

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**Connie Moretti is
our August speaker.**

'The In's and Out's of Indexes' and
'Destiny's Documents'

The next QHGS meeting is
Sunday August 18, 2019 at 1:00 pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held
on the third Sunday of the month
at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakewood
Masonic Center, 5918 E.
Parkcrest Street,
in Long Beach California.
See the map on the last page.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Dues are \$30 per year
for an individual or
\$45 per year for a family.

Look for us on the Web:

<http://www.qhgs.info/>

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• AUGUST QUOTE •

'Murphy's Law of Genealogy: Your ancestor's
maiden name will be recorded on the one
record page that is missing.'

Find this and other quotes from the article 'Genealogy Humor: 101 Funny Quotes & Sayings for Genealogists: <https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-humor-101-funny-quotes-sayings-for-genealogists.html>

• Our August Speaker is Connie Moretti •

‘The In’s and Out’s of Indexes’ and ‘Destiny’s Documents’

A third-generation Californian, Connie developed her love for genealogy from a story-telling grandmother who enrolled her in Knotts Berry Farm’s Covered Wagon Club at age nine.

She taught beginning and internet genealogy classes for South Bay Adult School, served as editor of the South Bays Cities Genealogical Society Newsletter for five years and continues to write a regular column. She is the co-author of two genealogy books, *Stepping Stones to Genealogy* and *On the Road: Day Trips to Local Genealogy Research Sites*.

She is a member of APG, NGS, NEHGS, VGS, NSDAR, USD1812. She also has assisted a number of ladies with DAR applications and supplementals and has successfully documented 17 patriots for herself.

‘The In’s and Out’s of Indexes’ and ‘Destiny’s Documents’ are the two presentations Connie Moretti we will hear on August 18th. We hope you will join us for these informative talks.



•QHGS President’s Message •

As a former Questing Heirs program chairman, it can be a balancing act to find topics that fit our members as a whole. Some topics may only be of interest to members researching a particular state/country or ethnic group. Although I may not have French heritage, I can learn something from a presentation on this subject. European records can be similar so the basics may apply to my Italian research.

Don't let a topic that doesn't pertain to you keep you from joining us at meetings. Besides learning something new, you are in the company of others who are interested in genealogy. Where else can you talk to folks without their eyes glazing over in boredom?

Do you have any recommendations for a topic and/or speaker? Do you have a topic that you would like to present to our society? It doesn't have to be fancy with a PowerPoint presentation or handout. If you know something about a topic that you would like to teach us, we are here to listen.

Contact us at questingheirs@gmail.com

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please let me know. You can find my contact information in the member directory.

Christina "Tina" McKillip

• Tips When You Search with Google •

I think I bought my first personal computer in the 1970s. I was that person who loved to figure out math problems about two trains leaving different cities and heading toward each other. As the years have gone by, computer languages have evolved and search criteria have become more user friendly. This month, I wanted to share a few Google search tips you may not know about.

Everything counts: Google assumes that you are looking for all of the words you used in your search. There is an implied AND between each word. It will look for results with all those words

Lower case: You can type your request in upper or lower case, but Google is case insensitive. I usually type using lower case only. Google does not care if you use capital letters. It only cares if you capitalize for search operators like AND or OR.

Your search order makes a difference: Google gives a higher priority to search terms earlier in your query. Imagine walking into a bookstore. Where would you hope to find a book you are looking for? You would probably go first to a specific section like fiction, travel, or history. Likewise, you want to begin your search query in Google with the most important factor. Depending on what your search includes, the results may be the same no matter what the order. But it is best to put your most important search words first. Try moving the order of your search words around and see if there are any differences your results.

Samples of Searches

'lt john kays'



Quotation marks: If you use quotation marks, you will see results where the words appear together exactly as typed. If you search for john kays without quotation marks it will return results like: 'Former Army Contractor Sentenced to 30 Months in Federal Prison.....'. But if you search for 'lt john kays' it will return articles like 'Lt. John Kays and George Washington', the result you had hoped to see about a DAR patriot.

Thomas Jefferson -president



Excluded words: If you want to exclude a specific word in a search, use type a hyphen before that word. For example, if you wanted to learn more about Thomas Jefferson not related to his presidency, use the Google search above.

~marriage records Virginia



Similar words: Using the tilde symbol will search for the exact and similar words. The Google search above will return results of Virginia 'marriage records', 'public records', 'vital records' and other similar results.

russell cemetery OR mausoleum



Multiple words: Use 'OR' between search terms so that your results will return either word. The Google search above will return results with Russell cemetery or Russell mausoleum.

