

## QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

### JANUARY QHGS MEETING

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Jane Neff Rollins

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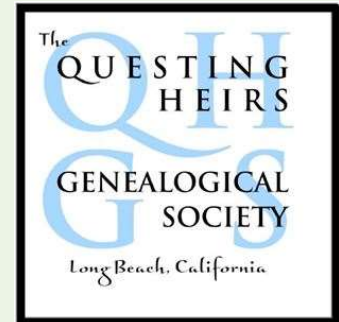
“Dating Your Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Family Photographs”

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“Let No (Wo)man Put Asunder - Researching Ancestors Who Divorce”

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#### 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

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### Papalucci's Autentico Ristorante 4611 E. 2nd Street, Long Beach, CA 90803

**Enjoy an evening out in Belmont Shore while making our fundraiser a success!** Please join other Questing Heirs members, family and friends at a fundraiser at Papalucci's on **March 20, 2018**. Papalucci's has great appetizers, soups, salads, pizzas, chicken, fish, desserts and more! They now have gluten free pizza and ravioli.

For more information about what is on the menu, go to <http://www.papaluccis.com> and click on the 'menu' tab. Click on the 'about' tab and read about owner Dan Tarrantine, our generous sponsor, who will donate 20% of the evening receipts to QHGS between 4:00 PM and closing time.

## Our March Speaker is Jane Neff Rollins

Jane Neff Rollins, MSPH is an infectious disease epidemiologist transitioned to professional genealogist as Sherlock Combs Genealogy. Jane has completed ProGen Study Group 29, and has attended the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Forensic Genealogy Institute twice each. Jane speaks at regional, national and international conferences as well as at Southern California genealogy societies. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and state and local genealogy societies. When Jane is not genealogizing, she enjoys reading, swimming, and assembling jigsaw puzzles.



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### Dating Your Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Family Photographs

Do you have a shoebox full of photos of people you can't identify? Using her extensive collection of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century photographs, Jane will help you identify which clues in each photo can help you pinpoint when and where the photo was taken and who the subjects might be.

### Let No (Wo)man Put Asunder – Researching Ancestors Who Divorce

In the ideal world, marriages last “until death do us part.” But in the real world, divorces did occur. How can you determine if an ancestor’s marriage was dissolved? Explore the types of documents that give evidence that a divorce took place: vital records, censuses, resources at commercial and free websites, court documents, newspaper stories, etc. The speaker’s great-aunt Jeanette, who was married at least 3 times, and engaged in just a tad of bigamy, will provide a case study.

### FamilySearch Blog 52 Stories

If by answering one question a week for a year you could write your personal history, would you do it? FamilySearch has put together 52 questions that you can answer throughout the next year. Their idea is that you can write one brief story about your life each week.

A few questions that you will find on printable PDF pages are: “Do you know the story of how your grandparents met and fell in love? What was your childhood home like? How does your family celebrate significant milestones? What did you enjoy doing with your father when you were a child?”.

Free downloadable pages with the 52 questions can be found at:  
<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/52stories/>.

## Looking for Help with Brick Walls?

Family History Daily has published an article “13 Reasons You Can’t Find the Genealogy Information You’re Looking For”. A few of the reasons include searching too specifically, not collecting enough data, and looking in the wrong location. For more information to help you break down brick walls, please check out the full article online at <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/the-13-reasons-you-cant-break-down-your-brick-walls/>

## What Would You Ask Your Ancestor if You Could?

In a recent meeting, we asked our members “What would you ask your ancestor if you could?” We will be publishing those questions over the next few months. It will be interesting to hear if others have solved similar questions during their research.

**What was it like at 14 years old to fight in the Revolutionary War?** There is an interesting article in the “Journal of the American Revolution” by Thomas Fleming. Thomas writes about several young people’s experiences serving in the Revolutionary War. To read the entire article, see <https://allthingsliberty.com/2013/04/young-people-at-war/>

**How did the couple meet?** If the story has not been handed down through the generations, we might not know how our ancestors met. Newspapers are a great resource. There are several excellent online database subscriptions available. Engagement and wedding announcements sometimes list how the couple met. Obituaries often give a brief bio of the deceased and their life. The following example was found in an obituary: “While training in Michigan, Jim met the love of his life, Mary, on a blind date set up by his brother”.

**Why did my father and his three sisters not go by their given names? How did they come up with the names they used?** We may never know why ancestors went by a name other than the one they were given upon birth. There are many reasons why this may have happened.



A given name might be too long or difficult to pronounce. Sometimes given names were changed when families moved to a new country. There may be other relatives or friends who have the same name and a nickname might be used to differentiate between them. Other reasons include using a portion of the given name such as Sam instead of Samantha, using initials or going by one’s middle name.

Loved ones may give you a special name, while friends or school mates may call you by another name. Monikers can also be given to us based on personalities, occupations or physical characteristics.

### REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our March hosts will be:

Jeanette Jones - Carol Ohlinder - Kathy Latham - Jerry Hardison

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance at our February meeting: 37 members and 3 guests.

## I Am Your Father, But Why Does Your DNA Say I Am Your Uncle?

### A DNA Story:

DNA's tests were administered to a son and his two parents. The match between mother and son was 3466 cM. When the match between father and son came back as 1739 cM, more than one eyebrow was raised. The DNA results weren't what was initially expected. According to the accepted ranges for familial matches, this father was with the range of an uncle.

DNA was first used in the courtroom in 1986 and has helped to prove the guilt or innocence of many defendants. Another use we often see is when DNA is used to prove paternity. As genealogists, we use DNA as an important tool in unknown parentage searches. It can be used along with traditional adoption research methods.

It is possible that a person can develop a different set of DNA during their life. It can be temporary in the case of a blood transfusion or permanent in the case of an allogeneic bone marrow transplants.

