

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

JULY QHGS MEETING

Sunday, July 15, 2018

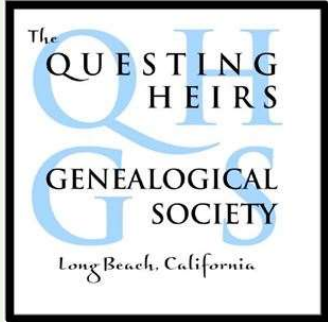
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Monthly Meetings

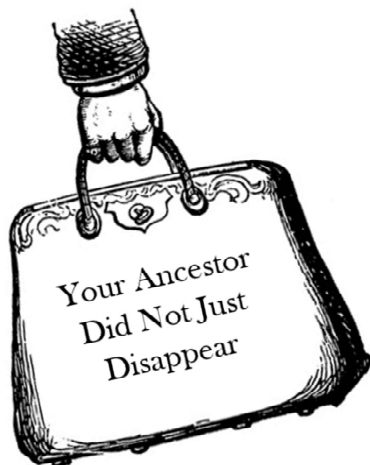
Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest Street, in Long Beach California. See map on the last page.

Membership Levels

Individual: \$25.00
Family: \$37.50

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Do you have an ancestor, that seems to have just disappeared and you can't find them? Check out this short article on 'Genealogy Just Ask' posted on September 23, 2014.
<https://www.genealogyjustask.com/single-post/2014/09/24/You-Ancestor-Did-Not-Just-Disappear>

Our July Speaker

Jean Wilcox Hibben



Jean Wilcox Hibben; PhD, MA, has been involved in family research for over 40 years. A former Board-Certified genealogist, she is a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and is on the following Boards: The Genealogical Speakers Guild, the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (current Western Regional Representative), the So. Calif. Chapter of the Assoc. of Professional Genealogists (current President and past APG board member), and the Corona Genealogical Society (President and webmaster). She maintains her own website with information about her presentations, CDs, articles, projects, etc.: www.circlemending.org.

Jean is associated with the Corona California Family History Center (former director, current staff trainer); she was the lead researcher for the 2013 Season of the PBS television program *Genealogy Roadshow* and did research for *Follow Your Past*, appearing on Travel Channel in March and April 2016. A native of the Chicago suburbs and retired college speech professor, she holds a master's degree in speech communication and doctorate in folklore. Jean is a national speaker known for her entertaining, as well as informative, presentations and is a frequent writer for various genealogy publications. With Gena Philibert-Ortega, the two form Genealogy Journeys®, hosting genealogy cruises and a series of podcasts (launched in 2016), dealing with Social History. Their blog is <http://genaandjean.blogspot.com> where information on both of these endeavors can be found.

A former square dance caller, Jean has been playing guitar for about 50 years, learning a variety of other folk instruments along the way. She sees a connection between family history and music because, in learning about our forebears, we try to piece together the various elements of our ancestors' lives in an effort to create a complete (or as complete as possible) picture of who they were in their homes, families, occupations, religions, and activities. Their musical interests/involvement should be considered part of this whole picture, or circle, of their lives and that is the primary focus of much of her writings.

Jean's philosophy is that "who we are is a compilation of our experiences and associations as well as our biological connections. When we understand our ancestors, we can better understand ourselves. By doing this, we can complete our personal family circles." This connects to her mission statement: "My goal is to assist others in their efforts to connect generations (past to present), completing the family circle."



City Directories: More than Address Books

While many are familiar with researching ancestors via City Directories, the wealth within their pages can shed light on many additional bits of information about the lives they led, the occupations they held, the organizations they belonged to, and even the cemeteries where they are buried, among other things. Find out the hidden treasures in these books, now more accessible than ever!

Who is Joe Ovalle? A Case Study

Not everyone went through life with one name: changing names, sometimes completely, can create a family history research nightmare. Joe O. Valle/Valley was just such a person. He lived and he died, but where did he come from? Working backwards in this case study, his life will unfold before your eyes, with surprises and curiosities about why he did what he did. This unusual exploration will make use of Native American records, information not available on the Internet, newspapers, and many of the more expected resources as you are introduced to a unique individual.