Minnesota adoptions 1907..1909



Numerical range: Are you searching for a range of dates? Include two period marks between the dates. In the search above, results will include information about Minnesota adoptions in 1907, 1908, or 1909.

define: genealogy



Definition: If you want to see the definition of a word, type in 'define:' before the word you wish to define. In the above search, your results will be definitions of the word genealogy.

rebecca nurse site:edu



Site: Use 'site:' if you are researching an ancestor and want to look at only results at specific types of web domains (edu, com, net, org). In the search above you will see only articles about Rebecca Nurse at educational institutions. An example search result would be 'Salem Witch Trials: Court Examination of Rebecca Nurse' at saalem.lib.virginia.edu/people/nursecourt.html

rebecca nurse link:www.familysearch.org



Link: Are you looking for information limited to a specific website like familysearch.org? Using the Google search above will return results like 'Elisabeth Hawthorne Porter Rebecca Town 1692 ..' on the familysearch.org website.

all you * is love



Asterisk: Use the asterisk symbol if you want to substitute any word in the place of the asterisk. In the above search, the first result will probably be the song 'All You Need is Love' by the Beatles.

cousin chart filetype:pdf



Filetype: Are you looking for a specific type of file in your results? Maybe you only want to see a PDF or an Excel spreadsheet. If so, type in that file type in the search. Some file types you might be familiar with are pdf, jpeg, xml, csv, doc, docx or other abbreviations. The search above will return a PDF relationship chart at https://berksgenes.org/documents/bcgs_relationship_chart.pdf

I hope you've learned at least one new tip to keep your research moving forward.

• How Did Texas Build the State Capital? •

Those who know me can confirm that I can be easily distracted by a good BSO (bright shiny object) on any given day. Earlier this week, I was looking through public domain photographs and came across a photo from the XIT Ranch in 1891. One of our sons lives in Texas, so of course I had to know more about the XIT Ranch.

The Texas Legislature appropriated three million acres in 1879 to finance building a new capital in Austin. They entered into an agreement with Charles and John Farwell of Chicago to accept the 3,000,000 acres of land in the Panhandle as payment. The syndicate company had expenses of \$3,224,593.45 when it constructed the capital and in exchange received the acreage in the Texas Panhandle.

The ranch was first separated into of seven headquarters. One of those headquarters was Escarbada. The XIT Ranch bordered New Mexico and ran for two hundred miles. There were 1,500 miles of fence line by the late 1890s. They once ran 150,000 head of cattle.



This is an interesting story and if you have time, you can read more about how Texas financed building their capital in Austin and the history of the XIT Ranch. Knowing more about the history of the area our ancestors lived in tells us more about them and their lives.

To read more see:

<http://www.xitmuseum.com/history.shtml> Thumbnail History of the XIT Ranch

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XIT_Ranch Wikipedia XIT Ranch

<http://www.hiddenancestors.com/parmertx/xitranch.htm> Parmer County, TXGenWeb

[Cowboys at Escarbada Bunk House], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaeph13563/m1/1/>; accessed July 18, 2019), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu/>; crediting Deaf Smith County Library.

• Cup of Coffee Question •

The XIT Ranch was comprised of three million acres and ran 200 miles long and 20-30 miles wide. The ranch covered portions of how many counties total? Use one of the three links above to find the correct answer.



A winning entry will be picked from the correct answer at the next meeting. Win a \$10 gift card for either Starbucks or See's Candies courtesy of Janice Miller.

_____ 7 counties _____ 10 counties _____ 11 counties

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society is 50!

A day to celebrate fifty years of helping each other learn about genealogy. QH started in 1969 with a small gathering and we celebrated last month with our current members.

We had several past presidents in attendance including Sandra Bourassa who traveled a few hours to join us. We had a nice array of food courtesy of your board members. The tree centerpieces were photos of ancestors of Shirley Siems Terry. A slide show gave a glimpse into the past of Questing Heirs.

A great big thank you to the 50th committee for their hard work in putting this event together. Thank you to Shirley Siems Terry, Cynthia Day-Elliott, Terry Hamilton, Kathy Latham & Tina Yanis.

Questing Heirs is looking forward to many more years of helping folks learn about genealogy.

Christina "Tina" McKillip

• Celebrating 50 Years of Questing Heirs Genealogical Society •



QHGS President Tina McKillip with Past Presidents Sandy McDonald, Terry Hamilton, Jeanette Jones, John McCoy and Sandra Bourassa (left to right)



What fun we had! Fundraising, tracking our ancestors on a map, enjoying a great meal, hearing about our group's history and enjoying each other.
Thank you 50th Committee.

Helene Smith, QHGS member since 1990!



