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QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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**Sarah Cochran is our September speaker.**  
‘Disaster Proofing Your Genealogy Research’

The next QHGS meeting is  
Sunday September 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm

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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.

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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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• SEPTEMBER QUOTE •

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‘Research is creating new knowledge.’

- Neil Armstrong, Apollo 11 Astronaut

## • Our September Speaker is Sara Cochran •

### ‘Disaster Proofing Your Genealogical Research’

Family historians spend years gathering and compiling records, photographs, and family heirlooms to preserve the past and guide the future. Let's talk about ways to ensure that all this hard work isn't lost in any number of potential disasters.

Sara Cochran has been conducting genealogical research for 25 years, and her research has taken her into nearly every State in the USA as well as Ireland, Italy, Austria, and Britain. She holds a Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate, a Bachelor Degree in Library Science, and is an alumnus of the ProGen Study Group. She especially enjoys breaking down brick walls for her clients, discovering the stories of black sheep ancestors, and helping individuals preserve their photographic legacy.

She began her career as a professional genealogist in 2016 after spending over 11 years working for a pre-employment background check company. She is currently the Treasurer of the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Registrar for the Aurantia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Secretary for the Amanda Stokes Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and volunteers at the National Archives, Riverside office.



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## •QHGS President's Message •

Don't miss our September meeting. I heard Sara's presentation on the Genealogy Journeys Cruise last November. This is something we need to learn so we know how to preserve our precious documents, letters and other genealogy items.

Remember that September is also the month for membership renewals. Please mail your dues to our post office box or bring to the September meeting.

Thank yous:

Janice Miller - for your always interesting and detailed newsletter each month. It takes a lot of time and we appreciate it. Thank you too for the Cup of Coffee Questions contest and supplying the Starbucks cards for the winners.

Tina Yanis - for ALWAYS putting our refreshment table together. From making the coffee and the popcorn to cleaning up. We appreciate you!

Sandy McDonald and Cynthia Day-Elliott for your generous monetary donations to our 50th anniversary meeting.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please let me know. You can find my contact information in the member directory or contact me at: [questingheirs@gmail.com](mailto:questingheirs@gmail.com)

Christina "Tina" McKillip

**Don't Forget** to check for upcoming events in the 'Learning Opportunities' section of the newsletter each month. There are always some amazing local events.



These Questing Heirs members attended the GSNOC seminar with Dr. Thomas W. Jones on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Left to right: Terry Hamilton, Nina Gustin, Bridget Dole, Sue Tisdall, Janice Miller, Tina McKillip, Sandy McDonald, and Jeanette Calmette



**Does this 1960 photograph of the Pike in Long Beach look familiar to you?**

As children, many of us visited the Pike with our family. The Pike went by many names including Nu-Pike and Queen's Park.

In 1902 the Pike opened as an amusement area. It followed the shoreline south of Ocean Boulevard. It was comprised of a bath house, rides, gift shops, food vendors and arcades. Perhaps the thing most people remember is the Cyclone Racer.

Just this morning, my 89-year-old mother was reminiscing about the wooden roller coaster that she and my father would ride out over the water on pilings when they were dating. And when they started to grow their family, they came back again to ride the Loeff Carousel. Sadly, the original hand-carved horses were destroyed by a fire in 1943. A new outdoor carousel was constructed.

Eventually the Pike closed when the lease with the City of Long Beach ended. Most of the businesses had closed by then and the property was in bad condition. The city then cleared any remaining buildings. **Do you know what year this was?**

To read more about the Pike in Long Beach, you can use this link: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Pike](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Pike) It is a nice journey down memory lane if you grew up in Southern California.

**• Cup of Coffee Question •**

The Pike in Long Beach first opened in 1902. In what year did the lease expire and the city close the Pike? A winning entry will be picked from the correct answers at the next meeting. Win a \$10 gift card for Starbucks courtesy of Janice Miller.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1971      \_\_\_\_\_ 1976      \_\_\_\_\_ 1979



## • Have You Searched Google Books? •

<https://books.google.com/>

Most of us have used Google while searching for our ancestors. Last month, we offered some suggestions to fine tune your searches on the Web. You still can't find what you are looking for? Have you searched Google Books? Did you know that millions of books and magazines have been digitized and are free to view on the Web? My favorite books to read have been county histories from the late 1800's and early 1900's.

There are four access levels in Google Books.