A chimera is a person who is a mixture of two distinct cells. It can be due to a transplant or the early fusion of two fraternal twin embryos. Many people will go their whole life without realizing they are a Chimera.

In the case of an allogeneic bone marrow transplant, high dose chemo and full body radiation kills all of the patients existing marrow, and all the white blood cells in the circulating blood. The donor's bone marrow and blood cells replace the patient's during the BMT process.

The patient becomes a chimera. He now has two different sets of DNA. The marrow and blood are that of the donor, and the rest of the body is their own.

The number of centiMorgans (cM) shared between close relatives are shown in the chart below.

Relationship Between Two People	Average cM Shared*	cM Range*
Parent/Child	3487	3330-3720
Aunt/Uncle	1750	1349-2175
1st Cousin	874	553-1225

\*Blaine T. Bettinger  
www.TheGeneticGenealogist.com  
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For more information on the Shared cM project:  
<https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project/>

What is the answer to this DNA scenario? The Father had a bone marrow transplant after the birth of his children. The BMT donor was his full brother. The relationship shown by DNA after the transplant will be in the range of the Uncle.

**Wikipedia** defines a Chimera, according to Greek



mythology, as a monstrous fire-breathy hybrid creature of Lycia in Asia Minor, composed of the parts of more than one animal. It is usually depicted as a lion, with the head of a goat arising from its back, and a tail that might end in a snake's

head.

Louvre Museum  
Campana Collection, 1861

### Are you interested in Chromosome Mapping?

If you are, check out DNA PAINTER at <https://dnainter.com/> It is intended for use by genealogists and family history buffs who have taken a DNA test. It is a wonderful web site and well worth your time if you have an interest in DNA mapping. According to the web site, the goal is to be able to map your chromosomes to your ancestors.

## Learning Opportunities

**Southern California Genealogical Society**  
**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Jamboree 2018**  
 Los Angeles Marriott, Burbank Airport Hotel,  
 Burbank, California

Three great conferences in one place!

- ✓ Genetic Genealogy Conference, “Link Through DNA”, Thursday, May 31
- ✓ Family History Writers Conference, “Loving Your Family Legends”, Thursday, May 31
- ✓ Genealogical Jamboree, “Unlock Your Lineage”, Friday and Saturday, June 1 & 2

For more information and to register, go to  
<http://genealogvjamboree.com/>

### Family History Library Classes & Webinars

March 26

“Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively”

March 27

“Starting Family Tree: Navigating, Adding, Editing and Standardization of Dates & Places”

March 29

“Poland Civil Registration”

To view all classes and times:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

### Orange County FamilySearch Library

March 13

“Organizational Strategies”

March 22

“Write Your Interesting Life Story”

March 27

“Family History on the Run”

To view the complete class schedule:

<http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org/calendar.php>

### Southern California Genealogical Society and Family Research Library

March 21

“When It Takes a Village: Applying Cluster Research Techniques” by Emily Garber

April 7

“Land Records: Using Indexes & Deeds to Move Your Research Forward” by Michelle Goodrum

To view more information and register go to:

<http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

March 13

“True Stories of Families Reunited Thanks to Genetic Genealogy” by MyHeritage Webinars

March 20

“From Baltimore to Burlington: Hazen P. Day’s Neighbors Bring Him Home” by Catherine B. Wiest Desmarais

March 21

“Hands-On with My Heritage DNA” by Geoff Rasmussen

March 28

“Formulating a DNA Testing Plan” by Blaine Bettinger

For more information see:

[www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

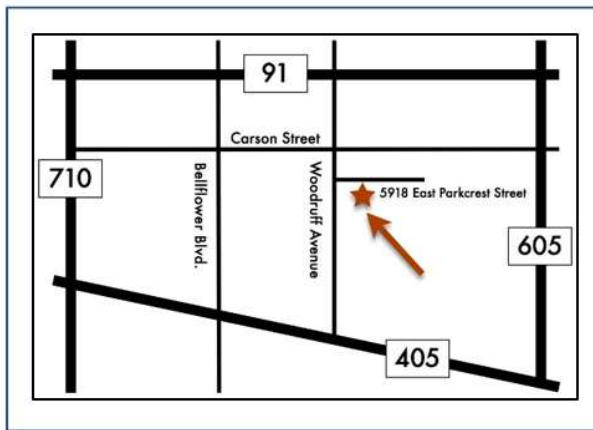
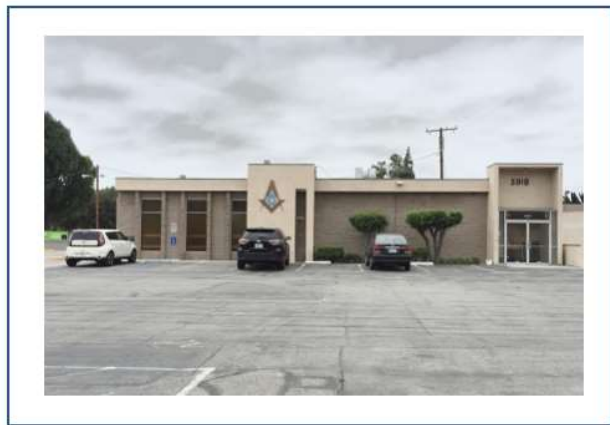
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### Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources

By Mese F. DeBruyne and Barbara Salazar Torreon.

Dick Eastman announced on his January 8, 2018 blog that the Congressional Research Service has just published an eight-page reference document. This guide provides information on locating military unit histories and individual service records of discharged, retired, and deceased military personnel. It includes contact information for military history centers, websites for additional sources of research, and a bibliography of other publications.

This document can be downloaded for free at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RS21282.pdf>



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