Tree, Memories, mobile apps, digital books and dynamic help. In order to accommodate continued growth of these and future free services, FamilySearch must assure all its partners that its content is offered in a safe and secure online environment. Patrons creating a free account and signing in fulfills that need.

Patrons sign in will also enable FamilySearch to satisfy the ongoing need for user authentication. This authentication can deliver rich, personalized discovery, collaboration, and help experiences. Simply put, signed-in visitors can access more searchable content and enjoy more personalized services.

“A large percentage of our current site visitors are not benefiting from much of what FamilySearch has to offer because they don’t realize the need to

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YEAR'S  
RESOLUTIONS?



simply sign in with their free account to do so,” said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch CEO. “They are basically arriving in the parking lot but not coming inside for the main event,” he said about website visitors who do not sign in.

FamilySearch is committed to patron privacy and does not share personal account information with any third party without a patron’s consent.

See [Registering to Use FamilySearch.org](#) for information about creating a free account.”

## FAMILYSEARCH CENTERS

The FamilySearch Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints are open and free of charge to members of the general public interested in doing genealogical research. For information about the **Los Angeles FSC** see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Los Angeles FamilySearch Library](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Los_Angeles_FamilySearch_Library).

Local FSCs are in **Long Beach** at 3701 Elm Avenue in **Bixby Knolls**, phone (562) 988-0509; **Los Alamitos**, (714) 821-6914; and Cerritos, phone (562) 924-3676. Call before you visit as hours may change from time to time.

## FINANCE REPORT

November 2017

Mike Powers

Previous Balance

\$6,482.22

Income

\$233.02

Expenses

\$312.11

New Balance

\$6,403.13

of which \$1,484.06 is  
restricted to  
educational expenses

## REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our January hosts will  
be:

Cynthia Day-Elliott

Janice Miller

Linda Ryan

Candy Wood

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance at our  
December meeting: 26

## Learning Opportunities

### Family History Library Classes & Webinars

January 11, 2:00 PM  
 “Using Social Media for Family History”  
 January 16, 9:00 AM  
 “Tips and Tricks for Using the FamilySearch  
 Historical Records Collection”  
 January 18, 10:00 AM  
 “Pennsylvania Research”  
 January 25, Noon  
 “Your British/Irish Research Questions  
 Answered”  
 January 30, 1:00 PM  
 “Using German Civil Registration Records”  
 To view all classes:  
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

### Southern California Genealogical Society

To view more information, go to:  
<http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>  
 to register for the following webinars:  
 January 17, at 6 PM  
 “Free Land: Homesteading the West” by  
 Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew  
 February 3, at 10 AM  
 “Jumping the Pond: Finding the Origins of  
 Your Immigrant Ancestor” by Donna M.  
 Moughty

### Legacy Family Tree

To view more information, go to:  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/#>  
 January 18, at 5 PM  
 “Finding Thomas’ Father: an 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
 Prince William County Virginia Case Study”  
 by Pam Stone Eagleson  
 January 24, 11 AM  
 “Finding Jamestown Ancestors” by KC Reid  
 January 30, 11 AM  
 “Understanding DNA Matching Technology”  
 by My Heritage Webinars

### Orange County FamilySearch Library

January 11, 11 AM  
 “Getting Around Gotchas” with Barbara Renick  
 January 11, 1 PM New Students  
 January 11, 2 Returning Students  
 “Write Your Interesting Life Story” with Dawn  
 Thurston  
 For more information:  
<http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org/calendar.php>

### 1921 Canadian Census Records Online Access is Free

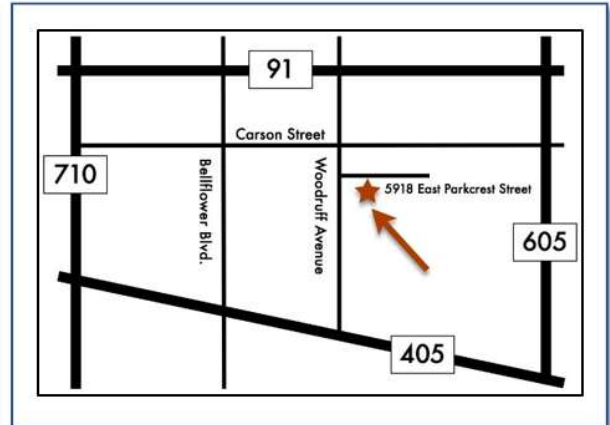


The Canada 1921 census is now available for free on the Library and Archives Canada website. The 1921 census asks questions about the birthplace of both parents. After the records were transferred to microfilm in 1955, the original records were destroyed. The quality of these records varies. See the Library and Archives website for more details. You can find more information about the 1921 census at <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1921/Pages/introduction.aspx>

### Crowdsourcing the Path to the 1950 Census Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library

Presented by Joel Weintraub Thursday, February 22, 5 pm to 6:30 pm. The 1950 census will be released to the public in four years. This talk will introduce you to some general aspects of census research. You will then learn about the preparations that took place to bring out the 1940 census, and what is now taking place to prepare for the 1950 census. Finally, you will learn about the strengths and weaknesses of using locational tools for finding people on the census.

This event is free and open to the public. Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library, 12700 Montecito Road, Seal Beach, CA. For more information see <http://www.ocpl.org/libloc/larossmoor/calendar>.



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**Must be Received by January 25**

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