Photographs by Kathy Latham

• Learning Opportunities •

Family Tree Webinars

August 14 – ‘Basics of Land Platting – Part 1’ by J. Mark Lowe

August 20 - ‘Ten Tools for Genealogical Writing’ by Harold Henderson

August 21 – ‘Bullet Journaling for Genealogy’ by Shellee Morehead

August 23 – ‘Introduction to Forensic Genealogy’ by Kelvin L. Meyers

For more information: <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars

August 21 – ‘How Do I Know That’s My Ancestor?’ by Amy Johnson Crow

September 7 – ‘The Home Archivist: Preserving Family Records Like a Pro!’ by Melissa Barker

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

FamilySearch Webinars

August 6 – ‘Attaching Sources to Family Tree’

August 20 – ‘Merging and Correcting Relationships on Family Tree’

August 27 – ‘German Research: Alsace-Lorraine Websites’

For more information: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/5/51/08-Aug_2019.pdf

Conferences and Events

- ✓ Orange County FamilySearch Library ‘Family History Expo’ on Saturday, October 12, 2019. For more information, see: <http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org/Website/fhd20182.html>
- ✓ South Orange County California Genealogical Society: Four presentations by Dr. Fritz Juengling on Saturday, October 19, 2019. For more information see: <http://www.socccgs.info/2019-Seminar-Flyer.pdf>
- ✓ VCGS: Annual Seminar with John Phillip Colletta, PhD on October 19 at Camarillo Public Library. For more details see: <https://venturacogensoc.org/eventListings.php?nm=349&page=1&nr=50&ec=4&tf=12>
- ✓ Orange County California Genealogical Society: Save the date, Saturday, March 7, 2020 for ‘A Day with Paul Woodbury’. Details will be available in December 2019 at www.occcgs.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott

At the July meeting there were 36 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

TREASURER REPORT (April-June 2019) by Christine Elia

Income: \$171.11

Expenses: \$565.26

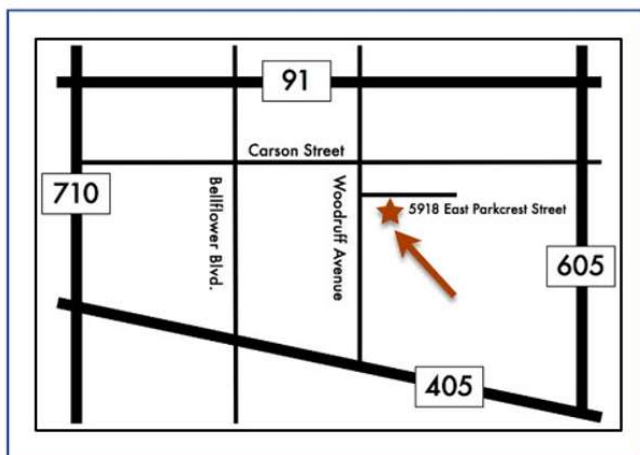
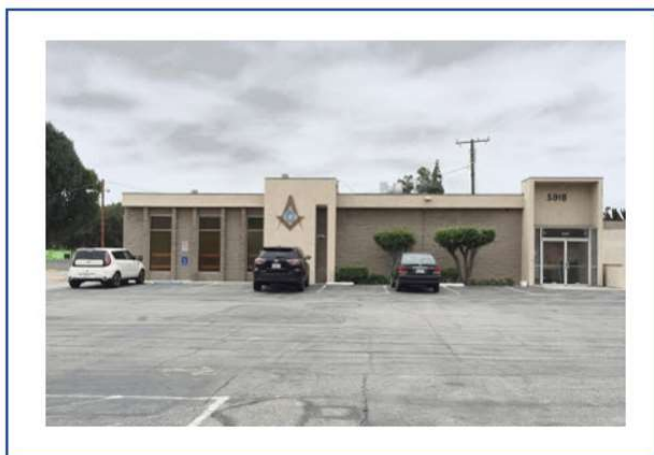
F&M Checking balance: \$4,056.37 of which \$734.06 is restricted to educational expenses.

F&M and Fidelity Savings balance: \$21,125.71

REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth

Snacks by Tina McKillip, Linda Ryan, Bridget Dole and Janice Miller





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- Director – Newsletter..... Janice Miller.....(2019-2020)
- Director– Publicity..... Jerry Hardison.....(2019)
- Past President..... Sandy McDonald.....(2019-2020)

QHGS Volunteer Positions

- Digital Archivist..... Vacant
- Research/Historian..... Tina Yanis
- Refreshments Sandy Hollandsworth
- Social Media/Facebook Coordinator..... Laurie Angel
- Webmaster..... John McCoy

Submissions for the September 2019 Newsletter
 Must be received by noon on August 25, 2019

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