- ✓ **Full View:** Books in the public domain or if the publisher gives permission, the entire book is available for full view online.
- ✓ **Preview Only:** The publisher of the book has limited the number of pages to a preview only. This is similar to when you preview a book in Amazon and can only see a limited number of pages. You may be restricted from copying the content or downloading it.
- ✓ **Snippet View:** You might be able to see two or three lines of content around the text you asked about. Google does not have the copyright to display it in any other way. They will also only display no more than three snippets.
- ✓ **No Preview:** You may see search results for books that have not been scanned. No content can be shown, but it will show you the name of the book, pages, author etc.

### Ancestry Magazine

Looking for all the back issues of Ancestry Magazine? Find them in digital form on Google Books. Follow this link to see all the issues between January 2000 and December 2009.

[https://books.google.com/books?id=K2hFZMrKlflC&source=gbs\\_all\\_issues\\_r&cad=l](https://books.google.com/books?id=K2hFZMrKlflC&source=gbs_all_issues_r&cad=l)

Examples of searches:

A routine query for 'Long Beach, California' returns many results. A few of those are:

- ✓ 'Operations of V.A. Hospital, Long Beach, California 1976 (snippet view)
- ✓ 'Heritage World Coin Auction' 2009 (full view)
- ✓ 'Soaring Skyward: A History of Aviation in and Around Long Beach, California' (full view)

A routine query for 'Taylor Iowa county history' will returns a book I was looking for: 'History of Taylor County, Iowa, From the Earliest Historic Times to 1910'. Luckily for me it is full view. Looking at the index I find that my ancestor can be found on pages 140, 216, 337 and 659. There are great details about his life, his family and gives me a glimpse of what his life was like. Maybe there is a similar book waiting for you in Google Books.



**You can download full view books** by clicking on the 'gear' icon in the upper right-hand corner. You will have the option of downloading it as text or as a PDF.

## Advanced Google Book Search [https://books.google.com/advanced\\_book\\_search](https://books.google.com/advanced_book_search)

If your search returns too many results, try using the advance book search function. You will be able to further specify publication dates, subject, author, title, search words, phrases and more. If you are only interested in full view books, check that button in the advanced book search page. Click the button for magazine if you want to limit your search to magazines only.

The topic of Google Books is too extensive to fully cover in a newsletter article. If you want to know more, start out by reading one or more of the following Genealogy blogs.

- ✓ 'How to Find and Use Google Books for Genealogy Research'  
<https://lialisson.com/free-google-books-for-genealogy-research/>
- ✓ 'I Found 130 Letters by My Ancestor! Why Use Google Books for Genealogy'  
<https://lialouisecooke.com/2017/09/23/use-google-books-for-genealogy/>
- ✓ 'Using Google Books to Find Family History Books'  
<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/index.html%3Fp=3989.html>

Did you find a book that is not in 'Full View' and you still want to see a copy? Try using **WorldCat** to find that book. You might be able to find a hard copy of the book nearby or borrow it through a local library. Use this link for WorldCat: <https://www.worldcat.org/>



## • It is QHGS membership renewal time! •

The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st. Your dues help fund speakers and other activities throughout the year. Please complete the form on page 68 and return it at the next meeting to Cynthia Day-Elliott or to the address at the bottom of the newsletter page.

## • Learning Opportunities •

### Family Tree Webinars

September 6 – 'Reasonably Exhaustive Research: The First Criteria for Genealogical Proof'  
by Elizabeth Shown Mills

September 6 - 'Share and Share Alike: The Rules of Genealogical Privacy' by Judy G. Russell

September 11 – 'Advanced DNA Techniques: Using Phasing to Test DNA Segments'  
by Blaine Bettinger

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

### Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars

September 18 – 'More than a Bouquet of Flowers: Increasing Your Chance at the Courthouse'  
by Michael John Neill

October 5 – 'So You Really Want to Research Your Jewish Ancestors?' by Daniel Horowitz

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

### Conferences and Events

- ✓ Orange County FamilySearch Library 'Family History Expo' on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Some of the speakers include: Doug Ayer, Jean Hibben, Janis Chandler, Linda Serna, Vera Broyles, Marilyn Pope, Hellen Woods, Don Garcia, Hal Horrocks, Richard Hartman, Letty Rodella and Kristi Sexton. 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.occg.com](http://www.occg.com)
- ✓ Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society: Steve Morse - One Step Pages. This is a great opportunity to hear Steve Morse speak on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Temple Beth Shalom in Santa Ana. \$5 for OCJGS and Co-Sponsor Organizations; \$10 General Public. Check back on the OCJGS website for more details at [www.ocjgs.org](http://www.ocjgs.org)

### Blogs to Read

- ✓ Cousin Relationships Explained <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/cousin-chart/>
- ✓ DNA in Irish Research: The Missing Piece <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2019/03/15/dna-in-irish-research-the-missing-piece/>
- ✓ Tracing Your African-American Genealogy <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/african-american-genealogy/>
- ✓ Find Historical Photos at Flickr Creative Commons <https://lisalouisecooke.com/2019/06/27/historical-photos-at-flickr-creative-commons/>
- ✓ Connecting with Cousins without a DNA Test <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/connecting-with-cousins-without-a-dna-test/>

### Facebook – Family Tree Magazine at <https://www.facebook.com/familytreemagazine/>

Check out these interesting articles featured in August on Family Tree Magazine's Facebook page.