What is a Blog? Are You Reading Them?



Blog is actually a truncation of the expression weblog. Blogs began to emerge in the late 1990s. Merriam-Webster defines them as “a regular feature as part of an online publication that typically relates to a particular topic and consists of articles and personal commentary by one or more authors”. Posts to blogs are usually posted in reverse chronological order so that viewers will see the most recent post when they open the web page.

Genealogists are familiar with online records, subscription databases and archives. But we should not overlook the gems of information that can be found on the many genealogy blogs. If you are not reading them now, I’d recommend that you pick one or two to start following this month. Blogging has made it possible for anyone to share their ideas on a large platform.

The following blogs are just a few that I recommend.

Ancestry Blog - <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/>

This blog gives you advice and tips that can help with your research. Many authors share their own personal journeys. Some recent posts include: “Alternative WWI Army Service Detail Sources”, “Exploring the U.S., WWII Jewish Servicemen Cards, 1942-1947 Collection”, and “How Do I find My Irish Cousins among My DNA Matches? (This Works for the 331+ Other Regions, Too.)”

FamilySearch Blog - <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/>

You can stay current with genealogy and family history topics on this blog. Some recent posts include: “Using Multiple Screens in the FamilySearch Family Tree App”, “How to Use War of 1812 Pension Files”, and “New Records on FamilySearch: Week of June 4, 2018”.

Amy Johnson Crow Blog - <http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/>

This blog’s posts are about history, and whatever else crosses the mind of Amy Johnson Crow. Some recent posts include: “Reclaim the Records: Getting Access to Public Records”, “How to Plan a Successful Genealogy Road Trip” and “5 Things to Know About Where Your Ancestors Lived”.

Family History Daily - <https://familyhistorydaily.com/>

On this site, writers of various backgrounds publish stories that help and inspire readers. Some recent posts include: “How to Find a Cause of Death When You Don’t Have a Death Certificate for Your Ancestor”, “Could You Have Criminal Ancestors? 20 Captivating Genealogy Sites to Help You Find Out” and “Mysterious Circled X’s, Cryptic Codes and Other Confusing Details in the Census Explained”.

The Genetic Genealogist - <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com>

This blog by Blaine Bettinger examines the intersection of traditional genealogical techniques and modern genetic research. Recent posts include “I Don’t Match my Mother’s mtDNA Test Results. How is That Possible?”, “DNA Central! A New DNA Resource Launching April 2018!”, and “How Many Segments Do You Share?”.

“History remembers only the celebrated, genealogy remembers them all.”
Laurence Overmire

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter - <https://blog.eogn.com/>

This blog by Dick Eastman includes news, reviews and a wealth of commentary on various technologies as they related to genealogy. Some recent posts include "Scan and Digitize Your Books for \$1 Each", "New Historical Records on FamilySearch", "SmallPDF Converts PDF Files to JPG and Other Formats".

DNAeXplained - <https://dna-explained.com/>

Roberta Estes invites people to follow along with her blog as she shares things she learns, answers questions and has fun with genetic genealogy. Some recent posts are "DNA Painter - Touring the Chromosome Garden" and "You're invited to a Virtual DNA Conference".

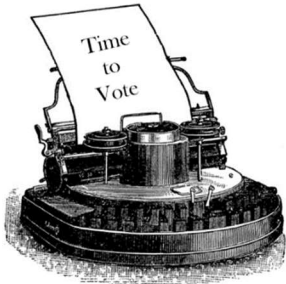
The Legal Genealogist - <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/>

This blog by Judy G. Russell JD discusses legal concepts, terminology and new available records for research. Recent posts include: "Oy! Judicial Style", "It's Not for Us to Choose", and "Ancestry Rolling Out New Percentages".

Lisa Louise Cook's Genealogy Gems - <http://lisalouisecooke.com/blog>

Lisa's blog looks at many different areas of genealogy such as DNA testing, new records that are available, and getting the most from genealogy sites. Some recent posts include: "DNA and Privacy: No Man is a Genetic Island", "New York Genealogy Records and More", and "Here are the Genealogy Resources You are Not Seeing".

QHGS Bylaw Changes



The Bylaws Committee has recommended the following changes to the Questing Heirs Genealogy Society Bylaws. Those changes must be ratified by the QHGS members at the July meeting. The changes that were recommended were mainly terminology changes.

1. The wording of classes will be changed to categories.
2. The word directors will be changed to officers.
3. The word volunteers will be added to be covered under the liability clause.
4. The address of meetings will be the same as our PO Box mailing address.

QHGS Dues Will Change in September 2018

The QHGS annual dues has not been increased since 2013. We need to increase the membership fee due to higher rent, liability insurance for facility use and speaker mileage fees. Membership dues beginning in September 2018 will now be \$30 per year for individuals.

QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT by Christine Elia

January - March 2018

Income \$1,045.00

Expenses: \$1,113.64

F&M Bank Balance: \$5,929.79

of which \$1,259.06 is restricted to educational expenses.

Genealogy Learning Opportunities

“Click Start Your Genealogy Research (Mac)”

July 11 – August 22

CSULB Olli is offering a class in the Summer 2018 session. Do you want to know more about your family history? Have you already gathered information, but need to organize it? Learn what can be done using Internet resources. We will look at popular genealogy programs for the Mac to help find Web sites to further your research. If possible, bring a list of family last names and locality to your first class. The instructor is Bonnie Elsten. For more information see: <https://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/centers/olli/classes/computerclass.htm>

“Founders, Fishermen and Family History” Cruise August 10-17, 2019

Cruise up the Eastern seaboard on the stately Holland American Line Veendam, and enjoy genealogy presentations at sea by David Allen Lambert, Daniel Horowitz, Tami Osmer Mize and Gena Philibert-Ortega. There will also be one-on-one consultations and demos throughout the trip. The ship will visit Boston, Portland (ME), St. John, Halifax, and Sydney Bar Harbor. For more information see: <https://www.oconnelltravel.com/rw/view/38994>

Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars

July 18: “Beginner’s Guide to Photographing Family Treasures” by Devon Noel Lee

August 4: “Loose Records in an Archive: What Are They?” by Melissa Barker

For more information see:

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

British Institute October 15-19, 2018

Salt Lake City, Utah

All classes are held in a Salt Lake City hotel near the Family History Library in the morning or in the afternoon with research time at the Family History Library opposite the course time. Each attendee will

receive one 20-minute consultation with the instructor.

- ✓ Scottish Research: The Fundamentals and Beyond with Paul Milner
- ✓ Researching Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors with Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt
- ✓ Tracing Your Welsh Ancestors with Beryl Evans
- ✓ English Ancestors 17th-20th Centuries: Finding Sources and Resolving Problems with Else Churchill and Alec Tritton

For more information and course descriptions please

see: www.isbgfh.org

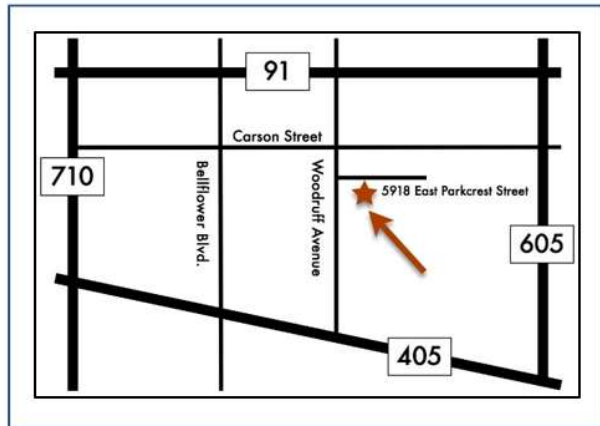


At our last meeting members shared their ancestor memories. Carol Craft shared a quilt she is making with images of her ancestors. Great job Carol!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott
Attendance at our June meeting: 25 members and 1 guest

REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth
Our July hosts are: Linda Ryan, Fred Speckmeyer, Jerry Hardison, and Sandy Hollandsworth



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Must be Received by July 25

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