- ✓ August 21: 'Looking for clues about your ancestors' relationships and migration patterns?'
- ✓ August 19: 'Were your ancestors some of the earliest Americans?'
- ✓ August 18: 'Church records can reveal immigrant ancestors' origins, provide mystery parents' names, stand in for missing birth records and more.'
- ✓ August 16: 'Yes, you still can use your DNA matches even if there's no tree or genealogy information attached.'
- ✓ August 14: 'Tombstones aren't the only records available in the graveyard.'
- ✓ August 11: 'Professional genealogists share their 12 top tips for staying organized, catching every clue, and making the most of your research minutes.'

### Facebook – Questing Heirs Genealogical Society

And don't forget to check out Questing Heir's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/QuestingHeirs/>. QHGS Member Laurie Angel does a wonderful job of posting upcoming events and links to genealogy news on the Web.

August 22: 'Sunnyside Cemetery gets new life after City Council approves takeover of historic site.'

August 5: 'OCCGS Free Beginning Genealogy Class.'

July 31: 'Ancestry will let you search online for relatives who were displaced by the Holocaust.'

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott

At the August meeting there were 28 members and 1 visitor in attendance.

#### REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth

Snacks for September meeting: Diana Transue, Maxine Pitts and Jackie Grandt

# QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBER APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

I am a  New member  
 Current member renewing

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Type:	Individual (\$30)	\$ _____
	Family (\$45)	\$ _____
	Donation	\$ _____
	Total Paid	\$ _____

The membership year runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please take a few minutes to list/update your surname research and location preferences so our Program Chairman can engage speakers who will interest you.

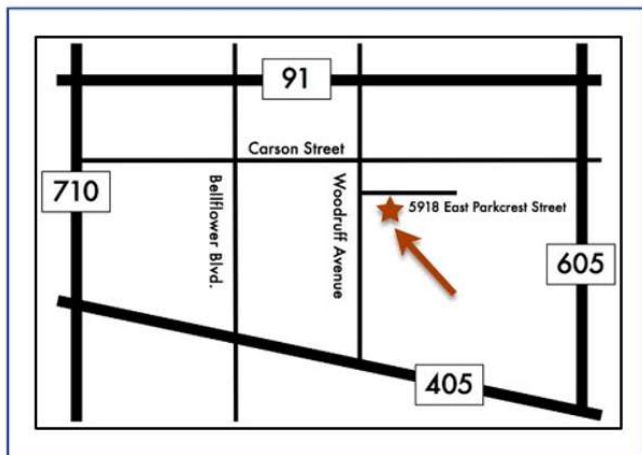
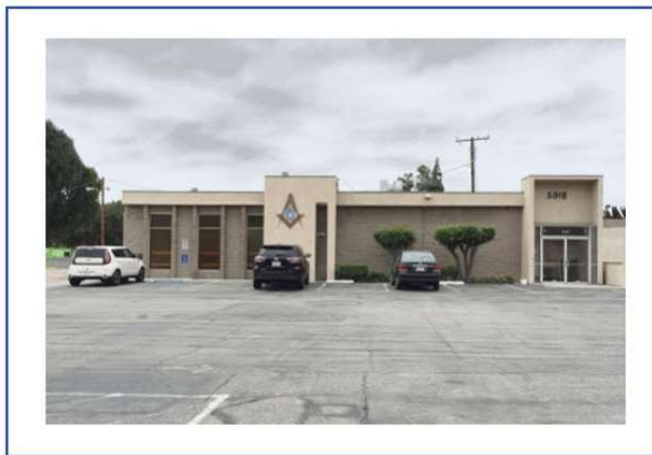
Also, the information will be printed in the directory.

Surnames you are researching: \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of your research (countries/states/counties): \_\_\_\_\_

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- President..... Christina McKillip.....(2019-2020)
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- Secretary ..... Diana Transue .....(2019)
- Treasurer ..... Christine Elia .....(2018-2019)
- Director – Hospitality..... Tina Yanis .....(2019-2020)
- 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 October 2019 Newsletter  
Must be received by noon on September 25, 2019

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